

Algorithms Summary

Mathematical Notes

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1 Algorithm Analysis

1.1 Time Complexity

Definition 1.1. **Time complexity** measures how the running time of an algorithm grows as the input size increases.

1.2 Space Complexity

Definition 1.2. **Space complexity** measures how much memory an algorithm uses as the input size increases.

1.3 Big-O Notation

Definition 1.3. $f(n) = O(g(n))$ if there exist constants $c > 0$ and $n_0 \geq 0$ such that $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$ for all $n \geq n_0$.

1.4 Common Complexity Classes

- **Constant:** $O(1)$ - Time doesn't depend on input size
- **Logarithmic:** $O(\log n)$ - Binary search
- **Linear:** $O(n)$ - Linear search
- **Linearithmic:** $O(n \log n)$ - Merge sort, heap sort
- **Quadratic:** $O(n^2)$ - Bubble sort, selection sort
- **Cubic:** $O(n^3)$ - Matrix multiplication
- **Exponential:** $O(2^n)$ - Brute force solutions
- **Factorial:** $O(n!)$ - Permutation generation

1.5 Other Notations

- **Big-Omega:** $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$ if $g(n) = O(f(n))$
- **Big-Theta:** $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ if $f(n) = O(g(n))$ and $f(n) = \Omega(g(n))$
- **Little-o:** $f(n) = o(g(n))$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = 0$

2 Sorting Algorithms

2.1 Comparison-Based Sorting

Theorem 2.1. Any comparison-based sorting algorithm has a lower bound of $\Omega(n \log n)$ comparisons in the worst case.

2.2 Bubble Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n^2)$ worst case, $O(n)$ best case
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$
- **Stable:** Yes
- **In-place:** Yes

Algorithm 1 Bubble Sort

```
1: procedure BUBBLESORT( $A[1..n]$ )
2:   for  $i = 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
3:     for  $j = 1$  to  $n - i$  do
4:       if  $A[j] > A[j + 1]$  then
5:         SWAP( $A[j], A[j + 1]$ )
6:       end if
7:     end for
8:   end for
9: end procedure
```

2.3 Selection Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n^2)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$
- **Stable:** No
- **In-place:** Yes

2.4 Insertion Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n^2)$ worst case, $O(n)$ best case
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$
- **Stable:** Yes
- **In-place:** Yes

2.5 Merge Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n \log n)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(n)$
- **Stable:** Yes
- **In-place:** No

Algorithm 2 Merge Sort

```
1: procedure MERGESORT( $A[1..n]$ )
2:   if  $n \leq 1$  then
3:     return  $A$ 
4:   end if
5:    $mid \leftarrow \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ 
6:    $left \leftarrow \text{MERGESORT}(A[1..mid])$ 
7:    $right \leftarrow \text{MERGESORT}(A[mid + 1..n])$ 
8:   return  $\text{MERGE}(left, right)$ 
9: end procedure
```

2.6 Quick Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n \log n)$ average, $O(n^2)$ worst case
- **Space Complexity:** $O(\log n)$ average, $O(n)$ worst case
- **Stable:** No
- **In-place:** Yes (with proper implementation)

2.7 Heap Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n \log n)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$
- **Stable:** No
- **In-place:** Yes

2.8 Counting Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n + k)$ where k is the range of input
- **Space Complexity:** $O(k)$
- **Stable:** Yes
- **In-place:** No

2.9 Radix Sort

- **Time Complexity:** $O(d(n + k))$ where d is the number of digits
- **Space Complexity:** $O(n + k)$
- **Stable:** Yes
- **In-place:** No

3 Searching Algorithms

3.1 Linear Search

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$

3.2 Binary Search

- **Time Complexity:** $O(\log n)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$ iterative, $O(\log n)$ recursive
- **Requirement:** Array must be sorted

Algorithm 3 Binary Search

```
1: procedure BINARYSEARCH( $A[1..n], target$ )
2:    $left \leftarrow 1, right \leftarrow n$ 
3:   while  $left \leq right$  do
4:      $mid \leftarrow \lfloor (left + right)/2 \rfloor$ 
5:     if  $A[mid] = target$  then
6:       return  $mid$ 
7:     else if  $A[mid] < target$  then
8:        $left \leftarrow mid + 1$ 
9:     else
10:       $right \leftarrow mid - 1$ 
11:    end if
12:  end while
13:  return  $-1$ 
14: end procedure
```

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3.3 Interpolation Search

- **Time Complexity:** $O(\log \log n)$ average, $O(n)$ worst case
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$
- **Requirement:** Uniformly distributed sorted array

4 Graph Algorithms

4.1 Graph Representation

- **Adjacency Matrix:** $O(V^2)$ space, $O(1)$ edge lookup
- **Adjacency List:** $O(V + E)$ space, $O(V)$ edge lookup

4.2 Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- **Time Complexity:** $O(V + E)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(V)$
- **Uses:** Shortest path in unweighted graphs, level-order traversal

Algorithm 4 Breadth-First Search

```
1: procedure BFS( $G, start$ )
2:    $queue \leftarrow$  empty queue
3:    $visited \leftarrow$  empty set
4:   ENQUEUE( $queue, start$ )
5:   ADD( $visited, start$ )
6:   while  $queue$  is not empty do
7:      $vertex \leftarrow$  DEQUEUE( $queue$ )
8:     PROCESS( $vertex$ )
9:     for each neighbor  $v$  of  $vertex$  do
10:      if  $v$  not in  $visited$  then
11:        ADD( $visited, v$ )
12:        ENQUEUE( $queue, v$ )
13:      end if
14:    end for
15:  end while
16: end procedure
```

4.3 Depth-First Search (DFS)

- **Time Complexity:** $O(V + E)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(V)$
- **Uses:** Topological sorting, cycle detection, path finding

4.4 Dijkstra's Algorithm

- **Time Complexity:** $O((V + E) \log V)$ with binary heap
- **Space Complexity:** $O(V)$
- **Uses:** Shortest path in weighted graphs with non-negative weights

4.5 Bellman-Ford Algorithm

- **Time Complexity:** $O(VE)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(V)$
- **Uses:** Shortest path with negative weights, negative cycle detection

4.6 Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- **Time Complexity:** $O(V^3)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(V^2)$
- **Uses:** All-pairs shortest paths

4.7 Minimum Spanning Tree

4.7.1 Kruskal's Algorithm

- **Time Complexity:** $O(E \log E)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(V)$
- **Uses:** Union-Find data structure

4.7.2 Prim's Algorithm

- **Time Complexity:** $O(E \log V)$ with binary heap
- **Space Complexity:** $O(V)$

5 Dynamic Programming

5.1 Principle of Optimality

Definition 5.1. A problem has the **principle of optimality** if an optimal solution contains optimal solutions to subproblems.

5.2 Fibonacci Sequence

- **Naive Recursion:** $O(2^n)$
- **Memoization:** $O(n)$ time, $O(n)$ space
- **Tabulation:** $O(n)$ time, $O(n)$ space
- **Space-Optimized:** $O(n)$ time, $O(1)$ space

5.3 Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

- **Time Complexity:** $O(mn)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(mn)$
- **Space-Optimized:** $O(\min(m, n))$

5.4 Longest Increasing Subsequence (LIS)

- **Naive DP:** $O(n^2)$
- **Binary Search:** $O(n \log n)$

5.5 Edit Distance (Levenshtein)

- Time Complexity: $O(mn)$
- Space Complexity: $O(mn)$
- Space-Optimized: $O(\min(m, n))$

5.6 Knapsack Problem

5.6.1 0/1 Knapsack

- Time Complexity: $O(nW)$ where W is capacity
- Space Complexity: $O(nW)$

5.6.2 Unbounded Knapsack

- Time Complexity: $O(nW)$
- Space Complexity: $O(W)$

5.7 Matrix Chain Multiplication

- Time Complexity: $O(n^3)$
- Space Complexity: $O(n^2)$

6 Greedy Algorithms

6.1 Greedy Choice Property

Definition 6.1. A **greedy choice property** means that a locally optimal choice leads to a globally optimal solution.

6.2 Activity Selection Problem

- Time Complexity: $O(n \log n)$ (due to sorting)
- Space Complexity: $O(1)$

6.3 Huffman Coding

- Time Complexity: $O(n \log n)$
- Space Complexity: $O(n)$

6.4 Fractional Knapsack

- Time Complexity: $O(n \log n)$ (due to sorting)
- Space Complexity: $O(1)$

7 Divide and Conquer

7.1 Master Theorem

Theorem 7.1. For recurrence relations of the form $T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$ where $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$:

- If $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$
- If $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$, then $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n)$
- If $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ and $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$ for some $c < 1$, then $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$

7.2 Binary Search

- **Recurrence:** $T(n) = T(n/2) + O(1)$
- **Solution:** $T(n) = O(\log n)$

7.3 Merge Sort

- **Recurrence:** $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$
- **Solution:** $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

7.4 Quick Sort

- **Average Case:** $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$
- **Worst Case:** $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(n) = O(n^2)$

7.5 Strassen's Matrix Multiplication

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n^{\log_2 7}) \approx O(n^{2.81})$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(n^2)$

8 String Algorithms

8.1 Naive String Matching

- **Time Complexity:** $O((n - m + 1)m)$ where n is text length, m is pattern length
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$

8.2 KMP (Knuth-Morris-Pratt) Algorithm

- **Time Complexity:** $O(n + m)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(m)$

8.3 Rabin-Karp Algorithm

- **Average Time Complexity:** $O(n + m)$
- **Worst Time Complexity:** $O(nm)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$

8.4 Boyer-Moore Algorithm

- **Best Case Time Complexity:** $O(n/m)$
- **Worst Case Time Complexity:** $O(nm)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(k)$ where k is alphabet size

9 Tree Algorithms

9.1 Tree Traversals

- **Preorder:** Root, Left, Right
- **Inorder:** Left, Root, Right (gives sorted order for BST)
- **Postorder:** Left, Right, Root
- **Level-order:** Breadth-first traversal

9.2 Binary Search Tree Operations

- **Search:** $O(\log n)$ average, $O(n)$ worst case
- **Insert:** $O(\log n)$ average, $O(n)$ worst case
- **Delete:** $O(\log n)$ average, $O(n)$ worst case

9.3 AVL Tree

- **Height:** $O(\log n)$
- **All Operations:** $O(\log n)$
- **Balance Factor:** Height difference between left and right subtrees

9.4 Red-Black Tree

- **Height:** $O(\log n)$
- **All Operations:** $O(\log n)$
- **Properties:** Root is black, red nodes have black children, all paths have same number of black nodes

10 Hash Tables

10.1 Hash Functions

- **Division Method:** $h(k) = k \bmod m$
- **Multiplication Method:** $h(k) = \lfloor m(kA \bmod 1) \rfloor$ where $0 < A < 1$

10.2 Collision Resolution

10.2.1 Chaining

- **Average Search Time:** $O(1 + \alpha)$ where α is load factor
- **Worst Case Search Time:** $O(n)$

10.2.2 Open Addressing

- **Linear Probing:** $h(k, i) = (h'(k) + i) \bmod m$
- **Quadratic Probing:** $h(k, i) = (h'(k) + c_1i + c_2i^2) \bmod m$
- **Double Hashing:** $h(k, i) = (h_1(k) + ih_2(k)) \bmod m$

11 Advanced Data Structures

11.1 Segment Tree

- **Space Complexity:** $O(n)$
- **Query Time:** $O(\log n)$
- **Update Time:** $O(\log n)$
- **Uses:** Range queries and updates

11.2 Fenwick Tree (Binary Indexed Tree)

- **Space Complexity:** $O(n)$
- **Query Time:** $O(\log n)$
- **Update Time:** $O(\log n)$
- **Uses:** Prefix sums, range sum queries

11.3 Disjoint Set Union (Union-Find)

- **Union by Rank:** $O(\log n)$ per operation
- **Path Compression:** $O(\alpha(n))$ per operation where α is inverse Ackermann
- **Both Optimizations:** $O(\alpha(n))$ per operation

11.4 Trie (Prefix Tree)

- **Space Complexity:** $O(ALPHABET_SIZE \times N \times M)$ where N is number of strings, M is average length
- **Search Time:** $O(m)$ where m is length of string
- **Insert Time:** $O(m)$

12 Computational Complexity

12.1 P vs NP

Definition 12.1. **P** is the class of decision problems solvable in polynomial time by a deterministic Turing machine.

Definition 12.2. **NP** is the class of decision problems solvable in polynomial time by a non-deterministic Turing machine, or equivalently, problems for which a solution can be verified in polynomial time.

12.2 NP-Complete Problems

- Boolean Satisfiability (SAT)
- 3-SAT
- Clique Problem
- Vertex Cover
- Hamiltonian Cycle
- Traveling Salesman Problem
- Subset Sum
- Knapsack Problem

12.3 NP-Hard Problems

- Halting Problem
- Optimization versions of NP-Complete problems
- Integer Linear Programming

13 Approximation Algorithms

13.1 Approximation Ratio

Definition 13.1. An algorithm has **approximation ratio** $\rho(n)$ if for any input of size n , the cost C of the solution produced by the algorithm is within a factor of $\rho(n)$ of the cost C^* of an optimal solution: $\max(C/C^*, C^*/C) \leq \rho(n)$.

13.2 Vertex Cover

- **Greedy Algorithm:** 2-approximation
- **LP Rounding:** 2-approximation

13.3 Set Cover

- **Greedy Algorithm:** $O(\log n)$ -approximation

13.4 Traveling Salesman Problem

- **Metric TSP:** 2-approximation (double tree algorithm)
- **Christofides Algorithm:** 1.5-approximation for metric TSP

14 Randomized Algorithms

14.1 Las Vegas Algorithms

Definition 14.1. Las Vegas algorithms always produce the correct result, but running time is random.

14.2 Monte Carlo Algorithms

Definition 14.2. Monte Carlo algorithms have deterministic running time but may produce incorrect results with some probability.

14.3 Quick Sort (Randomized)

- **Expected Time Complexity:** $O(n \log n)$
- **Worst Case Time Complexity:** $O(n^2)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(\log n)$

14.4 Randomized Selection

- **Expected Time Complexity:** $O(n)$
- **Worst Case Time Complexity:** $O(n^2)$
- **Space Complexity:** $O(1)$

15 Online Algorithms

15.1 Competitive Ratio

Definition 15.1. An online algorithm has **competitive ratio** c if for any input sequence, the cost of the algorithm is at most c times the cost of an optimal offline algorithm.

15.2 Paging Problem

- **LRU**: k -competitive where k is cache size
- **FIFO**: k -competitive
- **Optimal Offline**: MIN algorithm

15.3 Ski Rental Problem

- **Deterministic**: 2-competitive
- **Randomized**: $e/(e - 1) \approx 1.58$ -competitive