Intro to Analysis of Algorithms Divide & Conquer Chapter 3

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Herman Hollerith, 1860-1929

Suppose that we have two lists of numbers that are already sorted.

That is, we have a list $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_n$ and $b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \cdots \leq b_m$.

We want to combine those two lists into one long sorted list $c_1 \le c_2 \le \cdots \le c_{n+m}$.

The mergesort algorithm sorts a given list of numbers by first dividing them into two lists of length $\lceil n/2 \rceil$ and $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$, respectively, then sorting each list recursively, and finally combining the results.

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Pre-condition: a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \cdots \leq a_n and b_1 \leq b_2 \leq \cdots \leq b_m
 1: p_1 \leftarrow 1; p_2 \leftarrow 1; i \leftarrow 1
 2: while i < n + m do
                if a_{p_1} \leq b_{p_2} then
 3:
 4:
                           c_i \leftarrow a_{p_1}
 5:
                         p_1 \longleftarrow p_1 + 1
 6:
                else
 7:
                           c_i \leftarrow b_{p_2}
 8:
                           p_2 \longleftarrow p_2 + 1
                end if
 9.
                i \leftarrow i + 1
10:
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11: end while

Post-condition: $c_1 \le c_2 \le \cdots \le c_{n+m}$

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Pre-condition: A list of integers a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n

1: L \leftarrow a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n

2: if |L| \le 1 then

3: return L

4: else

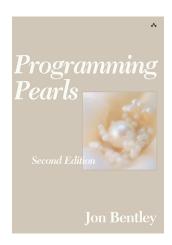
5: L_1 \leftarrow first \lceil n/2 \rceil elements of L

6: L_2 \leftarrow last \lfloor n/2 \rfloor elements of L

7: return Merge(Mergesort(L_1), Mergesort(L_2))

8: end if

Post-condition: a_{i_1} < a_{i_2} < \cdots < a_{i_n}
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Multiplication

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| У | | | | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>s</i> ₂ | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| <i>s</i> ₃ | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | |
| <i>S</i> ₄ | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | |
| $\overline{x \times y}$ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Multiply 1110 times 1101, i.e., 14 times 13. Takes $O(n^2)$ steps.

Clever multiplication

Let x and y be two n-bit integers. We break them up into two smaller n/2-bit integers as follows:

$$x = (x_1 \cdot 2^{n/2} + x_0),$$

 $y = (y_1 \cdot 2^{n/2} + y_0).$

 x_1 and y_1 correspond to the high-order bits of x and y, respectively, and x_0 and y_0 to the low-order bits of x and y, respectively.

The product of x and y appears as follows in terms of those parts:

$$xy = (x_1 \cdot 2^{n/2} + x_0)(y_1 \cdot 2^{n/2} + y_0)$$

= $x_1y_1 \cdot 2^n + (x_1y_0 + x_0y_1) \cdot 2^{n/2} + x_0y_0.$ (1)

A divide and conquer procedure appears surreptitiously. To compute the product of x and y we compute the four products $x_1y_1, x_1y_0, x_0y_1, x_0y_0$, recursively, and then we combine them to obtain xy.

Let T(n) be the number of operations that are required to compute the product of two n-bit integers using the divide and conquer procedure:

$$T(n) \le 4T(n/2) + cn, \tag{2}$$

since we have to compute the four products $x_1y_1, x_1y_0, x_0y_1, x_0y_0$ (this is where the 4T(n/2) factor comes from), and then we have to perform three additions of n-bit integers (that is where the factor cn, where c is some constant, comes from).

Notice that we do not take into account the product by 2^n and $2^{n/2}$ as they simply consist in shifting the binary string by an appropriate number of bits to the left (n for 2^n and n/2 for $2^{n/2}$). These shift operations are inexpensive, and can be ignored in the complexity analysis.

It appears that we have to make four recursive calls; that is, we need to compute the four multiplications $x_1y_1, x_1y_0, x_0y_1, x_0y_0$.

But we can get away with only three multiplications, and hence three recursive calls: x_1y_1, x_0y_0 and $(x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0)$; the reason being that

$$(x_1y_0 + x_0y_1) = (x_1 + x_0)(y_1 + y_0) - (x_1y_1 + x_0y_0).$$
 (3)

| | multiplications | additions | shifts |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|--------|
| Method 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| Method 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 |

Algorithm takes $T(n) \leq 3T(n/2) + dn$ operations.

Thus, the running time is $O(n^{\log 3}) \approx O(n^{1.59})$.

Recursive Binary Mult A18

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Pre-condition: Two n-bit integers x and y
 1: if n = 1 then
              if x = 1 \land y = 1 then
 2:
 3:
                        return 1
 4: else
 5:
                        return 0
     end if
 6:
 7. end if
 8: (x_1, x_0) \leftarrow (first \lfloor n/2 \rfloor bits, last \lceil n/2 \rceil bits) of x
 9: (y_1, y_0) \leftarrow (first \lfloor n/2 \rfloor bits, last \lceil n/2 \rceil bits) of y
10: z_1 \leftarrow \text{Multiply}(x_1 + x_0, y_1 + y_0)
11: z_2 \leftarrow \text{Multiply}(x_1, y_1)
12: z_3 \leftarrow \text{Multiply}(x_0, v_0)
13: return z_2 \cdot 2^n + (z_1 - z_2 - z_3) \cdot 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} + z_3
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Savitch's Algorithm

We have a directed graph, and we want to establish whether we have a path from s to t.

Savitch's algorithm solves the problem in space $O(\log^2 m)$.

$$R(G, u, v, i) \iff (\exists w)[R(G, u, w, i-1) \land R(G, w, v, i-1)].$$
 (4)

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1: if i = 0 then
           if u = v then
 2:
 3:
                  return T
           else if (u, v) is an edge then
 4:
                  return T
 5:
           end if
 6:
 7: else
           for every vertex w do
 8:
                  if R(G, u, w, i - 1) and R(G, w, v, i - 1) then
 9.
                          return T
10:
                  end if
11:
           end for
12:
13: end if
14: return F
```

Example run

$$\bullet^1$$
 ____ \bullet^2 ____ \bullet^3 ____ \bullet^4

Then the recursion stack would look as follows for the first 6 steps:

| | | R(1,4,0) | F | R(2,4,0) | F |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | R(1,1,0) | T | R(1,2,0) | T |
| | R(1,4,1) | R(1,4,1) | R(1,4,1) | R(1,4,1) | R(1,4,1) |
| | R(1,1,1) | R(1,1,1) | R(1,1,1) | R(1,1,1) | R(1,1,1) |
| R(1, 4, 2) | R(1,4,2) | R(1,4,2) | R(1,4,2) | R(1,4,2) | R(1,4,2) |
| Step 1 | Step 2 | Step 3 | Step 4 | Step 5 | Step 6 |

Quicksort & git bisect

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qsort [] = []
qsort (x:xs) = qsort smaller ++ [x] ++ qsort larger
   where
   smaller = [a | a <- xs, a <= x]
   larger = [b | b <- xs, b > x]
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