

- each element in the correct bucket,
- concatenate the lists.

If $r > n$?

Theorem: Suppose that n divides r .

if we choose n integers u.i.d from range r . then can sort in expected $O(n)$ time

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m balls into n bins

The probability that bin 1 is empty:

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^m \approx (1) \cdot e^{-\frac{m}{n}}$$

Probability P_r that bin 1 has r balls is

$$P_r = \binom{m}{r} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^r \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{m-r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{r!} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right) \left(\frac{m-1}{n}\right) \dots \left(\frac{m-r+1}{n}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{m-r}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{r!} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^r \cdot e^{-\frac{m}{n}}$$

$$P_r \approx \frac{\mu^r \cdot e^{-\mu}}{r!}$$

$$\text{where } \mu = \frac{m}{n}$$

Poisson Random variable

Theorem:

Let X & Y be independent RV with mean

μ_x & μ_y

$\Rightarrow X + Y$ is a Poisson RV with mean

$\mu_x + \mu_y$

The Poisson Approximation

m balls into n bins. $n \rightarrow \infty$.

For $i \in [n]$, let $X_i^{(m)} = \#$ of balls in Bin i .

$Y_i^{(m)} \sim \text{Poisson with } \mu \leq \frac{m}{n}$.

where $Y_i^{(m)}$ are mutually independent.

Suppose we condition the Poisson distribution on producing exactly k balls. Then it is the same as the distribution resulting from throwing k balls to n bins.

Theorem: The distribution of $(Y_1^{(m)}, \dots, Y_n^{(m)})$ conditioned on $\sum Y_i^{(m)} = k$ is the same as $(X_1^{(k)}, \dots, X_n^{(k)})$ regardless of m .

Proof Consider k_1, \dots, k_n satisfying

$$\sum_{i \in [n]} k_i = k.$$

$$Pr [X_1^k, \dots, X_n^k = (k_1, \dots, k_n)] \text{ is.}$$

$$= \frac{\binom{k}{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n}}{n^k} \rightarrow \text{multinomial coefficient}$$

$$= \frac{k!}{k_1! k_2! \dots k_n! n^k}$$

$$Pr [Y_1^{(m)}, \dots, Y_n^{(m)} = (k_1, \dots, k_n) \mid \sum_{i \in [n]} Y_i^{(m)} = k]$$

$$= \frac{Pr [Y_1^{(m)} = k_1 \wedge Y_2^{(m)} = k_2 \wedge \dots \wedge Y_n^{(m)} = k_n]}{Pr [\sum_{i \in [n]} Y_i^{(m)} = k]}$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{i \in [n]} e^{-\frac{m}{n}} \cdot \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^{k_i} / k_i!}{e^{-m} \cdot m^k / k!}$$