

Problem Sheet - 5 - Solutions.

- 1) Let N be the set of nuts and B be the set of bolts. $|N| = |B| = n$ and for each $n \in N$, \exists exactly one bolt b in B such that n fits perfectly in b .

~~1. $N \cap B \neq \emptyset$~~

~~$N \cap B$ contains.~~

Algorithm:

1. ~~Pick~~ let current nut & bolt sets be (N, B) .
2. pick $n' \in N$.
3. $\forall b \in B$ check if n fits into b .
4. Let $b' \in B$ fit with n perfectly.
5. ~~Derive~~ Let B^L be the set of all bolts too small for n' .
6. Let B^R be the set of all bolts too large for n' .
7. Let N^L be the set of nuts too small for b' .
8. Let N^R be the set of nuts too large for b' .
9. Repeat from 1 on sets (N^L, B^L) & (N^R, B^R) .

Time complexity.

Steps 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 take $O(|N| + |B|)$ comparisons which is $O(n)$.

\therefore The recurrence relation for expected run time.

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$$

- 2) Given Set $A = \{(a_i, w_i)\}$ where each $a_i, w_i \in \mathbb{N}$.
We want to find a_j st.

$$\sum_{\substack{i \\ a_i < a_j}} w_i < \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} w_i$$

$$\text{eg } \sum_{\substack{i \\ a_i > a_j}} w_i < \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} w_i$$

A simple algorithm would be to sort the a_i and scan from left to right to check if such a_j exists. This would take $O(n \log n) + O(n)$ time.

Consider the following alternative:

FindWeightedMedian(A, W) # $A \rightarrow$ array of a_i 's / w_i 's
$W \rightarrow$ total weight of a_i 's in A .

- 1) Find median $a' \in A$.
- 2) Let A^L be the array containing all $a_i < a'$.
- 2) Let A^R be the array containing all $a_i > a'$.
- 3) Let W^L, W^R, w' be the weights of A^L, A^R and a' (resp).
- 4) If $W^L < \frac{1}{2}(W^L + W^R + w')$ & $W^R < \frac{1}{2}(W^L + W^R + w')$ return a' .
- 5) If $W^L > \frac{1}{2}(W^L + W^R + w')$ return FindWeightedMedian(A^L, W).
- 6) If $W^R > \frac{1}{2}(W^L + W^R + w')$ return FindWeightedMedian($A^R, W - W^L - w'$).

It takes $O(n)$ time to find median & partition the array, and each time we discard half of the input.

$$\therefore T(n) = T(n/2) + O(n) = O(n) "$$

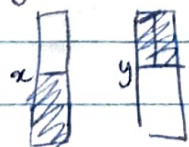
- 3) There are two databases DB_1 & DB_2 which contains n numbers each and all numbers are distinct. We want to find the median of the $2n$ values by querying the data DB_1 & DB_2 for the k^{th} smallest value.

We can assume that DB_1 & DB_2 are sorted, since $O(n \log n)$ rank of each elem in DB_1 & DB_2 are available, however this may not be true.

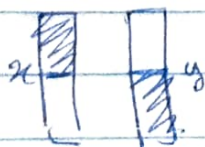
Suppose we query $n/2^{\text{th}}$ rank for DB_1 & $n/2^{\text{th}}$ rank of DB_2 .

$$\text{let } x = DB_1(n/2) \text{ \& } y = DB_2(n/2).$$

if $x < y$: then the rank of the overall median in DB_1 is higher than $n/2$ & the rank in DB_2 it is lower than $n/2$.



if $y < x$: then the rank of the overall median in DB_1 is lower than $n/2$ & in DB_2 it is higher than $n/2$.



In both cases, we can discard half the numbers & recurse.

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Time complexity

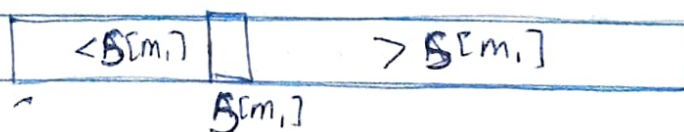
$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + O(1) \quad \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow \text{checking} \\ \text{if } x < y. \end{array}$$

$$= O(\log n).$$

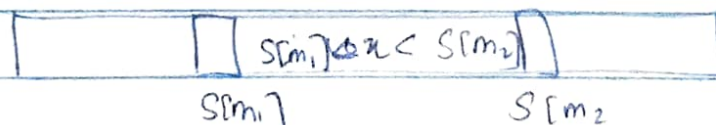
- 4) Given a Set S , $|S| = n$. Eg two numbers $1 \leq m_1, m_2 \leq n$, we want to find all elements in S whose rank falls in the interval $[m_1, m_2]$ in $O(n)$ time.

→ Using standard select algorithm, we get the m_1^{th} & m_2^{th} element from S in $O(n)$

→ Next we partition array w.r.t $S[m_1]$

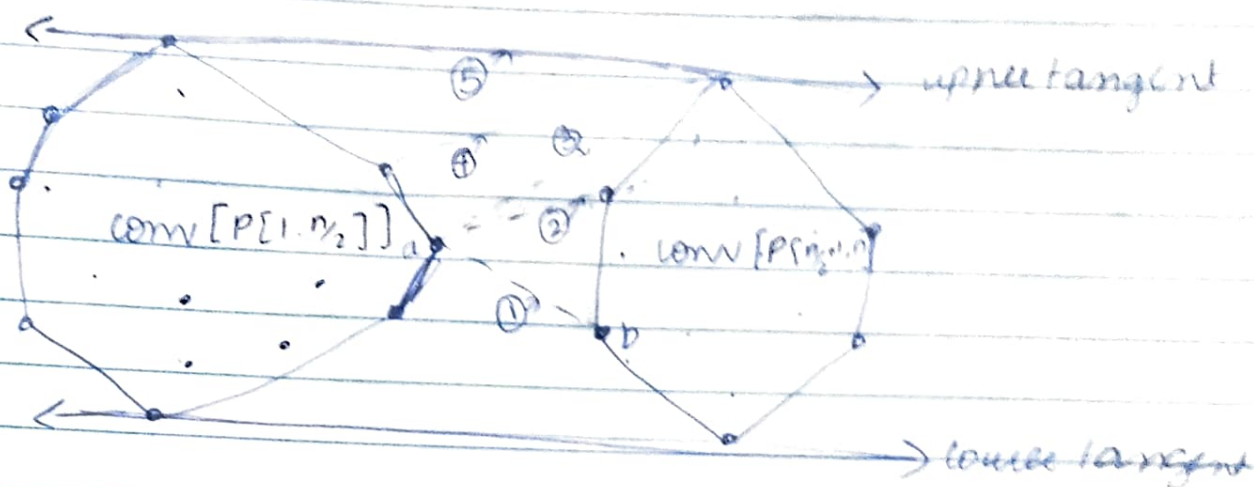


& then partition the right part w.r.t $S[m_2]$



Convex hull of a set of points P is the smallest convex set that contains all the points. Date: _____

5. Sort the points wrt x-coordinate, we sequentially build the convex hull of the left half of the points & the right half.



We need to find the upper & lower tangents to merge the two convex hulls

Alg for upper tangent:

- 1) Let L be the line joining the rightmost point of $\text{conv}[P[1:n/2]](a)$ & leftmost point of $\text{conv}[P[n/2+1:n]](b)$.
- 2) While L crosses (intersects interior) of any of the polygons:

{ While L crosses $\text{conv}[P[1:n/2]]$

$L \leftarrow L' \rightarrow$ line joining a & $b' =$ point on convex hull counter-clockwise to b

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Similarly, lower tangent is found.

lower & upper tangents merge the two convex hulls.

∴ The run time

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) \xrightarrow{\text{time to find tangents}}$$
$$= O(n \log n).$$