

Week 1

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- finding average case is not always possible to find.
- Cases are not related to notations. Notations are for the functions.
- Cases are just type of analysis done on algorithms.

CASES

$$\text{Ex: } \text{BestCase}(n) = B(n) = \{$$

$$B(n) = O(1)$$

$$B(n) = \sqrt{n}(1)$$

$$B(n) = \Omega(1)$$

$$\text{Ex: } \text{WorstCase}(n) = \cap$$

$$W(n) = O(n)$$

$$W(n) = \Omega(n)$$

$$W(n) = \Theta(n)$$

It belongs to constant class.

Best case can be written using any notation.

Worst case can be written using any notation.

Average case can be written using any notation.

Binary search tree \Rightarrow Height = $\log n$

Reflexive: R on A is reflexive when $(a, a) \in R$ for every element $a \in A$.

Symmetric: For all (x, y) values, there must be (y, x) values by satisfying $y \neq x$.

Anti-symmetric: If $\forall a \forall b \quad ((a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R) \Rightarrow (a = b)$

Transitive: Whenever $(a, b) \in R$ and $(b, c) \in R$, then $(a, c) \in R$ for all $a, b, c \in A$ and $a \neq b \neq c$.

Average Case Complexity

$$A(n) = \sum_{I \in I_n} T(I) \cdot P(I)$$

$$= T(I_1) \cdot P(I_1) + T(I_2) \cdot P(I_2) + \dots$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{w(n)} \frac{i \cdot P_i}{I} \quad \begin{array}{l} \# \text{ of} \\ \text{operations} \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \text{Prob that the algorithm} \\ \text{performs } i \text{ basic operations.}$$

Ex: An algorithm for searching in a list of size n

→ Suppose that $n = 10$

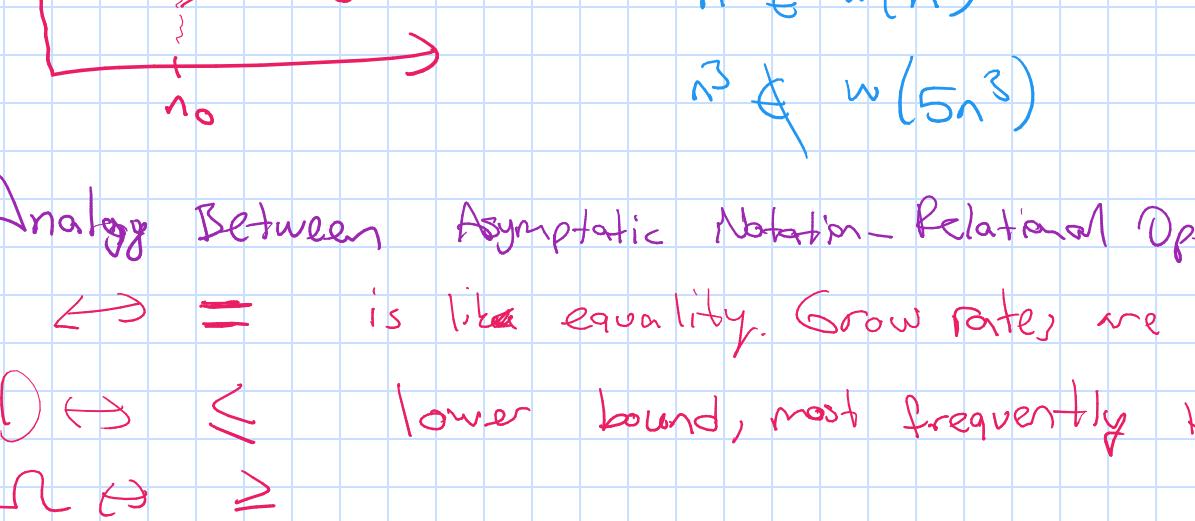


α $\xrightarrow{n=3}$ $3!$ $B(n)$ is very good

α $\xrightarrow{n=10}$ $10!$ $A(n)$ is very bad

o Notation

Δ Function $f(n) \leq w(g(n))$ iff for every positive constant c , there is a positive integer n_0 such that $c \cdot g(n) < f(n)$ whenever $n \geq n_0$.



Analog between Asymptotic Notation - Relational Operator

$\Leftarrow =$ is like equality. Grow rates are same.

$\mathcal{O} \Leftarrow \leq$ lower bound, most frequently used

$\mathcal{O} \Leftarrow \geq$

$\mathcal{O} \Leftarrow <$

$\mathcal{O} \Leftarrow >$

⊗ $f(n, m) \leq \mathcal{O}(g(n, m))$ iff there exists positive constants c and n_0 such that $f(n, m) \leq c \cdot g(n, m)$ whenever both $n, m \geq n_0$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \\ c, & \text{where } c \geq 0 \text{ if } f(n) \in \Theta(g(n)) \Rightarrow \text{constant class} \\ \infty, & \text{if } f(n) \in w(g(n)) \Rightarrow \frac{n^3}{n^2} \text{ comes to infinity} \\ 1, & \text{if } f(n) \in \sim(g(n)) \end{cases}$$

↑ not important ↓ tilde (strongly asymptotic)

- if $g(n)$ grows faster, it means strict upper bound, little \mathcal{O} notation.

Disadvantage of Limit Approach

- limit is not always exists

Hospital's Rule

Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be functions that are differentiable, for sufficiently large real numbers x , if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$,

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$ OR $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$; then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

Properties: Let $f(n), g(n) \in \mathcal{F}$, set of functions

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) \in \sim(f(n))$$

If $g(n)$ is an upperbound to $f(n)$, then $f(n)$ is a lowerbound for $g(n)$.

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \Theta(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) \in \Theta(f(n)) \quad \text{Same complexity class}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

↳ it's similar to equal

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow g(n) \in w(f(n))$$

↳ reverse is not necessarily true. for ex: $2 < 3 \Rightarrow 2 \leq 3$

$$\Rightarrow f(n) \in \sim(g(n)) \Rightarrow f(n) \in w(g(n))$$

$$\cancel{*} \text{ Given } c > 0; \Theta(f(n)) = \Theta(c \cdot f(n))$$

↳ c doesn't matter in complexity class,

- Also true for other complexity classes ~~not important~~

except \sim

$$\cancel{*} \text{ } f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(f(n)) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

Ex: $n \in \mathcal{O}(n^2)$ because of $\mathcal{O}(n) \subseteq \mathcal{O}(n^2)$ low order terms in set.

$$\cancel{*} \text{ } f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(f(n)) \subset \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

↳ proper subset

$$\cancel{*} \text{ } \mathcal{O}(f(n)) = \mathcal{O}(g(n)) \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{O}(f(n)) = \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sim(f(n)) = \sim(g(n))$$

$$\cancel{*} \text{ Given 2 functions } f(n), g(n) \in \mathcal{F}, f(n) \text{ and } g(n) \text{ have the same order if } f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$$

$$\cancel{*} \text{ } f(n) \text{ has the smaller order than } g(n) \text{ if } \mathcal{O}(f(n)) \subset \mathcal{O}(g(n))$$

↳ $f(n) \in \mathcal{O}(g(n))$

$$\cancel{*} \text{ } f(n) \text{ and } g(n) \text{ are not comparable if } f(n) \notin \Theta(g(n))$$

Ex: Functions involving modulo operators.

$$g(n) = \dots \pmod{2^k}$$

↳ \sim

Popularly Used Classes

Fastest $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(1)$ constant order

Very slow $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\log \log n), \mathcal{O}((\log \log n)^{1.5})$ poly-logarithmic order

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\log n)$ logarithmic order

↳ base of the logarithm is irrelevant in algorithm analysis.

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n^a)$ for $0 < a < 1 \Rightarrow$ most famous of this class is $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$

Ex: Prove which is faster for $0 < a < 1$: $\mathcal{O}(n^a)$ or $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$

n^a grows faster than $\log n$ $\mathcal{O}(a < 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^a}{\log n} = \infty$$

↳ L'Hopital

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a \cdot n^{a-1}}{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a \cdot n^{a-1} = \infty$$

↳ $n^{0.21}$ grows faster than $\log n$

↳ $n^{0.21} \in w(\log n)$

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n)$: linear order

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n \log n) \Rightarrow$ typical in divide-and-conquer algorithms.

↳ $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ for $a > 1$ \rightarrow quadratic order

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n^a)$ for $a > 1$ Exponential order $\mathcal{O}(2^n) = 2 \cdot \mathcal{O}(n^a)$

↳ a^n grows faster than n^a (means program a^n will work)

- complexity of Towers of Hanoi is a^n

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(a^n), \mathcal{O}(b^n)$ are also exponential.

↳ The power need not be n .

↳ n^a, a^n are also exponential.

↳ n^a is logarithmic, a^n is exponential.

↳ n^a is typical algorithms that generate all possible subsets of a given set. Exponential algorithms are very slow.

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n \cdot a^n)$: $a > 1$

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(n^a)$ \rightarrow factorial order (\sqrt{a} very slow)

$\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(a^n)$: for $a, b > 1$

$$\cancel{O(1)} \subset O(\log \log n) \subset O(\log n) \subset O(n^a) \subset O(n) \subset O(n \log n) \subset O(n^2) \subset O(n^a) \subset O(n \cdot n) \subset O(n^{a+b})$$

An algorithm which its complexity is at most

$O(f(n))$ where $f(n)$ is a polynomial of n is called a polynomial time algorithm.

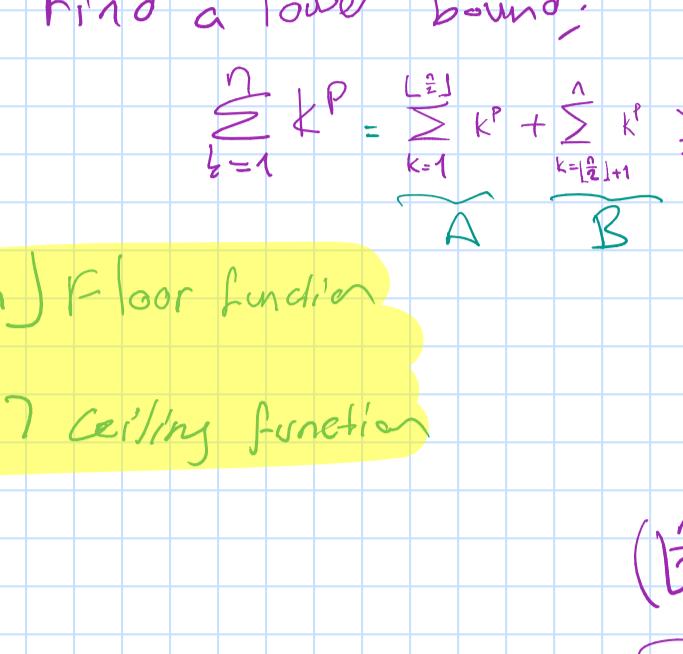
An algorithm which its complexity is at least

$\Omega(f(n))$ where $a > 1$, is called an exponential time algorithm.

This distinction is the most important thing in the running time of algorithms.

\Rightarrow Polynomial algorithms are feasible algorithms, whereas exponential algorithms are infeasible.

Ex: $f(n) = 5 + \sin(n)$



Both upperbound and lowerbound is constant.
Banded above by 6,
banded below by 4.

$$f(n) \leq 6 \text{ so } f(n) \in O(1)$$

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot 1 \text{ for } n \geq n_0$$

$$f(n) > 4 \text{ so } f(n) \in \Omega(1)$$

because $\frac{1}{4} < f(n) \text{ for } n \geq n_0$

So: $f(n) \in \Theta(1)$

Ex: Prove that $\sum_{k=1}^n k^p$ is $\Theta(n^{p+1})$ for $p \geq 1$ a fixed constant.

First, find an upper bound.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^p = \underbrace{1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + n^p}_{n \text{ terms}} \leq n \cdot n^p = n^{p+1}$$

Each term is at most n^p ($\leq n^p$)

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^n k^p \in \Theta(n^{p+1})$$

Find a lower bound:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^p = \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} k^p}_{A} + \underbrace{\sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}^n k^p}_{B} \geq \underbrace{\sum_{k=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}^n k^p}_{B}$$

is lower bound
(take bigger term
as lower bound)

$$(1^p + 1)^p + (2^p + 1)^p + \dots + n^p$$

There are $n - \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ term

$$\text{Each term} \geq \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)^p \geq \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^p$$

$$\underbrace{\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^p}_{n^{p+1}}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{k=1}^n k^p \geq \Omega(n^{p+1})$$

Ex: $f(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ find the asymptotic relationship b/w 2 functions,
 $g(n) = n^2$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{g(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2 n}{2 n^2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow f(n) \in \Theta(g(n))$$

Ex: Show that any polynomial function has smaller order than any exponential function i.e., $n^k \in o(a^n)$, or in other words, $\Theta(n^k) \subset O(a^n)$ for $k > 0, n \geq 1$.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^k}{a^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k \cdot n^{k-1}}{a^n \cdot \ln a} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k(k-1) \cdot n^{k-2}}{(a \ln a)^2 \cdot a^n}$$

L'Hospital

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k(k-1) \cdot \dots \cdot 1}{(a \ln a)^k \cdot a^n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k!}{(a \ln a)^k \cdot a^n} = 0$$

Ex: Compare orders of growth of $n!$ and 2^n .

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{2^n} \stackrel{\text{Stirling's formula} \rightarrow \text{just plug in.}}{=} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n} \cdot (n/e)^n}{2^n} \text{ for large } n.$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi n} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n}{2^n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2\pi n} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2e}\right)^n = \infty$$

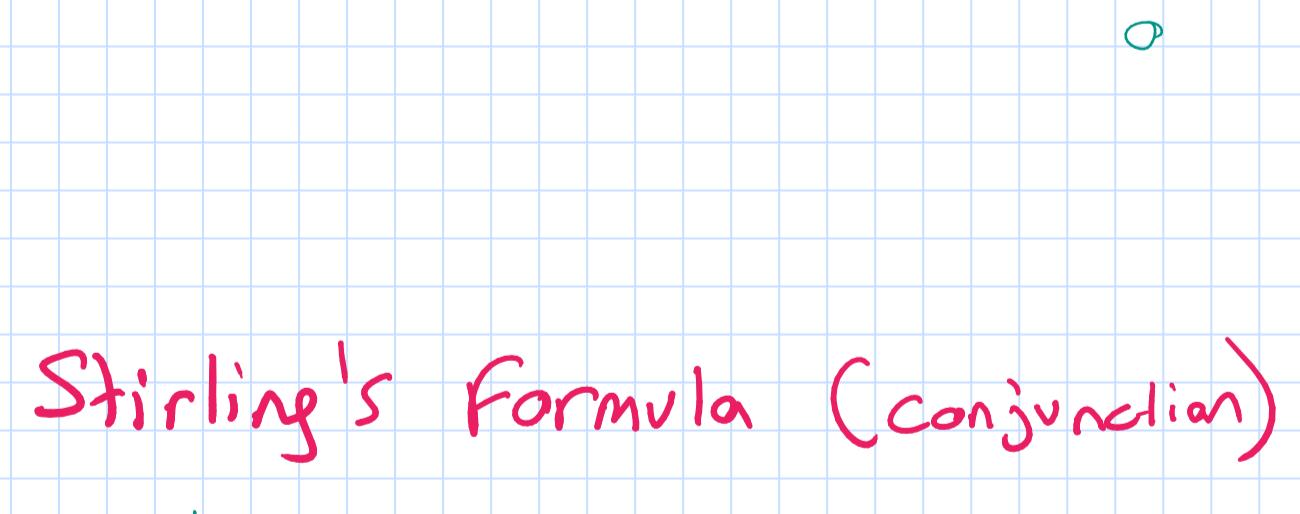
$\therefore n! \in w(2^n)$

$n!$ is much worse than 2^n

In analyzing an algorithm, we usually arrive at a summation \sum and then convert this summation into closed form

Sometimes this \sum is too complex. At that time we can squeeze this summation between 2 integrals.

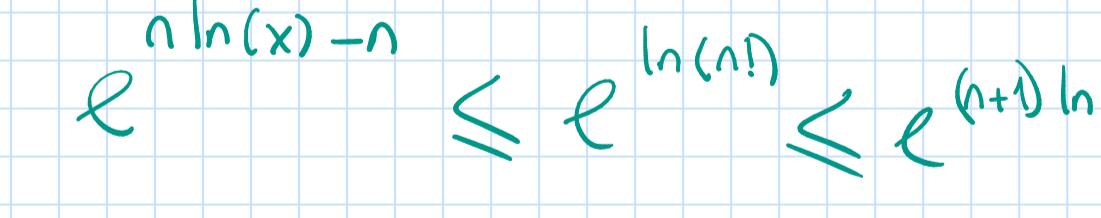
\Rightarrow Let $f(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n g(i)$ where g is a non-decreasing function.



Width is always 1,

$\int g(x) dx \Rightarrow$ The entire area under the curve.

$$f(n) \leq \int g(x) dx$$



$\int g(x) dx \leq f(n) \leq \int x^2 dx$

$$\int x^2 dx \leq f(n) \leq \int x^2 dx$$

$$\frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^n \leq f(n) \leq \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^n$$

$$\frac{n^3}{3} \leq f(n) \leq \frac{(n+1)^3 - 1}{3}$$

$$\frac{n^3}{3} \leq f(n) \leq \frac{(n+1)^3 - 1}{3}$$

$$f(n) \in \Omega(n^3)$$

$$f(n) \in \Theta(n^3)$$

Ex: Sum of logarithms

$$L(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(i) = \log(n!)$$

$$L(n) = \log 1 + \log 2 + \dots + \log n \leq n \cdot \log n \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

For lower bound:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log i + \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}^n \log i > \sum_{i=\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1}^n \log i$$

$$= \log \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) + \log \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1 \right) + \log \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \right) + \dots + \log(n)$$

$n - \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor = \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \geq \frac{n}{2}$ terms

Each term $\geq \log \left(\frac{n}{2} \right) \in \Omega(n \log n)$

Integration Technique

$\log x$ is a non-decreasing function

$\int \log x dx \leq \int (n+1) dx \leq \int n dx$

$\int n dx \leq \int (n+1) dx$

Week 4

Linear (Sequential) Search

Pseudo Code:

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function Linear Search (L[1:n], x)
    for i=1 to n do
        if (L[i]=x) then
            return i
        end if
    end for
    return φ

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Use Python code on homeworks

A comparison based searching or sorting algorithm is an algorithm that is based on making comparisons involving list elements and then making decisions based on these comparisons.

Best case: if $x = L[1]$, then best case occurs

$$B(n) = 1 \in \Theta(1)$$

$\Theta(1)$

Worst case: Doesn't exist or last element

If $x = L(n)$ or x doesn't exist in the list, then worst case occurs.

$$W(n) = n \in \Omega(n)$$

Average Case: Assume prob of a successful search is P , where $0 \leq P \leq 1$.



A classical assumption \rightarrow Assume that x can equally likely be found in any position.

Assume elements are distinct.

Probability of i operations will be done, i.e., probability that x occurs in the i^{th} position.

$$= \text{Prob that } x = L[i] = \frac{P}{n} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$= \text{Prob that } x = L[i] \text{ or prob that } x \text{ is not in the list}$$

$$= \frac{P}{n} + (1-P) \text{ for } i=n$$

$$\text{Average case } A(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i \cdot P_i = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i \cdot \frac{P}{n} \right) + \left(n \left(\frac{P}{n} + (1-P) \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{P}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i + P + n(1-P) = \frac{P \cdot (n-1)}{2} + P + n - np$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} n + \frac{P}{2} \right) \in \Theta(n)$$

depth matters

order

Binary Search Analysis

\hookrightarrow assumes that list is sorted. Otherwise doesn't work.



Best case: $B(n) = 1 \in \Theta(1)$ if x = middle element

Worst case: It's not easy to analyze the worst case for the general n .

So firstly; if $n = 2^k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

if x is not in the list or $x = L[1]$ or $x = L[n]$, then worst case occurs.

Compare x with $L[2^{k-1}]$, then $L[2^{k-2}] \dots L[1]$

There are k comparisons \Rightarrow worst case occurs.

$$n = 2^k - 1 \Rightarrow 2^k = n+1 \Rightarrow k = \log_2(n+1) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{just for a} \\ \text{particular} \\ \text{case} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$W(n) = \log_2(n+1) \text{ for } n=2^k-1$$

Generalizing the result as follows:

$$\rightarrow W(n) = \dots \text{ for all } n$$

$$2^{i-1} \leq n \leq 2^i - 1$$

$\rightarrow W(n)$ is an non-decreasing function.

$$W(2^{i-1}) \leq W(n) \leq W(2^i - 1)$$

$$\log_2(2^{i-1}+1) \leq W(n) \leq \log_2(2^i)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \leq W(n) \leq i \\ 2^{i-1} \leq n \leq 2^i \\ i-1 \leq \log_2(n) \leq i \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{This method} \\ \text{known as} \\ \text{interpolation.} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\log_2(n+1) - 1 \leq i-1 \leq W(n) \leq i \leq \log_2(n+1) + 1$$

$$\log_2(n+1) - 1 \leq W(n) \leq \log_2(n+1) + 1$$

$$W(n) \in \Theta(\log n)$$

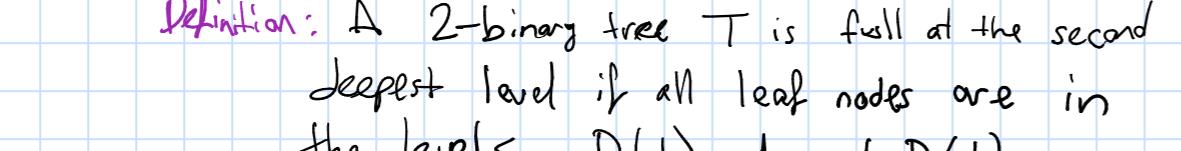
Average Case:

\rightarrow Assume prob of of successful search is P , $0 \leq P \leq 1$

\rightarrow it is equally likely that x can be found in any position.

\rightarrow if x isn't in the list, it is equally likely that it is in any one of the following $n+1$ intervals;

$x < L[1], L[2] < x < L[3], \dots, L[n-1] < x < L[n]$



This tree has n internal nodes and $n+1$ leaf nodes

corresponding to $n+1$ unsuccessful situations.

\rightarrow If x is found in any position $L[i]$: $\frac{P}{n}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

Average number of comparisons:

$$\text{if } x = L[1] \Rightarrow \frac{P}{n} \cdot 1 \text{ comparisons}$$

$$\text{if } x = L[2] \Rightarrow \frac{P}{n} \cdot 2 \text{ comparisons}$$

$$= \frac{P}{n} \cdot 1 + \frac{P}{n} \cdot 2 + \frac{P}{n} \cdot 3 + \dots + \frac{P}{n} \cdot n$$

$$= \frac{P}{n} \cdot (1+2+3+\dots+n) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{This corresponds to} \\ \text{the internal path length} \\ \text{of the tree + 1} \end{array} \right\}$$

Interval Path Length: The sum of the lengths of the paths from the root to the internal nodes.

$$\text{Average number of comparisons} = \frac{P}{n} \cdot (IPL(I) + n)$$



Interval Path Length of the tree I

$$\text{Ave number of comparisons} = \frac{1-p}{n+1} \cdot 3 + \frac{1-p}{n+1} \cdot 3 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1-p}{n+1} (3+3+\dots)$$



for this example tree

$$\text{Average number of comparisons} = \frac{1-p}{n+1} \cdot 3 + \frac{1-p}{n+1} \cdot 3 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1-p}{n+1} (3+3+\dots)$$

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Week 6

Ex:

$$① X(n) = a^{n-1} \cdot b + \sum_{i=2}^n a^{n-i} \cdot f(i) \quad (\text{By backward substitution})$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } a=1 \text{ and } f(n)=1 \Rightarrow X(n) = b + \sum_{i=2}^n 1 = b + (n-1) \in \Theta(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } a=1 \text{ and } f(n)=\log n \Rightarrow X(n) = b + \sum_{i=2}^n \log i = b + \log(n!) \in \Theta(\log n)$$

② if n is not a power of b , we'll obtain something like $X(n) = a \cdot X\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + \dots$

$$\text{Assume that } n=b^k \Rightarrow X(n) = a^k \cdot c + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^i \cdot f\left(\frac{n}{b^i}\right)$$

↓ it depends on this function.

$$\text{If } f(n)=d \Rightarrow X(n) = a^k \cdot c + d \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} a^i$$

$$a^k = a^{\log_b n} \Rightarrow (b^{\log_b a})^{\log_b n} \quad a^k = n^{\log_b a} \Rightarrow X(n) = n^{\log_b a} \cdot c + d \cdot \left(\frac{n^{\log_b a} - 1}{a-1}\right) \\ = n^{\log_b a} \left(c + \frac{d}{a-1}\right) - \frac{d}{a-1} \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

$$\text{if } a=b \Rightarrow n^{\log_b a} \cdot c + d \cdot n \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} 1 = cn + dn \\ = cn + dn \cdot \log_b n \in \Theta(n \log n) \quad (\text{This is for merge sort})$$

③ We have obtained these results only for $n=b^k$

④ However, since all of these functions are Θ invariant and non-decreasing, we can generalize them for all n .

Master Theorem

Let $X(n)$ be an eventually non-decreasing function that

satisfies the recurrence relation:

$$X(n) = a \cdot X\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n), \text{ where } a=b^k \quad (k=1, 2, \dots)$$

and $X(1)=c$, where $a \geq 1, b \geq 2, c > 0$

If $f(n) \in \Theta(n^d)$ where $d \geq 0$ then

Abst $\Rightarrow b$
Dider $\Rightarrow d$

$$X(n) \in \begin{cases} \Theta(n^d) & \text{if } a < b^d \\ \Theta(n^d \cdot \log n) & \text{if } a = b^d \vee n \\ \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } a > b^d \end{cases}$$

Ex: merge sort

$$X(n) = 2 \times \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + f(n)$$

$$a=2 \quad b=2 \quad f(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

$$d=1 \quad b^d = 2^1 = 2 = a$$

$$\Theta(n \log n)$$

Ex: Towers of Hanoi

$$T(n) = 2 \times \left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + 1$$

$$a=2 \quad b=2 \quad d=0$$

We cannot apply.

QUICKSORT

Invented in 1960s

procedure Quicksort($L[\text{low}; \text{high}]$)

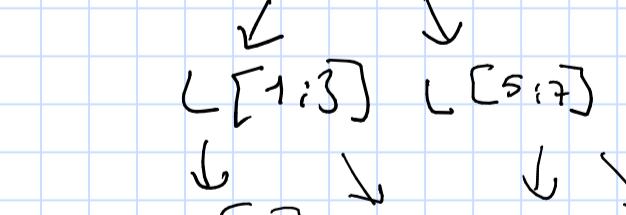
if $\text{high} > \text{low}$ then

call rearrange($L[\text{low}; \text{high}], \text{position}$)

call Quicksort($L[\text{low}; \text{position}-1]$)

call Quicksort($L[\text{position}+1; \text{high}]$)

end if



right = low

left = high + 1

$X = L[\text{low}]$

while right < left do

repeat right = right + 1 until $L[\text{right}] \geq X$

repeat left = left - 1 until $L[\text{left}] \leq X$

if right < left then

call interchange($L[\text{left}], L[\text{right}]$)

Basic Operation: $L[\text{right}] \geq X$ } Comparison between list elements

$L[\text{left}] \leq X$

④ Rearrange module always performs $\text{high} - \text{low} + 2$ operations.

Best Case: divide 2 equal sized sublist each time, it's best case.

$L[1:15]$

$L[1:7]$ $L[8:15]$

$L[1:3]$ $L[5:7]$ $L[9:11]$ $L[13:15]$

$L[1]$ $L[3]$ $L[5]$ $L[7]$ $L[9]$ $L[11]$ $L[13]$ $L[15]$

In rearrange, always $\text{high} - \text{low} + 2$ comparisons will be performed.

The tree has $\log_2 n$ levels.

In $\log_2 n$ of these levels, these are $n+1$ comparisons.

$$D(n) = (\log_2 n - 1)(n+1) = (\log_2 n - 1)(n+1) \in \Theta(n \log n) \quad \text{for } n \geq 2$$

The functions are non-decreasing and Θ invariant, hence we can generalize this result for all n .

Worst Case:

for quicksort, if the list is already sorted, this is the worst case.

$L[1:15] \rightarrow 16 \text{ comparisons } (n+1)$

$L[2:15] \rightarrow 15 \text{ comparisons } (n+1)$

$L[3:15] \rightarrow 14 \text{ comparisons } (n+1)$

$L[4:15] \rightarrow 13 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[5:15] \rightarrow 12 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[6:15] \rightarrow 11 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[7:15] \rightarrow 10 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[8:15] \rightarrow 9 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[9:15] \rightarrow 8 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[10:15] \rightarrow 7 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[11:15] \rightarrow 6 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[12:15] \rightarrow 5 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[13:15] \rightarrow 4 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[14:15] \rightarrow 3 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[15] \rightarrow 2 \text{ comparisons}$

$L[1] \rightarrow 1 \text{ comparison}$

$$W(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} i = \Theta(n^2)$$

Average Case: Not in exam.

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Quicksort Average Case Analysis

Assume that it is equally likely that the pivot element $L[\text{low}]$

will be placed in any position after rearrange.

(The proper position of the pivot is the important thing in this algorithm.)

$$T = T_1 + T_2$$

Random variable

of operations in rearrange

of operations in recursive calls

$E[T] = E[T_1] + E[T_2]$

Depends on where the pivot has been placed.

If the proper position of the pivot was $L[i]$, then 2 sublists are

$L[1:i]$ and $L[i+1:n]$

If the proper position of the pivot was $L[2]$, then 2 sublists are

$L[1:2]$ and $L[3:n]$

If the proper position of the pivot was $L[i]$, then 2 sublists are

$L[1:i-1]$ and $L[i+1:n]$

$$E[T_2] = \sum_{x=1}^n E[T_2 | X=x] \cdot P(X=x)$$

position of the pivot



$$A(n) = \underbrace{(n+1)}_{E[T_1]} + \sum_{i=1}^n E[T_2 | X=i] \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\boxed{A(n) = (n+1) + \sum_{i=1}^n A(i-1) + A(n-i) \cdot \frac{1}{n}}$$

Full history recurrence relation

$$\begin{aligned} i=1 &\Rightarrow A(0) + A(n-1) \\ i=2 &\Rightarrow A(1) + A(n-2) \\ i=3 &\Rightarrow A(2) + A(n-3) \\ i=n-1 &\Rightarrow A(n-2) + A(1) \\ i=n &\Rightarrow A(n-1) + A(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ \dots$$

$$n \cdot A(n) = n(n+1) + 2[A(0) + A(1) + \dots + A(n-1)]$$

$$(n-1)A(n-1) = n(n-1) + 2[A(0) + \dots + A(n-2)]$$

$$n \cdot A(n) - (n-1) \cdot A(n-1) = 2n + 2A(n-1)$$

Divide by $\frac{1}{n(n+1)}$

$$\boxed{\frac{A(n)}{n+1} - \frac{A(n-1)}{n} = \frac{2}{n+1} \text{ BAE}}$$

Change of variable

$$t(n) = \frac{A(n)}{n+1} \Rightarrow t(n) = t(n-1) + \frac{2}{n+1} \Rightarrow \text{Now, it's just first order recurrence relation.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(0) &= 0 \\ t(0) &= \frac{A(0)}{1} = 0 \\ &\vdots \\ &\text{by backward substitution} \end{aligned}$$

$$t(n) = \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{2}{i+1} = 2H(n+1) - 3$$

Harmonic series

$$A(n) = t(n) \cdot (n+1) = 2(n+1) \underbrace{H(n+1)}_{\log(n+1)} - 3(n+1) \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

⇒ Average and best case complexity of quicksort are very close to each other.
⇒ More detailed analysis shows that $A(n) \approx 1.38 B(n)$

GRAPH SEARCH AND TRAVERSAL ALGORITHMS

DFS

DEPTH FIRST SEARCH

and BREADTH FIRST SEARCH

BFS

Ex: Bipartite graphs (Graph coloring, planar graph)

procedure DFS(G, v)

call visit(v)

mark [v] = 1 # Visited

$v = v$

call next(v, w, found) # finds a unvisited neighbor

while found or not(Empty(stack))

if found then

call push(stack, w)

mark [w] = 1

call visit(w)

$w = w$

else

call pop(stack, w)

end if

call next(v, w, found)

end while

end for

end

end

P2-ALGORITHM DESIGN

Brute force and Exhaustive Search

Exhaustive Search:

It's an important special case of brute force

easiest strategy

Ex: Encryption

Result: Computing $a^n \bmod m$ for large integers, is an important component

of a leading encryption algorithm.

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdots a}_{n \text{ times}}$$

BF is applicable to a wide variety of problems, Ex: Selection sort, Bubble sort

Selection Sort

Scan the entire list to find its smallest element.

Exchange it with the first element.

Put the smallest element in its final position in the sorted list.

Then continue with finding the second smallest, etc [Recursively]

If the list has size n , the list is sorted after $n-1$ passes.

Pseudocode for Selection Sort.

Algorithm SelectionSort($A[0 \dots n-1]$)

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n-1$ do

min $\leftarrow i$

for $j \leftarrow i+1$ to $n-1$ do

if $A[j] < A[min]$

end if

min $\leftarrow j$

end for

swap $A[i]$ and $A[min]$

end for

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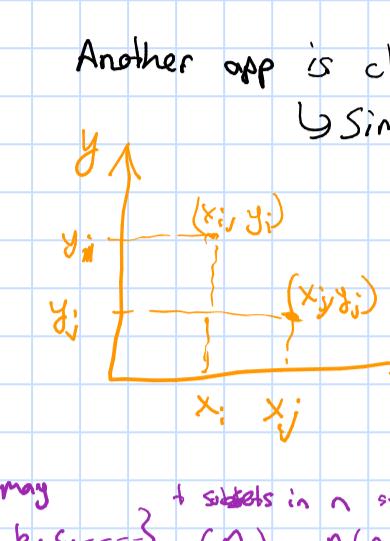
Brute force String Matching Algorithm

Pseudocode BFSStringMatch ($T[0...n-1], P[0...m-1]$)

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for i ← 0 to n-m do
    j ← 0
    while j < m and P[j] = T[i+j] do
        j ← j + 1
    end while
    if j = m
        return i
    end if
end for
return -1

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Analysis:

NONONONONOT \Rightarrow Worst case

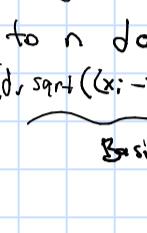
The algorithm may have to make all m comparisons before shifting the pattern and this can happen for each of the $n-m+1$ tries.

Then in the worst case, the algorithm makes $m(n-m+1)$ character comparisons.

Complexity: $O(nm)$

Closest pair and Convex Hull Problems by Brute Force

These problems arise in computational geometry and operations research.



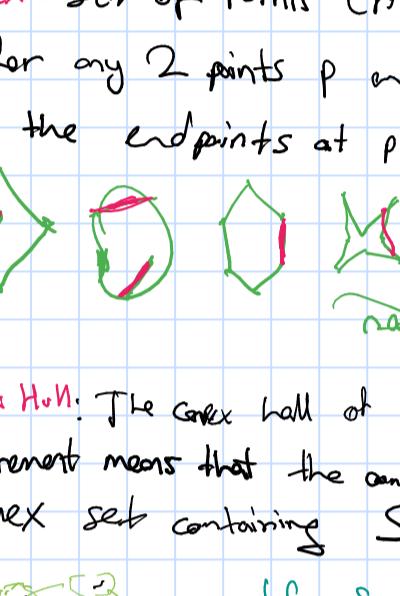
Closest pair problem: finding the 2 closest points in a set of points.

points can represent airplanes, post offices, DB records etc.

\rightarrow 2 closest planes are the most probable collision candidates.

Another app is cluster analysis in statistics.

\hookrightarrow Similarity metric is used for Euclidean Distance. (Hamming Distance)



for simplicity we consider the 2d case.

Points $P_i(x_i, y_i)$

Distance between 2 points.

$$P_i \text{ and } P_j = d(P_i, P_j) \Rightarrow \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$$

How many + subsets in a set of n elements.

$$\{a, b, c, \dots\} \quad \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \quad (\text{Entire search space})$$

$\{a, b\}$

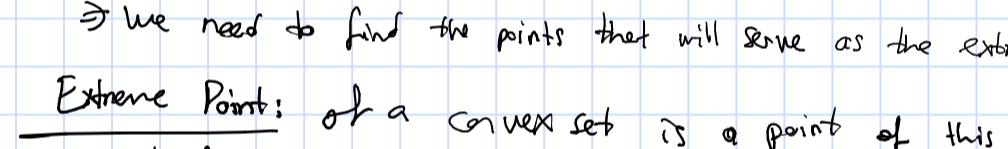
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BF Algorithm for CP:

\hookrightarrow Compute the distance between each pair of points.

\hookrightarrow find a pair with the smallest distance.



Even today, sqrt computation is costly, mainly because it involves dealing with irrational numbers. Can it be avoided? YES

Only compute $(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2$ since sqrt is strictly increasing.

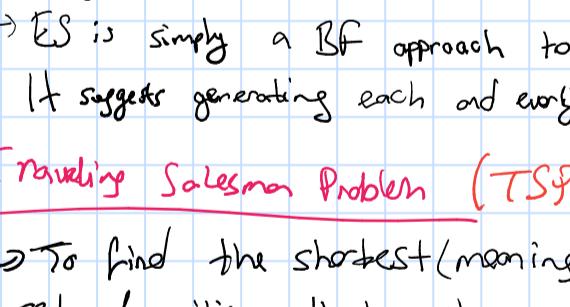
So the base operation will be squaring a number.

$$C(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n-i) = (n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 1 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \in \Theta(n^2)$$

Convex Hull Problem

Convex = Set of Points (finite or infinite) in the plane is called convex

\hookrightarrow for any 2 points p and q in the set, the entire line segment with the endpoints at p and q belongs to the set.



Pseudocode

$d \leftarrow \infty$

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to $n-1$ do

$d \leftarrow \min(d, \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2})$

end for

return d

Basic operation

for $j \leftarrow i+1$ to n do

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Assignment Problem

n people, n jobs, 1 person/job

$C[i,j]$: Cost of assigning person i to job j .

$C[i,j]$ = Cost of assigning person i to job j .

$$\begin{bmatrix} & & j \\ i & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$$

The problem boils down to selecting one element in each row of the matrix so that all selected elements are in different columns and total sum of the selected elements are in different columns and the total sum of the selected elements is the smallest possible.

→ No obvious solutions seems to work here.

Thus, opting for exhaustive search may appear as an unavoidable evil.

→ We can describe all feasible solutions to the assignment problem as n -tuples $(j_1, j_2, j_3, \dots, j_n)$ in which the i^{th} component indicates the column of the element selected in the i^{th} row.

for instance, $(2, 3, 4, 1)$ indicates that: person-1 is assigned to job-2

person-2 is assigned to job-3

person-3 is assigned to job-4

person-4 is assigned to job-1

People Job
○○○○ Also called
○○○○ marriage problem.

Exhaustive search

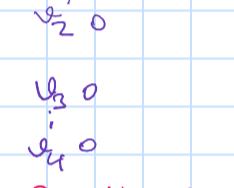
→ So these exist $n!$ candidate solutions. Therefore, ES is impractical even for very small instances. (Hungarian Algorithm)

However Hungarian algorithm solves it in polynomial $(O(n^3))$ time.

Depth First Search / Breadth First Search

DFS & BFS systematically process all vertices and edges of a graph.

They are fundamental for detecting connectivity and cycle presence.



To check if connected

To check if cyclic or not cyclic

DFS

Start at an arbitrary vertex and mark it as "visited".

→ Iteration:

↳ Proceed to an adjacent vertex.

(Ties are resolved arbitrarily.)

→ Continue until a dead end. (A vertex with no adjacent unvisited vertices)

→ At a dead end back 1 edge to the vertex it came from

↳ try to continue visiting unvisited vertices from there.

The algorithm eventually halts after breaking up to the starting vertex, with the latter being a dead end. (+ means done)

→ Accompanying a DFS traversal by constructing the DFS forest.

↳ Disconnected so apply DFS many

Pseudocode:

Algorithm DFS (G)

count $\leftarrow 0$

for each vertex v in V do

if v is marked with 0

dfs(v)

count \leftarrow count + 1 //Mark v with count

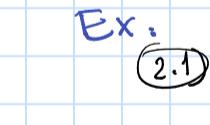
for each vertex w in V adjacent to v do

dfs(w)

↳ Visits recursively all unvisited vertices connected to a vertex v by a path and numbers them in the order they are encountered via a global variable "count".

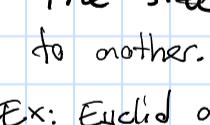
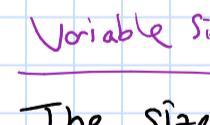
→ How efficient is DFS? Complexity?

For adjacency matrix representation: $O(|V|^2)$ since there exists $|V|^2$ entries.



$|V| \times |V|$

for adjacency list representation: $O(|V| + |E|)$



Checking Connectivity Using DFS:

When the algorithm halts check whether all vertices have been visited.

We can also use DFS to identify connected components.

Checking for a cycle presence using DFS:

If the DFS forest (notice that the DFS forest is not actually a forest) does not have back edges, the graph is acyclic.

Breadth First Search:

→ Proceeds in a concurrent manner by visiting first all vertices adjacent to a starting vertex, then others etc.

→ It is convenient to use queue as a data structure.

On each iteration,

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→ BFS has the same efficiency as DFS.

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Decrease & Conquer technique is based on exploiting the relationship between a solution to a given instance of a problem and a solution to its smaller instances.

→ Decrease by a constant: The size of an instance is reduced by the same constant on each iteration of the algorithm.

→ If each iteration this constant equals 1.

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In most applications, this factor equals 2.

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(2,2) ↗ from binary search

but don't care about other half (so it's not divide and conquer)

↳ The value decreases neither by a constant nor by a constant factor.

Variable Size Decrease

The size reduction pattern varies from one iteration of the algorithm to another.

Ex: Euclid algorithm for computing greatest common divisor (GCD):

$$\text{gcd}(n, m) = \text{gcd}(n, m \bmod n)$$

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WEEK 10

ALGORITHMS FOR GENERATING COMBINATORIAL OBJECTS

Some Types of Combinatorial Objects: Permutations, Combinations, Subsets of a given set.

⊕ Combinatorial Objects are studied in a branch of a discrete mathematics called combinatorics.

⊕ The # of combinatorial objects typically grow exponentially or even faster as a function of the problem size.

Our goal: Generating them, not counting them. (Read on internet) Generating permutations

Generating Subsets

Recall the knapsack problem

Power set of n : " n has cardinality 2^n "

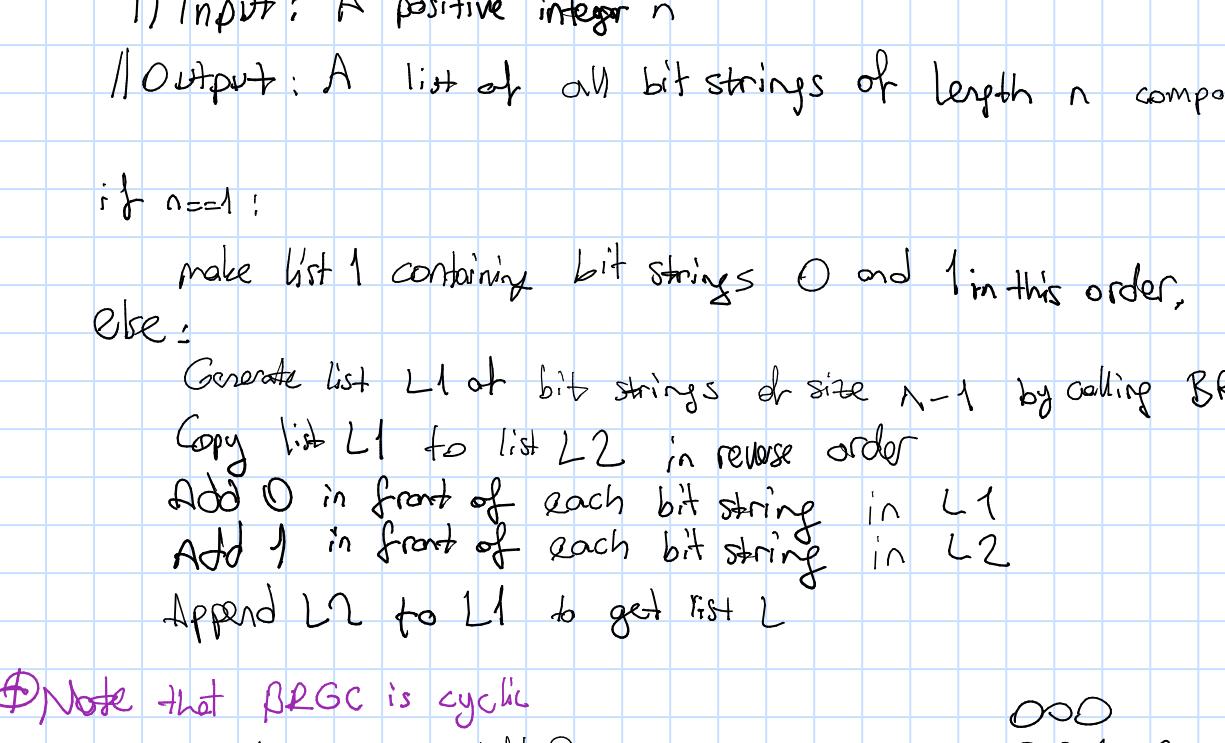
The set of

all subsets

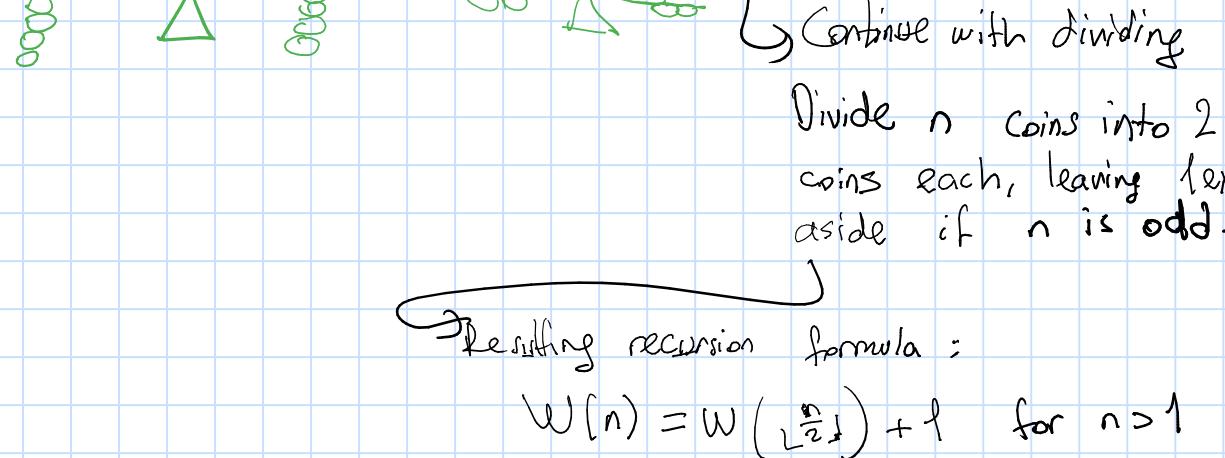
Decrease-by-1 Idea:

All subsets of $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ can be divided into 2 groups.

- (1) Sets that don't have a_n Once we have a list of all subsets of $\{a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}\}$, we can get all subsets of $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ by adding $\{a_n\}$ to each subset.
- (2) If $\{a_n\}$ do have a_n



⊕ All 2^n bit strings b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n of length n can be generated in the same way.



⊕ A challenging question is whether there exists a "minimal change algorithm" for generating bit strings so that every one of them differs from its immediate predecessor by only a single bit: Ans: Yes

Ex: $\begin{matrix} 000 \\ 001 \\ 011 \\ 111 \end{matrix}$ Such a sequence of bits is called "binary reflected Gray Code"
 $\begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$ Cyclic from Gray @ AT&T Bell Labs invented it in 1940s to minimize the effect of errors in writing digital signals.

Algorithm Binary Reflected Gray Code (n)

#BRGC(n)

1) Input: A positive integer n

1) Output: A list of all bit strings of length n comprising the gray code,

if n=1:

make list 1 containing bit strings 0 and 1 in this order,

else:

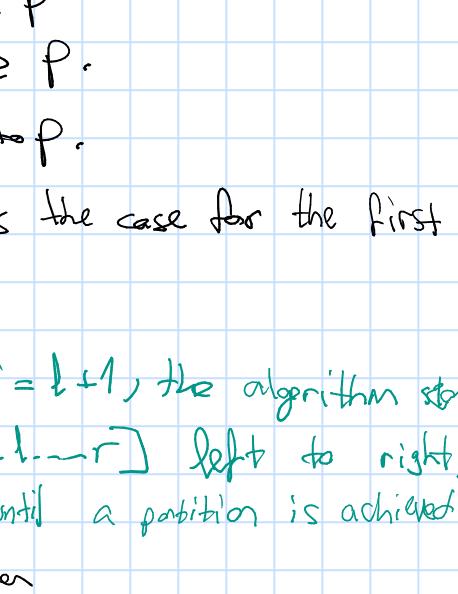
Generate list L1 of bit strings of size $n-1$ by calling BRGC($n-1$)

Copy list L1 to list L2 in reverse order

Add 0 in front of each bit string in L1

Add 1 in front of each bit string in L2

Append L2 to L1 to get list L



Fake Coin Problem

Subsets of the coin

Among n identical looking coins, one is false with a balance scale; we can compare any 2 sets of coins.

⊕ Continue with dividing by 2.

Divide n coins into 2 piles of $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ coins each, leaving extra coins aside if n is odd.

Resulting recursion formula:

$$W(n) = W\left(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil\right) + 1 \quad \text{for } n > 1$$

$$W(1) = 0$$

⊕ This recursion is identical to the one for the worst case number of comparisons for binary search.

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Russian Peasant Multiplication

$n \cdot m \Rightarrow$ Positive integers (large numbers)

Recursive formula \Rightarrow If n is even $\Rightarrow n \cdot m = \frac{n}{2} \cdot 2m$

If n is odd $\Rightarrow n \cdot m = \frac{n-1}{2} \cdot 2m + m$

This way we can compute $n \cdot m$ either recursively or iteratively.

Ex: $\begin{matrix} 1 & m \\ 20 & 85 \\ 35 & 170 \\ 17 & 340 \\ 8 & 680 \\ 4 & 1360 \\ 2 & 2720 \\ 1 & 5440 \end{matrix}$

In fact this method used in 17th century

known to Egyptian mathematicians as early as 1600 BC.

It leads very fast HW implementation since doubling and halving with binary shift.

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DIVIDE & CONQUER

① Divide the problem into several subproblems of the same type, ideally about equal size.

② Solve the subproblems (typically recursively).

③ Combine the solutions to the subproblems to a solution to the original problem.

Spent only linear time for the initial division and final combining.

⊕ In many settings where divide and conquer is applied, the natural brute force algorithm may or may not be poly-time. In this case, D & C strategy may serve to reduce running time to a lower polynomial.

Ex: (for not-always-work)

Computing sum of n numbers

→ Compute sum of the first $\binom{n}{2}$ numbers.

→ Compute $\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{3}$ numbers.

→ Add their values to get the sum in question.

Ex: The natural BF approach for closest pair problem has complexity $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$.

D & C approach (we'll see) yields $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$.

⊕ Typical recurrence for D & C:

$$T(n) = a \cdot T\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + F(n)$$

↳ A function that accounts for dividing the instance of size n into instances of size $\frac{n}{b}$ & combining their solutions.

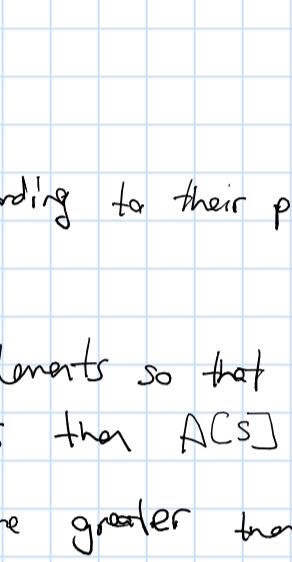
⊕ If $a=1$, D & C covers decrease by a constant-factor algorithms.

Merge Sort

→ Divide the array into 2 halves, sort each one recursively and merge them to a single sorted one.

Algorithm Merge Sort ($A[0 \dots n-1]$)

```
if  $n > 1$ 
    copy  $A[0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1]$  to  $B[0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1]$ 
    copy  $A[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor, \dots, n-1]$  to  $C[0, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1]$ 
    Merge Sort ( $B[0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1]$ )
    Merge Sort ( $C[0, \dots, \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil - 1]$ )
    Merge ( $B, C, A$ )
```



⊕ The merging of 2 sorted arrays can be done as follows:

⊕ 2 pointers are initialized to point to the first elements of the arrays.

⊕ Compare the elements pointed to, copy the smaller one to the new array & increment the index of the smaller element.

Algorithm Merge ($B[0 \dots p-1], C[0 \dots q-1], A[0 \dots p+q-1]$)

```
i = 0, j = 0, k = 0
while i < p and j < q do
    if  $B[i] \leq C[j]$ 
         $A[k] \leftarrow B[i]$ 
        i = i + 1
    else
         $A[k] \leftarrow C[j]$ 
        j = j + 1
    end
    k = k + 1
if i = p # just put the rest
    copy  $C[j \dots q-1]$  to  $A[k \dots p+q-1]$ 
else
    copy  $B[i \dots p-1]$  to  $A[k \dots p+q-1]$ 
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Ex: $6, 5, 7, 1, 8, 2, 10, 4$

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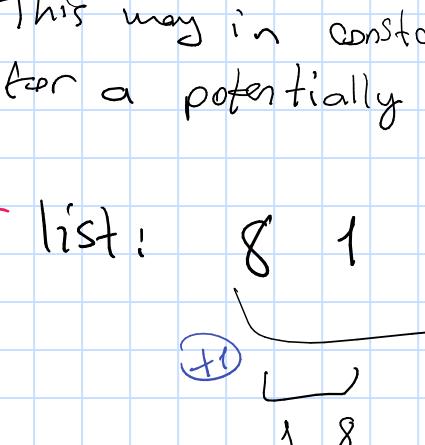
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→ In each step, have a current pointer into each list.

Suppose that these pointers are currently at elements.

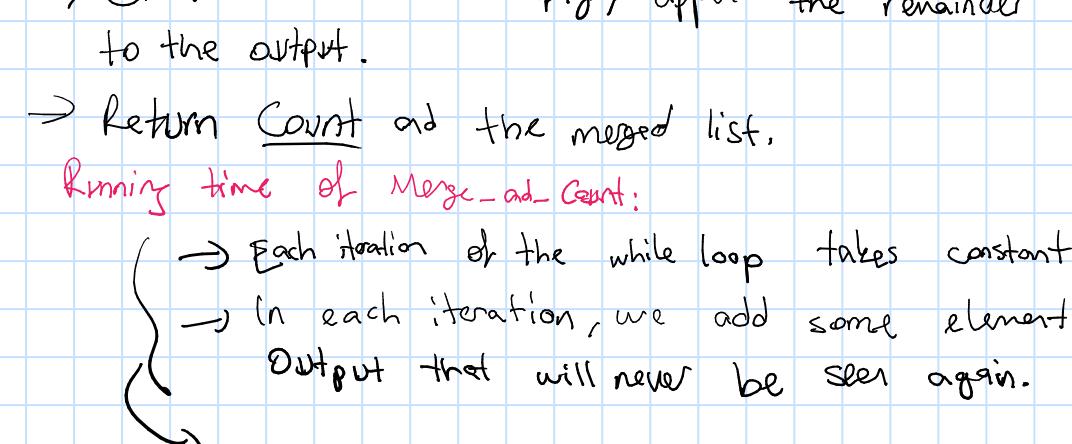
→ In each step, compare the elements that

a_i and b_j being pointed to in each list, remove the smaller one from the list and append it to the end of list C.



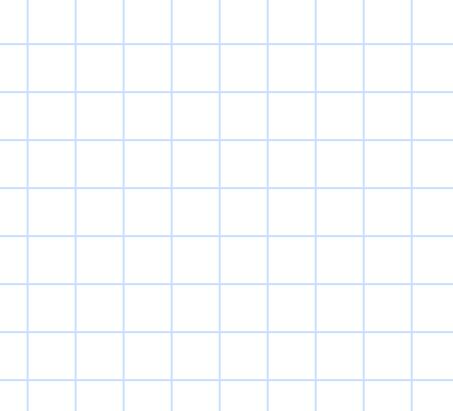
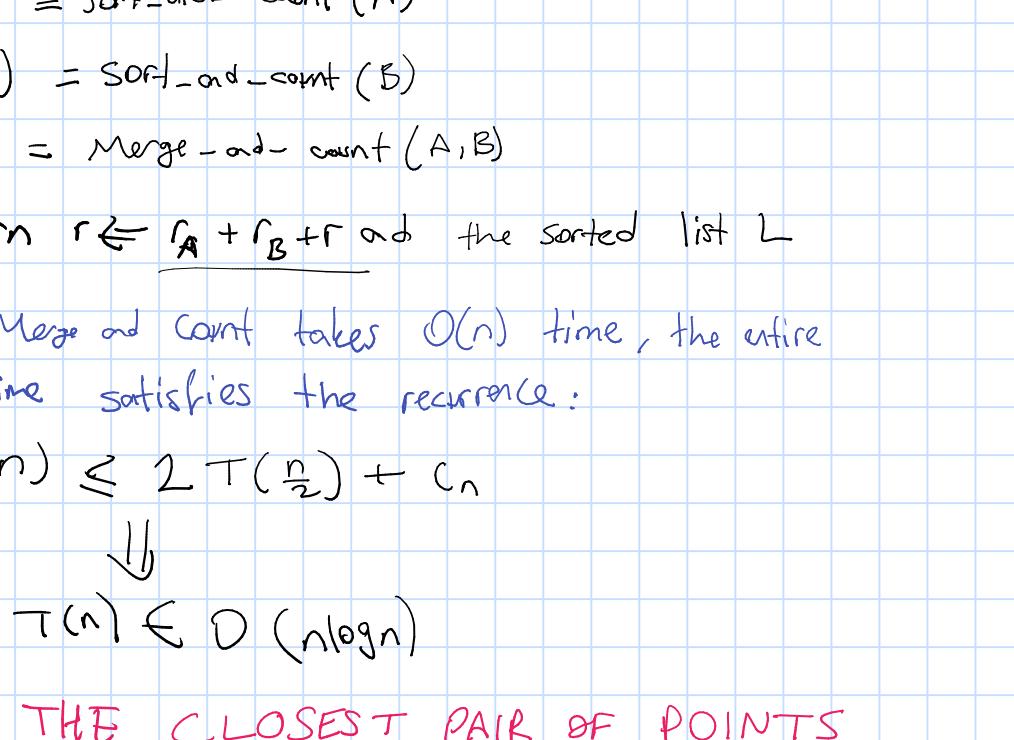
→ Every time the element a_i is appended to C, no new inversions are incurred since a_i is smaller than every thing left in list B.

→ On the other hand, if b_j is appended to list C, then it is smaller than all the remaining items in A and comes after all of them. So we increase our count of the number of inversions by the number of remaining elements in A.



This may in constant time, we have accounted for a potentially huge number of inversions.

Ex: list: 8 1 3 2, 7 4 6 5



Pseudocode:

Merge-and-Count(A, B)

→ Maintain a current pointer into each list initialized to point to the front elements.

→ Maintain a variable count for the number of inversions, initialized to 0.

→ While both lists are nonempty:

→ Let a_i and b_j be the elements pointed to by the current pointers.

→ Append the smaller of these two to the output list.

→ If b_j is the smaller element then:

increment count by the number of elements remaining in A

end if

→ Advance the current pointer in the list from which the smaller element was selected.

→ Once the list is empty, append the remainder of the other list to the output.

→ Return Count and the merged list.

Running time of Merge-and-Count:

→ Each iteration of the while loop takes constant time.

→ In each iteration, we add some element to the output that will never be seen again.

Thus, the number of iterations can be at most the sum of the initial lengths of A & B, so the total running time is $O(n)$.

Pseudocode for Sort-and-Count (L)

If the list has 1 element, then 0 inversions

else:

Divide the list into two halves;

A contains the first $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ elements

B contains the remaining $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$ elements

$f_A \triangleq \text{sort-and-count}(A)$

$f_B \triangleq \text{sort-and-count}(B)$

$f_L \triangleq \text{Merge-and-Count}(A, B)$

Return $f_L \leftarrow f_A + f_B + f_L$ and the sorted list L

⇒ Since Merge-and-Count takes $O(n)$ time, the entire running time satisfies the recurrence:

$$T(n) \leq 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + cn$$

$$T(n) \in O(n \log n)$$

FINDING THE CLOSEST PAIR OF POINTS

The set of points $\Rightarrow P = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ (where

p_i has coordinates (x_i, y_i)

$d(p_i, p_j)$: The euclidean distance between two points.

Goal: To find a pair of points p_i, p_j that minimizes $d(p_i, p_j)$

→ Assume that no 2 points have the same x or y coordinate.

→ Divide the area into 2 halves

find the closest pair in the left half. Then use this information

find the closest pair in the right half. To get the overall solution in linear time.

(Combining step)

→ Combining Step:

The distances that have been considered by either of the recursive calls are precisely those points that occur between a point in the left half and a point in the right half.

There exists $\sim n^2$ such distances and we need to find the smallest one in $O(n)$ time.

On a set $P \subseteq P$, every recursive call begins with 2 lists:

→ A list P_x^1 in which all points in P^1 have been sorted by increasing x coordinate.

→ A list P_y^1 in which all points in P^1 have been sorted by increasing y coordinate.

$Q \triangleq$ The set of points in the first $\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil$ positions at the list P_x .

(the "left half")

→ By a single pass through each of P_x and P_y (in $O(n)$ time), we can create the following 4 lists:

① $Q_x \triangleq$ Points in Q sorted by increasing x coordinate.

② $Q_y \triangleq$ Points in Q sorted by increasing y coordinate.

③ $R_x \triangleq$ Points in R sorted by increasing x coordinate.

④ $R_y \triangleq$ Points in R sorted by increasing y coordinate.

For each entry (point), we read its position in both lists it belongs to.

Combining the solution:

→ q^* and r^* : Closest pair of points in Q .

→ q^* and r^* : $\|q^* - r^*\| \leq \epsilon$.

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→ Let $d = \min\{d(q^*, q_1), d(q^*, r_1)\}$

→ Are there pairs $q \in Q$ and $r \in R$ for which $d(q, r) < d$?

→ $x^* = x$ coordinate of the rightmost point in Q .

→ If there exists $q \in Q$ and $r \in R$ for which $d(q, r) < d$, then q and r lies within a distance ϵ of each other.

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