

Chapter 5. Probabilistic Analysis and Randomized Algorithms

5.1-1.

Candidate comparison is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive, so it introduces a total order.

5.1-2.

Algorithm 1: RANDOM(a, b)

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if  $a = b$  then
|   return  $a$ 
end
 $m = a + (b - a)/2$ ;
 $r = \text{RANDOM}(0, 1)$ ;
if  $r = 0$  then
|   return RANDOM( $a, \lfloor m \rfloor$ );
else
|   return RANDOM( $\lceil m \rceil, b$ );
end
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The expected running time is $\Theta(\lg(b - a))$.

5.1-3.

If we call BIASED – RANDOM twice, then the probability of getting 0 – 1 and 1 – 0 is same, so make use of them; that is, if we get 0 – 1, return 0, and if we get 1 – 0, return 1. Otherwise, call BIASED – RANDOM once again. This procedure returns 0 and 1 evenly, described as below:

Algorithm 2: UNBIASED-RANDOM

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while true do
   $a = \text{BIASED} - \text{RANDOM};$ 
   $b = \text{BIASED} - \text{RANDOM};$ 
  if  $a \neq b$  then
    return  $a;$ 
  end
end
```

The expected running time is $\Theta(1/(2p(1-p)))$.

5.2-1.

The probability that you hire exactly one time occurs if the first candidate is indeed the best, which has a probability of $1/n$.

The probability that you hire exactly n time occurs if the candidates arrives at increasing order of quality, which has a probability of $1/n!$.

5.2-2.

To hire exactly twice, exactly one candidate after the first candidate should be hired. That is, the quality of candidates should be in decreasing order with one increase. To hire k -th candidate as the second and the final candidate, we first pick k candidates, sort in decreasing order, and sort another $n - k$ candidates, sort in decreasing order and concatenate them. The only wrong case is that every elements are in decreasing order after concatenation. The number of cases is $\binom{n}{k} - 1$, so the probability is

$$\frac{\sum_{k=2}^n (\binom{n}{k} - 1)}{n!} = \frac{2^n - n - 1}{n!}$$

5.2-3.

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\sum_i X_i] = \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i] = \sum_i \sum_{j=1}^6 \frac{j}{6} = 3.5 \cdot n.$$

5.2-4.

Let X be the number of customers who get back their hat and X_i be the indicator random variable that the customer i gets the hats back. $P(X_i) = 1/n$, so $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\sum_i X_i] = \sum_i \mathbb{E}[X_i] = \sum_i \frac{1}{n} = 1$.

5.2-5.

Let $X_{i,j}$ for $i < j$ be the indicator random variable that $A[i] > A[j]$.

$$\mathbb{E}[\sum_{i < j} X_{i,j}] = \sum_{i < j} \mathbb{E}[X_{i,j}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n P(A[i] > A[j]) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{2} \cdot (n-i) = \frac{n(n-1)}{4}.$$

5.3-1.

This modification ensures the initialization of the loop invariant.

Algorithm 3: RANDOMIZE-IN-PLACE(A)

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n = A.length;
swap A[1] with A[RANDOM(1, n)];
for i = 2 to n do
    | swap A[i] with A[RANDOM(i, n)];
end

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5.3-2.

No. This algorithm can never produce $[3, 2, 1]$. For the first iteration of the loop, $A[1]$ should be swapped with $A[3]$, but at the next iteration $A[2]$ is swapped with $A[3]$, resulting $[3, 1, 2]$.

5.3-3.

No. Consider the case of $n = 3$, then the possible ending result would be 27. However, there can be $3! = 6$ orderings, so they cannot be appear equally likely.

5.3-4.

The probability that $A[i]$ winds up in any position j is equal to $i + n \equiv j \pmod{n}$, which is $1/n$.

The algorithm doesn't actually generate uniformly random permutations, it just rotates the array.

5.3-5.

The probability that all elements are unique is

$$1(1 - \frac{1}{n^3}) \cdots (1 - \frac{n}{n^3}) \geq (1 - \frac{n}{n^3})^n \geq 1 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

5.3-6.

Algorithm 4: PERMUTE-BY-SORTING(A)

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let  $P[1, \dots, n]$  be a new array for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
     $P[i] = 1$ ;
for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do
    swap  $P[i]$  with  $P[\text{RANDOM}(i, n)]$ ;

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5.3-7.

For $m = 0$, it is obviously true. Suppose S is a uniform $m - 1$ subset of $n - 1$. For $j \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$,

$$P(j \in S') = P(j \in S) + P(j \notin S \cup i = j) = \frac{m - 1}{n - 1} + \left(1 - \frac{m - 1}{n - 1}\right) \frac{1}{n} = \frac{m}{n}.$$

This probability is equally distributed for $j \in \{1, \dots, n - 1\}$, so it should be also equally distributed for $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

5.4-1.

$$1 - \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^k \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow k \geq 263.$$

$$1 - k \cdot \frac{1}{365} \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{k-1} \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow k \geq 115.$$

5.4-2.

This is a restatement of the birthday problem. The answer is;

$$1 + \sum_{k=1}^b \frac{b!}{(b - k)! b^k}$$

5.4-3.

The all comparison in the analysis is pairwise, so pairwise independence is enough.

5.4-4.

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \sum_{k=j+1}^n \frac{1}{365^2} = \binom{n}{3} \frac{1}{365^2} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6 * 365^2} > 1 \Rightarrow n = 94.$$

5.4-5.

$$1 \cdot \frac{n-1}{n} \cdots \frac{n-k+1}{n} = \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-k)!n^k}.$$

5.4-6.

Let X_i be the indicator random variable that bin i is empty after all balls are tossed, and X be the sum.

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n = n\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^n.$$

Let Y_i be the indicator random variable that bin i contains exactly one ball after all balls are tossed, and Y be the sum.

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[Y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n \binom{n}{1} \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{n-1} = n\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{n-1}.$$

5.4-7.

Let $s = \lg n - 2 \lg \lg n$ and split n flips to n/s groups. The probability that one group comes up with all heads is

$$\frac{1}{2^s} = \frac{\lg^2 n}{n}.$$

The probability that no one of groups comes up with all heads is

$$\left(1 - \frac{\lg^2 n}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{s}} \leq e^{-\frac{\lg^2 n}{\lg n - 2 \lg \lg n}} = n^{-1 - \frac{2 \lg \lg n}{\lg n - 2 \lg \lg n}} < n^{-1}.$$

5-1.

- a. For each INCREMENT operation, $n_{i+1} - n_i$ is increased with the probability of $1/(n_{i+1} - n_i)$, so the expected value of increase is 1, therefore, the expected increase after n INCREMENT operations is n .
- b. In this case, for each INCREMENT operation, the probability that the

value is changed is $1/100$, so this can be regarded as a binomial distribution with $p = 0.01$, but increasing 100 for each step. The variance is $100n \cdot 0.01 \cdot 0.99 = 0.99n$.

5-2.

a.

Algorithm 5: RANDOM-SEARCH(x, A)

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 $n = A.length;$ 
 $S = \emptyset;$ 
while  $|S| \neq n$  do
     $i = \text{RANDOM}(1, n);$ 
    if  $A[i] = x$  then
        return  $i;$ 
    else
         $S = S \cup \{i\};$ 
    end
end

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b. The expected number of picks is n , since the probability that index i is selected is $1/n$.

c. Similar with b., the expected number of picks is n/k .

d. This is equivalent to the balls and bins problem, the answer is $n(\ln n + O(1))$.

e. The worst case running time is n , the average case running time is $(n+1)/2$.

f. The worst case running time is $n - k + 1$.

For analyzing the average case running time, let X be a set of matches and Y be a set of non-matches. An element in X is read iff it comes before every other element of X , which has probability $1/k$.

An element in Y is read iff it comes before every other element of X , which has probability $1/(k+1)$. Hence, the expected running time is

$$\frac{n-k}{k+1} + \frac{k}{k} = \frac{n+1}{k+1}.$$

g. Both the average case/worst case running time is n .

h. Same with DETERMINISTIC-SEARCH.

i. DETERMINISTIC-SEARCH. SCRAMBLE-SEARCH is useless for improving time complexity.