

# VE477 Lab7

## Q1

### 1. RandomSearch

```
# random search array A for a given key k
def RandomSearch(A, k):
    index_set = set()
    n = len(A)
    while len(index_set) < n:
        index = random.randint(0, n - 1)
        if A[index] == k:
            return index
        index_set.add(index)
    return n # not found, index out of range
```

### 2. a) **no index**: average number of picked index is approximately $n \ln n$

Define each time we found a new index as a *hit*, so we want to know the expected number  $x$  to obtain  $n$  hits. Partition  $x$  into stages, such that the  $i$ th stage contains the choosing between  $i - 1$ th *hit* and  $i$ th *hit*.

For each chosen during the  $i$ th stage,  $(i - 1)$  index have been chosen,  $(n - i + 1)$  index have not been chosen. So the probability of getting a *hit* is  $(n - i + 1)/n$ .

Use  $x_i$  to denote the number of chosen during stage  $i$ . The total number of chosen is  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .  $E[x_i] = n/(n - i + 1)$ . Then we get

$$E[x] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{n - i + 1} = n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = n(\ln n + O(1))$$

### b) **one index**: average number is $n$ .

Then each pick is a bernoulli trial with parameter  $p = 1/n$ , to get a total number of success as 1, from the expectation of binomial distribution, we should pick  $n$  indices.

c) **more than one index (assume m)**: average number is  $n/m$ .

Same as b), parameter  $p = m/n$ , so from expectation should be  $n/m$ .

## Q2

### 1. LinearSearch

```
def LinearSearch(A, k):
    n = len(A)
    for i in range(n):
        if A[i] == k:
            return i
    return n # not found, index out of range
```

2. a) **no index**: average and worse case should both be  $n$

b) **one index**: average  $\frac{(n+1)}{2}$ , worse  $n$

Average case: examine the expected running time, assume all permutation are equally like to happen, then the probability that  $k$  occur on each index is the same as  $1/n$ .

$$E = 1 \cdot \frac{1}{n} + 1 \cdot \frac{2}{n} + \dots + 1 \cdot \frac{n}{n} = \frac{(n+1)}{2}$$

c) **more than one index (assume m)**: average  $\frac{n}{m}$ , worse  $n - m + 1$

Assume all the permutations occur equally likely. Let  $i$  be the number of index picked to find the key.

$$Pr[i = 1] = \frac{m}{n}, Pr[i = 2] = \frac{n-m}{n} \cdot \frac{m}{n-1} \dots Pr[i] < \frac{m}{n} \cdot \left(\frac{n-m}{n-1}\right)^{i-1}.$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-m+1} i \cdot Pr[i] < \frac{n}{m}$$

## Q3

1. `ScrambleSearch`

```
def ScrambleSearch(A, k):  
    random.shuffle(A)  
    return LinearSearch(A, k)
```

2. same as Linear Search

## Q4

`ScrambleSearch` is the best.

Based on the analysis, as `LinearSearch` and `ScrambleSearch` have the same time but `LinearSearch` need the equally likely assumption.

## Q5

```
1000 times random search time: 28.78109426004812  
1000 times linear search time: 0.09934000810608268  
1000 times linear search time: 1.3530246154405177
```

1. `LinearSearch` is the best in practice.
2. Practice give different answer to the theoretical answer, because in reality, the random permutation time is much longer.

```
if __name__ == '__main__':  
    random.seed()  
    arr_len = 1000000  
    arr = [random.randint(0, arr_len * 10) for i in range(arr_len)]  
    random_time, linear_time, scramble_time = [], [], []  
    for i in range(1000):  
        key = random.randint(0, arr_len)  
        random_time.append(timeit.timeit("RandomSearch(arr, key)",  
                                         setup="from __main__  
import RandomSearch, arr, key", number=3))  
        # print("1000 times random search time:  
{0}".format(random_time))  
        linear_time.append(timeit.timeit("LinearSearch(arr, key)",
```

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                                setup="from __main__
import LinearSearch, arr, key", number=3))
    # print("1000 times linear search time:
{}".format(linear_time))
    scramble_time.append(timeit.timeit("ScrambleSearch(arr,
key)",

                                setup="from __main__
import ScrambleSearch, arr, key", number=3))
    # print("1000 times linear search time:
{}".format(scramble_time))
    print("1000 times random search time:
{}".format(np.mean(random_time)))
    print("1000 times linear search time:
{}".format(np.mean(linear_time)))
    print("1000 times linear search time:
{}".format(np.mean(scramble_time)))

```