

Title: Algorithm Efficiency and Sorting

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Section: 2

Assignment: 1

Description: File contains answers of questions 1, 2 and 3.

Question 1.a:

Show:

- $f(n) = 100n^3 + 8n^2 + 4n$ is $O(n^4)$

Condition:

- $0 \leq T(n) \leq cf(n)$, $\forall n \geq n_0$; There exists $\exists n_0, c$ positive constants.
- $0 \leq 100n^3 + 8n^2 + 4n \leq cn^4$ for all $n \geq n_0$

Choosing $c = 100$ and $n_0 = 2 \rightarrow 100n^3 + 8n^2 + 4n \leq 100n^4$ for all $n \geq 2$

Question 1.b:

Solve Recurrence Relation by using repeated substitution method

- $T(n) = 8T(\frac{n}{2}) + n^3$

$$T(1), \dots, T(100) = 1$$

$$T(n) = 8(8T(\frac{n}{4}) + (\frac{n}{2})^3) + n^3$$

$$T(n) = 8(8(8T(\frac{n}{8}) + (\frac{n}{4})^3) + (\frac{n}{2})^3) + n^3$$

$$T(n) = T(\frac{n}{8}) \prod_{i=1}^3 8 + \sum_{i=1}^3 8^i (\frac{n}{2^i})^3$$

Carry out $\log_2 n$ operations to reach the base case...

$$T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2^{\log_2 n}}) \prod_{i=1}^{\log_2 n} 8 + \sum_{i=1}^{\log_2 n} n^3$$

$$T(n) = T(1) 8^{\log_2 n} + n^3 \log_2 n$$

$$T(n) = 2^{\log_2 n^3} + n^3 \log_2 n = n^3(1 + \log_2 n)$$

$$T(n) = n^3 + n^3 \log_2 n$$

Ignore constants and low order terms...

$$T(n) = \Theta(n^3 \cdot \log_2 n)$$

Question 1.c:

for (i = n; i > 0; i /= 2) // the loop will execute $\log_2 n$ times

for (j = 1; j < n; j++) // (nested within a for-loop) the loop will execute $n \cdot \log_2 n$ times

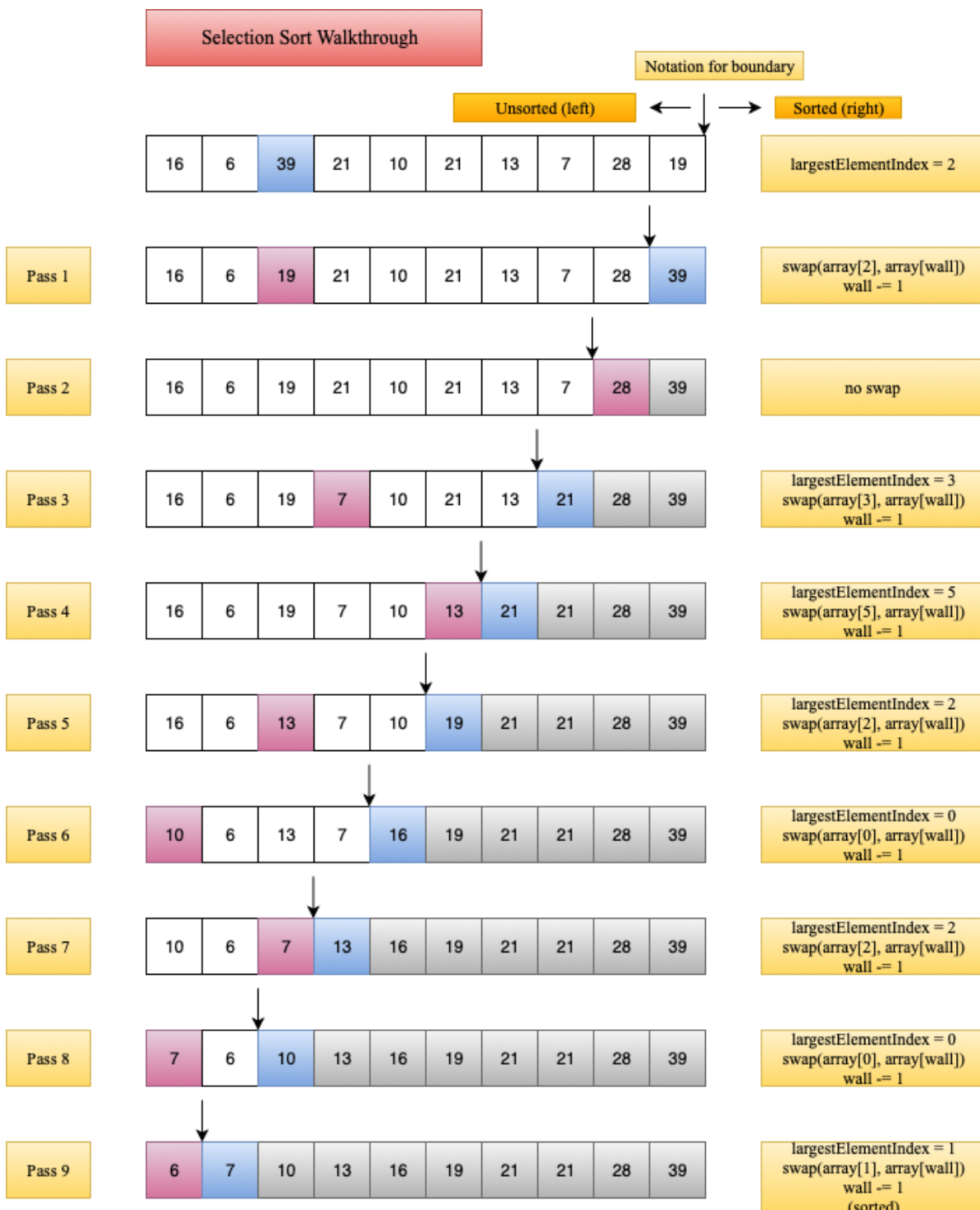
for (k = 1; k < n; k += 2) // (nested within 2 for-loops) the loop will execute $n \cdot n \cdot \log_2 n$ times

sum += (i + j * k); // 2 additions $\Theta(1)$, 1 multiplication $\Theta(1)$ and 1 assignment $\Theta(1)$ operation.

Total of $4n^2 \cdot \log_2 n$ operations performed. Dropping the constants and low order terms.

Running Time Complexity: $\Theta(n^2 \cdot \log_2 n)$

Question 1.d:



PROCEDURE

1. Unsorted/sorted boundary pointing to the last element.
2. Starting from the beginning of the array find the index which contains the largest element
3. swap the element with the element at the decision boundary.
4. decrement the decision boundary by one.
5. Repeat the procedure (n-1) times where n is the number of items in the array.



PROCEDURE

1. Unsorted/sorted boundary pointing to the second element.
2. Starting from the index 1 choose element at the boundary as key
3. Iterate through the left (sorted) portion of the array.
4. When you encounter an element less than the key or when index becomes negative stop and do the insertion
5. Increment the boundary and choose the new item at boundary index. Repeat the procedure (n-1) times where n is the number of items in the array.

Question 2:

Start the Performance Analysis			

Part c - Time analysis of Radix Sort			
Array size	Time Elapsed		
2000	0.812000 ms		
6000	2.715000 ms		
10000	5.114000 ms		
14000	7.171000 ms		
18000	8.921000 ms		
22000	11.287000 ms		
26000	13.227000 ms		
30000	14.770000 ms		

Part c - Time analysis of Bubble Sort			
Array size	Time Elapsed	compCount	moveCount
2000	8.295000 ms	1999000	2967621
6000	87.948000 ms	17997000	27159501
10000	255.525000 ms	49995000	74288394
14000	516.696000 ms	97993000	147199770
18000	890.076000 ms	161991000	246058329
22000	1324.135000 ms	241989000	361191102
26000	1829.886000 ms	337987000	508134375
30000	2488.002000 ms	449985000	677132907

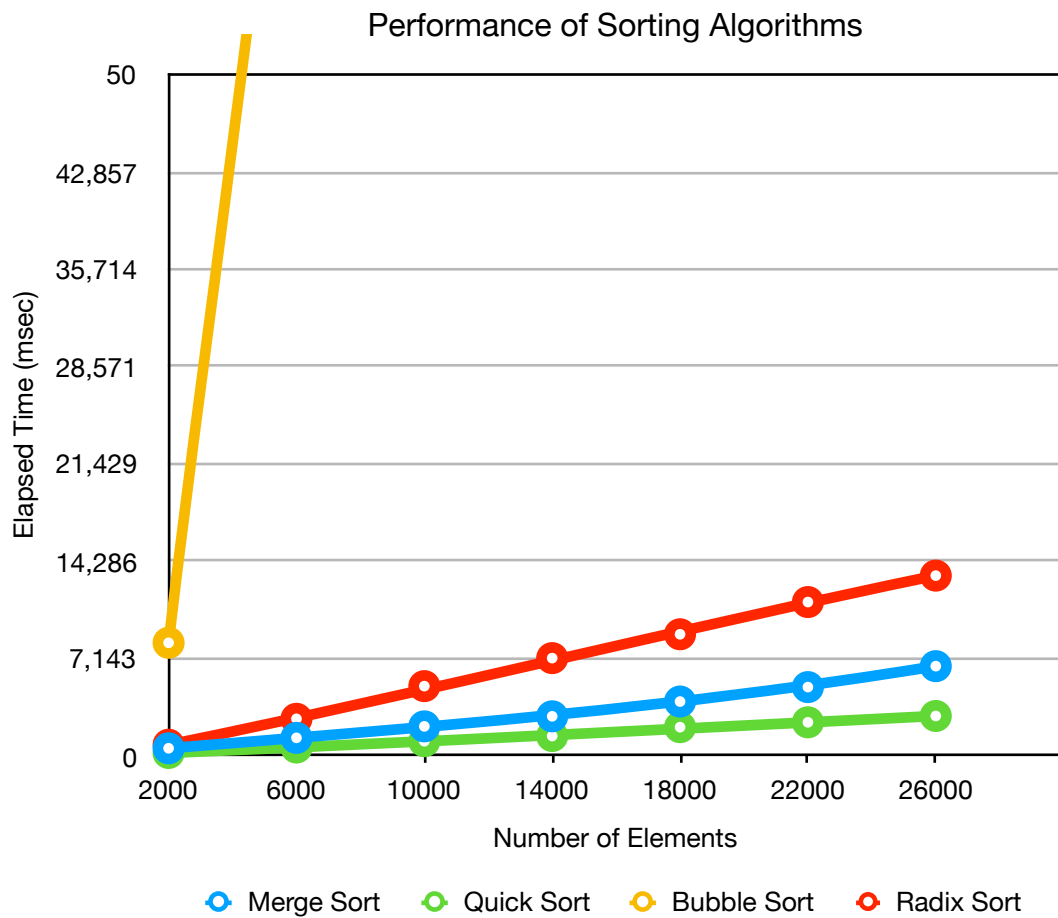
Part c - Time analysis of Quick Sort			
Array size	Time Elapsed	compCount	moveCount
2000	0.209000 ms	22976	37868
6000	0.608000 ms	85328	134494
10000	1.070000 ms	158339	264376
14000	1.451000 ms	218533	342154
18000	2.102000 ms	305207	517801
22000	2.458000 ms	365771	575039
26000	2.923000 ms	438741	720080
30000	3.478000 ms	540169	816342

Part c - Time analysis of Merge Sort			
Array size	Time Elapsed	compCount	moveCount
2000	0.552000 ms	19425	43904
6000	1.317000 ms	67816	151616
10000	2.161000 ms	120571	267232
14000	2.898000 ms	175295	387232
18000	3.982000 ms	231999	510464
22000	5.043000 ms	290100	638464
26000	5.608000 ms	349220	766464
30000	6.581000 ms	408643	894464

Question 3:

Performance of Sorting Algorithms

Elapsed Time (msec)				
Array Size	Merge Sort	Quick Sort	Bubble Sort	Radix Sort
2000	0.5520	0.2090	8.2950	0.8120
6000	1.3170	0.6080	87.9480	2.7150
10000	2.1610	1.0700	255.5250	5.1140
14000	2.8980	1.4510	516.6960	7.1710
18000	3.9820	2.1020	890.0760	8.9210
22000	5.0430	2.4580	1324.1356	11.2870
26000	5.6080	2.9230	1829.8860	13.2270
30000	6.5810	3.4780	2480.0020	14.7700



Comments

- * It can be seen from both graph and the table that quick sort performs slightly better than the merge sort when sorting an array which contains randomly generated.
- * The theoretical result suggests that merge sort is an $O(n \log(n))$ in worst-case, best-case, average-case. On the other hand quick sort is an $O(n \log(n))$ in the average case only and $O(n^2)$ in the worst-case.
- * Question: Why quick sort outperforms merge sort in the case of homework assignment.?
- * Answer: Because in practice (real life) most frequently data distributed randomly so quick sort efficiency close to average case rather than worst case. Thus, merge sort is not an in-place algorithm and requires extra memory. Creation of the auxiliary memory space for array takes time as well.
- * Radix Sort is an $O(nk)$ algorithm in the average case and the worst-case where (n = number of elements) and (k = number of digits). The radix sort outperforms bubble sort which is an $O(n^2)$ algorithm in the worst case and in the average case. Thus, radix sort underperforms both merge sort and quick sort which is perfectly aligned with the theoretical result.
- * If we were to apply our sorting algorithms to array of decreasing numbers than it will likely that we will observe merge sort performing better than quick sort because now we lost our advantage of dividing the list into half with each recursive calls. Thus, we lost our logarithmic advantage, quick sort operates with worst case $O(n^2)$. Bubble Sort, merge sort and radix sort will still continue same with their worst case complexity. Radix sort can outperform quick sort which has $O(nk)$ complexity in the worst case. Bubble Sort can outperform quick sort since space complexity of bubble sort is $O(1)$. Whereas space complexity of quick sort is $O(\log(n))$ due to swaps during partitions.