

**HINT:**  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} = \Theta(\log n)$

### 1. (3 points) Honor Code

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☐ True ☐ False

### 2. (5 points) True or False

Determine whether the following statements are true or false.

- (a) (1') Quick-sort is an in-place sorting algorithm, while merge-sort is not since it requires  $\omega(n)$  extra space. ☐ True ☒ False
- (b) (1') Randomized Quick-sort is unstable, while Quick-sort with deterministic method (choosing pivots) is stable. ☐ True ☒ False
- (c) (1') There exists a comparison-based sort algorithm that needs  $O(1)$  extra space and takes  $o(n \log n)$  time. ☐ True ☒ False
- (d) (1') For an array  $\{a_n\}$  with distinct elements, for fixed  $i, j$ , if  $\forall a_k \neq a_i, a_k \neq a_j, (a_k - a_i)(a_k - a_j) > 0$ , then  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  will be compared in any case when using randomized quick-sort to make  $\{a_n\}$  sorted. ☒ True ☐ False
- (e) (1') When we use divide and conquer to solve a problem, we should divide the problem into one or more subproblems with the exact same scale, then recursively do them and merge their answers at last. ☐ True ☒ False

**Solution:** Notice that many divide-and-conquer algorithms divide the problem into subproblems of different scales. (e.g. quick sort, median of median)

### 3. (5 points) Randomized quick-sort

- (a) (1') If we use randomized quick-sort (i.e. randomly choosing pivots) to sort the array  $[3, 4, 6, 2, 1, 5, 8, 0]$ , the probability of 2 and 5 are compared is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
- (b) (1') Use the same method as above to sort an array with  $n$  distinct elements, the probability of  $i$ -th largest and  $j$ -th largest element ( $i \neq j$ ) are compared is  $\frac{2}{|j-i|+1}$ .
- (c) (3') Prove that the expectation times of comparisons in the randomized quick-sort is  $\Theta(n \log n)$ .  
**Hint: The total expectation times can be obtained from the sum of the expectation of each comparison.**

**Solution:** Denote the expectation time as  $E$ ,  $p_{i,j}$  as the probability that  $i$ -th element and  $j$ -th element are compared:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n p_{i,j} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1} \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=2}^{n-i+1} \frac{1}{k} = 2 \sum_{k=2}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-k+1} \frac{1}{k} \\ &= 2 \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{n-k+1}{k} = 2(n+1) \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{1}{k} - 2(n-1) \\ &= 2(n+1)\Theta(\log n) - 2(n-1) = \Theta(n \log n). \end{aligned}$$

#### 4. (12 points) Solving Recursion

Solve the recursion relation with  $T_i(1) = 1, T_i(0) = 0$ :

- (a) (3')  $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n^c)$  ( $c > 0$  is a constant).

**Solution:**

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + n^c = \sum_{i=1}^n i^c$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)^{c+1} \leq \sum_{i=\frac{n}{2}}^n i^c \leq \sum_{i=1}^n i^c \leq n^{c+1} \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n^{c+1})$$

- (b) (4')  $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + \Theta(\log n)$

**Solution:** Denote  $k = \log_2 n, f(k) = T(n)$ , then  $f(0) = T(1) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(k) &= T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + \Theta(\log n) \\ &= f(k-1) + \Theta(k) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k \Theta(i) = \Theta(k^2) \end{aligned}$$

So  $T(n) = f(k) = \Theta(k^2) = \Theta(\log^2 n)$

- (c) (5')  $T(n) = \Theta(n) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (T(i) + T(n-i))$ , you can write  $\Theta(n)$  as  $cn$  for your convenience.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= cn + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (T(i) + T(n-i)) \\ \frac{n-1}{n} T(n) &= cn + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) \\ (n-1)T(n) &= cn^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) \end{aligned}$$

And trivially:  $nT(n+1) = c(n+1)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n T(i)$ , then:

$$\begin{aligned} nT(n+1) - (n-1)T(n) &= c(2n+1) + 2T(n) \\ \frac{T(n+1)}{n+1} - \frac{T(n)}{n} &= c \frac{2n+1}{n(n+1)} \\ \frac{T(n+1)}{n+1} &= 1 + c \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{i} + \frac{1}{i+1} \right) \\ \frac{T(n+1)}{n+1} &= 1 + c \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2}{i} + \frac{1}{n+1} - 1 \right) = 1 + \Theta(\log n) \\ T(n+1) &= \Theta(n \log n) \Rightarrow T(n) = \Theta(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$