CS 361, Lecture 10

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Outline

- Quicksort

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- Based on divide and conquer strategy
- Worst case is $\Theta(n^2)$
- Expected running time is $\Theta(n \log n)$
- An In-place sorting algorithm
- Almost always the fastest sorting algorithm

Quicksort

- **Divide:** Pick some element A[q] of the array A and partition A into two arrays A_1 and A_2 such that every element in A_1 is $\leq$ A[q], and every element in A_2 is $>$ A[p]
- **Conquer:** Recursively sort A_1 and A_2
- **Combine:** A_1 concatenated with $A[q]$ concatenated with A_2 is now the sorted version of A

The Algorithm

```
//PRE: A is the array to be sorted, p>=1;
//     r is <= the size of A
//POST: A[p..r] is in sorted order
Quicksort (A,p,r){
  if (p<r){
    q = Partition (A,p,r);
    Quicksort (A,p,q-1);
    Quicksort (A,q+1,r);
}
```


Partition

```
//PRE: A[p..r] is the array to be partitioned, p>=1 and r <= size
//     of A, A[r] is the pivot element
//POST: Let A' be the array A after the function is run.  Then
//      A'[p..r] contains the same elements as A[p..r].  Further,
//      all elements in A'[p..res-1] are <= A[r], A'[res] = A[r],
//      and all elements in A'[res+1..r] are > A[r]
Partition (A,p,r){
  x = A[r];
  i = p-1;
  for (j=p;j<=r-1;j++){
    if (A[j]<=x){
      i++;
      exchange A[i] and A[j];
  }
  exchange A[i+1] and A[r];
  return i+1;
}
```


Correctness

Basic idea: The array is partitioned into four regions, x is the pivot

- Region 1: Region that is less than or equal to x (between p and i)
- Region 2: Region that is greater than x (between $i+1$ and $j-1$)
- Region 3: Unprocessed region (between j and $r-1$)
- Region 4: Region that contains x only (r)

Region 1 and 2 are growing and Region 3 is shrinking

Loop Invariant

At the beginning of each iteration of the for loop, for any index k:

1. If $p \leq k \leq i$ then $A[k] \leq x$
2. If $i+1 \leq k \leq j-1$ then $A[k] > x$
3. If $k = r$ then $A[k] = x$

Example

- Consider the array (2 6 4 1 5 3)

In Class Exercise

- Show Initialization for this loop invariant
- Show Termination for this loop invariant
- Show Maintenance for this loop invariant:
  - Show Maintenance when $A[j] > x$
  - Show Maintenance when $A[j] \leq x$

Scratch Space

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Analysis

- The function Partition takes $O(n)$ time. Why?
- Q: What is the runtime of Quicksort?
- A: It depends on the size of the two lists in the recursive calls

Best Case

- In the best case, the partition always splits the original list into two lists of half the size
- Then we have the recurrence $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$
- This is the same recurrence as for mergesort and its solution is $T(n) = O(n \log n)$

Worst Case

- In the worst case, the partition always splits the original list into a singleton element and the remaining list
- Then we have the recurrence $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(1) + \Theta(n)$, which is the same as $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$
- The solution to this recurrence is $T(n) = O(n^2)$. Why?

Average Case Intuition

- Even if the recurrence tree is somewhat unbalanced, Quicksort does well
- Imagine we always have a 9-to-1 split
- Then we get the recurrence $T(n) \leq T(9n/10) + T(n/10) + cn$
- Solving this recurrence (with annihilators or recursion tree) gives $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$

Wrap Up

- *Take away: Both the worst case, best case, and average case analysis of algorithms can be important.*
- You will have a hw problem on the "average case intuition" for deterministic quicksort
- (Note: A solution to the in-class exercise is on page 147 of the text)

Randomized Quick-Sort

- We'd like to ensure that we get reasonably good splits reasonably quickly
- Q: How do we ensure that we "usually" get good splits? How can we ensure this even for worst case inputs?
- A: We use randomization.

R-Partition

```
//PRE: A[p..r] is the array to be partitioned, p>=1 and r <= size
//     of A
//POST: Let A' be the array A after the function is run.  Then
//      A'[p..r] contains the same elements as A[p..r].  Further,
//      all elements in A'[p..res-1] are <= A[i], A'[res] = A[i],
//      and all elements in A'[res+1..r] are > A[i], where i is
//      a random number between $p$ and $r$.
R-Partition (A,p,r){
  i = Random(p,r);
  exchange A[r] and A[i];
  return Partition(A,p,r);
}
```


Randomized Quicksort

```
//PRE: A is the array to be sorted, p>=1,  and r is <= the size of A
//POST: A[p..r] is in sorted order
R-Quicksort (A,p,r){
  if (p<r){
    q = R-Partition (A,p,r);
    R-Quicksort (A,p,q-1);
    R-Quicksort (A,q+1,r);
}
```

Analysis

- R-Quicksort is a *randomized* algorithm
- The run time is a *random variable*
- We'd like to analyze the *expected* run time of R-Quicksort
- To do this, we first need to learn some basic probability theory.

Probability Definitions

(from Appendix C.3)

- A *random variable* is a variable that takes on one of several values, each with some probability. (Example: if X is the outcome of the role of a die, X is a random variable)
- The *expected value* of a random variable, X is defined as:

$$E(X) = \sum_x x * P(X = x)$$

(Example if X is the outcome of the role of a three sided die,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= 1 * (1/3) + 2 * (1/3) + 3 * (1/3) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Probability Definitions

- Two events A and B are *mutually exclusive* if $A \bigcap B$ is the empty set (Example: A is the event that the outcome of a die is 1 and B is the event that the outcome of a die is 2)
- Two random variables X and Y are *independent* if for all x and y, $P(X = x$ and $Y = y) = P(X = x)P(Y = y)$ (Example: let X be the outcome of the first role of a die, and Y be the outcome of the second role of the die. Then X and Y are independent.)

Probability Definitions

- An *Indicator Random Variable* associated with event A is defined as:
  - $I(A) = 1$ if A occurs
  - $I(A) = 0$ if A does not occur
- Example: Let A be the event that the role of a die comes up 2. Then $I(A)$ is 1 if the die comes up 2 and 0 otherwise.

Linearity of Expectation

- Let X and Y be two random variables
- Then $E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y)$
- (Holds even if X and Y are not independent.)

- More generally, let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$ be n random variables
- Then

$$E(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i)$$

Example

- For $1 \leq i \leq n$, let X_i be the outcome of the i-th role of three-sided die
- Then

$$E(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E(X_i) = 2n$$

Example

- Indicator Random Variables and Linearity of Expectation used together are a very powerful tool
- The "Birthday Paradox" illustrates this point
- To analyze the run time of quicksort, we will also use indicator r.v.'s and linearity of expectation (analysis will be similar to "birthday paradox" problem)

"Birthday Paradox"

- Assume there are k people in a room, and n days in a year
- Assume that each of these k people is born on a day chosen uniformly at random from the n days
- Q: What is the expected number of pairs of individuals that have the same birthday?
- We can use indicator random variables and linearity of expectation to compute this

Analysis

- For all $1 \leq i < j \leq k$, let $X_{i,j}$ be an indicator random variable defined such that:
  - $X_{i,j} = 1$ if person i and person j have the same birthday
  - $X_{i,j} = 0$ otherwise
- Note that for all i, j,

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_{i,j}) &= P(\text{person i and j have same birthday}) \\ &= 1/n \end{aligned}$$

Analysis

- Let X be a random variable giving the number of pairs of people with the same birthday
- We want $E(X)$
- Then $X = \sum_{(i,j)} X_{i,j}$
- So $E(X) = E(\sum_{(i,j)} X_{i,j})$

Analysis

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E(\sum_{(i,j)} X_{i,j}) \\ &= \sum_{(i,j)} E(X_{i,j}) \\ &= \sum_{(i,j)} 1/n \\ &= \binom{n}{2} 1/n \\ &= \frac{k(k-1)}{2n} \end{aligned}$$

The second step follows by Linearity of Expectation

Reality Check

- Thus, if $k(k-1) \geq 2n$, expected number of pairs of people with same birthday is at least 1
- Thus if have at least $\sqrt{2n}+1$ people in the room, can expect to have at least two with same birthday
- For $n = 365$, if $k = 28$, expected number of pairs with same birthday is 1.04

In-Class Exercise

- Assume there are k people in a room, and n days in a year
- Assume that each of these k people is born on a day chosen uniformly at random from the n days
- Let X be the number of groups of *three* people who all have the same birthday. What is $E(X)$?
- Let $X_{i,j,k}$ be an indicator r.v. which is 1 if people i,j, and k have the same birthday and 0 otherwise

In-Class Exercise

- Q1: Write the expected value of X as a function of the $X_{i,j,k}$ (use linearity of expectation)
- Q2: What is $E(X_{i,j,k})$?
- Q3: What is the total number of groups of three people out of k?
- Q4: What is $E(X)$?

Todo

- Finish Chapter 7