

CS473-Algorithms I

Lecture 6-b

Randomized QuickSort

Randomized Quicksort

- Average-case assumption:
 - all permutations are equally likely
 - cannot always expect to hold
- Alternative to assuming a distribution: **Impose a distribution**
 - Partition around a **random pivot**

Randomized Quicksort

Typically useful when

- there are many ways that an algorithm can proceed
- but, it is difficult to determine a way that is guaranteed to be **good**.
- **Many** good alternatives; simply choose one **randomly**
- Running time is **independent** of input ordering
- **No specific** input causes **worst-case** behavior
- Worst case determined only by output of random number generator

Randomized Quicksort

R-QUICKSORT(A, p, r)

if $p < r$ **then**

$q \leftarrow$ **R-PARTITION**(A, p, r)

R-QUICKSORT(A, p, q)

R-QUICKSORT($A, q+1, r$)

R-PARTITION(A, p, r)

$s \leftarrow$ **RANDOM**(p, r)

exchange $A[p] \leftrightarrow A[s]$

return **H-PARTITION**(A, p, r)

exchange $A[r] \leftrightarrow A[s]$

return **L-PARTITION**(A, p, r)

for Lomuto's partitioning

- Permuting whole array also works well on the average
 - more difficult to analyze

Formal Average - Case Analysis

- Assume all elements in $A[p..r]$ are distinct
- $n=r-p+1$
- $rank(x) = |\{A[i]: p \leq i \leq r \text{ and } A[i] \leq x\}|$
- “exchange $A[p] \leftrightarrow x = A[s]$ ” ($x \in A[p..r]$ random pivot)

$$\Rightarrow P(rank(x)=i)=1/n, \quad \text{for } i=1,2,\dots, n$$

Likelihood of Various Outcomes of Hoare's Partitioning Algorithm

- $rank(x) = 1$:

$$k = 1 \text{ with } i_1 = j_1 = p \Rightarrow L_1 = \{A[p] = x\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |L| = 1$$

x = pivot

- $rank(x) > 1$: $\Rightarrow k > 1$

$$\text{– iteration } 1: i_1 = p, p < j_1 \leq r \Rightarrow A[p] \leftrightarrow x = A[j_1]$$

\Rightarrow pivot x stays in the right region

$$\text{– termination: } L_k = \{A[i]: p \leq i \leq r \text{ and } A[i] < x\}$$

$$\Rightarrow |L| = rank(x) - 1$$

Various Outcomes

- $rank(x) = 1 : \Rightarrow |L|=1$
- $rank(x) > 1 : \Rightarrow |L|= rank(x) - 1$
- $P(|L|=1) = P(rank(x) = 1) + P(rank(x) = 2)$
 $= 1/n + 1/n = 2/n$
- $P(|L|=i) = P(rank(x) = i+1)$
 $= 1/n$ for $i=2, \dots, n-1$

x = pivot

Average - Case Analysis: Recurrence

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 T(n) = & \frac{1}{n} (T(1)+T(n-1)) & \underline{\text{rank}(x)} \\
 & + \frac{1}{n} (T(1)+T(n-1)) & 1 \\
 & + \frac{1}{n} (T(2)+T(n-2)) & 2 \\
 & \vdots & \vdots \\
 & + \frac{1}{n} (T(i)+T(n-i)) & 3 \\
 & \vdots & \vdots \\
 & + \frac{1}{n} (T(n-1)+T(1)) & i+1 \\
 & + \Theta(n) & \vdots \\
 & & n
 \end{array}$$

$x = \text{pivot}$

Recurrence

$$T(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} (T(q) + T(n-q)) + \frac{1}{n} (T(1) + T(n-1)) + \Theta(n)$$

- but, $\frac{1}{n} (T(1) + T(n-1)) = \frac{1}{n} (\Theta(1) + O(n^2)) = O(n)$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-1} (T(q) + T(n-q)) + \Theta(n)$$

- for $k = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ each term $T(k)$ appears twice
– once for $q = k$ and once for $q = n-k$

- $T(n) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} T(k) + \Theta(n)$

Solving Recurrence: Substitution

Guess: $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$

I.H. : $T(k) \leq ak \lg k + b \Rightarrow k < n$, for some constants $a > 0$ and $b \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} T(k) + \Theta(n) \\ &\leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (ak \lg k + b) + \Theta(n) \\ &= \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (k \lg k + b) + \frac{2b}{n} (n-1) + \Theta(n) \\ &\leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + (2b) + \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

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- Bounding the terms

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} n \lg n = n(n-1) \lg n \leq n^2 \lg n$$

This bound **is not strong** enough because

- $$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq \frac{2a}{n} n^2 \lg n + 2b + \Theta(n) \\ &= 2an \lg n + 2b + \Theta(n) \end{aligned}$$

Tight bound for $\sum k \lg k$

- Splitting summations: ignore ceilings for simplicity

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n/2-1} k \lg k + \sum_{k=n/2}^{n-1} k \lg k$$

First summation: $k \lg k < \lg(n/2) = \lg n - 1$

Second summation: $k \lg k < \lg n$

Splitting:
$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n/2-1} k \lg k + \sum_{k=n/2}^{n-1} k \lg k$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k &\leq (\lg n - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{n/2-1} k + \lg n \sum_{k=n/2}^{n-1} k \\ &= \lg n \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k - \sum_{k=1}^{n/2-1} k = \frac{1}{2} n(n-1) \lg n - \frac{1}{2} \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 - \frac{1}{2} n(\lg n - 1/2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \text{ for } \lg n \geq 1/2 \Rightarrow n \geq \sqrt{2}$$

Substituting: $\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k \leq \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2$

$$T(n) \leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + 2b + \Theta(n)$$

$$\leq \frac{2a}{n} \left(\frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + 2b + \Theta(n)$$

$$= an \lg n + b - \left(\frac{a}{4} n - (\Theta(n) + b) \right)$$

We can choose a large enough so that $\frac{a}{4} n \geq \Theta(n) + b$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \leq an \lg n + b \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \lg n)$$

Q.E.D.