

# 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

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

**x = pivot**

# Average - Case Analysis: Recurrence

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

$x = \text{pivot}$



# Recurrence

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

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

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

- 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  $b \geq 0$

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

Need a tight bound for  $\sum k \lg k$

# Tight bound for $\sum k \lg k$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq \frac{2a}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} k \lg k + 2b + \Theta(n) \\ &\leq \frac{2a}{n} \left( \frac{1}{2} n^2 \lg n - \frac{1}{8} n^2 \right) + 2b + \Theta(n) \\ &= an \lg n + b - \left( \frac{a}{4} n - (\Theta(n) + b) \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow T(n) \leq an \lg n + b \Rightarrow T(n) = O(n \lg n) \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$