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# Randomized Quicksort

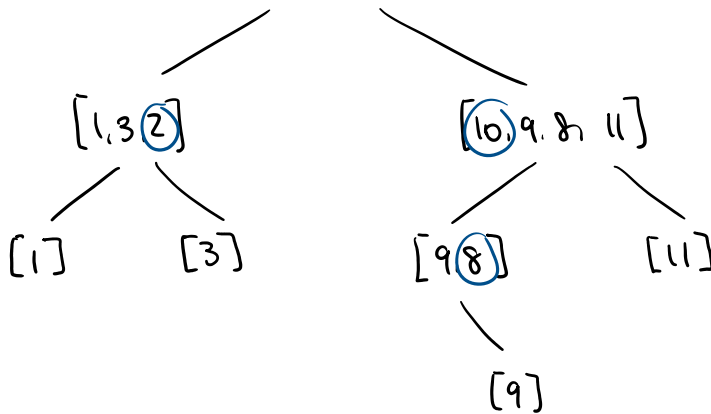
$A[1 \dots n]$  array of integers (distinct)

QuickSort( $A[1 \dots n]$ )

- Pick pivot  $p$  from  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  **uniformly at random**
- $A_<$  = array of  $A[i]$  such that  $A[i] < A[p]$
- $A_>$  = array of  $A[i]$  such that  $A[i] > A[p]$
- QuickSort( $A_<$ )
- QuickSort( $A_>$ )
- $A = [A_<, A, A_>]$

Thm: Randomized quicksort has worst-case expected running time  $\Theta(\log n)$ .

Example:  $A = [10, 1, 3, 9, 2, 7, 8, 11]$



This is a BST.

Question: How many times can  $A[i]$  and  $A[j]$  be compared?

min = 0, max = 1

- Compared only with the pivot element.
- Once in different subtrees, they are never compared again.

$$A[i] < \text{pivot} < A[j]$$

Let  $r_i =$  index of element of rank  $i$  in  $A$ . So:

$$A[r_1] < A[r_2] < \dots < A[r_n], \text{ name these } z_1, \dots, z_n.$$

Let 
$$X_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A[r_i] \text{ and } A[r_j] \text{ were ever compared} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then: 
$$\text{total number of comparisons} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[\# \text{ comps}] &= E\left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n X_{ij} \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n E[X_{ij}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n P(X_{ij} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that in some recursive call, the array (in sorted order) is:

$$[z_k, \dots, z_i, \dots, z_j, \dots, z_\ell]$$

then, if we pick pivot  $p$ :

- If  $A[p] < z_i$  or  $A[p] > z_j$ :  
then  $X_{ij}$  is undecided
- If  $A[p] = z_i$  or  $A[p] = z_j$   
then  $X_{ij} = 1$
- Otherwise,  $z_i < A[p] < z_j$ ,  $X_{ij} = 0$ .

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 (where  $z_i \leq A(p) \leq z_j$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X_{ij} = 1) &= \sum_{\substack{u \in \text{rec} \\ \text{tree}}} P(X_{ij} = 1 \text{ and } D_{ij} = u) \\
 &= \sum_u P(X_{ij} = 1 \mid D_{ij} = u) \cdot P(D_{ij} = u) \\
 &= \sum_u \frac{2}{j-i+1} \cdot P(D_{ij} = u) \\
 &= \frac{2}{j-i+1} \left( \sum_u P(D_{ij} = u) \right) \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{2}{j-i+1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Principle of Deferred Decision  
 Must be 1 since one node needs to be the deciding node

Then:

$$\mathbb{E}[\# \text{ comps}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{2}{j-i+1}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=2}^{n-i+1} \frac{2}{k} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{change of var} \\ k = j-i+1 \end{array}$$

$$\leq 2 \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \right] \rightarrow \Theta(\log n)$$

$$= \Theta(n \cdot \log n)$$



## Amortized Analysis

If using DS in an algorithm, don't care about complexity for each operation, but care about the total running time. (Offline algorithms)

Have data structure  $D$ .  $\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_m)$  operations on  $D$ .

$$D_0 \xrightarrow{\sigma_1} D_1 \xrightarrow{\sigma_2} D_2 \rightarrow \dots \xrightarrow{\sigma_m} D_m$$

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↑ state of the DS.

Let  $t(\sigma_i) =$  time to do operation  $\sigma_i$ , and  $t(\sigma) = \sum_i t(\sigma_i)$

Let (seq. complexity):

$$C(m) = \max \{ t(\sigma) : \sigma \text{ sequence of } m \text{ ops} \}$$

(amortized complexity)

$$A(m) = \frac{C(m)}{m} \quad \text{average time for each operation}$$

Note: For upper bound: for all  $\sigma$ .

lower bound: show a "bad"  $\sigma$ .

Example: (Binary Counter) Count up from 0 to  $2^k - 1$  in binary.

DS:  $A[0 \dots k-1]$  represents  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} A[i] \cdot 2^i$  and  $A[i] \in \{0, 1\}$ .

ops: Increment(A):

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} i=0 \\ \text{while } i < k \text{ and } A[i] == 1: \\ \quad A[i] = 0 \\ \quad i = i+1 \\ \text{if } i < k: \quad A[i] = 1 \end{array} \right.$

Worst case:  $\Theta(k)$

Amortized complexity:  
(starting from  $a=0$ )

$$A(m) = \Theta(1)$$

Counting bit flips:

Claim: In a sequence of  $m$  Increments, the number of bit flips is bounded by  $2m$ .

Observations:

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- 2)  $A[2]$  flipped with every second operation
- 3)  $A[3]$  flipped with every 4 operations

Argument:  $A[i]$  flipped when  $A[i]$  if  $A[i-1], A[i-2], \dots, A[0]$  are 1.

We can count flips for each of the bits.

$A[i]$  flipped  $\lfloor \frac{m}{2^i} \rfloor$  times in  $m$  ops.

$$\text{Total Flips} \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \lfloor \frac{m}{2^i} \rfloor$$

$$\leq \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{m}{2^i}$$

$$= 2m$$

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