Algorithms: Efficiency and Analysis

Problem Solving

The Problem Solving Process via Programs



Computational Problem

- A problem is a question to which we seek an answer.
 - Example 1.1 sorting
 - Example 1.2 searching
- An instance of the problem.
 - Example 1.3
 - Example 1.4

Computational problems

OUIZ? Computing Problems & Instances?

- A computing problem ?
- An instance of the problem.
- The Selection Problem?
- An instance of the selection problem?

Fundamental Computational Problems

The sorting problem The searching problem The selection problem

Solution

Input (and store) data.
 Process (manipulate) data. (algorithms)
 Output data.

Solution: Data Structures

- A simple data
 - Consists of atomic data items (values).
- A structured data
 - Consists of collections of data items (values), all related to each other in certain ways.
 - A particular way of storing and organizing data so that it can be used efficiently.
 - Data Structures

Basic Data Structures

- Arrays
- Linked lists
- Stacks
- Queues
- Binary heaps
- Hash tables
- Binary trees
- Binary search trees

Advanced Data Structures

- Skip lists
- Self-organizing lists
- Graphs
- Leftist heaps
- Skew heaps
- AVL trees
- Splay trees
- 2-3 trees
- 2-3-4 trees
- Red-Black trees
- B-trees



Solution: Algorithms

- Operations that manipulate the data items in the data structures. (mini-algorithms!)
 Algorithms that use these operations.
 - A general step-by-step procedure for producing
 the solution to each instance of a problem.
 - Example 1.5 Sequential Search

Efficient data structures are a key to designing efficient algorithms!

Algorithm Design Approach/Paradigms

Divide-and-Conquer
Dynamic Programming
Greedy Approach
Backtracking
Branch-and-Bound



Solution = DS + Algorithms

- Efficient Solution =
 - Efficient Data Structures +
 - Efficient Operations +
 - Efficient Algorithms

OUIZ: Does every problem have an algorithm?

Computational Complexity for Problems

- The study of all possible algorithms that can solve a given problem.
- Determines a lower bound on the efficiency of all algorithms for a given problem.
- Lower Bound for fundamental problems:
 - The sorting problem
 - The searching problem
 - The selection problem

OUIZ? Lower Bound?

The sorting problem?
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The searching problem?
...
The selection problem?

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Computationally Tractable & Intractable Problems

Tractable Problems

- A problem is called **tractable** if an efficient (polynomial running time P) algorithm is possible.
 - The sorting problem
 - The searching problem
 - The selection problem

Intractable (Hard) Problems

- A problem is called intractable if an efficient algorithm is not possible.
 - NP and NP-complete problems

OUIZ? Tractable & Intractable Problem **Examples**

- Tractable Problems?
- Intractable (Hard) Problems?

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Program=Data Structures + Algorithms

An implementation of a solution (design)!



Algorithms: Efficiency

Algorithms



Types of Algorithms?

Iterative algorithms
 Using iteration
 Recursive algorithms
 Using recursion

Example: Algorithms

- Algorithm 1.1 Sequential Search Iterative
- Algorithm 1.2 Add Array Members
- Algorithm 1.3 Exchange Sort
- Algorithm 1.4 Matrix Multiplication
- Algorithm 1.5 Binary Search Iterative

Search - Sequential Search?

- Algorithm 1.1 Sequential Search
 - Linear time O(N)
- How to improve?
 - Idea?
 - Sorting + Search
 Divide-and-Conquer
 Top-down

Search - Binary Search?

Algorithm 1.5 Binary Search – Iterative

- Divide-and-Conquer
- Top-down
- O(log N)

Search - Sequential Search vs Binary Search

- Comparison of Binary Search and Sequential Search:
 - Table 1.1 Comparison



- Write an iterative Sequential Search algorithm?
 - Algorithm 1.1
- Write an iterative **Binary Search** algorithm?
 - Algorithm 1.5

The Fibonacci Sequence

- Fib(n) = Fib(n 1) + Fib(n 2) for n >= 2;
- Fib(o) = o
- Fib(1) = 1

The Fibonacci Sequence – Recursive?

- Algorithm 1.6 nth Fibonacci Term (Recursive)
 - Divide-and-Conquer
 - Top-down
 - Exponential time O(2^N)

The Fibonacci Sequence - Recursive



The Fibonacci Sequence - Recursive

- fib(n)?
 - Table
- T(n) = The number of terms in the recursion tree
 - Theorem 1.1
- This algorithm is extremely inefficient.
- How to improve?
- Idea?
 - **Dynamic Programming**
 - Bottom-up

The Fibonacci Sequence – Iterative?

- Algorithm 1.7 nth Fibonacci Term (Iterative)
 - Dynamic Programming
 - Bottom-up
 - Linear time O(N)

The Fibonacci Sequence Algorithms

- Comparison of Algorithm 1.6 nth Fibonacci Term (Recursive) and Algorithm 1.7 nth Fibonacci Term (Iterative):
 - Table 1.2 Comparison
 - Algorithm 1.6 nth Fibonacci Term (Recursive)
 - Divide-and-Conquer
 - Top-down
 - Algorithm 1.7 nth Fibonacci Term (Iterative)
 - Dynamic Programming
 - Bottom-up

Algorithm Efficiency

- Measure the efficiency of an algorithm in terms of
 - **Time** (required for an algorithm)
 - **Space** (required for a data structure)
- Complexity Theory!
 - Time complexity
 - Space complexity

Analysis of Algorithms

- Algorithm analysis measures the efficiency of an algorithm as a function of the input size.
- We want a measure that is independent of
 - the computer,
 - the programming language,
 - the programmer, and
 - all the complex details of the algorithm.

Time Complexity Analysis

- In general, the running time of the algorithm increases with the size of the input.
 The total running time is proportional to how many times some basic operation is done.
 Therefore, we analyze an algorithm's officiency by determining.
 - efficiency by determining
 - the number of some basic operation as a function of the size of the input.

Basic Operation

- A time complexity analysis determines how many times the basic operation is done for each value of the input size.
- There is no hard and fast rule for choosing the basic operation.
 - It is largely a matter of judgment and experience.
Time Complexity Cases

- Every Case Time
- Worst Case Time
- Average Case Time
- Best Case Time



Every-Case Time Complexity?

- T(n) = the number of times the algorithm does the basic operation for an instance of size n.
 - Called the every-case time complexity of the algorithm.
- Analysis of Algorithm 1.2 (Add Array Members)
- Analysis of Algorithm 1.3 (Exchange Sort)
 Analysis of Algorithm 1.4 (Matrix Multiplication)

Worst-Case Time Complexity?

- W(n) = the maximum number of times the algorithm will ever do its basic operation for an input size of n.
 - Called the worst case time complexity of the algorithm.
- Analysis of Algorithm 1.1 (Sequential Search)

Average (Expected)-Case Time Complexity?

 A(n) = the average (expected) value of the number of times the algorithm does the basic operation for an input size of n.

Called an average-case time complexity analysis.
 Analysis of Algorithm 1.1 (Sequential Search)

Best-Case Time Complexity?

- B(n) = the minimum number of times the algorithm will ever do its basic operation for an input size of n.
 - Called the best-case time complexity of the algorithm.
- Analysis of Algorithm 1.1 (Sequential Search)

Asymptotic Behavior?

- The behavior of an algorithm for very large problem sizes.
 - How quickly the algorithm's time/space requirement grows as a function of the problem size?
- Measure the efficiency of an algorithm as a growth rate function of the algorithm.
 - An estimating technique!
 - But, proved to be useful!



Why not the exact time behavior of an algorithm?

Asymptotic Order of Growth

 The asymptotic running time of the algorithm A for the problem size n: GrowthRateTimeA(n)

> The (Asymptotic) Efficiency of an Algorithm = A Growth Rate of the Function of the Problem Size

> > How it grows?



- Types of algorithms?
- The time complexity (running time) of an algorithm?
- Time complexity cases?
- Asymptotic behavior?
- Why not the exact behavior of an algorithm?

Notations for Asymptotic Behavior?

For asymptotic upper bound
Big-O
For asymptotic lower bound
Big-Ω

■ Big-Θ

Time Complexity Bounds

Upper Bound
 Lower Bound

Asymptotic Upper Bound

- An asymptotic bound as function of the size of the input, on the worst (slowest, most amount of space used) an algorithm will take to solve a problem.
 - No input will cause the algorithm to use more resources than the bound.

✓ Big-O Notation for (Asymptotic) Upper Bound?

Let f(n) be a function which is non-negative for all integers $n \ge o$.



Conventions for Big-O Expressions

- Drop all but the most significant terms.
 - $O(n^2 + n \log n + n + 1) \rightarrow O(n^2)$
 - $O(n \log n + n + 1) \rightarrow O(n \log n)$
 - O(n + 1) → O(n)
- Drop constant (usually small!) coefficients.
 - O(2 n²) → O(n²)
 - O(1024) → O(1)

What dominates?

Example: Big-O

- log n = O(n)
- n = O(n)
- 100 n + 10 log n = O(n)
- Example 1.7
- Example 1.8
- Example 1.9
- Example 1.10
- Example 1.11

Algorithm Growth Rates

- A constant growth rate O(1)
- A logarithmic logarithmic growth rate (log (log N))
- A logarithmic growth rate (log N)
- A logarithmic squared growth rate (log ² N)
- A linear growth rate O(N)
- A linear-logarithmic (?) growth rate O(N log N)

Algorithm Growth Rates

- A quadratic growth rate O(N²)
- A cubic growth rate O(N³)
- A polynomial growth rate O(N^k) for a constant k.
- An exponential growth rate O(2^N)
- A factorial growth rate O(N!)

Common Complexity Classes

O(1)
O(log N)
O(N)
O(N log N)
O(N²)
O(2^N)

O(1) - Constant Growth Rates

- The amount of space or time is independent of the amount of data.
- If the amount of data doubles, the amount of space or time will stay the same!
- Example:
 - An item can be added to the beginning of a linked list in constant time independent of the number of items in the list.

O(log N) - Logarithmic Growth Rates

- If the amount of data doubles, the amount of space or time will increase by 1!
- Example:
 - The worst-case time for binary search is logarithmic in the size of the array.

O(N) - Linear Growth Rates

- If the amount of data doubles, the amount of space or time will also double!
- Example:
 - The time needed to print all of the values stored in an array is linear in the size of the array.

O(N²) - Quadratic Growth Rates

- If the amount of data doubles, the amount of space or time will quadruple!
- Example:
 - The amount of space needed to store a twodimensional square array is quadratic in the number of rows.

O(2^N) - Exponential Growth Rates

- If the amount of data increase by 1, the amount of space or time will double!
- Example:
 - The number of moves required to solve the Towers of hanoi puzzle is exponential in the number of disks used.

OUIZ? Common Complexity Classes Examples

- O(1)
- O(log N)
- O(N)
- O(N log N)
- O(N²)
- O(2^N)

Comparison of Growth Rates



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Comparison of Growth Rates



Figure 1.3

Comparison of Growth Rates

Table 1.3Table 1.4

Asymptotic Lower Bound

 An asymptotic bound as function of the size of the input, on the best (fastest, least amount of space used) an algorithm will take to solve a problem.

No algorithm can use fewer resources than the bound.

✓ Big-Ω Notation for (Asymptotic) Lower Bounds?

• Let f(n) be a function which is non-negative for all integers $n \ge o$.

$$\begin{split} & f(n) = \Omega(g(n)) \\ & f(n) \in \Omega(g(n)) \\ & ``f(n) \text{ is (big-)omega } g(n)'' \\ & \text{ if } \\ \text{there exist a constant } c > 0 \text{ and a constant } n_0 \\ & \text{ such that } \\ & \textbf{C * g(n) \leq f(n) \text{ for all integers } n \geq n_0.} \end{split}$$

Example: $Big-\Omega$

- n = Ω(n)
- n² = Ω(n)
- 2ⁿ = Ω(n)
- Example 1.12
- Example 1.13
- Example 1.14
- Example 1.15

✓ Big-Θ Notation

• Let f(n) be a function which is non-negative for all integers $n \ge o$.

 $f(n) = \Theta (g(n))$ $f(n) \in \Theta (g(n))$ f(n) is (big-) theta g(n) $f(n) \text{ is O (g(n)) and f(n) is } \Omega(g(n))$

Example: Big- Θ



O, Ω and Θ



Asymptotic Behaviors of Polynomial Functions

If f(n) = a_m n^m + ... + a₁ n + a₀ then f(n) = O(n^m)
If f(n) = a_m n^m + ... + a₁ n + a₀ then f(n) = Ω(n^m)
If f(n) = a_m n^m + ... + a₁ n + a₀ then f(n) = Θ(n^m)

Tight Bound vs Loose Bound





- Notations for Asymptotic Behavior?
- Big-O Notation for (Asymptotic) Upper Bound?
- Big-Ω Notation for (Asymptotic) Lower Bounds?
A Fast Computer or a Fast Algorithm?

The Order (Growth Rate) of an Algorithm is more important than the Speed of a Computer.

Example: Time Complexity

- If an O(n²) algorithm takes 3.1 msec to run on an array of 200 elements, how long would you expect it to take to run on a similar array of 40,000 elements?
 - $C \bullet 200^2 = 3.1 \text{ msec} \implies C = 3.1 / 200^2$
 - C 40000² = (3.1 / 200²) 40000² = 124000 msec

124000 msec = 124 seconds



- If an O(n log n) algorithm takes 3.1 msec to run on an array of 200 elements, how long would you expect it to take to run on a similar array of 40,000 elements?
 - 1240 msec 1.24 seconds
 - $c \bullet (200 \log 200) = 3.1 \operatorname{msec} \implies c = 3.1 / (200 \log 200)$
 - c (40000 log40000) = (3.1/200 log200) (40000 log40000)
 = 1240 msec



- If an O(n) algorithm takes 3.1 msec to run on an array of 200 elements, how long would you expect it to take to run on a similar array of 40,000 elements?
 - 620 msec .620 seconds

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$$c \bullet 200 = 3.1 \text{ msec} \implies c = 3.1 / 200$$

c • 40000 = (3.1 / 200) 40000 = 620 msec



- If an O(log n) algorithm takes 3.1 msec to run on an array of 200 elements, how long would you expect it to take to run on a similar array of 40,000 elements?
 - 6.2 msec .oo62 seconds
 - $c \bullet \log_{200} = 3.1 \operatorname{msec} \implies c = 3.1 / \log_{200}$
 - c log40000 = (3.1 / log200) log40000 = 6.2 msec

Example: Time Complexity

Suppose you have a computer that requires 1 minute to solve problem instances of size n =1,000. Suppose you buy a new computer that runs 1,000 times faster than the old one. What instance sizes can be run in 1 minute, assuming the following time complexities T(n) = n for our algorithm?



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Algorithms: Analysis

How to Calculate the Running Time Complexity

- Depends on the type of an algorithm!
- Iterative algorithms
 - Summation
- 2. Recursive algorithms
 - Recurrence equation/relation

1. How to Calculate the Running Time Complexity – Iterative Algorithms?





Running Time Calculation - Sequence

- Single assignment statement
 - O(1)
- Simple expression
 - O(1)
- Statement1; Statement2; ...; Statementn
 - The maximum of O(Statement1), O(Statement2), ..., and O(Statementn).

Running Time Calculation-Conditional

- IF Condition THEN Statement1 ELSE Statement2;
 - O(Condition) + The maximum of O(Statement1) and O(Statement2).
 - The maximum of O(Condition), O(Statement1) and O(Statement2).

Running Time Calculation - Iteration

FOR (i=1; i<=N; i++) Statement</p>

- O(N×Statement) where N=The number of loop iterations.
- FOR (S1; S2; S3) Statement
 - O(S1 + S2×(N+1) + S3×N + Statement×N)
 - The maximum of O(S1), O(S2× (N+1)), O(S3 × N) and O(Statement × N)

Running Time Calculation- Iteration

WHILE (condition) Statement

O(N×Statement) where N=The number of loop iterations.



$$\sum_{i=1,n} \sum_{j=1,n} 1 = n^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1,n} \sum_{j=1,i} 1 = n(n+1)/2$$

Total =
$$O(n^2)$$





Assume
$$n = 2^{k}$$

1 sum1 = 0;
2 for (i=1; i<=n; i*=2)
3 for (j=1; j<=n; j++)
4 sum1 ++;
i = 1, 2, 4, 8, ..., n
 $\sum_{i=1,2,4,8,...,n} (\sum_{j=1,n} 1) = ?$
Total = O(n log n)



$$\sum_{i=0,n} 2^{i} = 2^{(n+1)} - 1$$

Example A.3
$$2^{\log_2 n} = n$$

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Assume
$$n = 2^k$$

$$\begin{split} &\sum i=1,2,4,8,\ldots,n \quad (\sum j=1,i\ 1) \\ &=\ 1\ +\ 2\ +\ 4\ +\ 8\ +\ \ldots\ +\ n \\ &=\ 2^0\ +\ 2^1\ +\ 2^2\ +\ 2^3\ +\ \ldots\ +\ 2^{\log n} \\ &=\ \sum i=0,\log n\ 2^i \\ &=\ 2n\ -\ 1 \end{split}$$







1	int fun(int n)
2	{
3	int count = 0;
4	for (int i = n; i > 0; i /= 2)
5	for (int j = 0; j < i; j++)
6	count += 1;
7	return count;
8	}





Algorithm 1.5

Binary Search – Iterative

• O(log N)



2. How to Calculate the Running Time Complexity – Recursive Algorithms?

Recursive algorithms
 Recurrence equation/relation

Algorithms

Using Recurrence Relations for Recursive Algorithms

- The running time of an recursive algorithm can often be described by a recurrence relation or equation.
 - A mathematical formula that generates the terms in a sequence from previous terms.

1	unsigned int Factorial (unsigned int n)	
2	{	
3	if (n == 0)	
4	return 1;	
5	else	
6	return n * Factorial (n-1);	
7	}	

$$T(n) = O(1)$$
 if n=0
 $T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$ if n>0

Solving By Substitution

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$$T(n) = T(n-1) + O(1)$$

= T(n-2) + O(1) + O(1)
= T(n-3) + O(1) + O(1) + O(1)
= T(n-4) + O(1) + O(1) + O(1) + O(1)
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= T(0) + O(1) + O(1) + + O(1)
= O(1) + n x O(1)
= O(n)



Running Time Complexity – Recursive Algorithms

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Solving Recurrences by Substitution

T(n) = T(n-1) + 1 if n>0 T(0) = 1

- T(n) = T(n-1) + 1
- = T(n-2) + 1 + 1
- = T(n-3) + 1 + 1 + 1
- = T(n-4) + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1
- •
- •
- = T(n-n) + 1 + 1 + + 1
- = 1 + n x 1
- = 1 + n
- = = O(n)

• O(n)

Solving Recurrences by Substitution

- T(n) = T(n-1) + n if n>0
- T(0) = 1
 - T(n) = T(n-1) + n
 - = T(n-2) + (n-1) + n
 - = T(n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n
 - = T(n-4) + (n-3) + (n-2) + (n-1) + n
 - •
 - •
 - = T(n-n) + 1 + 2 + + (n-2) + (n-1) + n
 - = 1 + 1 + 2 + + (n-2) + (n-1) + n
 - = 1 + n (n+1)/2
 - = **O(**n²)

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- O(n²)
- Example B.21

Solving Recurrences by Substitution

- T(n) = T(n/2) + 1 if n>0
- T(1) = 1
 T(n) = T(n/2¹) + 1
 - $= T(n/2^2) + 1 + 1$
 - $= T(n/2^3) + 1 + 1 + 1$
 - $= T(n/2^4) + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1$
 - •
 - .
 - = T(n/2^{log n}) + 1 + 1 + + 1
 - = 1 + log n x 1
 - = 1 + log n

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- = O(log n)
- O(log n)
- Example B.1



T(n) = 3 T(n-1) T(n) = n T(n-1) T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + n



- T(n) = 3 T(n-1)
 O(3ⁿ)
 T(n) = n T(n-1)
 - O(n!)
- T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + n
 - O(n log n)



1 int recursive (int n) {
2 if(n == 1)
3 return (1);
4 else
5 return (recursive (n-1) + recursive (n-1));
6 }

$$T(n) = 2 T(n-1) + 1$$

O(2ⁿ)

A General Method for Some Recurrence Relations

- T(n) = aT(n/b) + c*n^k T(1) = d
 - T(n) = O(n^k) if a < b^k</p>
 - T(n) = O(n^k log n) if a = b^k
 - T(n) = O(n^log _b(a)) if a > b^k
- Theorem B.5 A Master Theorem
 - Example B.26
 - Example B.27


T(n) = T(n/2) + 1
T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + n
T(n) = T (n/2) + n²
T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + n
T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + 1



- T(n) = T(n/2) + 1
 - O(log n)
- T(n) = 4 T(n/2) + n
 - O(n²)
- T(n) = T (n/2) + n²
 - O(n²)
- T(n) = 2 T(n/2) + n
 - O(n log n)
- T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1
 - O(n)

A General Method for Some Recurrence Relations

- Theorem B.6 A Master Theorem
 - Example B.28



Exercise 25 (Appendix B)

Common Recurrence Relations

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$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(1)$$

• $T(n) = O(n)$
• $T(n) = T(n-1) + \Theta(n)$
• $T(n) = O(n^2)$

Common Recurrence Relations

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + \Theta(1)$$

Common Recurrence Relations

•
$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(1)$$

• $T(n) = O(n)$
• $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n)$
• $T(n) = O(n \log n)$





• T(n) = O(1)• T(n) = T(n/2) + O(n)

if n=1 if n>1



• T(n) = O(1)- T(n) = T(n/3) + O(1)

if n=1 if n>1



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T(n) = O(1) if n=1 T(n) = 8T(n/2) + n² if n>1



T(n) = O(1) T(n) = 7T(n/2)

if n=1 if n>1



T(n) = O(1) if n=1 T(n) = 7T(n/2) + n² if n>1



T(n) = O(1) if n=1 T(n) = 2T(n-1) + O(1) if n>1



• T(n) = 0• T(n) = T(n-1) + 2/n

if n=1 if n>1

Example B.22 Example A.8

Algorithms

Amortized Behavior

- So far, we considered the worst/average cost for a single operation
- How about the cost for a series/sequence of N operations?
 - N times the worst-case cost of any one operation.
 - Or better cost?
- Observation?

Any one particular operation may be slow, but the average time over a sufficiently large number of operations is fast.

Amortized Analysis

Cost for a series/sequence of N operations?
 The amortized cost of N operations is the total cost of the operations divided by N.

Amortized analysis!

Self-Adjusting Data Structures!

Space Requirement (Complexity) of Algorithms

- Time requirements for an algorithm that manipulates a data structure.
- Space requirements for the data structure itself.

✓ Time and Space Tradeoff in Algorithms?

One can often achieve a reduction in time requirements if one is willing to sacrifice space requirements or vice versa.

Textbook Readings

- Chapter 1:
 - **1.1**
 - **1.2**
 - 1.3 (1.3.1 & 1.3.2 only)
 - 1.4 (1.4.1 & 1.4.2 only)
 - **1.5**