CMSC 132: OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING II

Sorting

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Sorting

• Goal
  • Arrange elements in \textit{predetermined} order
  • Based on \textit{key} for each element
  • Derived from ability to \textit{compare} two keys by size

• Properties
  • \textbf{Stable} \rightarrow relative order of \textit{equal} keys unchanged
    • Stable: 3, 1, 4, 3, 3, 2 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4
    • Unstable: 3, 1, 4, 3, 3, 2 \rightarrow 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4
  • \textbf{In-place} \rightarrow uses only constant additional space
  • \textbf{External} \rightarrow can efficiently sort large \# of keys
    • Most algorithms discussed in lecture are internal and based on arrays
Type of Sorting Algorithms

- **Comparison-based and Linear Algorithms**
  - Comparison-based Algorithms $\rightarrow$ Only uses pairwise key comparisons
  - Linear Algorithms $\rightarrow$ Uses additional properties of keys
- **Comparison-based**
  - Proven lower bound of $O(n \log(n))$
  - Examples
    - $O(n^2)$ $\rightarrow$ Bubblesort, Selection sort, Insertion sort
    - $O(n\log(n))$ $\rightarrow$ Treesort, Heapsort, **Quicksort**, Mergesort
- **Linear Algorithms**
  - Counting sort
  - Bucket (bin) sort
  - Radix sort
Bubble Sort

• Approach
  • Iteratively sweep through shrinking portions of list
  • Swap element $x$ with its right neighbor if $x$ is larger

• Performance
  • $O(n^2)$ average / worst case
Bubble Sort Example

Sweep 1

Sweep 2

Sweep 3

Sweep 4
Bubble Sort Code

```c
void bubbleSort(int[ ] a) {
    int outer, inner;
    for (outer = a.length - 1; outer > 0; outer--)
        for (inner = 0; inner < outer; inner++)
            if (a[inner] > a[inner + 1])
                swap(a, inner, inner+1);
}

void swap(int a[ ], int x, int y) {
    int temp = a[x];
    a[x] = a[y];
    a[y] = temp;
}
```

How can we improve it?

Swap with right neighbor if larger
Selection Sort

• Approach
  1. Iteratively sweep through shrinking portions of list
  2. Select smallest element found in each sweep
  3. Swap smallest element with front of current list

• Performance
  • $O(n^2)$ average / worst case
Selection Sort Code

```java
void selectionSort(int[] a) {
    int outer, inner, min;
    for (outer = 0; outer < a.length - 1; outer++) {
        min = outer;
        for (inner = outer + 1; inner < a.length; inner++) {
            if (a[inner] < a[min]) {
                min = inner;
            }
        }
        swap(a, outer, min);
    }
}
```

- **Sweep through array**
- **Find smallest element**
- **Swap with smallest element found**
Tree Sort

- **Approach**
  - Insert elements in binary search tree
  - List elements using *inorder* traversal
- **Performance**
  - Binary search tree
    - $O(n \log(n))$ average case
    - $O(n^2)$ worst case
  - Balanced binary search tree
    - $O(n \log(n))$ average / worst case

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```
{ 7, 2, 8, 5, 4 }
```
Heap Sort

• Approach
  1. Insert elements in heap
  2. Remove smallest element in heap, repeat
  3. List elements in order of removal from heap

• Performance
  • $O(n \log(n))$ average / worst case
Quick Sort

• Approach
  1. Select pivot value (near median of list)
  2. Partition elements (into 2 lists) using pivot value
  3. Recursively sort both resulting lists
  4. Concatenate resulting lists
  5. For efficiency pivot needs to partition list evenly

• Performance
  • O( n log(n) ) average case
  • O( n^2 ) worst case

• Used by Arrays.sort

• Runs faster than mergesort in most cases
Quick Sort Algorithm

1. If list below size $K$
   • Sort w/ other algorithm (e.g. insertion sort)

2. Else pick pivot $x$ and partition $S$ into
   • $L$ elements $< x$
   • $E$ elements $= x$
   • $G$ elements $> x$

3. Quicksort $L$ & $G$

4. Concatenate $L$, $E$ & $G$
   • If not sorting in place
Quick Sort Example

Partition & Sort

Result
Quick Sort Code

```c
void quickSort(int[] a, int x, int y) {
    int pivotIndex;
    if ((y - x) > 0) {
        pivotIndex = partitionList(a, x, y);
        quickSort(a, x, pivotIndex - 1);
        quickSort(a, pivotIndex + 1, y);
    }
}

int partitionList(int[] a, int first, int last) {
    ... // partitions list and returns index of pivot
}
```
Quick Sort Code

```c
int partitionList(int a[], int first, int last) {
    int i, pivot, border;

    pivot = a[first];
    border = first;
    for (i = first + 1; i <= last; i++) {
        if (a[i] <= pivot) {
            border++;
            swap(a, border, i);
        }
    }
    swap(a, first, border);
    return border;
}
```
Merge Sort

• Approach
  1. Partition list of elements into 2 lists
  2. Recursively sort both lists
  3. Given 2 sorted lists, merge into 1 sorted list
     • Examine head of both lists
     • Move smaller to end of new list

• Performance
  • $O(n \log(n))$ average / worst case

• Used by Collections.sort
Merge Example
Merge Sort Example

Split

Merge
void mergeSort(int[] a, int x, int y) {
    int mid = (x + y) / 2;
    if (x != y) {
        mergeSort(a, x, mid);
        mergeSort(a, mid + 1, y);
        merge(a, x, y, mid);
    }
}
void merge(int[] a, int x, int y, int mid) {
    ... // merges 2 adjacent sorted lists in array
}
void merge(int[] a, int x, int y, int mid) {
    int j, size = y - x + 1, left = x, right = mid + 1;
    int[] tmp = new int[a.length];

    for (j = 0; j < size; j++)
        if (left > mid)
            tmp[j] = a[right++];
        else
            if (right > y || a[left] < a[right])
                tmp[j] = a[left++];
            else
                tmp[j] = a[right++];

    for (j = 0; j < size; j++)
        a[x + j] = tmp[j];
}
# Sorting Properties

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Links

• President and Sorting
  • http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4RRI_ntQc8

• Sorting Algorithms Comparison
  • http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~harrison/Java/sorting-demo.html

• Ineffective Sorts
  • http://xkcd.com/1185/

• What different sorting algorithms sound like
  • http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8giYGHpEA

• Sorting Algorithms
  • http://maven.smith.edu/~thiebaut/java/sort/demo.html