CMSC 132: Object-Oriented Programming II

Sorting
What Is Sorting?

• To arrange a collection of items in some specified order.
  • Numerical order
  • Lexicographical order

• **Input:** sequence \(<a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n>\) of numbers.

• **Output:** permutation \(<a'_1, a'_2, \ldots, a'_n>\) such that \(a'_1 \leq a'_2 \leq \ldots \leq a'_n\).

• **Example**
  
  - Start → 1 23 2 56 9 8 10 100
  - End → 1 2 8 9 10 23 56 100
Why Sort?

- A classic problem in computer science.
  - Data requested in sorted order
    - e.g., list students in increasing GPA order
  - Searching
    - To find an element in an array of a million elements
      - Linear search: average 500,000 comparisons
      - Binary search: worst case 20 comparisons
  - Database, Phone book
    - Eliminating duplicate copies in a collection of records
    - Finding a missing element, Max, Min
Sorting Algorithms

- Selection Sort
- Insertion Sort
- Bubble Sort
- Shell Sort
- \( T(n) = O(n^2) \) Quadratic growth
- In clock time

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- Double input -> 4X time
  - Feasible for small inputs, quickly unmanageable
- Halve input -> 1/4 time
  - Hmm... can recursion save the day?
  - If have two sorted halves, how to produce sorted full result?
Divide and Conquer

1. **Base case**: the problem is small enough, solve *directly*

2. **Divide** the problem into two or more *similar and smaller* subproblems

3. **Recursively** solve the subproblems

4. **Combine** solutions to the subproblems
Merge Sort

- Divide and conquer algorithm
- Worst case: $O(n\log n)$
- Stable
  - maintain the relative order of records with equal values
- Input: 12, 5, 8, 13, 8, 27
- Stable: 5, 8, 8, 12, 13, 27
- Not Stable: 5, 8, 8, 12, 13, 27
Stable Sort Example

Now, sort by section

Not Stable

Stable
Merge Sort: Idea

Divide into two halves

Recursively sort

A:

FirstPart

SecondPart

Merge

A is sorted!
Merge-Sort: Merge

\[ A : \]  

**merge**

\[ L : \]  

\[ R : \]  

Sorted

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Merge Example

A: 

L: 1 2 6 8

R: 3 4 5 7

i = 0

j = 0
Merge Example

A:

L:

R:

A:  

L:  

R:  

\[ i = 1 \]

\[ j = 0 \]
Merge Example

A:

L: 1 2 6 8

R: 3 4 5 7

i = 2

j = 0
Merge Example cont.

A:

\[ \begin{array}{cccccccc}
1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\
\end{array} \]

L:

\[ \begin{array}{cccc}
1 & 2 & 6 & 8 \\
\end{array} \]

R:

\[ \begin{array}{cccc}
3 & 4 & 5 & 7 \\
\end{array} \]

\[ \begin{array}{c}
i=4 \\
j=4 \\
k=8 \\
\end{array} \]
Merge sort algorithm

**MERGE-SORT**  \( A[1 \ldots n] \)

1. If \( n = 1 \), done.
2. Recursively sort \( A[1 \ldots \lceil n/2 \rceil] \) and \( A[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor+1 \ldots n] \).
3. “Merge” the 2 sorted lists.

**Key subroutine:** MERGE
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Diagram showing the process of merge sort, with lists being split and merged.
Merge sort (Example)
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Analysis of merge sort

\[ T(n) \]
\[ \Theta(1) \]
\[ 2T(n/2) \]
\[ \Theta(n) \]
Analyzing merge sort

\[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
\Theta(1) & \text{if } n = 1; \\
2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) & \text{if } n > 1.
\end{cases} \]

\[ T(n) = \Theta(n \log n) \quad (n > 1) \]
Recursion tree

Solve $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + cn$, where $c > 0$ is constant.

$h = \log n$

$\Theta(1)$

#leaves = $n$

Total = $\Theta(n \log n)$
Memory Requirement

Needs additional $n$ locations because it is difficult to merge two sorted sets in place.

A:

\[1\ \ 2\ \ 6\ \ 8\]

L: 1 2 6 8

R: 3 4 5 7
Merge Sort Conclusion

- Merge Sort: $O(n \log n)$
  - asymptotically beats insertion sort in the worst case
  - In practice, merge sort beats insertion sort for $n > 30$ or so
- Space requirement:
  - $O(n)$, not in-place
Heapsort

- Merge sort time is $O(n \log n)$ but still requires, temporarily, $n$ extra storage locations
- *Heapsort* does not require any additional storage
- As its name implies, heapsort uses a heap to store the array
Heapsort Algorithm

- When used as a priority queue, a heap maintains a smallest value at the top.
- The following algorithm:
  - places an array's data into a heap,
  - then removes each heap item ($O(n \log n)$) and moves it back into the array.
- This version of the algorithm requires $n$ extra storage locations.

Heapsort Algorithm: First Version

1. Insert each value from the array to be sorted into a priority queue (heap).
2. Set $i$ to 0
3. while the priority queue is not empty
4. Remove an item from the queue and insert it back into the array at position $i$
5. Increment $i$
Trace of Heapsort

[Diagram of a heap with numbers 89, 76, 74, 37, 32, 39, 66, 74, 66, 20, 26, 18, 28, 29, 6]
Trace of Heapsort (cont.)
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Continue until everything sorted
Revising the Heapsort Algorithm

• If we implement the heap as an array
  • each element removed will be placed at the end of the array, and
  • the heap part of the array decreases by one element

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89  76  74  37  32  39  66  20  26  18  28  29  6

76  37  74  26  32  39  66  20  6  18  28  29  89

74  37  66  26  32  39  29  20  6  18  28  76  89

:  

6  18  20  26  28  29  32  37  39  66  74  76  89
```
Algorithm for In-Place Heapsort

1. Build a heap by rearranging the elements in an unsorted array

2. While the heap is not empty

3. Remove the first item from the heap by swapping it with the last item in the heap and restoring the heap property
Analysis of Heapsort

- Because a heap is a complete binary tree, it has $\log n$ levels
- Building a heap of size $n$ requires finding the correct location for an item in a heap with $\log n$ levels
- Each insert (or remove) is $O(\log n)$
- With $n$ items, building a heap is $O(n \log n)$
- No extra storage is needed
Quicksort

- Developed in 1962
- Quicksort selects a specific value called a pivot and rearranges the array into two parts (called *partitioning*):
  - all the elements in the left subarray are less than or equal to the pivot
  - all the elements in the right subarray are larger than the pivot
  - The pivot is placed between the two subarrays
- The process is repeated until the array is sorted
Merge sort vs Quick Sort

Merge sort

| 13 | 89 | 46 | 22 | 57 | 76 | 98 | 34 | 66 | 83 |

split

| 13 | 89 | 46 | 22 | 57 | 76 | 98 | 34 | 66 | 83 |

sort recursively

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merge

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**Split** (smart, extra work here)

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Merge is not necessary
Trace of Quicksort

44  75  23  43  55  12  64  77  33
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Move i if $a[i] > \text{pivot}$
Move j if $a[j] < \text{pivot}$
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Swap(a[i], a[j])
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

- Move $i$ if $a[i] > \text{pivot}$
- Move $j$ if $a[j] < \text{pivot}$
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

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44 33 23 43 12 55 64 77 75
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\[ \text{pivot} \]

Swap(a[i],a[j])
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Move $i$ if $a[i] > \text{pivot}$
Move $j$ if $a[j] < \text{pivot}$
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Break if $i \geq j$
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

One iteration is done

Swap(pivot, a[j])
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Recursively sort first and second subarray
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

pivot

12 33 23 43

Move i if \( a[i] > pivot \)
Move j if \( a[j] < pivot \)
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

pivot

12  33  23  43

j   i

Break if i >= j
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Second iteration for left half is done
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Recursively sort second subarray
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Move i if a[i] > pivot
Move j if a[j] < pivot
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

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Break if i >= j
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Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Another iteration is done
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Subarray to sort
Trace of Quicksort (cont.)

Sorted

Recursively sort the second subarray
Quick Sort Algorithm

/* quicksort the subarray from a[lo] to a[hi] */

void sort(Comparable[] a, int lo, int hi) {
    if (hi <= lo) return;
    int j = partition(a, lo, hi);
    sort(a, lo, j-1);
    sort(a, j+1, hi);
}
// partition the subarray a[lo..hi] so that a[lo..j-1] <= a[j] <= a[j+1..hi]
// and return the index j.
int partition(Comparable[] a, int lo, int hi) {
    int i = lo;
    int j = hi + 1;
    Comparable v = a[lo];
    while (true) {
        // find item on lo to swap
        while (less(a[++i], v))
            if (i == hi) break;
        /* find item on hi to swap */
        while (less(v, a[--j]))
            if (j == lo) break;
        // check if pointers cross
        if (i >= j) break;
        exch(a, i, j);
    }
    // put partitioning item v at a[j]
    exch(a, lo, j);
    // now, a[lo .. j-1] <= a[j] <= a[j+1 .. hi]
    return j;
}
Analysis of Quicksort

- If the pivot value is a random value selected from the current subarray,
  - then statistically half of the items in the subarray will be less than the pivot and half will be greater
- If both subarrays have the same number of elements (best case), there will be \( \log n \) levels of recursion
- At each recursion level, the partitioning process involves moving every element to its correct position—\( n \) moves
- Quicksort is \( O(n \log n) \), just like merge sort
Analysis of Quicksort (cont.)

- The array split may not be the best case, i.e. 50-50

- An exact analysis is difficult (and beyond the scope of this class), but, the running time will be bounded by a constant $x \cdot n \log n$
Analysis of Quicksort (cont.)

- A quicksort will give very poor behavior if, each time the array is partitioned, a subarray is empty.
- In that case, the sort will be $O(n^2)$

- Under these circumstances, the overhead of recursive calls and the extra run-time stack storage required by these calls makes this version of quicksort a poor performer relative to the quadratic sorts.
**Code for partition when Pivot is the largest or smallest value**

- **Before partition**
  - **Pivot**: 30
  - **Array**: [30, 43, 55, 66, 37, 35, 33]

- **After partition**
  - **Pivot**: 85
  - **Array**: [50, 60, 40, 75, 81, 80, 85]
Revised Partition Algorithm

- Quicksort is $O(n^2)$ when each split yields one empty subarray, which is the case when the array is presorted.
- A better solution is to pick the pivot value in a way that is less likely to lead to a bad split.
  - Use three references: first, middle, last.
  - Select the median of the these items as the pivot.
Trace of Revised Partitioning
Trace of Revised Partitioning (cont.)

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first  middle  last
10  75  23  43  90  12  64  77  50
```
Trace of Revised Partitioning (cont.)

Make the middle number pivot
## Sorting Algorithm Comparison

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