

CS3230 Semester 2 2024/2025  
Design and Analysis of Algorithms

**Tutorial 05**  
**D&C, Sorting and Average-case analysis**  
**For Week 06**

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## 1 Lecture Review: Decision Tree

A decision tree contains:

- Vertices (Internal): A comparison
- Branches: Outcome of comparison
- Leaves: Output / decision for the input

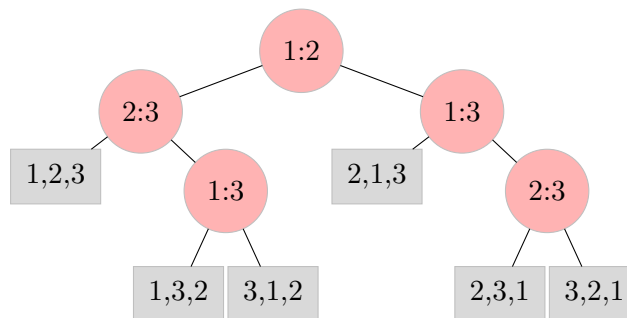


Figure 1: Worst case runtime is the height of the decision tree.

The classic example to illustrate the usage of decision tree is for showing the lower bound of comparison-based sorting is  $\Omega(n \log n)$ . Here is a picture of decision tree of sorting  $n = 3$  elements and there are  $3! = 6$  possible outputs (decision for the inputs) which must all been catered for. As each comparison of two comparable elements  $a$  versus  $b$  yields two possible outcomes:  $a < b$  (which means  $a$  must be in front of  $b$ ) or  $a \geq b$  (here  $b$  must be in front of  $a$  if  $a > b$ ; on the other hand, if  $a = b$ , then it does not matter which order  $a$  and  $b$  are put in). This decision tree is thus a binary tree. The height of binary decision tree so that its number of leaves is at least  $n!$  is  $\log n! \approx n \log n$  (use Stirling's formula).

## 2 Tutorial 05 Questions

Q1, Q2, Q3, and Q4 involve Polynomial Multiplication of two polynomials of degree  $n$ .

Let  $A(x) = a_n \cdot x^n + \dots + a_2 \cdot x^2 + a_1 \cdot x + a_0$ .

Let  $B(x) = b_n \cdot x^n + \dots + b_2 \cdot x^2 + b_1 \cdot x + b_0$ .

Let  $C(x) = A(x) \times B(x) = c_{2n} \cdot x^{2n} + \dots + c_2 \cdot x^2 + c_1 \cdot x + c_0$

Assume all coefficients  $a_i, b_i, c_i$  are Integers.

Assume that all addition and multiplication operations of two Integers take  $O(1)$  time.

We can compute the coefficients  $c_i$  of  $C(x)$  in  $O(n^2)$  using complete search:

For each  $i \in [2n..0]$ ,  $c_i = \sum a_j \cdot b_{i-j}$  where both  $j$  and  $i - j$  are between 0 and  $n$  (inclusive).

Q1). Let  $x = 10$  to make it easier to visualize this as a normal base 10 multiplication and  $n = 2$ .

Let  $A(10) = 352 = 3 \cdot 10^2 + 5 \cdot 10 + 2$ , i.e.,  $a_2 = 3, a_1 = 5, a_0 = 2$ .

Let  $B(10) = 221 = 2 \cdot 10^2 + 2 \cdot 10 + 1$ , i.e.,  $b_2 = 2, b_1 = 2, b_0 = 1$ .

Compute the coefficients of  $C(10) = A(10) \times B(10) = 77792$  using the  $O(n^2)$  algorithm above.

Q2). Suppose that you are given the following Divide and Conquer (D&C) algorithm:

Rewrite  $A(x) = x^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot A_1(x) + A_2(x)$

Rewrite  $B(x) = x^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot B_1(x) + B_2(x)$

where  $A_1(x), A_2(x), B_1(x), B_2(x)$  are all now polynomials of degree (up to)  $\frac{n}{2}$ .

We now compute four smaller polynomial multiplications:

$A_1(x) \times B_1(x), \quad A_1(x) \times B_2(x), \quad A_2(x) \times B_1(x), \quad A_2(x) \times B_2(x)$

And we compute:

$C(x) = x^n \cdot [A_1(x) \times B_1(x)] + x^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot [A_1(x) \times B_2(x) + A_2(x) \times B_1(x)] + A_2(x) \times B_2(x)$

Apply this D&C algorithm to compute the multiplication of the same two polynomials of degree  $n = 2$ :

Rewrite  $A(10) = 352 = 10 \cdot (3 \cdot 10 + 5) + 2$

Rewrite  $B(10) = 221 = 10 \cdot (2 \cdot 10 + 2) + 1$

Compute  $A_1(10) \times B_1(10), \quad A_1(10) \times B_2(10), \quad A_2(10) \times B_1(10), \quad A_2(10) \times B_2(10)$ .

Then, compute  $C(10)$ .

Q3). What is the time complexity of that recursive D&C algorithm?

Q4). Introducing: the Karatsuba's algorithm.

We still compute two smaller polynomials:  $A_1(x) \times B_1(x), A_2(x) \times B_2(x)$ .

But instead of computing:  $A_1(x) \times B_2(x), A_2(x) \times B_1(x)$  that requires two polynomial multiplications, we compute:  $[A_1(x) + A_2(x)] \times [B_1(x) + B_2(x)]$  that requires two additions and just one multiplication.

Note:  $A_1(x) \times B_2(x) + A_2(x) \times B_1(x) = [A_1(x) + A_2(x)] \times [B_1(x) + B_2(x)] - A_1(x) \times B_1(x) - A_2(x) \times B_2(x)$ .

We now have the elements needed to compute  $C(x)$  in faster time.

What is the time complexity of Karatsuba's algorithm?

Q5). Decision Tree

You are given 243 balls, all but one of which have the same weight; the remaining one is heavier. Your job is to find which of the balls is heavier. Your friend has a balance scale, but will charge you for each weighing. You want to minimize the (worst-case) number of weighings needed. What is the minimum number of weighings needed to find the ball?

You can assume that we only use comparison model (comparison returns  $<$ ,  $=$ , or  $>$ ). You can decide how to compare the ball(s). What is the lower bound of any algorithm to solve this problem?

Q6) You are given an array  $A[1..n]$  that is sorted in **non-increasing order**. Your task is to find the largest index  $i$  such that  $A[i] \geq i$ . Design an efficient algorithm to solve this problem.

To guide your approach, consider the following properties of the sorted array:

- If  $A[j] \geq j$ , then it must hold that  $A[j - 1] \geq j - 1$ , unless  $j = 0$ .
- If  $A[j] < j$ , then it must follow that  $A[j + 1] < j + 1$ , unless  $j = n$ .

For ease of notation, assume that the array is extended such that  $A[0] > 0$  and  $A[n + 1] < n + 1$ . Thus, there is a unique  $i$  such that  $A[i] \geq i$  but  $A[i + 1] < i + 1$ .

Q7) Bogosort is an extremely inefficient sorting algorithm. It repeatedly generates random permutations of the input array until it encounters one that is sorted by chance. What is the best-case, worst-case and average-case time complexity of Bogosort for an array of length  $n$ ?

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**Algorithm 1:** Bogosort( $A[0..n - 1]$ )

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1 while not IsSorted(A) do
2   RandomlyShuffle(A)
3 return A

4 Function IsSorted(A):
5   for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do
6     if  $A[i] < A[i - 1]$  then
7       return false
8   return true

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**Note:** The RandomlyShuffle function can be implemented in  $O(n)$  time using the Fisher-Yates shuffle algorithm.