

Exercise Sheet 11 for Algorithm Engineering, SS 14

Hand In: Until Monday, 14.07.2014, 10:00 am, email to `wild@cs...` or in lecture.

Problem 25

3 + 2 + 1 points

We consider Quicksort where the pivot is taken from a fixed position of the array. Let us denote by B_N the *expected* number of swaps used to sort a random permutation of length N .

- Argue that any partitioning method requires at least $\frac{1}{6}N - \frac{1}{3}$ swaps in expectation for the *first* partitioning step, not counting the swap potentially needed to bring the pivot to its final place.
- Show that the overall expected number of swaps B_N is thus at least

$$B_N = \frac{1}{3}(N+1)(\mathcal{H}_{N+1} - \frac{5}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}.$$

- How many swaps does the pseudocode given in lecture do?

Problem 26

2 + 4 points

Consider Quicksort with the following alternative partitioning method:

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QUICKSORT( $A, l, r$ )
1  if  $r \geq l$ 
2       $p := A[r]$            // Choose rightmost element as pivot
3       $i := l - 1$ 
4      for  $j = l, \dots, r - 1$ 
5          if  $A[j] \leq p$ 
6               $i := i + 1$ 
7              Swap  $A[i]$  and  $A[j]$ 
8          end if
9      end for
10      $i := i + 1$ 
11     Swap  $A[i]$  and  $A[r]$ 
12     QUICKSORT( $A, l, i - 1$ )
13     QUICKSORT( $A, i + 1, r$ )
14 end if
```

- a) Argue why $\text{QUICKSORT}(A, 1, n)$ correctly sorts an array A of length n .
- b) What is the expected number of comparisons and swaps executed by $\text{QUICKSORT}(A, 1, n)$ on an array A that contains a random permutation of $\{1, \dots, n\}$?

Which Quicksort variant would you prefer?