


CS2100

Searching &
Sorting



Recap:

- HW due today - via git
- Lab due today
- Extra credit due Monday
- Posted 1st HW
(due Sunday March 18?)
→ I am traveling
(get me questions next week)

Searching:

Given a value x & data structure S , output true if x is in S .

Often also want an iterator to the value, or an index (if array-based).

Two ways:

- binary search
 - ↳ fast, but needs sorting
- linear search
 - ↳ look at everything

Coding + runtimes:

Linear Search:

- You've actually done the code for this (or nearly have) in both `LinkedList` + `Vector`!

A simple loop to run through the data!

- return true if ever found (or iterator/location)

- return false if not found

↳ tricky bit is avoid seg fault

Run time:

- Lists
- Vectors] $O(n)$

Binary Search:

- Check middle entry, val. ←

IF $x < \text{val}$, search right half ←
Else search left half ←

(if equal, report "true")

Note: Need to be careful!

Issues: Recursive can be problematic - don't want $O(n)$ time copy

Need: left + right index

Runtime: → $B(n) = 5 + B(\frac{n}{2})$

Vectors: $O(\log n)$

Lists: $O(n)$ ← BAD
(b/c of operator $[]$)

Next: Sorting!

Algorithms?

- Bubble Sort
- Merge Sort
- Insertion Sort
- Quick Sort
- Radix Sort
- Heap sort

...

An easy one: Bubble Sort

Idea: 2 3 4⁶ 5⁶ 8⁹ 9¹¹

for $i = 1$ to n
for $j = 1$ to $n - (i - 1)$
if $A[j-1] > A[j]$
swap them

Details:

- linked structure - deal
w/ pointers &
move iterators around

- versions of this go
from n to i &
swap "down"

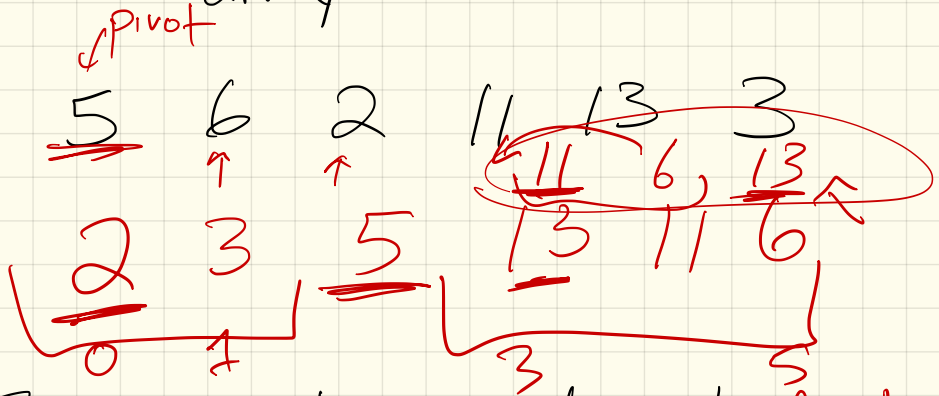
Runtime: $O(n^2)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^i 4 = \sum_{i=1}^n 4i$$

$$= 4 \sum_{i=1}^n i = 4 \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = O(n^2)$$

Quick Sort:

Idea: Choose "pivot" + divide array



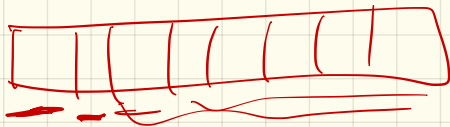
Then repeat on each side. if $n > 1$.

recursively
quicksort both sides

Issues:

- Use reference + pass entire list
- Need left + right index of current sublist

"Code":



Quick Sort (list A , length n)

for ($i = 2$ to n)

if $A[i] > A[i-1]$

else move $A[i]$ to front ~~←~~

move $A[i]$ to back ~~←~~

QuickSort (first "half") ~~←~~

QuickSort (second "half") ~~←~~

Details:

linked vs vector

↑ easy for this alg!

need to track indices

Runtime:

Worst case $O(n^2)$
Expected: $O(n \log n)$

Merge Sort:

if length of A is > 2

divide in half
Merge sort (left)
Merge sort (right)

Merge (left & right)

return list

else // (list of length 0 or 1)

→ Merge (left, right)

create empty list L

$i \leftarrow 1, j \leftarrow 1$

while (i or j

Ex: 5 11 3 2 6 8 7 4

5 11 3 2

~~5 11~~

~~3 2~~

2 3

5 11

~~2 3~~

~~5 11~~

6 8

~~6 8~~

~~7 4~~

~~↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑ ↑~~

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Runtimes:

Quicksort:

Mergesort:

Others: