

Data Structures and Algorithms

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Announcements and Today's Plan

- * Final Exam Wednesday May 13th, 1:10 PM - 4 PM
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- * Course evaluation
- * Review 2nd half of semester
- * Lots of slides, I'll go fast but ask questions if you have them

Final Topics Overview

- * Big-Oh definitions (Omega, Theta)

- * Arraylists/Linked Lists

- * Stacks/Queues

- * Binary Search Trees: AVL, Splay

- * Tries

- * Heaps

- * Huffman Coding Trees

- * Hash Tables: Separate Chaining, Probing

- * Graphs: Topological Sort, Shortest Path, Max-Flow, Min Spanning Tree, Euler

- * Complexity Classes

- * Disjoint Sets

- * Sorting: Insertion Sort, Shell Sort, Merge Sort, Quick Sort, Radix Sort, Quick Select

Big Oh Definitions

- * For N greater than some constant, we have the following definitions:

$$T(N) = O(f(N)) \leftarrow T(N) \leq cf(N)$$

$$T(N) = \Omega(g(N)) \leftarrow T(N) \geq cf(N)$$

$$T(N) = \Theta(h(N)) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} T(N) = O(h(N)), \\ T(N) = \Omega(h(N)) \end{array}$$

- * There exists some constant c such that $cf(N)$ bounds $T(N)$

Big Oh Definitions

- ✱ Alternately, $O(f(N))$ can be thought of as meaning

$$T(N) = O(f(N)) \leftarrow \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f(N) \geq \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} T(N)$$

- ✱ Big-Oh notation is also referred to as **asymptotic** analysis, for this reason.

Huffman's Algorithm

- * Compute character frequencies
- * Create forest of 1-node trees for all the characters.
- * Let the **weight** of the trees be the sum of the frequencies of its leaves
- * Repeat until forest is a single tree:
Merge the two trees with minimum weight.
Merging sums the weights.

Huffman Details

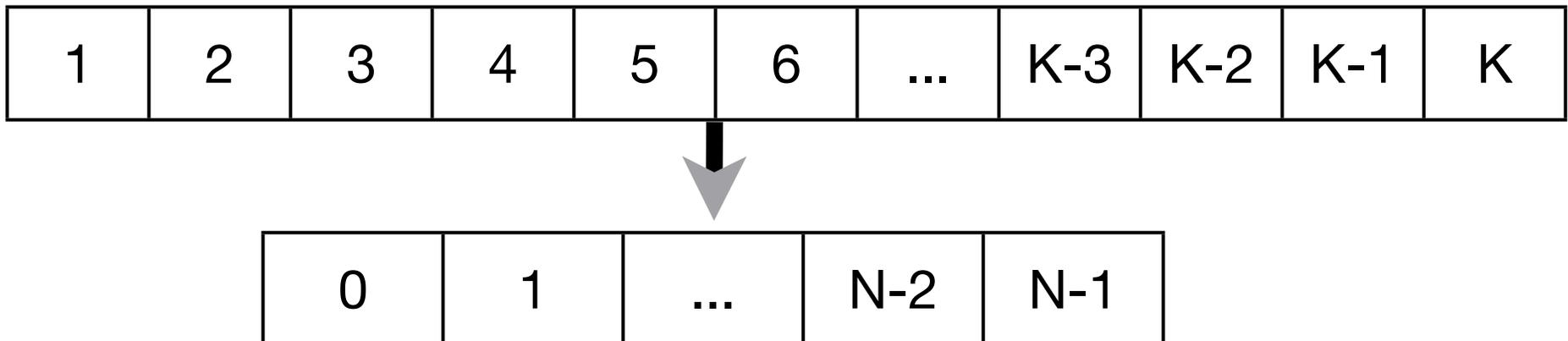
- * We can manage the forest with a priority queue:
- * **buildHeap** first,
 - * find the least weight trees with 2 **deleteMins**,
 - * after merging, **insert** back to heap.
- * In practice, also have to store coding tree, but the payoff comes when we compress larger strings

Hash Table ADT

- * Insert or delete objects by **key**
- * Search for objects by **key**
- * **No** order information whatsoever
- * Ideally $O(1)$ per operation

Hash Functions

- * A **hash function** maps any key to a valid array position
- * Array positions range from 0 to $N-1$
- * Key range possibly unlimited



Hash Functions

- * For integer keys, $(\text{key} \bmod N)$ is the simplest hash function
- * In general, **any** function that maps from the space of keys to the space of array indices is valid
- * but a good hash function spreads the data out evenly in the array;
- * A good hash function avoids **collisions**

Collisions

- * A **collision** is when two distinct keys map to the same array index
 - * e.g., $h(x) = x \bmod 5$
 $h(7) = 2, h(12) = 2$
- * Choose $h(x)$ to minimize collisions, but collisions are inevitable
- * To implement a hash table, we must decide on collision resolution policy

Collision Resolution

- * Two basic strategies
 - * Strategy 1: Separate Chaining
 - * Strategy 2: Probing; lots of variants

Strategy 1: Separate Chaining

- * Keep a list at each array entry
 - * Insert(x): find $h(x)$, add to list at $h(x)$
 - * Delete(x): find $h(x)$, search list at $h(x)$ for x , delete
 - * Search(x): find $h(x)$, search list at $h(x)$
- * We could use a BST or other ADT, but if $h(x)$ is a good hash function, it won't be worth the overhead

Strategy 2: Probing

- * If $h(x)$ is occupied, try **$h(x)+f(i) \bmod N$** for $i = 1$ until an empty slot is found
- * Many ways to choose a good $f(i)$
- * Simplest method: Linear Probing
 - * $f(i) = i$

Primary Clustering

- * If there are many collisions, blocks of occupied cells form: **primary clustering**
- * Any hash value inside the cluster adds to the end of that cluster
- * (a) it becomes more likely that the next hash value will collide with the cluster, and (b) collisions in the cluster get more expensive

Quadratic Probing

- * $f(i) = i^2$
- * Avoids primary clustering
- * Sometimes will never find an empty slot even if table isn't full!
- * Luckily, if load factor $\lambda \leq \frac{1}{2}$, guaranteed to find empty slot

Double Hashing

- * If $h_1(x)$ is occupied, probe according to

$$f(i) = i \times h_2(x)$$

- * 2nd hash function must never map to 0

- * Increments differently depending on the key

Rehashing

- * Like ArrayLists, we have to guess the number of elements we need to insert into a hash table
- * Whatever our collision policy is, the hash table becomes inefficient when load factor is too high.
- * To alleviate load, **rehash**:
 - * create larger table, scan current table, insert items into new table using new hash function

Graph Terminology

- * A **graph** is a set of **nodes** and **edges**
 - * nodes aka vertices
 - * edges aka arcs, links
- * Edges exist between pairs of nodes
 - * if nodes x and y share an edge, they are **adjacent**

Graph Terminology

- * Edges may have **weights** associated with them
- * Edges may be **directed** or **undirected**
- * A **path** is a series of adjacent vertices
 - * the **length** of a path is the sum of the edge weights along the path (1 if unweighted)
- * A **cycle** is a path that starts and ends on a node

Graph Properties

- * An undirected graph with no cycles is a tree
- * A directed graph with no cycles is a special class called a **directed acyclic graph (DAG)**
- * In a **connected** graph, a path exists between every pair of vertices
- * A **complete** graph has an edge between every pair of vertices

Implementation

- * Option 1:
 - * Store all nodes in an indexed list
 - * Represent edges with **adjacency matrix**
- * Option 2:
 - * Explicitly store **adjacency lists**

Topological Sort

- * Problem definition:
 - * Given a directed acyclic graph G , order the nodes such that for each edge $(v_i, v_j) \in E$, v_i is before v_j in the ordering.
 - * e.g., scheduling errands when some tasks depend on other tasks being completed.

Topological Sort Better Algorithm

- * 1. Compute all indegrees
- * 2. Put all indegree 0 nodes into a Collection
- * 3. Print and remove a node from Collection
- * 4. Decrement indegrees of the node's neighbors.
- * 5. If any neighbor has indegree 0, place in Collection. Go to 3.

Topological Sort

Running time

- * Initial indegree computation: $O(|E|)$
 - * Unless we update indegree as we build graph
- * $|V|$ nodes must be enqueued/dequeued
- * Dequeue requires operation for outgoing edges
- * Each edge is used, but never repeated
- * Total running time $O(|V| + |E|)$

Shortest Path

- * Given $\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{E})$, and a node $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{V}$, find the shortest (weighted) path from \mathbf{s} to every other vertex in \mathbf{G} .
- * Motivating example: subway travel
 - * Nodes are junctions, transfer locations
 - * Edge weights are estimated time of travel

Breadth First Search

- * Like a level-order traversal
- * Find all adjacent nodes (level 1)
- * Find *new* nodes adjacent to level 1 nodes (level 2)
- * ... and so on
- * We can implement this with a queue

Unweighted Shortest Path Algorithm

- * Set node s ' distance to 0 and enqueue s .
- * Then repeat the following:
 - * Dequeue node v . For unset neighbor u :
 - * set neighbor u 's distance to v 's distance +1
 - * mark that we reached v from u
 - * enqueue u

Weighted Shortest Path

- * The problem becomes more difficult when edges have different weights
- * Weights represent different costs on using that edge
- * Standard algorithm is **Dijkstra's Algorithm**

Dijkstra's Algorithm

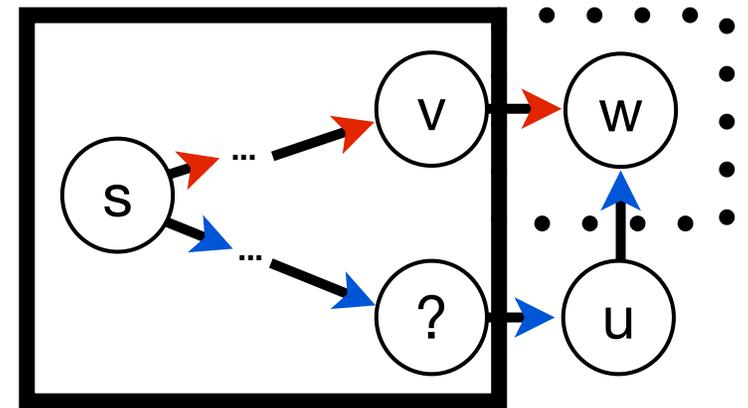
- * Keep distance overestimates $\mathbf{D(v)}$ for each node \mathbf{v} (all non-source nodes are initially infinite)
- * 1. Choose node \mathbf{v} with smallest *unknown* distance
- * 2. Declare that \mathbf{v} 's shortest distance is *known*
- * 3. Update distance estimates for neighbors

Updating Distances

- * For each of \mathbf{v} 's neighbors, \mathbf{w} ,
- * if $\min(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{v}) + \text{weight}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}), \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w}))$
- * i.e., update $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{w})$ if the path going through \mathbf{v} is cheaper than the best path so far to \mathbf{w}

Proof by Contradiction (Sketch)

- * Contradiction: Dijkstra's finds a shortest path to node **w** through **v**, but there exists an even shorter path
- * This shorter path must pass from inside our known set to outside.
- * Call the 1st node in cheaper path outside our set **u**
- * The path to **u** must be shorter than the path to **w**
 - * But then we would have chosen **u** instead



Computational Cost

- * Keep a priority queue of all unknown nodes
- * Each stage requires a **deleteMin**, and then some **decreaseKeys** (the # of neighbors of node)
- * We call **decreaseKey** once per edge, we call **deleteMin** once per vertex
- * Both operations are $O(\log |V|)$
- * Total cost: $O(|E| \log |V| + |V| \log |V|) = O(|E| \log |V|)$

All Pairs Shortest Path

- * Dijkstra's Algorithm finds shortest paths from one node to all other nodes
- * What about computing shortest paths for all pairs of nodes?
- * We can run Dijkstra's $|V|$ times. Total cost: $O(|V|^3)$
- * Floyd-Warshall algorithm is often faster in practice (though same asymptotic time)

Recursive Motivation

- * Consider the set of numbered nodes **1** through **k**
- * The shortest path between any node **i** and **j** using only nodes in the set **{1, ..., k}** is the minimum of
 - * shortest path from **i** to **j** using nodes **{1, ..., k-1}**
 - * shortest path from **i** to **j** using node **k**
- * $\text{path}(i,j,k) = \min(\text{path}(i,j,k-1), \text{path}(i,k,k-1) + \text{path}(k,j,k-1))$

Dynamic Programming

- * Instead of repeatedly computing recursive calls, store lookup table
- * To compute $\text{path}(i,j,k)$ for any i,j , we only need to look up $\text{path}(-,-, k-1)$
 - * but never $k-2, k-3, \text{etc.}$
- * We can incrementally compute the path matrix for $k=0$, then use it to compute for $k=1$, then $k=2\dots$

Floyd-Warshall Code

- * Initialize d = weight matrix
- *

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for (k=0; k<N; k++)  
    for (i=0; i<N; i++)  
        for (j=0; j<N; j++)  
            if (d[i][j] > d[i][k]+d[k][j])  
                d[i][j] = d[i][k] + d[k][j];
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- * Additionally, we can store the actual path by keeping a “midpoint” matrix

Transitive Closure

- * For any nodes i, j , is there a path from i to j ?
- * Instead of computing shortest paths, just compute Boolean if a path exists
- * $\text{path}(i,j,k) = \text{path}(i,j,k-1) \text{ OR}$
 $\text{path}(i,k,k-1) \text{ AND path}(k,j,k-1)$

Maximum Flow

- * Consider a graph representing flow capacity
- * Directed graph with **source** and **sink** nodes
- * Physical analogy: water pipes
 - * Each edge weight represents the **capacity**: how much “water” can run through the pipe from source to sink?

Max Flow Algorithm

- * Create 2 copies of original graph: **flow graph** and **residual graph**
- * The flow graph tells us how much flow we have currently on each edge
- * The residual graph tells us how much flow is available on each edge
- * Initially, the residual graph is the original graph

Augmenting Path

- * Find any path in residual graph from source to sink
 - * called an **augmenting path**.
- * The minimum weight along path can be added as flow to the flow graph
- * But we don't want to commit to this flow; add a reverse-direction undo edge to the residual graph

Running Times

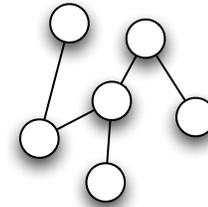
- * If integer weights, each augmenting path increases flow by at least 1
- * Costs $O(|E|)$ to find an augmenting path
- * For max flow f , finding max flow (Floyd-Fulkerson) costs $O(f|E|)$
- * Choosing shortest unweighted path (Edmonds-Karp), $O(|V||E|^2)$

Minimum Spanning Tree Problem definition

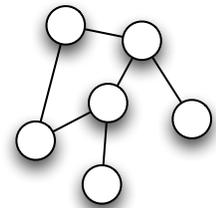
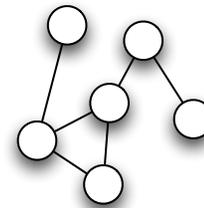
- * Given connected graph \mathbf{G} , find the connected, acyclic subgraph \mathbf{T} with minimum edge weight
- * A tree that includes every node is called a **spanning tree**
- * The method to find the MST is another example of a greedy algorithm

Motivation for Greed

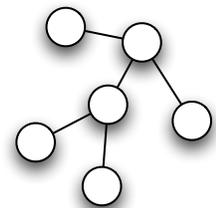
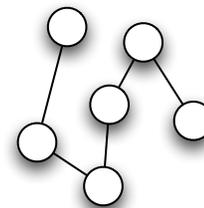
- * Consider any spanning tree



- * Adding another edge to the tree creates exactly one cycle



- * Removing an edge from that cycle restores the tree structure



Prim's Algorithm

- * Grow the tree like Dijkstra's Algorithm
- * Dijkstra's: grow the set of vertices to which we know the shortest path
- * Prim's: grow the set of vertices we have added to the minimum tree
- * Store shortest edge $\mathbf{D}[\]$ from each node to tree

Prim's Algorithm

- * Start with a single node tree, set distance of adjacent nodes to edge weights, infinite elsewhere
- * Repeat until all nodes are in tree:
 - * Add the node **v** with shortest known distance
 - * Update distances of adjacent nodes **w**:
 $\mathbf{D}[w] = \min(\mathbf{D}[w], \text{weight}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}))$

Prim's Algorithm Justification

- * At any point, we can consider the set of nodes in the tree T and the set outside the tree Q
- * Whatever the MST structure of the nodes in Q , at least one edge must connect the MSTs of T and Q
- * The greedy edge is just as good structurally as any other edge, and has minimum weight

Prim's Running Time

- * Each stage requires one deleteMin $O(\log |V|)$, and there are exactly $|V|$ stages
- * We update keys for each edge, updating the key costs $O(\log |V|)$ (either an insert or a decreaseKey)
- * Total time: $O(|V| \log |V| + |E| \log |V|) = O(|E| \log |V|)$

Kruskal's Algorithm

- * Somewhat simpler conceptually, but more challenging to implement
- * Algorithm: repeatedly add the shortest edge that does not cause a cycle until no such edges exist
- * Each added edge performs a union on two trees; perform unions until there is only one tree
- * Need special ADT for unions
(Disjoint Set... we'll cover it later)

Kruskal's Justification

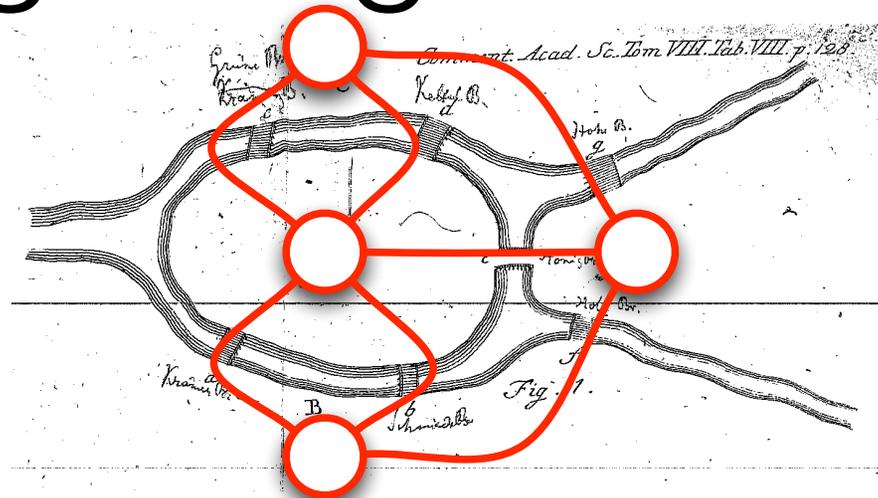
- * At each stage, the greedy edge e connects two nodes v and w
- * Eventually those two nodes must be connected;
 - * we must add an edge to connect trees including v and w
- * We can always use e to connect v and w , which must have less weight since it's the greedy choice

Kruskal's Running Time

- * First, buildHeap costs $O(|E|)$
- * In the worst case, we have to call $|E|$ deleteMins
- * Total running time $O(|E| \log |E|)$; but $|E| \leq |V|^2$

$$O(|E| \log |V|^2) = O(2|E| \log |V|) = O(|E| \log |V|)$$

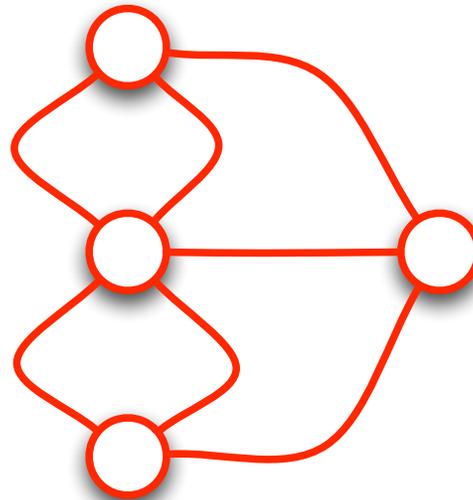
The Seven Bridges of Königsberg



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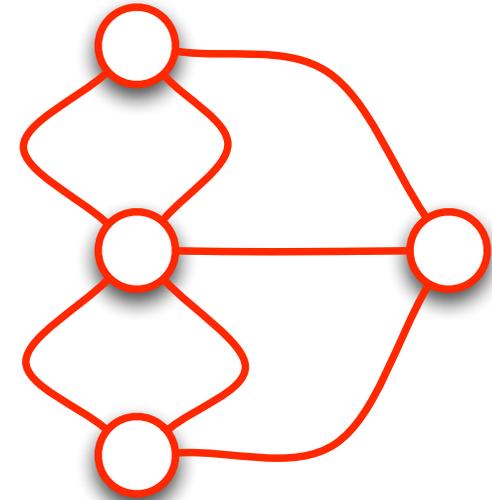
- * Königsburg Bridge Problem: can one walk across the seven bridges and never cross the same bridge twice?
- * Euler solved the problem by *inventing* graph theory

Euler Paths and Circuits



- * Euler path – a (possibly cyclic) path that crosses each edge exactly once
- * Euler circuit - an Euler path that starts and ends on the same node

Euler's Proof



- * Does an Euler path exist? **No**
- * Nodes with an odd degree must either be the start or end of the path
- * Only one node in the Königsberg graph has odd degree; the path cannot exist
- * What about an Euler circuit?

Finding an Euler Circuit

- * Run a partial DFS; search down a path until you need to backtrack (mark edges instead of nodes)
- * At this point, you will have found a circuit
- * Find first node along the circuit that has unvisited edges; run a DFS starting with that edge
- * Splice the new circuit into the main circuit, repeat until all edges are visited

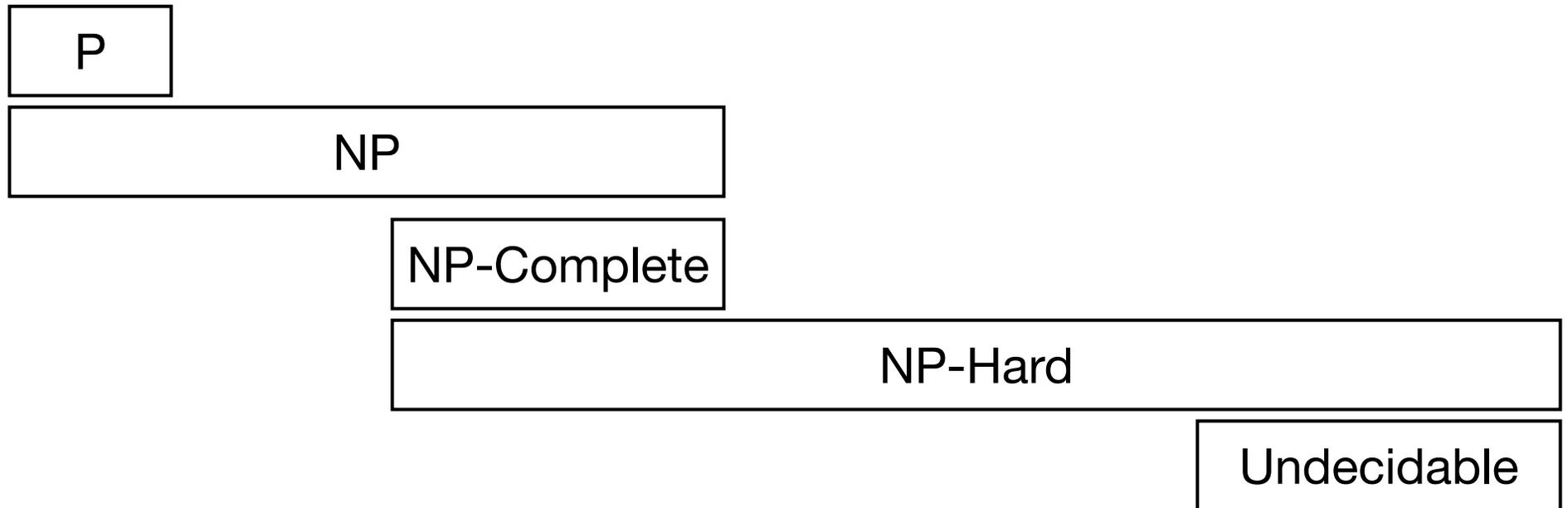
Euler Circuit Running Time

- * All our DFS's will visit each edge once, so at least $O(|E|)$
- * Must use a linked list for efficient splicing of path, so searching for a vertex with unused edge can be expensive
- * but cleverly saving the last scanned edge in each adjacency list can prevent having to check edges more than once, so also $O(|E|)$

Complexity Classes

- * **P** - solvable in polynomial time
- * **NP** - solvable in polynomial time by a nondeterministic computer
 - * i.e., you can check a solution in polynomial time
- * **NP-complete** - a problem in NP such that any problem in NP is polynomially reducible to it
- * **Undecidable** - no algorithm can solve the problem

Probable Complexity Class Hierarchy



Polynomial Time **P**

- * All the algorithms we cover in class are solvable in polynomial time
- * An algorithm that runs in polynomial time is considered **efficient**
- * A problem solvable in polynomial time is considered **tractable**

Nondeterministic Polynomial Time **NP**

- * Consider a magical nondeterministic computer
 - * infinitely parallel computer
- * Equivalently, to solve any problem, check every possible solution in parallel
 - * return one that passes the check

NP-Complete

- * Special class of NP problems that can be used to solve any other NP problem
- * Hamiltonian Path, Satisfiability, Graph Coloring etc.
- * NP-Complete problems can be **reduced** to other NP-Complete problems:
 - * polynomial time algorithm to convert the input and output of algorithms

NP-Hard

- * A problem is NP-Hard if it is at least as complex as all NP-Complete problems
- * NP-hard problems may not even be NP

NP-Complete Problems

Satisfiability

- * Given Boolean expression of N variables, can we set variables to make expression true?
- * First NP-Complete proof because Cook's Theorem gave polynomial time procedure to convert any NP problem to a Boolean expression
- * I.e., if we have efficient algorithm for Satisfiability, we can efficiently solve any NP problem

NP-Complete Problems

Graph Coloring

- * Given a graph is it possible to color with **k** colors all nodes so no adjacent nodes are the same color?
- * Coloring countries on a map
- * Sudoku is a form of this problem. All squares in a row, column and blocks are connected. **k = 9**

NP-Complete Problems

Hamiltonian Path

- * Given a graph with N nodes, is there a path that visits each node exactly once?

NP-Hard Problems

Traveling Salesman

- * Closely related to Hamiltonian Path problem
- * Given complete graph \mathbf{G} , find a path that visits all nodes that costs less than some constant \mathbf{k}
- * If we are able to solve TSP, we can find a Hamiltonian Path; set connected edge weight to constant, disconnected to infinity
 - * TSP is NP-hard

Equivalence Relations

- * An equivalence relation is a relation operator that observes three properties:
 - * **Reflexive:** $(a R a)$, for all a
 - * **Symmetric:** $(a R b)$ if and only if $(b R a)$
 - * **Transitive:** $(a R b)$ and $(b R c)$ implies $(a R c)$
- * Put another way, equivalence relations check if operands are in the same **equivalence class**

Equivalence Classes

- * Equivalence class: the set of elements that are all related to each other via an equivalence relation
- * Due to transitivity, each member can only be a member of one equivalence class
- * Thus, equivalence classes are **disjoint sets**
 - * Choose any distinct sets S and T , $S \cap T = \emptyset$

Disjoint Set ADT

- * Collection of objects, each in an equivalence class
- * **find**(x) returns the class of the object
- * **union**(x,y) puts x and y in the same class
 - * as well as every other relative of x and y
- * Even less information than hash; no keys, no ordering

Data Structure

- * Store elements in equivalence (general) trees
- * Use the tree's root as equivalence class label
- * **find** returns root of containing tree
- * **union** merges tree
- * Since all operations only search up the tree, we can store in an array

Implementation

- * Index all objects from 0 to N-1
- * Store a parent array such that **s[i]** is the index of i's parent
- * If **i** is a root, store the negative size of its tree*
- * **find** follows **s[i]** until negative, returns index
- * **union**(x,y) points the root of x's tree to the root of y's tree

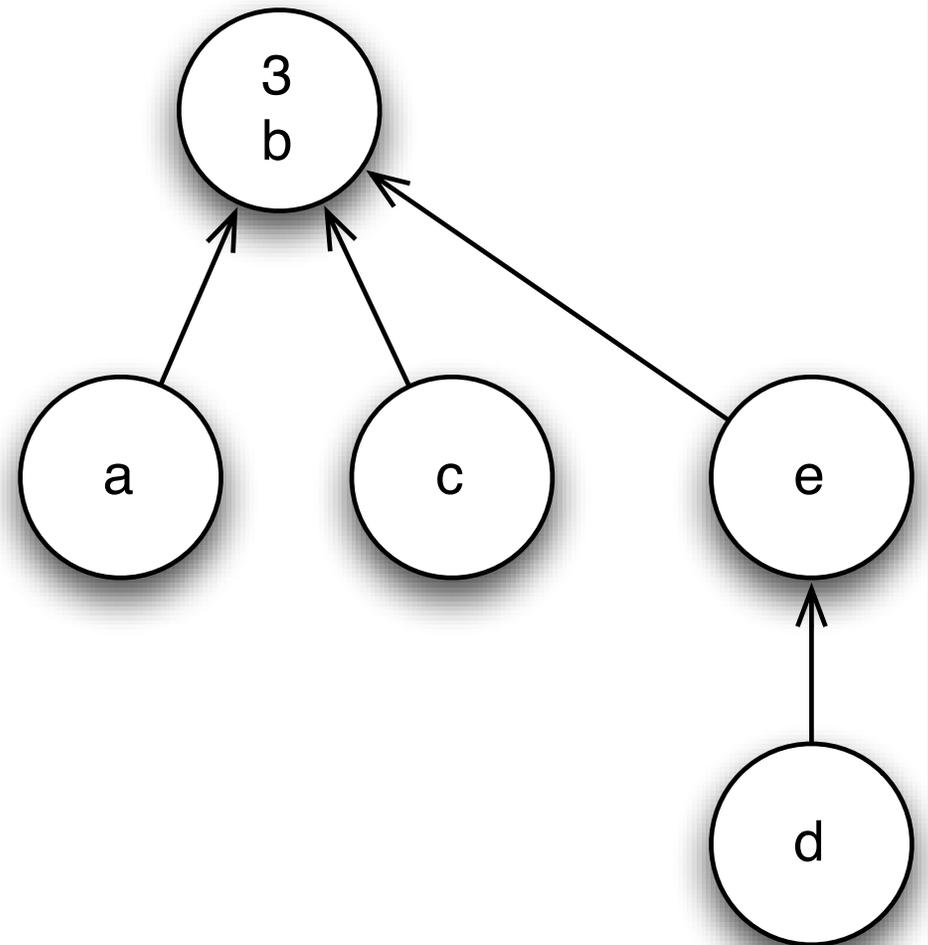
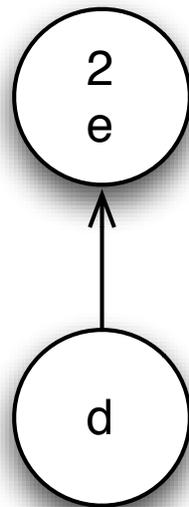
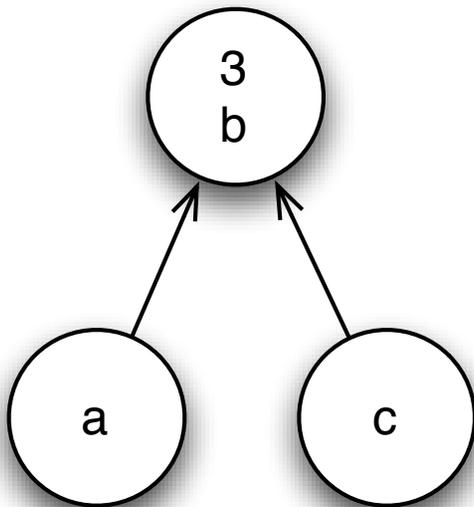
Analysis

- * **find** costs the depth of the node
- * **union** costs $O(1)$ after **finding** the roots
- * Both operations depend on the height of the tree
- * Since these are general trees, the trees can be arbitrarily shallow

Union by Size

- * Claim: if we union by pointing the smaller tree to the larger tree's root, the height is at most $\log N$
- * Each union increases the depths of nodes in the smaller trees
- * Also puts nodes from the smaller tree into a tree at least twice the size
 - * We can only double the size $\log N$ times

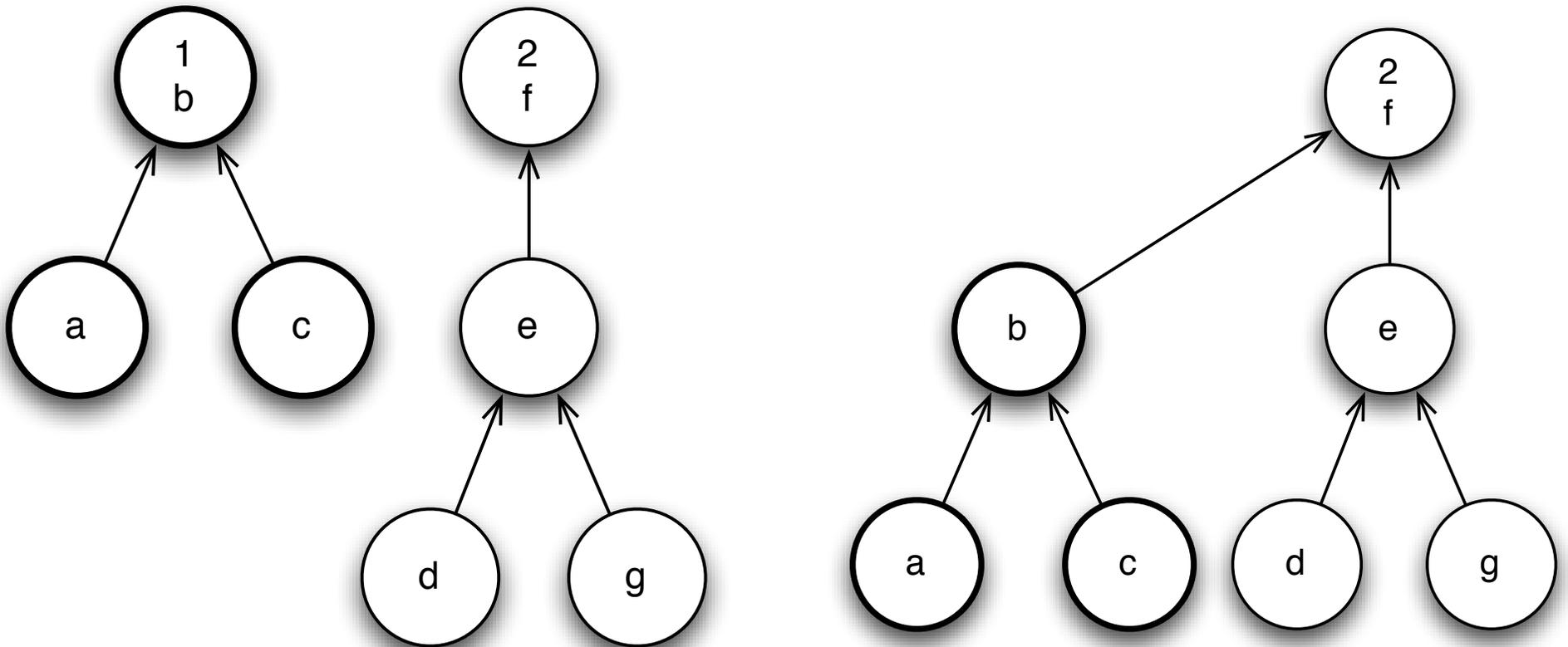
Union by Size Figure



Union by Height

- * Similar method, attach the tree with less height to the taller tree
- * Shorter tree's nodes join a tree at least twice the height, overall height only increases if trees are equal height

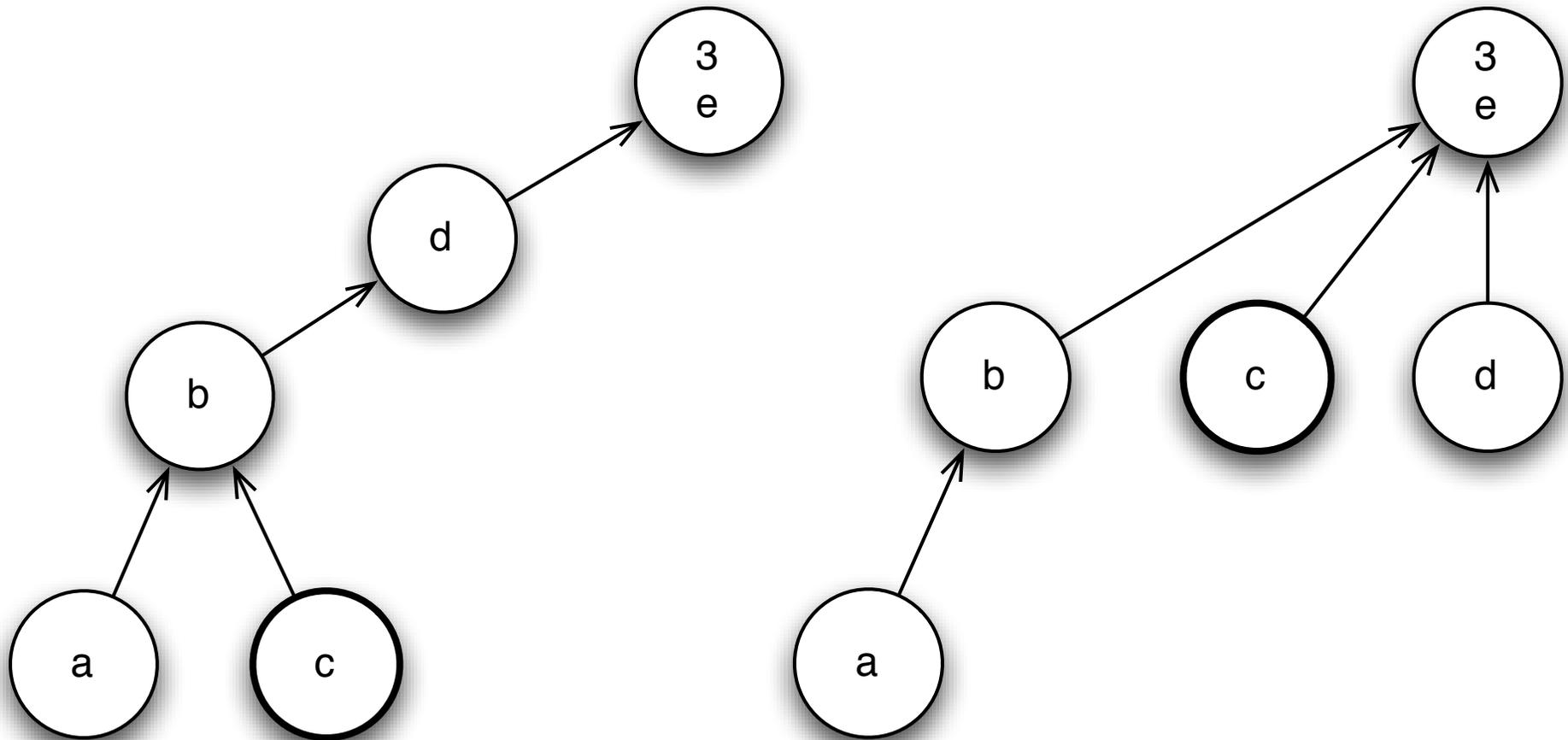
Union by Height Figure



Path Compression

- * Even if we have $\log N$ tall trees, we can keep calling **find** on the deepest node repeatedly, costing $O(M \log N)$ for M operations
- * Additionally, we will perform **path compression** during each **find** call
 - * Point every node along the find path to root

Path Compression Figure



Union by Rank

- * Path compression messes up union-by-height because we reduce the height when we compress
- * We could fix the height, but this turns out to gain little, and costs **find** operations more
- * Instead, rename to **union by rank**, where **rank** is just an overestimate of height
- * Since heights change less often than sizes, rank/height is usually the cheaper choice

Worst Case Bound

- * A slightly looser, but easier to prove/understand bound is that any sequence of $M = \Omega(N)$ operations will cost **$O(M \log^* N)$** running time
- * $\log^* N$ is the number of times the logarithm needs to be applied to N until the result is ≤ 1
- * Proof idea: upper bound the number of nodes per rank, partition ranks into groups

Sorting

- * Given array A of size N , reorder A so its elements are in order.
- * "In order" with respect to a consistent comparison function

The Bad News

- * Sorting algorithms typically compare two elements and branch according to the result of comparison
- * Theorem: An algorithm that branches from the result of pairwise comparisons must use $\Omega(N \log N)$ operations to sort worst-case input
- * Proof via decision tree

Counting Sort

- * Another simple sort for integer inputs
- * 1. Treat integers as array indices (subtract min)
- * 2. Insert items into array indices
- * 3. Read array in order, skipping empty entries

Bucket Sort

- * Like Counting Sort, but less wasteful in space
- * Split the input space into **k** buckets
- * Put input items into appropriate buckets
- * Sort the buckets using favorite sorting algorithm

Radix Sort

- * Trie method and CountingSort are forms of Radix Sort
- * Radix Sort sorts by looking at one digit at a time
- * We can start with the least significant digit or the most significant digit
 - * least significant digit first provides a **stable** sort
 - * trie's use most significant, so let's look at least...

Radix Sort with Least Significant Digit

- * CountingSort according to the least significant digit
- * Repeat: CountingSort according to the next least significant digit
- * Each step must be **stable**
- * Running time: **$O(Nk)$** for maximum of **k** digits
- * Space: **$O(N+b)$** for base- **b** number system*

Comparison Sort Characteristics

- * Worst case running time
- * Worst case space usage (can it run in place?)
- * Stability
- * Average running time/space
- * (simplicity)

Insertion Sort

- * Assume first **p** elements are sorted. Insert **(p+1)**'th element into appropriate location.
- * Save **A[p+1]** in temporary variable **t**, shift sorted elements greater than **t**, and insert **t**
- * Stable
- * Running time $O(N^2)$
- * In place **O(1)** space

Insertion Sort Analysis

- ✱ When the sorted segment is i elements, we may need up to i shifts to insert the next element

$$\sum_{i=2}^N i = N(N-1)/2 - 1 = O(N^2)$$

- ✱ Stable because elements are visited in order and equal elements are inserted after its equals
- ✱ Algorithm Animation

Shellsort

- * Essentially splits the array into subarrays and runs Insertion Sort on the subarrays
- * Uses an increasing sequence, h_1, \dots, h_t , such that $h_1 = 1$.
- * At phase **k**, all elements h_k apart are sorted; the array is called h_k -sorted
- * for every **i**, $A[i] \leq A[i + h_k]$

Shell Sort Correctness

- ✱ Efficiency of algorithm depends on that elements sorted at earlier stages remain sorted in later stages
- ✱ Unstable. Example: 2-sort the following: [5 5 1]

Increment Sequences

- * Shell suggested the sequence $h_t = \lfloor N/2 \rfloor$ and $h_k = \lfloor h_{k+1}/2 \rfloor$, which was suboptimal
- * A better sequence is $h_k = 2^k - 1$
- * Shellsort using better sequence is proven $\Theta(N^{3/2})$
- * Often used for its simplicity and sub-quadratic time, even though **$O(N \log N)$** algorithms exist
- * Animation

Heapsort

- * Build a **max** heap from the array: **$O(N)$**
- * call deleteMax **N** times: **$O(N \log N)$**
- * **$O(1)$** space
- * Simple if we abstract heaps
- * Unstable
- * Animation

Mergesort

- * Quintessential divide-and-conquer example
- * Mergesort each half of the array, merge the results
- * Merge by iterating through both halves, compare the current elements, copy lesser of the two into output array
- * Animation

Mergesort Recurrence

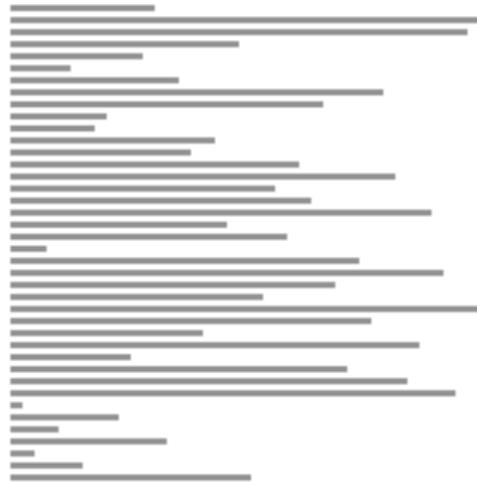
- * Merge operation is costs **$O(N)$**
- * **$T(N) = 2 T(N/2) + N$**
- * We solved this recurrence for the recursive solutions to the homework 1 theory problem

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\log N} 2^i c \frac{N}{2^i}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{\log N} cN = cN \log N$$

Quicksort

- * Choose an element as the **pivot**
- * Partition the array into elements greater than pivot and elements less than pivot
- * Quicksort each partition



Choosing a Pivot

- * The worst case for Quicksort is when the partitions are of size zero and **N-1**
- * Ideally, the pivot is the median, so each partition is about half
- * If your input is random, you can choose the first element, but this is very bad for presorted input!
- * Choosing randomly works, but a better method is...

Median-of-Three

- * Choose three entries, use the median as pivot
- * If we choose randomly, **$2/N$** probability of worst case pivots
- * Median-of-three gives **0** probability of worst case, tiny probability of 2nd-worst case. (Approx. $2/N^3$)
- * Randomness less important, so choosing (first, middle, last) works reasonably well

Partitioning the Array



- * Once pivot is chosen, swap pivot to end of array.
Start counters $i=1$ and $j=N-1$
- * Intuition: i will look at less-than partition, j will look at greater-than partition
- * Increment i and decrement j until we find elements that don't belong ($A[i] > \text{pivot}$ or $A[j] < \text{pivot}$)
- * Swap ($A[i]$, $A[j]$), continue increment/decrements
- * When i and j touch, swap pivot with $A[j]$

Quicksort Worst Case

- * Running time recurrence includes the cost of partitioning, then the cost of 2 quicksorts
- * We don't know the size of the partitions, so let i be the size of the first partition
- * **$T(N) = T(i) + T(N-i-1) + N$**
- * Worst case is **$T(N) = T(N-1) + N$**

Quicksort Properties

- * Unstable
- * Average time $O(N \log N)$
- * Worst case time $O(N^2)$
- * Space $O(\log N)/O(N^2)$ because we need to store the pivots

Summary

	Worst Case Time	Average Time	Space	Stable?
Selection	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(1)$	No
Insertion	$O(N^2)$	$O(N^2)$	$O(1)$	Yes
Shell	$O(N^{3/2})$?	$O(1)$	No
Heap	$O(N \log N)$	$O(N \log N)$	$O(1)$	No
Merge	$O(N \log N)$	$O(N \log N)$	$O(N)/O(1)$	Yes/No
Quick	$O(N^2)$	$O(N \log N)$	$O(\log N)$	No

Selection

- * Recall selection problem: best solution so far was Heapselect
- * Running time: **$O(N+k \log N)$**
- * We should expect a faster algorithm since selection should be easier than sorting
- * Quick Select: choose a pivot, partition array, recurse on the partition that contains **k**'th element

Quickselect Worst Case

- * Quickselect only recurses on one of the subproblems
- * However, in the worst case, pivot only eliminates one element:
 - * **$T(N) = T(N-1) + N$**
- * Same as Quicksort worst case

External Sorting

- * So far, we have looked at sorting algorithms when the data is all available in RAM
- * Often, the data we want to sort is so large, we can only fit a subset in RAM at any time
- * We could run standard sorting algorithms, but then we would be swapping elements to and from disk
 - * Instead, we want to minimize disk I/O, even if it means more CPU work

MergeSort

- * We can speed up external sorting if we have two or more disks (with free space) via Mergesort
- * One nice feature of Mergesort is the merging step can be done online with streaming data
- * Read as much data as you can, sort, write to disk, repeat for all data, write output to alternating disks
 - * merge outputs using 4 disks

Simplified Running Time Analysis

- * Suppose random disk i/o cost 10,000 ns
 - * Sequential disk i/o cost 100 ns
 - * RAM swaps/comparisons cost 10 ns
- * Naive sorting: $10000 N \log N$
- * Assume **M** elements fit in RAM.
External mergesort:
 $10 N \log M + 100 N$ (# of sweeps through data)

Counting Merges

- * After initial sorting, **N/M** sorted subsets distributed between 2 disks
- * After each run, each pair is merged into a sorted subset twice as large.
 - * Full data set is sorted after **$\log(N/M)$** runs
- * External sorting:
 $10 N \log M + 100 N \log (N/M)$