Data Structures and Algorithms

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Announcements

Homework 1 up on website (slight change)

- * Due Feb. 9th before class
- * Office Hour reminder
 - My OH today after class (this week only)

Review

* Mathematical Review

- * Exponential, log identities
- * Proofs: straightforward proof, by induction, contradiction
- Big-Oh: upper bound growth rate, invariant to constants, limit as N grows to infinity
- * Maximum Subsequence example (unfinished)

Today's Plan

- * Comments on homework
- * Finish Big-Oh examples from previous slides
- * Abstract Data Types
- # Lists
 - * Array List Implementation
 - * Linked List Implementation
- Brief Intro to Java Collections API

Homework Notes: Written Problems

- # Hint for proofs (1.7 and 1.12): some are easier to prove via induction
- * Coming up with proofs and new algorithms takes creativity. Sometimes it just won't come to you:
 - * Take a break, come back to it later
 - Try thinking of alternate but equivalent ways of posing the problem

Homework Notes: Programming

- * All code in the book is fair game to re-use
- Selection problem:
 - * select(k) finds the kth largest number in an array
- * Graphing class: need to run locally to see graphics
 - * I will post detailed instructions and an example soon (today or tomorrow)

Abstract Data Types

* Defined by:

- * What information it stores
- * How the information is organized
- * How the information can be accessed
- * Doesn't specify implementation

Vs. Implementation

* What information it stores

* What classes/types of variables

* How the information is organized

- * How it is stored in memory
- * How the information can be accessed
 - * What methods (and algorithms)

Abstract Data Type: Lists

- * An ordered series of objects
- * Each object has a previous and next
 - * Except *first* has no previous, *last* has no next
- * We can insert an object to a list (at location *k*)
- * We can remove an object from a list
- We can read an object from a list (location k)

Applications for Lists

- * To Do: insert tasks, remove when done
- Word Processor:
 - * typing text inserts to list,
 - # deleting text removes (simple array won't work)
- Shopping: insert needed items, remove when bought

Array Implementation of Lists

* 1st Hurdle: arrays have sizes

* Create bigger array when we run out of space, copy old array to big array

* 2nd Hurdle: Inserting object anywhere but the end

* Shift all entries forward one. O(N)

* Get kth and insertion to end constant time O(1)

Linked List Implementation

- Store list objects anywhere in memory
- * Each object has a reference to its next object
- Insert at k requires T(get kth) + constant
 - Insert to front is constant time
- # T(get kth) = O(N), if naïve

Linked Lists vs. Array Lists

Linked Lists

- No additional penalty on size
- # Insert/remove O(1)*
- # get kth costs O(N)*
- Need some extra memory for links

<u>Array Lists</u>

- * Need to estimate size/grow array
- # Insert/remove O(N)*
- # get kth costs O(1)
- * Arrays are compact in memory

Lists in Java

- * Collection Interface extends Iterable
- * A Collection stores a group of objects
- * We can add and remove from a Collection
- Iterator objects let us iterate over objects in a Collection (also enhanced for loop)
- * Built in LinkedList and ArrayList implementations of Collection

Assignments

* Previous Reading: Ch. 1, Ch. 2, Sections 3.1-3.5

Start homework