Technique 3: Master Theorem

Given a recurrence of the following form:

\[ T(n) = \begin{cases} 
    d & \text{when } n = 1 \\
    aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + n^c & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases} \]

Where \( a, b, \) and \( c \) are constants, then \( T(n) \) has the following asymptotic bounds:

- If \( \log_b a < c \) then \( T(n) \in \Theta(n^c) \)
- If \( \log_b a = c \) then \( T(n) \in \Theta(n^c \log_2 n) \)
- If \( \log_b a > c \) then \( T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \)
Recurrence analysis techniques

1. Unfolding method
   - more of a brute force method
   - Tedious but works

2. Tree methods
   - more scratch work but less error prone

3. Master theorem
   - quick, but applicable only to certain type of recurrences
   - does not give a closed form (gives big-Theta)
**Desired properties in a sorting algorithm**

**Stable**
- In the output, equal elements (i.e., elements with equal keys) appear in their original order

**In-place**
- Algorithm uses a constant additional space, $O(1)$ extra space

**Adaptive**
- Performs better when input is almost sorted or nearly sorted
- (Likely different big-O for best-case and worst-case)

**Fast. $O(n \log n)$**

No algorithm has all of these properties. So choice of algorithm depends on the situation.
Merge sort

Split array in the middle
Sort the two halves
Merge them together

\[
T(n) = \begin{cases} 
  c_1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\
  2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c_2n & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
\]
Quick Sort

quickSort(input) {
    if (input.length == 1)
        return
    else
        pivot = getPivot(input)
        smallerHalf = quickSort(getSmaller(pivot, input))
        largerHalf = quickSort(getBigger(pivot, input))
        return smallerHalf + pivot + largerHalf
}

Worst case runtime? \( T(n) = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\
 n + T(n - 1) & \text{otherwise} 
\end{cases} \)

Best case runtime? \( T(n) = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\
 n + 2T(n/2) & \text{otherwise} 
\end{cases} \)

Average runtime? \( T(n) = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if } n \leq 1 \\
 n + 2T(n/2) & \text{otherwise} 
\end{cases} \)

Stable? No

In-place? Can be
Choosing a Pivot

Average case behavior depends on a good pivot.

Pivot ideas:

Just take the first element
- Simple. But an already sorted (or reversed) list will give you a bad time.

Pick an element uniformly at random.
- Regardless of input!
- Probably too slow in practice :(

Median of Three
- Take the median of the first, last, and midpoint as the pivot.
- Fast!
- Unlikely to get bad behavior (but definitely still possible)
- Reasonable default choice.
Worksheet Questions 1-3
Parting thoughts on sorts

- Hybrid sorts
- Internal vs. external sorting
Graphs
# Inter-data Relationships

## Arrays
- Categorically associated
- Sometimes ordered
- Typically independent
- Elements only store pure data, no connection info

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>0</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
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<tbody>
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<td>A</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>C</td>
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## Trees
- Directional Relationships
- Ordered for easy access
- Limited connections
- Elements store data and connection info

## Graphs
- Multiple relationship connections
- Relationships dictate structure
- Connection freedom!
- Both elements and connections can store data

![Tree Diagram](image)

![Graph Diagram](image)
Applications

Physical Maps
- Airline maps
  - Vertices are airports, edges are flight paths
- Traffic
  - Vertices are addresses, edges are streets

Relationships
- Social media graphs
  - Vertices are accounts, edges are follower relationships
- Code bases
  - Vertices are classes, edges are usage

Influence
- Biology
  - Vertices are cancer cell destinations, edges are migration paths

Related topics
- Web Page Ranking
  - Vertices are web pages, edges are hyperlinks
- Wikipedia
  - Vertices are articles, edges are links

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Graph Vocabulary

Graph Direction
- **Undirected graph** – edges have no direction and are two-way
  \[ V = \{ A, B, C \} \]
  \[ E = \{ (A, B), (B, C) \} \text{ inferred } (B, A) \text{ and } (C, B) \]
- **Directed graphs** – edges have direction and are thus one-way
  \[ V = \{ A, B, C \} \]
  \[ E = \{ (A, B), (B, C), (C, B) \} \]

Degree of a Vertex
- **Degree** – the number of edges containing that vertex
  - A : 1, B : 1, C : 1
- **In-degree** – the number of directed edges that point to a vertex
  - A : 0, B : 2, C : 1
- **Out-degree** – the number of directed edges that start at a vertex
  - A : 1, B : 1, C : 1
Food for thought

Is a graph valid if there exists a vertex with a degree of 0?

A has an “in degree” of 0

B has an “out degree” of 0

C has both an “in degree” and an “out degree” of 0

Are these valid?

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Are these valid?
Graph Vocabulary

**Self loop** – an edge that starts and ends at the same vertex

![Self loop diagram]

**Parallel edges** – two edges with the same start and end vertices

![Parallel edges diagram]

**Simple graph** – a graph with no self-loops and no parallel edges
Graph Vocabulary

**Walk** – A sequence of adjacent vertices. Each connected to next by an edge.

- A, B, C, D is a walk.
- So is A, B, A

**(Directed) Walk**– must follow the direction of the edges

- A, B, C, D, B is a directed walk.
- A, B, A is not.

**Length** – The number of edges in a walk

- (A, B, C, D) has length 3.
Graph Vocabulary

Path – A walk that doesn’t repeat a vertex. A, B, C, D is a path. A, B, A is not.

Cycle – path with an extra edge from last vertex back to first.

Be careful looking at other sources.

Some people call our “walks” “paths” and our “paths” “simple paths”

Use the definitions on these slides.
Worksheet Question 4
Implementing a Graph

Implement with nodes...

Implementation gets super messy

What if you wanted a vertex without an edge?

How can we implement without requiring edges to access nodes?

Implement using some of our existing data structures!
Assign each vertex a number from 0 to V – 1

Create a V x V array of Booleans

If (x,y) ∈ E then arr[x][y] = true

Runtime (in terms of V and E)
- get out - edges for a vertex O(v)
- get in – edges for a vertex O(v)
- decide if an edge exists O(1)
- insert an edge O(1)
- delete an edge O(1)
- delete a vertex
- add a vertex

How much space is used?
V²
Graph Vocabulary

**Dense Graph** – a graph with a lot of edges
\[ E \in \Theta(V^2) \]

**Sparse Graph** – a graph with “few” edges
\[ E \in \Theta(V) \]

An Adjacency Matrix seems a waste for a sparse graph…
Create a Dictionary of size $V$ from type $V$ to Collection of $E$
If $(x,y) \in E$ then add $y$ to the set associated with the key $x$

Runtime (in terms of $V$ and $E$)
- get out - edges for a vertex $O(1)$
- get in - edges for a vertex $O(V + E)$
- decide if an edge exists $O(1)$
- insert an edge $O(1)$
- delete an edge $O(1)$
- delete a vertex
- add a vertex

How much space is used?
$V + E$
**Graph Vocabulary -- Connected Graphs**

**Connected graph** – a graph where every vertex is connected to every other vertex via some path. It is not required for every vertex to have an edge to every other vertex.

There exists some way to get from each vertex to every other vertex.

**Connected Component** – a *subgraph* in which any two vertices are connected via some path, but is connected to no additional vertices in the *supergraph*.

- There exists some way to get from each vertex within the connected component to every other vertex in the connected component.
- A vertex with no edges is itself a connected component.