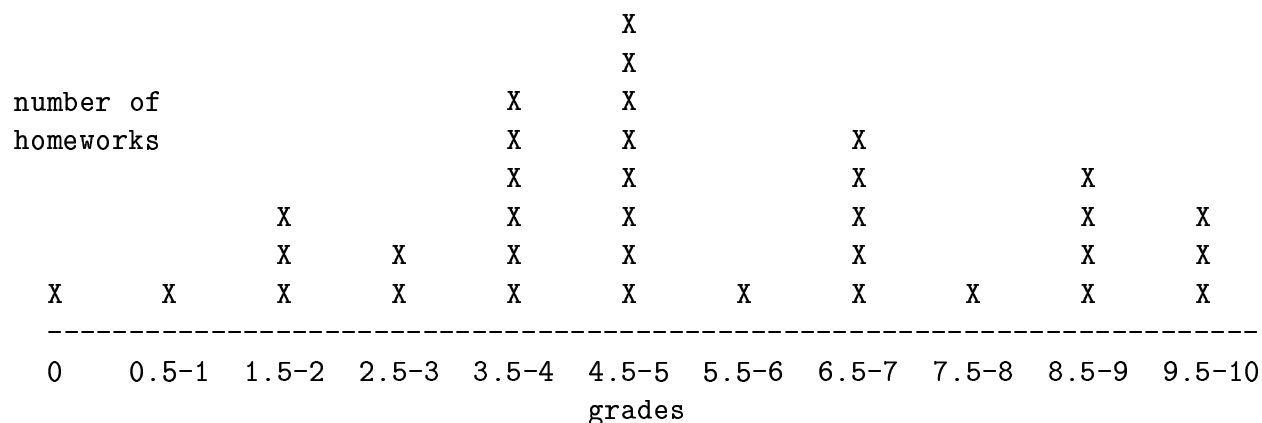


# Analysis of Algorithms: Solutions 3



The histogram shows the distribution of grades for the homeworks submitted on time.

## Problem 1

A  $d$ -ary heap is like a binary heap, but instead of 2 children, nodes have  $d$  children.

(a) How would you represent a  $d$ -ary heap in an array? What is the height of a  $d$ -ary heap of  $n$  elements in terms of  $n$  and  $d$ ?

The following expressions determine the parent and  $j$ -th child of element  $i$  (where  $1 \leq j \leq d$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PARENT}(i) &= \left\lfloor \frac{i + d - 2}{d} \right\rfloor, \\ \text{CHILD}(i, j) &= (i - 1)d + j + 1. \end{aligned}$$

The height  $h$  of a heap is *approximately* equal to  $\log_d n$ . The exact height is

$$h = \lceil \log_d(nd - n + 1) - 1 \rceil.$$

(b) Give an efficient implementation of HEAP-EXTRACT-MAX for a  $d$ -ary heap.

The HEAP-EXTRACT-MAX procedure for  $d$ -ary heaps is identical to that for binary heaps; however, we have to re-implement HEAPIFY, which is a subroutine of HEAP-EXTRACT-MAX.

HEAPIFY( $A, i, n, d$ )

$largest \leftarrow i$

**for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $d$   $\triangleright$  loop through all children of  $i$

**do** **if**  $\text{CHILD}(i, j) \leq n$  **and**  $A[\text{CHILD}(i, j)] > A[largest]$

**then**  $largest \leftarrow \text{CHILD}(i, j)$

**if**  $largest \neq i$

**then** exchange  $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[largest]$

    HEAPIFY( $A, largest$ )

(c) Give an efficient implementation of a HEAP-INCREASE-KEY( $A, i, k$ ) algorithm, which sets  $A[i] \leftarrow \max(A[i], k)$  and updates the heap structure appropriately. Give its time complexity, in terms of  $d$  and  $n$ , and briefly explain your answer.

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HEAP-INCREASE-KEY( $A, i, k$ )
if  $k > A[i]$ 
    then while  $i > 1$  and  $A[\text{PARENT}(i)] < k$ 
        do  $A[i] \leftarrow A[\text{PARENT}(i)]$ 
         $i \leftarrow \text{PARENT}(i)$ 
     $A[i] \leftarrow k$ 

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The worst-case running time is proportional to the height of the heap; hence, it is  $O(\log_d n)$ .

## Problem 2

Consider the following sorting algorithm:

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STOOGESORT( $A, i, j$ )
1. if  $A[i] > A[j]$ 
2.     then exchange  $A[i] \leftrightarrow A[j]$ 
3. if  $i + 1 \geq j$ 
4.     then return
5.  $k \leftarrow \lfloor (j - i + 1)/3 \rfloor$ 
6. STOOGESORT( $A, i, j - k$ )    ▷ First two-thirds.
7. STOOGESORT( $A, i + k, j$ )    ▷ Last two-thirds.
8. STOOGESORT( $A, i, j - k$ )    ▷ First two-thirds again.

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(a) Argue that  $\text{STOOGESORT}(A, 1, n)$  correctly sorts the input array  $A[1..n]$ .

We prove the correctness of the algorithm by induction. Clearly, the algorithm works correctly for one- and two-element arrays, which provides the induction base. Now suppose that it works for all arrays shorter than  $A[i..j]$  and let us show that it also works for  $A[i..j]$ .

After the execution of Line 6,  $A[i..(j - k)]$  is sorted, which means that every element of  $A[(i + k)..(j - k)]$  is no smaller than every element of  $A[i..(i + k - 1)]$  (we will write it as  $A[(i + k)..(j - k)] \geq A[i..(i + k - 1)]$ ). Therefore,  $A[(i + k)..j]$  contains at least  $\text{length}(A[(i + k)..(j - k)]) = j - i - 2k + 1$  elements each of which is no smaller than each element of  $A[i..(i + k - 1)]$ .

After the execution of Line 7,  $A[(i + k)..j]$  is sorted, which implies that

- (1)  $A[(j - k + 1)..j]$  is sorted, and
- (2)  $A[(j - k + 1)..j] \geq A[(i + k)..(j - k)]$ .

On the other hand, since  $A[(i + k)..j]$  has at least  $(j - i - 2k + 1)$  elements no smaller than each element of  $A[i..(i + k - 1)]$  and  $\text{length}(A[(j - k + 1)..j]) \leq j - i - 2k + 1$ , we conclude that

- (3)  $A[(j - k + 1)..j] \geq A[i..(i + k - 1)]$ .

Putting together (2) and (3), we conclude that:

- (4)  $A[(j - k + 1)..j] \geq A[i..(j - k)]$ .

After the execution of Line 8, the array  $A[i..(j - k)]$  is sorted. Putting this observation together with (1) and (4), we see that the whole array  $A[i..j]$  is sorted.

(b) Give the recurrence for the worst-case running time of STOOGESORT and a tight asymptotic ( $\Theta$ -notation) bound on the worst-case running time.

The algorithm first performs a constant-time computation (Lines 1–5), and then recursively calls itself three times (Lines 6–8), each time on an array whose size is  $2/3$  of the original array's size. Thus, the recurrence is as follows:

$$T(n) = 3T\left(\frac{2}{3}n\right) + \Theta(1).$$

This recurrence describes both the worst-case and best-case running time, since the algorithm's behavior does not depend on the order of elements in the input array. We use the iteration method to solve it:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 + 3T\left(\frac{2}{3}n\right) \\ &= 1 + 3 + 9T\left(\frac{4}{9}n\right) \\ &\quad \dots \\ &= 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{\log_{3/2} n} \\ &= \frac{3^{\log_{3/2} n+1} - 1}{3 - 1} \\ &= \Theta(3^{\log_{3/2} n}) \\ &= \Theta(3^{(\log_3 n)/(\log_3 3/2)}) \\ &= \Theta(n^{1/(\log_3 3/2)}) \\ &= \Theta(n^{2.71}). \end{aligned}$$

(c) Compare the worst-case running time of STOOGESORT with that of insertion sort, merge-sort, heap-sort, and quick-sort. Is it a good algorithm?

STOOGESORT is slower than the other sorting algorithms. Even the insertion sort has the complexity  $O(n^2)$ , which is much better than  $\Theta(n^{2.71})$ .

### Problem 3

We consider an integer array  $A[1..n]$  and define a segment sum from  $p$  to  $r$ , where  $1 \leq p \leq r \leq n$ , as follows:

$$\text{sum}(p, r) = \sum_{p \leq i \leq r} A[i].$$

That is, it is the sum of all array elements in the segment  $A[p..r]$ . Note that the total number of distinct segments is  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ . Write a *linear-time* (that is,  $\Theta(n)$ ) algorithm that determines the maximum over all segment sums.

MAX-SEGMENT( $A, n$ )

$Local\_Max \leftarrow 0$

$Global\_Max \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$

**do**  $Local\_Max \leftarrow \max(A[i], Local\_Max + A[i])$

$\triangleright Local\_Max$  is the maximum over the segments whose last element is  $A[i]$ .

$Global\_Max \leftarrow \max(Local\_Max, Global\_Max)$

$\triangleright Global\_Max$  is the maximum over all segments in  $A[1..i]$ .

**return**  $Global\_Max$