

HONORS ALGORITHMS

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ADAPTIVE

DECISION TREE



Questions depend on previous answers

VS. OBLIVIOUS

DEPTH- k decision tree

max k steps from root to leaf

Y/N sequences of length k : 2^k

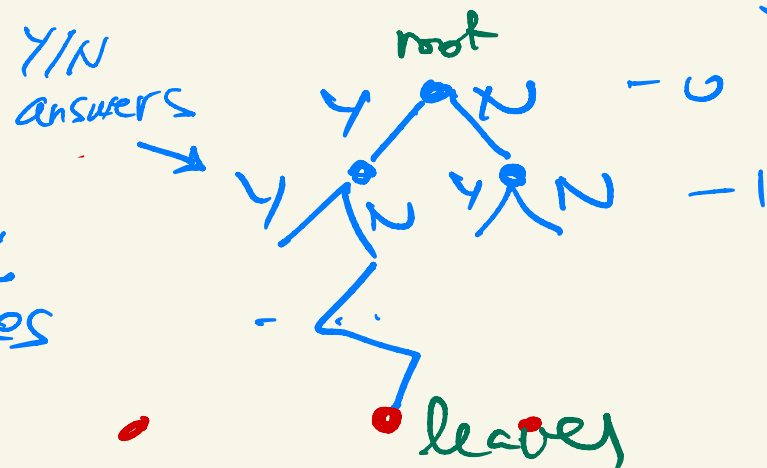
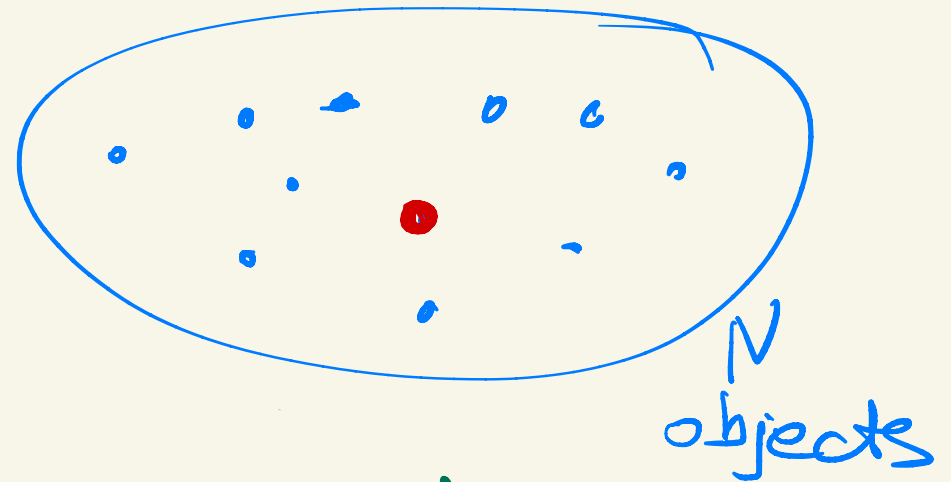
to separate all the N
possible outcomes

we need $2^k \geq N$

$$k \geq \lceil \log_2 N \rceil$$

information theory
lower bound

for binary
decision trees



Comparison-based sorting

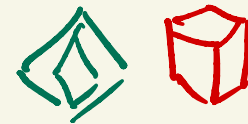
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cost : # comparisons

free : overhead

Sort crystals
by hardness
comparison: scratching

$$\begin{cases} x > y \\ x \leq y \end{cases}$$



n objects

outcomes : $n!$

$$\therefore \# \text{ comparisons} \geq \log_2(n!) \sim \underline{n \log_2 n}$$

$$\# \text{ possible comparisons} \quad \binom{n}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

MERGE-SORT

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$A[x_1 \dots x_m]$ $B[y_1 \dots y_n]$

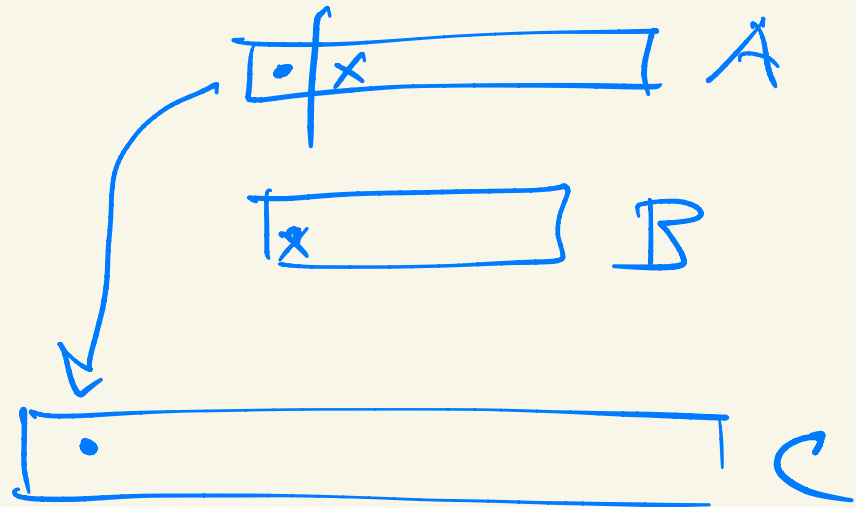
$x_i, y_i \in \mathbb{R}$

sorted lists: $x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_m$ $y_1 \leq \dots \leq y_n$

Output: $C[z_1 \dots z_{m+n}] \leftarrow$ merged list

Self: # comparisons :

$m+n-1$



MERGESORT

if $n \geq 2$

$\text{SORT } A[1 \dots n] =$

$$\text{MERGE} \left(\underbrace{\text{SORT } A[1 \dots \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor]}_{\substack{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor \\ \text{floor}}}, \underbrace{\text{SORT } A[\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1, \dots, n]}_{\substack{\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil \\ \text{ceiling}}} \right)$$

$$\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + \lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil = n \quad \boxed{4}$$

$T(n)$: # comparisons used

$$T(n) \leq T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + n - 1$$

lower bound

n	$\lceil \log_2(n!) \rceil$
1	0
2	1
3	3
4	5
5	7.

upper bound

$$T(3) \leq T(1) + T(2) + 3 - 1 = 3$$

$$T(4) \leq T(2) + T(2) + 4 - 1 = 5$$

$$T(5) \leq T(2) + T(3) + 5 - 1 = 8$$

$$T(1) = 0$$

$$T(2) = 1$$

$$T(3) \leq 3$$

$$T(4) \leq 5$$

$$T(5) \leq 8.$$

Assume
for simplicity $n = 2^k$

~~WLOG~~

← losing a
factor of 2
when extending
to non-powers of 2

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$$T(n) \leq 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n - 1$$

method of reverse inequalities:

guess $g(n)$ s.t.

$$g(n) \geq 2g\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n - 1$$

$$g(1) \geq T(1)$$

$$\therefore (\forall n)(g(n) \geq T(n))$$

$$g(n) = A n \cdot \log_2 n + B n + C$$

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$$\text{need: } \underline{g(n) \geq 2g(\frac{n}{2}) + n - 1}, \quad g(1) \geq 0$$

$$\text{with } A=1$$

$$\underline{A n \log_2 n} + B n + C \geq 2A \cdot \frac{n}{2} (\log_2 n - 1) + 2 \cdot B \cdot \frac{n}{2} + 2C + (n-1)$$

$$-C \geq -A n + (n-1)$$

$$A n - C \geq (n-1)$$

$$\underline{A := 1, C := 1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$g(1) \geq 0$$

$$\underbrace{A \cdot 1 \cdot \log_2 1}_0 + B \cdot 1 + C \geq 0$$

$$B + C \geq 0$$

$$B \geq -1$$

$$\underline{B := -1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore (\forall k) (n=2^k \Rightarrow T(n) \leq n \log_2 n - n + 1) \quad \sim n \log_2 n$$

$$\boxed{\text{HW}} (\forall n) (T(n) \leq n \log_2 n)$$

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AMORTIZED COST OF INCREMENTING

for $k=0$ to 2^n-1

DO something

end for

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1000

$\boxed{\text{HW}}$

average cost
of increments = ?