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MODERN ALGORITHMS
(not only in computational geometry)

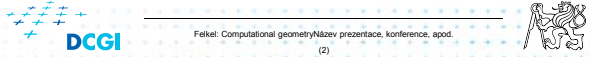
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Modern algorithms


1. Computational geometry today
2. In-place / in situ algorithms
3. Data stream algorithms
4. Randomized algorithms
5. Sublineární algoritmy



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1. Computational geometry today


- Popular: beauty as discipline, wide applicability
- Started in 2D with linear objects (points, lines,...), now 3D and nD, hyperplanes, curved objects,...
- Shift from purely mathematical approach and asymptotical optimality ignoring singular cases
- to practical algorithms, simpler data structures and robustness => algorithms and data structures provable efficient in realistic situations (application dependent)



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Space efficient algorithms - practical advantages

- Allow for processing larger data sets
 - Algorithms with separate input and output need space for $2n$ points to store – $O(n)$ extra space
 - Space efficient algs – n points + $O(1)$ or $O(\log n)$ space
- Greater locality of reference
 - Practical for modern HW with memory hierarchies (e.g., main RAM – ram on chip – registers, caches, disk latency, network latency)
- Less prone to failure
 - no allocation of large amounts of memory, which can fail at run time
 - good for mission critical applications
- Less memory => faster program




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2. In-place / in situ algorithms

Space efficient algorithms


- output is in the same location as the input and
- need only a small amount of additional memory
 - in-place – $O(1)$ extra storage
 - in situ – $O(\log n)$ extra storage



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In-place sorting

- In array – continuous block in memory
 - Select sort, insert sort ... yes, $O(1)$ memory, $O(n^2)$ time
 - Heapsort – yes, $O(1)$ additional memory
 - Quicksort – yes, $O(\log n)$ additional memory for recursion
 - Mergesort – not in-place
- In list – linked lists in dynamical memory
 - n^{th} element in $O(n)$ time
 - Mergesort – $O(\log n)$ time, $O(\log n)$ additional memory



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Graham in-place algorithm

Graham-InPlaceHull(S, n)

Input: S – an array of length n with points in plane

Output: Convex Hull in clockwise order

1. $h \leftarrow$ Graham-InPlace-Scan($S, n, 1$) // CW upper hull
2. for $i \leftarrow 0 \dots h - 2$ do
3. swap $S[i] \leftrightarrow S[i + 1]$ // bubble a to the right
4. $h' \leftarrow$ Graham-InPlace-Scan($S + h - 2, n - h + 2, -1$) // lower hull
5. return $h + h' - 2$

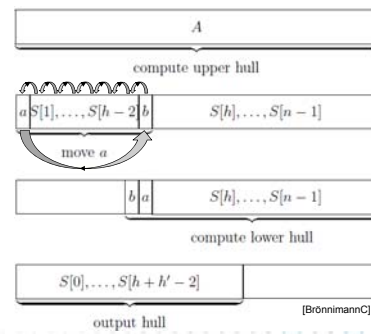
Stack at the beginning of the array



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Graham in-place algorithm



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Graham in-place algorithm

Graham-InPlaceScan(S, n, d)

Input: $S[0, n - 1]$ – array of length n with points in plane, $d = \pm 1$ direction

Output: Convex Hull in clockwise order

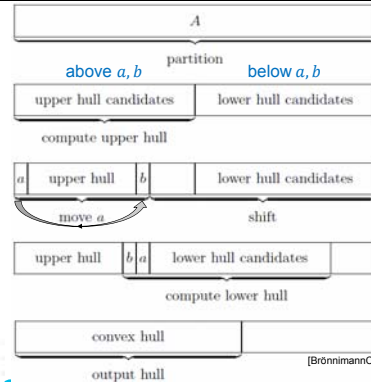
1. InPlace-Sort(S, n, d) // $d = 1$ CW for upper hull, $d = -1$ CCW for LH
2. $h \leftarrow 1$
3. for $i \leftarrow 1 \dots n - 1$ do
4. while $h \geq 2$ and not right turn($S[h - 2], S[h - 1], S[i]$) do
5. $h \leftarrow h - 1$ // pop top element from the stack
6. swap $S[i] \leftrightarrow S[h]$
7. $h \leftarrow h + 1$
8. return h



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Optimized Graham in-place algorithm



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3. Data stream algorithms

[Indyk]

- Data stream = a massive sequence of data
 - Too large to store (on disk, memory, cache,...)
- Examples
 - Network traffic
 - Database transactions
 - Sensor networks
 - Satellite data feeds
 - ...
- Approaches
 - Ignore It
 - Develop algorithms for dealing with such data



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Motivation example

[Muthukrishnan]

- Paul presents numbers $x = \{1..n\}$ in random order, one number missing
- Carole must determine the missing number but has only $O(\log n)$ bits of memory

Any idea?

- Compute the sum of the numbers and subtracts the incoming numbers one by one.

$$\text{missing number} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - \sum_{i < n} x[i]$$

- The missing number remains



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Motivation example

[Muthukrishnan]

- And two missing numbers?
- Store sum of numbers s and sum of squares s'

$$i + j = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - s$$

$$i^2 + j^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} - s'$$



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Basic data stream model

[Indyk]

- Single pass over the data: a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n
 - Typically n is known
- Bounded storage (typically n^α or $\log^c n$ or only c)
 - Units of storage: bits, words, or elements (such as points, nodes/edges, ...)
 - Impossible to store the data
- Fast processing time per element
 - Randomness is OK (in fact, almost necessary)



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Data stream models classification

- Input stream a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n
 - arrives sequentially, item by item
 - describes an underlying signal A , a 1D function $A: [1..N] \rightarrow R$
- Models differ on how a_i 's describe the signal A (in decreasing order of generality):
 - Time series model - a_i equals $A[i]$, in increasing i
 - Cash register model - a_i are increments to $A[j]$, $I_i > 0$
 - Turnstile model - a_i are updates to $A[j]$, $U_i \in R$



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a) Time series model (Časová řada)

- Stream elements a_i are equal to $A[i]$ (samples of the signal)
- a_i 's appear in increasing order of i
- Applications
 - Observation of the traffic on IP address each 5 minutes
 - NASDAQ volume of trades per minute



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b) Cash register model (registrační pokladna)

- a_i are increments to $A[j]$'s
- Stream elements $a_i = (j, I_i)$, $I_i \geq 0$ to mean

$$A_i[j] = A_{i-1}[j] + I_i$$

where

- A_i is the state of the signal after seeing i -th item
- multiple a_i can increment given $A[j]$ over time

- A most popular data stream model
 - IP addresses accessing web server
 - Source IP addresses sending packets over a link
 - access many times, send many packets,...



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c) Turnstile model (turniket)

- a_i are updates to $A[j]$'s
- Stream elements $a_i = (j, U_i)$, $U_i \in R$ to mean

$$A_i[j] = A_{i-1}[j] + U_i$$

where

- A_i is the state of the signal after seeing i -th item
- U_i may be positive or negative
- multiple a_i can update given $A[j]$ over time

- A most general data stream model
 - Passengers in NY subway arriving and departing
 - Hard to get reasonable solution in this model



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c) Turnstile model variants (for completeness)

- **strict** turnstile model – $A_i[j] \geq 0$ for all i
 - People can only exit via the turnstile they entered in
 - Databases – delete only a record you inserted
 - Storage – you can take items only if they are there
- **non-strict** turnstile model – $A_i[j] < 0$ for some i
 - Difference between two cash register streams

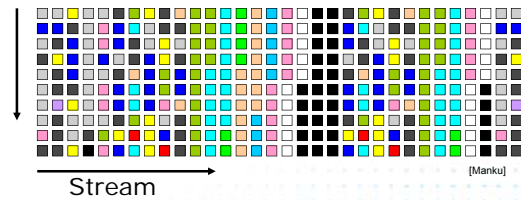


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Examples: Iceberg queries

- Identify all elements whose current frequency exceeds support threshold $s = 0.1\%$.



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Ex: Iceberg queries – a) ordinary solution

The ordinary solution in two passes

1. Pass – identify frequencies
 - a set of **counters** is maintained. Each incoming item is **hashed** onto a counter, which is incremented.
 - These counters are then **compressed into a bitmap**, with a 1 denoting a large counter value.
 2. Pass – count exact values
 - **exact frequencies** for only those elements are maintained which hash to a value whose **corresponding bitmap value is 1**
- **Hard to modify for datastream – unknown frequencies after only 1st pass**



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Ex: Iceberg queries – problem definition

- Input: threshold $s \in (0,1)$, error $\epsilon \in (0,1)$, length N
- Output: list of items and frequencies $\epsilon \ll s$
- **Guarantees:**
 - No item omitted (reported all items with frequency $> sN$)
 - No item added (no item with frequency $< (s - \epsilon)N$)
 - Estimated frequencies not less than ϵN of the true frequencies
- Ex: $s = 0.1\%$, $\epsilon = 0.01\%$ – ϵ about $\frac{1}{10}$ to $\frac{1}{20}$ of s
 - All element with freq. $> 0.1\%$ will output
 - None of element with freq. $< 0.09\%$ will output
 - Some elements between 0.09% and 0.1% will output



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Ex: Iceberg queries – b) sticky sampling

- Probabilistic algorithm, given threshold s , error ϵ and probability of failure δ
 - Data structure S of entries (e, f) ,
 e element, f estimated frequency,
 r sampling rate, sampling probability $\frac{1}{r}$
- $S \leftarrow \emptyset, r \leftarrow 1$
- If $e \in S$ then $(e, f++)$
else insert (e, f) into S with probability $\frac{1}{r}$
- S sweeps along the stream as a magnet, attracting all elements which already have an entry in S



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Ex: Iceberg queries – b) sticky sampling

- r changes over the stream, $t = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \log\left(\frac{1}{s\delta}\right), |S| < 2t$
 - $2t$ elements $r = 1$
 - next $2t$ elements $r = 2$
 - next $4t$ elements $r = 4 \dots$
- whenever r changes, we update S
 - For each entry (e, f) in S
 - toss a coin until successful (head)
 - if not successful (tail), decrement f
 - if f becomes 0, remove entry (e, f) from S
- Output: list of items with threshold s
i.e. all entries in S where $f \geq (s - \epsilon)N$



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Ex: Iceberg queries – b) sticky sampling

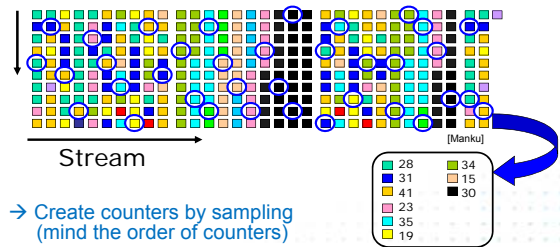
- Space complexity is independent on N
- For
 - support threshold $s = 0.1\%$,
 - error $\epsilon = 0.01\%$,
 - and probability of failure $\delta = 1\%$
- Sticky sampling computes results
 - with $(1 - \delta) = 99\%$ probability
 - using at most $2t = 80\,000$ entries
 - $t = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \log\left(\frac{1}{s\delta}\right) = 40\,000, |S| < 2t$



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Ex: Iceberg queries – b) sticky sampling



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Ex: Iceberg queries – c) lossy counting

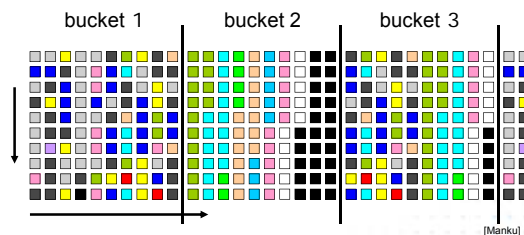
- Deterministic algorithm
- Stream conceptually divided into buckets
 - With $w = \lceil 1/\epsilon \rceil$ items each
 - Numbered from 1, current bucket id is $b_{current}$
- Data structure D of entries (e, f, Δ) ,
 - e element,
 - f estimated frequency,
 - Δ maximum possible error of f (max number of occurrences in previous buckets)
- At most $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \log\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon N}\right)$ entries



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Ex: Iceberg queries – c) lossy counting



- Divide the stream into buckets
- Keep exact counters for items in the buckets
- Prune entries at bucket boundaries (remove entries for which $f + \Delta \leq b_{current}$)



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Ex: Iceberg queries – c) lossy counting alg.

- $D \leftarrow \emptyset$
- New element e
 - If $e \in D$ then increment its f
 - If $e \notin D$ then
 - Create a new entry $(e, 1, b_{current} - 1)$
 - If on the bucket border, i.e., $N \bmod w = 0$ then delete entries with $f + \Delta \leq b_{current}$
 - i.e., with zero or one occurrence in previous buckets
 - New $\Delta = b_{current} - 1$ is maximum number of times e could have occurred in the first $b_{current} - 1$ buckets
- Output: list of items with threshold s i.e. all entries in S where $f \geq (s - \epsilon)N$



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Comparison of sticky and lossy sampling

- Sticky sampling performs worse
 - Tendency to remember every unique element
 - The worst case is for sequence without duplicates
- Lossy counting
 - Is good in pruning low frequency elements quickly
 - Worst case for pathological sequence which never occurs in reality



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Number of mutually different entries

- Input: stream a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , with repeated entries
- Output: Estimate of number of different entries
- Appl: # of different transactions in one day
- Precise **deterministic algorithm**:
 - Array $b[1..U]$, $U = \text{max number of different entries}$
 - Init by $b[i] = 0$ for all i , counter $c = 0$
 - For each a_i
 - if $b[a_i] = 0$ then $\text{inc}(c)$, $b[i] = 1$
 - Return c as number of different entries in $b[]$
 - $O(1)$ update and query times, $O(U)$ memory



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Number of mutually different entries

- Approximate algorithm
 - Array $b[1.. \log U]$, $U = \text{max number of different entries}$
 - Init by $b[i] = 0$ for all i , counter $c = 0$
 - Hash function $h: \{1..U\} \rightarrow \{0.. \log U\}$
 - For each a_i
 - Set $b[h(a_i)] = 1$
 - Extract probable number of different entries from $b[]$



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Sublinear time example

- Given mutually different numbers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n
- Determine number in upper half of values
- Alg: select k numbers equally randomly
 - Compute their maximum
 - Return it as solution
- Probability of wrong answer = probability of all selected numbers are from the lower half = $(\frac{1}{2})^k$
- For error δ take $\log \frac{1}{\delta}$ samples
- Not useful for MIN, MAX selection



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4. Randomized algorithms

Motivation

- Array of elements, half of char "a", half of char "b"
- Find "a"
- Deterministic alg: $n/2$ steps of sequential search (when all "b" are first)
- Randomized:
 - Try random indices
 - Probability of finding "a" soon is high regardless of the order of characters in the array (Las Vegas algorithm)



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Randomized algorithms

- May be **simpler** even if the same worst time
- We do **not know a deterministic version** (prime numbers)
- Deterministic algorithm does **not exist**
- Randomization can **improve the average running time** (with the same worst case time), while the worst time **depends on our luck – not on the data distribution**



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Randomized algorithms

- Incremental algorithms
 - Linear programming – see seminars
 - Convex hulls
 - Intersections, space subdivisions
- Divide and conquer
 - Random sampling
 - Nearest neighbors, trapezoidal subdivisions



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Random sampling

- Hierarchical data structures
- Sublinear algorithms
- Randomized quicksort
- Approximate solutions on random samples



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Another classification

- Monte Carlo
 - We **always** get an answer, often not correct
 - **Fast** solution with risk of an error
 - It is **not possible to determine**, if the answer is **correct**
→ run multiple times and compare the results
 - Output can be understood as a **random variable**
 - Example: prime number test
 - Task: Find $a \in \left(2, \frac{n}{2}\right)$ such as n is divisible by a
 - Algorithm: Sample 10 numbers from the given interval, answer
- Las Vegas



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Las Vegas algorithms

Las Vegas

- We **always** get a **correct answer**
- The **run time is random**
- **Sometimes fails** → perform restart
- Example: Randomized quicksort
 - No median necessary
 - Simpler algorithm
 - Independent on data distribution
 - Return a correct result
 - The result will be ready to uphold with a high probability
 - $\theta(n \log n)$ čas na lib. Výstup s velkou pravděpodobností
 - Bad luck – we select the smallest element → Selection sort



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Randomized quicksort

RQS = Randomized Quicksort

Input: sequence of data elements $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in S$

Output: sorted set S

1. Step 1: choose $i \in \langle 1, n \rangle$ in random
2. Step 2: Let A is a multiset $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$
 - if $n = 1$ then output(S)
 - else – create three subsets of S : $S_{<}, S_{=}, S_{>}$
 - $S_{<} = \{b \in A : b < a_i\}$
 - $S_{=} = \{b \in A : b = a_i\}$
 - $S_{>} = \{b \in A : b > a_i\}$
3. Step 3: Sort $S_{<}$ and $S_{>}$
4. Výstup: $RQS(S_{<}), S_{=}, \tilde{RQS}(S_{>})$



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Conclusion

- Randomized algs. are often experimental
- We would not get perfect results, but nicely good
- We use randomized algorithm if we do not know how proceed



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