

# Homework #2

( Due: Apr 2 )

## Task 1. [ 70 Points ] Crisscrossed

There are  $n > 0$  locations on each side of a river running straight from north to south. Suppose the locations on the west side of the river are numbered from  $w_1$  to  $w_n$ , and those on the east side from  $e_1$  to  $e_n$  as they are encountered from north to south. For  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ , each  $w_i$  is connected to exactly one  $e_j$  using a straight bridge over the river, and vice versa. Thus there are exactly  $n$  bridges, and for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ , each bridge  $b_k$  is given by its two endpoints  $(w_i, e_j)$ . We say that two bridges  $b_k = (w_i, e_j)$  and  $b_{k'} = (w_{i'}, e_{j'})$  with  $k \neq k'$  cross provided either  $(i < i') \wedge (j > j')$  or  $(i > i') \wedge (j < j')$  holds. In the example shown in Figure 1 bridge  $(w_1, e_3)$  crosses bridge  $(w_2, e_1)$ , but it does not cross bridge  $(w_3, e_5)$ . That example has 8 bridge crossings in total.

Given  $n > 0$  bridges  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ , function PRINT-CROSSINGS prints all crossings between bridges in the input.

This task asks you to compute the number of times the *print* instruction in line 6 of PRINT-CROSSINGS is executed averaged over all possible inputs of size  $n$  (i.e., all possible ways  $n$  bridges can be constructed).

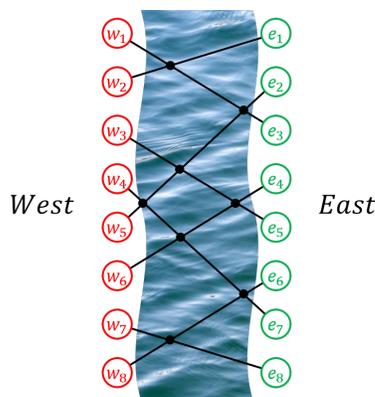


Figure 1: A river running straight from north to south with 8 specific locations on each side. A bridge connects a location on the west bank to a location on the east bank. Every location is connected by exactly one bridge. So there are exactly 8 bridges. Also there are 8 bridge crossings.

PRINT-CROSSINGS(  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  )

(Inputs are  $n$  bridges  $b_k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Each  $b_k$  is given by its two end points  $(w_i, e_j)$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ . For every pair of bridges  $b_k = (w_i, e_j)$  and  $b_{k'} = (w_{i'}, e_{j'})$  the following holds:  $k \neq k' \implies (i \neq i') \wedge (j \neq j')$ . We say that two bridges  $b_k = (w_i, e_j)$  and  $b_{k'} = (w_{i'}, e_{j'})$  with  $k \neq k'$  cross provided either  $(i < i') \wedge (j > j')$  or  $(i > i') \wedge (j < j')$  holds. This function prints all such crossings in the input.)

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1. for k ← 1 to n do
2.   (w_i, e_j) ← b_k
3.   for k' ← 1 to k - 1 do
4.     (w_{i'}, e_{j'}) ← b_{k'}
5.     if (i < i') ∧ (j > j') or (i > i') ∧ (j < j') then
6.       print k, k'      {bridges b_k and b_{k'} cross}
7. return

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Figure 2: Print all bridge crossings.

Let  $s_{n,k}$  = number of inputs of size  $n$  for which line 6 is executed exactly  $k$  times, and also let  $f_{n,k} = \frac{s_{n,k}}{n!}$  be the fraction of all possible inputs if size  $n$  each of which results in precisely  $k$

executions of line 6. Then clearly, our required average  $A_n$  and its variance  $V_n$  are given by the following expressions.

$$A_n = \sum_k k f_{n,k} \quad \text{and} \quad V_n = \sum_k k^2 f_{n,k} - A_n^2$$

- (a) [ **15 Points** ] Prove that for  $n > 0$ ,  $s_{n,k}$  can be described using the following recurrence relation.

$$s_{n,k} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } k < 0 \vee k > \binom{n}{2}, \\ 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \vee k = \binom{n}{2}, \\ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} s_{n-1,k-i} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (b) [ **15 Points** ] Consider the following generating function for  $s_{n,k}$ 's with  $n > 0$ .

$$S_n(z) = s_{n,0} + s_{n,1}z + s_{n,2}z^2 + \dots + s_{n,k}z^k + \dots + s_{n,\binom{n}{2}}z^{\binom{n}{2}}$$

Use results from part (a) to show that for  $n > 0$ ,

$$S_n(z) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ (1 + z + z^2 + \dots + z^{n-1})S_{n-1}(z) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (c) [ **10 Points** ] Solve the recurrence from part (b) to show that  $S_n(z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^n} \prod_{k=1}^n (1 - z^k)$ .

- (d) [ **30 Points** ] Let  $F_n(z) = \frac{1}{n!}S_n(z)$ . Use your results from part (c) to show that

$$A_n = F'_n(1) = \frac{1}{2} \binom{n}{2}$$

$$\text{and } V_n = F''_n(1) + F'_n(1) - (F'_n(1))^2 = \frac{2n+5}{36} \binom{n}{2}.$$

## Task 2. [ 110 Points ] The Sheap

A *Scanning Heap* or *Sheap* is a priority queue that supports *Insert*, *Delete* and *Extract-Min* operations. An *Insert*( $x, k_x$ ) operation inserts the item  $x$  with key  $k_x$  into the queue assuming that  $x$  does not already exist in the queue. A *Delete*( $x$ ) operation deletes item  $x$  from the queue if it exists, and an *Extract-Min*() operation retrieves and deletes an item with the minimum key from the queue. We assume for simplicity that all keys in the data structure are distinct.

A sheap on  $N$  items consists of  $r = 1 + \lceil \log_2 N \rceil$  levels. For  $0 \leq i \leq r - 1$ , level  $i$  consists of a *data buffer*  $D_i$  and an *operations buffer*  $O_i$ . Each item in  $D_i$  is of the form  $(x, k_x)$ , where  $x$  is the item id and  $k_x$  is its key. Each operation in  $O_i$  is augmented with a time stamp indicating the time of its insertion into the data structure.

At any time, the following invariants are maintained.

INVARIANT 1

- (a) Each  $D_i$  ( $0 \leq i < r$ ) contains at most  $2^i$  items.

INVARIANT 2

- (a) Key of every item in  $D_i$  ( $0 \leq i < r - 1$ ) is no larger than the key of any item in  $D_{i+1}$ .  
(b) All operations applicable to  $D_i$  ( $0 \leq i < r - 1$ ) that are not yet applied, reside in  $O_0, O_1, \dots, O_i$ .

INVARIANT 3

- (a) Items in each  $D_i$  are kept sorted in ascending order by item id.  
(b) Operations in  $O_0$  are kept sorted in ascending order by time stamp.  
(c) For  $0 < i < r$ , operations in each  $O_i$  are divided into (a constant number of) segments with updates in each segment sorted in ascending order by item id and time stamp.

All buffers are initially empty.

The pseudocodes for all data structural operations are given in Figures 3 and 4.

A  $Insert(x, k_x)$  operation is performed by the INSERT function which inserts the entry  $\langle Insert, x, k_x, t \rangle$  into  $O_0$ , where  $t$  is the current time stamp. A  $Delete(x)$  operation is performed similarly by the DELETE function which inserts the entry  $\langle Delete, x, t \rangle$  into  $O_0$ . In both cases further processing is deferred to the next *Extract-Min* operation.

The EXTRACT-MIN function executes an *Extract-Min* operation by first calling the FIND-MIN function to find the item with the minimum key in the data structure, and then calling the DELETE function to delete this item.

The FIND-MIN function first sorts the operations in  $O_0$  by item id (primary) and time stamp (secondary). Then it finds the shallowest data buffer  $D_k$  that is left non-empty after applying the operations in  $O_k$  (by calling EXECUTE-OPS). The elements left in  $D_k$  are distributed to the shallowest data buffers by calling REDISTRIBUTE.

When the EXECUTE-OPS function is called with parameter  $i$ , it applies the operations in  $O_i$  on the items of  $D_i$ , and empties  $O_i$  by moving the operations from  $O_i$  to  $O_{i+1}$ . It also moves any overflowing items from  $D_i$  to  $O_{i+1}$  as *Insert* operations.

Now your task is to answer the following questions.

- (a) [ **15 Points** ] Prove that the *Extract-Min* function correctly returns the item with smallest key in the data structure at the time of its execution.  
(b) [ **15 Points** ] Explain how to implement the REDISTRIBUTE( $i$ ) function to run in  $\Theta(|D_i|)$  time.  
(c) [ **15 Points** ] For a sequence of  $N$  *Insert*, *Delete* and *Extract-Min* operations performed on a sheep, find the worst-case cost of each of those three types of operations.

- (d) [ **15 Points** ] Prove that for  $1 \leq i \leq r - 1$ , every empty  $O_i$  receives batches of operations at most a constant number of times before  $O_i$  is applied on  $D_i$  and emptied again.
- (e) [ **50 Points** ] Show that a sheap supports each operation (i.e., *Insert*, *Delete* and *Extract-Min*) in  $\mathcal{O}(\log N)$  amortized time, where  $N$  is the total number of operations performed on the sheap. Results from parts (b) and (d) will be useful in proving this part.

<p>INSERT( <math>x, k_x</math> )            (Inserts an item <math>x</math> with key <math>k_x</math> into the data structure assuming that the data structure does not already contain <math>x</math>.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. append the operation to <math>O_0</math> augmented with current time stamp maintaining invariant 3(b)</li> </ol>
<p>DELETE( <math>x</math> )            (Delete the item <math>x</math> from the data structure.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. append the operation to <math>O_0</math> augmented with current time stamp maintaining invariant 3(b)</li> </ol>
<p>EXTRACT-MIN( )            (Extract the item with the smallest key from the data structure.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. sort the operations in <math>O_0</math> in increasing order of item id (primary) and time stamp (secondary)</li> <li>2. <math>i \leftarrow -1</math></li> <li>3. <b>repeat</b></li> <li>4.     <math>i \leftarrow i + 1</math></li> <li>5.     EXECUTE-OPS( <math>i</math> ) <span style="float: right;">{apply the operations in <math>O_i</math> on the items in <math>D_i</math>}</span></li> <li>6. <b>until</b> ( <math> D_i  &gt; 0</math> ) <math>\vee</math> ( <math>i = r - 1</math> )</li> <li>7. <b>if</b> <math> D_i  = 0</math> <b>then</b> <span style="float: right;">{the data structure has become empty}</span></li> <li>8.     <math>(x, k_x) \leftarrow (-, +\infty)</math>, <math>r \leftarrow 1</math> <span style="float: right;">{will return <math>+\infty</math> as the minimum key}</span></li> <li>9. <b>else</b> <span style="float: right;">{<math>D_i</math> has the item with the smallest key in the entire data structure}</span></li> <li>10.     <math>(x, k_x) \leftarrow</math> the item with the smallest key in <math>D_i</math></li> <li>11.     remove <math>(x, k_x)</math> from <math>D_i</math> <span style="float: right;">{<math>D_i</math> now has at most <math>2^i - 1</math> items}</span></li> <li>12.     REDISTRIBUTE( <math>i</math> ) <span style="float: right;">{redistribute the items in <math>D_i</math> to the shallowest possible data buffers}</span></li> <li>13.     <math>D_i \leftarrow \emptyset</math> <span style="float: right;">{<math>D_i</math> has become empty}</span></li> <li>14. <b>return</b> <math>(x, k_x)</math></li> </ol>

Figure 3: Sheap operations.

**EXECUTE-OPS(  $i$  )**

(Applies the operations in  $O_i$  on the items in  $D_i$ , move remaining operations from  $O_i$  to  $O_{i+1}$  if  $i < r - 1$ , and after executing the operations moves overflowing items from  $D_i$  to  $O_{i+1}$  as *Inserts*.)

**Preconditions:** All invariants hold, and for  $0 \leq j < i$ , all  $O_j$  are empty.

**Postconditions:** All invariants hold, and for  $0 \leq j < i + 1$ , all  $O_j$  are empty.)

1. merge the segments of  $O_i$
2. **if**  $( |D_i| = 0 ) \wedge ( i < r - 1 )$  **then** {if  $i$  is not the last level and  $D_i$  is empty}
3.     empty  $O_i$  by moving the contents of  $O_i$  as a new segment of  $O_{i+1}$
4. **else**
5.     **if**  $i = r - 1$  **then**  $k \leftarrow +\infty$
6.     **else**  $k \leftarrow$  largest key in  $D_i$
7.     scan  $D_i$  and  $O_i$  simultaneously, and for each  $op \in O_i$  do: {apply the operations in  $O_i$  on  $D_i$ }
8.         **if**  $op = \text{Delete}( x )$  **then** remove any item  $(x, k_x)$  from  $D_i$ , if exists
9.         **if**  $op = \text{Insert}( x, k_x ) \wedge k_x \leq k$  **then** copy  $(x, k_x)$  to  $D_i$
10.     **if**  $i < r - 1$  **then** {move appropriate operations from  $O_i$  to  $O_{i+1}$ }
11.     copy each operation in  $O_i$  that was not applied in steps 7–9 to  $O_{i+1}$
12.     **if**  $|D_i| > 2^i$  **then** {restore invariant 1(a), if violated}
13.     **if**  $i = r - 1$  **then**  $r \leftarrow r + 1$
14.     keep the  $2^i$  items with the smallest  $2^i$  keys in  $D_i$ ,  
and move each remaining item  $(x, k_x)$  to  $O_{i+1}$  as *Insert*(  $x, k_x$  )
15.      $O_i \leftarrow \emptyset$

**REDISTRIBUTE(  $i$  )**

(Distributes the elements in  $D_i$  to the shallowest data buffers maintaining invariants 1(a), 2(a) and 3(a). Let  $D'$  denote the input  $D_i$ .)

**Preconditions:** All invariants hold. All  $D_j$  and  $O_j$  with  $0 \leq j \leq k$  are empty, where  $k$  is the smallest integer such that  $2^{k+1} - 1 \geq |D'|$ . No key value in the data structure is smaller than any key value in  $D'$ .

**Postconditions:** All invariants hold. All operations buffers remain unchanged, but  $\bigcup_{j=0}^k D_j = D'$ .)

1. copy all items in  $D_i$  to an initially empty temporary buffer  $D'$  leaving  $D_i$  empty
2.  $j \leftarrow$  largest integer such that  $2^j - 1 < |D'|$
3. **while**  $j \geq 0$  **do**
4.     move  $|D'| - 2^j + 1$  items with the largest  $|D'| - 2^j + 1$  keys from  $D'$  to  $D_j$  maintaining invariant 3(a)
5.      $j \leftarrow j - 1$

Figure 4: Sheap helper functions.