

CS1800  
Discrete Structures  
Fall 2019

Lecture 14  
10/25/19

Last time

(Exam)

Finishing Probability

Today

- Last topic in probability
  - Birthday Paradox
  - indicator r.v.

Next time

- Continue  
Alg. Analysis



· Algorithmic Analysis

- sequences
- series
- recurrence
- induction

# Birthday Paradox

Q: How many people do we need s.t. at least 50/50 chance that 2 (or more) people share a bday?

A1: PHP says that 366 people guarantee a collision

A2: actually closer to 23 or 24

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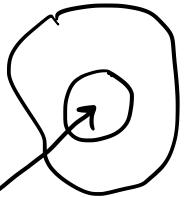
Calculate likelihood that all 244 students in class have different b-days.

- # possible ways of assigning b-days to 244 students is

$$\underbrace{365 \cdot 365 \cdot \dots \cdot 365}_{244} = 365^{244}$$

- # possible ways of assigning b-days w/ no collisions

$$365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363 \dots = 365 P_{244}$$



$$\text{Prob. of no collision} = \frac{365 \cdot 364 \cdot 363 \cdots 122}{\underbrace{365 \cdot 365 \cdot 365 \cdots 365}_{244}} \approx 1.96 \times 10^{-48} !$$

approximation  
for n students...

$$= \frac{365}{365} \cdot \frac{364}{365} \cdot \frac{363}{365} \cdots$$

$$= \frac{365-0}{365} \cdot \frac{365-1}{365} \cdot \frac{365-2}{365} \cdots \frac{365-(n-1)}{365}$$

$$= \left( \frac{365-0}{365} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{365-1}{365} \right) \cdots \left( \frac{365-(n-1)}{365} \right)$$

$$= \left( 1 - \frac{0}{365} \right) \cdot \left( 1 - \frac{1}{365} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{2}{365} \right) \cdots \left( 1 - \frac{n-1}{365} \right)$$

$$\approx e^{-0} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{365}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2}{365}} \cdots e^{-\frac{n-1}{365}}$$

$$= e^{-\left( 0 + \frac{1}{365} + \frac{2}{365} + \frac{3}{365} + \cdots + \frac{n-1}{365} \right)}$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1+2+\cdots+(n-1)}{365}} = e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{2 \cdot 365}} = e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{730}}$$

decent  
approximation  
when n  
is "small"

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \cdots$$

when x small

$$e^x \approx 1 + x$$

$$1 + x \approx e^x \quad 1 - x \approx e^{-x}$$

• prob of no collision =  $e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{730}}$

• 23 or 24

$$n=23 \quad e^{-\frac{23(22)}{730}} = .4999998$$

• exact answer is  $\frac{365P23}{365^{23}} = 0.4927$

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• for 2 students, chance they don't share

$$\text{a b-day is } \frac{364}{365} \approx 0.99726$$

• but with 23 students, there are

$$\binom{23}{2} = \frac{23 \cdot 22}{2} = 253 \text{ such pairs of students}$$

• the chance that all such pairs simultaneously

fail to share b-days is approximately  $\left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{\binom{23}{2}} \approx 0.4995$

the events are not perfectly independent,  $\leftarrow$   
so this is an approximation

another  
approximation  
+ intuition

Q: How many collisions? (shared b-days)

Let r.v.  $X = \#$  b-days used

want  $E\{X\}$

Let  $X_1 =$  did I use b-day 1 (Jan 1)  
 $X_2 =$  " " 2 (Jan 2)  
 $\vdots$  " " "  
 $X_{365} =$  " " 365 (Dec 31)

} indicator  
r.v. 0, 1 value

$$X = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{365}$$

$$E\{X\} = E\{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{365}\} = E\{X_1\} + E\{X_2\} + \dots + E\{X_{365}\}$$

↑

$$E\{X_1\} = \sum_x x \cdot \Pr\{X_1 = x\} = 0 \cdot \Pr\{X_1 = 0\} + 1 \cdot \Pr\{X_1 = 1\}$$
$$= \Pr\{X_1 = 1\} = 1 - \Pr\{X_1 = 0\}$$
$$= 1 - \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{244}$$

no one has  
Jan 1  
as  
b-day

$$E\{x_i\} = \Pr\{x_i=1\} = 1 - \Pr\{x_i=0\} = 1 - \left(\frac{364}{365}\right)^{244} = .488$$

$$\forall i \quad E\{x_i\} = 0.488$$

$$E\{x\} = E\{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{365}\}$$

$$= E\{x_1\} + E\{x_2\} + \dots + E\{x_{365}\}$$

$$= 365 \cdot 0.488$$

$$= 178.12 \quad \leftarrow \text{expected \# b-days used}$$

• but... 244 students

so,  $244 - 178.12 = 65.88$  more  
students than b-days, in expectation,  
so lots of shared birthdays.

## Next module: Algorithmic Analysis & Related Math

- Consider the search problem
- My dictionary has  $n$  pages
- First alg.: Linear search - go through one page at a time, in order, until find page looking for

- best case scenario: on 1<sup>st</sup> page : 1

- worst case : on last page :  $n$

- average case : suppose equally likely that word is on any of  $1 \rightarrow n$  pages

$$= \frac{1}{n} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{n} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{n} \cdot 3 + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \cdot n$$

$$= \frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{n} = \frac{n(n+1)/2}{n} = \frac{n+1}{2}$$



- Chunk Search:
- look at chunks of pages  $c$  at a time
  - find correct chunk
  - do linear search within chunk of size  $c$

How fast? # chunks =  $\frac{n}{c}$

- Worst case:
- have to look at all  $\frac{n}{c}$  chunks
  - have to look at every page in chunk

$$= \frac{n}{c} + c \quad \frac{n}{c} = c$$



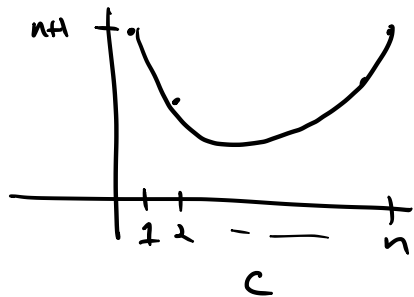
$$f(x) = \frac{n}{x} + x = n \cdot x^{-1} + x$$

$$f'(x) = -n x^{-2} + 1 = 0$$

$$n x^{-2} = 1$$

$$x^2 = \frac{n}{n} \quad x^2 = n$$

$$x = \sqrt{n}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n}{c} + c &= \frac{n}{\sqrt{n}} + \sqrt{n} \\ &= \sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n} = 2\sqrt{n} \end{aligned}$$

# Binary Search

<u>k cuts in half</u>	<u>Size of book</u>
0	$n$
1	$n/2$
2	$n/4 = n/2^2$
3	$n/8 = n/2^3$
$\vdots$	
$k$	$n/2^k$

what size  $k$  yields just one page left?

$$n/2^k = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 2^k = n$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \log_2 n$$

$T(n)$  = "time" (or # operations) to solve a problem of size  $n$

l.s.  $T(n) = n$

c.s.  $T(n) = 2\sqrt{n}$

b.s.  $T(n) = \log_2 n$

$n = 1000$

1000

64

10

↓ 15.75x  
↓ 6.4x  
100x

$n = 1,000,000$

1,000,000

2000

20

↓ 500x  
↓ 100x  
50,000x

A couple of years ago--

- Fastest super computer in US

CRAY XT7 "Titan" at Oak Ridge National Lab,

17.59 peta flops

$17.59 \times 10^{15}$  floating point ops/sec

- Mac Pro 7 teraflops

$7 \times 10^{12}$

$\frac{17.59 \times 10^{15}}{7 \times 10^{12}} = 2,513x$

$n = 1,000,000$

l.s. on a supercomp.

is  $\frac{50,000}{2,513} = 20x$

Slower than

b.s. on a  
Mac.