

Joint Random Variables



Use a joint table, density function or CDF to solve probability question



Think about **conditional** probabilities with joint variables (which might be continuous)



Use and find expectation of multiple RVS



Use and find independence of multiple RVS



What happens when you add random variables?



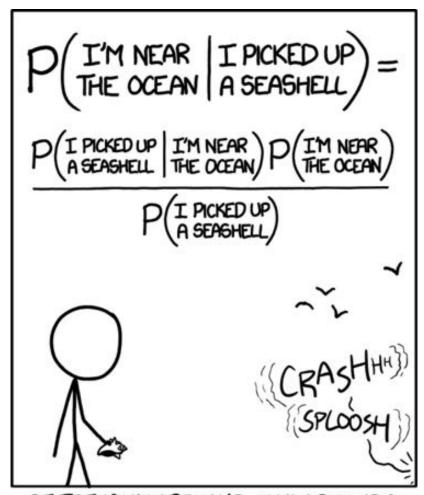
How do multiple variables **covary**?

Course Mean

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This is actual midpoint of course (Just wanted you to know)

Sea side



STATISTICALLY SPEAKING, IF YOU PICK UP A SEASHELL AND DON'T HOLD IT TO YOUR EAR, YOU CAN PROBABLY HEAR THE OCEAN.

Review

Expected Values of Sums

$$E[X + Y] = E[X] + E[Y]$$

Generalized:
$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E[X_{i}]$$

Holds regardless of dependency between X_i 's

End Review



Bool Was Cool

- Let E₁, E₂, ... E_n be events with indicator RVs X_i
 - If event E_i occurs, then $X_i = 1$, else $X_i = 0$
 - Recall $E[X_i] = P(E_i)$
 - Why?

$$E[X_i] = 0 \cdot (1 - P(E_i)) + 1 \cdot P(E_i)$$

Bernoulli aka Indicator Random Variables were studied extensively by George Boole

Boole died of being too cool



Expectation of Binomial

- Let $Y \sim Bin(n, p)$
 - n independent trials
 - Let X_i = 1 if i-th trial is "success", 0 otherwise

•
$$X_i \sim \operatorname{Ber}(p)$$
 $E[X_i] = p$

$$Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$E[Y] = E[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$$

$$= E[X_1] + E[X_2] + \dots E[X_n]$$

$$= np$$

Expectation of Negative Binomial

- Let Y ~ NegBin(r, p)
 - Recall Y is number of trials until r "successes"
 - Let $X_i = \#$ of trials to get success after (i 1)st success
 - $E[X_i] = \frac{1}{n}$ • $X_i \sim \text{Geo(p)}$ (i.e., Geometric RV) $Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_r = \sum X_i$ $E[Y] = E[\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i]$ $=\sum E[X_i]$ $= E[X_1] + E[X_2] + \dots E[X_r]$

Aims to provide means to maximize the accuracy of probabilistic queries while minimizing the probability of identifying its records.



Cynthia Dwork's celebrity lookalike is Cynthia Dwork.

100 independent values $X_1 \dots X_{100}$ where $X_i \sim \text{Bern}(p)$

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      return indicator(random())
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What is $E[Y_i]$?

$$E[Y_i] = P(Y_i = 1) = \frac{p}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$$

100 independent values $X_1 \dots X_{100}$ where $X_i \sim \text{Bern}(p)$

Let
$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{100} Y_i$$

What is the E[Z]?

$$E[Z] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{100} Y_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{100} E[Y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{100} \left(\frac{p}{2} + \frac{1}{4}\right) = 50p + 25$$

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Let
$$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{100} Y_i$$
 $E[Z] = 50p + 25$ How do you estimate p ?

$$p \approx \frac{Z - 25}{50}$$

Challenge: What is the probability that our estimate is good?

More Practice!

Computer Cluster Utilization

- Computer cluster with k servers
 - Requests independently go to server i with probability p_i
 - Let event A_i = server i receives no requests
 - Let Bernoulli B_i be an indicator for A_i

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n} B_i$$

- X = # of events $A_1, A_2, ..., A_k$ that occur
- Y = # servers that receive \geq 1 request = k X
- E[Y] after first n requests?
- Since requests independent: $P(A_i) = (1 p_i)^n$

$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{k} B_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{k} E[B_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{k} P(A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} (1 - p_i)^n$$

$$E[Y] = k - E[X] = k - \sum_{i=1}^{n} (1 - p_i)^n$$

amazon





- * 52% of Amazons Earnings
- **More profitable than Amazon's North America commerce operations



When stuck, brainstorm about random variables





Hash Tables (aka Toy Collecting)

- Consider a hash table with n buckets
 - Each string equally likely to get hashed into any bucket
 - Let X = # strings to hash until each bucket ≥ 1 string
 - What is E[X]?
 - Let X_i = # of trials to get success after i-th success
 - where "success" is hashing string to previously empty bucket
 - ∘ After *i* buckets have ≥ 1 string, probability of hashing a string to an empty bucket is p = (n i) / n

$$P(X_i = k) = \frac{n - i}{n} \left(\frac{i}{n}\right)^{k-1}$$
 equivalently: $X_i \sim \text{Geo}((n - i) / n)$

$$E[X_i] = 1 / p = n / (n - i)$$

•
$$X = X_0 + X_1 + ... + X_{n-1} \Rightarrow E[X] = E[X_0] + E[X_1] + ... + E[X_{n-1}]$$

$$E[X] = \frac{n}{n} + \frac{n}{n-1} + \frac{n}{n-2} + ... + \frac{n}{1} = n \left[\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n-1} + ... + 1 \right] = O(n \log n)$$

Break



Conditional Expectation

Conditional Expectation

- X and Y are jointly discrete random variables
 - Recall conditional PMF of X given Y = y:

$$p_{X|Y}(x|y) = P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{p_{X,Y}(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$$

Define conditional expectation of X given Y = y:

$$E[X | Y = y] = \sum_{x} xP(X = x | Y = y) = \sum_{x} xp_{X|Y}(x | y)$$

Analogously, jointly continuous random variables:

$$f_{X|Y}(x \mid y) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x,y)}{f_{Y}(y)} \qquad E[X \mid Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X|Y}(x \mid y) dx$$

Rolling Dice

- Roll two 6-sided dice D₁ and D₂
 - $X = \text{value of } D_1 + D_2$ $Y = \text{value of } D_2$
 - What is E[X | Y = 6]?

$$E[X \mid Y = 6] = \sum_{x} xP(X = x \mid Y = 6)$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)(7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 11 + 12) = \frac{57}{6} = 9.5$$

Intuitively makes sense: 6 + E[value of D₁] = 6 + 3.5

Properties of Conditional Expectation

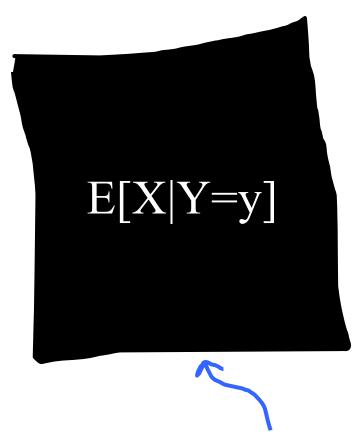
X and Y are jointly distributed random variables

$$E[g(X) | Y = y] = \sum_{x} g(x) p_{X|Y}(x | y)$$
 or $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X|Y}(x | y) dx$

Expectation of conditional sum:

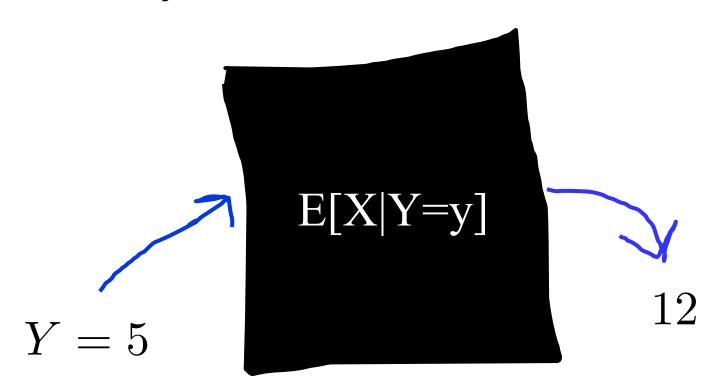
$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} \mid Y = y\right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} E[X_{i} \mid Y = y]$$

- Define g(Y) = E[X | Y]
- This is just function of Y

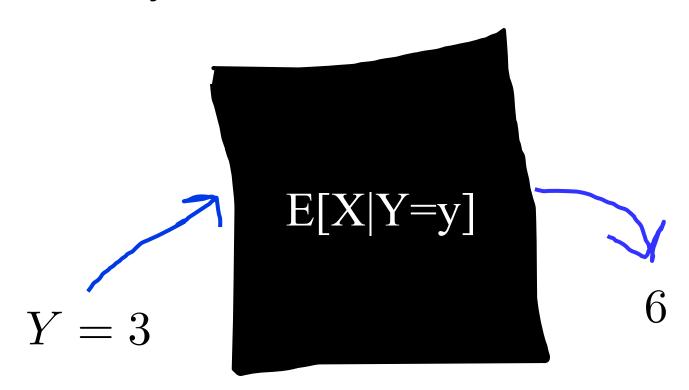


This is a function with Y as input

- Define $g(Y) = E[X \mid Y]$
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This is a number:



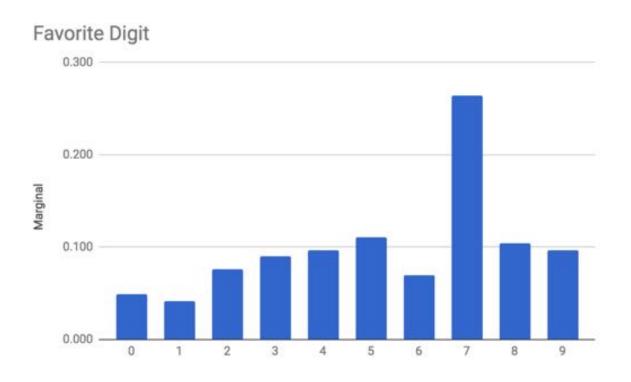
This is a function of y:

$$E[X|Y=y]$$

E[X=5]

Doesn't make sense. Take expectation of random variables, not events

X = favorite numberY = year in school



$$E[X] = 0 * 0.05 + ... + 9 * 0.10 = 5.38$$

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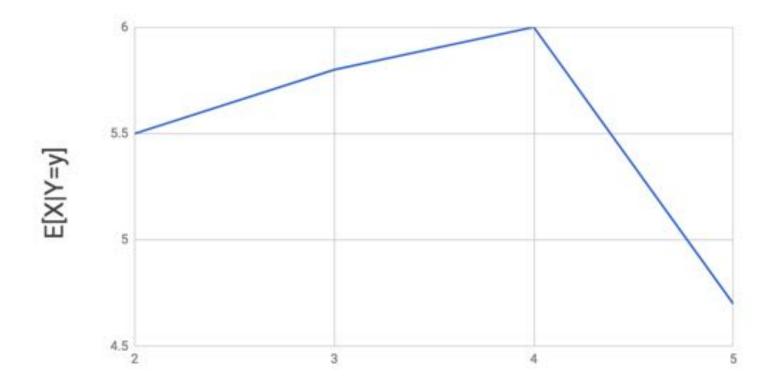
E[X|Y]?

Year in school, Y = y	$\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{X} \mid \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{y}]$
2	5.5
3	5.8
4	6.0
5	4.7

Conditional Expectation Functions

X = favorite numberY = year in school

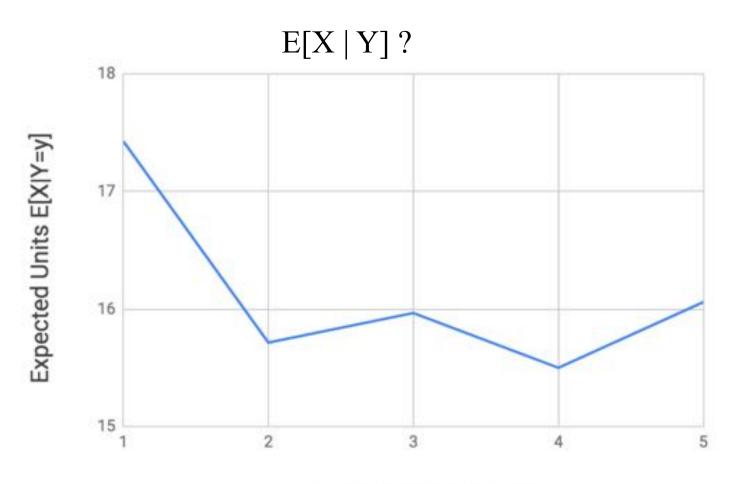
E[X | Y]?



Year in School (y=y)

Conditional Expectation Functions

X = units in fall quarterY = year in school



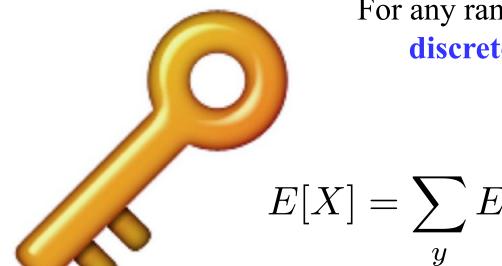
Year at Stanford (Y = y)

Law of Total Expectation

$$E[E[X|Y]] = E[X]$$

$$\begin{split} E[E[X|Y]] &= \sum_{y} E[X|Y=y]P(Y=y) & \text{g(Y)} = \text{E[X|Y]} \\ &= \sum_{y} \sum_{x} xP(X=x|Y=y)P(Y=y) & \text{Def of E[X|Y]} \\ &= \sum_{y} \sum_{x} xP(X=x,Y=y) & \text{Chain rule!} \\ &= \sum_{x} \sum_{y} xP(X=x,Y=y) & \text{I switch the order of the sums} \\ &= \sum_{x} x \sum_{y} P(X=x,Y=y) & \text{Move that x outside the y sum} \\ &= \sum_{x} xP(X=x) & \text{Marginalization} \\ &= E[X] & \text{Def of E[X]} \end{split}$$

Law of Total Expectation



For any random variable *X* and any discrete random variable *Y*

$$E[X] = \sum_{y} E[X|Y = y]P(Y = y)$$

Analyzing Recursive Code

```
int Recurse() {
     int x = randomInt(1, 3); // Equally likely values
     if (x == 1) return 3;
     else if (x == 2) return (5 + Recurse());
     else return (7 + Recurse());

    Let Y = value returned by Recurse(). What is E[Y]?

E[Y] = E[Y | X = 1]P(X = 1) + E[Y | X = 2]P(X = 2) + E[Y | X = 3]P(X = 3)
                          E[Y | X = 1] = 3
                  E[Y | X = 2] = E[5 + Y] = 5 + E[Y]
                  E[Y | X = 3] = E[7 + Y] = 7 + E[Y]
   E[Y] = 3(1/3) + (5 + E[Y])(1/3) + (7 + E[Y])(1/3) = (1/3)(15 + 2E[Y])
                             E[Y] = 15
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Protip: do this in CS161

If we have time...

```
DEFINE JOBINEPANELIQUIXISORT(UST):
    OK 50 YOU CHOOSE, A PIVOT
    THEN DIVIDE THE LIST IN HALF
    FOR ENOH HAVE:
        CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S SORTED
             NO WAIT IT DOESN'T MAITER
        COMPARE EACH ELEMENT TO THE PINOT
             THE DIGGER ONES GO IN A NEW LIST
             THE EQUAL ONES GO INTO, UH
             THE SECOND LIST FROM BEITORE
        HANG ON, LET HE WAYE THE LISTS
             THIS IS LIST A
             THE NEW ONE IS LIST B
        PUTTHE BIG ONES INTO LIST B
        NOU TAKE THE SECOND LIST
             CALL IT UST, UH, AZ
        WHICH ONE UPO THE PIVOT IN?
        SCRATCH ALL THAT
        IT JUST REZURSMELY CAUS ITSELF
        UNTIL BOTH LISTS ARE EMPTY
             RIGHT?
        NOT EMPTY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN
    AM I ALLOWED TO USE THE STANDARD LIBRARIES?
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Your company has one job opening for a software engineer.

You have *n* candidates. But you have to say yes/no **immediately** after each interview!

Proposed algorithm: reject the first k and accept the next one who is better than all of them.

What's the best value of *k*?

n candidates, must say yes/no **immediately** after each interview. Reject the first k, accept the next who is better than all of them. What's the best value of k?

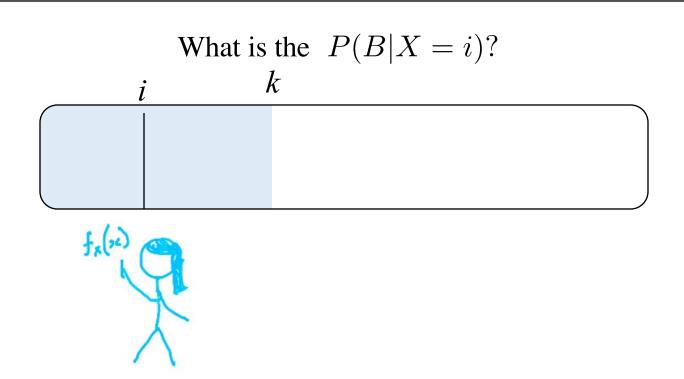
B: event that you hire the best engineer

X: position of the best engineer on the interview schedule

What is the P(B|X=i)?

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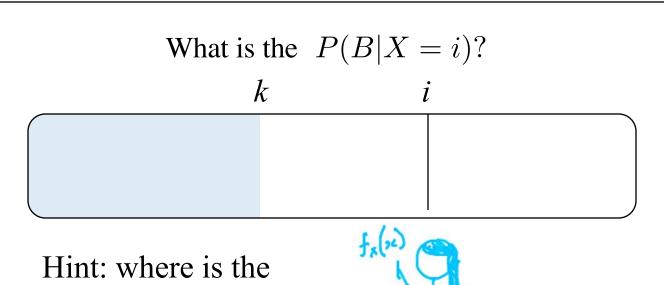


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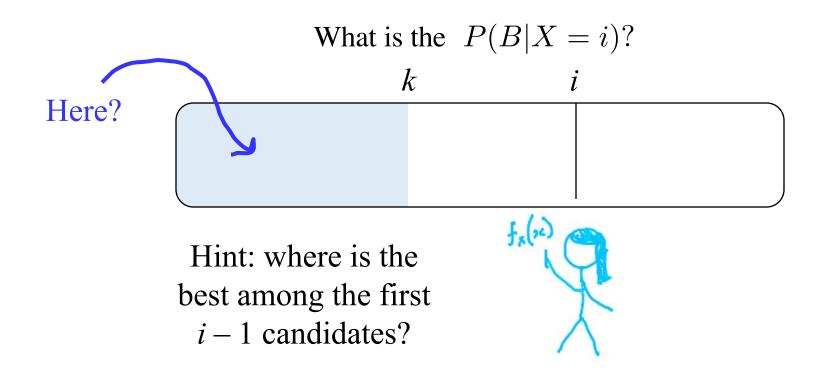
best among the first

i-1 candidates?



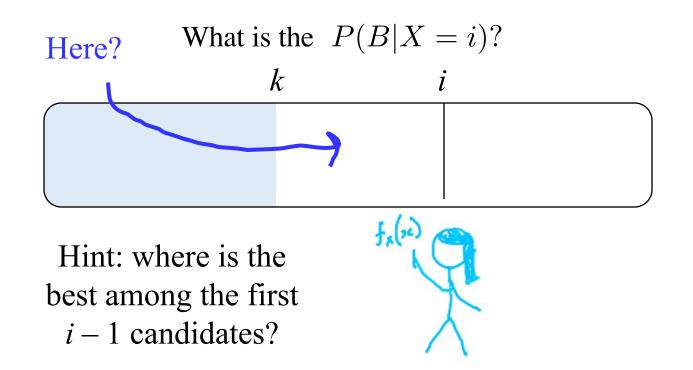
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$$P(B|X=i) = \frac{k}{i-1} \text{ if } i > k$$

Hint: where is the best among the first i-1 candidates?



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$$P_k(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_k(B|X=i) P(X=i)$$
 By the law of total expectation
$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n P_k(B|X=i)$$
 since we know $P_k(Best|X=i)$
$$\approx \frac{1}{n} \int_{i=k+1}^n \frac{k}{i-1} di$$
 By Riemann Sum approximation
$$= \frac{k}{n} \ln(i=1) \Big|_{k+1}^n = \frac{k}{n} \ln \frac{n-1}{k} \approx \frac{k}{n} \ln \frac{n}{k}$$

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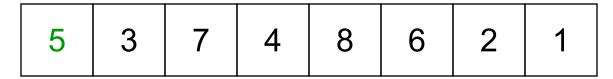
Fun fact. Optimized when:
$$k = \frac{n}{e}$$

That's all folks!

Let's Do Some Sorting!

5 3 7 4 8 6 2	1
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QuickSort



select "pivot"

5 3 7 4 8 6 2 1

Partition array so:

- everything smaller than pivot is on left
- everything greater than or equal to pivot is on right
- pivot is in-between



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Now recursive sort "red" sub-array



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Now recursive sort "red" sub-array

Then, recursive sort "blue" sub-array



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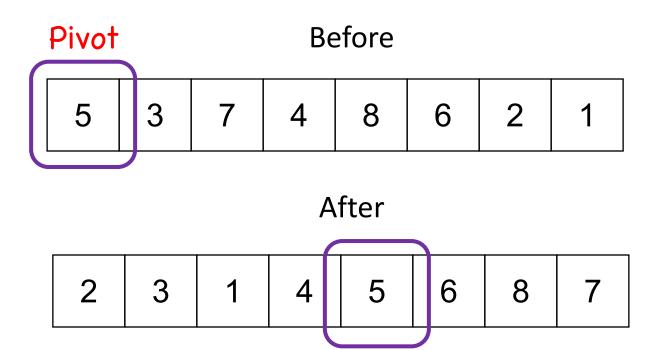
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Everything is sorted!

```
void Quicksort(int arr[], int n)
   if (n < 2) return;
   int boundary = Partition(arr, n);
   // Sort subarray up to pivot
   Quicksort(arr, boundary);
   // Sort subarray after pivot to end
   Quicksort(arr + boundary + 1, n - boundary - 1);
```

"boundary" is the index of the pivot

Partition





Does one comparison for every element in the array and the pivot.

Complexity of quicksort is determined by number of comparisons made to pivot

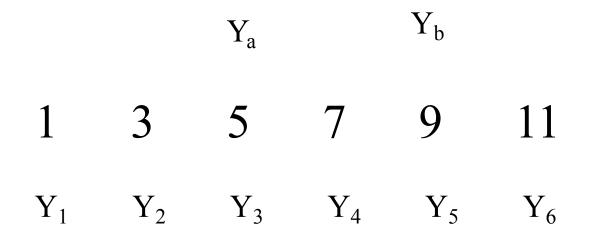
Complexity QuickSort

- QuickSort is O(n log n), where n = # elems to sort
 - But in "worst case" it can be O(n²)
 - Worst case occurs when every time pivot is selected, it is maximal or minimal remaining element

- Let X = # comparisons made when sorting n elems
 - E[X] gives us expected running time of algorithm
 - Given V₁, V₂, ..., V_n in random order to sort
 - Let Y₁, Y₂, ..., Y_n be V₁, V₂, ..., V_n in sorted order

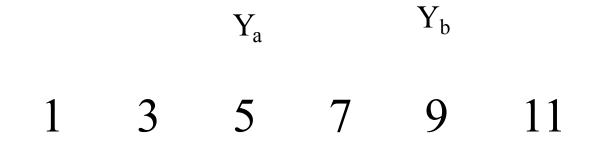
When are Y_a and Y_b are compared?

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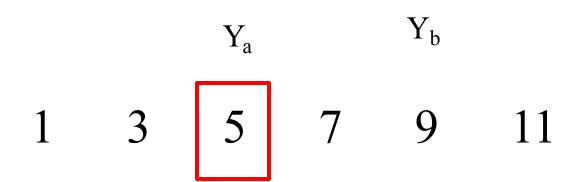


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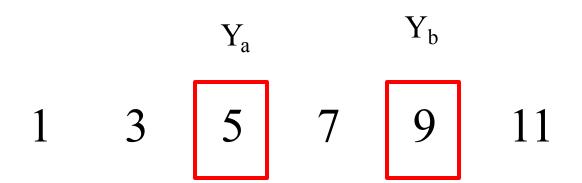


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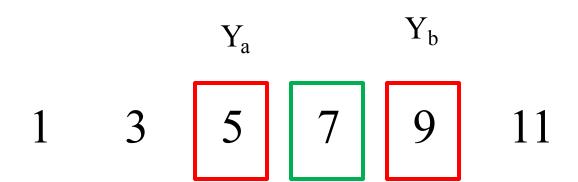
Consider pivot choice: Ya

They are compared



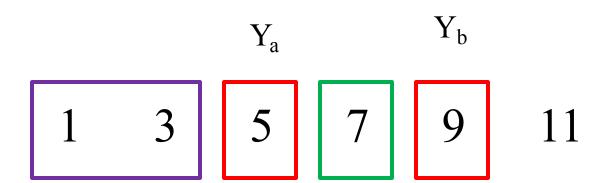
Consider pivot choice: Y_b

They are compared



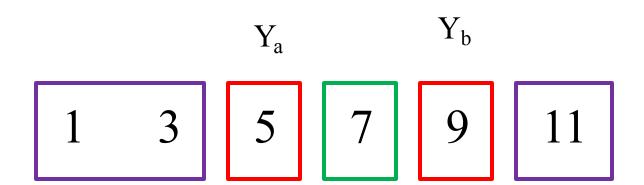
Consider pivot choice: 7

They are **not** compared



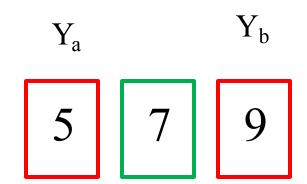
Consider pivot choice: < Y_a

Whether or not they are compared depends on future pivots



Consider pivot choice: > Y_b

Whether or not they are compared depends on future pivots



Are Y_a and Y_b compared?

Keep repeating pivot choice until you get a pivot In the range [Y_a, Y_b] inclusive

- Let X = # comparisons made when sorting n elems
 - E[X] gives us expected running time of algorithm
 - Given V₁, V₂, ..., V_n in random order to sort
 - Let Y₁, Y₂, ..., Y_n be V₁, V₂, ..., V_n in sorted order
 - Let I_{a,b} = 1 if Y_a and Y_b are compared, 0 otherwise
 - Order where $Y_b > Y_a$, so we have: $X = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} I_{a,b}$

Aside:
$$X = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} I_{a,b}$$

When
$$a = 1$$

$$I_{1,2} + I_{1,3} + ... + I_{1,n}$$
 When $a = 2$
$$+ I_{2,3} + ... + I_{2,n}$$
 When $a = n-1$
$$+ I_{n-1,n}$$

Contains a comparison between each *i* and *j* (where *i* does not equal *j*) exactly once

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$$E[X] = E\left[\sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} I_{a,b}\right] = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} E[I_{a,b}] = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} P(Y_a \text{ and } Y_b \text{ ever compared})$$

P(Ya and Yb ever compared)

- Consider when Y_a and Y_b are directly compared
 - We only care about case where pivot chosen from set: {Y_a, Y_{a+1}, Y_{a+2}, ..., Y_b}
 - From that set either Y_a and Y_b must be selected as pivot (with equal probability) in order to be compared
 - So,

$$P(Y_a \text{ and } Y_b \text{ ever compared}) = \frac{2}{b-a+1}$$

$$E[X] = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} P(Y_a \text{ and } Y_b \text{ ever compared}) = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} \frac{2}{b-a+1}$$

Bring it on Home (i.e. Solve the Sum)

$$E[X] = \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} \sum_{b=a+1}^{n} \frac{2}{b-a+1}$$

$$\sum_{b=a+1}^{n} \frac{2}{b-a+1} \approx \int_{a+1}^{n} \frac{2}{b-a+1} db \qquad \text{Recall: } \int \frac{1}{x} dx = \ln(x)$$
Thanks
$$= 2\ln(b-a+1) \Big|_{a+1}^{n} = 2\ln(n-a+1) - 2\ln(2)$$

$$\approx 2\ln(n-a+1) \text{ for large } n$$

$$E[X] \approx \sum_{a=1}^{n-1} 2\ln(n-a+1) \approx 2 \int_{a=1}^{n-1} \ln(n-a+1) da \qquad \text{Let } y = n-a+1$$

$$= -2 \int_{y=n}^{2} \ln(y) dy \qquad \text{Recall: } \int_{y=n}^{n} \ln(x) dx = x \ln(x) - x$$

$$= -2(y \ln(y) - y) \Big|_{n}^{2}$$

 $= -2[(2\ln(2) - 2) - (n\ln(n) - n)] \approx 2n\ln(n) - 2n = O(n\log n)$

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