

## Homework #1

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**Problem 1: Maximum weight subtree****Problem Description**

The maximum weight subtree is as follows. You are given a tree  $T$  together with (not necessarily positive) weights  $w(i)$  for each node  $i \in T$ . A subtree of  $T$  is any connected subgraph of  $T$ , (so a subtree is not necessarily the entire subtree rooted at a node). You wish to find a subtree of  $T$  that maximizes  $\sum_{i \in S} w(i)$ . Design an efficient algorithm for solving this problem. Note that there is a linear (in the number of nodes of the tree) time algorithm for this problem. You can assume that for each node in the tree  $T$ , you are given a list of its children as well as the parent pointer (except for the root node).

**Solution****(High-level description)****(Pseudo Code)****Algorithm 1:** Maximum sum among nonadjacent subsequences

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**Input:**  $V[1 \dots n]$   
**Output:**  $b$  as maximum sum

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1 if  $n = 0$  then
2    $\quad$  return 0;
3 let  $a, b = 0$ ;
4 for  $i = 1; i \leq n; i++$  do
5    $\quad$  const  $temp = b$ ;
6    $\quad$   $b = \max(a + V[i], b)$ ;
7    $\quad$   $a = temp$ 
8 return  $b$ ;
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**(Correctness)****(Time complexity)****(Data Structure)**

**Problem 2: Sorted matrix search**
**Problem Description**

Given an  $m \times n$  matrix in which each row and column is sorted in ascending order, design an algorithm to find an element.

**Solution**
**(High-level description)**

The basic brute force solution is iterate through each row and column, compare the value of the current element with the target value. However, this takes  $O(mn)$  time complexity.

What we should do is taking advantage of the condition that each row and column is sorted in ascending order, which means we can start iterating from the corner elements and follow a zigzag path to find the target value.

**(Pseudo Code)**


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**Algorithm 2:** Sorted matrix search
 

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**Input:** *matrix* as a two-dimensional array, *target*

**Output:** *res*

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1 initialize res as an empty list;
2 if len(matrix) == 0 then
3   // invalid input, return an empty list;
4   return res;
5 // initialize indexes, starting from the bottom left corner;
6 colIndex, rowIndex = 1, len(matrix);
7 // find the rough row index;
8 while rowIndex >= 0 and target < matrix[rowIndex][colIndex] do
9   rowIndex = rowIndex - 1;
10 // as long as column index is valid;
11 while colIndex <= len(matrix[0]) do
12   if target == matrix[rowIndex][colIndex] then
13     // found the target element;
14     add (rowIndex, colIndex) to the res;
15     return res;
16   if target > matrix[rowIndex][colIndex] then
17     // since the column is sorted in ascending order;
18     colIndex = colIndex + 1;
19   // if target < matrix[rowIndex][colIndex];
20   else if rowIndex > 0 then
21     rowIndex = rowIndex - 1;
22   // row index is invalid;
23   else
24     return res;
25   // column index is invalid;
26   return res;

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**(Correctness)**

**(Time complexity)**

In the worst case, we need to iterate through one row and one column, ending up in the upper right corner element, which means the time complexity is  $O(m+n)$ .

**Problem 3: Largest set of indices within a given distance**
**Problem Description**

You are given a sequence of numbers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  in an array. You are also given a number  $k$ . Design an efficient algorithm to determine the size of the largest subset  $L \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  of indices such that for all  $i, j \in L$  the difference between  $a_i$  and  $a_j$  is less than or equal to  $k$ . There is an  $O(n \log n)$  algorithm for this problem. For example, consider the sequence of numbers  $a_1 = 7, a_2 = 3, a_3 = 10, a_4 = 7, a_5 = 8, a_6 = 7, a_7 = 1, a_8 = 15, a_9 = 8$  and let  $k = 3$ .  $L = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9\}$  is the largest such set of indices. Its size is 6.

**Solution**
**(High-level description)**

Since we only need to determine the size of the largest subset  $L$  instead of determining the subset  $L$  itself, indexes are not so important then. What we really care about is the differences between elements and the max differences should be less than or equal to  $k$ .

Thus, we can sort this array first, and then iterate through the sorted array, find out the maximum length of continuous elements with a maximum difference less than or equal to  $k$ .

One tricky thing is how to find the maximum length efficiently. Our solution is using two pointers, the left one stays at index  $i$  and the right one points to index  $j$ . We have  $i < j, A[i] \leq A[j]$ .

- While  $A[j] - A[i] \leq k$ , we shift our right pointer.
- Compare the current length  $j - i$  with the longest size we've seen before, and take the maximum of these two values.
- Shift the left pointer to  $i + 1$ , since our array is sorted, then  $A[i + 1] \geq A[i]$ , which means  $A[j] - A[i + 1] \leq k$  still stands. However this time the length is  $j - (i + 1)$ , and it must be less than the maximum value we just got. Hence, we can shift our right pointer to find the newest index  $j'$ .
- Go to Step 1.

After iterate through the whole array, we will get the maximum length *size*.

**(Pseudo Code)**


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**Algorithm 3:** Largest set of indices within a given distance
 

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**Input:**  $A$  as an array,  $k$

**Output:** *size*

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1 sort the input array  $A$ ;
2 initialize size as min value of integer, say,  $-\infty$ ;
3  $leftPointer = 1, rightPointer = 1$ ;
4 while  $rightPointer \leq \text{len}(A)$  do
5   while  $A[rightPointer] - A[leftPointer] \leq k$  do
6      $rightPointer = rightPointer + 1$ ;
7    $size = \max(size, rightPointer - leftPointer)$ ;
8    $leftPointer = leftPointer + 1$ ;
9 return size;

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**(Correctness)**
**(Time complexity)**

The sorting algorithm can take  $O(n \log n)$  time complexity. As for the remaining part, for both left pointer and right pointer, we only need to iterate through the array once, hence it's  $O(n)$  time complexity.

Overall, it's  $O(n \log n)$ .

**Problem 4: Pond sizes**
**Problem Description**

A Toeplitz matrix is an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$  such that  $a_{ij} = a_{i-1,j-1}$  for  $i = 2, 3, \dots, n$  and  $j = 2, 3, \dots, n$ .

- Is the sum of two Toeplitz matrices necessarily Toeplitz? What about the product?
- Describe how to represent a Toeplitz matrix so that two  $n \times n$  Toeplitz matrices can be added in  $O(n)$  time.
- Give an  $O(n \lg n)$ -time algorithm for multiplying an  $n \times n$  Toeplitz matrix by a vector of length  $n$ . Use your representation from part (b).
- Give an efficient algorithm for multiplying two  $O(n \lg n)$  Toeplitz matrices. Analyze its running time.

**Solution**
**(High-level description)**
**(Pseudo Code)**


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**Algorithm 4:** identify Row Context
 

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**Input:**  $r_i$ ,  $Backgrd(T_i)=T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n$  and similarity threshold  $\theta_r$

**Output:**  $con(r_i)$

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1  $con(r_i) = \Phi$ ;
2 for  $j = 1; j \leq n; j \neq i$  do
3    $float\ maxSim = 0$ ;
4    $r^{maxSim} = null$ ;
5   while not end of  $T_j$  do
6      $compute\ Jaro(r_i, r_m)(r_m \in T_j)$ ;
7     if  $(Jaro(r_i, r_m) \geq \theta_r) \wedge (Jaro(r_i, r_m) \geq r^{maxSim})$  then
8        $\lfloor$  replace  $r^{maxSim}$  with  $r_m$ ;
9    $con(r_i) = con(r_i) \cup r^{maxSim}$ ;
10 return  $con(r_i)$ ;
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**(Time complexity)**
**(Data Structure)**