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## Announcements

- [1] Solution sets 2, 3 posted on CMS.
- [2] Prelim review session Friday morning in class. (Chapter 5 after that.)
- [3] Prelim practice problems coming soon.  
(Focus will be on dynamic programming.)
- [4] No homework this coming week, due to prelim.

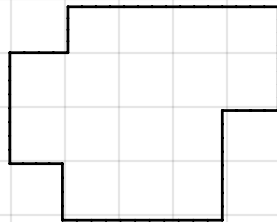
## TROMINO TILING reduced to GRAPH SEARCH.

Given subset of  $k \times n$  rectangle, can it be tiled with L-shaped trominoes?

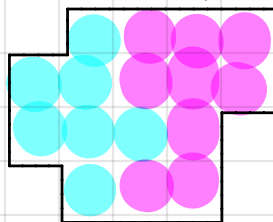
Def. If  $A$  is a subset of  $k \times n$  grid, a "clean partition" of  $A$  is a partition into two subsets,  $A_L$  and  $A_R$ , such that  $A_L$  is contained in columns  $1, \dots, j$  of the grid,  $A_R$  is contained in  $j, \dots, n$ , for some value of  $j$ .

E.g.

$A =$

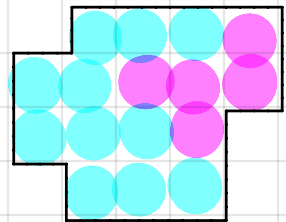


Clean



$j=3$

Not clean



$j=3, j=4$  are both mixed

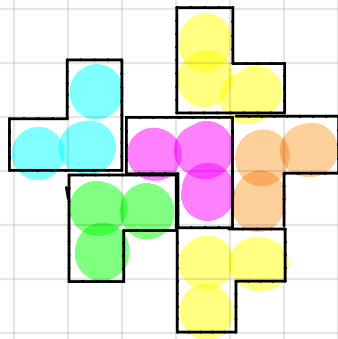
If  $A_L \subseteq \{\text{columns } 1, \dots, j\}$ ,  $A_R \subseteq \{\text{columns } j, \dots, n\}$   
we call  $j$  the level of the partition.

Observation. Every tiling of  $A$  by trominoes can be built up "one level at a time." In other words, there is a sequence of clean partitions  $(A_L^0, A_R^0), \dots, (A_L^j, A_R^j)$  such that

(1)  $A_L^0 = \emptyset$ ,  $A_L^j = A$ .

(2)  $A_L^j, A_R^j$  can be tiled by trom's.

(3)  $(A_L^j, A_R^j)$  is clean at level  $j$ . (4)  $A_L^{j+1} \supseteq A_L^j \quad \forall j$ .



A

$$A_L^0 = \emptyset, \quad A_R^0 = A.$$

$$A_L^1 = \text{blue}, \quad A_R^1 = A - A_L^1$$

$$A_L^2 = \text{blue} + \text{green}$$

$$A_L^3 = \text{blue, green, pink}$$

$$A_L^4 = \text{blue, green, pink, yellow}$$

$$A_L^5 = A$$

$A_L^j$  = union of trimmers that are contained in columns  $1, \dots, j$

$A_R^j$  = union of trimmers in columns  $j, \dots, n$ .

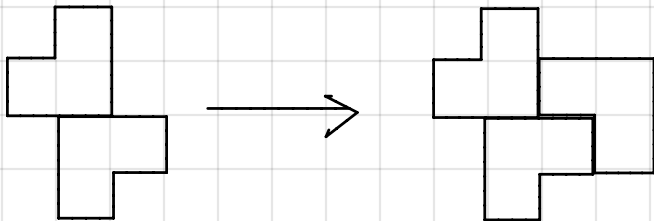
Create a graph with vertex set

$$V = V^0 \cup V^1 \cup V^2 \cup \dots \cup V^n$$

$V^j$  = subsets of A that are contained in columns  $1, \dots, j$  and whose complement is contained in columns  $j, \dots, n$ .

Edge  $A_L^j \rightarrow A_L^{j+1}$  exists if we can partition  $A_L^{j+1}$  into  $A_L^j$  and a width-2 set that can be tiled by trimmers.

E.g.



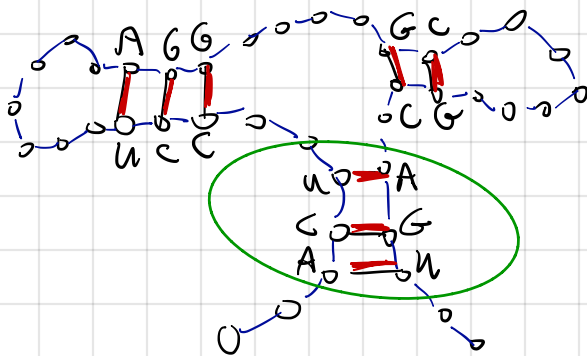
Search this graph using DFS to see if it contains a path from  $s = \emptyset$  to  $t = A$ .

# RNA Secondary Structure Prediction (§6. whatever)

RNA is a single-stranded molecule made up of  $\{A, C, G, U\}$ .  
Certain of these can pair with each other namely:

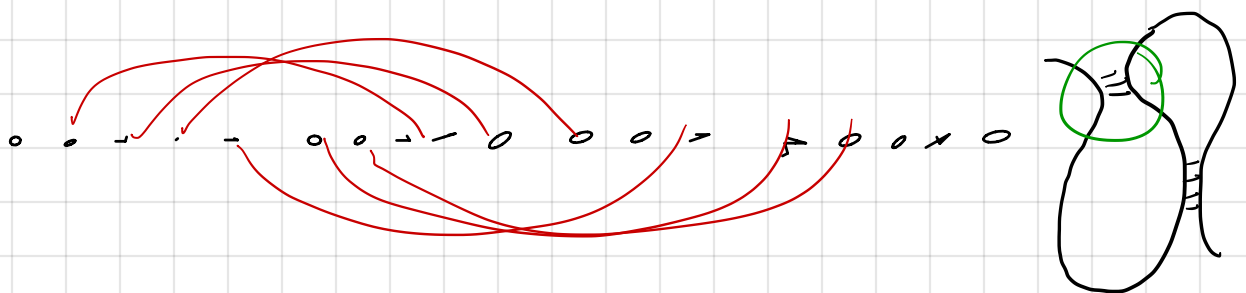
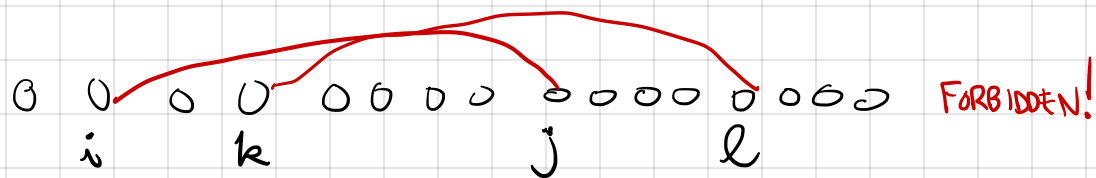
A - U    C - G

This enables it to form structures e.g.



The "rules" for base pairing are:

- [1] A can pair only with U, C only with G,  
U only with A, G only with C.
- [2] ("No sharp turns") If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  and  $j^{\text{th}}$  nucleotides are paired then  $|i - j| > 4$ .
- [3] ("Non-crossing") IF  $(i, j)$  and  $(k, l)$  are paired then it is not the case that  $i < k < j < l$ .



Problem. Given a sequence representing an RNA molecule, find the maximum # of base pairs that it can form.



What's the "last part" of the solution? What are the options for that "last part"?

What do the potential optimal solutions look like, for each of these possible choices?

- If  $n^{\text{th}}$  nucleotide is unpaired, choose maximum pairing of  $1, \dots, n-1$ .
- If  $(j, n)$  are paired, choose maximum pairing of  $1, \dots, j-1$  and of  $j+1, \dots, n-1$ .  
↖ Two disjoint subproblems! ↗

Define  $T[j, k] := \max \# \text{ of pairs that can be formed on subsequence } j, \dots, k$

$$(*) \quad T[j, k] = \max \left\{ T[j, k-1], \max_{i \in P(k)} \{ T[j, i-1] + T[i+1, k-1] + 1 \} \right\}$$

$$P(k) = \left\{ i \in \{j, \dots, k-1\} \mid i \& k \text{ are a matched pair of nucleotides, e.g., A-U or C-G} \right\}$$

fill in DP table in increasing order of  $k-j$ .