

# DAA Assignment-06

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**Abstract**—In this report we designed a Breadth first search in graph algorithm to find minimum steps through which we can reach from initial state i.e both jugs empty to a final state where one of the jugs has a given quantity of water  $d$  in litres.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Given a  $m$  liter jug and a  $n$  liter jug which are initially empty. The jugs don't have markings to allow measuring smaller quantities. We have to use the jugs to measure  $d$  liters of water where  $d < n$  and  $d < m$ .

$(X, Y)$  corresponds to a state where  $X$  refers to amount of water in Jug1 and  $Y$  refers to amount of water in Jug2. Determine the path from initial state  $(x_i, y_i)$  to final state  $(x_f, y_f)$ , where  $(x_i, y_i)$  is  $(0, 0)$  which indicates both Jugs are initially empty and  $(x_f, y_f)$  indicates a state which could be  $(0, d)$  or  $(d, 0)$ .

The operations you can perform are:

- Empty a Jug,  $(X, Y) \rightarrow (0, Y)$  Empty Jug 1
- Fill a Jug,  $(0, 0) \rightarrow (X, 0)$  Fill Jug 1
- Pour water from one jug to the other until one of the jugs is either empty or full,  $(X, Y) \rightarrow (X-d, Y+d)$

Breadth-first search is an algorithm for traversing or searching tree or graph data structures. It starts at the tree root, and explores all of the neighbor nodes at the present depth prior to moving on to the nodes at the next depth level. We run breadth first search on the states and these states will be created after applying allowed operations and we also use visited map of pair to keep track of states that should be visited only once in the search. This solution can also be achieved using depth first search.

## II. ALGORITHM DESIGN

### Brute Force :

The associated Diophantine equation of the problem is given by  $mx + ny = d$ , whose solution is described by the theorem below.

#### Theorem.

The Diophantine equation  $mx + ny = d$  is solvable if and only if  $\gcd(m, n)$  divides  $d$ . For convenience, let us assume  $mx + ny = d$  is solvable in the discussions below. Depending on which jug is chosen to be filled first, there are two possible solutions for solving the two water jugs problems. They are labelled by M1 and M2 in the following algorithms:

#### Algorithm.

Input: The integers  $m, n$  and  $d$ , where  $0 < m < n$  and  $d < n$ .

Output: An integer sequence corresponding to a feasible solution (called M1) of the two water jugs problem, by filling

the  $m$ -litre jug first.

Procedure: Step 1. Initialize a dummy variable  $k = 0$ .

Step 2. If  $k < d$ , then repeat adding  $m$  to  $k$  and assign the result to  $k$  until  $k = d$  or  $k > n$ .

Step 3. If  $k > n$ , then subtract  $n$  from  $k$  and assign the result to  $k$ .

Step 4. If  $k = d$ , then stop. Otherwise, repeat the steps from Step 2 to Step 4. The number of additions (say  $x_1$ ) and subtractions (say  $y_1$ ) involved provides a solution to the Diophantine equation  $mx + ny = d$ , namely  $x = x_1, y = -y_1$ . The actual pouring sequence can be determined by referring to the integer sequence obtained.

Algorithm 2.2.

Input: The integers  $m, n$  and  $d$ , where  $0 < m < n$  and  $d < n$ .

Output: An integer sequence corresponding to a feasible solution (called M2) of the two water jugs problem, by filling the  $n$ -litre jug first.

Procedure:

Step 1. Initialize a dummy variable  $k = 0$ .

Step 2. If  $k = d$ , then add  $n$  to  $k$  and assign the result to  $k$ .

Step 3. If  $k > d$ , then repeat subtracting  $m$  from  $k$  and assign the result to  $k$  until  $k = d$  or  $k < m$ .

Step 4. If  $k = d$ , then stop. Otherwise, repeat the steps from Step 2 to Step 4. The number of subtractions (say  $x_2$ ) and additions (say  $y_2$ ) involved provides a solution to the Diophantine equation  $mx + ny = d$ , namely  $x = -x_2, y = y_2$ . The actual pouring sequence can be determined by referring to the integer sequence obtained.

### Using Graph :

Step 1. Initialize an empty string of pair containing  $[0,0]$  that is the initial state of the jugs. This string contains path for a particular state to be achieved.

Step 2. We initialize an empty deque (Doubly Ended Queue) and push the first path that is  $[[0,0]]$  to it.

Step 3. We check if last state of the left most path of the deque is the required path or not and exit the loop and save that path in the final path variable and move to Step 6 if the condition satisfies. Otherwise continue to Step 4.

Step 4. We look for all the possible cases from the last state of the first path that is in the queue and remove that path and further add all the possible paths to the queue to left for the DFS (Depth First Search) approach or to the right for BFS (Breadth First Search) approach.

Step 5. We go back to step 3 and continue the iteration until no further transition is possible that is the given condition could not be satisfied.

Step 6. We print the final path variable in the order of transitions made to reach the condition.

### III. ALGORITHM AND ILLUSTRATION

#### Brute-Force

Volume of first jug: 3  
 Volume of second jug: 4  
 Desired volume: 2  
 $k=0$   
 Repeat adding 3 to k until  $k=2$  or  $k \geq 4$   
 $k=3+3=6$   
 Now subtract 4 from k  
 $k=6-4=2$   
 As  $k=$  desired volume so we stop here.  
 The actual pouring sequence can be determined by referring to the integer sequence obtained. [0,0][0,3][3,0][3,3][2,4]

#### Using Graph:

BFS:  
 Volume of first jug: 5  
 Volume of second jug: 4  
 Desired volume: 2  
 First we append 0,0 to our path  
 $path=[0,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [0,0] are [5,0] [0,4]  
 $next=[0,4],[5,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [5,0] are [5,4] [1,4]  
 $next=[0,4],[5,4],[1,4]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [0,4] are [5,4] [4,0]  
 $next=[5,4],[1,4],[5,4],[4,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [5,4] are [no more transitions]:  
 $next=[1,4],[5,4],[4,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [1,4] are [1,0]:  
 $next=[5,4],[4,0],[1,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [5,4] are [no more transitions]:  
 $next=[4,0],[1,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [4,0] are [4,4]:  
 $next=[1,0],[4,4]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [1,0] are [0,1]:  
 $next=[4,4],[0,1]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [4,4] are [5,3]:  
 $next=[0,1],[5,3]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [0,1] are [5,1]:  
 $next=[5,3],[5,1]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [5,3] are [0,3]:  
 $next=[5,1],[0,3]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [5,1] are [2,4]:  
 $next=[0,3],[2,4]$

Now next possible transitions from [0,3] are [3,0]:  
 $next=[2,4],[3,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [2,4] are [2,0]:  
 Goal is achieved as we have [2,0] as a state  
 Now  $path=[0,0] [5,0] [1,4] [1,0] [0,1] [5,1] [2,4]$

DFS:

Volume of first jug: 4  
 Volume of second jug: 3  
 Desired volume: 2  
 First we append 0,0 to our path  
 $path=[0,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [0,0] are [4,0] [0,3]  
 $next=[0,3],[4,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [0,3] are [4,3] [3,0]  
 $next=[3,0],[4,3],[4,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [3,0] are [4,0] [3,3]  
 $next=[3,3],[4,0],[4,3],[4,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [3,3] are [4,3] [4,2]  
 $next=[4,2],[4,3],[4,0],[4,3],[4,0]$   
 Now next possible transitions from [4,2] are [0,2]  
 Goal achieved as we have 2 litres in one jug  
 Now  $Path=[0,0],[0,3],[3,0],[3,3],[4,2]$

### IV. ALGORITHM ANALYSIS

#### Time complexity:

#### Using Graph:

In this approach we iterate over whole map generated by the nodes containing all the possible amount of water in both the jugs until we find the any of the one required condition. So to iterate over a graph by BFS or by DFS time complexity will be as below:

Best Case-If the required amount of water is equal to capacity of one of the jug. This will result in the time complexity of constant order. So

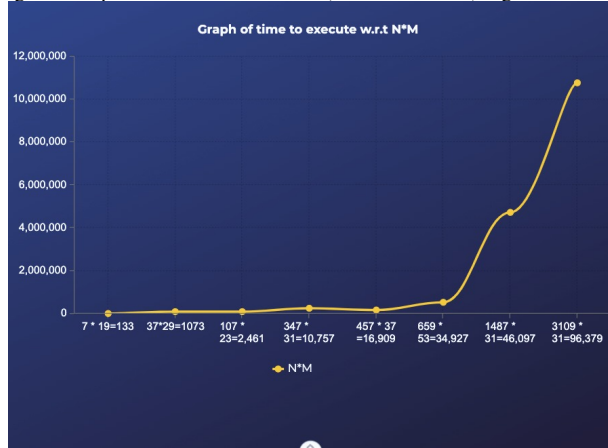
**Best Case Time Complexity**=  $\Omega(1)$

Worst Case-If the given condition is true and the required amount of water is what we get at the farthest end. This will result in the time complexity of order  $O(V + E)$  where E ranges from 1 to  $V^2$ , but in our case number of edges is equal to six hence number of edges will be of order  $3V$ , so, the time complexity will be of order  $4V$ , which is treated as linear in time complexity, where V is the number of nodes and E is the number of Edges. Maximum value of V in this case could be  $N*M$  where N and M are the maximum capacities of mug. So

**Worst Case Time Complexity**=  $O(V) = O(N * M)$

N	M	Time(in nanoseconds)
7	19	6198
37	29	92824
107	23	92983
347	31	249966
457	37	167850
659	53	528953
1487	31	4728464
3109	31	10779433

Fig. 1. Graph of Time of Execution (in nanoseconds ) Against  $N * M$



### Space complexity:

#### Brute-Force:

In Brute force we will be directly adding and subtracting in an integer so no extra space is required .

This will result in the space complexity of  $O(1)$ .

#### Using Graph:

In this approach we don't have need to store any graph as all the path are logically decided and checked at the time, so no more Extra space is required to store the map. But we store the path that is used to reach that point which whose length vary from 1 to V and we need to store path for all V vertices and hence the required space is of order  $V^2$ . Maximum value of V in this case could be  $N*M$  where N and M are the maximum capacities of mug. So **Space Complexity** =  $O((N * M)^2)$

This will result in the space complexity of  $O(n * m)$ .

### V. CONCLUSION

We can observe that in graph the space required is more but it is much more efficient in terms of time and will be favourable for the values having bigger differences in the capacity of jugs.

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## APPENDIX

Code for implementation of this paper is given below:

```
1 import collections
2
3 """
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7 States:  Amount of water in each respective jug, where the states are represented by
8          [a, b] and a is the amount in the first jug and b is the amount in the second jug
9 Initial State: [0,0]
10 Goal state: either of the jugs contains the amount of water inputted by the user
11 Operators:  1. Fill the first jug
12             2. Fill the second jug
13             3. Empty the first jug
14             4. Empty the second jug
15             5. Pour the first jug into the second jug
16             6. Pour the second jug into the second jug
17 Branching Factor: 6 (because we have 6 operators)
18 """
19
20
21 def main():
22     """
23     main function
24     """
25
26     starting_node = [[0, 0]]
27     jugs = get_jugs()
28     goal_amount = get_goal(jugs)
29     check_dict = {}
30     is_depth = get_search_type()
31     search(starting_node, jugs, goal_amount, check_dict, is_depth)
32
33 def get_index(node):
34     """
35     returns a key value for a given node
36
37     node: a list of two integers representing current state of the jugs
38     """
39     return pow(7, node[0]) * pow(5, node[1])
40
41
42 def get_search_type():
43     """
44     Returns True for DFS, False otherwise.
45     """
46
47     s = input("Enter 'b' for BFS, 'd' for DFS: ")
48     s = s[0].lower()
49
50     while s != 'd' and s != 'b':
51         s = input("The input is not valid! Enter 'b' for BFS, 'd' for DFS: ")
52         s = s[0].lower()
53
54     return s == 'd'
55
56 def get_jugs():
57     """
58     Returns a list of two integeres representing volumes of the jugs.
59     Takes volumes of the jugs as an input from the user.
60     """
61     print("Receiving the volume of the jugs...")
62     jugs = []
63
64     temp = int(input("Enter first jug volume (>1): "))
65     while temp < 1:
66         temp = int(input("Enter a valid amount (>1): "))
67     jugs.append(temp)
68
69     temp = int(input("Enter second jug volume (>1): "))
70     while temp < 1:
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71     temp = int(input("Enter a valid amount (>1): "))
72     jugs.append(temp)
73
74     return jugs
75
76 def get_goal(jugs):
77     """
78     Returns desired amount of water.
79     Takes desired amount as an input from the user.
80
81     jugs: a list of two integers representing volumes of the jugs
82     """
83
84     print("Receiving the desired amount of the water...")
85
86     max_amount = max(jugs[0], jugs[1])
87     s = "Enter the desired amount of water (1 - {0}): ".format(max_amount)
88     goal_amount = int(input(s))
89     while goal_amount < 1 or goal_amount > max_amount:
90         goal_amount = int(input("Enter a valid amount (1 - {0}): ".format(max_amount)))
91
92     return goal_amount
93
94 def is_goal(path, goal_amount):
95     """
96     Returns True, if the given path terminates at the goal node.
97
98     path: a list of nodes representing the path to be checked
99     goal_amount: an integer representing the desired amount of water
100    """
101
102    print("Checking if the goal is achieved...")
103
104    return path[-1][0] == goal_amount or path[-1][1] == goal_amount
105
106 def been_there(node, check_dict):
107     """
108     Returns True, if the given node is already visited
109
110     node: a list of two integers representing current state of the jugs
111     check_dict: a dictionary storing visited nodes
112    """
113
114    print("Checking if {0} is visited before...".format(node))
115
116    return check_dict.get(get_index(node), False)
117
118 def next_transitions(jugs, path, check_dict):
119     """
120     Returns list of all possible transitions which do not cause loops
121
122     jugs: a list of two integers representing volumes of the jugs
123     path: a list of nodes representing the current path
124     check_dict: a dictionary storing visited nodes
125    """
126
127    print("Finding next transitions and checking for the loops...")
128
129    result = []
130    next_nodes = []
131    node = []
132
133    a_max = jugs[0]
134    b_max = jugs[1]
135
136    a = path[-1][0] # initial amount in the first jug
137    b = path[-1][1] # initial amount in the second jug
138
139    # 1. fill in the first jug
140    node.append(a_max)
141    node.append(b)
142    if not been_there(node, check_dict):
143        next_nodes.append(node)
144    node = []

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145
146 # 2. fill in the second jug
147 node.append(a)
148 node.append(b_max)
149 if not been_there(node, check_dict):
150     next_nodes.append(node)
151 node = []
152
153 # 3. second jug to first jug
154 node.append(min(a_max, a + b))
155 node.append(b - (node[0] - a)) # b - (a' - a)
156 if not been_there(node, check_dict):
157     next_nodes.append(node)
158 node = []
159
160 # 4. first jug to second jug
161 node.append(min(a + b, b_max))
162 node.insert(0, a - (node[0] - b))
163 if not been_there(node, check_dict):
164     next_nodes.append(node)
165 node = []
166
167 # 5. empty first jug
168 node.append(0)
169 node.append(b)
170 if not been_there(node, check_dict):
171     next_nodes.append(node)
172 node = []
173
174 # 6. empty second jug
175 node.append(a)
176 node.append(0)
177 if not been_there(node, check_dict):
178     next_nodes.append(node)
179
180 # create a list of next paths
181 for i in range(0, len(next_nodes)):
182     temp = list(path)
183     temp.append(next_nodes[i])
184     result.append(temp)
185
186 if len(next_nodes) == 0:
187     print("No more unvisited nodes...\nBacktracking...")
188 else:
189     print("Possible transitions: ")
190     for nnode in next_nodes:
191         print(nnode)
192
193 return result
194
195
196 def transition(old, new, jugs):
197     """
198     returns a string explaining the transition from old state/node to new state/node
199
200     old: a list representing old state/node
201     new: a list representing new state/node
202     jugs: a list of two integers representing volumes of the jugs
203     """
204
205     a = old[0]
206     b = old[1]
207     a_prime = new[0]
208     b_prime = new[1]
209     a_max = jugs[0]
210     b_max = jugs[1]
211
212     if a > a_prime:
213         if b == b_prime:
214             return "Clear {0}-liter jug:\t\t\t".format(a_max)
215         else:
216             return "Pour {0}-liter jug into {1}-liter jug:\t".format(a_max, b_max)
217     else:
218         if b > b_prime:

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219         if a == a_prime:
220             return "Clear {0}-liter jug:\t\t\t".format(b_max)
221         else:
222             return "Pour {0}-liter jug into {1}-liter jug:\t".format(b_max, a_max)
223     else:
224         if a == a_prime:
225             return "Fill {0}-liter jug:\t\t\t".format(b_max)
226         else:
227             return "Fill {0}-liter jug:\t\t\t".format(a_max)
228
229
230 def print_path(path, jugs):
231     """
232     prints the goal path
233
234     path: a list of nodes representing the goal path
235     jugs: a list of two integers representing volumes of the jugs
236     """
237
238     print("Starting from:\t\t\t", path[0])
239     for i in range(0, len(path) - 1):
240         print(i+1, ":", transition(path[i], path[i+1], jugs), path[i+1])
241
242 def search(starting_node, jugs, goal_amount, check_dict, is_depth):
243     """
244     searches for a path between starting node and goal node
245
246     starting_node: a list of list of two integers representing initial state of the jugs
247     jugs: a list of two integers representing volumes of the jugs
248     goal_amount: an integer representing the desired amount
249     check_dict: a dictionary storing visited nodes
250     is_depth: implements DFS, if True; BFS otherwise
251     """
252
253     if is_depth:
254         print("Implementing DFS...")
255     else:
256         print("Implementing BFS...")
257
258     goal = []
259     accomplished = False
260
261     q = collections.deque()
262     q.appendleft(starting_node)
263
264     while len(q) != 0:
265         path = q.popleft()
266         check_dict[get_index(path[-1])] = True
267         if len(path) >= 2:
268             print(transition(path[-2], path[-1], jugs), path[-1])
269         if is_goal(path, goal_amount):
270             accomplished = True
271             goal = path
272             break
273
274         next_moves = next_transitions(jugs, path, check_dict)
275         for i in next_moves:
276             if is_depth:
277                 q.appendleft(i)
278             else:
279                 q.append(i)
280
281     if accomplished:
282         print("The goal is achieved\nPrinting the sequence of the moves...\n")
283         print_path(goal, jugs)
284     else:
285         print("Problem cannot be solved.")
286
287
288 if __name__ == '__main__':
289     main()

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Listing 1. Code for this paper