

1. Recall the extension of Euclid's algorithm that we discussed in class.

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1  def extended_Euclid(a,b):
2      """
3      a, b are non-negative integers
4      The function returns (u, v, d) such that d = gcd(a,b)
5      and d = ua + vb
6      """
7
8      if b == 0: return (1, 0, a)
9      (u, v, d) = extended_Euclid(b, a % b)
10     return (v, u - v * (a//b), d)

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We argued in class that the algorithm correctly returns (u, v, d) as stated in the comment in the beginning of the code. Suppose for a certain input (a, b) , where $a > b \geq 1$, the call to `extended_Euclid(a, b)` executes line 9 a total of t times (where $t \geq 1$). Let the value of (a, b) in the i -th call to `extended_Euclid(a, b)` be (a_i, b_i) ; let $(a_0, b_0) = (a, b)$. Let the value (u, v) returned by the i -th call be (u_i, v_i) , so that $u_i a_i + v_i b_i = d$; thus $(u_t, v_t) = (1, 0)$. Then, for $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$, we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{i-1} \\ b_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} q_i & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_i \\ b_i \end{bmatrix};$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} u_{i-1} & v_{i-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u_i & v_i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -q_i \end{bmatrix},$$

where q_i is the quotient obtained on dividing a_{i-1} by b_{i-1} .

- Show that $|u_i| \leq b_i/d$ and $|v_i| \leq a_i/d$, where $d = \gcd(a, b)$. You may use induction to show that the claim holds for $i - 1$ assuming it holds for i ; what is the base case?
- Suppose a and b are n -bit integers. Show that the total number of bit operations needed for `extended_Euclid(a, b)` is $O(n^3)$, assuming that integer division of ℓ -bit integers can be done in using $O(\ell^2)$ bit operations.

2. Consider the following modification to Euclid's algorithm.

```

1  def modified_Euclid(a,b):
2      """
3      a, b are non-negative integers
4      The function returns (u, v, d) such that d = gcd(a,b)
5      and d = ua + vb
6      """
7
8      if b == 0: return a
9      r = a % b
10     if r < b/2:
11         return modified_Euclid(b, r)
12     else:
13         return modified_Euclid(b, b-r)

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- Argue that for integers $a > b > 0$, `modified_Euclid(a, b)` returns the gcd of a and b .

- (b) How many times is `modified_Euclid` called recursively after `modified_Euclid(a, b)` is called with Fibonacci numbers $a = F_{t+1}$ and $b = F_t$?
3. Describe an algorithm to determine if a given positive number $N \geq 2$ can be written in the form $N = Q^E$, where Q and E are both integers at least 2. For n -bit numbers N , your algorithm should run in time $O(n^k)$ for some small constant k (fixed independent of n).
4. Suppose x , y and ℓ are n -bit numbers, such that $x > y$. Suppose the binary expansion of the fraction x/y is

$$0.b_0b_1b_2b_3\dots = \sum_{i \geq 1} b_i 2^{-i},$$

which in general may not terminate. Describe an algorithm to determine b_ℓ , given x , y and ℓ . Your algorithm should run in time $O(n^k)$ for some small constant k (fixed independent of n).

(Due 30 Aug 2023)

5. Here is a problem closely related to quicksort, which we briefly discussed in class. Let X be a totally ordered set with at least n elements. Suppose x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are drawn from X uniformly without replacement, and these elements are inserted into a *binary search tree* one after another.
- (a) There is an ordering for which $n(n-1)/2$ comparisons need to be made. How many such orderings are there?
- (b) Suppose $i > j$. We wish to determine the probability that x_i will be compared with x_j , when x_j is eventually inserted. Consider the distribution of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i and x_j . Now, x_j is equally likely to appear in any of the $i+1$ gaps when x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i are arranged in sorted order. For x_i and x_j to be compared (when x_j is eventually inserted), in which gaps must x_j fall? (Notice how the answer to this part is related to the previous part.)
- (c) Conclude that the expected number of comparisons for building the binary search tree is precisely

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{2}{i+1} \right) (n-i),$$

and show that this quantity is at most $2(n-1)\ln(n+1)$.

6. (a) $A[1..m]$ and $B[1..n]$ are two lists of integers sorted in ascending order. We wish to determine the k -th largest element in the union of A and B . Give an algorithm that runs in time $O(\log m + \log n)$. Assume that the $m+n$ elements are all distinct.
- (b) Suppose $A[1..m; 1..n]$ is an $m \times n$ array of integers. Suppose, first each row of A is sorted independently in ascending order from left to right; then, the columns of A are sorted independently in ascending order from top to bottom. Show that the rows of A remain sorted in the final array.

7. Problem 2.23 of [\[DPV\]](#).
8. Problem 2.32 of [\[DPV\]](#).
9. Suppose we are given a sequence $\mathbf{b} = b_0b_1 \dots b_{m-1} \in \{+1, -1\}^m$ called text and another shorter sequence $\mathbf{a} = a_0a_1 \dots a_{n-1} \in \{+1, -1\}^n$ called pattern (we use $\{+1, -1\}$ instead of $\{0, 1\}$), we say that \mathbf{a} occurs in \mathbf{b} at position j if $j \leq m - n$, and $a_k = b_{j+k}$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. Notice that \mathbf{a} occurs in \mathbf{b} at position j iff $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a_k b_{j+k} = n$.
 - (a) Describe polynomials $A(X)$ and $B(X)$ whose coefficients are derived from \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} such that by examining the coefficients of $C(X) = A(X)B(X)$, we can determine if \mathbf{a} occurs in \mathbf{b} at position j .
 - (b) Now, suppose some of the elements of the pattern \mathbf{a} are allowed to be \star , and we say that \mathbf{a} occurs in \mathbf{b} at position j if $j \leq m - n$ and $(a_k = \star \text{ or } a_k = b_{j+k})$ for $k = 0, 1, \dots, n - 1$. In this new setting, how would you modify the polynomials above to determine if \mathbf{a} occurs in \mathbf{b} at position j ?
 - (c) Based on the above, what method would you use to determine all positions j such that \mathbf{a} occurs in \mathbf{b} at position j . How long would it take? When is this method preferable to brute force search?

(Due 11 Sep 2023)

10. Suppose $G = (V, E)$ is an undirected unweighted graph with n vertices and m edges. Suppose $s, t \in V$ are vertices of G whose distance in G is strictly greater than $n/2$. Show that there is a vertex (other than s and t) whose deletion disconnects s from t . Describe an algorithm (assume that adjacency lists are available) running in time $O(m + n)$.
11. Suppose $G = (V, E)$ is a connected undirected graph. Suppose DFS starting at a vertex v and BFS starting at the same vertex v produce the same tree. Then, show that G is a tree.
12. Suppose G is a directed graph with n vertices and m edges. Describe an algorithm (assume adjacency lists are available) running in time $O(m + n)$ if G has a vertex v from where every other vertex is reachable.
13. Problem 3.28 (page 106) of [\[DPV\]](#).
14. Problem 4.19 (page 130) of [\[DPV\]](#).

(Due 27 Sep 2023)

15. Consider the Bellman-Ford algorithm (see the code below) for determining the shortest distance in a weighted graph from a source vertex s to all other vertices. For all vertices v , the algorithm maintains $v \cdot \text{dist}$ and $v \cdot \text{parent}$. Assume the graph has no negative-weight cycle. Prove or disprove (to disprove provide a counter example) the following statements:

- (a) at every point in the execution of the algorithm, for every vertex v with $v.\text{dist} < \infty$, the directed path (written backwards here):

$$v \leftarrow v.\text{parent} \leftarrow v.\text{parent}.\text{parent} \leftarrow \dots$$

leads from s to v ;

- (b) the cost of this path is $v.\text{dist}$.

16. In the Bellman-Ford algorithm, one picks an edge (u, v) such that

$$u.\text{dist} + \ell(u, v) < v.\text{dist},$$

and sets $v.\text{dist} = u.\text{dist} + \ell(u, v)$. (If no such edges exist, we stop.) To locate the next edge to perform this update operation, the algorithm scans the edges in a fixed order in each iteration. Could we have picked the next edge to update arbitrarily? Show that for all large n , there is an acyclic weighted graph with n vertices and an order of updates (each update should reduce $v.\text{dist}$ for some vertex v), so that the algorithm performs $2^{\Omega(n)}$ updates before it terminates.)

17. Consider the following part of the code for the Bellman-Ford algorithm.

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1 s.dist = 0
2 s.parent = None
3 for i = 1, 2, ..., T:           # the outer for loop
4     for v in V:
5         for (w, ell) in adj[v]:
6             if v.dist + ell < w.dist:
7                 w.dist = v.dist + ell    # update distance
8                 w.parent = v             # update parent

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Show the following (when appropriate use induction; state the induction hypothesis precisely):

- (a) At all times, for all vertices v , if $u = v.\text{parent}$ is not `None`, then $u.\text{dist} + \ell(u, v) \leq v.\text{dist}$.
- (b) If $v.\text{dist}$ was updated in iteration k of the *outer for loop*, then the first $k + 1$ elements of the sequence

$$v, v.\text{parent}, v.\text{parent}.\text{parent}, \dots \tag{1}$$

are not `None`.

- (c) Suppose $T = |V|$ and $v.\text{dist}$ was updated in the last iteration. Argue that the path described in eq. (1) ends in a cycle, and the sum of the lengths of the edges of that cycle is negative (beware of ∞).
- (d) Suppose there is a negative-weight cycle C reachable from vertex s . Argue that for some vertex v in C , $v.\text{dist}$ will be updated in iteration $|V|$ of the *outer for loop*.

18. Consider the following algorithm for finding a minimum weight spanning tree in a connected undirected graph. Initially, let T consist of an arbitrary vertex v and no edges. Then, repeatedly add to T the minimum weight edge with exactly one vertex in T . (This algorithm, similar to Dijkstra's algorithm, is called Prim's algorithm.)

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- (a) Based on the blue and red rules discussed in class, show that the algorithm is correct.
 - (b) Describe an implementation of the algorithm that runs in time $O((m+n) \log n)$. (Assume that you have an implementation of a heap that supports **findmin** and **deletemin** in $O(\log s)$ steps, for a heap of s elements; and can build a heap on s elements in $O(s)$ steps.)
19. Let $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{I})$ be a matroid (recall the definition we discussed in class).
- (a) Suppose $A, B \subseteq \mathcal{I}$, such that $|A| < |B|$. Show that there is an element $x \in B \setminus A$, such that $A \cup \{x\}$ is independent.
 - (b) Let I be a maximal independent and let $x \notin I$. Show that there is a unique cycle c contained in $I \cup \{x\}$. (A cycle is a minimal *dependent* set.)

(Due 18 Oct 2023, Wednesday, before the class)