**ECE374 Assignment 5**

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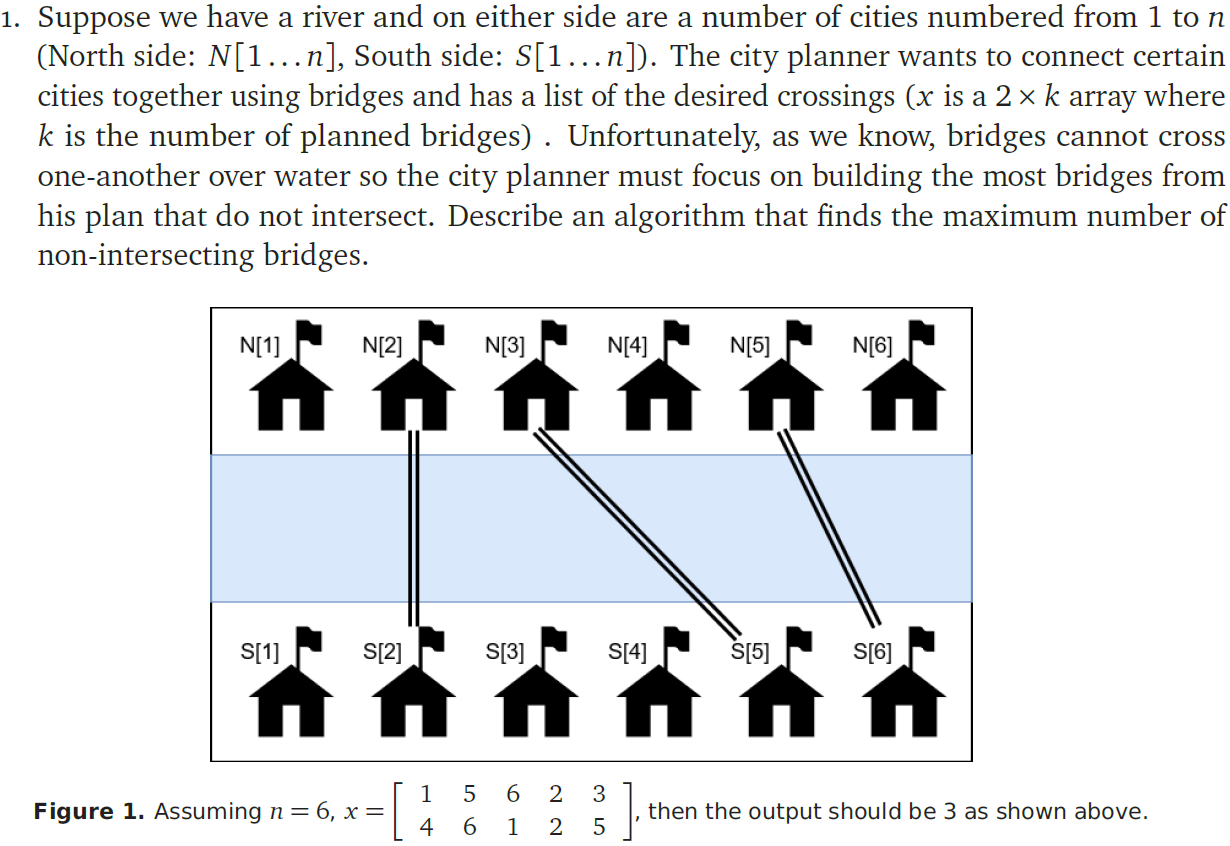
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**Problem 1**



Solution:

Intuition: We could solve this problem by the following steps:

(1) i. sort x by the first row. e.g.

ii. then, to avoid bridge crossing, we build the bridges from left to right, and each column of a bridge must have the second-row number larger than the last one before building. Therefore, we could find the number of the longest increasing subsequence (LIS) of the second row with backtracking skills that would be the max number of bridges if we consider in the first-row perspective.

(2) i. sort x by the second row. e.g.

ii. In the same way, we could find the number of the longest increasing subsequence (LIS) of the first row with backtracking skills that would be the max number of bridges if we consider in the second-row perspective.

(3) The maximum of LIS results of the two perspectives above is the max number of bridges we could build.

Therefore, we could describe the algorithm as

**BuildBridge**(x[1…N,1…N],n):

sortedMatrix = **sort**(x, row=1)

count1 = **LIS**(sortedMatrix[2,:])

sortedMatrix = **sort**(x, row=2)

count2 = **LIS**(sortedMatrix[1,:])

return **max**(count1, count2)

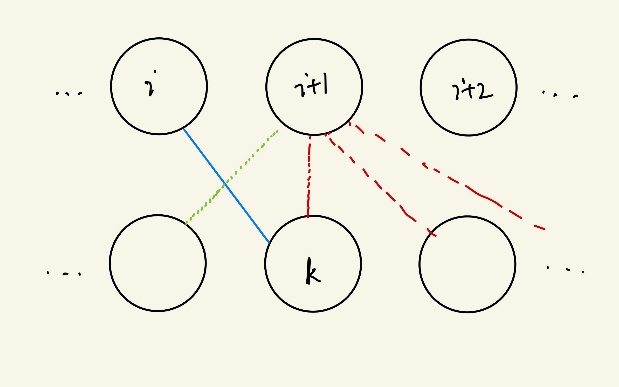
Some Explanations:

1. Why soring the rows at first?

Answer: Sorting the rows would allow us to determine which next bridge are we discussing on whether we should add it or not in the dynamic programming process, enabling a “sequence” to appear within a set of unordered bridges.

2. Why using LIS?

Answer:

When building bridges, take the left chart as an example. If we previously built a bridge linking the ith node to the kth node (shown in blue line), we then could only build bridges that starts from node i+1 and goes to nodes k and nodes to the right of k (node >= k), as shown with red lines. We can’t connect node i+1 with any node less than k below, as shown with green lines. Therefore, we are actually requiring a non-decreasing subsequence in the row below, and the maximum number of bridges is the length of this non-decreasing subsequence.

3. Why using two LIS for both rows?

Answer: As there may be repeated nodes for the bridges (e.g. (1,2) and (2,2)), the maximum number of bridges that we come through with sorting one row and do LIS on the other might be different. While we are looking for the global maximum number of bridges, we should do two LIS and take the maximum of the outcomes as the final result.