

ASSIGNMENT 4

DUE: Thursday October 12, 7 PM. DO NOT COPY. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SOURCES.

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1. [5 marks] **Polynomial Time.** Consider the primality testing algorithm that tests if a given k -bit number n is prime by attempting to divide n by i for $2 \leq i \leq \sqrt{n}$, $i \in N$.

Using big-oh notation, analyze the run time of this algorithm as a function of input size k . To analyze run-time, do not use the word-RAM model. Instead, assume that you have a division method that runs in time $O(j^2)$ on j -bit integers. (This is called the “bit-complexity model”.) Does the algorithm run in polynomial time? Why or why not?

2. [10 marks] **Dynamic Programming to break a paragraph into lines.** This problem is about choosing line breaks to format a paragraph nicely. Suppose that the paragraph has n words of lengths l_1, l_2, \dots, l_n in that order. Each pair of consecutive words in a line must be separated by a blank, and a blank has length 1. Suppose that the maximum line length is L . For example, here are three different formatting choices:

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I propose to consider the
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The second example chooses the line breaks to make the lines roughly equal in length. The third example adds extra blanks between words to right-justify (so all lines have the same length).

Give a dynamic programming algorithm to choose line breaks and add extra blanks so that all lines have the same length L . A line cannot start or end with a blank. This means that a line cannot have just one word unless that word has exactly L characters, so there are inputs that

have no solution. Let m be the maximum number of blanks in a row that you add between words. Your goal is to find a solution that minimizes m .

Note: If words $i, i+1, \dots, j$ go on a line then the number of characters in the line is at least $c_{i,j} = j - i + \sum_{k=i}^j l_k$. To get line length L , the number of extra blanks you must add is $L - c_{i,j}$, and you will distribute these blanks as equally as possible in the $j - i$ spaces between the words.

Give a dynamic programming algorithm to find the minimum value m . The run-time should be $O(n^2)$. Clearly indicate what your subproblems are, and the order in which you solve them. Justify correctness of your algorithm, and analyze its running time.

3. [10 marks] **Dynamic Programming to break a sequence into harmonious parts.**

Suppose you have a sequence of musical notes $s_1 s_2 \dots s_n$. Some subsequences are said to be *harmonious*. You can test if a sequence is *harmonious* via a unit-time test $H(i, j)$ that returns 1 if the subsequence $s_i s_{i+1} \dots s_j$ is harmonious, and 0 otherwise. Your goal is to break the input sequence into harmonious subsequences if possible.

For example, if AB , B , and BAB are the only harmonious sequences, then the sequence $ABBBAB$ can be broken into harmonious sequences as $AB \mid B \mid AB$ or as $AB \mid BAB$, but the sequence $ABABA$ cannot be broken into harmonious sequences.

Give a dynamic programming algorithm to test if a sequence can be broken into harmonious subsequences. The run-time should be $\Theta(n^3)$ or $O(n^2)$. Clearly indicate what your subproblems are, and the order in which you solve them. Justify correctness of your algorithm, and analyze its running time.