CS170–Spring 2019 — Homework 8 Solutions

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2 A Dice Game

(a)

$$W(x,y,z) = \max\{\frac{1}{6}(1 - W(y, x+1, 0)) + \sum_{i=2}^{6} \frac{1}{6} W(x, y, z+i), (1 - W(y, x + \max(z, 1), 0))\}$$

(b) (i) **Main Idea**

Alice have two choices, i.g. roll dice or pass. So the probability represented by $W(x, y, z)$ should be maximum number resulted by these two choices. And if her choice results in ending her turn, it's then Bob's turn. So we can represents the winning probability by 1 minus Bob's winning probability, since we assume both of them play optimally.

The recursive relation is presented in the previous part. Run dynamic programming algorithm to solve problem according to it.

(ii) **Proof of Correctness**

If Alice choose to roll another dice, she has chance of $\frac{1}{6}$ to get 1 and end her turn, which is represented by $\frac{1}{6}(1 - W(y, x+1, 0))$. Or she may roll other number, which is represented by $\sum_{i=2}^{6} \frac{i}{6} W(x, y, z+i)$. If Alice choose to pass, she will get z points and end her turn, which is represented by $1 - W(y, x+z, 0)$.

(iii) **Runtime Analysis**

There're N^3 subproblems and each of them will only cost constant time. Therefore, the total runtime is $O(N^3)$.

3 Knightmare

(a) **Main Idea**

Denote $L(i)$ as a set that j is in it if there's a knight in position (i, j).

Define subproblem as $T[i][L(i)][L(i-1)]$, which represents the number of ways to put knights in the first i rows given the knights setting in row i and row $i-1$ as $L(i)$ and $L(i-1)$.

The recursive relation is as follows.

$$T[i][L(i)][L(i-1)] = \sum_{\{L(i-2)|\text{ knights in } L(i-2) \text{ cannot attack knights in } L(i)\}} (T[i-1][L(i-1)][L(i-2)])$$

And the final solution is $\sum_{L(i)} \sum_{L(i-1)} T[N][L(i)][L(i-1)]$.

(b) **Proof of Correctness**

The idea is that only knights in row $i-2$ can attack knights in row i. So given a specific setting of knights in row i. I just need to iterate through all possible combination of settings in row $i-1$ and $i-2$. And sum those number together will give the optimal number for $T[i][L(i)][L(i-1)]$.

(c) **Runtime Analysis**

Each row has at most 2^M situations to put knights. So, there're $N(2^M)^2$ subproblems and each of them will cost $O(2^M)$ time to check each possible situation. Therefore, the overall runtime is $O(N(2^M)^3) = O(N2^{3M})$.

4 Triangulating a polygon

(a) **Main Idea**

First sort all points into clockwise order and denote $D[i][j]$ as the distance between ith point and jth point, i.g. $D[i][j] = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$.

Define subproblem as $T[i][j]$, which represents the optimal solution to triangulate polygon defined by ith point to jth point. The recursive relation is as follows. In base case, if $j - i < 3$, $T[i][j]$ is 0.

$$T[i][j] = \min\{\min_{k=i+2}^{j-2}\{T[i][k]+T[k][j]+D[i][k]+D[j][k]\}, T[i][j-1]+D[i][j-1], T[i+1][j], +D[i+1][j]\}$$

And the final solution is $T[1][n]$.

(b) **Proof of Correctness**

In base case, triangle do not need to be triangulated, so the cost is 0. In induction step, for $T[i][j]$, we have $j - i - 1$ ways to choose an vertex k, so that breaks it into two or one subproblems. One subproblem is triangulate polygon defined by ith point to kth point. The other is triangulate polygon defined by kth point to jth point. Choose the smallest cost among them can guarantee the optimality of $T[i][j]$. Therefore the final answer $T[1][n]$ is optimal.

(c) **Runtime Analysis**

There're n^2 subproblems and each of them will cost $O(n)$ time to check each possible situation. Therefore, the overall runtime is $O(n^3)$.

5 Three Partition

(a) **Main Idea**

Define subproblem as $X[i][s_1][s_2]$, which represents whether it's possible to divide first i numbers into three groups, such that the sum of first group is s_1 and the sum of second group is s_2. Suppose the ith number is $A[i]$. The recursive relation is as follows:

$$X[i][s_1][s_2] = X[i-1][s_1][s_2] \vee X[i-1][s_1 - A[i]][s_2] \vee X[i-1][s_1][s_2 - A[i]]$$

And the final solution is $X[n][\frac{total}{3}][\frac{total}{3}]$.

(b) **Proof of Correctness**

In base case, $X[1][0][0]$, $X[1][A[1]][0]$ and $X[1][0][A[1]]$ are true. This is trivial. In induction step, for $X[i][s_1][s_2]$ we have three choices, i.g. put ith number into first group, second group or third group. $X[i-1][s_1][s_2]$ is the situation that put it into first group. $X[i-1][s_1 - A[i]][s_2]$ is the situation that put it into second group. $X[i-1][s_1][s_2 - A[i]]$ is the situation that put it into third group. So $X[i][s_1][s_2]$ will be optimal and the final answer will be optimal.

(c) **Runtime Analysis**

There're $n(\sum a_i)^2$ subproblems and each of them will cost $O(1)$ time. Therefore, the overall runtime is $O(n(\sum a_i)^2)$.

6 2-SAT

(a) if G_I has a strongly connected component containing both x and $\neg x$ for some variable x. Then there's a path from x to $\neg x$ and a path from $\neg x$ to x. The edges in this graph can be considered as implication, so we have $x \Rightarrow \neg x$ and $\neg x \Rightarrow x$ by transitive rule. So if x is assigned with true, we have contradiction $true \Rightarrow false$. If x is assigned with false, we have $true \Rightarrow false$ as well. Therefore this problem has no valid solution.

(b) Note that the clause $(\alpha \vee \beta)$ is equivalent to $(\neg\alpha \Rightarrow \beta) \wedge (\neg\beta \Rightarrow \alpha)$. The edges added in to graph G_I is symmetric.

Suppose SCC A contains variables $v_1, v_2, v_3, \cdots v_n$. By symmetric property, there exists SCC $\neg A$ that contains variables $\neg v_1, \neg v_2, \neg v_3, \cdots \neg v_n$. Similarly, if there's an edge from SCC A to SCC B, there exist an edge from SCC $\neg B$ to $\neg A$.

In base case, there're only two SCCs and denote them as A and $\neg A$. This is trivial. Assigned one of them with true and the other with false will satisfy requirement. In induction step, suppose SCC A is a sink. Then SCC $\neg A$ must be a source. Suppose there's an edge from SCC B to SCC A. Then there's an edge from SCC $\neg A$ to SCC $\neg B$. Assign A with all trues can guarantee edge from SCC B to SCC A is satisfied. And assign $\neg A$ with all false can guarantee edge from SCC $\neg A$ to SCC $\neg B$ is satisfied. Therefore, delete all of them will not introduce conflicts and can always find a satisfaction solution.

(c) So first compute SCCs (meta-graph G_M of G_I) and assign value according to the previous mentioned way. Compute meta graph will cost $(O(|E| + |V|))$ time and assign will cost linear time. So the total runtime is linear.