

DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

LAB 06-07: GREEDY ALGORITHMS

I. Greedy Paradigm

The greedy algorithm makes a locally optimal solution. In some cases, this is enough to get a globally optimal solution.

- The choice at each step must be feasible: satisfy the requirements.
- Each step reduces the problem to a smaller problem.
- Locally optimal: Each step is Greedy and tries local optimization, that is, chooses best among local choices based on some metric.
- Short-sighted.
- Easy to construct, simple to implement
- Irrevocable: once choice is made, there is no going back.
- May or may not give optimal (best) solution.

II. Visualization Example

```
import pylab
pylab.plot([1,2,3],[4,6,3],'o-')
```

III. Runtime

```
import time
start_time = time.time()
main()
print("--- %s seconds ---" % (time.time() - start_time))
```

IV. Input Generation

```
Import random
S = random.sample(range(100), 6)
print(S)
```

V. Programming Exercises

1. Implement a greedy algorithm for the Coin Changing Problem in Python programming language and draw the running time of a program as a function of the size of its input, having generated different inputs.

The Coin Changing Problem is described as follows

- Some coin denominations say, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50
- Want to make change for amount S using smallest number of coins.
- Example: Want change for 37 cents.
Optimal way is: $1 \times 20, 1 \times 10, 1 \times 5, 2 \times 1$.
- In some cases, there may be more than one optimal solution:
Coins: 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50,
 $S = 30$
Then, $1 \times 20, 1 \times 10$ and $1 \times 25, 1 \times 5$ are both optimal solutions.
- Make a locally optimal choice: choose the largest coin possible at each step.

The greedy algorithm to solve The Coin Changing Problem is as follows

Greedy Solution:

Repeat

Find the largest coin denomination (say x), which is $\leq S$.

Use $\lfloor \frac{S}{x} \rfloor$ coins of denomination x .

Let $S = S \bmod x$.

until $S = 0$.

Input: Coin denominations $d[1] > d[2] > \dots > d[m] = 1$.

Input: Value S

Output: Number of coins used for getting a total of S .

$\text{num}[i]$ denotes the number of coins of denomination $d[i]$.

For $i = 1$ to m do

$\text{num}[i] = \lfloor \frac{S}{d[i]} \rfloor$.

$S = S \bmod d[i]$.

EndFor

2. Implement a greedy algorithm for the Fractional Knapsack Problem in Python programming language and draw the running time of a program as a function of the size of its input, having generated different inputs.

The Fractional Knapsack Problem is described as follows

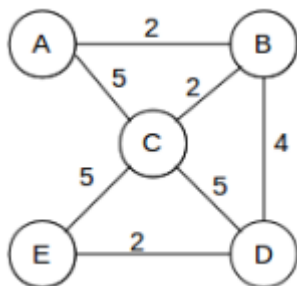
- A knapsack of certain capacity (S Kg)
- Various items available to carry in the knapsack.
- There are w_i Kg of item i worth total of c_i .
- You may pick fraction of some item i (that is, you don't have to pick all w_i Kg of item i). This will give prorated value for the item picked.

The greedy algorithm to solve the Fractional Knapsack Problem is as follows

Suppose the items are $1, 2, \dots, n$.
 Weight of item i is w_i and value is c_i .
 Rename the items such that they are sorted in
 non-increasing order of c_i/w_i .
 Thus, we assume below that $c_1/w_1 \geq c_2/w_2 \geq \dots$
 $CapLeft = S$.
 $TotalValuePicked = 0$.
 For $i = 1$ to n do
 2. Pick $\min(CapLeft, w_i)$ of item i .
 3. $TotalValuePicked =$
 $TotalValuePicked + (c_i/w_i) * \min(CapLeft, w_i)$.
 4. $CapLeft = CapLeft - \min(CapLeft, w_i)$.
 EndFor

Hint: For the following exercises related to graph, we can represent a edge as a tuple of three elements

```
>>> (1,5,4)
(1, 5, 4)
>>> x = (4,1,5)
>>> x[0]
4
>>> x[1]
1
>>> x[2]
5
>>> y = (2,3,4)
>>> z = [x,y]
>>> z
[(4, 1, 5), (2, 3, 4)]
>>> sorted(z)
[(2, 3, 4), (4, 1, 5)]
```



```
G = {'A':[(2,'B'), (5, 'C')], 'B':[(2,'A'),(2,'C'), (4,'D')]}
```

```
>>> G['A']
```

```
[(2, 'B'), (5, 'C')]
```

```
>>> G['A'][0]
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```
(2, 'B')
```

```
G = {'A':{'B':2, 'C':5}, 'B':{'A':2, 'C':2, 'D':4}}
```

```
>>> G = {'A':{'B':2, 'C':5}, 'B':{'A':2, 'C':2, 'D':4}}
```

```
>>> G['A']['C']
```

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3. Implement a greedy algorithm for the Single Source Shortest Paths Problem in Python programming language and draw the running time of a program as a function of the size of its input, having generated different inputs.

The Single Source Shortest Paths Problem is described as follows

- Given a weighted graph, find the shortest path from a given vertex to all other vertices.
- **Path (from v_0 to v_k):** $v_0v_1 \dots v_k$, such that (v_i, v_{i+1}) is an edge in the graph, for $i < k$.
- **Simple Path:** In the path, if $i \neq j$ then $v_i \neq v_j$.
- **Weight of the path:** sum of weights of the edges in the path.
- **Shortest path:** path with minimal weight.
- Intuition behind algorithm:
- Assuming positive integral distances between nodes.
- Walk in “all possible directions” for 1 step. If we encounter a node, then the shortest distance to it must be 1.
Then walk further for 1 step in all possible directions. If we encounter a node, not yet encountered, then the shortest distance to it must be 2.
- Continue, similarly until all nodes are encountered.

- Graph $G = (V, E)$, with $wt(u, v)$ giving the weight of edge (u, v)
- Graph edges are given as adjacency list.
- s is the source vertex.
- $Dist(u)$ denotes the currently best known distance from s to u .
- Rem denotes the nodes for which the shortest distance is not yet found.
- $V - Rem$ will thus denote the vertices for which shortest distance is already found.
- $prev(v)$ denotes the predecessor node of v in the currently known shortest path from s to v .

The greedy algorithm (Dijkstra's Algorithm) to solve the Single Source Shortest Paths Problem is as follows

```
Set  $Dist[u] = \infty$ , and  $Prev[u] = null$  for all  $u \in V$ .
Set  $Dist[s] = 0$ .
Set  $Rem = V$ .
While  $Rem \neq \emptyset$  Do
1. Find node  $u \in Rem$  with minimal  $Dist[u]$ .
2.  $Rem = Rem - \{u\}$ .
3. For each edge  $(u, v)$  such that  $v \in Rem - \{u\}$  Do
3.1 Let  $Z = \min(Dist[v], Dist[u] + wt(u, v))$ .
3.2 If  $Dist[v] > Z$ , then let  $Dist[v] = Z$  and  $Prev(v) = u$ 
    Endif
EndFor
End While
```

4. Implement Prim's Algorithm for finding a Minimal spanning tree in Python programming language and draw the running time of a program as a function of the size of its input, having generated different inputs.

The Minimal spanning tree Problem is described as follows

- Spanning tree of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a tree $T = (V, E')$ such that $E' \subseteq E$.
(Note: G needs to be a connected graph)
- Minimal spanning tree of a weighted graph is a spanning tree of the graph with minimal weight.
- Note that there may be several minimal spanning trees.

The intuition to find MST:

- Start with one vertex (say *start*) to be in the spanning tree.
- Add an edge with minimum weight that has one endpoint in the tree already constructed, and the other endpoint outside the tree constructed. (Greedy!)
- Repeat until all vertices are in the tree
- Suppose *Rem* denotes the set of vertices not yet in the spanning tree constructed.
- We will maintain an array $D(v)$ and $parent(v)$:
- For v already in the tree, $parent(v)$ gives the node to which it is connected in the tree (at the time it was added to the tree). $parent(start) = null$.
- For v in *Rem*, $D(v)$ gives the shortest distance from v to the tree already constructed; $parent(v)$ gives the node in tree to which this shortest distance applies. Note that $D(v)$ may be ∞ in case there is no edge from v to the nodes already in constructed tree. In this case $parent(v) = null$
- In each iteration, we will choose the vertex u in *Rem* which minimizes $D(u)$. We will add u to the tree. Furthermore, we will update $D(v)$, for v in $Rem - \{u\}$, in case, $wt(u, v) < D(v)$.

The Prim's Algorithm for finding a Minimal spanning tree is as follows

Prim's algorithm

1. Pick any node in V as *start*.
2. Let $D(v) = \infty$ for all $v \in V - \{start\}$
3. Let $D(start) = 0$.
2. Let $parent(v) = null$ for all $v \in V$.
4. Let $Rem = V$.
5. While *Rem* is not empty Do
 - Choose a node u in *Rem* which minimizes $D(u)$.
 - Delete u from *Rem*.
 - For each edge (u, v) such that $v \in Rem - \{u\}$,
 - If $D(v) > wt(u, v)$,
 - then update $D(v) = wt(u, v)$ and
 - $parent(v) = u$
 - EndFor
- End While
5. Implement Kruskal's Algorithm for finding a Minimal spanning tree in Python programming language and draw the running time of a program as a function of the size of its input, having generated different inputs.

The intuition of Kruskal's Algorithm:

- Edges are initially sorted by increasing weight.
- Start with n isolated vertices (Forest)
- Grow the Forest by adding one edge at a time
- At each stage, add minimal weight edge which can be added without creating a cycle.
- Stop when $n - 1$ edges have been added.

The Kruskal's Algorithm for finding a Minimal spanning tree is as follows

```
Kruskal; Input:  $G = (V, E)$ 
  Sort  $E$  in non-decreasing order of the edge weights
   $w(e_1) \leq w(e_2) \dots$ 
   $E_T \leftarrow \emptyset$ ;  $counter \leftarrow 0$ ,  $k \leftarrow 0$ 
  While  $counter < |V| - 1$  do
     $k \leftarrow k + 1$ .
    If  $E_T \cup \{e_k\}$  is acyclic
      Then,  $E_T \leftarrow E_T \cup \{e_k\}$ ;  $counter \leftarrow counter + 1$ .
  Endwhile
End
```