

CS60-454  
Design and Analysis of Algorithms  
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Assignment 2

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1. In Insertion sort, we use the *compare-and-swap* operation to do sorting. In this question, we shall use a more general operation *flip* to do sorting.

Let  $L : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be a list of elements (drawn from a totally ordered set). The flip operation  $\text{flip}(L, i, j)$  converts the list  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{j-1}, a_j, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n$

to  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{i-1}, a_j, a_{j-1}, \dots, a_{i+1}, a_i, a_{j+1}, \dots, a_n$

i.e.  $\text{flip}(L, i, j)$  reverses the order of elements in the sublist  $a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{j-1}, a_j$ .

Assuming  $\text{flip}(L, i, j)$  takes  $O(j - i)$  time.

- (a) Given a list of elements  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  such that  $a_i \in \{0, 1\}, 1 \leq i \leq n$ . Present an algorithm that sorts the list in  $O(n \lg n)$  time. You are allowed to use only the **flip** operation to rearrange the elements.
- (b) Redo Part (a) assuming that  $a_i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ , are drawn from a totally ordered set by presenting an  $O(n^2 \lg n)$  time algorithm.

**Solution:**

(a) **Key idea:**

Use a divide-and-conquer strategy similar to merge sort: Split the list into two equal halves and then recursively sort each half. Then find the index  $i$  of the first occurrence of 1 in the left-half and the index  $j$  of the last occurrence of 0 in the right-half. Apply Flip to the sublist  $L[i..j]$ .

**Algorithm Sort-with-Flip01**( $L, lower, upper$ )

**Input:**  $L[lower..upper]$ ;

**Output:**  $L[lower..upper]$  sorted in ascending order;

**begin**

**if** ( $lower < upper$ ) **then**

Sort-with-Flip01( $L, lower, \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$ );

Sort-with-Flip01( $L, \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1, upper$ );

/\* Scan  $L[lower..\lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor]$  to look for the first occurrence of 1 \*/

$i := lower$ ;

**while** ( $i \leq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor \wedge L[i] = 0$ ) **do**  $i := i + 1$ ;

/\* Scan  $L[\lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1, upper]$  to look for the last occurrence of 0 \*/

$j := \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$ ;

**while**  $(j < upper \wedge L[j + 1] = 0)$  **do**  $j := j + 1$ ;  
**if**  $(i \leq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor \wedge j \geq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1)$  **then**  $\text{flip}(L, i, j)$ ;  
**end.**

**Theorem 1:** *Algorithm Sort-with-Flip01 correctly sorts the input list  $L$  into ascending order.*

**Proof:** (By induction on  $n$ )

**Base case:** When  $n = 1$ ,  $L$  consists of one element which is a sorted list. Since  $n = (lower - upper + 1) \Rightarrow 1 = (lower - upper + 1) \Rightarrow lower = upper$ , the algorithm correctly returns  $L$  without doing anything to it.

**Induction hypothesis:** Suppose **Algorithm Sort-with-Flip01** correctly sorts all input lists of length  $< n$ .

**Induction step:** Consider an input list  $L$  of length  $n$ .

Let  $p = \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$ .

By the induction hypothesis, the left sublist  $L[lower..p]$  and the right sublist  $L[p + 1..upper]$  are sorted in ascending order.

On exiting the first **while** loop, either  $i > \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$  or  $L[i] = 1$ .

- (i) In the former case,  $L[i] = 0, lower \leq i \leq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$ , which implies that the left sublist  $L[lower..p]$  consists of a sequence of 0's.
- (ii) In the latter case,  $L[i] = 1$  and  $L[i - 1] = 0$  implies that  $L[i]$  is the first occurrence of 1 in the left sublist which implies that  $L[lower..(i - 1)]$  (empty, if  $i = lower$ ) consists of a sequence of 0's while  $L[i..p]$  consists of a sequence of 1's.

On exiting the second **while** loop, either  $j = upper$  or  $L[j + 1] = 1$ .

- (iii) In the former case,  $L[i] = 0, \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1 \leq i \leq upper$ , which implies that the right sublist  $L[(p + 1)..upper]$  consists of a sequence of 0's.
- (iv) In the latter case, if  $j = \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$ , then the right sublist  $L[(p + 1)..upper]$  consists of a sequence of 1's.

Otherwise,  $L[j] = 0$  which implies that  $L[j]$  is the last occurrence of 0 in the right sublist. Hence,  $L[(p + 1)..j]$  consists of a sequence of 0's while  $L[(j + 1)..upper]$  consists of a sequence of 1's.

If  $i > \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$ , then by Case (i), the left sublist  $L[lower..p]$  consists of a sequence of 0's. Since the right sublist  $L[p + 1..upper]$  consists of a (possibly empty) sequence of 0's following by a (possibly empty) sequence of 1's (Cases (iii) or (iv)), the combined sublists is the list  $L$  in ascending order.

Moreover,  $i > \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$  implies that the last **if** statement if not executed, the algorithm thus returns  $L$  in ascending order.

If  $j < \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1$ , then  $j = \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$ . By Case (iv), the right sublist  $L[(p + 1)..upper]$  consists of a sequence of 1's. Since the left sublist  $L[lower..p]$  consists of a (possibly empty) sequence of 0's following by a (possibly empty) sequence of 1's (Cases (i) or (ii)), the combined sublists is the list  $L$  in ascending order.

Moreover,  $j < \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1$  implies that the last **if** statement if not executed, the algorithm thus returns  $L$  in ascending order.

In the remaining cases,  $i \leq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$  and  $j \geq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1$ . The **if** statement is executed as a result.

By Case (ii),  $i \leq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor$  implies that  $L[i]$  is the first occurrence of 1 in the left sublist.

By Case (iv),  $j \geq \lfloor \frac{lower+upper}{2} \rfloor + 1$  implies that  $L[j]$  is the last occurrence of 0 in the right sublist.

Therefore, the sublist  $L[lower..(i-1)]$  consists of a sequence of 0's, the sublist  $L[i..j]$  consists of a sequence of 1's following by a sequence of 0's, and the sublist  $L[(j+1)..upper]$  consists of a sequence of 1's.

Since **flip**( $L, i, j$ ) converts  $L[i..j]$  into a sequence consisting of a sequence of 0's following by a sequence of 1's, after executing **flip**( $L, i, j$ ), the resulting list  $L$  consists of a sequence of 0's following by a sequence of 1's which is in ascending order.

[e.g. For  $L : 00011110000011$ , **flip**( $L, 4, 12$ ) gives rise to  $00000000111111$ .]  $\square$

**Theorem 2:** *Algorithm Sort-with-Flip01 takes  $O(n \lg n)$  time to sort the input list  $L$  into ascending order.*

When  $n \leq 1$ , the outermost **if** statement is not executed. Therefore,  $T(1) = O(1)$ .

For  $n \geq 2$ , searching for the first occurrence of 1 in the left sublist takes  $O(p)$  time (e.g. there is no 1 in the sublist) and searching for the last occurrence of 0 in the right sublist takes  $O(n-p)$  time; (e.g. the sublist consists of 0's); the **flip** operation takes  $O(n)$  time in the worst case (e.g. the left sublist consists of 1's and the right sublist consists of 0's). The total time spent on the body of the outermost **if** statement, excluding the recursive calls, is thus

$$O(p) + O(n-p) + O(n) = O(n)$$

We thus have the following recurrence for time complexity:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor) + T(\lceil \frac{n}{2} \rceil) + O(n) & \text{if } n > 1; \\ O(1) & \text{if } n \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

The recurrence is similar to that of **Mergesort** and hence can be solved similar to **Mergesort** (see Chapter 2, p.31). We thus have  $T(n) = O(n \lg n)$ .  $\blacksquare$

(b) **Key idea:**

Choose  $a = L[1]$  as the pivot.

Scan  $L$  and label each element less than or equal to  $a$  with 0; each element greater than  $a$  with 1. Let  $\ell[i]$  be the label of  $L[i]$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Create  $\mathcal{L}[1..n]$  such that  $\mathcal{L}[i] = (\ell[i], L[i])$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

Sort  $\mathcal{L}$  into ascending order of  $\ell[i]$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , using **Algorithm Sort-with-Flip01** in Part (a).

**[Remark:** We can regard each  $(\ell[i], L[i])$  as a binary number  $\ell[i]$  with a value  $L[i]$  attached to it. Therefore, whenever we move  $\ell[i]$ , the attached value  $L[i]$  is moved along with it. In actual implementation,  $\mathcal{L}$  can be represented by a list of records  $(\ell[i], L[i])$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , with  $\ell[i]$  as the key for sorting, or as two arrays  $\ell[i]$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,

and  $L[i], 1 \leq i \leq n$ . In the latter case, whenever  $\ell[i]$  is moved,  $L[i]$  is also moved to the corresponding position in  $L$ . ]

Scan  $\mathcal{L}$  to look for the largest index  $m$  with  $\ell[m] = 0$ .

Then  $L[i] \leq a, 1 \leq i \leq m$ , and  $L[i] > a, m < i \leq n$ .

Apply  $\text{Flip}(L, 1, m)$ .

Then, recursively sort the two sublists  $L[1..m-1]$  and  $L[m+1..n]$ .

A pseudo-code of the algorithm is as follows.

**Algorithm**  $\text{Sort-with-Flip}(L, \text{lower}, \text{upper})$

**Input:**  $L[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$ ;

**Output:**  $L[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$  sorted in ascending order;

**begin**

**if**  $(\text{lower} < \text{upper})$  **then**

$\text{Split}(L, \text{lower}, \text{upper}, \text{splitpoint})$ ;

$\text{Sort-with-Flip}(L, \text{lower}, \text{splitpoint} - 1)$ ;

$\text{Sort-with-Flip}(L, \text{splitpoint} + 1, \text{upper})$ ;

**end.**

**Procedure**  $\text{Split}(L, \text{lower}, \text{upper}, \text{splitpoint})$

**Input:**  $L[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$ ;

**Output:**  $\text{splitpoint}$  such that  $\begin{cases} L[i] \leq L[\text{lower}], & \text{lower} \leq i < \text{splitpoint}; \\ L[i] > L[\text{lower}], & \text{splitpoint} < i \leq \text{upper}. \end{cases}$

**begin**

$a := L[\text{lower}]$ ;

**for**  $i := \text{lower}$  **step** 1 **to**  $\text{upper}$  **do**

**if**  $(L[i] \leq a)$  **then**  $\ell[i] := 0$  **else**  $\ell[i] := 1$ ;

**for**  $i := \text{lower}$  **step** 1 **to**  $\text{upper}$  **do**  $\mathcal{L}[i] := (\ell[i], L[i])$ ;

$\text{Sort-with-Flip01}(\mathcal{L}, \text{lower}, \text{upper})$ ;

/\* Scan  $\mathcal{L}[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$  to look for the first occurrence of 1 \*/

$\text{splitpoint} := \text{lower}$ ;

**while**  $((\text{splitpoint} < \text{upper}) \wedge \ell[\text{splitpoint} + 1] = 0)$  **do**  $\text{splitpoint} := \text{splitpoint} + 1$ ;

$\text{Flip}(L, \text{lower}, \text{splitpoint})$ ;

**end;**

**Lemma 1:** ***Procedure Split** partitions  $L[\text{lower}..\text{upper}]$  into  $L[\text{splitpoint}]$  and two sublists  $L[\text{lower}..(\text{splitpoint} - 1)]$  and  $L[(\text{splitpoint} + 1)..\text{upper}]$  such that  $L[\text{splitpoint}] = a$ ,  $L[i] \leq a < L[j]$ , where  $\text{lower} \leq i < \text{splitpoint}$  and  $\text{splitpoint} < j \leq \text{upper}$ .*

**Proof:**

On exiting the first **for** loop, we have  $\ell[i] = 0 \Leftrightarrow L[i] \leq a$  and  $\ell[i] = 1 \Leftrightarrow L[i] > a$ . ...  
(I)

When control returns from **Sort-with-Flip01**( $\mathcal{L}, lower, upper$ ), by Theorem 1 of Part (a),  $\ell$  is sorted into ascending order (i.e. it consists of a sequence of 0's following by a sequence of 1's)

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \exists m, lower \leq m \leq upper, \text{ such that } \begin{cases} \ell[i] = 0, lower \leq i \leq m \\ \ell[i] = 1, m < i \leq upper \end{cases} \\ &\Rightarrow \exists m, lower \leq m \leq upper \text{ such that } \begin{cases} L[i] \leq a, lower \leq i \leq m, \\ L[i] > a, m < i \leq upper, \end{cases} \quad (\text{by (I)}) \\ &\Rightarrow \exists m, lower \leq m \leq upper \text{ such that } L[i] \leq a < L[j], \\ &\quad \text{where } lower \leq i \leq m < j \leq upper. \dots (\text{II}) \end{aligned}$$

By applying a simple induction on *splitpoint*, it is easily verified that (I let you fill up the detail) at the beginning of the *i*th iteration of the **while** loop,  $L[lower..splitpoint]$  contains a sequence of 0's.

Therefore, on exiting the **while** loop,  $L[lower..splitpoint]$  contains a sequence of 0's and  $L[splitpoint + 1] = 1$  or  $splitpoint = upper$ . Hence,  $splitpoint = m$ .

Since  $a = L[lower]$ ,  $\ell[lower] = 0$ . As the **Flip** operation only flips a subsequence beginning with a 1,  $a = L[lower]$  remains unchanged throughout the execution of **Algorithm Sort-with-Flip01**.

Therefore, after **Flip**( $L, lower, splitpoint$ ) is executed,  $L[splitpoint] = a$

Hence, by letting  $m = splitpoint$  in (II), the lemma follows.  $\square$

**Theorem 2:** **Algorithm Sort-with-Flip** correctly sorts the input list  $L$  into ascending order.

**Proof:** (By induction on input length  $n$ )

**Induction basis:** When  $n \leq 1$ ,  $L$  is already sorted. The algorithm thus correctly returns  $L$  without doing anything to it.

**Induction hypothesis:** Suppose **Algorithm Sort-with-Flip** correctly sorts all input lists of length  $< n$  ( $n \geq 2$ ).

**Induction step:** Consider the input list  $L[1..n]$ .

By Lemma 1, **Procedure Split** partitions  $L[1..n]$  into  $L[splitpoint]$  and two sublists  $L[1..(splitpoint - 1)]$  and  $L[(splitpoint + 1)..n]$  such that  $L[splitpoint] = a$  and  $L[i] \leq a < L[j]$ , where  $1 \leq i < splitpoint$  and  $splitpoint < j \leq n$ .

**Algorithm Sort-with-Flip** is then called recursively to sort  $L[1..(splitpoint - 1)]$  and  $L[(splitpoint + 1)..n]$ .

Since  $splitpoint \leq n \Rightarrow splitpoint - 1 < n \Rightarrow L[1..(splitpoint - 1)]$  is of length  $< n$ , and

$$1 \leq splitpoint \Rightarrow n - splitpoint < n \Rightarrow L[(splitpoint + 1)..n] \text{ is of length } < n,$$

by the induction hypothesis, **Algorithm Sort-with-Flip** correctly sorts  $L[1..(splitpoint - 1)]$  and  $L[(splitpoint + 1)..n]$  into ascending order.

It then follows that  $\forall i, j, 1 \leq i < j \leq n, L[i] \leq L[j]$  (see the last part of correctness proof of **Quicksort** on the course webpage for detail).

Hence,  $L[1..n]$  is in ascending order.  $\square$

**Theorem 3:** **Algorithm Sort-with-Flip** takes  $O(n^2 \lg n)$  time to sort input list of length  $n$ .

**Proof:** As with the **Quicksort** algorithm presented in the lecture notes, the worst case occurs when  $L[\text{lower}..(\text{spltpoint} - 1)]$  is an empty list for *every* recursive call.

The algorithm will make a total of  $n - 1$  recursive calls.

For the  $i$ th recursive call, the length of the list is  $n - i + 1$ . Since the time complexity of **Procedure Split** is dominated by the call to **Sort-with-Flip01**, by Theorem 2 of Part (a), **Procedure Split** takes  $O((n - i + 1) \lg(n - i + 1)) = O(n \lg n)$  time.

It follows that each of the  $n - 1$  recursive calls takes  $O(n \lg n)$  time.

**Algorithm Sort-with-Flip** thus takes a total of  $\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} O(n \lg n) = (n - 1)O(n \lg n) = O(n^2 \lg n)$  time. ■

2. In analyzing the time complexity of **Algorithm Select**, we obtain the recurrence  $T(n) = T(\lceil \frac{1}{5}n \rceil) + T(\lceil \frac{7}{10}n + 3 \rceil) + (6\lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil + (n - 1))$  from which we deduce  $T(n) = O(n)$ .

Suppose that we have an algorithm for finding the  $k$ th smallest element whose time complexity is  $T(n) = T(c_1n) + T(c_2n) + n$ , where  $0 < c_1, c_2 < 1$  and  $c_1 + c_2 < 1$ . Determine  $T(n)$ .

**Solution:** Since when  $c_1 = \frac{1}{5}$  and  $c_2 = \frac{7}{10}$ , the resulting recurrence is similar to that of **Algorithm Select**, and  $c_1 + c_2 = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{7}{10} = \frac{9}{10} < 1$ , we thus guess that  $T(n) = O(n)$ .

We shall verify our solution by induction on  $n$ .

Suppose  $T(k) \leq ck, \forall k < n$ . ... (I)

Since  $0 < c_1, c_2 < 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{c_1}, \frac{1}{c_2} > 1 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{c_1}, \frac{2}{c_2} > 2$ .

For  $n \geq n_0 = \max\{\frac{2}{c_1}, \frac{2}{c_2}\} > 2$ , ... (II)

$$c_1 + c_2 < 1 \text{ and } c_1, c_2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1 < 1 \text{ and } c_2 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_1n < n \text{ and } c_2n < n$$

$$\Rightarrow T(c_1n) \leq c(c_1n) \text{ and } T(c_2n) \leq c(c_2n) \quad (\text{by (I)})$$

Therefore,  $T(n) = T(c_1n) + T(c_2n) + n$

$$\leq c(c_1n) + c(c_2n) + n$$

$$= (cc_1 + cc_2 + 1)n$$

Since  $(cc_1 + cc_2 + 1)n \leq cn \Leftrightarrow (cc_1 + cc_2 + 1) \leq c$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 \leq c - (cc_1 + cc_2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 \leq c(1 - (c_1 + c_2))$$

$$\Leftrightarrow c \geq \frac{1}{1 - (c_1 + c_2)} \quad (\because 1 - (c_1 + c_2) > 0),$$

we thus have:  $T(n) \leq cn, \forall n \geq n_0$ , for any  $c \geq \frac{1}{1 - (c_1 + c_2)}$ .

Base cases: Let  $c' = \max\{\frac{T(i)}{i} \mid 1 \leq i < n_0\}$ . we have  $T(i) \leq c'i, 1 \leq i < n_0$ .

Hence,  $T(n) \leq \tilde{c}n, \forall n \geq 1$ , where  $\tilde{c} = \max\{c, c'\}$

$$\Rightarrow \exists c > 0, n_0 \in \mathbb{N}, T(n) \leq cn, \forall n \geq n_0$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n). \quad \blacksquare$$

3. Let  $P$  be a set of points in the Euclidean plan. Let  $\{S, \overline{S}\}$  be a partition of  $P$  (i.e.  $S \subseteq P$  and  $\overline{S} = P - S$ ). The *distance between  $S$  and  $\overline{S}$* , denoted by  $\text{dist}(S, \overline{S})$ , is the shortest (Euclidean) distance between any pair of points  $p, q$ , where  $p \in S$  and  $q \in \overline{S}$  (i.e.  $\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) = \min\{d(p, q) \mid p \in S, q \in \overline{S}\}$ , where  $d(p, q)$  is the Euclidean distance between  $p$  and  $q$ ). (Note:  $d(p, q)$  is the length of the straight line segment connecting  $p$  and  $q$ ).

Present an algorithm that, given input  $P$ , determines a partition  $\{W, \overline{W}\}$  of  $P$  such that  $\text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}$  by reduction to the minimum spanning tree problem. Each point  $p$  in  $P$  is represented by an order pair  $(x_p, y_p)$ , where  $x_p$  and  $y_p$  are the  $x$  and  $y$  coordinates of  $p$ , respectively. Your reduction algorithm must run in  $O(n^2)$  time, where  $n = |P|$ .

### Solution:

**Key idea:** Let  $G$  be the complete weighted graph with vertex set  $P$  and edge weight being the Euclidean distance between the two end-vertices. Then the desired  $\text{dist}(W, \overline{W})$  equals to the *maximum edge weight* of a minimum spanning tree of  $G$ .

Hence, the reduction algorithm-pair  $(\mathcal{A}_\pi, A_S)$  is such that:

Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_\pi$  takes the point set  $P$  as input and produces the complete weighted graph  $G$  as output;

Algorithm  $A_S$  takes a minimum spanning tree  $T$  of  $G$  as input and returns a partition  $\{W, \overline{W}\}$  of  $P$  such that  $\text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}$ .  $\square$

Let  $G = (P, E, w)$  be the *complete* weighted graph such that  $P$  is the vertex set,  $E$  is the edge set, and  $\forall \{p, q\} \in E, w(p, q) = d(p, q)$ , where  $w(p, q)$  is the weight of the edge  $\{p, q\}$ .

**Lemma 1:** Let  $T = (P, E_T, w)$  be a minimum spanning tree of  $G$ . Then  $\exists \{S, \overline{S}\}$  such that  $\max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\} = \text{dist}(S, \overline{S})$ .

### Proof:

Let  $\{s, t\} \in E_T$  such that  $w(s, t) = \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\}$ .  $\dots$  (I)

Since  $T$  is a tree,  $T$  is circuit-free (Definition of tree)

$\Rightarrow \{s, t\}$  does not lie on a cycle ( $\because$  a cycle is a circuit)

$\Rightarrow \{s, t\}$  is a bridge. (60-231 courseware, Theorem 11.1.1)

$\Rightarrow T - \{s, t\}$  is a disconnected graph consisting of two connected components

$T_1 = (S_1, E_{T_1})$  and  $T_2 = (S_2, E_{T_2})$  such that  $s \in S_1 \wedge t \in S_2$ .

(60-231 courseware, Section 11.2, e.g. 2)

Since  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  form a partition of  $P$ ,  $S_2 = \overline{S_1}$ . (60-231 courseware, Lemma 10.2.5)

Let  $p \in S_1$  and  $q \in \overline{S_1}$  such that  $d(p, q) = \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1})$ .  $\dots$  (II)

If  $\{p, q\} = \{s, t\}$ , then  $d(p, q) = d(s, t) \Rightarrow \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) = d(s, t)$  (by (II))

$\Rightarrow \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) = w(s, t)$  (Definition of  $w$ )

$\Rightarrow \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\} = \text{dist}(S, \overline{S})$ . (by (I))

If  $\{p, q\} \neq \{s, t\}$ , consider the graph  $T \cup \{p, q\} \setminus \{s, t\}$  (the graph resulting from  $T$  after edge  $\{p, q\}$  is added to  $T$  and edge  $\{s, t\}$  is removed from  $T$ ).

Since  $s, p \in S_1$  and  $T_1$  is connected, there is an  $p - s$  path in  $T_1$  and hence in  $T$ .

Likewise,  $t, q \in S_2$  and  $T_2$  is connected imply that there is an  $t - q$  path in  $T_2$  and hence in  $T$ .

It follows that the two paths and the two edges  $\{p, q\}$  and  $\{s, t\}$  form a cycle in  $T \cup \{p, q\}$ .

Since edge  $\{s, t\}$  lies on the cycle, it is not a bridge (60-231 courseware, Theorem 11.1.1).

Therefore, removing  $\{s, t\}$  does not result in a disconnected graph, i.e.  $T \cup \{p, q\} \setminus \{s, t\}$  is connected.

Moreover, as  $T$  is a tree,  $|E_T| = |P| - 1$  (60-231 courseware, Theorem 12.1.2(e)).  $\dots$  (III)

Let  $E'$  be the edge set of  $T \cup \{p, q\} \setminus \{s, t\}$ .

Then  $E' = E_T \cup \{\{p, q\}\} - \{\{s, t\}\} \Rightarrow |E'| = |E_T| + 1 - 1 = |E_T| = |P| - 1$ . (by (III))

Therefore,  $T \cup \{p, q\} \setminus \{s, t\}$  is connected and  $|E'| = |P| - 1$ , where  $P$  is its vertex set

$\Rightarrow T \cup \{p, q\} \setminus \{s, t\}$  is a tree (60-231 courseware, Theorem 12.1.2(e)) and hence  
a spanning tree of  $G$ .

Since  $T$  is a minimum spanning tree,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{e \in E'} w(e) \geq \sum_{e \in E_T} w(e) \\
\Rightarrow & \sum_{e \in E_T \cup \{\{p, q\}\} - \{\{s, t\}\}} w(e) \geq \sum_{e \in E_T} w(e) && \text{(Definition of } E') \\
\Rightarrow & \sum_{e \in E_T} w(e) + w(p, q) - w(s, t) \geq \sum_{e \in E_T} w(e) \\
\Rightarrow & \sum_{e \in E_T} w(e) + d(p, q) - w(s, t) \geq \sum_{e \in E_T} w(e) && \text{(Definition of } w) \\
\Rightarrow & d(p, q) - w(s, t) \geq 0 \\
\Rightarrow & \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) - w(s, t) \geq 0 && \text{(by (II))} \\
\Rightarrow & w(s, t) \leq \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) \dots \text{(IV)}
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $d(s, t) \in \{d(x, y) \mid x \in S_1 \wedge y \in \overline{S_1}\}$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \Rightarrow \min\{d(x, y) \mid x \in S \wedge y \in \overline{S}\} \leq d(s, t) && \text{(Definition of min)} \\
& \Rightarrow \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) \leq d(s, t) && \text{(Definition of } \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1})) \\
& \Rightarrow \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) \leq w(s, t) && (w(s, t) = d(s, t)) \dots \text{(V)} \\
& \Rightarrow w(s, t) \leq \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) \wedge \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) \leq w(s, t) && \text{((IV),(V), I6)} \\
& \Rightarrow w(s, t) = \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) && (\leq \text{ is antisymmetric}) \\
& \Rightarrow \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\} = \text{dist}(S_1, \overline{S_1}) && \text{(by (I))} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2:** Let  $T = (P, E_T, w)$  be a minimum spanning tree of  $G$ . Then  $\exists \{s, t\} \in E_T$  such that

$$\max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\} \leq w(s, t).$$

**Proof:** Let  $\text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}$ .  $\dots$  (I)



Let  $p \in W$  and  $q \in \overline{W}$  such that  $d(p, q) = \text{dist}(W, \overline{W})$ .

Since  $T$  is a spanning tree of  $G$

$\Rightarrow T$  is connected (Definition of tree)

$\Rightarrow$  there exists a path  $Q$  connecting  $p$  and  $q$  in  $T$  (Definition of connected graph)

$\Rightarrow \exists \{s, t\}$  on path  $Q$ , hence in  $T$ , such that  $s \in W$  and  $t \in \overline{W}$ . ( $\because p \in W$  and  $q \in \overline{W}$ )

Then  $d(s, t) \in \{d(p', q') \mid p' \in W \wedge q' \in \overline{W}\}$  ( $\because s \in W$  and  $t \in \overline{W}$ )

$\Rightarrow \min\{d(p', q') \mid p' \in W \wedge q' \in \overline{W}\} \leq d(s, t)$  (Definition of min)

$\Rightarrow \text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) \leq d(s, t)$  (Definition of  $\text{dist}(W, \overline{W})$ )

$\Rightarrow \text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) \leq w(s, t)$  (Definition of  $w$ )

$\Rightarrow \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\} \leq w(s, t)$ . (by (I))  $\square$

**Theorem 3:** Let  $T = (P, E_T, w)$  be a minimum spanning tree of  $G$  and  $\{s, t\} \in E_T$  such that  $w(s, t) = \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\}$ . Let  $\{W, \overline{W}\}$  be vertex sets of the connected components of  $T - \{s, t\}$ . Then

$$\text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}.$$

**Proof:**

In the proof of Lemma 1, we proved that  $\max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\} = \text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) \cdots$  (I)

Then  $\text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) \leq \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}$  (Definition of max)  $\cdots$  (II)

$\Rightarrow \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\} \leq \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\} \cdots$  (A)

((I), (II),  $\leq$  is transitive)

By Lemma 2,  $\exists \{s, t\} \in E_T$  such that

$$\max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\} \leq w(s, t) \cdots \text{ (III)}$$

Then  $w(s, t) \leq \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\}$  (Definition of max)  $\cdots$  (IV)

$\Rightarrow \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\} \leq \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\} \cdots$  (B)

((III), (IV),  $\leq$  is transitive)

Hence,  $\max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\} = \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\}$ .

((A), (B),  $\leq$  is antisymmetric)

$\Rightarrow \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\} = \text{dist}(W, \overline{W})$ . (by (I))  $\square$

Theorem 3 shows that the problem of determining  $\max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}$  can be reduced to that of determining the largest edge weight of a minimum spanning tree.

We thus have the following reduction algorithms  $(\mathcal{A}_\pi, \mathcal{A}_S)$ .

**Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_\pi$**

**Input:** A set of points  $P = \{p_i \mid p_i = (x_i, y_i), 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  on the plan;

**Output:** The edge set of a complete weighted graph  $G = (P, E, w)$  such that:

$$w(p_i, p_j) = \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}, 1 \leq i < j \leq n.$$

**begin**

**for**  $i := 1$  **step** 1 **to**  $n - 1$  **do**

**for**  $j := i + 1$  **step** 1 **to**  $n$  **do**

**output**( $\{p_i, p_j\}, \sqrt{(x_i - x_j)^2 + (y_i - y_j)^2}$ );   // an edge with weight

**end.**

**Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_S$**

**Input:** The edge set  $E_T$  of a minimum spanning tree  $T$  of  $G$ .

**Output:** A partition  $(W, \overline{W})$  of  $P$  such that:

$$\text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid (S, \overline{S}) \text{ is a partition of } P\}$$

**begin**

/\* Create an adjacency-lists structure for the spanning tree  $T - \{s, t\}$ , where  $\{s, t\} \in E_T$  such that  $w(s, t) = \max\{w(x, y) \mid \{x, y\} \in E_T\}$  \*/

1. **for**  $i := 1$  **step** 1 **to**  $n$  **do**  $A[p_i] := \text{null}$ ;   // create an array of linked-list pointers

/\* Read in the edges in  $E_T$  \*/

2.  $\text{max.edge} := \text{null}$ ;  $\text{max.wt} := 0$ ;   // to record the edge in  $E_T$  with largest edge weight

3. **while** (input file is non-empty) **do**

**read**( $\{x, y\}, w(x, y)$ );

**if** ( $w(x, y) > \text{max.wt}$ ) **then**   // found new  $\text{max.edge}$

$\text{max.wt} := w(x, y)$ ;   // update  $\text{max.wt}$

**if** ( $\text{max.edge} \neq \text{null}$ ) **then**   // insert current  $\text{max.edge}$  into the adjacency lists

$\{x', y'\} := \text{max.edge}$ ;

        Insert  $y'$  into  $A[x']$    // the adjacency list of  $x'$ ;

        Insert  $x'$  into  $A[y']$    // the adjacency list of  $y'$ ;

$\text{max.edge} := \{x, y\}$ ;   // update  $\text{max.edge}$

**else**   // insert edge  $\{x, y\}$  into the adjacency lists

        Insert  $y$  into  $A[x]$    // the adjacency list of  $x$ ;

        Insert  $x$  into  $A[y]$    // the adjacency list of  $y$ ;

4. /\* Determine  $(W, \overline{W})$  such that  $\text{dist}(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{\text{dist}(S, \overline{S}) \mid (S, \overline{S}) \text{ is a partition of } P\}$

$\{s, t\} := \text{max.edge}$ ;

    Traverse  $T - \{s, t\}$  starting from vertex  $s$  to determine  $W$ ;

    Traverse  $T - \{s, t\}$  starting from vertex  $t$  to determine  $\overline{W}$ ;

**end.**

**Theorem 4:** **Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_\pi$**  correctly creates the complete weighted graph  $G = (P, E, w)$ .

**Proof:** This is trivial and I let you fill in the detail.  $\square$

**Lemma 5:** **Algorithm**  $\mathcal{A}_\pi$  takes  $O(n^2)$  time, where  $n = |P|$ .

**Proof:** The body of the inner for loop takes  $O(1)$  time.

The inner **for** loop takes  $\sum_{i < j \leq n} O(1)$  time, where  $1 \leq i < n$ .

The outer **for** loop thus takes  $\sum_{1 \leq i < n} \sum_{i < j \leq n} O(1)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} O(1) \\
 &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} O(1) \\
 &= O\left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2}\right) \\
 &= O(n^2) \text{ time. } \square
 \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 6:** *In the course of executing **Algorithm**  $\mathcal{A}_S$ , at the end of the  $k$ th iteration of the **while** loop,  $A[1..n]$  is an adjacency-lists structure of the graph induced by the vertex set  $P$  and the  $k$  edges read in thus far excluding one that has the largest weight among them which is  $max.edge$  and whose weight is  $max.edge$ .*

**Proof:** (By induction on  $k$ )

You should be able to complete a simple proof of such nature by now. So, I let you fill in the detail.  $\square$

**Theorem 7:** **Algorithm**  $\mathcal{A}_S$  correctly determines a partition  $\{W, \overline{W}\}$  of  $P$  such that

$$dist(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{dist(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}.$$

**Proof:**

When execution of the **while** loop in Step 3 terminates, the edges in  $E_T$  have all been read in. By Lemma 5,  $A[1..n]$  is an adjacency-lists structure of the graph induced by  $P$  and the edge set  $E_T - \{max.edge\}$ .

Let  $max.edge = \{s, t\}$ . Then  $A[1..n]$  is an adjacency-lists structure of the graph  $T - \{s, t\}$ .

Since  $T$  is a minimum spanning tree of  $G$  and  $w(s, t) = \max\{w(u, v) \mid \{u, v\} \in E_T\}$ , let  $\{W, \overline{W}\}$  be the vertex sets of the connected components of  $T - \{s, t\}$ .

By Theorem 3,  $dist(W, \overline{W}) = \max\{dist(S, \overline{S}) \mid \{S, \overline{S}\} \text{ is a partition of } P\}$ .

Without loss of generality, let  $s \in W$  and  $t \in \overline{W}$ . Since  $W \cap \overline{W} = \emptyset$ , in Step 4, the first traversal of  $T - \{s, t\}$  starting from  $s$  determines  $W$  while the second traversal of  $T - \{s, t\}$  starting from  $t$  determines  $\overline{W}$  (note: the traversal can be any tree/graph traversal techniques you learned in 60-254 (Data Structures)).

The theorem thus follows.  $\square$

**Lemma 8:** **Algorithm**  $\mathcal{A}_S$  takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Proof:**

Step 1 takes  $O(n)$  time. Step 2 takes  $O(1)$  time.

In Step 3, since it takes  $O(1)$  time to insert an entry at the beginning of an adjacency list, the body of the **while** loop takes  $O(1)$  time per iteration. Hence, constructing the adjacency list structure for  $T - \text{max.edge}(= T - \{s, t\})$  takes  $O(n)$  time as  $|E_T| = n - 1$ .

In Step 4,  $T$  is a tree  $\Rightarrow$  the two connected components of  $T - \{s, t\}$  are trees.

Since  $W$  and  $\overline{W}$  are the vertex sets of the connected components, traversing the two connected components takes  $O(|W|)$  and  $O(|\overline{W}|)$  time, respectively (see your Data structures textbook).

As  $\{W, \overline{W}\}$  is a partition of  $P$ , the total time spent on Step 4 is thus  $O(|W|) + O(|\overline{W}|) = O(|P|) = O(n)$ .

Hence, **Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_S$**  takes  $O(n) + O(1) + O(n) + O(n) = O(n)$  time.  $\square$

**Theorem 9:** The reduction algorithms  $(\mathcal{A}_\pi, \mathcal{A}_S)$  takes  $O(n^2)$  time.

**Proof:** Immediate from Lemmas 5 and 8.  $\blacksquare$