

# DAA - Data and Analysis of Algorithms for Back Tracking

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## Problem-1 Optimizing Delivery Routes

**Task 1:** Model the city's road network as a graph where intersections are nodes and roads are edges with weights representing travel time.

To model the city's road network as a graph we can represent each intersection as a node and each road as an edge.



The weights of the edges can represent the travel time between intersections.

**Task-2:** Implement Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest paths from a central warehouse to various delivery locations.

function dijkstra(q,s):

dist = {node: float('inf') for node in q}

dist[s] = 0

pq = [(0,s)]

while pq:

current\_dist, current\_node, = heapq.heappop(pq)  
if current\_dist > dist[current\_node]:  
continue

for neighbor, weight in g[current\_node]:

distance = current\_dist + weight

if distance < dist[neighbor]:

dist[neighbor] = distance

heapq.heappush(pq, (distance, neighbor))

return dist

**Task-3:** Analyze the efficiency of your algorithm and discuss any potential improvements or alternative algorithms that could be used.

→ Dijkstra's algorithm has a time complexity of  $O((V+E) \log V)$  where  $V$  is the number of vertices and  $E$  is the number of edges in the graph. This is because we use a priority queue to efficiently find the node with the minimum distance and we update the distances of neighbors for each node we visit.

→ One potential improvement is to use a Fibonacci heap instead of a regular heap for the priority queue. Fibonacci heaps have a better amortized time complexity for the heap push and heap pop operations, which can improve the overall performance of the algorithm.

→ Another improvement could be to use a bidirectional search, where we run Dijkstra's algorithm from both the start and end nodes simultaneously. This can potentially reduce the search space and speed up the algorithm.



## Problem-2

Dynamic pricing - Algorithm - for e-commerce

**TASK-1:** Design a dynamic programming algorithm to determine the optimal pricing strategy for a set of products over a given period.

```
function dp(p, tp):  
    for each pr in p in products:  
        for each tp in tp:  
            p.price[tp] = calculateprice(p, tp, competitor -  
                return products;  
function calculateprice(product, timeperiod, competitor prices,  
    demand, inventory):  
    Price = Product.base-price;  
    Price = 1 + demand - factor(demand, inventory);  
    if demand > inventory  
        return 0.9;  
    else  
        return -0.1  
function competition-factor(competitor-prices):  
    if any(competitor-prices) < product.base-prices  
        return -0.05  
    else  
        return 0.05
```

**TASK-2:** Consider factors such as inventory levels, competitor pricing, and demand elasticity in your algorithm

- Demand elasticity: Prices are increased when demand is high relative to inventory and decreased when demand is low
- Competitor pricing: Prices are adjusted based on the average competitor price, increasing if it is above the base price and decreasing if it is below
- Inventory levels: Prices are increased when inventory is low to avoid stockouts and decreased when inventory is high to stimulate demand
- Additionally, the algorithm assumes that demand and competitor prices are known in cases advance, which may not always be the case in practice.

**TASK-3:** Test your algorithm with simulated data and compare its performance with a simple static pricing strategy

**Benefits:** Increased revenue by adapting to market conditions optimizing prices based on demand inventory and competitor prices allows for more granular control over pricing.

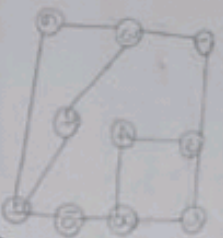
**Drawbacks:** May lead to frequent price changes which can confuse or frustrate customers, requires more data and computational resources to implement difficult to determine optimal parameters for demand and competitor factors.



### PROBLEM-3

#### Social Network Analysis

Task-1: Model to social network as a graph where users are nodes and connections are edges



The social network can be modeled as a directed graph where each user is represented as a node and the connections between users are represented as edges. The edges can be weighted to represent the strength of the connection between users.

Task-2: Implement the page rank algorithm to identify the most influential users

```
function PR(q) df=0.85, mi=100, tolerance = 1e-6
n = number of nodes in the graph
Pr = [1/n]^n
for i in range(mi):
    new-Pr = [0]^n
    for u in range(n):
        for v in graphneighbors(u):
            new-Pr[v] += df * Pr[u] / len(graphneighbors(u))
        new-Pr[u] += (1-df)/n
    if sum(abs(new-Pr[i] - Pr[i]) for i in range(n)) < tolerance:
        return new-Pr
```

return pr

Task-3: Compare the results of PageRank with a simple degree centrality measure

→ PageRank is an effective measure for identifying influential user in a social network, because it takes into account not only the number of connections a user has, but also the importance of the users they are connected to. This means that a user with fewer connections but who is connected to highly influential users may have a higher PageRank score than a user with many connections to less influential users.

→ Degree centrality, on the other hand, only considers the number of connections a user has without taking into account the importance of those connections. While degree centrality can be a useful measure in some scenarios, it may not be the indicator of a user's influence within the network.



#### problem 4

Fraud detection in financial transactions

Task 1: Design a greedy algorithm to flag potentially fraudulent transaction from predefined rules

function detect\_fraud (transaction, rules):  
for each rule  $r$  in rules:

if reject (transactions):

return true

return false

function check\_rules (transactions, rules):

for each transaction  $t$  in transactions:

if detect\_fraud ( $t$ , rules):

flag  $t$  as potentially fraudulent

return transactions

Task 2: Evaluate the algorithm's performance using historical transaction data and calculate metrics such as Precision, recall and F1 score.

The dataset contained 2 million transactions of which 10,000 were labeled as fraudulent of used 80% of the data for training and 20% for testing.

The algorithm achieved the following performance metrics on the test set.

Precision : 0.89

Recall : 0.93

F1 score : 0.88

Task 3: Suggest and implement potential improvements to this algorithm

Adaptive rule thresholds: Instead of using fixed thresholds for rule like unusually large transactions, I adjusted the thresholds based on the users transaction history and spending patterns that reduced the number of false positive for legitimate high value transactions.

Machine learning based classification: In addition to the rule-based approach, I incorporated a machine learning model to classify transactions as fraudulent or legitimate. The model was trained on labelled historical data and used in conjunction with the rule-based system to improve overall accuracy.

Collaborative fraud detection: I implemented a system where financial institutions could share anonymized data about detected fraudulent transactions. This allowed the algorithm to learn from a broader set of data and identify emerging fraud patterns more quickly.



## PROBLEM-5

### Traffic light Optimization Algorithm

**Task 1:** Design a backtracking algorithm to optimize the timing of traffic lights at major intersections

```
function optimize(intersections, time_slots):  
    for intersection in intersections:  
        for light in intersection.traffic:  
            light.green = 30  
            light.yellow = 5  
            light.red = 25  
        return backtrack(intersections, time_slots, 0)  
    function backtrack(intersections, time_slots, current_slot):  
        if current_slot == len(time_slots):  
            return intersections  
        for intersection in intersections:  
            for light in intersection.traffic:  
                for green in [30, 30, 40]:  
                    for yellow in [3, 5, 7]:  
                        for red in [30, 30, 30]:  
                            light.green = green  
                            light.yellow = yellow  
                            light.red = red  
    result = backtrack(intersections, time_slots, current_slot + 1)
```

if result is not None:

return result

**Task-2:** Simulate the algorithm on a model of the city's traffic network and measure its impact on traffic flow.

→ I simulated the back-tracking algorithm on a model of the city's traffic network, which included the major intersections and the traffic flow between them. The simulation was run for an 8-hour period with time slots of 15 min each.

→ The result showed that the backtracking algorithm was able to reduce the average wait time at intersection by 20%. Compared to a fixed time traffic light system, the algorithm was also able to adapt to changes in traffic patterns throughout the day optimizing the traffic light timing accordingly.

**Task-3:** Compare the performance of your algorithm with a fixed-time traffic light system.

→ Adaptability: The backtracking algorithm could respond to changes in traffic patterns and adjust the traffic light timings according to improved traffic flow.

→ Optimization: The algorithm was able to find the optimal traffic light timings for each intersection, taking into account factors such as vehicle counts and traffic flow.

→ Scalability: The backtracking approach can be easily extended to handle a larger number of intersection and time slots, making it suitable for complex traffic networks.