

- shortest path in a graph
- Huffman codes
- activity selection
- minimum spanning tree etc.

activity selection problem

input: Set of n activities

$$A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$$

Each activity has a start time s_i and a finish time f_i . $[s_i, f_i)$

output: max size subset of A that are mutually compatible

a_i & a_j can be scheduled together iff they do not overlap

i.e., $(f_i \leq s_j)$ OR $(f_j \leq s_i)$

assume that the activities are in ascending order of f_i

$$f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_3 \leq \dots \leq f_n$$

let 'l' be the no. of the last added activity

First add a_1 to S

$$S \leftarrow \{a_1\}$$

$$l \leftarrow 1$$

for $i = 2$ to n

if ($s_i \geq f_i$)

{
 $s \leftarrow s \cup \{a_i\}$
 $i \leftarrow i + 1$
}

}
output s .

algo has greedy-choice-property
(i.e., there exists at least one
optimal solution with a_1)

proof: suppose there's a set B
without a_1 ,

$$B = \{a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_k}\}$$

consider another set B'

$$B' = (B \setminus \{a_{i_1}\}) \cup \{a_1\}$$

[Remove a_{i_1} and add a_1]

no. of elements remain same

now $f_1 \leq f_{i_1}$ since a_1 was
the first element.

$$f_{i_1} \leq s_{i_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_1 \leq s_{i_2}$$

$\therefore B'$ is valid.

since B is the max. size, B'
must also be max. size subset.

Now we have to show that
algorithm has optimum
substructure property. (show
that greedy choice property can
be applied by induction)

consider A' that is the set of all a_i such that a_i does not overlap with a_1 .

$$A' = \{a_i \mid a_i \text{ doesn't overlap with } a_1\}$$

If s' was optimum solution for A' , and should be a solution where s is the solution = $s' \cup a_1$.
if it were not i.e.,

$$\{a_1, \underbrace{\dots}_{\text{if } s' \text{ doesn't lie here, either its elements are not compatible or there are more elements (contradiction)}}\}$$

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Huffman codes

Consider a string $abbbaabbcbbbb$
we want to store in memory or encode through a channel in least number of bits.

We would normally encode it like this:

a: 00

b: 01

c: 10

d: 11

$a: 10$
 $b: 0$
 $c: 110$
 $d: 111$

(Make sure nothing is a prefix)
 This would take 25 bits.

the frequency of occurrence
 for this string is

<u>s</u>	<u>f</u>
a :-	4
b :-	8
c :-	1
d :-	2

Now for any general string

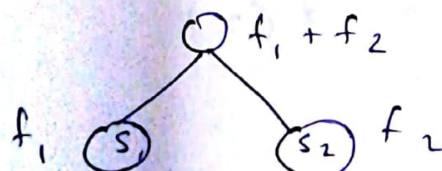
$s_1 - f_1$
 $s_2 - f_2$
 \vdots
 $s_n - f_n$

now store them in increasing
 order of frequencies $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$

eg. c (1)
 d (2)
 a (4)
 b (8)

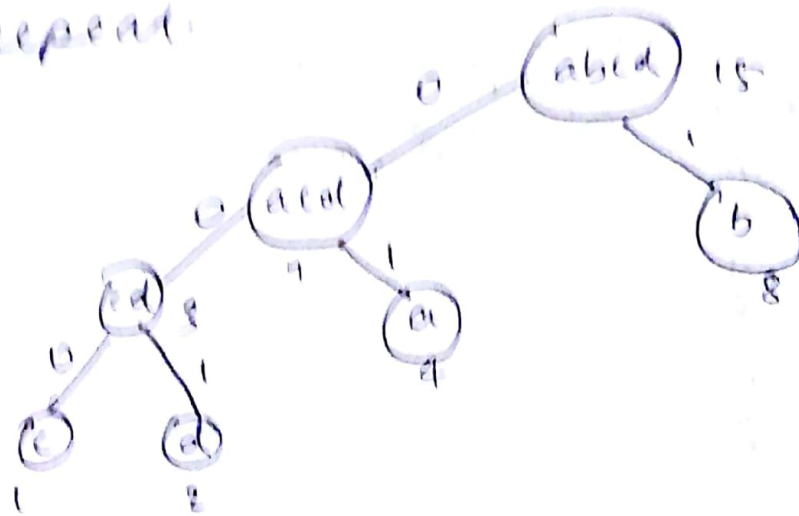
construct a Huffman tree that
 is a fully binary.

start with 2 lowest frequencies
 make them leaves and create
 a parent - that is sum of frequency



S_n, f_n

Again sort them in ascending
and repeat.



now starting with left most
branch, start labelling branches
with 0, 1. Prefix property
will be taken care of since it's
a tree.

$\therefore a : 01$

$b : 1$

$c : 000$

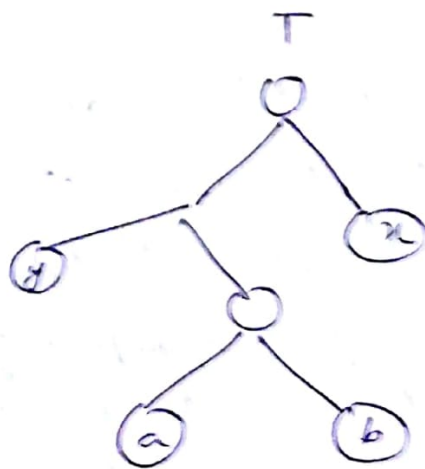
$d : 001$

Two least frequently occurring
will have maximum length
cost is the summation over
all leaves of frequency
multiplied by no. of bits

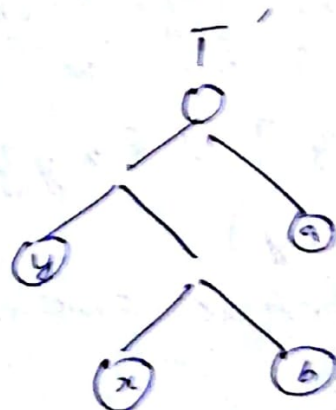
$$\text{Cost} = \sum_{x \in \text{leaves}} f(x) \cdot d(x)$$

Theorem: Huffman codes have the greedy choice property i.e., if symbols x and y are the 2 least frequent ones, then \exists an optimal tree with x & y as siblings at max. depth.

consider an other optimum tree



$f(a) \leq f(b)$, $f(x) \leq f(y)$
 x is least frequent



swap x
 and a
 to get T'

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Cost}(T') - \text{Cost}(T) \\
 &= f(x) \cdot d_{T'}(x) + f(a) \cdot d_{T'}(a) \\
 &\quad - f(x) \cdot d_T(x) - f(a) \cdot d_T(a) \\
 &= f(x) \cdot d_T(a) + f(a) \cdot d_T(x) \\
 &\quad - f(x) \cdot d_T(x) - f(a) \cdot d_T(a)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (f(x) - f(a)) (d_T(a) - d_T(x))$$

[This is non negative since T is most optimized]

since $f(x) \leq f(a)$ [since x is most frequent], $f(x) - f(a)$ is negative or zero

However $d_T(a) - d_T(x)$ must be positive.

But since $\text{cost}(T') - \text{cost}(T)$ is non negative, either T' is an optimum or a quantity is positive. Construct T'' by swapping b and y and a and x . It becomes the optimum then we are looking for.

To show optimum substructure property. Let S ^{stands for} be an optimum tree T .

$$S' = [S \setminus \{x, y\}] \cup \{xy\}$$

$$f(xy) = f(x) + f(y)$$

and S' is optimal solution for T'

$$\text{cost}(T) = \sum_{x \in \text{leaf}} f(x) \cdot d(x)$$

$$\text{cost}(T') = \sum_{x \in \text{leaf}} f(x) \cdot d(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cost}(T) - \text{cost}(T') &= d(x) \cdot f(x) \\ &\quad + d(y) \cdot f(y) \\ &\quad - d(xy) \cdot f(xy) \end{aligned}$$

$$d(xy) = d(x) - 1$$

$$\therefore \text{cost}(T) - \text{cost}(T')$$

$$= d(x) [f(x) + f(y)] - (d(x) - 1) (f(x) + f(y))$$

$$= f(x) + f(y)$$

therefore, it is independent of depth or where x, y is.

If T' was not optimum, you can get an optimum T'' and make that optimum by adding x and y as leaves somewhere and cost will be less than T .

Set-cover

given an instance of S and ^{a set} family $F = \{S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n\}$

$$S_i \subseteq S$$

Output: Indices i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k such that $\bigcup S_{i_j} = S$. we want to minimise $\text{cost } k$.

Take $I = \phi$ (null set)

$U = S$ (universal set)

^{repeat}
- choose a set S_j from F that covers the max. no. of elements in U

$$I \leftarrow I \cup \{j\}$$

$$U \leftarrow U \setminus S_j$$

until $U = \phi$

This is the greedy approach but it will not work.

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$F = \{ \underset{S_1}{\{1, 2, 3, 4\}}, \underset{S_2}{\{5, 1, 2\}}, \underset{S_3}{\{6, 3\}}, \underset{S_4}{\{7, 4\}} \}$$

acc. to algo.

we choose S_1 first

Then it goes on to S_2, S_3, S_4 .

S_1 need to not belong to optimum solution, hence does not fulfil greedy choice property.

Output of greedy choice is at max. $(\log n)$ times optimum.

$$|I| \leq O(\log n |I^*|)$$

Matroid theory

M is a matroid

$$M = \langle S, F \rangle$$

Matroid is an ordered pair of set and family provided that

(i) $S \neq \emptyset$

(ii) Hereditary property

$$\text{if } A \in F, \forall B \subseteq A, B \in F$$

$\therefore \emptyset$ always belongs to F

(iii) Exchange property.

$$\text{if } A \in F, B \in F, |A| \leq |B|$$

$$\text{then } \exists x \in B \setminus A \text{ s.t. } A \cup \{x\} \in F$$

Every element of F is called independent set.

Find a max weighted independ.
set

Let $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$
 s_i has a weight > 0 .

Minimum spanning tree (MST)

Input: Undirected graph $G = (V, E)$

Edges have tree weights
Output: min. cost spanning
tree of G .

Solve using max and

Define $m_0 = \langle E, F_0 \rangle$

set of
edges

$F_0 = \{A \subseteq E \mid A \text{ is acyclic}\}$

$E \neq \emptyset$

Hereditary property is true
because a subset of A cannot
be acyclic.

So show exchange property.

Let $A \in F_0$

$B \in F_0$

$|A| < |B|$

Theorem: Any forest on n nodes
with t trees has exactly $(n-t)$
edges.

$|A| < |B|$

$(n-|A|)$ trees $\rightarrow (n-|B|)$ trees

$$(n - |A|) > (n - |B|)$$

There must exist at least one tree T_B in $(n - |B|)$ that cuts multiple trees in $|B|$ since there are more trees in $|A|$

Let $(u, v) \in B$, $(u, v) \notin A$
 $A \cup \{(u, v)\} \in F_G$
 adding (u, v) to A does not make it cyclic.

$M_G = \langle E, F_G \rangle$ is a matroid

This solves max. problem.
 To get solution of min, for each edge $w_i' = W - w_i$ (subtract individual weights from a large no.)

Optimum answer $A \in F$
 A is maximal

$\nexists x$ s.t. $A \cup \{x\} \in F$

All maximal independent sets are of the same size.

$$M = \langle S, F \rangle$$

w_i = weight of $S_i \in S$, $w_i > 0$

sort elements of S in non increasing order of weights.

$$A = \emptyset$$

Loop Choose the next S_i (in that order)

if $A \cup \{s_i\} \in F$
 $A \leftarrow A \cup \{s_i\}$
Output A

A will be maximal independent set in matroid.

Just show that algorithm has greedy choice property.

$\exists A \subseteq E$. ~~$x \in A$~~
Let B be optimum solution,
 $x \notin B$.

$\emptyset \in F$

$B \in F$ since B is optimum soln.

Using exchange property.

~~$\{x\} \in F$~~ (due to hereditary property)

If $|B|$ is 1, then $\{x\}$ is also optimal.

If $|B| > 1$, by exchange property, add elements to $\{x\}$ from B .

$\{x, y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_{|B|-1}\} \in F$

until they become nearly same size. We know $w(x) \geq w(y)$

since we chose max. in the beginning.

Therefore $\{x, y_1, y_2, \dots\}$ must be optimal.

To show optimum substructure property:

Given $x \in A$

To find rest of optimal solns.

$$S' = \{y \mid y \cup \{x\} \in F\}$$

$$F' = \{A \in F \mid A \cap \{x\} \neq \emptyset\}$$

consider optimum soln.

$$A' \cup \{x\} = A$$

set-cover (ctd.)

Let I^* be the min-sized set cover and I be the greedy output.

In iteration i , if n_i elements are not yet covered, it will choose a set S_i .

$\frac{n_i}{|I^*|}$ elements are covered by

at least some set S_j by pigeonhole principle.

S_i covers at least $\frac{n_i}{|I^*|}$

Before starting $n_0 = n$

$$n_1 \leq n_0 - \frac{n_0}{|I^*|} \quad n_0 - \frac{n_0}{|I^*|} = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{|I^*|}\right)$$

$$n_2 \leq n_1 - \frac{n_1}{|I^*|} \leq n \left(1 - \frac{1}{|I^*|}\right)^2$$

$$n_3 \leq n_2 - \frac{n_2}{|I^*|} \leq n \left(1 - \frac{1}{|I^*|}\right)^3$$

\vdots

$$n_t \leq n \left(1 - \frac{1}{|I|+1}\right)^t$$

$$0 < x < 1,$$

$$(1-x) \leq e^{-x}$$

$$\therefore n_t \leq n \left(1 - \frac{1}{|I|+1}\right)^t \leq n e^{-\frac{t}{|I|+1}}$$

greedy will stop when

$$\frac{n_t}{|I|+1} \leq \log n$$

$$\frac{|I|}{|I|+1} \leq \log n \quad (\text{since } t = |I|)$$

DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

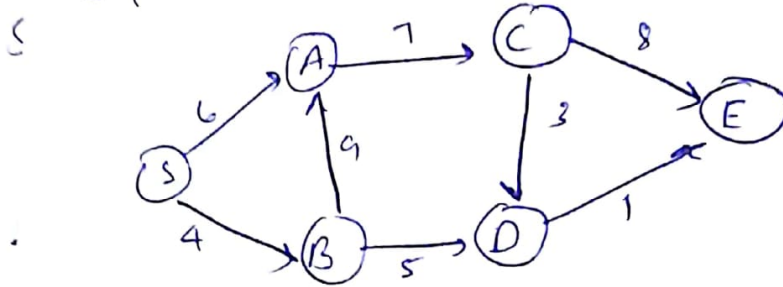
Given a DAG with edge weights, find shortest path from u to v in the topological sorting.

$$L(s, E) = \min_{(u, E) \in \text{Edgeset}} \{L(s, u) + w(u, E)\}$$

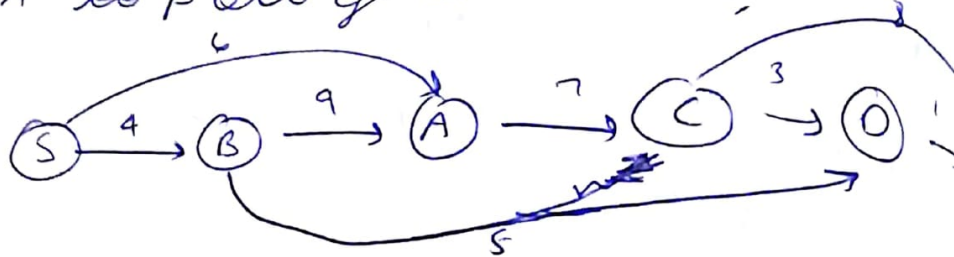
i.e., for all neighbours of ending node E , the ~~shortest~~ shortest path till the neighbours + weight connecting to E and take minimum of them.

Proof In the topological sorted order,
 $L(u) = \min_{(v, u) \in E} \{L(v) + w(v, u)\}$

$$L(S) = 0$$



in topological order,



$$L(B) = 4$$

$$L(A) = \min \begin{cases} L(S) + 6 \\ L(B) + 9 \end{cases} = 6$$

$$L(C) = \min \begin{cases} L(A) + 7 \\ L(B) + 3 \end{cases} = 13$$

$$L(D) = \min \begin{cases} L(C) + 3 \\ L(B) + 5 \end{cases} = 9$$

$$L(E) = \min \begin{cases} L(C) + 8 \\ L(D) + 1 \end{cases} = 10$$

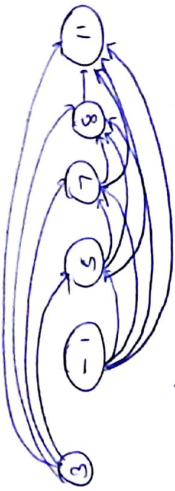
Longest increasing subsequence

Input: sequence of nos. $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$

Output: $a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, a_{i_3}, \dots, a_{i_k}$
 $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$
 if $j > i$, $a_{i_j} > a_{i_i}$

create a DAG

eg. 3 -1 5 7 8 11



LIS will be the longest subsequence path in the DAG. If suppose we want to find LIS ending at a defined a_i

$$L(i) = \max_{j: j < i} \{1 + L(j)\}$$

If we don't specify an a_i , LIS will be max. of all $L(i)$'s

Edit distance

~~given~~ given string operation add, delete, overload

eg. EARTH

↓ 2

HEART

Edit distance is min. edit no. of operations required to convert.

align the 2 strings

- EARTH
- HEART -

$$X = x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n$$

$$Y = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_m$$

$E(i, j)$ = edit distance between
 x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i
 y_1, y_2, \dots, y_j

$$E(i, 0) = i$$

$$E(0, j) = j$$

signature could end as

$$(i) \quad \overline{y_j} \quad \text{OR}^{(ii)} \quad x_i \quad \text{OR}^{(iii)} \quad x_i$$

— y_j

~~$$2f(i) - E(i, j) =$$~~

$$E(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1 + E(i, j-1) & \text{in case (i)} \\ 1 + E(i-1, j) & \text{in case (ii)} \\ E(i-1, j-1) + \text{diff}(x_i, y_j) & \text{in case (iii)} \end{cases}$$

↓
 if x_i is
 same as y_j ,
 add 0, else add
 1.

$$\text{diff}(x_i, y_j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x_i = y_j \\ 1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

	0	1	2	...	n
0	0	1	2		
1	1				
2	2				
...					
m	m				

eg. X = EARTH
Y = HEART

		EARTH					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
0		0	1	2	3	4	5
H 1		1	1	2	3	4	4
E 2		2	1	2	3	4	5
A 3		3	2	1	2	3	4
R 4		4	3	2	1	2	3
T 5		5	4	3	2	1	2