

# Questions of the day

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- What's the best way to store a graph in memory?
- How do we analyze algorithms using graphs?

# **Graph representation and analysis**

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# Outline

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- Review
  - Iterative dynamic programming
  - Dynamic programming practice
  - Greedy algorithms
- Graph theory
- Graph representations
- Graph analysis

# Dynamic programming review

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- Design strategy for recursive problems with repeated subproblems
  1. Solve problem recursively
    - Recurrence and base cases
  2. Determine data structure
    - Usually based on number of changing parameters
    - E.g., LCS: start index of each string => 2D array

## **Memoization**

3. Determine sentinel value
  - Not a valid solution
4. Wrapper function, memo check, store before returning

## **Iterative dynamic programming**

3. Determine iteration order
  - Start at base case, move in opposition to recursion
4. Decide if space complexity can be reduced
5. Allocate data structure, write loops, recursion and return => reads and writes, problem variables => loop variables, return answer

# Dynamic programming example

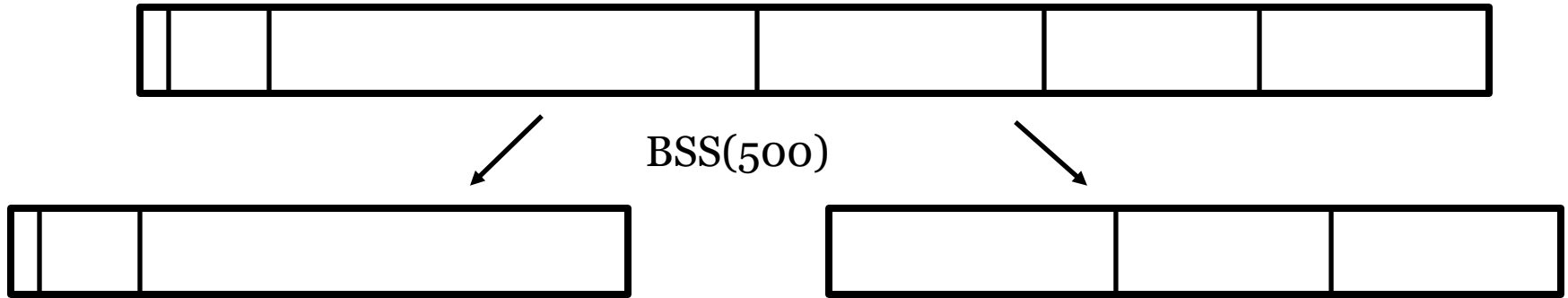
- Binary string splitting
  - Given a string  $a$  and index  $i$ , return  $a[1..i]$  and  $a[i+1..n]$
  - Trivial, linear time
- Multiway string splitting
  - Use BSS to split string in multiple places
  - **Output:** order of cuts that minimizes cost
  - **Example:**  $n=1000, i = (10, 100, 500, 700, 850)$



- Left-to-right:
  - 10: cost = 1000
  - 100: cost = 990
  - 500: cost = 900
  - 700: cost = 500
  - 850: cost = 300
  - Total cost = 3690
- Binary splitting:
  - 500: cost = 1000
  - 100: cost = 500
  - 700: cost = 500
  - 850: cost = 300
  - 10: cost = 100
  - Total cost = 2400

# Identifying optimal substructure

- Make a decision



- Can we use recursion to solve the rest?
  - Yes!
- How do we combine recursive solutions to solve overall problem?
  - For each decision, cost of cut + best cost(LHS) + best cost(RHS)
  - Best cost = min cost of all decisions
  - Base case
    - No cuts left to make
    - Cost = 0
- Do subproblems overlap?
  - Yes: cut at 500, then 700 yields same “pieces” as reverse order

# String splitting

- Write recurrence
  - Best cost =  $\min\{\text{length} + \text{best cost(LHS)} + \text{best cost(RHS)}\}$
  - $C(a) = n + \min_x \{C(a[1..x]) + C(a[x + 1..n])\}$
  - $C(a[x..y]) = y - x + \min_i \{C(a[x..i]) + C(a[i..y])\}$
- Identify parameters of recursive function
  - String, cuts,  $x$ ,  $y$
- Data structure: cuts  $\times$  cuts
- Base case: no cuts between  $x$  and  $y$  (consecutive)

	<b>10</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>1</b>						
<b>10</b>				<b>?</b>		
<b>100</b>						
<b>500</b>						
<b>700</b>						
<b>850</b>						

Final  
solution

# Dynamic programming exercise

- Answer the following questions about a DP algorithm to calculate the cost of string splitting based on the following recurrence:

$$C(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } j = i + 1 \\ \ell[j] - \ell[i] + \min_{i < x < j} \{C(i, x) + C(x, j)\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\ell$  is the list of cut indexes and  $\min_{i < x < j} \{C(i, x) + C(x, j)\}$  is the min value of  $C(i, x) + C(x, j)$  for all values of  $x$  between  $i$  and  $j$  (exclusive)

- What is a reasonable sentinel value for a memoized algorithm?
- Give pseudocode for a memoized algorithm.

1. -1

2.

Helper(n, l):

Append 0 and n to the beginning and end of l

numcuts = ||l||

dp = Array(numcuts, numcuts)

Initialize dp to -1



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1. -1 (cannot be nonnegative)

2.

**Input:**  $a$ : string of length  $n$

**Input:**  $\ell$ : locations at which to split  $a$

**Input:**  $k$ : length of  $\ell$

**Output:** Minimum cost of splitting  $a$

1 **Algorithm:** MinSplit

2  $cost = \text{Array}(k + 2, k + 2)$

3 Initialize  $cost$  to  $-1$

4 Prepend 1 to  $\ell$  and append  $n$

5 **return** MemoSplit(1,  $k + 2$ )

1 **Algorithm:** MemoSplit( $x, y$ )

2 **if**  $cost[x, y] \neq -1$  **then**

3 | **return**  $cost[x, y]$

4 **else if**  $y = x + 1$  **then**

5 |  $cost[x, y] = 0$

6 **else**

7 |  $mincost = \infty$

8 | **for**  $z = x + 1$  to  $y - 1$  **do**

9 | |  $temp = \ell[y] - \ell[x] + \text{MemoSplit}(x, z) + \text{MemoSplit}(z, y)$

10 | |  $mincost = \min\{mincost, temp\}$

11 | **end**

12 |  $cost[x, y] = mincost$

13 **end**

14 **return**  $cost[x, y]$

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- What are the recursive calls made by  $C(1, 6)$  when  $n = 6$ ?
- What is a valid iteration order for an iterative DP algorithm?

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850						
1000						

- Can space be reduced?

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- Everything to the left and everything below
- Bottom-to-top, left-to-right or left-to-right, bottom-to-top

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5. No!

# Iterative pseudocode

```
Input:  $a$ : string of length  $n$ 
Input:  $\ell$ : locations in  $a$  to cut
Input:  $k$ : length of  $\ell$ 
Output: Minimum cost to split  $a$  at  $\ell$ 
1 Algorithm: IterSplit
2 Add 1 and  $n$  to the beginning and end of  $\ell$ 
3  $cost = \text{Array}(k + 2, k + 2)$ 
4 for  $x = 1$  to  $k + 1$  do
5   for  $y = x - 1$  down to 1 do
6     if  $y = x - 1$  then
7        $cost[x, y] = 0$ 
8     else
9        $mincost = \infty$ 
10      for  $z = x + 1$  to  $y - 1$  do
11         $temp = \ell[y] - \ell[x] + cost[x, z] + cost[z, y]$ 
12         $mincost = \min\{mincost, temp\}$ 
13      end
14       $cost[x, y] = mincost$ 
15    end
16  end
17 end
18 return  $cost[1, k + 2]$ 
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} Could also make  
separate loop for  
base cases

} Recursive case

Complexity:  $\Theta(k^3)$

Space:  $\Theta(k^2)$

Not possible to reduce  
space complexity

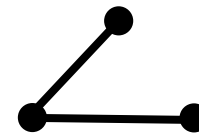
# Greedy algorithms review

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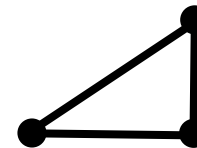
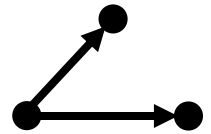
- **Strategy:**
  - Break down problem into sequence of decisions
  - Make "best" choice for each decision
- **Example:** find largest subset with sum below a threshold
  - Choose min element
    - *Greedy idea:* min element gives us more "room" to find other elements
  - Repeat until next element would exceed threshold
- Proof of correctness is tricky
  - *Intuition:* greedy is only correct when greedy choice always "as least as good" as any alternative
  - Many greedy algorithms are incorrect
- Natural choice for optimization problems
- Very efficient (heaps!)
- Can be used as a heuristic
- Often not correct

# Graph theory review

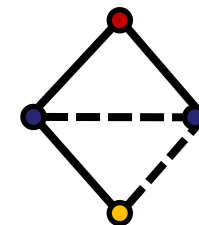
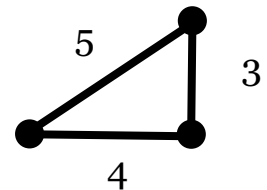
- Mathematical abstraction for network of relationships
- **Vertices (nodes):** set of objects
  - Denoted as  $V$
- **Edges:** set of relationships between vertices
  - Connect *two* vertices together
  - Denoted as  $E$
- Graph variants
  - **Simple** graphs vs. multigraphs
    - No self loops
    - No edges between same pair of vertices
  - Directed vs. **undirected**
    - Symmetric or asymmetric relationships
  - Weighted vs. **unweighted**
    - Edges have "length" or "strength"
  - Labelled vs. **unlabelled**
    - Vertices and/or edges may have categories



vs.



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# Graph theory review

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- **Order:** number of vertices in the graph
  - Usually denoted as  $n$  (or  $|V|$ )
- **Size:** number of edges in the graph
  - Usually represented as  $m$  (or  $|E|$ )
  - Graph complexity can depend on both  $n$  and  $m$ 
    - $m = O(n^2)$
- **Adjacent:** two vertices with an edge between them
- **Incident:** vertex and an edge where edge connects to vertex
- **Degree:** number of vertices adjacent to a given vertex
  - Denoted  $\deg(v)$  or  $\deg_G(v)$
  - Max degree: denoted as  $\Delta$  or  $\Delta(G)$
  - Min degree: denoted as  $\delta$  or  $\delta(G)$
- **Neighborhood:** set of vertices adjacent to a given vertex
  - Denoted  $N(v)$  or  $N_G(v)$

# Handshaking Lemma

**Theorem 1.** *For any simple graph  $G = (V, E)$ ,*

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E|,$$

*where  $\deg(v)$  is the degree of vertex  $v$  in graph  $G$ .*

*Proof (informal).* When  $m = 0$ , every vertex has degree 0, so  
degree sum  $= 0 = 2m$ .

Suppose true for graphs with  $k$  edges, and  
let  $G$  have  $k + 1$  edges.

Remove an edge  $(u, v)$

$\Rightarrow$  new graph has  $k$  edges

$\Rightarrow$  new graph has degree sum  $= 2k$ .

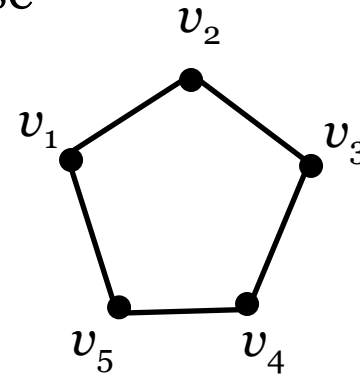
Degree of  $u$  and  $v$  one more in  $G$ , otherwise the same  
 $G$  has degree sum  $2k + 2 = 2m$ .



# Graph representation

- Three main representations of a graph in memory
  - C++: look up Boost Graph Library ([www.boost.org](http://www.boost.org))
- **Adjacency matrix**
  - $n$  by  $n$  matrix
  - $a_{ij}$  is 1 if  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are adjacent, 0 otherwise

$v_1$	0	1	0	0	1
$v_2$	1	0	1	0	0
$v_3$	0	1	0	1	0
$v_4$	0	0	1	0	1
$v_5$	1	0	0	1	0



- Symmetric for undirected graphs
  - *Optimization*: only store lower triangle
- Uses numbers  $> 1$  for multiple edges
- Or:  $a_{ij}$  stores edge weight
  - Use sentinel value like 0 or Inf for missing edges
- Edge/vertex labels stored separately

# Common graph operations

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- **Graph( $n$ )**
  - Initializes a graph with  $n$  vertices and 0 edges
- **AddEdge( $u, v$ )**
  - Adds an edge from  $u$  to  $v$
- **RemoveEdge( $u, v$ )**
  - Removes the edge  $(u, v)$  from the graph
- **IsAdjacent( $u, v$ )**
  - Returns whether  $(u, v)$  is an edge of the graph
- **GetNeighbors( $v$ )**
  - Returns set of neighbors of  $v$

# Adjacency matrix operations

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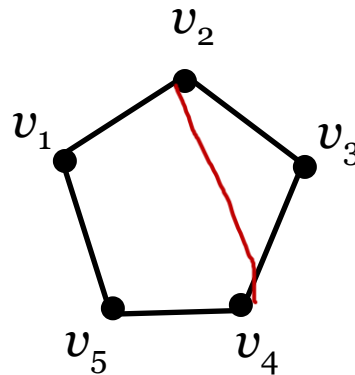
- **Graph( $n$ )**
  - Initialize  $n$  by  $n$  matrix
  - $\Theta(n^2)$  time
- **AddEdge( $u, v$ )**
  - $a_{uv} = 1$
  - $\Theta(1)$  time
- **RemoveEdge( $u, v$ )**
  - $a_{uv} = 0$
  - $\Theta(1)$  time
- **IsAdjacent( $u, v$ )**
  - Return  $a_{uv} = 1$
  - $\Theta(1)$  time
- **GetNeighbors( $v$ )**
  - Scan row  $v$  of matrix and add  $u$  to list if  $a_{vu} = 1$
  - $\Theta(n)$  time

# Graph representations, cont'd

- **Adjacency list**

- Stores list (or set) of neighbors for each vertex

$v_1$ :	2	5
$v_2$ :	1	3
$v_3$ :	2	4
$v_4$ :	3	5
$v_5$ :	1	4



- Neighbors are often sorted
  - Sometimes use hash table for large graphs
- Can store edge weights or labels in `struct/object`
- Can also store edges using a linked structure
  - Improves performance of adding/deleting vertices

# Hash-based adjacency list

- **Main idea**
  - Store neighbors in hash table
- Graph: make empty hash tables
- Add neighbors: insert
- Remove: delete
- IsAdjacent: search
- GetNeighbors: iterate

Operation	Adjacency list
Graph(n)	
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GetNeighbors(v)	

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- Reduces expected complexity
- GetNeighbors still linear
- More complex
- Higher coefficients
- Poor worst-case performance

Operation	Adjacency list
Graph(n)	$\Theta(n)$
AddEdge(u, v)	$\Theta(1)^{*}\dagger$
RemoveEdge(u, v)	$\Theta(1)^{*}$
IsAdjacent(u, v)	$\Theta(1)^{*}$
GetNeighbors(v)	$\Theta(\deg(v))$

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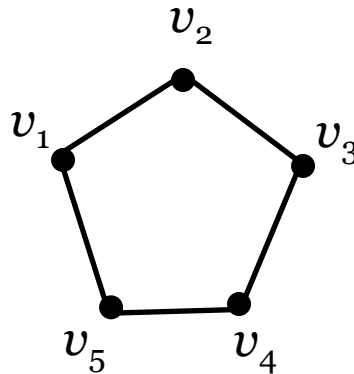
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# Graph representations, cont'd

- **Edge list**

- List of all edges in graph
  - Usually sorted
  - Undirected: may or may not include “reverse” edges

1	2
1	5
2	3
3	4
4	5



Handwritten red notes:  $v_1$  and  $v_5$  with arrows pointing to the vertices in the graph.

- Edge weights or labels appear after vertex IDs
- Order and vertex labels represented separately

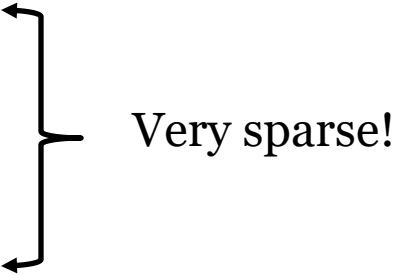
# Graph representation analysis

Operation	Adjacency matrix	Adjacency list	Edge list
Graph( $n$ )	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(1)$
AddEdge( $u, v$ )	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)^*$	$\Theta(m)$
RemoveEdge( $u, v$ )	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)^*$	$\Theta(m)$
IsAdjacent( $u, v$ )	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)^*$	$\Theta(\lg(m))$
GetNeighbors( $v$ )	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(\deg(v))$	$\Theta(m)$
Convert from:	Adjacency matrix	Adjacency list	Edge list
Adj. matrix	n/a	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(n^2)$
Adj. list	$\Theta(n^2)$	n/a	$\Theta(m)$
Edge list	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(m)$	n/a
<b>Space:</b>	$\Theta(n^2)$	$\Theta(m+n)$	$\Theta(m)$

- Matrix: good for small graphs or dense graphs
  - *Dense*: significant fraction of edges exist,  $m = \Theta(n^2)$
- Adj. list: good for sparse graphs
  - Most “real world” graphs are sparse
- Edge list: commonly used to store on disk



# Facebook friend graph statistics

- As of May 2011:
    - $n$ : ~721 million
    - $m$ : ~68.7 billion
    - $\Delta$ : 5000 (hard cap)
    - Avg degree: ~191
    - Median degree: 99
    - 99.91% are connected together
    - 99.6% are within 6 “hops” of one another
    - 92% are within 5 “hops”
  - *Source*: “The Anatomy of the Facebook Social Graph,” J. Ugander et al., arXiv.org, Nov 2011.
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# Facebook graph representation

Average case timing (approx.):

Best  
choice!  
↓

Operation	Adjacency matrix	Adjacency list	Edge list
Graph( $n$ )	~ 2 years	721 ms	1 ns
AddEdge( $u, v$ )	1 ns	2 ns	68.7 s
RemoveEdge( $u, v$ )	1 ns	2 ns	68.7 s
IsAdjacent( $u, v$ )	1 ns	2 ns	36 ns
GetNeighbors( $v$ )	721 ms	191 ns	68.7 s
Convert from:	Adjacency matrix	Adjacency list	Edge list
Adj. matrix	n/a	~ 2 years	~ 2 years
Adj. list	~ 2 years	n/a	68.7 s
Edge list	~ 2 years	68.7 s	n/a
<b>Space:</b>	~ 58 PB (million GB)	~517 GB	~512 GB

# Graph algorithm analysis

- Analysis similar to general algorithm analysis
- Complexity given in terms of graph features
  - $n$ : order (vertices)
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- **Example**

```
Input:  $G = (V, E)$ : a graph
Input:  $n$ : the number of vertices in  $G$ 
Input:  $m$ : the number of edges in  $G$ 
Output: the average degree of the vertices in  $G$ 
1 Algorithm: AvgDegree
2  $sum = 0$ 
3 for  $v$  in  $V$  do
4   for  $u$  in  $N(v)$  do
5      $sum = sum + 1$ 
6   end
7 end
8 return  $sum/n$ 
```

Dominance relationships

$\deg(v) = O(\Delta), O(n), O(m)$

$\Delta = O(n), O(m)$

$m = O(n^2)$

No direct relationship

b/w  $n$  and  $m$

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4     **for**  $u$  in  $N(v)$  **do**

5          $sum = sum + 1$

6     **end**

7 **end**

8 **return**  $sum/n$

Cost to calculate  $N(v)$ :

$\Theta(\deg(v))$  for list

$\Theta(n)$  for matrix

Total:

$\sum_{v \in V} \Theta(\deg(v)) = \Theta(m)$  for list

$\Theta(n^2)$  for matrix

$\Theta(1)$

$n$  iterations

$\Theta(\deg(v))$  iterations

$\Theta(1)$

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# Graph theory example

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- **Moral of the story:** knowledge is power

# Coming up

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- Traversal-based algorithms
- Weighted graph algorithms
- **Recommended readings:** Sections 13.1-13.4
- *Practice problems:* R-13.1, R-13.2, R-13.5, R-13.7, C-13.4