

10-0: Dynamic Programming

- Hallmarks of Dynamic Programming
 - Optimal Program Substructure
 - Overlapping Subproblems
- If a problem has optimal program structure, there *may* be a faster method than dynamic programming

10-1: Greedy Algorithms

- Always takes the step that seems best in the short run
 - Locally Optimal Choice
- With some problems, this can lead to an optimal solution
 - Globally Optimal Solution

10-2: Greedy Algorithms

- Matrix Chain Multiplication
 - What would the locally optimal choice be?
 - Will that lead to a globally optimal solution?

10-3: Greedy Algorithms

- Matrix Chain Multiplication
 - What would the locally optimal choice be?
 - Choose k to minimize just $p_{i-1}p_kp_j$
 - (Don't consider how long subproblems take)
 - Will that lead to a globally optimal solution?
 - No!
 - Left as "an exercise to the reader"
- Need to be sure that the greedy solution is correct before you use it!

10-4: Activity Scheduling

- n activities to schedule $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$
- Each activity has a start time and an end time
- Two activities are compatible if their times do not overlap
- Problem: Find a maximal subset S' of S such that all activities in S' are compatible with each other

10-5: Activity Scheduling

- Solution
 - Sort the activities by increasing end time
 - Go through the list in order, selecting each activity that is compatible with all previously selected activities

- Why does this work?

10-6: Proving Greedy

- To prove a greedy algorithm is correct:
 - Greedy Choice
 - At least one optimal solution contains the greedy choice
 - Optimal Substructure
 - An optimal solution can be made from the greedy choice plus an optimal solution to the remaining subproblem
- Why is this enough?

10-7: Activity Selection

- Activity Selection problem:
 - Prove Greedy Choice
 - Prove Optimal Substructure

10-8: Proving Greedy Choice

- Let a_1 be the activity that ends first – greedy choice.
- Let S be an optimal solution to the problem.
- If S contains a_1 , then we are done.

10-9: Proving Greedy Choice

- Let a_1 be the activity that ends first – greedy choice.
- Let S be an optimal solution to the problem.
- If S does not contain a_1 :
 - Let a_k be the first activity in S . Remove a_k from S to get S' .
 - Since no activity in S' conflicts with a_k , all activities in S' must start after a_k finishes.
 - Since a_1 ends at or before when a_k ends, all activities in S' start after a_1 finishes – and a_1 is compatible with all activities in S'
 - Add a_1 to S' to get S'' . $|S''| = |S|$, and hence S'' is optimal, and contains a_1

10-10: Proving Optimal Substructure

- Proof by contradiction: Assume no optimal solution that contains the greedy choice has optimal substructure
- Let S be an optimal solution to the problem, which contains the greedy choice
- Consider $S' = S - \{a_1\}$. S' is not an optimal solution to the problem of selecting activities that do not conflict with a_1
- Let S'' be an optimal solution to the subproblem of picking activities that do not conflict with a_1 .

- Consider $S''' = S'' \cup \{a_1\}$. S''' is a valid solution to the problem, $|S'''| = |S''| + 1 > |S'| + 1 = |S|$ (since S' is not optimal).
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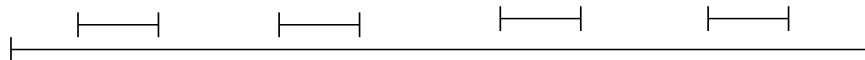
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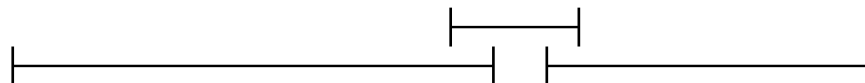


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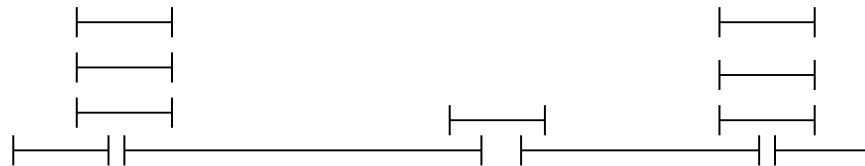


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10-18: Greedy Algorithms

- Dynamic vs. Greedy
 - It can sometimes be difficult to tell when a Greedy Algorithm can be used, and when Dynamic Programming must be used
 - Subtle changes in a problem can kill greedy choice

10-19: Knapsack Problem

- Thief has a knapsack (backpack) that can hold k pounds
- n elements, each of which has a value and a weight
- Add items to the backpack to maximize total value
 - What are some greedy solutions?
 - Do they produce optimal solutions?

10-20: Knapsack Problem

- Pick most densely valued items first:

Knapsack holds 100 pounds

Weight	Value	Value / Weight
60	70	7/6
50	50	1
45	45	1

- No other greedy algorithm works, either

10-21: Fractional Knapsack

- Thief has a knapsack (backpack) that can hold k pounds
- n elements, each of which has a value and a weight
- Add items to the backpack to maximize total value
 - This time you can take a fraction of any item
 - Like gold dust
- Is there a greedy algorithm for this problem? Can you prove it?

10-22: 0-1 Knapsack Problem

- Standard version of the knapsack problem
 - Can't take fractional items
- Order of elements by increasing weight = order by decreasing value
- Is there a valid greedy algorithm for this problem?

10-23: Driving Problem

- Need to get across the country in a car
 - Gas tank holds enough gas for n miles
 - Have a chart with location of all gas stations on it
 - Want to make as few stops as possible
- How do we decide which stations to stop at?

10-24: Job Scheduling

- Series of jobs to execute on a uniprocessor machine
- Each job takes a different amount of time to complete
 - j_1, j_2, \dots, j_n
- Want to minimize the average wait time
 - Same as minimizing the total wait time (why?)
- Algorithm?
- Correctness Proof?

10-25: Huffman Coding

- Standard encoding (ASCII)
 - Each letter uses the same number of bits
- We'd like to use fewer bits for more common letters, more bits for less common letters
 - Use less space overall for the file

10-26: Huffman Coding

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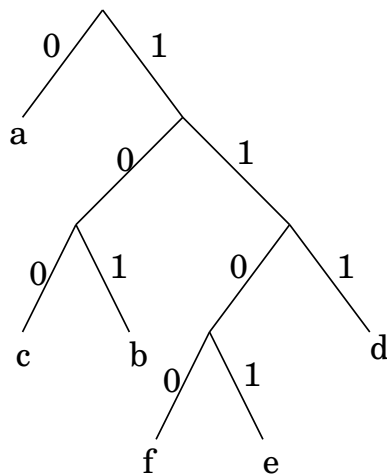
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- If different letters use a different # of bits, how do we determine which bits go with which letter?
- Prefix Codes
 - No code is a prefix of any other code
 - Decoding is unambiguous

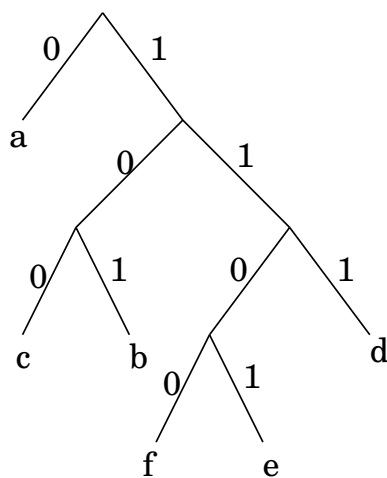
10-28: **Huffman Coding**

	a	b	c	d	e	f
Frequency	43K	12K	12k	16k	9k	5k
Fixed-Length	000	001	010	011	100	101
Variable-Length	0	101	100	111	1101	1100

Input	Fixed-Length	Variable-Length
abc	000001010	0101100
fee	101100100	1100110111011
aaba	000000001000	001010

10-29: **Huffman Coding**

- abaac
- 11010010111000100

10-30: **Huffman Coding**

- abaac \Rightarrow 010100100
- 11010010111000100 \Rightarrow eaabfac

10-31: **Huffman Coding**

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- Total size of file in fixed-length encoding: 300K bits
- Total size of file in variable-length encoding: 224k bits

10-32: **Huffman Coding**

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$$B(T) = \sum_{c \in T} f[c] * d_T(c)$$

($d_T(c)$ is the depth of the character c in the tree T) 10-34: **Huffman Coding**

- Build a tree to minimize $B(T) = \sum_{c \in T} f[c] * d_T(c)$
 - Create set of trees: one for each character in the input file
 - Each tree has a single node w/ character & frequency information
 - While > 1 tree in the set:
 - Take the two trees with the smallest frequency, t_1, t_2
 - Create a new root, with t_1 and t_2 as subtrees
 - $f[root] = f[t_1] + f[t_2]$

Letter	a	b	c	d	e	f
Frequency	3	7	40	20	15	13

10-35: **Huffman Coding**

- Do Huffman codes produce optimal trees?
 - Greedy Choice
 - Optimal Substructure

10-36: **Huffman Coding**

- Greedy Choice
 - Optimal tree T
 - Alphabet C , $f[c]$ = frequency of $c \in C$

- x, y two characters in C with lowest frequency
- a, b lowest-depth siblings in T
- Swap a with x , and b with y , to get T'

10-37: **Huffman Coding**

$$\begin{aligned}
B(T) - B(T') &= \sum_{c \in T} f[c] * d_T(c) - \sum_{c' \in T'} f[c'] d_{T'}(c') \\
&= f[a](d_T(a) - d_{T'}(a)) + f[b](d_T(b) - d_{T'}(b)) \\
&\quad + f[x](d_T(x) - d_{T'}(x)) + f[y](d_T(y) - d_{T'}(y)) \\
&= f[a](d_T(a) - d_{T'}(a)) + f[x](d_T(x) - d_{T'}(x)) \\
&\quad + f[b](d_T(b) - d_{T'}(b)) + f[y](d_T(y) - d_{T'}(y)) \\
&= (f[a] - f[x])(d_T(a) - d_{T'}(a)) \\
&\quad + (f[b] - f[y])(d_T(b) - d_{T'}(b)) \\
&\geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

- $B(T') \leq B(T)$
- If T is optimal, T' is, too

10-38: **Huffman Coding**

- Optimal Substructure
 - Let T be optimal tree
 - x, y sibling nodes in T , z is the parent
 - Consider z to be a character with frequency $f[x] + f[y]$
 - $T' = T - \{x, y\}$ is an optimal prefix code for $C' = C - \{x, y\} \cup \{z\}$
 - Cost $B(T)$ in terms of cost $B(T')$:

10-39: **Huffman Coding**

- Cost $B(T)$ in terms of cost $B(T')$:
 - $\forall c \in C - \{x, y\}, d_T(c) = d_{T'}(c)$, so $f[c]d_T(c) = f[c]d_{T'}(c)$

$$\begin{aligned}
f[x]d_T(x) + f[y]d_T(y) &= (f[x] + f[y])(d_{T'}(z) + 1) \\
&= f[z]d_{T'}(z) + f[x] + f[y]
\end{aligned}$$

- $B(T) = B(T') + f[x] + f[y]$
- So, if T' is not optimal, neither is T

10-40: **Matroids**

- Matroid is a pair: $M = (S, I)$
 - S is a finite, nonempty set
 - I is a nonempty family of subsets of S , called “Independent subsets” of S such that:

- if $B \in I$ and $A \subseteq B$, then $A \in I$
(Hereditary Property)
- If $A \in I$ and $B \in I$ and $|A| < |B|$, there is some element $x \in B$ such that $A \cup \{x\} \in I$
(Exchange Property)

10-41: Matroids

- Originally, Matroids used to describe matrices
 - S = rows of a matrix
 - I = sets of linearly independent rows
 - Hence the name, independent subsets
 - Matrix matroids have both hereditary and exchange properties

10-42: Example Matroids

- S = edges of an undirected graph G
- I = Subsets of S that do not form a directed cycle

(Examples on board)

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 - Hereditary property
 - Trivial
 - If a graph is acyclic, any subset of edges will also be acyclic

10-45: Example Matroids

- Undirected graphs / I = acyclic subsets
 - Exchange Property
 - $A, B \in I$, $|A| < |B|$
 - A is a forest of $|V| - |A|$ trees (why?)
 - B is a forest of $|V| - |B|$ trees
 - Must be some edge in B that spans two different trees in A (why?)

10-46: Weighted Matroids

- Weighted Matroid:
 - Positive weight $w(x)$ for each element $x \in S$
 - Weight of any member of I is sum of weights of elements of I
 - Optimal subset of S is an element of I with maximal weight

- Problem: Find an optimal subset of S
 - What would greedy solution look like?
 - Does it work?

10-47: **Weighted Matroids**

Greedy(M, w)

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 $A \leftarrow \{\}$ 
sort  $S[M]$  in non-increasing order by  $w$ 
for each  $x \in S[M]$  (in non-decreasing order)
    if  $A \cup \{x\} \in I[M]$ 
         $A \leftarrow A \cup \{x\}$ 
return  $A$ 

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10-48: **Weighted Matroids**

- To show that a greedy algorithm is correct (produces optimal solutions) we need to show:
 - Greedy Choice
 - There exists a solution that contains the greedy choice
 - Optimal Substructure
 - Optimal solutions are composed of optimal solutions to subproblems

10-49: **Weighted Matroids**

- Greedy Choice
 - Let $\{x\}$ be independent element with largest weight
 - Show that there is some maximal matroid that contains x .
- What should we do?

10-50: **Weighted Matroids**

- Let $\{x\}$ be independent element with largest weight
- Let B be a maximal matroid
 - If B contains x , we are done
 - If B does not contain x , we can create a set A :
 - start with $A = \{x\}$
 - Use exchange property to add elements to A from B until $|A| = |B|$
 - $\text{weight}(A) = \text{weight}(B) - \text{weight}(y) + \text{weight}(x)$
 - y is element of B not added to A
 - $\text{weight}(x) \geq \text{weight}(y)$ (why?)

10-51: **Weighted Matroids**

- Optimal substructure

- Let x be first element chosen by Greedy from $M = (S, I)$
- Remaining subproblem: find maximal weight indep. subset of $M' = (S', I')$:
 - $S' = \{y \in S : \{x, y\} \in I\}$
 - $I' = \{B \subseteq S - \{x\} : B \cup \{x\} \in I\}$

10-52: **Weighted Matroids**

- If an optimization problem is finding a maximal weighted matroid, then greedy will work.
- Minimum Cost Spanning Tree (MST)
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 - Want to find minimal total weight, not maximal
 - Replace each weight w_k with $w_0 - w_k$, where w_0 is larger than any weight on the graph
- Greedy solution will work (Kruskal's algorithm)

10-54: **Weighted Matroids**

- Example: Unit tasks with deadlines and penalties
 - Set $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ of n unit-time tasks
 - Set of n deadlines d_1, \dots, d_n
 - Set of n non-negative penalties w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n
- Schedule all n tasks. Each task a_k that is completed after time d_k incurs penalty w_k .
- What is the optimal schedule (smallest overall penalty)?

10-55: **Weighted Matroids**

- Example: Unit tasks with deadlines and penalties
 - Any schedule can be re-arranged so that:
 - All on-time tasks are scheduled before all late tasks
 - On-time tasks are completed by order of deadline
 - To create a schedule, decide which tasks will be done on time, and which will be late. Then, order early tasks by increasing deadline, and late tasks afterwards in any order.

10-56: **Weighted Matroids**

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 - S = set of tasks
 - I = set of subsets of tasks, where all tasks in I are early
- Hereditary Property?
- Exchange Property?

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 - S = set of tasks
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- Hereditary Property
 - If we can schedule all elements in I on time, we can obviously schedule all elements of any subset of I in time as well.

10-58: **Weighted Matroids**

- Exchange Property
 - Let A and B be independent subsets, with $|B| > |A|$.
 - $N_T(A)$ be the number of tasks in A that have a deadline if t or earlier
 - Let k be the largest integer such that $N_k(B) \leq N_k(A)$
 - $N_0(B) = N_0(A) = 0$, so such a k must exist
 - $N_n(B) = |B|, N_n(A) = |A|$, so $N_n(B) > N_n(A)$
 - $k < n$, for all j in the range $k + 1 \dots n$, $N_j(B) > N_j(A)$.
 - B contains more tasks with deadline $k + 1$ than A does
 - Add any task with deadline $k + 1$ to A from B