

COMP 550: Algorithms & Analysis - Preliminary Notes

What is the goal of this course?

- Improve knowledge & skills in the field of algorithms
- Writing & using algorithms
- Mathematically analyzing correctness & running time of algorithms.
- problem-solving paradigms (e.g., greedy vs dynamic)
- computational complexity.

What is the "running time" of an algorithm?

→ The maximum number (as a function of input length, " n ") of primitive operations that it executes.

- e.g., a $T(n)$ -time algorithm, given an input of length n , executes at most $T(n)$ primitive operations on that input.

What is a primitive operation?

- Operations (in the execution of code) that are relatively "simple" & can be executed in very small amount of time (?)
- Rule of thumb: pretty much any op. that can be written as one line of assembly code (RECALL: COMP 2111!) is a primitive operation.

Examples of primitive operations?

- Assigning a value to a variable $x = 0$
- performing a comparison $\text{if } x > y$:
- arithmetic operations $x + y$
- Indexing into an array $\text{arr}[3]$

RECALL COMP 455: How is running time defined?

- The running time, aka the time complexity of an algorithm, is the number of steps that it takes to solve a problem in the worst case, as a function of the input length.
- Formal DEFN: For a deterministic, decider TM M , the running time of M is the function $f: N \rightarrow N$, where $f(n)$ is the maximum number of steps that M uses on any input of length n .

- We use n to represent the length of an input (customarily)
- If $f(n)$ is the running time of M , we say that " M is an $f(n)$ Turing Machine" and that " M runs in time $f(n)$ "

RECALL: What is asymptotic analysis?

- A way to estimate the exact running time of an algorithm in order to understand the running time of the algorithm when it is run on large inputs.
- For the running time expression of an algorithm, consider only the highest-order term (aka term with largest exponent), and disregard the coefficient of that term as well as any lower order terms (bcz they are insignificant in comparison).
- For EX, for the function $f(n) = 6n^3 + 2n^2 + 20n + 45$, we say that f is asymptotically at most n^3

Ch 1: Array Algorithms

Key assumptions?

→ Every array has length n

→ Array indices range from 1 to n (not 0 - $(n-1)$ like you're used to)

- Max in Array -

What is the input?

→ Array A of n distinct, positive integers

→ Return the largest integer in A in $O(n)$ time.

→ Example: $A = [5, 1, 4, 10, 8, 3]$

What is the algorithm?

```
m = A[1]           ← m represents the "max value". Start by setting it to A[1]
for (2 ≤ i ≤ n):
    if A[i] > m:
        m = A[i]
return m            ← iterate through all values and update m by
                    ← setting m = A[i] whenever A[i] > current m.
```

What is the running time?

→ Alg loops through for-loop $n-1$ times

• each iteration takes $O(1)$ time because its only primitive operations

→ Therefore, RT = $(n-1) * O(1) = n-1 = O(n)$

- Two-Sum -

What is the input?

→ (A, t) , where A = array of n distinct integers sorted in increasing order, and $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ (t is some integer)

→ Return a set of indices (i, j) s.t.:

• $A[i] + A[j] = t$, and • $i < j$

→ Ex: $A = [2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 12]$ $t = 13$

```
Alg (int[] A, int t):
    i, j = 1, n           ← Using a "2-pointer" technique
    while i < j:
        if A[i] + A[j] == t:
            return (i, j)
        elif A[i] + A[j] < t:
            i += 1          ← If A[i] + A[j] is too small, move i up one
                                to a larger value
        else:
            j -= 1          ← If A[i] + A[j] is too big, move j down one
                                to a smaller value.
```

→ Keep checking & adjusting until a solution is found.

→ The alg makes a maximum of n iterations. Each require $O(1)$ time. Thus,

RT = $O(n)$

→ Brute-force alg; $O(n^2)$ - time

What would the alg & RT

be like if the array wasn't already sorted?

- Binary Search -

What is the input?

→ (A, t) , where A = array of n distinct integers sorted in increasing order, and $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ (t is some integer)

What is the goal?

→ If it exists, return an index K s.t. $A[K] = t$.

What is the algorithm?

→ EX: $A = [1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 15]$ $t = 8$ $\text{ANS} = 5$, b/c $A[5] = 8$

ALG(A, t):

```

i, j = 1, n → start w/ a pointer at the beginning & end, like in 2-sum.

while i ≤ j:
    m = ⌊(i+j)/2⌋ → check if A[m] is the value (t) we are looking for,
    if A[m] = t: → where m = the middle index of A.
        return m → if we have found t, return index m.

    elif A[m] < t: → if the value @ the middle index is too small, create a
        i = m+1 → new "subarray" of everything in the 'right half' of A

    else: → (i = pointer at start index, which is now m+1).
        j = m-1 → if value @ middle ind. is too big, recurse on the left

        half of the array.
    
```

Why is this alg correct?

→ It always "focuses" on some subarray $A[i:j]$. $A[i:j]$ always contains t , and the size of it shrinks in each iteration.

→ How many iterations of "subarrays" do we recurse through?

→ If subarray $A[i:j]$ has length l at the beginning of some iteration, and length l' at the end of the same iteration, then $l' \leq l/2$ (since we are "halving" the array each time).

→ For ex, if the alg sets $i = m+1$ in a given iteration:

$$\begin{aligned}
l' &= j \text{ (index of end of new subarray)} - (m+1) \text{ (new start ind for subarray)} + 1 \\
&= j - \lfloor \frac{i+j}{2} \rfloor \leq j - \frac{i+j}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{j-i+1}{2} = \frac{l}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

→ If $A[i:j]$ initially has length n , after k iterations, $A[i:j]$ has length at most $\frac{n}{2^k}$. Therefore, the alg has a total of $O(\log n)$ iterations.

* Each iteration requires $O(1)$ time.

* Thus, RT is $O(\log n)$

RT Notes →

$O(1)$ per iteration

* # of iterations: $j-i = \underbrace{\frac{n}{2} \rightarrow \frac{n}{2^2} \rightarrow \frac{n}{2^3} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1}_{K \text{ iterations}}$

$$\frac{n}{2^k} \leq 1 \Rightarrow n \leq 2^k \Rightarrow k = \log_2(n)$$

- Selection Sort -

What is the input?

What is the goal?

What is the algorithm?

(REMEMBER that in theory classes like this one, we say $\text{arr}[1]$ instead of $\text{arr}[0]$... an array w/ n elements has indexes $1-n$ (inclusive), NOT indexes $0-(n-1)$)

→ An array A of n distinct (non-repeating), unsorted integers

→ Sort the elements of A by increasing value (e.g. $A[1] < A[2] < \dots < A[n]$)

→ Ex: $A = [7, 2, 1, 4, 3]$

GOAL/ANS: $[1, 2, 3, 4, 7]$

ALG(A):

```
for i = 1 ; i ≤ n :  
    m = i  
    for j = (i+1) ; j ≤ n :  
        if A[j] < A[m] :  
            m = j  
    swap(A[i], A[m])
```

The algorithm executes n rounds, one for each $i \in [n]$.
For each round, we compare the rest of the values (after index i , hence $j = i+1$) to the current value at $A[m=i]$.
If a value at an index $> i$ is smaller than $A[i]$, it needs to be moved forward. Thus, we set $m = j$ to indicate which $\text{val}(A[m])$ should be swapped with $A[i]$.

→ IDEA: Basically, in each iteration, find the smallest element in i through n .

Then, swap it with i . Then, increment i & do it again.

→ In round i , the alg executes at most $c(n-i)$ operations for some $c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ (pos int)

Summing over all $i \in [n]$, the total # of operations is at most:

$$c \sum_{i=1}^n (n-i) = c \cdot ((n-1) + (n-2) + \dots + 2 + 1) = \mathbf{O(n^2)}$$

What is the RT?

-Merge Sort-

What is the input?

What is the goal?

What is the algorithm?

- An array A of n integers
- Sort the elements of A by increasing value (e.g. $A[2] < A[2] < \dots A[n]$)
- Ex: $A = [2, 4, 8, 5, 1, 7, 6, 3]$
- IDEA: split A into its 2 halves & recursively "merge sort" each half, then, merge the 2 halves using a 2-pointer approach.

MergeSort(A):

if $n = 1$: return A

$K = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$

$A_L = \text{MergeSort}(A[1:K])$

$A_R = \text{MergeSort}(A[K+1:n])$

$i, j, B = 1, 1, [\text{empty list}]$

while $i \leq K$ and $j \leq (n-K)$:

if $A_L[i] \leq A_R[j]$:

B.append($A_L[i]$)

$i += 1$

else:

B.append($A_R[j]$)

$j += 1$

if $i > K$:

append all num in $A_R[j:(n-K)]$ to B

else:

append all num in $A_L[i:K]$ to B

return A = B.as_array()

→ $O(n \log n)$

RT?

(Arrays Algorithms)

1.1 Max in Array

Input: Array A of n distinct, pos integers

Goal: Return the largest int in A

① ALG (algorithm) : aka Python pseudocode

② Correctness : Intuition

Proof (induction hypothesis)

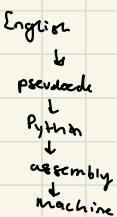
③ Running Time (RT)

① ALG (A):
array indices start at 1
 $m = A[2]$ in this class' notation

for $i = 2, \dots, n$:

 if $A[i] > m$: $\{$ $m = \max(m, A[i])$
 $m = A[i]$ $\}$

return m



② Correctness: m is always $\max(A[1:i])$

③ RT = # of "primitive operations" the ALG makes in the worst case

What is a primitive operation?

1. assignment ops, e.g. $m = 3$

2. comparison (e.g. "if $x > 3$ ")

3. arithmetic ($y = x + 3$)

4. indexing ($m = A[2]$)

5. calls/return

→ Pretty much anything that can be done as 1 line of assembly code, is a primitive operation.

Asymptotic Notation

↳ (shorter) way to write something

$$f(n) = 3n^2 + 7n^3 + 2n + 9$$



$$f(n) = O(n^3)$$

$$f(n) = O(n^3) \approx f(n) \leq n$$

SECTION:

Running Time

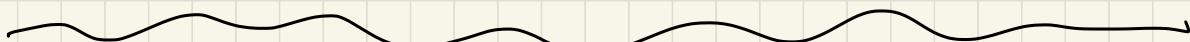


1. Technically, $O(n)$ is a set that includes
 - $4n-1, 5n, 2n, n^2, \dots, \sqrt{n}, 10\log n, 300, \dots$

2. Technical way to write it is $f(n) \in O(n)$, not =

3. Almost every RT analysis we'll do is Θ , not O

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SECTION: 1.2 Two Sum

Input: Array A of n distinct integers, sorted in increasing order

$$\text{Ex: } A = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11\}, t = 10$$

Goal: Return (i, j) s.t. $i \neq j$ and $A(i) + A(j) = t$

Brute Force: Try every possibility

$\text{ALG}(A, t):$

for $i \in 2, \dots, n-1$:

 for $j \in i+1, \dots, n$:

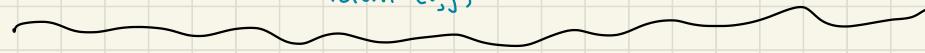
 if $A(i) + A(j) = t$:

 return (i, j)

$\text{RT} = O(n^2)$

(Worst case for nested loops)

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Two - Pointer

Two - Sum (Brute Force): $O(n^2)$

1.3 Binary Search (A, t)

(This is "One sum")

Goal: Return k s.t. $A(k) = t$ (or nothing)

Brute Force: Scan A for $T \rightarrow O(n)$

Ex: $A = \{1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 15\}$ and $t = 8$

1. Check if val $\&$ middle num in array is smaller than t

$A = \{1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 12, 15\}$

$i \quad \downarrow 7 \text{ not } < 8$

2. Then we can move pointer i to the right of the middle num

→ Test middle element, check if ~~too big or too small~~, "zoom in"/narrow down the 'subarray' accordingly

→ Binary Search Alg (A, t) :

$i, j = 1, n$ *we are focusing on $A(i:j)$

while ($i \leq j$):

j is the highest index in the array

$m \text{ (candidate)} = \lfloor (i+j)/2 \rfloor$

 if $A(m) = t$: return m

 elif $A(m) < t$:

$i \text{ (index)! "m" is index} = m+1$

 elif $A(m) > t$:

$j = m-1$

Running Time:

• $O(1)$ per iteration

• # of iterations: $j - i = \underbrace{n}_{2^0} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{n}{2}}_{2^1} \rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{n}{2^2}}_{2^2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 1$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{K \text{ iterations}}$

$$\frac{n}{2^K} \leq 1 \Rightarrow n \leq 2^K \Rightarrow K = \log_2(n)$$

Total Running Time: $O(\log n)$

1.4 : Selection Sort

Goal : Sort A^(array) (i.e., we want $A[1] < A[2] < \dots < A[n]$)

Ex A = [7, 2, 1, 4, 3] (Goal: [1, 2, 3, 4, 7])

1. Let's find the smallest element & put it in the correct spot (e.g. next available?)

2. swap 7 with 1 [1, 2, 7, 4, 3]

3. swap 2 with 2 [1, 2, 7, 4, 3]

4. swap 3 with 7 [1, 2, 3, 4, 7]

5. swap 7 w/ 7 [1, 2, 3, 4, 7]

→ In each iteration, find the smallest element in i thru n, then swap it w/ i. Then, move i up by 1 ($i = i + 1$)

ALG(A):

for $i = 2, \dots, n$:
 $m = i$
 for $j = i+1, \dots, n$:
 if $A[j] < A[m]$:
 $m = j$
 $m = \text{index of min}(A[i:n])$

* Looking for the smallest element from index i to index m

Running Time: similar to Brute Force (BF) of Two-Sum

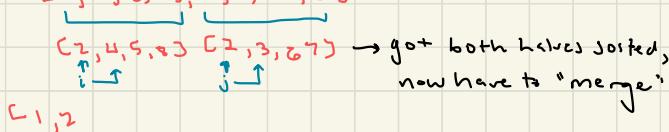
n iterations, each takes $O(n)$ time → ANS: $O(n^2)$

(Or $O(n \cdot n)$ but same thing)

Insertion Sort: $O(n^2)$ worst case, $O(n)$ if A is sorted

1.5 : Merge Sort (A) -- I & 2 recursive algorithms we will study. Other is DFS

Ex: $A = [2, 4, 8, 5, 1, 7, 6, 3]$



→ going one by one through each array and taking out the smaller value?

→ Merge takes $O(n)$ time.

ALG (A):

if $n=1$: return A

$K = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$

$A_L = \text{ALG}(A[2:k])$

$A_R = \text{ALG}(A[k+1:n])$

i, j, B = 1, 1, empty list
while $i \leq k$ and $j \leq n-k$:

if $A_L[i] \leq A_R[j]$:

append $A_L[i]$ to B

$i += 1$

use:

append $A_R[j]$ to B

$j += 1$

if $i > k$:

append each element of $A_R[j:n-k]$ to B

(For e_1 in $A_R[j:n-k]$: append e_1 to B)

else:

" but for $A_L \dots A_L[i:k]$ to B

$A = B$ (convert B from list to array)

return A

List vs Array

→ list: append in $O(1)$ time

• cannot index

→ array: create in $O(n)$ time

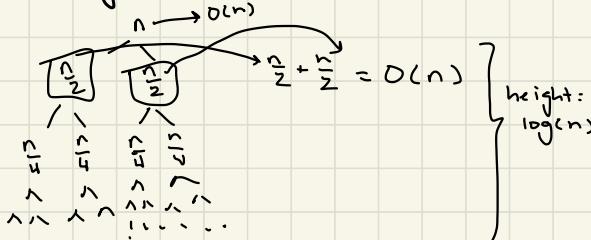
• cannot append

• can index in $O(1)$ time

Merging

adding the rest

Running Time:



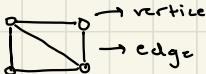
Total: $O(n \log n)$... "adding the overheads"

Takeaway:

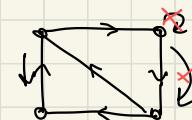
Complexity is $O(n \log n)$

Ch.2: Essential Graph Algorithms

Undirected graph:



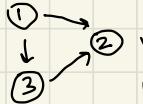
Directed graph:



We ignore repeat & parallel same-dir edges

→ To convert undirected to directed, just draw 2 edges in both directions, for every edge on the undirected graph

→ $G(V, E)$ where $V = \text{set of vertices } n = |V|$ and $E = \text{set of edges } m = |E|$



$$V = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$E = \{(1,2), (1,3), (3,2)\}$$

In Programming, representing graphs:

2. adjacency list representation

• an array

• $G[1] = \text{list of 2's "out-neighbors"}$ (2 and 4)

• $G[2] = \text{list of 2's "out-neighbors"}$ (none)

• $G = [[2, 4], [], [1, 4], [2]]$



What is largest possible value of m ?
($m = \text{edges}$, $n = \text{vertices}$) (for a directed graph)

$$n \cdot \max_m$$

1	0	0
2	2	0 ↗ ↘
3	6	0 ↗ ↘ ↗ ↘

$$\text{total: } n(n-1)$$

$$\bullet \text{For undirected graph: } \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = O(n^2)$$

→ Array: create in $O(n)$ time, index in $O(1)$ time, & can't append

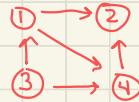
→ (Linked) list: create AND append to either end in $O(1)$ time; cannot index

→ Adjacency List is technically an array of pointers to lists. This isn't important though. "Array of lists"

2. Adjacency Matrix

$$G = G(i) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \text{G}(1) & [0, 1, 0, 0] \\ \text{G}(2) & [0, 0, 0, 0] \\ \text{G}(3) & [1, 0, 0, 1] \\ \text{G}(4) & [0, 1, 0, 0] \end{bmatrix}$$

Ex:



Pros and Cons of Each:

adj. list

adj. matrix

Space:

$$O(m+n)$$

$$O(n^2)$$

Time:

$$O(n^2)$$

$$O(n^2)$$

$RT = O(m) \approx RT = O(n^2)$

Adjacency List Algs

```
is_edge(G, u, v):
    for w in G[u]:
        if w == v:
            return True
    return False
```

$O(\text{out-degree}(u))$?
 \downarrow
= # of out-neighbors
= length of G[u]

```
print_out_neighbors(G, v):
    for u in G[v]:
        print(u)
```

TIME:

$O(\text{out-degree}(v))$
 $= \text{len}(G[v])$

Adjacency Matrix Algs

```
is_edge(G, u, v):
    if G[v][u] == 1:
        return True
    return False
```

$O(1)$ time... since we can index, we don't have to scan the entire D.S.
(Like you would w/ a list)

```
print_out_neighbors(G, v):
    for u in G[v]:
        print(u)
```

TIME:
 $O(n)$
because we have to scan over 0s as well as 1s

→ TAKEAWAY:

- We use adjacency lists by default, especially when you have to do a lot of printing
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2.1 Breadth-First Search (BFS)

- Input: (G, S) where G = directed graph and S = vertex in G that is the "start"/"source"
- Ex:
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- Ans: $d = [0, 1, 2, 1, 3]$
- The "shortest length" of this path = 2
set the out-neighbors val to be 2
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- What is a queue? → Can add to the back & remove from the front in $O(1)$ time
- (Example from above) ... initially set the value of each edge = ∞ . As you traverse, change the values.
- $[2, 4]$
 $[4, 3]$
 $[5]$... don't change anything by this point.
- Once queue is empty, you're done
- ALG(G, S):
- ```

d = [∞] * n, d[S] = 0
Q = queue([S])
while |Q| ≥ 1:
 u = dequeue from Q
 for v in G[u]:
 if d[v] == ∞:
 d[v] = d[u] + 1
 add v to Q
return D

```

• AKA, length of shortest path  
 ↗ aka # of edges in the path  
 ↗ sequence (list) of vertices that follows edges

(if path  $p$  has  $k$  vertices,  
 $\text{len}(p) = k - 1$ )

[Intuition]: BFS  $\approx$  dropping water on a table  
 (processes  $V$  in layers)



"process  
 "u"  
 section  
 of  
 alg"

→ Running Time:  $O(m+n)$  ??????

• n iterations of the while loop (see orange notes)

•  $RT = \text{out-deg}(S) + \text{out-deg}(S\text{'s first out-neighbor}) + \text{out-deg}(S\text{'s 2nd neighbor}) + \dots =$

$$\sum_{u \in V} \text{out-deg}(u) = m \quad \dots \quad RT = O(m+n)$$

• (creating  $d$  takes  $O(n)$  time. The rest of the alg is  $O(m)$  time. Thus,  $O(m+n)$ ).

adding up out-degs is  
 basically  $\approx$  counting ns

$$RT =$$

## Ch. 2: Essential Graph Algorithms

### - Breadth-First Search -

What is the input?

What is the goal?

What is "distance" defined as?

Example graph?

How is a graph represented for function input?

What is the BFS Alg?

- $(G, s)$ , where  $G$  is a directed graph and  $s \in V$  ( $s$  is a vertex).
- Return an array  $d$  s.t. for all  $v \in V$  (all vertices),  $d[v]$  is the distance from  $s$  to  $v$ .
- The shortest amount of edges that you have to "walk along" to get from node  $s$  to node  $v$ .
- a.k.a., the # of edges in the 'shortest path'
  - \* If path  $p$  has  $K$  vertices,  $\text{len}(p) = K - 1$

Graph  $G$ :



Ans:

$$\text{BFS}(G, 1) \Rightarrow d = [0, 1, 2, 1, 3]$$

- As an adjacency list - see pgs 13 - 14

$$G = [[2, 4], [3], [4, 5], [], [2, 4]]$$

- See notes on prev page for more details.

→ INTUITION: Start at node  $s$  & work through the graph in "layers"; visit  $s$ ' out-neighbors, the out-neighbors of those vertices, & so on.

→ Implementation:

```
d = [∞] * n, d[s] = 0
Q = queue([s])
while |Q| ≥ 1:
 u = dequeue from Q
 for v in G[u]:
 if d[v] == ∞:
 d[v] = d[u] + 1
 add v to Q
return D
```

1. Create a queue  $Q$  with initially just  $s$  in it.
2. Set  $d[s] = 0$
3. While  $Q$  is not empty, dequeue (aka, take the element/vertex which has been in  $Q$  for the LONGEST; FIFO) a vertex  $u$  from  $Q$  and "process it".  
    "Process vertex  $u$ ":  
        Loop through each out-neighbor  $v$  of  $u$  and check if  $v$  has been encountered before (if  $d$ , for vertex  $v = \infty$ , that means it hasn't been touched since  $d$  was created).  
        If  $v$  hasn't been encountered, add  $v$  to the end of  $Q$ .  
        If  $v$  was added to  $Q$ , set  $d[v] = d[u] + 1$ .

## -Depth-First Search-

What is the idea behind DFS?

- BFS is like water spreading across the surface of a table.
- DFS is like running down a maze & leaving a trail of breadcrumbs
- Traversing down a graph; whenever we reach a fork in the road, we pick a direction & continue till we get stuck... at which point we backtrack along the breadcrumbs & try another direction

What is the input & goal?

→ Input: A directed graph  $G$ , for ex:  $\{[2,4], [3,4], [5,6], [3,5], [1,5]\}$

→ Goal: Return 2 arrays,  $\text{pre}[v]$  and  $\text{post}[v]$ . For a node  $u$  in  $G$ ,

$\text{pre}[u] = \text{time we start exploring } u$

$\text{post}[u] = \text{time we stop exploring } u$

→ Let  $t = 1$  = starting time.

1. Started at  $u=1$ ,  $\text{pre}[1]=1$ ;  $t=t+1=2$

2. Then we moved to  $u=2$ ,  $\text{pre}[2]=t=2$ ;  $t=t+1$

3. Moved to  $u=3$ ,  $\text{pre}[3]=t=3$ ;  $t=t+1$

4. Moved to  $u=5$ ,  $\text{pre}[5]=t=4$ ;  $t=t+1$

5. Nowhere to go from node  $u=5$ , so we can write the post val:

$\text{post}[5]=t=5$

6. Backtrack to 3, which is where 5 came from.

7. Move to  $u=6$ ,  $\text{pre}[6]=t=6$ ;  $t=t+1$

8. Only place to go from 6 is 5, but 5 has all been explored. Therefore, "stuck" at 6 so we can write the post value:  $\text{post}[6]=t=7$ ;  $t=t+1$

9. Backtrack to 3, nowhere else to go, so write a post value:  $\text{post}[3]=t=8$ ;  $t=t+1$

10. Backtrack to 2, which is where 3 came from

11. Move to  $u=4$  (unexplored),  $\text{pre}[4]=t=9$ ;  $t=t+1$

12. Stuck at 4 b/c 3 and 5 all explored, so  $\text{post}[4]=t=10$ ;  $t=t+1$

13. Backtrack to 2, nowhere else to go, write the post value:  $\text{post}[2]=t=11$ ;  $t=t+1$

14. Backtrack to 1, nowhere else to go, write the post value:  $\text{post}[1]=t=12$ ;  $t=t+1$

→ ANS:  $\text{pre} = [1, 2, 3, 9, 4, 6]$

$\text{post} = [12, 11, 8, 10, 5, 7]$

→ **DFS Tree edges**: the edges that the "rat" actually ran across. Edges that were crossed to reach not-yet-explored vertices. **highlighted pink** in Ex above.

• The union of these edges is called the **DFS Tree**. From Ex above:



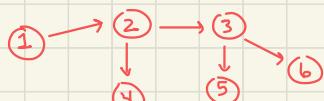
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Visual of the Graph from Ex 1 with all edges labeled?

What is the algorithm for DFS?

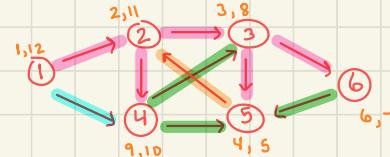
→ Forward edges: all edges  $(u, v)$  s.t. there is a path from u to v in  $T$ .



DFS Tree  $T$  from Ex 1

→ Backward edges: all edges  $(u, v)$  st. there is a path from v to u in  $T$ .

→ Cross edges: all edges  $(u, v)$  which are not tree, Forward, or back edges.



- pink = tree
- cyan = forward
- orange = backward
- green = cross

→ The "DFS" function is actually just a wrapper for the Explore function, which actually does the "steps" described on prev. page.

Explore ( $G, u$ ): ← where  $u$  = index of a vertex in graph  $G$

pre [ $u$ ] =  $t$

$t \leftarrow t + 1$

for  $v$  in  $G[u]$ :

if pre [ $v$ ] ==  $\infty$ :

Explore ( $G, v$ )

post [ $u$ ] =  $t$

$t \leftarrow t + 1$

DFS() relies on Explore() for the logic.

DFS ( $G$ ):

pre, post =  $[\infty] * n$

$t = 1$

for  $u$  in  $V$ :

if pre [ $u$ ] ==  $\infty$ :

Explore ( $G, v$ )

return pre, post

Wait, is the "DFS tree" always connected?

What is the Running Time of DFS?

→ No; it can have multiple separate root vertices, kind of a "DFS Forest". Each time Explore() is called from DFS() - not recursively - there is a new "tree" in the DFS Forest.

→ Similar to BFS, it starts as  $O(m+n)$ :

→ A single call of Explore( $G, u$ ) runs in  $|G[u]|$  steps -- e.g., in one call, it runs for each of  $u$ 's out-neighbors (line 4).

• One call of Explore is  $\text{len}(G[u])$  time, aka  $\text{out-deg}(u)$  time.

→ Since every vertex will be explored once, and a graph  $G$  has  $n$  vertexes, and "exploring" each vertex takes  $\text{out-deg}(u)$  time, the total RT is  $O(m+n)$ , where  $m = \#$  of edges.

→ Yes! Because if the input is size  $k$ , then anything that is  $O(k)$  is linear time.

→ Think about the input -- if it were a simple 1D array of  $n$  elements, then anything running in  $O(n)$  time would be linear. But here, our input is an adjacency list of length  $m+n$ . Input  $G$  has  $n$  lists. The sum of the sizes of each list is  $m$ .

Is  $O(m+n)$  linear time?

→ Running Time depends on the input. Whenever the RT  $\approx$  the input size, it is linear time.

→ For ex.,  $O(n^2)$  would be "linear time" for an adjacency matrix, since adj. matrices are of size  $n \times n$ .

### - Cycle Finding -

What is the Cycle-Finding problem?

What is a cycle in a directed graph?

Why does DFS help us solve Cycle-Finding?

What is the algorithm for Cycle-Finding?

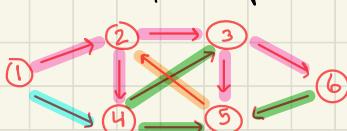
→ A problem that applies DFS. Again, the input is a directed graph  $G$

→ Goal: Return a directed cycle in  $G$  — or, if none exists, then nothing.

→ A "subgraph" or set of edges & vertices that is a sequence of adjacent & distinct nodes; e.g., the 1<sup>st</sup> & last vertices in the path are the same, BUT no other vertex is repeated.



→ Recall the types of edges in a Graph being evaluated on DFS:



= tree : traversed during alg

= forward : edges between nodes  $(u, v)$  where  $\exists$  a path from  $u$  to  $v$  in the DFS tree.

= backward : edges between nodes  $(v, u)$  s.t. "

= cross : all other edges

→ Notice that the back-edge in the above graph is what connects the tree edges to form a cycle!



- back-edge from  $v, u = 5, 2$
- tree-edges showing that  $v=5$  can be reached from  $u=2$

→ 3 tree edges & 1 back edge always form a cycle.

→ Intuition:

• Run DFS on the graph to obtain pre- & post- values as well as a DFS Tree  $T$ .

• If there exists a back-edge  $(u, v)$ , then we know that  $\exists$  a path  $P$  in  $T$  that goes from  $v$  to  $u$ . The path + the back edge forms a cycle.

• Return  $P + (u, v)$  as a cycle in  $G$

Find-Cycle ( $G$ ):

DFS ( $G$ )

$T = \text{DFS Tree}$

for  $u$  in  $V$ :

    for  $v$  in  $G[u]$ :

        if  $(u, v)$  is a back-edge:

$P = \text{the } v \rightarrow u \text{ path in } T$

            return  $P + (u, v)$

$\rightarrow V$  is the literal "array" of vertices (rather than " $G$ " which is the graph)

"if  $\text{pre}[v] < \text{pre}[u] < \text{post}[u] < \text{post}[v]$ "

What is the RT w/  
Cycle-Finding?

- Checking for a back-edge is  $O(1)$
- Running DFS & constructing T is  $O(m+n)$
- RT:  $O(m+n)$

## -Topological Ordering-

What is the input and goal?

What is a D.A.G.?

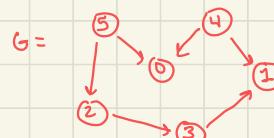
What is a topological ordering?

Example?

What is another way to think  
of topo sort?

What is the intuition behind  
the Topo-Sort algorithm?

- Input: A Directed Acyclic Graph (DAG) G.
- Goal: Return a list R that contains a topological ordering of the nodes in G.
- A graph with no cycles... we can check whether topological ordering can be applied to a given dir. graph G by first running `Find-Cycle()` on it!
- An ordering of all nodes in V s.t. every edge goes from left to right.
- Formally: An ordering R of V s.t. for all  $(u,v) \in E$  (all edges), u appears before v in R.
  - basically, a listing of the nodes  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_n \in V$  where every node only appears in the list AFTER all the nodes pointing to it have appeared.
- There can be multiple topo sorts for a graph.



$$R = [5, 4, 2, 3, 1, 0]$$

OR

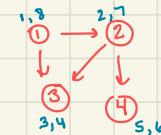
$$R = [4, 5, 0, 2, 3, 1]$$

- The first element will be a node that has no edges pointing at it (like 4 or 5)
- Notice that 0 can't come in the list until 4 & 5 already have.
- If you draw the nodes in R in order from L to R, and then add the edges, all edges should be following the flow of left-to-right. For ex:



- Intuition: run DFS on the graph to obtain post[] values, and sort the nodes by decreasing post value

Example:

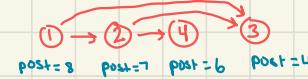


$$\text{pre[]} = [1, 2, 3, 5]$$

$$\text{post[]} = [8, 7, 4, 6]$$

$$R = [1, 2, 4, 3]$$

↓



What is the algorithm for Topo-Sort?

→ To save some running time, we can slightly modify DFS s.t. we create the final ordering  $R$  as we traverse — rather than running DFS & then sorting  $\text{post}[v]$ .

How do we "modify" DFS for this purpose?

→ Everytime we set a node  $u$ 's  $\text{post-val}$  (in the `Explore()` helper function), we should then add a line of code to "add  $u$  to front of  $R$ ".  
• Why? b/c everytime we set a  $\text{post-val}$  for a node, that is (by nature), the biggest  $\text{post-val}$  so far. So we can thus add them to the front of  $R$ .

`Explore_for_Topo_Sort(G, u):`

```
pre[u] = t ; t+1
for v in G[u]:
 if pre[v] == ∞:
 explore(G, v)
post[u] = t ; t+1
Append u to front of R
```

`DFS(G):`

```
/* same implementation; see notes
on DFS */
```

`Topo_Sort(G):`

```
R = [empty list]
DFS(G)
return R
```

What is the RT of Topo-Sort?

→ Topo-Sort alg = DFS alg with one extra line -- appending to a list ( $R$ ).  
This only takes  $O(1)$  time.

→ Thus, R.T. of Topo Sort = R.T. of DFS =  $O(m+n)$

### - Strongly Connected Components -

What does it mean for a graph to be strongly connected?

Example?

→ A directed graph where there is a directed path between every pair of vertices; every node can be reached from every other node.

• For all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $\exists$  a path from  $u$  to  $v$  AND  $v$  to  $u$ .

→ Any cycle will be strongly connected.

→ A strongly connected graph  $G$ :



→ Not strongly connected:  $① \rightarrow ② \xrightarrow{\text{red}} ③ \dots$  Why? there's no path from 3 to 1.

→ A "subgraph" of a graph  $G$  — aka, a subset of vertices — that is strongly connected.

→ A subset of vertices that all have paths to & from one another.



•  $G$  is not a strongly connected graph, but  $[1, 2], [3, 5, 6]$ , and  $[4]$  are SCCs.

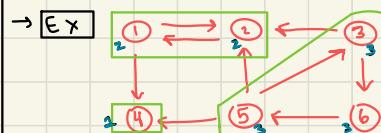
→ Actually, yes. Every directed graph can be partitioned into its strongly connected components.

• Even if the SCC subsets have length 1, like  $[4]$  from the ex above.

Do all graphs have SCCs?

What is the problem statement for SCC?

- Input: directed graph  $G$
- Goal: return an array  $C$  s.t. for all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  are in the same SCC if and only if  $C[u] = C[v]$
- aka, for every SCC, all members of the SCC are "labeled" with the same "SCC number".



ANS  $C = [2, 2, 3, 1, 3, 3]$

nodes 1, 2 are an SSS  
nodes 3, 4, 5, 6 are an SCC

What is the algorithm?

SCC( $G$ ):

- $G^R = \text{reverse of } G$
- $\text{pre, post} = \text{DFS}(G^R)$
- $C = [\infty] * n$
- $K = 1$
- for  $u \in V$  in decreasing order of  $\text{post}[u]$ :
  - if  $C[u] = \infty$ :
  - $\text{BFS}(G, u)$
  - $K += 1$  → K represents the "SCC number" for labeling.
  - set  $C[v] = K$  for all  $v$  reached from  $u$  → only and if  $C[v] == \infty$
- return  $C$

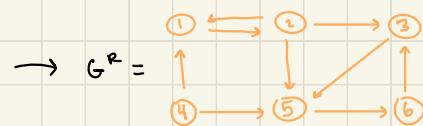
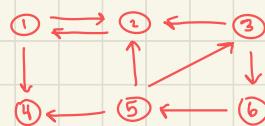
- Construct the reverse graph of  $G$ ,  $G^R$ , by reversing every edge in  $G$  (flip the arrows, e.g.  $(u, v) \in E(G)$  becomes  $(v, u) \in E(G^R)$ )  
Implementation:  $G^R = [C^R] * n$  // graph with  $n$  vertices & 0 edges (linear time)
  - for  $u$  in  $V(G)$ : // for each vertex in og graph,
  - for  $v$  in  $G[u]$ : // look at its out neighbors
    - add  $u$  to  $G^R[v]$  // add a reverse edge to  $G^R$
- Run  $\text{DFS}(G^R)$  to get the post values for every  $u \in V$ .
- For each vertex  $u \in V$  (in order of decreasing  $\text{post}[u]$ ), run  $\text{BFS}(G, u)$  with a "wrapper", to find the vertices reachable from  $u$  in  $G$ .
  - \*  $\text{BFS}(u)$  with a wrapper: meaning, only run  $\text{BFS}(u)$  on a vertex if it hasn't already been discovered in a previous  $\text{BFS}(u)$  call.
  - \* When running  $\text{BFS}(G, u)$ , ignore any node/outneighbor  $v$  if  $C[v] != \infty$
- Whenever we have to restart  $\text{BFS}$  (iterations of step 3's for-loop), that represents a new SCC. Label all nodes explored in that call with "SCC number"  $K$  (and then increment  $K$ ).

## Example of running $\text{SCC}(G)$ ?

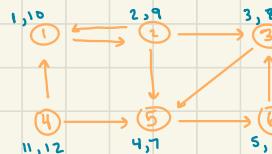
→ Let's use the graph from the earlier example of SCCs.

$$c = [a, \infty, \infty, \infty, \infty, \infty]$$

1. Obtain  $G^R$ :



2.



$$\text{post}[7] = [10, 9, 8, 12, 7, 6] \quad (\text{for } G^R)$$

$$\text{post}[4] = 12$$

3. Run  $\text{BFS}(G, s = \text{node w/ highest post value})$

$\text{BFS}(G, 4)$

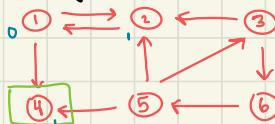


•  $\text{BFS}(G, 4)$  returns  $d = [\infty, \infty, \infty, 1, \infty, \infty]$  b/c node 4 has no out-neighbors

4.  $c = [a, a, \infty, 1, \infty, \infty]; k = 2$

5. Run  $\text{BFS}(G, s = \text{node w/ second highest post value})$   $\text{BFS}(G, 1)$

• ignore node 4 because  $c[4] \neq \infty$



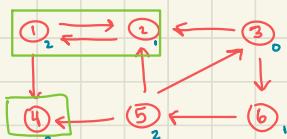
•  $\text{BFS}(G, 1)$  returns  $d = [0, 1, \infty, \infty, 2, \infty, \infty]$

we set  $c[u] = k$  for all the nodes explored by the BFS call -- in this case,  $\text{BFS}(G, 1)$ , which only explored nodes 1 and 2... well, did explore node 4 but since  $c[4] \neq \infty$  already filled, we don't care

6.  $c = [2, 2, \infty, 1, \infty, \infty]; k = 3$

7. DON'T run  $\text{BFS}(G, s = \text{node w/ next + highest post value})$  b/c next-highest post-val is node 2, but  $c[2] \neq \infty$  ... it also belongs to a group

8. Run  $\text{BFS}(G, s = \text{node w/ next highest post value})$   $\text{BFS}(G, 3)$



•  $\text{BFS}(G, 3)$  returns  $d = [2, 1, \infty, 3, 2, 1]$  ... but excluding explored nodes (green boxes) it is basically  $d = [\infty, \infty, 0, \infty, 2, 1]$

9.  $c = [2, 2, 3, 1, 3, 3]; k = 4$

10. Done!

What is the RT of  
SCC?

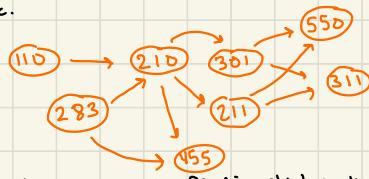
- Constructing  $G^R$  and running DFS (for post vals) :  $O(m+n)$  time
- Run BFS from one vertex  $u$  for each SCC (aka a total of at most  $\approx$  times) ... but the amt. of vertexes it has to process decreases so ..
- Total RT:  $O(m+n)$

### — Applications —

What is an application of  
Cycle-Finding?

- Say you are constructing the course structure for the CS major at a university. You decide what classes are required to take other classes; what classes must be taken in sequence, etc.

(edge  $u,v$  indicates  
that course  $u$  is a  
prerequisite for course  $v$ )



- Once you've made your list/structure, use cycle-finding alg to make sure that there isn't a "loop" of classes that depend on each other as prerequisites, meaning that none of them can be taken. For ex:



What is an application of  
Topo Sort?

- As a student: Use Topo Sort to, given the CS major course structure, figure out a possible order in which you should take all the classes!

# Ch 3 : Greedy Algorithms

What is a greedy algorithm?

- An algorithm that iteratively constructs a solution ("one piece at a time") by, in each iteration, choosing the option that appears the most optimal right then, without considering how current decisions affect future options.
- Thinking short-term; best option at each moment
- Greedy algorithms typically don't work

## - 3.1: Minimum Spanning Tree -

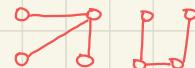
What is a "Tree"?

- A special type of graph or "subgraph" of a graph  $G = (V, E)$
- $T = (V, F)$ 
  - $V(T) = V(G)$ : a tree has the same set of vertices as the graph.
  - $F(T) \subseteq E(G)$ : a tree's edges are some subset of the edges of the graph.
- A tree  $T$  of some graph  $G$  that has the same properties as above, but is also connected.
- For this problem, we will consider undirected rather than directed graphs.

Example?

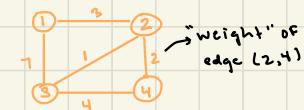


possible spanning trees:



What is the problem statement for MST?

- **Input:** An undirected, connected graph  $G$ , where each edge has a distinct "weight"  $w(e) \in \mathbb{Z}$  assigned to it, for ex:



- **Goal:** Return a Minimum Spanning Tree of  $G$ .

- A list of  $n$  lists of arrays of size 2, where  $n = \#$  of nodes
- Each element of the list  $G$  represents a node's out-neighbors (e.g.  $G[u]$  is the list for node  $u$ )
- $u$  is comprised of a "tuple" (or array of size 2) for each one of its out-neighbors, where  $G[u[1]]$  = the out-neighbor vertex  $v$ , and  $G[u[2]]$  = the weight of the edge between  $u$  and  $v$ .
- So the ex graph above would look like this:

$$G = [[ [2, 3], [3, 7] ],$$

$$[[1, 3], [3, 1], [4, 2]],$$

$$[[1, 7], [2, 1], [4, 4]],$$

$$[[2, 2], [3, 4]] ]$$

→ node 1 has an out neighbor 2, with edge weight 3. node 1 has out-neighbors 3 w/ edge weight 7.

node 3:

• out-n 1 w/  $w(e)=7$

• out-n 2 w/  $w(e)=1$

• out-n 4 w/  $w(e)=4$

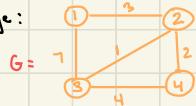
What is a Minimum Spanning Tree?

→ A spanning tree of a graph  $G$  s.t. the sum of the weights of all edges in  $T$  is minimized.

• e.g., pick the subset of edges that allows  $T$  to be connected at the minimum weight possible.

Example?

→ From ex on prev page:



What does MST return  
(in code)?

→ Instead of explicitly returning a tree  $T$  in adjacency list format, we can just return a list  $F$  of edges, e.g.  $\text{MST}(G) = ((1,2), (2,4), (2,3))$

Can a graph have multiple MSTs?

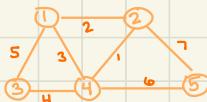
### - Prim's Algorithm -

What is Prim's Algorithm?

What is the idea behind it, with an example?

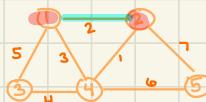
→ One of 3 algorithms for solving the MST problem. "Building a cut".

→ EX:



- Intuition:  
1) Start at any vertex  $v$  and add it to your "bubble".  
2) To "connect it" to the "outside world" (rest of the graph), select the edge (connected to  $v$ ) with the lightest weight and add it to "bubble".

Add the associated vertex on other side to the bubble.



• Started at vertex 1. Lightest edge-weight is for edge (1,2). added 2 to "bubble".

- 3) Continue this process: The vertex  $v$  just added becomes the one you're focused on.

• pick the lightest edge weight that "leaves the bubble"; e.g., that leads to a vertex that is not in the bubble.



• Added edge (2,3). Added vertex 3. The lightest edge from 3 is (3,4), but 4 is still in the bubble, so we add (4,3). Added vertex 4.

- 4) When there are no edges leading outside the bubble, "backtrack" to the previous node and check if there are edges leaving the bubble.



• Nowhere to go from vertex 3, so backtrack to vertex 4. add (4,5) and vertex 5.

• Done!

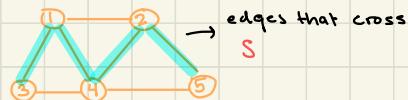
Continue steps  
3 and 4 until all  
nodes have been  
added to bubble

What is a **cut**?

→ A cut  $S$  is a subset of vertices in  $G$ .

→ An edge **Crosses** a cut  $S$  if it has **exactly 1 endpoint in  $S$** .

→ EX:  $S = \{1, 2\}$



What is the actual algorithm?

Prim( $G$ ):

```
S = {1}
F = [empty list]
for i=1,...,n-1:
 e = lightest edge crossing S
 v = endpoint of e not in S
 add v to S; add e to F
return F
```

→ begin with node 1 in the "bubble."

→ Find the lightest edge of all the edges, where exactly 1 endpoint of the edge is an element of  $S$ .

→ In real code, this line would actually be a for-loop (eg, "for each edge: check if it crosses  $S$ ; if it does, check if its lighter than lightest edge so far", and so on)

→ Once you find  $e$ , add the endpoint of  $e$  that ISN'T in  $S$ , to  $S$ .

→ add the edge to final answer list of edges.

But how would we actually implement the "set"  $S$ ?

Why does the loop run  $n-1$  iterations?

→ Using a binary array. e.g.:

- an "empty set"  $S = \emptyset \approx S = [0] * n$ ; an array of all 0's; one for each node.
- "add  $u$  to  $S$ "  $\approx S[u] = 1$
- "remove  $u$  from  $S$ "  $\approx S[u] = 0$

→ To connect  $n$  vertices, where  $n = \#$  of nodes in  $G$ , you need  $n-1$  edges.

Therefore, the tree  $T$  returned by MST will always have  $n-1$  edges. We need at most  $n-1$  iterations to get this.

→ Alternatively, you could replace the while loop with "while  $|S| < n$ "; aka, while the cut  $S$  doesn't contain all the nodes.

```
for u=1,...n:
 for v in G[u]:
 if S[u]=1 and S[v]=0 (or S[v]=0 and S[u]=1??):
 ...

```

How would we implement the for-loop to find  $e$ ?

What is the Cut Property?

→ For every cut  $S$  in  $G$ , the lightest-weight edge crossing  $S$  is in the MST of  $G$ .

→ Proof: assume for contradiction that  $\exists$  a cut  $S$  s.t. the lightest edge  $e_1$  crossing  $S$  is not in the MST  $T$  for  $G$ .

• if we were to add edge  $e_1$  to  $T$ , it would become a cycle - meaning that it would no longer have the minimum amount of edges needed.

• To "fix" this, it would logically make sense to remove one edge... and why would we remove  $e_1$  if we can remove a heavier one?

→ Proof isn't really complete... see notes/video for explanation.

Why is Prim's alg wrong?

What is the R.T. of Prim's algorithm?

- In each iter. of Prim's, we add the lightest edge crossing  $S$ , to  $F$ . By the Cut Property, this edge is in the MST  $T$ ... so  $F$  is always a subset of  $T$ .
- Since the alg. terminates when  $F$  has  $n-1$  edges, and any spanning tree has exactly  $n-1$  edges, it returns the MST of  $G$ .
- Creating the binary array  $S$ , and list  $F$ , takes  $O(1)$  time.
- The loop runs for at most  $n-1$  iterations
- finding  $e$  (the lightest edge crossing  $S$ ) will take  $O(m)$  time (scan every edge and keep track of the lightest  $e$  that crosses  $S$ )
- The rest of the stuff in the loop is  $O(1)$  time.
- Therefore, the RT of each iteration is  $O(m)$ , and there are a total of  $n-1 \approx n$  iterations. So the total RT is  $O(mn)$ -time.  
( $O(mn)$  is better than  $O(m^2)$ , so  $O(mn) \approx O(m^2)$ ).

### - Kruskal's Algorithm -

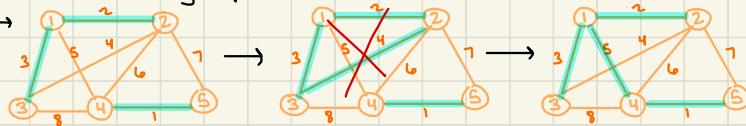
What is Kruskal's algorithm?

How does it work?

Example?

What is the algorithm?

- Another way to implement MST that doesn't focus on building a bubble, but instead on sorting the edges by weight.
- Intuition: "Pick" the edges in order of increasing weight, but don't create a cycle.
- Algorithm: Sort  $E$  by increasing weight. For each edge  $e$  in this order, add  $e$  to a list of edges  $F$  (initially empty), if  $F+e$  is acyclic (e.g. if adding edge  $e$  doesn't create a cycle in  $F$ ). Return  $F$ .



- We add edges  $(4,5)$ ,  $(1,2)$ , and  $(1,3)$  to  $F$  because they have the 3 lightest weights.
- The next lightest weight is edge  $(2,3)$ ... but since adding this to  $F$  ( $F$ =blue highlight edges) would create a cycle, we don't add it.
- $F = [(1,2), (1,3), (1,4), (4,5)]$

Kruskal( $G$ ):

put edges in an array  $E$

sort  $E$  by increasing weight

$F = []$

for  $e$  in  $E$ :

    if  $F+e$  is acyclic:

        add  $e$  to  $F$

return  $F$

" $F+e$ " is a list of edges. We can run

$\text{DFS}(G_i = (V(G), F+e))$  to check whether its acyclic by seeing

if " $G_i$ " has back edges.  $\text{DFS}$  works for undirected graphs.

- You could also do this check with  $\text{BFS}$ : run  $\text{BFS}$  on  $F$  with  $S = \text{either endpoint } (e_s, e_t) \text{ in } e$ . If  $\text{BFS}$  returns  $d[e_s] (\text{if } s=e_s) = \infty$ , that means that  $e$ , and  $e_s$  are currently not connected at all, and therefore adding  $e$  to  $F$  won't create a cycle.

What is the RT. For Kruskal's?

- creating & sorting list of edges:  $O(m \log m)$
- $m$  iterations of the "for  $e$  in  $E$ " loop (once for each edge)
- Checking if  $F + e$  is acyclic (DFS or BFS):  $O(m+n)$
- Total RT:  $O(m \log m) + m \cdot O(m+n) = O(m^2)$
- because of the Cut Property (see textbook pg 16)

Why is Kruskal's correct?

### - Reverse Delete -

What is the Cycle property?

Proof?

- For any cycle  $C$  in  $G$ , the heaviest edge in  $C$  is not in the MST of  $G$ .
- Assume for contradiction that  $\exists$  a cycle  $C$  whose heaviest edge  $f$  is in the

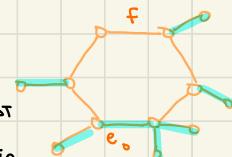


- Removing  $f$  from MST  $T$  creates a cut (removing any edge from a tree breaks it up into 2 parts aka 2 cuts)

- Since there is a cycle from one endpoint of  $f$  to the other endpoint, there will be another edge  $e_o$  in the same cycle  $C$  that crosses the cut:

- $f$  is the heaviest edge, so  $w(e_o) < w(f)$

- Therefore, replacing edge  $f$  with edge  $e_o$  in the MST would improve it (meaning  $T$  was never a valid MST in the first place)



What is Reverse-Delete?

How does it work?

- the 3rd Way to implement MST. Sort of a "backwards Kruskal's"

- Idea: Sort  $E$  by decreasing weight. For each edge  $e$  in this ordering of  $E$ , remove  $e$  from  $G$  if  $G - e$  ( $G$  without edge  $e$ ) is connected. Return  $G$ .

- Basically, we start w/ the original graph  $G$  and remove edges, starting with the heaviest one and working down (by order of decreasing weight)
- Every time we want to remove a heavy edge, we first check whether the graph  $G$  would still be connected without it.
- If it would, then we can remove the edge. If not, we can't.
- At the end, we return what is left of  $G$ . This is the MST of  $G$ .

Reverse-Delete ( $G$ ):

sort  $E$  by decreasing weight

for  $e$  in  $E$ :

  if  $G - e$  is connected:

    remove  $e$  from  $G$

return  $G$

What is the algorithm?

What is the RT of Reverse-Delete?

→ Same as Kruskal's :

- $O(m \log m)$  to sort edges
- $m$  iterations of for-loop
- checking if graph is connected :  $O(m+n)$  (BFS or DFS)

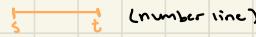
→ Total RT :  $O(m \log m) + m \cdot O(m+n) = O(m^2)$

### 3.2 : Selecting Compatible Intervals

What is an interval?

→ An array of 2 positive integers  $[s, t]$  s.t.  $s \leq t$

→ represents an event, where  $s$  = start time and  $t$  = end time.



What is the SCI problem statement?

→ **Input**: an array  $A$  of  $n$  intervals (aka a 2-D array)

• EX :  $A = [[1, 5], [2, 4], [3, 6], [7, 8]]$

→ **Goal**: Return a list  $S$  of compatible intervals that contains as many intervals as possible.

→ A list of intervals s.t. no 2 intervals in the list conflict at any point in "time".

→ For ex, imagine that  $A$  represents a list of event times at a conference. You want to know the max amt of events you can attend (so, no overlap), and the list of events to attend.

→ Essentially, among all intervals compatible with  $S$ , keep adding the interval  $e$  according to some criterion  $C$ .

→ Greedy = always picking the 'best option'... however we decide to define that.

1) pick the interval  $e$  that criterion  $C$ .

2) Remove all intervals that conflict with  $e$

3) Repeat steps 1-2 until no intervals left.

→  $C$  = pick the interval  $e$  that...

1. Starts the earliest (intuition: start attending events as early as possible)

2. is the shortest

3. has the fewest conflicts with the remaining events (eg overlaps w/ fewest number of remaining intervals)

4. ends the earliest

→ **Option 1**: If the first event takes all day, then this alg might return a list of size 1 (aka only first interval), when the optimal # of events is much greater.

→ **Option 2**: Let  $|A|=3$  events, where the shortest event overlaps with the 2 longer ones:



This alg would return  $|S|=1$ , when optimally, size of  $S=2$  (attend e1 and e2)

What are compatible intervals?

What is a real-world application of this problem?

How do you solve this problem in a "greedy" way?

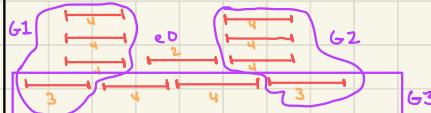
Outline of the algorithm?

What are 4 possible choices for the "criterion"  $C$ ?

What are counter-examples for options 1-3?

→ Option 3 (event with fewest conflicts w/ remaining events):

- for each event, opt. 3 assesses each event by the # of events that conflict with it
- Let  $|A| = 11$  and the events in A look like this, where the  $\# = \#$  of conflicts:



- The alg will first select event e0. Then, its only options are one event from G1 and one from G2. So the output # of events will be 3.

- However, optimally  $|S| = 4$  -- all events in G3. Therefore, in this case, option 3 will not produce the correct answer.

→ Option 4: keep picking the interval that ends the earliest.

Select-Intervals (A):

sort A by non-decreasing end time → aka, increasing order of values of  $t_e$

$S = [\text{empty list}]$

for  $e$  in  $A$ :

if  $e$  doesn't conflict with the last interval in  $S$ :

add  $e$  to  $S$

return  $S$

We only need to check against the last interval because we are adding intervals in order of end time. If  $e$  conflicts with any interval in  $S$ , it must also conflict with the last interval.

So what is the optimal criterion?

Okay, so what is the SCI algorithm?

What is the RT of SCI?

→ Sorting the intervals:  $O(n \log n)$

→ For loop:  $\approx$  iterations so  $O(n)$

→ Total RT:  $O(n \log n)$

### - 3.3: Fractional Knapsack -

What is the input?

→  $(V, W, B)$ , where

•  $V$  and  $W$  are arrays of  $\approx$  positive integers

•  $B$  is a positive integer

→ You have  $n$  items. Each item has a value (\$) and a weight (1bs.). For each item  $i$  in  $1-n$ , the value is  $V[i]$  and the weight is  $W[i]$ . For ex:

$V = [3, 5, 10]$  → item one is \$3 and weighs 1lb  
 $W = [1, 2, 5]$  → item two is \$5 and weighs 2lb

→ You have a knapsack that can hold at most  $B$  pounds of items. GOAL: choose which items to put in our bag s.t. the \$ value is maximized.

→ Also, we are allowed to "fractionalize": We can take  $1/2$  (or  $1/4$ ,  $1/8$ , etc.) of an item, which would add  $V[\text{item}]/2$  and  $W[\text{item}]/2$  lbs to the bag.

What does this problem represent? (The story)

What is the goal?

- Return an array  $x$  of size  $n$  (aka one element for each of item), where  $x[i]$  = the fraction of item  $i$  that we are taking; e.g.,  $0 \leq x[i] \leq 1$  such that:
  - sum of all weights is  $\leq B$
  - sum of the value of the items in the bag is maximized

What is the algorithm?

- Idea: keep picking the item that gets you the highest "value per weight",  $v[i]/w[i]$ .
  - Sort the items by non-increasing  $v[i]/w[i]$
  - In this order, pick as much of each item as possible until the total weight exceeding  $B$  (aka increase  $x[i]$  by as much as possible)

Fractional-Knapsack( $v, w, B$ ):

sort items by non-increasing  $v[i]/w[i]$

$x = [0] * n$

for each item  $i$ :

increase  $x[i]$  by as much as possible

return  $x$

$x[i]$  must be  $\leq 1$  and the total weight of knapsack must be  $\leq B$ . So take  $x[i]=1$  if you have space for it.  
Otherwise, take the fraction  
 $x[i] = \frac{\text{remaining weight}}{\text{weight of item}}$

What is the RT of fractional knapsack?

→ Sorting the items:  $O(n \log n)$

→ for loop:  $O(n)$

→ total RT:  $O(n \log n)$

## Midterm 1 Review

### General Notes

REVIEW NEEDED: \* Merge Sort \* "BFS tree"  
 \* DFS alg intuition \* SCC \* GREEDY ALGS \* PSSUMOCS ALL FOR SCC

\* RT on prob 2 qn  
 \* RT linear & stuff with m, n

- Running Time: For undirected, connected graphs:  $n \leq m+1$  so  $O(m+n)$  is actually  $O(n)$  - e.g. for BFS, DFS, etc.
- Array indices start at 1 →  $O(\log n)$  is BETTER than  $O(n)$ , which is better than  $O(n \log n)$
- $G = (V, E)$  but the pseudocode for vertices in a graph must be "for  $u$  in  $V$ "

## Ch. 1: Array Algorithms

### Max in Array

### Two Sum

|              |                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Input</b> | Array A of distinct pos. integers                                                                                                              | • (A, t): Array A of n distinct, sorted integers and int t.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Goal</b>  | Return largest int in A                                                                                                                        | • Return indices (i, j) s.t. $i \leq j$ and $A[i] + A[j] = t$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Idea</b>  | • Set ans = A[1]. Scan through every element of array ( $n$ iterations) and check if its bigger than ans. If so update ans = A[i]. Return ans. | • Start w/ "pointers" at beginning and end of array.<br>$(i=1, j=\text{len}(A))$<br>• For (at most) $\Omega$ iterations (for $x \leq \text{len}(A)$ OR while $i < j$ ):<br>- calculate sum = A[i] + A[j]. If sum = t, return i, j<br>- If sum < t, set i += 1 and try again<br>- If sum > t, set j -= 1 and try again |
| <b>RT</b>    | • $O(n)$ - $\Omega$ iterations of for loop                                                                                                     | • $O(n)$ - $\Omega$ iterations of for-loop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

### Binary Search

### Selection Sort

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>Input</b> | (A, t): A = array of sorted integers<br>t = integer<br>(SHMIS vs Two-Sum)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | A = array of distinct integers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Goal</b>  | Return index k s.t. $A[k] = t$                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Return A in increasing sorted order                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Idea</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set 2 pointers i, j = 1, n</li> <li>• While <math>i \leq j</math>:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• let m = index at middle of array. Check if <math>A[m] = t</math> (if so, return m)</li> <li>• If <math>A[m] &gt; t</math>, create new "subarray" by setting <math>j = m-1</math> (now we are only checking elements from the beginning to the middle of the array); <math>\frac{n}{2}</math> elements).</li> <li>• Else if <math>A[m] &lt; t</math>, create new "subarray" by setting <math>i = m+1</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For i in range(1, n) (<math>\Omega</math> iterations):                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• let m = i</li> <li>• For j in range (i+1, n): (the rest of the array after i)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check if <math>A[j]</math> is smaller than <math>A[m]</math>, which implies that it needs to be moved back in the array. If so, swap <math>A[i]</math> with <math>A[j]</math>.</li> <li>• let m = j and continue</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Basically, idea is to find the smallest element besides index 1. Swap that element w/ <math>A[1]</math>. Now, find smallest indexes 2-2. Swap that element w/ <math>A[2]</math>. And so on.. building sorted order bit by bit.</li> </ul> |
| <b>RT</b>    | • $O(\log n)$ : In each iter, the number of elements <sup>to parse through</sup> halves.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | $O(n^2)$ : 2 for loops                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

## Merge - Sort

**Input**

Same as Selection Sort...  $A = \text{array of } n \text{ integers}$

**Goal**

Sort in increasing order

**Idea**

• Split  $A$  into left & right half subarrays and recursively sort each half then merge them together.

**RT**

•  $O(n \log n)$ : The processes of the alg take  $O(n)$  time (e.g. comparing & appending etc.). Since alg is recursively called on inputs half the size of the prev one ... total of  $\log n$  calls \*  $n$  per call =  $n \log n$ .

## Ch 2: Essential Graph Algorithms

### Breadth-First Search

→ **Input**: Directed graph  $G$ , int  $s$  where  $s \in V$

→ **Goal**: array  $d$ , where  $d[i]$  is the "distance" (# of edges that have to be crossed) from node  $s$  to node  $i$

→ **IDEA**:

1. Add node  $s$  to a queue. Set  $d[s] = 0$
2. While queue has elements in it, pop the (least recently added) vertex from queue and "process it"
  - For every out-neighbor  $v$  of  $u$  that hasn't been explored, set  $d[v] = d[u] + 1$ . Add  $v$  to the queue.

→ **APPLICATIONS**:

- For a graph  $G$  or a "subgraph"  $G$ , we can run BFS to find out if the graph or subgraph is connected.
- If running  $\text{BFS}(G, u_1)$  returns an array of all  $\infty$ 's, we know that node  $u_1$  is alone, not connected to anything else.
- If running  $\text{BFS}(G, s)$  for any  $s$  returns array where any element is  $\infty$ , graph is not connected.

→ **OTHER NOTES**:

- "For  $u$  in  $V$ ": pseudocode for iterating through every vertex in the graph
- "For  $v$  in  $G[u]$ ": pseudocode for iter. through all outneighbors of a vertex  $u$ .
- A "BFS" tree (all edges traversed while running BFS) is a spanning tree.

→ **RT**:  $O(m+n)$

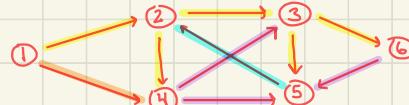
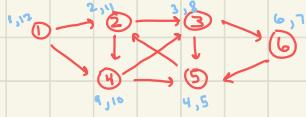
### Depth-First Search

→ **Input**: directed graph  $G$ .

→ **RT**:  $O(m+n)$

→ **Output**: 2 arrays  $\text{pre}[ ]$  and  $\text{post}[ ]$

→ **APPLICATIONS**: Cycle Finding, TopoSort



- **Tree edge**: edge traversed while running DFS (to a node when it was 1<sup>st</sup> explored)
- **Forward edge**: edge  $(u,v)$  s.t. in the TREE, there is a path from  $u$  to  $v$
- **Back edge**: edge  $(u,v)$  s.t. in the TREE,  $\exists$  a path from  $v$  to  $u$
- **Cross edge**: any other edge

## Cycle-Finding

- Input: Directed, connected graph  $G$
- RT:  $O(m+n)$ : uses DFS
- Idea: On a graph with all edges labeled, notice that the existence of a back edge implies a cycle (between a back edge and some # of tree edges). So all we need to do is check for a back edge.
- Algorithm: Run DFS and obtain the DFS tree  $T$ , as well as  $\text{pre}[ ]$  and  $\text{post}[ ]$ .

FOR each vertex (for  $u$  in  $V$ ):

[these 2 lines represent iterating through all of the edges]

FOR each of its out neighbors (for  $v$  in  $G[u]$ ):

[each combo of  $(u,v)$  s.t.  $v$  is out-neighbor of  $u$ ]

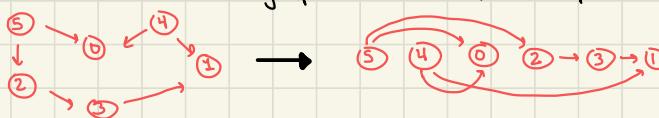
if  $\text{pre}[v] < \text{pre}[u] < \text{post}[u] < \text{post}[v]$ : [formula to check if edge is back edge]

$P = \text{path in } T \text{ from } v \text{ to } u$

return  $P + (u,v)$

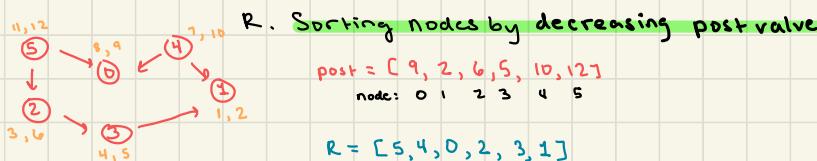
## Topological Ordering

- Input: a directed acyclic graph  $G$ . → Output: a list  $R$  that is a topological ordering of the nodes
- Topological ordering : list of all nodes s.t. → RT:  $O(m+n)$ : uses DFS
  - For all edges  $(u,v) \in E$ ,  $v$  shouldn't appear in the list before  $u$
  - Draw the nodes of a graph from L-to-R... the topo-sort should follow this L-to-R flow.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{ANS: } R &= [5, 4, 0, 2, 3, 1] \text{ or} \\ R &= [4, 5, 0, 2, 3, 1] \text{ or} \\ R &= [5, 4, 2, 0, 3, 1] \end{aligned}$$

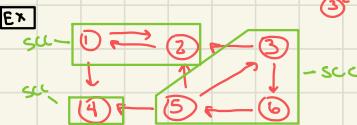
- Algorithm: run DFS, and each time you add a node to the  $\text{post}[ ]$  array, append it to the front of



## Strongly Connected Components

- Input: Directed graph  $G$
- Output: An array  $C$  of the nodes labeled by the SCC they are in. For all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  are in the same SCC i.f.f.  $C[u] = C[v]$
- Strongly Connected: A "subgraph" of a graph  $G$  - aka subset of vertices  $V_1$  - s.t. for every node in  $V_1$  there is a directed path to every other node in  $V_1$ .

→ All cycles are SCCs →



$V_1 = [1, 2, 3]$  is an SCC b/c all nodes reachable from one another.

→ SCC in directed graph is analogous to a connected component in an undirected graph.

- The undir. graph converted from a connected digraph - or any connected undir. graph, for that matter - has exactly 1 connected component; the whole graph.

→ A graph is acyclic i.f.f. the size of every SCC is 1 vertex.

→ ALGORITHM:

1. Construct  $G^R$ , the reverse graph of  $G$ , by flipping every arrow (edge) (linear time???)
2. Run DFS on  $G^R$  to get the post values for each vertex
3. In order of highest-to-lowest post value  $\text{post}[u]$ , run BFS with  $s = u$  to find which vertices are reachable from  $u$  in  $G$ .
4. Each time  $\text{BFS}(G, u_x)$  returns, add all the nodes in it which aren't infinity, to a new SCC group.

## Ch. 2 Summary

BFS → use to find if graph or part of a graph isn't connected

DFS → use  $\text{post}[\cdot]$  vals in high-to-low order to create Topo Sort for a DAG

- use  $\text{pre}[\cdot]$  and  $\text{post}[\cdot]$  vals to check if a graph contains a back edge, which implies that it contains a cycle.

→ Do this by checking if  $\text{pre}[v] < \text{pre}[u] < \text{post}[u] < \text{post}[v]$  for every node  $v$  & its out-neighbors  $u$ .

SCC → Reverse the graph, Run DFS on reversed graph, use  $\text{post}[\cdot]$  to run BFS on each node in high-to-low post-val order.

The nodes explored by a given run of  $\text{BFS}(G^R, u_x)$  are all in the same SCC.

- Return array  $C$  s.t.  $C[v] = C[u]$  if  $v$  &  $u$  are in the same SCC

• Running  $\text{DFS}(G^R)$  to get post array. BUT we run BFS on  $G$ !!!

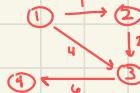
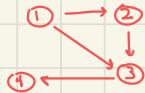
## Ch 3 : Greedy Algorithms

→ Choosing best option at each time that a choice has to be made.

→ **Weighted undirected graphs**: every edge  $e$  has weight  $w$ . In code, its similar input as the adj. list for a dir. graph  $G$ , except for every out-neighbor we use a tuple [vertex  $v$ , weight  $w$ ]:

$$G = [[2, 3], [3], [4], [ ]]$$

$$G = [[[2, 1], [3, 4]], [[3, 2]], [[4, 6]]]$$



→ **Spanning Tree**: a "path"/subgraph of a graph that reaches all nodes w/ minimum # of edges. Ex:



→ **Minimum Spanning Tree**: A ST where the sum of all weights of edges is minimized. Has exactly  $n-1$  edges.

• Goal: return an MST as a list of edges (tuples)  $F$  that the MST contains.

→ A **Cut** = a subset of vertices  $S$  in  $G$ . An edge crosses  $S$  if 1 endpoint is in  $S$ .

### Prim's Alg

→ Idea: Build a bubble by adding vertices to a cut & then looking for the lightest edge crossing the cut. Add lightest edges to a list  $F$ . Add vertices to cut  $S$ . Repeat  $n-1$  times or until  $|S|=n$ .



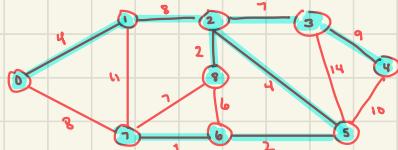
→ RT:  $O(m^2)$  ...  $(n-1) \cdot (m) = O(mn) = O(m^2)$

• # of edges in output MST =  $n-1$  so  $n-1$  iterations.

• finding lightest edge:  $O(m)$

### Kruskal's Alg

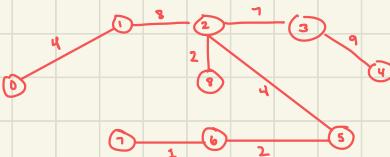
→ Idea: Sort the edges by increasing weight ( $O(m \log m)$ ). Add the edges to  $F$  in order, starting w/ lightest. Before adding each edge  $e$  to  $F$ , ensure that it won't create a cycle by running Cycle\_Finding/DFS on  $F$ . Only add it if  $F+e$  is acyclic.



→ RT:  $O(m^2) - O(m \log m) + (m \text{ iterations})(O(m))$

### Reverse-Delete

→ Idea: Sort edges by decreasing weight ( $m \log m$ ). From heaviest to lightest, for each edge  $e$  ( $m$  iterations): check whether  $G$  would still be connected if we remove  $e$  by using  $\text{BFS}(G-e)$ . If so, remove  $e$  from  $G$ .



→ RT:  $O(m^2)$  ... same as Kruskal's

## Selecting Compatible Intervals (SCI)

→ **Input**: Array A of  $n$  intervals (interval =  $[s, t]$  s.t.  $s \leq t$ ). They represent times.

→ **Goal**: Return a list S of compatible intervals that contains max N of intervals possible.

- compatible intervals = no overlap

→ Idea: keep selecting the interval that ends the earliest.

→ Algorithm: Sort A by non-decreasing end time  $\text{last}(t)$  from  $[s, t]$ . From lowest to highest, add interval  $x$  to S if it doesn't conflict w/ the last-added interval.

→ RT:  $O(n \log n) - n \log n$  (sort A) +  $n$  iterations  $\times O(1) = n \log n + n$

## Fractional Knapsack

→ **Input**:  $(v, w, B)$  where  $v$  = array [] of  $n$  values,  $w$  = array [] of  $n$  weights, and  $B$  = integer weight limit.

- There are  $n$  items, for items  $i_1, \dots, i_n$ ,  $v[i]$  is its value and  $w[i]$  is its weight.

→ **Goal**: Return array  $x$  of  $n$  IR numbers s.t.:

- $0 \leq x[i] \leq 1$
- $v[i] * x[i] =$  the value added to bag for item  $i$
- $w[i] * x[i] =$  weight added for item  $i$
- sum of  $x[i] * w[i]$  for all  $i$  is  $\leq B$
- value is maximized

→ Algorithm: Calculate ratio  $v[i]/w[i]$  for all items  $i$ , and sort the items by decreasing value.

For each item starting w/ highest ratio, add as much of item as possible w/o weight exceeding  $B$ .

→ RT:  $O(n \log n) - n \log n$  to sort,  $n$  O(1) iterations.

## Summary of All

### Array

- Max in array  $\rightarrow O(n)$
  - Two Sum  $\rightarrow O(n)$
  - Binary Search  $\rightarrow O(\log n)$
  - Merge Sort  $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$
  - Selection Sort  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$
- SORTED ARRAY      SORTED ARRAY
- returns max value int  
returns indices i,j  
returns index of int t for BT(array, t)

### Graph

- BFS  $\rightarrow O(m+n)$  for directed,  $O(m)$  for undirected.
- DFS: Cycle Finding  $\rightarrow O(m+n)$  or  $O(m)$  for undir.
- DFS . Topo Sort  $\rightarrow$  " input is DAG
- SCC  $\rightarrow G^R = \text{Reverse } G$ ; run DFS( $G^R$ ). Sort nodes in decreasing post[] order; In that order, For each node, run BFS( $G, s=\text{node}$ ) and add all connected nodes to one SCC.  
 •  $O(m+n)$

### Greedy

- MST (Prim's, Kruskal, R-D)  $\rightarrow O(n^2)$
- SC II  $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$
- FC  $\rightarrow O(n \log n)$

## Ch.4: Dynamic Programming

What is Dynamic Programming?

→ A way to solve problems that involves solving a sequence of increasingly larger subproblems by using solutions to smaller subproblems.

- "recursion with a table"

→ Recurrence of a subproblem.

→ Finding the soln is a little trickier BUT most of the time, dynamic alg. solutions work better than greedy ones when it comes to finding an "optimal" solution.

→ Dynamic is more formulaic

1. Find subproblems: smaller, not necessarily identical "versions" of the original problem.

- Which subproblems will we solve? What will we return?

2. Recurrence: How do we solve each subproblem using solutions to smaller subproblems? What are the base cases? Why does the recurrence hold?

- Similar idea to induction or recursion

- $\text{OPT}[j]$  = the "table" of solutions to each subproblem.

3. Algorithm: Turning this recurrence / the idea into pseudocode

- How do we use recurrence to populate a DP table (e.g. an array  $d$ )?

- Basically turning  $\text{OPT} \rightarrow d$ . Usually, we return the last element in  $d$ .

4. Remember to return a solution to the original problem itself.

→ Typically  $(\# \text{ of problems}) \times (\text{Time per subproblem})$

### — Using DP to solve "Max in Array" —

RECALL: What is Max in Array?

→ For an array  $A$  of  $n$  distinct pos. integers, return the largest int in  $A$ .

- Ex:  $A = [3, 1, 4, 5, 2]$

→ For all  $i$  in  $A$ , we can find the max integer between  $A[1]$  and  $A[i]$ ; e.g., starting at  $A[1]$  and continuously keeping track of the biggest int "so far".

- For all  $i$  in range  $1-n$ , let  $\text{OPT}[i] = \max(A[1:i])$

- We will return  $\text{OPT}[n]$

→ Ex:  $\text{OPT}[1] = 3$     $\text{OPT}[2] = 3$     $\text{OPT}[3] = 4$

→  $\text{OPT}[1] = A[1]$

→ For all  $i$  in range  $2-n$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i] = \max(\text{OPT}[i-1], A[i])$

- basically, every  $\text{OPT}[i]$  checks if  $A[i]$  is greater than any element before it.

What is the base case?

What is the recursive case?

Why does this recursion hold?

→  $\text{max}(A[1:i])$  is either the largest integer in  $A[1:i-1]$  (aka  $\text{OPT}[i-1]$ ), or it is  $A[i]$ ;  $\text{OPT}[i]$  "picks" the larger option.

What is the pseudocode?

```
Max-in-Array-DP(A):
 d = [A[1]] * n
 for i in range(2, n):
 d[i] = max(d[i-1], A[i])
 return d[n]
```

What is the RT?

→  $n-1$  iterations;  $O(1)$  time for each; total RT =  $O(n)$ .

### - Longest Increasing Subsequence -

What is the input and the goal?

→ Input: Array  $A$  of  $n$  integers.

• Ex:  $A = [3, 4, 1, 5, 2, 3, 6, 1]$

→ Goal: Return the length of the longest increasing subsequence (L.I.S.) of  $A$ .

• Ans: 4 ...  $S = [1, 2, 3, 6]$

→ A subarray of an array  $A$  that may skip some elements but may not contradict the order of the elements in  $A$ .

• E.g. if  $B = [3, 5, 6, 1, 3, 2]$ , then some subsequences are:  
 $[3, 5, 3]$   $[5]$   $[5, 2]$ , but NOT  $[1, 1]$  or  $[1, 6]$ .

→ Subsequence subarray where each element MUST be greater than the last.

• E.g. for ex arr  $A$  (above), possible I.S.s. are  $[3]$ ,  $[1, 5, 6]$ ,  $[1, 2, 3, 6]$ ,  $[3, 4, 5, 6]$ .

→ For all  $i$  in  $(1, \dots, n)$ , let OPT[i] denote the length of the L.I.S. of  $A$  that must end on  $A[i]$ .

• Not the same as finding the LIS for the array  $A[1:i]$ , b/c that wouldn't necessarily mean that  $A[i]$  has to be in the L.I.S.

→ Ex:  $A = [3, 4, 1, 5, 2, 3, 6, 1]$ . Let "S" denote the LIS for each subproblem.

•  $\text{OPT}[1] = 1$ ,  $S = [3]$       •  $\text{OPT}[2] = 2$ ,  $S = [3, 4]$

•  $\text{OPT}[3] = 1$ ,  $S = [2]$  ... because the LIS must end on  $A[3]$  for  $i=3$ , we can only include all  $A[x]$  for  $x = 1, \dots, i$ . Both  $A[1]$  and  $A[2]$  are  $< A[3]$ , so they won't form a valid increasing subsequence.

•  $\text{OPT}[4] = 3$      $S = [3, 4, 5]$

What will we return?

→ The maximum value in the OPT array. NOT  $\text{OPT}[n]$  like in problem 4.1.

What is the recurrence pattern/idea?

→ Ex: lets look at finding  $\text{OPT}(n)$ . For this example, let  $i=4$ .

$$A = [3, 4, 1, 5, 2, 3, 6, 1] \quad \text{OPT} = [1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 1]$$

→ Since  $\text{OPT}[i-1]$  will represent the longest LIS ending on  $i$ , we can find the LIS for  $\text{OPT}[i]$  by finding the "best" entry  $A[j]$  to "come from" before "jumping" to  $A[i]$ .

Cond. 1: basically, look at all elements  $A[x]$  where  $x < i$  ...aka, elements that appear before  $A[i]$ , to maintain ordering.

Cond. 2: of all of these, narrow down and only look at elements  $A[x]$  where  $A[x] < A[i]$ ...aka, elements which are smaller than  $A[i]$ , to maintain the "increasing" part of LIS

• of all of these, choose the element  $x$  with the largest value of  $\text{OPT}(x)$ .  
The option that brings the longest prior subsequence with it.

→  $\text{OPT}[1] = 1$

→ calculate  $\text{OPT}[i]$  for all  $i \geq 2$  by satisfying the following recurrence:

$$\text{OPT}[i] = 1 + \max_{j \in C} \text{OPT}[j], \text{ where}$$

$$C = \{j \mid j < i \text{ and } A[j] < A[i]\}$$

"C" ≈ set of candidates to consider Uses cond. 1 and 2 from above.

• if  $C = \emptyset$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i] = 1$ .

LIS(A):

$$d = [1] * n$$

for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ :

    for  $j = 1, \dots, i-1$ :

        if  $A[j] < A[i]$  and  $d[i] < (1 + d[j])$ :

$$d[i] = 1 + d[j]$$

return  $\max(d)$

→ setting base case

• calculate  $d[i]$  according to described recurrence

for  $\text{OPT}[i]$  and return  $\max(d)$ .

What is the base case?

What is the recurrence?

What is the algorithm?

→  $O(n^2)$

### -Longest Palindromic Subsequence (LPS)-

What is a palindromic subsequence?

→ a subsequence S where S is = to the reverse of itself.

→ Ex:  $A = a c b b a$ , then a PS could be  $[a]$ ,  $[b]$ ,  $[b, b]$ ,  $[a, a]$ , or  $[a, b, b, a]$ .

What is the input & goal?

→ Input: a string A of length n. Characters, not numbers.

→ Goal: return the length of the longest palindromic subsequence (LPS) of A.

→ Ex: Ans = 4, LPS =  $[a, b, b, a]$ .

What are the subproblems?

- Instead of a 1D array, OPT will be a 2D array  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$
- For all  $i$  in  $(1, \dots, n-1)$  and all  $j$  in  $(i, \dots, n)$ ,  
 $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  denotes the length of the LPS in the subarray  
 $S = A[i:j]$
- The subproblem is a "substring" - from  $i$  to  $j$  - rather than a "prefix"
- The subproblems are: for each substring of length  $k$  in range  $(1, n)$ , there are  $n!$  possible subproblems/substrings
  - Total of  $O(n^2)$  subproblems.

What will we return?

How can we visualize OPT?

- $\text{OPT}[1:n]$ , because this is the "subproblem" for the array  $A[1:n]$ , aka simply  $A$ .
- $\text{OPT}[1][1] = 1$ , LPS =  $a$ , subarray =  $A[1:1] = "a"$
- $\text{OPT}[1][2] = 1$ , LPS =  $a$  or  $c$ , subarray =  $A[1:2] = "ac"$
- $\text{OPT}[1][4] = 2$ , LPS =  $bb$ , subarray =  $A[1:4] = "acb\underline{b}"$
- Let's create the 2D matrix for  $A = acbba$  as a table:

|       |       |     |     |     |     |     |
|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|       | $i =$ | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |
|       | $j =$ | $a$ | $c$ | $b$ | $b$ | $a$ |
| $i =$ | 1     | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| 2     | 2     | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
| 3     | 3     | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0   |
| 4     | 4     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |
| 5     | 5     | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0   | 1   |
- $\text{OPT}[1][j=n]$  is what we want to return.
- any  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  where  $i=j$  has  $|S|=1$  bc the substring  $A[i:j]$  is the same as  $A[i:i]$ .
- any  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  where  $i < j$  is invalid because note a sequential substring

What are the 2 types of "recurrences" to solve?

- 1) For all  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$ , if  $A[i] = A[j]$  - aka, a substring that starts & ends w/ the same character - then the entire  $A[i:j]$  is an LPS as long as the content between  $i$  and  $j$  - aka,  $A[i+1:j-1]$  is also a palindrome. So LPS for  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  is the LPS of the inner content, + 2 for  $A[i:j]$  and  $A[j:j]$ 
  - Formally: if  $A[i] = A[j]$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i][j] = 2 + \text{OPT}[i+1][j-1]$ .
  - But how would we obtain  $\text{OPT}[i+1][j-1]$ ?
- 2) If  $A[i] \neq A[j]$ , we want to find the LPS of the substring w/o  $A[i:j]$ , and the substring w/o  $A[j:j]$ ; and select the larger LPS.
  - Formally: if  $A[i] \neq A[j]$ ,
  - $$\text{OPT}[i][j] = \max(\text{OPT}[i][j-1], \text{OPT}[i+1][j])$$

How do we fill the table?

- Each entry in the table depends on the  $i$  to the left of it (aka  $i-1$ ), below it (aka  $j-1$ ), or to the bottom-left (diagonally) (aka  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j-1]$ )
- We can't fill out entry  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  unless  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j]$  and  $\text{OPT}[i][j-1]$  and  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j-1]$  have already been filled.
- So, we should fill the table row-by-row L-to-R, starting from the bottom row.

|     |   | Ex: $A = [a c b b a]$ |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
|     |   | 1                     | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|     |   | a                     | c | b | b | a |
| i = | 1 | a                     | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
|     | 2 | c                     | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
|     | 3 | b                     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|     | 4 | b                     | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
|     | 5 | a                     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

What is the algorithm?

LPS(A):

```
d = [[0] * (n + 1)] * (n + 1) → creating our OPT matrix
for i = (n, ..., 1): → Starting at i=n, aka the last row, b/c we want to go from bottom to top.
 d[i][i] = 1 → the base case
 for j = (i+1, ..., n): → for each row, we work L-to-R, but RECALL we only care about values of OPT/d where j >= i.
 if A[i] == AC[j]: → if AC[i] == AC[j], take the length of the LPS for all characters between AC[i] and AC[j]. Then add 2, for each of AC[i] and AC[j]. CASE 1
 d[i][j] = d[i+1][j-1] + 2
 else:
 d[i][j] = max(d[i+1][j], d[i][j-1])
 return d[1][n] → case 2
→ returning the LPS for the entire string, aka AC[1:n].
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What is the running time?

- The DP table has  $n^2$  entries, each of which take  $O(2)$  time to compute. Thus, the RT is  $O(n^2)$ .

## - 4.4 : 0/1 Knapsack -

What is the input?

→ RECALL 3.3: Fractional knapsack

→ Input =  $(v, w, B)$  where

- $B$  = An integer knapsack weight limit

- $v$  = array of item values

- $w$  = array of item weights

What is the goal?

→ Unlike F.K., we can't take "fractions" of items - only all or none of an item.

→ RETURN: an integer representing the maximum/optimal value that the knapsack can have.

→ Order the items by their value ratio, eg  $\frac{v[i]}{w[i]}$  for all  $i$ . From highest-to-lowest ratio, take as much of each item as you can.

→ Ex problem:  $B=4$   $v=[3, 2, 2]$   $w=[1, 4, 3]$

→ OPT will be a 2D-array with  $i = n = |v|$  columns and  $j = B+1$  rows (e.g.,  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, B\}$  and  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ ).

→  $OPT[i][j]$  denotes the maximum value of the knapsack IF we can only select items  $1, \dots, i$ . AND, the weight limit is  $j$ .

- for ex, for an o.g. input  $(v, w, B)$ ,  $OPT[2][3]$  is the max value of a knapsack where  $B=3$ ,  $v_1 = v[1:3]$ , and  $w_1 = w[1:3]$ .

→  $OPT[n][B]$ , aka the last row & last column. At this index, we have imitated the original problem.

$j = \boxed{0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4} \leftarrow$  because  $B=4$

Ex problem:  
 $i = \boxed{2}$

because  $n=|v|=3 \leftarrow 3$

$\boxed{\quad}$  → ANS

What will we return?

What are the base cases?

→ RECALL: Base case ≈ recursion not necessary to solve.

→ 2 Base cases:

1)  $OPT[i][0] = 0$  for all  $i$ , because in these subproblems, the weight limit = 0, so we can't pack any items.

$j = \boxed{0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4}$

2)  $OPT[1][j]$  has 2 possibilities:

- if  $j < w[1]$ , then it is 0 b/c we can't

$i = \boxed{2 \ 0}$

- fit the item in our bag

$3 \ 0$

- if  $j \geq w[1]$ , then it is  $v[1]$ .

- We only have one item to consider.

What is the recurrence?

$\rightarrow \text{OPT}[i][j]$  for all  $i \geq 2$

$\rightarrow$  2 possible "cases" for each recurrence:

1. When considering an item  $i$  at weight  $j$ , if  $w[i] > j$ , then our "solution" for the optimal value doesn't change at all, b/c we know for a fact that we can't bring item  $i$ .

• So, our solution would be the smaller subproblem where the weight limit is still  $j$ , but the list of items doesn't contain  $i$ .

• Formally: If  $w[i] > j$ , then  $\text{OPT}[i][j] = \text{OPT}[i-1][j]$

2. If item  $i$  could fit in the bag, we have 2 options:

a) To still exclude item  $i$ , in which case the value is  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j]$

b) To include item  $i$ , in which case the value is  $v[i] + \text{OPT}[i-1][j-w[i]]$

• Why? Because if we are picking item  $i$ , the space in the bag is now reduced by the weight of item  $i$ . So we want to add  $v[i]$  to the optimal value  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  of the subproblem where  $j$  is  $w[i]$  smaller, and item  $i$  hasn't been included.

• We should choose which option, a) or b), yields a larger value

$\rightarrow$  Formally:  $\text{OPT}[i][j] = \begin{cases} \text{OPT}[i-1][j] & \text{if } w[i] > j \\ \max(\text{OPT}[i-1][j], \text{OPT}[i-1][j-w[i]] + v[i]) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$$\rightarrow \begin{array}{c|ccccc} j = & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline i = 1 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ i = 2 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 3 \\ i = 3 & 0 & 3 & 3 & 3 & 5 \end{array}$$

ignoring  $i$       including  $i$

What is the pseudocode?

Knapsack-DP( $v, w, B$ ):

$d = [0] * (n \times (B+1))$  B+1 columns b/c we want to have a column for  $j=0$  up to  $j=B$

for  $j = 1, \dots, B$ :

if  $j \geq w[1]$ :

$d[1][j] = v[1]$  Base case

for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ :

for  $j = 1, \dots, B$ :

if  $j < w[i]$ :

$d[i][j] = d[i-1][j]$  We must ignore item  $i$

else:

$d[i][j] = \max(d[i-1][j], v[i] + d[i-1][j-w[i]])$  We can ignore or include item  $i$

return  $d[n][B]$

What is the running time?

$\rightarrow$  Table has  $n \times (B+1)$  entries. Each entry takes  $O(1)$  time, so total RT is  $O(nB)$

is the DP alg for 0/1 Knapsack any faster than brute force?

- the brute force RT is  $\Omega(2^n \cdot n)$  (trying every possibility)
- The DP Alg isn't necessarily faster;  $O(nB)$  could be larger than  $O(2^n \cdot n)$ , depending on the size of B.
- $O(nB)$  is still not polynomial time
- But often,  $O(nB)$  could be less than  $O(2^n \cdot n)$ ? idk

### -Edit Distance-

What is the "edit distance"?

\* In real python code,  $A[2:i]$  actually means  $(2, \dots, i-1)$ . But in notation for this class we can take it to mean  $(1, \dots, i)$ , aka  $A[1:i+1]$ . So in my notes I write either of those kind of interchangably.

What is the problem statement?

What are use cases for this problem?

What are the subproblems?

Why do we start  $\text{OPT}[j][i]$  with index 0?

- The minimum number of "moves" we need to make to turn a string A into a string B.  
The "distance" between A and B.
- 3 types of possible moves:
  1. Insert a character (anywhere in A)
  2. Delete a character (anywhere from A) "cat"  $\xrightarrow{\text{"ca"}}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{"ct"}}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{"at"}}$
  3. Replace one character (in A) with another - counts as one move. "cat"  $\xrightarrow{\text{"cbt"}}$  "aat"
- INPUT:  $(A, B)$ , where A and B are strings of length  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively.
- GOAL: Return a nonnegative integer representing the edit distance from A to B. Basically # of moves to turn A into B.
- Autocorrect suggestion algorithms. looking at real words w/ a small edit distance from the typed word that has a typo.
- DNA: comparing how similar 2 strands are.
- EX: A = "star" and B = "water"
- We will shrink both A and B down to prefixes and find the edit distance for each combination.
- For all  $i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$  ( $m = \text{len}(A)$ ) and  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , let  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  denote the edit distance from  $A' = A[1:i+1]$  to  $B' = B[1:j+1]$ .
- We will return  $\text{OPT}[m][n]$ .

→  $A[0]$  and  $B[0]$  denote an empty string (whilst  $A[1]$ , for ex, = "s"). solving.

→ EX:

|     |   | j = 0 1 2 3 4 5 |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----|---|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
|     |   | 0               | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i = |   | ..              | w | a | t | e | r |
|     | 0 | " "             | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|     | 1 | s               |   | 1 |   |   |   |
|     | 2 | t               |   | 2 |   |   |   |
|     | 3 | a               |   | 3 |   |   |   |
|     | 4 | r               |   | 4 |   |   |   |

Helpful for



→  $\text{OPT}[0][j] = j$

editing empty string into str of length j will take j insertions

→ and  $\text{OPT}[i][0] = i$

editing str of length i into the empty string will take i deletions.

What are the base cases?

How would we fill out  
row  $i=2$ ?

|       | j = |   |   |   |   |   |
|-------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
|       | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 0 ..  | w   | a | t | e | r |   |
| i = 1 | s   | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2     | t   | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3     | a   | 3 |   |   |   |   |
| 4     | r   | 4 |   |   |   |   |

|      | j = |   |   |   |   |   |
|------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|
|      | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 0 .. | w   | a | t | e | r |   |
| 1    | s   | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 2    | t   | 2 | 2 | 2 | * |   |
| 3    | a   | 3 |   |   |   |   |
| 4    | r   | 4 |   |   |   |   |

|      | j = |   |   |   |   |   | *                                                                  |
|------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
|      | 0   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | *                                                                  |
| 0 .. | w   | a | t | e | r |   | Here, we have to turn st → wat.                                    |
| 1    | s   | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OPTIONS:                                                           |
| 2    | t   | 2 | 2 | 2 | * |   | 1) turn st → wa (+2) (aka OPT[i][j-1])<br>add t (+1)               |
| 3    | a   | 3 |   |   |   |   | 2) turn s → wat (+3) (aka OPT[i-1][j])<br>delete t (+1)            |
| 4    | r   | 4 |   |   |   |   | 3) turn s → wa (+2) (aka OPT[i-1][j-1])<br>"replace" t with t (+0) |

→ For the 3rd option, replacing t w/ t

actually = doing nothing, so it costs 0 b/c  $A[i] = B[j]$ .

→ For all  $i \geq 1$  and  $j \geq 1$ .

→ For each  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  we have to edit  $A[1:i]$  s.t. its last character equals  $B[j]$ . There are 3 ways to do this:

1) Edit  $A[1:i]$  into  $B[1:j-1]$ , then insert  $B[j]$

- $st \rightarrow wa \rightarrow wat$

- $\text{OPT}[i][j-1] = \text{moves to edit } A[1:i] \text{ into } B[1:j-2]$

- So this would be  $\text{OPT}[i][j-1] + 1$

2) Edit  $A[1:i-1]$  into  $B[1:j]$ , then delete  $A[i]$

- $st \rightarrow watt \rightarrow wat$

- $\text{OPT}[i-1][j] + 1$

3) Edit  $A[1:i-1]$  into  $B[1:j-1]$  and replace  $A[i]$  with  $B[j]$

- $s \rightarrow wa \rightarrow wat$

- if  $A[i] \neq B[j]$ , cost is  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j-1] + 1$

- if  $A[i] = B[j]$ , cost is  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j-1]$

→ Formally,

$$\text{OPT}[i][j] = \min \begin{cases} \text{OPT}[i][j-1] + 1 \\ \text{OPT}[i-1][j] + 1 \\ \text{OPT}[i-1][j-1] + \delta_{ij} \end{cases}$$

where  $\delta_{ij} = 0$  if  $A[i] = B[j]$ , and  $= 1$  otherwise.

What is the pseudocode?

Edit-Distance (A, B):

```
d = [0] * ((m+1) * (n+1))
for j=1, ..., n:
 d[0][j] = j
for i=1, ..., m:
 d[i][0] = i
 for c = 1, ..., m:
 for j = 1, ..., n:
 d[i][j] = min(d[i][j-1] + 1, d[i-1][j] + 1)
 if A[i] == B[j]:
 d[i][j] = min(d[i][j], d[i-1][j-1])
 else:
 d[i][j] = min(d[i][j], d[i-1][j-1] + 1)
return d[m][n]
```

What is the RT?

→  $O(mn)$

|  |  | j = 0 1 2 3 4 5 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|--|-----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|  |  | " "             | w | a | t | e | r |   |   |
|  |  | 0               | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |   |
|  |  | 1               | s | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  |  | 2               | t | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|  |  | 3               | a | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
|  |  | 4               | r | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 |

### - Independent Set in Trees -

How do we apply DP to tree problems?

- Each subproblem corresponds to a subtree of the tree T.
- For each subtree, we can define 2 subproblems tied together by their recurrences.

What is an independent set?

- A subset S of the vertices of an undir. graph G s.t.:
  - $\forall u, v \in S, \{u, v\} \notin E(G)$
  - For every 2 nodes in S, those 2 nodes are not an edge in G.
- Ex:  $G =$   one subset is {1, 3, 6} b/c the three nodes aren't connected to each other (directly).

Recap: What is a tree?

- An undirected graph T with n vertices where:

- There are exactly  $n-1$  edges
- T is acyclic
- T is connected



What is a maximum independent set (MIS)?

What is the input to I.S.T.?

What is the goal?

Examples?

What are the subproblems?

What will we return?

What are the base cases?

→ An independent set whose weight is as large as possible.

(If weights not given, every node has weight = 1.)

→ RECALL COMP 455: the problem of finding the MIS of an undir.

graph G is Turing-hard; nobody knows if a poly-time alg exists.

→ A tree with weighted nodes. Specifically,  $(T, w)$  where

•  $T = (V, E)$  is a tree rooted at vertex 1

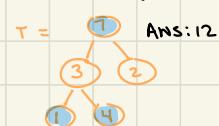
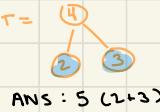
•  $w$  is an array of length  $|V|$ , where  $w[u]$  is a positive int. denoting the weight of vertex  $u$ .

• Unlike MST, in IST, node weights aren't necessarily distinct.

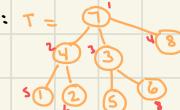
→ Return the weight of a MIS in  $T$ .

→ The labels on nodes represent weights, not node #:

→  $T =$



→ EX:  $T =$



= node #

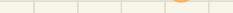
→ We can't do prefixes like in arrays, but the  $\approx$  of that is subtrees.

→ For all nodes in  $T$  (For all  $u \in V$ ), let  $T(u)$  denote the subtree rooted at node  $u$ .

• EX:  $T(3) =$



and  $T(2) =$



→ We define 2 subproblems for each vertex subtree  $T(u)$ :

1)  $OPT_{in}[u]$ : denotes the weight of the MIS in  $T(u)$  but we must include node  $u$ .

2)  $OPT_{out}[u]$ : denotes the weight of the MIS in  $T(u)$  but we must exclude node  $u$ .

→ EX:  $OPT_{in}[3] = 3$        $OPT_{out}[3] = 11$



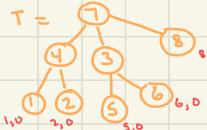
→ We will return max ( $OPT_{out}[r], OPT_{in}[r]$ ), where  $r$  is the root of the whole tree  $T$ . e.g. node 1 in ex above.

→ If  $u$  is a leaf - aka a node w/ no children, like node 7 from ex above, then  $T(u)$  is a graph w/ only one node:  $T(7) = \{3\}$  so

•  $OPT_{in}[u] = w[u]$  (we include node  $u$ )

•  $OPT_{out}[u] = 0$

→ Given the base case, we can find  $\text{OPT}_{\text{in}}[v]$ ,  $\text{OPT}_{\text{out}}[v]$  for all leaves:

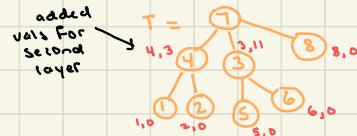


How will we find  $\text{OPT}_{\text{in}}$  and  $\text{OPT}_{\text{out}}$  for the nodes which are not leaves?

→ For the second layer of nodes  $u$ ,  $\text{OPT}_{\text{in}}$  will be  $w[u]$  because we can't include any of its children.

→  $\text{OPT}_{\text{out}}$  will be the sum of the  $\text{OPT}_{\text{in}}$  values for each child, since the children are not connected:

$$\begin{aligned} T(2) = & \quad \text{OPT}_{\text{in}}[2] = 4 \\ & \cdot \text{OPT}_{\text{out}}[2] = 1 \cdot 2 = 3 \end{aligned}$$



What is the recurrence for  $\text{OPT}_{\text{in}}[u]$ ?

→ For all  $u$  in  $T$  which are not leaves,  $\text{OPT}_{\text{in}}[u]$  will be the weight of  $u$ , plus the  $\text{OPT}_{\text{out}}[v]$  value for each of  $u$ 's children

- Why? By not including  $u$ , we can't include  $u$ 's children. But we can include  $u$ 's "grandchildren" so for all of  $u$ 's children we add up the weights of the MSL's that don't include the child.

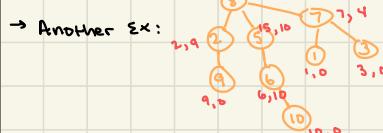
$$\text{Formally, } \text{OPT}_{\text{in}}[u] = w[u] + \sum_{v \in \text{ch}(u)} \text{OPT}_{\text{out}}[v]$$

aka u's children

→ We can't include  $u$ , but that doesn't mean we are forced to include  $u$ 's children. Instead, for each child  $v$ , we can check whether including  $v$  (& thus excluding  $v$ 's children) or excluding  $v$  will give us a higher weight.

- For each child, decide if it should be included (independently).

$$\text{Formally, } \text{OPT}_{\text{out}}[u] = \max_{v \in \text{ch}(u)} (\text{OPT}_{\text{in}}[v], \text{OPT}_{\text{out}}[v])$$



How would we implement the solution in code?

- The input  $T$  will be expressed as a list of lists of each nodes neighbors, and  $w$  is a list of each nodes weights. Eg, for ex 1:

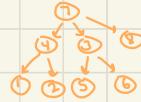


$$T = [[2, 3, 4], [1, 5, 6], [1, 7, 8], [1], [2], [2], [3], [3]]$$

$$w = [7, 4, 3, 8, 1, 2, 5, 6]$$

- First, we should convert  $T$  into a dir. graph where we pick any node as the root, and have all the edges "point down":

- In code, this becomes a list  $G$  where  $G[u]$  is a list of  $u$ 's children.



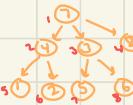
$$G = [[2, 3, 4], [5, 6], [7, 8], [], [7], [5], [7], [7]]$$

- This makes it much easier to work with. Now we know where to start w/ the "leaves" (aka all nodes  $u$  where  $G[u] = []$  (ex: empty)).

- We need to ensure that when we solve subproblem rooted at node  $u$ , we have already solved the s.p. for each of  $u$ 's children.

- SOLUTION: Use a topological ordering! We want to solve the subproblems in reverse topological order.

\* Ex:



\* One possible topo sort: [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]. The reverse of this = the order in which we'll perform the recurrence.



MIS-Tree ( $T, w$ ):

Convert  $T$  to dir. graph (?)

$d_{in}, d_{out} = [0] * n, [0] * n$

$node\_order = \text{Topo\_Sort}(V)$

$node\_order = \text{reverse}(node\_order)$

obtain the reverse topo ordering  
in which we will solve the subproblems

$\rightarrow V = \text{set of vertices in } T$

For  $u \in V$  in "node\_order" order:

$d_{in}[u] = w[u]$

for  $v \in T[u]$ :

$d_{in}[u] += d_{out}[v]$

$d_{out}[u] += \max(d_{in}[v], d_{out}[v])$

return  $\max(d_{in}[1], d_{out}[1])$

For all  $u$  of  $u$ 's children. If  $u$  is a leaf, then the line above this one covers the "base cases".

return the max of  $OPT_{in}$ ,  
 $OPT_{out}$  for the root of the tree.

How will we ensure that we solve the subproblems in the right order?

What is the pseudocode?

\* Q: are we always returning the max from  $u=2$ ? does it have to be the root of the org. tree, or the root of the dir. graph we convert  $T$  into?

→ There are  $2n$  subproblems (2 for each vertex) and each takes  $O(n)$ -time.

→ However, since  $T$  is undir, the RT is not  $O(n^2)$  because computing the recurrence for each  $n$  is  $O(|\text{ch}(u)|)$ -time.

→ Since  $T$  is an undir. TREE, there are exactly  $n-1$  edges. So total RT =  $O(n)$ .

→ Similar concept to BFS RT for undir. graphs.

## -Common DP Patterns -

What are common DP patterns if the input is...

an array  $A$  of length  $n$ ?

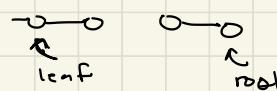
$(A, k)$ , where  $A$  = array and  $k$  = positive integer?

$(A, B)$ , where  $A$  and  $B$  are arrays of length  $m$  and  $n$ ?

$(T)$ , where  $T$  = a rooted tree with vertex set  $V$ ?

1.  $\forall i \in [n]$  (aka for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ):  $OPT[i] = OPT / \text{the "optimal solution" given the "input" is now } (A[1:i])$ .
  - Max-in-Array
2.  $\forall i \in [n]: OPT[i] = OPT$  given the "input" is now  $(A[i:n])$ .
3.  $\forall i \in [n]: OPT[i] = OPT$  given "input" is now  $(A[1:i])$ , that somehow involves  $AC[i]$ 
  - Longest increasing subsequence
  - (Kind of) MIS in trees
4.  $\forall i \in [n]$  and  $\forall j \in [i, n]$  (aka all  $j = i+1, i+2, \dots, n$ ):  $OPT[i:j] = OPT / \text{optimal solution given the "input" is } (A[i:j])$ .
  - LPS
5.  $\forall i \in [n]$  and  $\forall j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$ .  $OPT[i:j] = OPT$  given the "input" is now  $(A[1:i], j)$ 
  - 0/1 Knapsack
6.  $\forall i \in [m]$  and  $\forall j \in [n]: OPT[i:j] = OPT$  given the input is  $(A[1:i], B[1:j])$ 
  - Edit Distance
7.  $\forall u \in V: OPT[u] = OPT$  given the input is  $(T_u)$  (tree rooted at  $u$ )
8.  $\forall u \in V: OPT[u] = OPT$  given the input is  $(T_u)$ , that somehow involves  $u$ .
  - MIS in Trees

HW:



Pick  $A[i:j] \rightarrow$  can't pick  $A[i+1:j]$

• Special version of KM trees

where  $T$  is a path

## Ch.5: Shortest Paths

What is this chapter about?

→ Ch 5.1-5.3 Consider variants of the Single-Source Shortest Path (SSSP) problem

What is the SSSP problem?

→ 5.4 considers the All-Pairs Shortest Path (APSP) problem.

Have we done this problem before?

→ Input:  $(G, s)$  where  $G$  is a directed graph with edge lengths  $\ell$ .  $s$  is a vertex in  $G$  ( $s \in V$ ) that is the "source" vertex.

How do we represent edge lengths in our dir. graph input?

→ Goal: Return an array  $d$  of length  $n$  s.t. for all  $v \in V$ ,  $d[v]$  is the shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$ .

→ Yes! If  $\ell = 1$  for all edges (all edges have same length), then running  $BFS(G, s)$  would return the SSSPs.

→ We embed the edge length in the adjacency list of edges.

→ Ex:



$G = [[(2, 4), (3, 2)], [(3, -1)], []]$

node 1 has an edge pointing to node 3 of length 2

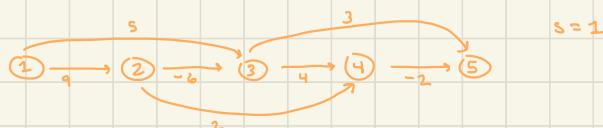
## - DAG DP -

What is the problem?

→ Input:  $(G, s)$  where  $G$  is a DAG (directed acyclic graph) w/ edge lengths

→ Goal: return the SSSP. e.g., for all  $v \in V$ , the shortest path from node  $s$  to node  $v$ .

→ Ex:



• Whenever the input to a problem is a DAG, it is helpful to look at the graph in topological order (like Ex above).

→ For all  $v \in V$ , let  $OPT[v]$  denote the distance from  $s$  to  $v$ .

→ INTUITION: comparing lengths of ways to get from  $s$  to  $v$ :



• Ans: [0, 9, 3, 7, 5]

• We choose "3" for  $d[3]$  b/c going directly from  $1 \rightarrow 3$  takes 3

but going  $(1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5)$  takes  $9 + (-6) + 7 + (-2) = 3$

→ We will return  $d = OPT$ .

→  $OPT[s] = 0$  (distance from  $s$  to itself).

What is the base case?

What is the recurrence?

- Look at all the choices to get from  $s \rightarrow v$ .
  - AKA, check  $\text{OPT}[u]$  for all nodes  $u$  which are an in-neighbor (aka "point to")  $v$ . This represents the shortest path from  $s$  to an in-nbr of  $v$ .
  - Add the distance from  $u \rightarrow v$
  - Choose the smallest option.
- Formally, for all  $v \neq s$ ,  $\text{OPT}[v] = \min(\text{OPT}[u] + \ell((u,v)))$  for all  $u : (u,v) \in E(G)$ 
  - in code, the length of edge  $(u,v)$  is the 2nd element in the tuple  $(v, \ell)$  for  $G[u]$
- We want to solve the subproblems in **topological order**.
- Also, for every  $v \neq s$ , we need to look at the lengths of all of  $v$ 's in-neighbors. Initially, this info is not stored at  $G[v]$ , but at  $G$  [in-neighbor of  $v$ ].
  - To make it easier, we will also save a graph  $G'$  where every edge is reversed and  $G'[v]$  tells us the in-neighbors of vertex  $v$ .
  - Kind of "pre-computing" the in-neighbors of  $v$ .

DAG-DP ( $G, s$ ) .

$$d = [\infty] * n$$

$$d[s] = 0 \quad \xrightarrow{\text{base case}}$$

$$\text{ordering} = \text{Topo-Sort}(G)$$

$G' = G$  with each edge reversed

for  $v \in V$  in "ordering" order :

    for  $u$  in  $G'[v]$  :

$$d[v] = \min(d[v], d[u] + \ell(u, v))$$

return  $d$

→  $G[v]$  lists  $v$ 's in-neighbors in  $G$ , and the edge lengths.

How would we create  $G'$ ?

→  $G' = [C] * n$   
    for  $u$  in  $V(G)$ :  
        for  $v$  in  $G[u]$ :  
            add  $u, \ell$  to  $G[v]$

① → ② ↘  
↓ ③ → ④  
G = [[(2,3),(3,4)],  
     [],[(4,2)],[(2,5)]]  
G' = [[],[(1,3),(4,5)],  
     [(1,4)],[(3,2)]]

What is the running time?

- Topo Sort w/ DFS is  $O(m+n)$
- Computing  $G'$  is  $O(m+n)$
- Computing  $d[v]$  takes  $O(\# \text{ of in-neighbors } (v))$ -time. The sum of in-degrees (aka edges!) is  $m$ , so the total RT is  $O(m+n)$

How else could we use the logic of the DAG DP problem?

- To find the longest paths instead of shortest; change  $d[-\infty]$  to  $d[\infty]$ , and find  $\max()$  instead of  $\min()$
- Every DP has an underlying DAG
  - The vertices are like subproblems
  - The edges  $\approx$  dependencies in the recurrence.
- In this way, DAG DP is kind of a representation of all DP problems.

### Bellman - Ford -

What is a negative cycle?

- A cycle in a dir. graph where the sum of the edge lengths is  $< 0$ .
- If we consider finding SSSP for a graph w/ negative cycles, the problem becomes NP-hard (no poly-time alg discovered yet).
- It becomes difficult to say what the "shortest path" for  $s \rightarrow v$  is, because you could choose to cycle infinitely through a negative cycle of vertices, because it allows the length to get smaller & smaller to negative infinity.
- Input:  $(G, s)$ , where  $G$  = a dir. graph w/ no negative cycles, and  $s$  = the source vertex.
- Goal: Return array  $d$  representing the SSSP.

What are the subproblems?

- Unlike S.1, in this problem  $G$  is not necessarily acyclic, so we can't utilize Topo-Sort to help us shrink & order the problems.
- For all  $v \in V$  and  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  where  $n = \#$  of vertices, let  $\text{OPT}[v][j]$  denote the length of the shortest path from  $s \rightarrow v$ , where we can have at most  $j$  edges in our path.
  - $j \approx$  our "budget" of edges. Kind of like 0/1 Knapsack
- $j$  goes from  $0 \rightarrow n-1$  because a path starting at  $s$  has max  $n-1$  edges; any more edges than that would mean you are repeating edges.
- The column / list at  $\text{OPT}[v][n-1]$  (aka, s.p. for each  $v$  when allowed to use as many edges as you want).
- $\text{OPT}[s][j] = 0$  (path from  $s \rightarrow s$  will use no edges). for all  $j$ .
- For all  $v \neq s$ ,  $\text{OPT}[v][0] = \infty$  (if we can't use any edges, the length to get to  $v$  is  $\infty$ )

What we will return?

What are the base cases?

|          |              | $j =$                           |                          |
|----------|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
|          |              | $0, 1, \dots, n-1$              |                          |
| $s$      | $\downarrow$ | $0, 0, \dots, 0$                |                          |
| $v =$    | $\downarrow$ | $\infty, \infty, \dots, \infty$ |                          |
| $\vdots$ |              |                                 |                          |
| $n$      | $\downarrow$ | $\infty, \infty, \dots, \infty$ | $\rightarrow \text{ANS}$ |

What is the recurrence?

→ For all  $v \in S$  and  $j \geq 1$ , the path will either:

- have at most  $j-1$  edges, aka  $\text{OPT}[v][j-1]$ . basically, the length of the path  $s \rightarrow v$  where we don't use the "option" to add 1 more edge. OR,
- have  $j$  edges, in which case we use any of the paths that lead to an in-neighbor of  $v$  and have  $j-1$  edges, and then we add on the edge from in-neighbor  $\rightarrow v$  as our " $j^{\text{th}}$ " edge.

→ We want the min. of these 2 choices. Formally,

$$\text{OPT}[v][j] = \min_{u: u \neq v} (\text{OPT}[u][j-1] + l(u,v)).$$

↳ min for all nodes  $u$  which are in-neighbors of  $v$ .

→  $\text{OPT}[v][j]$  depends on  $\text{OPT}[v][j-1]$ , so we

will fill it out column-by-column, left-to-right.

- For every column  $j$ , calculate every  $d[v][j]$  according to the recurrence.

Bellman-Ford ( $G, s$ ):

$$d = [\infty] * (n+1)$$

$$d[S][0] = 0 \quad \text{base case}$$

$G' = G$  w/ each edge reversed

for  $j = 1, \dots, n-1$ : → so that we iterate column-by-column

for  $v \in \text{Vertices of } G$ :

$$d[v][j] = d[v][j-1] \quad \text{start by setting}$$

for  $u$  in  $G'[v]$ : → all of  $v$ 's in-neighbors

$$d[v][j] = \min(d[v][j], d[u][j-1] + l(u,v)) \quad \text{OPT} = \text{OPT}[v][j-1], \text{and then check}$$

return  $d[-][n-1]$

better

if we can do

What is the Running Time?

→ There are  $n$  columns. Each takes  $(m+n)$ -time, b/c we're basically performing DAG DP on each.

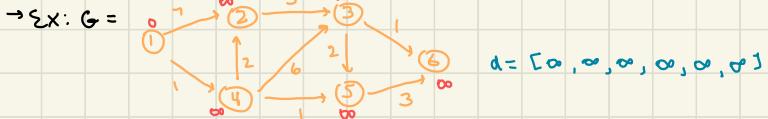
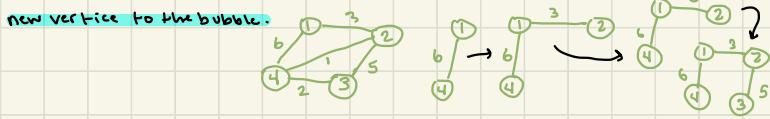
→ Total RT =  $O(n(m+n)) = mn + n^2 \approx O(mn)$ -Time (b/c  $m > n$ )

## - Dijkstra's Algorithm -

What is the problem statement?

→ Find the SSSP, like in the other problems, but this time, all edge lengths  $l$  are nonnegative. Find shortest path from  $s \rightarrow v$  for all  $v \in V$ .

→ Similar to Prim's (ch. 3): keep picking the heaviest edge that adds a new vertex to the bubble.



What is the algorithm?

→ Set all SSSP lengths initially to be  $\infty$

→ Starting with node  $s$ , add  $s$  to your "bubble" and then process it

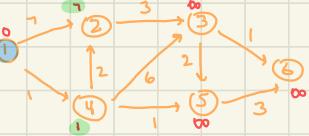
→ "Process it" =  $\text{relax}(u, v)$ : see if we can decrease our "current estimate" of distance from  $s \rightarrow v$  by finding a node  $u$  that is an in-neighbor of  $v$ , and calculating  $\text{length}(s, v)$  to be  $\text{length}(s, u) + \text{length}(u, v)$ .



• The SSSP for  $1 \rightarrow 3$  is  $\frac{3}{2}$  if we go through node 2 rather than directly from 1 to 3.

• after processing node  $s=1$ , we relax edges  $(1,4)$  and  $(1,2)$ :

$$d = [0, 1, \infty, 1, \infty, \infty]$$



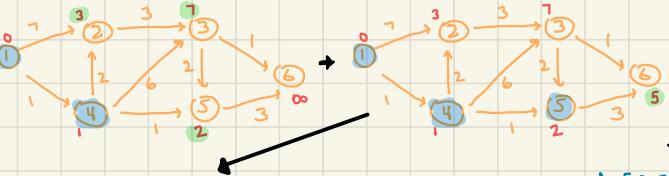
→ The vertex with the smallest  $d(v)$  value so far; e.g., node that is currently least distance from  $s$ .

• Add this node to the bubble, then "process it" to relax its edges.

→ For every out-neighbor  $u$  of node  $v$ , check if  $(d(v) + l(v,u)) < d(u)$

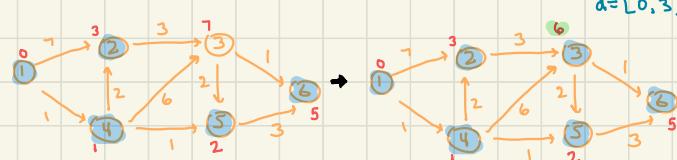
• aka, is the path  $s \rightarrow v + \text{path } v \rightarrow u$  shorter than the current

shortest path for  $s \rightarrow u$ ?



\*ANS:

$$d = [0, 3, 6, 1, 2, 5]$$



Summary: What is the intuition for this alg?

- Starting with node  $s$  and then by choosing the node with the smallest  $s \rightarrow v$  path-length, and until the bubble doesn't contain all vertices:
  - add the node ( $v$ ) to the "bubble"
  - "process"  $v$  by relaxing the edges, aka, for each out-neighbor  $u$  of  $v$ , check if the length of  $s \rightarrow v$  plus the distance from  $v \rightarrow u$  is smaller than the current value set for length  $(s \rightarrow u)$
- Finally, return the array of shortest paths.

What is the pseudocode?

What is the RT?

→  $O(n^2)$

## - Floyd - Warshall -

What is the APSP Problem?

→ "All Pairs Shortest Path"

→ Input: a directed graph  $G$  with edge lengths (negative allowed)  $\ell$ , where  $G$  has no negative cycles.

→ Goal: return an  $n \times n$  array  $d$ , where for all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $d[u][v]$  is the length of the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ .

• Basically same as Bellman-Ford, except no specified  $s$ .

Why can't we just run Bellman-Ford  $n$  times?

→ We could, but the RT would be  $n^4$

→ With DP, we can do this Faster.

What are the subproblems?

→ Instead of shrinking by the amount of edges we can use to get from  $u$  to  $v$  (like in B-F), we shrink by reducing the set of vertices,  $r$ , that we are allowed to use to get from  $u$  to  $v$ .

→ For all  $u \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , all  $v \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and all  $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r]$  will denote the length of the s.p. from  $u \rightarrow v$  with only vertices  $\{1, \dots, r\}$  available as intermediate vertices.

• total of  $n \cdot n \cdot (n+1) \approx n^3$  subproblems

→ The "table  $r=n$ "; aka, the table of  $u \& v$  path lengths when  $r=n$ .

• Think of  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r]$  as a set of  $\Delta$   $n \times n$  tables where each table has the s.p.s from all  $u$  to all  $v$  when we are allowed to use  $[r]$  vertices.

→ RET:  $\text{OPT}[:][:][n]$ .

→ If  $r=0$ , we can't use any intermediate vertices, so  $\text{OPT}[u][v][0]$  will be  $\infty$  UNLESS:

•  $u=v$ , in which case  $\text{OPT}[u][v][0] = 0$ . OR

• if  $(u, v)$  is an edge in  $G$ , in which case  $\text{OPT}[u][v][0] = \ell(u, v)$ .

| $r=0$    | $r=1$    | $\dots$  | $r=n$    |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $v=1$    | $v=1$    | $\dots$  | $v=n$    |
| $u=1$    | $u=2$    | $\dots$  | $u=n$    |
| $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\ddots$ | $\vdots$ |
| $n$      | $n$      | $\dots$  | $n$      |

What will we return?

What is the base case?

What is the recurrence?

- The table for  $r=n$  will rely on the table for  $n-1$ , and so on.  
(Relying on previous table)
- If  $r \geq 1$ , then we are allowed to use nodes  $1-r$  along the way from  $u \rightarrow v$ .  
There are 2 options for  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r]$ 
  - 1) Don't use node  $r$ , in which case  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r] = \text{OPT}[u][v][r-1]$
  - 2) Use node  $r$ , in which case we want the distance from node  $u$  to node  $r$ , plus the distance from node  $r$  to node  $v$ .
    - We want to obtain these values from the SP wasn't allowed as an intermediate vertex, aka:  
 $\text{OPT}[u][r][r-1]$  and  $\text{OPT}[r][v][r-1]$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{dist}(u, r)$                                             $\downarrow$   
                                                                  $\text{dist}(r, v)$
- We want the minimum of these options. Formally
$$\text{OPT}[u][v][r] = \min \begin{cases} \text{OPT}[u][v][r-1], \\ \text{OPT}[u][r][r-1] + \text{OPT}[r][v][r-1] \end{cases}$$

What is the pseudocode?

Floyd-Warshall(L6):

```
d = [∞] * (n × n × (n+1))

for u in range (1,...,n):
 d[u][u][0] = 0
 for v ∈ G[u]:
 d[u][v][0] = l(u,v)

for r in range (1,...,n):
 for u in range (1,...,n):
 for v in range (1,...,n):
 d[u][v][r] = min(d[u][v][r-1], d[u][r][r-1] + d[r][v][r-1])

return d[·][·][n] → return table Ω
```

base case: filling out table  $r=0$

for  $r, u, v \in V$

$\text{d}[u][v][r] = \min(\text{d}[u][v][r-1], \text{d}[u][r][r-1] + \text{d}[r][v][r-1])$

$\rightarrow n \times n \times n \text{ subproblems so } O(n^3) - \text{time}$ .

What is the RT?

# Midterm 2 Study Guide - Dynamic Programming

## L.I.S.

$$A = [3, 4, 1, 5, 2, 3, 6, 1]$$

$$\text{OPT}[1] = 1$$

$$\text{OPT}[2] = 2 \quad \text{OPT}[1] = [1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 4, 1]$$

$$\text{OPT}[3] = 2 \quad \text{ANS} = 4$$

- Subproblems:  $\text{OPT}[i] = \text{LIS ending on } A[i]$
- Return: max element in DPT
- Base Case:  $\text{OPT}[1] = 1$

→ Intuition: For  $\text{DPT}[i]$ , look at all elements  $A[1:i]$  (aka all elements up to element  $i$ )

- Narrow down & only look at elements  $x$  in  $A[i:i]$  where  $A[x] < A[i]$  (blk need an increasing sequence)
- Of all of these, check which one has the max DPT value,  $\text{DPT}[x]$ .
- $\text{OPT}[i] = \text{DPT}[x] + 1$ .

→ Recurrence:  $\text{DPT}[i] = 1 + \max_{j < i} (\text{DPT}[j])$  for  $C = \{j \mid j < i \text{ and } A[j] < A[i]\}$ .

→ ALG:

$$d = [1] * n \text{ (because every LIS will have at least length 1)}$$

for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ :

→ RT:  $O(n^2)$  b/c 2 for loops

for  $j = 2, \dots, i-1$ :

if  $A[j] < A[i]$ :

$$d[i] = \max(d[i], d[j] + 1)$$

return max(d)

## L.P.S.

→ Problem Statement: Find longest sequence of characters in A s.t. the sequence is a palindrome.

• The sequence doesn't have to be subsequent in A. For ex, abba is a P.S. of abracadabra

$$A = a \underline{c} b b a \quad |$$

$$\text{OPT}: \underline{a \ c \ b \ b \ a}$$

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| a |  |  |
| c |  |  |
| b |  |  |
| b |  |  |
| a |  |  |

• Subproblems:  $\text{OPT}[i:j] = \text{length of LPS for } A[i:j]$ . E.g.,  $\text{OPT}[2:5] = A[2:5] = cbba$

• Return:  $\text{OPT}[1:n]$

• Base Cases: for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i][i] = 1$

• Intuition:

- IF  $A[i] = A[j]$ , we have a PS of at least length 2 just by the subsequence " $A[i:j]$ ". But if the chars between  $i$  and  $j$  also have a palindrome, our LPS would be even longer. So:

• CASE 1: IF  $A[i] = A[j]$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i:j] = 2 + \underbrace{\text{OPT}[i+1:j-1]}$

the substring between  $i$  and  $j$ ,  $A[i+1:j-1]$

→ If  $A[i] \neq A[j]$ , then we want to compare the LPS for the substring without  $A[i]$  - aka  $\text{OPT}[i+1:j]$

- and the substring w/o  $A[j]$  - aka  $\text{OPT}[i:j-1]$ . We keep whichever is larger. So:

• CASE 2: IF  $A[i] \neq A[j]$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i:j] = \max(\text{OPT}[i+1:j], \text{OPT}[i:j-1])$ .

## Midterm 2 Study Guide - Dynamic Programming

### 0/1 Knapsack

→ Problem Statement:  $(v, w, B)$  where  $B$  = weight limit, and for  $n$  item choices,  $v[i]$  = value of item  $i$  and  $w[i]$  = weight of item  $i$ .

- Return the maximum value of the knapsack where we can only take All or None of each item.

$$B=4 \quad v=[3, 2, 2] \quad w=[1, 4, 2]$$

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 |

- Subproblems:  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $j = 0, \dots, B$   $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  = Max value of knapsack if we can only choose items  $1, \dots, i$  and the weight limit is  $j$ .
- Base Case: for all  $i$  where  $j = 0$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i][0] = 0$
- Base Case: For all  $j$  where  $i = 1$ , if  $w[i] \leq j$ ,  $\text{OPT}[1][j] = v[1]$ . Else, if  $w[1] > j$ ,  $\text{OPT}[1][j] = 0$ .
- Return:  $\text{OPT}[n][B]$  (bottom right square)

Intuition: Fill our table row by row, aka each subproblem ≈ introducing a new possible item.

→ If  $w[i] > j$ , we can't possibly add item  $i$  to our bag, so our max value is the same as the 1 where item  $i$  wasn't an option:

$$\text{CASE 1: } \text{OPT}[i][j] = \text{OPT}[i-1][j]$$

→ If  $w[i] \leq j$  and we still want to add item  $i$  to our bag, we have a value of at least  $v[i]$ . After adding item  $i$ , we have  $(j - w[i])$  pounds of space left.  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j - w[i]] + v[i]$  will give us the maximum value we can obtain to fill the rest of the bag. We add  $v[i]$  to this.

$$\text{CASE 2A: } \text{OPT}[i][j] = \text{OPT}[i-1][j - w[i]] + v[i]$$

→ If  $w[i] \leq j$  and we still DON'T want to add item  $i$  to our bag, our max value is the same as if item  $i$  wasn't an option:

$$\text{CASE 2B: } \text{OPT}[i][j] = \text{OPT}[i-1][j]$$

→ We want the max of 2A and 2B for Case 2.

→ Recurrence: For all  $i \geq 2$ :

$$\text{OPT}[i][j] = \begin{cases} \text{OPT}[i-1][j] & \text{if } w[i] > j, \text{ and} \\ \max(\text{OPT}[i-1][j], \text{OPT}[i-1][j - w[i]] + v[i]) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

→ RT:  $O(n^2)$

## Midterm 2 Study Guide - Dynamic Programming

### Edit Distance

→ P.S.: Given two strings of length  $m$  and  $n$  ( $A, B$ ), return the min. # of "moves" needed to turn str A into str B...aka the 'edit distance'

→ "Moves": Insert a character anywhere in A, delete a character anywhere from A, or replace any 1 character in A w/ another.

→ Subproblems: For  $i = 0, \dots, m$  and  $j = 0, \dots, n$ ,  $\text{OPT}[i][j]$  = edit distance to turn  $A[1:i]$  into  $B[1:j]$ .

→ Return:  $\text{OPT}[m][n]$        $j=0$  represents  $B$  as the empty string, ""

e.g.  $\text{OPT}[2][3]$ : turning "st" into "wat"

$\text{OPT}$     ""    w    a    j + e    r

   "    0    1    2    3    4    5      → Base Cases: Editing an empty str A into a string B of length  $j$  will take  $j$

i    s    1    1    2    3    4    5      insertions, so  $\text{OPT}[0][j] = j$  for all  $j$ .

t    2    2    2    2    3    4      • Same concept for editing str A of length  $i$  into empty string B via  $i$  deletions  
a    3    3    2    3    3    4      ( $\text{OPT}[i][0] = i$  for all  $i$ ).

r    4    4    3    3    4    3    -ANS

Ex:  $\text{OPT}[3][4]$ , "sta" → "wate"

→ Recurrence: for  $i \geq 1$  and  $j \geq 1$ , we have to edit  $A[1:i]$  s.t. its last character =  $B[j]$ . 3 DPTIONS to do this:

1) Edit  $A[1:i]$  into  $B[1:j-1]$  and then insert  $B[j]$

sta → wat → insert "e" → wate

• AKA,  $\text{OPT}[i][j-1] + 1$  (for the insertion)

2) Edit  $A[1:i-1]$  into  $B[1:j]$  then delete  $A[i]$

sta → wate a → delete "a" → wate

• AKA,  $\text{OPT}[i-1][j] + 1$  (for the deletion)

3) Edit  $A[1:i-1]$  into  $B[1:j-1]$  then replace  $A[i]$  with  $B[j]$

sta → wate a → replace "a" with "e" → wate

• If  $A[i] \neq B[j]$ , then  $\text{OPT}[i][j] = \text{OPT}[i-1][j-1] + 1$

• If  $A[i] = B[j]$ , then we don't actually need to spend a "move" on the replacement, so  $\text{OPT}[i][j] = \text{OPT}[i-1][j-1]$

→ Take the min of These 3 options. Fill table T-D, L-R

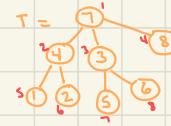
→ RT:  $O(mn)$

## Midterm 2 Study Guide - Dynamic Programming

### Ind. Set in Trees

→ Input:  $(T, w)$  where  $T$  = a tree rooted at vertex 1 and  $w$  = an array of length  $n$  ( $\#$  of nodes) where  $w[u] =$  the positive int "weight" of node  $u$ .

- Basically a tree w/ weighted nodes.
- Tree = acyclic, connected undir. graph with  $n-1$  edges.



= node \*

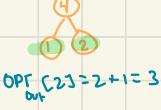
→ Goal: return weight of the independent set (subset of nodes where none of them have an edge to each other) with the maximum total weight of all the nodes.

→ Subproblems: For all  $u \in V$ ,  $T(u)$  ≈ the subtree rooted at node  $u$ . E.g.  $T(2) =$

- $OPT_{in}[u]$  = the weight of the MIS of  $T(u)$  that MUST include node  $u$ .
- $OPT_{out}[u]$  = weight of MIS of  $T(u)$  that CANNOT include node  $u$ .



$$OPT_{in}[2] = 4$$



$$OPT_{out}[2] = 2 + 1 = 3$$

### DP Patterns

→ Input = Array of length  $n$ :

1.  $\forall i \in [n]$  (aka for all  $i=1, \dots, n$ ):  $OPT[i] = OPT$  / the "optimal soln" given the input is now  $(A[1:i])$ .
2.  $\forall i \in [n]: OPT[i] = OPT$  given the "input" is now  $(A[i:n])$ .
3.  $\forall i \in [n]: OPT[i] = OPT$  given "input" is now  $(A[1:i])$ , that somehow involves  $A[i]$

- LIS: required to end on element  $A[i]$

4.  $\forall i \in [n]$  and  $\forall j \in [i, n]$  (aka all  $j = i+1, i+2, \dots, n$ ):

$OPT[i:j] = OPT$  / optimal solution given the "input" is  $(A[i:j])$ .

- LPS: finding LPS for  $A[i:j]$

→ Input =  $(A, k)$ , Array of length  $n$  and int  $k$ :

5.  $\forall i \in [n]$  and  $\forall j \in \{0, 1, \dots, k\}$ .  $OPT[i:j] = OPT$  given the "input" is now  $(A[1:i], j)$
- 0/1 Knapsack: find max value if we have weight limit  $j$  and items 1-i.

→ Input =  $(A, B)$ , Arrays of length  $m$  and  $n$ :

6.  $\forall i \in [m]$  and  $\forall j \in [n]: OPT[i:j] = OPT$  given the input is  $(A[1:i], B[1:j])$
- Edit Distance: edit dist to turn  $A[1:i]$  into  $B[1:j]$ .

→ Input = rooted tree  $T$  with vertex set  $V$ :

7.  $\forall u \in V: OPT[u] = OPT$  given the input is  $(T_u)$  (tree rooted at  $u$ )
8.  $\forall u \in V: OPT[u] = OPT$  given the input is  $(T_u)$ , that somehow involves  $u$ .

## Midterm 2 Study Guide - Shortest Paths

### DAG DP

- P.S.: Input =  $(G, s)$  where  $G$  = directed, acyclic graph with edge lengths  $l$  and  $s \in V$ .  
 Find the lengths of the shortest paths from  $s \rightarrow v$  for all  $v \in V$ . Return in an array  $d$ .
- Subproblems:  $\text{OPT}[v] = \text{length of S.P. from } s \rightarrow v \text{ for all } v \in V$ . We return  $d = \text{OPT}$ .
- Intuition: Each time we consider a node  $u$ , we consider all of its in-neighbors (nodes pointing to it). For each in-neighbor  $x$ , the potential path length for  $s \rightarrow u = \text{OPT}[x] + \text{len}(x, u)$  - the SP to  $x$  + the length of path from  $x$  to  $u$ .  
 • We must "consider" a node only AFTER we have "considered" (aka computed OPT) each of its in-neighbors, so we should consider the nodes in **TOPO-ORDER**.
- Base Case:  $\text{OPT}[s] = 0$
- Recurrence: Choose the minimum  $(\text{OPT}[x] + l(x, u))$  for all in-neighbors of  $v$ .
- $\text{OPT}[v] = \min_{u: (u, v) \in E} \text{OPT}[u] + l(u, v)$
- ALGORITHM:
- 2) Initialize  $d = [0] * n$  and  $d[s] = 0$
  - 2) Construct  $G' =$  Reverse graph of  $G$  to get all in-neighbors of node  $u$  in graph  $G$ .
  - 3) In Topo-Sort Order: For  $v$  in  $V$ :  
 for each out-neighbor of  $v$  in  $G'$  (for  $u \in G'[v]$ ):  
 $d[v] = \min(d[v], d[u] + l(u, v))$  ↳ updates for each pos. in-neighbor
- RT:  $O(m+n)$

## Midterm 2 Study Guide - Shortest Paths

### Bellman - Ford

- P.S.: Return array of shortest paths from node  $s$  for  $(G, s)$  where  $G$  = directed graph with no negative cycles. Edge lengths CAN be negative.
- Subproblems: A path from  $s$  to any  $v$  can have max  $n-1$  edges. For all  $v \in V$  and  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ ,  $\text{OPT}[v][j]$  = the length of the path from  $s \rightarrow v$  using at MOST  $j$  edges.
- Return: List all  $\text{OPT}[v][n-1]$  aka no budget on num. of edges.
- Base Case:  $\text{OPT}[s][j] = 0$  for all  $j$ .  $\text{OPT}[v][0] = \infty$  for all  $v \neq s$  (can't form path w/ 0 edges).
- Recurrence: For all  $v \neq s$  &  $j \geq 1$ , the path has 2 Options:
- 1) Do not utilize the ability to use all  $j$  edges. Only use  $j-1$  edges, aka same soln as that where budget =  $j-1$ 
    - CASE 1:  $\text{OPT}[v][j] = \text{OPT}[v][j-1]$
  - 2) Utilize all  $j$  edges. Our " $j^{\text{th}}$  edge" will be the one pointing to  $v$ , so it must come from an in-neighbor  $u$  of  $v$ . Therefore, for all in-neighbors  $u$  of  $v$ , find  $\text{OPT}[u][j-1]$  (the SP with  $j-1$  edges), and add  $l(u, v)$  b/c its the  $j^{\text{th}}$  edge.
    - CASE 2:  $\min(\text{OPT}[u][j-1] + l(u, v))$  for all  $u = \text{in-neighbor of } v$ .

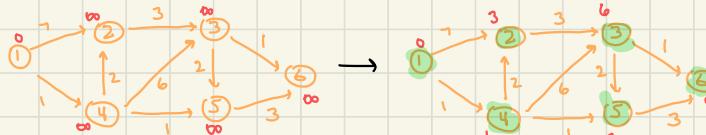
→ Take the minimum of the 2 cases.

→ Fill out table column-by-column, left-to-right. Because  $\text{OPT}[v][j]$  depends on prev column,  $\text{OPT}[v][j-1]$ .

→ RT:  $O(mn)$

### Dijkstra's

- PS: SSSP for  $(G, s)$  where all edge lengths are non-negative.
- Intuition: We initialize all the SP lengths to be  $\infty$  (aka  $d = [\infty] * n$ ).  $d[s] = 0$  b/c path from  $s \rightarrow s$ .
- 1) Choose  $u$ , the node w/ lowest  $d$  value.  $u$  must also NOT be in set  $S$ . At first, this will be  $s$  ( $= s$ ).
  - 2) Add  $u$  to our set of processed vertices  $S$ .
  - 3) Look at all out-neighbors  $x$  of  $u$ .  $d[u] = \text{SP from } s \rightarrow u$ , so a possible path from  $s \rightarrow x$  could be  $d[u] + l(u, x)$ 
    - If this possible path is < current SP for  $x$ , update the SP. aka  $d[x] = \min(d[x], d[u] + l(u, x))$  where  $u$  is the node we are currently processing.
- 4) Repeat steps 1-3 until all nodes are in set  $S$ . Return  $d$ .



→ RT:  $O(n^2)$

## Midterm 2 Study Guide - Shortest Paths

### Floyd-Warshall

- **PS:** Given graph  $G$ , find APSP: an  $n \times n$  table depicting the SP from  $u \rightarrow v$  for all  $u, v \in V$  (check all possible pairs of nodes)
- **Subproblems:** For all  $u, v \in V$  and  $r \in \{0, \dots, n\}$ ,  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r] = \text{length of SP from } u \rightarrow v \text{ where we can only use nodes } \{1, \dots, r\} \text{ to get from } u \text{ to } v.$
- **Return:** The table  $\text{OPT}[\cdot][\cdot][n]$  — aka all nodes allowed as intermediate.
- **Base Case:** When  $r=0$ ,
  - $\text{OPT}[u][v][0] = 0$  for all  $u, v$  when  $u=v$ ,
  - $\text{OPT}[u][v][0] = l(u, v)$  for all  $u, v$  when  $\exists$  an edge  $u \rightarrow v$ ,
  - and  $\text{OPT}[u][v][0] = \infty$  otherwise
- **Recurrence:** Fill the 3D array table by table, aka  $r=0, r=1, \dots$  so on. The  $\text{OPT}[\cdot][\cdot][0]$  table was our case. For all  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r]$  when  $r \geq 1$ , we have 2 options:
  - 1) Don't use the newly allowed intermediate vertex  $r$ , in which case  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r] = \text{OPT}[u][v][r-1]$ .
  - 2) Use node  $r$  in the middle of the path from  $u \rightarrow v$ . In this case, we want to add up length (SP from  $u \rightarrow r$ ) + length (SP from  $r \rightarrow v$ ). Specifically, we want these lengths from BEFORE  $\{r\}$  was allowed as an intermediate vertex. AKA  $\text{OPT}[u][v][r] = \text{OPT}[u][r][r-1] + \text{OPT}[r][v][r-1]$
- Take the min of the 2 options ↑.
- **RT:**  $n \times n \times n$  matrix so  $O(n^3)$

## Ch.6: Flows and Cuts

What is the maximum flow problem?

What is a flow network?

→ RECALL: Shortest Path problems are about finding the fastest way to get a truck from point  $s$  to point  $t$ .

→ Maximum flow problems ≈ sending as many trucks as possible from  $s$  to  $t$ .

→ an input  $(G, s, t)$  where

- $G$  = connected, directed graph where each edge  $e$  has a "capacity"

$$c(e) \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \text{ (positive int)}$$

- $s$  = a node in  $G$  that represents the source vertex.

• ASSUME that no edges point to  $s$ .

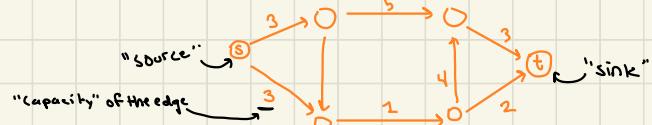
- $t$  = a node in  $G$  that represents the sink vertex.

• ASSUME that no edges are pointing out of  $t$ .

• ASSUME that  $s \neq t$

→ EX: think of the graph as a map of roads to checkpoints. We want to maximize the amt. of stuff we can send in trucks from point  $s$  to point  $t$ .

- Each Road has a "limit" on the amount of trucks that can be on it.



→ A subset  $S$  of vertices

- $\delta^{out}(S) = \{(u, v) \in E : u \in S, v \notin S\}$  denotes the set of edges leaving / crossing the cut (bc they point from a vertex in  $S$  to a vertex not in  $S$ ).

- $\delta^{in}(S) = \{(u, v) \in E : u \notin S, v \in S\}$  denotes the set of edges entering  $S$ .

→  $S$  is an  $s-t$  cut if  $s \in S$  AND  $t \notin S$

→ A Function  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  ... a function that gives a number to each edge in  $E(G)$ .

→ For a cut  $S$  (which could also just be a single vertex, e.g.  $S = \{u\}$ ),  $f^{out}(S)$  represents the amount of flow leaving  $S$ , e.g.: For all edges LEAVING  $S$ , the sum of the "flows" for each of those edges.

$$f^{out}(S) = \sum_{e \in \delta^{out}(S)} f(e)$$

$$\rightarrow f^{in}(S) = \sum_{e \in \delta^{in}(S)} f(e) \dots \text{the amount of flow entering } S.$$

→ When  $S$  is a single vertex, e.g.  $S = \{u\}$ , we write  $f^{out}(u)$  instead of  $f^{out}(\{u\})$ .

Recall: What is a cut?

What is a flow?

What are  $f^{out}(L)$  and  $f^{in}(L)$ ?

What does it mean for a flow to be **feasible**?

1. **Capacity constraints:** For every edge  $e$ , the amount of "flow" on the edge is not greater than its capacity.
  - For all  $e \in E$ ,  $0 \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$
2. **Conservation:** For every vertex except  $s$  and  $t$ , the amount of flow entering  $v$  = the amount of flow leaving  $v$ .
  - $\forall v \in V$  where  $v \neq s, v \neq t$ :  $f^{\text{in}}(v) = f^{\text{out}}(v)$ .

What is the **value** of a flow  $f$ ?

- Defined as  $|f|$ , the total amount of flow leaving vertex  $s$ .
- $|f| = f^{\text{out}}(s)$

What is a **maximum flow**?

- Given  $(G, s, +)$ , it is a flow  $f$  where  $|f|$  is maximized.

What is the **capacity** of a cut  $S$ ?

- The sum of the capacities of all edges leaving the cut.

$$\cdot c(S) = \sum_{e \in S^{\text{out}}(S)} c(e)$$

- An  $s-t$  cut  $S$  s.t. the capacity  $c(S)$  is minimized.

How would you represent a flow in code?

- The same way we represent edges that have lengths, weights, or capacity.
- Ex:  $\begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{---} \\ 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ 4 \quad 2 \quad 10 \quad 5 \end{array}$ ,  $s=1$  and  $t=4$ . Let the red numbers = the flow for each edge. Then we would represent  $G$  as:  
 $G = [[(2,5)], [(3,4)], [(4,10)], []]$  and  $f$  as:  
 $F = [[(2,4)], [(3,2)], [(4,5)], []]$ .

### - Ford-Fulkerson -

What is the input and goal?

- INPUT: A flow network  $(G, s, +)$

→ GOAL: Return a **maximum  $s-t$  flow**. AKA a flow w/ the max sum of all flow leaving  $s$ .

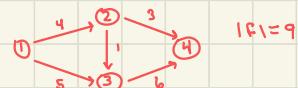
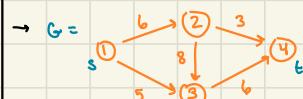
- Ex:  $G = \begin{array}{c} 5 \\ \text{---} \\ 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \\ | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ 4 \quad 4 \quad 10 \quad 4 \end{array}$ ,  $s=1$ ,  $t=4$ .

•  $f([2 \rightarrow 3])$  can be at most 4 due to capacity constraint, and  $f^{\text{in}}(2) = f^{\text{out}}(2)$

so  $f([2 \rightarrow 3])$  must also be 4. Finally  $f(3 \rightarrow 4)$  will also have to be 4.

• ANS:  $F = [[(2,4)], [(3,4)], [(4,4)], []]$

What are some other examples?



→ NOTE:  $|f|$  cannot possibly be greater than  $f^{\text{in}}(t)$ .

What is one natural approach to this problem?

- Use DFS (or other pathfinding alg) to find a path in  $G$  from  $s \rightarrow t$ .
- For each possible path  $P$ , for each edge  $(u,v)$  in  $P$ ,
  - set  $\Delta p = \min_{e \in P} c(e)$ , aka the minimum capacity of all edges in  $P$ .
  - increase the flow of each edge in  $P$  by  $\Delta p$ , aka  $f(e) = f(e) + \Delta p$
  - In  $G$ , decrease the capacity of each edge in  $P$  by  $\Delta p$ , so as to represent the "remaining capacity" of  $e$  after we have considered a possible path  $P$ ... aka  $c(e) = c(e) - \Delta p$
- Repeat above process for all paths until we can't make any more progress.
- NO! It works if  $G$  happens to be an  $s-t$  path, but not in general.
- Why? Because once we consider one  $s-t$  path  $P$  that isn't actually optimal, it affects how we treat the other paths & then our final answer too.
  - We have to be able to undo the changes made to  $f(e)$  and  $c(e)$  when we consider a Path  $P$ .

What is the correct approach to the Ford-Fulkerson problem?

- Rather than searching for  $s-t$  paths to consider in  $G$ , search for them in the residual network  $G_f$  of  $G$ .
- basically, use another graph  $G_f$  to track updates made after considering a path  $P$ . Namely, the "remaining capacities", and the things that we can undo.
- We need to find the residual network for  $G$ , given our current "working" flow  $f$ .

How do we find the residual network?

Forward edge

backwards edge

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Residual (G_f):
 $G_f = (V(G), E_f = \emptyset)$ → start off by having no edges in G_f
for $e = (u,v) \in E(G)$: → (for each edge u,v in the og graph G):
 if $f(e) < c(e)$: → if the flow of e is less than the real capacity of e in G ,
 add (u,v) to $E(G_f)$ → we should add that edge to our residual Graph
 set $c(e)$ in $G_f = c(e) - f(e)$ → in G_f , we should set $c(e)$ to be the remaining capacity.
 if $f(e) > 0$: → if we are sending flow on edge e , we account for allowing us
 to "undo" the change by also adding the backwards/reversed edge to G_f
 $\rightarrow rev = (v,u)$
 add rev to $E(G_f)$
 set $c(rev)$ in $G_f = f(e)$ → Why? B/c if we end up using (u,v) in our final flow, then
 we want to decrease the amt. of flow being sent on (u,v)
 return G_f → So we should set capacity of the reversed edge to
 be $f(e)$... aka the amount that we can undo
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So what will our actual ALG for Ford-Fulkerson be?

- Very similar to our first approach, except we do not modify  $G$  and instead search for  $s-t$  paths  $P$  in  $G_f$
- For each  $s-t$  path  $P$  in  $G_f$ , set  $\Delta p = \text{the min. capacity of all edges in } P$ 
  - then, augment  $f$  along  $P$  by the min. residual capacity  $c_f(e)$  over all edges in  $P$  ( $e \in P$ )... aka, "increase"  $f(e)$  by  $\Delta p$  for all edges in  $P$ .
  - then, update  $G_f$  by setting  $G_f = \text{Residual}(G, f)$ .

What is the algorithm?

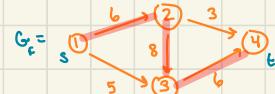
Ford-Fulkerson ( $G, s, t$ ):

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 $f = []$ * number of edges
for all $e \in E(G)$:
 $f(e) = 0$
 $G_f = G$
while G_f has an $s-t$ path P :
 $\Delta p = \min_{e \in P} c_f(e)$
 for all $e = (u, v)$ in P :
 if e is a forward edge:
 $f(u, v) = f(u, v) + \Delta p$
 else:
 $f(v, u) = f(v, u) - \Delta p$
 $G_f = \text{Residual}(G, f)$
return f
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Example problem?

- Let  $G = [[(2, b), (3, 5)], [(3, 8), (4, 3)], [(4, b)], []]$ . Initially,  $G_f = G$  and our first  $s-t$  path is highlighted below:



- $P = 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4$

- $\Delta p = 6$

- $f(e)$  for  $e = 1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3$ , and  $3 \rightarrow 4 = f(e) + \Delta p = 6$  (bc  $f(e) = 0$  for all  $e$ , initially)

- $F =$

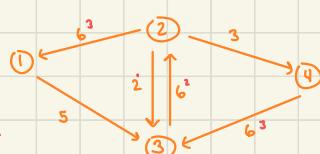


→ Now Residual graph  $G_f$ :

1.  $c(e) - f(e) = 8 - 6 = 2$

2.  $c(\text{rev}) = f(e) = 6$

3.  $f(e) = 6$  is NOT  $< c(e) = 6$ , so we don't add  $e = (u, v)$  to  $G_f$ ; we only add rev



What is the next step?

→ look for a new s-t path  $P$  in  $G_f$ :



•  $P = 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4$

•  $\Delta_P = 3$

•  $f(e)$  for  $e = 1 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 2$ , and  $2 \rightarrow 4$ :

•  $1 \rightarrow 3$  is fwd. edge, so  $f(1 \rightarrow 3) = 0 + 3 = 3$

•  $3 \rightarrow 2$  is backward,  $f(v,u) = f(2 \rightarrow 3) = 6$

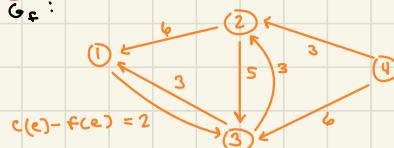
•  $f(2 \rightarrow 3) = 6 - 3 = 3$

•  $f(2 \rightarrow 4) = 0 + 3 = 3$

•  $F =$



→ New Residual graph  $G_f$ :



→ There are no more s-t paths in  $G_f$ , so we return  $f$  with  $|f| = 6 + 3 = 9$ :



→ Let  $S = \{v \mid v \text{ is a node in } G \text{ that is reachable from } s \text{ in the last residual graph } G_f\}$

↓  
aka nodes that are directly  
reachable by  $s \dots$  from a single edge

• A set of vertices (a cut)

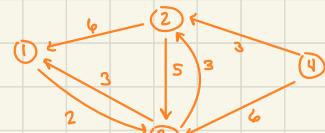
→ Let  $c(S) =$  the sum of the capacities of all edges leaving the cut — in the original graph.

→ If we solved the problem correctly, then  $c(S) = |f|$ .

→ In the ex above, here was our final  $G_f$ :

•  $S = \{3, 1\}$

$c(S) =$



→ In each iteration, the value of the flow,  $|f|$ , increases by  $\Delta_P$  (and  $\Delta_P$  always  $\geq 1$ )

→ So the ALG makes at most  $v$  iterations, where  $v =$  value of max. flow

→ Using DFS or a similar pathfinding alg amounts to a total of  $O(m)$  time per iteration, so the total RT is  $O(mv)$

What is the answer?

How can we check if our flow value is correct?

Example?

What is the RT?

## 6.2, 6.3: Bipartite Matching; Bipartite Vertex Cover

What is a bipartite graph?

- An undirected graph  $G$  where all the vertices in  $G$  can be split into 2 groups  $L$  and  $R$  s.t. every edge in  $G$  has exactly one endpoint in  $L$ .
- aka every edge goes from a node in  $\{L\}$  to a node in  $\{R\}$
- no edges whose endpoints are both in the same group.



- Given a bipartite graph, assume that we can label each vertex w/ either  $L$  or  $R$  in  $O(m+n)$  time.

What is a matching?

What is a use case for this concept?

- A subset of edges where no 2 edges in the set share an endpoint.
- EX: In graph above,  $\{1, 6\}$  and  $\{4, 2\}$  are matching, but  $\{1, 6, 2, 4\}$  is not.
- Let the nodes in  $\{L\} \approx$  kids & the nodes in  $\{R\} \approx$  gifts. Each child should get at most one gift, and we want to find the max. # of kids who can get the gifts they want.

### Bipartite Matching

What is the input & Goal?

What can we say about a matching?

What is the algorithm idea?

What are the steps to convert  $G$  into a flow?

- An application of the maximum flow problem.
- Input: a bipartite graph  $G = (L \cup R, E)$
- Goal: Return a maximum (largest size) matching in  $G$ .
- If  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are matchings, the set  $M_3 = M_1 \cap M_2$  is also a matching.
- RECALL: " $\cap$ " = intersection = elements in BOTH  $x$  and  $y$ .
- PROOF:  $\forall e_1, e_2 \in M_1 \cap M_2$ ,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  are both in  $M_2$ . This implies that  $e_1$  &  $e_2$  don't share an endpoint.
- If an edge is in  $M_3$ , it is in both  $M_1$  &  $M_2$ , so they can't share an endpoint.
- We want to convert this graph to a directed graph with capacitated edges - aka a flow - so that we can use Ford-Fulkerson.

$$2) G \rightarrow (G', s, t)$$

$$2) F = \max \text{ flow}$$

3) convert  $E$  to a matching

→ To construct  $G' = (V', E')$  from  $G = (V, E)$  and  $V = L \cup R$

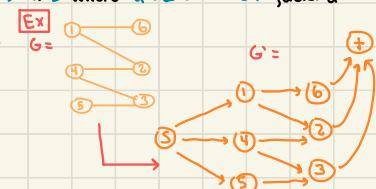
1. add  $s$  and  $t$  as new vertices.  $V' = V \cup \{s, t\}$

2.  $E'$  consists of a set of edges, all of which span between a node in  $L$  and a node in  $R$ .

So to make this directed, for every edge  $(u, v)$  in  $E$  where  $u \in L$  and  $v \in R$ , add a directed edge  $(u \rightarrow v)$  (from  $L$  to  $R$ ) in  $E'$ .

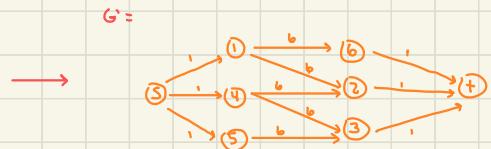
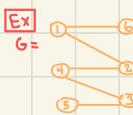
3. For all  $u \in L$ , add an edge  $(s, u)$  to  $E'$ .

4. For all  $v \in R$ , add an edge  $(v, t)$  to  $E'$ .



How do we add the capacities?

5. Set all of the new edges (e.g. those leaving  $s$ , and those entering  $t$ ) to have  $c(e) = 1$
6. Set all of the old edges (e.g. those going from L to R) to have capacity  $c(e) = n = \#$  of vertices in o.g. graph.



What do we do now?

→ Run Ford-Fulkerson to find the maximum flow!

→ Then, return all the edges in  $G'$  where  $f(e) > 0$  (aka edges that  $f$  "sends flow" on).

What is the Algorithm?

Bipartite-Matching ( $G'$ ):

$$G' = (V' = V, E' = E)$$

direct every edge in  $E'$  from L to R

for all  $e \in E'$ :

$$c(e) = n \text{ (aka } |V(G)|\text{)}$$

add  $s, t$  to  $V'$

for all  $u \in L$ :

add  $(s, u)$  to  $E'$  with capacity 1

for all  $v \in R$ :

add  $(v, t)$  to  $E'$  with capacity 1

$f = \text{Ford-Fulkerson}(G', s, t)$

return  $M = \{ \text{all } e \in E' \text{ where } f(e) = 1 \}$

What is the RT?

→ Constructing  $G'$  and  $M$  takes  $O(mn)$ -time

→ Running F-F on  $(G', s, t)$  takes  $O(mn)$ -time

→ Total RT =  $O(mn) + O(mn) = O(mn)$

### — Bipartite Vertex Cover —

RECALL: What is the capacity of a cut?

→ The sum of the capacities of all edges leaving the cut.

$$\cdot c(S) = \sum_{e \in S \text{ out}(S)} c(e)$$

→ An  $s-t$  cut  $S$  s.t. the capacity  $c(S)$  is minimized.

• A subset  $S$  that includes  $\{s\}$  and excludes  $\{t\}$

• The max flow  $|F| \leq c(S)$  for an  $s-t$  cut.

→ The max. flow value over all feasible  $s-t$  flows for a graph  $G$ ,  $|F|$ , is always going to be equal to the capacity  $c(S)$  of the  $s-t$  cut  $S$  with the minimum capacity.

$$\cdot \max |F| = \min_{s-t \text{ cuts } S} c(S)$$

What is the max-flow-min-cut theorem?

How can we find the minimum

s-t cut w/ a flow?

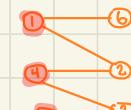
→ Using Ford-Fulkerson!

- Run F-F to find the maximum flow of a flow network
- The set of vertices reachable from  $s$  in the last Residual Graph  $G_f$  is actually our min. s-t cut!!
- Simply run  $\text{BFS}(\text{last Residual Graph}, s)$  to return the set of all nodes reachable from  $s$ .

What is a vertex cover?

→ (VC) given a graph  $G$ , a vertex cover is a subset  $S$  of vertices s.t. every edge in  $G$  has at least one endpoint in  $S$ .

→ Ex:



and



$$S = \{1, 4, 5\}$$

$$S = \{1, 4, 3\}$$

are both VCs of this graph. Every edge touches a node in  $S$ .

What is the Bipartite Vertex Cover problem?

How do we solve this problem?

→ Input: a bipartite graph  $G = (L \cup R, E)$

→ Goal: Return a minimum vertex cover of  $G$  (aka least amt. of vertices possible)

→ Using Ford-Fulkerson! We want to use the minimum s-t cut findable using F-F, and construct our max V-C from it.

1) Convert  $G$  into  $(G, s, t)$  following the same process as that in 6.2

2) Run Ford-Fulkerson on  $G, s, t$

3) Let  $G_f =$  the last Residual Graph given by F-F. Run BFS on  $(G_f, s)$  to obtain all nodes reachable by  $s$  in  $G_f$ . This becomes our  $S =$  the minimum s-t cut in  $G$ .

4) Convert  $S$  into our final answer, the min VC in  $G$ .

→ Given the b.p. graph  $G$ , with sets of nodes  $L$  and  $R$ , AND given our min. s-t cut  $S$ , the set of nodes representing the min VC is :

- All of the nodes in  $L$  which are NOT IN  $S$  (aka  $L \setminus S$  or  $L \setminus S$ , formally), AND
- All of the nodes in  $R$  which are ALSO IN  $S$  (aka  $R \cap S$ )

→ AKA: Ans =  $(L \setminus S) \cup (R \cap S)$

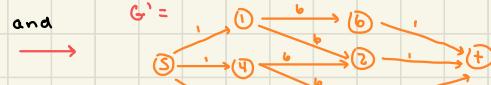
→  $G =$



and



$G' =$

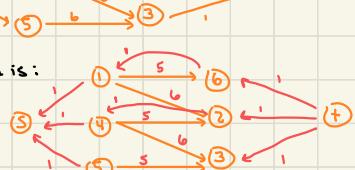


→ After running F-F, our last Residual Graph is :

→ Min s-t cut =  $\text{BFS}(G_f, s) = S = \{3\}$

→  $(L \setminus S) = \{1, 4, 5\}$ ,  $(R \cap S) = \{3\}$

→ Ans: VC cover =  $\{1, 4, 5\}$



What is the RT of min vertex cover?

→ Alg is almost identical to 6.2, so  $RT = O(mn)$

SUMMARY: How did we solve problems 6.2 and 6.3?

→ To solve bipartite matching, instead of solving it directly, we converted it to a diff problem - finding max flow - and translated the answer to get our solution.

• AKA, we reduced max. bipartite matching to max. flow

→ To solve min. vertex cover, we reduced it to minimum s-t cut.

## Ch 7: NP Hardness

What have the previous chapters been about?

What is ch. 7 about?

What does it mean for a problem to be **NP-hard**?

How do we prove that a problem is NP-hard?

Why is this comparison meaningful?

What is a **decision problem**?

How do we translate optimization problems into decision ones?

Examples?

→ Strategies & patterns for solving problems in polynomial time.

→ Showing that a problem cannot be solved in polynomial time

→ We don't know if it can be solved in polynomial-time

- Maybe it can... but no one has found an algorithm yet. And we believe that it probably can't.

→ With a comparison. For ex, let A and B be 2 "decision problems". When we say  $A \leq B$ , it means "A is at most as hard as B", and "B is at least as hard as A".

- aka, comparing the relative difficulties of various problems.

→ B/c if one day someone discovers that, for ex, problem A is actually hard (not just NP-hard), then it proves that B is also hard.

→ A problem that is comprised of an input specification, and a yes/no problem Q.

- As opposed to **optimization problems**, like LIS, Knapsack, MST, etc. etc., where the output is a specific solution.

→ By introducing an additional input K, and asking if the optimal value is at least K - for minimization problems - or at most K - for maximization problems.

→ To solve the "decision version", you just solve the optimization version & compare the output to K.

Optimization Version → Decision Version

LIS:

- Input = list A
- Output = length of LIS in A

• Input :  $(A, K)$

• Q = Is the length of the LIS in A  $\geq K$ ?

MST:

- Input : graph G
- Output : weight of the MST

• Input :  $(G, K)$

• Q = Is the weight of the MST in G  $\leq K$ ?

0/1 Knapsack:

- Input :  $(v, w, B)$
- Output : max value to fit in backpack

• Input :  $(v, w, B, K)$

• Q = Is the value of the optimal solution  $\geq K$ ?

Maximum

- Input :  $(G, s, t)$

• Input :  $(G, s, t, K)$

Flow:

- Output : value of max flow

• Q = Is the value of the max s-t Flow  $\geq K$ ?

## 7.1: Reductions, P, and NP

What is the class **P**, informally?

Example problems in **P**?

What is the class **NP**, informally?

What is known & not known about the classes **P** & **NP**?

How do we prove that a problem is not solvable in poly-time?

What is a polynomial time reduction?

- The set of all decision problems that can be solved in polynomial time  
 $P = \{A \mid A \text{ is a decision problem that can be solved in poly-time}\}$
- LIS, MST, bipartite matching, vertex cover, etc.
- For Ex: given an array  $A$  and an integer  $K$ , we can determine whether  $A$  has an increasing subsequence whose length is  $\geq K$  in polynomial time.
- The set of all decision problems that can be solved using brute force.
  - aka pretty much every problem we look at, including every one we will look at in this class.
- $NP = \text{nondeterministic poly time}$
- KNOWN: All problems in **P** are in **NP**...  $P \subseteq NP$
- UNKNOWN: Is  $P = NP$ ? aka, are all the **NP-hard** problems actually easy, but we haven't solved them yet?
  - We believe  $P \neq NP$ , but we don't know.
- A reduction:
  1. Imagine problems **A** and **B**. We KNOW already that **A**  $\notin P$  (not poly-time solvable). We don't know about **B**.
  2. Assume for contradiction that **B**  $\in P$  & has a polytime algorithm,  $ALG_B$ .
  3. We "reduce" every input into problem **A** into an input to problem **B** s.t.
    - Any time the input would be accepted by **A**, the transformed input is also accepted by **B**.
    - Any time the input would be rejected by **A**, the transformed input is also rejected by **B**.
  4. To specify the nature of these "input transformations", we have to write an algorithm that takes ANY input of **A** and converts it to some input to **B** s.t. the rules above (in step 3) are satisfied.
  4. Now that we have this alg, instead of using our normal, brute force, **NP hard** alg for **A**, we solve inputs to problem **A** by first "transforming" the input, then running it through  $ALG_B$ , then outputting the answer given by  $ALG_B$ .
  - An algorithm that does the "input transformation" described above, but specifically in polynomial time.
  - Formally: an alg  $f$  that transforms every instance  $X$  of **A** into an instance  $f(X)$  of **B** s.t.  $X$  is a "yes" instance of **A** iff.  $f(X)$  is a "yes" instance of **B**.
  - $A \leq B \iff A$  is polytime reducible to **B**.

How does a poly-time reduction prove that a problem is hard?

- Take the ex from prev. page, where we know that  $\underline{A}$  is hard & want to prove that  $B$  is hard.
- By assuming that  $B$  has a poly-time alg, we were able to create a polytime reduction that maps all  $A$ -inputs to  $B$ -inputs and prove that  $\underline{A} \leq B$ . Using this poly-time alg, we were then able to actually solve  $\underline{A}$  in polynomial time:

$\text{ALG}_A(x)$ :

$y = \text{transform\_input}(x) \leftarrow$  a poly-time transformation  
return  $\text{ALG}_B(y)$

→ However, we already know that  $\underline{A}$  can't be solved in poly-time, so the above can't actually be possible. Therefore,  $B$  must also be hard. Otherwise it would mean that  $A$  is easy, which it isn't.

- $B$  is at least as hard as  $\underline{A}$
- If  $\underline{A}$  is hard, then it implies that  $B$  is hard.
- If  $B$  is easy, then it implies that  $\underline{A}$  is easy.
- Describing a polynomial-time algorithm  $f: A \rightarrow B$  that satisfies the following:
  1. Forward direction: If  $x$  is "yes" inst. of  $A$ ,  $f(x)$  is a "yes" inst. of  $B$ .
  2. Backward direction: If  $f(x)$  is a "yes" inst. of  $B$ ,  $x$  is a "yes" inst. of  $A$ .
- For all problems  $x \in NP$ ,  $x \leq B$  (aka a polytime alg for  $B$  would allow us to solve every problem  $x \in NP$  in poly time)
- To show that  $B$  is NP-hard, we just have to choose some problem already "known" to be NP-hard, and reduce it to  $B$ , aka  $A \leq B$  for some  $A \in NP$ .
- $B \in NP$  AND  $B$  is NP-hard.

Summary: What are we doing in this chapter?

→ We want to show that a problem  $\underline{B}$  is hard. But we can't do that, so instead, we say that  $\underline{B}$  is "at least as hard" as some other problem  $\underline{A}$ . And we prove this by proving that  $\underline{A} \leq \underline{B}$ , by giving a poly time reduction  $f: A \rightarrow B$ .

## 7.2: Independent Set to Vertex Cover

What is an independent set?

- For an undirected graph  $G$ , an "independent set" is a subset  $S$  of nodes s.t. none of the edges in  $G$  connect 2 of the nodes in the subset.
  - i.e., none of the nodes in  $S$  are directly connected to each other.
- For ex, if  $G = \begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \text{---} \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \end{array}$ , then  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is an ind. set b/c for every edge of  $G$   $\{u, v\}$ ,  $(u \notin S \vee v \notin S)$  is true.
  - i.e., there are no edges connecting  $v=1, 2, 3, \text{ or } 4$  to one another.

What is the independent set problem?

→ Input is  $(G, k)$  where the input is an undir. graph  $G$  and  $k = \text{an integer}$

→ Problem Q: Does  $G$  contain an independent set of size at least  $k$ ?

- For an undirected graph, a "vertex cover" of that graph is a subset of nodes/vertices where every edge in  $G$  touches one of those nodes. For example, if  $G = \begin{array}{c} 1 \text{---} 2 \\ | \\ \text{---} \\ 3 \text{---} 4 \end{array}$ , then  $S = \{1, 3, 4\}$  is a vertex cover b/c every edge touches either  $v=1$ ,  $v=3$ , or  $v=4$  (or both) but  $S = \{1, 2\}$  is not.

What is the vertex cover problem?

→ Given  $(G, k)$ : Does  $G$  have a VC of size at most  $k$  nodes?

What is the goal?

→ Prove that VC is NP-hard by showing that IS  $\leq_{\text{P}}$  VC

• idea, write a poly-time alg  $f$  that converts every input to IS into an input to VC s.t.  $x \in \text{lang. IS} \iff f(x) \in \text{lang. VC}$

→  $f(G, k)$ : Given  $(G, k)$ , return  $(G, n-k)$ .

Independent\_Set( $G, k$ ):

$$y = f(G, k)$$

return Vertex\_Cover( $y$ )

What is our poly-time reduction

alg  $f$ ?

→ To prove this, we must prove the forward & backward directions. For ex, to prove that  $f$  above is correct:

1) **Forward:** if  $x = (G, k)$  is a yes for IS, prove that

$f(x) = (G, n-k)$  is a yes for VC.

2) **Backward:** if  $x = (G, k)$  is a no for IS, prove that  $f(x) = (G, n-k)$  is a no for VC.

\* ALTERNATIVELY, show: if  $f(x) = (G, n-k)$  is a yes for VC, prove that  $x = (G, k)$  is a yes for IS

↳ this one is usually easier to prove.

Why does this work?

What is the forward-direction proof for  $\text{I.S.} \leq \text{VC}$ ?

→ If  $(G, k)$  is a "yes" inst. of IS, then  $G$  has an ind. set  $S$  where  $|S| \geq k$ .

→ Ex: let  $G =$   and  $k = 3$ . Then  $(G, k)$  is a "yes" if we let  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$

→ If  $S$  is an I.S., that means that none of the edges that touch a node in  $S$  touch another node in  $S$ . So, every edge touching a node in  $S$  is also touching at least one node in  $G$  that isn't in  $S$ .

→ None of the edges "in"  $S$  connect the nodes to one another. Therefore, if we let  $X = \{v \mid v \text{ is a node in } G \text{ and } v \notin S\}$  — aka every node not in  $S$ , aka  $V(G) - S$  — then  $X$  has to be a vertex cover of  $G$  because the edges touching nodes in  $X$  will cover, by defn, every node in  $X$ . But they will also cover every node in  $S$  b/c the nodes in  $S$  must be connected to the graph somewhat.

→ SUMMARY: For  $(G, k)$ , if accepted by IS, then we can find a vertex cover of at most  $V(G) - k$  aka  $n - k$  nodes. Thus  $(G, n - k)$  is accepted by VC.

→ Ex: let  $G =$   and  $n - k = 4$ . Then  $(G, n - k)$  is a "yes" of VC if we let  $S = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$

→ If  $G$  is a "yes" of VC, that means  $\exists$  a VC  $S$  of  $G$  where  $|S| \leq n - k$

→ The complement set  $S' = V/G$  (aka every node not in  $S$ ) is an IS of  $G$  and  $|S'| \geq k$ . Therefore,  $(G, k)$  is a yes for IS.

→ Independent Set  $\leq$  Vertex Cover

• If I.S. is hard, which we think it is, then VC is also hard.

2. Reflexive: for all problems  $A$ ,  $A \leq A$

• Why? Because  $f(x) = x$  is a correct reduction from  $A$  to  $A$ . e.g. the alg just outputs the ans returned by  $A$ .

2. Transitive: for all  $A, B, C$ , if  $A \leq B$  and  $B \leq C$ , then  $A \leq C$

• Why? To reduce  $A$  to  $C$ , we'd simply call the function  $f$  to transform  $A$ 's input to a  $B$ -input. Then, transform that  $B$ -input to a  $C$ -input. Then, run the input through  $A_{LG}$  & return the ans.

3. Symmetric: for all  $A, B$ , if  $A \leq B$ , it does NOT necessarily mean that  $B \leq A$ .

• For ex,  $\text{VC} \leq \text{Halt}_{\text{TM}}$  but  $\text{Halt}_{\text{TM}}$  is NOT reducible to  $\text{VC}$ .

SUMMARY: What does this proof imply?

What are some properties of poly-time reductions?

What is NOT a property of polytime reductions?

### 1.3: 3-SAT to Independent Set

RECALL COMP 455: What is the 3SAT problem input?

- A set of  $n$  boolean variables  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ , and
- A set of  $k$  clauses, where each clause is a boolean expression consisting of exactly  $\geq 3$  literals OR'ed together.

• A "literal" = a boolean var OR its negation, e.g.  $\bar{x}_1, x_1, x_2, \bar{x}_2$ , etc.

→ Let  $L$  = a boolean expression where each clause in the input is AND'ed together.

• Ex: variables =  $\{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$  and clauses =  $\{\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3\}, (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3), (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)\}$

then  $L = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3)$

→ Q: Is there an assignment  $\Psi : \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \rightarrow \{T, F\}$  like an assignment of each variable to either T or F) s.t.  $L$  evaluates to True?

3SAT =  $\{ \Psi \in \mathcal{C} \mid \Psi \text{ is a satisfiable Boolean formula} \}$ .

• Ex: Yes, because  $x_1 = T, x_2 = F, x_3 = T$  lets  $L = \text{True}$

→ Basically, an assignment to each variable s.t. for each clause, at least one literal in the clause = T

$$(x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee x_2 \vee x_3) \\ (T \vee F \vee \bar{T}) \wedge (\bar{T} \vee \bar{F} \vee T) \wedge (\bar{T} \vee F \vee T) \\ T \quad T \quad T = T$$

→ Because the Cook-Levin Theorem proves & states that, by definition (e.g. NOT using a reduction), that 3SAT is NP-hard.

• It is a KNOWN NP-hard problem.

→ Therefore, any problem that we can reduce 3SAT to, we can then assert that it is NP-hard.

• e.g., we will prove  $3SAT \leq IS$ , which proves that IS is NP-hard.

• We already proved that  $IS \leq VC$ , so this will also implicitly prove that VC is NP-hard.

→ Prove that IS is NP-hard by showing that  $3SAT \leq IS$ .

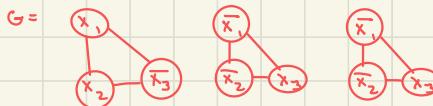
→ RECALL: IS =  $\{(G, k) \mid G \text{ has an Ind. set of size } \geq k\}$

Why is the 3SAT problem significant?

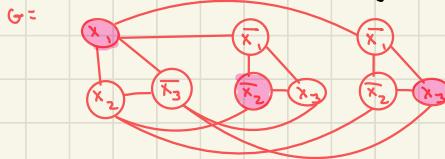
What is the goal?

What is our poly-time reduction  
f?

- EX - Let  $L = (x_1 \vee x_2 \vee \bar{x}_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3) \wedge (\bar{x}_1 \vee \bar{x}_2 \vee x_3)$
- $f(3SAT\text{input})$ :
- 2) For each clause  $C_j$ , add a "triangle" to  $G$  by creating one vertex per literal in  $C_j$  and connecting the 3 vertices together.
- Thus, if there are  $k$  clauses,  $G$  will initially have  $3k$  nodes and  $3k$  edges.



- 2) Add "conflict edges": For every node  $v$  in  $G$ , add an edge between  $v$  and all nodes whose associated literal is the negation of  $v$ .



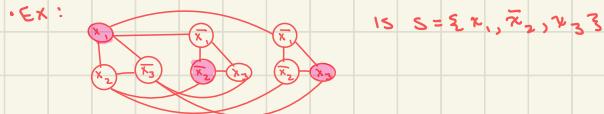
- 3) Let  $K = k =$  the number of "triangles" aka the number of clauses.

- 4) Return  $(G, K)$

- If input is a "yes" for 3SAT, then  $\exists$  an assignment  $\varphi$  that satisfies all clauses.

- EX: in ex above,  $\varphi = \{x_1 = T, x_2 = F, x_3 = T\}$  satisfies all clauses

- For each triangle in  $G$ , say that we pick any literal in the triangle that evaluates to true, and add it to our independent set.



- This selection  $S$  obviously has size  $\geq K$ .

- $S$  is an independent set because:

- We only choose one node from each triangle, so obviously the edges connecting each triangle won't interfere with our independent set.

- The conflict edges are also not an issue because we assigned each literal to T or F.

And for each triangle, we added a literal that evaluated to T to our IS  $S$ . If a literal  $b$  eval. to true, then it may have "conflict edges" to all nodes " $\bar{b}$ ". But since

" $\bar{b}$ " would then eval. to false, we would only ever have one of  $b$  or  $\bar{b}$  in our IS, b/c they can't both be true.

What is the forward direction proof?

What is the backward direction proof?

→ If we have an IS of size  $K=3$  where the nodes are literals, and this input

$(G, \psi = \emptyset)$  was a "yes" inst. of Independent Set:

$G =$

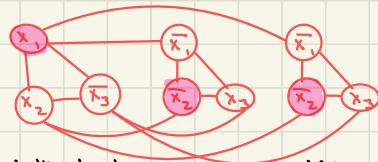
We can use this graph & the IS  $S$  (in this ex,  $S = \{x_1, \bar{x}_2, x_3\}$ ) to construct a "yes" instance of 3SAT:

- For each literal in  $S$ , set it to be TRUE in the boolean assignment  $\psi$ :

$$\psi: x_1 = T$$

$$\bar{x}_2 = T \text{ so } x_2 = F$$

$x_3 = T \text{ or } F, \text{ it doesn't matter}$



→ We can prove that this is a satisfying assignment for 2 reasons:

- The assignments will not contradict each other, b/c given the fact of the "conflict edges", if  $S$  is an IS, it will not contain both  $b$  and  $\bar{b}$  for any literal  $b$ .
  - aka " $\psi$  is well defined"
- the assignment satisfies every clause b/c each triangle represents a clause, and each triangle adds at least 1 node to  $S$ .

## 7.4: Vertex Cover to Dominating Set

What is a dominating set?

→ A subset  $S \subseteq V$  of vertices s.t. for all nodes  $u \in V$ ,  $u$  is either in  $S$ , or  $u$  has a neighbor in  $S$ .

• Basically "covering every vertex", unlike VC, which tries to "cover every node".

→ Ex:   $S = \{1, 2\}$  is a dominating set.

→ Input:  $(G, k)$

→ Problem: Does  $G$  have a dominating set of size at most  $k$ ?

• e.g., with  $k$  nodes, can we "cover every vertex"?

→ For  $(G, k)$ , Does  $G$  have a VC of size at most  $k$  nodes?

→ Vertex Cover: Subset  $S \subseteq V$  of vertices s.t. every edge has at least 1 endpoint in  $S$ .

→ Prove that DS is hard by showing that Vertex Cover  $\leq$  Dominating Set

• Given a "yes" instance of VC, write a poly-time function to output a "yes" instance of DS.

→ Returning the VC input almost satisfies the forward direction: If  $G$  has no isolated vertices (e.g. every node has  $\geq 1$  edge), then a Graph w/ a VC of size  $k$  will have a DS of size  $k$ .

• But if  $G$  has isolated vertices, like  , then it could be a yes for VC but a no for DS.

→ This reduction also doesn't satisfy the backward direction:

 where  $k=2$  would be a NO for VC, but a yes for DS.

→ Intuition for reductions: " $A \leq B$ "  $\approx$  solve  $A$  given a 'solver' for  $B$ .

→ Given a "solver" for Dominating Set, we need to turn our graph  $G$  - which covers  $k$  edges - into a graph  $G'$  which covers  $k$  nodes.

• Somehow convert every edge to a vertex?

1. Given  $G$ , construct a new graph  $G' = G$ , initially. Then, for each edge  $e \in E(G)$ :

• add a new vertex  $x_e$  to  $G'$

• add the edges  $(u, x_e)$  and  $(v, x_e)$

→ Intuitively, we are placing a new vertex "next to" each edge  $e$ .

2. Set  $k' = k + |I(G)|$ , where  $I(G)$  is the set of isolated vertices in  $G$ .

3. Return  $(G', k')$

→ Ex:   $k=2$

  $G'$  =  $k'=3$  (no isolated vertices)

What is the forward direction proof?

- Given a "yes" instance of VC, let  $S$  be a vertex cover of  $G$  s.t.  $|S| \leq k$ .
- We claim that  $S' = S \cup I(G)$  will always be a dominating set of  $G'$ .
  - aka, for any vertex  $u \in V(G')$ ,  $u \notin S'$  or  $u$  has a neighbor in  $S'$ .
- Why can we claim this?
  1. If  $u \in I(G)$  (the isolated vertices in  $G$ ) or  $u \in S$ , then obviously  $u \in S'$ .
  2. If  $u \in V(G)$  and  $u \notin S$  - aka, an "old" / org vertex from graph  $G$  that wasn't in the V.C.  $S$ , then  $u$  has at least one neighbor in  $S'$ , because we know that  $S$  is a VC of  $G$ , meaning all edges attached to  $u$  must be "covered" - meaning that at least one neighbor of  $u$  is in  $S$  and therefore in  $S'$ .
  3. If  $u \in V(G)$  and  $u \notin V(G)$  - aka the new vertices added in the reduction:
    - Given a "yes" inst of VC, we know ∃ set  $S$  which covers all edges (aka one endpoint of every edge is in  $S$ ):



- All the new edges are added "along" existing edges. Since we know that those edges are covered by nodes in  $S$ , the same nodes in  $S$  will end up touching every new vertex  $x_i$  added:



- Let  $S' = (G', k + |I(G)|)$  be a "yes" instance of DS, where  $S'$  is a DS of  $G'$  where size  $\leq k$  nodes.

• We can't just claim " $S'$  is a VC of  $G'$ " like we did in the fwd. proof, b/c  $G'$  has vertices that  $G$  doesn't and those could be in the DS  $S'$ .

- We will convert  $S'$  to a subset  $S$  of nodes in  $G$ , which is also a VC of size  $k$ . This will prove that "yes" instances of  $DS(F(VC\_Input))$  (running DS with the transformed inputs given by the reduction) correspond to "yes" instances of  $VC(K\_Input)$ .

1. Start with  $S = \emptyset$  (empty)
2. For all  $u$  in  $S'$ :
  - if  $u \in V(G)$ , add  $u$  to  $S$
  - otherwise (if  $u$  is a new vertex added by the reduction): add either neighbor of  $u$  to  $S$ .
  - if  $u$  is in  $I(G)$ , do not add it to  $S$ .

→ SKIPPED: Rest of backward proof showing why " $S'$  is DS of  $G' \Rightarrow S$  is a VC of  $G$ "

→ DomSet  $\in NP$  (not solvable in polytime, but is brute forceable)

→ VC  $\in NP$ -Complete (aka VC  $\in NP$  AND VC is NP-hard)

• NP-Hard = every problem in NP reduces to VC.

What is the backwards direction proof?

How will we convert  $S'$  to  $S$ ?

What is true about the DomSet and VC problems?

## 7.5: Directed to Undirected Hamiltonian Cycle

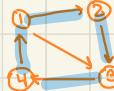
RELAP: What are we doing in chapter 7?

→ We want to show that a problem  $B$  cannot be solved by a polynomial-time alg...aka that  $B \in \text{NP-Hard}$

→ We can't actually prove that, but if  $\exists$  a problem  $A$  that IS believed to be NP-Hard, and we can show that  $A \leq B$  ( $A$  is poly-time solvable given a "solver" for  $B$ ), then we can prove that  $B$  is at least as hard as  $A$ .

→ Input: Directed graph  $G$ . Does  $G$  contain a Hamiltonian cycle (a cycle that visits each node exactly once)?

Ex "yes" instance  $G$ :



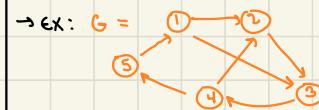
Ex "no" instance  $G$ :



→ Input: Undirected graph  $G$ . Does  $G$  contain a Hamiltonian cycle?

→ Prove that HamCycle is at least as hard as DirHamCycle by proving  $\text{DirHamCycle} \leq \text{HamCycle}$

→ Given a Directed graph  $G$ , if  $G$  has a HC, return an Undir graph  $G'$  that has a Ham Cycle.



→ REDUCTION: Construct  $G'$  as follows:

1. For each node  $u \in V(G)$ : add 3 nodes  $\{u_{in}, u, u_{out}\}$  to  $G'$ .

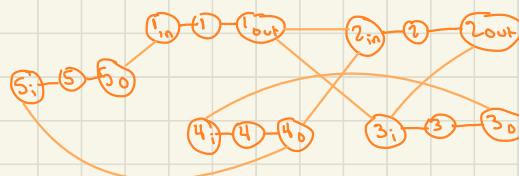


2. For each node  $u \in V(G)$ : add 2 edges  $(u_{in}, u)$  and  $(u, u_{out})$  to  $G'$ .

(aka, every vertex gets replaced by a path of length 2)



3. For each edge  $(u, v) \in E(G)$  (in the org graph): Add the edge  $(u_{out}, v_{in})$  to  $G'$ . " $u_{out}$ " represents the node sending out-neighbors from " $u$ ".

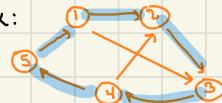


What is the forward direction proof?

→ If  $G$  has a dir. Ham cycle  $C$ , we can construct a HC  $C'$  in  $G'$  by simply following  $C$ , but instead of jumping from node  $u$  to node  $v$  and so on, we "enter" a node at  $u_{in}$ , then  $u$ , then  $u_{out}$ , THEN  $v_{in}$  for the next vertex in  $C$ , and so on.

•  $C'$  goes  $u \rightarrow u_{out} \rightarrow v_{in} \rightarrow v$  every time  $C$  goes  $u \rightarrow v$

→ Ex:



$C$  could =  $1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 1$ , so

$C' = 1_{in} \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1_{out} \rightarrow 2_{in} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2_{out} \rightarrow 3_{in}$

$\rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 3_{out} \rightarrow 4_{in} \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 4_{out} \rightarrow 5_{in} \rightarrow 5$

$\rightarrow 5_{out} \rightarrow 1_{in}$



What is the backward direction proof?

→ Suppose  $G'$  has a Ham Cycle  $C'$ . Like

→ Consider any vertex  $u \in \text{e.g. graph } G$ . In  $C'$ , there

must exist a subpath  $(u_{in}, u, u_{out})$ . After

visiting  $u_{out}$ ,  $C'$  must visit some vertex  $v_{in}$ . It MUST go to  $v, v_{out}$  after that, consecutively.



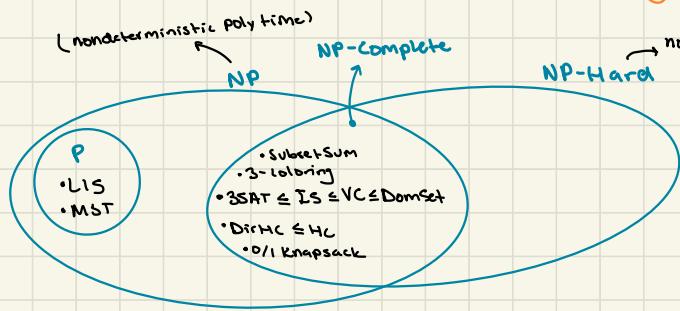
→ Therefore, we can construct a HC  $C$  in  $G$  by taking  $C'$  and removing every vertex  $u_{in}$  in  $G$  (aka the "in" and "out" vertices)

• Ex above:  $C' = 1_{in} \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1_{out} \rightarrow 2_{in} \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 2_{out} \rightarrow 3_{in} \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 3_{out} \rightarrow 1_{in}$

• So  $C = 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 1$ , which is an HC in  $G$ :



RECAP of ch. 7?



→ 3-SAT has been proven NP-Complete/Hard w/o a reduction (Cook-Levin Thm.)

# Approximation Algorithms

What's the deal w/ unsolvable problems?

- For many problems (like 3SAT, VC, etc.), there probably is no poly-time alg to solve them
  - We don't know, b/c we haven't found one yet. But maybe.
  - These problems are in NP or NP-hard.

But what if we still need (to) solve them?

- We have to give up one of the two:
  - polynomial time
  - optimality (accuracy of ans)

What are approximation algorithms?

- Algorithms to solve hard problems within polynomial time, by sacrificing optimality (ability to **ALWAYS** yield the exact correct answer), & instead delivering an **approximation**.
- Approximation algorithms:
  - Don't always return an optimal solution - but often quite close
  - Always run in poly-time
  - Are relatively simple

What is a  $\alpha$ -approximation algorithm?

- For a given problem, such as a minimization problem, let **OPT** denote the true, actual optimal solution. Let **ALG** denote the solution given by the Approx. Alg.

→ **DEFN:** a  $\alpha$ -approx-alg for a given problem always returns a solution whose value **ALG** is within a factor  $\alpha$  of **OPT**.

→ **Minimization:**

There exists a  $\alpha \geq 1$  s.t., on every instance of the algorithm,  
 $OPT \leq ALG \leq \alpha \cdot OPT$

→ E.g., a 2-approx alg returns a value **ALG** that is at most 2·**OPT** away from the right answer

→ **Maximization:**

There exists a  $\alpha \leq 1$  s.t., on every instance of the algorithm,  
 $OPT \geq ALG \geq \alpha \cdot OPT$

What is the approximation ratio of an algorithm?

- The smallest val of  $\alpha$  s.t. the algorithm is a proven  $\alpha$ -approximation algorithm.
- To prove an  $\alpha$ -approx alg's correctness, show that the alg satisfies one of the 2 inequality statements above (depending on the type of the problem) - on every instance.
- e.g., a 2-approx alg is also a 3-approx alg, but the ratio is 2 b/c that's the smallest possible.

## - 8.1: Vertex Cover -

RECALL: What is the VC problem?  
(not decision type)

What is our goal?

→ A minimization problem: for a graph  $G$ , return the smallest possible VC: over a subset  $S$  of  $V$  s.t. for all  $e \in E$ ,  $e$  has at least one endpoint in  $S$

→ Describe a 2-approx alg for VC: The alg returns a subset of nodes **ALG** s.t., for any graph  $G$ ,  $|OPT(G)| \leq |ALG(G)| \leq 2 \cdot |OPT(G)|$

• AKA,  $|ALG|$  is at most 2x the size of  $|OPT|$ .

• For ex, if  $G =$   ,  $|OPT| = 2$  and  $2 \leq |ALG| \leq 4$

What will our alg be?

→ A Greedy algorithm: For each edge  $e \in G$ , add both endpoints of  $e$  to  $S$ , and remove the endpoint vertices  $\{u, v\}$  from  $G$ . Repeat this process until  $G$  has no edges.

• NOTE that when we remove a vertex  $u$  from a graph, we also remove all edges touching  $u$ .

VC-Matching ( $G, k$ ):

$S = \text{empty set}$

while  $G$  has an edge  $e = \{u, v\}$ :

    add  $u$  to  $S$

    add  $v$  to  $S$

    remove  $u$  and  $v$  from  $G$

return  $S$

How do we prove its correctness?

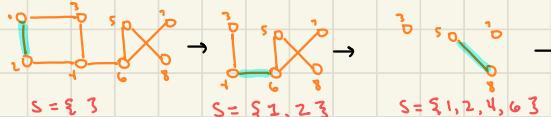
→ Prove the Theorem: For all possible  $G$ ,  $|ALG(G)| \leq 2 \cdot |OPT(G)|$

→ PROOF: Consider the set of edges "chosen" by ALG (aka the edges that we actually "look at" before removing its endpoints), as opposed to edges that get automatically deleted when we remove a node  $u$  from  $G$ .

• Those edges form a matching  $M$ : a subset of edges s.t. no 2 edges in  $M$  share an endpoint. For ex:



→ When we consider an edge, we remove its endpoints — meaning that we automatically remove every edge that would share an endpoint with it!



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



What do we know about the OPT subset VC for a graph G?

- $|OPT| \geq |M|$ : OPT has at least  $|M|$  nodes, because OPT must be a subset that covers every edge, and the edges in M share NO nodes; there's no overlap. At least one endpoint of each  $e \in M$  must be in OPT.
- Where  $M =$  the maximum matching of G.

What do we know about the ALG subset returned by our alg?

- In the alg, we add 2 nodes for each edge considered. We have already shown that alg considers at most  $|M|$  edges. Therefore, we add at most  $2 \times |M|$  nodes to our subset ALG in our algorithm.
- $|ALG| \leq (2 \cdot |M|) \leq (2 \cdot |OPT|)$   
or " $=$ " according to the lecture but like  
 $\xrightarrow{b}$  because  $|M| \leq |OPT|$ !

How does this come together to prove that our approx. alg is correct?

## - 8.2 : Load Balancing -

What is a scheduling problem?

- We have  $n$  jobs and  $m$  machines, and we need to assign each job to a machine.
- Every job has a corresponding length  $\ell(n)$
- For a given jobs-to-machines assignment, for each machine  $m$ , the load on  $m$  = the sum of the lengths of every job assigned to  $m$
- For a given jobs-to-machines assignment, the makespan of the assignment is the maximum load created by that assignment - aka, the load of the machine w/ the heaviest load.
- INPUT:  $(\ell, m)$ , where  $\ell$  is an array of size  $n$ ;  $\ell[i]$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$  is the length of job  $i$ .  
And  $m$  = the # of machines.

What is the Load Balancing problem?

- GOAL: Return an assignment of jobs-to-machines s.t. the makespan is minimized (minimize the max load)
- EX: if  $\ell = [3, 1, 2]$  and  $m=2$ , the OPT solution is to assign job 1 to one machine, and jobs 2 & 3 to the second machine:  

|                   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| jobs:             | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| $M_1 \Rightarrow$ |   |   |   |
| $M_2 \Rightarrow$ | 3 | 1 |   |

 Makespan = 3
- The decision version of this problem (e.g., given  $\ell, m$ , and a makespan  $K$ , does there exist an assignment s.t. the makespan  $\leq K$ ? ) is NP-Hard.
- Describe a 2-approx Algorithm for L.B.: On every instance of  $(\ell, m)$ , the makespan  $M_{ALG}$  of our assignment ALG returned by the algorithm should be at most  $2 \cdot M_{OPT}$

What is our goal?

What is our algorithm?

→ Greedy: for each job  $j$ , pick the machine  $M_j$  w/ the current smallest load and assign  $j$  to  $M_j$ .

algorithm to return val. of makespan

Load-Balancing ( $l, m$ ):

min\_load =  $\infty$

index = 0

machines =  $[0] * m$

for job in range 1, ...,  $l$ :

for i in range 1, ...,  $m$ :

if machines[i] < min\_load:

min\_load = machines[i]

index = i

machines[i] += l[job]

return makespan = min(machines)

What is an online algorithm?

→ An alg that can make its final decisions & determine an answer w/o knowing what the future holds. This alg is an example.

→ The val. of the makespan of ALG returned by our alg - which we'll call T, is  $\leq 2 \cdot OPT$

→ Proof:

①  $OPT$  - the true minimal makespan - is at least the sum of all of the loads of all jobs, divided by the # of machines  $m$ :

$$OPT = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^l l[j]}{m}$$

• The absolute ideal assignment would be one where we can split the jobs evenly over all machines s.t. each machine has the same load. Obviously, we can't possibly have a smaller makespan than that.

• E.g., if  $\sum_{j=i}^l l[j] = 20$  and we have 5 machines, the makespan is  $20/5 = 4$ , at minimum - we would only be able to achieve this if the loads of the indiv. jobs allow it.

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② The makespan  $T$  can be thought of as a vertical line:



→ If  $T$  is  $l[K]$ 's makespan, let  $m_i^*$  be the machine w/ the max load. Let job  $K$  be the last job added to  $m_i^*$ . Aka, after job  $K$  was added, the value of  $T$  was determined.

→ At the time that the alg was deciding on where to place job  $K$ , the load of every machine had a load of at least  $T - l[K]$

\* Why? B/c alg. chose to add job  $K$  to machine  $m_i^*$  BECAUSE it had the smallest load at that point in time.  $m_i^*$ 's load after adding job  $K$  became  $m_i^*$ 's load +  $l[K]$ , which ended up being  $T$ .

\* If any other machine had a load less than  $T - l[K]$ , alg. would have chosen to place job  $K$  on it.

→ Given this, the sum of all the loads must be at least  $m \cdot (T - l[K])$ .

Ex:

|         |           |                           |
|---------|-----------|---------------------------|
| $m_1$ : |           | → $T - l[K]$              |
| $m_2$ : |           | → $T - l[K]$              |
| $m_3$ : | $\square$ | $\square K \rightarrow T$ |
| $m_4$ : |           | → $T - l[K]$              |

$$\sum_{j=1}^n l[C_j] \geq m \cdot (T - l[K])$$

③  $OPT \geq l[K]$  - where  $K$  is the last job that gets computed.

→ Now combine observations 1, 2, and 3:

$$m \cdot (T - l[K]) \leq \sum_{j=1}^n l[C_j]$$

$$T \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n l[C_j]}{m} + l[K]$$

] rearranging observation 2

→ Since ① gave that  $\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n l[C_j]}{m} \leq OPT$  and ③ gave that  $l[K] \leq OPT$ ,

we can say that:

$$T \leq \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n l[C_j]}{m} + l[K] = T \leq OPT + OPT = T \leq 2 \cdot OPT !!$$