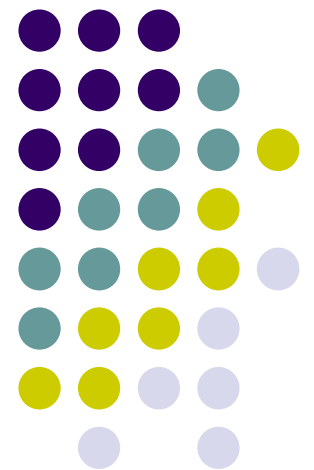


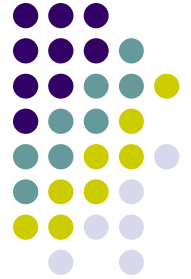
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# ROAD MAP



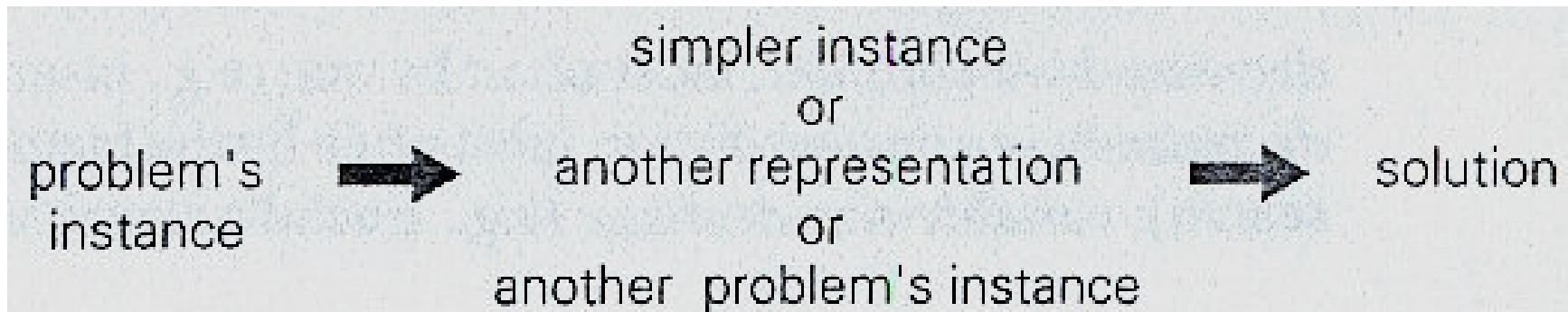
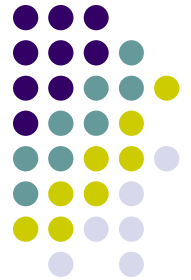
- **Transform And Conquer**
  - Instance simplification
  - Representation change
  - Problem reduction



# Transform And Conquer

- *Transform and conquer technique* is based on idea of transformation
- This method works in two stages
  - Transformation stage
    - The problem is modified to another problem
      - more amenable to solution
  - Conquering stage
    - It is solved

# Transform And Conquer Strategy

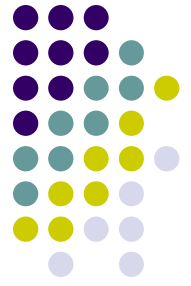


- Instance simplification
  - Transformation to a simpler problem instance
- Representation change
  - Transformation to a different representation of same instance
- Problem reduction
  - Transformation to an instance of a different problem for which an algorithm is already available



# ROAD MAP

- Transform And Conquer
  - Instance simplification
    - Presorting
      - Element Uniqueness
      - Computing Mode
      - Searching
    - Gaussian Elimination
  - Representation change
  - Problem reduction



# Presorting

- Presorting is an old idea in computer science
- Many questions about a list are easier to answer if the list is sorted
- Efficiency of sorting algorithms is important
  - The benefits of a sorted list should more than the time spend for sorting.
  - Otherwise, use unsorted list directly
- We will assume that lists are implemented as *arrays*



# Sorting

- We discussed three elementary sorting algorithms
  - Selection sort
  - Bubble sort
  - Insertion sort

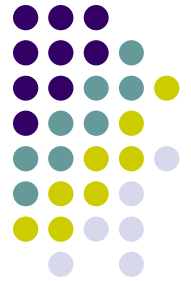
These algorithms are *quadratic* in worst and average case
- Also discussed two advanced algorithms
  - Merge sort
    - $\Theta(n \log n)$  in worst and average case
  - Quick sort
    - $\Theta(n \log n)$  in average case
    - $\Theta(n^2)$  in worst case
- Are there faster algorithms ?
  - There is no general comparison-based sorting algorithm can have better efficiency than  $\Theta(n \log n)$



# Element Uniqueness

- Example 1 : *Checking element uniqueness in an array*
  - Brute force algorithm compare pairs of array's elements until either two equal elements were found or no pairs were left
  - Its worst case efficiency was  $\Theta(n^2)$
  - Alternatively, what can we do ?





# Element Uniqueness

- Approach :
  1. sort the array
  2. check only its consecutive elements

If the array has equal elements, they must be next to each other



# Element Uniqueness

**ALGORITHM** *PresortElementUniqueness*( $A[0..n - 1]$ )

//Solves the element uniqueness problem by sorting the array first  
//Input: An array  $A[0..n - 1]$  of orderable elements  
//Output: Returns “true” if  $A$  has no equal elements, “false” otherwise

Sort the array  $A$   
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - 2$  do  
    if  $A[i] = A[i + 1]$  return false  
return true

- What is the running time of the algorithm ?



# Element Uniqueness

- Analysis :

$$T(n) = T_{sort}(n) + T_{scan}(n)$$

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n \log n) + \Theta(n)$$

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$$

More efficient than brute-force algorithm



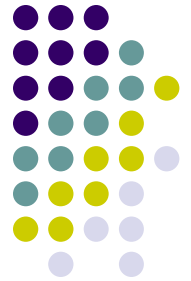
# Computing Mode

- Example 2 : Computing mode

A mode is value that occurs most often in a given list of numbers

For 5, 1, 5, 7, 6, 5, 7 the mode is 5

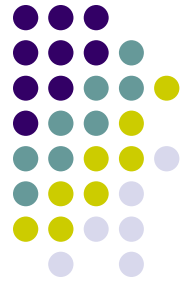
- In brute-force approach
  - Scan the list
  - Compute the frequencies of all distinct values
  - Find the value with largest frequency
- How to implement this idea?



# Computing Mode

- Method:
  - Store values already encountered, along with their frequencies in a separate list
  - On each iteration, the  $i$ th element of original list is compared with values encountered
  - If a matching value is found, its frequency is incremented
  - Otherwise, current element is added to the list of distinct values seen so far with a frequency of 1

What about analysis?



# Computing Mode

- Number of comparisons depends on the input.
  - In the best case: (all the elements are same)

$$C(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

- In worst case: (all the elements are different)

$$C(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n (i-1) = 0 + 1 + \dots + (n-1)$$

$$C(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$$

$$C(n) \in \Theta(n^2)$$

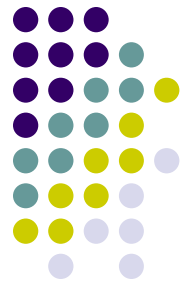
*What can we do as an alternative ?*



# Computing Mode

- Approach :
  1. Sort the input

Then all equal values will be adjacent to each other
  2. Find the longest run of adjacent equal values in the sorted array



# Computing Mode

**ALGORITHM** *PresortMode*( $A[0..n-1]$ )

//Computes the mode of an array by sorting it first

//Input: An array  $A[0..n-1]$  of orderable elements

//Output: The array's mode

Sort the array  $A$

$i \leftarrow 0$  //current run begins at position  $i$

$modefrequency \leftarrow 0$  //highest frequency seen so far

**while**  $i \leq n-1$  **do**

$runlength \leftarrow 1$ ;  $runvalue \leftarrow A[i]$

**while**  $i+runlength \leq n-1$  **and**  $A[i+runlength] = runvalue$

$runlength \leftarrow runlength+1$

**if**  $runlength > modefrequency$

$modefrequency \leftarrow runlength$ ;  $modevalue \leftarrow runvalue$

$i \leftarrow i+runlength$

**return**  $modevalue$





# Computing Mode

- Analysis :
  - Running time of algorithm depends on the time spent on sorting
    - remainder of the algorithm takes linear time (why ?)
  - So, with an  $\Theta(n \log n)$  sort, worst case efficiency will be  $\Theta(n \log n)$



# Searching Problem

- Example 3 : Searching Problem
  - Searching for a given value  $v$  in a given array of  $n$  sortable items
  - Brute force solution is sequential search
    - needs  $n$  comparisons in worst case
  - If the array is sorted, we apply binary search
    - requires only  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$  comparisons in worst case



# Searching Problem

- Assume the most efficient  $\Theta(n \log n)$  sort is used
- Total running time in worst case and also average case will be

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T_{\text{sort}}(n) + T_{\text{search}}(n) \\ &= \Theta(n \log n) + \Theta(\log n) = \Theta(n \log n) \end{aligned}$$

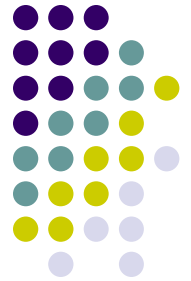
- Worst than sequential search!...
- What if the search will be done several times?...



# Presorting

## Discussion:

- Geometric algorithms dealing with sets of points use presorting in one way or another
  - Presorting is used in divide and conquer for closest pair problem and convex-hull problem
- Some problems for directed acyclic graphs can be solved more easily after topologically sorting the digraph
  - Finding the shortest and longest paths



# ROAD MAP

- **Transform And Conquer**
  - Instance simplification
    - Presorting
    - **Gaussian Elimination**
      - Solving Linear System of Equations
      - LU Decomposition
      - Computing a Matrix Inverse
      - Computing a Determinant
  - Representation change
  - Problem Reduction

# Solving Linear System of Equations



- A system of two linear equations in two unknowns

$$a_{11}x + a_{12}y = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x + a_{22}y = b_2$$

- The system has a unique solution
  - unless the coefficients of one equation are proportional to the coefficients of the other

# Solving Linear System of Equations



- To find the solution
  - Express one of the variables as a function of the other
  - Substitute the result into the other equation
    - yielding a linear equation
  - Solve it to find the value of the first variable.
  - Use the solution to find the value of the second variable.
- What if the number of variables is large!

# Solving Linear System of Equations



- In many applications, we need to solve a system of  $n$  equations in  $n$  unknowns

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \cdots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \cdots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \cdots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

- Such a system can be solved by generalizing the *substitution* method
  - However, the resulting algorithm would be extremely *cumbersome*



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# Solving Linear System of Equations



- **Gaussian elimination** is an elegant algorithm to solve systems of linear equations
- This method is named after Carl Frederich Gauss
- Idea of Gaussian elimination is to transform a system of  $n$  linear equations in  $n$  unknowns to an equivalent system
  - with an upper triangular coefficient matrix
    - a matrix with all zeros below its main diagonal
- Mathematical formulation is as follows:

$$a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \dots + a_{1n}x_n = b_1$$

$$a_{21}x_1 + a_{22}x_2 + \dots + a_{2n}x_n = b_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{n1}x_1 + a_{n2}x_2 + \dots + a_{nn}x_n = b_n$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$a'_{11}x_1 + a'_{12}x_2 + \dots + a'_{1n}x_n = b'_1$$

$$a'_{22}x_2 + \dots + a'_{2n}x_n = b'_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a'_{nn}x_n = b'_n$$

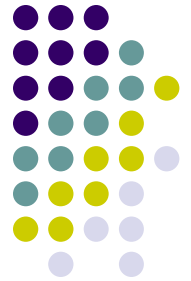
$$Ax = b \Rightarrow A'x = b$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{bmatrix} \quad A' = \begin{bmatrix} a'_{11} & a'_{12} & \dots & a'_{1n} \\ 0 & a'_{22} & \dots & a'_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & a'_{nn} \end{bmatrix}, \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ \vdots \\ b'_n \end{bmatrix}$$



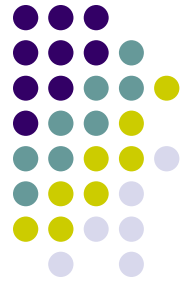
# Gaussian Elimination

- What is the use of such a transformation?
- Easier to solve upper-triangular system by back-substitution
  - Solve the last equation to find the value of  $x_n$
  - Substitute  $x_n$  into the next to last equation and find the value of  $x_{n-1}$
  - Continue similarly until the first equation
  - For the first equation, substitute the values of the last  $n-1$  variables into the first equation and find the value of  $x_1$



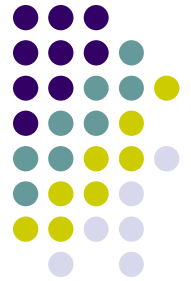
# Gaussian Elimination

- How to transform a system to an equivalent upper-triangular system?
- Perform a series of operations
  - Exchange two equations
  - Replace an equation with its nonzero multiple
  - Replace an equation with a sum or difference of this equation and some multiple of another equation
- These operations do not change the solution of the system



# Gaussian Elimination

- How to use operations for a transformation?
- Idea:
  - Use  $a_{11}$  as a pivot
  - In each equations except the first, make the coefficient of  $x_1$  to be zero.
    - Perform the last operation on equations  $i$  with multiple of  $a_{i1}/a_{11}$
  - Do the same for all coefficient on the diagonal.



# Gaussian Elimination

- Example :

Solve the system by Gaussian elimination

$$2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 = 1$$

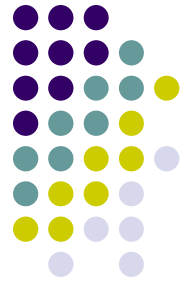
$$4x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 5$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$$

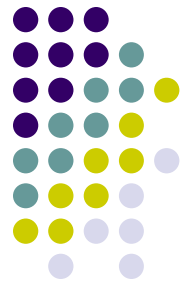
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 & 5 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{row 2} - 4/2 \text{ row 1} \\ \text{row 3} - 1/2 \text{ row 1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3/2 & 1/2 & -1/2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{row 3} - 1/2 \text{ row 2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$







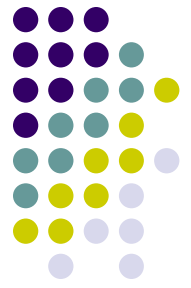
$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Use back-substitution to solve the system

$$x_3 = (-2) / 2 = -1$$

$$x_2 = (3 - (-3)x_3) / 3 = 0$$

$$x_1 = (1 - x_3 - (-1)x_2) / 2 = 1$$



# Gaussian Elimination

**ALGORITHM** *GaussElimination*( $A[1..n, 1..n]$ ,  $b[1..n]$ )

//Applies Gaussian elimination to matrix  $A$  of a system's coefficients,  
//augmented with vector  $b$  of the system's right-hand side values

//Input: Matrix  $A[1..n, 1..n]$  and column-vector  $b[1..n]$

//Output: An equivalent upper-triangular matrix in place of  $A$  with the  
//corresponding right-hand side values in the  $(n + 1)$ st column

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**  $A[i, n + 1] \leftarrow b[i]$  //augments the matrix

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n - 1$  **do**

**for**  $j \leftarrow i + 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**

**for**  $k \leftarrow i$  **to**  $n + 1$  **do**

$A[j, k] \leftarrow A[j, k] - A[i, k] * A[j, i] / A[i, i]$



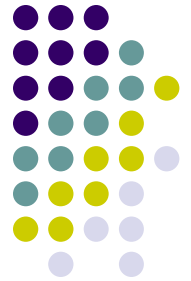
# Gaussian Elimination

- Observations:
  - What if  $A[i,i]=0$ 
    - Can not use the  $i$ th row as a pivot
      - Division by zero
    - Solution: change the  $i$ th row with some row below it has a nonzero coefficient in the  $i$ th column
  - What if  $A[i,i]$  is too small
    - Round-off error because of division by a small value
    - Solution: change the  $i$ th row with a row with largest absolute value of the coefficient in the  $i$ th column
  - This modification is called *partial pivoting*

# Gaussian Elimination



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ALGORITHM BetterGaussElimination( $A[1..n, 1..n]$ ,  $b[1..n]$ )  
  //Implements Gaussian elimination with partial pivoting  
  //Input: Matrix  $A[1..n, 1..n]$  and column-vector  $b[1..n]$   
  //Output: An equivalent upper-triangular matrix in place of  $A$  and the  
  //corresponding right-hand side values in place of the  $(n + 1)$ st column  
  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do  $A[i, n + 1] \leftarrow b[i]$  //appends  $b$  to  $A$  as the last column  
  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - 1$  do  
     $pivotrow \leftarrow i$   
    for  $j \leftarrow i + 1$  to  $n$  do  
      if  $|A[j, i]| > |A[pivotrow, i]|$   $pivotrow \leftarrow j$   
    for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $n + 1$  do  
       $swap(A[i, k], A[pivotrow, k])$   
    for  $j \leftarrow i + 1$  to  $n$  do  
       $temp \leftarrow A[j, i] / A[i, i]$   
      for  $k \leftarrow i$  to  $n + 1$  do  
         $A[j, k] \leftarrow A[j, k] - A[i, k] * temp$ 
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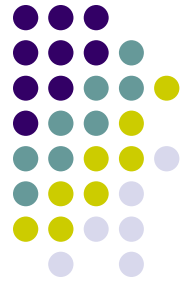


# Gaussian Elimination

## Analysis :

- by assuming multiplication as the basic operation

$$\begin{aligned} C(n) &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \sum_{k=i}^{n+1} 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n (n+1-i+1) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n (n+2-i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n+2-i)(n-(i+1)+1) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (n+2-i)(n-i) \\ &= (n+1)(n-1) + n(n-2) + \dots + 3 \cdot 1 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} (j+2)j = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} j^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} 2j = \frac{(n-1)n(2n-1)}{6} + 2 \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)(2n+5)}{6} \approx \frac{1}{3}n^3 \in \Theta(n^3). \end{aligned}$$



# LU Decomposition

- Gaussian elimination provides more than just a solution to a system of equations
- It also produces LU decomposition of the coefficient matrix as a useful by-product
- What is LU decomposition
  - By an example:



# LU Decomposition

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

consider the lower-triangular matrix  $L$  made up of 1's on its main diagonal and row multipliers used in the Gaussian elimination process

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

consider the upper-triangular matrix  $U$  that was the result of the elimination

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The product  $LU$  is equal to matrix  $A$



# LU Decomposition

- Solving the system  $\mathbf{Ax} = \mathbf{b}$  is equivalent to solving the system  $\mathbf{LUx} = \mathbf{b}$
- The latter system can be solved as follows
  - Denote  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{Ux}$ , then  $\mathbf{Ly} = \mathbf{b}$
  - First solve the system  $\mathbf{Ly} = \mathbf{b}$ 
    - It is easy because  $L$  is a lower-triangular matrix
  - Then solve the system  $\mathbf{Ux} = \mathbf{y}$ 
    - Upper-triangular matrix  $U$  to find  $x$



- We first solve  $\mathbf{L}\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{b}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ y_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Its solution is

$$y_1 = 1, \quad y_2 = 5 - 2y_1 = 3, \quad y_3 = 0 - \frac{1}{2}y_1 - \frac{1}{2}y_2 = -2.$$

- Solving  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{y}$  means solving

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

- So the solution is

$$x_3 = (-2)/2 = -1, \quad x_2 = (3 - (-3)x_3)/3 = 0, \quad x_1 = (1 - x_3 - (-1)x_2)/2 = 1$$

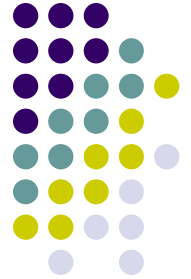




# LU Decomposition

- Discussion :

- Once we have the LU decomposition of matrix  $A$ , we can solve the systems  $Ax = b$  with as many right-hand side vectors  $b$  as we want to
  - This is a distinct advantage over the classic Gaussian elimination discussed earlier
- LU decomposition does not require extra memory
  - We can store nonzero part of  $U$  in the upper triangular part of  $A$
  - We can store nontrivial part of  $L$  below the main diagonal of  $A$



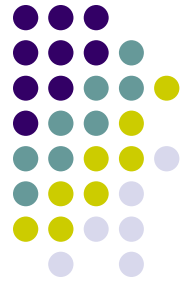
# Computing Matrix Inverse

## Definition :

- The inverse of an  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  is an  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix denoted  $A^{-1}$  such that

$$AA^{-1} = I$$

- $I$  is the  $n$ -by- $n$  identity matrix
  - Matrix with all zero elements except main diagonal elements which are all ones
- *A matrix inverse* can be used to solve a linear system of equations
  - Solution of  $Ax=b$  is obtained by  $x=A^{-1}b$



# Singularity Check

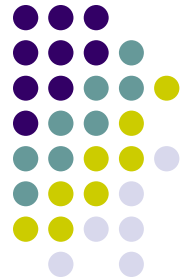
- Not every square matrix has an inverse
  - When it exists the inverse is unique
- If a matrix does not have an inverse, it is called ***singular***
  - A matrix is singular iff one of its rows is a linear combination of other rows
- The way to check whether a matrix is nonsingular is to apply Gaussian elimination
  - Matrix is nonsingular if it yields an upper-triangular matrix with no zero on the main diagonal



# Computing Matrix Inverse

- To compute the inverse matrix for a nonsingular  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$  we need to find  $n^2$  numbers  $x_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1n} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \dots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \dots & x_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & x_{n2} & \dots & x_{nn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Computing a Matrix Inverse

- We can find the unknowns by solving  $n$  systems of linear equations that have the same coefficient matrix  $A$ 
  - the vector of unknowns  $x^j$  is the  $j$ th column of the inverse
  - the right-hand side vector  $e^j$  is the  $j$ th column of identity matrix ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ )

$$Ax^j = e^j,$$

- We can use LU decomposition to solve above equation for all  $j$  values

OR

- We can solve these systems by applying Gaussian elimination to matrix  $A$  augmented by the  $n$ -by- $n$  identity matrix



# Computing a Determinant

- Definition :
  - The determinant of an n-by-n matrix A denoted  $\det A$  or  $|A|$  is a number whose value can be defined recursively as follows :
    - If  $n=1$  i.e., n consists of a single element  $a_{11}$ 
      - $\det A = a_{11}$
    - For  $n>1$ 
      - $\det A$  is computed by formula

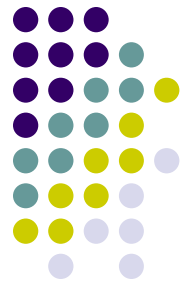
$$\det A = \sum_{j=1}^n s_j a_{1j} \det A_j$$

$s_j$  is +1 if j is odd and -1 if j is even

$a_{1j}$  is the element in row 1 and column j

$A_j$  is the (n-1)-by-(n-1) matrix

obtained from matrix A by deleting its row 1 and column j



- For a 2-by-2 matrix

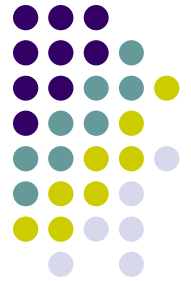
$$\det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix} = a_{11} \det [a_{22}] - a_{12} \det [a_{21}] = a_{11}a_{22} - a_{12}a_{21}$$

- For a 3-by-3 matrix

$$\begin{aligned} & \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a_{11} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{32} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} - a_{12} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{33} \end{bmatrix} + a_{13} \det \begin{bmatrix} a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= a_{11}a_{22}a_{33} + a_{12}a_{23}a_{31} + a_{21}a_{32}a_{13} - a_{31}a_{22}a_{13} - a_{21}a_{12}a_{33} - a_{32}a_{23}a_{11}. \end{aligned}$$

**What if we need to compute a determinant of a large matrix ?**





# Computing a Determinant

- The algorithm using the recursive definition requires  $O(n!)$  time
- Gaussian elimination comes to rescue again!
  - Basic operations used in Gaussian elimination changes the determinant
    - Changes the sign
    - Multiplied by a constant used in elimination
  - The determinant of an upper-triangular matrix is equal to the product of elements on its main diagonal
- The determinant of an  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix can be calculated in cubic time



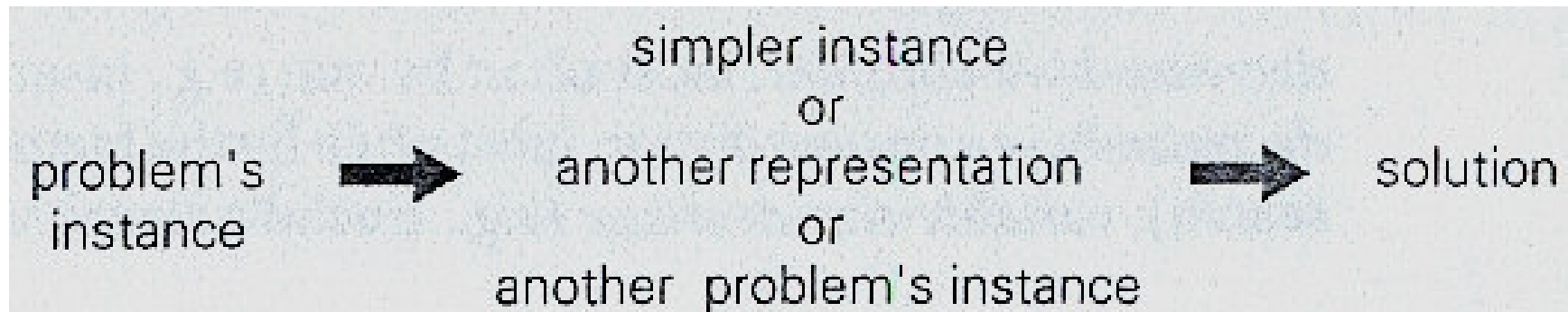
# Computing a Determinant

- Discussion :
  - System of  $n$  linear equations in  $n$  unknowns  $Ax = b$  has a unique solution iff the determinant of its coefficient matrix,  $\det A$ , is not equal to zero
  - This solution can be found by formulas called Cramer's rule

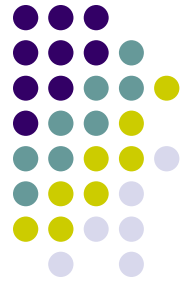
$$x_1 = \frac{\det A_1}{\det A}, \dots, x_j = \frac{\det A_j}{\det A}, \dots, x_n = \frac{\det A_n}{\det A}$$

where  $A_j$  is obtained by replacing the  $j$ th column of  $A$  by the column  $b$

# Transform And Conquer Strategy

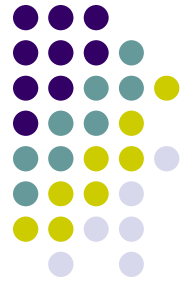


- Instance simplification
  - Transformation to a simpler instance problem
- **Representation change**
  - Transformation to a different representation of same instance
- Problem reduction
  - Transformation to an instance of a different problem for which an algorithm is already available



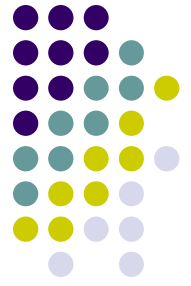
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# Balanced Search Trees

- BST is a basic data structure to implement dictionaries.
- BST can be considered as an example of representation change
  - Transformation over straightforward array implementation
- By this transformation, better run time efficiency is obtained
  - For insertion, deletion and search operations, logarithmic runtime on average case
  - What about worst case?



# AVL Trees

- BST can be transformed to a balanced tree
  - For better worst case efficiency
- An *AVL tree* is a binary search tree in which the balance factor of every node
  - Balance factor is defined as the difference between the heights of the node's left and right subtrees
    - is either 0 or +1 or -1

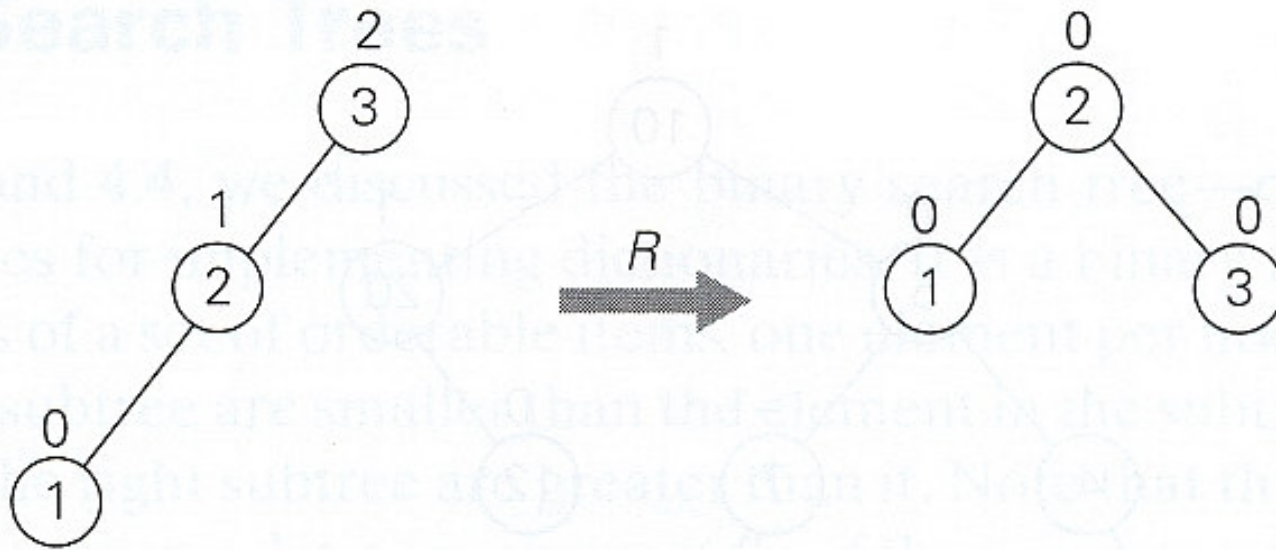




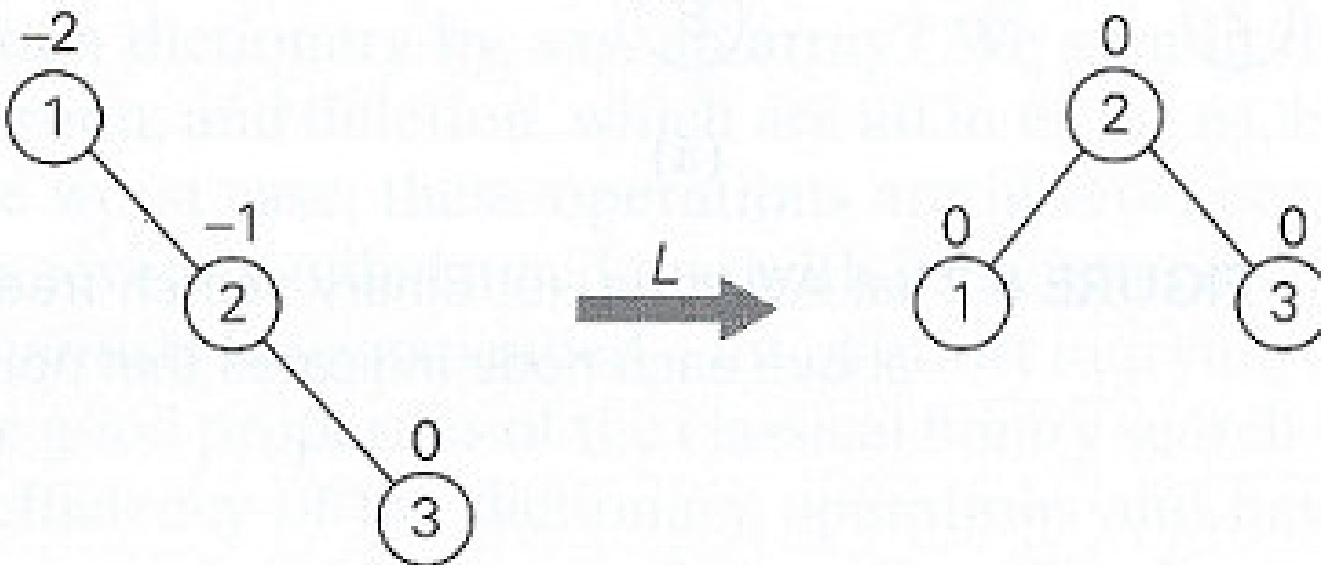
# AVL Trees

- If an insertion of a new node makes an AVL tree unbalanced we transform the tree by rotations
  - Single rotation
    - Left rotation
    - Right rotation
  - Double rotation
    - Left-right rotation
    - Right-left rotation

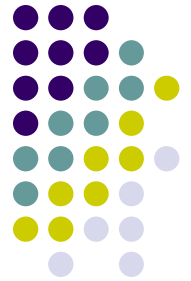


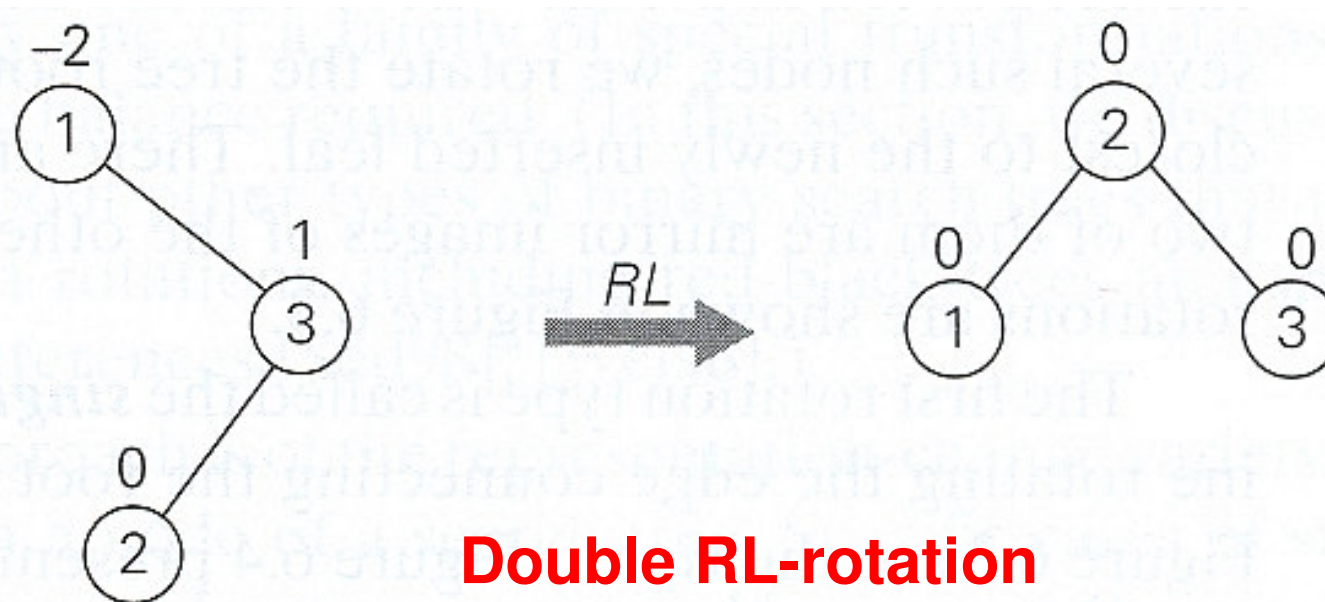
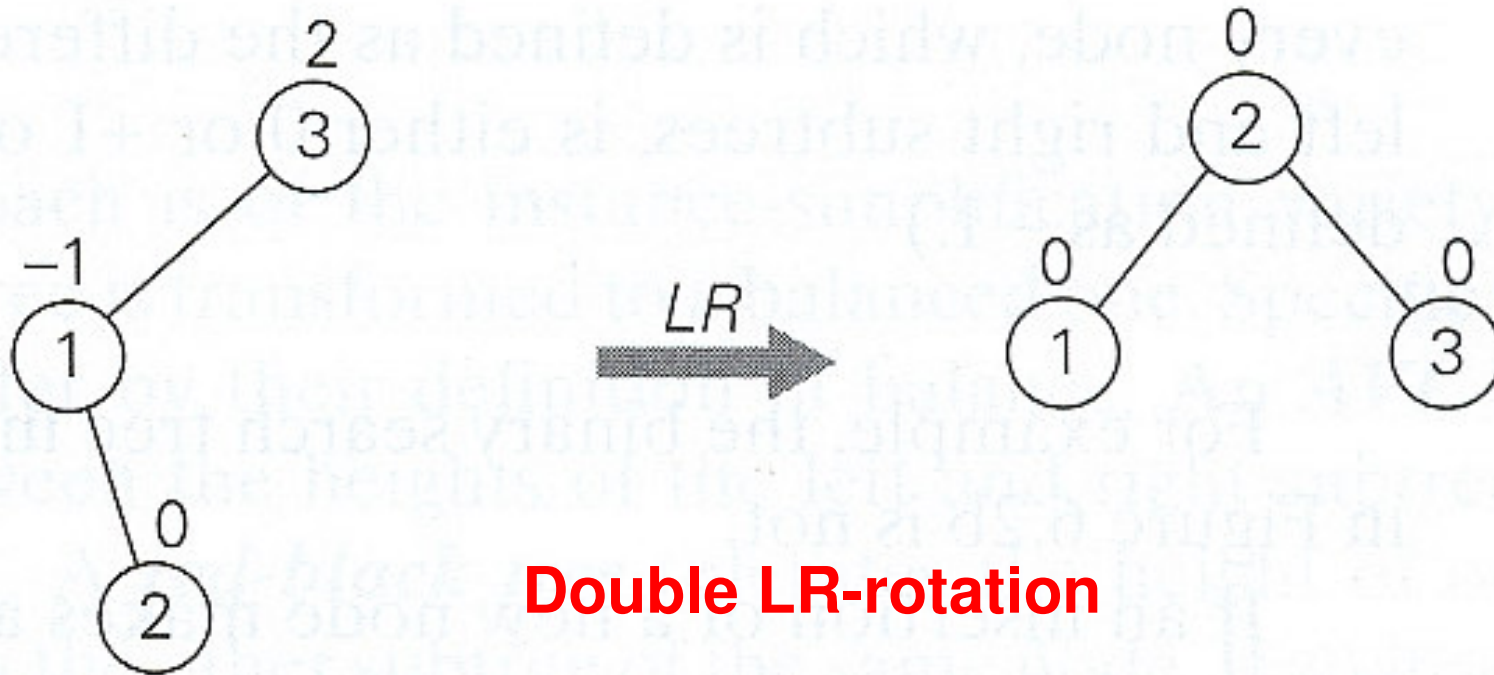
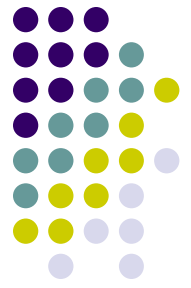


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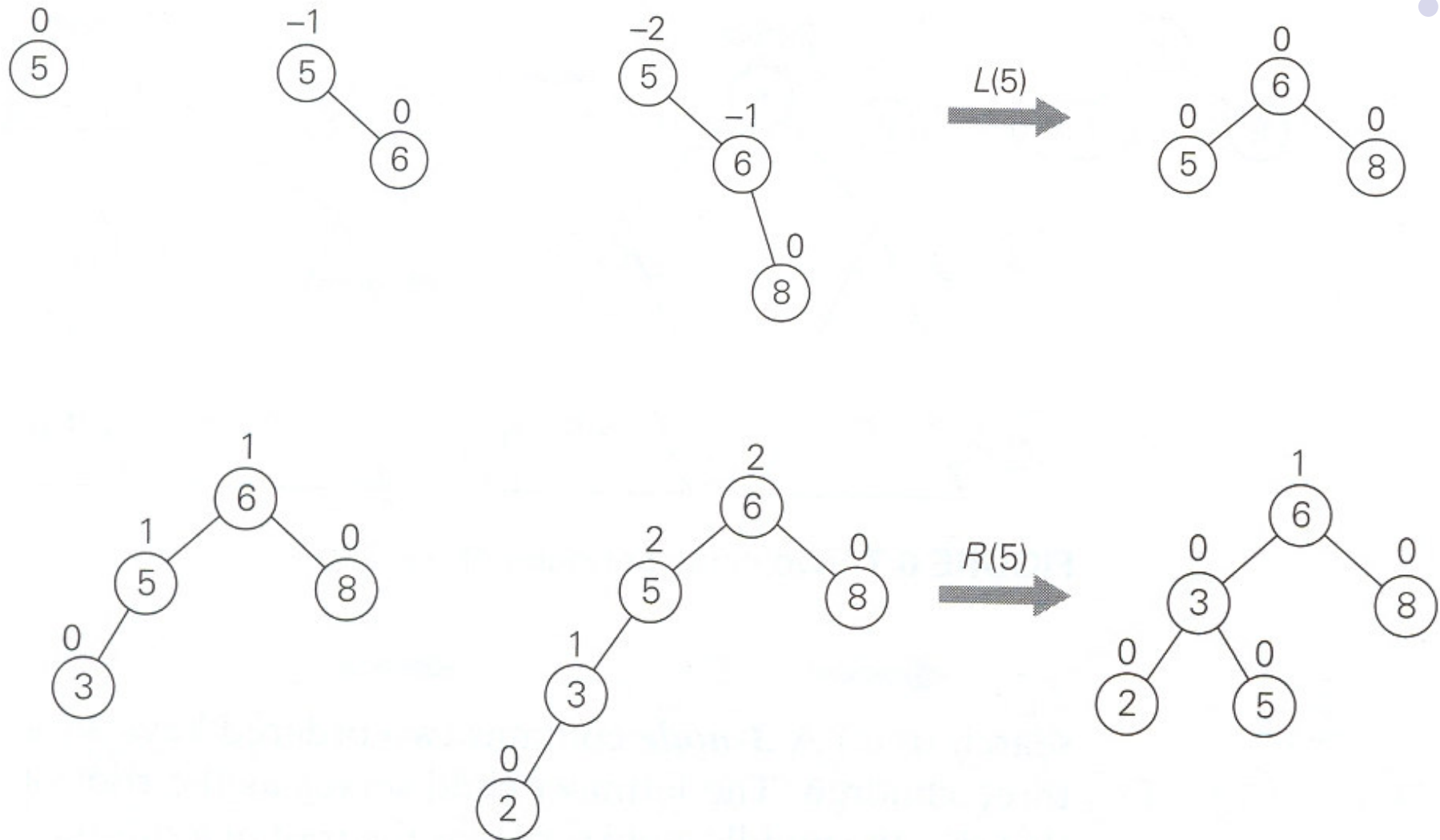


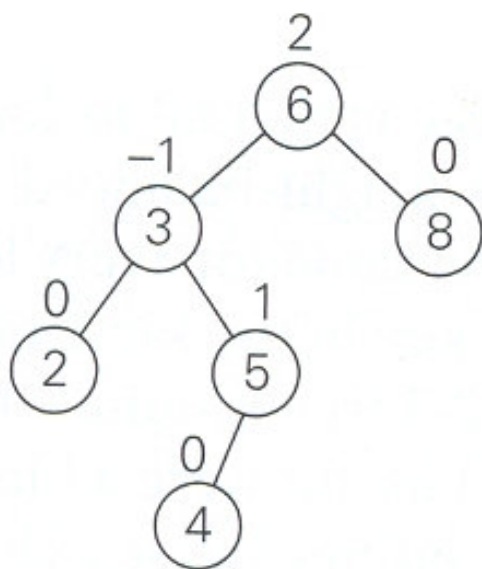
**Single L-rotation**



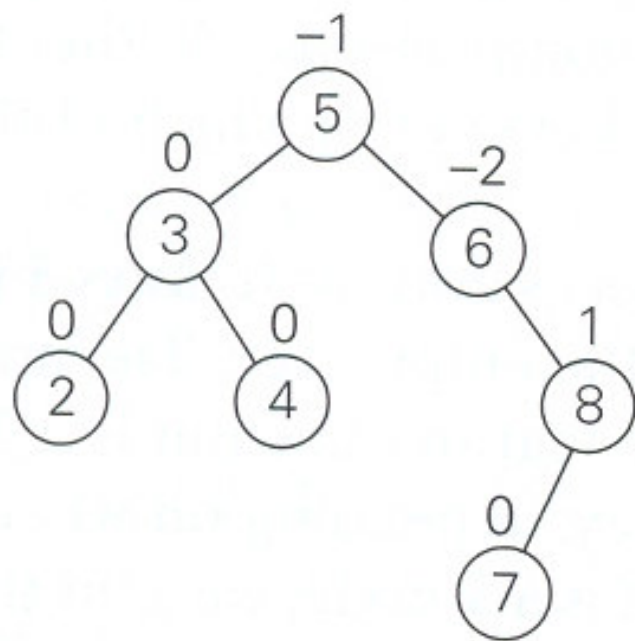
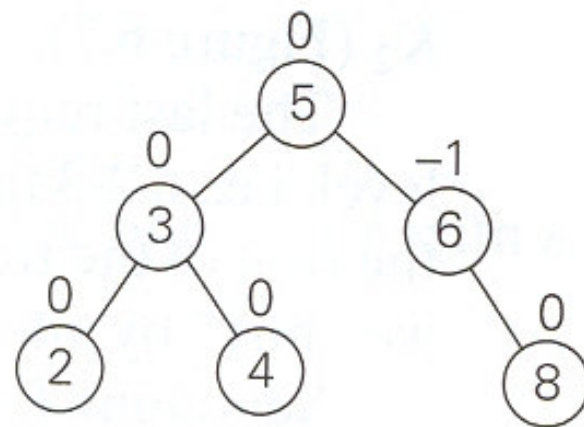


# Constructing of an AVL tree for the list 5, 6, 8, 3, 2, 4, 7

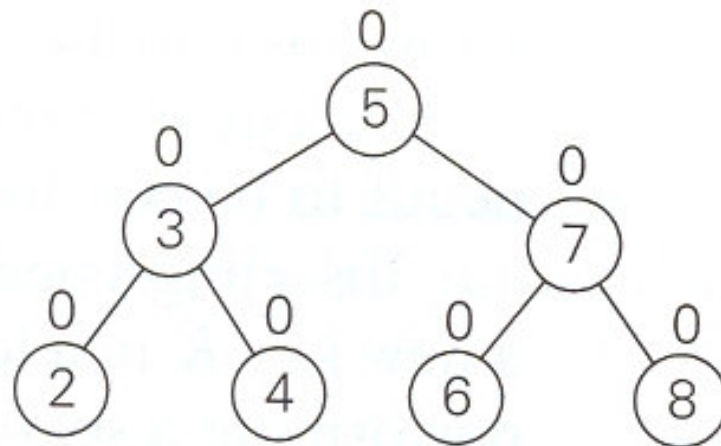




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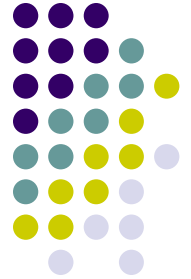
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# AVL Trees

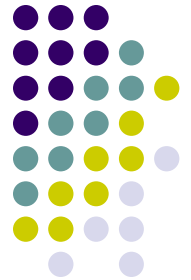
- Analysis :
  - Searching and insertion and deletion operations are  $\Theta(\log n)$  in worst case
  - Searching in an AVL tree requires on average almost the same number of comparisons as searching in a sorted array by binary search



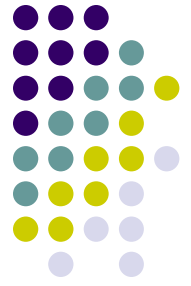
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# Heaps



- Heap is an important data structure, suitable for implementing *priority queues*
- Priority queue is a multiset of items with an orderable characteristics called an item's *priority*
  - find an item with highest priority
  - delete an item with highest priority
  - add a new item to multiset
- Heap is representation change over regular list
  - Provides efficient algorithms for basic operations
- Heap also serves an important sorting algorithm called *heapsort*



# Heapsort

- Heapsort is an interesting two-stage algorithm
  - Stage 1 → heap construction
    - Construct a heap for a given array
  - Stage 2 → maximum deletions
    - Apply the root-deletion operation  $n-1$  times to the remaining heap
  - As a result the array's elements are eliminated in decreasing order
  - Since under the array implementation, an element being deleted is placed last, the resulting array will be exactly the original array sorted in ascending order



### Stage 1 (heap construction)

2 9 **7** 6 5 8

2 **9** 8 6 5 7

**2** 9 8 6 5 7

9 **2** 8 6 5 7

9 6 8 **2** 5 7

### Stage 2 (maximum deletions)

**9** 6 8 2 5 7

7 6 8 2 5 | **9**

**8** 6 7 2 5

5 6 7 2 | **8**

**7** 6 5 2

2 6 5 | **7**

**6** 2 5

5 2 | **6**

**5** 2

2 | **5**

**2**



**Sorting array  
2, 9, 7, 6, 5, 8  
by heapsort**

# Heapsort



- Analysis :
  - We know that heap construction stage is  $O(n)$ 
    - Stage 1
  - What about stage 2 ?

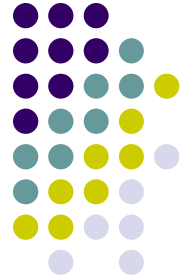
$$\begin{aligned} C(n) &\leq 2\lfloor \log_2(n-1) \rfloor + 2\lfloor \log_2(n-2) \rfloor + \cdots + 2\lfloor \log_2 1 \rfloor \leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \log_2 i \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \log_2(n-1) = 2(n-1) \log_2(n-1) \leq 2n \log_2 n. \end{aligned}$$

- For both stages  $O(n) + O(n \log n) = O(n \log n)$



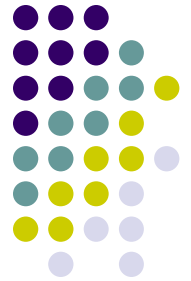
# Heapsort

- Discussion :
  - Average case efficiency is also  $\Theta(n \log n)$ 
    - such as mergesort
  - Heapsort does not require an extra storage
  - Timing experiments on random files show that heapsort runs more slowly than quicksort but it is competitive with mergesort



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# Horner's Rule

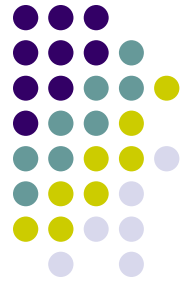
## Problem Definition:

- Compute the value of a polynomial

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

at a given point  $x$

- Polynomials constitute the most important class of functions
  - They possess a wealth of good properties
  - Can be used for approximating other types of functions
- Manipulating polynomials efficiently is an important problem



# Horner's Rule

- Horner's rule provides elegant method for evaluating a polynomial
- It is a good example of representation change technique since it is based on representing  $P(x)$  by a formula

$$p(x) = (...(a_n x + a_{n-1})x + ...)x + a_0$$



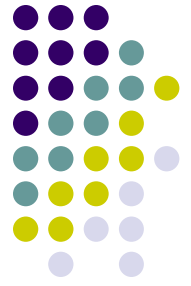
# Horner's Rule

- Example :

For example, for the polynomial

$$p(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 5 \quad \text{we get}$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= 2x^4 - x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 5 \\ &= x(2x^3 - x^2 + 3x + 1) - 5 \\ &= x(x(2x^2 - x + 3) + 1) - 5 \\ &= x(x(x(2x - 1) + 3) + 1) - 5 \end{aligned}$$



# Horner's Rule

- The pen-and-pencil calculation can be conveniently organized with a two row table
  - First row contains the polynomial's coefficients listed from the highest  $a_n$  to the lowest  $a_0$
  - Second row is filled from left to right as follows (except its first entry which is  $a_n$ )
    - Next entry is computed as the  $x$ 's value times the last entry in the second row plus the next coefficient from first row
  - Final entry is the value being sought





# Horner's Rule

**EXAMPLE 1** Evaluate  $p(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 5$  at  $x = 3$ .

coefficients	2	-1	3	1	-5
$x = 3$	2	$3 \cdot 2 + (-1) = 5$	$3 \cdot 5 + 3 = 18$	$3 \cdot 18 + 1 = 55$	$3 \cdot 55 + (-5) = 160$

$$P(3) = 160$$

$$3 \cdot 2 + (-1) \rightarrow 2x - 1 \text{ at } x=3$$

$$3 \cdot 5 + 3 = 18 \rightarrow x(2x - 1) + 3 \text{ at } x=3$$

$$3 \cdot 18 + 1 = 55 \rightarrow x(x(2x - 1) + 3) + 1 \text{ at } x=3$$

$$3 \cdot 55 + (-5) = 160 \rightarrow x(x(x(2x - 1) + 3) + 1) - 5 = p(x)$$



# Horner's Rule

**ALGORITHM** *Horner*( $P[0..n]$ ,  $x$ )

//Evaluates a polynomial at a given point by Horner's rule

//Input: An array  $P[0..n]$  of coefficients of a polynomial of degree  $n$

// (stored from the lowest to the highest) and a number  $x$

//Output: The value of the polynomial at  $x$

$p \leftarrow P[n]$

**for**  $i \leftarrow n - 1$  **downto** 0 **do**

$p \leftarrow x * p + P[i]$

**return**  $p$



# Horner's Rule

- Analysis :
  - Number of multiplications and number of additions

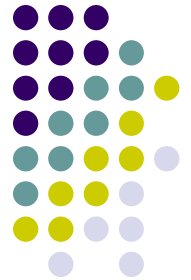
$$M(n) = A(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1 = n$$

- So how efficient is Horner's rule ?



# Horner's Rule

- Analysis :
  - Consider only the first term of a polynomial of degree  $n$  :  $a_n x^n$
  - Just computing this term with brute force approach requires  $n$  multiplications
    - Horner's rule computes  $n-1$  other terms in addition to this and still uses the same number of multiplications
  - So it is an optimal algorithm for polynomial evaluation



# Horner's Rule

- Discussion:

- Horner's rule also has some useful by-products
- The intermediate numbers generated by the algorithm in the process of evaluating  $P(x)$  at some point  $x_0$  turn out to be the coefficient to the quotient of the division of  $P(x)$  by  $x - x_0$

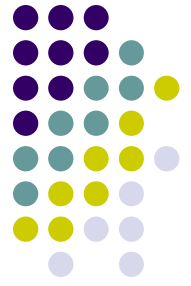
- While the final result, in addition to being  $P(x_0)$  is equal to the remainder of this division of

$$P(x) = P'(x) (x - x_0) + P(x_0)$$

$$2x^4 - x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 5 \quad \text{by} \quad x - 3$$

$$2x^3 + 5x^2 + 18x + 55 \quad \text{and} \quad 160$$

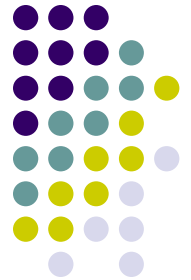
- This division algorithm is known as *synthetic division*
  - It is more convenient than long division



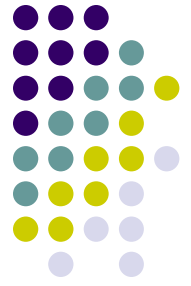
# Exponentiation

- Problem Definition :
  - Compute  $a^n$
  - Computing  $a^n$  is an essential operation in *primality-testing* and *encryption methods*
  - The brute-force algorithm takes linear time
  - Designing other algorithms for computing  $a^n$  is important
  - For example, based on the representation change idea

# Binary Exponentiation



- We will consider two algorithms for computing  $a^n$
- Both of them exploit the binary representation of exponent  $n$ 
  - One of them processes this binary string left to right
  - The second does it right to left



# Binary Exponentiation

- Let

$$n = b_I \dots b_i \dots b_0$$

be the string representation of a positive integer  $n$  in binary system

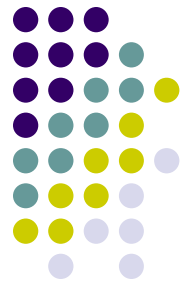
The value of  $n$  can be computed as the value of polynomial at  $x = 2$

$$P(x) = b_I x^I + \dots + b_i x^i + \dots + b_0$$

If  $n = 13$  its binary representation is  $1101$  and

$$13 = 1.2^3 + 1.2^2 + 0.2^1 + 1.2^0$$





# Binary Exponentiation

- If we compute the value of  $P(x)$  with Horner's rule

$$a^n = a^{p(2)} = a^{b_l 2^l + \dots + b_i 2^i + \dots + b_0}$$

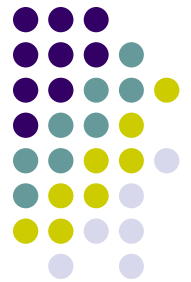
Horner's rule for the binary polynomial $p(2)$	Implications for $a^n = a^{p(2)}$
$p \leftarrow 1$ //the leading digit is always 1 for $n \geq 1$ <b>for</b> $i \leftarrow l - 1$ <b>downto</b> 0 <b>do</b> $p \leftarrow 2p + b_i$	$a^p \leftarrow a^1$ <b>for</b> $i \leftarrow l - 1$ <b>downto</b> 0 <b>do</b> $a^p \leftarrow a^{2p+b_i}$

$$a^{2p+b_i} = a^{2p} \cdot a^{b_i} = (a^p)^2 \cdot a^{b_i} = \begin{cases} (a^p)^2 & \text{if } b_i = 0 \\ (a^p)^2 \cdot a & \text{if } b_i = 1 \end{cases}$$



# Binary Exponentiation

- After initializing the accumulator's value to  $a$ ,
  - the bit string representing the exponent is always square the last value of accumulator
  - if the current binary digit is  $1$ , also multiply it by  $a$
- These observations lead to *left-to-right exponentiation* method of computing an



# Left-to-right binary exponentiation

**ALGORITHM** *LeftRightBinaryExponentiation*( $a, b(n)$ )

//Computes  $a^n$  by the left-to-right binary exponentiation algorithm

//Input: A number  $a$  and a list  $b(n)$  of binary digits  $b_1, \dots, b_0$

//        in the binary expansion of a positive integer  $n$

//Output: The value of  $a^n$

*product*  $\leftarrow a$

**for**  $i \leftarrow I - 1$  **downto** 0 **do**

*product*  $\leftarrow$  *product* \* *product*

**if**  $b_i = 1$  *product*  $\leftarrow$  *product* \*  $a$

**return** *product*



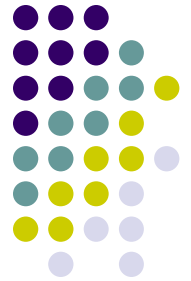
# Left-to-right binary exponentiation

- Example :
  - Compute  $a^{13}$  by left-right binary exponentiation
    - Here  $n = 13 = (1101)_2$
    - So

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binary digits of $n$	1	1	0	1
product accumulator	$a$	$a^2 \cdot a = a^3$	$(a^3)^2 = a^6$	$(a^6)^2 \cdot a = a^{13}$

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# Left-to-right binary exponentiation

- Analysis :

Total number of multiplications  $M(n)$

$$(b - 1) \leq M(n) \leq 2(b - 1)$$

- $b$  is the length of bit string representing exponent  $n$
- $b-1 = \log n$

So efficiency is  $\Theta(\log n)$

# Left-to-right binary exponentiation



- Discussion :
  - This algorithm is better efficiency class than brute-force exponentiation
    - requires  $n-1$  multiplications



# Right-to-left binary exponentiation

- Definition:
  - Right-to-left binary exponentiation uses same binary polynomial  $p(2)$  yielding value of  $n$
  - But it does not apply Horner's rule
    - Exploits it differently

$$a^n = a^{b_l 2^l + \dots + b_i 2^i + \dots + b_0} = a^{b_l 2^l} \cdot \dots \cdot a^{b_i 2^i} \cdot \dots \cdot a^{b_0}$$

# Right-to-left binary exponentiation



- Thus  $a^n$  can be computed as the product of terms

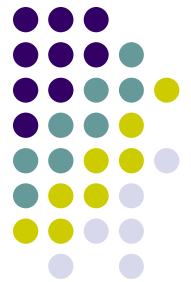
$$a^{b_i 2^i} = \begin{cases} a^{2^i} & \text{if } b_i = 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } b_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

- The product of consecutive terms  $a^{2^i}$ , skipping those for which the binary digit  $b_i$  is zero
- We can compute  $a^{2^i}$  by simply squaring the same term we computed for the previous value of  $i$  since

$$a^{2^i} = (a^{2^{i-1}})^2$$

- We compute powers of  $a$  right to left (smallest to largest)





# Right-to-left binary exponentiation

**ALGORITHM** *RightLeftBinaryExponentiation*( $a, b(n)$ )

//Computes  $a^n$  by the right-to-left binary exponentiation algorithm

//Input: A number  $a$  and a list  $b(n)$  of binary digits  $b_1, \dots, b_0$

//        in the binary expansion of a nonnegative integer  $n$

//Output: The value of  $a^n$

$term \leftarrow a$  //initializes  $a^{2^i}$

**if**  $b_0 = 1$   $product \leftarrow a$

**else**  $product \leftarrow 1$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $I$  **do**

$term \leftarrow term * term$

**if**  $b_i = 1$   $product \leftarrow product * term$

**return**  $product$



# Right-to-left binary exponentiation

- Example :
  - Compute  $a^{13}$  by right-to-left binary exponentiation
    - Here  $n = 13 = 1101$
    - So

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1	1	0	1	binary digits of $n$
$a^8$	$a^4$	$a^2$	$a$	terms $a^{2^i}$
$a^5 \cdot a^8 = a^{13}$	$a \cdot a^4 = a^5$		$a$	product accumulator

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# Right-to-left binary exponentiation



- Analysis :
  - Efficiency is *logarithmic*
    - Same as left-to-right binary multiplications



# Binary Exponentiation

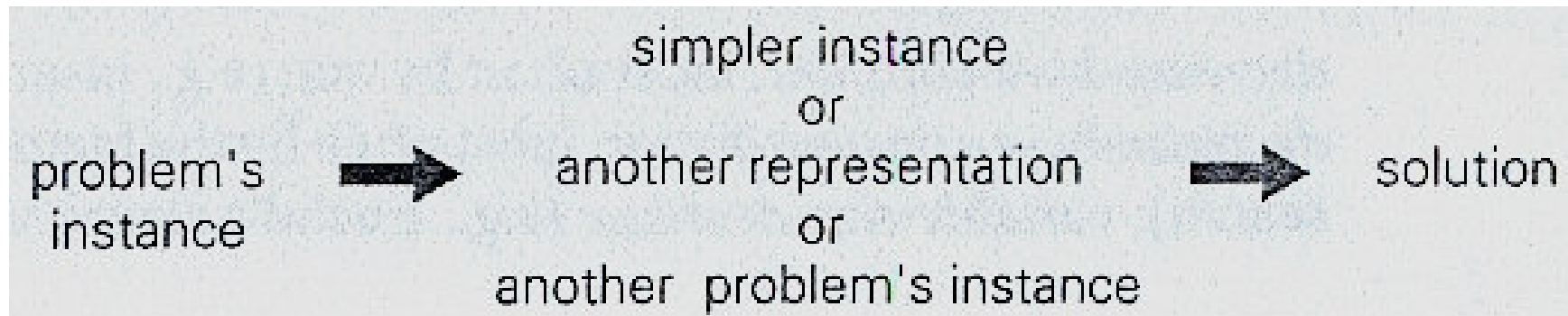
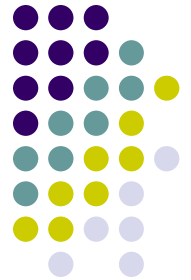
- Discussion:
  - Both binary exponentiation algorithm discussed reduce somewhat by their reliance on availability of the explicit binary expansion of exponent  $n$



# ROAD MAP

- **Transform And Conquer**
  - Instance simplification
  - Representation change
  - **Problem Reduction**
    - Computing The Least Common Multiple
    - Counting Paths in A Graph
    - Reduction of Optimization Problems
    - Linear Programming
    - Reduction to Graph Problems

# Transform And Conquer Strategy

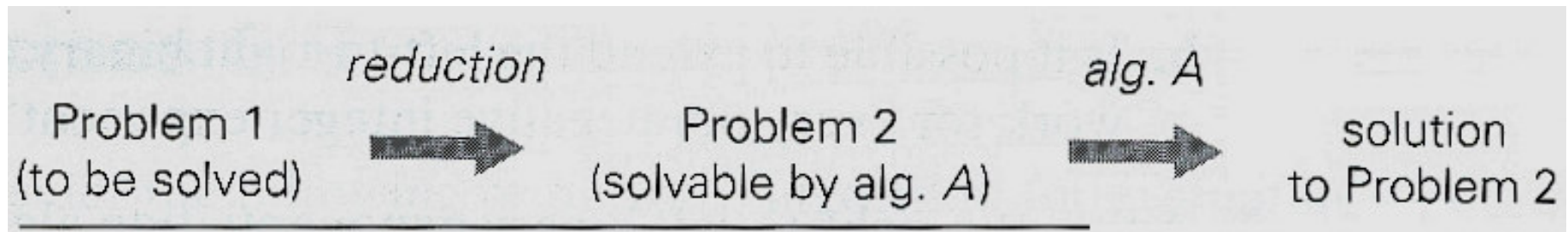


- Instance simplification
  - Transformation to a simpler problem instance
- Representation change
  - Transformation to a different representation of same instance
- **Problem reduction**
  - Transformation to an instance of a different problem for which an algorithm is already available



# Problem Reduction

- **Definition:**
  - Problem reduction is to reduce a problem you need to solve to *another* problem that you know how to solve
    1. Find a problem to reduce onto
    2. Perform reduction



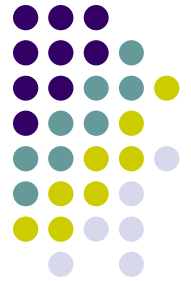
- The reduction worth if the reduction operations and algorithm A takes less time than solving the original problem directly



# Least Common Multiple

- Definition :
  - Computing the least common multiple of two integers  $m$  and  $n$  is denoted  $lcm(m,n)$
  - $lcm$  is defined as the smallest integer that is divisible by both  $m$  and  $n$ 
    - $lcm(24, 60) = 120$
    - $lcm(11,5) = 55$
  - It is an important notion in arithmetic and algebra





# Computing the Least Common Multiple

- Approach :
  - Given the prime factorizations of  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $lcm(m, n)$  can be computed as the product of all the common prime factors of  $m$  and  $n$  times the product of  $m$ 's prime factors that are not in  $n$  times  $n$ 's prime factors that are not in  $m$

$$24 = 2 . 2 . 2 . 3$$

$$60 = 2 . 2 . 3 . 5$$

$$lcm(24, 60) = (2 . 2 . 3) . 2 . 5 = 120$$



## Computing the Least Common Multiple

- As a computational procedure, this algorithm has the same drawbacks as middle-school algorithm for computing greatest-common-divisor

How can we design a more efficient algorithm by using problem reduction ?



## Computing the Least Common Multiple

- Product of  $\text{lcm}(m,n)$  and  $\text{gcd}(m,n)$  includes every factor of  $m$  and  $n$  exactly once
- So,

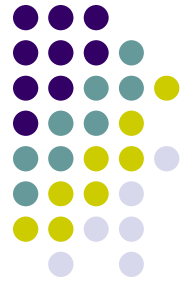
$$\text{lcm}(m, n) = \frac{m \cdot n}{\text{gcd}(m, n)}$$

- This formula reduces lcm calculation to gcd calculation
- $\text{gcd}(m,n)$  can be computed with Euclid's algorithm efficiently



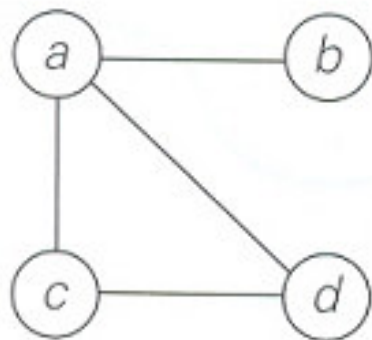
# Counting Paths in a Graph

- Definition:
  - Counting different paths between two vertices in a graph
  - It is easy to prove that number of different paths of length  $k > 0$  from the  $i$ th vertex to the  $j$ th vertex of a graph equals the  $(i,j)$  th element of  $A^k$  where  $A$  is the adjacency matrix of the graph



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a graph

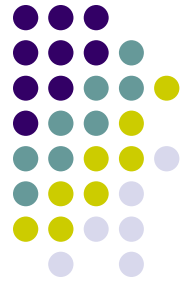
$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

its adjacency matrix  $A$

$$A^2 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

its square  $A^2$

Elements of  $A^2$  indicate the number of paths of length 2



# Counting Paths in a Graph

- So, the problem can be solved with an algorithm for computing an appropriate power of its adjacency matrix
- Problem is reduced to matrix exponentiation

How to calculate  $A^k$  ?...



# Reduction of Optimization Problems

## Problem Definition:

- Find a maximum (minimum) of some function,
  - *maximization (minimization) problem*
- Suppose that you know an algorithm for maximizing a function, but you want to minimize it
- How can you take advantage of the latter ?



# Reduction of Optimization Problems

- Approach :
  - To minimize a function
    - we can maximize its negative instead
    - get a correct minimal value of the function itself
    - change the sign of the answer

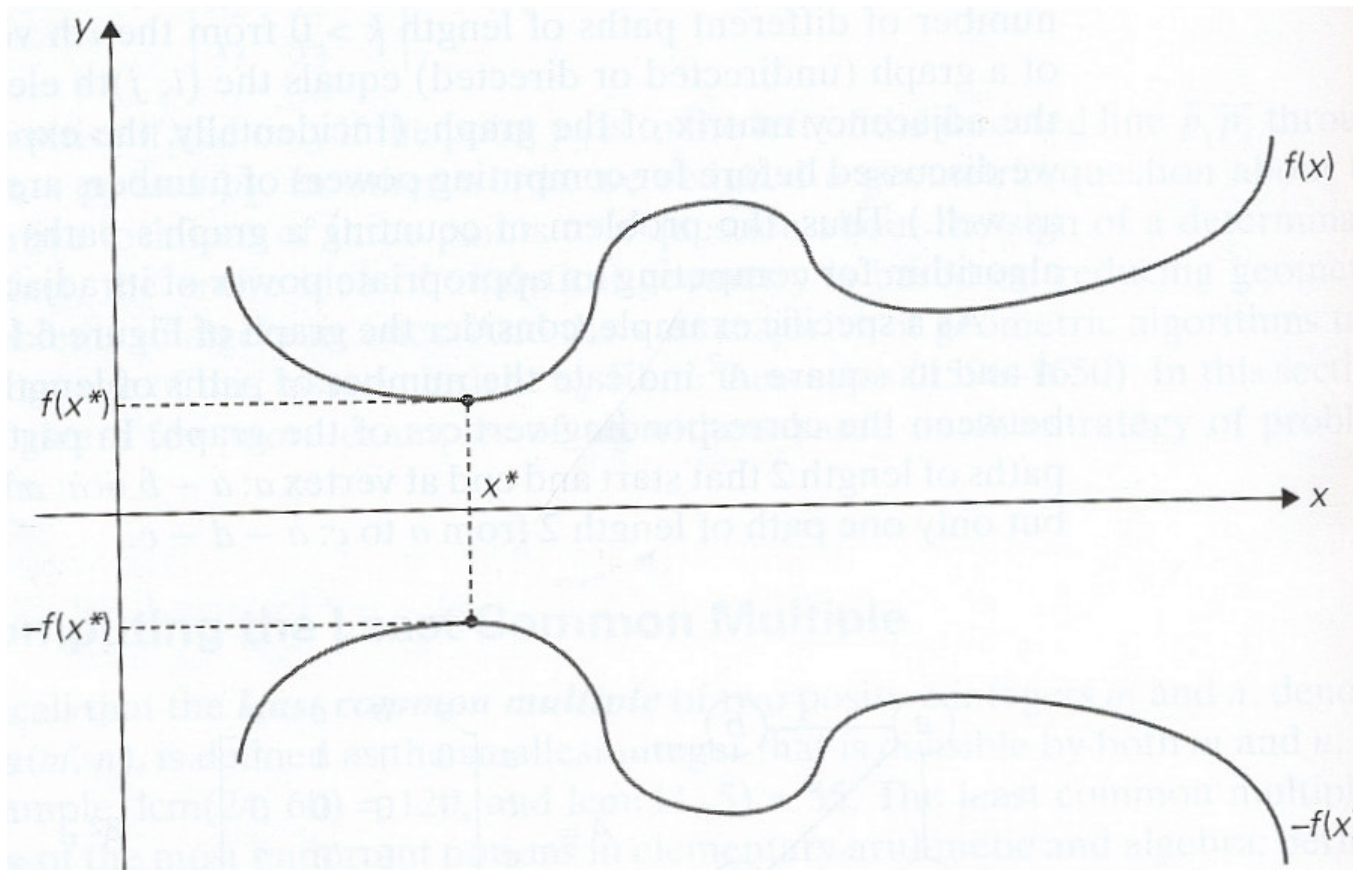
$$\min f(x) = -\max[-f(x)]$$

$$\max f(x) = -\min[-f(x)] \quad \text{is also correct}$$





# Reduction of Optimization Problems



Relationship between minimizing and maximizing problems

$$\min f(x) = -\max[-f(x)]$$



# Reduction of Optimization Problems

- Example :
  - To find extremum points of a function based on problem reduction
    - Find the function's derivative  $f'(x)$
    - Solve the equation  $f'(x) = 0$
    - Find the function's critical points
  - Optimization problem is reduced to the problem of solving an equation as the principal part of finding extremum points



# Linear Programming

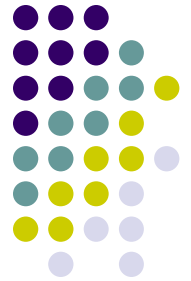
- Definition:
  - Linear programming is a problem of optimizing a linear function of several variables subject to constraints in the form of linear equations and linear inequalities
  - Many problems of optimal decision making can be reduced to an instance of the linear programming problem



# Linear Programming

- Example 1:

- Consider a university endowment that needs to invest \$100 million
- This sum must be split between three types of investments
  - stocks, bonds and cash
- Endowment managers expect an annual return of 10%, 7% and 3% for their stock, bond and cash investments
- Since stocks are most risky than bonds, endowment rules require the amount invested in stocks to be no more than one third of the moneys invested in bonds
- In addition, at least 25% of the total amount invested in stocks and bonds must be invested in cash
- How should the managers invest the money to maximize the return ?



# Linear Programming

- First create a mathematical model of this problem
- Let,  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  be amounts invested in stocks, bonds and cash
- So we can pose the following optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && 0.10x + 0.07y + 0.03z \\ &\text{subject to} && x + y + z = 100 \\ & && x \leq \frac{1}{3}y \\ & && z \geq 0.25(x + y) \\ & && x \geq 0, \quad y \geq 0, \quad z \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

# General Linear Programming Problem



- Optimal decision making can be reduced to an instance of the general linear programming problem

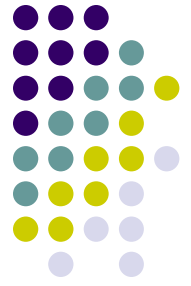
$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize (or minimize)} && c_1x_1 + \cdots + c_nx_n \\ &\text{subject to} && a_{i1}x_1 + \cdots + a_{in}x_n \leq (\text{or } \geq \text{ or } =) b_i \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m \\ &&& x_1 \geq 0, \dots, x_n \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- Linear programming has proved to be flexible enough to model a wide variety of important applications
  - airline crew scheduling
  - transportation and communication network planning
  - oil exploration and refining
  - industrial production optimization



# Linear Programming

- Classical algorithm for this problem *is simplex method*
  - Worst case efficiency of this algorithm is known to be exponential but performs very well on typical inputs
- There exist a few other algorithms
  - best known of them is discovered by Narendra Karmarkar
- Their polynomial worst case efficiency was proven
  - Karmarkar algorithm is competitive with simplex method in empirical tests



# Linear Programming

- When variables of a linear programming problem are required to be integers, is said to be *integer linear programming* problems
  - known to be much more difficult
  - no polynomial time algorithm for solving them is known





# Linear Programming

- Example 2:
  - Let see how knapsack problem can be reduced to a linear programming problem
    - Given a knapsack capacity  $W$
    - $n$  items of weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$
  - We consider first the continuous version of the problem
    - Any fraction of any given item can be taken into the knapsack

# Linear Programming



- Example 2:

- Let  $x_j, j = 1, \dots, n$  be a variable representing a fraction of item  $j$  taken to knapsack
- $x_j$  must satisfy the inequality  $0 \leq x_j \leq 1$
- Then total weight of selected items is  $\sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j$
- Their total value is  $\sum_{j=1}^n v_j x_j$
- So the knapsack problem can be posed as the following linear programming problem

$$\text{maximize} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n v_j x_j$$

$$\text{subject to} \quad \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j \leq W$$

$$0 \leq x_j \leq 1 \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n$$

# Linear Programming



- In the *discrete* (0 or 1) version of knapsack problem
  - either to take an item entirely or not to take it
  - we have the following integer linear programming problem

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{maximize} && \sum_{j=1}^n v_j x_j \\ &\text{subject to} && \sum_{j=1}^n w_j x_j \leq W \\ &&& x_j \in \{0,1\} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

- this minor modification makes a drastic difference on the complexity
- discrete version seems to be easier, but actually more complicated



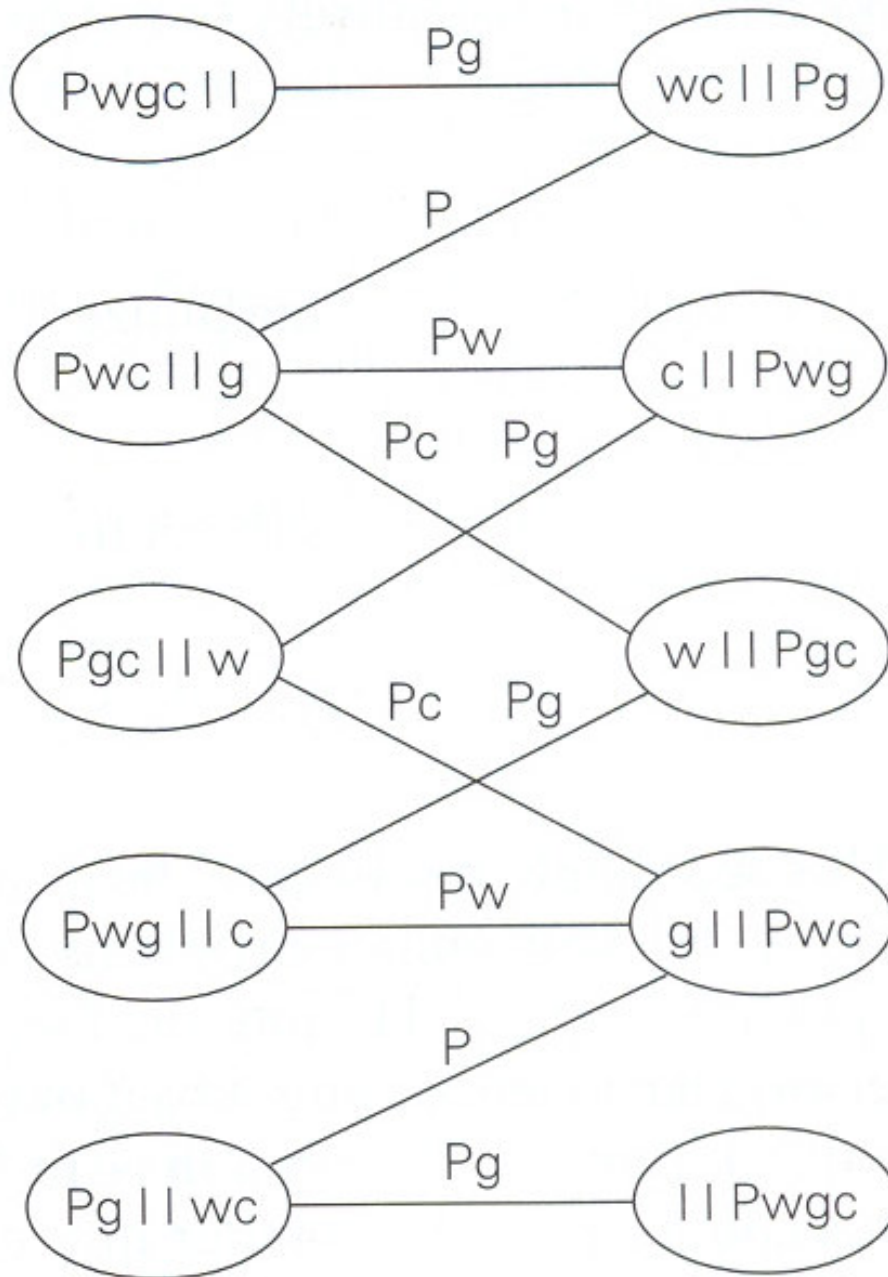
# Reduction to Graph Problems

- Many problems can be solved by a reduction to one of the standard graph problems
  - Vertices typically represent possible states of the problem
    - One is initial state, another is final state
  - Edges indicate permitted transmissions among states
  - Such a graph is called state-space-graph
- The transformation reduces the problem to question about a path from the initial-state vertex to a goal-state vertex

# Reduction to Graph Problems



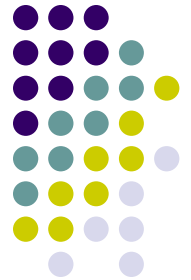
- Example :
  - Consider river-crossing puzzle problem
  - A peasant finds himself on a river bank with a wolf, a goat and a head of cabbage
  - He needs to transport all three on the other side of the river in his boat.
  - However, the boat has room only peasant himself and one other item
  - In his absence the wolf would eat the goat, the goat will eat the cabbage
  - Find a way for the peasant to solve his problem or prove that it has no solution



- P,w,g,c stand for peasant, wolf, goat and cabbage
- $\parallel$  represent the river
- The edges are labeled by indicating the boat's occupants for each crossing
- We are interested in finding a path from the initial-state vertex,  $Pwgc \parallel$  to the final state  $\parallel Pwgc$

**State-space graph for the *peasant, wolf, goat and cabbage* puzzle**

# Reduction to Graph Problems



- It is easy to see that there exist two distinct simple paths from initial state vertex to final state vertex
  - What are they ?
- If we find them by applying breadth-first search, we get a formal proof that these paths have the smallest number of edges possible
- This puzzle has two solutions, each of which requires seven river crossings

# Reduction to Graph Problems



- Discussion:
  - Generating and investigating state-space graphs are not always a straightforward task such as in the given example
  - To get a better appreciation of them, consult books on AI (artificial intelligence)





# Problem Reduction

- Discussion:

- Plays a central role in theoretical computer science
  - where it is used to classify problems according to their complexity
- The practical difficulty is finding a problem to which the problem at hand should be reduced
- If we want our efforts to be of practical value, we need our reduction-based algorithm to be more efficient than solving the original problem directly