

CS 405: Algorithm Analysis II
Homework 7: Greedy Algorithms

1. The N th floating point number will either be in one of the intervals found from processing the first $N - 1$ numbers, or a new interval. This algorithm assumes that if $G_N \in [v.max - 1, v.min + 1]$ then G_N is in one of the previous intervals, and there is no need to check any more intervals.

Algorithm 1: UnitInterval

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Data:  $G, N$ 
begin
  if  $N = 1$  then
     $\perp$  return  $(min = G_0, max = G_0)$ 
  else
     $data = UnitIntervals(G, N - 1)$ 
    for  $v \in data$  do
      if  $G_N \leq v.min + 1$  and  $G_N \geq v.max - 1$  then
        if  $G_N > v.max$  then
           $\perp$   $v.max = G_N$ 
        if  $G_N < v.min$  then
           $\perp$   $v.min = G_N$ 
         $\perp$  return  $data$ 
     $\perp$  return  $data + (min = G_N, max = G_N)$ 
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2. This algorithm assumes that since multiplication is commutative, we can rearrange the product in a way that the first element in the product will be the largest. Therefore the greedy choice for the first value will be to choose i, j such that $a_i^{b_j}$ is a maximum. This value will be $a_m^{b_m}$ where $a_m = \max(A)$ and $b_m = \max(B)$, since decreasing the exponent or the base would decrease the value. As for the optimal substructure, if we assume we have a permutation, S that is the optimal solution, and a subproblem $p \subset S$ p must also be an optimal solution. If there were another permutation of the exponents that yielded a larger product, we would be able to replace the elements of p in S to make a larger solution, which is a contradiction that S is the optimal solution.

Algorithm 2: MaxProduct

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Data:  $A, B$ 
begin
  if  $len(A) = 1$  then
     $\perp$  return  $pow(a_0, b_0)$ 
  else
     $a_m = \max(A)$ 
     $b_m = \max(B)$ 
     $\perp$  return  $pow(a_m, b_m) * MaxProduct(A - a_m, B - b_m)$ 
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