

Randomised Algorithms

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Exercise 1.

(a) Let's say w.l.o.g that a^* satisfies the first literal (and only the first) of every clause, then $\neg a^*$ would satisfy the second literal of each clause, and hence, $\neg a^*$ would also be a satisfied assignment.

(b) We now have two competing " a^* ", and most importantly, the Hamming distance is complementary, i.e.,

$$H(a, a^*) = n - H(a, \neg a^*)$$

Exercise 2.

(a) The new recurrence relations could be summed up as follows:

$$\begin{cases} E_0 &= 0 \\ E_i &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(E_{i+1} + E_{i-1}) \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\} \\ E_n &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}(E_n + E_{n-1}) \end{cases}$$

The last implies that: $E_n = 2 + E_{n-1} \implies D_n = 2$.

The second line implies that:

$$D_k = 2 + D_{k-1} \quad \text{for } k \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$$

By summing each equation from $k = 1$ up to $k = i \leq n-1$, we get:

$$D_1 = 2i + D_{i+1} \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$$

Particularly when $i = n-1$

$$D_1 = 2(n-1) + D_n = 2n = E_1$$

And hence,

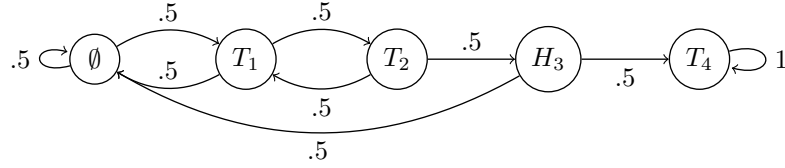
$$D_{i+1} = 2(n-i), \quad \text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$$

(b) For $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} E_k &= \sum_{i=1}^k D_i \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^k 2(n-(k-i)) \\ &= k(2n-k) + k \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 3.

(a) The figure below represents the Markov Chain of interest:



(b) We refer to E_0 as the expected running time starting the the state $\emptyset, (E_0 \rightarrow \emptyset)$ and respectively: $E_1 \rightarrow T_1, E_2 \rightarrow T_2, E_3 \rightarrow T_3, E_4 \rightarrow T_4$.

We have the following system:

$$\begin{cases} E_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_1) \\ E_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_2) \\ E_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_1 + E_3) \\ E_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_4) \\ E_4 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} E_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_1) \\ E_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_2) \\ E_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_1 + E_3) \\ E_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_4) \\ E_4 = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} E_0 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_1) \\ E_1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_2) \\ E_2 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_1 + E_3) \\ E_3 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (E_0 + E_4) \\ E_4 = 0 \end{cases}$$

solve this lol

(c) Let's say this output has emerged: $T[TTH_1T]HTH_2$, the approach in (a) would detect the pattern between brackets, while the approach proposed in (c) would fail, as it would only check if the pattern has emerged looking back from H_1 and H_2 .

The expected running time is the Expectation of a geometric RV of $p = \frac{1}{2^4}$, which is equal to $\frac{1}{p} = 2^4 = 16$, hence we wold need 16 trials, as each trial requires 4 runs, we would need in expectation $16 * 4 = 64$ runs.