

QUESTION 5 (30 mins)

(a) A divide-and-conquer algorithm usually solves a problem by:

- breaking it into smaller instances of it
- solving them recursively, using brute-force when reaching base cases
- combining their answers appropriately

Let $T(n)$ be the time to solve a problem of size n , $D(n)$ the time needed to divide the problem into subproblems, $C(n)$ the time needed to combine their results, we reduce the problem into a subproblems of size n/b . Therefore, the total time is given by

$$T(n) \leq a T(n/b) + C(n) + D(n)$$

We'll use this approach to multiply two n -bit numbers: let x and y be

$$\begin{array}{lcl} x: & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline L_x & R_x \\ \hline \end{array} & \Rightarrow x = L_x \cdot 2^{\frac{n}{2}} + R_x \\ y: & \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline L_y & R_y \\ \hline \end{array} & \Rightarrow y = L_y \cdot 2^{\frac{n}{2}} + R_y \end{array}$$

To multiply x with y we need $(L_x \cdot 2^{\frac{n}{2}} + R_x)(L_y \cdot 2^{\frac{n}{2}} + R_y) = L_x \cdot L_y \cdot 2^n + 2^{\frac{n}{2}}(L_x R_y + L_y R_x) + R_x R_y$. We'll use the following trick: by multiplying L_x with L_y , R_x with R_y and $(L_x + R_x)$ with $(L_y + R_y)$ we can obtain $L_x L_y$, $R_x R_y$, $L_x R_y + R_x L_y$.

$$L_x R_y + L_y R_x = (L_x + R_x)(L_y + R_y) - L_x L_y - R_x R_y$$

So, to summarize:

- we break the problem into three smaller subproblems of size $T(n/2)$
- to combine them we need $O(1)$ and to divide also $O(1)$

Therefore, we have:

$$T(n) \leq 3 T(n/2) + O(1)$$

We'll use the Master Theorem, where $a=3$, $b=2$, $d=0$ ($\log_b a > d$) \Rightarrow

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(n^{\log_b a}) = O(n^{\log_2 3})$$

(b) In a "circularly shifted array", the maximum is the ^{only} value that is bigger than its neighbours. At each step, we'll split the interval we are working with in half, and there are 3 cases:

- $A[mid-1] \leq A[mid]$ and $A[mid] \geq A[mid+1] \Rightarrow A[mid]$ is the maximum
- $A[mid-1] \geq A[mid]$ and $A[mid] \leq A[mid+1] \Rightarrow A[mid+1]$ is the maximum

• $A[\text{mid}-1] \leq A[\text{mid}] \leq A[\text{mid}+1] \Rightarrow$ the maximum is in $[\text{left}..(\text{mid}-1)]$ (it wrapped around, so it can't be in the right half)

Algorithm:

SEARCH (A, left, right) // Search in $A[\text{left}.. \text{right}]$

1. if $(\text{right} - \text{left} == 1)$ return $A[\text{left}]$
2. $\text{mid} = (\text{left} + \text{right}) / 2$
3. if $(A[\text{mid}] \geq A[\text{mid}+1])$ && $(A[\text{mid}] \geq A[\text{mid}-1])$ return $A[\text{mid}]$
4. if $(A[\text{mid}] \leq A[\text{mid}+1])$ && $(A[\text{mid}] \leq A[\text{mid}-1])$ return $A[\text{mid}-1]$
5. return SEARCH (A, left, mid)

(c) First, the Master Theorem:

$$T(n) \leq a T(n/b) + O(n^d)$$

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & , \text{ if } d > \log_b a \text{ (Case 1)} \\ O(n^d \log_b n) & , \text{ if } d = \log_b a \text{ (Case 2)} \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & , \text{ if } d < \log_b a \text{ (Case 3)} \end{cases}$$

• Algorithm A: $T_A(n) \leq 3 T_A(n/3) + O(1)$

$$\begin{matrix} a=3 \\ b=\frac{3}{2} \\ d=1 \end{matrix} \left| \Rightarrow \log_b a = \log_{\frac{3}{2}} 3 \right| \Rightarrow \log_b a > d \stackrel{(3)}{\Rightarrow} T_A(n) = O(n^{\log_{\frac{3}{2}} 3})$$

• Algorithm B: $T_B(n) \leq 9 T_B(n/3) + O(n^2) + O(n) = 9 T_B(n/3) + O(n^2)$

$$\begin{matrix} a=9 \\ b=3 \\ d=2 \end{matrix} \left| \Rightarrow \log_b a = \log_3 9 = 2 \right| \Rightarrow \log_b a = d \stackrel{(2)}{\Rightarrow} T_B(n) = O(n^2 \log_3 n)$$

• Algorithm C: $T_C(n) \leq 3 T_C(n-1) + O(1)$

Since we can arrange this as

$$T_C(n) \leq 3 T_C(n-1) \leq 3^2 T_C(n-2) \leq \dots \leq 3^n \cdot k \Rightarrow T_C(n) = O(3^n)$$

Since algorithm C is the only exponential algorithm, it is the slowest of the three and

since $\log_{\frac{3}{2}} 3 = \log_{1.5} 3$ we can compare the complexities of A and B:

$$\frac{n^{\log_{\frac{3}{2}} 3}}{n^2 \log_3 n} = \frac{n^{\log_{1.5} 3}}{n^{\log_{1.5} 2.25} \log_3 n} = \frac{n^{\log_{1.5} \frac{4}{3}}}{\log_3 n} > \frac{n^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\log_3 n} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\log_3 n} > 1 \quad \left(\log_{1.5} \frac{4}{3} > \frac{1}{2} \text{ since } \frac{4}{3} > (1.5)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right)$$

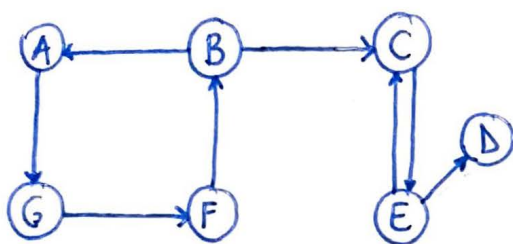
So, we get that $T_A(n) > T_B(n) \Rightarrow B$ is the fastest algorithm.

QUESTION 6 (40 mins)

(a) Let $G = (V, E)$ be a directed graph. A strongly connected component (SCC) of G is a subgraph of G that is strongly connected i.e. there is a path with edges in the subgraph between any two vertices from it.

The SCC graph of G is $G^{SCC} = (V^{SCC}, E^{SCC})$, where V^{SCC} is represented by a vertex for each SCC of G and $(v_c, v_{c'}) \in E^{SCC}$ if there is an edge in G between c and c' .

Example: $C_1 = \{A, B, F, G\}$, $C_2 = \{C, E\}$, $C_3 = \{D\}$



The SCC graph is

$\{A, B, F, G\} \rightarrow \{C, E\} \rightarrow \{D\}$

(b) To find the SCCs of a graph $G = \{V, E\}$ we do the following

1. Call $\text{DFS}(G)$ to compute the finishing times $f[v]$ for all $v \in V$

2. Compute G^T

3. Call $\text{DFS}(G^T)$ in order of decreasing finishing times from 1.

4. Output the trees obtained in the DFS forest in the second as separate SCCs

The total time needed is $\Theta(|V| + |E|)$

• $G = (V, E)$ directed graph, $s \in V$ source vertex, V finite

• "infinite trace" = $P = v_0 v_1 v_2 \dots$, $v_0 = s$, $(\forall) i \geq 0 (v_i, v_{i+1}) \in E$

• $\text{Inf}(P) \subseteq V$ = the set of vertices that occur infinitely often in P

(c) Let's suppose that $\text{Inf}(P)$ is not a subset of a single SCC in G . Therefore, there must exist two nodes in $\text{Inf}(P)$, u, v s.t. there is no path from u to v . Since we arrive at some point to v , we know now that we cannot get to u anymore from then on. However, that contradicts the fact that u must be visited infinitely many times, so we must have a path between u and v . Therefore, $\text{Inf}(P)$ must be a subset of a single SCC of G .

(d) From (c) we know that

$(\exists) p$ s.t. $\text{inf}(p)$ implies that $\text{inf}(p) \subseteq \text{SCC}$, therefore if there are no SCCs in G , there cannot be any infinite trace in G .

Additionally, if there exists a SCC in G , by going through each vertex of it in turn (we can since there is a path between all nodes) infinitely many times, we form an infinite trace. Therefore, to solve this, we use the SCC algorithm from (b) and if there is a path from s to a SCC of G (that either has at least two vertices, or a vertex with a self-loop) we output YES, otherwise we output NO

Algorithm:

1. Call $\text{DFS-VISIT}(G, s)$ // Search for the subgraph reachable from s
2. Let $G' = \text{Subgraph formed from the DFS tree from 1.}$
3. Let $\text{SCCs} = \text{SCC}(G')$
4. if there exists a tree in SCCs with a vertex with self-loop / two vertices
5. return "YES"
6. else return "NO"

* QUESTION 7 (45 mins - more on last subtask) - wouldn't have chosen it in exam conditions

$G = (V, E, w)$ connected, weighted, undirected graph, $w: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(a) A "spanning tree" of G is a tree (V, T) with $T \subseteq E$ such that all the vertices of G are in the tree i.e. there is a path formed by edges from T between any two vertices.
A "minimum spanning tree" (MST) of G is a spanning tree with minimum weight i.e. if T is an MST of G , then $(\forall) T'$ spanning tree of G , we have $w(T) \leq w(T')$, where $w(T) = \text{sum of the weights of all the edges from } T$.

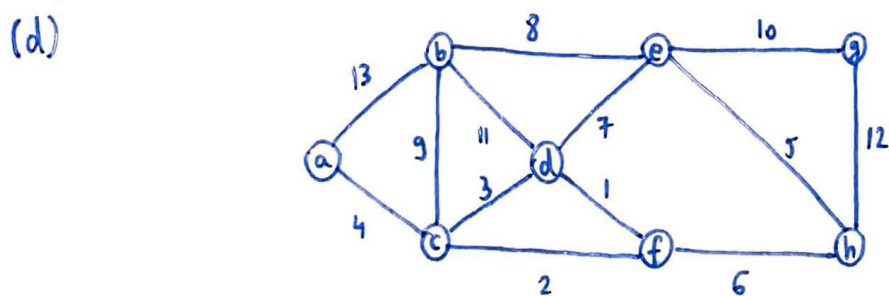
(b) Kruskal's algorithm is based on picking at each step, the edge with the smallest weight that does not form a cycle in the set of edges picked so far. For this we need a disjoint-set data structure that has the following operations:

- $\text{REPRESENTANT}(v)$ - gives the representative vertex for the vertex-set of v
- $\text{UNION}(x, y)$ - Remove S_x and S_y from the set S of vertex-sets and adds the set $S_x \cup S_y$
- $\text{MAKE-SET}(v)$ - Makes a new set $\{v\}$ and adds it to S

Algorithm: KRUSKAL (V, E, w)

1. $A = \emptyset$ // the edge-set we'll build
2. for each $v \in V$
3. MAKE-SET(v)
4. Sort E after w increasingly
5. for each edge $(u, v) \in E$ (sorted)
6. if REPRESENTANT(u) \neq REPRESENTANT(v)
7. $A = A \cup \{(u, v)\}$
8. UNION(u, v)
9. return A

(c) The key concept of a greedy algorithm is that at each step of the solution, the algorithm makes the choice that has the greatest immediate benefit (greedy choice) and it never reconsiders the choices made so far, Kruskal's algorithm having both of these properties.



$$A = \{(d, f), (c, f), (a, c), (e, h), (f, h), (b, e), (e, g)\} \rightarrow w(A) = 1 + 2 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 8 + 10 = 36$$

(e)

A	$C \in S$
\emptyset	$\{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{f\}, \{g\}, \{h\}\}$
$\{(a, c), (b, e), (c, f), (d, f), (e, h), (e, g)\}$	$\{\{a, c, d, f\}, \{b, e, g, h\}\}$
$\{(a, c), (b, e), (c, f), (d, f), (e, h), (e, g), (f, h)\}$	$\{\{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h\}\}$

$w(A) = 36$, therefore the algorithm gives back an MST for G .

We'll now prove that the algorithm always returns an MST for any graph (V, E, w)

We will use the invariant

I: $A = \bigcup_{C \in S} T_C$, where T_C = an MST for C , where C is a connected component of S

Initialisation: $A = \emptyset$, $S = \{\{v\} \mid v \in V\}$, therefore each $T_C = \emptyset$, so the invariant trivially holds.

Termination: $S = \{C\}$, since at each step the union of the sets in S is equal to V

(can be an invariant of its own, but it is easy to prove: initially it holds, after each step we just merge the sets together and at the end it is going to be V), we have $S = V \Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow A = \bigcup_{C \in V} T_C = T_V = \text{MST}(G)$, so we obtained an MST for G

Maintenance: We currently know that A is a subset of an MST (also can be an invariant of its own, but it is implied by the current one). For each strongly component C , the set $V \setminus C$ is a cut that respects A , because otherwise C would be connected with another component of $S = (V, A)$, so it would be ill-formed. Then, any light edge crossing the cut i.e. the edge with the lowest weight $(u, v) \in E$ with $u \in C$ and $v \notin C$ is safe for A (by the Cut Lemma). Therefore, by adding (u, v) to A we connect two connected components of S and the new $S = (V, A)$ will have those two sets of vertices combined (union). Therefore, the invariant is maintained.

The Cut Lemma

Let A be a subset of some MST. If $(S, V \setminus S)$ is a cut that respects A and (u, v) is a light edge crossing the cut, then (u, v) is safe for A (i.e. if we add (u, v) to A , it will form a set A' that is also a subset of some MST).

QUESTION 8 (40 mins)

- $\text{score} = \# \text{matching positions} - \overset{\text{gap penalty}}{g} \times \# \text{number of spaces}$
- Input: $x[0..m]$, $y[0..n]$ and g
- Output: maximum score over all alignments of x and y

(a) "Dynamic programming" is a technique used for optimization problems. It is based on reduce the problem to smaller instances of it (with a constant factor), obtaining and saving their optimal solutions and building the optimal solution to the big problem based on them

The "principle of optimality" states that whatever the choices made so far about the initial or the intermediate states, the current choice must be itself optimal with respect to the current state.

The global alignment problem can be solved using dynamic programming since we can build a solution of any state based on the optimal solutions of the previous states: if we want to get the best score of $x[0..i]$ and $y[0..j]$, then every score of $x[0..i']$ and $y[0..j']$ must have been built optimally, otherwise we could swap the solutions with the optimal ones and get a better score.

(b) Let $S(i,j)$ = maximum score over all possible alignments of $x[0..i]$ and $y[0..j]$

Then, we get the following relation:

$$S(i+1, j+1) = \begin{cases} \delta(i+1, j+1) \text{ then } S(i, j) + 1 & \leftarrow \text{get (+1) score and go to } x[0..i], y[0..j] \\ \text{else } \max \{ S(i, j+1), S(i+1, j) \} - g \end{cases}$$

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 get the best outcome of using a \square on $x[i+1]$ or $y[j+1]$

where $\delta(i,j) = 1$ if $x[i] = y[j]$ and 0, otherwise

$$\text{Also, } S(i, 0) = -i \times g, \quad 0 \leq i \leq m$$

$$S(0, j) = -j \times g, \quad 0 \leq j \leq n$$

We'll first complete the base cases, then we'll go through the ranges $0 \leq i \leq m$ and $0 \leq j \leq n$ after $x=(i+j)$, starting from 2 until $m+n$, i starting from 1 until m and $j = k-i$. (check $j > 0$)

The result will be in $S(m, n)$ and the time complexity is $O(mn)$ as we fill up a table of size $m \times n$.

(c) In addition the algorithm above, we can use a table $\Delta[i,j]$ that would indicate what solution we used at step (i,j) from the three possibilities. Then, we'll have

$$\Delta[i+1, j+1] = \begin{cases} (i, j) & \text{if } \delta(i+1, j+1) = 1 \\ (i, j+1) & \text{if } \delta(i+1, j+1) = 0 \text{ and } S(i, j+1) \geq S(i+1, j) \\ (i+1, j) & \text{if } \delta(i+1, j+1) = 0 \text{ and } S(i, j+1) < S(i+1, j) \end{cases}$$

To output the optimal alignment, we start from (m, n) and go through the table until we get to a dimension being 0 and from there we output all the remaining line or column until we get to $(0, 0)$.

• local alignment problem: given $x[0..m]$, $y[0..n]$, g , output the maximum score over all alignments x', y' substrings of x and y , respectively.

(d) We can use the algorithm above to calculate all the best scores over all combinations of (x', y') , which are $\frac{m(m+1)}{2}$ and $\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \Rightarrow O(m^2n^2)$ and for each we would need $O(mn)$ time \Rightarrow an upper bound for this approach would be $O(m^3n^3)$.

(e) Let $S(i, j) =$ maximum score over all possible alignments of x', y' where x' and y' are suffixes of $x[0..i]$ and $y[0..j]$

Then, we have

$S(i+1, j+1) =$ if $S(i+1, j+1)$ then $1 + S(i, j)$ \leftarrow if they are the same, add 1 to the previous best solution

else $\max \{ 0, S(i, j+1) - g, S(i+1, j) - g \}$
 \uparrow empty suffixes \searrow same as before

The final answer is the maximum value that appears in the table.

The total running time is $O(mn)$.