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# 1. Preparation

A solid background in discrete mathematics, probability, programming, basic algorithms, and data structures are necessary prerequisites for this course.

Please read the Appendix: Mathematical Background in the textbook (Corman et al., 2009).

## Common Functions

Knowledge of standard functions and their order of growth is essential:

- Polynomials:

$$f(n) = 1, \quad f(n) = n, \quad f(n) = n^2, \quad f(n) = n^3, \dots$$

$$f(n) = 1, \quad f(n) = n, \quad f(n) = n(n-1), \quad f(n) = n(n-1)(n-2), \dots$$

- Poly-Logarithmic:

$$f(n) = \lg(n), \quad f(n) = n \lg(n), \quad f(n) = n^2 \lg n, \dots$$

- Exponential:

$$f(n) = 2^n, \quad f(n) = n!, \quad f(n) = n^n, \dots$$

Notes:

1.  $\lg(n)$  is the logarithm of  $n$  base 2.

$$\lg(n) = \frac{\log(n)}{\log(2)} \approx 3.3219 \dots \log(n)$$

2. We are most interested in *running time functions*  $f$  that satisfy

- The domain of  $f$  is restricted to the natural numbers (non-negative integers). The function  $f$  is often defined on a larger domain, but for us, it is only evaluated on natural numbers.
- $f$  maps the natural numbers into the real numbers
- $f$  is positive and eventually monotonically increasing
- $f$  is *computable*. That is, there is [Turing machine](#) that computes  $f(n)$ .

The table below shows how some common functions grow.

Sample growth rates				
Function	$n = 1$	$n = 10$	$n = 100$	$n = 1000$
$\lg n$	0	3.32	6.64	9.96
$n$	1	10	100	1000
$n \lg n$	0	33.2	664	9966
$n^2$	1	100	10000	$10^6$
$n^3$	1	1000	$10^6$	$10^9$
$2^n$	2	1024	$10^{30}$	$10^{300}$
$n^n$	1	$10^{10}$	$10^{200}$	$10^{3000}$

### Big-O Notation

#### Definition 1: Big-O notation

$f : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is big-O of  $g : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , denoted

$$f = O(g) \quad f \text{ is big-O of } g$$

if and only if there exists a natural number  $m > 0$  and a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$$

for all  $n > m$ . The value  $m$  and  $c$  are called witnesses.

Informally, “for sufficiently large  $n$ ,  $f$  grows no faster than  $g$ .”

To show that  $f$  is big-O of  $g$ , find *witnesses*: a natural number  $m$  and a positive constant  $c$ , such that the inequality  $f(n) \leq c \cdot g(n)$  is True for all  $n > m$ .

Can you find the witnesses or deduce that there are none for the following?

1.  $f(n) = 5n$  is  $O(n)$
2.  $f(n) = 4n + 3$  is  $O(n^2)$
3.  $f(n) = 4n^2 + n - 1$  is  $O(n^2)$
4.  $f(n) = \sqrt{n}$  is  $O(n)$
5.  $f(n) = 5n$  is not  $O(1)$
6.  $f(n) = 4n + 3$  is not  $O(\sqrt{n})$
7.  $f(n) = 4n^2 + n - 1$  is not  $O(n)$
8.  $f(n) = \sqrt{n^3}$  is not  $O(n)$

**Theorem 1: Big-O Properties**

Pretend  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are running time functions. Then the following properties hold:

1.  $f = O(f)$ , big-O is reflexive
2. If  $f = O(g)$  and  $g = O(h)$ , then  $f = O(h)$ , big-O is transitive
3. If  $f$  is  $O(g)$ , then  $cf(n)$  is  $O(g)$  for any constant  $c > 0$ .
4. If  $f_1 = O(g_1)$  and  $f_2 = O(g_2)$ , then

$$f_1 + f_2 = O(\max(g_1, g_2))$$

$$f_1 f_2 = O(g_1 g_2)$$

$$f_1 \circ f_2 = O(g_1 \circ g_2)$$

*Omega Notation*

Big-O (Omicron) gives an upper-bound on the growth of  $f$ . Big- $\Omega$  (Omega) gives a lower bound.

To show that  $f$  is  $\Omega(g)$ , we must find a (witnesses) integer  $m$  and a positive constant  $c$ , such that the inequality  $f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n)$  is True for all  $n > m$ .

**Definition 2: Big- $\Omega$  notation**

$f : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is big-Omega of  $g : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , denoted

$$f = \Omega(g)$$

if and only if there exists witnesses: a natural number  $m > 0$  and a constant  $c > 0$  such that

$$f(n) \geq c \cdot g(n), \quad \forall n > m$$

Informally “function  $f$  grows no slower than a function  $g$ .”

Can you find the witnesses or deduce that there are no witnesses for the following?

1.  $f(n) = 5n$  is  $\Omega(n)$
2.  $f(n) = 4n^2 + 3$  is  $\Omega(n)$
3.  $f(n) = 4n^2 + n - 1$  is  $\Omega(n^2)$
4.  $f(n) = n$  is  $\Omega(\sqrt{n})$

### Theta Notation

Big- $\Theta$ (Theta) gives lower and upper bounds on the growth of  $f$ .

To show that  $f$  is  $\Theta(g)$ , we must find (witnesses) integer  $m$  and positive constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , such that the inequalities  $c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n)$  is True for all  $n > m$ .

#### Definition 3: Big- $\Theta$ notation

$f : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is big-theta of  $g : \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , denoted

$$f = \Theta(g)$$

if and only if there exists witnesses: a natural number  $m > 0$  and real constants  $c_1 > 0$ ,  $c_2 > 0$  such that for all  $n > m$ ,

$$c_1 \cdot g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 \cdot g(n)$$

In words “a function  $f$  grows at the same rate as a function  $g$ .”

Can you find the witnesses or deduce that there are no witnesses for the following?

1.  $f(n) = 5n$  is  $\Theta(n)$
2.  $f(n) = 4n^2 + 3$  is  $\Theta(n^2)$
3.  $f(n) = 7n^2$  is  $\Theta(n)$
4.  $f(n) = n \log_{10}(n)$  is  $\Theta(n \lg n)$

#### Theorem 2: Big- $\Theta$ is an equivalence relation

Suppose  $f$ ,  $g$  and  $h$  are running time functions. Then the following properties hold:

1.  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(f(n))$  (reflexive)
2.  $f(n)$  is  $\Theta(g(n))$  if and only if  $g(n)$  is  $\Theta(f(n))$  (symmetric)
3. if  $f$  is  $\Theta(g)$  and  $g$  is  $\Theta(h)$ , then  $f$  is  $\Theta(h)$  (transitive)

Therefore,  $\Theta(f(n))$  defines an *equivalence relation* on the class of running time functions.

### Little-o Notation

Little-o notation is more frequently used in numerical analysis.

**Definition 4: Little-o notation**

$f : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is little-o of  $g : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ , denoted

$$f(x) = o(g(x))$$

means for all  $c > 0$  there exists some  $m > 0$  such that  $0 \leq f(x) < cg(x)$  for all  $x \geq m$ , and such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 0$$

The value of  $m$  must be independent of  $x$ , but may depend on  $c$ .

Informally “a function  $f$  grows much more slowly than the function  $g$ .”

Little-o notation is primarily used in approximation algorithms. For instance, under relatively weak assumptions, the recurrence

$$x_n = x_{n-1} - \frac{f(x_{n-1})}{f'(x_{n-1})}$$

converges to a root  $x$  where  $f(x) = 0$  at a *quadratic* rate. That is, the error at stage  $n$  is about the square of the error at stage  $(n - 1)$ . For instance, if the error at stage  $(n - 1)$  is about  $10^{-k}$ , then it will be about  $10^{-2k}$  at the  $n$ -th step, double the number of accurate digits.

The recurrence is known as [Newton’s method](#).

### *The Floor and Ceiling Functions*

Conversion among natural, integer, rational and real numbers is common in algorithms. Floors and ceilings map real numbers to integers.

- The *floor* of  $x$  is the largest integer  $n$  less than or equal to  $x$ .

$$\lfloor x \rfloor$$

- The *ceiling* of  $x$  is the smallest integer  $n$  greater than or equal to  $x$ .

$$\lceil x \rceil$$

- Examples:

$$\lfloor \pi \rfloor = 3$$

$$\lceil \pi \rceil = 4$$

$$\lfloor e \rfloor = 2$$

$$\lceil e \rceil = 3$$

$$\lfloor n/2 \rfloor = \begin{cases} n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ (n-1)/2 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\lfloor x/y \rfloor = (x - x \bmod y)/y$$

$$\lfloor \log_b k \rfloor + 1 = \lceil \log_b (k+1) \rceil \quad = \text{base } b \text{ numerals needed to write } k$$

### Factorial Functions

- Given a positive integer  $n$ , define

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdots n$$

- Gauss's trick to show  $n!$  is pretty big

$$(n!)^2 = (1 \cdot 2 \cdots n)(n \cdots 2 \cdot 1) = \prod_{k=1}^n k(n-k+1)$$

For all integer  $k$  between 1 and  $n$ , we have

$$n \leq k(n+1-k) \leq \frac{1}{4}(n+1)^2,$$

since the quadratic

$$k(n+1-k) = (n+1)^2/4 - (k - (n+1)/2)^2$$

has its smallest value at  $k = 1$  and its largest value at  $k = (n+1)/2$ .

Therefore

$$\prod_{k=1}^n n \leq (n!)^2 \leq \prod_{k=1}^n \frac{(n+1)^2}{4}$$

that is,

$$n^{n/2} \leq n! \leq \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)^n$$

- Stirling's formula for  $n!$  is more accurate:

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n$$

This is just the dominant term in Stirling's formula.

- Carrying more terms in Stirling's formula gives

$$n! = \sqrt{2\pi n} \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n \left( 1 + \frac{1}{12n} + \frac{1}{288n^2} - \frac{139}{5140n^3} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^4}\right) \right)$$

- Stirling's formula is called an *asymptotic* formula for  $n!$



## Binomial Coefficients

- The binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{k}$  denoted the number of ways  $k$  objects can be selected (without regard to order) from a set of  $n$  objects.
- It can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{n}{k} &= \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)}{k!} \\ &= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}\end{aligned}$$

- Pascal's Triangle is an array of binomial coefficients

$n \backslash k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	1						
1	1	1					
2	1	2	1				
3	1	3	3	1			
4	1	4	6	4	1		
5	1	5	10	10	5	1	
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	1

In the following we assume that  $n$  and  $k$  are non-negative integers, although some of the formulas can be extended to other values for  $n$  and  $k$

- Binomial Theorem:

$$(x + y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

- Addition Formula:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} + \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

- Symmetry Identity:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n}{n-k}$$

- Absorption Identity:

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-1}{n-k}$$

- Parallel Summation:

$$\sum_{k \leq n} \binom{r+k}{k} = \binom{r+n+1}{n}$$

- Summation on Upper Index

$$\sum_{m \leq k \leq n} \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

Please read Appendix C: Counting and Probability in the textbook (Corman et al., 2009).

- $2^n = \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}$ .
- $0^n = \binom{n}{0} - \binom{n}{1} + \cdots + (-1)^n \binom{n}{n}$ .
- $(1+z)^r = \sum \binom{r}{k} z^k, \quad |z| < 1.$
- $1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \cdots + \binom{n}{n} = \binom{n+1}{2}$

### *Harmonic Numbers*

- Define the  $n$  Harmonic number to be

$$H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$$

- The name is derived from music: The  $k$ th harmonic of a string is the tone produced by a string that is  $1/k$  times as long as the first string.
- Here is an asymptotic formula for Harmonic numbers

$$H_n = \ln n + \gamma + \frac{1}{2n} - \frac{1}{12n^2} + \frac{1}{120n^4} + \cdots = O(\lg(n))$$

where

$$\gamma \approx 0.577215664901 \dots$$

is called Euler's constant

- You might recognize the Bernoulli numbers in this expansion of  $H_n$

### *Logarithmic Functions*

- $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$
- $\log_b(x/y) = \log_b x - \log_b y$
- $\log_b(x^n) = n \log_b x$
- $\log_b x = \frac{1}{\log_x b}$
- $\log_b x = \log_b a \log_a x$
- $x^{\log_b y} = y^{\log_b x}$
- This last formula is especially useful for rewriting functions such as

$$f(n) = a^{\log_b n}$$

in the form

$$f(n) = n^{\log_b a}$$

### Mathematical Induction

- The principle of mathematical induction states:
  - If proposition  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = k$  and
  - If whenever  $P(n)$  is true for some  $n \geq k$ , then  $P(n+1)$  is also true
  - Then  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq k$
- Proving  $P(k)$  is called the *basis for induction*
- Proving  $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$  is called the *inductive step*

Consider proposition “ $P(n)$ : the sum of the first  $n$  squares is  $\frac{1}{3}n(n+1)$ ” or in symbols

$$1^2 + 2^2 + \cdots + n^2 = \frac{1}{3}n\left(n+1\right)$$

- The basis is  $P(1)$ :

$$1^2 = \frac{1}{3}1\left(1+1\right)$$

- Suppose  $P(n)$  for some  $n \geq 1$ .
- Then consider  $P(n+1)$

$$\begin{aligned} 1^2 + 2^2 + \cdots + n^2 + (n+1)^2 &= \frac{1}{3}n\left(n+1\right) + (n+1)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{3}(n+1)\left(n+3\right) \end{aligned}$$

- Thus  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$

Consider proposition,

“If  $n = 2^p$  and

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$$

for  $n > 1$  and  $T(1) = 0$ , then  $T(n) = n \lg n$ ”

- The basis is  $P(1)$ :  $n = 2^0 = 1$  and  $T(1) = \lg 1 = 0$
- Suppose  $P(n)$  for some  $n = 2^p$ ,  $p \geq 0$
- Then consider  $P(2n)$

$$\begin{aligned} T(2n) &= 2T(n) + 2n \\ &= 2n \lg(n) + 2n \\ &= 2n[\lg(n) + 1] \\ &= 2n[p + 1] \\ &= 2n \lg(2n) \end{aligned}$$

- Thus  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ , i.e.  $T(n) = n \lg n$

*Summation Formulas*

- Arithmetic sum

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (a + kd) = na + d \binom{n}{2}$$

- Geometric sum ( $r \neq 1$ ) :

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots + r^{n-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} r^k = \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r}$$

- Geometric series: for  $|r| < 1$

$$1 + r + r^2 + r^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} r^k = \frac{1}{1 - r}$$

- Alternating geometric series

$$1 - r + r^2 - r^3 + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} (-r)^i = \frac{1}{1 + r}$$

- Derivative of geometric series

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i r^{i-1} = \frac{1}{(1 - r)^2}$$

- Integral of geometric series

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{r^i}{i} = -\ln(1 - r)$$

Please read Appendix A: Summations in the textbook (Cormen et al., 2009).

What value of  $r$  is disallowed in a geometric series?

*Recursion*

The function  $T(n) = \lg(n)$  satisfies the recursion

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1, \quad n \in \{m \mid m \pmod{2} = 0, m \geq 2\}$$

The function  $T(n) = n \lg(n)$  satisfies the recursion

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n, \quad n \in \{m \mid m \pmod{2} = 0, m \geq 2\}$$

What function  $T(n)$  satisfies the recursion

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + 1, \quad n \in \{m \mid m \pmod{2} = 0, m \geq 2\}$$

**Theorem 3: The Master Theorem for Recursion**

Let  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  be constants and let  $f(n)$  be a function. Let  $T(n)$  be defined by

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

Then,

1. If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .
2. If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \lg n)$ .
3. If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and

$$af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$$

for some constant  $c < 1$  and all sufficiently large  $n$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .

*Generating Functions*

Let  $\vec{S} = \langle s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots \rangle$  be a [sequence](#). The generating function for  $\vec{S}$  is

$$G(\vec{S}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} s_k z^k$$

Generating functions are usually first studied as series in calculus. Here are some examples for important sequences.

$$G(\langle 1, 1, 1, \dots \rangle) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k = \frac{1}{1-z} = (1-z)^{-1}$$

$$G(\langle 0, 1, 2, \dots \rangle) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kz^k = z(1-z)^{-2}$$

$$G(\langle 1, 2, 4, \dots \rangle) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} 2^k z^k = \frac{1}{1-2z}$$

$$G\left(\left\langle \binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n}{2}, \dots \right\rangle\right) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n}{k} z^k = (1+z)^n$$

I recommend the book by Wilf ([Wilf, 2006](#)) for learning about generating functions.

*Data Structures*

[Know thy complexities!](#) Below is a partial list from [here](#).

*Stacks*

14a  $\langle \text{Stack operations 14a} \rangle \equiv$

```
isEmpty :: Stack a -> Bool
push    :: a -> Stack a -> Stack a
pop     :: Stack a -> (a, Stack a)
top     :: Stack a -> a
```

Let's use [HASKELL](#) notation to define types.

- “ $x :: a$ ” says “ $x$ ” is an expression of type “ $a$ ”
- “ $f :: a \rightarrow b$ ” says “ $f$ ” is a function mapping expressions of type “ $a$ ” to expressions of type “ $b$ ”
- “ $g :: a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c$ ” says “ $g$ ” is a function mapping expressions of type “ $a$ ” to functions of type “ $b \rightarrow c$ ”

*Queues*

14b  $\langle \text{Queue operations 14b} \rangle \equiv$

```
enqueue :: a -> Queue a -> Queue a
dequeue :: Queue a -> (a, Queue a)
```

*Lists*

14c  $\langle \text{List operations 14c} \rangle \equiv$

```
(++) :: [a] -> [a] -> [a]
head :: [a] -> a
last  :: [a] -> a
tail  :: [a] -> [a]
map   :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
foldr :: (a -> b -> b) -> b -> [a] -> b
```

*Rooted trees**Graphs*

Please read the Appendix B.4 & B.5 :  
 Graphs & Trees in the textbook (Cor-  
 man et al., 2009).

**Definition 5: Directed Graph**

A directed graph (digraph)  $G$  is a pair  $(V, E)$ , where  $V$  is a finite set of vertices (or nodes), and  $E \subseteq V \times V$  is a binary relation, called adjacency on  $V$ . This relation defines the edges of  $G$ .

Describe other types of  
graphs.

*Hash tables*

See [Hash Tables](#) in these notes.

*Exercises*

1. Prove that  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + \lceil n/2 \rceil = n$  for all integers  $n$ .
2. What is a formula for the nearest integer to a given real number  $x$ ?  
 In case of ties, when  $x$  is exactly halfway between two integers, give an expression that rounds (a) up — that is to  $\lceil x \rceil$ ; (b) down — that is, to  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ .
3. Prove that

$$n = \lfloor n/m \rfloor + \lfloor (n+1)/m \rfloor + \dots + \lfloor (n+m-1)/m \rfloor$$

4. Prove the *Dirichlet box principle*: If  $n$  objects are put into  $m$  boxes, some box must contain  $\geq \lceil n/m \rceil$  objects, and some box must contain  $\leq \lfloor n/m \rfloor$ .
5. Estimate the size of  $100!$ .
6.  $\lg n!$  is  $O(g(n))$  for what function  $g(n)$ ?
7. In how many ways can 6 people be arranged in a line? around a circle?
8. What is  $11^4$ ? Why is this number easy to compute, for a person who knows binomial coefficients?
9. For what value(s) of  $k$  is  $\binom{n}{k}$  a maximum, when  $n$  is a given positive integer?
10. How many  $n$ -bit binary numbers have  $k$  bits sets to 1?
11. Prove the hexagon property

$$\binom{n-1}{k-1} \binom{n}{k+1} \binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k} \binom{n}{k-1} \binom{n+1}{k+1}$$

12. Define  $\binom{n}{k}$  when  $n$  is a negative integer.

13. Show that  $\binom{n}{k} = (-1)^k \binom{k-n-1}{k}$

14. Show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{r+k}{k} = \binom{r+n+1}{n}$$

15. Show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

16. Prove the following identities with harmonic numbers.

(a) The sum of harmonic numbers:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n H_k = (n+1)H_n - n$$

(b) The sum of harmonics weighted by binomial coefficients:

$$\sum_{k=m}^n \binom{k}{m} H_k = \binom{n+1}{m+1} \left( H_{n+1} - \frac{1}{m+1} \right)$$

17. Find a simple expression for the generating function of each of the following discrete numeric sequences.

(a)  $1, -2, 3, -4, 5, -6, \dots$

(b)  $1, 2/3, 3/9, 4/27, \dots, (n+1)/3^n, \dots$

(c)  $1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, \dots$

(d)  $0, 5, 50, \dots, n5^n, \dots$

18. Determine a discrete numeric sequence for the following generating functions.

(a)  $\frac{1}{1+2z}$

(b)  $\frac{1}{5-6z+z^2}$

(c)  $\frac{7z^2}{(1-2z)(1+3z)}$

(d)  $\frac{z}{(1+z)^2}$

(e)  $(1+z)^n + (1-z)^n$

19. What is the generating function  $G(z)$  for the sequence  $t_i$ , where the sequence is given by

$$2, 6, 12, \dots, (i+2)(i+1), \dots$$

Write the generating function both as a series and in closed form.



20. Rank the following functions by order of growth. Partition your list into equivalence classes such that  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  are in the same class if and only if  $f(n) = \Theta(g(n))$ .

$\lg(\lg(n))$	$2^{\lg(n)}$	$(\sqrt{2})^{\lg(n)}$	$n^2$	$n!$
$(3/2)^n$	$n^3$	$\lg^2 n$	$\lg(n!)$	$\log(\log(n))$
$n * 2^n$	$\lg n$	1	$\ln n$	$2^{\lg n}$
$e^n$	$5n^3 + 4n^2$	$\sqrt{n^2}$	$\lg(2^n)$	$2^{\ln n}$
$4^{\lg n}$	$(n+1)!$	$n^2 + n + 3$	$n$	$2^n$

21. Define the iterated logarithm,  $\lg^* n$ , as follows.

$$\lg^{(i)} n = \begin{cases} n & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \lg(\lg^{(i-1)} n) & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } \lg^{(i-1)} n > 0 \\ \text{undefined} & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } \lg^{(i-1)} n \leq 0. \end{cases}$$

The iterated logarithm function is defined as

$$\lg^* n = \min\{i \geq 0 : \lg^{(i)} n \leq 1\}$$

Compute:  $\lg^* 2$ ,  $\lg^* 4$ ,  $\lg^* 16$ ,  $\lg^* 65536$ ,  $\lg^*(2^{65536})$

22. Evaluate

$$\sum_{i=3}^8 i$$

23. Find a formula for

$$\sum_{i=m}^n i$$

24. Evaluate

$$\sum_{i=3}^8 2^i$$

25. Find a formula for

$$\sum_{i=m}^n 2^i$$

26. Find a formula for

$$\sum_{i=m}^n i 2^i$$

27. Find a formula for

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i$$

28. Find a formula for

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i a^i$$

29. Find a formula for

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a^i / (i + 1)$$

30. Riemann's zeta function
- $\zeta(k)$
- is defined to be the infinite sum

$$\zeta(k) = 1 + \frac{1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{3^k} + \cdots = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^k}$$

Show that

$$\sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (\zeta(k) - 1) = 1$$

31. Let

n	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	...
F <sub>n</sub>	0	1	1	2	3	5	8	...

be the Fibonacci sequence. Use mathematical induction on the variable  $k$  to prove that

$$F_{n+k} = F_k F_{n+1} + F_{k-1} F_n$$

(Hint: Begin by showing the formula is true for  $k = 1$  and  $k = 2$ .)

32. A Morse code message, sent by a telegraph, consists of a sequence of dots ( $\cdot$ ) and dashes ( $-$ ). A dot can be sent in 1 second, and a dash can be sent in 2 seconds. Thus, in 2 seconds two different messages *could* be sent ( $\cdot\cdot$  or  $-$ ).
- How many different messages could be sent in 3 seconds?
  - How many different messages could be sent in 4 seconds?
  - Write a recurrence equation for the number of different messages that could be sent in  $n$  seconds.
  - How many different messages could be sent in  $n$  seconds?
33. What are the time complexities of the list operations on page 14? Answer the question for both an array and a linked list implementation.

## More Math Notes

### Asymptotics

Let  $f, g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be functions on the natural numbers  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

- Big-0:  $f(n) = O(g(n))$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  if there exists integers  $N$  and  $K$  such that

$$f(n) \leq Kg(n) \quad \text{for all } n \geq N.$$

An alternative notation is

$$f(n) \preceq g(n)$$

How is big-O notation used in the analysis (description) of algorithms?



### Summations

The upper (partial) summation of a column in Pascal's rectangle,  $m, n \geq 0$ . (fixed column  $m \geq 0$ ; varying row  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n \geq 0$ ).

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

Special cases:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{0} &= \sum_{k=0}^n 1 &= \binom{n+1}{1} &= n+1 \\ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{1} &= \sum_{k=0}^n k &= \binom{n+1}{2} &= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{k}{2} &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{k(k-1)}{2} &= \binom{n+1}{3} &= \frac{n(n+1)(n-1)}{6} \end{aligned}$$

### Recurrences

- $T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$  with  $T(0) = 1$  has solution  $T(n) = n + 1$ .
  - $T(n) = T(n-1) + (n-1)$  with  $T(0) = 1$  has solution  $T(n) = n(n-1)/2$ .
  - $T(n) = T(n/2) + 1$  with  $T(1) = 0$  has solution  $T(n) = \lg n$ .
  - $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n$  with  $T(1) = 0$  has solution  $T(n) = n \lg n$ .
- How would you show the listed solutions solve their recurrence equation and initial condition?  
Given a recurrence equation and initial condition, how can you find the solution?

### Generating Functions

The sequence  $\langle g_0, g_1, g_2, \dots \rangle$  has formal series representation

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} g_k z^k$$

The derivative operator gives

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k g_k z^{k-1}$$

The integral operator gives

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{g_k}{k+1} z^{k+1}$$

Closed formed generating functions can be derived for many sequences.

- The sequence  $\langle 1, 1, 1, \dots \rangle$  has generating function

$$G(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} z^k = \frac{1}{1-z}$$

- By differentiation the sequence  $\langle 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots \rangle$  has generating function

$$zG'(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kz^k = \frac{z}{(1-z)^2}$$

- By integration the sequence  $\langle 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots \rangle$  has generating function

$$\frac{1}{z} \int_0^z G(z) dz = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k+1} z^k = \frac{-\ln(1-z)}{z} = \frac{1}{z} \ln \left( \frac{1}{1-z} \right)$$

- The Fibonacci sequence  $\langle 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, \dots \rangle$  has generating function

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{1-z-z^2}$$

How would you show this?

### *Special Numbers*

- Harmonic Numbers

$$\begin{aligned} H_n &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \\ &= H_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n} \quad n \geq 1 \\ H_0 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

The harmonic number  $H_n$  can be asymptotically approximated by

$$H_n \sim \ln n + \gamma + O(1/2n)$$

where  $\gamma \approx 0.5772156649 \dots$  is Euler's constant.

- Factorials

$$\begin{aligned} n! &= \prod_{k=1}^n k \quad n \geq 1 \\ 0! &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

The factorial number  $n!$  can be asymptotically approximated by

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left( \frac{n}{e} \right)^n \left( 1 + O\left( \frac{1}{12n} \right) \right)$$

where  $\pi \approx 3.141592653 \dots$  and  $e \approx 2.718281828 \dots$ .

### Problems

1. For what values of  $n$  will  $1.8 \ln n + 20$  be smaller than  $2 \ln n + 10$ ? The question illustrates the need, in practice, to know more than the big-O run time of an algorithm.
2. What function  $T(n)$  solves the equation  $T(n) = 4T(n/2) + n^2$  with  $T(1) = 0$ ?
3. Let  $\epsilon$  and  $c$  be arbitrary constants with  $0 < \epsilon < 1 < c$ . Show that the asymptotic hierarchy from (Graham et al., 1989) is correct.

$$1 \prec \log \log n \prec \log n \prec n^\epsilon \prec n^c \prec n^{\log n} \prec c^n \prec n^n \prec c^{c^n}$$

4. Assume  $f(n) = O(g(n))$ . Which of the following are True and which are False. Explain your answer.

- (a)  $f(n)^2 = O(g(n)^2)$ ?
- (b)  $\lg f(n) = O(\lg g(n))$ ?
- (c)  $2^{f(n)} = O(2^{g(n)})$ ?

5. Catalan numbers  $\vec{C} = \langle 1, 1, 2, 5, 14, 42, \dots \rangle$  satisfy the recurrence

$$C_0 = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad C_{n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n C_k C_{n-k}$$

Catalan numbers arise in dozens of problems: Binary trees with  $n$  vertices, triangular partitions on convex  $(n+2)$ -gons, parentheses on  $n+1$  symbols,...

Let

$$C(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n z^n = C_0 + C_1 z + C_2 z^2 + C_3 z^3 + \dots$$

- (a) Show that

$$C(z) = 1 + zC(z)^2$$

- (b) Solve the quadratic equation  $zC(z)^2 - C(z) + 1 = 0$  for  $C(z)$ . Which of the two solutions satisfies the condition

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 0^+} C(z) = C_0 = 1?$$

- (c) The binomial theorem gives

$$\sqrt{1+y} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} y^n$$

where

$$\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{0} = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}-1)(\frac{1}{2}-2) \cdots (\frac{1}{2}-n+1)}{n!}$$

Use mathematical induction to show that

$$\binom{\frac{1}{2}}{n} = \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{4^n(2n-1)} \binom{2n}{n} \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- (d) Set  $y = -4z$  in your solution for  $C(z)$  to show that

$$C(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} z^n$$

Conclude that Catalan numbers can be computed by the function

$$C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \quad \text{for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$





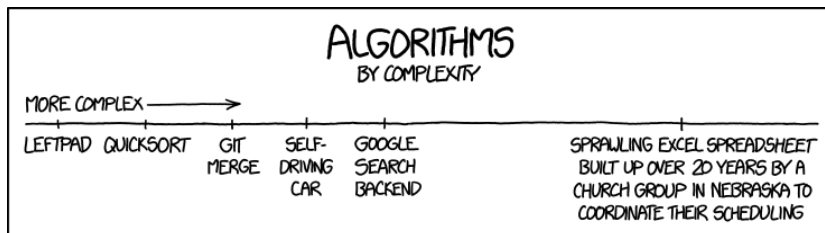


## 2. Introduction

Hofstadter's Law: It always takes longer than you expect, even when you take into account Hofstadter's Law.

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Douglas [Hofstadter](#), Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid ([Hofstadter, 1999](#))



Algorithms by Complexity

### Goals

These are several lofty goals for those enroll in this course. If you study its content and complete its assignments, then you will be:

- Able to construct an algorithm that solves a problem
- Prove that the algorithm actually solves the problem
- Analyze resources consumed when an algorithm is executed
- Design optimal algorithms for the problem
- Express algorithms in a program language
- Verify the program is correctly implement the algorithm
- Collect statistics on the program's execution that verify the analysis.

### What is an Algorithm?

An algorithm should have the following properties:

- It should proceed by discrete steps
- It should be deterministic (maybe not)
- Each step should be elementary
- It should be clear how to proceed from step to step
- It should have a finite description
- It should be possible to approximately implement using some technology
- It should be possible to duplicate the results

There are several formal models of what constitutes an algorithm. They are logically equivalent, but appear quite different on first inspection. A few computational models are:

- **Turing machines** are, perhaps, most well known
- **Random access machines (RAM)** correspond well to concept of a physical computer and imperative languages. This is the common model used to analyze algorithms.
- **$\lambda$  calculus** is the formalism behind functional programming languages.

### *Algorithmic Problem Solving*

Algorithms can often be classified by broad design problem solving paradigms. Basic problem solving techniques include:

- **Brute force:** Try every possible solution to find the best one.
- **Divide and conquer:** Divide a large problem into easier to solve smaller ones whose solutions can be combined to solve the large problem.
- **Dynamic programming:** Find globally optimal solutions by expressing a solution in terms of sub-problems whose answers have been previously computed and *memoized*.
- **Greedy:** (Hopefully) Find globally optimal solutions by making locally optimal choices.

The classic reference on problem solving is (**Polya, 1945**). In a nutshell, Polya's advice is: Understand the problem, devise a plan, carry out the plan, and look back at your answer.

### *Measuring Time and Space Complexity*

Let  $n$  be the *size* of an algorithm's input data.

- The size may be the number of data items
- The size may be the number of bits needed to represent the data

To measure an algorithm's *time complexity* you must determine the number of *fundamental steps* required by the algorithm.

- You may want to count every instruction
- You may want to only count major instructions, e.g. compares, swaps, adds, multiplies, etc.
- You may want to *amortize* the time cost over a series of calls. Initial gains may be small, but over time gains may become larger.
- You may want to weigh an instruction count based on the number of bits needed to implement it.

The time complexity  $T(n)$  is a function that counts these fundamental steps.

To measure an algorithm's *space complexity* you must determine the amount of auxiliary storage needed as the algorithm executes.

The space complexity  $S(n)$  is a function that counts the memory requirements of an algorithm.

A debt is amortized when a series of payments reduce the principal by increasing amounts.

### *Best, Worst, Average, and Amortized Time Complexity*

Like children, an algorithm can sometimes act well, sometimes poorly, and usually performs on an even keel. A problem  $P$  of size  $n$  will have many *instances*, for example, the decision problem "Are the  $n$  integers in a list sorted?" has numerous instances. Every list of  $n$  integers is an instance.

Let  $I_0, I_1, \dots, I_k$  denote all size  $n$  instances of problem  $P$ . Let  $T_0, T_1, \dots, T_k$  denote the times required to solve the instances  $I_0, I_1, \dots, I_k$  using algorithm  $A$ .

The number of instances may be infinite, but let's assume it is countable. In fact, let's assume it is finite.

- The *worst case* time complexity of algorithm  $A$  is

$$T_w(n) = \max\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_k\}$$

Most of the time we are interested in the worst case behavior of an algorithm (we expect and plan for the worst to happen)

- The *best case* time complexity of algorithm  $A$  is

$$T_b(n) = \min\{T_0, T_1, \dots, T_k\}$$

The best case behavior is usually of little interest (we don't expect the best to happen often)

- The *average case* time complexity of algorithm A is

$$T_a(n) = \sum_{i=0}^k p_i T_i$$

where  $p_i$  is the probability of instance  $I_i$  occurring. For example, if each instance has equally likely time complexity, then

$$T_a(n) = \frac{1}{k+1} \sum_{i=0}^k T_i$$

- The *amortized* time complexity of algorithm A is the average of its (worst case) running times over a sequence of inputs.

$$T_{am}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} T_{\pi(j)}$$

where  $I_{\pi(j)}$ ,  $j = 0, \dots, (n-1)$  is some sequence of instances. The idea is that instances can become easier to solve as the algorithm is repeatedly executed.

### Models of Computation

**Turing machines** are one abstract model of computing any **computable function**.

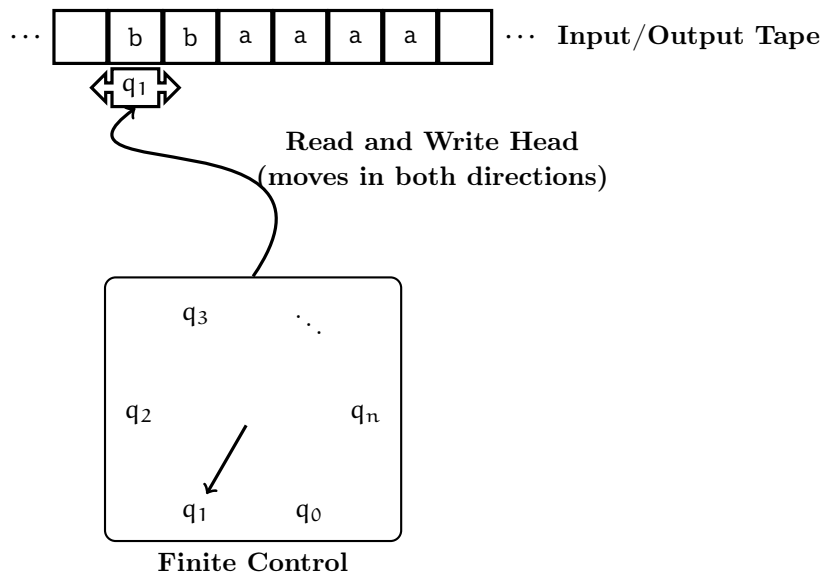


Figure 1: Sketch of **Turing machine** by Sebastian Sardina

Church's  **$\lambda$  calculus** is another system equivalent in computing power to Turing machines. The basic ideas in  $\lambda$  calculus are simple, you can:

- **$\beta$  reductions:** Substitute a value for a variable in a function's definition. The notation

$$(\lambda x.f)s$$

says, for every  $x$  that occurs (bound) in expression  $f$ , substitute  $s$  for  $x$ . The notation

$$(\lambda x.f)s \xrightarrow{\beta} f(x := s)$$

is used to represent a  $\beta$  substitutions.

- **$\alpha$  reductions:** Rename variables while avoiding conflicting names.  $\alpha$  reductions are useful for name resolution in programming languages with static scope. The precise rules for  $\alpha$  reductions are non-trivial, beyond the scope of these notes. As an analogy, in calculus you learn *change of variables* rules that are useful.  $\alpha$  reductions are similar.
- **$\eta$  reductions:** Eliminate unused expressions. The notation used to represent  $\eta$  reductions is:

$$(\lambda x.f)s \xrightarrow{\eta} f \quad \text{when } f \text{ does not contain } x \text{ as a free variable}$$

**Random access machines (RAM)** are a third computational model equivalent to Turing machines and the  $\lambda$ -calculus. They seem to be a more concrete computational models because they map naturally to imperative programming languages. A RAM consists of:

- a read-only input tape from which integers may be read
- a write-only output tape on which integers may be written
- an unbounded memory
- one accumulator
- one control unit where a RAM's program is stored

RAM instructions are not permitted to modify themselves. Memory can hold integers of arbitrary sizes. Data can be addressed in multiple modes, e.g., immediate, direct, and indirect.

Explain memory addressing methods.

### *Sample Instructions for a RAM*

Here are instructions that could be defined for a RAM. They are similar to instructions you find in assembly-level languages.

Op Code	Op Name	Address
1	LOAD	operand
2	STORE	operand
3	ADD	operand
4	SUB	operand
5	MULT	operand
6	DIV	operand
7	READ	operand
8	WRITE	operand
9	JUMP	address
10	JGTZ	address
11	WRITE	address
12	HALT	

### *Time and Space Complexity for the RAM Model*

To specify the time and space complexity, we must specify the time required to execute each instruction and the space used by each register.

- The *uniform cost model* treats each instruction as requiring 1 unit of time and each register as 1 unit of space
- The *logarithmic cost model* assumes that the time and space required for an operation depends on the size of the operand(s), where size is measured by the number of bits needed to represent the number

We will almost always use the uniform cost model. We will not write algorithms in a low-level RAM language, instead we rely on the fact that compilers allow us solve problems at a higher level of abstraction.

### *Implementations*

The techniques used to implement data structures and algorithms has a profound effect on their run-time statistics. Issues such as hardware, operating systems, sequential, concurrent, parallel, or distributed execution, compilers, optimization's, and programming languages all change the real world behavior of an algorithm.

The [Computer Language Benchmark Game](#) is a collection of interesting benchmarks written in many languages. They compare timing results to a C “standard implementation.” There are many ideas presented on [that site](#) where you can delve into practical matters related to code performance.

I write code using [noweb](#), a literate programming system developed by Norman Ramsey ([Ramsey, 1994](#)). Literate programming is an idea championed by [Knuth](#) ([Knuth, 1984](#)). It is simple idea: Write programs people want to read. I cannot claim to have reached this

Good old fashion computers, whose architectures are widely known, see ([Patterson and Hennessy, 1996](#)), are considered here. Newfangled machines based on optical, quantum, or DNA computing are beyond scope.

he [noweb](#) source for these notes contains document chunks and program chunks. The source can be woven into this document or tangled into a program.

I have not compiled, tested, nor verified much of the code in these notes. You will find errors. I welcome fixes.



Haskell

goal. However, I would like to promulgate the idea to others who can. Noweb is a neat idea because it supports writing in almost any programming language.

The code in these notes is written in either [C](#), [JAVA](#), [HASKELL](#) or Pseudo-code. I recommend ([Kernighan and Ritchie, 1988](#)), ([Sedgewick, 2004](#)), and ([Lipovaca, 2011](#)) as language references. The C programming language is used because it exposes much of the architecture of common computers today. C maps naturally to developed algorithm analysis concepts. And, just as importantly, it is the root of a tree of many widely used programming languages. The JAVA programming language is an offshoot of C. It builds [object-oriented programming](#) ideas into a C-like syntax. Both C and JAVA are imperative languages: They instruct state changes as the machine completes its calculation. In all but trivial problems possible state paths grow exponentially. Keeping track of state is often intricate if not intractable.

Another programming language model is provided by [HASKELL](#): A [functional programming](#) language. Today's computing students almost always learn imperative programming first. I strongly believe [functional programming](#) has many advantages and will almost always be the model of choice for expressing higher-level computing abstractions. Let me recommend ([Rabhi and Lapalme, 1999](#)) as one source for analysis of functional algorithms. I believe further research into algorithm analysis using pure functional languages with lazy evaluation is necessary.

Finally, some of the algorithms in my notes are written using pseudo-code taken more or less directly from the textbook ([Cormen et al., 2009](#)). In any event, when you write code your source file should have a standard header, something like this, from [Haskell programming guidelines](#).

#### Listing 1: A Sample Header for Code

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<Header for a code project 31>≡
{- |
  Module      : <File name replaced automagically>
  Description  : <Short text for contents page>
  Copyright   : <(c) Authors or Affiliations>
  License     : <License or use requirements>

  Maintainer  : <Name and email address>
  Stability   : <unstable|provisional|stable|frozen>
  Portability : <portable|non-portable (<reason>)>
  Sources     : <Giants on whose shoulders you stood>
-}
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I've added the Sources line. I believe it is important to recognize those from whom you have gained. In school and elsewhere, it can be crucial not to plagiarize. I try not to. It is hard to always acknowledge

"If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants." Issac Newton in a 1676 letter to Robert Hooke.

those from whom you have learn.



### 3. Algorithmic Design

This section is about *algorithmic design*. To gain a deeper understanding, read Jon Bentley's Programming Pearl "Algorithm Design Techniques," (Bentley, 1984a) and §4.1 The maximum sub-array problem, in the text (Corman et al., 2009).

#### Maximum Sub-sequence Sum Problem

Consider the Dow Jones Industrial Average: It goes up and down daily. What contiguous run of days has the highest gain? Consider your weight: It goes up and down daily. What contiguous run of days has the largest weight gain or loss?

Pretend you are given sequence of integers, say

$$X = [-1, -2, 3, 5, 6, -2, -1, 4, -4, 2, -1] \text{ of length } n = 11.$$

By inspection you may notice the largest gain is 15 over the (contiguous) sub-sequence

$$[3, 5, 6, -2, -1, 4]$$

Let's design some algorithms that solves the maximum sub-sequence sum problem.

#### Problem 1: Maximum Sub-sequence Sum

Given a list of integers  $X[k]$ ,  $k = 0, \dots, (n-1)$ ,  $n \geq 0$ , find the maximal value of

$$\sum_{k=s}^e X[k] \text{ for } 0 \leq s \leq e \leq (n-1).$$

In case all values in  $X$  are negative, the maximum sub-sequence sum is 0, from the empty sub-sequence.

The empty sequence  $[]$  is a contiguous sub-sequence of  $X$  and the sum of elements in  $[]$  is 0.

For  $n = 11$  there are 11 sums with 1 term, 10 sums with 2 terms, 9 sums with 3 terms,  $\dots$ , and 1 sum with 11 terms.

Computing these sums can take up to

$$11 \cdot 1 + 10 \cdot 2 + 9 \cdot 3 + \dots + 1 \cdot 11 = 286$$

additions.

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (n-k)k = \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n}{6} = O(n^3)$$

#### Brute Force

The brute-force approach computes the sum of every possible sub-sequence and remember the largest.

## Listing 2: Cubic algorithm

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34a  <Cubic time maximum subsequence sum 34a>≡
      int maxSubseqSum(int X[], int n) {
          int MaxSoFar = 0; // local state
          <For each start of a subsequence 34b> {
              <For each end of the subsequence 34c> {
                  int Sum = 0; // More local state
                  <For each subsequence 34d> {
                      <Compute partial sum; Check MaxSoFar 34e>
                  }
              }
          }
          return MaxSoFar;
      }

```

The start of a sequence ranges from the first (0) to the last (n-1) index.

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34b  <For each start of a subsequence 34b>≡
      for (int start = 0; start < n; start++)

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The end of a sequence ranges from the first start to the last (n-1) index.

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34c  <For each end of the subsequence 34c>≡
      for (int end = start; end < n; end++)

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Compute each partial sum, keeping track of the maximum seen so far.

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34d  <For each subsequence 34d>≡
      for (int k = start; k <= end; k++)

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34e  <Compute partial sum; Check MaxSoFar 34e>≡
      Sum = Sum + X[k];
      MaxSoFar = (Sum > MaxSoFar) ? Sum : MaxSoFar;

```

The time complexity of this brute-force algorithm is  $O(n^3)$ , as can be seen by computing the expression

$$T(n) = \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{e=s}^{n-1} \sum_{k=s}^e c$$

In listing 2, the cost of *Compute partial sum; Check MaxSoFar* 34e take constant time, call this constant  $c$ . Therefore, the inside for loop on  $k$  starting has time complexity

$$\sum_{k=s}^e c = (e - s + 1)c$$

Next, the time complexity of the middle for loop on  $e$  is modeled by the sum

$$\sum_{e=s}^{n-1} (e - s + 1)c = \sum_{k=1}^{n-s} kc = c \frac{(n-s+1)(n-s)}{2}$$

As  $e$  goes from  $s$  to  $n-1$  the value  $k = (e - s + 1)$  goes from 1 to  $n - s$ .

Finally, the time complexity of the outer for loop on  $s$  can be computed by

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} c \frac{(n-s+1)(n-s)}{2} &= c \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-s+1}{2} \\ &= c \binom{n+2}{3} \\ &= c \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n}{6} \end{aligned}$$

### A Linear Time Algorithm

Suppose we've solved the problem for  $x[0..(k-1)]$ . How can we extend that to a solution for  $x[0..k]$ ? The maximum sum in the first  $k$  elements is either the maximum sum in the first  $k-1$  elements, which we'll call *MaxSoFar*, or it is the subsequence that ends in position  $k$ .

#### Listing 3: Linear time/constant space algorithm

```

35  <Imperative linear time algorithm 35>≡
    int maxSubseqSum(int x[], int n) {
        <Local state 36a>

        for (<Every end position 36b>) {
            <Compute the maximum that ends here 36c>
            <Compute the maximum so far 36d>
        }
        return MaxSoFar;

```

```
}

```

We need to keep track of the maximum so far and the maximum that ends at some position. Both can be initialized to 0.

36a  $\langle \text{Local state 36a} \rangle \equiv$   

```
int MaxSoFar      = 0;
int MaxEndingHere = 0;
```

Let a dummy index  $k$  iterate from the start to the end of the sequence.

36b  $\langle \text{Every end position 36b} \rangle \equiv$   

```
(int k = 0; k < n; k++)
```

The maximum at position  $k$  is the maximum at  $k-1$  plus  $x[k]$ , unless that sum is less than 0. In that case, reset `MaxEndingHere` to 0.

36c  $\langle \text{Compute the maximum that ends here 36c} \rangle \equiv$   

```
MaxEndingHere = max(0, MaxEndingHere + x[k]);
```

Then the maximum at this point is the maximum so far or the maximum that ends here, whichever is larger.

36d  $\langle \text{Compute the maximum so far 36d} \rangle \equiv$   

```
MaxSoFar = max(MaxSoFar, MaxEndingHere);
```

### Functional Implementation

This functional implementation takes a list `[a]` and returns the maximum subsequence sum and the subsequence that *witnesses* it.

Two helper functions are useful. A helper function `snd`, returns the second element in a pair.

#### Listing 4: The second of a pair

36e  $\langle \text{The second of a pair function 36e} \rangle \equiv$   

```
snd      :: (a,b) -> b
snd (x,y) = y
```

The other helper function is `foldl`. It applies a function to an initial value and a list to *recursively reduce* the list to a value. For example, the sum and product functions can be defined by folding lists.

**Listing 5: The foldl functions**

37a  $\langle \text{Folding } a \text{ from the left } 37a \rangle \equiv$

```

foldl      :: (a -> b -> a) -> a -> [b] -> a
foldl f z []      = z
foldl f z (x:xs) = foldl f (f z x) xs

sum [a]      = foldl (+) 0 [a]
product [a] = foldl (*) 1 [a]

```

Let's define a function `f` that acts on two ordered pairs and a value `x` and returns an order pair. Each ordered pair contains a value and a list. The first ordered pair is the value and the list of the maximum to here. The second ordered pair is the value and the list of the maximum so far. The value `x` is the next value in the sequence. (The code was found on Rosetta Code. In fact, it does not execute in linear time as claimed. There is a simple fix. Do you see it?)

**Listing 6: Functional algorithm for maximum subsequence sum**

37b  $\langle \text{Linear time algorithm } 37b \rangle \equiv$

```

maxsubseq :: (Ord a, Num a) => [a] -> (a, [a])
maxsubseq = snd . foldl f ((0, []), (0, [])) where
  f ((maxToHere, witnessToHere),sofar) x = (a,b) where
    a = max (0, []) (maxToHere+x, witnessToHere++[x])
    b = max sofar a

```

*Exercises*

1. Complete [project 1](#).
2. As an exercise, show that

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (n-k)k = \frac{(n+1)n(n-1)}{6} = \binom{n+1}{3}$$

Where was this identity used in the notes?

3. What is the solution to the recurrence equation

$$T(n+1) = T(n) + n \quad \text{with initial condition } T(1) = 1$$

4. What is the solution to the recurrence equation

$$T(n+1) = T(9n/10) + n \quad \text{with initial condition } T(1) = 1$$



## 4. Recursion

“If I have to rate different mathematical concept according to its simplicity & practical applicability, then I will give '9 out of 10 rating' to 'Recursion / recurrence relation'. 90 % of my mathematical work involve this single principle.”

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Mathematician Vitthal Jadhav

All the problems of the world could be settled easily, if men were only willing to *think*.

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Thomas Watson Sr.

In mathematics and computer science, a class of objects or methods exhibits recursive behavior when it can be defined by two properties:

- A simple base case (or cases) – a terminating scenario that does not use recursion to produce an answer.
- A recursive step – a set of rules that reduces all other cases toward the base case.

For example, the following is a recursive definition of a person's ancestors:

- One's parents are one's ancestors (base case).
- The ancestors of one's ancestors are also one's ancestors (recursion step).

The Fibonacci sequence is another classic example of recursion:

$\text{Fib}(0) = 0$  as base case 1

$\text{Fib}(1) = 1$  as base case 2

For all integers  $n > 1$ ,  $\text{Fib}(n) := \text{Fib}(n - 1) + \text{Fib}(n - 2)$ .

Please read §4.3-4.6 on recursion from the textbook (Cormen et al., 2009).

### Verifying Solutions to Recurrences

A first step to understanding recursion is to show that a given function solves a recurrence equation.

**Example 1.** Consider the Binary Search recurrence equation

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + 1 \quad T(1) = 0$$

and its solution  $T(n) = \lg(n)$ .

*Interpretation:* To find an item in an  $n$  element (sorted) list, see if it is in one half, then search of the half that remains.

First,  $\lg(1) = 0$  matches the initial condition.

Second, If  $T(n) = \lg(n)$ , then

$$T(n/2) = \lg(n/2) = \lg(n) - \lg(2) = \lg(n) - 1 = T(n) + 1 - 1 = T(n)$$

**Example 2.** Consider the Mergesort recurrence equation

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + n \quad T(0) = 1$$

and its solution  $T(n) = n \lg(n)$ .

*Interpretation:* To sort  $n$  items, sort each half then merge the results.

First,  $1 \lg(1) = 0$  matches the initial condition.

Second, If  $T(n) = n \lg(n)$ , then

$$T(n/2) = (n/2) \lg(n/2) = (n/2)[\lg(n) - \lg(2)] = (n/2) \lg(n) - (n/2)$$

Therefore,

$$2T(n/2) + n = (n \lg(n) - n) + n = n \lg(n) = T(n)$$

**Example 3.** Consider the Bubblesort recurrence equation

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + (n-1) \quad T(1) = 0$$

and its solution  $T(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ .

I hope you recognize this recurrence as the one for the famous and useful triangular numbers.

First,  $T(1) = \frac{1(1-1)}{2} = 0$  matches the initial condition.

Second, If  $T(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ , then

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

Therefore,

$$T(n) = (n-1) \left[ \frac{(n-2)}{2} + 1 \right] = (n-1) \left( \frac{n}{2} \right)$$



### *Solving Recurrence Relations*

I want you to be able to solve Recurrences. There are several solution methods.

1. By Substitution – what I call “unrolling.” Usually requires the capability to compute a geometric or related sum.
2. By Recursion Tree – Requires drawing a tree that represents the recursion and summing the sub-trees, similar to unrolling.
3. By the Master theorem – Requires memorizing (using) sub-cases of a complex set of rules but offers no real insight unless you prove the theorem.

The master method provides a “cookbook” method for solving recurrences of the form

$$aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

where  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  are constants and  $f(n)$  is an asymptotically positive function. To use the master method, you will need to memorize three cases, but then you will be able to solve many recurrences quite easily, often without pencil and paper.

**Theorem 1.** *Theorem 4.1 Master theorem Let  $a \geq 1$  and  $b > 1$  be constants, let  $f(n)$  be a function, and let  $T(n)$  be defined on the non-negative integers by the recurrence*

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n).$$

*Then  $T(n)$  has the following asymptotic bounds:*

- (a) *If  $f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$  for some constant  $\epsilon > 0$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ .*
- (b) *If  $f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ , then  $T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$*
- (c) *If  $f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$  some constant  $\epsilon > 0$  and if  $af(n/b) \leq cf(n)$  for some constant  $c < 1$  and all sufficiently large  $n$  then  $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$ .*

Read the section in Corman ([Corman et al., 2009](#)) for examples and nuances of the master theorem.

4. By Generating Functions – A really neat approach, but too involved to present here. We will look at this method later. See ([Wilf, 2006](#)).

Here are some examples of unrolling.

**Example 4.** *Consider the recursion*

$$M(n) = 2M(n-1) + 1 \quad M(0) = 0$$

I hope you recognize this as the famous Mersenne recurrence that has solution

$$M(n) = 2^n - 1$$

To unroll the recurrence, note that by substitution

$$M(n-1) = 2M(n-2) + 1$$

Therefore

$$M(n) = 2(2M(n-2) + 1) + 1 = 2^2M(n-2) + 2 + 1$$

Next, by substitution again

$$M(n-2) = 2M(n-3) + 1$$

Therefore,

$$M(n) = [2^2 \cdot (2M(n-3) + 1) + 2 + 1 = 2^3M(n-3) + 2^2 + 2 + 1$$

Let's substitute one more time:

$$M(n) = 2^3(2M(n-4) + 1) + 2^2 + 2 + 1 = 2^4M(n-4) + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2 + 1$$

Continuing this pattern we will eventually arrive at:

$$M(n) = 2^nM(n-n) + 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 2^2 + 2 + 1$$

This yields

$$M(n) = 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 2^2 + 2 + 1 = 2^n - 1$$

**Example 5.** A second example comes from Strassen's matrix multiplication algorithm where computing the product of two  $n \times n$  matrices is reduced to computing the product of seven  $n/2 \times n/2$  matrices plus order  $n^2$  additions. That is, the recurrence is:

$$T(n) = 7T(n/2) + dn^2$$

with initial condition  $T(1) = 1$ . With little loss of generality you can assume  $n$  is a power of 2 so that you can always divide by 2.

Here's how the recurrence unrolls.

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 7T(n/2) + dn^2 \\ &= 7(7T(n/4) + d(n/2)^2) + dn^2 \\ &= (7^2T(n/4) + 7d(n/2)^2) + dn^2 \\ &= (7^2T(n/4) + 7d(n/2)^2) + dn^2 \\ &= (7^3T(n/8) + 7^2(d/2)^3 + 7d(n/2)^2) + dn^2 \end{aligned}$$

Recurrences will occur in analyzing many algorithms. Learn a method you can successfully use to find solutions to them.

## 5. Euclid, Fibonacci, Lamé & Lucas

All the problems of the world could be settled easily, if men were only willing to *think*.

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Thomas Watson Sr.

Imagine riding a time machine back to 457 BC. Traveling around this long-ago world you'll need to exchange money. Perhaps you'll need to convert lengths, volumes, and weights from modern to ancient units. For illustration, consider calculating the conversion factor from liters to flagons. Pretend 9 liters is equivalent to 7 flagons, but we don't know this yet! We have to calculate it. The Euclidean algorithm provides an efficient way to calculate conversion ratios. It finds a common measure (the greatest common divisor) for liters and flagons and uses this common unit to measure both.

9 liters = 7 flagons  
1 liter =  $0.7777\ldots$  flagons  
 $1.285714\ldots$  liters = 1 flagon

View the stylized drawing below: It show a flagon full of wine on the left and an empty liter on the right.



Full flagon



Empty liter

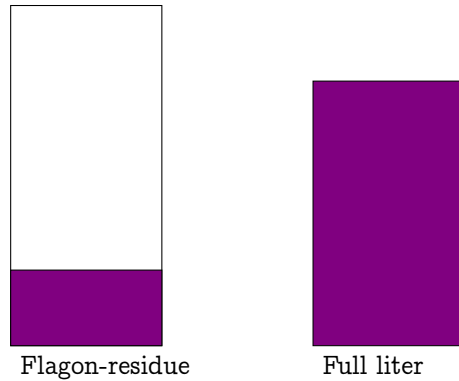
When the wine is poured into the liter, a residue remains in the flagon. We'd like to know what fraction of a liter is left.

Please read §31.2 Greatest Common Divisor in the textbook ([Cormen et al., 2009](#)).

Wikipedia states one flagon is about 1.1 liters. My exchange range is made up for its simple arithmetic properties.

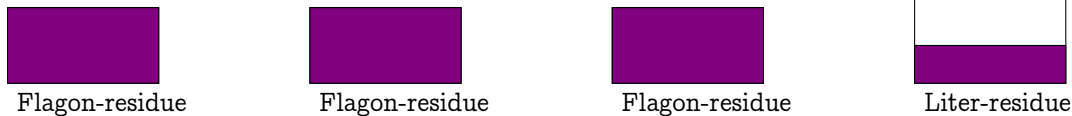
This experiment may be more fun if you drink the wine while performing it!

A flagon is one liter plus a small residue.



So, pour the full liter into containers each holding the amount remaining in the flagon. This takes three containers and leaves a smaller residue.

A liter is three flagon residues plus a smaller residue.



Now, we'd like to know the fraction of the flagon-residue is this liter-residue. So, we pour the flagon-residue into a containers each equal to the amount of the liter-residue. This takes two containers and leaves no residue.

A flagon residue is two liter residues with nothing remaining.



To recapitulate, a liter residue is a common measure for liters and flagons. A liter is 7 liter residues; A flagon is 9 liter residues;

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 1 \text{ flagon} = 1 \text{ liter} + \text{flagon-residue} & 9 = 7 + 2 \\
 1 \text{ liter} = 2 \text{ flagon-residue} + \text{liter-residue} & 7 = 2 \cdot 3 + 1 \\
 1 \text{ flagon-residue} = 2 \text{ liter-residue} & 2 = 1 \cdot 2 + 0
 \end{array}$$

Now, share the wine with your friends as you do the math. To compute the ratio  $9 : 7$ , run the above equations backwards. From the last equation,

$$1 \text{ flagon-residue} = 2 \text{ liter-residue.}$$

and

$$1 \text{ liter-residue} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ flagon-residues}$$

Therefore,

$$1 \text{ liter} = 3 \text{ flagon-residue plus } 1 \text{ liter-residue} = \frac{7}{2} \text{ flagon-residues}$$

and

$$1 \text{ flagon-residue} = \frac{2}{7} \text{ liters}$$

Finally,

$$1 \text{ flagon} = 1 \text{ liter plus } 1 \text{ flagon-residue} = \frac{9}{7} \text{ liters}$$

A theorem helps to explain the algorithm.

#### Theorem 4: Euclidean division

Given two integers  $a$  and  $m$ , with  $m \neq 0$ , there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that

$$a = mq + r \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq r < |m|.$$

The dividend  $a$  equals the divisor  $m$  times the quotient  $q$  plus the remainder  $r$ .

Here's how the Euclidean algorithm computes  $\gcd(34, 21)$  occurs.

#### Example: Compute $\gcd(34, 21)$



In example , see how the divisor  $m$  and remainder  $r$  values shift down and left (southwest) at each step.

The last divisor, where the remainder is 0, is the greatest common divisor. In this case,  $\gcd(34, 21) = 1$ .

#### Definition 6: Greatest Common Divisor

*The greatest common divisor of two integers  $a$  and  $m$  is the largest integer that divides them both.*

$$\gcd(a, m) = \max\{k \mid k \mid a \text{ and } k \mid m\}$$

The Euclidean algorithm iterates the Euclidean division equation using the recursion: Let  $r_0 = a$  and  $r_1 = m > 0$ , and assume  $m \leq a$ .

Euclid's algorithm computes

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 r_0 = r_1 q_1 + r_2 & 0 \leq r_2 < r_1 \\
 r_1 = r_2 q_2 + r_3 & 0 \leq r_3 < r_2 \\
 \vdots = \vdots & \\
 r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_{n-1} + r_n & 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} \\
 r_{n-1} = r_n q_n &
 \end{array}$$

The iteration halts when  $r_{n+1} = 0$ , and the last divisor (non-zero remainder)  $r_n$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$ .

### *Coding the Euclidean algorithm*

The code for the Euclidean algorithm is often based on the identity in theorem 5.

#### **Theorem 5: Greatest Common Divisor Recurrence**

Let  $0 \leq m < a$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gcd(a, 0) &= a \\
 \gcd(a, m) &= \gcd(m, a \bmod m), \quad \text{for } m > 0
 \end{aligned}$$

In C, the code might look something like this:

#### **Listing 7: Imperative GCD algorithm**

```

46a  <Imperative GCD algorithm 46a>≡
      int gcd(int a, int m) {
        <GCD local state 46b>
        while ((<The divisor m is not 0 47a>)) {
          <Move m to a and a mod m to m 46c>
        }
        <Return the absolute value of a 47b>
      }

```

To change the values:  $m$  goes to  $a$ , and  $a \bmod m$  goes to  $m$ , a local temporary value  $t$  is used.

```

46b  <GCD local state 46b>≡
      int t;

```

```

46c  <Move m to a and a mod m to m 46c>≡
      t = a;
      a = m;
      m = t % a;

```

C is not type safe. Instead of a Boolean test (`m == 0`) you can use the (wrong type) integer `m` itself.

47a  $\langle \textit{The divisor } m \textit{ is not } 0 \text{ 47a} \rangle \equiv$   
`m`

The greatest common divisor is a positive integer. So, just in case the negative value was computed, change the answer to the absolute value of `a` before returning it.

47b  $\langle \textit{Return the absolute value of } a \text{ 47b} \rangle \equiv$   
`return a < 0 ? -a : a;`

*Function GCD algorithm*

Here's a functional implementation written in Haskell. It is from the standard Prelude for Haskell. It uses the idea that there is no largest integer that divides 0: All integers divide 0. Therefore,  $\text{gcd}(0, 0)$  is undefined and raises an error.

HASKELL supports elegant methods for handling errors, but here we just raise our hands and give up.

**Listing 8: Functional GCD algorithm**

```
48  ⟨Functional GCD algorithm 48⟩≡
    gcd      :: (Integral a) => a -> a -> a
    gcd 0 0 =  error "Prelude.gcd: gcd 0 0 is undefined"
    gcd x y =  gcd' (abs x) (abs y) where
        gcd' a 0 =  a
        gcd' a m =  gcd' m (a `rem` m)
```

*Analyzing the Euclidean algorithm*

It is fitting that this early algorithm was also one of the first to have its complexity analyzed (Shallit, 1994). The result is called [Lame's theorem](#), which incorporates the [Fibonacci](#) sequence, later widely popularized by Édouard [Lucas](#).

The complexity of the Euclidean algorithm can be measured by the number of quotient–remainder steps taken. Seven steps are taken when computing  $\text{gcd}(34, 21)$ , (see example ).

The time complexity of the Euclidean algorithm is reduced least when each quotient is 1, except the last. For instance, when the greatest common divisor is 1, the last quotient is 2, and all other quotients are 1, terms in the Fibonacci sequence is produced. Running the Euclidean algorithm equations backwards, see Fibonacci sequence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 2 &= 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \\
 3 &= 2 + 1 \\
 5 &= 3 + 2 \\
 8 &= 5 + 3 \\
 13 &= 8 + 5 \\
 &\vdots \\
 F_n &= F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \quad \text{for } n \geq 3.
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall, the Fibonacci sequence is

$$\vec{F} = \langle 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, \dots \rangle$$

and indexed from 0, that is  $f_0 = 0$ .

Here's another Fibonacci-like example that show the worst-case time complexity of the Euclidean algorithm. In this case, the greatest



common divisor is 2 and the last quotient is 5.

$$10 = 2 \cdot 5 + 0$$

$$12 = 10 + 2$$

$$22 = 12 + 10$$

$$34 = 22 + 12$$

$$\vdots$$

$$10F_n + 2F_{n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

In the general case, when  $g$  is the greatest common divisor and  $q$  is the last quotient and all other quotients are 1, the steps come from a Fibonacci-like sequence.

$$gq = g \cdot q + 0$$

$$gq + g = gq + g$$

$$2gq + g = (gq + g) + gq$$

$$3gq + 2g = (2gq + g) + (gq + g)$$

$$5gq + 3g = (3gq + 2g) + (2gq + g) \quad \vdots$$

$$gqF_n + gF_{n-1} \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

The asymptotic growth of  $F_n$  is  $O(\varphi^n)$  where  $\varphi = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$  is the golden ratio. Therefore, when  $m$  and  $a$  are consecutive terms in a Fibonacci-like sequence the Euclidean algorithm takes  $n$  steps where

$$n = O(\log_{\varphi}(a))$$

#### Theorem 6: Lamé's Theorem

Let  $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $a \geq m > 0$ . Let  $n$  be the number of quotient-remainder steps in Euclidean algorithm. Then

$$n \leq 1 + 3 \lg m$$

#### Proof: Lamé's Theorem

Let  $r_0 = a$  and  $r_1 = m$ . Euclid's algorithm computes

$$r_0 = r_1 q_1 + r_2 \quad 0 \leq r_2 < r_1$$

$$r_1 = r_2 q_2 + r_3 \quad 0 \leq r_3 < r_2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_{n-1} + r_n \quad 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1}$$

$$r_{n-1} = r_n q_n$$

using  $n$  divisions to compute  $r_n = \gcd(a, m)$ . Note that

- $q_i \geq 1, i = 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$
- $(r_n < r_{n-1}) \Rightarrow (q_n \geq 2)$

Let  $F_i$  denote the  $i^{\text{th}}$  **Fibonacci** number. Then

$$\begin{aligned} r_n &\geq 1 = F_2 \\ r_{n-1} &= r_n q_n \geq 2r_n \geq 2 = F_3 \\ r_{n-2} &\geq r_{n-1} + r_n \geq F_3 + F_2 = F_4 \\ &\vdots \\ r_2 &\geq r_3 + r_4 \geq F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} = F_n \\ r_1 &\geq r_2 + r_3 \geq F_n + F_{n-1} = F_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Using the growth rate of the Fibonacci numbers  $F_{n+1} \approx \varphi^{n+1}$ , we find

$$m = r_1 \geq F_{n+1} > \varphi^{n+1}$$

Take the logarithm base  $\varphi$  of both sides and use the change of base formula for logarithms to derive the inequality

$$\log_{\varphi} m = \frac{\lg m}{\lg \varphi} > n + 1$$

Since  $(\lg \varphi)^{-1} < 3$  we have

$$3 \lg m > \frac{\lg m}{\lg \varphi} > n + 1$$

Another way to state the result is that if  $m$  can be represented in  $k$  bits, then the number of divisions in Euclid's algorithm is less than 3 times the number of bits in  $m$ 's binary representation.

### Application

The least common multiple (lcm) is a number related to the greatest common divisor (gcd). You've learned of it, if not by name, when learning to add fractions: To add  $5/3$  and  $8/5$  use a common denominator. In this case  $3 \cdot 5 = 15$ .

$$\frac{5}{3} + \frac{8}{5} = \frac{25}{15} + \frac{24}{15} = \frac{49}{15}.$$

Note the cross multiplication and addition of numerators and denominators:  $5 \cdot 5 + 3 \cdot 8$ .

### Coding the extended Euclidean algorithm

**Bézout's** identity provides the link between the **greatest common divisor** and solving **linear congruence equations**.

**Theorem 7: Bezout's identity**

Let  $0 < m \leq a$ . Then, there exists integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that

$$\gcd(a, m) = at + ms$$

That is, the greatest common divisor  $\gcd(a, m)$  can be written as a *linear* combination of  $a$  and  $m$ .

**Proof: Bezout's identity**

Let  $\mathbb{L} = \{ax + my > 0 : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be the set of all positive linear combinations of  $a$  and  $m$ , and let

$$d = \min\{ax + my > 0 : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

be the minimum value in  $\mathbb{L}$ , Let  $t$  and  $s$  be values of  $x$  and  $y$  that give the minimum value  $d$ . That is,

$$d = at + ms > 0$$

Let  $a$  divided by  $d$  give quotient  $q$  and remainder  $r$ .

$$a = dq + r, \quad 0 \leq r < d$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} r &= a - dq \\ &= a(1 - tq) + m(sq) \\ &\in \{ax + my \geq 0 : x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\} \text{ and } 0 \leq r < d. \end{aligned}$$

But since  $d$  is the smallest positive linear combination,  $r$  must be 0 and  $d$  divides  $a$ . A similar argument shows  $d$  divides  $m$ . That is,  $d$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$ . Finally, if  $c$  is any common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$ , then  $c$  divides  $d = at + ms$ . That is,  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$ .

**Listing 9: Haskell Extended Euclidean Algorithm**

```
51 <Haskell Extended Euclidean algorithm 51>≡
    extendedEu :: Integer -> Integer -> (Integer, Integer)
    extendedEu a 0 = (1, 0)
    extendedEu a m = (t, s - q * t)
      where (q, r) = quotRem a m
            (s, t) = extendedEu m r
```

I found the code for the extended Euclidean algorithm [here](#). The original is by Trevor Dixon.

*Exercises*

1. Prove theorem 4.
2. What is the time complexity of the algorithm in listing 9.
3. Show that  $\text{lcm}(a, m) \text{gcd}(a, m) = am$ .
4. Write an least common multiple (lcm) algorithm in HASKELL and C.

## 6. Numerics

An approximate answer to the right problem is worth a good deal more than an exact answer to an approximate problem.

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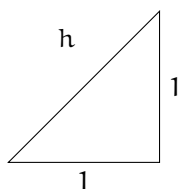
John Tukey

Much of early computing revolved around numerical algorithms that approximate values really sought. Ancient records show algorithms to approximate the value of  $\sqrt{2}$ ,  $\pi$  and other useful numbers. Algorithms that compute numbers like  $\sqrt{2}$  or  $\pi$  cannot terminate: There is no finite positional notation for these numbers. However, these algorithms can be terminated once a computed value is determined to be *good enough*. To illustrate numerical algorithms, let's develop Newton's method for computing  $\sqrt{m}$ .

### Newton's Method

Although [Newton's](#) name is attached to this method, initial knowledge of it was known to ancient mathematicians of [Mesopotamia](#), the region of modern day Iraq and Iran. Clay tablets dated from around 1800 B.C. to 1600 B.C. [have been found](#) in Mesopotamia that show how to approximate  $\sqrt{2}$  and perform other arithmetic operations.

These early [mathematicians](#) considered an isosceles right triangle with legs of length 1



They knew from the [Pythagorean theorem](#) theorem that

$$1^2 + 1^2 = h^2$$

so the *hypotenuse*  $h$  has length  $h = \sqrt{2} \approx 1.41421356 \dots$ . The [Babylonians](#) knew how to approximate the value of  $h = \sqrt{2}$  to many decimal places. They used a [sexagesimal](#) notation. Their calculations indicate this is what they did:

In Western society, the method presented here to compute  $\sqrt{m}$  is called Newton's method. However, it was known in many cultures prior to [Newton](#). He did generalize the idea to a broad class of functions, not just  $f(m) = m^2 - m$ .

The idea is: Let  $x$  be a zero of function  $f$ . Use [Taylor's theorem](#). Solve for  $x$ , and discard the second order error.

$$0 = f(x) \approx f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x - x_k) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}(x - x_k)^2$$

$$x = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} - \frac{f''(\xi)}{2f'(x_k)}(x - x_k)^2$$

$$x \approx x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

The found artifacts showing computational dexterity date from the time when the [Babylonians](#) lived in [Mesopotamia](#).

- Start with  $h_0 = 1$  as an initial approximation to  $\sqrt{2}$
- Clearly 1 is too small, as the [Babylonians](#) could easily measure
- But, if  $1 = \sqrt{2}$ , then  $1 \cdot 1 = \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2$  and so  $2/1 = \sqrt{2}$
- As it is,  $2/1$  is too large
- The average of the under estimate 1 and the over estimate  $2/1$  provides a better approximation to  $\sqrt{2}$ , call this

$$h_1 = \frac{1}{2} \left( h_0 + \frac{2}{h_0} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{2}{1} \right) = \frac{3}{2}$$

- But  $h_1 = 3/2$  is too large, as the [Babylonians](#) could measure
- But, if  $3/2$  were the exact square root, then  $2/(3/2) = 4/3$  would equal  $\sqrt{2}$
- As it is,  $4/3 \approx 1.333 \dots$  is too small
- The average of the over estimate  $3/2$  and the under estimate  $4/3$  will provide a better approximation

$$h_2 = \frac{1}{2} \left( h_1 + \frac{2}{h_1} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{3}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \right) = \frac{17}{12} \approx 1.4166 \dots$$

- But  $h_2 = 17/12$  is too small
- The [Babylonians](#) carried out this iteration more times computing the  $\sqrt{2}$  accurately to at least 9 decimal places
- That is, they next computed the average of  $h_2 = 17/12$  and  $2/h_2 = 24/17$

$$\begin{aligned} h_3 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( h_2 + \frac{2}{h_2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{17}{12} + \frac{24}{17} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{289 + 288}{17 \times 12} \right) \\ &\approx 1.41421568628 \dots \end{aligned}$$

To generalize the  $\sqrt{2}$  method, pretend you want to compute  $\sqrt{m}$ . This is equivalent to computing a solution to the equation

$$x^2 - m = 0$$

Consider the recurrence equation

$$x_k = \frac{x_{k-1} + m/x_{k-1}}{2}, \quad k \geq 1 \tag{1}$$

Given an initial value  $x_0$ , equation 1 can be used to generate a sequence

$$\langle x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots \rangle.$$

If you pretend that  $x_k$  converges to  $x$  as  $k$  goes to infinity, that is,

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_k = x$$

Then  $x$  satisfies the equations

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{x + m/x}{2} \\ 2x &= x + m/x \\ x &= m/x \\ x^2 &= m \\ x &= \sqrt{m} \end{aligned}$$

A first step in implementing Newton's method for computing  $\sqrt{m}$  is to define the function that maps  $m$  and  $x_{k-1}$  to the next value  $x_k$ .

#### Listing 10: Newton's square root recurrence

55a `<Newton's square root recurrence 55a>≡  
next :: Double -> Double -> Double  
next m 0 = error "Division by zero"  
next m x = (x + m/x)/2`

We want to repeatedly apply `next` to some initial value and generate a list of Doubles. Let's define `repeatedly` to be a function that applies a function `f :: Double -> Double` to itself repeatedly. An initial value (seed) `a` for `f` starts the iteration, generating an infinite list.

#### Listing 11: Repeatedly Apply a Function

55b `<Repeatedly apply a function 55b>≡  
repeatedly :: (Double -> Double) -> Double -> [Double]  
repeatedly f a = a : repeatedly f (f a)`

Although `repeatedly` does not terminate, it can be terminated once a computed value is *close enough*. A common way to do this is to define a tolerance usually the `machine epsilon` and declare that the last computed approximation is *good enough* once it and the previous approximation are within the tolerance.

The *absolute difference*  $|x_k - x_{k-1}|$  between successive iterates is a measure of closeness. One way to terminate Newton's iteration is to stop when the absolute difference is within the tolerance.

$$|x_k - x_{k-1}| \leq \tau$$

What happens when  $m$  is negative?

Computer arithmetic on floating point numbers is not exact. The absolute difference can be small because the numbers  $x_k$  and  $x_{k-1}$  themselves are small. The absolute difference may never be small because the numbers themselves are large.

Instead of computing until the difference of successive approximations approaches 0, it is often better to compute until the ratio of successive approximations approach 1. This measure of closeness is the *relative difference*  $|x_{k-1}/x_k - 1|$ . Newton's method terminates when

$$\left| \frac{x_{k-1}}{x_k} - 1 \right| \leq \tau$$

The relative function maps a tolerance  $\tau$  and a sequence to the first value in the sequence where the relative error is within tolerance.

#### Listing 12: Convergence of Relative Error

56a *<Test if successive values meet a relative tolerance 56a>*≡  
`relative :: Double -> [Double] -> Double`  
`relative tau (a:b:rest)`  
`| abs (a/b-1) <= tau = b`  
`| otherwise           = relative tau (b:rest)`

Now we can express Newton's method to compute the square root of  $m$  to within a relative error tolerance  $\tau$  starting with an initial guess  $x_0$  as the function `mysqrt`.

#### Listing 13: Newton's Square Root Method

56b *<Newton's square root 56b>*≡  
`mysqrt x0 tau m = relative tau (repeatedly (next m) x0)`

Some define the relative error as

$$re_k = \frac{x_k - x}{x}$$

where  $x$  root being sought. But this requires knowledge of  $x$  to compute.

Explain how you can generalize this code to apply Newton's method to recurrences other than `next`.

### Convergence of Newton's Method

The number of times the `(next m)` function is evaluated measures the time complexity of the `mysqrt` algorithm. It is not obvious what this number is. What can be shown is that Newton's method converges quadratically, under certain assumptions that are often True.

Consider the function  $f(x) = x^2 - m$ . Using [Taylor's theorem](#), you can derive the equation

$$x^2 - m = (x_{k-1}^2 - m) + 2x_{k-1}(x - x_{k-1}) + (x - x_{k-1})^2$$

Pretend that  $x = \sqrt{m}$  so that both sides of the above equation are zero. Divide by  $2x_{k-1}$  to get

$$0 = (x_{k-1}^2 - m)/2x_{k-1} + (x - x_{k-1}) + (x - x_{k-1})^2/2x_{k-1}$$

There is a more elegant, more general proof of the quadratic convergence of Newton's method. But this is beyond the scope of these notes.



Notice that

$$(x_{k-1}^2 - m)/2x_{k-1} - x_{k-1} = -(x_{k-1}^2 + m)/2x_{k-1} = -x_k$$

Therefore,

$$x_k - x = (x_{k-1} - x)^2 / 2x_{k-1} \quad \text{or} \\ e_k = \frac{e_{k-1}^2}{2x_{k-1}}$$

That is, the absolute error  $x_k - x$  at step  $k$  is proportional to the square of the error at step  $k - 1$ . When the error is less than 1, the number of correct digits doubles with each iteration.

In the general case, assume that function  $f$  has a continuous second derivative. Assume  $x$  is a root of  $f$ , that is  $f(x) = 0$ . By Taylor's theorem

$$0 = f(x) \approx f(x_k) + f'(x_k)(x - x_k) + \frac{f''(\xi)}{2}(x - x_k)^2 \\ x = x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)} - \frac{f''(\xi)}{2f'(x_k)}(x - x_k)^2 \\ x \approx x_k - \frac{f(x_k)}{f'(x_k)}$$

### Exercises

1. The convergence described above is for the absolute error. What can you say about the rate of convergence for the relative error?
2. **Simpson's rule** is a simple quadrature algorithm. It is defined by the equation

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{b-a}{6} [f(a) + 4f(m) + f(b)] \quad \text{where } m = \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \text{ is the midpoint.}$$

- (a) Explain the idea behind Simpson's rule.
- (b) Write a program that implements Simpson's rule.
- (c) Over a large interval  $[a, b]$  you would apply Simpson's rule over many short intervals. Explain how this would be done.



## 7. Pattern Matching

But pattern-matching doesn't equal comprehension.

Peter Watts, Blindsight

### Problem 2: Pattern Matching Problems

Decision Problem: Given a word (pattern)  $p$  and a (text) string  $t$ , does  $p$  occur in  $t$ ?

Function Problem: Given a pattern  $p$  and text  $t$ , where does  $p$  occur in  $t$ , if at all?

Imagine applications where pattern matching could be useful.

*Prerequisite concepts*

### Definition 7: Alphabets, Strings, ...

- An alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a finite set of symbols often called characters.
- A string  $s$  over  $\Sigma$  is a finite sequence of symbols from  $\Sigma$ .
- $\Sigma^*$  (the *Kleene* closure) is the set of all strings over  $\Sigma$ .
- $\Sigma^+$  is the set of all non-empty strings over  $\Sigma$ .
- A language  $L$  is a subset of  $\Sigma^*$ .
- A language  $L$  is decidable if there is an algorithm that correctly answers the question: Is  $s \in L$ ? for all strings  $s \in \Sigma^*$ .
- An algorithm is ..., well if it works like an algorithm and stops like an algorithm, then it is an algorithm for some problem.

The *pattern-match* problem is: Give a long string  $t$ , called the text, and a shorter string  $p$ , called the pattern. does the pattern occur in the text?

## Pattern matching

We will study several algorithms for *pattern match*. We are interested in their implementation and their time and space complexities. Some auxiliary functions will be introduced as needed. Here is the outline for the notes.

How well these algorithms parallelize or distribute is also interesting, but beyond the scope of these notes.

60  $\langle \text{Pattern match } 60 \rangle \equiv$   
 $\langle \text{Brute-force pattern matching with left-to-right scan } 61a \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{Morris-Pratt pattern matching } 63 \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{Knuth-Morris-Pratt pattern matching } 71a \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{Brute-force pattern matching with right-to-left scan } 73a \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{Boyer-Moore pattern matching } 76a \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{Auxiliary functions } 70a \rangle$   
 $\langle \text{Test the pattern matching algorithms } 83c \rangle$

Let's start with the brute-force approach: It solves the problem and leads to optimization ideas.

### Brute force pattern matching

The brute-force approach is simple. As long as the pattern has not been found continue searching the text until the last legal position in the text has past.

Initial configuration													
text	a	b	a	a	b	a	a	a	b	a	a	b	a
pattern	a	b	b	a									

Legal configuration										last legal position			
text	a	b	a	a	b	a	a	a	b	↓ a	a	b	a
pattern				a	b	b	a						

Illegal configuration													
text	a	b	a	a	b	a	a	a	b	a	a	b	a
pattern										a	b	b	a

Here is a [C](#) implementation of the brute-force algorithm. It imports some header files for string and boolean manipulations, initializes local state, and as long as there is text to search, it scans the pattern against the text returning True when and if a match is found, and False otherwise.

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```
61a  <Brute-force pattern matching with left-to-right scan 61a>≡
      #include <string.h>
      #include <stdbool.h>

      bool bruteForce (const char *text, const char *pattern)
      <initialize local state 61b>
      while (<text index is legal 61c>)
      <scan left-to-right 62b>
      if <pattern found in text 62c> return true;
      <shift the pattern one place in the text 62d>

      <pattern not found in text 62e>
```

The local state is the length of text and pattern, and indices i and j into them. The text and pattern are global values and not changed.

```
61b  <initialize local state 61b>≡
      int n = strlen(text);
      int m = strlen(pattern);
      int i = 0, j = 0;
```

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```

Provided the text index i has not gone beyond n-m, the pattern has not been shifted too far.

```
61c  <text index is legal 61c>≡
      (i <= n-m)
```

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```

Let's define a predicate that tests if the pattern index is legal too.

```
61d  <pattern index is legal 61d>≡
      (j<m)
```

Matching starts at some text index  $i$  and pattern index 0. The test for a match at index  $j$  in the pattern and index  $i+j$  in the text is simple.

62a  $\langle \text{pattern}[j] \text{ matches text}[i+j] \text{ 62a} \rangle \equiv$   
 $(\text{pattern}[j] == \text{text}[i+j])$

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All these conditions for matching are neatly handled in a while statement, whose body simply increments the pattern index.

62b  $\langle \text{scan left-to-right 62b} \rangle \equiv$   
 $\text{while } ((\langle \text{pattern index is legal 61d} \rangle \ \&\& \ \langle \text{pattern}[j] \text{ matches text}[i+j] \text{ 62a} \rangle))$   
 $\quad j++;$

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There are two exits from left-to-right scan. One is when the pattern does match the text. This occurs when the pattern index  $j$  reaches the length  $m$  of the pattern.

62c  $\langle \text{pattern found in text 62c} \rangle \equiv$   
 $(j == m)$

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The second exit from the left-to-right scan occurs when a mismatch occurs. In this case we start the search over moving the pattern one position in the text. That is, increment the text index  $i$  and reset the pattern index to 0.

62d  $\langle \text{shift the pattern one place in the text 62d} \rangle \equiv$   
 $i++;$   
 $j = 0;$

The scan of the text stops when the pattern has been tested at each legal position and not been found.

62e  $\langle \text{pattern not found in text 62e} \rangle \equiv$   
 $\text{return false};$

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Write the brute force algorithm for *pattern match* in a functional language.

### *Analysis of the brute-force pattern matching*

There are several things to notice about brute-force pattern matching.

1. Brute-force has optimal space complexity: It solves *pattern match* in constant space needing only a few registers for indexes  $i$ ,  $j$ , and lengths  $m$  and  $n$ . Space complexity often ignores memory used for input to and output from the algorithm.
2. Brute-force has worst case  $O((n - m + 1)m) = O(nm)$  time complexity and this may not be very good!
3. The average case time complexity may not be nearly as bad. Its depend on statistical properties of the text and pattern. These topics are beyond this initial discussion.

### *The Morris-Pratt pattern matcher*

The brute-force pattern matcher does not use information gathered before a mismatch occurs. It throws away any knowledge of matching prefixes where `pattern[0..j-1] == text[i..i+j-1]` and `pattern[j] != text[i+j]` for some  $j$ . It simply restarts comparing `pattern[0]` with `text[i+1]`.

We will see how to preprocess the pattern so that this information is not wasted. The cost will be an increase in the space needed in pattern matching, but this will reduce the worst case time complexity for *pattern match*. The preprocessing is accomplished by exploiting the invariant

$$\text{pattern}[0..j-1] = \text{text}[i..i+j-1].$$

Later we will make use of the mismatch information to improve the process even more.

The algorithm is exactly like the brute-force algorithm with the exception of how shifts are made once a mismatch is found.

```

63  <Morris-Pratt pattern matching 63>≡
    #include <string.h>
    #include <stdbool.h>

    bool morrisPratt (const char *text, const char *pattern)
    {
        int n = strlen(text);
        int m = strlen(pattern);
        int i = 0, j = 0;
        while <text index is legal 61c>
            <scan left-to-right 62b>
                if <pattern found in text 62c> return true;
            <Morris-Pratt shift 67a>
    }

```

*<pattern not found in text 62e>*





**Definition 9: Border of a string**

A border of a pattern  $p$  is any string that is both a prefix and suffix of  $p$ .

For example, the string

$p = \text{abaabaaabaaba}$  has proper borders  $\text{abaaba}$ ,  $\text{aba}$ ,  $\text{a}$ , and  $\epsilon$

where  $\epsilon$  stands for the *empty string*. Of course, the complete string itself is both a prefix and a suffix of itself, but this is not a *proper* border. The word *proper* is used in a similar context with respect to sets and subsets: A *proper subset* is a subset, but not the set itself.

Define  $p.\text{border}()$  to be the *longest* proper border of a non-empty pattern  $p$ . We can iterate this function to obtain a list of all borders of  $p$ , for the sample pattern  $p = \text{abaabaaabaaba}$

Borders have a dual notion called *periods*, which are integers  $p$  such that  $0 < p \leq |w|$  and prefix  $w[0..k]$  equals suffix  $w[p..]$  where  $p = w.\text{length}() - k - 1$ .

For instance, the periods of  $w = \text{abaabaaabaaba}$  are 7, 10, 12, and 13 since

index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
w	a	b	a	a	b	a	a	a	b	a	a	b	a
p=7	a	b	a	a	b	a		a	b	a	a	b	a
p=10	a	b	a								a	b	a
p=12	a												a
p=13													

where the last period 13 corresponds to the empty border. Notice that the period plus the length of the border equals the word's length

$$p + w.\text{border}().\text{length}() = w.\text{length}().$$

Shifting a pattern by periods aligns its borders. Such shifts are feasible, if they are safe. As we will see below, one can readily compute the length of the border of a string. So suppose we compute the length  $|\text{pattern}[0..j-1].\text{border}()|$  for each index  $j=1..m$  and store this integer in an array  $\text{border}[j]$  (we'll see  $\text{border}[0]$  should be set to -1). When a mismatch occurs the pattern is shifted by its period  $j - \text{border}[j]$ . Here's an example:

pattern index j	0	1	2	3	4	5				
pattern	a	b	a	a	b	a				
text	a	a	b	a	c	a	b	a	a	...
text index i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	...

The mismatch occurs at  $j=3$  once we've matched  $\text{aba}$ , which has border  $\text{a}$  of length 1. The period of  $\text{aba}$  is 2. Shifting the pattern  $2 = 3 - 1$  positions produces an alignment of the border  $\text{a}$  of  $\text{aba}$ .

pattern index j		0	1	2	3	4	5	
pattern		a	b	a	a	b	a	
text	a	a	b	a	c	a	b	a
text index i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
							8	...

We can restart the matching at  $j=1=\text{border}[j]$ . We don't need to recheck the match at  $\text{pattern}[0]$  with  $\text{text}[3]$ . Of course we get an immediate mismatch at the next position — which we'll handle this optimization soon.

A shift by the period is both safe and feasible. Here's why. From the above analysis we know that the shift satisfies

$$k = j - \text{border}[j]$$

where  $\text{border}[j]$  is the length of the border of  $\text{pattern}[0..j-1]$ .

Consider the boundary case where  $j=0$  when the mismatch occurs. That is,  $\text{pattern}[0]$  is not the same as  $\text{text}[i]$ . Clearly a shift of  $k=1$  is warranted, and so

$$k = 1 = 0 - \text{border}[0]$$

which implies  $\text{border}[0]=-1$ . The matching process is restarted from pattern index  $j=\max(0, \text{border}[j])$ . These are the conditions of the Morris-Pratt shift.

67a *⟨Morris-Pratt shift 67a⟩*≡  
`i += j-pattern.border[j];`  
`j = (0 < pattern.border[j]) ? pattern.border[j] : 0;`

### Computation of borders

We want to compute  $\text{border}[0..m]$  for pattern which has length  $m$ . Recall  $\text{border}[j]$  is the length of the border of the prefix  $\text{pattern}[0..j-1]$  and a shift by  $k=j-\text{border}[j]$  aligns the border at the start of  $\text{pattern}[0..j-1]$  with the end of  $\text{pattern}[0..j-1]$ .

In an object-oriented paradigm, a pattern object calls `computeBorders()` (i.e., the call `pattern.computeBorders()`) is made before the call `text.MorrisPratt(pattern)`.

Remember text variable `pattern` has an internal representation that uses a `String` named `text` of length  $n$ . The variables `pattern` and  $m$  will be used when discussing the algorithm, but programming `text` and  $n$  will be used in the code when we need to refer to the instance variables.

We know  $\text{border}[0] = -1$  and so we can set this initial value. Also, we'll store the length of the current border in a local variable  $k$ .

67b *⟨Define border[0] 67b⟩*≡  
`border[0] = -1;`  
`int k = -1;`

We want to compute  $\text{border}[1], \dots, \text{border}[m]$ , where  $m$  is the length of pattern. This will be done in a for loop that loops over each non-empty prefix of pattern. The boolean condition for the loop is:

68a  $\langle \text{each non-empty prefix 68a} \rangle \equiv$   
 $(\text{int } j = 1; j \leq m; j++)$

Let's pretend we've computed  $k = \text{border}[j-1]$  of  $\text{pattern}[0..j-2]$  for some  $j \geq 1$ , and we want to compute  $\text{border}[j]$ . Figure 4 shows that if  $\text{pattern}[0..k] = \text{pattern}[(j-k-1)..(j-1)]$  and  $\text{pattern}[k+1] = \text{pattern}[j]$ , then  $\text{border}[j] = k+1$ . That is, when the character after the prefix matches the character after the right border, the border can be extended by 1.

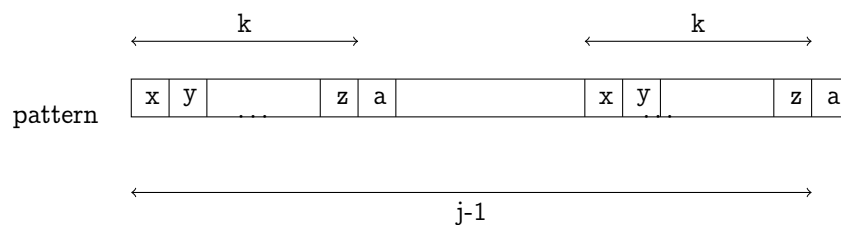
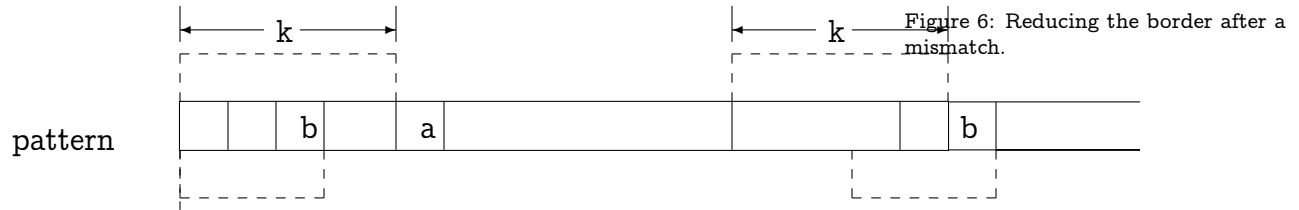
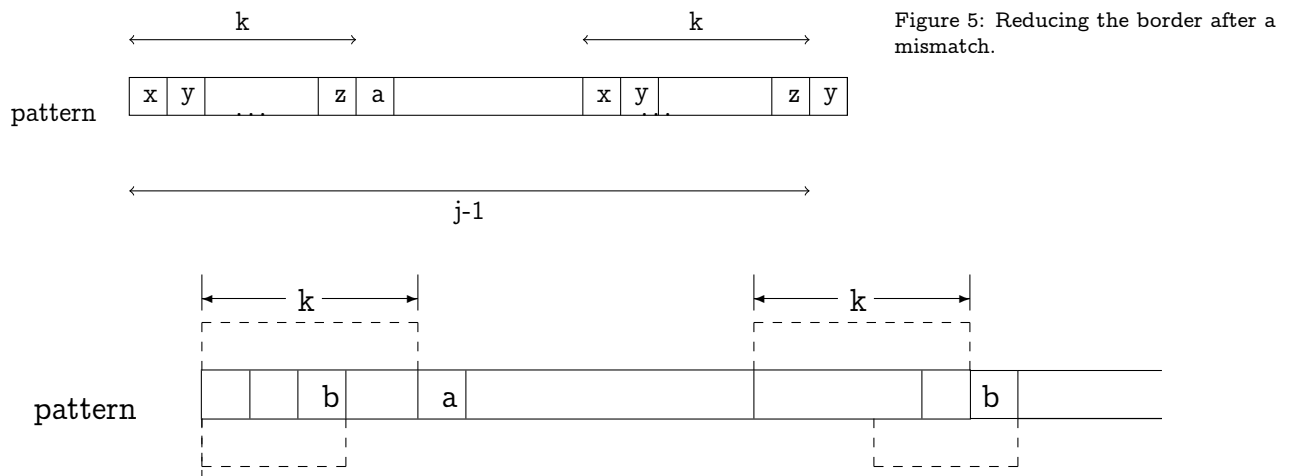


Figure 4: Extend the border when characters after prefix and right before border match. Border of  $\text{pattern}[0..j-2]$  has length  $k$  and  $\text{pattern}[k] = \text{pattern}[j-1]$ .

68b  $\langle \text{Extend the border by one character when next characters match 68b} \rangle \equiv$   
 $++k;$   
 $\text{border}[j] = k;$



Now let's consider what happens when there is a mismatch. That is  $\text{pattern}[k] \neq \text{pattern}[j-1]$ . This case is a more complex to understand, but Figure 5 shows that while mismatches occur, the border length  $k$  must be reduced to  $\text{border}[k]$  until there is a match or no border is found ( $k = -1$ ).



```

69  <Reduce the border until a match is found or no border exists 69>≡
    while ((k >= 0) && (pattern.charAt(k)) != (pattern.charAt(j-1)))
        k = border[k];

```

### Example: Computing Borders

Consider the pattern  $p=\text{abaababa}$ , of length 8. We want to fill out the array  $\text{border}[0..8]$  of border lengths.

<i>j</i>	<i>Prefix</i>	<i>Border String</i>	<i>Border Length</i>	<i>Char after Prefix</i>	<i>Char after Border</i>
0	$\epsilon$	-	-1	a	-
1	a	$\epsilon$	0	b	a
2	ab	$\epsilon$	a		
3	aba	a	1	a	b
4	abaa	a	1	b	b
5	abaab	ab	2	a	a
6	abaaba	aba	3	b	a
7	abaabab	b	2	a	a
8	abaababa	aba	3	$\epsilon$	a

Using the above code chunks we can put together the computeBorders() function.

70a *<Auxiliary functions 70a>*≡  
 public int\* computeBorders()  
   *<Define border[0] 67b>*  
   for *<each non-empty prefix 68a>*  
     *<Reduce the border until a match is found or no border exists 69>*  
     *<Extend the border by one character when next characters match 68b>*

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One final act, so the compiler does not complain, declare the integer array border[] used in the Morris-Pratt algorithm

70b *<Instance properties 70b>*≡  
 public int[] border;

### *Analysis of the Morris-Pratt pattern matcher*

The need for the array border[0..m] increases the space complexity from the constant space required for the brute-force algorithm. The benefit is a linear worst case time complexity.

#### Theorem 8: Morris-Pratt Shifts

The maximum number of compares in the Morris-Pratt algorithm is  $2n-m$ .

#### Proof: Morris-Pratt Shift

There is at most one unsuccessful comparison for each index  $i$ , which ranges from 0 to  $n-m$ . We can give an upper bound

for the number of successful compares by considering the sum  $i+j$ . The least value for  $i+j$  is 0 and the greatest value is  $n-1$ . Each time a successful compare is made  $i+j$  increases by 1 and it never decreases, thus there are at most  $n$  successful compares. Finally not both successful and unsuccessful compares can attain their maximum, thus there are at most  $n + (n-m+1) - 1 = 2n-m$  compares in the Morris-Pratt algorithm.

### Knuth-Morris-Pratt pattern matching

The Morris-Pratt algorithm can be improved by using additional information known at the time a mismatch occurs. In particular, the complete invariant is:

`pattern[0..j-1]==text[i..i+j-1] and pattern[j] != text[i+j].`

The Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) algorithm \* makes use of this additional mismatch information to allow longer shifts of pattern in text. Otherwise, the algorithm is the same as the previous ones.

\* Knuth, D. E., Morris, J. H., and Pratt, V. R. (1977). Fast pattern matching in strings. *SIAM Journal of Computing*, 6(2):240–267

```
71a  <Knuth-Morris-Pratt pattern matching 71a>≡
      public boolean KMP (Text pattern)
      <initialize local state 61b>
      while <text index is legal 61c>
        <scan left-to-right 62b>
        if <pattern found in text 62c> return true;
        <Knuth-Morris-Pratt shift 71b>

      <pattern not found in text 62e>
```

One might call the idea used in the KMP shift “strict borders.” The length of these strict borders are stored in an array `strictBorder[]`, and the shift is computed just as in the Morris-Pratt case using this new array.

```
71b  <Knuth-Morris-Pratt shift 71b>≡
      i += j-pattern.strictBorder[j];
      j = (0 < pattern.strictBorder[j]) ? pattern.strictBorder[j] : 0;
```

The `strictBorder[]` array used in the Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm is declared, and its elements initialized to -1.

```
71c  <Instance properties 70b>+≡
      public int[] strictBorder;
```

```

72 <initialize border 72>=
    for (int j = 0; j < text.length(); j++) strictBorder[j]=-1;

```

To fill out the `strictBorder[]` array, consider what we know:

`pattern[0..j-1]==text[i..i+j-1]` and `pattern[j] != text[i+j]`.

If `pattern[0..k]` is the border of `pattern[0..j-1]` and `pattern[k+1] = pattern[j] != text[i+j]` then there will be an immediate mismatch when we shift to align borders. In this case we can safely shift farther aligning the border of `[pattern[0..k]]` with the tail of `pattern[0..j-1]`. On the other hand, if `pattern[k+1] != pattern[j]` then perhaps `pattern[k+1] = text[i+j]` and we can only safely shift the the length of border `pattern[0..j-1]`.

**Example 6.** Consider the pattern *abaababa*, of length 8. We want to fill out the array `border[0..8]` of border lengths. The index *j* in the left column of the table below denotes the number of characters that have been matched. Note that the Morris-Pratt (MP) shift is computed by `j - border.length(j)` and the matching restarts at `j = border.length(j)` (or `j = 0`, if the border's length is negative). For the Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) algorithm, the shift is `j - strictBorder(j)` and the matching restarts at `j = Strictborder.length(j)` (or `j = 0`, if the strict border is is negative).

<i>j</i>	Prefix	Border String	Border Length	Char after Prefix	Char after Border				
0	ε	-	-1	a	-				
1	a	ε	0	b	a				
<i>j</i>	Prefix	Border String	Border length	MP shift	Char after prefix	Char after border	Strict b		
0	ε	-		-1	1	a	-		
1	a	ε		0	1	b	a		
2	ab	ε		0	2	a	a		
3	aba	a		1	2	a	b		
4	abaa	a		1	3	b	b		
5	abaab	ab		2	3	a	a		
6	abaaba	aba		3	3	b	a		
7	abaabab	ab		2	5	a	a		
8	abaababa	aba		3	5	ε	a		

Here's an example of the shift that can occur on a mismatch.

index:    0   1   2   3   4   5   6

pattern:  a   b   a   a   b   a   a

text:     a   b   a   a   b   a   c   a   b   a   a   b

`pattern[6] != text[0+6]` and the border of *abaaba* is *aba*, which has length 3, implying a shift of  $6-3=3$ . A shift of 3 leads to an immediate mismatch since `pattern[3]=a` will be compared with `text[6]=c`. Thus, we can consider the border of the border of *abaaba*, that is the border of *aba*, or *a*, which has length 1 and shift by  $6-1=5$ .



### *Analysis of the Knuth-Morris-Pratt pattern matcher*

The KMP pattern matcher has space complexity  $S(n+m)=O(m)$ . This reflects the storage for array `strictBorder[0..m]` and the constant space required for indices and lengths. The time complexity  $T(n+m) = O(n+m)$  is generally better than the Morris-Pratt algorithm, but may be no better than it.

### *Right-to-left scanning for pattern matching*

Now we want to develop a brute-force algorithm that will match pattern against text using a right-to-left scan of pattern. The previous left-to-right algorithm is modified in these ways:

1. pattern index `j` starts at the end of pattern.
2. The inner scan decrements `j`.
3. When `j` runs off the left-end (`j=-1`) a complete match has occurred.
4. The shift moves the pattern right one place and resets `j` to the end of pattern.

73a *<brute-force pattern matching with right-to-left scan 73a>*≡  

```
public boolean rightLeftBruteForce (Text pattern)
    <initialize text length (never defined)>
    <initialize pattern length (never defined)>
    <set text index to start of text (never defined)>
    <set pattern index to end of pattern 73b>
    while <text index is legal 61c>
        <right-to-left scan 73c>
        if (j == -1) return true;
        <right-to-left brute-force shift of pattern 74>

    <pattern not found in text 62e>
```

The right-to-left scan starts at the end of pattern.

73b *<set pattern index to end of pattern 73b>*≡  

```
int j = m-1;
```

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And decrements pattern index `j` so long as text matches pattern.

73c *<right-to-left scan 73c>*≡  

```
while ((j > -1) && <pattern[j] matches text[i+j] 62a>)
    -j;
```

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When a mismatch occurs, slide pattern one position right ( $i = i+1$ ) and reset  $j$  to point to the end of pattern.

74 *(right-to-left brute-force shift of pattern 74)*  $\equiv$   
     $++i$ ;  
     $j = m-1$ ;

### The Boyer-Moore algorithm

The Boyer-Moore algorithm<sup>†</sup> uses the knowledge gained by the above brute-force algorithm to leverage an improved pattern matcher. What do we know? When a mismatch occurs, we know the invariant

$$\text{pattern}[j] \neq \text{text}[i+j]$$

and

$$\text{pattern}[j+1..m-1] = \text{text}[i+j+1..i+m-1]$$

This invariant is shown in figure 7.

Figure 7: Alignment with match using

Let's pretend, after a mismatch, that we shift pattern  $s$  positions to the right where  $1 \leq s \leq j$ . This aligns  $\text{pattern}[0..m-1-s]$  and  $\text{pattern}[s..m-1]$  as shown in figure 8. In particular,  $\text{pattern}[j-s]$  aligns with  $\text{pattern}[j]$  and  $\text{text}[i+j]$ . Thus, we require that the shift  $s$  satisfy:

1.  $\text{pattern}[j-s] \neq \text{pattern}[j]$ . If they were equal an mismatch between  $\text{pattern}[j-s]$  and  $\text{text}[i+j]$  would occur; such a shift is not feasible.
2. A border of the reversed prefix  $\text{pattern}[m-1..j-s+1]$  has length  $m-1-j$ , that is,  $\text{pattern}[m-1..j+1] = \text{pattern}[m-1-s..j+1-s]$ .

Notice condition 2 is a statement about *some* border of a prefix of the reversed string; this border may not be *the* border.

Figure 8: A Boyer-Moore shift be-

between  $j+1$  and  $j$  positions. Now let's pretend that we shift  $j+1 \leq s < m$  characters. Such a shift aligns  $\text{pattern}[0..m-1-s]$  and  $\text{pattern}[s..m-1]$  with  $\text{text}[i+s..i+m-1]$ , see figure 9. Such a shift  $s$  satisfies the condition:

3.  $\text{pattern}$  has some border  $\text{pattern}[0..m-1-s]$  of length  $m-j-1$  or less.

Figure 9: A Boyer-Moore shift be-

between  $j+1$  and  $m$  positions. When either the first two conditions or the third condition fail to hold we can safely shift pattern the maximal amount  $m$ . Given the pattern we can compute if there are shifts satisfying the conditions above. Such shifts are safe and feasible. For each  $j$  the longest safe and feasible shift is stored in a look-up table which is used when a

<sup>†</sup> Boyer, R. S. and Moore, J. S. (1977). A fast string searching algorithm. *Communications of the ACM*, 20(10):762–772

mismatch occurs. The algorithm is identical to the brute-force right-to-left scan, except for this look-up of the shift.

76a *⟨Boyer-Moore pattern matching 76a⟩*≡

```

public boolean BoyerMoore (Text pattern)
    ⟨initialize text length (never defined)⟩
    ⟨initialize pattern length (never defined)⟩
    ⟨set text index to start of text (never defined)⟩
    ⟨set pattern index to end of pattern 73b⟩
    while ⟨text index is legal 61c⟩
        ⟨right-to-left scan 73c⟩
        if (j == -1) return true;
        ⟨Boyer-Moore shift of pattern 76b⟩

    ⟨pattern not found in text 62e⟩

```

We'll call the table of shifts `goodSuffix[]`. Then when a mismatch occurs on pattern index `j`, the shift `goodSuffix[j]` is added to `i` and pattern index `j` is reset to the end of pattern.

76b *⟨Boyer-Moore shift of pattern 76b⟩*≡

```

    i += pattern.goodSuffix[j];
    j = m-1;

```

j	Suffix	Border	Length	Char before suffix	Char before border	Good suffix shift
0	ε	-	-1	a	-	5
1	textbfa	ε	0	b	a	5
2	textbfba	ε	0	a	a	5
3	textbfaba	a	1	a	b	5
4	textbfababa	a	1	b	b	2
5	textbfabababa	ab	2	a	a	7
6	textbfaabababa	aba	3	b	a	4
7	textbfbaabababa	ab	2	a	a	1
8	textbfabaabababa	aba	3	ε	a	2

### *Computing the `goodSuffix[]` array*

We start by declaring an instance of the `goodSuffix[]` array. It's length will be set to `m` when pattern is created and each element will be initialized to zero, the Java default. (Remember Text variable pattern has an internal representation with a String named `text` of length `n`. The variable `m` will be used when discussing the algorithm, but `n` will be used in the code.)

76c *⟨Instance properties 70b⟩*+≡

```

    public int[] goodSuffix;

```

The code for `goodSuffix[]` is abstruse. Essentially, we want to test the conditions discussed above. Our implementation is driven more by a need for clarity than efficiency in time and space. Here is the complete algorithm for `computeGoodSuffix()`.

Let's start with an auxiliary routine that reverses the character in a string. This will be useful in testing condition 2.

77a *⟨Auxiliary functions 70a⟩*  $\equiv$

```
public Text reverse()
    ⟨initialize text length (never defined)⟩
    StringBuffer reverse = new StringBuffer();
    for (int i = n-1; i > -1; i-)
        reverse.append(text.charAt(i));

    return new Text(reverse.toString());
```

Borders for both the pattern and its reverse are used, and a variable called `s` will denote the shift.

77b *⟨Declarations and initializations 77b⟩*  $\equiv$

```
⟨initialize text length (never defined)⟩
Text reverse = reverse();
computeBorders();
reverse.computeBorders();
int s;
```

We'll start by being opportunistic and set, for each `j`, `goodSuffix[j] = m` the largest possible shift. As we find that shorter shifts are safe and feasible we'll reset `goodSuffix[j]` to these smaller values.

77c *⟨Set each shift to the maximal value 77c⟩*  $\equiv$

```
for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
    goodSuffix[j] = n;
```

### Boundary conditions

To develop the shift table for the Boyer-Moore algorithm, we'll consider boundary cases first.

*First compare is a mismatch.* When there is an immediate mismatch between `pattern[m-1]` and `text[i+m-1]`, a shift of 1 is appropriate, but so is a shift by the smallest value `s` such that `pattern[m-1-s] != pattern[m-1]`. This is condition 1 for the case `j=m-1`. The requirement is that `s` be the smallest value satisfying `reverse[0..s+1] = 0`.

*No compare is a mismatch.* Here it must be that  $j$ , our pattern position index, has fallen off the left end of pattern, that is  $j == -1$ . Our decision algorithm simply return true when this occurs.

*Mismatch on the last compare.* Now let's consider the case that  $\text{pattern}[0] \neq \text{text}[i]$ . That is, we've match all characters except the first. I hope it is obvious that a shift by the period of pattern, that is  $m - \text{border}[m]$ , is both safe and feasible. The border is a *good suffix* where a shift by the period will produce a potential pattern-text match; no shorter shift can.

### Non-boundary cases

We restrict our attention to the case where a mismatch occurs at  $\text{pattern}[j]$  and  $0 < j < m - 1$ . This scenario is shown in figure 7, and there are two cases to consider. These are illustrated in figures 8 and 9. In figure 8, the proposed shift  $s$  is no more than  $j$ . In figure 9,  $s$  is larger than  $j$ , but less than  $m - 1$ .

*A shift  $1 \leq s \leq j$ .* Let's pretend that the situation of figure 8 occurs to determine how to build the code that enforces the situation. Thus  $s$  is between 1 and  $j$  where a mismatch occurs at  $\text{pattern}[j]$ . Figure 8 illustrates that two conditions must hold:

$$\text{pattern}[j-s] \neq \text{pattern}[j] \quad (2)$$

and

$$\text{pattern}[j+1-s..m-1-s] = \text{pattern}[j+1..m-1]. \quad (3)$$

Condition 2 is the Knuth-Morris-Pratt strict border condition and condition 3 is the Morris-Pratt border condition for the *reversed* pattern. With reverse being the reversal of pattern, condition 3 says that prefix  $\text{reverse}[0..m-j+s-2]$  has length  $m-j-1$ .

For a fixed  $j$  between 1 and  $n-1$ , we'll start the shift  $s$  at 1 and increment  $s$  until both conditions hold or  $s$  exceeds  $j$ . So, for a for each proposed shift  $s$ , we'll test if the strict border condition 1 holds and when it does we'll determine if the border condition 2 holds on the reverse pattern; variable  $k$  is the length of a border.

```
78  <Search for a safe shift between 1 and j 78>≡
    s = 1;
    while (s <= j)
        if <Strict border condition 79a>
            <Initialize border of reverse[0..(n-j-1+s)] 79b>
            while <Border greater than tail to match 79c>
                <Reset to smaller border 79d>

            if (k == n-j-1) // border condition satisfied
                <Set goodSuffix[j] and exit while loop 79e>
```

```
++s;
```

The strict border condition is:

79a  $\langle \text{Strict border condition 79a} \rangle \equiv$   
`(text.charAt(j-s) != text.charAt(j))`

The prefix of reverse, whose borders we want to test, is reverse[0..(n-j-1+s)]. We'll start by setting variable k to the border of this prefix; k will be decremented while it is larger than the length of the tail of pattern we want to match, that is, n-1-j.

79b  $\langle \text{Initialize border of reverse}[0..(n-j-1+s)] \text{ 79b} \rangle \equiv$   
`int k = reverse.border[n-j-1+s];`

The length of the tail that has been matched when a mismatch occurs at j is n-1-(j+1)-1 = n-1-j.

79c  $\langle \text{Border greater than tail to match 79c} \rangle \equiv$   
`(k > n-j-1)`

The next smaller border is found by looking at the border of the border.

79d  $\langle \text{Reset to smaller border 79d} \rangle \equiv$   
`k = reverse.border[k];`

```
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```

At this point a shift s that satisfies conditions 1 and 2 has been found. We can array to exit the while (s <= j) loop by setting s = j; it will then be incremented forcing an exit of the loop.

79e  $\langle \text{Set goodSuffix[j] and exit while loop 79e} \rangle \equiv$   
`goodSuffix[j] = s;`  
`s = j;`

Putting all of these pieces together gives the code below.

79f  $\langle \text{Reset shifts when } 1 \leq \text{goodSuffix[j]} \leq j \text{ 79f} \rangle \equiv$   
`for (int j=1; j < n; j++)`  
 $\langle \text{Search for a safe shift between 1 and j 78} \rangle$

A shift  $j < s$ .

Now let's develop the code when no shift between 1 and  $j$  can be found, but perhaps a shift greater than  $j$  exists. Figure 9 depicts the situation that is represented by the equation

$$\text{pattern}[0..m-1-s] = \text{pattern}[s..m-1]. \quad (4)$$

Here's the outline of what we need to do.

```
80a  <Reset shifts when goodSuffix[j] > j 80a>≡
      <Set the border length 80b>
      <Initialize the index where the search starts 80e>
      while (<There is a non-empty border 80c>)
        <Set shift to the period of the current border 80d>
        for (int j = start; j < s; j++)
          goodSuffix[j] = (s < goodSuffix[j]) ? s : goodSuffix[j];
          System.out.println("**gs["+j+"]="+goodSuffix[j]);

      <Reset the start index 81>
      <Reset to smaller border 79d>
```

The shortest shift of the type under consideration is determined by the period of pattern. We'll initialize  $k$  to the length of pattern's border and let  $k$  become successive (shorter) border lengths as we search for longer shifts.

```
80b  <Set the border length 80b>≡
      int k = border[n];
```

The search continues as long as there is a non-empty border. After each search for a shift with one border, we reset the border length  $k$  to the length of the next border.

```
80c  <There is a non-empty border 80c>≡
      (k > 0)
```

With a border of length  $k$  the period to shift aligning pattern borders is  $n-k$ .

```
80d  <Set shift to the period of the current border 80d>≡
      s = n - k;
```

A placeholder start will be used to control the search over  $j$ . The first time through pattern index  $j$  starts at 0.

```
80e  <Initialize the index where the search starts 80e>≡
      int start = 0;
```



Once we've searched over a range  $\text{start} \leq j < s$ , the next search can be over a range that begins with  $\text{start} = s$ .

81  $\langle \text{Reset the start index 81} \rangle \equiv$   
     $\text{start} = s;$

And that is the code which enforces condition 3.

### *Concerns about the derivation of `computeGoodSuffix()`*

The above derivation of `computeGoodSuffix()` is not very efficient, but it may be more clear than other developments of the code.

### *The Last Occurrence Function*

The classical Boyer-Moore algorithm uses what is known as the *last occurrence* or *bad character* heuristic. It says, when a mismatch occurs between `pattern[j]` and `text[i+j]`, find the right-most (last) occurrence of `text[i+j]` in `pattern` and shift to align these, see figure 10 which shows this shift.

Figure 10: Character (a) at the pattern's end does not match the bad character (b) in text. The last occurrence of b in pattern is at index k, the `lastOccurrence` shift on a mismatch at j is `lastOccurrence[j] = j - k`. Notice that when  $k > j$  this is a negative (leftward) shift! Also when b does not occur in pattern a shift of  $j+1$  characters is appropriate, thus we'll define `lastOccurrence[b] = -1` when b does not occur in pattern. To create a `lastOccurrence[]` table requires  $|A|$  space ( $A$  is the alphabet and  $|A|$  is its cardinality).

Some authors eschew the use of a `lastOccurrence[]` table, other extoll it. It does require space that is dependent on the alphabet, something we've not seen before. Its utility depends on the alphabet size and distribution of characters in pattern.

### *Analysis of the Boyer-Moore pattern matcher*

Establishing a tight upper bound on the number of comparisons is beyond the scope of these notes. A bound of  $4n$  is fairly simple to prove, although  $3n$  is a better approximation. When pattern is relatively long and the alphabet is large, Boyer-Moore is likely to be the most efficient pattern matcher. Empirically, in the average case, the number of compares is often sub-linear, that is  $cn$  where  $c < 1$ .

### *Finishing up*

To complete the code for the `Text` class we'll define a constructor and some auxiliary functions. The constructor has one `String` argument, which is set to the text. We also initialize the tables (arrays) used to look up shifts required by the various algorithms.

```
82 <Auxiliary functions 70a>+≡
    public Text(String t)
        text = t;
        border = new int[text.length()+1];
```

```
strictBorder = new int[text.length()+1];
goodSuffix = new int[text.length()];
```

Another useful method returns the length of the text string.

83a *<Auxiliary functions 70a>+≡*

```
public int length()
    return text.length();
```

And another useful method returns the character at a position k in the text string.

83b *<Auxiliary functions 70a>+≡*

```
public char charAt(int k)
    return text.charAt(k);
```

### *Testing the Algorithms*

Now we'll do one last, but important thing. We'll write some test cases that helps us to believe that no defects occur in our code.

The main routine will read two strings from command line and then perform various tests to see that our algorithms work correctly (at least on the test cases). The first string is the text and the second is the pattern.

83c *<Test the pattern matching algorithms 83c>≡*

```
public static void main(String[] args)
    Text text = new Text(args[0]);
    Text pattern = new Text(args[1]);
    <Test the left-to-right scan brute-force patternMatcher() 83d>
    <Test computeBorders() 84a>
    <Test MorrisPratt() 84b>
    <Test computeStrictBorders() 84c>
    <Test KnuthMorrisPratt() 84d>
    <Test the right-to-left scan brute-force patternMatcher2() 84e>
    <Test computeGoodSuffix() 84f>
    <Test BoyerMoore() 84g>
```

The first test will be of the brute-force left-to-right scan pattern matcher.

83d *<Test the left-to-right scan brute-force patternMatcher() 83d>≡*

```
System.out.println(text.patternMatcher(pattern));
```

One thing to test is that the `border[]` array is correctly computed.

```
84a <Test computeBorders() 84a>≡
    pattern.computeBorders();
    for (int j = 0; j <= pattern.length(); j++)
        System.out.println("border[" + j + "] = " + pattern.border[j]);
```

Now let's test that our implementation of the Morris-Pratt algorithm works correctly.

```
84b <Test MorrisPratt() 84b>≡
    System.out.println(text.MorrisPratt(pattern));
```

We can not test the KMP algorithm since we've left its completion as an exercise.

```
84c <Test computeStrictBorders() 84c>≡
    // pattern.computeStrictBorders();
    // for (int j = 0; j <= pattern.length(); j++) {
    //     System.out.println("border[" + j + "] = " + pattern.border[j]);
    // }
```

```
84d <Test KnuthMorrisPratt() 84d>≡
    // System.out.println(text.KnuthMorrisPratt(pattern));
```

```
84e <Test the right-to-left scan brute-force patternMatcher2() 84e>≡
    System.out.println(text.patternMatcher2(pattern));
```

Before testing Boyer-Moore we see if `goodSuffix[]` is calculated properly.

```
84f <Test computeGoodSuffix() 84f>≡
    pattern.computeGoodSuffix();
    for (int j = 0; j < pattern.length(); j++)
        System.out.println("goodSuffix[" + j + "] = " + pattern.goodSuffix[j]);
```

And now our test of BoyerMoore().

```
84g <Test BoyerMoore() 84g>≡
    System.out.println(text.BoyerMoore(pattern));
```

*Problems*

1.

An alternate to terminating the search in the brute-force sequential search algorithm is to continue looking for a second or more occurrences of the pattern. An on-line algorithm which continually accepts input until an end of input marker is found would usually do this. Re-write the code to handle a continuous stream of characters. It will output a stream of 0's and 1's indicating the pattern was not or was found.

2.

Show that in the worst case, bruteForce's the inner while

loop can execute  $m$  times and the outer while loop can execute  $n-m+1$  times.

Show that the maximum number of comparisons is  $\frac{(n+1)^2}{4}$  and give example strings for pattern and text where

this worst case is realized. Hint: maximize the quadratic expression  $nm-m^2+m$  as a function of  $m$ .

3.

Turn the brute-force algorithm given in these notes into a working program with input and output.

Test the average case

behavior of the code. Use the words in a dictionary (for example `/usr/dict/words` on a Unix system) as patterns for which to search.

Find a large text document on the World Wide Web (for example [www.gutenberg.net](http://www.gutenberg.net) has a collection of great books that can serve as text files).

4.

Define

Fibonacci words over the alphabet

 $a, b$  by
$$\begin{aligned}
 &F_0 = e, \\
 &F_1 = b, \\
 &F_2 = a, \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 &\text{and } F_n = F_{n-1}F_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Determine the length of  $F_n$ . Find the periods and borders of  $F_n$ .

5.

Develop an algorithm that computes the strict border of a pattern.

You may find it useful to know that  $\text{strictBorder}[j] = \text{border}[j]$

if  $\text{pattern}[\text{border}[j-1]+1] \neq \text{pattern}[j]$ , while

when this inequality does not hold we set  $j = \text{border}[j]$

until it does or  $j$  becomes negative.

Show that your algorithm is correct and estimate its time complexity.

6.

Provide a time and space complexity analysis of the presented

code for

`computeGoodSuffix()`.

7.

Develop an alternative more efficient (in time and space) algorithm for `computeGoodSuffix()`. Some things to consider.

Declaring the reverse of pattern

requires significant extra space; it

can be eliminated.

The time spend of computing `goodSuffix[n-1]` is large;

this computation can be folded into the computation  
when `goodSuffix[j] <= j`.

8.

Write a program `computeLastOccurrence()`, which when  
given an alphabet `A` and a pattern  
determines the last occurrence  
(rightmost) of each character in `A` in pattern.

Use this algorithm to *improve* the Boyer-Moore algorithm.

*Emperically compare the time and space complexity of Boyer-Moore with  
and without this improvement by using a large text and multiple  
patterns.*





## 8. All Keywords in Text

### The Aho-Corasick Algorithm

This section studies the problem of finding all key words in a string of text. To gain a deeper understanding, read the paper (Aho and Corasick, 1975).

#### Problem 3: All Keywords Problem

Function Problem: Given a set of keywords  $\{k_0, \dots, k_{n-1}\}$  and a text string  $T$ , find all occurrence of the keywords in  $T$ .

The Aho–Corasick string matching algorithm formed the basis of the original Unix command `fgrep`.

Describe applications where an algorithm for this problem could be useful.

#### Example: Find all Keywords in a Text

Find keywords: {he, she, his, hers} in the text:

$T = \text{"the time for this ushers ashes"}$

The keywords occur at positions

							Keyword	Index							
							he	1	20	27					
							she	19	26						
							his	14							
							hers	20							
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
t	h	e		t	i	m	e		f	o	r		t	h	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
i	s		u	s	h	e	r	s		a	s	h	e	s	

Given the keywords, the Aho-Corasick algorithm constructs a finite state machine that recognizes each keyword. The machine consists of three functions that Aho and Corasick call *goto*, *failure*, and *output*.

The *goto* function for the keywords, he, she, his, and hers is shown as a finite state machine in Figure 11 below. When a match is found, the *goto* function maps a (state, character) pair forward to a next state. For instance, if the machine is in state 2 and the next character is r, then the machine moves to state 8. When the next character in the text does not move the search forward, the failure

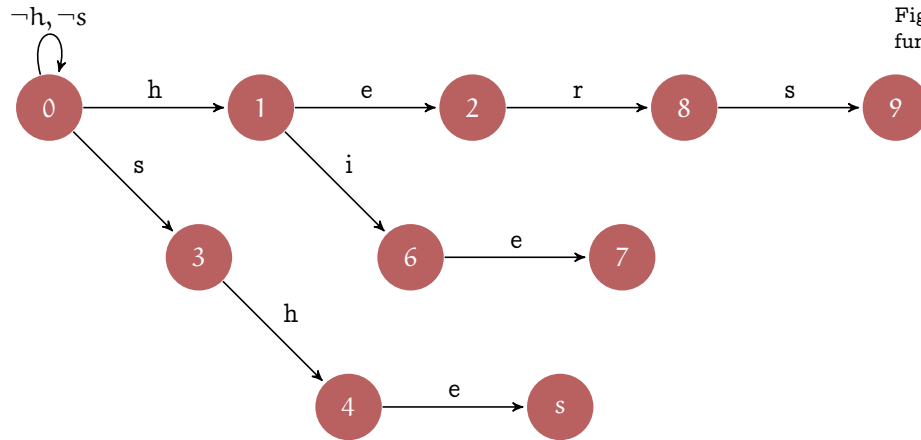


Figure 11: The Aho-Corasick goto function

function is called. For instance, if the machine is in state 1 and the next character is neither e nor i, the machine fails back to the start state 0. Likewise, in states 2, 3, 6, or 8, if the next character is not r, h, s, or s, respectively, fail back to the start state 0. In state 4 where an h was just seen, fail to state 1, In state 5 where he was just seen, fail to state 2, And, in state 7 or 9, where an s was just seen, fail to state 3.

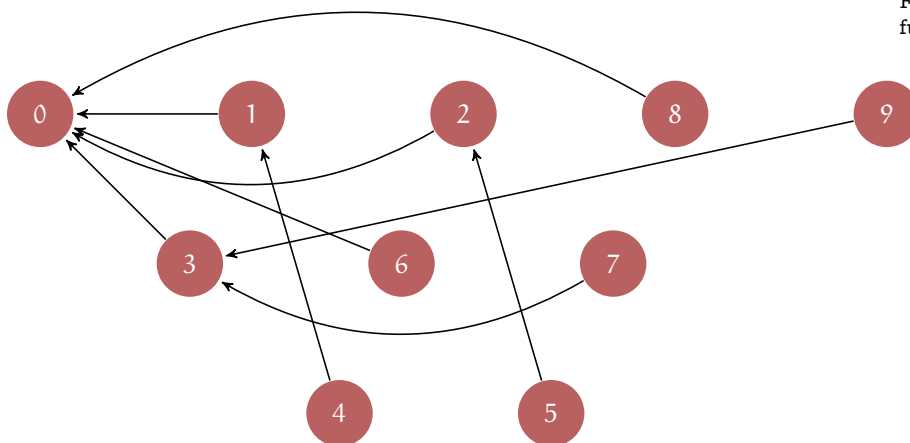


Figure 12: The Aho-Corasick failure function

Finally, there is an *output* function that prints keywords and where they were found in the text.

State	Output
2	he
5	{she, he}
7	his
9	hers

With these functions, the Aho-Corasick algorithm can be written as follows. The code is *object-oriented*. It assumes a *class* called *State* that has auxiliary *goto*, *failure*, and *output* functions.

The general structure of the algorithm is shown in the code below.

#### Listing 14: Aho-Corasick All Keywords Search

```

91a  <Aho-Corasick Algorithm 91a>≡
      <Auxiliary functions 92a>

      public void ahoCorasick(String text) {
          State state = start;
          for (int i = 0; i < text.length; i++) {
              <While goto fails follow the failure function 91b>
              <Otherwise, follow the goto function 91c>
              <If in an output state, print information 91d>
          }
      }

```

```

91b  <While goto fails follow the failure function 91b>≡
      while (state.goto(text.charAt(i)) == fail) {
          state = state.failure();
          <If in an output state, print information 91d>
      }

```

Once a state where the label on an outgoing edge matches the character in the text, follow that edge to the next state.

```

91c  <Otherwise, follow the goto function 91c>≡
      state = state.goto(text.charAt(i));

```

Pretend the class *State* has an auxiliary function *hasOutput* that decides if a state has output to be displayed.

```

91d  <If in an output state, print information 91d>≡
      if (state.hasOutput()) {
          state.output();
      }

```

*Analysis of Aho-Corasick Algorithm*

The `ahoCorasick()` algorithm makes fewer than  $2n$  state transitions in processing a text string of length  $n$ . To understand this note the following:

1. The algorithm makes exactly  $n$  goto (forward) transitions where  $n$  is the length of the text string.
2. For each character in the text the algorithm makes zero or more failure (backward) transitions.
3. To reach a state of depth  $d$  requires  $d$  goto transitions.
4. If we reach a state of depth  $d$ , then no more than  $d$  failure transitions can occur afterwards.

Therefore, the number of failure transitions is no more than the number of goto transitions. (The number of gotos is greater than or equal to number of failures) The total the number of state transitions is therefore bound above by

$$\text{goto's} + \text{failure's} \leq n + n = 2n$$

and the algorithm makes  $2n$  or fewer transitions.

The goto and failure functions can be constructed in time  $O(m)$  where  $m$  is the length of the concatenated keywords.

*Aho-Corasick goto Function*

An array of keywords is passed into the `buildGoTo` function: The goto function is constructed. And the output function is partially defined.

Assume `output(state)` is empty when state is first created. Also, assume `state.goto(c) = fail` if  $c$  is undefined or if `state.goto(c)` has not yet been defined.

Can you help find all the mistakes in this code? I'm certain there are many.

```

92a  <Auxiliary functions 92a>≡
      public void buildGoTo(String[] keyword) {
          State start = new State();
          <Enter each keyword into the goto table 92b>
          <Add self-loops to start for characters not starting keywords 93a>
      }

92b  <Enter each keyword into the goto table 92b>≡
      for (int i = 0; i < keyword.length; i++) {
          <Enter keyword[i] 93c>
      }

```

93a *⟨Add self-loops to start for characters not starting keywords 93a⟩≡*  
*⟨For each character c in the alphabet 93b⟩*  
 if (start.goto(c) == fail) start.goto(c) = start;

The alphabet and its implementation are not fleshed out here.

93b *⟨For each character c in the alphabet 93b⟩≡*

To enter a new keyword, first follow its already matched prefix.  
 Then add states for its remaining suffix.

93c *⟨Enter keyword[i] 93c⟩≡*  
 State state = start;  
 int j = 0;  
*⟨Follow existing path prefix of keyword[i] 93d⟩*  
*⟨Construct new path for suffix of keyword[i] 93e⟩*  
*⟨Save keyword[i] as output 93f⟩*

93d *⟨Follow existing path prefix of keyword[i] 93d⟩≡*  
 while (state.goto(keyword[i].charAt(j)) != fail) {  
 state = state.goto(keyword[i].charAt(j));  
 ++j;  
 }

93e *⟨Construct new path for suffix of keyword[i] 93e⟩≡*  
 for (int k = j; k < keyword[i].length; k++) {  
 State newState = new State();  
 state.setGoto(keyword[i].charAt(k)) = newState;  
 state = newState;  
 }

93f *⟨Save keyword[i] as output 93f⟩≡*  
 state.saveOutput(keyword[i]);

*Aho-Corasick failure Function*

Now let's build the failure function. First, add each state of depth 1 to a queue. Each such state fails back to the start state. Then, use the states stored in the queue to compute failures for states of greater depth.

```
94a  <Auxiliary functions 92a>+≡
      public void buildFailureTranstions() {
        <Add each state of depth one to a queue 94b>
        <Compute failure for states of depth d from those of depth (d - 1) 94c>
      }
```

```
94b  <Add each state of depth one to a queue 94b>≡
      Queue queue = new Queue;
      <For each character c in the alphabet 93b> {
        State state = start.goto(c);
        if (state != start) {
          queue.enqueue(state);
          state.setFailure(start);
        }
      }
```

Next, get a state from the queue. For every character *c* that moves this state forward, queue up that *nextState*. Then, follow failures from state until they end. Set *nextState* to fail to where the goto function moves *c*.

Here is an example using figure 11: Pretend you are in state 8, a state of depth 3, having matched *her*. On the character *s*, move to *nextState* = 9. The failure from state 8 has already been computed to be the start state 0. From this start state, the goto function moves to state 3 on *s*. Therefore, failure in *nextState* = 9 moves to state 3.

```
94c  <Compute failure for states of depth d from those of depth (d - 1) 94c>≡
      while (queue.notEmpty()) {
        State state = queue.dequeue();
        <For each character c in the alphabet 93b> {
          if (state.goto(c) != fail) {
            State nextState = state.goto(c);
            queue.enqueue(nextState);
            <Follow failures from state until they end 95a>
            nextState.setFailure(failState.goto(c));
            state.saveOutput(nextState.output());
          }
        }
      }
```

95a  $\langle \textit{Follow failures from state until they end 95a} \rangle \equiv$

```
failState = state.failure();
while (failState.goto(c) == fail) {
    failState = failState.failure();
}

\subsection{Aho-Corasick [[output] Function]}
```

95b  $\langle \textit{Auxiliary functions 92a} \rangle + \equiv$

```
public bool hasOutput() {
    // to be determined
}

public bool output() {
    // to be determined
}
```

### *Exercises*

1. Construct the *goto*, *failure*, and *output* functions for the keywords  
sofa, soft, take, tame, sort, fast





## 9. Generating Functions & Recurrence Relations

The full beauty of the subject of generating functions emerges only from tuning in on both channels: the discrete and the continuous.

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Herbert Wilf

Generating functions are a powerful tool for solving recurrences. Oliver Heaviside was an English self-taught electrical engineer, mathematician, and physicist who adapted complex numbers to the study of electrical circuits, invented mathematical techniques for the solution of differential (recurrence) equations reformulated Maxwell's field equations in terms of electric and magnetic forces and energy flux, and independently co-formulated vector analysis. Although at odds with the scientific establishment for most of his life, Heaviside changed the face of telecommunications, mathematics, and science.

### *The Fibonacci Recurrence*

We shall use the technique of generating functions to solve the Fibonacci recurrence.

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \quad \text{with initial conditions } F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1$$

Define the generating function for  $F_n$  (or formal power series [it's formal because convergence is not a consideration])  $F(z)$  as

$$F(z) = 0 + z + z^2 + 2z^3 + 3z^4 + 5z^5 + \cdots + F_n z^n + \cdots$$

where  $F_n$  is the  $n$ -th Fibonacci number. Presumably we don't know the values of the coefficients in the sequence  $\langle 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, \dots \rangle$ , but we do in this case and we want to find a formula for them.

Let's first show that

$$F(z) = z + zF(z) + z^2F(z)$$

$$\begin{aligned} zF(z) &= z^2 + z^3 + 2z^4 + 3z^5 + 5z^6 + \cdots + F_{n-1}z^n + F_n z^{n+1} + \cdots \\ z^2F(z) &= z^3 + z^4 + 2z^5 + 3z^6 + \cdots + F_{n-1}z^{n+1} + F_n z^{n+2} + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

Adding like terms yields

$$z + zF(z) + z^2F(z) = z + z^2 + 2z^3 + 3z^4 + 5z^5 + 8z^6 + \cdots + (F_n + F_{n-1})z^{n-1} + \cdots = F(z)$$

That is,

$$F(z) = \frac{z}{1 - z - z^2}$$

Factor the quadratic denominator and write the partial fraction decomposition to get

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \varphi} + \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\varphi}} \right)$$

where  $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618\dots$  is the golden ratio and  $\bar{\varphi} = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx -0.618\dots$  is its conjugate.

The coefficients

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left( \frac{1}{1 - \varphi} + \frac{1}{1 - \bar{\varphi}} \right)$$

give the formula for the Fibonacci numbers.

### *The Mersenne Recurrence*

Marin Mersenne, (1588, –1648) French theologian, natural philosopher, and mathematician. While best remembered by mathematicians for his search for a formula to generate prime numbers based on what are now known as “Mersenne numbers,” his wider significance stems from his role as correspondent, publicizing and disseminating the work of some of the greatest thinkers of his age.

We shall use the technique of generating functions to solve the Mersenne recurrence.

$$M_n = 2M_{n-1} + 1 \quad \text{with initial condition } M_0 = 0$$

Define the generating function for  $M_n$   $M(z)$  as

$$M(z) = 0 + z + 3z^2 + 7z^3 + 15z^4 + 31z^5 + M_n z^n + \cdots$$

where  $M_n$  is the  $n$ -th Mersenne number. Presumably we don’t know the values of the coefficients in the sequence  $\langle 0, 1, 3, 7, 15, 31, 63, \dots \rangle$ , but we do in this case and we want to find a formula for them.

Let’s first show that

$$M(z) = z + 2M(z)$$

or

$$M(z) - 2M(z) = z$$

$$M(z) = z + 3z^2 + 7z^3 + 15z^4 + 31z^5 + \cdots + M_n z^n \quad 2M(z) = 2z + 6z^2 + 14z^3 + 30z^4 + 62z^5 + \cdots + 2M_n z^n$$

Subtracting like terms yields

$$(2M(z) - M(z)) = z + 3z^2 + 7z^3 + 15z^4 + 31z^5 + \cdots (2M_{n-1} - M_n)z^n + \cdots = M(z)$$

That is,

$$M(z) = \frac{1}{1-2z} = \sum_{n \geq 0} (2^n - 1)z^n$$

where The coefficients

$$(2^1 - 1, 2^2 - 1, 2^3 - 1, \dots, 2^n - 1, \dots)$$

give the formula for the Mersenne numbers:

$$M_n = 2^n - 1$$

### *Simple sequences and their generating functions*

Here are some common sequences, their generating functions, and their closed form

Sequence	Generating Function	Closed Form
$\langle 1, 1, 1, \dots \rangle$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} z^n$	$\frac{1}{1-z}$
$\langle 1, 2, 3, \dots \rangle$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} (n+1)z^n$	$(\frac{1}{1-z})^2$
$\langle 1, 2, 4, \dots \rangle$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} 2^n z^n$	$\frac{1}{1-2z}$
$\langle 1, c, c^2, \dots \rangle$	$\sum_{n \geq 0} c^n z^n$	$\frac{1}{1-cz}$
$\langle 0, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots \rangle$	$\sum_{n > 0} \frac{1}{n} z^n$	$\ln(\frac{1}{1-z})$
$\langle 1, 1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{24}, \dots \rangle$	$\sum_{n > 0} \frac{1}{n!} z^n$	$e^z$



## 10. Sorting

Please read Part II Sorting and Order Statistics in (Corman et al., 2009).

### INEFFECTIVE SORTS

```
DEFINE HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST):  
  IF LENGTH(LIST) < 2:  
    RETURN LIST  
  PIVOT = INT(LENGTH(LIST) / 2)  
  A = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[:PIVOT])  
  B = HALFHEARTEDMERGESORT(LIST[PIVOT:])  
  // UMMMMMM  
  RETURN [A, B] // HERE. SORRY.
```

```
DEFINE FASTBOGOSORT(LIST):  
  // AN OPTIMIZED BOGOSORT  
  // RUNS IN  $O(N \log N)$   
  FOR N FROM 1 TO LOG(LENGTH(LIST)):  
    SHUFFLE(LIST)  
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
      RETURN LIST  
  RETURN "KERNEL PAGE FAULT (ERROR CODE: 2)"
```

```
DEFINE JOBSINTERVIEWQUICKSORT(LIST):  
  OK SO YOU CHOOSE A PIVOT  
  THEN DIVIDE THE LIST IN HALF  
  FOR EACH HALF:  
    CHECK TO SEE IF IT'S SORTED  
    NO, WAIT, IT DOESN'T MATTER  
    COMPARE EACH ELEMENT TO THE PIVOT  
    THE BIGGER ONES GO IN A NEW LIST  
    THE EQUAL ONES GO INTO, UH  
    THE SECOND LIST FROM BEFORE  
  HANG ON, LET ME NAME THE LISTS  
  THIS IS LIST A  
  THE NEW ONE IS LIST B  
  PUT THE BIG ONES INTO LIST B  
  NOW TAKE THE SECOND LIST  
  CALL IT LIST, UH, A2  
  WHICH ONE WAS THE PIVOT IN?  
  SCRATCH ALL THAT  
  IT JUST RECURSIVELY CALLS ITSELF  
  UNTIL BOTH LISTS ARE EMPTY  
  RIGHT?  
  NOT EMPTY, BUT YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN  
  AM I ALLOWED TO USE THE STANDARD LIBRARIES?
```

```
DEFINE PANICSORT(LIST):  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
    RETURN LIST  
  FOR N FROM 1 TO 10000:  
    PIVOT = RANDOM(0, LENGTH(LIST))  
    LIST = LIST[:PIVOT] + LIST[PIVOT:]  
    IF ISSORTED(LIST):  
      RETURN LIST  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING  
    RETURN LIST  
  IF ISSORTED(LIST): // COME ON COME ON  
    RETURN LIST  
  // OH JEEZ  
  // I'M GONNA BE IN SO MUCH TROUBLE  
  LIST = []  
  SYSTEM("SHUTDOWN -H +5")  
  SYSTEM("RM -RF /")  
  SYSTEM("RM -RF ~/*")  
  SYSTEM("RM -RF /")  
  SYSTEM("RD /S /Q C:\*") // PORTABILITY  
  RETURN [1, 2, 3, 4, 5]
```

Ineffective Sorts

### Sorting — Basics

#### Problem 4: Sorting

Decision Problem: Given a list of keys, is it sorted?

Function Problem: Given a list of keys, sort it into ascending (or descending) order.

Pretend you are given a *file of records* containing *keys* that can be ordered. That is, the keys are from a totally ordered set where the

common relations and functions

$(<), (\leq), (=), (\geq), (>), (\neq), \min, \max$

are defined on the keys.

The function `sorted` *witnesses* that a list is sorted in ascending order or not.

What is the time complexity of `sorted`?

#### Listing 15: The Sorted Decision Problem

102 `<Sorted list or not? 102>≡`  
`sorted :: (Ord a) => [a] -> Bool`  
`sorted [] = True`  
`sorted [x] = True`  
`sorted (x:y:ys) = (x <= y) && sorted (y:ys)`

The `sorted` function has time complexity  $O(n)$  and this shows the Sorted can be decided in polynomial time. That is, Sorted is in NP, the class of decision problems that can be solved in polynomial time using a non-deterministic Turing machine. Of course, the function problem: Sort this list, can be solved in polynomial time and is in P,

Two factors dominate the time spent sorting by comparing keys.

1. The number of comparisons made, and
2. The amount of data moved

When an algorithm requires duplicating the records, space complexity can become an issue too.

- Some comparison-based sorting algorithms have  $O(n^2)$  worst case time complexity. For example: bubble, insertion, and selection sorts.
- Other comparison-based sorting algorithms have  $O(n \lg n)$  worst case time complexity. For example: merge and heap sorts.
- Quick-sort is famous for almost always being fastest, but in some races it does not win.

*Sentinels:* To terminate a sort, some algorithms benefit from *sentinels* at an ends of records ( $A[0]$  or  $A[n + 1]$ ). Sentinels are typically below or above every valid value.

*Comparison sorts:* The most common sorts require comparing keys. The lower bound time complexity for comparison sorts is  $\Omega(n \lg n)$ .

*Sorts without Compares:* Time complexity can be reduced when data properties are known. There are several algorithms that sort in  $O(n)$  time without comparing keys. For example, counting, radix, and bin sorts.

*Internal and External Sorts:* Sorting algorithms can also be classified by the size of the file to be sorted. Internal sorting processes files that fit into main memory. External sorting processes files too large to fit in main memory. The files are stored in external memory: magnetic tapes, disk, or on a network (in the cloud).

*Stability:* A sorting algorithm is *stable* if it preserves relative order of equal keys. For example, if an alphabetized file of names is sorted by salary, those names with the same salary will remain in alphabetical order.

## Sorting Algorithms

The following algorithms are presented and analyzed in these notes.

- Bubble Sort
- Insertion Sort
- Selection Sort
- Shell Sort
- Merge Sort
- Quick-sort
- Heap Sort
- Counting Sort
- Radix Sort
- Bucket (Bin) Sort

Some nice demonstrations of several sorting algorithms can be found [at this external site](#). [Know thy complexities!](#) Below is a list of sorting algorithms and their complexities. I found it [here](#). The value  $n$  is the length of the list (number of keys in the file) to be sorted.

I don't know Timsort, perhaps you can educate me. See [Algorithmics](#) on 261.

Algorithm	Time Complexity			Space Complexity
	Best	Average	Worst	Worst
Quicksort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log(n))$
Mergesort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Timsort	$O(n)$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n)$
Heapsort	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(n \log(n))$	$O(1)$
Bubble Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion Sort	$O(n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Selection Sort	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Shell Sort	$O(n)$	$O((n \log(n))^2)$	$O((n \log(n))^2)$	$O(1)$
Bucket Sort	$O(n + k)$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$
Radix Sort	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(nk)$	$O(n + k)$

## Bubble Sort

The heuristic is: Repeatedly pass through the records exchanging adjacent elements that are out of order. When no exchanges are

A main takeaway from the following notes should be: Small case analysis can lead to general expressions and understanding.

Bubble sort is infamous for being clear but slow. Although bubble sort is maligned, it is a useful example to learn about algorithm analysis.

needed the list is sorted. The insight for bubblesort is the bubble function that maps a list into a tuple containing a *bubbled* list and a Boolean flag indicating whether an exchange was made or not.

### Bubble

Before learning to sort, learn to bubble. The bubble function will move the smallest value in a list to the head.

#### Listing 16: Functional Bubbling

A pattern for defining a function is shown in the code outline.

104a  $\langle \text{Bubble smallest to head 104a} \rangle \equiv$   
      $\langle \text{Define the function's type 104b} \rangle$   
      $\langle \text{Define base computations 104c} \rangle$   
      $\langle \text{Define the recursion 104d} \rangle$

The bubble function maps a list  $[a]$  of values from a totally ordered set to an ordered pair: A permutation of the input list and a Boolean flag that signals if the input was changed or not. Not explicit in the type declaration is the post condition: The smallest value in the input list is the head of the output list.

104b  $\langle \text{Define the function's type 104b} \rangle \equiv$   
      $\text{bubble} :: \text{Ord } a \Rightarrow [a] \rightarrow ([a], \text{Bool})$

As base cases, the empty list and a singleton are sorted and need no bubbling or changes to the list.

104c  $\langle \text{Define base computations 104c} \rangle \equiv$   
      $\text{bubble } [] = ([], \text{False})$   
      $\text{bubble } [x] = ([x], \text{False})$

Otherwise, on a longer list  $(x:xs)$ , there are two objectives: Permute the input, if necessary, so its smallest value becomes the head of the list. And, record whether or not the input list was changed.

To bubble the smallest value to the head in a list  $(x:xs)$ , bubble the tail  $xs$  returning a permuted list  $(y:ys)$  where  $y$  is the smallest value in  $xs$ . If the permutation is the identity, the changed flag is `False`, otherwise `changed = True`.

Now that  $x$  and  $y$  are the two smallest values in  $(x:xs)$ , they can be ordered, setting and returning the changed flag appropriately.

104d  $\langle \text{Define the recursion 104d} \rangle \equiv$   
      $\text{bubble } (x:xs) =$   
          $\text{let } (y:ys, \text{changed}) = \text{bubble } xs$   
          $\text{in if } x > y$   
              $\text{then } (y:x:ys, \text{True})$   
              $\text{else } (x:y:ys, \text{changed})$

Inductive and equational reasoning is useful here. Trace the executions

- $\text{bubble } [2, 5] =$ 
  - $\text{let } ([5], \text{False}) = \text{bubble } [5]$
  - $\text{in if } 2 > 5$
  - $\text{then } ([2, 5], \text{False})$
- $\text{bubble } [7, 2, 5] =$ 
  - $\text{let } ([2, 5], \text{False}) = \text{bubble } [2, 5]$
  - $\text{in if } 7 > 2$
  - $\text{else } ([2, 7, 5], \text{True})$
- $\text{bubble } [4, 7, 2, 5] =$ 
  - $\text{let } ([2, 7, 5], \text{True}) = \text{bubble } [7, 2, 5]$
  - $\text{in if } 4 > 2$
  - $\text{then } ([2, 4, 7, 5], \text{True})$

**Convince yourself:** One call to `bubble zs` places the smallest value in `zs` at the head of the list.

A second call to `bubble zs` places the next smallest value in `zs` in the second position of the list.

Each sub-sequence call places another value in its correct position.

It may or may not be clear that the time complexity of bubble is



$O(n)$  where  $n$  is the length of the input list.

The algorithm shows when bubble is called on a list of size  $n$ , it recursively calls itself on a list of size  $n - 1$ . The additional work takes constant time: Comparing  $x$  and  $y$ ; and inserting values into the head head of  $ys$ . The time complexity of bubble can be described by the recurrence

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + c, \quad T(0) = c$$

Which has solution

$$T(n) = c(n + 1) = O(n)$$

Now bubble can be used repeated to sort a list.

#### Listing 17: Functional Bubble Sort

105a

```

⟨Functional bubble sort 105a⟩≡
bubble_sort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
bubble_sort xs =
    let (zs, changed) = bubble xs
    in if changed
        then bubble_sort zs
        else zs

```

Each call to bubble places at least one element where it belongs. Therefore, bubble\_sort will be called at most  $n$  times on a list of length  $n$ .

- In the best case, bubble\_sort xs calls bubble xs which returns (zs, False), and bubble\_sort immediately returns zs. In this case the time complexity is  $T(n) = c(n + 1)$ .
- In the worst case, bubble xs returns (zs, True) each of  $n - 1$  times and (zs, False) on the last pass. In this case, the time cost is  $T(n) = cn(n + 1) = O(n^2)$

Here is an imperative implementation of bubble sort. It is naive in that it does not halt once it determines the array is sorted

#### Listing 18: Imperative Bubble Sort

105b

```

⟨Bubble sort: C version 105b⟩≡
#include <stdio.h>

void bubblesort(int A[], int n)
{
    int tmp; // for swapping
    for (int i = n-1; i > 0; i-) {
        for (int j = 1; j <= i; j++) {
            if (A[j-1] > A[j]) {
                tmp = A[j-1];

```

By induction: If  $T(n) = c(n + 1)$ , then  $T(0) = c = (0 + 1)c$ . And, by substitution,  $T(n - 1) = cn$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Therefore, the equation  $T(n) = c(n + 1) = cn + c = T(n - 1) + c$  is satisfied.

```

        A[j-1] = A[j];
        A[j] = tmp;
    }
}
}
}

int main () {
    int A[10] = {21, 8, 13, 55, 34, 5, 3, 2, 0, 1};
    bubblesort(A, 10);
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        printf("A[%d] = %d \n", i, A[i]);
    }
}

```

### *Bubble Sort – Analysis of Complexity*

- Bubble sort uses about  $n^2/2$  compares and  $n^2/2$  data exchanges in the worst and average cases.
- The comparison  $A[j-1] > A[j]$  is always executed inside the for loops on  $i$  and  $j$ . The cost of the compares can be calculated using summation notation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^i 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \binom{n}{2}$$

Bubble sort always makes  $O(n^2)$  compares.

- In the worst case for swaps, the file is in reverse order, and  $O(n^2)$  swaps are required.
- In the best case for swaps, the file is in sorted order, and no swaps are required.
- In the average case for swaps, we need the probability that the if test evaluates to True.

#### **Example: Bubble sort operations**

*Consider the six permutations of  $\{2, 4, 7\}$ . Pretend each permutation of the keys occurs with equal likelihood  $1/6$ .*

$i = 2$ $j = 1$		$i = 2$ $j = 2$		$i = 1$ $j = 1$		
order	swaps	reorder	swaps	reorder	swaps	reorder
2 5 7	0		0		0	
2 7 5	0		1	2 5 7	0	
5 2 7	1	2 5 7	0		0	
5 7 2	0		1	5 2 7	1	2 5 7
7 2 5	1	2 7 5	1	2 5 7	0	
7 5 2	1	5 7 2	1	5 2 7	1	2 5 7
$P(\text{swap}) = \frac{1}{2}$		$P(\text{swap}) = \frac{2}{3}$		$P(\text{swap}) = \frac{1}{3}$		

There are  $(3+4+2) = 9$  swaps for the 6 cases. The average number of swaps is

$$\frac{9}{6} = \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3(3-1)}{4} = \frac{n(n-1)}{4}$$

Let's see if this example provides the general rule.

- On the first pass of the outer loop  $i = (n - 1)$  and  $j = 1, \dots, (n - 1)$ . the if test will be True at any given  $1 \leq j \leq i$  if and only if

$$\max\{A[0], A[1], \dots, A[j-1]\} > A[j]$$

- This will be True if the largest value from the set

$$\{A[0], A[1], \dots, A[j]\}$$

is in any of the first  $j$  of  $j+1$  positions

- Therefore, the probability that the if test evaluates to True, during the first pass on  $i=n-1$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, (n - 1)$  is

$$\frac{j}{j+1} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}$$

- On the next pass of the outer loop  $i = (n - 2)$  and the if test will be True if and only if

$$\max\{A[0], A[1], \dots, A[j-1]\} > A[j]$$

and

$$\max\{A'[0], A'[1], \dots, A'[j]\} > A'[j+1]$$

where the primed values refer to the original array values

- The probability that the if test evaluates to True on this second pass is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{j+1}{j+2} \cdot \frac{j}{j+1} &= \frac{j}{j+2} \\ &= \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{4}, \frac{3}{5}, \dots, \frac{n-2}{n} \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n-2 \end{aligned}$$

- In general, the probability that the if test evaluates to True on the  $k^{\text{th}}$  pass  $k = 1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$  where  $i = n - k$  is

$$\frac{j}{j+k}, \quad \text{for } j = 1, \dots, n-k$$

- Average case cost is computed by the formula

$$\sum_{\text{all cases}} \text{Prob}(\text{case}) \cdot \text{Work}(\text{case})$$

- The average number of swaps is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{j}{j+(n-i)}(1) &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{4} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{n} \left| \begin{array}{l} i = n-1, j = 1, \dots, (n-1) \\ i = n-2, j = 1, \dots, (n-2) \\ i = n-3, j = 1, \dots, (n-3) \\ \vdots \\ i = 2, j = 1, 2 \\ i = 1, j = 1 \end{array} \right. \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}(1+2) + \frac{1}{4}(1+2+3) + \dots + \frac{1}{n}(1+2+3+\dots+(n-1)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{2 \cdot 3}{2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{3 \cdot 4}{2} \right) + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1+2+3+\dots+(n-1)) \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

## Exercises

1. Consider the insertion sort algorithm below. Assume  $A[0]$  is a *sentinel*, smaller every other element in the array.

### Listing 19: Imperative Insertion sort

```
108  <Insertion sort 108>≡
    void InsertionSort(int A[], int n)
    {
        int i, j, v;
        for (i = 2; i < n; i++) {
            v = A[i];
            j = i;
            while (A[j-1] > v) {
                A[j] = A[j-1];
                j = j - 1;
            }
        }
    }
```

```
        A[j] = v;  
    }  
}
```

- (a) Compute the average number of comparisons (executions of the while loop) on the 6 permutations of  $\{0, 2, 5, 7\}$ , where 0 is held fixed as the first element, the sentinel. Construct a table, similar to the table in example to show your computations.
- (b) Find a general formula for the average number of comparisons in the inserttion sort algorithm.



## 11. Insertion Sort

### Insertion Sort

It is said that insertion sort is how many sort a hand of cards. An empty hand is sorted. A single, first card, is sorted. As every other card is dealt, insert it into the previously sorted hand.

The functional `insertion_sort` code below uses a helper function to perform the insertion.

#### Listing 20: Functional Insertion Sort

```
111a  <Functional insertion sort 111a>≡
      insertion_sort      :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
      insertion_sort []   = []
      insertion_sort [x]  = [x]
      insertion_sort (x:xs) = insert (insertion_sort xs)
        where insert [] = [x]
              insert (y:ys) | x <= y    = x : y : ys
                           | otherwise = y : insert ys
```

An imperative implementation is given below. It assumes a *sentinel*, `A[0]`, that is smaller every other element in the array. The invariant of the algorithm is that after the *i*th step, the array `A[0..i]` is sorted.

#### Listing 21: Imperative Insertion sort

```
111b  <Insertion sort 111b>≡
      void InsertionSort(int A[], int n) {
        int i, j, v;
        for (i = 2; i < n; i++) {
          v = A[i];
          j = i;
          while (A[j-1] > v) {
            A[j] = A[j-1];
            j = j - 1;
          }
          A[j] = v;
        }
      }
```

To insertion sort a list `x:xs`,

- Insertion sort the tail `xs`.
- Insert `x` at the head if it is smaller than the head of the insertion sorted list `(y:ys)`.
- Otherwise, leave `y` as the head of the sorted list and insert `x` in the tail `ys`.

```

    }
}
```

### Insertion Sort – Analysis of Complexity

The time complexity of the imperative algorithm can be computed using these observations:

- The outer for loop on  $i$  is executed  $n - 1$  times
- There are two initial assignment in this outer loop, a while loop, and a final assignment
- The comparison in the while loop Boolean expression may execute as many as  $i$  times and as few as 0 times
- In the *best case* (the data is sorted in ascending order), insertion sort will execute  $3n - 3$  assignments and  $n - 1$  tests of the Boolean expression in the while loop. Thus, the time complexity is  $O(n)$
- In the *worst case* (the data is in descending order), the while loop executes  $i$  times making  $i$  evaluations of the Boolean expression and 2 assignments on each pass of the loop. This occurs for every value of  $i$  from 2 to  $n$ , thus the total complexity is

$$3n - 3 + \sum_{i=2}^n 3i = 3n - 3 + 3 \left[ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} - 1 \right]$$

The time complexity is  $O(n^2)$

- For the *average case*, we need the probability that  $k$  compares are made in the while test for  $k = 1$  to  $i$
- For given  $k = 1, \dots, i$  there will be  $k$  compares if and only if

$$A[i-1] > A[i], A[i-2] > A[i], \dots, A[i-k+1] > A[i]$$

and

$$A[i-k] \leq A[i]$$

- That is,  $A[i]$  is the  $k$ th largest element in the array

$$A[1], A[2], \dots, A[i-1], A[i]$$

- The probability of this is  $1/i$ : There is one out of  $i$  positions to place the  $k$ th largest element



- Thus the average number of comparisons is

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{k=1}^i \frac{1}{i}(k) &= \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i+1}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{4} - \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

- The average case complexity is  $O(n^2)$

#### Example: Insertion sort operations

i = 2	order	compares	reordered	i = 3	compares
	0 2 5 7	1			1
	0 2 7 5	1			2
	0 5 2 7	2	0 2 5 7		1
	0 5 7 2	1			3
	0 7 2 5	2	0 2 7 5		2
	0 7 5 2	2	0 5 7 2		3

For  $i = 2$ , there is  $\frac{2}{6}$  comparisons, on average

For  $i = 3$ , there are  $\frac{12}{6}$  comparisons, on average

The average number of comparisons, over all  $i$ , is

$$21/6 = 7/2 = \frac{(3+1)(3+2)}{4} - \frac{3}{2} = 5 - \frac{3}{2}$$

### Exercises

1. Consider the selection sort algorithm below. Explain the code and analyze its time complexity.

#### Listing 22: Functional Selection Sort

```

113 <Functional Selection sort 113>≡
    select_sort :: (Ord a) => [a] -> [a]
    select_sort [] = []
    select_sort xs = let x = maximum xs
                      in select_sort (remove x xs) ++ [x]
    where remove _ [] = []
          remove a (x:xs)
            | x == a    = xs
            | otherwise = x : remove a xs

```

2. Consider the selection sort algorithm below.

## Listing 23: Imperative selection sort

```
114  <Imperative selection sort 114>≡  
    void selectionsort(int A[], int n)  
    {  
        int i, j, min;  
        for (i = 1; i < n; i++) {  
            min = i;  
            for (j = i+1; j < n; j++) {  
                if (A[j] < A[min]) {  
                    min = j;  
                    swap(A[min], A[i]);  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }
```

- (a) Compute the average number of swaps on the 6 permutations of {2, 5, 7}. Construct a table, similar to the table in example to show your computations.
- (b) Find a general formula for the average number of comparisons in the insertion sort algorithm.

## *12. Sorting – Part 2*

Here are some additional notes on sorting.

# Sorting — Getting it Straight

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You can download a postscript version of this file (which is prettier) at

<http://www.cs.fit.edu/%7Ewds/classes/cse5081/Sort/sort.ps>

## 1 Sorting

If you've studied the course notes on recursion, you've seen the mergesort and quicksort algorithms. Mergesort sorts by *insertion*, while quicksort sorts by *exchange*. These, along with *selection* other general sorting techniques that have many implementations.

**Sorting by Insertion:** items are considered one at a time and inserted into the appropriate position relative to the previously considered items.

**Sorting by Exchange:** when two items are found to be out of order, they are exchanged, and the process repeated until no more exchanges are needed.

**Sorting by Selection:** the smallest (largest) item is found and placed first (last), then the next smallest (largest) is selected, and so on.

**Sorting by Distribution:** Each item is compared with each of the others. Counting the number of smaller items determines the position of the item.

We want to describe some algorithms belonging to each time and determine their time and space complexities. Before we begin, let's list a few ideas and terms that should be known.

1. We want to sort a *file of records*. A **Record** class could be defined as:

```
2  ⟨A Record 2⟩≡
    public class Record {
        Key key;
        Data satellite;
    }
```

2. The “file” of records will most often be implemented as an array, but “linked list” may be better for some sorts; and sometimes a file may be too large to fit in primary memory.
  - An internal sort algorithm assumes the file will fit into main memory, when the file must reside on tape or disk, an *external* sort is used.
  - Most of the sorts we consider are only appropriate for internal sorts.
  - Let  $n$  denote the number of records in the file to be sorted.
3. Each record contains a *key*  $k_i$ ,  $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$ .
4. The record may also contain *satellite data*, not related to the sorting problem, but perhaps to complexity if it must be moved frequently.
5. There is an *ordering relation* “ $<$ ” on the keys with the following properties holds for keys  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ :
  - (a) One of:  $a < b$ ,  $a = b$ , or  $a > b$  (the *trichotomy* property).
  - (b) If  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ , then  $a < c$  (the *transitivity* property).

Such an order relation is called a *total* or *linear* order.

6. The goal is to find a permutation  $\pi(0), \pi(1), \dots, \pi(n - 1)$  such that

$$k_{\pi(0)} \leq k_{\pi(1)} \leq \dots \leq k_{\pi(n-1)}.$$

7. A sorting algorithm is *stable* if it preserves relative order of equal keys, that is

$$\pi(i) < \pi(j) \quad \text{whenever} \quad k_{\pi(i)} = k_{\pi(j)} \quad \text{and} \quad i < j$$

Consider a file of employees sorted by name. A stable re-sort based on salary will leave all making the same salary sorted alphabetically.

8. The running time complexity is dominated by the number of comparisons and the number of record swaps.
9. *Comparison based* sorts on sequential computers have a lower bound time complexity of  $\Omega(n \lg n)$ . Sorts that do rely on properties of the keys may sort more quickly.
10. Many algorithms use *sentinels* at the ends (values such  $k_0 = -\infty$  or  $k_{n-1} = \infty$ ) of the arrays to simplify logic and avoid infinite loops.
11. We’ll demonstrate the sorts by using the 16 numbers chosen at random by Don Knuth on March 19, 1963.

503 087 512 061 908 170 897 275 653 426 154 509 612 677 765 703

## 2 Sorting by Insertion

We will look at straight insertion sort, binary insertion, and Shell's sort as examples of insertion sorting. Don Knuth [3] text on searching and sorting provides an in-depth coverage of these algorithms.

### 2.1 Straight insertion sort

Given an array  $k_1, \dots, k_{n-1}$  of  $n - 1$  keys we want to rearrange the items so that they are in ascending order. Assume a *sentinel* key  $k_0 = -\infty$  that is smaller than all other elements in the array.

Assume that for some  $j \geq 1$

$$k_0 \leq \dots \leq k_j$$

have been rearranged so they are in ascending order, and now we want to insert  $k_{j+1}$  into its correct position. We compare  $k_{j+1}$  with  $k_j, k_{j-1}, \dots$  in turn until we find the correct position for  $k_{j+1}$ . The `insertionSort()` algorithm below performs these steps, but first let's consider an example.

The colon below separates the already sorted keys from the key to be inserted. The  $\uparrow$  indicates where this key should be inserted. Note the sample array is indexed 0 through 16 to hold the 16 values and the sentinel.

---

$i = 2$	$-\infty$	$\uparrow$	503	:	087	2 compares														
$i = 3$	$-\infty$		087	503	$\uparrow$	:	512	1 compare												
$i = 4$	$-\infty$	$\uparrow$	087	503	512	:	061	4 compares												
$i = 5$	$-\infty$		061	087	503	512	$\uparrow$ :	908	b1 compare											
$i = 6$	$-\infty$		061	087	$\uparrow$	503	512	908	:	170	4 compares									
			$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$										
$i = 16$	$-\infty$		061	087	154	170	275	426	503	509	512	612	653	677	$\uparrow$	765	897	908	:	703
	$-\infty$		061	087	154	170	275	426	503	509	512	612	653	677	703	765	897	908		

---

5  $\langle \text{Straight Insertion Sort } 5 \rangle \equiv$

```

public void insertionSort (Record[] record) {
    for (int i = 2; i < record.length; i++) {
        Record r = record[i];
        int key = record[i].key;
        int j = i;
        while (record[j-1].key > key) {
            record[j] = record[j-1];
            --j;
        }
        record[j] = r;
    }
}

```

It should be clear that `insertionSort()` only uses a few extra registers and so has constant space complexity  $S(n) = O(1)$ . The running time  $T(n)$  is also easy to determine, but this is our first **while** loop to analyze.

### 2.1.1 Best and worst running times of straight insertion sort

The comparison in the **while** loop Boolean condition may execute only once (when  $\text{key}[i-1] = \text{key}[j-1] \leq v = \text{key}[i]$ ), or as many as  $i$  times (when  $\text{key}[i-1] \geq \text{key}[i-2] \geq \dots \geq \text{key}[1] > v = \text{key}[i]$  and  $\text{key}[0] < v$ ).

In the *best case* the data is already sorted in ascending order, and insertion sort will execute  $n - 2$  comparisons (one for each  $i = 2$  to  $\text{key.length} - 1 = n - 1$ ). It will also execute  $2(n - 2)$  record assignments:  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{record}[i]$  and  $\mathbf{record}[j] = \mathbf{r}$ . Thus,

$$T_{\text{insertionSort}()}(n) = \Omega(n).$$

In the *worst case* the data is sorted in descending order, and the **while** loop executes  $i$  times for each  $i$ . Thus, the number of comparisons is

$$\sum_{i=2}^{n-1} i = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - 1 = O(n^2),$$

and the number of record assignments is

$$\sum_{i=2}^{n-1} i + 2(n-2) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} + 2n - 5 = O(n^2).$$

Thus,

$$T_{\text{insertionSort}()}(n) = O(n^2).$$



### 2.1.2 Average running times of straight insertion sort

Now let's try something new and reason about the *average case* complexity of straight insertion sort. You may want to take a detour here and read some general remarks on how one goes about determining average case complexities.

For the *average case time complexity*, we need the probability ( $P(j)$ ) that  $j$  compares are made in the **while** test where  $j$  can take any of the values from  $j = 1$  to  $j = i$ . Recall that  $k_0, k_1, \dots, k_{i-1}$  are in sorted ascending order when we are inserting  $k_i$  into the list.

- For  $j = 1$  compare, it must be that  $k_i \geq k_{i-1}$ , therefore  $k_i$  is greater than (or equal) all previous keys. Out of the  $i!$  permutations of the values  $k_1, \dots, k_i$  there are  $(i-1)!$  where the largest is last. Thus,

$$P(1) = \frac{(i-1)!}{i!} = \frac{1}{i}$$

- For  $j = 2$  compares, it must be that  $k_i < k_{i-1}$  but  $k_i \geq k_{i-2}$ , therefore  $k_i$  is greater than (or equal) to all but one of the previous keys. Out of the  $i!$  permutations of the values  $k_1, \dots, k_i$  there are  $(i-1)!$  where the second largest is last. Thus,

$$P(2) = \frac{(i-1)!}{i!} = \frac{1}{i}$$

- In general, for  $j$  compares, it must be that

$$k_{i-1} > k_i, k_{i-2} > k_i, \dots, k_{i-j+1} > k_i,$$

or equivalently,

$$(k_{i-1}, k_{i-2}, \dots, k_{i-j+1}) > k_i$$

and

$$k_{i-j} \leq k_i.$$

That is,  $k_i$  is the  $j$ th largest element in the array

$$k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{i-1}, k_i.$$

Another way to say this is: the *rank* of  $k_i$  is  $i - j + 1$ , where by *rank* we mean the number of keys less than or equal to it in the set

$$\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{i-1}, k_i\}.$$

- The probability of  $j$  compares is

$$P(j) = \frac{1}{i}.$$

There is one out of  $i$  positions to place the  $j$ th largest element in the last position.

Thus, the average number of comparisons is

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^i \frac{1}{i}(j) &= \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i+1}{2} \\ &= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{4} - \frac{3}{2}\end{aligned}$$

The average case complexity of straight insertion is

$$T_{\text{average}}(n) = O(n^2).$$

## 2.2 Binary insertion

When inserting the  $i$ th record in straight insertion sort key  $k_i$  is compared with about  $\frac{1}{2}i$  of the previous sorted records. From the study of binary search techniques we know that only about  $\lg i$  compares need to be made to determine where to insert an item into a sorted list. Binary insertion was mentioned by John Mauchly in 1946 in the first published discussion of computer sorting.

## 2.3 Shell's sort

Another variant of insertion sorting was proposed by Donald Shell in 1959 that allows insertion of items that are far apart with few comparisons. The idea is to pick an increment, call it  $h$ , and rearrange the file of records so that every  $h$ th element is correctly sorted. Then decrease the increment  $h$  and repeat. This continues until  $h = 1$ . The diminishing sequence of increments

$$\dots, 1093, 364, 121, 40, 13, 4, 1$$

where  $h_k = 3h_{k-1} + 1$ ,  $h_0 = 1$ , works well in practice. From empirical studies it has been found that

$$T(n) = 1.66n^{1.25} \quad \text{or} \quad T(n) = 0.33n(\ln n)^2 - 1.26n$$

model the running time of Shell's sort for this diminishing sequence of increment.

When the increment is

$$h = 2^k - 1 \quad \text{and} \quad k = \lfloor \lg n \rfloor, 15, 7, 3, 1$$

Shell's sort has running time  $O(n^{3/2})$ . A general analysis of Shell's sort is difficult.

The code below comes from Kernighan and Ritchie [2].

```

7  <Shell's sort 7>≡
    void shellsort}(int v[], int} n)
    {
        int} gap, i, j, temp;

        for (gap = n/2; gap > 0; gap /=2)
            for (i = gap; i < n; i ++)
                for (j=i-gap; j >= 0 && v[j] > v[j+gap]; j-=gap) {
                    temp = v[j];
                    v[j] = v[j+gap];
                    v[j+gap] = temp;
                }
    }

```

Defines:  
**shellsort**, never used.

### 3 Sorting by Exchange

We will now study exchange sorts that transpose records when they are found to be out of order. We will study bubblesort and mention cocktail shaker sort. Neither of these is particularly efficient, but bubble sort does provide an interesting analysis. So you do not go away thinking that exchange sorts are inefficient, recall that quicksort is an exchange sort, radix-exchange sorting is very efficient, and there is an interesting parallel exchange sort, known as Batchler's method.

#### 3.1 Bubblesort

Bubblesort repeatedly passes through the file exchanging adjacent records if necessary; when no exchanges are needed the file is sorted. That is, key  $k_0$  is compared with  $k_1$  and they are exchanged if out of order. Then do the same with  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , then  $k_2$  and  $k_3$ , etc. Eventually, the largest item will “bubble” to the end of the file. This is repeated to “bubble” the next largest item up to the  $n - 2$  position, and then the next largest, etc. The `bubbleSort()` algorithm below performs these steps, but first let's consider an example. The horizontal line indicates where comparisons stop. Items highlighted in bold font have bubbled up during a pass. Note the sample array is indexed 0 through 15 to hold the 16 values.

---

	pass 1	pass 2	pass 3
<u>703</u>	<b>908</b>	908	908
765	703	<b>897</b>	897
677	765	<u>703</u>	<b>765</b>
612	677	765	703
509	612	677	677
154	509	612	<b>653</b>
426	154	509	612
653	426	154	509
275	653	426	154
897	275	653	426
170	897	275	<b>512</b>
908	170	<b>512</b>	275
061	<b>512</b>	170	<b>503</b>
512	061	<b>503</b>	170
087	<b>503</b>	061	<u>87</u>
503	087	087	61
	15 compares	14 compares	

The brute force algorithm executes 15 passes in total, but we could after 9 passes since no exchanges occur after that.

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10     $\langle \textit{Bubble Sort 10} \rangle \equiv$

```
public void bubbleSort (Record[] record) {  
  for (int i = record.length; i > 1; i--) {  
    for (int j = 1; j < i; j++) {  
      if (record[j-1].key > record[j].key) {  
        record.swap(j-1, j);  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```

### 3.1.1 Analysis of bubble sort

Counting the number of *record comparisons* is easy using sums. Letting  $n = \text{record.length}$ , we know that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 1 = i - 1$$

record compares occur in the inner **for** loop. Summing this over the outer **for** loop yields

$$\sum_{i=2}^n i - 1 = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}.$$

Thus the running time of bubble sort is

$$T_{\text{bubbleSort}}(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = \Theta(n^2).$$

We can also count the number of *record exchanges* in bubble sorting. In the worst case, a swap is made for every comparison; this occurs when the file is in reverse order

$$T_{\text{swaps}}(n) = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = O(n^2).$$

In the best case, no swaps are made; this occurs when the file is already sorted.

$$T_{\text{swaps}}(n) = \Omega(1).$$

The average case analysis of record exchanges is interesting. We need the probability that the **if** test evaluates to true. We assume that the records are initially in random order and that any of the  $n!$  possible permutations of these records can occur with equal probability.

On the first pass of the outer **for** loop when  $i = \text{record.length}$ , the **if** test will be true for

- $j = 1$  if and only if  $k_0 > k_1$ , which occurs with probability  $1/2$ . As an example, either of the two arrangements:  $(1, 2)$  or  $(2, 1)$  can occur with the same probability; only the second case, when the smallest key is last, causes a swap.
- $j = 2$  if and only if  $(k_0, k_1) > k_2$ , which occurs with probability  $2/3$ ; As an example, any of the six initial arrangements:

$$(1, 2, 3), \quad (1, 3, 2), \quad (2, 1, 3), \quad (2, 3, 1), \quad (3, 1, 2), \quad (3, 2, 1)$$

can occur with the same probability ( $1/6$ ). After the first stage ( $j = 1$ ) these records will be arranged as:

$$(1, 2, 3), \quad (1, 3, 2), \quad (1, 2, 3), \quad (2, 3, 1), \quad (1, 3, 2), \quad (2, 3, 1).$$

A swap will occur only the smallest or second smallest key is last (when 3 is not last), that is 4 out of 6 times.

- $j = 3$  if and only if  $(k_0, k_1, k_2) > k_3$ , which occurs with probability  $3/4$ ;  
A swap will occur only the first, second, or third smallest key is the fourth record.

and so on.

At each stage we will be comparing the maximum of

$$k_0, k_1, \dots, k_{j-1}$$

with  $k_j$ , and for the swap to occur this maximum must be greater than  $k_j$ . We can place the largest key from

$$k_0, k_1, \dots, k_j$$

in any of the first  $j$  positions. For any of the  $j$  choices out of  $j + 1$  positions for the placement of the largest key the `if` test will be true. Thus, the probability that the `if` test evaluates to true, on the first pass, is

$$P_{\text{swap}}(i = n, j) = \frac{j}{j + 1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

Alternatively, a swap will occur for  $j$  if the first, second,  $\dots$ ,  $j$ th smallest key is in the  $j + 1$ st location. Each of these cases occur with probability  $1/(j + 1)$  and are mutually exclusive, so we find again

$$P_{\text{swap}}(i = n, j) = \frac{j}{j + 1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n - 1.$$

The first pass of the outer `for` loop alters the initial random distribution of the keys and we must account for it. Now, on the second pass, when `i=record.length-1`, the `if` test will be true for

- $j = 1$  if and only if  $k_2 < (k_0, k_1)$ , which occurs with probability  $1/3$ . As an example, any of the six initial arrangements:

$$(1, 2, 3), \quad (1, 3, 2), \quad (2, 1, 3), \quad (2, 3, 1), \quad (3, 1, 2), \quad (3, 2, 1)$$

can occur with the same probability ( $1/6$ ). However, after the first pass they will be arranged as

$$(1, 2, 3), \quad (1, 2, 3), \quad (1, 2, 3), \quad (2, 1, 3), \quad (1, 2, 3), \quad (2, 1, 3).$$

In only 2 out of 6 of these (when 2 is first [1 is second]) will a swap occur. Notice this occurs when in the initial distribution the smallest element is third.

- $j = 2$  if and only if  $k_3 < (k_0, k_1, k_2)$  or  $k_3 < (k_0, k_1)$  or  $k_3 < (k_0, k_2)$  or  $k_3 < (k_1, k_2)$ , which occurs with probability  $2/4$ . That is, the smallest or second smallest key is in the fourth position. As an example, any of the twenty-four initial arrangements:

$$(1, 2, 3, 4), \quad (1, 2, 4, 3), \quad (1, 4, 2, 3), \quad (4, 1, 2, 3)$$

$(1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 4, 2), (1, 4, 3, 2), (4, 1, 3, 2)$   
 $(2, 1, 3, 4), (2, 1, 4, 3), (2, 4, 1, 3), (4, 2, 1, 3)$   
 $(2, 3, 1, 4), (2, 3, 4, 1), (2, 4, 3, 1), (4, 2, 3, 1)$   
 $(3, 1, 2, 4), (3, 1, 4, 2), (3, 4, 1, 2), (4, 3, 1, 2)$   
 $(3, 2, 1, 4), (3, 2, 4, 1), (3, 4, 2, 1), (4, 3, 2, 1)$

are possible. After the first pass on  $i = n$  they will be arranged as

$(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), (2, 1, 3, 4), (2, 1, 3, 4)$   
 $(2, 1, 3, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4), (3, 1, 2, 4), (3, 1, 2, 4)$   
 $(2, 1, 3, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4), (3, 2, 1, 4), (3, 2, 1, 4)$

Then after the first stage on  $j = 1$

$(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4), (1, 3, 2, 4)$   
 $(1, 2, 3, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4), (2, 3, 1, 4)$

Thus the compare **record**[1] > **record**[2] will be true 12 out of 24 times.

- $j = 3$  if and only if the first, second, or third smallest key is in the fifth position, which occurs with probability  $3/5$ ;

and so on.

For  $i = n - 1$ , a swap will occur for  $j$  if the first, second,  $\dots$ ,  $j$ th smallest key is in the  $j + 2$ st location. Each of these cases occur with probability  $1/(j + 2)$  and are mutually exclusive, so we find

$$P_{\text{swap}}(i = n - 1, j) = \frac{j}{j + 2}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n - 2.$$

In general, the probability that the **if** test evaluates to true on the  $(n - i + 1)$ th pass is

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\text{swap}}(i = n - k, j) &= \frac{j}{j + k + 1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, n - k - 1 \\
 &= \frac{j}{j + n - i + 1}, \quad j = 1, \dots, i - 1
 \end{aligned}$$



And the average number of swaps is

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{j}{j+n-i+1}$$

This sum can be expanded explicitly as

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} \frac{1}{2} & + & \frac{2}{3} & + & \frac{3}{4} & + & \cdots & + & \frac{n-1}{n} \\ & & \frac{1}{3} & + & \frac{2}{4} & + & \cdots & + & \frac{n-2}{n} \\ & & & & \frac{1}{4} & + & \cdots & + & \frac{n-3}{n} \\ & & & & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & & & & + & \frac{1}{n} \end{array}$$

or, rearranging terms:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}(1+2) + \frac{1}{4}(1+2+3) + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}\left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(1+2+\cdots+(n-1)) \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{4} \end{aligned}$$

### 3.2 Cocktail shaker sort

A refinement of bubble sort is to reverse direction on each pass of bubble sort. This leads to a slight improvement on bubble sort but not to an extent that it becomes better than straight insertion sort.

## 4 Sorting by selection

As a last general sorting methodology we will study selection sorts that select the smallest (or largest) key, output them, and then repeat. In particular, we will study straight selection sort, tree sort, and heapsort.

### 4.1 Straight selection sort

Find the smallest key and transfer it to output (or the first location in the file). Repeat this step with the next smallest key, and continue. Notice after  $i$  steps, the records from location 0 to  $i-1$  will be sorted.

In the example, the current smallest value is highlighted in bold font as the values are scanned from left to right.

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503	<b>087</b>	512	<b>061</b>	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703
061	<b>087</b>	512	503	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703

061 087 **512 503** 908 **170** 897 275 653 426 **154** 509 612 677 765 703

061 087 154 **503** 908 **170** 897 275 653 426 512 509 612 677 765 703

and so on.

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15  $\langle$ *Straight selection sort* 15 $\rangle \equiv$

```
public void selectionSort(Record[] record) {  
    for (int i = 0; i < record.length; i++) {  
        int min = i;  
        for (int j = i+1; j < record.length; j++) {  
            if (record[j].key < record[min].key) min = j;  
        }  
        Swap (record[min], record[i]);  
    }  
}
```

### 4.1.1 Analysis of straight selection sort

In all cases, the number of comparisons made by straight selection sort is

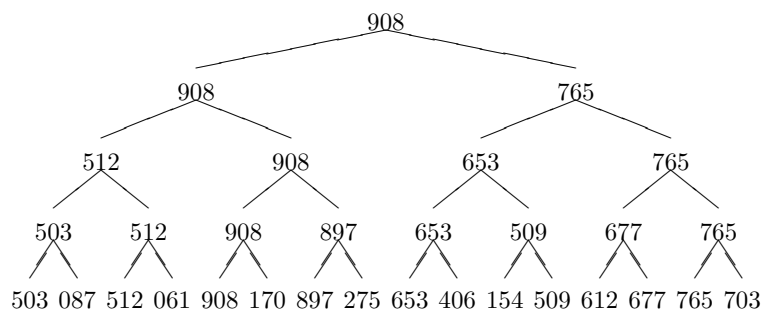
$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^{n-1} 1 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (n-i-1) \\ &= \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \\ &= \Theta(n^2). \end{aligned}$$

Straight selection sort always makes  $n - 1 = \Theta(n)$  swaps. Since there are always a linear number of swaps, selection sort may be the best method when the records are large and expensive to move.

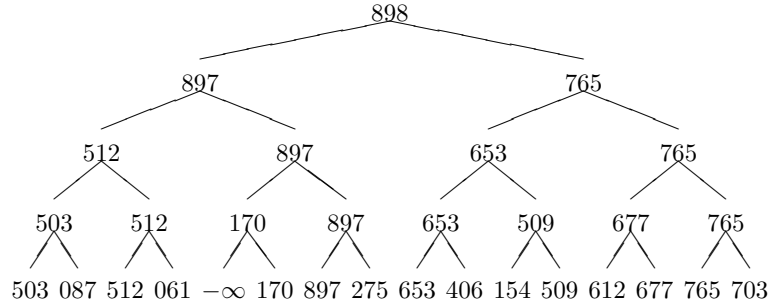
## 4.2 Tree selection

Tree selection compares keys two at a time raising the smaller up a level in a binary tree. The record with the smallest key eventually moves to the root where it is output. This is similar to a tournament where players rise to the top of the bracket as they continue to win. Keys are compared in pairs and the larger (smaller) of each pair promoted. These promoted keys are compared in pairs and again the larger (smaller) is promoted. This continues until the largest (smallest) key is found.

Here's the tournament tree for our sample data.



Once the largest item is removed at most  $\lceil \lg n \rceil$  comparisons are needed to pick the next largest number and fix-up the tree. That is, we need only follow one path from the leaf where the root came from back to the root of the tree.



It follows we need space of order  $S(n) = O(n)$  for storing the output and pointers to the original leaf of the keys. And it follows that tree selection has running time

$$T(n) = \Theta(n \lg n).$$

To see this note:

1. In setting up the original tree,  $n/2$  compares are made at the leaves;  $n/4$  compares at the next level up (down?); then  $n/8$  compares and so on until the final 1 compare needed to determine the root. Summing these up we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{8} + \cdots + 1 &= n \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^k} \right) \\
 &= n \left[ \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{k+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} - 1 \right] \\
 &= n - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

are needed to create the tree (it should be clear that this is the number of games needed to select the best of  $n$  players).

2. And then each time we select the next best (largest) key it will require  $O(\lg n)$  comparisons to fix-up the tree. Since we do this  $n - 1$  times, the running time is “log-linear.”

The importance of tree sort is that it generalizes to an important algorithm: *heapsort*.

### 4.3 Heapsort

*Heapsort* was invented by J. W. J. Williams in 1964 and Robin Floyd suggested several efficient implements in the same year. Heaps can be used for *priority queues*, a data structure where the *largest*, i.e., *highest priority* item is always first. Priority queues need not be completely sorted, but it should be easy (*efficient*) to support the following operations on a priority queue:

- *Construct* a priority queue from  $n$  items
- *Find* the highest priority item
- *Remove* the highest priority item
- *Insert* a new item
- *Delete* an item

The *heap* data structure for implementing priority queues is a *left-complete binary tree* with the *heap property*. That is, a heap is a binary tree which is completely filled at all levels except possibly the last, which is filled from left to right and the key in each node is larger than (or equal to) the keys of its children.

A complete binary tree of height  $h$  has  $2^h - 1$  internal nodes and  $2^h$  external (leaf nodes), or a total of  $n = 2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes. The number of leaf nodes in a left-complete binary tree of height  $h$  lies between  $2^{h-1}$  and  $2^h$ , and the number of internal nodes lies between  $2^{h-1}$  and  $2^h - 1$ . The total number of nodes in a left-complete binary trees lies between

$$2^h \leq n \leq 2^{h+1} - 1.$$

When the left and right subtrees of a left-complete binary tree are both complete they each contain  $2^h - 1$  nodes. When the left subtree is complete to height  $h - 1$ , but the right subtree is complete only to height  $h - 2$ , the left subtree contains  $2^h - 1$  nodes and the right contains  $2^{h-1} - 1$  nodes. That is, the total number of nodes is

$$n = 2^h + 2^{h-1} - 2 = 3 \cdot 2^{h-1} - 2$$

and the left subtree contains roughly

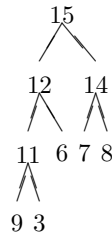
$$\frac{2}{3}n = \frac{2}{3}(3 \cdot 2^{h-1} - 2) = 2^h - 4/3$$

of the nodes.

A heap can be stored in an array, indexed from 1, where node  $j$  has left child in position  $2j$  and and right child in position  $2j + 1$ . The parent of node  $j$  is in position  $\lfloor j/2 \rfloor$ . For example

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	15	12	14	11	6	7	8	9	3

The value 15 is stored in root node 1 and it has left child at node 2 (value 12) and right child at node 3 (value 14). The complete heap is shown below.

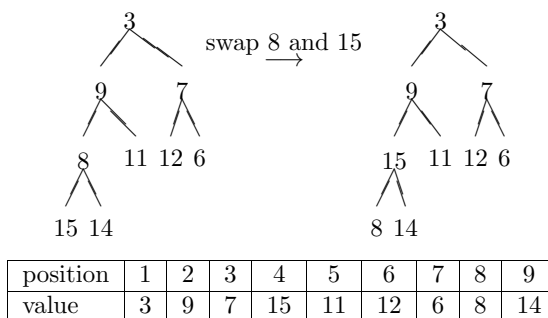


### 4.3.1 Heapifying an array

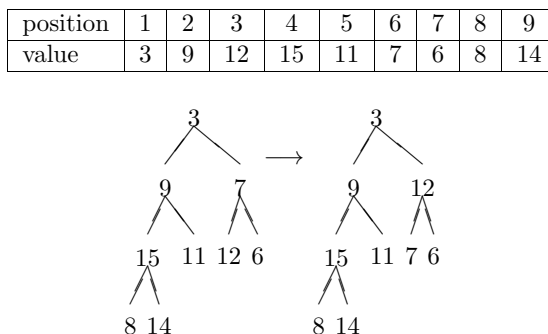
Let's pretend we are given an array to *heapify*, say

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	3	9	7	8	11	12	6	15	14

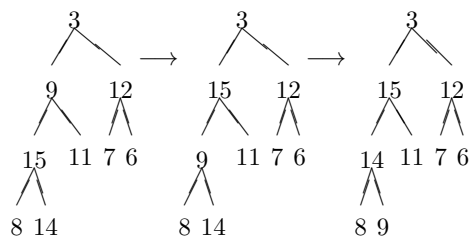
We can start in the middle of the array (at the bottom level of the tree), with the node at position  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor = \lfloor 9/2 \rfloor = 4$ , and, if necessary, exchange the larger value from its two children with its value.



Moving left one position in the array, we heapify the tree at this position. Note moving left in the array corresponds to moving right-to-left, then up one level in the tree.



And continue the process, filtering down smaller values. Here's what happens at node 2.

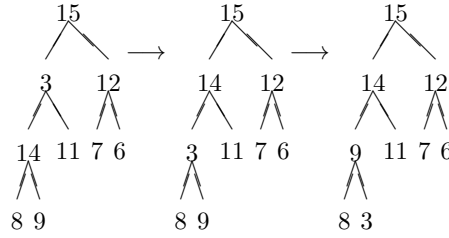


position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	3	9	12	15	11	7	6	8	14

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	3	15	12	9	11	7	6	8	14

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	3	15	12	14	11	7	6	8	9

Finally, we heapify at the root node 1.



position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	15	3	12	14	11	7	6	8	9

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	15	14	12	3	11	7	6	8	9

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
value	15	14	12	9	11	7	6	8	3

Given an array  $A$  and an position  $k$ , where the binary tree rooted at  $2k$  and  $2k+1$  are heaps, we make the tree rooted at node  $k$  a heap with the **heapify()** algorithm. The idea is to exchange (if necessary) the element  $A[k]$  with the largest of  $A[2k]$  and  $A[2k+1]$ , and then if an exchange occurred, **heapify()** the changed left or right subtree. Clearly, the time to fix the relationship among  $A[k]$ ,  $A[2k]$ ,  $A[2k+1]$  is  $\Omega(1)$ .

Let's Pretend the tree at node  $k$  has  $n$  nodes. The children's subtree can have size at most  $2n/3$ , which occurs when the last row of the tree is half full. Thus, the running time of **heapify()** is given by the recurrence

$$T(n) = T(2n/3) + \Omega(1)$$

which by the Master theorem gives

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

(Note  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 3/2$  and  $k = 0$  and so applying the condition that  $a = b^k$  yields  $T(n) = \Theta(n^k \log_{3/2} n) = \Theta(\lg n)$ .)

Two codes to heapify a file of records starting from index  $k$  follow. The first one is from Sedgewick [4]; the second from Corman et al [1]. (Note the arrays are indexed from 0 to  $n$  but only index 1 to  $n$  are used to store data.)

21a  $\langle \text{Heapify an array 21a} \rangle \equiv$

```
public void heapify (Record[] record, int k) {
    Record r = record[k];
    int key = record[k].key;
    while (k <= record.length/2) {
        j = 2*k;
        if (j < n && record[j].key < record[j+1].key) ++j;
        if (key >= record[j].key) break;
        record[k] = record[j];
        k = j;
    }
    record[k] = r;
}
```

21b  $\langle \text{Heapify an array 21b} \rangle \equiv$

```
public void heapify (Record[] record, int k) {
    int largest = k;
    int left = 2*k;
    int right = 2*k+1;
    if (left <= record.length-1 && record[left].key > record[k].key) {
        largest = left;
    }
    if (right <= record.length-1 && record[right].key > record[largest].key) {
        largest = right;
    }
    if (largest != k) {
        record.swap(k, largest);
        heapify(record, largest);
    }
}
```



Since the elements from position  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1, \dots, n - 1$  have no children, they are each, trivially, one element heaps. We can build a heap by running `heapify()` on the remaining nodes. Each call will cost at most  $\Theta(\lg n)$  operations and there will be  $\Theta(n)$  calls. Therefore, constructing a heap is at most  $\Theta(n \lg n)$ .

A more careful analysis shows we can build a heap in linear time ( $\Theta(n)$ ). In particular, suppose the tree is complete, of height  $h$ , and has  $n = 2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= \lg(n) + 2\lg(n/2) + 4\lg(n/4) + \dots + 2^h \lg(n/2^h) \\
&= \lg(n) + \lg((n/2)^2) + \lg((n/4)^4) + \dots + \lg((n/2^h)^{2^h}) \\
&= \lg(n(n/2)^2(n/4)^4 \dots (n/2^h)^{2^h}) \\
&= \lg(n^{1+2+4+\dots+2^h} / 2^{2+8+\dots+h2^h}) \\
&= \lg(n^{2^{h+1}-1} / 2^{2-(h+1)2^{h+1}+h2^{h+2}}) \\
&= (2^{h+1} - 1) \lg n - (2 - (h+1)2^{h+1} + h2^{h+2}) \\
&= n \lg n - (2 - (h+1)(n+1) + 2h(n+1)) \\
&= n \lg n - (2 + (h-1)(n+1)) \\
&= n \lg n - (2 + (h+1-2)(n+1)) \\
&= n \lg n - (2 + (\lg n - 2 - \epsilon)(n+1)) \\
&= n \lg n - (2 + n \lg n + \lg n - (2 + \epsilon)(n+1)) \\
&= (2 + \epsilon)(n+1) - 2n - \lg n \\
&= \Theta(n)
\end{aligned}$$

22     $\langle \text{Build a heap 22} \rangle \equiv$   
       `buildHeap(Record[] record) {`  
           `for (int k = Math.floor (record.length/2); k > 0; k--) {`  
               `heapify(record, k);`  
           `}`  
       `}`

### 4.3.2 Finally, heapsort and it's analysis

The steps of `heapSort()` are:

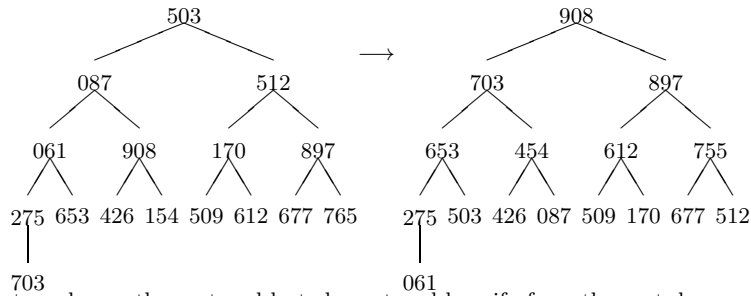
1. Build a heap;
2. Exchange the root of the tree with the last element of the tree;
3. Decrement the heap size by one;
4. Heapify from the root of the tree;

Here's how the algorithm works on our example set of keys.

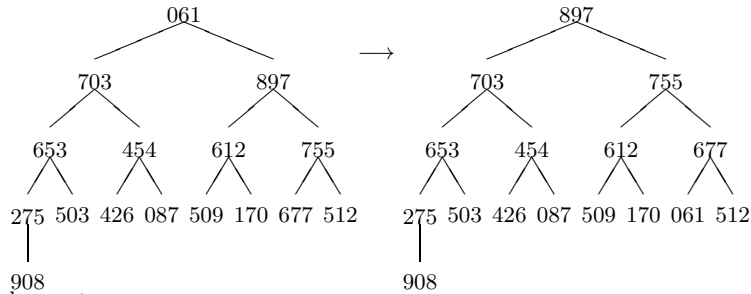
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503 087 512 061 908 170 897 275 653 426 154 509 612 677 765 703

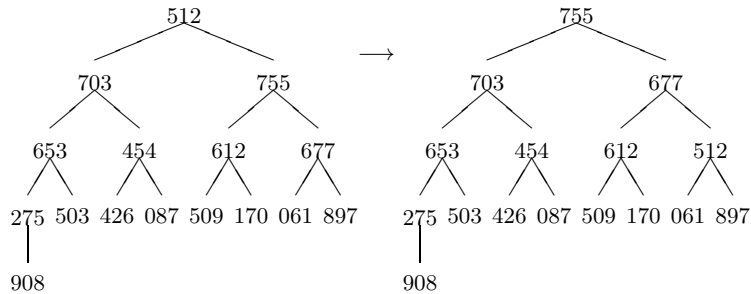
First we build a heap from the original array.



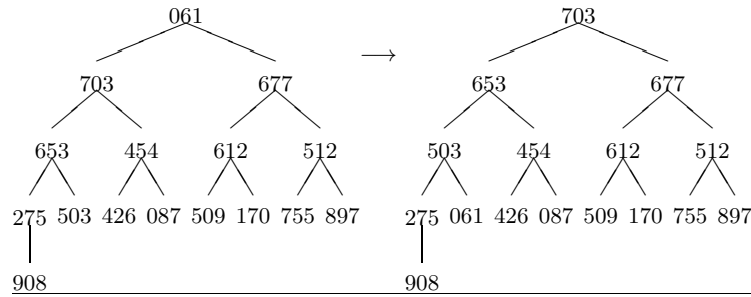
Next, exchange the root and last element and heapify from the root down, excluding the last element.



And repeat:



One more time:



Building a heap is  $O(n)$ . Swapping the root and the last element and decrementing heap size are  $\Omega(1)$ . Each time we heapify from the root of the tree it will take time

$$O(\lg k), \quad k = n - 1, \dots, 2$$

Thus, The time complexity of `heapSort()` is

$$T(n) = O(n) + \sum_{k=2}^n [c + O(\lg k)] = \Theta(n \lg n)$$

24 `<Heapsort 24>≡`

```

public void heapSort(Record[] record) {
    int n = record.length;
    buildHeap(record);
    for (int k = record.length-1; k > 1; k--) {
        record.swap(1, k);
        --record.length;
        heapify(record, 1);
    }
    record.length = n;
}

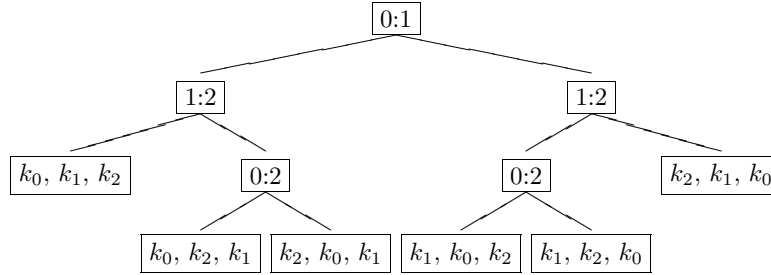
```

## 5 Lower bound on time complexity of comparison sorts

Comparison sorts determine the order of elements based only on comparisons between the input keys. Examples of comparison sorts are insertion sort, merge sort, selection sort and quicksort. Sequential comparison sorts can be viewed in terms of a decision tree.

**Theorem 1** *Any decision tree that sort  $n$  elements has height  $h = \Omega(n \lg n)$ . Thus, the number of comparisons  $C(n)$  in a sequential comparison sort is asymptotically bounded below by  $n \lg n$ .*

Consider a decision tree that sorts  $n$  items. Here's a decision tree for 3 items:  $k_0, k_1, k_2$ . Boxes with colon separated integers  $i : j$  represent comparison of  $k_i$  with  $k_j$ . If  $k_i < k_j$  we traverse down a left branch, otherwise a right branch.



Since there are  $n!$  permutations of the items, a decision tree must have  $n!$  leaves (this assumes no redundant comparisons, but since we're interested in a lower bound on comparisons, that's okay). If the height of a decision tree is  $h$  then as many as  $C(n) = h$  comparisons are needed to sort some permutation of the keys. A binary tree of height  $h$  has no more than  $2^h$  leaves, so we have

$$n! \leq 2^h = 2^{C(n)}$$

or, since  $h = C(n)$  is an integer

$$\lceil \lg n! \rceil \leq h = C(n).$$

By Stirling's asymptotic formula for  $n!$

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

or more exactly,

$$n! = \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{12n} + \frac{1}{288n^2} - \frac{139}{5140n^3} + O\left(\frac{1}{n^4}\right)\right)$$

we find

$$C(n) \geq \lceil \lg n! \rceil = n \lg n - n/(\ln 2) + \frac{1}{2} \lg n + O(1).$$

Some natural questions to ask are:

1. Is there a sorting method that always produces the fewest number of compares?
2. Is there a sorting method that minimizes the average number of compares?

I believe no one yet knows the answers to these questions.

When operations other than comparisons can be used to sort keys we may be able to sort using fewer than  $\Omega(n \lg n)$  operations. There are Some sorting techniques use special properties of the input data to sort faster than  $\Omega(n \lg n)$ .

## 6 Sorting by Distribution

We will now explore several linear time sorts. In particular, we will consider counting sort, radix sort, and bucket (or bin) sort.

### 6.1 Counting sorts

Let's first looking at a sort based on counting that is not linear. It is called *comparison counting*, which from the above section implies that its running time is at least  $n \lg n$ , and it will lead to a more efficient sort algorithm called *distribution counting*.

The basic idea in comparison counting is to use an auxiliary array  $C[]$  that holds the count of the number of keys less than a given key. For example,  $C[0]$  will tell how many keys are less than `record[0].key`, which implies that in the sorted file `record[0]` is in position  $C[0] + 1$ .

For the example sequence, we start with all counts initialized to 0. On the first pass, all keys bigger than the *last* have their counts incremented and the last has its incremented for all keys smaller than it. On the second pass, all keys (except the last) bigger than the *next to last* have their counts incremented and the next to last has its incremented for all keys smaller than it. This continues until we compare the key in position 1 with the key in position 0, incrementing the position 0 count by 1.

Keys	503	087	512	061	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703
$C$ (init.)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$C, i = 15$	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
$C, i = 14$	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	12
$C, i = 13$	0	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	13	12
$C, i = 12$	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	9	11	13	12
$C, i = 10$	0	0	1	0	5	0	5	0	2	0	0	7	9	11	13	12
$C, i = 10$	1	0	2	0	6	1	6	1	3	1	2	7	9	11	13	12
.....	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
$C, i = 2$	5	1	8	0	15	3	14	4	10	5	2	7	9	11	13	12
$C, i = 1$	6	1	8	0	15	3	14	4	10	5	2	7	9	11	13	12

Note that comparison counting is a kind of *address table sort*; that is, the  $C$  array infers the position of each element in the sorted list, but no records are actually moved.

26     $\langle \textit{Comparison counting 26} \rangle \equiv$

```

public void comparisonCount(Record[] record) {
    int[] count = new int[record.length];
    for (int i = 0; i < record.length; i++) count[i] = 0;
    for (int i = record.length - 1; i > 0; i--) {
        for (int j = i-1; j >= 0; j--) {
            if (record[i].key < record[j].key) {
                ++count[j];
            }
            else {
                ++count[i];
            }
        }
    }
}

```

It is clear that the time complexity of the comparison counting algorithm is

$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} 1 \\
&= n + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i \\
&= n + n(n-1)/2 \\
&= \Theta(n^2).
\end{aligned}$$

The space complexity of the sort is

$$S(n) = \Theta(n).$$

*Distribution* counting sort assumes that each of the  $n$  input elements is an integer in some range, say from  $u$  to  $v$  for some  $u < v$ . For simplicity, we'll assume  $u = 0$  and  $v = m - 1$ . The steps of the algorithms are:

1. Set the count of each number to zero.
2. In one pass over the file, count the number of 1's, 2's, 3's, ...,  $m$ 's.
3. In one pass over the range, determine the number of elements less than or equal to  $k$  for each  $k = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .
4. In a second pass over the file, move the records into position in auxiliary storage.

In the example, the range is from  $u = 000$  to  $v = 999$ . Only count array elements corresponding to keys are shown.

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Initialize the count array $C$ to zero.																
Keys	503	087	512	061	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703
$C$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In one pass over the file count the number of times each key occurs.																
Keys	503	087	512	061	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703
$C$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
In one pass over the range count the number of keys less than or equal others																
Keys	503	087	512	061	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703
$C, j = 87$	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$C, j = 154$	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
$C, j = 170$	1	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
.....	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
$C, j = 908$	7	2	9	1	16	4	15	5	11	6	3	8	10	12	14	13

Now move the last record to the 13th position in a new output file, and decrement the count of key 703 by 1. Then move the next to last record to output position 14 and decrement its count. And continue:

Keys	503	087	512	061	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703
Output													703			
<i>C</i>	7	2	9	1	16	4	15	5	11	6	3	8	10	12	14	12
Output													703	765		
<i>C</i>	7	2	9	1	16	4	15	5	11	6	3	8	10	12	13	12
Output												677	703	765		
<i>C</i>	7	2	9	1	16	4	15	5	11	6	3	8	10	11	13	12
Output										612		677	703	765		
<i>C</i>	7	2	9	1	16	4	15	5	11	6	3	8	9	11	13	12
Output								509		612		677	703	765		
<i>C</i>	7	2	9	1	16	4	15	5	11	6	3	7	9	11	13	12

And so on.

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29     $\langle$ *Distribution counting sort* 29 $\rangle \equiv$

```

public Record[] countingSort(Record[] record, int m) {
    int[] count = new int[m];
    Record[] newRecord = new Record[record.length];
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) { // clear the counts to zero
        count[i] = 0;
    }
    for (int j = 1; j < record.length; j++) { // increment count of each key
        ++count[record[j].key];
    }
    // count[i] now holds the number of i's in the file
    for (int i = 1; i < m; i++) {
        count[i] += count[i-1];
    }
    // count[i] now holds the number keys less than or equal to i
    for (int j = record.length-1; j >= 0; j--) {
        newRecord[count[record[j].key]] = record[j];
        --count[record[j].key];
    }
    return newRecord;
}

```



Distribution counting sort is *stable*: numbers with the same value appear in the output array in the same order as they were in the input array. When  $v - u = m - 1 = O(n)$ , the distribution counting sort runs in

$$T(n) = \Theta(n + m)$$

(linear) time. The space complexity of distribution counting sort is also

$$S(n) = \Theta(n + m).$$

## 6.2 Radix Sort

Radix sort was used by card-sorting machines, which if you may never have seen unless you are an old timer. Herman Hollerith was 20 when he build his original tabulating and sorting machine for the 1890 U. S. census. His machine used the basic idea for radix sorting. Radix sorting is exactly *opposite* to merging.

We assume keys are represented by  $d$ -tuples

$$k = (a_{d-1}, a_{d-2}, \dots, a_0)$$

that can be *lexicographically ordered from left-to-right*, that is,

$$(a_{d-1}, a_{d-2}, \dots, a_0) < (b_{d-1}, b_{d-2}, \dots, b_0)$$

if

$$a_{d-1} = b_{d-1}, a_{d-2} = b_{d-2}, \dots, a_{j+1} = b_{j+1}, \quad \text{but} \quad a_j < b_j, \quad \text{for some } j = d-1, \dots, 0.$$

This is how one orders (English) words; it also produces a valid sort on integers and cards.

Suppose we want to sort a 52-card deck of playing cards. We define an order on face values:

$$A < 2 < 3 < 4 < 5 < 6 < 7 < 8 < 9 < J < Q < K$$

and an order on suits:

$$\clubsuit < \diamondsuit < \heartsuit < \spadesuit.$$

The lexicographic order of the cards is:

$$(\clubsuit, A) < (\clubsuit, 2) < \dots < (\clubsuit, K) < (\diamondsuit, A) < \dots < (\spadesuit, Q) < (\spadesuit, K).$$

The radix sort idea is deal the cards face up into 13 piles, one for each face value. Then collect the cards placing the aces on the bottom, then the 2's on top of them, and so on, placing the four kings on top. Now deal the cards into four piles, one for each suit, and collect the cards again, clubs first, then diamonds, then hearts, and finally spades. The cards will now be in order.

This card sorting technique is a *least significant digit* radix sort. It also works for sorting integers and words. Here's how our sample data is sorted.

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First we count the number of 0's, 1's, 2's, ..., 9's in the units (least significant) digit of the data and accumulate the space needed to restore the as in distribution counting. Then we count on the tens digit and restore the data. Finally, we count on the hundreds digit and restore the data.

Keys	503	087	512	061	908	170	897	275	653	426	154	509	612	677	765	703
Units count	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	3	1	1						
Storage needed	1	2	4	7	8	10	11	14	15	16						
Restored keys	170	061	512	612	503	653	703	154	275	765	426	087	897	677	908	509
Tens count	4	2	1	0	0	2	3	3	1	1						
Storage needed	4	6	7	7	7	9	11	14	15	16						
Restored keys	503	703	908	509	512	612	426	653	154	061	765	170	275	677	087	897
hundreds count	2	2	1	0	1	3	3	2	1	1						
Storage needed	2	4	5	5	6	9	12	14	15	16						
Restored keys	061	087	154	170	275	426	503	509	512	612	653	677	703	765	897	908

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```

31  <Radix sort 31>≡
      public void radixSort(Record[] record, int d) {
          for (int i = 0; i < d; i++) {
              <Use a stable sort on the i-th digit of key in the file of records (never defined)>
          }
      }

```

If we assume distribution counting sort is used as the stable sorting algorithm on each digit, then the running time of radix sort is

$$T(n) = \Theta(d(n + m))$$

where  $d$  is the number of digits,  $m$  is the range of digits, and  $n$  is the number of records sorted. The values  $d$  and  $m$  are normally small and constant (as a function of  $n$ ), so radix sort is a linear time sort.

### 6.3 Bucket (Bin) Sort

Bucket sort runs in linear time on average. To achieve this average case behavior, we assume the keys are uniformly distributed over some range. The idea is to divide the range into (about)  $n$  equal sized subranges (or buckets or bins). Then, in one pass through the file, place each record in the bucket to which its key belongs.

For our sample data, let's create 10 buckets corresponding to

$$[0, 99), [100, 199), \dots, [800, 899), [900, 999).$$

We can call them  $B[0], B[1], \dots, B[9]$ , and calculate an index  $i$  from a key value by division and truncation:

$$i = \lfloor key/100 \rfloor.$$

32     $\langle \text{Bucket sort 32} \rangle \equiv$

```

public void bucketSort(Record[] record) {
    Record r = new Record[record.length];
    for (int i = 0; i < record.length; i++) {
         $\langle \text{Insert record}[i] \text{ into bucket } r[\text{Math.floor}(\text{record}[i].key/100)] \text{ (never defined)} \rangle$ 
    }
    for (int i = 0; i < record.length; i++) {
        insertionSort(r);
    }
     $\langle \text{Concatenate the lists in } r[0], r[1], \dots, r[\text{record.length}] \text{ (never defined)} \rangle$ 
}

```

### 6.3.1 Analysis of bucket sort

Except for the call to `insertionSort()`, the complexity of `bucketSort()` is  $O(n)$  in the worst case. Under the assumption that the data is uniformly distributed, the probability that a given record falls in bucket  $i$  is  $p = 1/n$ . Let  $n_i$  be a random variable denoting the number of elements in bucket  $i$ . The probability that  $n_i = j$  is given by a *binomial distribution*. That is, the for  $n_i$  to equal  $j$ ,  $j$  of  $n$  records must have fallen in bucket  $i$  and  $n - j$  must have fallen in other buckets. The probability of this occurring is given by

$$P[n_i = j] = \binom{n}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-j}, \quad \text{where } p = \frac{1}{n}.$$

The expected value of a random variable  $n_i$  fitting a binomial distribution is given by

$$\begin{aligned} E[n_i] &= \sum_{j=0}^n j \binom{n}{j} p^j (1-p)^{n-j} \\ &= np \sum_{j=1}^n \binom{n-1}{j-1} p^{j-1} (1-p)^{n-j} \\ &= np \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{j} p^j (1-p)^{(n-1)-j} \\ &= np(p + (1-p))^{n-1} \\ &= np \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

It can also be shown that the variance of a random variable fitting a binomial distribution is

$$V[n_i] = E[n_i^2] - E^2[n_i] = np(1-p).$$

The time complexity of insertion sort on  $n_i$  keys is  $O(n_i^2)$ , and so using summation notation to determine the running time of the `for` loops that executes the insertion sorts, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} O(E[n_i^2]) &= O\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} E[n_i^2]\right) \\ &= O\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} V[n_i] + E^2[n_i]\right) \\ &= O\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} np(1-p) + (np)^2\right) \\ &= O\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 1 - \frac{1}{n} + 1\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2n - 1$$

Thus, the expected (average) time for bucket sort is

$$T(n) = O(n).$$

## 7 Summing up sorting

There's still a tremendous amount of knowledge about sorting to be covered. We've simply brushed the surface. There is no best sorting method. You should be able to use the information gleaned here to begin to have positive ideas about which algorithm to choose for a given application.

Below is a table of summing up basic facts about the internal sorting algorithms we have studied. The space and running times are given as orders of growth.

Sort method	Stable	Space	Running times	
			Average	Worst
Bubblesort	Yes	1	$n^2$	$n^2$
Bucket sort	Yes	$n$	$n$	$n$
Comparison counting	Yes	$n$	$n^2$	$n^2$
Distribution counting	Yes	$n + m$	$n + m$	$n + m$
Heapsort	No	1	$n \lg n$	$n \lg n$
Mergesort	Yes	$n$	$n \lg n$	$n \lg n$
Quicksort	No	$\lg n$	$n \lg n$	$n^2$
Shell's sort	No	1	$n^{1.25}$	$n^{1.5}$
Straight insertion	Yes	1	$n^2$	$n^2$
Straight selection	Yes	1	$n^2$	$n^2$
Radix sort	Yes	1	$d(n + m)$	$d(n + m)$

The range of objects in distribution counting and radix sort has  $m$  items; there are  $d$  digits in the lexicographic order for radix sort.

**Bubblesort** is notoriously slow and most likely should never be used.

**Bucket sort** is fast but can only be used in special cases when the key can be used to calculate the address of buckets.

**Comparison counting** is useful because it generalizes to distribution counting.

**Distribution counting** is useful when keys have a small range. It is stable. It requires extra memory for counts of each element in the range and auxiliary storage of the record file.

**Heapsort** requires constant space and guaranteed to have good running time. Its running time is roughly twice that of quicksort's average running time.

**Mergesort** always has good running time, but requires  $O(n)$  extra space.

**Quicksort** is the most useful general purpose internal sorting algorithm. It requires  $\lg n$  space for recursion. It is not stable. On average it beats all other internal sorting algorithms in running time, provided an intelligent choice of partitioning key is made.

**Shell's sort** Is easy to program, not stable, uses constant space, and reasonably efficient even for large  $n$ .

**Straight insertion** is a simple method to program. It is stable. It requires constant extra space. It is quite efficient for small  $n$  and when the records are nearly sorted, but very slow when  $n$  is large and the data not nearly sorted.

**Straight selection** is simple to program, stable, requires constant space, and works well for small  $n$ , but not when  $n$  is large.

**Radix sort** is appropriate for keys that are short and lexicographically ordered. It should not be used for small  $n$ .

The table above does not provide timing differences between algorithms which have the same order of growth. Based on estimates given in Knuth's Sorting and Searching [3], we can give the following advice on the average running time of the algorithms. But first, let's be clear about terms. To say *algorithm A is  $m\%$  faster than algorithm B* we mean

$$\frac{T_B(n)}{T_A(n)} = 1 + \frac{m}{100}.$$

**Linear time algorithms:** Distribution counting is about 50% faster than radix sort and bucket sort.

**Log-Linear algorithms:** Quicksort is about 50% faster than heapsort and 25% faster than mergesort.

**Quadratic algorithms:** Insertion sort is about 25% faster than selection sort. Selection sort is about 60% faster than comparison counting. Comparison counting is about 60% faster than bubblesort.

## 8 Problems

**Problem 1:** Consider the data set 2, 5, 7. For all possible orders of this set determine the number of compares straight insertion sort would make. Verify that the minimum number of compares is  $n - 2 = 2$ , the maximum number of compares is  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - 1 = 5$ , and the average number of compares is  $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{4} - \frac{3}{2} = 7/2$ .

**Problem 2:** Design an algorithm for binary insertion and analyze its complexity.

**Problem 3:** For one or more diminishing sequences of increments, test Shell's sort empirically and find curves that fit its running time well.

**Problem 4:** An improved bubble sort keeps track of whether or not a swap is made on each pass of the file. When no swaps are made the file is sorted and the algorithm can be terminated. Design an algorithm that implements this improvement. What is the running time of this improved bubble sort algorithm?

**Problem 5:** Consider the data set 2, 5, 7. For all possible orders of this set determine the number of swaps bubble sort would make. Verify that the minimum number of swaps is 0, the maximum number of swaps is  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} = 3$ , and the average number of compares is  $\frac{n(n-1)}{4} = 3/2$ .

**Problem 6:** Design an algorithm that implements the cocktail shaker idea.

**Problem 7:** Solve the recurrence  $T(n) = T(2n/3) + 1$ ,  $T(1) = 1$  exactly.

**Problem 8:** Here's a problem from [1]. Professor's Howard, Fine, and Howard have proposed the following "elegant" sorting algorithm:

```
StoogeSort(char[] A, int i, int j) {
    if (A[i] > A[j])
        swap (A[i], A[j]);
    if (i + 1 >= j)
        return;
    k = floor((j - i + 1)/3);
    StoogeSort(A, i, j - k); /* First two-thirds */
    StoogeSort(A, i + k, j); /* Last two-thirds */
    StoogeSort(A, i, j - k); /* First two-thirds again */
}
```

- Give a recurrence relation for the worst-case running time of `StoogeSort`.
- Solve the recurrence relation to find the  $\Theta$  bound on the worst-case running time.
- Do the professors deserve tenure?

**Problem 9:** Illustrate the operation of distribution counting sort on the data

5, 6, 7, 3, 2, 6, 7, 5, 1, 4, 6

**Problem 10:** What is the reason for decrementing the count in distribution counting sort whenever a record is moved to output?

**Problem 11:** Illustrate the operation of radix sort on the data

VIA, ZIP, YAK, ZOO, YEN, VAT, WOO, ZAG, WIG, VEX, WAG YAW,  
WED, VOW, ZIG,

**Problem 12:** Provide arguments that the claims about stability of the sorts mentions in section summing-upre correct.

**Problem 13:** Verify the “percentage faster estimates” given above by experiments. I’d like to know how accurate they are.

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## 13. Quicksort

### Quicksort

- Attributed to Tony Hoare (only one of his contributions to computer science; find out who he is if you don't already know)
- Pick an element  $p$  of the array; partition array so all values smaller than  $p$  are to  $p$ 's left and all values greater than  $p$  are to the right; recursively quicksort sub-array on either side of  $p$
- Average and best case time complexity is  $O(n \cdot \lg n)$
- Worst case time complexity is  $O(n^2)$
- Usually, the fastest when compared with all known (sequential) sorting algorithms
- Does not require extra (explicit) space
- Ways to improve Quicksort
  - Remove recursion — it can consume unacceptable amounts of space for the implicit stack needed for recursion
  - Avoid small sub-arrays — switch to insertion sort when array size is small (e.g., somewhere in the range 5 to 15)
  - Avoid the worst case behavior by using a random element  $p$

### Quicksort Algorithm

The quicksort algorithm is attributed to Tony Hoare (Hoare, 1961). Sedgewick's analysis of quicksort (Sedgewick, 1977) and (Sedgewick, 1978) provide an in-depth analysis and details of its implementation.

The basic quicksort idea is to place the first element  $s$  of a list in its correct position. That is, smaller elements are placed before  $s$  and larger elements after  $s$ .

#### Listing 24: Functional Quicksort

153

```
⟨Functional Quicksort 153⟩≡  
qsort :: Ord a => [a] -> [a]
```

```

qsort [] = []
qsort (p:xs) = qsort [x|x<-xs,x<p] ++ [p] ++ qsort [x|x<-xs,x>=p]

```

Here is a summary of Bentley's code for quick sorting (Bentley, 1984b). The essence is partition an array about a pivot that gets placed in its correct position. Then quick sort the lower and upper arrays.

#### Listing 25: Imperative Quicksort

154a *<Imperative Quicksort 154a>*≡

```

void quickSort(int A[], int lo, int hi)
{
    int pivot;
    if (hi > lo) {
        pivot = Partition(A, lo, hi);
        quickSort(A, lo, pivot-1);
        quickSort(A, pivot+1, hi);
    }
}

```

#### Example: Quicksort Example

position	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
array	3	9	12	15	11	7	6	8	14
value	v								
indexes	i				j				
swap	8				15				
indexes						i	j		
swap						6	7		
indexes						j	i		
swap	3	9	12	8	11	6	7	14	15

#### Listing 26: Imperative partitioning about a pivot

154b *<Quicksort partition 154b>*≡

```

int partition(int A[], int lo, int hi)
{
    int v, i, j;
    v = A[hi]; i = lo - 1; j = hi;
    for (;;) {
        while (A[++i] < v) ;

```

```

    while (A[-j] > v) ;
    if (i >= j) break;
    swap (A[i], A[j]);
}
swap (A[i], A[hi]);
return i;
}

```

Let's analyze the worst, best, and average case of Quicksort.

#### *Quicksort: Worst Case*

- Given an array of length  $n$ , quicksort makes two calls to itself, once with an array of length  $p$  and once with an array of length  $n - p - 1$
- Here  $p$  is the size of the array from low to pivot-1
- The cost of the call to partition is  $n + 1 = O(n)$
- In the worst case  $p = 0$  and

$$T(n) = (n + 1) + T(n - 1)$$

with initial condition  $T(1) = 1$

- By mathematical induction, or unrolling the recurrence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= (n + 1) + (n) + (n - 1) + \cdots + 3 + T(1) \\
 &= (n + 1) + (n) + (n - 1) + \cdots + 3 + (2 + 1 - 2) \\
 &= (n + 1)(n + 2)/2 - 2 \\
 &= O(n^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

#### *Quicksort: Best Case*

- In the best case  $p = n/2$  and

$$T(n) = (n + 1) + 2T(n/2)$$

with initial condition  $T(1) = 1$

- Note we are cheating a little here since  $n - p - 1 = n/2 - 1 \neq n/2$ , but this fudge will not alter the timing analysis
- *Unrolling* the formula

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= (n + 1) + 2(n/2 + 1) + \cdots + 2^q T(n/2^q) \\
 &= n \lg n + 2n - 1 \\
 &= O(n \lg n)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $n = 2^q$  is a power of 2 and  $q = \lg n$ .

*Quicksort: Average Case*

- In the average case

$$T(n) = n + 1 + \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} (T(p) + T(n-p-1))/n$$

- Initial condition:  $T(0) = 0$
- Massaging  $T(n)$  into shape:

First we can rewrite

$$T(n) = n + 1 + 2/n \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} T(p)$$

Multiply by  $n$

$$nT(n) = n^2 + n + 2 \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} T(p)$$

Replacing  $n$  by  $n+1$

$$(n+1)T(n+1) = n^2 + 3n + 2 + 2 \sum_{p=0}^n T(p)$$

Subtract the previous line from this

$$(n+1)T(n+1) - nT(n) = 2(n+1) + 2T(n)$$

- Now suppose we knew a function  $G(z)$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= T_0 + T_1 z + T_2 z^2 + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} T_n z^n \end{aligned}$$

where we write  $T_n$  for  $T(n)$

- Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} G'(z) - zG'(z) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nT_n z^{n-1} - z \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nT_n z^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)T_{n+1} z^n - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nT_n z^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [(n+1)T_{n+1} - nT_n] z^n \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} [2(n+1) + 2T(n)] z^n \\ &= \frac{2}{(1-z)^2} + 2G(z) \end{aligned}$$

- Thus

$$G'(z) = \frac{2}{(1-z)^3} + \frac{2}{1-z}G(z)$$

- Or, multiplying by  $(1-z)^2$  and rearranging terms

$$(1-z)^2 G'(z) - 2(1-z)G(z) = \frac{2}{1-z}$$

- But the left-hand side above is the derivative of

$$(1-z)^2 G(z)$$

so integrating both sides

$$(1-z)^2 G(z) = -2 \ln(1-z) + C$$

where  $C = 0$  since  $G(0) = T_0 = 0$

- It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} G(z) &= \frac{-2}{(1-z)^2} \ln(1-z) \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i z^{i-1} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^j}{j} \\ &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n-k+1}{k} \right] z^n \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [2(n+1)H_n - 2n] z^n \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore

$$T(n) = 2(n+1)H_n - 2n = O(n \lg n)$$



## 14. Medians and Order Statistics

### Definition 10: Orders and Medians

Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a set of  $n$  values from a totally ordered set. The  $i^{\text{th}}$  order statistic is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  smallest value. For instance, the first order statistic is the minimum of  $\mathbb{A}$ . The maximum of  $\mathbb{A}$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  order statistic. The median is the “halfway point.” If  $n$  is odd, then the median occurs at  $m = (n + 1)/2$ . If  $n$  is even, then there are two medians one at  $m_0 = n/2$  and one at  $m_1 = n/2 + 1$ .

The *Selection Problem* is to find the  $i^{\text{th}}$  order statistic for a given  $i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

### Problem 5: The Selection Problem

Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a set of  $n$  values from a totally ordered set.

Decision Problem: Is the value  $x \in \mathbb{A}$  larger than exactly  $i - 1$  other elements in  $\mathbb{A}$ ?

Function Problem: Let  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Find the element  $x \in \mathbb{A}$  that is larger than exactly  $i - 1$  other elements in  $\mathbb{A}$ .

As an example, the elements in the set  $\mathbb{A}$  have orders indicated below.

$\mathbb{A} = \{7, 12, 5, 17, 9, 1, 14, 8, 18\}$   
Order =  $\{3, 6, 2, 8, 5, 1, 7, 4, 9\}$

A simple linear time algorithm that solves the *minimum* problem is shown below. It assumes  $\mathbb{A}$  is represented as a 0-indexed array of  $n$  integers.

### Listing 27: Imperative Minimum

```
<Minimum algorithm 159>≡  
int minimum(int A[], int n) {  
    int min = A[0];  
    for (k = 1; k < n; k++) {  
        if (min > A[k]) { min = A[k]; }  
    }
```

Please read chapter 8 Medians and Order Statistics in the textbook (Cormen et al., 2009).

Describe an  $\Theta(n \lg n)$  algorithm that solves the selection problem.

Describe an  $\Theta(n)$  algorithm that simultaneously solve both the minimum and maximum problems.

```

    }
    return min;
}

```

The time complexity of the above algorithm is  $\Theta(n)$ . The for loops  $n - 1$  times taking a few cycles each time to decide whether or not to update the minimum. Since every element must be examined to determine the minimum, there can be no faster, deterministic algorithm.

A functional implementation to compute the maximum of a list might look like this:

The first line declares that the type of maximum to be a function that maps a list `[a]` of orderable values to a value of type `a`. The two base cases are: an empty list has no maximum and a singleton list has the value of the single element. Then, recursively, the maximum of a longer list is the head of the list if the head is larger maximum of the tail, otherwise it is the maximum of the list's tail.

#### Listing 28: Functional Maximum

```

160 <Maximum algorithm 160>≡
    maximum :: (Ord a) => [a] -> a
    maximum [] = error "maximum of empty list"
    maximum [x] = x
    maximum (x:xs)
        | x > maxTail = x
        | otherwise  = maxTail
        where maxTail = maximum xs

- max and min are in class Ord of the Haskell Prelude
- in
max x y
    | x <= y = y
    | otherwise = x
min x y
    | x <= y = x
    | otherwise = y

{- And these functions in the PreludeList module:
   Here the foldl (''left reduce'') function
   maps a list to its maximum value. That is,
   foldl max [a, b, c, d] = max ((max (max a b) c) d)
-}

maximum, minimum :: (Ord a) => [a] -> a
maximum [] = error "Prelude.maximum: empty list"
maximum xs = foldl1 max xs

```



```

minimum [] = error "Prelude.minimum: empty list"
minimum xs = foldl1 min xs

```

### Randomized Selection

Using a randomized implementation of the partition function, described in [the notes on Quick-sort](#), an average case linear time algorithm can be developed for the  $i$ -th order problem. The *randomizing heuristic* is to swap the head of an array with a randomly selected element.

#### Listing 29: Imperative Randomized Partition

```

161  <Randomized Partition 161>≡
    #include <stdlib.h>
    #include <stdio.h>

    // partition is O(n) when lo = 0 and hi = n-1
    // test need: A[j] > v for all j < hi
    int partition(int A[], int lo, int hi) {
        int v, i, j, tmp;
        v = A[hi]; i = lo - 1; j = hi;
        for (;;) {
            while (A[++i] < v) ;
            while (A[--j] > v) ;
            if (i >= j) break;
            // swap A[i] and A[j]
            tmp = A[i];
            A[i] = A[j];
            A[j] = tmp;
        }
        // swap A[i] and A[hi]
        tmp = A[i];
        A[i] = A[hi];
        A[hi] = tmp;
        return i;
    }

    // randomPartition is O(1)
    int randomPartition(int A[], int lo, int hi) {
        int k = rand() % (hi - lo + 1) + lo;
        int tmp = A[lo];
        A[lo] = A[k];
        A[k] = tmp;
        return partition(A, lo, hi);
    }

```

```

}

int main () {
    int A[10] = {21, 8, 13, 55, 34, 5, 3, 17, 12, 0};
    int p = randomPartition(A, 0, 9);
    printf("Partition about A[%d] = %d\n", p, A[p]);
    for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
        printf("A[%d] = %d \n", i, A[i]);
    }
    return 0;
}

```

This partition computation can be completed in  $O(n)$  time in a language that support direct access to array elements.

For a list-based language such as [HASKELL](#), swapping elements can take linear time. The `splitAt k xs` splits `xs` at index `k` returning two list

$$(xs[0..(k-1)], xs[k..n])$$

The time complexity of `splitAt k xs` is  $O(k)$ . Forming `(head list2):list1` and appending it `[x]` cost  $O(1 + k)$ , and then another  $O(k + 1)$  steps to appending tail `list2`.

Why is  $O(k)$  the time complexity of `splitAt k xs`?

#### Listing 30: Swap head with the `xs[k]`

162a *<Swapping head with k-th element 162a>*≡

```

import Data.List

swapElem :: Int -> [a] -> [a]
swapElem _ [] = []
swapElem _ [x] = [x]
swapElem k (x:xs) = (head list2):list1 ++ [x] ++ tail list2
    where (list1, list2) = splitAt (k-1) xs

```

A functional implementation of randomized partition might look like this.

#### Listing 31: Functional Randomized Partition

162b *<Functional Randomized Partition 162b>*≡

```

import System.Random

<Define partition about the head 163a>
<Make the head random, then partition 163b>

```

Two functions are needed: one to partition about the head, and a second to make the head random.

163a

```

<Define partition about the head 163a>≡
partition :: Ord a => [a] -> ([a], Int)
partition [] = ([], 0)
partition [p] = ([p], 1)
partition (p:xs) = (before ++ [p] ++ after, length before)
    where before = [x | x <- xs, x <= p]
          after  = [x | x <- xs, x > p]

```

163b

```

<Make the head random, then partition 163b>≡
randomPartition :: Ord a => [a] -> ([a], Int)
randomPartition [] = ([], 0)
randomPartition [x] = ([x], 1)
randomPartition xs =
    let (k, _) = randomR (0, length xs) (mkStdGen 10) :: (Int, StdGen)
    in let (first, second) = splitAt k xs
       in partition (second ++ first)

```

### Example: Randomize Partition

Given an array and index

$A = \langle 7, 12, 5, 17, 9, 1, 14, 8, 18 \rangle$  and index  $i = 6$

The sought value, the 6<sup>th</sup> small element in the list has value 12.

Randomized selection might work something like this:

- Pretend the random partition was about index 4, value 9 creating the array

$\langle 7, 5, 1, 8, 9, 12, 17, 14, 18 \rangle$

- The value 9 occurs at the fifth order statistic, which is less than 6.

- Therefore, call random partition of the tail  $\langle 12, 17, 14, 18 \rangle$  and pretend 17 is randomly chosen as the pivot.

This results in the list  $\langle 12, 14, 17, 18 \rangle$  where 17 is of order 3 in the sub-list and order  $5 + 3 = 8$  in the original list.

- Next, because  $6 < 8$ , call random partition on the list  $\langle 12, 14 \rangle$ . Here 14 will be the pivot. It has order 2 and  $8 - 2 = 6$ . Therefore, 12 is the 6<sup>th</sup> order statistic.

## Listing 32: Randomized Selection

```

164  <Randomized Selection 164>≡
    #include <stdlib.h>

    int randomSelect(int A[], int lo, int hi, int i) {
        if (lo == hi) { return A[lo]; }
        int q = randomPartition(A, lo, hi)
        int k = q - lo + 1;
        if (i == k) { return A[q]; }
        else {
            if (i < k) {
                return randomSelect(A, lo, q-1, i);
            }
            else {
                return randomSelect(A, q+1, hi, i-k);
            }
        }
    }

```

In the best case, the array is partitioned at the halfway point each time. This leads to the recurrence relation

$$T(n) = T(n/2) + n, \quad T(1) = 0$$

which unrolls as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= T(n/2) + n \\
 &= T(n/4) + n/2 + n \\
 &= T(n/8) + n/4 + n/2 + n \\
 &= \vdots \\
 &= T(1) + n/2^{p-1} + \cdots + n/4 + n/2 + n \quad \text{for some } p = \lg n \\
 &= 2n \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \\
 &= O(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the worst case, the array is always partitioned into a singleton and the rest of the array. This leads to the recurrence relation

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + (n-1), \quad T(1) = 0$$

which unrolls to the sum of the first  $n$  natural numbers, that is

$$T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = \binom{n-1}{2} = O(n^2)$$

The textbook (Cormen et al., 2009) contains a detailed analysis concluding that the average case time complexity is  $O(n)$ . It goes something like this.

Assume `randomSelection` selection returns any of the values  $1 \leq k \leq n$  with equal likelihood,  $1/n$ . It calls itself sub-array of size  $q$  or  $n-q-1$ . In the worst case, assume the call is always to the largest sub-array. Then,

$$T(n) \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-2} T(\max(q, n-q-1)) + O(n)$$

Note  $q > n-q-1$  implies  $q > (n-1)/2$  and  $q \leq n-q-1$  implies  $q \leq (n-1)/2$

$$\max(q, n-q-1) = \begin{cases} q & \text{if } q > \lceil (n-1)/2 \rceil \\ n-q-1 & \text{if } q \leq \lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor \end{cases}$$

For instance, if  $n$  is even, say  $n = 6$ , the the terms  $T(n-2)$ ,  $T(n-3)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $T(\lceil (n-1)/2 \rceil)$  occur twice in the sum.

And, when  $n$  is odd, say  $n = 7$ , the the terms  $T(n-2)$ ,  $T(n-3)$ ,  $\dots$ ,  $T(\lceil (n-1)/2 \rceil + 1)$  occur twice and  $T(\lceil (n-1)/2 \rceil)$  occurs once in the sum.

In all cases

$$T(n) \leq \frac{2}{n} \sum_{q=\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor}^{n-2} T(q) + O(n)$$

Assume  $T(n) \leq cn$  for some constant  $c$ , and the  $O(n)$  term is  $an$  for some  $a$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\leq \frac{2c}{n} \sum_{q=1}^{n-2} q - \sum_{q=1}^{\lfloor (n-1)/2 - 1 \rfloor} q + an \\ &= \frac{2c}{n} \left( \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2} - \frac{(\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor - 1)(\lfloor (n-1)/2 \rfloor)}{2} \right) + an \\ &\leq \frac{2c}{n} \left( \frac{(n-2)(n-1)}{2} - \frac{((n-1)/2 - 2)((n-1)/2 - 1)}{2} \right) + an \\ &= cn - \left( \frac{cn}{2} - c + \frac{9c}{2n} - an \right) \\ &\leq cn - \left( \frac{cn}{2} - c - an \right) \end{aligned}$$

Which is less than or equal to  $cn$  if

$$\left( \frac{cn}{2} - c - an \right) \geq 0$$

or

$$n \geq \frac{2c}{c-2a}$$

Thus, if  $T(n) = O(1)$  for  $n < 2c/(c-2a)$  then the average case time complexity of random select is  $O(n)$ .

Assume  $n = 6$

$$\begin{aligned} \max 1 \ (n-2) &= 4 \\ \max 2 \ (n-3) &= 3 \\ \max 3 \ (n-4) &= 3 \\ \max 4 \ (n-5) &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Now assume  $n = 7$

$$\begin{aligned} \max 1 \ (n-2) &= 5 \\ \max 2 \ (n-3) &= 4 \\ \max 3 \ (n-4) &= 3 \\ \max 4 \ (n-5) &= 4 \\ \max 5 \ (n-6) &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

The textbook (Cormen et al., 2009) gives a more complex selection algorithm with worst case time complexity that is  $O(n)$ .



## 15. Backtracking Algorithms

### Introduction to backtracking

Backtracking algorithms are often used to solve *constraint satisfaction* problems. The 0—1 Knapsack Problem is an example problem that can be solved by backtracking. (There are other approaches (greedy, dynamic programming) for this problem.)

#### Problem 6: 0—1 Knapsack Problem

Given a knapsack with capacity  $C$ , and a list of provisions (an inventory)  $\langle p_k : k \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  (the list could be unbounded) A provision  $p$  is a 3-tuple

$$p :: (\text{String}, \text{Num}, \text{Num}) = (\text{name}, \text{weight}, \text{value})$$

Decision Problem: Given a value  $V$ , is there a subset  $\mathbb{X}$  of provisions such that

$$\sum_{p \in \mathbb{X}} p_{\text{weight}} \leq C, \quad \text{and} \\ \sum_{p \in \mathbb{X}} p_{\text{value}} \geq V$$

This decision problem is NP-complete.

Function Problem: Find the maximum value of  $V$  over all feasible subsets of provisions. A subset is feasible if the sum of its weights does not exceed the capacity  $C$  of the knapsack. This function problem is NP-hard.

Conceptually, backtracking performs a depth-first search of a tree.

The Partition problem: Can a set of integers be partitioned into two non-empty subsets that have equal sums over their values. It is an NP-complete problem. Partition is a special case of the Knapsack problem: Assume each item's weight equals its value and  $C = V = 1/2 \sum \text{weights}$ . Solving Knapsack in this special case solves Partition.

A useful abstraction is to consider both summations to be over the entire inventory (list of provisions). This is accomplished using a bit vector

$$\langle b_0, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots \rangle$$

where a particular bit  $b_k$  is set to 1 or 0 depending on whether or not provision  $p_k$  is or is not placed in the knapsack. There are several things this reveals.

- There are  $2^n$  bit vectors of length  $n$  (or subsets of an  $n$  element set

$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, (n-1)\}$ . Exhaustive search will take exponential time.

- Not all subsets need to be explored: Once a subset is *infeasible* so are all of its super-sets.

Here is a functional algorithm for the problem. An example inventory is given. The `combs` function that searches over all combinations of provisions from the inventory (subsets of it). The main function specifies the input and output.

From [The Haskell code is from Rosetta Code](#)

The `combs` function maps a list of provisions and a capacity to an ordered pair: a value and its feasible list of provisions.

As an initial condition, if the provision list is empty, then for any capacity, the returned value is 0 and the empty list.

Given a non-empty list of provisions, there are two possibilities: (1) If the weight of the provision at the head of the list is less than the capacity, then including the provision is feasible, otherwise (2) the provision cannot be in a feasible solution.

In the second case, return the result from the rest of the list and the given capacity. This is the case where  $b_p$ , the bit representing the provision, is 0. In the first case, provision may or may not be in the optimal feasible solution. So, compute both cases and return the one that is largest.

### Listing 33: Functional 0-1 Knapsack

```
-- A provision is its name, its weight, and its value
data Provision = (String, Num, Num)

-- Here is a sample inventory of provisions
inventory = [("map",9,150), ("compass",13,35), ("water",153,200),
             ("sandwich",50,160), ("glucose",15,60), ("tin",68,45),
             ("banana",27,60), ("apple",39,40), ("cheese",23,30),
             ("beer",52,10), ("cream",11,70), ("camera",32,30),
             ("tshirt",24,15), ("trousers",48,10), ("socks",4,50),
             ("umbrella",73,40), ("towel",18,12), ("book",30,10),
             ("trousers",42,70), ("overclothes",43,75),
             ("notecase",22,80), ("sunglasses",7,20)]

-- The combs function searches over feasible solutions to find one
-- that maximizes the value of provisions
combs [] _ = (0, [])
combs ((n,w,v):rest) cap
    | w <= cap = max (combs rest cap)
                    (prepend (n,w,v) (combs rest (cap - w)))
    | otherwise = combs rest cap
    where prepend (n,w,v) (value, list) = (value + v, (n,w,v):list)

main = do print (combs inventory 400)
```



Given a list of  $n$  provisions combs always calls itself again with a list of size  $n - 1$ , and sometimes calls itself twice on the tail of the list with different capacities. Prepending a triple onto the current optimal value and list takes constant time. Therefore, in the worst case, the code's time complexity can be modeled by the famous Mersenne recurrence

$$T(n) = 2T(n - 1) + 1, T(0) = 0$$

which has solution  $T(n) = 2^n - 1$ .

Here is a [C](#) (pseudo-code) implementation backtracking for the problem.

#### Listing 34: Imperative 0-1 Knapsack Backtracking Algorithm

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

typedef struct {
    char *name;
    int weight;
    int value;
} provision;

provision items[] = {
    {"map",          9, 150},
    {"compass",     13,  35},
    {"water",       153, 200},
    ...,
    {"sunglasses",  7,  20}
};

int cap;           // capacity of knapsack
int n;             // number of items
int X[n];          // current array of bits
int optBits[n];    // optimal array of bits
int optValue = 0;

bool isFeasible(provision *items) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        sum = sum + (X[i] * items[i].weight);
    }
    if (sum <= cap) { return true; }
    else {return false;}
}

bool betterValue(provisions *items) {
    int sum = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        sum = sum + (X[i] * items[i].value);
    }
    if (sum > optValue) {
        optValue = sum;
    }
}
```

A more general model would be

$$T(n) = 2T(n - 1) + c, T(0) = a$$

which has solution

$$T(n) = 2^n a + (2^n - 1)c$$

I believe comparing the functional and imperative codes clearly shows the difference between understanding the problem versus understanding the problem and the machine.

```

        return true;
    }
    else {return false;}
}

int knapsack(provisions *items, int level) {
    if (level == n) {
        if (isFeasible(items)) {
            if (betterValue(items)) {
                optBits = X;
            }
        }
    }
    else {
        X[level] = 1;
        knapsack(items, level + 1);
        X[level] = 0;
        knapsack(items, level + 1,);
    }
}

```

The above code has time complexity described by

$$\begin{aligned}
 T(n) &= 2T(n-1) + n \\
 &= 2[2T(n-2) + (n-1)] + n \\
 &\quad \vdots \\
 &= 2^k T(n-k) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i (n-i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i (n-i) \\
 &= n(2^n - 1) - \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^i i \\
 &= n(2^n - 1) - (2 + 2^n(n-2)) \\
 &= 2^{n+1} - n - 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Here is another imperative C algorithm for the 0-1 Knapsack. It uses dynamic programming and comes from [Rosetta Code](#). It makes me not want to be a C programmer. This algorithm is pseudo-polynomial, that is, its time complexity is  $T(n) = O(wn)$  where  $w$  is the capacity of the knapsack.

Pseudo-polynomial means the time complexity depends as a polynomial in value of a number, the capacity  $w$  in this case, but the input size depends on the  $\lfloor w \rfloor + 1$ , and  $w$  is exponential in this size.

### Listing 35: Imperative Dynamic Programming 0-1 Knapsack Algorithm

```

#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

```

```

typedef struct {
    char *name;
    int weight;
    int value;
} provision;

provision items[] = {
    {"map", 9, 150},
    {"compass", 13, 35},
    {"water", 153, 200},
    ...,
    {"sunglasses", 7, 20}
};

int *knapsack(provision *items, int n, int w) {
    int i, j, a, b, *mm, **m, *s;
    mm = calloc((n + 1) * (w + 1), sizeof (int));
    m = malloc((n + 1) * sizeof (int *));
    m[0] = mm;
    for (i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        m[i] = &mm[i*(w+1)];
        for (j = 0; j <= w; j++) {
            if (items[i-1].weight > j) {
                m[i][j] = m[i-1][j];
            }
            else {
                a = m[i-1][j];
                b = m[i-1][j-items[i-1].weight]+items[i-1].value;
                m[i][j] = a > b ? a : b;
            }
        }
    }
    s = calloc(n, sizeof (int));
    for (i = n, j = w; i > 0; i--) {
        if (m[i][j] > m[i-1][j]) {
            s[i-1] = 1;
            j -= items[i-1].weight;
        }
    }
    free(mm);
    free(m);
    return s;
}

int main () {
    int i, n, tw = 0, tv = 0, *s;
    n = sizeof (items) / sizeof (provision);
    s = knapsack(items, n, 400);
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
        if (s[i]) {
            printf("%-22s %5d %5d\n", items[i].name,
                items[i].weight,
                items[i].value);
        }
    }
}

```

```

        tw += items[i].weight;
        tv += items[i].value;
    }
}
printf("%-22s %5d %5d\n", "totals:", tw, tv);
return 0;
}

```

### Pruning and Bounding Functions

The functional backtracking algorithm for Knapsack 33 *prunes* the search space by only exploring branches where  $w \leq \text{cap}$ . The imperative backtracking algorithm ?? explores the entire search space, but the search can be *pruned* by a guard before each recursive call: Does the current weight plus the weight of the next provision not exceed the capacity?

Bounding functions provide more general approaches to pruning.

Let  $\vec{X} = \langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, \dots \rangle$  be a  $k$ -bit string representing a (partial) solution to a constraint satisfaction problem. Let

$$C(\vec{X}) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} v_i x_i \right) + \max \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=k}^n v_i x_i : \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i x_i \leq C \right) \right\}$$

That is,  $C(\vec{X})$  is the maximum value of *feasible descendants* (*extensions*) of  $\vec{X}$ . It is the value of the currently selected provisions plus the largest value over the set of feasible extensions (descendants) of  $\vec{X}$ .

In particular, if  $|\vec{X}| = n$ , then  $\vec{X}$  is a feasible solution,  $C(\vec{X})$  is its value, but  $\vec{X}$  may not be optimal. Also, if  $|\vec{X}| = 0$ , then  $C(\vec{X})$  is the optimal value of the problem.

#### Definition 11: Bounding Function Properties

A bounding function  $B$  is any function defined on variable length bit strings such that

- If  $\vec{X}$  is a feasible solution, the  $C(\vec{X}) = B(\vec{X})$
- For all partial feasible solutions,  $C(\vec{X}) \leq B(\vec{X})$

If such a bounding function  $B()$  can be found, and if at any point of the computation  $B(\vec{X}) \geq \text{optValue}$  holds, then no extensions of  $\vec{X}$  can lead to an optimal solution. And, searching descendants of  $\vec{X}$  can be pruned.

Computing  $C(\vec{X})$  is expensive when  $\vec{X}$  has many descendants. The bounding function  $B()$  should be much easier to compute. And, we want  $B()$  be a good approximation of  $C()$ .

One trick that can lead to discovering a bounding function is to find a simpler, easier to solve, related problems. A natural approximation to the 0-1 Knapsack problem is the Rational Knapsack problem (RK)

Recall, the greedy approach to the RK problem: Given a list of items, sort them in descending order in their value-to-weight ratios. An item with value 10 and weight 3 is worth more than an item with value 10 and weight 4. This sort only needs to be done once. Assume its time complexity is  $O(n \lg n)$ .

The greedy algorithm places items in the knapsack in order, one at a time as long as they fit. Some fraction of the last item might need to be used to fill, but not overfill, the knapsack. The time complexity is  $O(n)$ . See [the notes on Greedy algorithms](#).

Let  $\vec{X} = \langle x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}, \dots \rangle$  be a string of  $k$ -bit strings representing a (partial) solution to a Knapsack problem. Let  $R(k, C')$  be the optimal solution to the Rational Knapsack problem with capacity  $C'$ , over all rational descendants of  $\vec{X}$ , that is,  $\langle x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{n-1} \rangle$  where the values of  $x_j \in \mathbb{Q}$ , the set of rationals.

Define a bounding function by

$$B(\vec{X}) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i p_i + R\left(k, C - \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} x_i w_i\right) = CV + R(k, C - CW)$$

where  $CV$  is the current value and  $CW$  is the current weight.

That is,  $B(\vec{X})$  is the value selected provision from 0 to  $k-1$ , plus the value that can be gained from the remaining provisions using the remaining capacity and rational  $x$ 's. When all of the  $x$ 's are restricted to 0 or 1, then  $C(X) = B(X)$ . Also, since rational  $x$ 's yield more freedom (choices),  $C(X) \leq B(X)$

Here is an example from (Stinson, 1987).

#### Example: Use of bounding function

*Assume there are 5 items with weights*

$$\vec{W} = \langle 11, 12, 8, 7, 9 \rangle$$

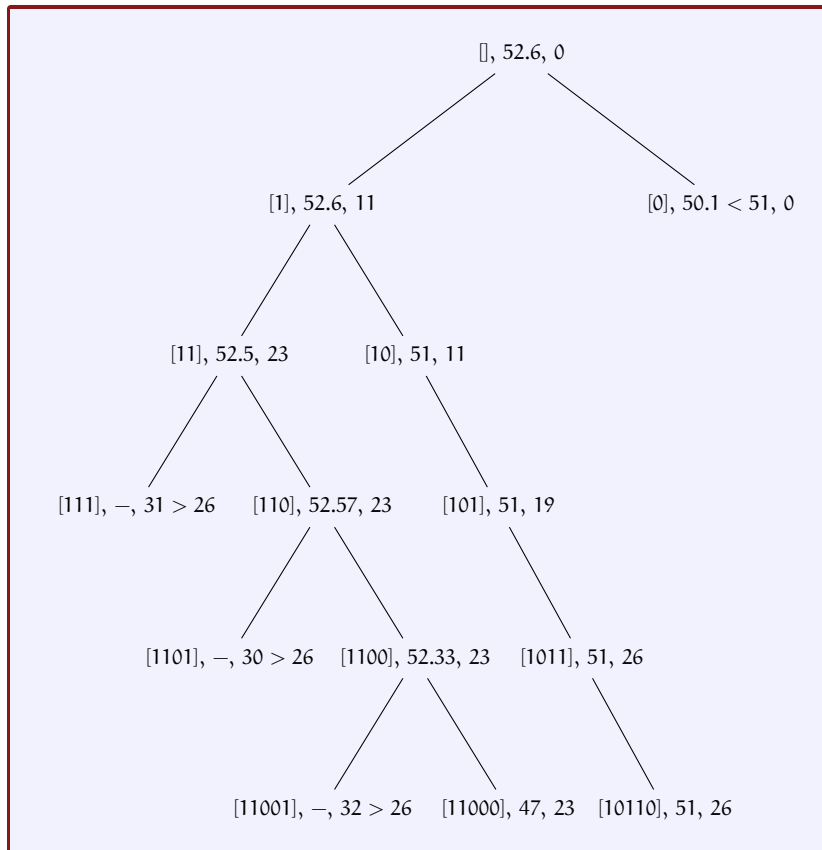
*and values*

$$\vec{V} = \langle 23, 24, 15, 13, 16 \rangle$$

*Pretend the knapsack's capacity of  $C = 26$ . The weights and values are sorted by value-to-weight ratio:*

$$\langle 23/11, 24/12, 15/8, 13/7, 16/9 \rangle \approx \langle 2.09, 2, 1.875, 1.857, 1.77 \rangle$$

*The search space tree shown below and explained after the diagram. A node is a triple  $([xs], B, CW)$ , a list  $[xs]$  of previously set bits, the value of the bounding function  $B$ , and the current weight of the included items.*



Assume that the positive  $x = 1$  branch is explored first. The greedy algorithm first computes  $x$ 's: 1, 1,  $3/8$  to fill the knapsack. The bounding value is

$$B([]) = 23 + 24 + \frac{3}{8} \cdot 15 = 52.625$$

Now explore the 1 branch:

$$B([1]) = 23 + 24 + \frac{3}{8} \cdot 15 = 52.625, \quad \text{CW} = 11$$

- $B([11]) = 23 + 24 + \frac{3}{8} \cdot 15 = 52.625, \text{ cw} = 23$ 
  - $B([111])$  is infeasible:  $\text{cw} = 31 > 26 = C$ , prune this branch
  - $B([110]) = 23 + 24 + \frac{3}{7} \cdot 13 \approx 52.57, \text{ cw} = 23$  (The left (down) branch  $[1101]$  is infeasible: its weight is  $\text{CW} = 30$ )
- The search follows  $[110] \mapsto [1100] \mapsto [11000]$ : a feasible solution. Along this branch  $B$  is updated:  $52.57 \mapsto 52.33 \mapsto 47$  and a potential optimal value  $\text{optValue}=47$  is set.
- Now explore the  $[10]$  branch.  $B([10]) = 23 + 15 + 13 \approx 51, \text{ cw} = 26$ 
  - $B([101]) = 51, \text{ CW} = 26$ 
    - \*  $B([1011]) = 51, \text{ CW} = 26$

- [10111] is infeasible:  $CW = 11 + 8 + 7 + 9 = 35 > 26 = C$
  - [10110] is feasible:  $B([10110]) = 51$ ,  $CW = C$ , and a new, better, potential optimal value  $optValue=51$  is set.
  - \*  $B([100]) = (23) + 13 + \frac{2}{3}16 = 46.6 < 51$ ,  $CW = 11$ . Since this value of  $B$  is less than the previously computed optimal value 51 this branch can be pruned.
- When the [0] branch is explored, we find

$$B([0]) = 0 \cdot 23 + 24 + 15 + \frac{6}{7} \cdot 13 \approx 50.14 < 51$$

Since this value of  $B$  is less than the previously computed potential optimal solution 51 its entire sub-tree can be pruned

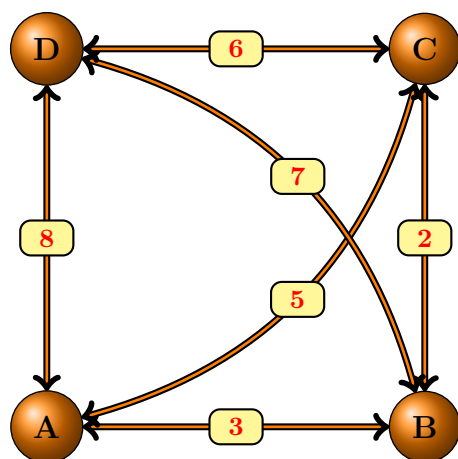




## 16. The Traveling Salesman Problem

### *The Traveling Salesman & Hamiltonian Circuit Problem*

A Hamiltonian tour or circuit in an undirected graph  $G = (E, V)$  is a cycle that passes through each node exactly once. When the edges have non-negative weights, a traveling salesman wants to find the shortest tour. Name the nodes 0 through  $n - 1$ . Since the tour is a cycle, the first node is arbitrary, and might as well be 0. A tour is a permutation of  $1, 2, \dots, (n-1)$ , so there are  $(n-1)!$  possible tours. But, the graph is undirected, so a permutation  $[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5]$  is equivalent to  $[0, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1]$ .



Searching through all permutations is only reasonable for small problems. If the graph is not complete (fully connected), then some tours can be pruned. Let's develop a *bounding function* that is more efficient at pruning the search space.

An adjacency matrix is one representation of a graph. For example,

$$M = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \infty & 3 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & \infty & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 & \infty & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 6 & \infty \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

An adjacency matrix can be *reduced* in two steps: First subtract the

minimum in each row from itself and others in the row. Next, using this intermediate matrix, subtract the minimum in each column from itself and the other values in the column. Keep a running tab of the amount subtracted: Call the value  $V(M)$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} a \quad b \quad c \quad d \\ a \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \infty & 3 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & \infty & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 & \infty & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 6 & \infty \end{array} \right) \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c} a \quad b \quad c \quad d \\ a \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \infty & 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & \infty & 0 & 5 \\ 3 & 0 & \infty & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & \infty \end{array} \right) \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c} a \quad b \quad c \quad d \\ a \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \infty & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \infty & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & \infty & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \infty \end{array} \right) \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \end{array}$$

With  $V(M) = (3 + 2 + 2 + 6) + (1 + 0 + 0 + 4) = 18$ . The resulting matrix has:

- All non-negative entries
- Every row and every column contains at least one 0.

$V(M)$  is a lower bound on the cost of any Hamiltonian circuit  $H$ . To see this, let

$$H = [0x_1x_2 \cdots x_{n-1}] = [ax_1x_2 \cdots x_{n-1}]$$

be any tour:  $0 \mapsto x_1 \mapsto x_2 \mapsto \cdots \mapsto x_{n-1} \mapsto 0$ . That is, a permutation on the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, (n-1)\}$ . Therefore, the adjacency matrix entries  $M[0, x_1], M[x_1, x_2], \dots, M[x_{n-1}, 0]$  cover all rows and all columns. The sum of these entries is the cost of the tour  $H$ .

$$C(H) = \sum_{i=1}^n M[x_{i-1}, x_i] \quad x_0 = x_n = 0$$

For each row, subtract  $M[x_{i-1}, x_i]$  from each entry in row  $(i-1)$ . The amount subtracted is the cost of the tour  $C(H)$ . Consider the tour  $H = [0, 2, 1, 3] = [a, c, b, d]$  of the graph. It's cost is  $5 + 2 + 7 + 8 = 22$

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} a \quad b \quad c \quad d \\ a \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \infty & 3 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & \infty & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 & \infty & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 6 & \infty \end{array} \right) \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \mapsto \begin{array}{c} a \quad b \quad c \quad d \\ a \left( \begin{array}{cccc} \infty & -2 & 0 & 3 \\ -4 & \infty & -5 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & \infty & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & -2 & \infty \end{array} \right) \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{array} \end{array}$$

The resulting matrix has a 0 in every row and column. But, some of its entries are negative. This process reduced the matrix by more than the reduction that computes  $V(M)$ .

$$V(M) \leq C(H)$$

That is,  $V(M)$  is a lower bound on any tour.

Suppose the cost of some tour has been computed, yielding a potential minimum value. Say  $[a, b, c, d]$  which has cost  $3+2+6+8 = 19$ . Backtracking would then compute the cost of  $[a, b, d, c]$  which has cost  $3 + 7 + 6 + 5 = 21$ . The value 19 is kept as the optimal so far.

Now suppose some other tour has been started, to see if a shorter tour can be found. For example  $[a, c, \dots]$ , with a cost  $5 + \dots$ . We want to extend it to completion. There are two of completions:

$$[a, c, b, d] \quad \text{and} \quad [a, c, d, b]$$

The problem (matrix) can be reduced by eliminating visited rows and columns.

- strike the columns of all visited nodes, except the first (we need to get back to it)
- strike the rows of all visited nodes, except the last (we need to go forward from it)
- set  $M[x_i, 0] = \infty$  for each visited node (we don't want to return to the tour start from an already visited node)

$$M = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \infty & 3 & 5 & 8 \\ 3 & \infty & 2 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 & \infty & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & 6 & \infty \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} \mapsto M' = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 3 & \infty & 7 \\ \infty & 2 & 6 \\ 8 & 7 & \infty \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

It can be shown a bounding function is

$$B(X) = V(M') + C(X)$$

That is,

- $B(X) = C(H)$  if  $H$  is a tour. In this case, all rows and columns have been stricken and  $M'$  is an empty matrix.
- $B(X) \leq C(X)$  for any feasible partial solution ( $B(X)$  is a lower bound on the cost of a tour that starts with path  $X$ .)

In the example  $[a, c, \dots]$ ,  $V(M') = (3 + 2 + 7) + 4 = 16$  and  $C(X) = 5$ . Since  $B(X) = 21 > 19$  the branch can be pruned.

### *Exercises*

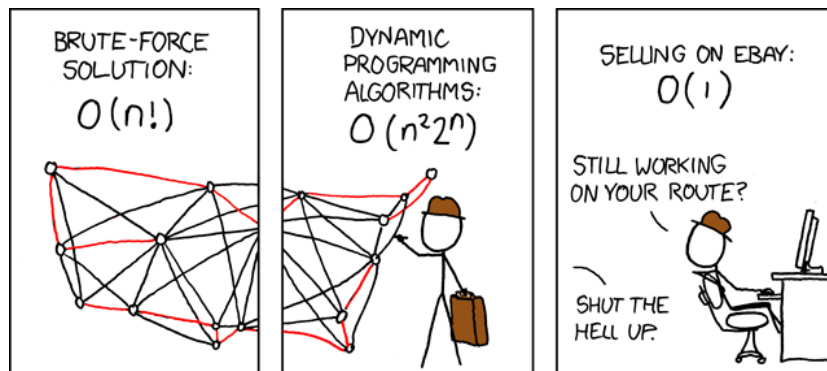
1. How does the algorithm runs on the tour that starts  $[a, d, \dots]$ .



## 17. Dynamic Programming

Precompute, don't recompute

I wish I could remember the source of this quote



Traveling Salesman Problem

Dynamic programming is a problem solving methodology, credited to Richard Bellman (Bellman, 1957). A nutshell definition of dynamic programming is: Bottom-up computation with *memorization*. Problems that lend themselves to a dynamic programming attack have the following characteristics:

- A search over a large space for an optimal solution
- The optimal solution can be expressed in terms of optimal solutions to sub-problems.
- The number of sub-problems is small, saved in a memo (memorization).

Dynamic programming algorithms has the following features:

- A *recurrence* is implemented iteratively.
- A *table* is built to support the iteration by memorizing previously computed values.
- The optimal solution can be found by *tracing* through the table.

Please read Chapter 15 Dynamic Programming in in the textbook (Cormen et al., 2009).

The most simple problem I know which where dynamic programming is useful is computing [Fibonacci](#) numbers. The recursive, top-down algorithm to compute  $F_n$  has exponential cost:  $O(\varphi^n)$ , where the [golden ratio](#)  $\varphi$  is about 1.618.

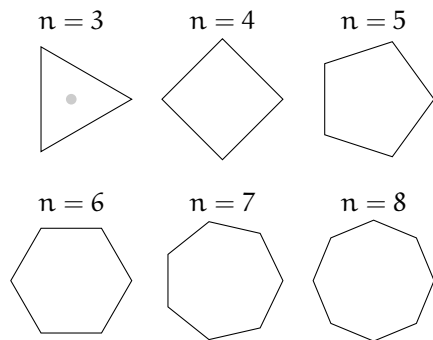
But, the iterative algorithm is linear, computing  $F_n$  in only  $O(n)$  steps. The *table* is simply two values  $F_{n-2}$  and  $F_{n-1}$ , which are initialized to 0 and 1 when  $n = 2$ , and dynamically updated as the computation proceeds. Computing Fibonacci numbers is not a real optimization problem: There is no large search space, so the third point does not apply.

### Polygon Triangulation

Here's an sample problem from computer graphics where dynamic programming is useful.

A polygon  $P$  with  $n$  vertices and  $n$  edges ( $n \geq 3$ ) is a finite collection of vertices  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}$  lying in the [Cartesian](#)  $(x, y)$  plane with edges  $(v_i, v_{i+1})$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, (n-1)$  where  $v_n = v_0$  to close the last side. Triangles, squares, pentagons are common polygons.

While writing this, I'm uncertain how to define the *empty polygon*. Is it a polygon with  $n = 0, 1$  or  $2$  sides?



A polygon is simple if no edges cross one another. A polygon is convex if, given any two points on its boundary or interior, the line segment between them lies entirely within the polygon or its boundary. All of our polygons are simple and convex.

A chord  $v_i v_j$  is a line segment (not one of the sides) between two nonadjacent vertices, that is  $v_j \neq v_{i+1}$  and if  $j = n-1$  then  $v_i \neq v_0$ . A *triangulation*  $T$  is a set of chords that partition a simple polygon into disjoint triangles. Triangle *fans* and *strips* are two simple ways to triangulate a polygon. Fans, as shown in Figure 13. Fans draw successive chords from a single vertex. Strips zigzag back and forth

Triangular fan

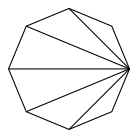


Figure 13: Triangular fan

across the polygon, see Figure 14.

Triangular Strip

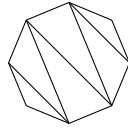


Figure 14: Triangular strip

In practice, some triangulations are better than others. Some optimization goals could be:

- Minimize the sum of triangle perimeters
- Minimize the largest area over all the triangles
- Relaxing the requirement that the polygons lie in a plane, you may want to minimize variation in surface normals

#### Problem 7: Minimal Triangulation

Assume a weight function  $w(p_i, p_j, p_k)$  defined on triangles  $\triangle = (p_i, p_j, p_k)$ . Let  $T$  be a triangulation of a polygon.

Decision Problem: Does triangulation  $T$  minimize the sum of weights

$$\sum_{\triangle \in T} w(\triangle)?$$

Function Problem: Find optimal triangulations  $T$ , those that minimize the sum of weights

$$\sum_{\triangle \in T} w(\triangle)$$

Let's develop a recursion that describes an optimal triangulation.

#### Polygon Triangulation Recursion

Let's start by noting some useful facts.

1. If  $P$  is a polygon with  $n$  vertices, then every triangulation of  $P$  has  $n - 3$  chords and divides the polygon into  $n - 2$  triangles.
2. Each polygon edge belongs to some triangle.
3. Each triangle has one or two polygon edges.

Let  $t(i, j)$  be the weight of the optimal triangulation of polygon  $P_{ij} = (p_{i-1}, \dots, p_j)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n - 1$ . That is,

$$t(i, j) = \min \left\{ \sum_{\triangle \in T} w(\triangle) \right\}$$

Degenerate polygons have zero weight:  
 $t(i, i) = 0$ .

where  $T$  is a triangulation of  $P_{ij}$ . We want to know the value of  $t(1, n)$  and the triangulation that produces it.

In any triangulation of  $(p_{i-1}, \dots, p_j)$  there must be one triangle  $(p_{i-1}, p_k, p_j)$  where  $i \leq k \leq j-1$ . By considering all of these we can reduce the current problem to find the minimum of  $t(i, k) + t(k+1, j) + w(p_{i-1}, p_k, p_j)$ , that is,

$$t(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min \{t(i, k) + t(k+1, j) + w(p_{i-1}, p_k, p_j) : i \leq k \leq j-1\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### The Memoized Table

Using the recurrence we can fill out a table of weights  $t(i, j)$ . Here is a simple example: Let  $P$  a quadrilateral  $(p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3)$  with two triangulations whose weights measure perimeters. See figure 15.

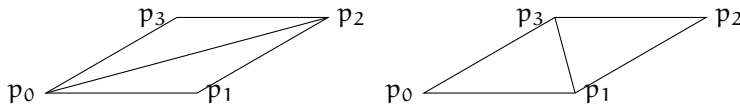


Figure 15: Triangulations with perimeter weights

The perimeters of the four triangles are:

$$w(p_0, p_1, p_2) = 8$$

$$w(p_0, p_2, p_3) = 8$$

$$w(p_1, p_2, p_3) = 5$$

$$w(p_0, p_1, p_3) = 5$$

We want to compute values  $t(i, j)$  in table below.

	j = 1	j = 2	j = 3		j = 1	j = 2	j = 3	
i = 1	t(1, 1)	t(1, 2)	t(1, 3)	=	i = 1	0	8	10
i = 2		t(2, 2)	t(2, 3)		i = 2	0	5	
i = 3			t(3, 3)		i = 3		0	

The values along the main diagonal  $t(k, k)$  can be initialized to 0. Along the next upper diagonal the values are:

$$\begin{aligned} t(1, 2) &= \min \{t(1, k) + t(k+1, 2) + w(p_0, p_k, p_2) : 1 \leq k \leq 1\} \\ &= \min \{0 + 0 + 8\} \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t(2, 3) &= \min \{t(2, k) + t(k+1, 3) + w(p_1, p_k, p_3) : 2 \leq k \leq 2\} \\ &= \min \{0 + 0 + 5\} \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$



Lastly, the value of  $t(1, 3)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 t(1, 3) &= \min\{t(1, k) + t(k+1, 3) + w(p_0, p_k, p_3) : 1 \leq k \leq 2\} \\
 &= \min\{[t(1, 1) + t(2, 3) + w(p_0, p_1, p_3)], [t(1, 2) + t(3, 3) + w(p_0, p_2, p_3)]\} \\
 &= \min\{[0 + 5 + 5], [8 + 0 + 8]\} \\
 &= 10
 \end{aligned}$$

### *The Trace back*

Not only do we wish to find the weight of the optimal triangulation, we want to be able to construct it as well. We can do this by recording the path to the optimal solution or dynamically reconstructing it.

#### Listing 36: Optimally Triangulate a Polygon

```

185a  <Triangulate a polygon 185a>≡
      public void triangulate(Polygon poly) {
          <Initialize triangulate local state 185b>
          <For each diagonal 185c> {
              <For each row 185d> {
                  <Initialize the column index and table entry 185e>
                  <Test every vertex k between i and j 186>
              }
          }
      }

```

```

185b  <Initialize triangulate local state 185b>≡
      int n = poly.countOfvertices();
      double t[n][n];
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) { t[i,i] = 0; }

```

```

185c  <For each diagonal 185c>≡
      for (int d = 2; d < n; d++)

```

```

185d  <For each row 185d>≡
      for (int i = 1; i < n-d+1; i++)

```

```

185e  <Initialize the column index and table entry 185e>≡
      Initialize the column index and >=
      int j = i+d-1;
      t[i, j] = INFINITY;

```

```

186 <Test every vertex k between i and j 186>≡
    for (int k = i; i < j; k++) {
        int q = t[i,k] + t[k+1,j] + poly.weight(i-1, k, j);
        if (q < t[i,j]) {
            t[i, j] = q;
            s[i, j] = k;
        }
    }
}

```

This algorithm would be useful if its only application were in triangulating polygons. This basic algorithm solves many problems. See (Sankoff and Kruskal, 1983) for an overview of many problems that can be attacked by this method. Below the *edit distance* problem is described.

### Edit Distance

Spell checkers provide a list of *nearby* words when a string is not found in the dictionary. **DNA**, the molecule of life, can be abstracted as strings over the alphabet

$$\text{DNA} = \{A, C, G, T\}$$

Geneticists study the similarities and differences in the **DNA** of among members of a species and between different species.

The similarity of two strings can be measured by an edit distance. Many different measures can be used. A simple edit distance is the number of

- Insertions:  $\alpha\beta \mapsto \alpha\gamma\beta$
- Deletions:  $\alpha\gamma\beta \mapsto \alpha\beta$
- Substitutions:  $\alpha\gamma\beta \mapsto \alpha\delta\beta$

need to transform one string into another.

For instance, to map ALGORITHM to ALGEBRA might result in this editing sequence, where *s*, *i* and *d* stand for *substitution*, *insertion*, and *deletion*.

A	L	G	O	-	R	I	T	H	M
A	L	G	E	B	R	A	-	-	-
<hr/>									
			s	i		s	d	d	d

If each operation has a cost of 1, then the distance of this editing sequence is 6. Another metric charges 2 for a substitution.

Imagine applications where the distance between strings could be useful.

Is 6 the smallest unit cost distance between ALGORITHM and ALGEBRA?

### Problem 8: String Edit Distance Problem

Decision Problem: Given strings  $s$  and  $t$ , is  $m$  the minimum number of edits to transform  $s$  into  $t$ ?

Function Problem: Given strings  $s$  and  $t$ , find one or more edit sequences that minimize the distance between the strings.

Basic string editing operations are insertions, deletions, and substitutions.

### Definition 12: Insertions, Deletions, and Substitutions

Let  $s$ ,  $t$ ,  $u$  and  $v$  be strings over alphabet  $\Sigma$ , and let  $a$  and  $b$  be a character in  $\Sigma$ .

- Insertion: If  $s = uv$ , then  $t = uav$ .
- Deletion: If  $s = uav$ , then  $t = uv$ .
- Substitution: If  $s = uav$ , then  $t = ubv$ .

Positive weights are assigned to each edit operations.

$w_{\text{ins}}(a) = \text{cost of inserting } a.$

$w_{\text{del}}(a) = \text{cost of deleting } a.$

$w_{\text{sub}}(a, b) = \text{cost of substituting } b \text{ for } a.$

Let  $d(i, j)$  be the minimum edit distance between  $s[0, \dots, i-1]$  and  $t[0, \dots, j-1]$ . That is,  $d(i, j)$  is the minimum edit distance the first  $i$  characters of  $s$  and first  $j$  characters of  $t$ .

If  $|s| = n$  and  $|t| = m$ , the minimum edit distance is  $d(n, m)$ . The edit distance can be defined by the recurrence

$$d(i, j) = \begin{cases} d(i-1, j-1) & \text{if } s_i = t_j \\ \min \begin{cases} d(i-1, j) + w_{\text{del}}(s_i) \\ d(i, j-1) + w_{\text{ins}}(t_j) \\ d(i-1, j-1) + w_{\text{sub}}(s_i, t_j) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The recurrence reads as follows:

- If the next characters ( $s_i$  and  $t_j$ ) match, there is no increase in the edit distance.
- Otherwise, take the smallest of three choices:
  - The cost of matching the first  $i-1$  and  $j$  characters, then deleting  $s_i$ .
  - The cost of matching the first  $i$  and  $j-1$  characters, then inserting  $t_i$ .

Knuth, in (Knuth, 1993), shows how to transform words into graph as a ladder of seven substitutions.

words, wolds, golds, goads, grads,  
grade, grape, graph.

- The cost of matching the first  $i - 1$  and  $j - 1$  characters, then substituting  $s_i$  for  $t_j$

Assume that each insertion or deletion has a cost of 1, but a substitution costs 2 (A substitution can be thought of as a deletion followed by an insertion.)

One alignment of

$s = \text{TAGCTATCA}$  and  $t = \text{AGGCTATTA}$

might look like this:

T	A	G	-	C	T	A	T	C	A
-	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
d			i					s	

The table below shows the initial configuration when computing the minimal edit distance between

$s = \text{TAGCTATCA}$  and  $t = \text{AGGCTATTA}$

The rows and columns are labeled by the characters in the strings.

The  $\lambda$  column shows the costs for inserting of TAGCTATCA into an empty string. These costs are  $d(i, 0) = i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, 9$ .

The  $\lambda$  row shows the costs for inserting AGGCTATTA into an empty string. These costs are  $d(0, j) = j$  for  $j = 0, \dots, 9$ .

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1									
A	2									
G	3									
C	4									
T	5									
A	6									
T	7									
C	8									
A	9									

Values can be computed along diagonals. The first computed value

comes from comparing T and A.

$$d(1, 1) = \begin{cases} d(0, 0)(= 0) & \text{if } T = A \\ \min \begin{cases} d(0, 1) + 1(= 2) \\ d(1, 0) + 1(= 2) \\ d(0, 0) + 2(= 2) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	2								
A	2									
G	3									
C	4									
T	5									
A	6									
T	7									
C	8									
A	9									

$$d(1, 2) = \begin{cases} d(0, 1)(= 1) & \text{if } T = G \\ \min \begin{cases} d(0, 2) + 1(= 3) \\ d(1, 1) + 1(= 3) \\ d(0, 1) + 2(= 3) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Now, compute values in the next diagonal:

Possible edits to compute  $d(1, 1)$ :

	Substitute
T	
A	
Delete-Insert	
T	A
-	A
Insert-Delete	
-	T
A	-



$$d(3, 1) = \begin{cases} d(2, 0)(= 2) & \text{if } G = A \\ \min \begin{cases} d(2, 1) + 1(= 3) \\ d(3, 0) + 1(= 3) \\ d(2, 0) + 2(= 3) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$d(2, 2) = \begin{cases} d(1, 1)(= 2) & \text{if } A = G \\ \min \begin{cases} d(2, 1) + 1(= 3) \\ d(3, 0) + 1(= 3) \\ d(1, 1) + 2(= 3) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$d(1, 3) = \begin{cases} d(0, 2)(= 2) & \text{if } G = A \\ \min \begin{cases} d(0, 3) + 1(= 3) \\ d(1, 2) + 1(= 3) \\ d(0, 2) + 2(= 3) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The complete edit distance table is:

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7	8
A	2	1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7
G	3	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
C	4	3	2	3	2	3	4	5	6	7
T	5	4	3	4	3	2	3	4	5	6
A	6	5	4	5	4	3	2	3	4	5
T	7	6	5	6	5	4	3	2	3	4
C	8	7	6	7	6	5	4	3	4	5
A	9	8	7	8	7	6	5	4	5	4

Fill in the next diagonal:  
 $d(4, 1)$ ,  $d(3, 2)$ ,  $d(2, 3)$ , and  
 $d(1, 4)$ .

The optimal alignment has cost 4 for 1 deletion, 1 insertion, and 1 substitution.

T	A	G	-	C	T	A	T	C	A
-	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
d			i				s		

This can be seen from tracing back in the array.

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7	8
A	2	1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7
G	3	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
C	4	3	2	3	2	3	4	5	6	7
T	5	4	3	4	3	2	3	4	5	6
A	6	5	4	5	4	3	2	3	4	5
T	7	6	5	6	5	4	3	2	3	4
C	8	7	6	7	6	5	4	3	4	5
A	9	8	7	8	7	6	5	4	5	4

With these rules, edit distance defines a [metric space](#) on strings.

#### Definition 13: Metric Space

Let  $s = a_0a_1 \cdots a_{n-1}$  and  $t = b_0b_1 \cdots b_{m-1}$  be strings over  $\Sigma$ . Define  $d(s, s')$  to be the minimum of over all sequences of edits that transform  $s$  into  $s'$ . Then,

1.  $d(s, s') = 0$  if and only if  $s = s'$ : It costs nothing to change a string into itself.
2.  $d(s, s') > 0$  when  $s \neq s'$ : It costs something to change a string into another string.
3.  $d(s, s') = d(s', s) > 0$  when  $s \neq s'$ : Edit distance is symmetric.
4. The triangle inequality  $d(s, s') \leq d(s, s'') + d(s'', s')$  holds: It costs no more change  $s$  into  $s'$  than to go through any intermediary string  $s''$ . The length between triangle vertices is no more than the sum of the other legs.

Here is a [C](#) implementation of edit distance.

#### Listing 37: Iterative String Edit Distance

192 `<Iterative String Edit Distance 192>≡`  

```
int editDist(char *s, int ls, char *t, int lt)
{
    int distances[ls][lt];
```



```

    <If either string is empty return 193a>
    <Initialize the first row and first column 193b>
    <For every pair of characters 193c>
    {
        <If characters match, use the previous distance 193d>
        <Otherwise, use the minimum distance 194>
    }
    return distance[ls-1][lt-1];
}

```

If either string *s* or *t* is empty, return the length of the other, which translated to inserting its characters. The C-idiom is “if *ls*=0, then *!ls* is True.”

193a *<If either string is empty return 193a>*≡  

```

    if (!ls) return lt;
    if (!lt) return ls;

```

Initializing the first row and column has time complexity  $\Theta(n + m)$ .

193b *<Initialize the first row and first column 193b>*≡  

```

    for (int i = 0, int j = 0; i < m, j < n; i++, j++)
    {
        distances[i][0] = i;
        distances[0][j] = j;
    }

```

There are *nm* pairs of characters, assuming the source string *s* has length *ls* = *n* and target string *t* has length *lt* = *m*.

193c *<For every pair of characters 193c>*≡  

```

    for (int i = 1; i < ls; i++)
        for (int j = 1; j < lt; j++)

```

Testing for a match has complexity  $O(1)$ .

193d *<If characters match, use the previous distance 193d>*≡  

```

    if (s[i-1] == t[j-1]) {
        distance[i][j] = distance[i-1][j-1];
    }

```

And when a mismatch occurs, only a few table look-ups, comparisons, and assignments are necessary.

```

194 <Otherwise, use the minimum distance 194>≡
    else
    {
        min = distance[i-1][j-1];
        if (min > distance[i][j-1])
        {
            min = distance[i][j-1];
        }
        if (min > distance[i-1][j])
        {
            min = distance[i-1][j];
        }
        distance[i][j] = 1 + min;
    }

```

The performance of the edit distance algorithm is characterized by

- Time complexity:  $O(nm)$  to account for the nested for loops.
- Space complexity:  $O(nm)$  to account for storing the table.
- Trace-back:  $O(n + m)$  to construct the optimal alignment.

### Matrix Chain Multiplication

#### Problem 9: Matrix Chain Multiplication

Function Problem: Find the way to parenthesis a matrix product

$$M_1 M_2 \cdots M_n$$

to minimize the number of operations.

### Inner Products

Let  $\vec{X}$  and  $\vec{Y}$  be vectors of length  $m$ . The *inner product*  $\langle \vec{X} \cdot \vec{Y} \rangle$  of  $\vec{X}$  and  $\vec{Y}$  is the value

$$\langle \vec{X} \cdot \vec{Y} \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} X[i] * Y[i]$$

For instance, if

$$\vec{X} = \langle -1, 2, -1 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{Y} = \langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle$$

then

$$\langle \vec{X} \cdot \vec{Y} \rangle = (-1 \cdot 2) + (2 \cdot 2) + (-1 \cdot 2) = 0$$

In this case  $\langle -1, 2, -1 \rangle$  and  $\langle 2, 2, 2 \rangle$  are *orthogonal*.

Inner products define cosines.

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\langle \vec{X} \cdot \vec{Y} \rangle}{|\vec{X}| |\vec{Y}|}$$

where  $|\vec{X}| = \sqrt{\langle \vec{X} \cdot \vec{X} \rangle}$ .

## Listing 38: Functional Inner Product

195a

```

⟨Functional Inner Product 195a⟩≡
innerProduct :: Num a => [a] -> [a] -> a
innerProduct [] ys = error "first vector too short"
innerProduct xs [] = error "second vector too short"
innerProduct (x:xs) (y:ys) = x*y + innerProduct xs ys

- - Using Haskell idioms:
innerProduct' :: Num a => [a] -> [a] -> a
innerProduct' x y = foldr (+) 0 (zipWith (*) x y)

```

The time complexity of `innerProduct` is  $O(m)$ .

## Listing 39: Imperative Inner Product

195b

```

⟨Imperative Inner product 195b⟩≡
double innerProduct(double X[m], double Y[m])
{
    double ip = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < m; i++) {ip = ip + X[i] * Y[i];}
    return ip;
}

```

*Matrix Multiplication*

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times m$  and  $m \times \ell$  matrices. Their product  $AB$  is an  $n \times \ell$  matrix. The standard algorithm computes the *inner product* of each row of  $A$  with each column of  $B$ . Therefore, the time complexity of the standard algorithm is  $O(nm\ell)$ .

## Listing 40: Functional Inner Product

195c

```

⟨Functional Matrix Multiplication 195c⟩≡
matrixMult :: Num a => [[a]] -> [[a]] -> [[a]]
matrixMult xs ys = [[(innerProduct x y) | y <- ys] | x <- xs]

```

Matrix multiplication is associative. When given a chain of matrices to multiply, say

$$M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3 \times M_4$$

there are several orders in which the computation can proceed.

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3 \times M_4 &= (M_1 \times (M_2 \times (M_3 \times M_4))) \\
 &= (M_1 \times ((M_2 \times M_3) \times M_4)) \\
 &= ((M_1 \times M_2) \times (M_3 \times M_4)) \\
 &= ((M_1 \times (M_2 \times M_3)) \times M_4) \\
 &= (((M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3) \times M_4)
 \end{aligned}$$

In this case, where there are 5 different ways to form the product. The numbers of ways to parenthesize a chain of expressions is a [Catalan number](#)

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

At  $n = 3$ , the Catalan number is

$$C(3) = \frac{1}{4} \binom{6}{3} = \frac{6!}{4 \cdot 3!3!} = 5$$

An asymptotic formula for Catalan numbers shows their exponential growth rate.

$$C_n \sim \frac{4^n}{n^{3/2}\sqrt{\pi}}$$

Therefore, it is not feasible to search over all possible ways to compute a chain of matrix products.

To see that multiplication order really does matter, consider this example:

$$M_1 \text{ is } 10 \times 100, \quad M_2 \text{ is } 100 \times 5, \quad M_3 \text{ is } 5 \times 50$$

There are  $C(2) = \frac{1}{3} \binom{4}{2} = 2$  ways to compute the product

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 ((M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3) & \text{Cost: } (10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5) + (10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50) = 7500 \\
 (M_1 \times (M_2 \times M_3)) & \text{Cost: } (100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50) + (10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50) = 75000
 \end{array}$$

### *Structure of the optimal solution*

Pretend you want to optimally compute

$$M_1 M_2 \cdots M_n$$

where  $M_k$  is a  $p_{k-1} \times p_k$  matrix. That is, sequence

$$\vec{p} = \langle p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n \rangle$$

defines valid matrix (row, column) sizes for multiplication.

Let

$$d(i, j) = \text{optimal cost to compute the product } M_i \cdots M_j$$

The ultimate value to compute is  $d(1, n)$ .

If the optimal parenthesizing is

$$((M_1 \cdots M_k)(M_{k+1} \cdots M_n))$$

then optimal cost is the optimal cost to compute  $(M_1 \cdots M_k)$  plus the optimal cost to compute  $(M_{k+1} \cdots M_n)$  plus  $p_0 p_k p_n$ , the cost to compute the product  $((M_1 \cdots M_k) \times (M_{k+1} \cdots M_n))$ .

That is,

$$d(1, n) = d(1, k) + d(k+1, n) + p_0 p_k p_n$$

But, you don't know *a priori* which  $k$  to use, so compute them all and take a minimum

$$d(1, n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 1 = n \\ \min_{1 \leq k < n} \{d(1, k) + d(k+1, n) + p_0 p_k p_n\} & \text{if } 1 < n \end{cases}$$

For intermediate products, the optimal cost is defined by the recursion

$$d(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{d(i, k) + d(k+1, j) + p_{i-1} p_k p_j\} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

#### Example: Matrix Chain Example

Consider the product

$$M_1 M_2 M_3$$

where the sizes of the matrices are

$$\vec{p} = \langle 10, 100, 5, 50 \rangle$$

Initialize:

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

$$d[2, 2] = 0$$

$$d[3, 3] = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & - & - \\ & 0 & - \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} d(1, 2) &= \min \{d(1, 1) + d(2, 2) + p[0]p[1]p[2]\} \\ &= 0 + 0 + 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 \\ &= 5000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d(2, 3) &= \min \{d(2, 2) + d(3, 3) + p[1]p[2]p[3]\} \\ &= 0 + 0 + 100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 \\ &= 25000 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5000 & - \\ & 0 & 25000 \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Next:

$$\begin{aligned} d(1, 3) &= \min\{d(1, 1) + d(2, 3) + p[0]p[1]p[3], \\ &\quad d(1, 2) + d(3, 3) + p[0]p[2]p[3]\} \\ &= \min\{25000 + 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50, 5000 + 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50\} \\ &= \min\{75000, 7500\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 5000 & 7500 \\ & 0 & 25000 \\ & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We know that is the matrix sizes are give by the sequence

$$\vec{p} = \langle p_0, \dots, p_n \rangle$$

then the final product has size  $p_0 \times p_n$ .

#### Listing 41: Matrix Chain Multiplication Order

```

198a  <Matrix Chain Multiplication Order 198a>≡
      <Initialize the main diagonal 198b>

      <For each sub-diagonal 199a>
      {
        <For each sub-diagonal row 199b>
        {
          <Set the column and impossible value 199c>
          <For each way to partition a product 199d>
          {
            <Compute the cost of this partition 199e>
            <If smaller cost: update minimum, save partition 200>
          }
        }
        return d and s;
      }

```

First, initialize the main diagonal at a cost that is  $O(n)$ .

Initialize:  $O(n)$ .

```

198b  <Initialize the main diagonal 198b>≡
      for(int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        d[i, i] = 0
      }

```

Now loop over each sub-diagonal. Think of them as starting at column 2 and going through  $n$ , which is a single value in the northeast corner of a matrix.. This loop has time complexity  $O(n-1)$ .

199a  $\langle$ For each sub-diagonal 199a $\rangle \equiv$   
 for (int  $s = 2$ ;  $s \leq n$ ;  $s++$ )

When you start at subdiagonal  $s$ , the rows go from  $i = 1$  to  $i = (n - s + 1)$ . Visualize it: The upper sub-diagonal starting at column 2 goes from row 1 to  $n - 1 = n - 2 + 1$ .

199b  $\langle$ For each sub-diagonal row 199b $\rangle \equiv$   
 for(int  $i = 1$ ;  $i \leq n - s + 1$ ;  $i++$ )

Now we want to compute the value in subdiagonal  $s$  and row  $i$ . This value is at column index  $j = i + s - 1$ . Think about it: On subdiagonal 2 at row 5 the column index will be  $j = 5 + 2 - 1 = 6$ .

Set the value here to INFINITY so any computed value will be smaller. This has constant cost, but happens

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=2}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-s+1} 1 &= \sum_{s=2}^n (n - s + 1) \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} p \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \quad \text{times} \end{aligned}$$

199c  $\langle$ Set the column and impossible value 199c $\rangle \equiv$   
 $j = i + s - 1$ ;  
 $d[i, j] = \text{INFINITY}$ ;

Now partition the matrix product  $M_i \cdot M_j$  at  $k$  for each  $k = i$  to  $j - 1$ .

199d  $\langle$ For each way to partition a product 199d $\rangle \equiv$   
 for(int  $k = i$ ;  $k < j$ ;  $k++$ )

Everything from now on occurs within three nested for loops. Each operation within the inner loop on  $k$  has constant cost. Therefore, the overall complexity can be computed from the sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{s=2}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-s+1} \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} 1 &= \sum_{s=2}^n \sum_{i=1}^{n-s+1} (s-1) \\ &= \sum_{p=1}^{n-1} (j + (j-1) + \dots) \\ &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \quad \text{times} \end{aligned}$$

199e  $\langle$ Compute the cost of this partition 199e $\rangle \equiv$   
 $q = d[i, k] + d[k+1, j] + p[i-1]p[k]p[j]$ ;

```
200  <If smaller cost: update minimum, save partition 200>≡  
      if q < d[i, j]  
      {  
          d[i, j] = q;  
          s[i, j] = k;  
      }
```



### Exercises

1. Complete the edit distance table for the following pair of strings.

	$\lambda$	G	R	A	P	H
$\lambda$						
W						
O						
R						
D						
S						

2. Consider multiplying matrices, say  $M_0 \times M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3$ . Matrix multiplication is associative:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_0 \times M_1 \times M_2 \times M_3 &= M_0 \times (M_1 \times (M_2 \times M_3)) \\
 &= M_0 \times ((M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3) \\
 &= (M_0 \times M_1) \times (M_2 \times M_3) \\
 &= (M_0 \times (M_1 \times M_2)) \times M_3 \\
 &= ((M_0 \times M_1) \times M_2) \times M_3
 \end{aligned}$$

An interesting question is: In how many ways can you parenthesize an associative operation involving  $n$  expressions. These are called **Catalan numbers**. They occur in many applications.

Suppose  $M_0$  is  $10 \times 100$ ,  $M_1$  is  $100 \times 5$ ,  $M_2$  is  $5 \times 50$ , and  $M_3$  is  $50 \times 10$ . What are the various costs? What is the best way to parenthesize a sequence of matrix multiplies?

3. Write a dynamic programming algorithm that computes  $C(1, n)$  from the following formula. Before setting up the iteration loops carefully observe that all the needed values should be available. Analyze the space and time complexities of your algorithm. Draw a blank table for  $C$  indicating the order of your computation (loops).

$$\begin{aligned}
 C(i, j) &= 0 & (\forall i \geq j) \\
 C(i, j) &= \max \{C(i, k) + C(\ell, j) + 2\} & (\forall i < k \leq n) \wedge (\forall 1 \leq \ell < j) \wedge (\forall 1 \leq i < j \leq n)
 \end{aligned}$$

4. What is the best way to parenthesize the product  $M_1 M_2 M_3 M_4$  when their sizes are described by the sequence  $\vec{p} = \langle 5, 10, 10, 100, 5 \rangle$ ?



## 18. Edit Distance

### String Alignment

Knuth, in (Knuth, 1993), shows how to transform words into graph using a seven step *ladder* of one letter substitutions.

words  $\mapsto$  wolds  $\mapsto$  golds  $\mapsto$  goads  $\mapsto$  grads  $\mapsto$  grade  $\mapsto$  grape  $\mapsto$  graph.

Spell checkers provide a list of *nearby* words when a string is not found in the dictionary. DNA, the molecule of life, can be abstracted as strings over the alphabet

$$\text{DNA} = \{A, C, G, T\}$$

Geneticists study the similarities and differences in DNA among members of a species and between species.

The similarity of two strings can be measured by an *edit distance*: The cost of a sequence of edit operations that change one string into another. Many different edit operations and cost measures have been proposed. Most measures define a *metric space*.

#### Definition 14: Metric on Strings

Let  $\Sigma^*$  be the set of all strings over an alphabet  $\Sigma$ . A metric  $d$  is a function

$$d : \Sigma^* \times \Sigma^* \mapsto [0, \infty)$$

with the properties:

1. **Non-negativity:**  $d(s, t) \geq 0$  for all strings  $s, t \in \Sigma^*$
2. **Zero-distance:**  $d(s, t) = 0$  if and only if  $s = t$
3. **Symmetry:**  $d(s, t) = d(t, s)$
4. **Triangle Inequality:**  $d(s, u) \leq d(s, t) + d(t, u)$

The common edit operations are *substitute*, *insert*, and *delete*.

Imagine applications where the distance between strings could be useful.

**Definition 15: String Operations**

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be strings over  $\Sigma$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be a character in alphabet  $\Sigma$ . Define three operations:

- *Insertion*:  $\alpha\beta \mapsto \alpha x\beta$
- *Deletion*:  $\alpha x\beta \mapsto \alpha\beta$
- *Substitution*:  $\alpha x\beta \mapsto \alpha y\beta$

For instance, to align  $\alpha = \text{ALGORITHM}$  with  $\beta = \text{ALGEBRAIC}$  this sequence of editing operations might be used, where  $s$ ,  $i$  and  $d$  stand for *substitution*, *insertion*, and *deletion*.

A	L	G	O	-	R	-	I	T	H	M
A	L	G	E	B	R	A	I	C	-	-
				s	i		i		s	d
								d	d	

If each operation has a cost of 1, then the distance between these two string is 6.

Levenshtein distance is a commonly used metric on strings. It is defined iteratively based on string length. Let  $\lambda$  denote the empty string. Then, the distance from any string  $\alpha$  to  $\lambda$  is the length of  $\alpha$ .

$$d(\alpha, \lambda) = d(\lambda, \alpha) = |\alpha|$$

Otherwise, let  $d_{\alpha, \beta}(i, j)$  be the distance between  $\alpha[1..i]$ , the first  $i$  characters of  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta[1..j]$ , the first  $j$  characters of  $\beta$ .

- If  $\alpha[i]$  is deleted in aligning  $\alpha[1..i]$  with  $\beta[1..j]$ , this edit distance is the distance between  $\alpha[1..(i-1)]$  and  $\beta[1..j]$  plus 1.
- If  $\beta[j]$  is deleted in aligning  $\alpha[1..i]$  with  $\beta[1..j]$ , this edit distance is the distance between  $\alpha[1..i]$  and  $\beta[1..(j-1)]$  plus 1.
- If  $\alpha[i]$  is substituted  $\beta[j]$  in aligning  $\alpha[1..i]$  with  $\beta[1..j]$ , this edit distance is the distance between  $\alpha[1..(i-1)]$  and  $\beta[1..(j-1)]$  plus 1 if  $\alpha[i] \neq \beta[j]$ . And, otherwise, it is just  $d((i-1), (j-1))$ .

The value of  $d(i, j)$  is the minimum over all of these values.

**Definition 16: Levenshtein distance**

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be strings over  $\Sigma$ . For  $0 \leq i \leq |\alpha|$  and  $0 \leq j \leq |\beta|$ , define the edit distance between  $\alpha[1..i]$  and  $\beta[1..j]$  to be

$$d(i, j) = \begin{cases} \max(i, j) & \text{if } \min(i, j) = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} d(i-1, j) + 1 \\ d(i, j-1) + 1 \\ d(i-1, j-1) + [\alpha_i \neq \beta_j] \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $[False] = 0$  and  $[True] = 1$  is the characteristic function.

Is 6 the smallest unit cost distance between ALGORITHM and ALGEBRAIC? Another metric charges 2 for a substitution.

### Problem 10: String Edit Distance Problem

Decision Problem: Given strings  $s$  and  $t$ , is  $m$  the minimum number of edits to transform  $s$  into  $t$ ?

Function Problem: Given strings  $s$  and  $t$ , find one or more edit sequences that minimize the distance between these strings.

One alignment of

$$s = \text{TAGCTATCA} \quad \text{and} \quad t = \text{AGGCTATTA}$$

might look like this:

T	A	G	-	C	T	A	T	C	A
-	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
d			i					s	

The table below shows the initial configuration when computing the minimal edit distance between

$$s = \text{TAGCTATCA} \quad \text{and} \quad t = \text{AGGCTATTA}$$

The rows and columns are labeled by the characters in the strings.

The  $\lambda$  column shows the costs for inserting of TAGCTATCA into an empty string. These costs are  $d(i, 0) = i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, 9$ .

The  $\lambda$  row shows the costs for inserting AGGCTATTA into an empty string. These costs are  $d(0, j) = j$  for  $j = 0, \dots, 9$ .

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1									
A	2									
G	3									
C	4									
T	5									
A	6									
T	7									
C	8									
A	9									

Values can be computed along diagonals. The first computed value

Possible edits to compute  $d(1, 1)$ :

Substitute  
T  
A  
Delete-Insert  
T     A  
-     A  
Insert-Delete  
-     T  
A     -

comes from comparing T and A.

$$d(1, 1) = \begin{cases} d(0, 0) (= 0) & \text{if } T = A \\ \min \begin{cases} d(0, 1) + 1 (= 2) \\ d(1, 0) + 1 (= 2) \\ d(0, 0) + 1 (= 1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Downward moves  $\downarrow$  and horizontal moves  $\rightarrow$  always cost 1. Diagonal moves  $\searrow$  cost 0 or 1 depending on whether the next characters match or not. The minimum of these costs is the new value.

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	$\searrow$ 1								
A	2									
G	3									
C	4									
T	5									
A	6									
T	7									
C	8									
A	9									

Now, compute values in the next diagonal:

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	1	2							
A	2	1								
G	3									
C	4									
T	5									
A	6									
T	7									
C	8									
A	9									

Next, compute  $d(3, 1)$ ,  $d(2, 2)$ , and  $d(1, 3)$

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	1	3	3						
A	2	1	2							
G	3	2								
C	4									
T	5									
A	6									
T	7									
C	8									
A	9									

The complete edit distance table is:

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8
A	2	1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7
G	3	2	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7
C	4	3	2	2	2	3	4	5	6	7
T	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	4	5	6
A	6	5	4	4	4	3	2	3	4	5
T	7	6	5	5	5	4	3	2	3	4
C	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	4
A	9	8	7	7	6	6	5	4	4	3

Tracing back in the array reveals optimal alignments.

	$\lambda$	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
$\lambda$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
T	1	1	2	3	4	4	5	6	7	8
A	2	1	2	3	4	5	4	5	6	7
G	3	2	1	2	3	4	5	5	6	7
C	4	3	2	2	2	3	4	5	6	7
T	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	4	5	6
A	6	5	4	4	4	3	2	3	4	5
T	7	6	5	5	5	4	3	2	3	4
C	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	4
A	9	8	7	7	6	6	5	4	4	3

The optimal alignment has cost 3

T	A	G	-	C	T	A	T	C	A
-	A	G	G	C	T	A	T	T	A
d		i			s				

Here is a [C](#) implementation of edit distance.



## Listing 42: Iterative String Edit Distance

```

209a  <Iterative String Edit Distance 209a>≡
      int editDist(char *s, int ls, char *t, int lt)
      {
          int distances[ls][lt];

          <If either string is empty return 209b>
          <Initialize the first row and first column 209c>
          <For every pair of characters 209d>
          {
              <If characters match, use the previous distance 209e>
              <Otherwise, use the minimum distance 210>
          }
          return distance[ls-1][lt-1];
      }

```

If either string *s* or *t* is empty, return the length of the other, which translated to inserting its characters. The C-idiom is “if *ls*=0, then *!ls* is True.”

```

209b  <If either string is empty return 209b>≡
      if (!ls) return lt;
      if (!lt) return ls;

```

Initializing the first row and column has time complexity  $\Theta(n + m)$ .

```

209c  <Initialize the first row and first column 209c>≡
      for (int i = 0, int j = 0; i < m, j < n; i++, j++)
      {
          distances[i][0] = i;
          distances[0][j] = j;
      }

```

There are *nm* pairs of characters, assuming the source string *s* has length *ls* = *n* and target string *t* has length *lt* = *m*.

```

209d  <For every pair of characters 209d>≡
      for (int i = 1; i < ls; i++)
          for (int j = 1; j < lt; j++)

```

Testing for a match has complexity  $O(1)$ .

```

209e  <If characters match, use the previous distance 209e>≡
      if (s[i-1] == t[j-1]) {
          distance[i][j] = distance[i-1][j-1];
      }

```

And when a mismatch occurs, only a few table look-ups, comparisons, and assignments are necessary.

```

210 <Otherwise, use the minimum distance 210>≡
    else
    {
        min = distance[i-1][j-1];
        if (min > distance[i][j-1])
        {
            min = distance[i][j-1];
        }
        if (min > distance[i-1][j])
        {
            min = distance[i-1][j];
        }
        distance[i][j] = 1 + min;
    }

```

The performance of the edit distance algorithm is characterized by

- Time complexity:  $O(nm)$  to account for the nested for loops.
- Space complexity:  $O(nm)$  to account for storing the table.
- Trace-back:  $O(n + m)$  to construct the optimal alignment.

### *Exercises*

1. Fill in the the optimal alignment table for *seat* and *belt*.
2. Fill in the the optimal alignment table for *park* and *spake*.

## 19. Greedy Algorithms

### *Greedy Algorithm Concept*

Greedy algorithms always make a choice that seems best at the moment. This locally optimal choice is made with the hope it will lead to a globally optimal solution. Greedy algorithms don't always work, but sometimes they do. Deciding how to make the right local selection is key. Greedy algorithms are often applied to *combinatorial optimization problems*.

Please read Chapter 16 Greedy Algorithms in the textbook (Cormen et al., 2009).

#### Problem 11: Combinatorial Optimization

Given an instance  $I$  of a function problem  $\mathcal{P}$ , assume there is a set of candidate or feasible solutions that satisfy the constraints of the problem. For each feasible solution there is a value determined by an objective function. Find one (or more) optimal solution(s) that minimize (or maximize) the value the the objective function.

Here is the outline for these notes.

211  $\langle \text{Greedy algorithms 211} \rangle \equiv$   
     $\langle \text{Tape Storage of Files 213} \rangle$   
     $\langle \text{Rational Knapsack 215a} \rangle$   
     $\langle \text{Activity Selection 218} \rangle$   
     $\langle \text{Kruskal's Minimum Spanning Tree 220} \rangle$   
     $\langle \text{Prim's Minimum Spanning Tree 230a} \rangle$   
     $\langle \text{Dijkstra's Algorithm 235a} \rangle$

### *Tape Storage of Files*

Okay, it is old-school, but the problem of how to store of files on tape helps illustrate *greedy* algorithms. Pretend there are  $n$  files stored on a tape. Let  $L[i]$  be the length of file  $i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Assume the cost of accessing a file depends on its length plus the lengths of prior files on the tape, called *sequential access*. That is, the time cost to access file  $k$  is

$$T(k) = \sum_{i=1}^k L[i]$$

If each file is equally likely to be accessed, then the average (expected) time cost is to access a file is

$$T_{\text{avg}}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{T(k)}{n} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{L[i]}{n}$$

Different file storage orders result in different expected costs. For instance, suppose the files have lengths

$$L[1] = 100, L[2] = 150, L[3] = 50, L[4] = 200$$

If the files are stored in order  $\langle 3, 1, 2, 4 \rangle$  then the average assess time is

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{avg}}(n) &= \frac{1}{4}(50 + (50 + 100) + (50 + 100 + 150) + (50 + 100 + 150 + 200)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(4 \cdot 50 + 3 \cdot 100 + 2 \cdot 150 + 200) = 250 \end{aligned}$$

You can compute that other order increase the average access time. For example, the order  $\langle 1, 2, 3, 4 \rangle$  has average cost

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\text{avg}}(n) &= \frac{1}{4}(100 + (100 + 150) + (100 + 150 + 50) + (100 + 150 + 50 + 200)) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(4 \cdot 100 + 3 \cdot 150 + 2 \cdot 50 + 200) = 287.5 \end{aligned}$$

#### Problem 12

*ape Storagetape-store Tape Storage Problem: Find permutation  $\pi(i)$  of  $i = 1, \dots, n$  that minimizes the average cost.*

$$T_{\text{min-avg}}(n) = \min_{\pi} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{L[\pi(i)]}{n} \right\}$$

There are  $n!$  permutations of  $n$  distinct values. Therefore, it is infeasible to find the minimum by computing the cost of every permutation, except perhaps for small values of  $n$ .

The greedy approach sorts the files by their lengths and stores the shortest length files first. That is,

$$L[\pi(i)] \leq L[\pi(i+1)] \quad \text{for all } i$$

And, this greedy approach does produce the smallest average file access cost.

#### Theorem 9: File Access Minimization

The average cost of file access is minimized when the files are stored from smallest to largest.

#### Proof: File Access Minimization

Suppose that  $\pi$  is the optimal file storage permutation, but two consecutive files are out of length order in this minimal order. Call them file  $k = \pi(i)$  and file  $j = \pi(i+1)$ . The assumption is that  $L[k] > L[j]$ .

If files  $k$  and  $j$  are swapped, then the cost to access file  $k$  is increased by  $L[j]$ . And, the cost to access file  $j$  is decreased by  $L[k]$ . The average cost is changed by a negative amount:  $(L[j] - L[k])/n < 0$ .

But this contradicts that the given order  $\pi$  was the one giving minimal average cost for file access.

213  $\langle \text{Tape Storage of Files 213} \rangle \equiv$

No code here: Sort the files by their lengths and write them to tape.

The time complexity to store the files in optimal access time order is  $O(n \lg(n))$  plus  $O(\sum L[i])$  where  $n$  is the number of files and the sum is over the lengths of all files.

### The Rational Knapsack Problem

The *rational knapsack* problem leads to a quintessential greedy algorithm.

#### Problem 13: Rational (Fractional) Knapsack Problem

An instance  $I$  consists of a knapsack with capacity  $C$  and a list of  $n$  (divisible) items with associated weights

$$w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{n-1}$$

and values

$$v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}$$

A feasible solution is a set of fractions

$$0 \leq r_k \leq 1, k = 0, \dots, (n-1)$$

representing how much of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  item is placed in the knapsack, subject to the constraint

$$\sum r_j w_j \leq C \quad \text{the weight does not exceed the capacity}$$

The objective function is to maximize the sum over the fractional values

$$\max \sum r_k v_k \quad \text{the value is as large as possible}$$

Here are three greedy approaches.

1. Sort the items by increasing weight, placing lighter weight items in first.
2. Sort the items by decreasing value, placing more valuable items in first.
3. Sort the items by increasing value to weight ratios, placing more value/weight items in first.

#### Example: Rational Knapsack Example

*Pretend*

$$w_0 = 10, v_0 = 30; w_1 = 5, v_1 = 20; w_2 = 1, v_2 = 2; C = 10$$

1. Greedy weight approach: Place all of item 1, all of 1 and 4/10 of item 0.

$$\text{Constraint: } 1 + 5 + \frac{4}{10}10 \leq 10 \quad \text{Objective: } 2 + 20 + \frac{4}{10}30 = 34$$

2. Greedy value approach: Place all of item 0.

$$\text{Constraint: } 10 \leq 10 \quad \text{Objective: } 30$$

3. Greedy value:weight approach: The sorted value-to-weight ratios are

$$\frac{v_1}{w_1} = 4; \frac{v_0}{w_0} = 3; \frac{v_2}{w_2} = 2$$

Place all of item 1 and 5/10 of item 0.

$$\text{Constraint: } 5 + \frac{5}{10}10 \leq 10 \quad \text{Objective: } 20 + \frac{5}{10}30 = 35$$

The optimal value is  $20 + 15 = 35$ , given by the greedy value-to-weight ratio approach.

The algorithm below uses this greedy heuristic to solve the rational knapsack problem. Its running time is  $O(n)$  if the ratios have be

previously computed and sorted. If the ratios need to be sorted its time complexity is  $O(n \lg n)$ . Building a heap and using a priority queue may, in some cases, be less expensive than sorting all the ratios. The precondition is

$$\frac{v_0}{w_0} \geq \frac{v_1}{w_1} \geq \dots \geq \frac{v_{n-1}}{w_{n-1}}$$

#### Listing 43: Rational Knapsack

```

215a  <Rational Knapsack 215a>≡
      int knapsack(int *v, int *w, int n, int C)
      {
        <Initialize rational knapsack local state 215b>
        <While accumulated weight ≤ C and more items 215c>
        {
          <If all of the next item can be added 215d>
          {
            <Update fraction, weight, value and next item 215e>
          }
          <Otherwise add a fraction of the next item 216>
        }
      }

```

The local state includes an index  $k$  into the value, weight, and fraction arrays. The index  $k$  identifies the next item to be considered. Accumulators for the value and weight are needed, and the fractions can be initialized to zero.

```

215b  <Initialize rational knapsack local state 215b>≡
      int k = 0, V = 0, W = 0;
      int r[n];
      for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) { r[j] = 0; }

```

The while condition is this:

```

215c  <While accumulated weight ≤ C and more items 215c>≡
      while ((W < C) && (k < n))

```

Inside of the while, test if all of the next item ( $k$ ) can be placed in the knapsack. This occurs if the current weight  $W$  and the next item's weight  $w[k]$  do not exceed the capacity  $C$ .

```

215d  <If all of the next item can be added 215d>≡
      if (W + w[k] <= C)

```

When all of the next item fits, update every state value.

```

215e  <Update fraction, weight, value and next item 215e>≡
      r[k] = 1;
      W = W + w[k];
      V = V + v[k];
      k = k + 1;

```

Supply an explanation that the time complexity of this rational knapsack algorithm has time complexity  $O(n)$ . Assume value-to-weight ratios have been previously sorted.

If not all of the next item fits, the fraction

$$r_k = \frac{C - W}{w_k}$$

determines how much of item  $k$  can be placed in the knapsack. Notice that

$$W + r_k w_k = C$$

216 *⟨Otherwise add a fraction of the next item 216⟩*≡  
 else {  
      $r[k] = (C - W) / w[k];$   
      $W = C;$   
      $V = V + r[k] * v[k];$   
      $k = k + 1;$   
 }



## Activity Selection

### Problem 14: Activity Selection

Pretend there is a set  $\mathbb{S} = \{a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{(n-1)}\}$  of  $n$  activities that want to use a common resource. Each activity  $k$  has a start time  $s_k$  and a finish time  $f_k$  where  $s_k \leq f_k$ . Activities  $i$  and  $j$  are (mutually) compatible if the intervals  $[s_i, f_i)$  and  $[s_j, f_j)$  do not overlap. That is,  $s_i \geq f_j$  or  $s_j \geq f_i$ . The activity selection problem is to select a maximally-sized set of mutually compatible activities.

Describe of some activity selection scenarios.

Assume the activities have been sorted by their finishing times.

$$f_0 \leq f_1 \leq \dots \leq f_{(n-1)}$$

An example from (Cormen et al., 2009) is:

k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$s_k$	1	3	0	5	3	5	6	8	8	2	12
$f_k$	4	5	6	7	9	9	10	11	12	14	16

The three activities in  $\{a_3, a_8, a_{10}\}$  are compatible. However,  $\{a_0, a_3, a_7, a_{10}\}$  is a larger set of four compatible activities. And,  $\{a_1, a_3, a_7, a_{10}\}$  another set of four compatible activities.

The activity selection problem can be expressed in terms of optimal sub-problems. Let  $\mathbb{S}_{ij}$  be the set of activities  $a_k$  that start after  $a_i$  finishes and finish before  $a_j$  starts.

$$\mathbb{S}_{ij} = \{a_k : (f_i \leq s_k) \wedge (f_k \leq s_j)\}$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{01} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{02} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{03} = \{a_3\}$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{04} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{05} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{06} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{07} = \{a_3\}$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{08} = \{a_3\}$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{09} = \emptyset$$

$$\mathbb{S}_{0,10} = \{a_3, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8\}$$

Suppose  $\mathbb{A}_{ij}$  is maximal set of compatible activities.

Suppose  $a_k \in \mathbb{A}_{ij}$  and let

$$\mathbb{A}_{ik} = \mathbb{A}_{ij} \cap \mathbb{S}_{ik} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{A}_{kj} = \mathbb{A}_{ij} \cap \mathbb{S}_{kj}$$

so that

$$\mathbb{A}_{ij} = \mathbb{A}_{ik} \cup \{a_k\} \cup \mathbb{A}_{kj}$$

That is, computing the size of  $\mathbb{A}_{ij}$  reduces to the sub-problem computation:

$$|\mathbb{A}_{ij}| = |\mathbb{A}_{ik}| + |\mathbb{A}_{kj}| + 1$$

The greedy *heuristic* is to add an activity when it leaves the resource available for as many other activities as possible. That is, choose the activity with the earliest finishing time.

Activity  $a_0$  has the earliest finishing time, so it will be in the set of activities formed by this greedy approach: There are no activities that finish before  $a_0$  starts because

$$s_0 < f_0 \leq f_k \quad (\forall k)$$

Suggest other greedy heuristics.

### Theorem 10: Including the earliest finisher is safe

Let  $S_k = \{a_i : s_i \geq f_k\}$  be non-empty and let  $a_m \in S_k$  be the activity with the earliest finishing time. Then  $a_m$  is in some maximum size set of compatible activities.

### Proof: Earliest finisher is safe

Let  $\mathbb{A}_k$  be a maximum size subset of compatible activities from  $S_k$ . Let  $a_j \in \mathbb{A}_k$  be the activity with the earliest finishing time. If  $a_j = a_m$  the proof is complete, so pretend  $a_j \neq a_m$ . Let

$$\mathbb{A}'_k = (\mathbb{A}_k - \{a_j\}) \cup \{a_m\}$$

Then  $\mathbb{A}'_k$  is a set of compatible activities,  $a_m \in \mathbb{A}'_k$  and

$$|\mathbb{A}'_k| = |\mathbb{A}_k|$$

In the pseudo-code algorithm below. The set  $A$  collects the selected activities. The variable  $j$  specifies the most recent addition to  $A$ . The activity selected is always the one with the earliest finish time that is compatible with already selected activities.

### Listing 44: Activity Selection

218  $\langle \text{Activity Selection 218} \rangle \equiv$

```

set activitySelector(int *s, int *f, int n)
{
    set A = set(0);
    j = 0;
    for (i = 1; i < n; i++)
    {
        if (s[i] > f[j]) {
            A = union(A, i);
            j := i;
        }
    }
}
```

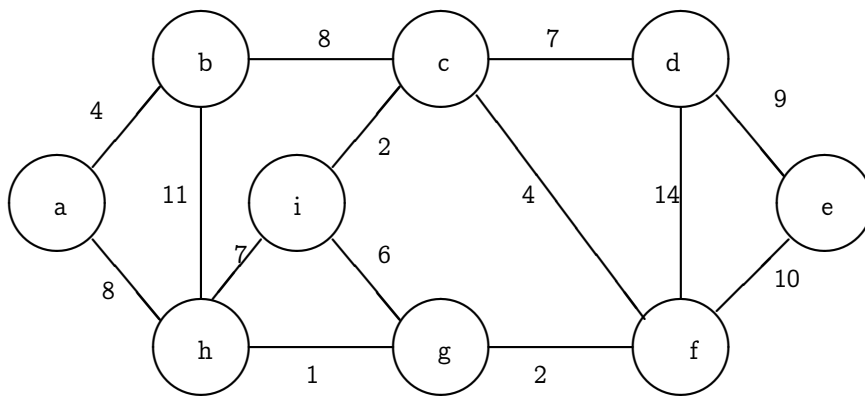
```

    }
  }
  return A;
}

```

### Minimal Spanning Trees

Consider the graph below. It might represent the placement of workstations where edge weights would be the distances between them. A goal might be to connect each workstation while minimizing the total distance.



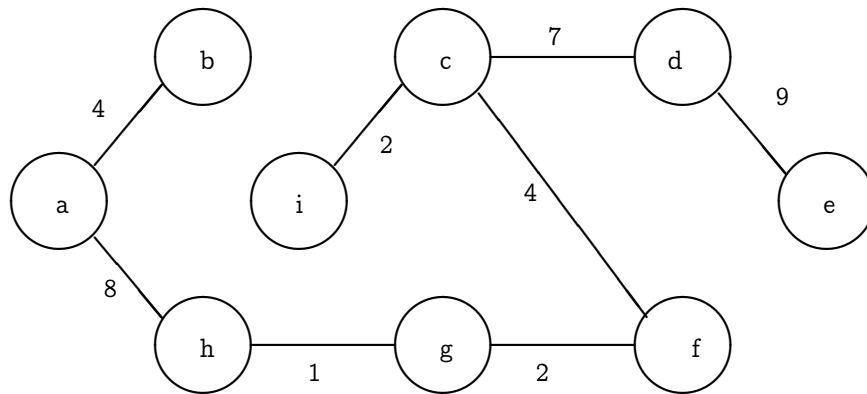
#### Definition 17: Trees

A tree is an undirected graph in which any two vertices are connected by exactly one path. In other words, any acyclic connected graph is a tree.

#### Definition 18: Spanning Tree

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , a spanning tree for  $G$  is a tree that contains each node.

A minimal cost spanning tree  $T$  for the graph is shown below. It has cost 37.



### Problem 15: Minimal Spanning Trees

*Function Problem:* Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a weighted graph. Assume that  $G$  has  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Let edge weights be stored in array  $W$ .

Find a spanning tree  $T$  that minimizes

$$c(T) = \sum_{e \in T} c(e)$$

There are several algorithms for computing the minimal cost spanning tree of a graph. We will look at Kruskal's and Prim's ideas.

#### Kruskal's Algorithm

Kruskal's solution starts by:

1. Making each vertex a separate tree (set)
2. In order of increasing cost, add vertices connected by edges to these sets, provided the connecting vertices don't belong to the set. (ensuring no cycles)

The cost of Kruskal's algorithm is determined by the cost to find the name of a set containing an element  $u$  and the cost to compute the union of two sets.

There are many ways to represent sets: bit strings, lists, arrays, trees. Here the question is: what representation facilitates union of sets and naming a set given an element.

#### Listing 45: Kruskal's Minimum Spanning Tree

220

```

<Kruskal's Minimum Spanning Tree 220>≡
Tree Kruskal(Graph G, double *W)
{
    set T = NULL;
    for (each vertex v in G.V) { makeSet(v); }
    sort the edges of G.E by non-decreasing weight
    for (each sorted edge (u, v) in G.E)
    {
        U = findSet(u);
    }
}

```

```

    V = findSet(v);
    if (U != V) {
        T = union(T, (u, v));
        Union(U, V);
    }
    return T;
}
}

```

For the example graph above, the sorted edges are

(1, (h, g)), (2, (g, f)), (2, (i, c)), (4, (a, b)), (4, (c, f)), (6, (i, g)), (7, (c, d)),  
 (7, (h, i)), (8, (a, h)), (8, (b, c)), (9, (d, e)), (10, (f, e)), (11, (b, h)), (14, (d, f))

*Analysis of Kruskal's Algorithm* The analysis of the time complexity for Kruskal's algorithm depends on the data structure used to represent disjoint sets.

- `makeSet` simply makes a 1-element set and is  $O(1)$  in almost any imaginable set implementation.
- `findSet` determines the *name* of the set to which an element belongs. For example, if value 5 belongs to a set named 11, then `findSet(5)=11`.
- `union` function returns the union of two sets.

In Kruskal's algorithm, the initial calls to `makeSet` have time complexity  $O(|V|) = O(n)$ . The time to sort the edges has time complexity  $O(|E| \lg |E|)$ . This has worst case cost  $O(2n^2 \lg n)$ . Recall a complete graph on  $n$  vertices has  $|E| = n(n-1)/2 = \binom{n}{2}$  edges (a triangular number).

$$\begin{aligned}
 |E| \lg |E| &= \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \lg \left( \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) \\
 &\leq \frac{n^2}{2} \lg \left( \frac{n^2}{2} \right) \\
 &= n^2 \lg(n^2) - \frac{n^2}{2} \\
 &= 2n^2 \lg(n) - \frac{n^2}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

*findSet and union Operations on Sets* One implementation of `findSet` and `union` uses an array data structure

$$\vec{S} = \langle S[0], \dots, S[n-1] \rangle$$

where  $S[i] = k$  if  $s_i \in S_k$ . For instance, if

$$\begin{aligned}\vec{S} &= \langle S[0], \dots, S[8] \rangle \\ &= \langle 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 5, 5 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}s_0, s_1, s_3, s_6 &\in 0 \\ s_2, s_4, s_5 &\in 2 \\ s_7, s_8 &\in 5\end{aligned}$$

Using this representation the findSet operation can be implemented as:

#### Listing 46: A simple findSet function

222a

```
<Simple findSet 222a>≡
int findSet(int A)
{
    return S[A];
}
```

where  $S$  is an array within the scope of findSet. This is an  $O(1)$  solution for findSet.

Using this implementation, union can be implemented as follows. Sets  $A$  and  $B$  are named by integers. To union the two sets: Find the set named  $B$  and rename it  $A$ . That is, for every element in set  $B$ , make its name  $A$ .

The time complexity for this simple implementation of union is  $O(n)$ .

#### Listing 47: A simple union function

222b

```
<Simple union 222b>≡
int union(int A, int B)
{
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
    {
        if (S[i] == B) { S[i] = A; }
    }
}
```

*Union-by-rank and Path-compression* The best know data structure use “union-by-rank” and “path-compression” for the findSet and union operations. They can be performed in  $O(\alpha(|E||V|))$  time where  $\alpha$  is the inverse of the [Ackermann function](#). Ackermann’s function is defined by:

## Listing 48: Ackermann Function

223a

```

⟨Ackermann function 223a⟩≡
  ack :: Int -> Int -> Int
  ack 0 n = n + 1
  ack m 0 = ack (m-1) 1
  ack m n = ack (m-1) (ack m (n-1))

```

Here are the first few values. I killed the computations in row 4 when they did not complete quickly.

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5	6
2	3	5	7	9	11
3	5	13	29	61	125
4	13				

The value of element  $A(4, 4)$  is

$$A(4, 4) = 2^{2^{2^{2^{2^2}}}} - 3$$

The inverse of Ackermann's function  $\alpha$ , is the inverse of  $A(n, n)$ . In conceivable problems, this value will not be greater than 5.

## Listing 49: Log Star Function

223b

```

⟨Log Star function 223b⟩≡
  logstar :: (Ord a, Floating a) => a -> a
  logstar n
    | n <= 1    = 1
    | otherwise = 1 + logstar (log n)

```

Here are the first few values. I killed the computations in row 4 when they did not complete quickly.

	0	1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5	6
2	3	5	7	9	11
3	5	13	29	61	125
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*Data Structure for Union-by-rank and findSet-with-path-compression* This implementation of findSet and union again uses an array data structure  $\langle S[0], \dots, S[n-1] \rangle$  but now

- if  $S[i] = i$  then  $i$  is the name (identifier) of a set and visualized as the root of a tree of the set's elements.
- if  $S[i] = j \neq i$  then  $i$  is the child of some parent  $j$  in some tree (to be determined).

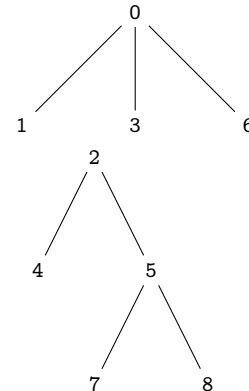
#### Example: Union-by-rank, FindSet-with-path-compression

For example, let

$$\vec{S} = \langle 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 5, 5 \rangle$$

This says:

- 0 is the root of a tree containing 1, 3, 6
- 2 is the root of a tree containing 4, 5
- 5 is the root of a tree containing 7, 8



The findSet operation can be implemented as follows. The idea is that given an element named  $A$ , follow its parent back until the root of the tree is found.

224a  $\langle \text{Better findSet } 224a \rangle \equiv$

```

int findset(int A)
{
    int i = A;
    while (S[i] != i) { i = S[i]; }
    return i;
}

```

For instance, on the example above, findSet(7) produces

```

i = 7;          S[7] = 5;
i = 5;          S[5] = 2;
i = 2;          S[2] = 2;
return 2;

```

The best case of this findSet algorithm is  $O(1)$  while the worst case is  $O(n)$ .

Now, the union operation can be implemented as

224b  $\langle \text{Better union } 224b \rangle \equiv$

```

int union(int A, int B)
{
    if (A < B) { S[B] = A; }
    else { S[A] = B; }
}

```

Why must the algorithm terminate?

What is its average case time complexity?



The time complexity of this implementation of union is  $O(1)$ .

#### Example: A Better union

Given the data structure

$\langle 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 5, 5 \rangle$

the union of the subset with root 0 ( $\{0, 1, 3, 6\}$ ) with the subset with root 5 ( $\{7, 8\}$ ) produces the updated data structure

$\langle 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 0, 0, 5, 5 \rangle$

which says

- 0 is the root of a tree containing 1, 3, 5, 6
- 5 is the root of a tree containing 7, 8
- Thus, 0 is the root of a tree containing 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8
- 2 is the root of a tree containing 2 and 4.

union *By Rank*

- Make sure the height of the tree stays as small as possible
- Keep a record of the height (rank) of the trees
- Initially  $\text{rank}(x) = 0$  when `makeSet` is called
- Hang the smaller tree off the root of the larger tree
- If the height remains small, `findSet` will remain fast
- Merging two tree of height  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  produces a new tree with height at most  $\max\{h_1, h_2\} + 1$

#### Listing 50: union by Rank (A Best union?)

225

```

<Best union 225>≡
int union(int A, int B)
{
    if (rank(A) > rank(B))
    {
        S[B] = A;
    }
    else
    {
        S[A] = B;
        if rank(A) == rank(B)
        {

```

```

        rank(B) = rank(B)+1;
    }
}
}

```

*findSet with Path Compression* To improve the algorithm further, use *path compression* in the *findSet* operation. Path compression goes like this: When *findSet* is called on a non-root node, trace the edges to the root. Then retrace the edges back through the calling nodes reset each of their names to root node along the way. This recursive call *findSet*(A) returns a pointer to the root.

#### Listing 51: findSet with Path Compression

226

```

⟨Best findSet 226⟩≡
int findSet(int A)
{
    if (A != S[A])
    {
        S[A] = findSet(S[A]);
    }
    return S[A];
}

```

In the analysis, which is beyond scope, there are  $m$  calls to *findSet* and union operations. These operations are performed on a collection of  $n$  elements, each initialized as a singleton set. It can be shown, see the references in (Cormán et al., 2009), that operations can be performed in

$$O(m\alpha(m, n)) \text{ step}$$

where

$$\alpha(m, n) = \min\{k \geq 1 : A(k, \lfloor m/n \rfloor) > \lg n\}$$

is the “inverse” of the Ackermann function. The Ackermann function grows *extremely* fast, its inverse is therefore an *very slowly* growing function.

Let  $m = |E|$  and  $n = |V|$ . With *findSet* with path compression and union by rank, Kruskal’s algorithm has time complexity

$$\text{Kruskal time complexity} = O(m \lg m)$$

This can be reasoned since

- Initialization calls to *makeSet* has cost  $O(n)$
- Sorting the edges has cost  $O(m \lg m)$ .

- $2m$  calls to `findSet` and  $m$  calls to `union` costs

$$O(m\alpha(m, n))$$

where  $\alpha(m, n)$  is almost always no more than 4.

### Prim's Algorithm

Prim's algorithm has these properties:

- The constructed set always form a single tree  $T$ .
- The tree grows from an arbitrary vertex  $r$ , the root.
- The tree grows until it spans all of the vertices in  $G$ .

The *greedy heuristic* for Prim's algorithm is to always choose the next vertex to be the minimum cost edge that does not form a cycle.

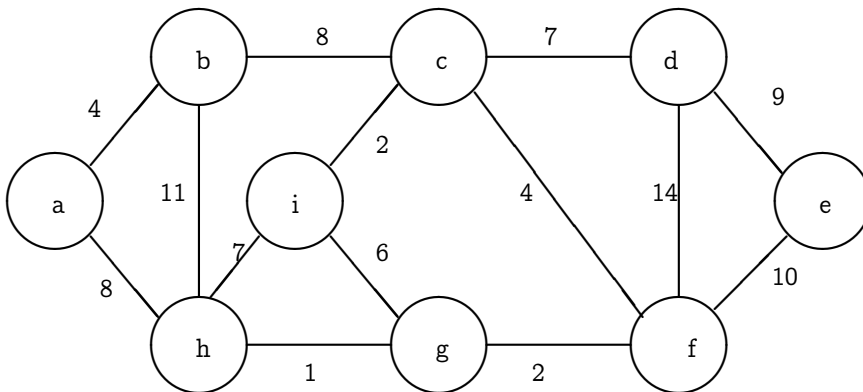
Prim's algorithm run in  $O(m \lg n)$  time on *dense* graphs where  $m$  is greater than  $n$ . For a complete or nearly complete graph  $m = O(n^2)$ .

All vertices *not* yet in the tree reside in a priority queue  $Q$  based on a *key*, the minimal distance from nodes in the tree to adjacent vertices.

An `extract-Min` operation removes the highest priority (closest) vertex and re-builds the heap. For each vertex  $v$ , `key[v]` is the minimum weight of any edge connecting  $v$  to a vertex in the tree.

`key[v] = maxInt` if there is no such edge. The array `π[v]` names the "parent" of  $v$  in the tree. An *adjacency list* is used to represent the graph (ie, for each vertex there is a list of neighboring vertices)

Consider the graph below



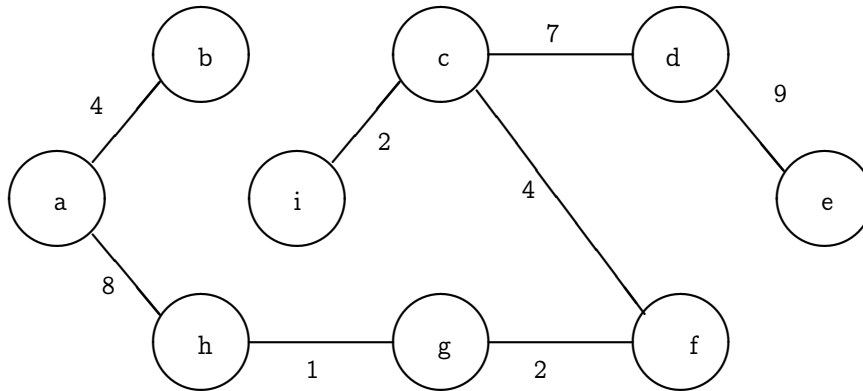
The (weighted) adjacency list for the graph is:

a	(b, 4)	(h, 8)		
b	(a, 4)	(c, 8)	(h, 11)	
c	(b, 8)	(d, 7)	(f, 4)	(i, 2)
d	(c, 7)	(e, 9)	(f, 14)	
e	(d, 9)	(f, 10)		
f	(c, 4)	(d, 14)	(e, 10)	(g, 2)
g	(f, 2)	(h, 1)	(i, 6)	
h	(a, 8)	(b, 11)	(g, 1)	(i, 7)
i	(c, 2)	(g, 6)	(h, 7)	

Prim's algorithm puts all nodes in a priority queue based on a key value. A parent array  $\pi$  points back to the parent of each node as they are taken off the queue.



A minimal cost spanning tree is shown below and has a cost of 37



### Listing 52: Prim's Algorithm

230a

```

⟨Prim's Minimum Spanning Tree 230a⟩≡
Tree Prim(G, W, r)
{
    for (each vertex)
    {
        key[v] = INFINITY;
    }
    key[r] = 0;
    pi[r] = NULL;
    Q = buildHeap(key, length(G.V));
    while (Q != {})
    {
        ⟨Extract the Minimum 230b⟩
        u = extractMin(Q);
        for (each v adjacent to minimum)
        {
            if (v in Q && W(minimum, v) < key[v])
            {
                pi[v] = minimum;
                ⟨Decrease the key 231⟩
            }
        }
    }
}

```

230b

```

⟨Extract the Minimum 230b⟩≡
vertex extractMin(heap A)
{
    if (heapSize(A) < 1) { error; }
    min = A[1];
}

```

```

    A[1] = A[heapSize(A)];
    heapSize(A) = heapSize(A) - 1;
    heapify(A, 1, heapSize(A);
    return min;
}

```

231  $\langle \text{Decrease the key 231} \rangle \equiv$

```

decreaseKey(A, x, k)
{
    if (k > key[x]) { error; }
    key[x] = k;
    j = (where A[j] = x);
    Heapify(A, j, heapSize(A));
}

```

### *Analysis of Prim's Algorithm*

- Let  $m = |E|$  and  $n = |V|$
- Initialization (setting key and buildHeap takes  $O(n)$  time
- The while loop executes  $n$  times
- The extractMin executes in  $O(\lg n)$  time
- The inner for loop executes  $O(m)$  time to search the *adjacency list*
- Within the for loop, the test for membership is  $O(1)$  if a membership bit is kept
- The call to decreaseKey replaces the value of  $\text{key}[v]$  with  $W(u, v)$  in the priority queue  $Q$  and fixes the heap structure afterwards, this can be done in  $O(\lg n)$  time
- Prim's algorithm has time complexity  $O(n \lg n + m \lg n) = O(m \lg n)$  on a dense graph where  $m$  is greater than  $n$
- Is there data structure that allows us to obtain a faster algorithm?

### *Dijkstra's Algorithm (Single source shortest path)*

#### **Problem 16: Single Source Shortest Path**

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a weighted directed graph. and let  $s = 0$  be a source or start vertex.

Decision Problem: Let  $1 \leq t \leq (n-1)$  be a target or sink vertex. Let  $d$  be a positive integers. Is the shortest from  $s$  to  $t$  equal to  $d$ ?

A great slide deck titled [Getting From A to B](#) can be downloaded [here](#). Design choices that lead to optimizing Dijkstra's algorithm are presented.

Function Problem: Find the shortest path between  $s$  and another (or all other) vertices in  $V$ .

Assume vertices are named  $0, \dots, (n-1)$ . Let  $W[u, v]$  be a matrix of edge weights between vertices  $u$  and  $v$ .

$$W[u, v] = \begin{cases} w_{uv} > 0 & \text{if } v \text{ is adjacent to } u \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We want to find the shortest path from the source  $s$  to each of the other nodes.

Dijkstra's algorithm works like this:

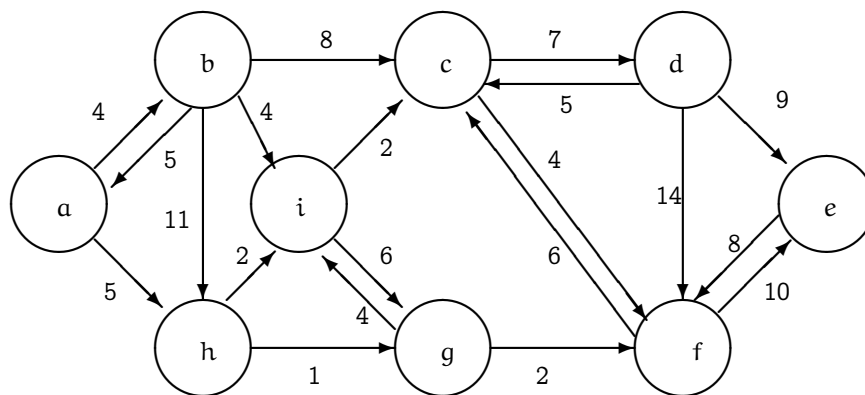
- Initialize  $d[0]=0$  and the remaining distances  $d[1..(n-1)]$  to infinity.
- Maintain a set  $S$  of vertices whose final shortest path from  $s = 0$  has been determined. Initially  $S = \{0\}$ .
- Repeatedly choose  $u$  in  $V - S$  with minimum shortest path from  $s$  and update (*relax* path weights for all edges leaving  $u$ .)

The relaxation step reduces the value of  $d[v]$  if the distance from  $s$  to  $v$  is smaller by going through  $u$ .

$$d[v] = \begin{cases} d[u] + W[u, v] & \text{if } d[v] > d[u] + W[u, v] \\ d[v] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- The algorithm maintains a priority queue  $Q$  of vertices in  $V - S$ . They are keyed by the values of  $d[1..n]$
- An array  $\pi[1..n]$  contains *predecessor* vertices along the shortest path from  $s = 0$  to  $u = k$ .

Consider the directed graph below



The (weighted) adjacency list for the graph is:



a	(b, 4)	(h, 5)		
b	(a, 5)	(c, 8)	(h, 11)	(i, 4)
c	(d, 7)	(f, 4)		
d	(c, 5)	(e, 9)	(f, 14)	
e	(f, 8)			
f	(c, 6)	(e, 10)		
g	(f, 2)	(i, 4)		
h	(g, 1)	(i, 2)		
i	(c, 2)	(g, 6)		

Assume the source vertex is node a

Initialization Step									
node	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
d	0	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$
$Q = (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i), \quad S = \emptyset, \quad \pi[a] = \text{NIL}$									
Extract a from Q; process (a, b) and (a, h)									
node	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
d	0	4	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	5	$\infty$
$Q = (b, h, c, d, e, f, g, i), \quad S = \{a\}$ $\pi[a] = \text{NIL}, \pi[b] = a, \pi[h] = a$									
Extract b from Q; process (b, c), (b, h) and (b, i)									
node	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
d	0	4	12	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	5	8
$Q = (h, i, c, d, e, f, g), \quad S = \{a, b\}$ $\pi[a] = \text{NIL}, \pi[b] = a, \pi[c] = b, \pi[h] = a, \pi[i] = b$									
Extract h from Q; process (h, g) and (h, i)									
node	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
d	0	4	12	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	6	5	7
$Q = (g, i, c, d, e, f), \quad S = \{a, b, h\}$ $\pi[a] = \text{NIL}, \pi[b] = a, \pi[c] = b$ $\pi[h] = a, \pi[g] = h, \pi[i] = h$									
Extract g from Q; process (g, i) and (g, f)									
node	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
d	0	4	12	$\infty$	$\infty$	8	6	5	7
$Q = (i, f, c, d, e), \quad S = \{a, b, h, g\}$ $\pi[a] = \text{NIL}, \pi[b] = a, \pi[c] = b, \pi[h] = a,$ $\pi[g] = h, \pi[i] = h, \pi[f] = g$									
Extract i from Q; process (i, g) and (i, c)									
node	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
d	0	4	9	$\infty$	$\infty$	8	6	5	7
$Q = (f, c, d, e), \quad S = \{a, b, h, g, i\}$ $\pi[a] = \text{NIL}, \pi[b] = a, \pi[c] = i, \pi[h] = a,$ $\pi[g] = h, \pi[i] = h, \pi[f] = g$									
Extract f from Q; process (f, e), and (f, c)									
node	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i
d	0	4	9	$\infty$	10	8	6	5	7
$Q = (c, d, e), \quad S = \{a, b, h, g, i, f\}$ $\pi[a] = \text{NIL}, \pi[b] = a, \pi[c] = i, \pi[h] = a,$ $\pi[g] = h, \pi[i] = h, \pi[f] = g, \pi[e] = f$									

And so on.

Here's pseudo-code for Dijkstra's algorithm: Taken from (Cormen et al., 2009). It maintains a set  $S$  of vertices whose final shortest path from the source  $s$  has been determined. A priority queue  $Q$ , keyed by minimum distance to  $s$ , is used to repeatedly select a vertex  $u$  not in  $S$  with the smallest shortest path estimate.

### Listing 53: Dijkstra's Single Source Shortest Path

```

235a  ⟨Dijkstra's Algorithm 235a⟩≡
      Dijkstra (G, W, s)
      {
        ⟨Initialize Dijkstra's local data 235b⟩
        while (Q != ())
        {
          u = extractMin(Q);
          S = union(S, u);
          for (each v adjacent to u)
          {
            ⟨Relax 235c⟩
          }
        }
      }

```

To initialize the local data, make the following assignments.

```

235b  ⟨Initialize Dijkstra's local data 235b⟩≡
      for (each vertex v) {
        distance[v] = infinity;
        pi[v] = NULL;
        q[s] = 0;
        S = {};
        Q = buildHeap(distance, numVertices);
      }

```

Relax means:

```

235c  ⟨Relax 235c⟩≡
      if (distance[v] > distance[u] + W[u, v])
      {
        decreaseKey(Q, distance[v], distance[u] + W[u,v]);
        pi[v] = u;
      }

```

*Analysis of Dijkstra's Algorithm*

Initializing  $d$  and  $\pi$  takes time  $O(n)$  ( $n = |V|$ ). The `buildHeap` operation requires time  $O(n)$ . There are  $n$  iterations of the `while` loop. Inside the `while`:

- `extractMin` is  $O(\lg n)$
- Insert  $u$  in the set  $S$  can be done in constant time.
- The `for` loop on  $v$  executes a total of  $m$  times where  $m = |E|$  with each iteration taking  $O(\lg n)$  time.

Therefore, the time complexity Dijkstra's algorithm is

$$O((n + m) \lg n)$$

Is there data structure that allows us to obtain a faster algorithm?

*Exercises*

1. Show how the greedy algorithm for the rational knapsack problem works for 5 items with weights 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and corresponding values 13, 15, 16, 23, 24 when the knapsack has capacity 26
2. Show how the greedy algorithm for the activity selection problem works for 6 activities with starting times 3, 0, 5, 6, 9, 2 and corresponding finishing times 5, 2, 8, 10, 12, 15
3. In this problem you are to design a greedy algorithm for the multiprocessor task selection problem. Given a set  $T$  of  $n$  task, we have for each  $t \in T$  a length  $l(t)$ . We are also given  $m$  processors. The optimal solution to the problem selects the tasks so that each processor executes only one task at a time (to completion without interruption) with the time when last task finishes being as small as possible. Clearly describe a greedy algorithm for this problem and show how your algorithm would select 6 tasks having lengths 5, 4, 3, 4, 5, 3, 3 on  $m = 3$  processors. Do you think your algorithm will always produce an optimal solution.
4. Consider the problem of making change for  $n$  cents using the least number of coins.
  - a. Describe a greedy algorithm to make change consisting of quarters, dimes, nickels, and pennies.
  - b. Suppose that the available coins are in denominations of

$$c^0, c^1, c^2, \dots, c^k$$

for some  $c > 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Show that the greedy algorithm always yields the correct solution

- c. Give a set of coin denominations for which the greedy algorithm does not yield an optimal solution.
- 5. Let  $(u, v)$  be the minimum-weight edge in a graph  $G$ . Show that  $(u, v)$  belongs to some minimum spanning tree of  $G$ .
- 6. Define the Ackermann function by

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(1, m) &= 2^m \\ \Psi(n, 1) &= \Psi(n-1, 2) \\ \Psi(n, m) &= \Psi(n-1, \Psi(n, m-1))\end{aligned}$$

Evaluate  $\Psi(2, 1)$ ,  $\Psi(2, 2)$ ,  $\Psi(3, 1)$

- 7. Draw 2 or 3 weighted directed graphs and apply Kruskal's and Prim's algorithm to find a minimal cost spanning tree in the graphs.
- 8. Draw 2 or 3 weighted directed graphs and apply Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest path between pairs of vertices.



## *20. Randomized Algorithms*

A *randomized* algorithm uses a probability model in its implementation.

Please see the Yale notes on randomized algorithms posted in the Canvas Modules.





## 21. Computational Complexity

The classes of problems which are respectively known and not known to have good algorithms are of great theoretical interest.

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Jack Edmonds, 1966

Please read Chapter 34 NP-Completeness in the textbook (Corman et al., 2009). I also recommend (Papadimitriou, 1994) and (Garey and Johnson, 1979) as references for computational complexity.

### Decision Problems

A *decision problem* is a question (in some formal system) that has a True or False answer. A decision problem is *decidable* if there is an algorithm that correctly answers all of its instances. Here are some classic decision problems:

1. Sorted: Is the list  $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \rangle$  of integers sorted? Sorted can be solved in  $O(n)$  time.
2. Reachability: Given a two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  in a graph  $G$ , is there a path from  $u$  to  $v$ ? Reachability can be solved in  $O(n^2)$  time, where  $n$  is the number of nodes in  $G$ .
3. 0—1 Knapsack: Given a knapsack that can hold weight  $C$  and a list of provisions  $\langle p_k : k \in \mathbb{N} \rangle$  each of which has a weight  $w_k$  and value  $v_k$ . Is it possible to fill the knapsack with provisions weighing no more than  $C$  and having a total value of  $V$  or greater?

$$\begin{aligned}\sum w_k &\leq C \\ \sum v_k &\geq V\end{aligned}$$

[Presburger arithmetic](#) is an example of class of decidable problems. Presburger arithmetic is the collection of statements  $P$  about the natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  that only involve addition, equality, and Boolean operations among sub-expressions. The Presburger axioms are:

1.  $\neg(0 = x + 1)$
2.  $x + 1 = y + 1 \Rightarrow x = y$

Imagine other decision problems. Convince yourself of the time complexity given for Sorted and Reachability

Propositional logic studies the truth of Boolean expressions (True or False values combined using AND, OR, and NOT, and operations that can be defined from these three basic operations.)

First-order logic introduces quantification of formula that involve variables which determine the truth of a expression.

3.  $x + 0 = x$
4.  $x + (y + 1) = (x + y) + 1$
5. Let  $P(n)$  be a first-order formula in the language of Presburger arithmetic about a natural number  $n$ . The induction axiom is:

$$(P(0) \wedge (\forall n)(P(n) \Rightarrow P(n + 1))) \Rightarrow (\forall n)(P(n))$$

If  $P$  is a statement about Presburger arithmetic, then  $P$  is decidable, that is there is an algorithm that decides if  $P$  is True or False. Moreover,

- Presburger arithmetic is *consistent*: If  $P$  is derivable from (Presburger) axioms, then  $\neg P$  cannot be deduced from these axioms.
- Presburger arithmetic is *complete*: For each expression  $P$ , only one of  $P$  or  $\neg P$  is True, and the one that is True can be derived from the axioms.
- Presburger arithmetic is *decidable*: There is an algorithm that decides whether proposition  $P$  is True or False.

See (Stansifer, 1984) for additional details on the history and significance of Presburger's discoveries.

Likewise, Gödel, and others, proved completeness for logical expressions in the first-order logic (Gödel, 1930).

#### Theorem 11: Gödel's Completeness Theorem

Every valid logical expression is provable. Equivalently, every logical expression is either satisfiable or refutable.

On the other hand, Gödel (Gödel, 1992) demonstrated how to construct propositions, from the Peano axioms for general arithmetic, that can not be proven True or False. Gödel realized that natural numbers could be used to name basic symbols, expressions over these symbols, and proofs. Let  $G(s)$  be the Gödel number of symbol  $s$ . For instance, if

$$G(0) = 1 \quad G(+) = 3 \quad G(=) = 5 \quad G(x) = 7$$

Then the axiom  $x + 0 = x$  has Gödel number

$$G(x + 0 = x) = 2^7 3^3 5^1 7^5 11^7 = 1,131,912,171,637,632$$

If expression  $Q$  can be derived from  $P$  by some rule of inference, then there is a function  $f$  such that

$$f(G(P)) = G(Q)$$

Let  $P(n)$  be a predicate and let  $G = G(P(n))$  be its Gödel number. Consider  $P(G)$ . This expression has a Gödel number, call it  $G'$ . And, the development goes on from here, beyond the scope of these notes.

The upshot of Gödel's coding of mathematics is that he was able to code a self-referential statement such as:  $P =$  "there is no proof for this statement."

If  $P$  is True, then general arithmetic is incomplete: The statement  $P$  is True, but it has no proof.

If  $P$  is False, then general arithmetic is inconsistent: There is a proof of  $P$ , yet  $P$  is False.

**Theorem 12: Gödel's First Incompleteness Theorem**

Every *consistent* formal proof system  $\mathcal{F}$  about a sufficiently rich arithmetic is incomplete.

Theorem 12 says there are statements about the arithmetic we learned as children that are True but have no proof. Gödel's second theorem says you cannot prove a consistent arithmetic is consistent.

**Theorem 13: Gödel's Second Incompleteness Theorem**

If  $\mathcal{F}$  is a consistent formal proof system about a sufficiently rich arithmetic, then there is no proof that  $\mathcal{F}$  is consistent.

*Turing Machines*

An algorithm can be thought of as a **Turing machine** for some decision problem. Informally, a Turing machine uses a transition function  $\delta$  to map the *current state* of the machine and the *character read* to a *next state*, a *character printed*, and a *direction* to move the read/write head.

The next state  $k'$  either in  $\mathbb{K}$ , the set of states, or one of three special states: answers  $y$  “yes” and  $n$ , “no,” or the “halt” state  $h$ . The read/write head can move  $\leftarrow$  “left,”  $\rightarrow$  “right,” or  $-$  “stay.”

There are many ways to define a Turing machine. Here is Papadimitriou's (Papadimitriou, 1994) definition.

**Definition 19: Turing Machine**

A Turing machine is a 4-tuple  $M = (\mathbb{K}, \Sigma, \delta, s)$  where:

1.  $\mathbb{K}$  is a finite set of states
2.  $s \in \mathbb{K}$  is the initial (start) state
3.  $\Sigma$  is an alphabet (a finite set of symbols (characters)).  $\Sigma$  contains two special symbols:  $\sqcup$  and  $\triangleright$ , called blank and first, respectively.
4.  $\delta$  is a transition function. It maps a (state, character) pair to a triple (next state, character, direction).

$$\delta : (\mathbb{K}, \Sigma) \rightarrow (\mathbb{K} \cup \{h, y, n\}, \Sigma, \{\leftarrow, \rightarrow, -\})$$

**Example: Turing machine to add 1**

The transition function for a Turing machine can be defined by a state transition table. Consider adding one to a natural number written in binary, for instance  $n = (101010)_2 = 42$ .

Assume after the first symbol  $\triangleright$ , each bit is written on a cell of a tape and the read/write head is positioned on the leading, leftmost, most significant bit, 1 in this case. A blank cell,  $\sqcup$ , lies after the rightmost, least significant bit.

To add one to the  $n$ , the Turing machine

1. Copies the bits from left-to-right until the blank cell is scanned.
2. When a blank is scanned, it backs up (to the left) and turns 1's into 0's until the first 0 is found.
3. When the first 0 is found, the machine changes the 0 into a 1 and halts.

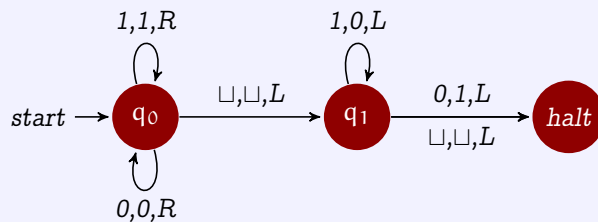
This can be described by the state transition table below. It reads: When in state  $q_0$

- If 0 or 1 is scanned, stay in state  $q_0$ , leave the bit unchanged, and move the read/write head right.
- If  $\sqcup$  is scanned, move to state  $q_1$ , leave the blank unchanged, and move the head left.

Similar transitions can be read for state  $q_1$ .

	0	1	$\sqcup$
$q_0$	$(q_0, 0, \rightarrow)$	$(q_0, 1, \rightarrow)$	$(q_1, \sqcup, \leftarrow)$
$q_1$	$(\text{halt}, 1, \leftarrow)$	$(q_1, 0, \leftarrow)$	$(\text{halt}, \sqcup, \leftarrow)$

The machine can also be described by a state transition diagram.



Consider how this machine operated on  $(101010B)_2 = 42$ . It copies the bits from left-to-right until the blank B is scanned. It then moves back left and seeing the 0, changes it to 1 and halts.

In a similar manner the string  $(101011B)_2 = 43$ , is changed into  $(101100B)_2 = 44$ .

### The Universal Turing Machine

Turing showed (Turing, 1936) an important aspect of his machine: *It is possible to invent a single machine that can simulate any other Turing machine.* That is, there is a *universal* Turing machine, called  $U$ . The input to the universal machine  $U$  is a pair  $(M, x)$ . The universal machine  $U$  computes  $M(x)$ , that is  $U(M, x) = M(x)$ .

245a  $\langle \text{Universal Machine 245a} \rangle \equiv$   
 $U(\text{machine } M, \text{ input } x) \{$   
 $\quad M(x);$   
 $\}$

The existence of a universal machine leads to *undecidable* problems, the most famous of which is the [Halting Problem](#).

#### Problem 17: The Halting Problem

Decision Problem: Given a Turing machine  $M$  and its input  $x$ , does  $M$  halt on  $x$ ?

There is no algorithm that *decides* the halting problem. It may be possible to decide if a particular machine  $M$  halts on a particular input  $x$ , but there is no algorithm that answers the halting problem for every instance of  $M$  and  $x$ .

Define the halting language  $\mathbb{H}$  is the set of all (machine, input) pairs such that  $M$  halts on  $x$ .

$$\mathbb{H} = \{(M, x) : M(x) \neq \nearrow\}$$

The symbol  $\nearrow$  stands for “does not halt.”

There is no Turing machine that decides whether or not  $(M, x) \in \mathbb{H}$  for all pairs  $(M, x)$ . The proof is by [contradiction](#).

Consider the thought experiment of executing the pseudo-code below: The program accepts the encoding of a machine  $M$  as input. It runs  $M$  on  $M$ , looping forever if  $M(M)$  halts and halts if  $M(M)$  does not halt.

#### Listing 54: The Diagonal Machine

245b  $\langle \text{Diagonal Machine 245b} \rangle \equiv$   
 $\text{diagMac}(\text{machine } M) \{$   
 $\quad \text{if } (M(M) \text{ halts}) \text{ then } \{ \text{Loop forever;} \}$   
 $\quad \text{else halt;}$   
 $\}$

The Diagonalization name comes from running the program on itself.

245c  $\langle \text{Diagonalization 245c} \rangle \equiv$   
 $\text{main diagMac(diagMac);}$

The *Diagonalization* idea comes from [Cantor](#)’s proof that the real numbers are uncountable.

Now consider the logic:

- If  $\text{diagMac}(\text{diagMac})$  halts, then  $\text{diagMac}(\text{diagMac})$  loops forever, that is,  $\text{diagMac}(\text{diagMac})$  does not halt.
- On the other hand, if  $\text{diagMac}(\text{diagMac})$  does not halt, then  $\text{diagMac}(\text{diagMac})$  halts.

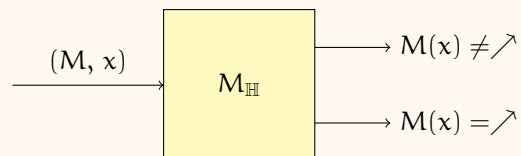
Therefore, there can be no test (algorithm) that correctly answers:

For all Turing machine  $M$  and for all inputs  $x$ , does  $M$  halt on  $x$ ?

The traditional proof that the halting problem is undecidable goes something like this:

### Proof: The Halting Problem is Undecidable

Pretend there is a Turing machine  $M_H$  that decides the halting problem.



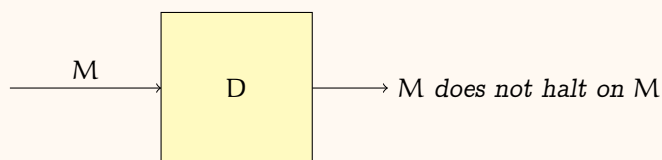
Use  $M_H$  to construct a Turing machine  $D$  that accepts the encoding of a Turing machine  $M$  and runs  $M_H$  on  $(M, M)$ . The behavior of  $D$  is this:

1.  $D$  does not halt if  $M$  halts on  $M$ .

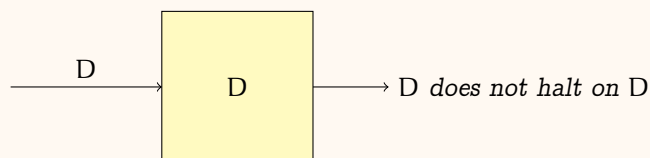
If  $(M(M) \neq \text{⊞})$ , then  $D(M) = \text{⊞}$ .

2.  $D$  halts if  $M$  does not halt on  $M$  ( $M(M) = \text{⊞}$ ).

If  $(M(M) = \text{⊞})$ , then  $D(M) \neq \text{⊞}$



Consider  $D(D)$



1.  $D$  does not halt (on input  $D$ ) if  $D$  halts on  $D$

If  $(D(D) \neq \text{⊞})$ , then  $D(D) = \text{⊞}$ .

2.  $D$  halts (on input  $D$ ), if  $D$  does not halt on  $D$

If  $(D(D) = \nearrow)$ , then  $D(D) \neq \nearrow$

This contradiction implies that the halting machine  $M_H$  cannot exist.

### Determinism versus Non-Determinism

By default, Turing machines are deterministic: Their transition functions  $\delta$  are functions. When transitions are relaxed to be *relations*, the machine is said to be *non-deterministic*.

#### Definition 20: The P and NP Complexity Classes

The complexity class P is the class of all decision problems where all problem instances can be solved in polynomial time on a (deterministic) Turing machine.  $O(n^k)$ , where  $n$  is the size of the instance and  $k$  is a fixed natural number.

The complexity class NP is the class of all decision problems that solve all instances in polynomial time on a non-deterministic Turing machine.

Intuitively, the class P is the set of all problems that can be *solved* in polynomial time. Such problems are said to be *tractable*, even though they may run for a very long time.

The class NP is the set of all problems that, when given an answer (a *certificate*), the answer can be *checked* to be correct in polynomial time. Cook in his seminal paper (Cook, 1971) clearly described these ideas and their implications.

#### Problem 18: Satisfiability

Decision Problem: Given a Boolean expression  $B$  of  $n$  literals in conjunctive normal form, does  $B$  have a truth assignment?

#### Example: SAT Problems

The expression

$$\phi = (P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P$$

is satisfied by  $P = Q = \text{False}$ .

On the other hand, the expression

$$\phi = (P \vee Q \vee R) \wedge (P \vee \neg Q) \wedge (Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (R \vee \neg P) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R)$$

is unsatisfiable. Although you can reason about this expression to see it is unsatisfiable. Notice the expression is in conjunctive

A cubic algorithm on a problem of size  $n = 10^6$  will take about  $10^{18}$  steps, which at  $10^{-9}$  seconds per step will take about  $10^9$  seconds. That's about 33 years given that there are  $\pi$  billion seconds per century.

Exaflop machines, ( $10^{18}$  floating point instructions per second) are being developed.

Let  $P$  be a Boolean variable. Then  $P$  and  $\neg P$  are *literals*.

A *clause* is a disjunction of literals. For example  $P \vee \neg Q$ .

*Conjunctive normal form* is a conjunction of clauses, that is, an AND of ORs.

A *truth assignment* for a Boolean expression is an assignment of True or False to each variable such that the whole expression is True.

normal form so a satisfying truth assignment must satisfy all clauses.

The first clause requires at least one of the three variables be True. The next three clauses requires all three values be the same. (If  $P$  is True, then  $R$  must be True, and then  $Q$  must be True. On the other hand, if  $P$  is False, then  $Q$  must be False, and then  $R$  must be False.)

But, in general, you may need to check all  $2^n$  truth assignments to confirm an  $n$  variable Boolean expression is never satisfied.

Cook describes the *Satisfiability* (SAT) problem, which is clearly in NP but is not known to be in P. The non-deterministic algorithm guesses a satisfying truth assignment for  $\phi$  and checks that it satisfies each clause in  $\phi$ . On the other hand, no polynomial-time deterministic algorithm has ever been discovered for Satisfiability. This leads to what is said to be the fundamental problem in theoretical computer science.

#### Problem 19: P versus NP

Decision Problem: Does  $P = NP$ ?

It is clear that P is a subset of NP. Whether the two classes of problems are the same remains unknown. I think the consensus is that  $P \neq NP$ . “Proofs” that  $P \neq NP$  are proffered every so often, but at this time none has stood and no one knows for certain what the answer is.

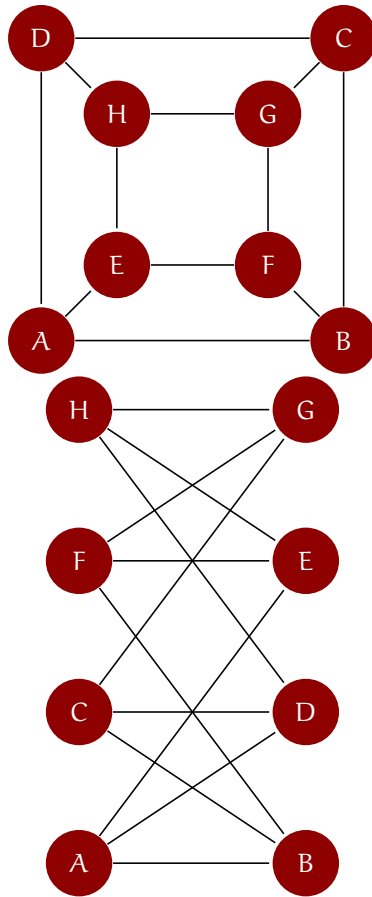
Here are some sample NP problems. Reason that they belong to NP by convincing yourself that a answer could be checked in polynomial time.

#### Problem 20: Subgraph Isomorphism

Given two graphs  $G_0 = (V_0, E_0)$  and  $G_1 = (V, E_1)$ . Does  $G_0$  contain a subgraph  $(V, E)$  such that  $|V| = |V_1|$ ,  $|E| = |E_1|$ , and is there a one-to-one function  $f : V \mapsto V_1$  such that  $\{u, v\} \in E$  if and only if  $\{f(u), f(v)\} \in E_1$ .

Clearly, if given nodes  $V$  and edges  $E$ , their cardinalities can be checked in polynomial time. Likewise, that  $f$  preserves edges and be checked in polynomial time.





### Problem 21: Traveling Salesman

Given a finite set of cities  $\mathbb{C} = \{c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}\}$ , distances  $d(c_i, c_j) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  for each pair  $(c_i, c_j) \in \mathbb{C}$ , and a bound  $B \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Is there a tour of all cities with total length no more than  $B$ . That is, a permutation  $\langle c_{\pi(0)}, c_{\pi(1)}, \dots, c_{\pi(n-1)} \rangle$  of cities such that

$$\left[ \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} d(c_{\pi(k)}, c_{\pi(k+1)}) \right] + d(c_{\pi(n)}, c_{\pi(0)}) \leq B$$

Clearly, given the tour, its cost can be computed in polynomial time.

### Reductions

A classic problem solving technique is to reduce a new problem to an already solved problem. A *reduction* is an algorithm that solves problem A by transforming any instance of A to an equivalent instance of previously solved problem B. Such a reduction should be executable in

polynomial time. The notation

$$A \leq_p B$$

means if B can be solved in polynomial time, then A can be solved in polynomial time. This establishes potential ways to design algorithms.

On the other hand, if A cannot be solved in polynomial time, then neither can B, establishing *intractability*.

Consider reducing *matching* problem to *max-flow*.

#### Example: Matching reduced to Reachability

Given an bipartite graph  $(U, V, E)$ , where  $|U| = |V| = n$ . Construct a network of nodes  $(U \cup V \cup \{s, t\})$  where  $s$  is the source and  $t$  is the target (sink), and with edges

$$\{(s, u) : u \in U\} \cup E \cup \{(v, t) : v \in V\}$$

where all capacities equal to 1.

Then the bipartite graph has a matching if and only if the network has a flow of value  $n$ .

Consider reducing *validity*: Is a Boolean expression E always True. It can be reduced to *Satisfiability*.

#### Definition 21: Validity of a Boolean Expression

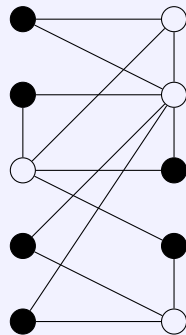
A Boolean expression  $\phi$  is valid if it is True for every assignment of True or False to its variables.

To show that Boolean expression  $\phi$  valid, show that  $\neg\phi$  is not satisfiable. If  $\neg\phi$  has no satisfying truth assignment:  $\neg\phi$  is always False. Therefore,  $\phi$  is always True and valid.

#### Problem 22: Independent-Set

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and an integer  $k$ , is there a subset of vertices  $S \subseteq V$  such that  $|S| \geq k$ , and for each edge at most one of its endpoints is in  $S$ ?

The graph below shows an independent set of size 6, the black nodes.



**Problem 23: Vertex-Cover**

Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$  and an integer  $k$ , is there a subset of vertices  $S \subseteq V$  such that  $|S| \leq k$ , and for each edge at least one of its endpoints is in  $S$ ?

The graph in problem show a vertex cover of size 4, the white nodes.

**Theorem 14: Reducibility: Vertex-cover and Independent-Set**

There is a polynomial time reduction of vertex-cover to independent-set. A subset of nodes  $S$  is an independent set if and only if  $V - S$  is a vertex cover.

**Proof: Reducibility: Vertex-cover and Independent-Set**

Let  $S$  be an independent set of size  $k$ . Then  $V - S$  is of size  $n - k$ . If  $(u, v)$  is an edge, then either  $u \notin S$  or  $v \notin S$  (or both). Therefore, either  $u \in V - S$  or  $v \in V - S$  (or both). That is, for each edge at least one of its nodes is in  $V - S$ .

On the other hand, Let  $V - S$  be a vertex cover of size  $n - k$ . Then  $S$  is of size  $k$ . Let  $u \in S$  and  $v \in S$ . It must be  $(u, v) \notin E$  because  $V - S$  is a vertex cover. (If  $(u, v) \in E$ , then at least one of  $u$  or  $v$  is in a vertex cover.) Therefore, no two nodes in  $S$  are joined by an edge, that is,  $S$  is an independent set.

*NP-Complete Problems*

The book (Garey and Johnson, 1979) is the classic textbook on NP-completeness. A surprising number of problems have been shown to be NP-complete.

**Definition 22: NP-Complete**

A decision problem  $C$  is NP-complete if:

1.  $C \in \text{NP}$ , and
2. Every problem in NP is reducible to  $C$  in polynomial time.

Intuitively, NP-complete problems are the hardest in NP. It is not clear that there are any NP-complete problem  $C$ . And, showing that every problem in NP reduces to  $C$  seems to be an insurmountable task.

Cook's theorem addresses the first issue.

**Theorem 15: Cook's Theorem**

SAT is NP-complete.

The proof is well beyond the scope of this class.

The second issue is addressed by this result.

**Lemma 1: Reduction from NP-complete problems**

Let A and B be problems in NP.

If A is NP-complete and  $A \leq_P B$ , then B is NP-complete.

**Example: 3SAT is NP-complete**

*Let  $\phi$  be a Boolean expression in conjunctive normal form where each clause has at most 3 literals. Does  $\phi$  have a truth assignment?*

*Co-NP Problems*

PRIMES and COMPOSITE are examples of complementary problems.

- $\text{PRIME} = \{n : n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n \text{ is prime}\}.$
- $\text{COMPOSITE} = \{n : n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } n \text{ is composite}\}.$

What are precise definitions of “is prime” and “is composite”?

**Theorem 16: P is closed under complements**

If problem X is in class P, then its complement  $\bar{X}$  is in P too. That is, if  $X \in P$ , then  $\bar{X} \in P$ , or more simply,  $P = \text{co-}P$ .

**Proof: P is closed under complements**

*Let A be a polynomial time deterministic algorithm for decision problem X. An algorithm  $\bar{A}$  for  $\bar{X}$  runs A on an instance I of X. If A accepts I, then  $\bar{A}$  rejects I. Conversely, if A rejects I, then  $\bar{A}$  accepts I.*

For the class NP, the relationship between NP and co-NP is not as clear.

If  $X \in \text{NP}$ , then there is a *certificate* (a *True solution*) can be *checked* in polynomial time. The *complementary* problem  $\bar{X}$  requires a polynomial time *disqualification*. That is, a short proof for *no* instances.

**Definition 23: Co-NP**

$$\text{co-NP} = \{X : \bar{X} \in \text{NP}\}$$

The COMPOSITE decision problem is: Given a natural number  $n > 1$ , does it have factors other than 1 and itself? COMPOSITE is in NP. Given the prime factorization, you can quickly check that its product is  $n$ .

The PRIMES decision problem is: Given a natural number  $n > 1$ , does it have no factors other than 1 and itself? By definition PRIMES is in co-NP.

The *subset sum* problem is in NP.

#### Problem 24: Subset Sum

*Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a finite set of integers. Does  $\mathbb{A}$  contain a non-empty subset the sums to 0?*

You can check in linear time that values in a non-empty subset sum to 0.

The complementary subset sum problem requires that all non-empty subsets have non-zero sums.

#### Problem 25: Co-Subset Sum

*Let  $\mathbb{A}$  be a finite set of integers. Does every non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{A}$  sum to a non-zero value?*

#### Problem 26: Unsatisfiable

Decision Problem: *Given a Boolean expression  $B$  of  $n$  literals in conjunctive normal form, does  $B$  have no satisfying truth assignment?*

SAT is in NP: Given a truth assignment that satisfies a Boolean expression  $B$ , it can be checked in polynomial time.

UNSAT is in co-NP by definition, it may not be simple to prove there is no satisfying truth assignment.

#### Problem 27: No Hamiltonian Cycle

Decision Problem: *Given a graph  $G = (V, E)$ , is there no simple cycle that contains every node of  $V$ ?*

Can give a permutation of nodes to prove there is a Hamiltonian cycle. How can you prove there is no Hamiltonian cycle?

### NP-Hard Problems

#### Definition 24: NP-Hard

*Decision problem  $H$  is NP-hard if every NP-complete problem  $C$  can be reduced to  $H$  in polynomial time.*

Interesting: PRIMES  $\in$  P was demonstrated by a 2002 paper (Agrawal et al., 2002).

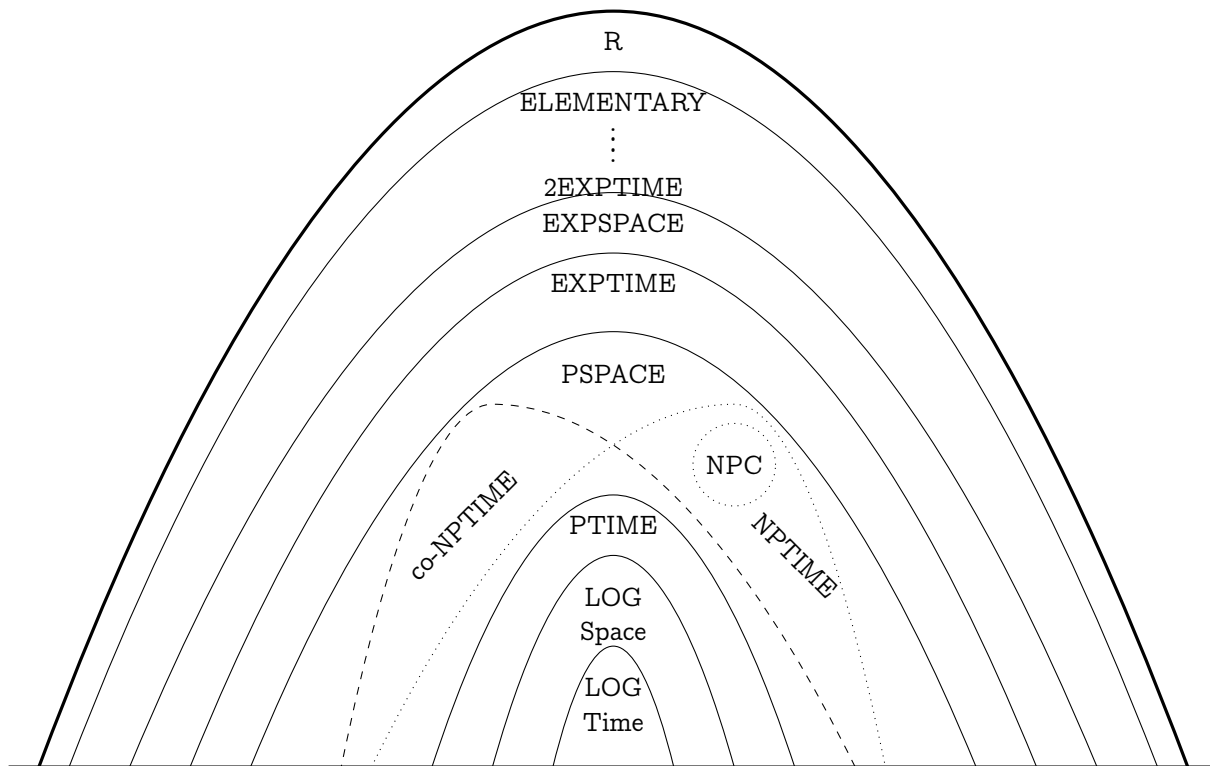
An NP-hard problem is at least as hard as the hardest problems in NP.

The *halting problem* is NP-hard. SAT can be reduced to the halting problem by transforming SAT into a Turing machine that tries all possible truth assignments for an instance  $I$  of SAT. When the machine finds a satisfying truth assignment it halts. Otherwise, if there is no satisfying truth assignment, the machine goes into an infinite loop.

## PSPACE

### Complexity Hierarchy

Computational complexity is complex. Here is an image from (Papadimitriou, 1994) (created by Sebastian Sardina) that shows the relationship among several complexity classes under common assumptions that have not been fully proven.



## The Virus Problem

Dave Evans presents a nice description of the *virus problem* (VP), see [On the Impossibility of Virus Detection](#) <sup>‡</sup>

<sup>‡</sup> Evans, D. (2017). On the impossibility of virus detection

### Definition 25: Virus

*A virus is a computer program that when executed will copy its own code into another program.*

### Problem 28: Virus Problem

**Input:** A description of a program  $P$  and its input  $x$ .

**Output:** If  $P(x)$  behaves like a virus (running it can infect other files) output *True*. Otherwise, output *False*.

Assume there a program, `virusDetect`, that *decides* the Virus Problem (VP).

### Listing 55: Virus Detection

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⟨Virus Detection 255⟩≡
  virusDetect(program P, input x) {
    if (P(x) acts like a virus) then true;
    else false;
  }

```

## A Diagonalization Argument

Assume there is a virus  $V$ . (Imagine how such a program could be written). Mimic the argument given in class and the notes to show there cannot be a program that decides the virus problem (VP).

That is, write a program, call it  $D(\text{program } P)$  if you like, that uses `virusDetect`, to create a contradiction.

## Reduction of HP to VP

Spend a few minutes going over Evans' note [On the Impossibility of Virus Detection](#).

Another way to show the virus problem is undecidable is to show HP *reduces* to VP. That is, if VP were decidable, then HP would be decidable. And, since HP is undecidable, VP must be also.

The main idea is to construct a program `makeVirus` that first executes any input program  $P$ , and then serially, if  $P$  halts, executes a virus  $V$ .

**Listing 56: Make a Virus**

256a  $\langle \text{Make Virus 256a} \rangle \equiv$   
    makeVirus(program P) {  
        P;  
        V;  
    }

Argue that program halt below decides the halting problem. Use this to conclude there cannot be a virus detection decider.

**Listing 57: Halting Decider**

256b  $\langle \text{Halt Decider 256b} \rangle \equiv$   
    halt(program P) {  
        if (virusDetect(makeVirus, P)) then true;  
        else false;  
    }



# Projects

These projects are from previous offerings of this course. I include them in my handouts to inform students what is expected when they tackle a project. However, please consult the posted description of this term's project.

The reason for these projects is so you will have the opportunity to:

- Write about your work.
- Explain your work to others.
- Empirically test the performance of your code.
- Compare empirical data and theoretical results.

Each project requires you to deliver a report containing

- A description of the problem.
- A well-commented program that solves the problem.
- Visualization of run-time data over a collection of inputs.
- The algorithm's theoretical run-time complexity.
- Comparison of empirical and theoretical results.

You may use any computing system that you have rights to access and you may write in any programming language you choose. Whichever programming language you choose, you must be able to collect profile data from executing your code.

Please be certain not to plagiarize your assignments. [Moss](#) will be used to detect software plagiarism. [TurnItIn](#) will be used to detect report plagiarism. If you turn in plagiarized work, you will receive a grade of zero on your project and be reported to the department. On a second offense you will be reported to the university.

## Project 1

: Algorithms for Maximum Subsequence Sum

- Write a program that implements insertion sort.
- Write a program that implements quicksort.
- Write a program that generates a sequence of random integers.
- Compile your programs so that execution-time profile data is collected.

- Determine a sequence of input sizes that exercise your code.
- For each input size generate sample sequences of random integers and feed them to your insertion sort and quick sort routines.
- Compute averages of execution time and memory space usage for each input size and plot the results.

### *Project 2: Student's Choice*

By Monday, October 3, 2020 inform your instructor of the project you propose to complete. Rather than assign a project to graduate-level students, let me suggest some advanced areas you can explore. Several of these topics are described in the textbook (Cormán et al., 2009).

- B-Trees
- Blockchain Protocol
- Fast Fourier Transform
- Floyd-Warshall Algorithm
- Huffman Codes
- Knuth–Morris-Pratt Algorithm
- Boyer–Moore Algorithm
- Aho–Corasick Algorithm
- RSA Public Key Encryption
- Skiplists

If you have another idea for a project check for approval from your instructor before proceeding.

### *Individual Projects Rubric*

*I will use the following rubric to evaluate individual. My evaluation will be honest.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Compilation & Tests	The submitted code does not compile.	The code compiles but passes too few test cases.	The code compiles but passes most test cases.	The code compiles but passes all test cases.	
Documentation	The code is has no or very little documentation.	The code has some documentation as an apparent afterthought.	The code contains useful documentation.	The code is well documented, perhaps even in a literate style.	
Report Writing	Too few group members speak and can be understood.	Some group are difficult to understand.	Most group members speak clearly and are easy to understand.	The report describes the problem, algorithms that solve the problem, and analyzes results of experiments execution the program on various data sets.	
Tool Usage	Little evidence that software tools were used.	Some evidence of minimal tool usage.	Evidence that several software tools were used.	Documented use of a wide array of tools: Software configuration management tools, build tools, testing tools, debuggers, profilers, etc.	
Individual Project Average of Scores					



# Algorithmics 2020

These notes describe the *Algorithmics* workshop that I have been sponsoring for several years. Please consult the team project assignment for this term's offering of the course. In particular the deadlines and milestones described below may not hold.

This is a call for participation in Algorithmics 2020, a workshop on algorithms that runs from November 14 to 28, 2020. It is sponsored by the School of Computing at the Florida Institute of Technology.

Teams present their research on algorithms. Research teams select a problem and report on algorithms that solve it. Team size is three. If the enrollment is not a multiple of three, some teams may be of size two or four.

## Deadlines

Keep track of the course calendar. I am absent-minded and may not remind you.

1. Monday of week two: Research teams assigned. I'll make-up the teams.
2. Monday of week four: Teams submit the algorithm(s) they propose to study. [Wikipedia](#) has a [list of algorithms](#) from which you can choose. The textbook ([Corman et al., 2009](#)) describes many algorithms. Additional suggestions may be mentioned during class.
  - A topic paragraph summarizing the problem to be solved.
  - An brief overview of known algorithms for the problem.
  - An description of deliverables.
  - A task assignment matrix.

If the proposal is considered insufficient, the workshop organizer will call a team meeting.

3. Friday of week eight: Teams submit a progress report.
  - An expansion on their topic paragraph.
  - A throughout description of the algorithm(s) to be analyzed.

Participation in Algorithmics 2020 is required.

Use the Canvas for all submissions.

Guidelines from [Teamwork in the Classroom](#)

- Have clear goals
- Be results-driven
- Be a competent member
- Be committed to the goal
- Collaborate
- Have high standards
- Follow principled leadership
- Seek support, advice, and encouragement

- Some small worked examples.
  - Illustrative drawings, diagrams, charts and graphs.
  - Pseudo-code or programming language descriptions that implement the algorithms(s).
  - Each team member's accomplishments, future tasks, and impediments.
4. Starting Monday of week thirteen: Teams participate in Algorithmics 2020.
- Every member of a team participates in a ten to fifteen minute presentation.
  - Team provides finished product to all class members.
  - Team leader submits a zip archive of the team's project.
5. Monday of week sixteen
- Each student submits:
- [Evaluations of their team members](#)
  - [Evaluations of team presentations](#)

### *Rubrics*

The Algorithmics 2020 workshop required team work, presentation, and report writing skills. Rubrics will be used for (1) teammates to evaluate each other; (2) classmates to evaluate team presentations; and (3) the instructor to evaluate submitted reports. These rubrics are listed below so that you can know the characteristics on which you and your team will be evaluated.

*Teammate Participation Rubric*

*Use the following rubric to evaluate each member of your group.  
Your evaluation should be honest.*

**Group Member Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Conflict	Participated in regular conflict that interfered with group progress. The conflict was discussed outside of the group.	Was the source of conflict within the group. The group sought assistance in resolution from the instructor.	Was minimally involved in either starting or solving conflicts.	Worked to minimize conflict and was effective at solving personal issues within the group.	
Assistance	Contributions were insignificant or nonexistent.	Contributed some toward the project.	Contributed significantly but other members clearly contributed more.	Completed an equal share of work and strives to maintain equity throughout the project.	
Effectiveness	Work performed was ineffective and mostly useless toward the final project.	Work performed was incomplete and contributions were less than expected.	Work performed was useful and contributed to the final project.	Work performed was very useful and contributed significantly to the final project.	
Attitude	Rarely had a positive attitude toward the group and project.	Usually had a positive attitude toward the group and project.	Often had a positive attitude toward the group and the project.	Always had a positive attitude toward the group and the project.	
Attendance & Readiness	Rarely attended group meetings, rarely brought needed materials, and was rarely ready to work.	Sometimes attended group meetings, sometimes brought needed materials, and was sometimes ready to work.	Almost always attended group meetings, brought needed materials, was ready to work.	Always attended group meetings, always brought needed materials, and was always ready to work.	
Task Focus	Rarely focused on the task and what needed to be done. Let others do the work.	Focused on the task and what needed to be done some of the time. Other group members had remind to keep this member on task.	Focused on the task and what needed to be done most of the time. Other group members could count on this person.	Consistently stayed focused on the task and what needed to be done. Other group members could count on this person all of the time.	
<b>Group Member Average of Scores</b>					

Modified from: [Teammate Participation Rubric – Wikispaces](#) which was taken from: [from a University of Southern Mississippi site that appears stale.](#)



*Group Presentation Rubric*

Use the following rubric to evaluate the presentation by each group. Your evaluation should be honest.

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Category	Beginning 1	Developing 2	Accomplished 3	Exemplary 4	Score
Participation	Too few group members participate.	Some group members participate.	Most group members participate.	All group members participate equally.	
Presence	Most group members do not make eye contact and have poor body language.	Some group members do not make eye contact or have poor body language.	Most group members do make eye contact and have good body language.	All group members do make eye contact and have good body language.	
Delivery	Too few group members speak and can be understood.	Some group are difficult to understand.	Most group members speak clearly and are easy to understand.	All group members speak clearly and are easy to understand.	
Organization	Information is disorganized.	Information may be only partially organized.	Most information is presented in an organized way.	All information is presented in an organized way.	
Visual Aids	Presentation is incomplete and disorganized.	Presentation is complete but disorganized.	Presentation is organized but incomplete.	Presentation is visually organized and complete.	
<b>Group Presentation Average of Scores</b>					

Modified from: [Read, Write, Think](#)



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