COSC 320

*Analysis of Algorithms*

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**Project Topic # 1**

**Keyword Replacement in a Corpus**

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**Project Proposal:**

**Problem Description:** In social media, abbreviated slang and acronyms come in a wide variety of ways. Not everyone has the time or access to learn and understand the meaning and context of these shortened versions; thus, this correcting algorithm can help turn modern slang into everyday English most people know and speak. For example, millions of Tweets on Twitter are sent out everyday containing slang both old and new, and remembering old ones while trying to learn the new ones can be difficult.To accomplish this, the algorithm being made will have to have an efficient way of storing many different abbreviations and the actual terms associated with them.

**Algorithm Examples:** An example of something in the real world that uses a similar algorithm is Google Search. Google is able to detect what you mean when you type an abbreviation into the search bar. It does this by having a very large amount of data on every abbreviation.

* Another example is Apple’s text replacement option for their IPhones. The user is able to input their own slang (or already established ones), then their device will translate it to the meaning also set by the user.

**Edge Cases:** A possible edge case would be if the tweets being analyzed have no abbreviations to replace.

* Another edge case would be if there are no tweets in the first place, i.e. the tweet array is empty.

**Expected Complexities:** The asymptotic worst case time complexity is O(n). This is because it has to increment through *n* amount of words. The replacement of any words should be linear and take O(1) time.

**Dataset Collection:** We plan to use Kaggle (<https://www.kaggle.com/>) to search for multiple potential datasets that can help run and test our algorithm.

**Programming Language:** For our choice of programming language, we’ve decided to use Python. This is mainly because it will probably be much easier to use Python in a group setting as it’s a lot more forgiving and less prone to problems compared to Java. It also has Dictionaries (the Python equivalent of Hash Tables), which we predict will be very useful for this project.

**Timeline:** For the timeline, each milestone is expected to be taken and be completed by 2.5 weeks.

**Task Separation:** Each member of the group will be given a chance to do all-around work and spread equal responsibility in each task. No one member will specialize in order to get a full feel of the project in the design and analysis aspect.

**Project Milestone 1:**

**Problem Formulation:** Given an input Array “words” of size n (n being the number of all words), and a dictionary of size m (m being the number of abbreviations/full phrase pairs), output the list of words with the abbreviations replaced into their full English counterpart.

**Pseudo Code:**

Load data from datasets

* Read tweet data into an array of strings for each word: “words”
* Read abbreviation data into a dictionary: “abb”. The keys should be the abbreviation and the values should be the real phrase associated with it.
* Create Array “output”
* For w in words:

If w in abb.keys() then:

add abb[w] to output

else:

add w to output

* return output

**Algorithm Analysis & Time Complexity:**

* Creating the array and dictionary will happen before the algorithm is run so the time complexity of that doesn’t matter.
* let size of “words” array be n.
* incrementing through the “words” array takes O(n).
* Checking if w is in abb.keys takes O(1).
* Adding to the output array takes O(1).

So overall, the time complexity of the algorithm is O(n).

**Proof of Correctness:**

* Loop Invariant: The size of the output array is always going to be equal to the iteration of the loop j.
* Initialization: Before the first iteration, j = 0., and the size of the output array is 0, so the loop invariant holds.
* Maintenance: For each iteration of the loop, the size of output, j, will be incremented by 1, and it will have added either the replaced word, or the original word. j is also incremented by 1, so the loop invariant holds.
* Termination: Once the loop has ended, j = n, and the output array will be of size n, so the loop invariant holds.

The loop invariant holds for each phase of the algorithm, so this proves that the algorithm is correct.

**Unexpected Cases/Difficulties:**

* Cases of two abbreviations having different words/meanings could confuse the algorithm. Solving it would require the context around the abbreviation.
* Abbreviations that do not have a direct translation could be misleading, but since our abbreviation dataset only contains ones with an English translation, then they will just be ignored.
* With high amounts of data in the library/dictionary any language used will use high amounts of time with results coming in.