

Theory of Algorithms Assignment 4

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1. Q and A - 10 points

1. Both Divide and Conquer and Dynamic Programming use prior information to come to a solution. For Divide and Conquer, the problem is split into smaller sub-problems and then the solutions for the sub-problems are combined to solve the original problem. For Dynamic Programming, a memoization of previous operations or information is used to prevent the recalculation of the operation or information. This allows for a tedious or long operation to only be calculated once, rather than having to be recalculated each time the operation is needed and allows for information to only need to be gathered once. Both use prior knowledge to work to a solution, but Dynamic Programming takes the knowledge from another sub-programs to apply it to another where the same operations are being done. In this sense, Dynamic Programming uses the overlap of sub-problem to help solve the original problem.
2. Due to the limited number of coins, we can brute force this problem easily. All of the possible choices are listed below:
 - (a) $5 + 2 + 6 = 13$
 - (b) $5 + 10 = 15$
 - (c) $1 + 10 = 11$
 - (d) $1 + 6 = 7$
 - (e) all other possibilities are contained within one of the above (ex. $2 + 5 + 6 = 13$ is contained within a)

As item b has the greatest sum, the solution is to pick coins 5 and 10 for a total of 15.

3. If $F(n)$ is the max amount that can be picked up in a row of n coins, then $F(n) = \max\{current_coin + F(n-2), F(n-1)\}$. As the method starts at the n th coin, and recursively calls itself for both $n-2$ and $n-1$, it will loop for all of the previous values of n , n times, making it exponential.
4. In the exhaustive search approach, n loops will be needed, as a loop will be needed to loop through all of the remaining coins for **each** coin selected. As such, the time complexity is at least exponential, as this does not take into account for the operations required to check if a coin can be chosen or not.
5. Let $F(n) = [n]$ represent the the row each queen is on in a $n * n$ board.

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Algorithm : N-Queens
Input: number of queens
Result: Array of row positions for each queen.
f1 := new array [n/2]
f2 := new array [n-n/2]
for i in f1 do
    f1[i] := 2i
end
for i in f2 do
    f2[i] = 2i+1;
end
if n mod 6 = 2 then
    swap(f2[0], f2[1])
    move_to_end(f2[2])
end
if n mod 6 = 3 then
    move_to_end(f1[0])
    move_to_end(f2[0])
    move_to_end(f2[1])
end
f := f1 cat f2

return f

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(note: Used reference from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eight_queens_puzzle which uses: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/122319.122322> as a reference itself)

6. See attached file: HamiltonianPath.jpg
7. The best case scenario for the Assignment Problem would be:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
8. For $n=4$, there would be 9 nodes in the state tree. See attached file: BranchAndBoundAssignment.jpg

9. See attached file: BranchAndBoundKnapsack.jpg

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11. Algorithm : Greedy Assignment
 Input: $a[n][n]$ matrix representing jobs
 Result: The minimum cost of n jobs with n people
for i in jobs **do**
 for j in people **do**
 if job is already picked then
 continue
 else
 $current_min := current_min + a[i][j]$
 end
 if $current_min < min$ then
 $min := current_min$
 end
end
return min

12. Algorithm : Rumor Spreading
 Input: number of people
 Result: minimum number of messages needed to be sent
 $count := 0$
for i in $n-1$ **do**
 i sends message to $i+1$
 $count := count + 1$
end
for i in $n-1$ **do**
 n sends message to i
 $count := count + 1$
end
return $count$

2. Dynamic Programming - 7.5 points

See attached files: fib.cpp, makefile

References

I discussed possible approaches with Kimlong Seng, Emerson Flom, and Matthew Behnke. Our textbook was used as a reference:

Introduction to the Design and Analysis of Algorithms (3rd ed.) [Levitin 2011-10-09]

I also used the following as a reference:

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