

**Summations:**  
$$\sum_{i=1}^n 1 = 1_1 + 1_2 + \dots + 1_n = n$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

**Asymptotic Notation:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(n)}{g(n)} = \begin{cases} 0, & T(n) \in O(g(n)) \\ C, & T(n) \in \theta(g(n)) \\ \infty, & T(n) \in \Omega(g(n)) \end{cases}$$

**Recurrence Relations:**

A **recurrence relation** is an equation or inequality that describes a function in terms of its value on smaller inputs. They're useful for analyzing the running **time** of recursive algorithms.

**Master Method:**

Case 1

$$a \geq 1, b > 1, f(n) > 0$$

$$n^d \ll n^{\log_b a} \text{ implies } T(n) = \theta(n^{\log_b a})$$

**Dynamic Programming:**

A **recurrence formula** describes the **strategy** of an algorithm.

**Fibonacci:** naive =  $O(2^n)$ , DP =  $O(n)$

$$F(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2), & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Product sum:** (time & space) DP =  $O(n)$

**Product Sum:**  $f(n)$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i=0 \\ v_i, & \text{if } i=1 \\ \max(f(i-1) + v_i, f(i-2) + v_{i-1} * v_i) \end{cases}$$

**Change-making:** (time) naive =  $O(n^A)$ , DP =  $O(An)$ , (space)

$$DP = O(n) \\ f(A) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } A = 0 \\ \min(f[A - C_i] + 1), \text{ for } i \text{ from } 1 \text{ to } n \text{ if } A > C_i \end{cases}$$

**Backtracking:**

*PowerSet(inpList, res, choices):*

```
if not inpList:
    res.append(choices)
for ele in inpList:
    choices.append(inpList.pop(0))
    PowerSet(inpList, res, choices)
    choices.pop(0)
    PowerSet(inpList, res, choices)
```

**Greedy Algorithms:**

Make the **best choice available** during each iteration and **don't look back**.

**Graphs:**

Adjacency List: space =  $\theta(|V|^2)$ , access time =  $\theta(1)$   
Adjacency Matrix: space =  $\theta(|V| + |E|)$ , access time =  $\theta(|E|)$

**Breadth-First Search** explores neighbors in the order they are visited. Uses a queue. Good for finding shortest paths.

**Depth-First Search** explores the most recently discovered vertices first. Uses a stack. Good for topological sorting, Traveling Salesman.

**Dijkstra's Algorithm** is a greedy algorithm used for finding the shortest path from a single source in a nonnegatively weighted graph. **Recurrence relation:**

$dist[v] = \min(dist[v], weight[u, v] + dist[u])$   
MinHeap Time =  $O((|V| + |E|) \log |V|)$ , Array Time =  $O(|V|^2)$

**Dijkstra(G, s):**

```
Add all nodes to minheap w distance of infinity
Set source node's distance to 0 in minheap
visited = []
while queue:
    curr_node = queue.popleft()
    visited.append(curr_node)
    for v in curr_node.neighbors:
        dist_v = min(dist_v, weight(curr_node, v) + dist_curr)
    Set v's distance to dist_v in minheap
```

**P vs NP:**

**P** is the class of all problems that can be both solved and verified in polynomial time.

**NP** is the class of all problems that can be solved in non-deterministic polynomial time and verified in polynomial time.

**NP-Hard** is the class of all problems that are at least as hard as the hardest problems in NP. Every problem in NP can be reduced in polynomial time to a problem in NP-Hard.

**NP-Complete** is the class of all problems that are in NP-Hard and in NP.

**Reduction** is the process of converting inputs for one problem into equivalent inputs for another problem. Must occur in polynomial time to be useful. Reducing problem  $X$  to problem  $A$  is denoted by  $X \leq_p A$ . Always reduce from the known hard problem to the unknown problem. Reduction shows that problem  $X$  is **no harder** than problem  $A$ .

**Decision Problems** have a Yes/No answer.

$$\sum_{i=m}^n 1 = n - m + 1$$

**Finite Geometric Progression:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^n ar^k (r \neq 0) = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1}, r \neq 1$$

$\forall n \geq n_0$  for some positive constants  $c_1, c_2$

$T(n) \in O(g(n)): T(n) \leq c * g(n)$

$T(n) \in \Omega(g(n)): T(n) \geq c * g(n)$

$T(n) \in \theta(g(n)): c_1 g(n) \leq T(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$

Common Recurrences

$$T(n) = 2T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + n = O(n \log n)$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + c = O(\log n)$$

$$T(n) = 2T(n-1) + 1 = O(2^n)$$

$$T(n) = aT\left(\frac{n}{b}\right) + f(n) \quad \text{where:}$$

$f(n)$  is a positive polynomial function

Case 2

$$n^d == n^{\log_b a} \text{ implies } T(n) = \theta(n^d \log n)$$

Requires **Optimal Substructure** and **Overlapping Solutions**.

**LCS:** naive =  $O(2^n)$ , DP =  $O(n * m)$

**Optimal LCS:**  $O(m + n)$

**LongestCommonSubstring[i, j]**

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i=0 \text{ or } j=0 \\ 1 + LCS[i-1, j-1], & \text{if } str1[0] = str2[0] \\ \max(LCS[i, j-1], LCS[i-1, j]), & \text{if } str1[0] \neq str2[0] \end{cases}$$

**U. Knapsack:** time =  $O(nW)$ , space =  $O(W)$

**Unbound Knapsack:**  $f(x)$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if no } i \text{ s.t. } w_i \leq x \text{ or if } x=0 \\ \max(f(x - w_i) + v_i \end{cases}$$

**0-1 Knapsack:** time =  $O(nW)$ , space =  $O(nW)$

**0-1 Knapsack:**  $f(x, i)$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i=0 \text{ or } x=0 \\ \max(v_i + f(x - w_i, i-1), f(x, i-1)) \end{cases}$$

Used to solve problems where we want to **find all possible solutions**.

**General Steps:**

1) If in final state, do bookkeeping and return

2) Loop through all possible choices:

- Make a choice and check constraints
- Recurse to smaller problem
- Unmake choice

Benefits: Easy to implement and efficient.

Limitations: Does **not** always return optimal solutions.

Hard to design. Difficult to verify.

**Prim's Algorithm:**

Naive time =  $O(|V||E|)$ , MinHeap time =  $O(|E| \log |V|)$

*Prims(G):*

```
result, visited = [], []
while len(visited) < |V|:
    Find edge (a,b) where a is in visited and b is not, and (a,b) is minimal
    result.append((a,b))
    visited.append(b)
return result
```

**Kruskal's Algorithm:**

Naive time =  $O(|V||E|)$ , disjoint set/union find time =  $O(|E| \log |V|)$

*Kruskals(V, E):*

```
Sort E by increasing weight
for v in V:
    makeSet(v)
MST = []
for (u, v) in sorted E:
    if findSet(u) != findSet(v):
        MST.append((u, v))
    Union(u, v)
return MST
```

Steps for proving that problem  $X$  is NP Complete:

- Show that  $X$  is in NP (is poly time verifiable).
- Show that known NP-Hard problem  $A_{hard}$  can be reduced to  $X$  in polynomial time.
- Show that if an algorithm exists that solves  $X$ , then we can obtain a solution to  $A_{hard}$  from the solution to  $X$  using a polynomial time transformation.

An **approximation ratio** shows how close an approximation algorithm is to the optimal solution:

$$\rho(n) = \max\left(\frac{C}{C^*}, \frac{C^*}{C}\right) \text{ where } C \text{ is the approx. solution and } C^* \text{ is the optimal solution.}$$

**Cook-Levin Theorem** showed that Boolean (Circuit) Satisfiability is NP-Hard and thus NP-Complete.

**NP-Complete Proofs:**

**Circuit SAT** reduces to **3SAT**.

**3SAT** reduces to **Independent Set**.

**Hamiltonian Cycle** reduces to **Traveling Salesperson**.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

**Infinite Geometric Progression:**

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ar^k (r \neq 0) = \frac{a}{1-r}, |r| < 1$$

Rankings

$O(1), O(\log n), O(n), O(n \log n), O(n^2), O(n^c), O(e^n), O(n!)$

**BSearch:** Time =  $O(\log_3 n)$ , Rec. Rel.:  $T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + C$

**BSearch**(Arr, S, E, key):

if  $S < E$ :

```
size = (S + E) // 3, p1 = S + size, p2 = S + 2 * size
if Arr[p1] == key: return p1
if Arr[p2] == key: return p2
if key < Arr[p1]: return BSearch(Arr, S, p1, key)
elif key > Arr[p2]: return BSearch(Arr, p2, E, key)
else: return BSearch(Arr, p1, p2, key)
```

$\alpha$  and  $b$  are constants

Case 3

$$n^d \gg n^{\log_b a} \text{ implies } T(n) = \theta(n^d)$$

**Bottom-up vs Top-down. Memoization.**

Steps: 1) Identify parameters, 2) Identify subproblem, 3) Define recursive formula, 4) Implement naive recursive solution, 5) Turn recursive formulation into DP algorithm

**Rod Cutting:** naive =  $O(2^{n-1})$ , DP =  $O(n^2)$

**Rod Cutting:**  $f(n)$

$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \max(f(n-i) + price[i-1]), & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

*LCS(str1, str2, memo):*

```
memo = [[0 * len2 + 1] * len1 + 1]
if len1 <= 0 or len2 <= 0:
    return 0
if str1[len1-1] == str2[len2-1]:
    res = 1 + LCS(len1-1, len2-1)
    memo[len1][len2] = res, return res
else: res = max(LCS(len1, len2-1), LCS(len1-1, len2))
    memo[len1][len2] = res, return res
```

Permutations:  $O(n!)$

PowerSet:  $O(n * 2^n)$

N-Queens:  $O(n!)$

Combination Sum w Repetition:  $O(n^k)$

Combination Sum w/o Repetition:  $O(n * 2^n)$

Keys: 1) Choice 2) Constraint 3) Goal

Requires **Greedy Choice Property** (locally optimal leads to globally optimal) and **Optimal Substructure**.

**Huffman Encoding** uses a MinHeap to store character frequency. Pop from MinHeap and build encoding tree.  $O(n \log n)$ .

A **spanning tree** of a connected, undirected graph  $G$  is a tree that contains every vertex of  $G$  and every edge in the spanning tree is also an edge of  $G$ . A **minimum spanning tree** is the spanning tree of a graph with the least weight. Graphs can have multiple MSTs. A complete graph with  $|V|$  vertices has  $|V|^{|V|-2}$  spanning trees.

**Topological Sort** sorts DAGs based on dependency flow. Solutions are not unique.

Time =  $O(|V| + |E|)$

**TopoSort(G):**

```
result = []
while (unvisited nodes):
    Helper(curr_node)
return result.reverse()
```

```
Helper(curr_node):
    mark curr_node as visited
    for node in curr_node.neighbors:
        if node not in visited:
            Helper(node)
    result.append(curr_node)
```

**Approximation Algorithms:**

**VertexCover(G):**

```
solution = {}
edges = all edges in G
while E is not empty:
    pick arbitrary edge in E w/ vertices (u,v)
    solution = union(solution, {u, v})
    remove from E all edges connected to u or v
return solution
\r(VertexCover) = 2
```

**NearestNeighborTSP(G):**

```
pick arbitrary starting vertex
while there are unvisited vertices:
    go to closest unvisited neighboring vertex
return to starting vertex
```

**MST\_TSP(G):**

```
Find MST of G
Use MST to create a walk using vertices given by MST
Create Hamiltonian Cycle based on the path
\r(MST_TSP) = 2
```