

# Final Exam Study Guide

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## Chapter 5. Divide and Conquer

- Describe the divide-and-conquer approach in algorithm design
  - Break up problems into several parts
  - Solve each part recursively
  - Combine solutions to parts in overall solution
- State the approach to deriving the running time complexity of a divide-and-conquer algorithm
  - We solve a recurrence relation to determine the running time complexity.

### Outline the algorithm and derive its complexity

#### Closest pair of points

```
Closest-Pair(p1, ..., pn) {  
    If n <= 3 then compare all pair-wise distances, and return the smallest distance.  
  
    Compute separation line L such that half the points are on one side and half on the other side.  
  
    d1 = Closest-Pair(left half)  
    d2 = Closest-pair(right half)  
    d = min(d1, d2)  
  
    Delete all points farther than d from L  
  
    Sort remaining points by y-coordinate.  
  
    Scan the points in y-order and compare distance between each point and the next 11 neighbors.  
    If any of these distances is less than d, update d.  
  
    return d  
}
```

Running Time Complexity:  $O(n \log n)$

- Separation line =  $O(n \log n)$
- Deleting points =  $O(n)$
- Sorting =  $O(n \log n)$
- Scanning =  $O(n)$

Recurrence Relation:

- Closest-Pair(Left half) =  $T(n/2)$
- Closest-Pair(Right half) =  $T(n/2)$

Combining the *Recurrence Relation* with the other running time complexities gives us

$$T(n) \leq 2T(n/2) + O(n \log n)$$
$$T(1) = 0$$

## Integer Multiplication

```
karatsuba(num1, num2){
    If (num1 < 10) or (num2 < 10)
        return num1*num2

    /* calculates the size of the numbers */
    m = max(size_base10(num1), size_base10(num2))
    m2 = m/2

    /* split the digit sequences about the middle */
    high1, low1 = split_at(num1, m2)
    high2, low2 = split_at(num2, m2)

    /* 3 calls made to numbers approximately half the size */
    z0 = karatsuba(low1, low2)
    z1 = karatsuba((low1+high1), (low2+high2))
    z2 = karatsuba(high1, high2)

    return (z2*10^(2*m2)) + ((z1-z2-z0)*10^(m2)) + (z0)
```

Running Time Complexity:  $O(n \log 3) = O(n 1.585)$

Recurrence Relation:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 3T(n/2) + n & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Dynamic Programming

- State the similarities and dissimilarities among the *greedy* approach, *divide-and-conquer*, and the *dynamic programming* approaches to algorithm design.
  - *Dynamic Programming* is similar to *Divide and Conquer* in that we break the problem into sub-problems, but in *Dynamic Programming* we compute the sub-problem exactly once and store the result for later building up of a solution, thus culling the search space to a reasonable runtime. *Greedy* would inherently have to explore the whole exponential search space and is more the opposite of *Dynamic Programming*.
- Describe the *dynamic programming* approach in algorithm design.
  - *Dynamic Programming* uses a global *memoization* table to store the result of each sub-problem exactly once so that we can consult already computed answers instead of recalculating them, giving us an efficient result.
- Explain the concept of memoization.
  - *Memoization* is the process of storing the result of previous computations and returning the cached result instead of recalculating the same value.
- Contrast the top-down dynamic programming and bottom-up dynamic programming.
  - *Top-Down* dynamic programming involved using recursion for the breaking up into sub-problems
  - *Bottom-Up* dynamic programming “unwinds” the recursion and iterates over the problem space instead.

**Build optimal substructure, implement bottom-up, and derive time complexity**

## Weighted Interval Scheduling

Optimal Substructure:

$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \max \{v_j + OPT(p(j)), OPT(j-1)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Bottom-Up Algorithm:

Input:  $n$ ;  $s_1, \dots, s_n$ ;  $f_1, \dots, f_n$ ;  $v_1, \dots, v_n$

Global Array:  $M[0 \dots n]$

Sort jobs by finishing time so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$

#  $p(j)$  is the largest index  $i$  ( $i < j$ ) of a job compatible with job  $j$

Compute  $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(n)$

Run Iterative-Compute\_Opt

```
Iterative-Compute-Opt {
    M[0] = 0
    for j = 1 to n
        M[j] = max{ vj + M[p(j)], M[j-1] }
}
```

Running Time Complexity:  $O(n \log n)$

- Sorting =  $O(n \log n)$
- Calculating  $p(j) = O(n \log n)$  (binary search)
- Iterative-Compute-Opt =  $O(n)$

## Segmented Least Squares

Optimal Substructure:

$$SSE = e(i, j) = \sum_i^j (y_i - ax_i - b)^2$$

$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \min_{1 \leq i \leq j} \{e(i, j) + c + OPT(i-1)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Input:  $n$ ;  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ ;  $c$

Global Array:  $M[0 \dots n]$  ( $M[j]$ : the result of computing  $Opt(j)$ )

```
Segmented-Least-Squares() {
    for j = 1 to n
        for i = 1 to j
            compute the least SSE e(i,j) for the segment that fits pi, ..., pj

    M[0] = 0
    for j = 1 to n
        M[j] = min(1 <= i <= j) {e(i,j) + c + M[i - 1]}

    return M[n]
}
```

Running Time Complexity:  $O(n^3)$

- Computing SSE =  $O(n^2)$  pairs +  $O(n)$  operations per pair =  $O(n^3)$

- Filling in the memoization table =  $O(n^2)$

### Knapsack Algorithm

Optimal Substructure:

$$OPT(j) \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i-1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max\{OPT(i-1, w), v_i + OPT(i-1, w - w_i)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Input:  $W; w_1, \dots, w_n; v_1, \dots, v_n$

Global Array:  $M[0..n][0..W]$

```
for w = 0 to W
    M[0, w] = 0

for i = 1 to n
    for w = 0 to W
        if (w_i > w)
            M[i, w] = M[i-1, w]
        else
            M[i, w] = max{M[i-1, w], v_i + M[i-1, w-w_i]}

return M[n, W]
```

Running Time Complexity:  $\theta(n 2^b)$ ;

- Looping over n:  $O(n)$
- Looping over W:  $O(W) = O(2^b)$

### Sequence Alignment

Optimal Substructure:

$$OPT(i, j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \alpha_{x_i, y_j} + OPT(i-1, j-1) \\ \delta + OPT(i-1, j) \\ \delta + OPT(i, j-1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

Input:  $m; n; x_1, \dots, x_m; y_1, \dots, y_n, \text{delta}, \text{alpha}$

```
for i = 0 to m
    M[i, 0] = idelta
for j = 0 to n
    M[0, j] = jdelta

for j = 1 to n
    for i = 1 to m
        M[i, j] = min( alpha[xi, yj] + M[i-1, j-1],
                       delta + M[i-1, j],
                       delta + M[i, j-1])
```

return M[m, n]

Runtime Complexity:  $\theta(mn)$

- Looping over n:  $O(n)$
- Looping over m:  $O(m)$

## Bellman-Ford

Optimal Substructure:

$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v = t \\ \infty & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v \neq t \\ \min\{OPT(i-1, v), \min_{(v,w) \in E} \{c_{vw} + OPT(i-1, w)\}\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Global array M[0..n-1, V] # V=set of n nodes

Shortest-Paths(G, s, t)

  foreach node v in V

    M[0, v] = infinity

  M[0, t] = 0

  for i = 1 to n-1

    foreach node v in V

      M[i, v] = M[i-1, v]

      foreach edge (v, w) in E

        M[i, v] = min { M[i, v],  $c_{vw} + M[i-1, w]$  }

  return M[n-1, s]

Runtime Complexity:  $\theta(mn)$

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## Network Flow

- Greedy Ford-Fulkerson
- Max Flow/Min Cut Theorem:
  - Max Flow: Amount of flow passing from the source to the sink
  - Min Cut: The values of sets S and T that minimize the capacity of the S-T cut
  - The maximum possible flow from s to t must flow through the minimum cut that separates the source and the sink
- Choosing “poor” augmenting paths can result in exponential running times. “good” paths can give polynomial runtimes

Show how to reduce it to a max flow/min cut problem and prove the correctness of the reduction

## Bipartite Matching

Reduction:

Find a *Max Matching*

Input: Undirected bipartite graph  $G = (L \cup R, E)$

Set  $M$  is called matching if each node appears in at most one edge in  $M$  that is:

- \* each node in  $L$  is mapped to at most one node in  $R$
- \* each node in  $R$  is mapped to at most one node in  $L$

# The reduction

Create a directed graph  $G' = (L \cup R \cup \{s, t\}, E')$

- \* Make all edges from  $L$  to  $R$  directed, and assign capacity 1 to each edge.
- \* Add source  $s$ , and add edge of capacity 1 from  $s$  to each node in  $L$ .
- \* add sink  $t$ , and add edges of capacity 1 from each node in  $R$  to  $t$ .

Proof  $\leq$ :

Cardinality of max matching in  $G$  = value of max flow in  $G'$

- Given max matching  $M$  of cardinality  $k$  in  $G$
- Consider the flow  $f$  in  $G'$  such that 1 unit is sent along each of the  $k$  paths from  $s$  to  $t$
- Then,  $f$  is an  $s$ - $t$  flow of value  $k$ , which is certainly no more than the value of max flow

Proof  $\geq$ :

- Let  $f$  be a max flow of value  $k$  in  $G'$
- By the integrality assumption,  $k$  is an integer. Then, since every  $c(e) = 1$ , each  $f(e)$  is either 0 or 1
- Consider  $M =$  set of edges from  $L$  to  $R$  in  $G'$  with  $f(e) = 1$ . Then,  $|M| = k$
- Consider the cut  $(\{s\} \cup L, R \cup \{t\})$ , then each node in  $L$  and  $R$  appears in at most one edge in  $M$  (because the edge capacity = 1 for all edges)
- So,  $M$  is a matching of cardinality  $k$ , which is certainly no more than the cardinality of max matching

## Circulation

Reduction:

Convert to *Max Flow*

Directed graph  $G = (V, E)$

Edge capacities  $c(e)$ ,  $e \in E$

Node demands  $d(v)$ ,  $v \in V$

- \* demand if  $d(v) > 0$
- \* supply if  $d(v) < 0$
- \* trans-flow if  $d(v) = 0$

Finding a circulation must satisfy:

- for each  $e \in E$ :  $0 \leq f(e) \leq c(e)$
- for each  $v \in V$ :  $f_{in}(v) - f_{out}(v) = d(v)$

# Convert to Max Flow

- \* Add new source  $s$  and sink  $t$
- \* For each  $v$  with  $d(v) < 0$ , add edges( $s, v$ ) with capacity  $-d(v)$
- \* For each  $v$  with  $d(v) > 0$ , add edge( $v, t$ ) with capacity  $d(v)$

$G$  has a circulation iff  $G'$  has a max flow of value  $D$

Proof  $\implies$

- If there is a circulation  $f$  in  $G$ , then
  - $D = \sum_{v: d(v) > 0} d(v) = \sum_{v: d(v) < 0} -d(v)$
  - That is, the total supply of  $D$  from all supply nodes finds its way to be consumed by all demand nodes of total demand  $D$

- The value of  $f$  in  $G'$  is  $D$  if we assign  $-d(v)$  to each edge  $(s, v)$  and assign  $d(v)$  to each edge  $(v, t)$
- Note the value of  $f$  in  $G'$  cannot be greater than  $D$  because  $cap(\{s\}, V - \{s\}) = D$
- So,  $D$  is the max flow value

Proof  $\Leftarrow$

- Assume the value of a max flow  $f$  in  $G'$  equals  $D$
- Then, it must be that in  $G'$  all edges  $E_s$  out  $s$  and all edges  $E_t$  into  $t$  are saturated
- If we remove  $E_s$  and  $E_t$  from  $G'$  and add demand  $d(v) = -f_{in}(v)$  on the node  $v$  for each edge  $s, v$  in  $E_s$  and demand  $d(v) = f_{out}(v)$  on the node  $v$  for each edge  $(v, t)$  in  $E_t$  then we have a circulation in  $G$  (whenever node in  $G$  satisfies the demand condition)

## Image Segmentation

Reduction:

Input: grid  $G=(V,E)$  where  $V$  = set of pixels and  $E$  = set of pairs of neighboring pixels, horizontally or vertically

- \* For each pixel  $i$ 
  - \*  $a_i \geq 0$  is the likelihood that pixel  $i$  is in the foreground
  - \*  $b_i \geq 0$  is the likelihood that pixel  $i$  is in the background
- \* For each pair of neighboring pixels  $i$  and  $j$ 
  - \*  $p_{ij} \geq 0$  is the separation penalty for labeling one of  $i$  and  $j$  as foreground and the other one as background

Find a partition  $(A_{foreground}, B_{background})$  that maximizes

$$\underbrace{\sum_{j \in A} a_j + \sum_{i \in B} b_i}_{\text{Reward for high likelihood values}} - \underbrace{\sum_{(i,j) \in E \text{ and } |A \cap \{i,j\}|=1} p_{ij}}_{\text{Penalty for neighboring pixels on different sides}}$$

Maximizing this is equivalent to Minimizing this:

$$\sum_{j \in B} a_j + \sum_{i \in A} b_i + \sum_{(i,j) \in E \text{ and } |A \cap \{i,j\}|=1} p_{ij}$$

Now construct a flow network  $G'$  that will give this amount as the capacity of a min cut:

- Add source to correspond to foreground
- Add sink to correspond to background
- Add an edge from source to each node  $j$  with capacity  $a_j$
- Add an edge from each node  $i$  to sink with capacity  $b_i$

Convert Undirected graph to directed graph using equal anti-parallel directed edges with edge capacities for both being  $p_{ij}$

The capacity of  $(A, B)$  is exactly the quantity we want to minimize

## NP and Computational Intractability

- Reducing one algorithm to another can allow us to determine if a problem is polynomial if the problem we reduce it to has been shown to be polynomial.
- NP, NP-Complete, NP-Hard
  - NP: a problem is in NP if we can prove in polynomial time that any ‘yes’ instance is correct
  - NP-Hard: A problem at least as hard as any NP problem

- NP-Complete: A problem that belongs to both NP and NP-Hard. (as hard as any problem in NP but can be verified quickly)

For each of the following problems, show its NP-Completeness through reduction from the suggested problem known to be in NP-Complete

Satisfiability problem from circuit satisfiability problem

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## Approximation Algorithms

- In order to solve an NP-Hard problem in polynomial time we must accept a suboptimal solution. Approximation algorithms ask if there is a range of suboptimal solutions around the optimal that we can accept as “good enough”

For each of the following problems, design an approximation algorithm and prove the approximation ratio

### Load Balancing

Algorithm:

Input:  $M$  identical machines;  $n$  jobs, job  $j$  has processing time  $t_j$

\* Job  $j$  must run contiguously on one machine

\* A machine can process at most one job at a time

# Makespan = the maximum of the loads on the machines, that is  $L = \max\{L_i\}$

Assign  $n$  jobs to  $m$  machines to minimize the makespan

LPT-Greedy-Balance( $m; n; t_1, \dots, t_n$ )

sort jobs so that  $t_1 \geq t_2 \geq \dots \geq t_n$

for  $i = 1$  to  $m$

$L_i = 0$

$J(i) = \text{null}$

for  $j = 1$  to  $n$

$i = \text{argmin}(L_k)$

$J(i) = J(i) \cup \{j\}$

$L_i = L_i + t_j$

Runtime Complexity:  $O(n \log n)$

Approximation Ratio Proof:

If there are more than  $m$  jobs,  $L^* \geq t_{m+1}$

- Consider the firsts  $m + 1$  jobs  $t_1, \dots, t_{m+1}$
- Since the  $t_i$ 's are in descending order, each takes at least  $t_{m+1}$  time
- There are  $m + 1$  jobs and  $m$  machines, so at least one machine gets two jobs, this machine will have  $L \geq 2t_{m+1}$



LPT-Greedy-Balance is a  $3/2$  approximation algorithm

$$\text{For a bottleneck machine } L_i = \underbrace{(L_i - t_p)}_{\leq L^*} + \underbrace{t_p}_{\leq t_{m+1} \leq \frac{1}{2}L^*} \leq \frac{3}{2}L^*$$

### Minimum weighted vertex cover

Algorithm:

Pricing Scheme. Each edge must be covered by some vertex, So we price the edges as follows:

- Each edge  $e$  pays price  $p_e \geq 0$  in order to be covered by a vertex
- Each vertex  $i$  charges the price of as much as  $w_i$  in total to cover edges

```
Minimum-Weighted-Vertex-Cover-Approx(G, w) {
  foreach e in E
    pe = 0

  while (There exists an edge (i,j)) such that neither i nor j is tight)
    Select such an edge e
    Increase pe to the max possible without violating the fairness
      (i or j becomes tight as a result)

  S = set of all tight nodes
  return S
}
```

Approximation Ratio Proof:

- At least one new vertex becomes tight after each iteration of the while loop
- Let  $S$  be the set of all tight vertexes up on termination of the algorithm. Then,  $S$  is a vertex cover
  - If some edge  $(i, j)$  were left uncovered, then neither  $i$  nor  $j$  would be tight, but then while loop would not have terminate
- Let  $S^*$  be an optimal vertex cover then  $w(S) \leq 2 * w(S^*)$

$$w(s) = \sum_{i \in S} w_i = \sum_{i \in S} \sum_{e=(i,j)} p_e \leq \sum_{i \in S} \sum_{e=(i,j)} p_e = 2 * \sum_{e \in E} p_e \leq 2w(S^*)$$