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## Survey of 20 most popular algorithms

### ① MergeSort

MergeSort is a divide and conquer algorithm that divides the input array in two halves & calls itself for the two halves and then merges the two sorted halves.

The entire process goes as follows:

1. Divide by finding the number of the position midway between p and r. Do this step the same way we found the midpoint in binary search
2. Conquer by recursively sorting,

the subarrays in each of the

two sub problems

created by the divide step.

That is, recursively sort

the subarray  $\text{array}[p..q]$

and recursively sort

the subarray  $\text{array}[q+1..x]$ .

→ Combines by merging the  
two sorted subarrays back  
into the single sorted  
subarray  $\text{array}[p..x]$ .

copied with the following  
procedure after merge.

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## Quick Sort:

Like merge sort, quicksort

uses divide and conquer

and so, it's a recursive algorithm.

but it is in-place sorted

Quicksort is different from

merge sort in of some ways

All of the work happens in

the divide step as opposed

to the combining step as merge

soot: It is in place and its worst case running times are as bad as selection sorts and insertion sorts:  $\Theta(n^2)$

But its average case running times are as good as merge sorts:  $\Theta(n \lg n)$

In practice, quicksort outperforms merge sort and significantly outperforms selection sort and insertion sort.

The idea behind quicksort:

1. Divide by choosing a pivot element in the subarray  $[p..r]$ . Rearrange so that all elements less than or equal to the pivot lie on its left and all the elements greater than the pivot lie to its right.

2. Conquer by recursively solving the subarrays  $[p..q-1]$  and  $[q+1..r]$ .
3. Combine. This step doesn't do anything in terms of actual work.

### (3) Dijkstra's Algorithm

Dijkstra's algorithm is used for finding the shortest path from a starting node to a target node in a weighted graph.

The algorithm explores a tree of shortest paths from the source to all other nodes in the graph.

The algorithm works as follows:

1. While the queue of all nodes in the graph,  $Q$  is not empty, pop the node  $v$  that is not already in  $S$  ( $S$  is an empty set which contains the nodes the algorithm has already visited) from  $Q$  with the smallest distance ( $\hat{w}$ )
2. Add node  $v$  to  $S$ , to indicate that  $v$  has been visited.
3. Update dist values of adjacent nodes of the current node  $v$  as follows:
  - if  $\text{dist}(v) + \text{weight}(uv) < \text{dist}(u)$  there is a new minimal distance found for  $u$ , so update  $\text{dist}(u)$
  - otherwise no updates are made to  $\text{dist}(u)$

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## A\* Pathfinding Algorithm.

A\* algorithm is widely used for pathfinding and graph traversal. The algorithm efficiently plots a walkable path between multiple nodes or points on the graph.

The A\* algorithm introduces a heuristic into a regular graph-searching algorithm; essentially planning ahead at each step so a more optimal decision is made.

Like Dijkstra's, A\* works by making a lowest-cost path from the start node to the target node.

It uses a function  $f(n)$  that gives an estimate

of the total cost of a path using that node.

A\* expands paths that are already less expensive by using this function

$$f(n) = g(n) + h(n)$$

where

$f(n)$  = total estimated cost of path through node  $n$

$g(n)$  = cost so far to reach node  $n$

$h(n)$  = estimated cost from  $n$  to goal

## ⑤ Binary Search Algorithm.

Binary search is an efficient algorithm for finding an

item from an ordered list of items

It works by repeatedly dividing in half the portion of the list that could contain the algorithm

Procedure:

Given an array A of  $n$  elements and a target value  $T$ :

1. Set  $L$  to 0 and  $R$  to  $n-1$ .
2. If  $L > R$ , terminate the search.
3. Set the position of the middle element to the floor of  $(L+R)/2$ .
4. If  $A_m < T$ , set  $L \rightarrow m+1$  and go to step 2.
5. If  $A_m > T$ , set  $R \rightarrow m-1$  and go to step 2.

6. Now  $A = T$ , the search is done.

## ⑥ Breadth First Search (BFS) and Depth First Search (DFS)

BFS and DFS algorithms are used for traversal of trees through the construction of spanning trees.

1. BFS: Breadth First Search  
BFS can be thought of as being like Dijkstra's algorithm for shortest paths, but with every edge having the same length.

Algorithm

unmark all vertices  
choose some starting vertex v  
make L = 1  
list L = {v}

tree  $T = \emptyset$

while nonempty

choose for some vertex  $v'$   
from front of list

visit  $v'$

for each unmarked neighbour  $w$   
mark  $w$

add it to end of list

add edge  $vw$  to  $T$

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DFS

DFS is another way of  
traversing graphs, which is  
closely related to preorder  
traversal of a tree

dfs(vex, tree)

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visit( $v$ )

for each neighbour  $w$  of  $v$

if  $w$  is unvisited

{

dfs( $w$ )

add edge  $vw$  to tree  $T$

}

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## Knapsack Problem

The knapsack problem is a problem in combinatorial optimization.

Given a set of items, each with a weight and a value, determine the number of each item to include in a collection so that their total weight is less than or equal to a given limit and the total value is as large as possible.

Generally there are three variants of this problem

1. The 0-1 knapsack problem which restricts the number of copies of each item kind of item to zero or one.

2. The bounded knapsack problem which removes the restriction that there is only one of each item but restricts the number  $x_i$  of copies of each kind of item to a max. non-negative integer value.

3. The unbounded knapsack problem which places no upper bound on the no of copies of each kind of item.

### ⑧ Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm

The KMP algorithm is a string searching algorithm that searches for occurrences of a word  $W$  within a main text string  $S$  by employing the observation that when a mismatch occurs the word itself embodies enough information to

determine where the next match would begin, thus bypassing re-examination of previously matched characters.

## The Algorithm

KNUTH - MORRIS - PRATT (T, P)

Input: Strings  $T[0..n]$  and  $P[0..m]$

Output: Starting index of substring of  $T$  matching  $P$ .

f ← compute failure function of pattern  $P$ .

$i \leftarrow 0$

$j \leftarrow 0$

while  $i < \text{length}[T]$  do

if  $j \leq m-1$  then

return  $i - m + 1$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

$j \leftarrow j + 1$

else if  $j > 0$

$j \leftarrow f(j-1)$

else

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

Worst case time complexity.

$\Theta(m+n)$

Space complexity ( $\Theta : O(m)$ )

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Kruskal's Algorithm.

Kruskal's algorithm is a greedy algorithm to

graph theory that finds a minimum spanning tree for a connected weighted graph.

It finds a subset of the edges that forms a tree that includes every vertex, where the total weight of all the edges in the tree is minimized.

Algorithm

MST-KRUSKAL( $G, w$ )

$A \leftarrow \emptyset$

for each vertex  $v$  not in  $V[A]$   
do make-set( $v$ )

sort the edges of  $E$  into  
non-decreasing order by  
weight  $w$

for each edge  $(u, v)$  not in  
 $E$

do if  $\text{FIND-SET}(u) \neq \text{FIND-SET}(v)$

then  $A \in A$  not in  $\{(u,v)\}$   
 $\text{UNION}(u,v)$

return  $A$

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Prim's Algorithm

Prim's algorithm is a greedy algorithm that finds a minimum spanning tree for a connected weighted undirected graph.

It finds a subset of the edges that forms a tree that includes every vertex, where the total weight of all the edges in the tree is minimized.

MST-PRIM ( $G, w, \infty$ )

for each  $u$  not in  $V[G]$

do  $\text{key}[u] \leftarrow \infty$

$n[u] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$

let  $\text{key}[\infty] \leftarrow \emptyset$

$Q \subseteq V[G]$

while  $Q \neq \emptyset$

do  $u \in \text{EXTRACT MIN}(Q)$

do if  $v$  not in  $Q$  and

$w(u, v) < \text{key}[v]$

then  $\pi[v] \leftarrow u$

$\text{key}[v] \leftarrow w(u, v)$

1 RSA Algorithm

RSA algorithm is asymmetric  
cryptography algorithm

The idea of RSA is based on the fact that it is difficult to factorize a large integer.

The public key consists of two numbers whose one number is multiplication of two large prime numbers.

And private key is also derived from the same two prime numbers.

RSA keys can be typically 1024 or 2048 bits long

## 12. Rabin-Karp Algorithm.

Rabin-Karp string searching algorithm calculates a numerical value for the pattern and for each m-character substring.

of text  $t$ . Then it compares the numerical values instead of comparing the actual symbols. Otherwise, it shifts to the next substring of  $t$  to compare with  $p$ .

(Compute  $h_p$  for pattern  $p$ )

Compute  $h_L$  for last first

substring of  $t$  with length

$t[n-m+1:n]$

For  $i=1$  to  $n-m+1$  do

If  $h_p = h_L$  then

Match  $t[i, \dots, i+m]$  with  $p$

and if matched return 1.

Else if matched then

$$h_L = (d(h_L - t[i+1] \cdot d^{m-1}) +$$

$$t[n+m+i]) \bmod q$$

End if matched then

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## Longest Common Subsequence.

Given two sequences

$X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$  and  $Y$

$= \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$  we say that

$Y$  is a subsequence of  $X$  if

there is a strictly increasing sequence of  $k$  indices  $\langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle$   
( $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ ) such,

that  $Y = \langle x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_k} \rangle$ .

Given two strings  $X$  and  $Y$ ,

the longest common subsequence of  $X$  and  $Y$

is a longest sequence  $Z$

which is both a subsequence of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

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## Bellman-Ford Algorithm

The Bellman-Ford algorithm is a graph search algorithm that finds the shortest path between a given

source vertex  $s$  and all other vertices in the graph.

This algorithm can be used on both weighted and unweighted graphs.

### Pseudo-Code

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for v in V: v.distance = infinity
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v.parent = None
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source.distance = 0
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v.p = None
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source.distance = 0
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for u in E: relax(u)
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for i from 1 to |V|-1:
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for v in E:
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    relax(v)
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relax(v):
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if v.distance > u.distance + weight(u,v):
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v.distance = u.distance + weight(u,v)
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v.p = u
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## K-means clustering algorithm

The K-means is one of the simplest unsupervised learning algorithms that solve the well known clustering problem.

The procedure follows a simple and easy way to classify a given data set through a certain number of clusters.

The main idea is to define k-centroids, one for each cluster.

The algorithm is composed of two following steps:

1. Place K points into the space represented by the objects that are being clustered.

2. Assign each object to the group that has the closest centroid.
3. When all objects have been assigned, recalculate the positions of the k-centroids.
4. Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until all the centroids no longer move.

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The Euclidean algorithm calculates the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two natural numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .

The GCD is the largest number that divides both  $a$  and  $b$  without leaving a remainder.

Algorithm.

(GCD(a, b))

while  $b \neq 0$

    t = b

    b = a mod b

    a = t

return a

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Bubble Sort Algorithm.

Bubble sort is a simple and well known sorting algorithm.

It is used in practice only

in a blue moon and

its main application is

to make an introduction

to the sorting algorithm.

Algorithm.

1. Compare each pair of adjacent elements from the beginning of the array

and if they are in reversed order, swap them.

2. If at least one swap has been done, repeat step 1.

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## Radix Sort

Radix sort is an integer

sorting algorithm that sorts data with integer keys by grouping the keys by individual digits that share the same significant position and value.

Radix sort takes in a list

of  $n$  integers which are in base  $b$  and so each number

has at most  $d$  digits where  $d = \lceil \log_b k + 1 \rceil$  and  $k$ ,

the largest number in the list.

The algorithm runs in linear time when  $b$  and  $n$  are of the same size magnitude, so knowing  $n$ ,  $b$  can be manipulated to optimize the running time of the algorithm.

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## Heap Sort in Java

Heap sort is a comparison based sorting technique based on Binary heap data structure.

It is similar to selection sort where we first find the maximum element and place the maximum element at the end from the array.

## Heap Sort Algorithm

Build a max heap from the

## Input Data

2. At this point the largest item is stored at the root of the heap. Replace it with the last item of the heap followed by reducing the size of heap by 1. Finally heapify the root of the tree.
3. Repeat above steps while size of the heap is greater than 1.

## Inscobon Soot

~~20~~ Inscobon Soot is a sorting algorithm that builds a final sorted array one element at a time.

~~WTF~~. Inscobon soot has an average and worst case running time of  $O(n^2)$ .

The insertion sort algorithm iterates through an input array and removes one element per iteration. finds the place the element belongs in the array and then places it there.

This is Algorithm for insertion sort

for  $i = 1$  to  $\text{length}(A)$

    let  $x = A[i]$

$j = i - 1$

    while  $j \geq 0$  and  $A[j] > x$

~~copy  $A[j]$  to  $A[j + 1]$~~

~~decrement  $j = j - 1$~~

    end while

~~$A[j + 1] = x$~~

end for