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## Question 1:

a) We show that under Definition 1, the following holds:

$$a^* \stackrel{!}{=} 1 \oplus a \otimes a^* \quad (1)$$

$$= 1 \oplus a \otimes \bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{\otimes n} \quad (2)$$

$$= 1 \oplus \bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{\otimes n+1} \quad (3)$$

$$= 1 \oplus \bigotimes_{n=1}^{\infty} a^{\otimes n} \quad (4)$$

$$= \bigotimes_{n=0}^{\infty} a^{\otimes n} \quad (5)$$

$$= a^* \quad (6)$$

 b) First we show that  $\log a \oplus a = \log(2) + a$ :

$$a \oplus \log a = \log(e^a + e^a) \quad (7)$$

$$= \log(2e^a) \quad (8)$$

$$= \log(2) + a \quad (9)$$

Then we calculate the Kleene start:

$$\bigoplus_{\log n=0}^{\infty} a^{\oplus n} = a^{\oplus 0} \oplus_{\log} \left( \bigoplus_{\log n=1}^{\infty} a^{\oplus n} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$= 0 \oplus_{\log} \left( \bigoplus_{\log n=1}^{\infty} a^{\oplus n} \right) \quad (11)$$

$$= 0 \oplus_{\log} a \oplus_{\log} 2a \oplus_{\log} 3a \oplus_{\log} \dots \quad (12)$$

$$= \log(e^0 + e^a) \oplus_{\log} 2a \oplus_{\log} 3a \oplus_{\log} \dots \quad (13)$$

$$= \log(e^{\log(e^0 + e^a)} + e^{2a}) \oplus_{\log} 3a \oplus_{\log} \dots \quad (14)$$

$$= \log(e^0 + e^a + e^{2a}) \oplus_{\log} 3a \oplus_{\log} \dots \quad (15)$$

$$= \log \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{a^{\oplus n}} \right) \quad (16)$$

We have two cases here, either  $a > 0$  or  $a \leq 0$ . In the first case, the sum diverges and we get  $\infty$ . In the second case, the sum converges:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{a \oplus n} = \frac{1}{1 - e^a} \quad \text{limit geometric series} \quad (17)$$

Therefore, we get:

$$\log \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{a \oplus n} \right) = \log \left( \frac{1}{1 - e^a} \right) \quad (18)$$

$$= \log(1) - \log(1 - e^a) \quad (19)$$

$$= \log(1 - e^a) \quad (20)$$

c) First we derive a closed form solution for  $(x, y)^{\oplus n}$ :

$$\langle x, y \rangle^{\oplus 1} = \langle x, y \rangle \quad (21)$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle^{\oplus 2} = \langle x^2, 2xy \rangle \quad (22)$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle^{\oplus 3} = \langle x^3, 3x^2y \rangle \quad (23)$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle^{\oplus 4} = \langle x^4, 4x^3y \rangle \quad (24)$$

$$\langle x, y \rangle^{\oplus n} = \langle x^n, nx^{n-1}y \rangle \quad (25)$$

Then we derive a closed form for  $a^*$ :

$$\bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle x, y \rangle^{\oplus n} = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle x^n, nx^{n-1}y \rangle \quad \text{eq. (25)} \quad (26)$$

$$= \left\langle \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}y \right\rangle \quad (27)$$

Both parts only converge for  $|x| < 1$ . The left parts is a geometric series and has limit  $\frac{1}{1-x}$ . And the right parts, which is a power series:

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}y = y \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} \quad (28)$$

$$= y \left( 0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nx^{n-1} \right) \quad (29)$$

$$= y \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (n+1)x^n \quad (30)$$

$$= y \frac{1}{(x-1)^2} \quad \text{limit power series} \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{y}{(x-1)^2} \quad (32)$$

Hence our closed form with inserted limits is given by:

$$\left\langle \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} x^n, \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nx^{n-1}y \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{1-x}, \frac{y}{(x-1)^2} \right\rangle \quad |x| \leq 1 \quad (33)$$

If  $|x| > 1$  both parts diverge.

d)

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{lang}} = \langle 2^{\Sigma^*}, \bigcup, \otimes, \{\}, \{\epsilon\} \rangle \quad (34)$$

We first show that  $\mathcal{W}_{\text{lang}}$  is a semiring:

- $(2^{\Sigma^*}, \oplus, \mathbf{0})$  must be a commutative monoid with identity element  $\mathbf{0}$ :

$$(x \oplus y) \oplus z = (x \cup y) \cup z \quad (35)$$

$$= \{x, y\} \cup z \quad (36)$$

$$= \{x, y, z\} \quad (37)$$

$$= x \oplus \{y, z\} \quad (38)$$

$$= x \oplus (y \oplus z) \quad (39)$$

$$\mathbf{0} \oplus x = \{\} \oplus x \quad (40)$$

$$= \{\} \cup x \quad (41)$$

$$= \oplus \quad (42)$$

$$x \oplus y = x \cup y \quad (43)$$

$$= \{x, y\} \quad (44)$$

$$= y \cup x \quad (45)$$

$$= y \oplus x \quad (46)$$

- $(2^{\Sigma^*}, \otimes, \mathbf{1})$  must be a monoid with identity element  $\mathbf{1}$ :

$$(x \otimes y) \otimes z = xy \otimes z \quad (47)$$

$$= xyz \quad (48)$$

$$= x \otimes yz \quad (49)$$

$$= x \otimes (y \otimes z) \quad (50)$$

$$\mathbf{1} \otimes x = \{\epsilon\} \otimes x \quad (51)$$

$$= x \quad (52)$$

$$= x \otimes \{\epsilon\} \quad (53)$$

$$= x \otimes \mathbf{1} \quad (54)$$

- Multiplication left and right distributes over addition:

$$x \otimes (y \oplus z) = x \otimes \{y, z\} \quad (55)$$

$$= \{xy, xz\} \quad (56)$$

$$= \{xy\} \cup \{xz\} \quad (57)$$

$$= (x \otimes y) \oplus (x \otimes z) \quad (58)$$

$$(x \oplus y) \otimes z = \{x, y\} \otimes z \quad (59)$$

$$= \{xz, yz\} \quad (60)$$

$$= \{xz\} \cup \{yz\} \quad (61)$$

$$= (x \otimes z) \oplus (y \otimes z) \quad (62)$$

- Multiplication by  $\mathbf{0}$  annihilates  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\mathbf{0} \otimes x = \{a \circ b \mid a \in A, b \in \{\}\} \quad (63)$$

$$= \{\} \quad \text{by definition of } \circ, \text{ because no } b \text{ exists} \quad (64)$$

$$= x \otimes \mathbf{0} \quad (65)$$

$$(66)$$

The Kleene star for  $\mathcal{W}_{\text{lang}}$  given by:

$$A^{\otimes n} = \left\{ \bigotimes_{i=0}^n a_i \mid a_i \in A \right\} \quad (67)$$

$$A^* = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} A^{\otimes n} \quad (68)$$

$$= \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ \bigotimes_{i=0}^n a_i \mid a_i \in A \right\} \quad (69)$$

$$= \left\{ \bigotimes_{i=0}^n a_i \mid a_i \in A, n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \quad (70)$$

## Question 2:

- a) Tropical semiring is 0-closed:

$$a \oplus \mathbf{0} = \min(a, \mathbf{0}) \quad (71)$$

$$= \min(a, 0) \quad (72)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{because } a \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \quad (73)$$

Arctic semiring is 0-closed:

$$a \oplus \mathbf{0} = \max(a, \mathbf{0}) \quad (74)$$

$$= \max(a, 0) \quad (75)$$

$$= 0 \quad \text{because } a \in \mathbb{R}_{\leq 0} \quad (76)$$

- b) Proof by induction:

Base case  $i = 1$ :

$$M^1 = M \quad (77)$$

$$M_{ij} = w_{ij} \quad \text{by def of } M \quad (78)$$

$w_{ij}$  is exactly the semiring-sum over all paths from  $i$  to  $j$  of length 1. This holds because there is only one path of length 1 from  $i$  to  $j$ .

Induction hypothesis:  $M_{ij}^i$  is the semiring-sum over all paths from  $i$  to  $j$  of length  $i$ .

Induction step  $i \rightarrow i + 1$ :

$$M^{i+1} = M^i \otimes M \quad (79)$$

$$M_{kj}^{i+1} = \sum_{l=0}^n M_{kl}^i \otimes M_{lj} \quad \text{def. matrix mult.} \quad (80)$$

In eq. (80) we sum over the product of all possible paths of length  $i$  from  $k$  to another node  $l$  and all possible paths of length 1 from nodes  $l$  to  $j$ . This sum is exactly the semiring-sum over all possible paths of length  $i + 1$  from  $k$  to  $j$ .

- c) If we have a graph  $G$  with  $N$  vertices, then a path with length  $l \geq N$  must visit at least one vertex  $v$  twice. From this follows, that we can just remove this cycle at vertex  $v$  and reduce the path to a path of length at most  $N - 1$ . If there are multiple cycles, we can remove all of them until we arrive at a path of length at most  $N - 1$ . Let us now assume that the longest path in  $G$  has length  $l \geq N - 1$ . The weight of this path is the following:

$$v_0 \xrightarrow{w_0} v_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow v_k \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow v_k \rightarrow \cdots \xrightarrow{v_{l-2}} v_{l-1} \xrightarrow{w_{l-1}} v_l \quad (81)$$

$$w_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{k-1} \otimes w_k \otimes \cdots \otimes w'_k \otimes w_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{l-1} \quad (82)$$

Notice the cycle in the middle, which we know exists given our reasoning before. We can remove this cycle and arrive at the following path with new weight:

$$v_0 \xrightarrow{w_0} v_1 \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow v_k \rightarrow \cdots \xrightarrow{v_{l-2}} v_{l-1} \xrightarrow{w_{l-1}} v_l \quad (83)$$

$$w_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{k-1} \otimes w_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{l-1} \quad (84)$$

We first define weights for subpaths:

$$s_0 = w_0 \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{k-1} \quad \text{path to } k \quad (85)$$

$$s_1 = w_k \otimes \cdots \otimes w'_k \quad \text{cycle at } k\text{-th vertex} \quad (86)$$

$$s_2 = w_{k+1} \otimes \cdots \otimes w_{l-1} \quad \text{path from } k \text{ to } l \quad (87)$$

$$(88)$$

We now rewrite path weights and add them over our semiring:

$$(s_0 \otimes s_1 \otimes s_2) \oplus (s_0 \otimes s_2) \quad (89)$$

$$(s_0) \otimes ((s_1 \otimes s_2) \oplus s_2) \quad (90)$$

$$(s_0) \otimes (s_2 \otimes (s_1 \oplus 1)) \quad (91)$$

$$(s_0) \otimes (s_2 \otimes 1) \quad \text{def. 0-closed} \quad (92)$$

$$s_0 \otimes s_2 \quad \text{def. 1} \quad (93)$$

We see that eq. (93) is exactly the weight of the path without the cycle. Since this holds for every path of length  $l \geq N$  we can conclude that the longest path in  $G$  has length at most  $N - 1$ .

- d) Per definition of the Kleene start, we have:

$$M^* = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{\infty} M^{\otimes i} \quad (94)$$

In b) we have shown that  $M^{\otimes i}$  is the semiring-sum over all paths of length  $i$  and in c) we have shown that the shortest path depends only on paths of length  $l \leq N - 1$ . We

also showed that under the  $\oplus$  operation, only paths of length  $l \leq N - 1$  are considered. Therefore, we know that  $M^*$  depends only on:

$$M^* = \bigoplus_{i=0}^{N-1} M^{\otimes i} \quad (95)$$

e) We define a simple algorithm:

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**Algorithm 1:** Matrix multiplication for Kleene star

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1  $M$ ;
2  $M' \leftarrow M$ ;
3  $M^* \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ;
4 for  $i = 0$  to  $N - 1$  do
5   for  $j = 0$  to  $\text{len}(M)$  do
6     for  $k = 0$  to  $\text{len}(M)$  do
7       for  $l = 0$  to  $\text{len}(M)$  do
8          $M'_{j,k} \leftarrow M'_{j,k} \oplus (M_{j,l} \otimes M_{l,k})$ 
9          $M^*_{j,k} \leftarrow M^*_{j,k} \oplus M'_{j,k}$ 
10   $M \leftarrow M'$ ;
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The inner for loops calculate the matrix multiplication,  $M^{\otimes n}$ , and the outer loop iterates  $N - 1$  times to calculate the Kleene star. Since each loop has  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  iterations, the algorithm has a runtime of  $\mathcal{O}(N^4)$ .

f)

$$a \oplus a = a \otimes (\mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{1}) \quad (96)$$

$$= a \otimes \mathbf{1} \quad \text{def. 0-closed} \quad (97)$$

$$= a \quad \text{def. } \mathbf{1} \quad (98)$$

g) We show given equality with an induction proof: Base case  $n = 0$ :

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^0 M^i = M^0 \quad (99)$$

$$= (I \oplus M)^0 \quad (100)$$

Where we assumed that:

$$I \oplus M = M \quad (101)$$

Our induction hypothesis is:

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^n M^i = (I \oplus M)^i \quad (102)$$

Now for the inductive step we have  $n \rightarrow n + 1$ :

$$\bigoplus_{i=0}^{n+1} M^i = \bigoplus_{i=0}^n M^i \oplus M^{n+1} \quad (103)$$

$$= M^0 \oplus \bigoplus_{i=0}^n M^i \oplus M^{n+1} \quad (104)$$

$$= M^0 \oplus \bigoplus_{i=0}^n (M^i \oplus M^i) \oplus M^{n+1} \quad (\text{def. Idempotent}) \quad (105)$$

$$= \bigoplus_{i=0}^n M^i \oplus \bigoplus_{i=1}^{n+1} M^i \quad (106)$$

$$= \bigoplus_{i=0}^n M^i \otimes (\mathbf{I} \oplus M) \quad (\text{def. distributive}) \quad (107)$$

$$= (\mathbf{I} \oplus M)^n \otimes (\mathbf{I} \oplus M) \quad (\text{def. I.H.}) \quad (108)$$

$$= (\mathbf{I} \oplus M)^{n+1} \quad (109)$$

h) With the log factor, we immediately think about binary representation. We use the product of power rule to rewrite our left side of the equation:

$$\bigotimes_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} M^{\alpha_k 2^k} = M^{\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} \alpha_k 2^k} \quad (110)$$

We now analyze the exponent of  $M$  more closely. If we choose  $\alpha_k$  to represent the  $k$ -th bit in the binary representation of  $n$ , we can see that  $\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} \alpha_k 2^k = n$ . Therefore, we can rewrite the equation as:

$$\bigotimes_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} M^{\alpha_k 2^k} = M^{\sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} \alpha_k 2^k} \quad (111)$$

$$= M^n \quad (112)$$

With this insight, we can rewrite the algorithm to calculate  $M^*$ :

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**Algorithm 2:** Matrix multiplication for Kleene star

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1  $M$ ;
2  $M' \leftarrow M$ ;
3  $M^* \leftarrow \mathbf{0}$ ;
4 for  $i = 0$  to  $\log_2(N - 1)$  do
5   if  $a_i == 0$  then
6     for  $j = 0$  to  $\text{len}(M)$  do
7       for  $k = 0$  to  $\text{len}(M)$  do
8         for  $l = 0$  to  $\text{len}(M)$  do
9            $M'_{j,k} \leftarrow M'_{j,k} \oplus (M_{j,l} \otimes M_{l,k})$ 
10           $M^*_{j,k} \leftarrow M^*_{j,k} \oplus M'_{j,k}$ 
11    $M \leftarrow M'$ ;

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As we have just remove some iterations from the outer most loop, our runtime changes to  $\mathcal{O}(n^3 \log n)$

i) We derive the SVD of  $A$ :

$$A = U\Sigma V^T \quad (113)$$

$$\|A\|_2 = \|U\Sigma V^T\|_2 = \|\Sigma\|_2 \quad (114)$$

Further we can rewrite the operator norm by w.l.o.g choosing  $x$  such that  $\|x\|_2 = 1$ :

$$\|A\|_2 = \sup_{x \neq 0} \frac{\|Ax\|_2}{\|x\|_2} \quad (115)$$

$$= \sup_{x \neq 0, \|x\|_2=1} \|Ax\|_2 \quad (116)$$

$$(117)$$

Combining these two insight we get:

$$\|A\|_2 = \sup_{x \neq 0, \|x\|_2=1} \|\Sigma x\|_2 \quad (118)$$

$$= \sigma_{\max}(A) \quad (\text{min-max theorem}) \quad (119)$$

j)

$$\|A^* - \sum_{n=0}^K A^n\|_2 = \left\| \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} A^n - \sum_{n=0}^K A^n \right\|_2 \quad (120)$$

$$= \left\| \sum_{n=K+1}^{\infty} A^n \right\|_2 \quad (121)$$

$$= \sigma_{\max} \left( \sum_{n=K+1}^{\infty} A^n \right) \quad (\text{ex. i}) \quad (122)$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=K+1}^{\infty} \sigma_{\max}(A^n) \quad (\text{singular value inequalities}) \quad (123)$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=K+1}^{\infty} \sigma_{\max}(A)^n \quad (\text{singular value inequalities}) \quad (124)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma_{\max}(A)^{K+1}}{1 - \sigma_{\max}(A)} \quad (\text{geom. series if } \sigma_{\max}(A) < 1) \quad (125)$$

$$(126)$$

eq. (125) shows the closed form solution if  $\sigma_{\max}(A) < 1$ . If  $\sigma_{\max}(A) \geq 1$ , the closed form solution is not defined as the geometric series diverges.

The condition on  $\sigma_{\max}(A)$  for the truncation error to converge to  $A^*$  therefore is  $\sigma_{\max}(A) < 1$ :

$$\lim_{K \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_{\max}(A)^{K+1}}{1 - \sigma_{\max}(A)} = 0 \quad (127)$$



k) If  $\sigma_{\max}(A) \geq 1$  the truncation error is unbounded and the truncation is not a good approximation to asteration.

In the case where  $\sigma_{\max}(A) < 1$  the truncation error in  $\mathcal{O}$  is given by:

$$\mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\sigma_{\max}(A)^{K+1}}{1 - \sigma_{\max}(A)} \right) = \mathcal{O} (\sigma_{\max}(A)^K) \quad (128)$$

Hence the error decays exponentially, which is then generally deemed to be acceptable for an error and so a truncation is a good approximation to asteration.