

BLG372E Analysis of Algorithms

PROJECT 2

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INTRODUCTION

In this project, it is aim that designing an algorithm for word wrapping problem. According to the problem, it is aim that aparting a long line into small pieces and minimizing cost value. Cost value is defined as:

For each small part:

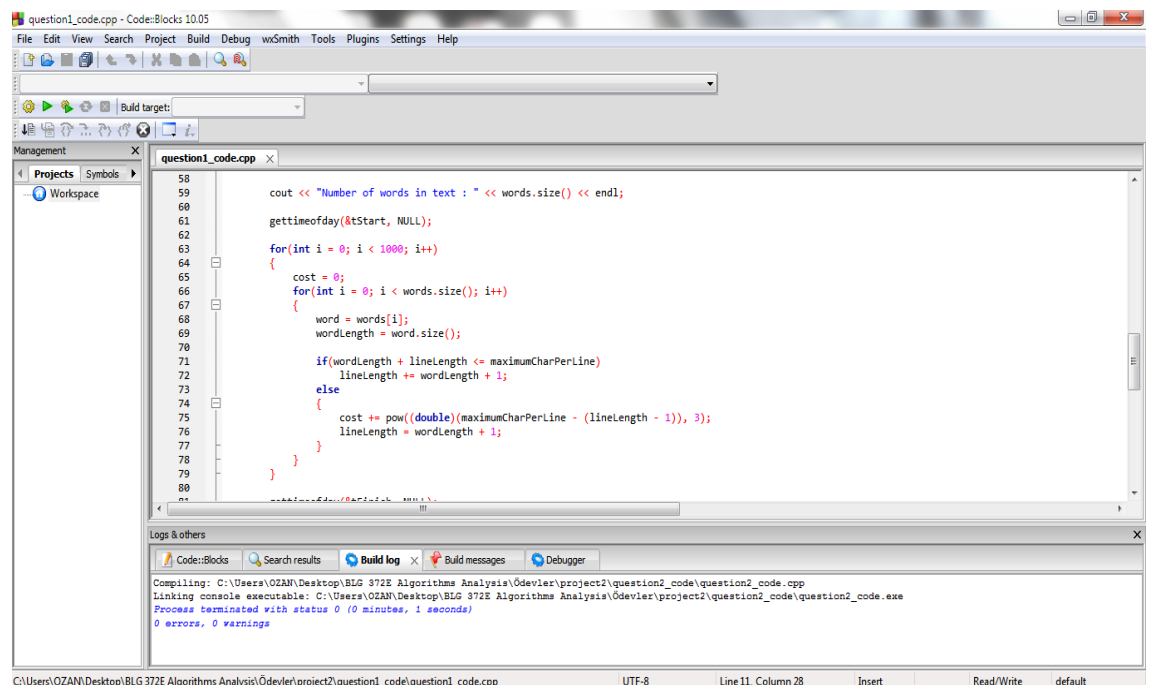
$$\text{cost} += (\text{maximumCharPerLine} - \text{NumberOfCharactersInTheLine} - (\text{NumberOfWords} - 1))^3$$

The problem can be solved by dynamic programming or greedy approach. Pseudocode for greedy approach was given in the project document. In first part of project, the greedy approach is implemented by using c++. In second part, a dynamic programming algorithm is designed and implemented by using c++ for word wrapping problem. For both approach, complexity of algorithms, running times of algorithms and cost results for test texts are analyzed. In last section, greedy approach and dynamic programming approach are compared.

DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING ENVIRONMENTS

MS Windows

The Code::Blocks IDE has been used to write source code, compile and run the code.



UNIX

The source code has been also copied to Unix, then compiled and tested with GNU C++ Compiler. The following commands have been used;

To Compile:

For greedy approach

```
> g++ -lm question1.cpp -o question1
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For dynamic programming approach

```
> g++ -lm question2.cpp -o question2
```

To Run:

For greedy approach

```
> ./question1 codex_hammurabi.txt 50
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For dynamic programming approach

```
> ./question2 codex_hammurabi.txt 50
```

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[cano@ssh ~]$ g++ -lm question1.cpp -o question1
[cano@ssh ~]$ ./question1 codex_hammurabi.txt 50
Number of words in text : 9495
Cost: 60109
Running time: 1.55586 milliseconds
[cano@ssh ~]$ g++ -lm question2.cpp -o question2
[cano@ssh ~]$ ./question2 codex_hammurabi.txt 50
Number of words in text : 9495
Cost: 10980
Running time: 2088.69 milliseconds
```

QUESTION1

Complexity of Algorithm

In this section greedy approach for word wrapping problem is analyzed. It is obvious that there is one loop and it iterates n times that equals number of words in text. So the complexity of algorithm is $O(n)$.

Here is the graph for running time against number of words in text. The test texts and number of words in texts are like following:

- 1 : *codex_hammurabi.txt* \rightarrow *NumberOfWords* : 9495
- 2 : *patriarch_and_generations_after_flood.txt* \rightarrow *NumberOfWords* : 1067
- 3 : *pulp_fiction_screenplay.txt* \rightarrow *NumberOfWords* : 27691
- 4 : *war_and_peace_first_book.txt* \rightarrow *NumberOfWords* : 47913
- 5 : *why_does_it_always_rain_on_me.txt* \rightarrow *NumberOfWords* : 259

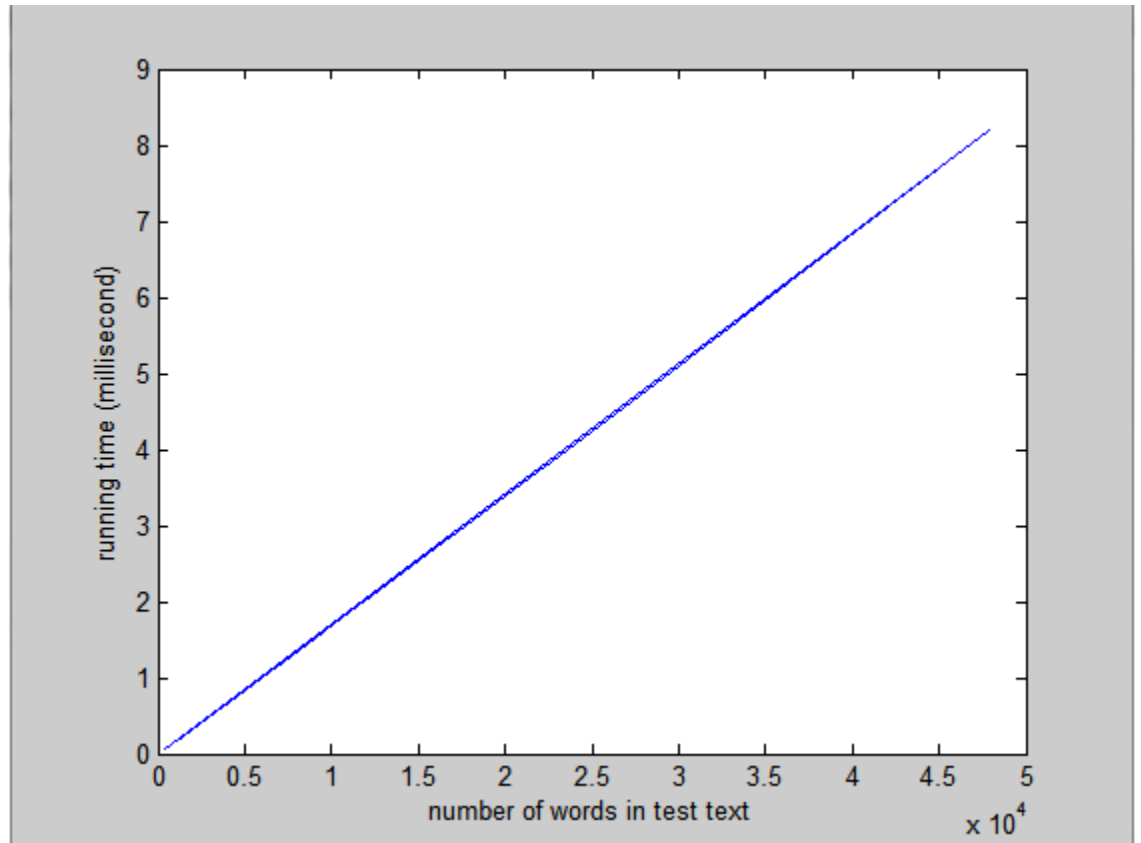


Figure1: Running time of greedy aproach

It can be seen that the running time function is a linear function. When number of words in text increases the running time increases linearly. It matches with complexity analysis.

Also, the cost value was analyzed for test text and graph shows the cost values for each test text.

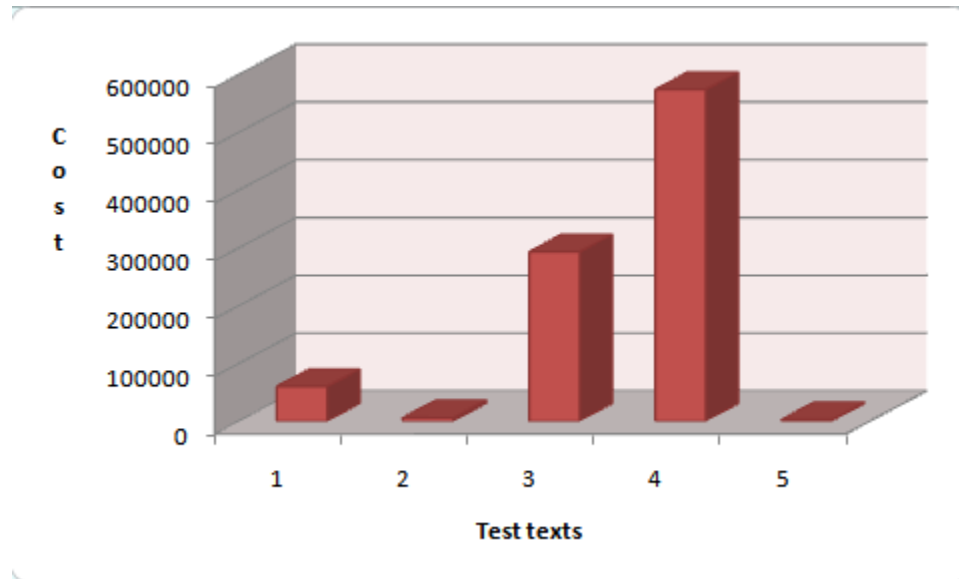


Figure2: Cost values of test text for greedy approach

According to the figure2, it can be said that the cost value increases by number of words in text.

QUESTION2

Dynamic programming approach has two basic properties, recursion and memoization. The ideas behind them are solving problem with parting problem into subproblem and calculating subproblem only one time and store for using when it necessary. An algorithm is developed by using dynamic programming for word wrapping problem.

Pseudocode

Algorithm solves problem with OptCost function. OptCost function does that if value of function was calculated and it is smaller than infinity(in code INT_MAX) returns it else finds minimum cost by calling function smaller index plus cost of rest of line.

Pseudocode for main program:

- 1: INPUT: test text, maximumCharPerLine
- 2: OUTPUT: number of words, running time cost
- 3: cost = 0
- 4: create a lookup table with INT_MIN initial values for OptCost function
- 5: cost \leftarrow OptCost(number of words in text)

Pseudocode for OptCost

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1: INPUT: wordIndex, text, maxCharPerLine
2: OUTPUT: cost
3: cost  $\leftarrow$  getCost(firstIndex, lastIndex, text, maxCharPerLine)
4: min  $\leftarrow$  INT_MAX
5: IF cost == INT_MAX or cost == INT_MIN
6:   distance  $\leftarrow$  wordIndex - (maxCharPerLine + 1) / 2
7:   IF distance < 0
8:     distance  $\leftarrow$  0
9:   FOR i = distance to wordIndex
10:     tempCost  $\leftarrow$  getCost(i + 1, wordIndex, text, maxCharPerLine)
11:     IF tempCost == INT_MAX
12:       currentValue  $\leftarrow$  INT_MAX
13:     ELSE
14:       IF functionValue[i] == INT_MIN
15:         functionValue[i]  $\leftarrow$  OptCost(i, words, maxCharPerLine)
16:       IF functionValue[i] == INT_MAX
17:         currentValue  $\leftarrow$  INT_MAX;
18:       ELSE
19:         currentValue  $\leftarrow$  tempCost + functionValue[i]
20:     IF currentValue < min
21:       min  $\leftarrow$  currentValue
22:   return  $\leftarrow$  min
23: ELSE
24:   return  $\leftarrow$  cost
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getCost function returns cost value for piece of line between firstIndex and lastIndex. And the cost definition was given in the project document.

Complexity of Algorithm

The dynamic programming approach has recursive part and in this algorithm OptCost function is a recursive function. OptCost function calls itself in loop at line 9. There is a optimization at line 6. distance variable holds how many words can be in a line part that total number of characters and spaces do not exceed the maximum character per line value. It can be said that if every word has one character the distance value can be calculated with this equation: $distance = wordIndex - (maxCharPerLine + 1)/2$. OptCost function is called n times and is called m times for each recursive function call. Here, n is number of words in text and m is wordIndex minus distance. So, complexity of algorithm is $O(n * m)$. Algorithm has also memoization. functionValue array holds value that OptCost returned. If functionValue[i] equals INT_MIN that means OptCost(i) has not been calculated yet. If it has positive integer value OptCost function does not be called.

Here is the graph for running time against number of words in text.

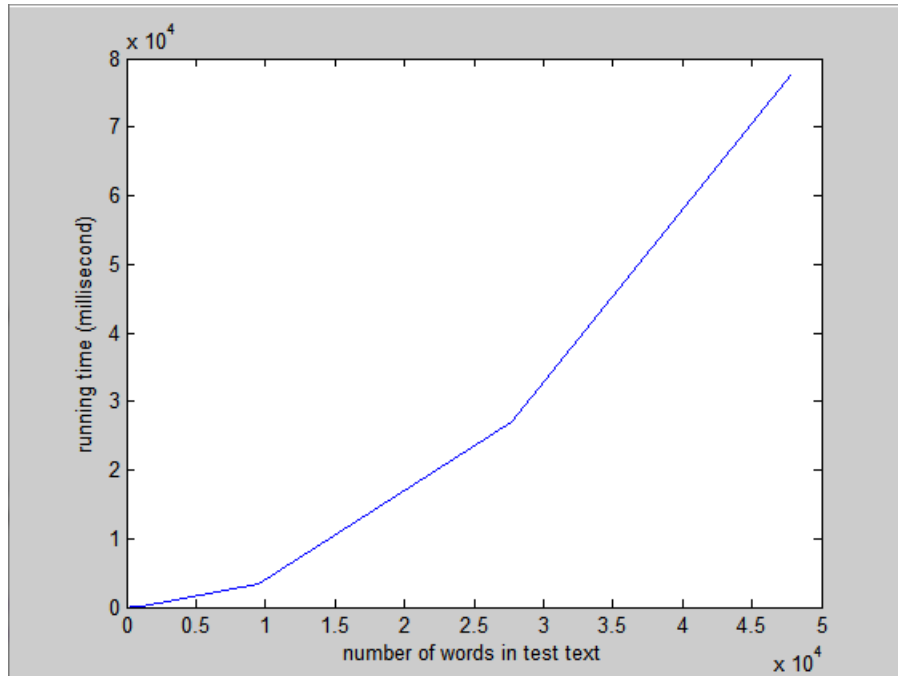


Figure3: Running time of dynamic programming aproach

It can be seen that the running time function is a curve that increases proportional with second pow of number of words in text. It matches with complexity analysis.

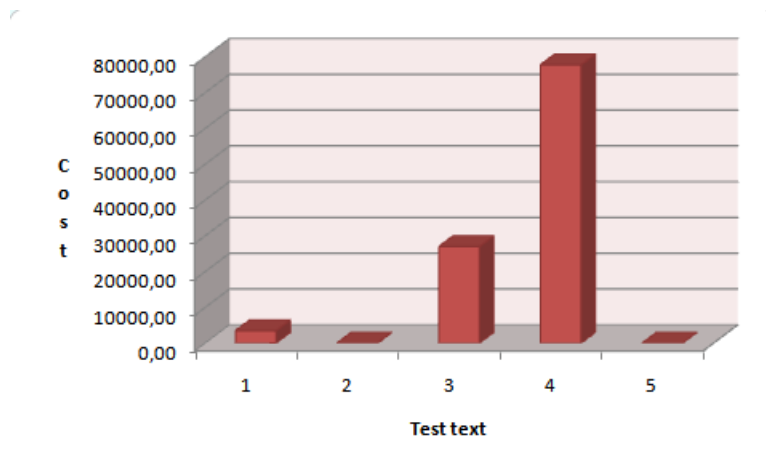


Figure4: Cost values of test text for dynamic programming aproach

According to the figure4, it can be said that the cost value increases by number of words in text.

QUESTION3

It is obvious that greedy algorithm faster than dynamic programming approach, but in general case number of words is distinct for word wrapping problem. Also, it can be seen from figure2 and figure4 that dynamic programming approach reduces the cost value by one over ten against greedy algorithm. Dynamic programming algorithm needs $O(n)$ space for memoization. There is no space demand in greedy approach. According to the these comparisons, if optimum cost is aimed, dynamic programming algorithm must be used, if optimum running time is aimed, greedy approach must be used.

CONCLUSION

In this project,

- Dynamic programming theory and greedy algorithms are investigated and learned.
- To experience analyzing algorithm.
- To experience developing efficient algorithm for a problem.
- To experience there are several approaches for a problem with advantages and disadvantages.
- Memoization issue is learned.