2012 Spring

INTRO TO ALGORITHMS FINAL

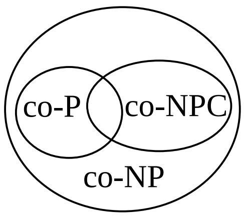
1 True or False, and ***Justify***.

a) The problem of computing Fibonacci numbers is polynomial-time solvable. (6%)

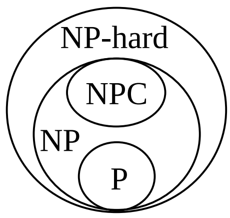
b) The LONGEST-SIMPLE-PATH problem can be solved by dynamic programming. (4%)

2 Each diagram below contradicts the current state of our knowledge about the complexity classes. Explain and draw a correct diagram. (12%)

a)



b)



3 Consider the MATRIX-CHAIN MULTIPLICATION problem.

The dynamic programming recurrence for $m[i.j]$, i.e. the minimal number of multiplications needed to compute the matrix $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$ is defined by

$$m[i,j] = 0, \qquad \text{if } i = j$$

$$= \min_{i \le k < j} \{m[i,k] + m[k+1,j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j\}, \qquad \text{if } i < j$$

a) Write pseudocode for the *memorized* recursive algorithm that solves the recurrence. (6%)

b) Show that the *memorized* recursive algorithm of part a) runs in $\Theta(n^3)$ time (6%)

4 Consider the knapsack optimization problem

$$\text{Maximize } \sum_{i=1}^{n} v_i x_i \quad \text{subject to} \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i x_i \le W, \qquad \text{where } x_i = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

Let $c[i,w]$ be the value of the solution for items $1,2 \dots, i$ and knapsack weight w

a) Write down the recurrence for $c[i,w]$. (4%)

b) Show how to compute $c[n,W]$ by bottom-up tabulation. (DON'T write any pseudocode, just explain how.)

What is the time complexity of your method? (6%)

5 Prove that the problem of determining an optimal prefix code satisfies the greedy-choice property stated below.

Let x and y be two characters having the lowest frequencies. Then, there is an optimal prefix code tree in which *x* and *y* are siblings.

(Note: You may use the fact that an optimal prefix code tree is a full binary tree i.e. every internal node has two children.) (8%)

6 Consider a sequence of insertion or deletion operations on a dynamic table T discussed in class.

Let $\alpha_i = num_i/size_i =$ load factor after the i^{th} operation

a) Use the accounting method to determine the amortized cost of each operation below. (6%)
   1. Insertion, $\alpha_{i-1} \geq 1/2$
   2. Deletion, $\alpha_i \geq 1/2$

b) Use the potential method to determine the amortized cost of each operation below. (6%)
   1 Insertion, $\alpha_{i-1} < 1/2$
   2 Deletion, $\alpha_{i-1} \leq 1/2$

7 Let KANPSACK-OPT be the knapsack optimization problem and KANPSACK be the language of the corresponding knapsack decision problem.

a) Define the language KANPSACK. (4%)

b) Prove that if KANPSACK $\in$ P, then KANPSACK-OPT can be solved in polynomial time. (8%)

8 Let HAM-PATH $= \{\langle G \rangle \mid G \text{ has a Hamiltonian path}\}$

Show that HAM-PATH is NPC. (8%)

9 Prove the following theorem.

THEOREM

If P $\neq$ NP, then for any constant $\rho \geq 1$, $\nexists$ polynomial-time ρ-approximation algorithm for the general TSP. (8%)

10 Consider the following approximation algorithm for the set covering problem.

GREEDY-SET-COVER$(X, \mathcal{F})$ // $X = \bigcup_{s \in F} S$

$U = X$

$\mathcal{C} = \emptyset$

while $U \neq \emptyset$ **do**

  select an $S \in \mathcal{F}$ that maximizes $|S \cap U|$

  $U = U - S$

  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C} \cup \{S\}$

return $\mathcal{C}$

Show that this is a polynomial-time $\rho(n)$-approximation algorithm, where $\rho(n) = H\big(\max\{|S| : S \in \mathcal{F}\}\big)$. (8%)

Hint: You may use the fact that for any $S \in \mathcal{F}$, $\sum_{x \in S} c_x \leq H(|S|)$.

N.B. $H(d) = \sum_{i=1}^{d} 1/i$ is the d^{th} harmonic number, and c_x is the cost assigned to x.