

- [1]  $A$  is an  $n \times m$  matrix. The  $i$ th column of  $A$  has weight  $w_i$ . Design an algorithm to pick a subset of linearly independent columns of maximum total weight. Assume you have a subroutine to determine if a given subset of columns is linearly independent. How many calls will your algorithm make to this subroutine? Prove the correctness of your algorithm. (2+3)

Algorithm: Maintain separate lists for each linearly independent subset. For each column  $C_i$  where  $1 \leq i \leq m$ , we make subroutine calls with all the present number of lists ~~and~~ to check if a subset remains linearly independent on putting the column  $C_i$ .

Case-I) No present subset is linearly independent. Then create a new list with  $C_i$  in it.

Case-II) There ~~are~~ are linearly independent subsets present but weight of  $C_i \leq 0$ . Discard  $C_i$ .

Case-III) There are linearly independent subsets present &  $w(C_i) > 0$ . Then say these subsets of list that are linearly independent with  $C_i$  are  $(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k)$ . Then duplicate these ~~set~~ lists and add  $C_i$  to them.

At the end we take the subset with max. sum. We are duplicating at each step because there maybe a case when adding  $C_i$  to the set may hinder other higher weight columns to get added. Hence, duplicating to maintain 1 original setting.

Number of routine calls  $\Rightarrow 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^m$  in worst case when we have to duplicate everything in whole list.  
 $1 + 2 + \dots + 2^m = (2^{m+1} - 1)$  calls.

Correctness: At any moment we maintain all possible linearly independent subsets. At the end we output the max. wt. subset and hence the solution although exponential will give correct results.



[2] Devise a divide and conquer algorithm to find the minimum and maximum element of a set of  $n$  numbers using at most  $3n/2$  comparisons. (4)

A-2) Assume ~~for~~  $n$  be even.

then make pairs of 2 ~~with~~ of all elements.

This gives us  $\frac{n}{2}$  pairs. ✓

• In each pair find out min and max. This is  $\frac{n}{2}$  comparisons. ① ✓

• Now, we have  $\frac{n}{2}$  minimum &  $\frac{n}{2}$  maximum. ✓

• Minimum will lie in the set of  $\frac{n}{2}$  minimums for sure & maximum will lie in set of  $\frac{n}{2}$  maximum. ✓

• Traverse  $\frac{n}{2}$  minimums maintaining global minimum which take  $\frac{n}{2}$  comparisons ② ✓

• Traverse  $\frac{n}{2}$  max. maintaining global max. which will take  $\frac{n}{2}$  comparisons ③ ✓

So, by ① + ② + ③ =  $\frac{3n}{2}$  comparisons, we have a global max & global min.

If  $n$  was odd, that would pair up  $(\frac{n-1}{2})$  elements to give  $(\frac{n-1}{2})$  pairs, and we would compare ~~the last element with both min & max~~ ~~the last element with both min & max~~ ~~the last element with both min & max~~

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a total of  ~~$(\frac{n-1}{2}) + (\frac{n-1}{2}) + (\frac{n-1}{2})$~~  ~~in 3 steps~~

~~$\frac{3(n-1)}{2} + 2 = \frac{3n+1}{2}$  comparisons~~

with the list of  $\frac{n}{2}$  min & max to give total

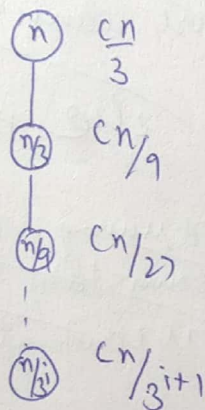
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An  $\alpha$ -pseudomedian of a list of  $n$  distinct values (where  $0 < \alpha < 1$ ) is a value that has at least  $n^\alpha$  list elements larger than it, and at least  $n^\alpha$  elements smaller than it. The following is a divide-and-conquer algorithm for computing a pseudomedian (that is, an  $\alpha$ -pseudomedian for some value of  $\alpha$  to be determined later). Assume  $n$  is power of 3. If  $n = 3$ , then simply sort the 3 values and return the median. Otherwise, divide the  $n$  items into  $n/3$  groups of 3 values. Sort each group of 3, and pick out the  $n/3$  medians. Now recursively apply the procedure to find a pseudomedian of these values.

Let  $T(n)$  be the number of comparisons used by the preceding algorithm for computing the pseudomedian. Write a recurrence relation for  $T(n)$ , and solve it. (3)

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + \frac{cn}{3} \quad \left[ \frac{cn}{3} \text{ is due to } c \text{ time taken to sort each 3 element set} \right]$$



So Total time is

$$c \cdot \frac{cn}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{3^{\log_3 n}} \right]$$

as  $\frac{1}{3} < 1$  we have converging series  
 to compute order we can extend series till  $\infty$ , we  
 have  $\frac{cn}{3} \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \infty \right]$   
 $\frac{cn}{3} \times \frac{1}{1 - 1/3} = \frac{cn}{2}$

$$T(n) = \frac{cn}{2}$$

(3)

Let  $E(n)$  be the number of values that are smaller than the value found by the preceding algorithm. Write a recurrence relation for  $E(n)$ , and hence prove that the algorithm does return a pseudomedian. What is the value of  $\alpha$ ? (3)

$$E(n) = E\left(\frac{n}{3}\right) + 1 \quad \left( 1 \text{ because, at each step we can surely put 1 max \& 1 min element} \right)$$

Solving this recurrence we have  $E(n) = \log_3 n$

$$n^\alpha = \log_3 n$$

$$\alpha = \log_n(\log_3 n)$$

(3)

[4] Let  $E$  be a set of  $m$  linear equations of the form  $x_i = x_j + c_{ij}$  over the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  ( $c_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$  for all  $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ). Devise an  $O(m)$  algorithm for determining whether the equations in  $E$  are consistent, that is, whether an assignment of integers can be made to the variables so that all of the equations in  $E$  are satisfied.  
(5)

Divide up the set of  $m$  equations into  $m/2$  each.

Then find recursively whether these set of  $m/2$  systems are consistent. Then take any 1 equation from left & 1 equation from right and check if they are consistent.

If yes, then the system in  $E$  is consistent else no.

Time complexity:  $T(m) = 2T(\frac{m}{2}) + C$  [Assuming checking consistency in 2 equations is constant  $C$  time]

Write the eq.<sup>n</sup> as  $x_i - x_j = c_{ij}$

Sum up all the equations.

If L.H.S is 0 and R.H.S  $\neq 0$  then inconsistent else a solution is possible.

Summing up all equations takes  $O(m)$  time.

Proof: If  $LHS \neq RHS$  then there are no coefficients attached to  $x_i$  &  $x_j$  due to which the solution is possible.

If  $LHS(0) \neq RHS$  the clearly system of equations is inconsistent but if L.H.S is not 0 then L.H.S has an equation left.

Then all those pairs that satisfy the equation must satisfy the system.

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