

## 01. Stable matching

Both sides rank each other and goal is to pair each up **Constraints** No **rogue couples** - matched partner likes someone more than current partner that also likes them back

### Gale-Shapley Algo

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Initialize each person to be free.
while (some man is free and hasn't proposed to every woman) {
    Choose such a man m
    w = 1st woman on m's list to whom m has not yet proposed
    if (w is free)
        assign m and w to be engaged
    else if (w prefers m to her fiancé m')
        assign m and w to be engaged, and m' to be free
    else
        w rejects m
}
```

#### Invariant

- If woman not on boy list, she has a better current fav
- Boy choice is strictly worsening
- Girl choice cannot worsen (weakly increasing)

## 02. Algorithm Analysis

**Algorithm** Finite sequence of well-defined instruction to solve computational problem

- Optimize running time
- Runtime is machine and input dependent

### Word-RAM model

- Word is basic unit of memory (few bytes)
- Runtime  $\approx$  number of instructions taken
- Ram can be accessed in the same time irrespective of location
- Every operation involves constant number of words and cycles by CPU

#### Problem vs Algorithm

- Problem does not specify approach but algorithm defines ways/methods to solve prob

### Polynomial time

- There exist constants  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  on every input of size N such that its running time is bounded by  $cN^d$
- Brute Force - Checks all possible solution and typically takes exponential time  $2^N$
- Generally efficient because c and d are low

### Worst-Case Analysis

- Bound on largest possible running of algorithm on input
- Captures efficiency in practice

vs Average case running time

- Hard to accurately model real instances by random distributions
- Tuned for certain distributions

### Asymptotic Order of Growth

- Compare for asymptotically large values of input sizes (rate of growth)
- Suppress constant factor and lower-order terms

#### Bounds

**Upper Bound**  $T(n) = O(f(n))$ : Exist constants  $c, n_0 \geq 0$  such that  $\forall n \geq n_0$ , we have  $T(n) \leq cf(n)$

**Lower Bound**  $T(n) = \omega(f(n))$ : Exist constants  $c, n_0 \geq 0$  such that  $\forall n \geq n_0$ , we have  $T(n) \geq cf(n)$

**Tight Bound**  $T(n) = \theta(f(n))$ :  $T(n)$  is both  $O(f(n))$  and  $\omega(f(n))$

#### Properties

**Transitivity** If  $f = O(g)$  and  $g = O(h)$  then  $f = O(h)$

**Additivity** If  $f = O(h)$  and  $g = O(h)$  then  $f + g = O(h)$

#### Bounds for some functions

- Polynomials - Just take the highest power
- Logarithms - Base doesn't matter and always smaller than polynomial
- Exponential - Always grows faster than polynomial

### Common runtimes

- $O(n)$  - List traversal or merging lists
- $n \log n$  - sorting, intervals, divide and conquer algos (recursive)
- $n^2$  - Finding pairs of elements
- $n^k$  - Enumerate subsets of k nodes, set disjoint
- Exponential - All subsets

## 03. Graph

- Describes relationships between nodes/entities

### Representation

**Adjacency Matrix**  $N \times N$  matrix where  $A_{uv} = \text{weight}_{u,v}$  if  $(u,v)$  is an edge

- Good for big graphs/a lot of edges(dense)
- $O(1)$  time for checking edge
- Space is  $O(n^2)$
- Identifying all edges take  $O(n^2)$  time

**Adjacency list** List of linked lists representing nodes that are attached to each node

- Good for sparse graphs/trees
- $O(\deg(u))$  for checking edge
- Space is  $V+E$
- Identifying all edges takes  $O(V+E)$  time

### Path and Connectivity

- **Path** - Sequence  $P \in \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_k\}$  of nodes such that each adjacent pair is joined by an edge

**Simple** All nodes are distinct

**Cycle** Path such that  $v_0 = v_k, k > 2$  and first k-1 nodes are distinct

- **Connected** - There is a path for all pairs of nodes
- **Tree** - Undirected connected graph that does not contain a cycle
  - Any 2 implies Tree
  - G is connected
  - G does not contain cycle
  - G has n-1 edges
- **Rooted tree** - Arrangement of tree such that root is top and nodes attached to parent is in different level

#### Connectivity problems

**s-t connectivity** Is there path between any 2 points s, t

**s-t shortest path prob** Length of shortest path btw s, t

### Breadth First Search Algorithm

- Explore outward from some node, s in all directions adding nodes one layer at a time
- Algorithm
  1.  $\text{Layer}_0 = s$
  2.  $L_1 = \text{neighbours of } L_0$
  3.  $L_n = \text{neighbours of } L_{n-1}$  not in all prev layers

#### Properties

- Induction theorem:  $\forall i, L_i$  consist of nodes at  $\text{dist}(s) = i$
- Let T be a BFS tree of  $G = (V, E)$ , and let  $(x, y)$  be an edge of G. Then the level of x and y differ by at most 1.
- BFS runs in  $O(V + \sum E)$  given adjacency list

### Bipartite graph

- Independent sets such that no nodes within the set are connected to each other but are connected to nodes of other sets
- Colour each node red or blue and every edge has strictly one red and blue end each
- Bipartite graphs cannot contain odd length cycles

### Algo for Bipartiteness

- Let G be a connected graph and  $L_0..L_k$  are layers produced by BFS
  1. Edge between 2 nodes in same layer
    - Graph is bipartite as we can colour alternate layers as red and blue
  2. No edge btw nodes in same layer
    - Graph cannot be bipartite as there is odd length cycle
    - Let x,y be the 2 points in same level and has edge btw them
    - Cycle: s-x-y-s ( $s-x == y-s$ ) Odd length

### Directed graph

- Asymmetric edges:  $(u,v)$  (edge from u to v) does not imply  $(v,u)$
- Directed reachability problem: Find all nodes reachable from node s

### Strong Connectivity

**Mutually reachable** Path from u to v and vice versa

**Strongly connected** Every pair of nodes are mutually reachable

- Strongly connected iff every node reachable from s and s reachable from every node

**Algorithm** Pick any node and run bfs on G and  $G^{rev}$  (reverse orientation of every edge in G)

- G is strongly connected if all nodes reached in both BFS executions
- Runs in  $O(m+n)$  time

### Directed Acyclic Graph

- Directed graph that has no directed cycle
- **Precedence constraints** - Edge  $(v_i, v_j)$  means  $v_i$  must precede  $v_j$
- **Topological order** - For every edge  $(v_i, v_j)$  we have  $i < j$ 
  - If G has a topological order, then G is a DAG (Proof by contra)
  - If G is a DAG then G has a node without incoming edges (Proof contra)

## 04. Greedy algorithms

- Consider jobs in some order and immediately take the job that is compatible with the previous jobs
- Has some heuristic to sort the jobs

**Scheduling intervals**

- Maximize number of jobs run
- Heuristic: end time, start time, interval size, fewest conflict

**Interval Partitioning**

- Minimize number of classrooms to run lectures concurrently
- Heuristic: start time
- Assign lecture to first compatible classroom

**Minimize lateness scheduling**

- Heuristic: Earliest deadline, Shortest processing time first, Smallest slack ( $d_j - t_j$ )
- Start with an optimal solution and inductively reduce number of inversions until it reaches the greedy solution

**Inversions**

- Pair of jobs i and j where  $d_i < d_j$  but j schedule before i
- Greedy solution does not have any inversions

**Greedy analysis Strategies**

1. Each step in greedy solution is at least as good as other solutions
2. Exchange argument: Transforming solution to greedy algorithm without hurting its quality
3. Structural: Every solution has a certain value and greedy algos can be in this bound

**Optimal offline caching**

- Eviction strategy that minimises number of cache misses
- Note that the full sequence of requests is known a priori
  - vs Online: Request not known in advance
- Heuristic: Farthest in future
  - Evict item in cache that is not requested until farthest in the future