MCAC 301: Design and Analysis of Algorithms

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One can define more units like 2*IWs*, 4*FPWs*, 100*CWs* etc so long as they are constant number of memory words.

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Thus, Input Size is n = |S|, where |S| is the input set. Pls do not forget, we are assuming that the elements of the set can be stored in constant number of memory words. This will be the case most of the times for the purpose of this course.

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The space required by s and t, in this case, is constant as each element of the vertex set can be stored in constant number of MWs. Hence can be ignored.

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Often we assume that x is a small number which can be stored in a constant number of MWs. In that case, we can ignore $\log_2 x$ and drop it from the IS.

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