

## Algorithms #5

## Problem 1 a)

$$\begin{array}{llll} e_1 = 40 & e_2 = 75 & e_3 = 65 & e_4 = 40 \\ h_1 = 90 & h_2 = 65 & h_3 = 140 & h_4 = 90 \end{array}$$

With the algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{chooses } h_2 - 65 \\ &\text{chooses } e_3 - 65 \\ &\text{chooses } e_4 + 40 \\ &\hline &170 \end{aligned}$$

Maximum Possible

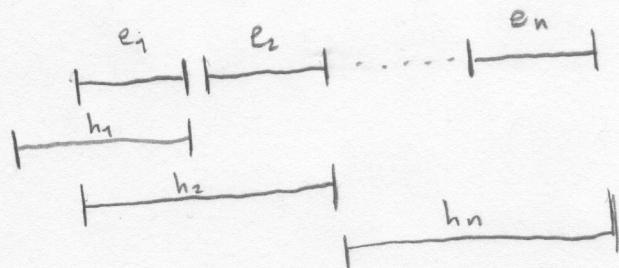
choose  $h_1$  or  $e_1$  does not make a difference, either choice results in higher

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{choose } h_3 - 140 \\ \text{choose } e_4 - 40 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \hline 220 \text{ if choose } e_1 \\ 270 \text{ if choose } h_1 \end{array}$$

## Problem 1 b)

lets format this problem like a scheduling problem where:



We can see that this reformatting fits the original rules. where we can't schedule the  $h_i$  job if we had scheduled the  $e_i$  job.

Now lets suppose that  $\text{OPT}(n)$  is the optimal solution for up to week n.

at week n we can say that

a) if  $e_n \in \text{OPT}(n)$  then  $\text{OPT}(n) = e_n + \text{OPT}(n-1)$  because we can choose  $h_{n-1}$  or  $e_{n-1}$

b) if  $e_n \notin \text{OPT}(n)$  the either a)  $h_n \in \text{OPT}(n)$  then  $\text{OPT}(n) = h_n + \text{OPT}(n-2)$

because we can't choose anything from the previous week.

or  $h_n \notin OPT(n)$  so  $OPT(n) = OPT(n-1)$   
but note that that last situation is taken into account by  $h_{n+1}$  been selected  
so it is the case that no assignment been chosen on week  $n$  was already  
accounted for.

This leads us to the following algorithm (I have chosen to explain it in the  
bottom-up manner).

Week( $n$ ) {

1.  $M[0] = 0$
2.  $M[1] = h_1$
3.  $i = 2$      $M[n]$  is nonempty return  $M[n]$
4. while  $i \leq n$  {  
     $M[i] = \max(e_i + M[i-1]), h_i + M[i-2])$   
    }  
5.   }  
6. return  $M[n]$

}

Proof of Correctness.

Base case: for week 0 the accumulated value is trivially 0  
for week 1 the accumulated value is  $h_1$  (note that it could have  
been  $e_1$ , and it would have change the max amount of points  
but the algorithm would still return the correct answer).

Inductive hypothesis: lets assume that  $M[n]$  holds the maximum amount  
of points up to week  $n$ , and this is true for all values  
up to  $n$ .

Inductive Step: Want to show that when we calculate the value stored at  
 $M[n+1]$  (the Max value up to week  $n+1$ ) this is in fact  
the max value up to week  $n+1$ .

The algorithm chooses either  $h_{n+1} + M[n-1]$  or  $e_n + M[n]$   
for the value at  $M[n+1]$ . And we know that  $M[n]$  contains  
the max value at week  $n$  and  $M[n-1]$  has the max value  
at week  $n-1$ . by inductive hypothesis. Moreover we  
know that we are restricted to selecting  $h_{n+1}$  if we use  
the value  $M[n-1]$  and select  $e_{n+1}$  if we use the  
value at  $M[n]$ . This means that for either value  
 $(M[n-1], M[n])$  there is no way to increase  $h_{n+1}$ .

their value even further, and thus if we chose the maximum between  $M[n-1] + h_n$ ;  $M[n] + e_n$  it must be that we have selected the maximum value we can put at index  $n+1$  in the  $M$  array. Thus, the value at  $M[n+1]$  represents the maximum amount of points accumulated at week  $n+1$ .  $\square$

Proof of Running Time.

In order to calculate the value for  $n$  weeks we execute step 1 one time in  $O(1)$  time, step 2 in  $O(1)$  time, step 3. in  $O(1)$  time, step 6 in  $O(1)$  time.

The loop is the interesting part.

Note that each call of step 5 just takes the maximum of two sums (each indexing the array, which is constant time) and doing the sum and ~~add~~ taking the max is a constant time process.

Now this loop occurs  $n-1$  times, therefore because the cost of the steps in the loop is constant, then the cost of the loop is  $O(n)$ .

Altogether the total cost of the algorithm to calculate the maximum point value for  $n$  weeks is  $O(n)$ .

## Problem 2.

First I am going to describe the graph structure and then I am going to write the algorithm, then I am going to prove its correctness and running time.

The graph will be represented by an adjacency list. Moreover, each node will have its id (what  $v_i$  it is), the current longest distance from 1 (initialized to -1, except  $v_1$  which starts with 0), and a list of nodes you can take to get from yourself to  $v_1$  (the reverse of this list is obviously a path from 1 to that node).

Now lets write the algorithm.

Longest Path From  $v_1(n)$  {

1 if  $v_1$  does not have outgoing edges return NULL

2 else {

3     for each neighbor of  $v_1$

4         Change the neighbor's distance to 1

5         Add to its list  $v_1$ .

}

6 for  $v_2$  to  $v_n$  {

7     If  $v_i$  has distance -1

8         Skip him, there is no path from  $v_1$  to  $v_i$

9     else {

10         for each neighbor of  $v_i$  {

11             Distance of neighbor = max (distance of neighbor, distance of  $v_i$  + 1)

12             if (Distance of neighbor == distance of  $v_i$  + 1)

13                 Update the list of the neighbor its the list of  $v_i$  +  $v_i'$

}

}

14 Return the list of  $v_n$

}

This algorithm depends on a lot of things being true so I am going to break up its prove of correctness.

### Proof of Correctness

- ① The ordering  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  is a topological sort over the graph. By definition a topological sort is a linear ordering of the vertices of the graph such that every directed edge  $uv$ , vertex  $u$  comes before vertex  $v$  in the ordering. In a forward graph every edge is in the form  $uv$  such that  $u < v$  so if we

Order the vertices from 1 to  $n$  in ascending order if edge  $(v_i, v_j)$  exists in the graph, then it must be that  $i < j$  because it is a forward graph and  $v_i$  comes before  $v_j$  in our ordering, making our ordering a topological sort.

② The fact that our ordering is a topological sort of the graph will aid us in proving that by the time we have reached vertex  $v_i$  in the algorithm we have visited all paths that lead to  $v_i$  from  $v_j$  exactly once.

**Base Case:** Our graph is composed by vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  where if edge  $(v_i, v_j)$  exists then  $i < j$ . trivially when we visit node  $v_1$ , we have visited all paths that lead to  $v_1$  from  $v_1$  because there are none. And we have seen all edges of the type  $(v_x, v_y)$  where  $x < 1$  and  $1 \leq y$  because there are none.

**Inductive hypothesis:** Assume that when we visit  $v_i$  we have seen all the paths that lead to  $v_i$  from  $v_1$ . Moreover, because our ordering of the vertices is a topological sort of the graph it must be that we have also explored all edges of the type  $(v_x, v_y)$  where  $x < i$  and  $i \leq y$ .  
**Inductive step:** If there was a path from  $v_1$  to  $v_x$ .

**Inductive Step:** Now we visit node  $i+1$ . Because of topological sorting we know that we had visited all edges from nodes  $< i$  that had a path from  $v_1$  that led to node  $v_{i+1}$ . Lastly in our inductive hypothesis we claim we had also seen all paths that lead from  $v_1$  to  $v_i$  so if there was an edge from  $v_i$  to  $v_{i+1}$ , it was checked exactly once when we visited  $v_i$ , and this was the last possible path that might have led from  $v_1$  to  $v_{i+1}$ . So by the time we visit node  $i+1$ . We have had to explore all paths from  $v_1$  to  $v_{i+1}$  exactly once (if such paths exist).

③ So now we know that once we have reached  $v_i$  in our algorithm we definitely know all possible paths leading to  $v_i$  from  $v_1$ . This lets us state two things.  
1) Because when we were exploring paths to  $v_i$  from  $v_1$  we were taking the longest path, it must be that when we visit  $v_i$  itself the length of the path and the path from  $v_1$  to  $v_i$  is maximal.  
2) If when we visit  $v_i$  the length of the path is -1, then the list of the node is Null, and there is no path from  $v_1$  to  $v_i$ .

Altogether, by the discussion of the last three points if we explore all vertices from  $v_1$  to  $v_n$  in ascending order by the time we get to node  $v_n$  we would have explored all possible paths leading to  $v_n$  from  $v_1$  and the value and list stored in  $v_n$  will be maximal. If this length is -1 and the list is NULL then there was no path from  $v_1$  to  $v_n$ .

Running time.

It is clear that steps 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 take  $O(1)$  time as they are all comparisons, assignments, or appending to the end of the list (which it we keep a pointer to the tail of the list, is  $O(1)$ ).

The interesting running time analysis comes in the loops that I have established

at steps 3, 6, 10

First of all one could imagine having embedded the exploration of  $v_i$  done in line 3 to the loop at 6 and the nested loop at 10, but I decided to keep the special case outside of the bigger iteration.

In any case, what we are doing in general for every node  $v_i$  from 1 to  $n$  is that if node  $v_i$  does not have distance -1 we explore every neighbor of  $v_i$  (thus having to traverse all of  $v_i$  edges). (The distance is not -1).

Therefore for every node we visit, in the worst case we end up doing a constant amount of work for all of its neighbors (that is the degree of that node).

Moreover the algorithm visits all the nodes exactly once to determine if we have to work on its edges (neighboring nodes).

Altogether, we visit all the nodes, and in the worst case we do a constant amount of work for all edges in a particular node, therefore by the end of the algorithm we have visited all vertices exactly once and in the worst case done constant amount of work for all edges in the graph making the algorithm run in  $O(V+E)$  time where  $V$  is the total amount of vertices and  $E$  is the total amount of edges.

Note that the algorithm returns a list with the longest path from  $v_1$  to  $v_n$ .

### Problem 3

Note: in discussing the problem I used  $n$  as an arbitrary day ~~not the first day in the optimal schedule~~.

within the range  
of days.

For this problem lets consider 2 arrays.

B [ ]

1-indexed not 0 indexed

W [ ]

The array B contains at  $B[n]$  the maximum profit possible if at day  $n$  we are in Baltimore, regardless of where we have been in the previous  $n-1$  weeks. The same logic holds for array W.

WLOG Note that if we are in Baltimore in day  $n$  our profit for day  $n$  depends on if we were in Baltimore the day before, in which case our profit for day  $n$  will be  $B_n$ , or if we were in Washington the day before, in which case our profit for day  $n$  will be  $B_n - M$ .

Therefore at day  $n$  we are either in Baltimore or Washington and for each option we have two possible profit values.

Altogether we can calculate our profit for an optimal schedule for  $n$  days with the following algorithm

Max Prfit ( $n$ ) {

1  $B[1] = B_1$

2  $W[1] = W_1$

3  $i = 2$

4 while  $i \leq n$  {

5      $B[i] = \max(B[i-1] + B_i, W[i-1] + B_i - M)$

6      $W[i] = \max(W[i-1] + W_i, B[i-1] + W_i - M)$

7      $i += 1$

}

8 return  $\max(B[n], W[n])$

}

Proof of correctness.

Base Case: for one day it is trivial that the profit for an optimal schedule if we are in Baltimore in day 1 is  $B_1$  and if we are in Washington it is  $W_1$ . So the profit for the optimal schedule is the max between  $B_1$  and  $W_1$ .

Inductive hypothesis: Assume that  $B[n]$  holds the profit for the optimal schedule that ends in Baltimore at day  $n$ , and the same for  $W[n]$ , regardless of where we were in the past  $n-1$  days. So it must be that the max of these

two values give us the profit of an optimal schedule.

Inductive step.: Now for day  $n+1$  we have two options, represented by  $B[n+1]$  and  $W[n+1]$ : we end up in Baltimore on day  $n+1$  or we end up in Washington in day  $n+1$ .

- ① the accumulated profit that can be made on day  $n+1$  if we end up in Baltimore is the accumulated profit of day  $n$  if we were in Baltimore on day  $n$  + the profit made on day  $n+1$  in Baltimore, or the accumulated profit of day  $n$  if we were in Washington on day  $n$  + the profit made on day  $n+1$  in Baltimore -  $M$  (the cost of moving from Washington to Baltimore). The algorithm chooses the maximum of these two values.

By inductive hypothesis we know that the value at  $B[n]$  is maximum if we end up in Baltimore at day  $n$  and the value at  $W[n]$  is maximum if we end up in Washington at day  $n$ . So because for day  $n+1$  we choose the maximum of the two values described above, the value at  $B[n+1]$  is maximum if we end up in Baltimore on day  $n+1$ , regardless of the schedule for the previous  $n-1$  days.

- ② WLOG the same argument can be made about the fact that  $W[n+1]$  holds the profit for an optimal schedule if on day  $n+1$  we end up in Baltimore.

- ③ Therefore because we have maximal values for both  $B[n+1]$  and  $W[n+1]$ , it must be that the maximum of these two values gives us the profit for an optimal schedule at day  $n+1$ .

so the algorithm will return the profit for an optimal schedule up to the required day. (in the problem description).

Prob of running time.

It is clear that steps 1, 2, 3, 8 run in  $O(1)$  and run just once.

The interesting time complexity is in the loop at step 4.

lets analyze what happens in this loop. Step 5. is an assignment to an array index between the max between two sums. the sums involve array values that we have previously calculated. All of these operations

run in  $O(1)$  time so step 5 runs in  $O(1)$  time. By the same logic step 6 runs in  $O(1)$  time. And trivially 7 runs in  $O(1)$  time.

Now how many times do we run the loop,  $n-1$  times. So because each loop iteration costs  $O(1)$  and the loop runs  $n-1$  times, the total cost of the loop is  $O(n)$  time.

Therefore, the running time of the algorithm to calculate the profit of an optimal schedule for  $n$  days is  $O(n)$ .