Exercise sheet 4.

## Advanced Algorithms

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**Due** 12:00, December 4th, 2020

## Exercise 1 Dynamic programming

7 Points

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- (a) (4 pts) Construct the dynamic programming table (by hand) for a non-trivial example input of your choice, for **one** of the following problems discussed in class. Alternatively, implement the dynamic programming algorithm and output the table.
  - (i) EDIT DISTANCE: choose two words of length 8-10. Compute the distance between them, as well as the sequence of operations.
  - (ii) Optimum BST: choose a probability distribution over a set of 8-10 keys. Compute the cost of the optimal tree, as well as the tree itself.
- (b) (3 pts) A simple greedy heuristic for the optimum BST problem is to put the key x with the highest probability to the root, then recurse on the left (right) subtree formed of keys smaller (larger) than x. Find a small example that shows that this heuristic does not necessarily lead to the optimum.
- (c) (Bonus 3 pts) Consider the algorithm discussed in class for finding the optimal BST. Let r(i,j) denote the root of the optimal tree built of keys  $i, \ldots, j$ . (If there are multiple possibilities, assume that one is picked arbitrarily.)

It can be shown that  $r(i, j - 1) \le r(i, j) \le r(i + 1, j)$ . Intuitively, if you "extend" the interval of keys in some direction, then the optimal root may only "move" in that direction.

Using this observation, show that the running time can be improved from  $O(n^3)$  to  $O(n^2)$ .

(*Hint*: Argue about the total time needed to fill each diagonal of the dynamic programming table.)

## Exercise 2 Dynamic programming

6 Points

Solve **any one** of the following problems as efficiently as you can. Argue that your solution is correct and analyze its running time.

- (a) When the pandemic is over you decide to move to Ibiza with a suitcase that can carry a total weight of at most T. You have a number of objects with weights  $w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n$  and corresponding values  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$ . You would like to pack your suitcase (with objects of total weight at most T) such as to maximize the total value of objects packed. All values and weights are integers. The running time of your algorithm may depend on T and n.
- (b) Given a sequence of integers, find the maximum length of an increasing subsequence (a subsequence is not necessarily contiguous). E.g. in the sequence 9, 1, 6, 2, 4, 8, 5, 7, 3, a longest increasing subsequence is 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, of length 5.

(c) A man walks a dog on a leash. The man steps through points  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  on a path, while the dog steps through points  $y_1, \ldots, y_n$  on a separate path. In every timestep either (1) the man moves from its current place  $x_i$  to  $x_{i+1}$  and the dog stays in place, or (2) the dog moves from  $y_i$  to  $y_{i+1}$  and the man stays in place, or (1) both the man and the dog move. Both can move only by discrete steps, and neither can go back to an already visited point.

Given the distances between  $x_i$  to  $y_j$  for all  $1 \le i, j \le n$ , find the minimum length of the leash that allows the man and the dog to reach  $x_n$  and  $y_n$ , starting from  $x_1$  and  $y_1$ . Assume (unrealistically) that the man and the dog cooperate in solving the problem.

## Exercise 3 Finding a long path

12 Points

Given an undirected graph G with n vertices and an integer k, we would like to find a simple path of k vertices in G, or report that no such path exists ("simple" means that no vertex is visited more than once). In this exercise we develop an algorithm with running time  $2^{O(k)} \cdot n^{O(1)}$ . Observe that if  $k \in O(\log n)$ , then this is polynomial in n. Variants of this algorithm are used in bioinformatics to find local structures in biological networks.

- (a) (2 pts) Give a simple, possible inefficient algorithm for the problem (the running time could be e.g.  $O(n^k)$ ). Briefly describing the idea is sufficient.
- (b) (2 pts) Suppose that to each vertex of G we assign one of k colors, chosen uniformly at random. You may think of the colors as labels from  $\{1, \ldots, k\}$ . A rainbow-path is a path in which each vertex has a different color. What is the probability that a given k-vertex path becomes a rainbow-path in our coloring?
  - Give a lower bound for this probability, using the inequality  $k! \geq (k/e)^k$ .
- (c) (4 pts) Solve by dynamic programming: Given a graph G with the vertices colored with k colors, find a k-vertex rainbow-path in G, or report that no such path exists. The running time should be of the form  $2^{O(k)} \cdot n^{O(1)}$ . (*Hint*: you may build a table over subsets of colors and end-vertices of a path, answering the question "is there a rainbow-path using exactly these colors, ending at this vertex?". How large is this table? How can you fill it? How can you read out from the table whether G contains a k-vertex rainbow-path?)
- (d) (2 pts) Give a randomized Monte-Carlo algorithm for solving the original problem.(Hint: color the vertices randomly, as in (b), then run the algorithm from (c). What is the probability of success?)
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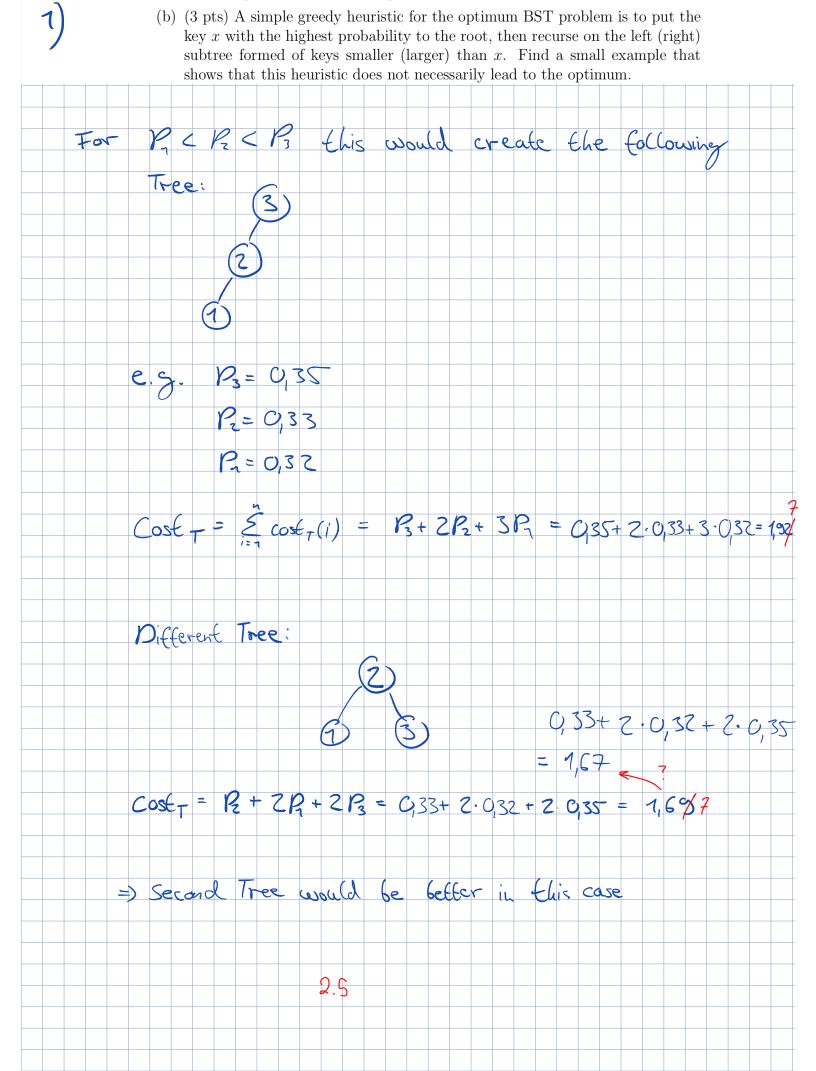
(Hint: Split S into two parts of equal size, and for each sum on the left side, search for a possible match on the other side. How can we make this search efficient?)

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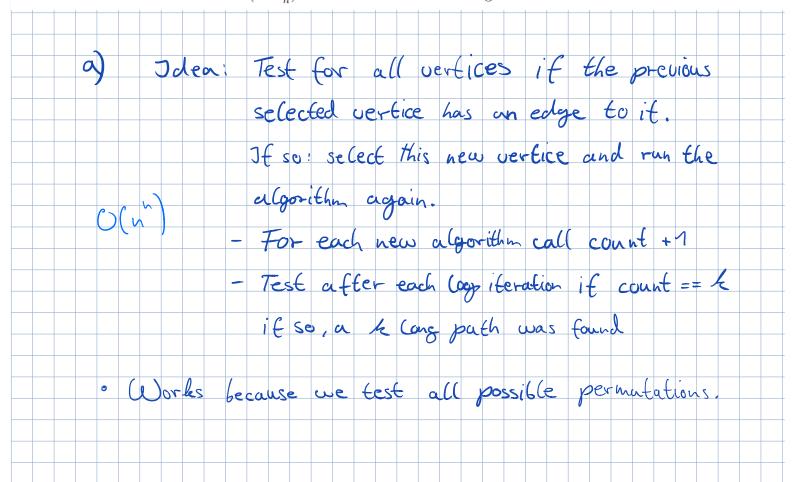
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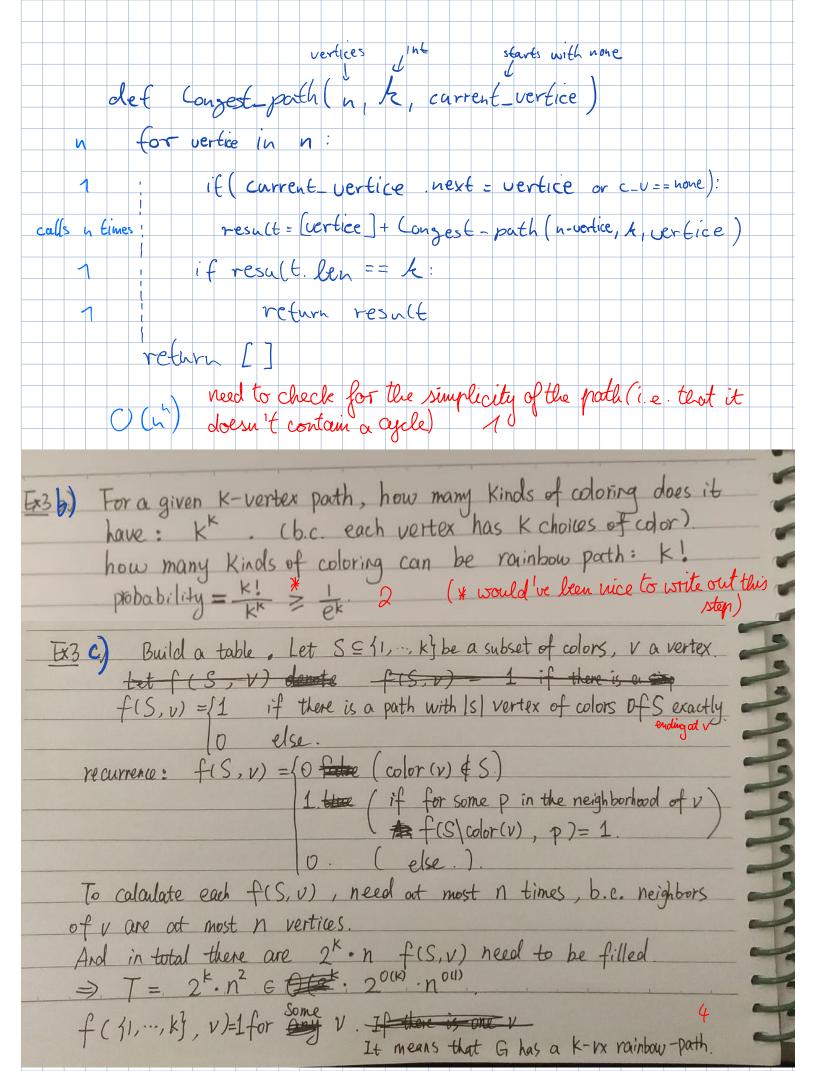
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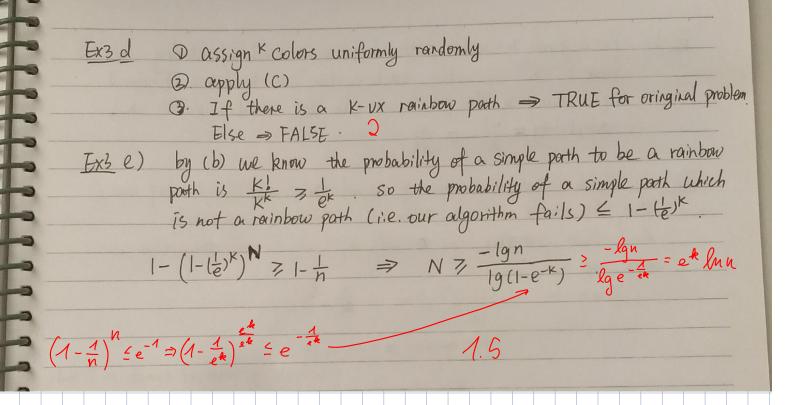
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Exercise 4 Subset sum

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Ex4. Split S into two parts of equal size, cay Si, Sz, of size 
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Use The naive way to solve Si, and Sz separately

And then compare the results of Si, Sz if their sum can add up to T.

Time =  $O(n_2^2 \times 2 + (2^{\frac{n}{2}})^2) = O(2^n)$ 

we wanted an  $O(n_2^{\frac{n}{2}})$  algorithm haive method to solve Si or Sz.

compare the sum of subsets in Si and Sz.

space: We store all sums of subsets of Si, and this costs  $2^{\frac{n}{2}}$  and compare it with that of Si, which costs of Sz one by one and compare it with that of Si, which costs sto were stored So intotal we use  $2^{\frac{n}{2}}$  +1 Storation.