

Lab03-Greedy Strategy

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1. **Proof.** The following is the proof process.

• **Greedy algorithm:**

From $1 \leftarrow n$, if $A[i] = 1$, we can put a fire hydrant in position $i + 1$, then $i = i + 3$, skip i to $i + 3$ and continue to check;

if $A[i] = 0$, we do not put anything in here and skip to $i + 1$, and continue to check;

• **pseudo code:**

Algorithm 1: Greedy algorithm

Input: An array $A[1, \dots, n]$

Output: minimum number of hydrants

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1  $i \leftarrow 1$ ;  
2  $count \leftarrow 0$ ;  
3 while  $i \leq n$  do  
4   if  $A[i] == 1$  then  
5     if  $i == n$  put a hydrant in position  $n$ ;  
6     if  $i \neq n$  put a hydrant in position  $i + 1$ ;  
7      $count = count + 1$ ;  
8      $i = i + 3$ ;  
9   if  $A[i] == 0$  then  
10     $i = i + 1$ ;  
11 return  $count$ ;
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• **Proof:**

we assume that an optimal algorithm which skip i to put a hydrant in position $j = i + 1$:

we prove that we can transform this optimal strategy to greedy algorithm;

we assume that optimal and greedy algorithm have same strategy before position i ;

optimal algorithm: $\dots 1 \quad \underbrace{A[i + 1], A[i + 2], A[i + 3]}_{j=i+1}$

\Downarrow we need a hydrant to cover $A[i]$

optimal algorithm: $\dots \underline{1} \quad \underbrace{A[i + 1], A[i + 2], A[i + 3]}_{j=i+1}$

\Downarrow this is same as following strategy.

optimal algorithm : $\dots \underline{1}, \underline{A[i + 1]}, \underline{[i + 2]}, \underline{A[i + 3]}$;

greedy algorithm : $\dots \underline{1}, \underline{A[i + 1]}, \underline{[i + 2]}, \underline{A[i + 3]}$;

we can see optimal strategy is not better than greedy algorithm. when $j=i+2, i+3$ greedy is also not worse than optimal.

proof end.

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2. **Proof.** The following is proof process:

(a) •we can sort the n real number to be nonincreasing sequence, and if $M \cup x \in \mathbf{C}$, we put x in M until i find the biggest sum.

•According to the definition of uniform matroid:

A is a set with n elements, denote \mathbf{C} be the collection of all subsets of A that contains no more than k elements.

Proof:

Hereditary: if $M \subset N$ and $N \in \mathbf{C}$, obviously, because N is not more than k elements, so N can not more than k elements, then $N \in \mathbf{C}$.

Exchange property: we assume that $M, N \in \mathbf{C}$ and $|M| > |N|$; we know M is not more than k elements, so N is not more than k elements; meanwhile, there must exist an element in M and not in N ($x \in M$ and $x \notin N$); and we know $N \cup \{x\}$ is not more than k elements. so $N \cup \{x\} \in \mathbf{C}$.

so, (A, \mathbf{C}) is a matroid.

(b) **Proof:**

Hereditary: if $M \subset N$ and $N \in \mathbf{C}$; according to the property of N , then $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$, $|N \cap B_i| \leq d_i$; $M \subset N$, so, $|M \cap B_i| < |N \cap B_i| \leq d_i$, so, $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$, $|M \cap B_i| \leq d_i$, then $M \in \mathbf{C}$.

Exchange property: we assume that $M, N \in \mathbf{C}$ and $|M| > |N|$; then $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$, $|M \cap B_i| \leq d_i$ and $|N \cap B_i| \leq d_i$;

(1). $|N \cap B_i| = d_i$, but we know, X is subset of $\cup_{i=1}^n B_i$, we assume that $X = \cup_{i=1}^n B_i$, then $|X \cap B_i| = d_i$, so $N = B_i$; at this case, there must exist an element x which is in M but not in N ; so $(N \cup \{x\}) \cap B_i = d_i$, this's still satisfying condition. so $N \cup \{x\} \in \mathbf{C}$.

(2). if $|N \cap B_i| < d_i$, obviously, $|M| > |N|$; there must exist an element x in M and not in N ; we put x into N , and $(N \cup \{x\}) \cap B_i \leq d_i$; so $N \cup \{x\} \in \mathbf{C}$.

so, $(\cup_{i=1}^n B_i, \mathbf{C})$ is a matroid.

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