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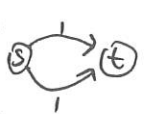
In all problems in which you are asked to design algorithms, you should clearly describe how your algorithm works, provide code or pseudocode when asked to, and argue why your algorithm is correct.

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Problem 1

Answer true or false to the following questions, and briefly explain your answers.

- (a) If 3SAT has a linear time algorithm, then so does every problem in NP. $P=NP$ linear ~~X~~
- (b) There is an exponential time algorithm for 3SAT. ✓
- (c) When compressing a string using Huffman encoding, the most frequently occurring letter has depth smaller or equal to that of any other letter. ~~X~~ ✓
- (d) Suppose the maximum (s, t) -flow in a graph has value f . Now we increase the capacity of every edge by 1. Then the maximum (s, t) -flow in the new graph has value at most $f + 1$. ~~X~~ 
- (e) Let (S, T) be a minimum (s, t) -cut in a graph G . If we increase the capacity of every edge by a factor of 2, then the value of the maximum flow in G is increased by 2 times the number of edges from S to T in G . X2 ✓

(5 parts, 5 points / part, 25 points total)

Problem 2

Consider the following type of data compression algorithm. The input is a string y of length n , and a list of k strings x_1, \dots, x_k of lengths m_1, \dots, m_k respectively. The problem is to determine the smallest number of copies of strings from x_1, \dots, x_k which can be concatenated together to form y . For example, if $x_1 = a, x_2 = ba, x_3 = abab$ and $x_4 = b$, and $y = bababbaababa$, then we can write $y = x_4 x_3 x_2 x_3 x_1$, so we can write y using 5 copies of the x_i 's, and this is optimal. Give an efficient algorithm for this problem and analyze its time complexity.

$$O(kmn)$$

(15 points)

Problem 3

Given two arrays $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$ and $B = [b_1, \dots, b_n]$, you want to output an array $[a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, \dots, a_n, b_n]$. For example, if $A = [1, 2, 3, 4]$ and $B = [5, 6, 7, 8]$, then you need to output $[1, 5, 2, 6, 3, 7, 4, 8]$. However, your algorithm is restricted in the amount of space it can use. In particular, it needs to operate in-place, and can only use $O(\log n)$ amount of extra space. That is, the algorithm is allowed to use the $2n$ amount of space originally used to store the inputs A, B , and it can also use $O(\log n)$ amount of extra space, but no additional space beyond these can be used. For example, the algorithm cannot simply allocate a new array of size $2n$ for the output. Give an efficient algorithm to solve this problem and analyze its time and space complexity.

$$n = 2^k$$

Hint: Use divide and conquer.

(15 points)

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Problem 4

Given an array A of numbers sorted in increasing order, the diameter of A is the difference between the largest (i.e. last) and smallest (i.e. first) elements. Furthermore, if we partition A into $k > 1$ subarrays, then the diameter of the partitioning is the largest diameter of any subarray. Given an array A and a value k , your goal is to find a partitioning of A into k subarrays which has the minimum diameter. For example, if $A = [1, 5, 6, 8, 13, 15]$ and $k = 3$, then you can partition A as $[1], [5, 6, 8], [13, 15]$, which has diameter 3, and this is optimal. Give an efficient algorithm to solve this problem and analyze its time complexity.

$dp[l][j][k]$ 考虑列第 j 个数的空时, 放了 k 个隔断
(15 points)
 $i = 1, \dots, n-1$
 $n = |A|$
 $j = 0$
 $dp[l][j] = \min$

Problem 5

Suppose you have a fair coin, which lands with probability $1/2$ on heads or tails when flipped. You are allowed to flip the coin as many times as you wish. Give algorithms to solve the following problems using the results of flipping the coin.

- (a) Output a number between 1 to 4 (inclusive), where each value has equal probability (i.e. $1/4$) of occurring. How many coin flips does your algorithm use?

2 (5 points)

- (b) Output a number between 1 to 3 (inclusive), where each value has equal probability (i.e. $1/3$) of occurring. How many coin flips does your algorithm use in expectation?

$P(X \in \{1, 2, 3\}) = \frac{1}{4}$
 $P(X=4) = \frac{1}{4}$
 $P(X \in \{1, 2, 3\} | X \neq 4) = \frac{P(X \in \{1, 2, 3\})}{P(X \neq 4)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$
A: not 4 time
 $P(A=k) = \frac{1}{4} (1-p)^{k-1}$
(10 points)
 $= \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{k-1}$
 $E(A) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k \cdot \frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{k-1}$
 $FSC(\frac{3}{4})$

Problem 6

Given an array of n unique numbers, an approximate median is a number from the array whose value is between the $n/4$ 'th to $3n/4$ 'th largest. For example, given the array $[4, 2, 9, 10, 5, 7, 1, 8]$, values 4, 5, 7, and 8 are all approximate medians. Consider the following fast randomized algorithm to find an approximate median:

1. Randomly choose $12 \log n$ different numbers from the array.
2. Sort the numbers you chose.
3. Return the median of the sorted list, i.e. the $6 \log n$ 'th value.

Show that this algorithm computes an approximate median in $O(\log n \log \log n)$ time with probability $\geq 1 - 2/n$.

$12 \log n (\log(12 \log n))$ (15 points)

END OF EXAM

Problem 1

(a) ~~P~~ F

Since 3SAT is a NP-complete problem, so for any NP problem B, there exist a mapping $B \rightarrow A$, i.e. \forall instance x of B, ~~if~~ there exist an instance Y of 3SAT, If Y is a yes instance of 3SAT, then ~~it~~_x is a yes instance of B. Similarly, if x is yes instance of ~~3SAT~~ B, then Y is a yes instance of 3SAT.

~~is~~. And since it has given that 3SAT has a linear time algorithm, i.e. it is polynomial time, So 3SAT is a P problem

$$\Rightarrow P = NP$$

But any NP problem requires a polynomial time to reduce to 3SAT.

~~the~~ the polynomial time may not be a constant.

So for any NP problem, it has a polynomial time algorithm, but may not be linear time.

(b) T

Since 3SAT is a NP-complete problem, and we have learned that $NP \subseteq EXP$, so there exist an exponential time algorithm for 3SAT.

(c) ~~P~~ T

As we have learned, when constructing the Huffman tree, we merge the nodes which has the less and second less frequency.

So the nodes with less frequency would be merged first,

the most frequency letter would be the last merged node representing the letter,

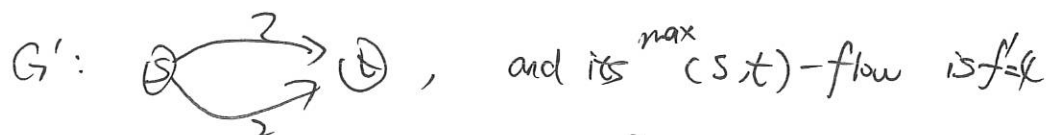
So it would be the node with depth smaller or equal to any other letter.

(d) F

We can construct a counter example: Suppose the graph is



and its max (s,t)-flow is $f=2$, and add 1 to every edge



which is $f' = f + 2 > f + 1$ So the statement is wrong.

(e). T

For each flow f_1, \dots, f_k , the total max flow is $f = f_1 + \dots + f_k$.

after increase by factor 2, the relative bigger or smaller of each edge

remains, so the flows are $2f_1, \dots, 2f_k$, and the max-flow is

$f' = 2f_1 + \dots + 2f_k = 2(f_1 + \dots + f_k) = 2f$, so its true.

Problem 2:

Let $dp[i]$ represent that the less copies we used to generate $y[1:i]$, where $y[i:j]$ represent the substring of y from initial state: all values in dp are $+\infty$, $dp[0]=0$ i to j (all include)

transition:

for $i=1$ to n :

for $j=1$ to k : if $(i-m_j \geq 0)$:

if (x_j matches $y[i-m_j+1:i]$)

$dp[i] = \min(dp[i], dp[i-m_j] + 1)$

for the second if above, "match" represent to compare whether $y[i-m_j+1:i]$ is exactly the same with x_j , if so, return True, other wise return false.

solution: the value of $dp[n]$, where $n=|y|$ is the length of y if $dp[n]$ is $+\infty$, then there is no solution.

time complexity: the two loops take $O(n)$ and $O(k)$ respective.

and the "match" requires to compare, so it takes $O(m_j)$ time for each j .

Let $m = \max_{j=1, \dots, k} \{m_j\}$

So the time complexity is $O(kmn)$

Problem 3: ~~with the~~

W.L.O.G, we can assume that $n=2^k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$

if not, we can add "0"s to the end of each array to make it as $n'=2^k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}_+$ which still takes $O(n)$ space complexity.

And after this, we apply divide-and-conquer as a ~~psed~~ pseudo-code.

def work(l, r): \leftarrow where l, r are the left and right index we need to rearrange.

mid $\leftarrow \lfloor \frac{l+r}{2} \rfloor$

if $l == r$:

return

~~swap~~ for $i = \text{mid} + 1$ to r :

swap($A[i]$, $B[i - \text{mid}]$)

work(l, mid)

work(mid+1, r)

for example.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 A: \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \\
 B: \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 5 & 6 \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 7 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 A \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad | \quad 3 \quad 7 \\
 B \quad 2 \quad 6 \quad | \quad 4 \quad 8
 \end{array}
 \Rightarrow
 \begin{array}{l}
 A \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 2 \quad 6 \\
 B \quad 3 \quad 7 \quad 4 \quad 8
 \end{array}$$

then we just need to run work(1, n)

Then we ~~fit~~ return A, B, if we concat [A, B], it would be the output.

Time complexity: Suppose array with length n takes $T(n)$ time

and we need to swap the elements, so $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + O(n)$

from master theorem, we can get that $T(n) = O(n \log n)$. So time complexity is $O(n \log n)$

And space complexity: $O(n)$ for storing A, B and extra $O(\log n)$

space and used for the ~~recur~~ recursive stack, no other additional

space were used. So total extra space is $O(\log n)$

Problem 4

As we ~~we~~ can define $n = |A|$ as the length of subarray

And define $dp[i][j][l]$ to represent that the minimum diameter of subarray $[A[i], A[i+1], \dots, A[j]]$, ~~with~~ with putting ~~l~~ partitions.

initial: for $i = 1$ to n :
for $j = i$ to n
 $dp[i][j][0] = A[j] - A[i]$

transition: for $i = 1$ to n :
for $j = i$ to n :
for $l = 1$ to k :

$$dp[i][j][l] = \min_{m=i, \dots, j-1} \{ dp[i][m][l-1] + dp[m+1][j][l-1] \}$$

Which ~~represents~~

Which represents that putting a partition ~~at~~ at

between ~~numbers~~ the m -th number and the $m+1$ -th number

output. The solution is $dp[1][n][k]$

Time complexity: $O(n^3k)$

Problem 5

(a) we flip the coins two times, and get the result as X_1, X_2
 then we concat X_1, X_2 to get a binary number, and translate
 it in to the $X_{(10)}$ number, then we ~~let~~ let $X += 1$

Since X_1, X_2 iid Bern($\frac{1}{2}$), so $P(X=1)=P(X=2)=P(X=3)=P(X=4)=\frac{1}{4}$

The coin flips is ≥ 2 .

(b) Similarly with (a), but when we generate $X=4$, we regenerate the
 number, until $X \neq 4$.

$$P(X=1|X \neq 4) = \frac{P(X=1, X \neq 4)}{P(X \neq 4)} = \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Similarly $P(X=2|X \neq 4) = P(X=3|X \neq 4) = \frac{1}{3}$, so we generate uniformly
 of 1, 2, 3.

Expected time:

Let A be the number ^{of times} ~~when used~~ we totally used to generate $X \neq 4$.

$$\text{So } P(A=k) = (1 - \frac{3}{4})^{k-1} \times \frac{3}{4} = (\frac{1}{4})^{k-1} \frac{3}{4}, \quad k=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{So } E(A) = \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} k \cdot P(A=k) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} k (\frac{1}{4})^{k-1} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{4} E(A) = \frac{3}{4} \sum_{k=1}^{+\infty} (k-1) (\frac{1}{4})^{k-1} = \frac{3}{4} \sum_{k=2}^{+\infty} (k-1) (\frac{1}{4})^{k-1} \quad (2)$$

$$(1) - (2): \frac{3}{4} E(A) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \left[1 \cdot (\frac{1}{4})^{1-1} + \sum_{k=2}^{+\infty} (\frac{1}{4})^{k-1} \right]$$

$$E(A) = 1 + \frac{(\frac{1}{4})^{2-1}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = \frac{4}{3}$$

So we are expected to generate $\frac{4}{3}$ times for $X \neq 4$,

i.e. $\frac{4}{3} \times 2 = \frac{8}{3}$ coin flips.

If we requires it to be ~~posi~~ integer, the expected flips is 9.

Problem 6

As we need to sort the $12 \log n$ numbers,
and there has no other ~~calculati~~ operations,
so the total time complexity is

$$O((12 \log n) \log(12 \log n)) = \cancel{O(\log)} O(\log n \log \log n)$$

Define $X_i = 1$: the i -th number's _{Index} chosen is in range $[\frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{4}]$

and $X = \sum_{i=1}^{12 \log n} X_i$

Since we are randomly chosen, so $P(X_i = 1) = \frac{\frac{3n}{4} - \frac{n}{4}}{n} = \frac{1}{2}$.

i.e. $E(X_i) = \frac{1}{2}$

from linearity of expectation:

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 12 \log n = 6 \log n.$$

Since we are chosen the medium value, so if the medium value ranges in $[\frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{4}]$

So if we has more than $9/5 n$ the medium value would be in $[\frac{n}{4}, \frac{3n}{4}]$

Consider the error rate:

According to Chernoff bounds, we have, for $0 \leq \delta \leq 1$

$$P(X \geq (1+\delta)\mu) \leq e^{-\frac{1}{3}\mu\delta^2} = e^{-\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times 12 \log n} = \frac{1}{n}$$

and since $\mu = 6 \log n$, so $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$

So $P(\text{approximate medians}) \geq 1 - P(X \geq (1+\delta)\mu)$

$$\geq 1 - \frac{2}{n}$$

