

Types of Problems

Boolean Satisfiability (SAT) Problem: NP Complete.

Given a series of truth assignments, is there a way to make the entire statement true?

$X_1 \vee \bar{X}_2 \vee X_3 \vee X_4$
 $X_1 = F$ This satisfies the clause.
 $X_5 = T$ Certifying if it's correct
 $X_2 = T$ Plug in the values.
 $X_3 = T$ is polynomial, meaning it's in **class NP**.
 $X_4 = T$ Solving the algorithm
 Brute force:

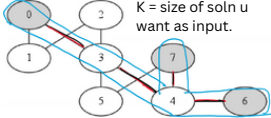
To convert non-decision problem to decision, add a random variable (k in the case of steiner).

3-SAT Problem: Every clause must be exactly length 3.

Better for NP-completeness reductions, since it is constrained. (We will reduce from 3-SAT to problem we want to prove is NP-complete).

Steiner Graph (ST): Optimization Problem, NP Complete

Given the problem below, how do we connect the shaded nodes (S) with least amount of edges? Optimization problem, minimizing edges connecting.



Reductions are Correct

To prove Steiner reduction is correct, show that instance I is a Yes-Instance of 3-SAT IF AND ONLY IF $I' = (G, S, k)$ is a YES-Instance of ST.

To prove a reduction is correct, you need to prove:

1. "If" (Solution A $\rightarrow$ Solution B)
2. "Only if" (Solution B $\rightarrow$ Solution A).

If I is a Yes-instance of 3-SAT then I' is a Yes-instance of ST

What is a good solution for I?

Since I is a Yes-Instance of 3-SAT, there must be some assignment of truth values that makes at least one literal true in every clause.

What is a good solution for I'?

The solution to an ST problem is of at most k edges that connect all the shaded nodes.

Given a Yes solution of I, how can you choose I' so that it's Yes also?

SOLUTION: We designed our reduction so that one "variable gadget" represents the truth (or falsehood) of each variable. Thus, in each "variable gadget", we'll use two edges to connect the "pin" to the hub via the variable node x_i if x_i is set to true, or via $\bar{x}_i$ if x_i is set to false. This is possible using 2n edges in total.

Then, pick the first literal that is true in each clause c_j , and choose the edge connecting c_j to that literal. Note that this literal node must already be connected to the variable's hub and pin, since we ensured we always connect in the node corresponding to the variable's truth value. We use c additional edges here.

Finish the proof to show that I' is actually working, and is a soln to instance.

SOLUTION: Above we built a candidate solution using exactly $2n + c$ edges. Does it actually connect all shaded nodes? Every variable's pin node is connected to the hub, as discussed above. Further, every clause is connected to a true literal, which must in turn be connected to the hub given the way we chose the variable gadgets' edges. Thus, our ST "solution" is a valid certificate showing the answer to the ST instance is YES.

If I' is a Yes-instance of ST then I is a Yes-instance of 3-SAT

SOLUTION: Since I' is a Yes-instance of ST, there is a set of at most $k = 2n + c$ edges that connects up all shaded nodes of G. By part 1 above, this set of edges can connect exactly $2n + c + 1$ nodes into a tree.

There are $n + c + 1$ shaded nodes that must be connected; so, n of the unshaded nodes can also be connected. For every variable gadget, at least one of its "variable" nodes (positive or negated) must be connected (because there's no other way "out" of the variable's pin, which is why we called it a "pin"). Since this consumes all remaining available nodes, we must choose exactly one of each positive/negated variable pair. Call these connected variable nodes the "chosen" nodes. Furthermore, each clause c_j must be connected to at least one of its literals, and moreover, should be connected to a "chosen" node.

(Note that it can be possible to connect all $2n + c + 1$ of the shaded and chosen nodes with $k = 2n + c$ edges, where some clause node has more than one incident edge; this does not pose a problem in our reasoning.)

Now consider the truth assignment corresponding to the "chosen" nodes, that is, set x_i to be true if x_i is a chosen node, and set x_i to be false if $\bar{x}_i$ is a chosen node. Since every clause node has an edge to at least one chosen node, all clauses in our 3SAT instance are satisfied by this truth assignment, and so the instance's answer is Yes.

You've now shown that ST is in NP and is NP-hard (because 3-SAT—which is known to be NP-hard—is polynomial-time-reducible to ST). Therefore, ST is NP-complete!

Coin Change Problem

SOLUTION:

function SOLN'(i)
▷ Note: It would be handy if Soln had 0 and negative entries.
▷ We use this function SOLN' to simulate this.
if $i < 0$ then return infinity
else if $i = 0$ then return 0
else return Soln[i]

function DP-CHANGE(n)
if $n \leq 0$ then return SOLN'(n)
else
▷ Assumes $n > 0$; otherwise, just run SOLN'
create a new array Soln[1..n]
for i from 1 to n do
Soln[i] ← the minimum of
SOLN'(i - 25) + 1,
SOLN'(i - 10) + 1, and
SOLN'(i - 1) + 1
return Soln[n]

Deterministic Select has a better worst case runtime than quickselect

Deterministic Select: Worst Case runtime: $\Theta(n)$. By choosing median of medians as pivot where $\frac{3n}{5} + \frac{7n}{5} = 2n$ elements are smaller than m (median of group medians) $\frac{3n}{5}$ also larger than m. For QuickSelect, largest possible size of one of the Lesser or Greater lists $\max\{\lfloor \text{LESSER} \rfloor, \lfloor \text{GREATER} \rfloor\} < \frac{7n}{5}$. Since our pivot is between $\frac{3n}{5}$ and $\frac{7n}{5}$ (smaller & greater than m).
Recurrence Relation for worst-case running time of DeterministicSelect with recursion tree Total Work $\leq cn \cdot \frac{7}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} = O(n)$. $T(n) = T(\frac{3n}{5}) + T(\frac{7n}{5}) + cn$
 $T(n)$ worst at root level

Deterministic Select. Group elements into groups of 5 and find medians of each group. We get floor of $n/5$ groups. To select pivot, group A into groups of 5 and find medians of median using a recursive call to deterministic quickselect.

Stock Market

Divide & Conquer
The Stock Market: 2 halves, right maximal is maximal in P. If maximal in left, we must check maximal points from LHS recursion. $\Theta(n)$: For each LHS maximal pt. p, check each point in RHS points if they dominate p.
Maximal Points: $\Theta(n \log n)$: LeftMaximal & RightMaximal. Scan RHS set to find highest y-val point q. Output (RightMaximal, V, NonDominated (LeftMaximal, q)).
Prune & Search
QuickSelect (nd): Use quicksort. Have recursion tree.
Algorithm MaximalPoints(P)
sort P by increasing x-coordinate
return MaximalPointHelper(P, 0, length[P]-1)

Algorithm MaximalPointsHelper(P, first, last)
if first = last then
return { P[first] }
mid ← $\lfloor (first + last)/2 \rfloor$
S1 ← MaximalPointsHelper(P, first, mid)
Sr ← MaximalPointsHelper(P, mid+1, last)
q ← point of Sr with largest y-coordinate
return Sr union UndominatedPoints(S1, q)

SMP

SMP: Brute Force: $\Omega(n! \cdot n^2)$
make all permutations, n^2 to check for stabilities w/ all employers & applicants
Gale Shapley: $O(n^2)$ → n is number of elements in each set

Graphs

Articulation Point: Vertex whose removal increases the # of connected components in the graph undirected
Diameter: the smallest # of edges on any path b/w 2 nodes (these are diametric nodes) undirected, unweighted
Find DIAM: Brute force - Use BFS to compute all the distances, if $\text{dist}(i, j) > \text{diam}$ then $\text{diam} = \text{dist}(i, j)$
Valid Solns: $\{2, 3\} + n$ Runtime: $O(n^2(n+m)) = O(n^2 + n^2m)$ depends on dense or sparse
Optimal - Do BFS first, then let u_i be any node occurring on last layer. Label u_i . Then check $\text{dist}(i, u_i) > \text{diam}$
Overall Work: $O(n(n+m)) = O(n^2 + nm)$
on nodes at each

Greedy Clustering maximize the minimum inter-category edge similarity.

function CLUSTERING-GREEDY(n, E, c)
▷ $n \geq 1$ is the number of photos
▷ E is a set of edges of the form (p, p', s) , where s is the similarity of p and p'
▷ c is the number of categories, $1 \leq c \leq n$
create a list of the edges of E, in decreasing order by similarity
let C be the categorization with each photo in its own category
Num-C ← n ▷ Initial number of categories
while Num-C > c do
remove the highest-similarity edge (p, p', s) from the list
if p and p' are in different categories of C then
"merge" the categories containing p and p'
Num-C ← Num-C - 1
return C

AS BEFORE: We're given a complete, weighted, undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ represented as an adjacency list, where the weights are all between 0 and 1 and represent similarities—the higher the more similar—and a desired number $1 \leq k \leq |V|$ of categories.

We define the similarity between two categories C_1 and C_2 to be the maximum similarity between any pair of nodes $p_1 \in C_1$ and $p_2 \in C_2$. We must produce the categorization—partition into k (non-empty) sets—that minimizes the maximum similarity between categories.

Now, we'll prove this greedy approach optimal.

1. Sort a list of the edges E in decreasing order by similarity.
2. Initialize each node as its own category.
3. Initialize the category count to |V|.
4. While we have more than k categories:
 - (a) Remove the highest similarity edge (u, v) from the list.
 - (b) If u and v are not in the same category: Merge u's and v's categories, and reduce the category k.

k-Clique: The input consists of a graph $G = (V, E)$ and a positive integer k. The k-clique problem asks: does the graph contain a clique of size k? That is, we want to know if there is a subset W of k vertices in V with the property that every two elements in W are joined by an edge.

Independent Set: The input consists of a graph $G = (V, E)$ and a positive integer k. The Independent Set problem asks: does the graph contain an independent set of size k? That is, we want to know if there is a subset W of k vertices in V with the property that no two elements in W are joined by an edge.

SAT: The input is a collection of m clauses over n boolean variables $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$. Each clause is a disjunction of some of the variables or their complements.

The problem consists in answering the question "Is there a way to assign truth values to each variable that makes every clause of the instance TRUE?"

QuickSelect Recurrence

$$T_{QS}(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \text{ or } n = 1 \\ T_{QS}(3n/4) + cn & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

QuickSelect

function QUICKSELECT(A[1..n], k) // returns the element of rank k in an array A of n distinct numbers, where $1 \leq k \leq n$

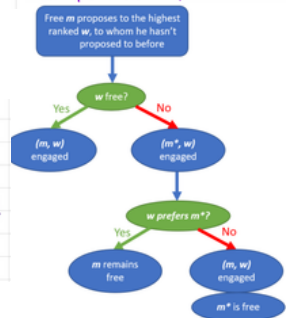
if $n > 1$ then
Choose pivot element $p = A[1]$
Let Lesser be an array of all elements from A less than p
Let Greater be an array of all elements from A greater than p
if $\lfloor \text{Lesser} \rfloor = k - 1$ then
return p
else
if $\lfloor \text{Lesser} \rfloor > k - 1$ then // all smaller elts are in Lesser; k is unchanged
return QuickSelect(Lesser, k)
else // $\lfloor \text{Lesser} \rfloor < k - 1$
// subtract from k the number of smaller elts removed
return QuickSelect(Greater, $k - \lfloor \text{Lesser} \rfloor - 1$)
else
return A[1]

Best case: $O(n)$, worst case: $O(n^2)$

Max Cut Greedy

1. $A = \emptyset, B = \emptyset$;
2. For $v \in V$:
3. Pick $X \in \{A, B\}$ minimizing $|E(v, X)|$;
4. $X = X \cup v$;
5. Return (A, B) ;

Good, but not optimal. 8 edges in $E(A, B)$



Common Algorithms and their uses

Breadth first search - Shortest Path Algorithm, Level Order Traversal
Kruskal's Algorithm - Minimum Spanning Tree
Prim's Algorithm - Minimum Spanning Tree
Dijkstra's Algorithm - Shortest Path Algorithm for graphs with weighted edges
Topological sort - Order vertices of directed acyclic graph
Greedy Clustering Algorithm - Maximize similarity within cluster, Minimize outside of cluster.

Graph Vocabulary

Complete: Every node is connected to very node in the graph.
Directed: Edges have directions (arrows).
Weighted: Edges have weightings signifying difficulty.

Knapsack with Structured Weights (Tutorial 6)

There are n items. Given a positive integer array 1..n of V representing values, and another array W of positive integers 1..n representing weights, Select a subset $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ that maximizes the total value of S, but keeps the total weight below C.

The regular knapsack problem cannot be solved polynomially.

Structured weights constraint: Assume that $C=1$. Assume there is an unlimited of 1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2 items, all with value 0. Weights can only be 1 of those 4.

Solving the algorithm (GREEDY)

1. Given an instance I of problem create a new instance I'.
2. Sort the 1/16 weights of array W in decreasing order. Pair them up.
3. Combine the weights and values of them, put into I'. $w_i + w_j, v_i + v_j$
a. $W = \{1, 2\}$
b. $V = \{1/16, 1/16\}$
c. This becomes $W=\{3\}, V=\{1/8\}$
4. Once all 1/16 weights are eliminated, repeat for 1/8, 1/4, and 1/2.
5. At the end, there will be multiple 1/2 items. Select the two items with the highest value. That is the solution.

Knapsack Exchange Argument

Use an exchange argument to prove that if an optimal solution uses c items of weight 1/16, it uses c of the highest value 1/16-weight objects. Imagine that Solution S (subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$) uses c items with weight 1/16, but NOT the c highest value 1/16 weight items. You can always swap in a higher-value 1/16-weight item to get a better solution, so S could not have been optimal. The same reasoning is applied for 1/8, 1/4, 1/2. We have unlimited supply of dummy items, so this works, and is optimal because of the exchange argument approach.

Proving that the optimal Knapsack Solution uses even number of weights

Suppose not, that you have an optimal solution that uses an odd number of items. If you add up all the weights in the solution, then the numerator has to be odd also. Since $C = 1 = 16/16$, we can always add at least one more 1/16 weight item. This is why we need an unlimited supply of 0 value items of 1/16, 1/8, ... 1/2

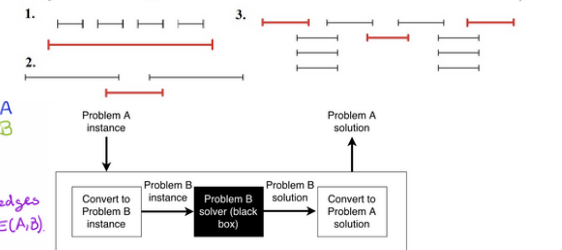
4.1 Interval Scheduling Problem

THE PROBLEM. Suppose we have a set E of n events. Each event i has a start time of $s(i)$ and an end time of $f(i)$. Two events are compatible if they do not overlap in time. We would like to find a subset $A \subseteq E$ of compatible events that is the largest in size.

THE ALGORITHM. To solve this problem, our greedy algorithm, at each step, would pick some event i from set E, add it to set A, and then remove all events from E that are not compatible with i. It remains to determine which criterion we should use to pick the event i at each step. There are several possible choices here:

- (1) pick the event that starts first
- (2) pick the event with the shortest duration
- (3) pick the event that is the most compatible
- (4) pick the event that ends first

It turns out that the first three choices do not lead to an optimal solution. The image below illustrates counter-examples for each of the three cases. The solution produced by each of the potential greedy algorithms is highlighted in red, while an optimal solution takes up the top row in each image (in image 3, all events highlighted in red are the most compatible ones as they conflict with ≤ 3 events while all black ones conflict with 4 events each).



1. Choose a Problem B to reduce to.
 - a. Let's reduce the Resident Hospital Problem to Stable Matching Prob.
2. Transform a small instance of RHP into an instance of B.

r1: h1 h2	h1 (1): r2 r1 r3	r1: h1 h2.1 h2.2	h1: r2 r1 r3
r2: h2 h1	h2 (2): r1 r2 r3	r2: h2.1 h2.2 h1	h2.1: r1 r2 r3
r3: h1 h2		r3: h1 h2.1 h2.2	h2.2: r1 r2 r3
3. Transform a solution from B instance into a solution to the RHP instance.
SOLUTION: Running Gale-Shapley gives this solution: $\{(h_1, r_1), (h_2, r_2), (h_2, r_3)\}$.
That's already very close to the solution we found by hand of $\{(h_1, r_1), (h_2, r_2), (h_2, r_3)\}$. It looks like we just need to erase the subscripts on the hospitals, since hospital-slots are no longer relevant.
4. Design an algorithm to transform any instance I of RHP to an instance of B
Clone hospitals, with all having same preference list. Once this is done, is SMP instance.
5. Design an algorithm to transform a solution of B into a solution for RHP.
The only thing different about M from a possibly-stable RHP solution would be the subscripts on the hospital-slots. If we erase those, then since each hospital-slot had one match and each hospital had s(h) hospital-slots, each hospital in the RHP solution will now have s(h) matches, as we expect.

RHP reduction
KHP: m is hospitals, n is residents. To test if a solution form is valid & g (naively check each pair), $O(mn) = O(n^2)$
How many subsets of size k can be selected from n elements
 $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1) \dots (n-k+1)}{k!}$ transform instance & solution

If $X \leq_p X'$, X is in P and X' is in NP, then X' is in P

"If X can be reduced to X' , X is P, and X' is NP, then is X' in P?"

ANS: Open question. depends if $P=NP$ or $P \neq NP$. If $P \neq NP$, then it is false because X' could be NP complete, and not P. If $P=NP$ however, then it could be possible for X to be in P.

Imagine X and X' are decision problems, where both problems have Yes and No Instances.

If $X \leq_p X'$ and X is not in NP, then X' is not in NP.

"If X can be reduced to X' , and X is NOT in NP, then X' is not in NP.

SOLUTION: True. This is a hard one and requires proof. We will prove contrapositive, that if X' is in NP, then X must also be in NP.

Let f be a polynomial-time reduction from instances of X to instances of X' . Since we assume that X' is in NP, there must be an efficient certifier for X' , let's call this algorithm Certifier- X' .

To show that X is in NP, we construct an efficient certifier for X . This certifier takes an instance I and a certificate, say C' , computes $f(I)$, and then runs algorithm Certifier- X' on $(f(I), C')$. If I is a Yes-instance of X , then $f(I)$ is a Yes-instance of X' , and so there is some polynomial-size certificate that causes Certifier- X' to output Yes. Also, if I is a No-Instance of X , then $f(I)$ is a No-instance of X' , and Certifier- X' outputs No, no matter what the certificate is.

If an NP-complete problem "subset sums" is a special case of Partition, then Partition is NP-complete, not the other way around.

The decision problem Partition takes a set of integers S , and returns yes if they can be 'partitioned' into two disjoint subsets whose union is S , such that the two subsets sum to the same value (half the sum of elements in S). Partition is in NP.

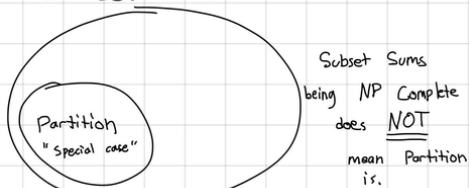
Partition is a special case of another problem, Subset Sums. This is a very nice reduction that proves that 3-SAT $\leq_p$ Subset Sums. Again assume $P=NP$

Statements This is sufficient evidence that Partition is NP-Complete.

SOLUTION: False. This special case argument is backwards. If an NP-Complete problem A is a special case of another problem B , then we can conclude B is NP-complete, not the other way around.

It turns out Partition actually is NP-Complete, but you need to do a reduction to prove that.

Subset Sums



If Partition is NP-Complete, then Subset Sums is also.

If a problem is in NP, and $P=NP$, is the problem NP-complete?

The decision problem Integer Factorization (IF) takes two numbers, n and k , and returns yes if n has an integer factor less than k other than 1, and no otherwise. This problem is in NP. Despite researchers looking for one for a very long time, there is currently no known algorithm that solves this problem in polynomial time.

Statement: Assume $P \neq NP$. Based on the above facts, we can conclude that IF is NP-Complete.

Answer: NO, you must do a reduction to prove that it is NP-hard, and thus NP-complete.

Can SAT be solved polynomially? No, depends on if $P=NP$

Statement: There is no positive integer c such that boolean satisfiability (SAT) is in $O(n^c)$.

SOLUTION: Open Question. If $P=NP$, then every problem in NP has a polynomial time algorithm. SAT is in NP, therefore there is an algorithm that solves SAT in polynomial time.

Conversely, if $P \neq NP$, then there is at least some problem in NP that does not have a polynomial time algorithm. Since SAT is NP-Complete, every problem in NP can be reduced to it in polynomial time. So, if SAT could be solved in polynomial time, then all problems in NP could be solved in polynomial time, a contradiction to our assumption that $P \neq NP$.

Master Theorem Long Version

1. If $f(n) \in O(n^c)$ where $c < \log_b a$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$. #1
2. If for some constant $k \geq 0$, $f(n) \in \Theta(n^c (\log n)^k)$ where $c = \log_b a$, then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^c (\log n)^{k+1})$. #2
3. If $f(n) \in \Omega(n^c)$ where $c > \log_b a$ and $af(\frac{n}{b}) \leq kf(n)$ for some constant $k < 1$ and sufficiently large n , then $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$. #3

$T(n) = aT(n/b) + cn^k$ Short Version given a, b , and n^k

$T(1) = c$

$T(n) \in \Theta(n^k)$ if $a < b^k$ #3

$T(n) \in \Theta(n^k \log n)$ if $a = b^k$ #2

$T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$ if $a > b^k$ #1

Flipped Version

If $T(n) = aT(n/b) + O(n^d)$ for constants $a > 0$, $b > 1$, $d \geq 0$, then

$O(n^d)$ if $d > \log_b a$ #3
 $O(n^d \log n)$ if $d = \log_b a$ #2
 $O(n^{\log_b a})$ if $d < \log_b a$ #1

$T(n) = \begin{cases} aT(n/b) + f(n) & \text{if } n \geq n_0 \\ \Theta(1) & \text{if } n < n_0 \end{cases}$

The Master Theorem: Let $a \geq 1$, $b > 1$ be real constants, and let $T(n)$ be defined by:

Case 1. If $f(n) \in O(n^{\log_b a - \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a})$.

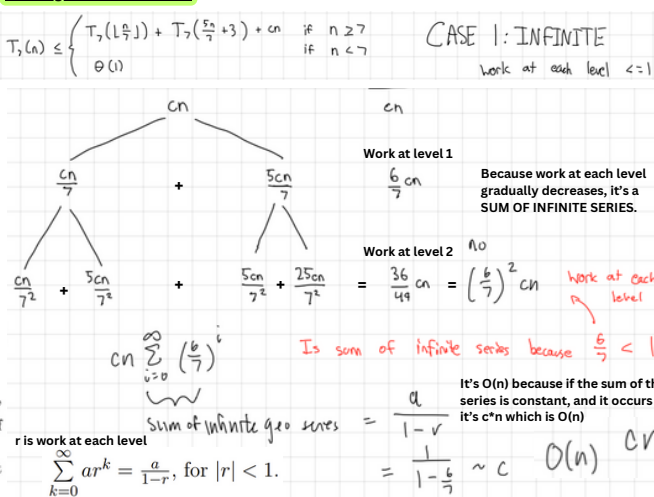
Case 2. If $f(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^k n)$ for some $k \geq 0$ then $T(n) \in \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log^{k+1} n)$.

Case 3. If $f(n) \in \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \epsilon})$ for some $\epsilon > 0$ and $af(n/b) < \delta f(n)$ for some $0 < \delta < 1$ and all n large enough, then $T(n) \in \Theta(f(n))$.

To solve a recurrence:

1. Draw a recursion tree, sum work done at all nodes at all levels
2. The Master Theorem, only works for specific forms of recurrence

Drawing the recursion tree



THE KEY STAGES

- Divide.** We recursively divide the main problem into two or more smaller pieces that usually are of equal size. Division is done based on some criteria and that criteria could depend on step 3.
- Base Cases.** Once we have divided the main problem into small enough pieces, we carry out the computations to solve each of those subproblems. Those computation are usually just brute force.
- Combine.** We recursively combine the results of the two adjacent subproblems. I = doing so, we compare their results and use some criteria to build up the overall result. Generally, there are three cases to consider [with iii being the most typical one]:
 - the result from the first subproblem is the one we want
 - the result from the second subproblem is the one we want
 - the result that could be formed using elements from *both* subproblems is the one we want

The work in this step should usually be done in at most *linear* time and often this step is the most challenging one to design.

QuickSort

function QUICKSORT(A[l..n]) ▷ returns the sorted array A of n distinct numbers
 if n > 1 then
 Choose pivot element p = A[l]
 Let L be an array of all elements from A less than p
 Let R be an array of all elements from A greater than p
 LesserSorted ← QuickSort(L)
 GreaterSorted ← QuickSort(R)
 return the concatenation of LesserSorted, [p], and GreaterSorted
 else
 return A

Recurrence relation for the runtime of QuickSort:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} c, & \text{if } n = 0 \text{ or } n = 1 \\ T_Q(\lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil - 1) + T_Q(\lfloor \frac{3n}{4} \rfloor) + cn, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Ignoring floors, ceilings, constants for recurrence

Divide & Conquer

Overall Work: $O(n \log n) = O(n^2 \log n)$
 Divide & Conquer: pick a pivot, lesser array of all elements from A greater than p, 3 sort
 If choose $\lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil$ -th smallest element as its pivot: $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{4}) + T(\frac{3n}{4}) + cn$
 Find base case when problem size has size 1: $\log_2 n \leq 1 \Rightarrow n \leq 2$
 Depth first: $\lceil \frac{n}{4} \rceil n \geq 1 \Rightarrow n \geq 4$
 We must do cn work at each level from 0 to shallowest: $O(\log_2 n)$ At most $O(n)$

Interval Scheduling

Set of requests $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$; i-th request corresponds to an interval of time starting at $s(i)$ and finishing at $f(i)$.

Subset of requests:

Compatible: no two of them overlap in time, and goal is to maximize compatible subset

Optimal: compatible sets of maximum size

Select a first request i1, once accepted, reject all requests not compatible with i1. Select next request i2 and repeat until out of requests to select from.

Solution: Accept the request that finishes first (request i for which $f(i)$ is as small as possible).

Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ and integer $k \geq 1$, does G contain an independent matching of size k ? That is, is there a subset M of E with $|M| = k$ such that M is an independent matching? **Independent Matching Problem**

Here we give an incomplete reduction from IMP to SAT (see Page 3 for a formal definition of SAT). Given a graph $G = (V, E)$ with m edges, and a value k , we define the variable $X_{i,j}$ for $i = 1$ to m and for $j = 1$ to k , which represents whether the edge e_i is the j th element of the independent matching M . We define clauses as follows:

(A) For each integer a from 1 to k , add the clause:

$$X_{1,a} \vee X_{2,a} \vee \dots \vee X_{m,a}$$

and for every 2 distinct edges e_i, e_j also add the clause:

$$\bar{X}_{i,a} \vee \bar{X}_{j,a}$$

(B) For any edge e_p and for every two distinct integers a, b from 1 to k , add the clause:

$$\bar{X}_{p,a} \vee \bar{X}_{p,b}$$

(C) For each pair of distinct edges e_p and e_q which share an endpoint, and for every pair of integers a, b from 1 to k , add the clause:

$$\bar{X}_{p,a} \vee \bar{X}_{q,b}$$

(D) For any path of length three, induced by consecutive edges e_i, e_j, e_q , and for every two integers a, b from 1 to k , add the clause:

$$\bar{X}_{i,a} \vee \bar{X}_{q,b}$$

SAT

Start by introducing n variables $X_{i,j}$, where $n = |V|$ and $X_{i,j}$ denotes whether vertex i is the j th element of the clique. Clique of size k .

A vertex must be in each of k positions: For each integer a from 1 to k , add the clause:

$$X_{1,a} \vee X_{2,a} \vee \dots \vee X_{n,a}$$

No more than 1 vertex can occupy any position of clique: For each pair of vertices v_p and v_q and for every a from 1 to k , add: $\bar{X}_{p,a} \vee \bar{X}_{q,a}$

A single vertex can't occupy more than one position of the clique: For each vertex v_i and for every 2 distinct integers a, b from 1 to k , add the clause: $\bar{X}_{i,a} \vee \bar{X}_{i,b}$

Every vertex in position of clique must share an edge w/ every other vertex in any position of clique. For all pairs of vertices v_p and v_q that don't share an edge, add the clause: $\bar{X}_{p,a} \vee \bar{X}_{q,b}$ for every a & b from 1 to k

$$T(n) = aT(\frac{n}{b}) + O(n^d) \quad a > 0, b > 1, d \geq 0 \quad \text{then: } T(n) = \begin{cases} O(n^d \log n) & \text{if } d \geq \log_b a \\ O(n^{\log_b a}) & \text{if } d < \log_b a \end{cases}$$

2-DP Longest Common Subsequence Problem

The Longest Common Subsequence of two strings A and B is the longest string whose letters appear in order (but not necessarily consecutively) within both A and B.

3. Given two strings A and B of length $n > 0$ and $m > 0$, we will denote the length of the LCS of A and B by $LCS(A[1..n], B[1..m])$. Describe $LCS(A[1..n], B[1..m])$ as a recurrence relation over smaller instances. Use and generalize your work to the previous problem!

$$LCS(A[1..n], B[1..m]) = \begin{cases} 1 + LCS(A[1..n-1], B[1..m-1]) & \text{if } A[n] = B[m] \\ \max \{ LCS(A[1..n-1], B[1..m]), LCS(A[1..n], B[1..m-1]) \} & \text{if } A[n] \neq B[m] \end{cases}$$

procedure MEMO-HELPER(A[1..n], B[1..m])
 create a 2-dimensional array Soln[0..n][0..m]
 initialize all elements of Soln to -1
 MEMO-HELPER(A[1..n], B[1..m])

procedure MEMO-HELPER(A[1..n], B[1..m])
 ▷ As always with memoization, we wrap the recurrence with a check
 ▷ to see if the Soln array already contains the answer. If not, compute
 ▷ the answer via the recurrence and store it. If so, just return the answer
 if Soln[i][j] is -1 then
 if i == 0 or j == 0 then
 Soln[i][j] ← 0
 else if A[i] == B[j] then
 Soln[i][j] ← MEMO-HELPER(A[1..n-1], B[1..m-1]) + 1
 else
 Soln[i][j] ← max(MEMO-HELPER(A[1..n-1], B[1..m]), MEMO-HELPER(A[1..n], B[1..m-1]))
 return Soln[i][j]

procedure EXPLAIN-LCS(A[1..n], B[1..m], Soln)
 ▷ Note: Soln[0..n][0..m] is a filled-in LCS memoization table for A and B

if n == 0 or m == 0 then ▷ base case
 return ""
 else
 if A[n] == B[m] then
 ▷ the final letters match, so we add a letter to the LCS
 return EXPLAIN-LCS(A[1..n-1], B[1..m-1], Soln) + A[n]
 else
 ▷ which recursive call yielded the max?
 if Soln[n-1][m] > Soln[n][m-1] then
 ▷ we don't use the last letter of A in the solution
 return EXPLAIN-LCS(A[1..n-1], B[1..m], Soln)
 else
 ▷ we don't use the last letter of B in the solution
 return EXPLAIN-LCS(A[1..n], B[1..m-1], Soln)

procedure DP-LCS(A[1..n], B[1..m])
 create a 2-dimensional array Soln[0..n][0..m]

▷ fill in the base cases
 for i from 0 to n do
 Soln[i][0] ← 0
 for j from 0 to m do
 Soln[0][j] ← 0
 ▷ fill in the recursive cases column-by-column, top-to-bottom
 for i from 1 to n do
 for j from 1 to m do
 if A[i] == B[j] then
 Soln[i][j] ← Soln[i-1][j-1] + 1
 else
 Soln[i][j] ← max{ Soln[i-1][j], Soln[i][j-1] }
 return Soln[n][m]

Runtime = $O(mn)$ m is first word length, n length of second
 #subproblems for memoized and DP is $O(mn)$
 Space Complexity: $O(mn)$

If an NP problem has a polynomial number of possible certificates, then it is in P. It can be solved in polynomial time because you can just check every single certificate to verify it working. Polynomial num of certificates * polynomial time to check each.

Specifically, these make sure that if e_p, e_q have a common endpoint, then at most one can be selected in the matching.

The clauses in (A) ensure that at exactly one edge is in each position of the clique.

The clauses in (B) ensure that each edge is assigned to at most one position of the independent matching.

The clauses in (C) ensure that the selected edges form a matching. Specifically, these make sure that if e_p, e_q have a common endpoint, then at most one can be selected in the matching.

The clauses in (D) ensure that for any 2 edges in the selected matching, there is no edge which connects the endpoint of one to an endpoint of the other.

Hamiltonian Cycle: cycle that visits every vertex exactly once

A Hamiltonian path that starts and ends at adjacent vertices can be completed by adding one more edge to form a Hamiltonian cycle, and removing any edge from a Hamiltonian cycle produces a Hamiltonian path.

Travelling Salesman: Given a set of cities and the distance between every pair of cities, the problem is to find the shortest possible route that visits every city exactly once and returns to the starting point

The Hamiltonian cycle problem is a special case of the travelling salesman problem, obtained by setting the distance between two cities to one if they are adjacent and two otherwise, and verifying that the total distance travelled is equal to n . If so, the route is a Hamiltonian cycle.

Vertex Cover: A set of vertices that includes at least one endpoint of every edge of the graph.

Dominating Set: For graph G, is a subset D of its vertices, such that any vertex of G is in D, or has a neighbor in D. The domination number $\gamma(G)$ is the number of vertices in a smallest dominating set for G

Independent Matching Problem: Given an undirected graph G = (V, E), a matching is a subset M of the edges E such that each node of V is an endpoint of at most one edge in M. A matching is independent if there is no edge (u, v) in G where u and v are the endpoints of two different edges of the matching M

Max Cut Problem: Input G(V, E) output is a partition of V that maximizes the edges crossing

Greedy algo: Easy to do $O(n^2)$. Can be done $O(n \log n)$

NP Complete Problems

- Independent Set.** For a graph $G = (V, E)$, a subset of vertices $S \subseteq V$ is independent if no two vertices in S that are joined by an edge. Given a graph G and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, does G contain an independent set of size k or larger?
- Vertex Cover.** For a graph $G = (V, E)$, a subset of vertices $S \subseteq V$ is a vertex cover if every edge $e \in E$ has at least one of its endpoints in S . Given a graph G and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, does G contain a vertex cover of size k or smaller?
- Set Packing.** Given a collection of subsets $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n\} \subseteq U$ and a number $k \in \mathbb{N}$, does there exist a collection of at least k of those sets with the property that no two of them intersect?
- Set Cover.** Given an n -element set U , a collection of subsets $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\} \subseteq U$ and a number $k \in \mathbb{N}$, does there exist a collection of at most k of those sets whose union is equal to U ?
- Clique.** For a graph $G = (V, E)$, a subset of vertices $S \subseteq V$ is a clique if every pair of vertices in S is joined by an edge. Given a graph G and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, does G contain a clique of size k or larger?
- Subset Sum.** Given a set of n integers $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, is there a subset $U \subseteq V$ such that $\sum_{u \in U} u_i = k$?
- Set Partition.** Given a set of n integers $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$, can the elements of V be partitioned into two sets U and $V - U$ such that $\sum_{u \in U} u_i = \sum_{u \in V-U} u_i$?
- Graph Coloring.** A graph $G = (V, E)$ is said to be k -colorable if the endpoints of any edge (u, v) could be colored using different colors when there is total of k available colors. Given a graph G and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, does G have a k -coloring?
- 3D Matching.** Given disjoint sets X, Y, Z each of size n , and given a set $T \subseteq X \times Y \times Z$ of ordered triples, does there exist a subset of n triples in T such that each element of $X \cup Y \cup Z$ is contained in exactly one of those triples?
- SAT (Satisfiability).**
 - Let $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be a set of n Boolean variables [i.e. each x_i is 0 or 1].
 - A term t_i over X is either one of the variables x_i or its negation $\bar{x}_i$.
 - A clause C_j of length l is a disjunction of distinct terms: $C_j = t_1 \vee t_2 \vee \dots \vee t_l$.
 - A collection of clauses is the conjunction $C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_k$.

A truth assignment is some assignment of values of 0 or 1 to each $x_i \in X$. In other words, a truth assignment is a function $f: X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$. The collection of clauses $C_1 \wedge C_2 \wedge \dots \wedge C_k$ is *satisfiable* if there exists a truth assignment that evaluates the collection to 1.
 A problem is called *l*-SAT if the length of all of its clauses C_j is exactly l .

Example 4. Master theorem doesn't apply in the following cases:

- $T(n) = 2^n T(\frac{n}{2}) + 1$ [a = 2^n is not a constant]
- $T(n) = \frac{1}{2} T(\frac{n}{2}) + 1$ [a = 1/2 is not greater or equal to 1]
- $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) + n$ [b = 1 is not greater than 1]
- $T(n) = 2T(\frac{n}{2}) - n \log n$ [f(n) = -n log n is not positive]
- $T(n) = T(n-1) + 1$ [recurrence is not in the right form]
- $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + T(\frac{n}{2}) + 1$ [recurrence is not in the right form]

	Best	Average	Worst	Worst Space
Quick Sort:	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(\log n)$
Merge Sort:	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n \log n)$	$O(n)$
Selection:	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Insertion:	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$
Bubble:	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(n^2)$	$O(1)$

Consider a class of the change-making problem for which the greedy algorithm returns an optimal solution (that is, the one that uses the fewest coins). What can we say about the dynamic programming solution to this problem?

- The dynamic programming solution will be optimal, but generally slower than the greedy solution

$$R(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ \max_{k=m-j}^n \{ S[k-j+1] + R(i-1, k) \} & \text{if } 1 \leq i \leq m \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq n. \end{cases}$$

function IterativeMystery:

// initialize table; we choose to keep the zero rows/columns
 initialize a zero-indexed (m+1)*(n+1) array R

// handle base cases
 Set R[i][0] = 0 for all i and R[0][j] = 0 for all j

for i=1 to m:
 for j=n to 1:
 maxSoFar = -inf
 for k=j to n:
 val = S[k-j+1] + R[i-1][k]
 if val > maxSoFar:
 maxSoFar = val
 R[i][j] = maxSoFar

return R[m][n]

Runtime is $\Theta(n^2 m)$ time, and $\Theta(n^2 m)$ space.

Q3.1 Greedy Algorithm

3 Points

Briefly describe a simple greedy strategy to determine a distribution of exam bundles. You must provide a plain English description of your greedy strategy, and should only provide pseudocode if you feel it is necessary to clarify details of your algorithm. (We suspect that if you need pseudocode, your approach is too complicated.)

Pick the bundles from left to right, starting from the first t_a and giving the current TA the same bundle until giving the bundle to the TA will cause it to exceed m . If this happens, then move onto the next TA.

function DETERMINISTICSELECT(A[1..n], k) // returns the element of rank k in an array A of n distinct numbers, where $1 \leq k \leq n$

if $n \leq 5$ then
 Choose pivot element p using the procedure described above
 Let L be an array of all elements from A less than p
 Let R be an array of all elements from A greater than p
 if $|L| < k - 1$ then
 return p
 else
 if $|L| > k - 1$ then // all smaller elts are in L ; k is unchanged
 return DETERMINISTICSELECT(L, k)
 else // $|L| < k - 1$
 // subtract from k the number of smaller elts removed
 return DETERMINISTICSELECT(Greater, $k - |L| - 1$)
 else
 sort A and return A[k-1]

Question 3.3: Give a reasonable "greedy stays greedy" lemma that you could use to prove your algorithm is optimal. (You do not need to prove the lemma.)

Solution: The first k TAs in the greedy solution will be carrying at least as many total bundles as the first k TAs in the optimal solution.