# CS-3510: Design and Analysis of Algorithms

# Greedy Algorithms

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#### Announcements

- HW 3 is released; the submission deadline is extended for one week
  - Due next Friday, June 17
- Exam on Thursday at 3:30
  - Closed-book, one sheet of notes
  - 80 minutes
  - 5 main questions
    - Q1: Asymptotic Notations
    - Q2: Master Theorem
    - Q3: Divide-and-Conquer
    - Q4: Divide-and-Conquer
    - Q5: Dynamic Programming





- Build the solution step-by-step
- At each step, make a decision that is locally optimal
- <u>Never look back</u> and hope for the best!
- Do NOT always yield optimal solutions, but for many problems they do



## Greedy Choice Property

- Greedy choice = locally optimal choice
- Greedy-choice property: we can assemble a globally optimal solution by making locally optimal choices.
- In other words, when we are considering which choice to make, we make the choice that looks best in the current problem, without considering results from subproblems.

(The main difference with dynamic programming)

- Make whatever choice seems best at the moment and then solve the subproblem that remains.
- Makes its first choice before solving any subproblems.



## Difference with Dynamic Programming

#### • Dynamic programming:

- Make a choice at each step, but the choice usually depends on the solutions to subproblems.
- Consequently, we typically solve dynamic-programming problems in a bottom-up manner, progressing from smaller subproblems to larger subproblems.
- Even in top-down approach, we use memoizing. So, even though the code works top down, we still solve the subproblems before making a choice.
- Solves the subproblems before making the first choice.



Divide-and-Conquer

**Dynamic Programming** 

Greedy Approach



Optimal substructure But only one subproblem

- Seems "easier" than dynamic programming?
- Two major "questions/problems":
  - What is the best/correct greedy choice to make?
  - How can we prove that the greedy algorithm yields an optimal solution?
- When is using the greedy approach a good idea?
  - Greedy can be optimal when the problem shows an <u>especially nice optimal</u> <u>substructure.</u>





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- Examples
  - Interval scheduling (activity selection)
  - Interval partitioning
  - Schedule to minimize lateness
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#### • Applications in Graph (next week)

- Kruskal's algorithm (minimum spanning tree)
- Prim's algorithm (minimum spanning tree)
- Dijkstra's algorithm (shortest path)



- CLRS (16.1): Activity-selection problem
- KT (4.1): Interval-scheduling problem
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- Greedy approach:
  - Consider jobs in some natural order.
  - Take each job provided it's compatible with the ones already taken
    - [Earliest start time] Consider jobs in ascending order of  $s_j$ .
    - [Shortest interval] Consider jobs in ascending order of  $f_j$   $s_j$ .
    - [Fewest conflicts] For each job j, count the number of conflicting jobs cj. Schedule in ascending order of  $c_j$ .
    - [Earliest finish time] Consider jobs in ascending order of  $f_j$ .



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- Greedy approach:
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  - × [Shortest interval] Consider jobs in ascending order of  $f_j - s_j$ .
  - × [Fewest conflicts]

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Counterexamples

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SORT jobs by finish times and renumber so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \ldots \leq f_n$ .

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For j = 1 to n

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job F is incompatible (do not add to schedule)





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#### RETURN S.

#### But why this is optimal?



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Theorem. The earliest-finish-time-first algorithm is optimal.

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- Assume greedy is not optimal, and let's see what happens.
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- (but contradicts maximality of r)
- In our greedy approach, we <u>never rule out an optimal solution</u>.
- We build the solution step-by-step by extending the last step.
- At the end of the algorithm, we obtain some solution. Thus, it must be optimal.
- Proof by induction
  - 1. Base case: when we have no interval, there is an optimal solution extending that.
  - 2. Inductive hypothesis: After adding the i-th interval to the current optimal solution, there is an optimal solution that extends this current solution.
  - 3. Inductive step: Exchange argument



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  - Dynamic programming OPT(j) =

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Ex. If each job is incompatible with only one earlier job, i.e., 
$$p(j) = j-2$$
, then  $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1) \rightarrow$  grows like Fibonacci sequence





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- No  $\rightarrow$  We need dynamic programming



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Greedy choice?

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#### EARLIEST-START-TIME-FIRST $(n, s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_n, f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_n)$

SORT lectures by start times and renumber so that  $s_1 \leq s_2 \leq \ldots \leq s_n$ .

 $d \leftarrow 0$ .  $\leftarrow$  number of allocated classrooms

FOR j = 1 TO n

IF (lecture j is compatible with some classroom)

Schedule lecture j in any such classroom k.

#### ELSE





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earliest-start-time-first

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**Def.** The **depth** of a set of open intervals is the maximum number of intervals that contain any given point.

Key observation. Number of classrooms needed  $\geq$  depth.

Q. Does minimum number of classrooms needed always equal depth?

A. Yes! Moreover, earliest-start-time-first algorithm finds a schedule whose number of classrooms equals the depth.



Observation. The earliest-start-time first algorithm never schedules two incompatible lectures in the same classroom.

Theorem. Earliest-start-time-first algorithm is optimal.

#### Pf.

- Let *d* = number of classrooms that the algorithm allocates.
- Classroom *d* is opened because we needed to schedule a lecture, say *j*, that is incompatible with a lecture in each of *d* – 1 other classrooms.
- Thus, these d lectures each end after  $s_j$ .
- Since we sorted by start time, each of these incompatible lectures start no later than s<sub>j</sub>.
- Thus, we have *d* lectures overlapping at time  $s_j + \varepsilon$ .
- Key observation  $\Rightarrow$  all schedules use  $\ge d$  classrooms.



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# CS-3510: Design and Analysis of Algorithms

## Graph Algorithms: Definitions and Representations

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- Applications
- Definitions
- Matrix Representation
  - Directed Graphs
  - Undirected Graphs
  - Pros and Cons
- Linked List Representation
  - Implementation



- Many problems can be represented by graphs
  - Airline routes



http://virtualskies.arc.nasa.gov/research/tutorial/images/12routemap.gif

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http://images.encarta.msn.com/xrefmedia/aencmed/targets/maps/map/000a5302.gif

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  - Networks



http://www.visualcomplexity.com/vc/images/270\_big01.jpg

http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/graphics/images/2007/07-07socialnetworkmapLG.jpg

- Social networks
  - Friendships, family relationships, communications (email, phone), professional groups, physical relationships (e.g., disease spread) etc.
- Information networks
  - Citations among articles, world-wide-web (distinct from the physical communication network), preference networks (e.g., Netflix)
- Biological networks
  - Metabolic pathways, genetic regulatory networks, neural networks, food web (predator-prey relationships)
- Technological networks
  - Electric power grid, the Internet (physical computer communication network), transportation networks (airline routes, road networks, etc.), electronic circuits, ...



- Routes in transportation networks
- Spread of diseases/trends/opinions
- Information propagation on the Internet (e.g., viral videos)
- Security (e.g., relationships among people)
- Cascading failures in the electric power grid
- Robustness of telecommunication networks
- Social dynamics (e.g., friendship, authorship, mentorship)
- Many others...



#### Graph: Definition

- Graph = (V, E)
  - V = Vertex (node) set =  $\{0, 1, 2, ..., n-1\}$

 $E = Edge (link) set = \{e_1, e_2, \dots e_m\} where e_i = (v_i, v_j)$ where  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are vertices in V

- Directed vs. undirected graphs
- Degree(i): number of edges on node i
  - In-degree (directed networks): number of incoming links
  - Out-degree (directed networks): the number of outgoing links
- Often associate properties with vertices and/or links (e.g., distance)

#### Representation: Adjacency Matrix

- Label nodes 0, 1, 2, ... N-1
- Define matrix A[i, j]: (i, j, = 0, 1, ... N-1)
  - = 1 if there is a link from node i to node j
  - = 0 if no link exists from i to j
- Alternatively, A[i,j] could represent a quantity such as the distance (or cost, or time) from 0 1 2 3 4 node i to node j
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The blanks actually represent 0s

### Representation: Adjacency Matrix

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- Row i indicates the outgoing links for node i
- Column j indicates the incoming links for node j
- Here the entry indicates the length associated with that link/edge
- Length of a 2-hop path from i to j via node k can be computed as A[i,k] + A[k,j] where i, j, and k are distinct nodes and such a path existed
- Example: Length of path from 0 to 3 via node 1 is A[0,1]+A[1,3] = 25+55 = 80





### Adjacency Matrix: Undirected Graphs

- Special case of directed graphs
- For undirected graphs, each link represented by two edges, one in each direction



• For undirected graphs, A is symmetric:  $A = A^T$ 

1. Draw the graph given by the adjacency matrix





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Once a vertex ordering has been specified, it is. But if we reorder the vertices, the matrix may be different. For example, if row 1 corresponded to v2 and row 2 to v1, the matrix would be different.



#### Adjacency Matrix: Pros & Cons

- Easy to determine quickly if there is a link between nodes i and j
- Space =  $N^2$ , where N = number of nodes
- Inefficient if graphs are sparse (usual case for large graphs)
  - A graph with 1000 nodes will contain 1,000,000 array elements
  - Most of these entries will be zero or "empty" for most graphs that arise in practice (although there are ways to improve efficiency for such cases)
- For undirected graphs, information is duplicated



#### Representation: Linked List

- Need a list of vertices; could be stored in a one-dimensional array
- For each vertex i
  - Adj[i] is a list of vertices k where  $(i, k) \in E$  (neighbors of i)
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- Amount of space is 2\*E + N (E edges and N vertices)
- Preferred representation for sparse graphs
- Some effort to determine if there is a link between two vertices 0: 1:420 2:175

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#### Representation: Linked List

- Store each list of edges as a linked list
- A[i] is a pointer to the list of edges to which node i connects



- Implementation issues/choices
  - Sorted vs. unsorted list
  - Operations: insert, delete, find
  - Dynamic graphs that change in size (nodes, edges)



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- 3. How can edge weights be represented with adjacency matrices/adjacency lists? How about vertex weights?
- 4. What are some other ways you can think of to represent graphs?



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  - Edge weights: With an adjacency matrix, edge weights can be the matrix entries. With an adjacency list, edge weights can be stored with each neighbor node.
  - Vertex weights: In either case, vertex weights may be best stored with the list of vertices. This is easy for an adjacency list in particular. Note that vertex weights cannot be included explicitly in an adjacency matrix.
- 4. What are some other ways you can think of to represent graphs?
  - One idea: build from sparse matrix representations by using a list of ordered pairs to represent edges (works for directed or undirected).
  - Another option: an incidence matrix, with each vertex represented by a row and each edge represented by a column, with nonzero entries for the two vertices associated with each edge in that edge's column.



### Graph: Summary

- Graphs arise in many application areas
- Two common ways to represent graphs
  - Adjacency matrix
  - Adjacency list (a type of sparse matrix)
  - Both can be used to represent directed graphs
- Adjacency matrix
  - Space: N<sup>2</sup> elements for N vertices
  - Easy to check if a link exists between two vertices
- Adjacency list
  - More common representation: most large real-world graphs are sparse
  - Space: Number of edges [2\*(number of edges) if undirected] + number of vertices
  - Linked list implementation is typically used



#### References

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