Reductions, Recursion and Divide and Conquer

Lecture 10
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Part I

Brief Intro to Algorithm Design and Analysis
1. Algorithm solves a specific *problem*.
2. Steps/instructions of an algorithm are *simple/primitive* and can be executed mechanically.
3. Algorithm has a *finite description; same description* for all instances of the problem
4. Algorithm implicitly may have *state/memory*

A computer is a device that
1. *implements* the primitive instructions
2. allows for an *automated* implementation of the entire algorithm by keeping track of state
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The standard programming model that you are used to in programming languages such as Java/C++. We have already seen the Turing Machine model.
Unit-Cost RAM Model

Informal description:

1. Basic data type is an integer number
2. Numbers in input fit in a word
3. Arithmetic/comparison operations on words take constant time
4. Arrays allow random access (constant time to access $A[i]$)
5. Pointer based data structures via storing addresses in a word
Example

Sorting: input is an array of $n$ numbers

1. input size is $n$ (ignore the bits in each number),
2. comparing two numbers takes $O(1)$ time,
3. random access to array elements,
4. addition of indices takes constant time,
5. basic arithmetic operations take constant time,
6. reading/writing one word from/to memory takes constant time.

We will usually not allow (or be careful about allowing):

1. bitwise operations (and, or, xor, shift, etc).
2. floor function.
3. limit word size (usually assume unbounded word size).
Caveats of RAM Model

Unit-Cost RAM model is applicable in wide variety of settings in practice. However it is not a proper model in several important situations so one has to be careful.

1. For some problems such as basic arithmetic computation, unit-cost model makes no sense. Examples: multiplication of two $n$-digit numbers, primality etc.

2. Input data is very large and does not satisfy the assumptions that individual numbers fit into a word or that total memory is bounded by $2^k$ where $k$ is word length.

3. Assumptions valid only for certain type of algorithms that do not create large numbers from initial data. For example, exponentiation creates very big numbers from initial numbers.
Models used in class

In this course when we design algorithms:

1. Assume unit-cost RAM by default.
2. We will explicitly point out where unit-cost RAM is not applicable for the problem at hand.
3. Turing Machines (or some high-level version of it) will be the non-cheating model that we will fall back upon when tricky issues come up.
**What is an algorithmic problem?**

**Simplest and robust definition:** An algorithmic problem is simply to compute a function \( f : \Sigma^* \rightarrow \Sigma^* \) over strings of a finite alphabet.

Algorithm \( \mathcal{A} \) solves \( f \) if for all input strings \( w \), \( \mathcal{A} \) outputs \( f(w) \).

Typically we are interested in functions \( f : D \rightarrow R \) where \( D \subseteq \Sigma^* \) is the domain of \( f \) and where \( R \subseteq \Sigma^* \) is the range of \( f \).

We say that \( w \in D \) is an instance of the problem. Implicit assumption is that the algorithm, given an arbitrary string \( w \), can tell whether \( w \in D \) or not. Parsing problem! The size of the input \( w \) is simply the length \( |w| \).

The domain \( D \) depends on what representation is used. Can be lead to formally different algorithmic problems.
Types of Problems

We will broadly see three types of problems.

1. **Decision Problem**: Is the input a YES or NO input?
   Example: Given graph $G$, nodes $s$, $t$, is there a path from $s$ to $t$ in $G$?
   Example: Given a CFG grammar $G$ and string $w$, is $w \in L(G)$?

2. **Search Problem**: Find a solution if input is a YES input.
   Example: Given graph $G$, nodes $s$, $t$, find an $s$-$t$ path.

3. **Optimization Problem**: Find a best solution among all solutions for the input.
   Example: Given graph $G$, nodes $s$, $t$, find a shortest $s$-$t$ path.
Given a problem $P$ and an algorithm $A$ for $P$ we want to know:

- Does $A$ **correctly** solve problem $P$?
- What is the **asymptotic worst-case running time** of $A$?
- What is the **asymptotic worst-case space** used by $A$.

**Asymptotic running-time analysis:** $A$ runs in $O(f(n))$ time if:

“for all $n$ and for all inputs $I$ of size $n$, $A$ on input $I$ terminates after $O(f(n))$ primitive steps.”
Algorithmic Techniques

- Reduction to known problem/algorithm
- Recursion, divide-and-conquer, dynamic programming
- Graph algorithms to use as basic reductions
- Greedy

Some advanced techniques not covered in this class:

- Combinatorial optimization
- Linear and Convex Programming, more generally continuous optimization method
- Advanced data structure
- Randomization
- Many specialized areas
Part II

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Running time...

“No, Thursday's out. How about never—is never good for you?”
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Part III

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A: Embarrass it till it becomes red. Now use your algorithm for hunting red elephants.
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Maximum Independent Set in a Graph

Definition

Given undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ a subset of nodes $S \subseteq V$ is an independent set (also called a stable set) if for there are no edges between nodes in $S$. That is, if $u, v \in S$ then $(u, v) \notin E$.

Some independent sets in graph above:
Maximum Independent Set Problem

Input Graph $G = (V, E)$

Goal Find maximum sized independent set in $G$
Maximum Weight Independent Set Problem

Input  Graph $G = (V, E)$, weights $w(v) \geq 0$ for $v \in V$

Goal  Find maximum weight independent set in $G$
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Weighted Circular Arc Scheduling

**Input**  A set of arcs on a circle, each arc has a *weight* (or profit).

**Goal**  Find a maximum weight subset of arcs that do not overlap.
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\( n \) calls to the sub-routine for interval scheduling
Illustration
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1. Problem instance of size $n$ is reduced to *one or more* instances of size $n - 1$ or less.
2. For termination, problem instances of small size are solved by some other method as *base cases*
Recursion

1. Recursion is a very powerful and fundamental technique
2. Basis for several other methods
   1. Divide and conquer
   2. Dynamic programming
   3. Enumeration and branch and bound etc
   4. Some classes of greedy algorithms
3. Makes proof of correctness easy (via induction)
4. Recurrences arise in analysis
Move stack of \( n \) disks from peg 0 to peg 2, one disk at a time.

**Rule:** cannot put a larger disk on a smaller disk.

**Question:** what is a strategy and how many moves does it take?
The Tower of Hanoi algorithm; ignore everything but the bottom disk
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\[ = (2^n - 1)/(2 - 1) = 2^n - 1 \]
Part IV

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1. In divide and conquer, each smaller instance is typically at least a constant factor smaller than the original instance which leads to efficient running times.
2. There are many examples of this particular type of recursion that it deserves its own treatment.
Input  Given an array of $n$ elements
Goal  Rearrange them in ascending order
Input: Array $A[1\ldots n]$
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3. Merge two arrays using only constantly more extra space (in-place merge sort): doable but complicated and typically impractical.
Formal Code

**MergeSort(A[1..n]):**
if $n > 1$
    $m \leftarrow \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$
    MergeSort(A[1..m])
    MergeSort(A[m+1..n])
    Merge(A[1..n], m)

**Merge(A[1..n], m):**
    $i \leftarrow 1$; $j \leftarrow m + 1$
    for $k \leftarrow 1$ to $n$
        if $j > n$
            $B[k] \leftarrow A[i]$; $i \leftarrow i + 1$
        else if $i > m$
            $B[k] \leftarrow A[j]$; $j \leftarrow j + 1$
        else if $A[i] < A[j]$
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At the start of iteration $k$ the following hold:

- $B[1..k]$ contains the smallest $k$ elements of $A$ correctly sorted.
- $B[1..k]$ contains the elements of $A[1..(i - 1)]$ and $A[(m + 1)..(j - 1)]$.
- No element of $A$ is modified.
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What do we want as a solution to the recurrence?

Almost always only an \textit{asymptotically} tight bound. That is we want to know $f(n)$ such that $T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$.

1. $T(n) = O(f(n))$ - upper bound
2. $T(n) = \Omega(f(n))$ - lower bound
Solving Recurrences: Some Techniques

1. Know some basic math: geometric series, logarithms, exponentials, elementary calculus
2. Expand the recurrence and spot a pattern and use simple math
3. Recursion tree method — imagine the computation as a tree
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T(n) = \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left( T(k - 1) + T(n - k) + O(n) \right)
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In the worst case \( T(n) = T(n - 1) + O(n) \), which means \( T(n) = O(n^2) \). Happens if array is already sorted and pivot is always first element.
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Analysis: $T(n) = T(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) + O(1)$. $T(n) = O(\log n)$.

Observation: After $k$ steps, size of array left is $n/2^k$
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Problem: shortest paths in a graph.

Decision version: given $G$ with non-negative integer edge lengths, nodes $s, t$ and bound $B$, is there an $s$-$t$ path in $G$ of length at most $B$?

Optimization version: find the length of a shortest path between $s$ and $t$ in $G$.

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1. Let $U$ be maximum edge length in $G$.
2. Minimum edge length is $L$.
3. $s$-$t$ shortest path length is at most $(n - 1)U$ and at least $L$.
5. $O(\log((n - 1)U - L))$ calls to the decision problem algorithm sufficient. Polynomial in input size.
Part VI

Solving Recurrences
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Two general methods:

1. Recursion tree method: need to do sums
   - elementary methods, geometric series
   - integration

2. Guess and Verify
   - guessing involves intuition, experience and trial & error
   - verification is via induction
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Construct recursion tree, and observe pattern. 

- $i$th level has $2^i$ nodes, and problem size at each node is $n/2^i$ and hence work at each node is $n2^i/\log n2^i$.

- Summing over all levels:

$$T(n) = \log n - \sum_{i=0}^{\log n} 2^i \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \log \left(\frac{n}{2^i}\right)\right) = \log n - \sum_{i=0}^{\log n} n \log\frac{n}{2^i} \cdot \frac{1}{j} = \Theta(n \log \log n)$$
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T(n) = \sum_{i=0}^{\log n-1} 2^i \left[ \frac{(n/2^i)}{\log(n/2^i)} \right]
\]

\[
= \sum_{i=0}^{\log n-1} \frac{n}{\log n - i}
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= n \sum_{j=1}^{\log n} \frac{1}{j} = nH_{\log n} = \Theta(n \log \log n)
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4. Thus, \( T(n) = \Theta(n \log \log n) \)
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Recurrence: Example IV

1. Consider $T(n) = T(n/4) + T(3n/4) + n$ for $n > 4$. $T(n) = 1$ for $1 \leq n \leq 4$.

2. Using recursion tree, we observe the tree has leaves at different levels (a lop-sided tree).

3. Total work in any level is at most $n$. Total work in any level without leaves is exactly $n$.

4. Highest leaf is at level $\log_4 n$ and lowest leaf is at level $\log_{4/3} n$.

5. Thus, $n \log_4 n \leq T(n) \leq n \log_{4/3} n$, which means $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$.