

Algorithms

Chapter 7: Dynamic Programming

GATE CS PYQ

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Section 5: Algorithms

- Searching, sorting, hashing. Asymptotic worst case time and space complexity. Algorithm design techniques : greedy, dynamic programming and divide-and-conquer . Graph traversals, minimum spanning trees, shortest paths
- **Chapter 1: Algorithm Analysis:-** Algorithm intro , Order of growth ,Asymptotic notation, Time complexity, space complexity, Analysis of Recursive & non recursive program, Master theorem]
- **Chapter 2: Brute Force:-** Sequential search, Selection Sort and Bubble Sort , Radix sort, Depth first Search and Breadth First Search.
- **Chapter 3: Decrease and Conquer :-** Insertion Sort, Topological sort, Binary Search .
- **Chapter 4: Divide and conquer:-** Min max problem , matrix multiplication ,Merge sort ,Quick Sort , Binary Tree Traversals and Related Properties .
- **Chapter 5: Transform and conquer:-** Heaps and Heap sort, Balanced Search Trees.
- **Chapter 6: Greedy Method:-** knapsack problem , Job Assignment problem, Optimal merge, Hoffman Coding, minimum spanning trees, Dijkstra's Algorithm.
- **Chapter 7: Dynamic Programming:-** The Bellman-Ford algorithm ,Warshall's and Floyd's Algorithm ,Rod cutting, Matrix-chain multiplication ,Longest common subsequence ,Optimal binary search trees
- **Chapter 8: Hashing.**
- **Reference :** Introduction to Algorithms by Thomas H. Cormen
- Introduction to the Design and Analysis of Algorithms, by Anany Levitin
- My Note

- **Chapter 7: Dynamic Programming:-**
- Bellman-Ford single-source shortest path
- **GATE CS 2013 | Question: 19**
- The Floyd-Warshall algorithm,
- **GATE CSE 2016 Set 2 | Question: 14 , GATE CSE 2021 Set 1 | Question: 36**
- Matrix chain product,
- **GATE CS 2018 | Question: 31, GATE CSE 2011 | Question: 38 , GATE CS 2016 Set 2 | Question: 38**
- Longest common subsequence
- **GATE CSE 2011 | Question: 25, GATE CS 2014 Set 2 | Question: 37**
- Optimal Binary Search trees.

GATE CS 2009 | Question: 13

Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct regarding Bellman-Ford shortest path algorithm?

P: Always finds a negative weighted cycle, if one exists.

Q: Finds whether any negative weighted cycle is reachable from the source.

(A)P only (B)Q only (C)Both P and Q (D)Neither P nor Q

The Bellman-Ford algorithm returns a boolean value indicating whether or not there is a negative-weight cycle that is reachable from the source.

P:False

Q:True

Ans : (B)Q only

GATE CS 2011 | Question: 25

An algorithm to find the length of the longest monotonically increasing sequence of numbers in an array $A[0:n-1]$ is given below.

Let L_i , denote the length of the longest monotonically increasing sequence starting at index i in the array.

Initialize $L_{n-1}=1$. For all i such that $0 \leq i \leq n-2$

$L_i = \begin{cases} 1+L_{i+1} & \text{if } A[i] < A[i+1] \end{cases}$

$= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$

Finally, the length of the longest monotonically increasing sequence is $\max(L_0, L_1, \dots, L_{n-1})$.

Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?

A. The algorithm uses dynamic programming paradigm

B. The algorithm has a linear complexity and uses branch and bound paradigm

C. The algorithm has a non-linear polynomial complexity and uses branch and bound paradigm

D. The algorithm uses divide and conquer paradigm

The algorithm is storing the optimal solutions to subproblems at each i , and using it to derive the optimal solution of a bigger problem.

This is dynamic programming approach.

Ans : A. The algorithm uses dynamic programming paradigm

GATE CS 2011 | Question: 38

- Four Matrices M_1, M_2, M_3 and M_4 of dimensions $p \times q, q \times r, r \times s$ and $s \times t$ respectively can be multiplied in several ways with different number of total scalar multiplications. For example when multiplied as $((M_1 \times M_2) \times (M_3 \times M_4))$, the total number of scalar multiplications is $pqr + rst + prt$. When multiplied as $((M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3) \times M_4$, the total number of scalar multiplications is $pqr + prs + pst$.
- If $p=10, q=100, r=20, s=5$ and $t=80$, then the minimum number of scalar multiplications needed is
- A. 248000 B. 44000 C. 19000 D. 25000

Matrix	M_1	M_2	M_3	M_4	p_0	p_1	p_2	p_3	p_4
Dimension	10×100	100×20	20×5	5×80	10	100	20	5	80

		j				
		1	2	3	4	m
	1	0	20000	15000	19000	1
	2		0	10000	50000	2
	3			0	8000	3
	4				0	4

- $m[i, j] = 0$ if $i=j$, $\min_{i \leq k < j} \{m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j\}$ if $i < j$.
- $m[1, 2] = 10 * 100 * 20 = 20000, m[2, 3] = 100 * 20 * 5 = 10000, m[3, 4] = 20 * 5 * 80 = 8000$
- $m[1, 3] = \text{Min} \{k=1: m[1, 1] + m[2, 3] + p_0 p_1 p_3 = 0 + 10000 + 10 * 100 * 5 = 15000, k=2: m[1, 2] + m[3, 3] + p_0 p_2 p_3 = 20000 + 0 + 10 * 20 * 5 = 21000\}$
- $m[2, 4] = \text{Min} \{k=2: m[2, 2] + m[3, 4] + p_1 p_2 p_4 = 0 + 8000 + 100 * 20 * 80 = 168000, k=3: m[2, 3] + m[4, 4] + p_1 p_3 p_4 = 10000 + 0 + 100 * 5 * 80 = 50000\}$
- $m[1, 4] = \text{Min} \{k=1: m[1, 1] + m[2, 4] + p_0 p_1 p_4 = 0 + 50000 + 10 * 100 * 80 = 130000, k=2: m[1, 2] + m[3, 4] + p_0 p_2 p_4 = 20000 + 8000 + 10 * 20 * 80 = 44000, k=3: m[1, 3] + m[4, 4] + p_0 p_3 p_4 = 15000 + 0 + 10 * 5 * 80 = 19000\}$
- $((M_1(M_2 M_3)) M_4) = 19000$, Ans : **C. 19000**

		j			
		2	3	4	s
	1	1	3	1	
	2		3	2	i
	3			3	

GATE CS 2013 | Question: 19

What is the time complexity of Bellman-Ford single-source shortest path algorithm on a complete graph of n vertices?

- A. $\Theta(n^2)$ B. $\Theta(n^2 \log n)$ C. $\Theta(n^3)$ D. $\Theta(n^3 \log n)$

Time complexity of Bellman-Ford algorithm is $\Theta(|V||E|)$.

$|V|=n$

If the graph is complete, the value of $|E| = |V|^2 = n^2$

Time complexity = $\Theta(n^3)$

Ans : C. $\Theta(n^3)$

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GATE CS 2014 Set 2 | Question: 37

Consider two strings $A = "qpqrr"$ and $B = "pqprrrp"$. Let x be the length of the longest common subsequence (not necessarily contiguous) between A and B and let y be the number of such longest common subsequences between A and B . Then $x+10y = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.

$$c[i,j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=0 \text{ or } j=0, \\ c[i-1,j-1]+1 & \text{if } i,j > 0 \text{ and } x_i=y_j, \\ \max(c[i,j-1], c[i-1,j]) & \text{if } i,j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j. \end{cases}$$

		$c[i,j] =$								
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
		y_j	p	q	p	r	q	r	p	
i	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	q	0	↑ 0	↖ 1	← 1	← 1	↖ 1	← 1	← 1	
2	p	0	↖ 1	↑ 1	↖ 2	← 2	← 2	← 2	↖ 2	
3	q	0	↑ 1	↖ 2	↑ 2	↑ 2	↖ 3	← 3	← 3	
4	r	0	↑ 1	↑ 2	↑ 2	↖ 3	↑ 3	↖ 4	← 4	
5	r	0	↑ 1	↑ 2	↑ 2	↖ 3	↑ 3	↖ 4	↑ 4	

- $x=4$
- LCS are qpqr , pqrr , qpr
- $y=3$
- $x+10y=34$
- Ans : 34

GATE CS 2015 Set 2 | Question: 31

A Young tableau is a 2D array of integers increasing from left to right and from top to bottom. Any unfilled entries are marked with ∞ , and hence there cannot be any entry to the right of, or below a ∞ . The following Young tableau consists of unique entries.

1	2	5	14
3	4	6	23
10	12	18	25
31	∞	∞	∞

When an element is removed from a Young tableau, other elements should be moved into its place so that the resulting table is still a Young tableau (unfilled entries may be filled with a ∞). The minimum number of entries (other than 1) to be shifted, to remove 1 from the given Young tableau is _____.

- 1: shift 2 left in place of 1
- 2: 4 is shifted up to the first row
- 3: 6 is shifted left in second row .
- 4: 18 shifts up to the second row
- 5: 25 is shifted left to the third column.
- Also infinity is placed to the right of 25 and below 23.
- So, 5 moves and still maintains the tableau property.
- Ans : 5

2	4	5	14
3	6	18	23
10	12	25	∞
31	∞	∞	∞

● GATE CS 2016 Set 2 | Question: 14

● The Floyd-Warshall algorithm for all-pair shortest paths computation is based on

● A. Greedy paradigm.

● B. Divide-and-conquer paradigm.

● C. Dynamic Programming paradigm.

● D. Neither Greedy nor Divide-and-Conquer nor Dynamic Programming paradigm

● In Floyd Warshall's, we calculate all possibilities and select best one

● So its Dynamic Programming Paradigm.

● Ans: C. Dynamic Programming paradigm.

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GATE CS 2016 Set 2 | Question: 38

Let A_1, A_2, A_3 and A_4 be four matrices of dimensions $10 \times 5, 5 \times 20, 20 \times 10$ and 10×5 , respectively. The minimum number of scalar multiplications required to find the product $A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4$ using the basic matrix multiplication method is _____.

Matrix	A_1	A_2	A_3	A_4	p_0	p_1	p_2	p_3	p_4
Dimension	10×5	5×20	20×10	10×5	10	5	20	10	5

$m[i, j] = 0$ if $i=j$, $\min_{i \leq k < j} \{m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j\}$ if $i < j$.

$m[1, 2] = 10 * 5 * 20 = 1000, m[2, 3] = 5 * 20 * 10 = 1000, m[3, 4] = 20 * 10 * 5 = 1000$

$m[1, 3] = \text{Min} \{k=1: m[1, 1] + m[2, 3] + p_0 p_1 p_3 = 0 + 1000 + 10 * 5 * 10 = 1500,$

$k=2: m[1, 2] + m[3, 3] + p_0 p_2 p_3 = 1000 + 0 + 10 * 20 * 10 = 3000\}$

$m[2, 4] = \text{Min} \{k=2: m[2, 2] + m[3, 4] + p_1 p_2 p_4 = 0 + 1000 + 5 * 20 * 5 = 1500,$

$k=3: m[2, 3] + m[4, 4] + p_1 p_3 p_4 = 1000 + 0 + 5 * 10 * 5 = 1250\}$

$m[1, 4] = \text{Min} \{k=1: m[1, 1] + m[2, 4] + p_0 p_1 p_4 = 0 + 1250 + 10 * 5 * 5 = 1500,$

$k=2: m[1, 2] + m[3, 4] + p_0 p_2 p_4 = 1000 + 1000 + 10 * 20 * 5 = 3000,$

$k=3: m[1, 3] + m[4, 4] + p_0 p_3 p_4 = 1500 + 0 + 10 * 10 * 5 = 2000\}$

$(A_1((A_2 A_3) A_4)) = 1500,$

Ans : 1500

		j				
		1	2	3	4	m
i	1	0	1000	1500	1500	1
	2		0	1000	1250	2
	3			0	1000	3
	4				0	4

		j			
		2	3	4	s
i	1	1	1	1	1
	2		2	3	2
	3			3	3

GATE CS 2018 | Question: 31

Assume that multiplying a matrix G_1 of dimension $p \times q$ with another matrix G_2 of dimension $q \times r$ requires pqr scalar multiplications. Computing the product of n matrices $G_1 G_2 G_3 \dots G_n$ can be done by parenthesizing in different ways. Define $G_i G_{i+1}$ as an **explicitly computed pair** for a given parenthesization if they are directly multiplied. For example, in the matrix multiplication chain $G_1 G_2 G_3 G_4 G_5 G_6$ using parenthesization $(G_1(G_2 G_3))(G_4(G_5 G_6))$, $G_2 G_3$ and $G_5 G_6$ are only explicitly computed pairs.

Consider a matrix multiplication chain $F_1 F_2 F_3 F_4 F_5$, where matrices F_1, F_2, F_3, F_4 and F_5 are of dimensions $2 \times 25, 25 \times 3, 3 \times 16, 16 \times 1$ and 1×1000 , respectively. In the parenthesization of $F_1 F_2 F_3 F_4 F_5$ that minimizes the total number of scalar multiplications, the explicitly computed pairs is/are

A. $F_1 F_2$ and $F_3 F_4$ only B. $F_2 F_3$ only C. $F_3 F_4$ only D. $F_1 F_2$ and $F_4 F_5$ only

Matrix F_5 is of dimension 1×1000 , which will increase multiplication cost.

So evaluating F_5 at last is optimal.

$((F_1(F_2(F_3 F_4))))F_5$: $48 + 75 + 50 + 2000 = 2173$

F_3, F_4 are explicitly computed pairs.

Ans: **C. $F_3 F_4$ only**

GATE CS 2020 | Question: 40

Let $G=(V,E)$ be a directed, weighted graph with weight function $w:E\rightarrow R$. For some function $f:V\rightarrow R$, for each edge $(u,v) \in E$, define $w'(u,v)$ as $w(u,v)+f(u)-f(v)$.

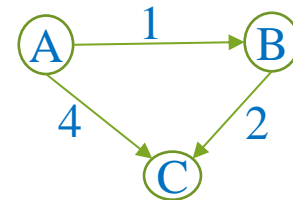
Which one of the options completes the following sentence so that it is TRUE?

“The shortest paths in G under w are shortest paths under w' too, _____”.

(A) for every $f:V\rightarrow R$ (B) if and only if $\forall u \in V, f(u)$ is positive

(C) if and only if $\forall u \in V, f(u)$ is negative

(D) if and only if $f(u)$ is the distance from s to u in the graph obtained by adding a new vertex s to G and edges of zero weight from s to every vertex of G .



$w(A,C)=3$

$w'(A,C)=w(A,C)+f(A)-f(C) = w(A,C)+\text{constant}$, if $f(A)$ & $f(C)=\text{constant}$

$w'(u,v)$ is a transformation of $w(u,v)$.

(A) true for every $f:V\rightarrow R$

(B,C) $f(u)$ positive or negative will not affect .

(D) $f(u)-f(v)=0$ as zero weight from s to every vertex of G .

This will be true if difference is either constant or 0.

In option D its written if and only if so false.

Ans : (A) for every $f:V\rightarrow R$

GATE CS 2021 Set 1 | Question: 36

Let $G=(V,E)$ be an undirected unweighted connected graph. The *diameter* of G is defined as: $\text{diam}(G)=\max_{u,v \in V} \{ \text{the length of shortest path between } u \text{ and } v \}$

Let M be the adjacency matrix of G .

Define graph G_2 on the same set of vertices with adjacency matrix N , where

$$N_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } M_{ij} > 0 \text{ or } P_{ij} > 0, \text{ where } P = M^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Which one of the following statements is true?

A. $\text{diam}(G_2) \leq \lceil \text{diam}(G)/2 \rceil$

B. $\lceil \text{diam}(G)/2 \rceil < \text{diam}(G_2) < \text{diam}(G)$

C. $\text{diam}(G_2) = \text{diam}(G)$

D. $\text{diam}(G) < \text{diam}(G_2) \leq 2 \text{diam}(G)$

$\text{diam}(G) = \max\{1, 1, 2\} = 2$

$\text{diam}(G_2) = \max\{1, 1, 1\} = 1$

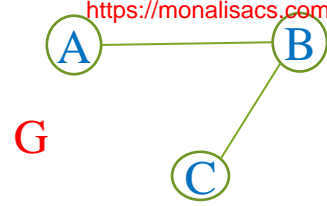
A. $1 \leq 2/2$ True

B. $1 < 1 < 2$ False

C. $1 = 2$ False

D. $2 < 1 \leq 2 * 2$ False

Ans: A. $\text{diam}(G_2) \leq \lceil \text{diam}(G)/2 \rceil$



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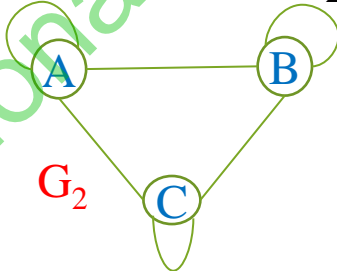
	A	B	C
A	0	1	0
B	1	0	1
C	0	1	0

M²

	A	B	C
A	1	0	1
B	0	2	0
C	1	0	1

N

	A	B	C
A	1	1	1
B	1	1	1
C	1	1	1



GATE CS 2021 Set 1 | Question: 40

Define R_n to be the maximum amount earned by cutting a rod of length n meters into one or more pieces of integer length and selling them. For $i > 0$, let $p[i]$ denote the selling price of a rod whose length is i meters. Consider the array of prices:

$p[1]=1, p[2]=5, p[3]=8, p[4]=9, p[5]=10, p[6]=17, p[7]=18$ Which of the following statements is/are correct about R_7 ?

- A. $R_7=18$ B. $R_7=19$
- C. R_7 is achieved by three different solutions
- D. R_7 cannot be achieved by a solution consisting of three pieces

$$R_n = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (p_i + R_{n-i})$$

$$R_1=1, 1=1 \text{ no cuts} \qquad R_2=5, 2=2 \text{ no cuts} \qquad R_3=8, 3=3 \text{ no cuts}$$

$$R_4=10, 4=2+2 \qquad R_5=13, 5=2+3 \qquad R_6=17, 6=6 \text{ no cuts}$$

$$R_7 = \max \{ p_1 + R_6, p_2 + R_5, p_3 + R_4, p_4 + R_3, p_5 + R_2, p_6 + R_1, p_7 + R_0 \}$$

$$R_7 = \max \{ 1+17, 5+13, 8+10, 9+8, 10+5, 17+1, 18 \} = 18$$

7, 1+6, 2+2+3 Three different solutions.

Ans : A,C