

# Midterm 2 Review:

Divide & Conquer, DP, Graph algo  
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 (BFS, DFS, SCC, shortest paths...)

9 A shuffle of two strings  $X$  and  $Y$  is formed by interspersing the characters into a new string, keeping the characters of  $X$  and  $Y$  in the same order. For example, the string BANANAANANAS is a shuffle of the strings BANANA and ANANAS in several different ways.

BANANA ANANAS    BAN ANA ANA NAS    BAN AN ANA ANA S

Similarly, the strings PRODGYRNAMAMMIINCG and DYPRONGARMAMMICING are both shuffles of DYNAMIC and PROGRAMMING:

PRO<sup>D</sup>GYR<sup>NAM</sup>AMMI<sup>I</sup>NC<sup>G</sup>      DY<sup>PRONGAR</sup>MAMMI<sup>IC</sup>ING

Describe and analyze an efficient algorithm to determine, given three strings  $A[1..m]$ ,  $B[1..n]$ , and  $C[1..m+n]$ , whether  $C$  is a shuffle of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Subproblem:  $0 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq n$ .  
 $Is\_shuf(i, j)$ : True if  $C[1..(i+j)]$  is a shuffle of  $A[1..i]$ ,  $B[1..j]$

Ans:  $Is\_shuf(m, n)$

Base case:  $Is\_shuf(0, 0) = True$ .  
 $1 \leq i \leq m$      $Is\_shuf(i, 0) = True$  if  $A[1..i] = C[1..i]$  ←  
 $1 \leq j \leq n$      $Is\_shuf(0, j) = True$  if  $B[1..j] = C[1..j]$  ←

Formula:  
 $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq n$   
 $A[i] \dots A[i]$      ~~$C[i+j]$~~   
 $B[j] \dots B[j]$   
 $Is\_shuf(i, j) = False$  if  $C[i+j] \neq A[i]$  &  
 $C[i+j] \neq B[j]$   
 ... &  $C[i+j] \neq B[j]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \text{IS-shut}(i-1, j) \text{ if } \underline{c[i+j]} = \underline{A[i]} \ \& \ c[i+j] \neq B[j] \\
 &= \text{IS-shut}(i, j-1) \text{ if } " \neq " \ \& \ " = " \\
 &= (\text{IS-shut}(i-1, j)) \text{ if } " = " \ \& \ " = " \\
 &\quad \text{OR}(\text{IS-shut}(i, j-1))
 \end{aligned}$$

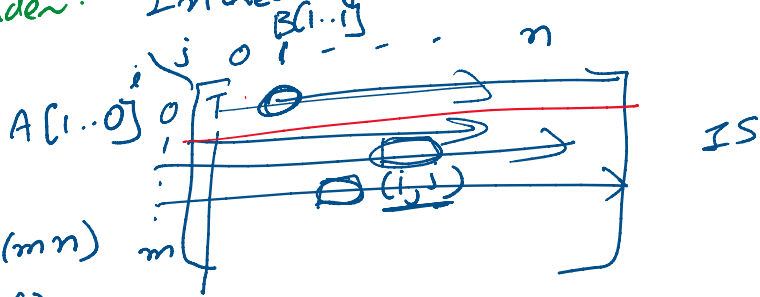
Evaluation Order: Increasing  $i$ , increasing  $j$ .

Running Time:

# sub prob:  $O(mn)$

time/s.p.:  $O(1)$

Total:  $O(mn)$



Pseudo code: //  $\text{IS}[i, j] = \text{IS-shut}(i, j) = T/F$

1.  $\text{IS}[0, 0] = T$

2. for  $i=1$  to  $m$  do if  $(\underline{A[1..i]} = \underline{c[1..i]})$   
 then  $\text{IS}[i, 0] = T$   
 else  $\text{IS}[i, 0] = F.$

→ 3. for  $j=1$  to  $n$  do if  $(\underline{B[1..j]} = \underline{c[1..j]})$   
 then  $\text{IS}[0, j] = T$   
 else  $\text{IS}[0, j] = F.$

4. for  $i=1$  to  $m$

5. for  $j=1$  to  $n$

6. if  $\underline{A[i]} = \underline{c[i+j]} \ \& \ \underline{B[j]} = \underline{c[i+j]}$

then  $\text{IS}[i, j] = \text{IS}[i-1, j] \vee \text{IS}[i, j-1]$

7. else if  $\underline{A[i]} = \underline{c[i+j]} \ \& \ \underline{B[j]} \neq \underline{c[i+j]}$

7.  $\text{then } \rightarrow \text{true}$   
 else if  $A[i] = C[i+j] \neq B[j] \neq C[i+j]$   
 then  $IS[i,j] = IS[i-1,j]$
8. else if  $A[i] \neq C[i+j] \neq B[j] = C[i+j]$   
 then  $IS[i,j] = IS[i,j-1]$
9. else  $IS[i,j] = \text{False}$ .

10 Suppose you are given a sequence of non-negative integers separated by + and × signs; for example:

$$2 \times 3 + 0 \times 6 \times 1 + 4 \times 2$$

You can change the value of this expression by adding parentheses in different places. For example:

$$\begin{cases} 2 \times (3 + (0 \times (6 \times (1 + (4 \times 2)))))) = 6 \\ (((((2 \times 3) + 0) \times 6) \times 1) + 4) \times 2 = 80 \\ ((2 \times 3) + (0 \times 6)) \times (1 + (4 \times 2)) = 108 \\ (((2 \times 3) + 0) \times 6) \times ((1 + 4) \times 2) = 360 \end{cases}$$

Describe and analyze an algorithm to compute, given a list of integers separated by + and × signs, the smallest possible value we can obtain by inserting parentheses.

Your input is an array  $A[0..2n]$  where each  $A[i]$  is an integer if  $i$  is even and + or × if  $i$  is odd. Assume any arithmetic operation in your algorithm takes  $O(1)$  time.

Subproblem:  $0 \leq i \leq j \leq 2n, i, j \text{ even}$

$\text{Min-Sum}(i, j) = \text{Min-sum value for}$   
 i/p  $A[i \dots j]$

Ans:  $\text{Min-sum}(0, 2n)$

Base case:  $\text{Min-sum}(i, i) = A[i] \quad \forall i \text{ even}$

Formula:  $0 \leq i < j \leq 2n$

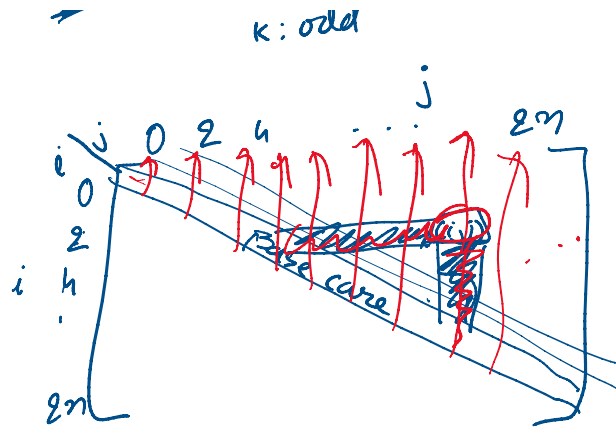
$$A[i \dots k] \times A[k \dots j]$$

$$\text{Min-sum}(i, j) = \min_{\substack{i < k < j \\ k: \text{odd}}} \text{Min-sum}(i, k-1) \cdot A[k] \cdot \text{Min-sum}(k+1, j)$$

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Evaluation:



increasing  
in  $(j-i)$   
 $\equiv$  increasing  
in  $j$  &  
decreasing in  $i$

29 Suppose you are given a directed graph  $G$  in which every edge has negative weight, and a source vertex  $s$ . Describe and analyze an efficient algorithm that computes the shortest path distances from  $s$  to every other vertex in  $G$ . Specifically, for every vertex  $t$ :

- If  $t$  is not reachable from  $s$ , your algorithm should report  $dist(t) = \infty$ .
- If the shortest-path distance from  $s$  to  $t$  is not well-defined because of negative cycles, your algorithm should report  $dist(t) = -\infty$ .
- If neither of the two previous conditions applies, your algorithm should report the correct shortest-path distance from  $s$  to  $t$ .

(Hint: First think about graphs where the first two conditions never happen.)

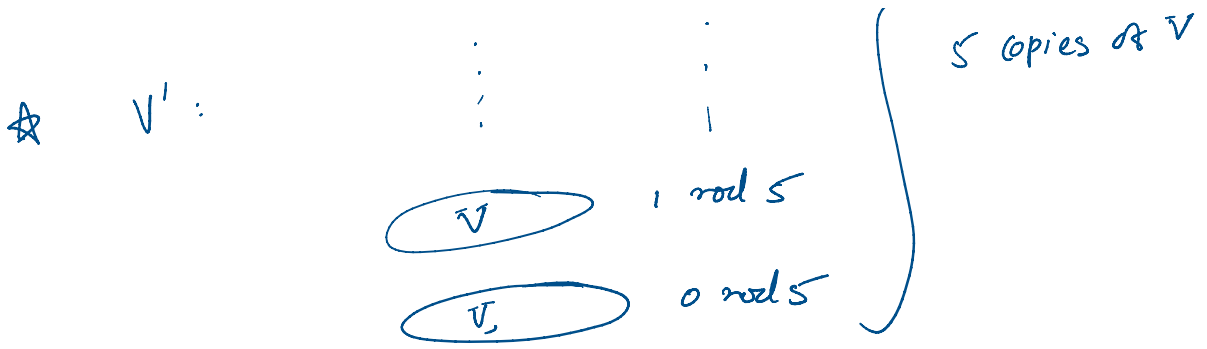
Sol'n sketch:

- Find SCC & their Meta-graph, say  $G' = (V', E')$  ( $G'$  is a DAG).
- Do BFS from  $scc(s)$  in  $G'$
- For each component  $G$  set in the BFS tree do for each vertex  $v \in G$  set  $d[v] = \infty$ . Remove  $G$  & all its incident edges from  $G'$ .
- Construct  $G'' = (V'', E'')$  where  $V'' = \{G_{in}, G_{out} \mid G \in V'\}$  &  $E'' = \{(G_{out}, D_{in}) \mid (G, D) \in E'\} \cup \{(G_{in}, G_{out}) \mid G \in V'\}$ .  

Weights on all the edges is 0 except for  $w(G_{in}, G_{out}) = -1$  if  $\#vertices \text{ in } G > 1$ .
- $G''$  is a DAG. Run SSSP on  $G''$  starting at  $s$ .

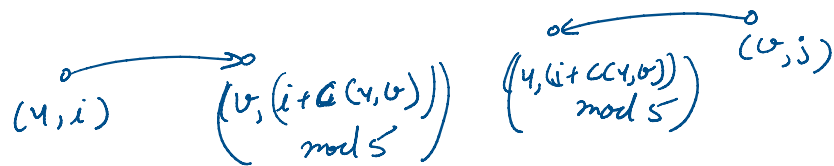
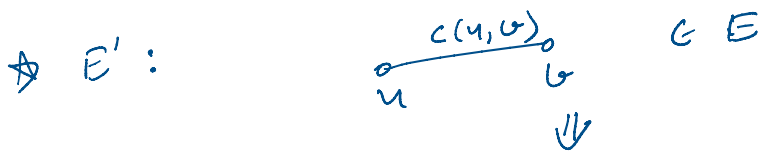






Formally,  $V = \{(v, i) \mid v \in V \neq i \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}\}$

→  $(v, i) \in V'$  represents that Judy is at galaxy  $v \in V$  & the cost paid so far is  $i \pmod 5$ .



→ Formally  $E' = \left\{ ((u, i), (v, k)) \mid \begin{array}{l} \{u, v\} \in E, \\ k = (i + c(u, v)) \pmod 5 \end{array} \right\}$

$|V'| = 5n = O(n)$        $|E'| = 10m = O(m)$

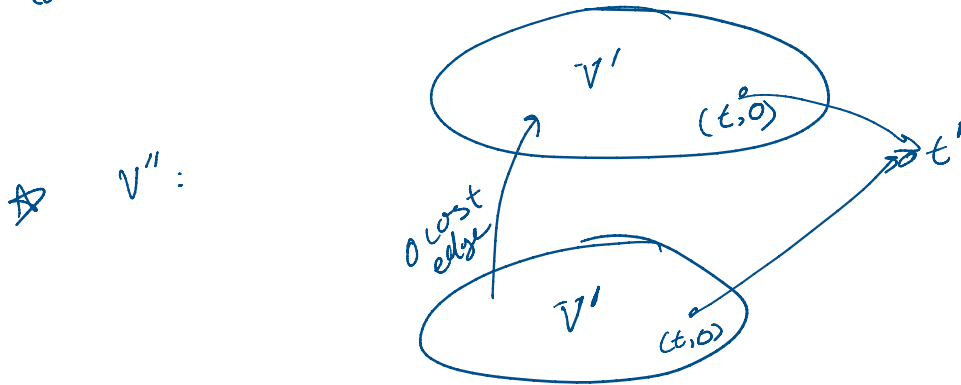
★ Find shortest path from  $(s, 0)$  to  $(t, 0)$ . using BFS in  $O(m+n)$  time.

★ Justification: when Judy starts at vertex  $s$  in graph  $G$ , she has not paid any cost yet. Hence, the corresponding vertex in  $G'$  is  $(s, 0)$ . She can reach  $t$  in  $G$  paying  $(0 \pmod 5)$  cost  $\Leftrightarrow$  in  $G'$   $\exists$  a path from  $(s, 0)$  to  $(t, 0)$ . The shortest path will minimize the # edges/teleports.

cost  $\Leftrightarrow$  in  $G'$   $\exists$  a path from  $(s,0)$  to  $(t,1)$   
 The shortest path will minimize the # edges/takes taken.

(11. B) (Idea: Make two copies of  $G'$ )

Construct  $G'' = (V'', E'')$



Formally:

$$V'' = \left\{ (v, i, b) \mid \begin{array}{l} (v, i) \in V \\ b \in \{0, 1\} \end{array} \right\} \cup \{t'\}$$

bit  $b$  represents # free edges taken.

$$\star E'' = \left\{ (v, i, b), (v, k, b) \mid \begin{array}{l} (v, i), (v, k) \in E' \\ b \in \{0, 1\} \end{array} \right\} \left. \vphantom{\left\{ (v, i, b), (v, k, b) \right\}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{(within each} \\ \text{of the two copies,} \\ \text{keep all the } E' \text{ edges)} \end{array}$$

$$\cup \left\{ (v, i, 0), (v, i, 1) \mid \{u, v\} \in E \right\} \left. \vphantom{\left\{ (v, i, 0), (v, i, 1) \right\}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} (u, i, 0) \rightarrow (v, i, 1) \\ \text{represents the free edge} \end{array}$$

$$\cup \left\{ (t, 0, 0), t' \right\}, \left\{ (t, 0, 1), t' \right\} \left. \vphantom{\left\{ (t, 0, 0), t' \right\}, \left\{ (t, 0, 1), t' \right\}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{(both } (t, 0, 0) \text{ \& } (t, 0, 1) \\ \text{are valid termination points.} \\ \text{So connect them to a common} \\ \text{terminal } t' \end{array}$$

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so we can find terminal  $t'$

\* Find shortest path from  $(s_0, 0, 0)$  → no tree edge taken so far.  
0 nodes cost

to  $t'$ .

Using again BFS on  $G'$  starting at  $(s_0, 0)$

$$\text{In } O(|E''| + |V''|) = O(2|E| + |E| + 2, 2|V''| + 1) \\ = O(m+n) \text{ time.}$$

35 After graduating you accept a job with Aerophobes-A-U-s, the leading traveling agency for people who hate to fly. Your job is to build a system to help customers plan airplane trips from one city to another. All of your customers are afraid of flying (and by extension, airports), so any trip you plan needs to be as short as possible. You know all the departure and arrival times of all the flights on the planet.

Suppose one of your customers wants to fly from city  $X$  to city  $Y$ . Describe an algorithm to find a sequence of flights that minimizes the *total time in transit*—the length of time from the initial departure to the final arrival, including time at intermediate airports waiting for connecting flights.