

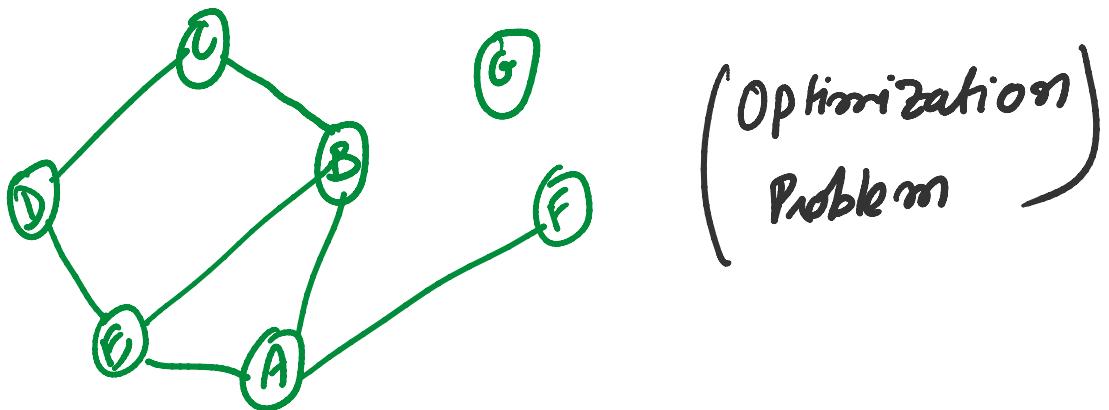
Backtracking:

recursion to try "all" possible soln
(reduce + reuse).

Ex 1: Maximum Independent set:

Given undirected graph $G = (V, E)$ $|V| = n$

Find $S \subseteq V$ maximizing $|S|$
s.t. $\forall u, v \in S \Rightarrow \forall u \notin E$ $\Rightarrow S$ is an independent set



e.g. $\{A, C\}$ is size 2.

$\{B, D, F\}$ is size 3.

Algo 0: Brute force

Try all subsets. And for each check if indep set

$$2^n$$

$$O(n)$$

- $n/2^n \rightarrow$

$$\Rightarrow O(2^n \cdot m).$$

Algo 1: Backtracking

idea: try only "feasible" subsets

Consider a vertex $v \in V$

case I: v is not in opt. sol'n.

remove v & recurse on $G - v$

case II: v is in the opt. sol'n.

remove v AND recurse.

& all of its neighbours

$$N(v) = \{u \mid uv \in E\}$$

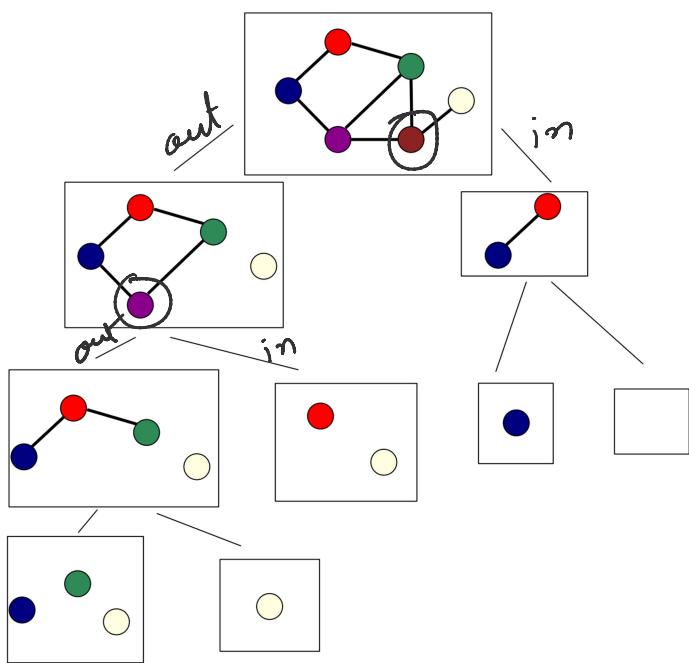
Algo:

$\text{MIS}(G)$: Return "size" of max.
indep. set.

If G is empty return 0.

Pick vertex $v \in V$.
If $\deg(v)=0$ then return $1 + \text{MIS}(G - v)$.
return $\max \{ \text{MIS}(G - v), 1 + \text{MIS}(G - v - N(v)) \}$

$$1 + MIS(G - v - \text{in}(v))$$



Recursion will automatically backtrack in depth-first search manner.

$$\deg(v) = |N(v)|$$

Running Time: $T(n) = \underbrace{T(n-1)}_{\text{worst-case } \deg(v) \geq 0} + T(n-1 - \deg(v)) + O(m)$

$$= 2T(n-1) + O(m)$$

$$= O(2^n \cdot m)$$

Improved Analysis:

$$\deg(v) \geq 1 \Rightarrow T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(m)$$

Fibonacci #: $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$, $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$

Suppose $F_n = x^n$

Then $x^n = x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}$

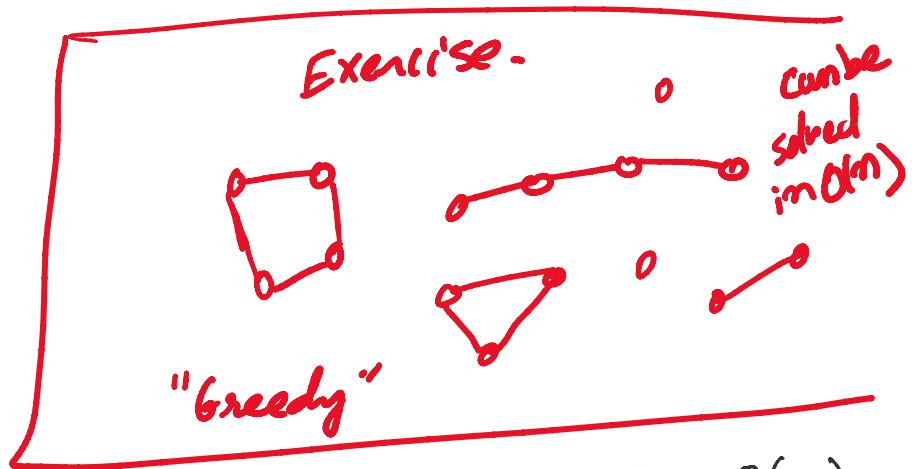
$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618 \quad \text{... Golden Ratio}$$

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$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(1.618^n \cdot m)$$

Analysis 3: Pick vertex w/ max deg. & stop when deg of every vertex is ≤ 2 .



$$\deg(v) \geq 3 \Rightarrow T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-4) + O(m)$$

$x^n = x^3 + 1$

$$\Rightarrow O(1.381^n \cdot m)$$

Note: current record $O(1.1996^n \cdot m)$
 [Xiao + Nagaochi '17]

Ex2: Longest Increasing Subsequence

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$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m$$

Find sub seq. that maximizes l.

$$i_1 \leq i_2 \leq \dots \leq i_l \text{ s.t. } a_{i_1} \leq a_{i_2} \leq \dots \leq a_{i_l}$$

e.g. $9, 2, 3, 13, 1, 10, 5, 4, 9, 7, 12$

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Algo 0 : Brute force.

Try all possible subseq. & check

\uparrow

2^n

\uparrow

$O(n)$

$$\Rightarrow O(2^n \cdot n)$$

Algo I : Backtracking

Consider a_m

case I: a_m is not in the opt. soln.
recurse on a_1, \dots, a_{m-1}

case II: a_m is in the opt. soln.

recurse on a_1, \dots, a_{m-1} &

make sure to pick ele. $\leq a_m$

largest possible number in set M = Extra bit of iteration to be passed to the function.

- - - - - $X \backslash \backslash$ returns length of longest

number in \leftarrow ↘
 $LIS(\underline{a_1, \dots, a_n}, X)$ // returns length of longest
 inc. subseq. of ele $\leq X$.
 If $n=0$ return 0
 If $a_n \leq X$ then
 return $\max \left\{ LIS(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, X), 1 + LIS(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, \underline{a_n}) \right\}$
 else return $LIS(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, X)$
 —
 call: $LIS(a_1, \dots, a_n) \geq$

Naive Analysis: $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + O(1)$
 $\Rightarrow O(2^n)$!

"key Observation":
How many "distinct" sub problems?
125 (para I, para S)

How many "distinct" LIS (para 1, para 2)
list of ele. upperborder
on picked ele.

distinct para I = # prefixes = n.

- # distinct para 1 = # prefixes = n .
- # distinct para 2 = # element + 1 = $n+1$.

Total = $n \cdot (n+1)$ subproblems.

Total - - - -



Solving same subproblems over & over again!

Avoid this by remembering answers.

↳ Memoization

⇒ dynamic programming

Memoization ver 1: (recursive).

$LIS(i, j) :$ // input $\langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle$
 $x = a_m$.

If $i=0$ return 0. ↵

If $L[i, j] \neq \text{unset}$ return $L[i, j]$ ↵

If $a_i \leq a_j$
return $L[i, j] = \max \left\{ LIS(\underline{i-1}, j), 1 + LIS(\underline{i-1}, i) \right\}$

Else return $L[i, j] = LIS(\underline{i-1}, j)$

⇒ Running time: $O(n^2)$

$L :$

$i \backslash j \quad a_1 \quad \dots \quad a_m \quad a_{m+1} = \infty$

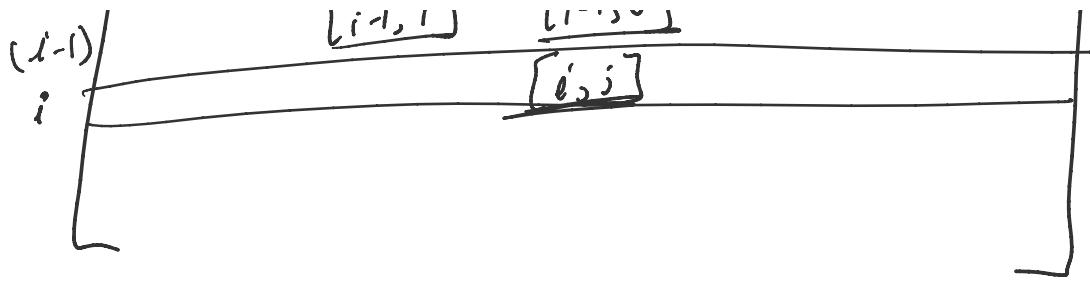
$0 \quad [0, \dots, \dots, 0]$

$I \quad [i-1, i] \quad [i-1, j] \quad [i, j]$

$(i-1) \quad \dots$

\vdots

$[i, j]$



Memoization Ver 2: (iterative)

idea: start $i=0$ & complete the table
row-by-row.

$O(n) \rightarrow$ For $j=1$ to n do $L[0, j] = 0$.
 $n \times O(n) \rightarrow$ { For $i=1$ to n do
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 { if $a_i \leq a_j$ $L[i, j] = \max \{ L[i-1, j], L[i-1, i] \}$
 Else $L[i, j] = L[i-1, j]$
}
}
}

Running time: $O(n) + O(n^2) = O(n^2)$.

Dynamic Programming