

Binary Search, Introduction to Dynamic Programming

Lecture 8

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Part I

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- ① **Problem:** shortest paths in a graph.
- ② **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 ?
- ③ **Optimization version:** find the length of a shortest path between s and t in G .

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Recursion in Algorithm Design

- 1 **Tail Recursion**: problem reduced to a *single* recursive call after some work. Easy to convert algorithm into iterative or greedy algorithms. Examples: Interval scheduling, MST algorithms, etc.
- 2 **Divide and Conquer**: Problem reduced to multiple **independent** sub-problems that are solved separately. Conquer step puts together solution for bigger problem.
Examples: Closest pair, deterministic median selection, quick sort.
- 3 **Dynamic Programming**: problem reduced to multiple (typically) *dependent or overlapping* sub-problems. Use **memoization** to avoid recomputation of common solutions leading to *iterative bottom-up* algorithm.

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What is the difference?

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- ② Iterative algorithm is storing computed values and building bottom up the final value. **Memoization**.
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Store ( $n, val$ ) in  $D$ 
return  $val$ 
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Explicit vs Implicit Memoization

- ① Explicit memoization or iterative algorithm preferred if one can analyze problem ahead of time. Allows for efficient memory allocation and access.
- ② Implicit and automatic memoization used when problem structure or algorithm is either not well understood or in fact unknown to the underlying system.
 - ① Need to pay overhead of data-structure.
 - ② Functional languages such as LISP automatically do memoization, usually via hashing based dictionaries.

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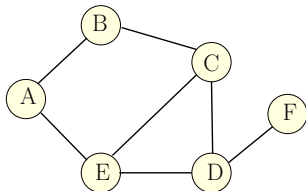
Part III

Brute Force Search, Recursion and Backtracking

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 $(u, v) \notin E$.

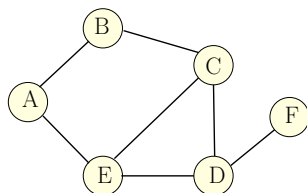


Some independent sets in graph above:

Maximum Independent Set Problem

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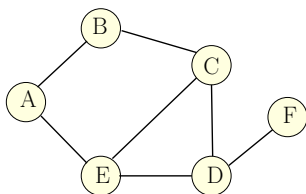
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Backtrack Search via Recursion

- ① Recursive algorithm generates a tree of computation where each node is a smaller problem (subproblem)
- ② Simple recursive algorithm computes/explores the whole tree blindly in some order.
- ③ Backtrack search is a way to explore the tree intelligently to prune the search space
 - ① Some subproblems may be so simple that we can stop the recursive algorithm and solve it directly by some other method
 - ② Memoization to avoid recomputing same problem
 - ③ Stop the recursion at a subproblem if it is clear that there is no need to explore further.
 - ④ Leads to a number of heuristics that are widely used in practice although the worst case running time may still be exponential.

Example

