

COMP 3804 – Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Assignment 2

Due: February 17, 2017 at 23:55

- Your solutions should be submitted online on cuLearn in the form of a single PDF file.
- Your answers should be precise, concise and clear. All algorithms should be given in pseudocode.
- Every part of every theory question is worth 2 marks. The grading scheme is 2 points for a correct answer, 0 for a completely incorrect answer, and 1 point for something in-between. The implementation part (question 4i) is worth 10% of the grade.

1. Let $S3(X)$ be the number of sequences of 1s, 2s, and 3s that sum up to some given number X . For example, there are 7 sequences that add up to 4: 31, 22, 211, 13, 121, 112, and 1111, so $S3(4) = 7$.
 - (a) Find the optimal substructure in $S3(X)$ and express it as a recurrence.
 - (b) Give a dynamic programming algorithm that computes $S3(X)$, based on the recurrence from 1a.
 - (c) Analyze the running time of your algorithm.

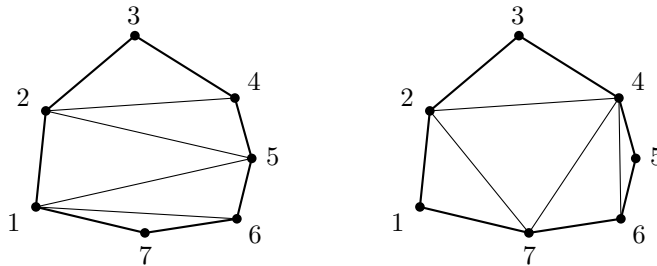


Figure 1: Two triangulations of the same convex polygon. The triangulation on the right has smaller weight than the triangulation on the left.

2. Given a convex polygon P with n vertices, a *triangulation* of P consists of $n - 3$ diagonals that do not intersect each other, except possibly at their endpoints (see Figure 1 for an example). These diagonals partition P into a set of disjoint triangles, which is useful for many applications, in particular in computer graphics. The *weight* of a triangulation is the sum of the lengths of its diagonals. We are interested in finding the triangulation of minimum weight. For convenience, we number the vertices of P from 1 through n in clockwise order. Note that any subsequence of vertices forms a new, smaller, convex polygon.
 - (a) Prove that the minimum weight triangulation of P consists of a triangle $(1, k, n)$ that includes the edge $(1, n)$, and the minimum weight triangulations of the two convex polygons formed by the vertices 1 through k and k through n .
 - (b) Let $W(P)$ be the weight of the minimum weight triangulation of P . Express $W(P)$ as a recurrence, using the property you proved in 2a.
 - (c) Give a dynamic programming algorithm that computes $W(P)$, based on your recurrence.
 - (d) Analyze the running time of your algorithm.

3. When a new gene is discovered, a standard approach to understanding its function is to look through a database of known genes and find close matches. The closeness of two genes is measured by the extent to which they are aligned. To formalize this, think of a gene as being a sequence of characters from an alphabet $\Sigma = \{A, C, G, T\}$. Consider two genes (sequences) $X = ATGCC$ and $Y = TACGCA$. An alignment of X and Y is a way of matching up these two genes by writing them in columns, for instance:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & - & A & T & - & G & C & C \\
 T & A & - & C & G & C & A \\
 \hline
 & -3 & +1 & -3 & -3 & +1 & +1 & -1 & = -7
 \end{array}$$

Here the $-$ indicates a gap. The characters of each gene must appear in order, and each column must contain a character from at least one of the genes. The score of an alignment is calculated by assigning a score to each column and adding these up. A column with two matching characters gets score $+1$, a column with two mismatched characters gets score -1 , and a column with a gap gets score -3 . The score of the alignment above would be $-3 + 1 - 3 - 3 + 1 + 1 - 1 = -7$. Given two genes, we want to find the alignment with the highest score.

- Prove that if X and Y end with the same character, there is an optimal alignment whose final column contains those two characters. (*Hint*: try a proof by contradiction.)
 - Suppose X ends with A and Y ends with C . What are the possibilities for the final column of an alignment of X and Y ?
 - Give a recurrence for the score $S(X, Y)$ of the optimal alignment of X and Y .
 - Give a dynamic programming algorithm to compute $S(X, Y)$, based on your recurrence.
 - Analyze the running time of your algorithm.
4. You're a voracious reader with a large collection of books $B = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n]$ and you're going on vacation. You've already packed all your essentials and discovered that you have W grams left to fill up with books. Because you want to optimize your reading pleasure, you've rated every book b in your collection for enjoyment ($e(b)$) and then used a scale to find out how much each book weighs in grams ($w(b)$). You only have one copy of each book, and you are interested in maximizing the sum of the enjoyment values.

For example, suppose that $W = 1000$ and you are considering the following four books:

	b_1	b_2	b_3	b_4
w	600	300	400	200
e	30	14	16	9

Then the optimal book selection consists of books b_1 and b_3 , which together weigh exactly 1 kilogram and have a total enjoyment of 46.

- Suppose that $S = \{b_1, b_4, b_{10}\}$ is the set of books with maximum total enjoyment among all sets of books that weigh at most 1000 grams in total. Show that $\{b_1, b_4\}$ is an optimal set of books among all sets of books that weigh at most $1000 - w(b_{10})$ grams in total and only use books b_1 through b_9 .
- Use the observation from 4a to give a recurrence for $S(W, k)$: the maximum total enjoyment over all sets of books with total weight at most W that only use books b_1 through b_k .
- Give a dynamic programming algorithm that computes the maximum total enjoyment over all sets of books that weigh at most W grams.
- Analyze the running time of your algorithm.
- Is this running time polynomial in the *size* of the input? Why, or why not?

You have also classified each book in your collection into one of three genres: Classics, Fantasy, and Science Fiction. To make sure that your books aren't too similar, you want to pack at least G books from each genre.

- Modify your recurrence from 4b to account for this new condition. (*Hint*: introduce three new variables, representing the number of books from each genre, up to G .)
- Modify your algorithm from 4c to account for this new condition.

- (h) Analyze the running time of your new algorithm.
- (i) (10%) Implement your algorithm as `computeMaximumEnjoyment` in `BookPacker.java` in the accompanying zip file. Submit your source code to the submission server (not cuLearn).
- (j) **Bonus:** Implement the `computeMaximumEnjoymentBooks` method that returns the set of books that gives the maximum enjoyment, instead of just the enjoyment value.