Lecture 24: Final Review

CSE 373 – Data Structures and Algorithms
Administrivia

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so we can improve the course, and you can get extra credit!

There’s a topics list:
  (It’s a pdf linked on the exams page instead of just being on the exams page)

Go to your officially registered section tomorrow for part 1!
- Remember no note sheet tomorrow
- But you will have the same identities sheet as the midterm.

Part 2 will be here on Friday
- Note sheet with same rules as midterm (one 8.5” x 11” sheet of paper)
- And we’ll give you the same identities sheet again.
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What are the vertices?
People

What are the edges?
Edges are directed, have an edge from X to Y if you know X came before Y.

What are we looking for?
- A total ordering (i.e. a line) consistent with all the ordering we do know.

What do we run?
- Topological Sort!
More Graph Modeling

You have three jars, one holds 3 cups, another 5 cups, and the last 9 cups.

You can:
- Fill a jar with water (to the top)
- Dump all the water from a jar (leaving none inside)
- Pour the contents of one jar to another. Stopping when either the first jar runs out or the second jar becomes full.

Your goal is to get exactly 7 cups of water into the jar that holds up to 9 cups, and no water in both of the other jars.

Describe an algorithm to find a set of movements to do (or determine that none exists)

Hint: this is a graph modeling problem!!
More Graph Modeling

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What are the vertices?
- Have a vertex for each possible “state” we could be in
- e.g. “jar 1 contains 2 cups of water, jar 2 contains 4 cups of water, jar 3 is empty” Call this state (2,4,0)

What are the edges?
- Have an edge from state A to state B if a single operation will take you from A to B
- For example, we have an edge from: (2,4,0) to (1,5,1) because we can pour from jar 1 into jar 2 until it’s full and enter the second state.
- Edges are directed (e.g. we can’t get from (1,5,1) back to (2,4,0)

What are we looking for?
- A set of steps to get from (0,0,0) to (0,0,7)

Algorithm?
- Just need a path (not the shortest one). To make simpler, add a “dummy target” accessible from any good final state. Now run [B/D]FS from (0,0,0) and see if you can get to (0,0,7)
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What are the vertices?
- Vertex for PAA, every restaurant on the Ave, and probably a bunch of “locations” in-between

What are the edges?
- Sidewalks or any other direct connections between our vertices.
- Weighted? – yes! Time it takes to walk along the sidewalk
- Directed? – Maybe. Does it take longer to walk one direction than the other? If not undirected is fine.

What are we looking for?
- Shortest path from PAA to every restaurant

Algorithm?
- Dijkstra’s, with PAA as source. Automatically find distances to all possible targets. Can reconstruct paths using predecessor pointers for any destination we need.
Code Modeling

//counts the number of vertices reachable from source.
public void countElements(Graph g, Vertex source) {
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    Queue<Vertex> toProcess = new Queue<>();
    toProcess.enqueue(source);
    seen.put(source);
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Total in-practice time: $O(m(m + n)) = O(m^2 + mn)$
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Requirement 1 means a **stable sort** is required. Requirement 2 means you want worst-case $O(n \log n)$. **Merge sort** meets both of those requirements (none of our other sorts do).
You and your friends can never agree on which of the $n$ restaurants on the Ave to eat dinner at. Tired of all the yelling and sorting, you decide on another solution.

All of you will rank the restaurants from 1 to $n$, and a value $k$ will be chosen, then:

For (each friend $f$)
    For ($i = 0; i < k; i++$)
        *if only one restaurant remains, go there.*
        *else remove f’s least favorite remaining restaurant as a possibility*
    End For
End For

If more than one restaurant remains, pick a remaining restaurant at random.

What ADT(s) would you want to use in this problem?
What data structures would you use to implement them?
How do you use these structures to execute this algorithm? What is the running time of the steps you have to do? (Don’t try to find the overall time of the algorithm; it depends on way too many factors to cleanly analyze)
Design Decision

Many possibilities. Here are two:

Doubly-Linked list implementation of List ADT; List contains restaurants objects that know everyone’s rankings
- Finding restaurant to delete involves iterating over list to find restaurant to delete \(O(n)\)
- And deleting it \(O(1)\)

Heap implementation of priority queue; queue contains restaurant objects that know everyone’s rankings
- When we start processing a new person, buildHeap according to their preferences \(O(n)\)
- To remove least favorite restaurant just remove min \(O(\log n)\)
Design Decision

Here’s another!

Have a set of remaining restaurants and a list for each person’s preferences.
Use a hash set for the restaurants.

To choose:
- Iterate from the end of each person’s preference, if the set still has the restaurant, remove it. Else move up one in the list until you’ve deleted $k$.

- Worst case lookup in the lists? $O(1)$ (either use an arraylist, or implement a custom “reverse order” iterator)
- In-practice time for each lookup and delete? $O(1)$
- Worst case time for each lookup and delete? $O(n)$
**P/NP**

We’ll only ask multiple choice questions on P vs. NP.

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