

CSE 421 Algorithms


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Lecture 29
Coping with NP-Completeness
Complexity Theory

Announcements

- Final exam,
 - Monday, December 9, 2:30-4:20 pm
 - Comprehensive (2/3 post midterm, 1/3 pre midterm)
 - Old finals / answers on course website
 - Material covered in lecture
 - Kleinberg, Tardos, Sections 1.1 – 8.10
 - Unlikely to be on the exam
 - 2.5, 4.8, 5.6, 6.9, 7.3, 7.4, 7.13, 8.9

Coping with NP-Completeness

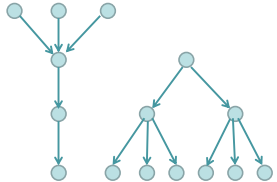
- Approximation Algorithms
- Exact solution via Branch and Bound
- Local Search



I can't find an efficient algorithm, but neither can all these famous people.

Multiprocessor Scheduling

- Unit execution tasks
- Precedence graph
- K-Processors



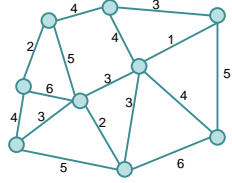
- Polynomial time for $k=2$
- Open for $k = \text{constant}$
- NP-complete if k is part of the problem

Highest level first is 2-Optimal

Choose k items on the highest level
Claim: number of rounds is at least twice the optimal.

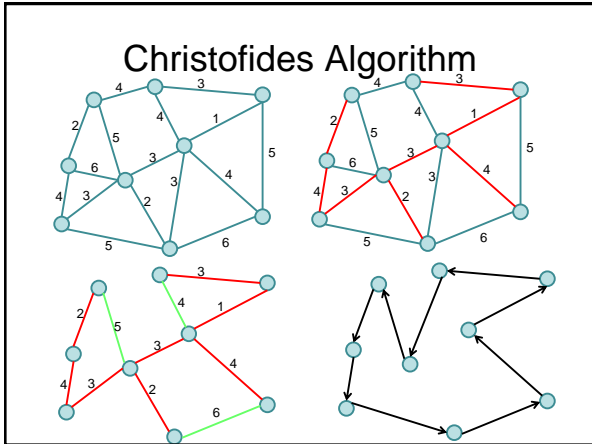
Christofides TSP Algorithm

- Undirected graph satisfying triangle inequality



1. Find MST
2. Add additional edges so that all vertices have even degree
3. Build Eulerian Tour

3/2 Approximation



Bin Packing

- Given N items with weight w_i , pack the items into as few unit capacity bins as possible
- Example: .3, .3, .3, .3, .4, .4

First Fit Packing

- First Fit**
 - Theorem: $FF(I)$ is at most $17/10 \text{ Opt}(I) + 2$
- First Fit Decreasing**
 - Theorem: $FFD(I)$ is at most $11/9 \text{ Opt}(I) + 4$

Branch and Bound

- Brute force search – tree of all possible solutions
- Branch and bound – compute a lower bound on all possible extensions
 - Prune sub-trees that cannot be better than optimal

Branch and Bound for TSP

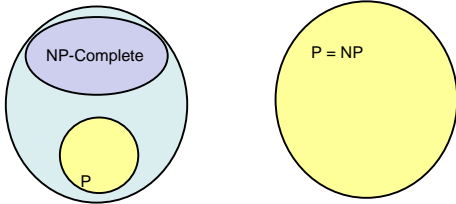
- Enumerate all possible paths
- Lower bound, Current path cost plus MST of remaining points
- Euclidean TSP
 - Points on the plane with Euclidean Distance
 - Sample data set: State Capitals

Local Optimization

- Improve an optimization problem by local improvement
 - Neighborhood structure on solutions
 - Travelling Salesman 2-Opt (or K-Opt)
 - Independent Set Local Replacement

What we don't know

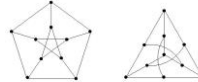
- P vs. NP



If $P \neq NP$, is there anything in between

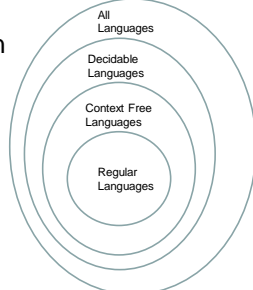
- Yes, Ladner [1975]
- Problems not known to be in P or NP Complete
 - Factorization
 - Discrete Log
 - Graph Isomorphism

Solve $g^x = b$ over a finite group



Complexity Theory

- Computational requirements to recognize languages
- Models of Computation
- Resources
- Hierarchies



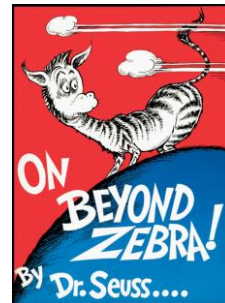
Time complexity

- P: (Deterministic) Polynomial Time
- NP: Non-deterministic Polynomial Time
- EXP: Exponential Time

Space Complexity

- Amount of Space (Exclusive of Input)
- L: Logspace, problems that can be solved in $O(\log n)$ space for input of size n
 - Related to Parallel Complexity
- PSPACE, problems that can be required in a polynomial amount of space

So what is beyond NP?



NP vs. Co-NP

- Given a Boolean formula, is it true for some choice of inputs
- Given a Boolean formula, is it true for all choices of inputs

Problems beyond NP

- Exact TSP, Given a graph with edge lengths and an integer K , does the minimum tour have length K
- Minimum circuit, Given a circuit C , is it true that there is no smaller circuit that computes the same function as C

Polynomial Hierarchy

- Level 1
 - $\exists X_1 \Phi(X_1), \forall X_1 \Phi(X_1)$
- Level 2
 - $\forall X_1 \exists X_2 \Phi(X_1, X_2), \exists X_1 \forall X_2 \Phi(X_1, X_2)$
- Level 3
 - $\forall X_1 \exists X_2 \forall X_3 \Phi(X_1, X_2, X_3), \exists X_1 \forall X_2 \exists X_3 \Phi(X_1, X_2, X_3)$

Polynomial Space

- Quantified Boolean Expressions
 - $\exists X_1 \forall X_2 \exists X_3 \dots \exists X_{n-1} \forall X_n \Phi(X_1, X_2, X_3 \dots X_{n-1}, X_n)$
- Space bounded games
 - Competitive Facility Location Problem
 - $N \times N$ Chess
- Counting problems
 - The number of Hamiltonian Circuits

