

Final Exam: Wed, Dec 15

- cumulative to before  
Fall Break
- No NP-hardness

# Flows & Cuts

Given "flow network":

A directed graph  $G = (V, E)$

vertices  $s, t$ , & capacities

$$c: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$$

$(s, t)$ .

Flow  $f: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ : flow in =  
flow out on  
all vertices except  
 $s, t$

flow is feasible if  
 $f(e) \leq c(e)$

value is  $|f| = \text{total flow}$   
leaving  $s$

Maximum flow: find a  
feasible  $(s, t)$ -flow of max  
value

A n  $(s, t)$ -cut  $(S, T)$

has  $S \subseteq V, T \subseteq V, S \cap T = \emptyset,$

$S \cup T = V, s \in S$   
 $t \in T$

capacity  $|f(S, T)| = \text{total}$   
capacity of edges going

from  $S$  to  $T$

Minimum cut: find an  $(s, t)$ -cut of min capacity

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In any flow network with  
max flow  $f^*$  & min cut  $(S^*, T^*)$ ,  
 $|f^*| = ||S^*, T^*||$ .

Ford-Fulkerson: find augmenting  
paths to push more & more  
flow

Always  $O(E|f^*|)$  if capacities  
are integers.



$O(E^2V)$  if you choose  
shortest augmenting paths

Orlin:  $O(VE)$  - "theory fast"

- free to cite  
during exam

applications to bipartite  
matching, edge-disjoint paths,  
other "assignment problems"

# Divide-and-Conquer

- 1) Create smaller<sup>independent</sup> instances of same problem

(mergesort given  $A[1..n]$ )

- 1) want to sort  $A[1.. \lfloor n/2 \rfloor]$   
+  $A[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1..n]$

- 2) Recurse on smaller instances

(mergesort  $A[1.. \lfloor n/2 \rfloor]$ ) +  
mergesort  $A[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1..n]$

- 3) Combine results of recursive calls  
(merge sorted  $A[1.. \lfloor n/2 \rfloor]$  +  $A[\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1..n]$ )

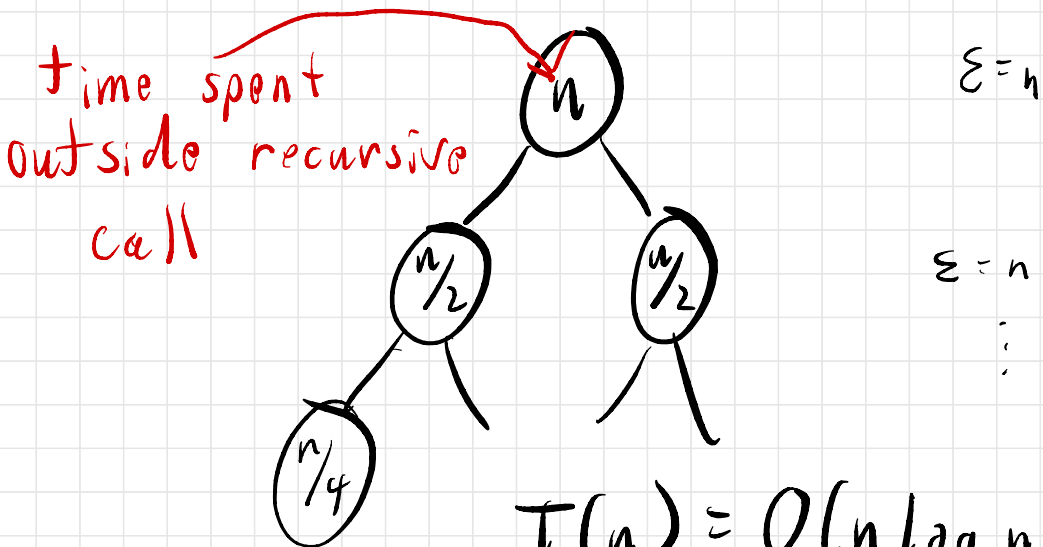
To analyze: write a runtime recurrence.

time is  $T(n)$

$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n)$$

↑  
mergesort

Solve with recursion trees  
or Master Method



$T(n) = O(n \log n)$

Fall 2019 F P3:

Given array of characters  
 $A[1..n]$ .

$IsWord(i, j)$ : True iff  
 $A[i..j]$  is an English  
word

$NumPartitions(i)$ : # ways to  
partition  $A[i..n]$  into  
words

$NumPartitions(i) =$

$$\begin{cases} 1 & i > n \\ \sum_{j=i}^n ([IsWord(i, j)] \cdot NumPartitions(j+1)) & i \leq n \end{cases}$$

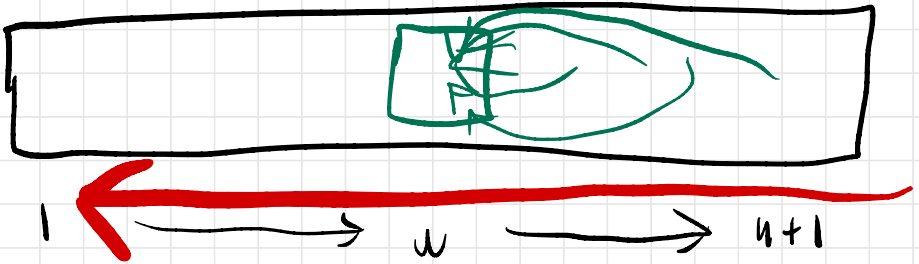
*where to end first word*

a) memoization DS:

$$1 \leq i \leq n+1$$

NumPartitions[1..n+1]

b) evaluation order?



right-to-left (for  $i \leftarrow n+1$  to 1)

c) space:  $O(n)$

$$\text{time: } O(n) \cdot O(n) = O(n^2)$$

time per  $i$

(assuming constant time for IsWord)

d) Count Partitions (A[1..n]):

for  $i \leftarrow n+1$  down to 1

if  $i > n$

NumPartitions[i]  $\leftarrow$  1

else

total  $\leftarrow$  0

for  $j \leftarrow i$  to n

if IsWord(i, j)

total  $\leftarrow$  total +

NumPartitions

[j+1]

return NumPartitions[1]

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Given  $X[1..n]$

Find The Value  $(i) =$

$$\begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i > n \\ \max_{i \leq j \leq n-i+1} (j \cdot X[i]) + \text{Find The Value}(i+j) \end{cases}$$

Time to compute Find The Value  $(i)$ ?

# subproblems =  $O(n)$

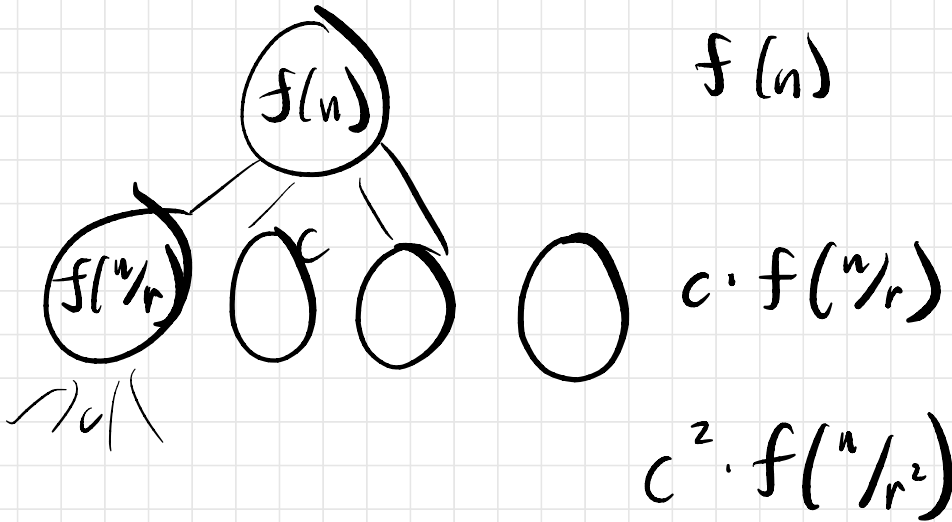
time per subproblem:  $O(n)$

(try  $j$ , all)

total:  $O(n) \cdot O(n) = O(n^2)$

Erickson's "Master Method":

$$T(n) = c \cdot T(n/r) + f(n)$$



Three common cases: (usually if  $f$  is a poly)

Level  $i$  is  $\alpha^i \cdot f(n)$  for  $\alpha <$

(decreasing geometric level sums)

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$



Every level =  $f(n)$

$$T(n) = \Theta(f(n) \cdot \log n)$$

Level  $i$  is  $K^i \cdot f(n)$  ( $K > 1$ )

(increasing geometric)

$$T(n) = \Theta(\# \text{ leaves})$$

$$= \Theta(c^{\log_r n})$$

$$= \Theta(n^{\log_r c})$$

F 2019 F P2:

Given a stack of  $n$  pancakes,

Can flip/reverse the top  $k$  pancakes for any  $k$  we choose.

Want to sort from small on top to big on bottom.

Recursion. Can recursively sort top  $x$  pancakes without affecting lower ones.

So put biggest on bottom then  
sort top  $n-1$  pancakes.

Sort Cakes ( $n$ ):

if  $n=0$ , return

Let biggest be  $k$  from top.

Flip ( $k$ )

Flip ( $n$ )

Sort Cakes ( $n-1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \# \text{ flips } T(n) &= 2 + T(n-1) \\ &= 2n \end{aligned}$$

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