

# 计算机问题求解 – 论题2-13

- 贪心算法

课程研讨

- TC第16.1-16.3节、第17章

# 问题1: greedy algorithms

- 你怎么理解greedy algorithms的两个重要性质?
  - greedy-choice property
  - optimal substructure
- 你能不能结合activity-selection problem解释为什么这两个性质缺一不可?
- 为什么greedy algorithms比dynamic programming快?

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$s_i$	1	3	0	5	3	5	6	8	8	2	12
$f_i$	4	5	6	7	9	9	10	11	12	14	16

# Scheduling Activities

- **Instance:** a set of  $n$  activities, each with start time  $s_i$  and finishing time  $f_i$

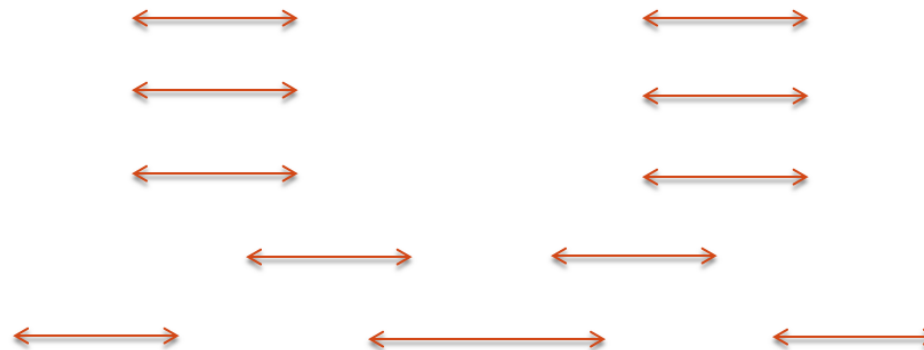
- **Problem:** find the maximum number of compatible activities

- We solve this by dynamic programming
- not optimal

- **Idea:** find the maximum number of compatible activities by repeatedly removing incompatible activities

## Least Incompatible Number

- A counter-example



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# A Scheduling Algorithm

- Sort activities by finish time.
- Choose first activity.
- Repeatedly choose the next activity that is compatible with all previously chosen ones.
  
- Running time:  $\Theta(n \log n)$  time to sort,  $\Theta(n)$  time for the rest.
- How do we prove this is correct?

# 问题1：greedy algorithms

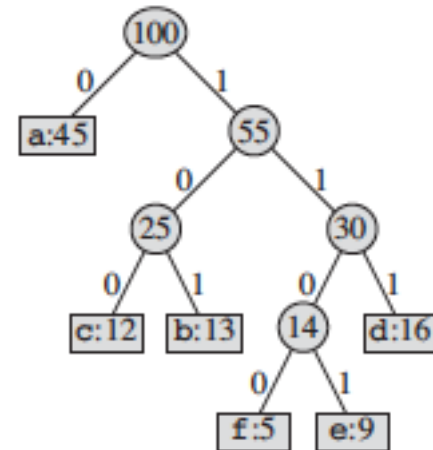
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  - making the first choice before solving any subproblems
  - making one greedy choice after another  
reducing each given problem instance to a smaller one

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# 问题1: greedy algorithms (续)

- 关于Huffman codes的greedy algorithm
  - greedy choice是什么?
  - greedy-choice property是什么?
  - optimal substructure是什么?

	a	b	c	d	e	f
Frequency (in thousands)	45	13	12	16	9	5
Fixed-length codeword	000	001	010	011	100	101
Variable-length codeword	0	101	100	111	1101	1100



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Sol: First we sort the set of  $n$  points  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  to get the set  $Y = \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  such that  $y_1 \leq y_2 \leq \dots \leq y_n$ . Next, we do a linear scan on  $\{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$  started from  $y_1$ . Everytime while encountering  $y_i$ , for some  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , we put the closed interval  $[y_i, y_i + 1]$  in our optimal solution set  $S$ , and remove all the points in  $Y$  covered by  $[y_i, y_i + 1]$ . Repeat the above procedure, finally output  $S$  while  $Y$  becomes empty. We next show that  $S$  is an optimal solution.

We claim that there is an optimal solution which contains the unit-length interval  $[y_1, y_1 + 1]$ . Suppose that there exists an optimal solution  $S^*$  such that  $y_1$  is covered by  $[x', x' + 1] \in S^*$  where  $x' < y_1$ . Since  $y_1$  is the leftmost element of the given set, there is no other point lying in  $[x', y_1)$ . Therefore, if we replace  $[x', x' + 1]$  in  $S^*$  by  $[y_1, y_1 + 1]$ , we will get another optimal solution. This proves the claim and thus explains the greedy choice property. Therefore, by solving the remaining subproblem after removing all the points lying in  $[y_1, y_1 + 1]$ , that is, to find an optimal set of intervals, denoted as  $S'$ , which cover the points to the right of  $y_1 + 1$ , we will get an optimal solution to the original problem by taking union of  $[y_1, y_1 + 1]$  and  $S'$ .



# Scheduling to Minimize Lateness

- **Instance:** a set of  $n$  activities, each with start time  $s_i$ , deadline  $d_i$  and a duration  $t_i$ .
- **Problem:** we plan to satisfy each request, but we are allowed to let certain requests run late, and the optimization goal is to schedule all requests, using non-overlapping intervals so as to **minimize the maximum lateness**.

- We say a request  $i$  is scheduled at time  $f(i)$  and the lateness of  $i$  is  $l_i = f(i) - d_i$ .
- The goal: minimize

## Greedy Strategies

- Choosing the smallest  $t_i$
- Choosing the smallest  $(d_i - t_i)$
- Choosing the smallest  $d_i$

# 问题1：greedy algorithms (续)

- 建议阅读打星号的16.4节

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  - per operation vs. per algorithm
  - worst-case vs. average-case

# 问题2: amortized analysis (续)

- 这些问题的分析难在哪儿?  
amortized analysis能带来什么好处?

- stack operations

`PUSH(S, x)` pushes object  $x$  onto stack  $S$ .

`POP(S)` pops the top of stack  $S$  and returns the popped object. Calling `POP` on an empty stack generates an error.

`MULTIPOP(S, k)`

```
1 while not STACK-EMPTY(S) and k > 0
2   POP(S)
3   k = k - 1
```

- incrementing a binary counter

Counter value	A(7)	A(6)	A(5)	A(4)	A(3)	A(2)	A(1)	A(0)	Total cost
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	11
8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15
9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	16
10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	18
11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	19
12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	22
13	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	23
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# 问题2: amortized analysis (续)

- aggregate analysis
  - 该方法的基本思路是什么?
  - 如何用来解决这两个问题?
    - 如果增加一个DECREMENT, 结果又如何?
  - 它在使用上有什么局限吗?

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MULTIPOP( $S, k$ )

```

1 while not STACK-EMPTY( $S$ ) and  $k > 0$ 
2   POP( $S$ )
3    $k = k - 1$ 
    
```

Counter value	$N(1)$	$N(6)$	$N(5)$	$N(4)$	$N(3)$	$N(2)$	$N(1)$	$N(0)$	Total cost
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
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# 问题2: amortized analysis (续)

- accounting method

- 该方法的基本思路是什么?

- 右侧这个式子是什么含义?

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n c_i$$

- 如何用来解决这两个问题?

- 上述式子是如何保证成立的?

- 如果增加一个RESET, 结果又如何?  
(Keep a pointer to the high-order 1.)

PUSH(*S*, *x*) pushes object *x* onto stack *S*.

POP(*S*) pops the top of stack *S* and returns the popped object. Calling POP on an empty stack generates an error.

MULTIPOP(*S*, *k*)

```

1 while not STACK-EMPTY(S) and k > 0
2   POP(S)
3   k = k - 1
    
```

Counter value	<i>A</i> [1]	<i>A</i> [6]	<i>A</i> [5]	<i>A</i> [4]	<i>A</i> [3]	<i>A</i> [2]	<i>A</i> [1]	Total cost
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	10
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# 问题2: amortized analysis (续)

- potential method

- 该方法的基本思路是什么？
- 右侧这组式子是什么含义？
- 如何用来解决这两个问题？
- 以及一个新问题：

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}).$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i = \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i + \Phi(D_n) - \Phi(D_0).$$

$$\Phi(D_n) \geq \Phi(D_0).$$

Implement a queue with two stacks.

The amortized cost of ENQ and DEQ is  $O(1)$ .

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MULTIPOP( $S, k$ )

```

1 while not STACK-EMPTY( $S$ ) and  $k > 0$ 
2   POP( $S$ )
3    $k = k - 1$ 

```

Counter value	ENQ	ENQ	ENQ	ENQ	ENQ	ENQ	ENQ	ENQ	ENQ	Total cost
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
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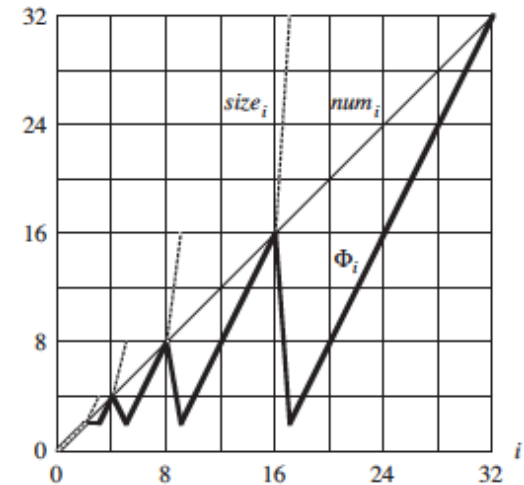
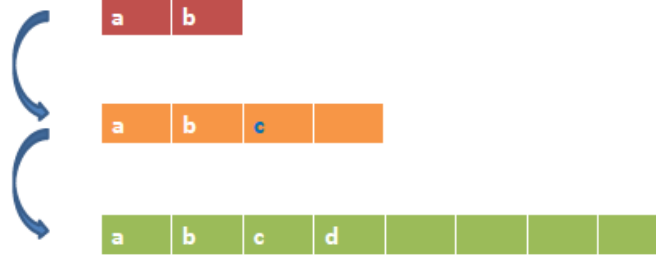


# 问题3: dynamic tables

- 对于table expansion, 你能解释aggregate和accounting的分析过程吗?

$$c_i = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } i - 1 \text{ is an exact power of } 2, \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i &\leq n + \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} 2^j \\ &< n + 2n \\ &= 3n, \end{aligned}$$



- 对于potential function  $\Phi(T) = 2 \cdot T.num - T.size$  你能结合accounting来解释它的走势吗?

# Graph Operations

- Consider the following operations on a set of nodes in a graph:
  - Connect(A, B): add an edge from node A to node B in the graph (if there already exists such an edge, do nothing);
  - Disconnect(A, B): if there are paths from A to B, remove all edges in the paths (if there is no path, do nothing);
- Assume the cost of adding an edge is 1, removing an edge is 2, and the cost of finding a path in the graph is omitted. There is no edge in the graph at the beginning. Consider a sequence of  $n$  operations on the graph, apply amortized analysis on the cost of Connect and Disconnect operations in the worst case.

# Implement a Queue with two Stacks

- Describe how to implement a queue with two stacks which are implemented by arrays. Analyze the complexity of *Enqueue* and *Dequeue* with amortized analysis.
  - *Enqueue*
    - 将入队元素压入栈A。
  - *Dequeue*
    - 若栈B为空，将栈依次将栈A中元素出栈，然后压入栈B，直至栈A为空（或剩余一个元素），将栈B顶端元素出栈（或将栈A剩余元素出栈）。
    - 若栈B不为空，直接将栈B顶端元素出栈。