

## Test taking advice

- Read the questions carefully!
- Don't spend too much time on any problem □ if you get stuck, move on and come back
- When you finish answering a question, reread the question and make sure that you answered everything the question asked
- Think about how you might be able to reuse an existing algorithm/approach
- □ Show your work (I can't give you partial credit if I can't figure out what went wrong)
- Don't rely on the book/notes for conceptual things
- $\hfill\square$  Do rely on the notes for a run-time you may not remember, etc.

### High-level approaches Algorithm tools Divide and conquer assume that we have a solver, but that can only solve subproblems define the current problem with respect to smaller problems Key: sub-problems should be non-overlapping Dynamic programming Same as above Key difference: sub-problems are overlapping Once you have this recursive relationship: figure out the data structure to store sub-problem solutions work from bottom up (or memoize)

# High-level approaches

#### Algorithm tools cont.

#### Greedy

- Same idea: most greedy problems can be solve using dynamic programming (but generally slower)
  Key difference: Can decide between overlapping sub-problems without having to calculate them (i.e. we can make
- a local decision)
- Flow
  - Min-capacity cut
  - Bottleneck edge
  - Matching problems
  - Numerical maximization/minimization problems
- Linear programming (very light coverage)

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### Data structures

#### A data structure

- Stores data
- Supports access to/questions about data efficiently
- the different bias towards different actions
- No single best data structure

### Fast access/lookup?

- If keys are sequential: array
- If keys are non-sequential or non-numerical: hashtable
- Guaranteed run-time/ordered: balanced binary search tree

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# Data structures Min/max? 🗖 heap binomial heaps Fast insert/delete at positions? linked list Others stacks/queues extensible data structures balanced BSTs disjoint sets

### Graphs Graph types directed/undirected weighted/unweighted trees, DAGs cyclic connected Algorithms connectedness contains a cycle traversal dfs bfs

# Graphs

#### Graph algorithms cont.

- minimum spanning trees (Prim's, Kruskal's)
- shortest paths
- single source (BFS, Dijskstra's, Bellman-Ford)
- all pairs (Johnson's, Floyd-Warshall)
- topological sort
- □ flow

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## Other topics...

#### Analysis tools

- recurrences (master method, recurrence trees)
- 🗖 big-O
- amortized analysis

#### NP-completeness

- proving NP-completeness
- reductions

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## **Proofs: general**

Be clear and concise

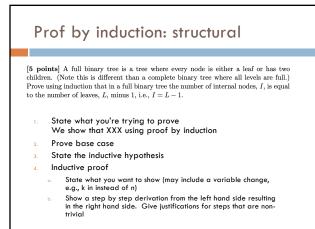
Make sure you state assumptions and justify each step

Make sure when you're done you've shown what you need to show

# Proof by induction

- State what you're trying to prove We show that XXX using proof by induction
- 2. Prove base case
- 3. State the inductive hypothesis
- 4. Inductive proof
  - a. State what you want to show (may include a variable change, e.g., k in instead of n)
  - b. Show a step by step derivation from the left hand side resulting in the right hand side. Give justifications for steps that are non-trivial

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### Other (important) places we saw proofs

Recurrences (substitution method)

Big O (needed find constants c n<sub>0</sub>)

Greedy algorithm correctness (proof by contradiction or stays ahead—induction —)

Proof of algorithm correctness (MSTs, Flow)

NP-completeness (proving correctness of reductions)

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#### Recurrences

Three ways to solve:

- Substitution
- Recurrence tree (may still have to use substitution to verify)
- Master method

Recurrences

T(n) = 2T(n/3) + d

$$T(n) = aT(n/b) + f(n)$$

$$\begin{split} &\text{if } f(n) = O(n^{\log_b a - \varepsilon}) \text{ for } \varepsilon > 0, \text{ then } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}) \\ &\text{if } f(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a}), \text{ then } T(n) = \Theta(n^{\log_b a} \log n) \\ &\text{if } f(n) = \Omega(n^{\log_b a + \varepsilon}) \text{ for } \varepsilon > 0 \text{ and } af(n/b) \le cf(n) \text{ for } c < 1 \\ &\text{ then } T(n) = \Theta(f(n)) \end{split}$$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + \log n$$

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# Dynamic programming

Method for solving problems where optimal solutions can be defined in terms of optimal solutions to subproblems

AND

the subproblems are overlapping

Local decisions result in *different* subproblems. Not obvious how to make the first choice.

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### DP advice

Write the recursive definition

- What is the input/output to the problem?
- What would a solution look like? What are the options for picking the first component of a solution?
- Assume you have a solver for subproblems. How can you combine the first decision with answer to subproblem.

Define DP structure: what are subproblems indexed by?

State how to fill in the table (including base cases and where the answer is)  $% \label{eq:state}$ 

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## All-pairs shortest paths

V \* Bellman-Ford: O(V<sup>2</sup>E)

Floyd-Warshall:  $\theta(V^3)$ 

Johnson's:  $O(V^2 \log V + V E)$ 

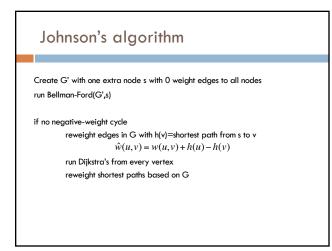
Floyd-Warshll: Recursive relationship	
 $d_{ij}^{\ k}$ = shortest path from vertex $i$ to vertex $j$ using only vertices $\{1, 2,, k\}$	
Two options: 1) Vertex k+1 doesn't give us a shorter path 2) Vertex k+1 does give us a shorter path	
$d_{ij}^{k+1} = \min(d_{ij}^{k}, d_{i(k+1)}^{k} + d_{(k+1)j}^{k})$	
Pick whichever is shorter	

## Floyd-Warshall

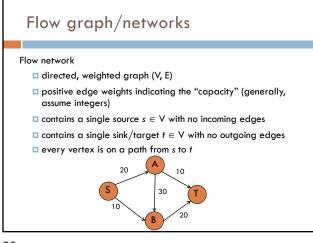
Calculate  $d_{ij}{}^k$  for increasing k, i.e. k = 1 to V

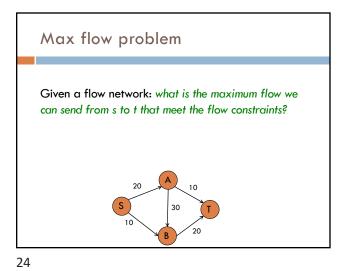
Floyd-Warshall(G = (V,E,W)):  $d^{0} = W$  // initialize with edge weights for k = 1 to V for i = 1 to V for j = 1 to V dijk = min( $d_{ij}^{k-1}, d_{ik}^{k-1} + d_{kj}^{k-1}$ ) return  $d^{V}$ 

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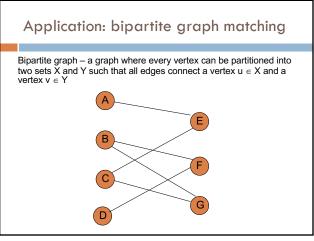
If one of these is true then all are true (i.e. each implies the the others):

f is a maximum flow

 $G_{\rm f}$  (residual graph) has no paths from s to t

|f| = minimum capacity cut

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