

# MA/CSSE 473

## Day 28

Dynamic  
Programming

Binomial Coefficients

Warshall's algorithm

**Student questions?**



## No handout today

- Announcements:
- HW 12 is now available.
- Due next Thursday.
- Exam Tuesday, Nov 4
- In my office today: Hours 6, 9, first half of 10.



## B-trees

- We will do a quick overview.
- For the whole scoop on B-trees (Actually B+ trees), take CSSE 333, Databases.
- Nodes can contain multiple keys and pointers to other to subtrees



## B-tree nodes

- Each node can represent a block of disk storage; pointers are disk addresses
- This way, when we look up a node (requiring a disk access), we can get a lot more information than if we used a binary tree
- In an  $n$ -node of a B-tree, there are  $n$  pointers to subtrees, and thus  $n-1$  keys
- For all keys in  $T_i$ ,  $K_i \leq T_i < K_{i+1}$   
 $K_i$  is the smallest key that appears in  $T_i$

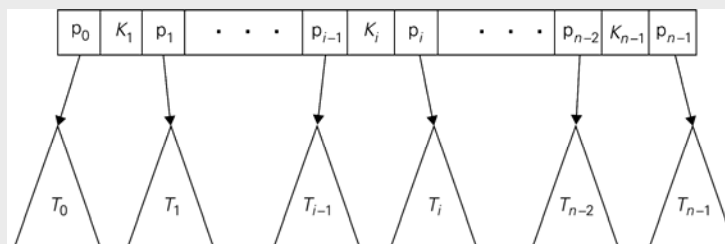


FIGURE 7.7 Parental node of a B-tree

## B-tree nodes (tree of order m)

- All nodes have at most  $m-1$  keys
- All keys and associated data are stored in special *leaf* nodes (that thus need no child pointers)
- The other (parent) nodes are *index* nodes
- All index nodes except the root have between  $\lceil m/2 \rceil$  and  $m$  children
- root has between 2 and  $m$  children
- All leaves are at the same level
- The space-time tradeoff is because of duplicating some keys at multiple levels of the tree
- Especially useful for **data that is too big to fit in memory**. Why?
- Example on next slide



## Example B-tree(order 4)

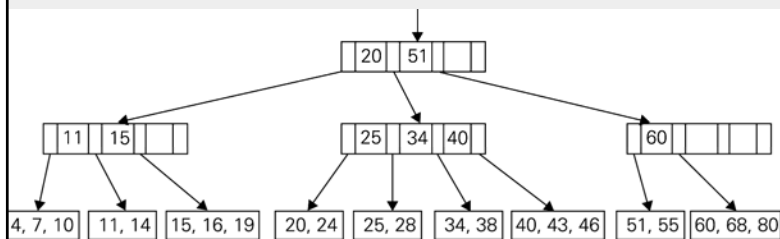


FIGURE 7.8 Example of a B-tree of order 4

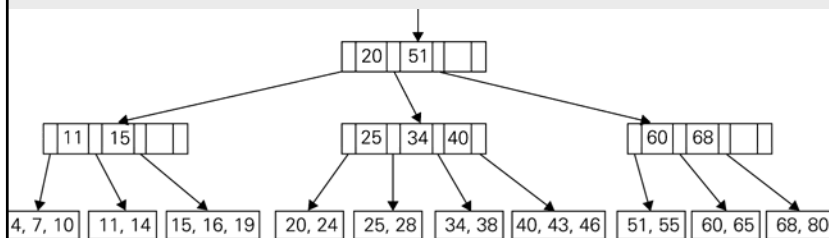


FIGURE 7.9 B-tree obtained after inserting 65 into the B-tree in Figure 7.8



## Search for an item

- Within each parent or leaf node, the keys are sorted, so we can use binary search ( $\log m$ ), which is a constant with respect to  $n$ , the number of items in the table
- Thus the search time is proportional to the height of the tree
- Max height is approximately  $\log_{\lceil m/2 \rceil} n$
- **Exercise for you:** Read and understand the straightforward analysis on pages 273-274
- Insert and delete are also proportional to height of the tree



## Dynamic programming

- Used for problems with recursive solutions and overlapping subproblems
- Typically, we save (memoize) solutions to the subproblems, to avoid recomputing them.
- You should look at the simple examples from Section 8.1 in the textbook.



## Dynamic Programming Example

- Binomial Coefficients:
- $C(n, k)$  is the coefficient of  $x^k$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^n$
- $C(n,0) = C(n, n) = 1$ .
- If  $0 < k < n$ ,  $C(n, k) = C(n-1, k) + C(n-1, k-1)$
- Can show by induction that the "usual" factorial formula for  $C(n, k)$  follows from this recursive definition.
  - A good practice problem for you
- If we don't cache values as we compute them, this can take a lot of time, because of duplicate (overlapping) computation.



## Computing a binomial coefficient

Binomial coefficients are coefficients of the binomial formula:

$$(a + b)^n = C(n,0)a^n b^0 + \dots + C(n,k)a^{n-k}b^k + \dots + C(n,n)a^0 b^n$$

Recurrence:  $C(n,k) = C(n-1,k) + C(n-1,k-1)$  for  $n > k > 0$

$$C(n,0) = 1, \quad C(n,n) = 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

Value of  $C(n,k)$  can be computed by filling in a table:

	0	1	2	...	k-1	k
0	1					
1	1	1				
.						
.						
.						
n-1					$C(n-1,k-1)$	$C(n-1,k)$
n						$C(n,k)$



## Computing $C(n, k)$ :

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ALGORITHM Binomial( $n, k$ )
    //Computes  $C(n, k)$  by the dynamic programming algorithm
    //Input: A pair of nonnegative integers  $n \geq k \geq 0$ 
    //Output: The value of  $C(n, k)$ 
    for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$  do
        for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $\min(i, k)$  do
            if  $j = 0$  or  $j = i$ 
                 $C[i, j] \leftarrow 1$ 
            else  $C[i, j] \leftarrow C[i - 1, j - 1] + C[i - 1, j]$ 
    return  $C[n, k]$ 
    
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Time efficiency:  $\Theta(nk)$

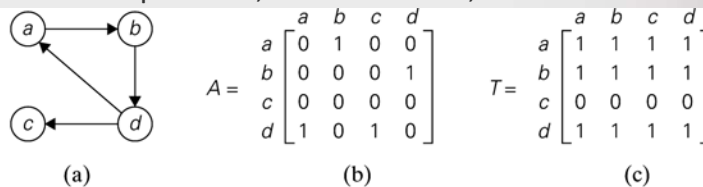
Space efficiency:  $\Theta(nk)$

If we are computing  $C(n, k)$  for many different  $n$  and  $k$  values, we could cache the table between calls.



## Transitive closure of a directed graph

- We ask this question for a given directed graph  $G$ : for each of vertices,  $(A, B)$ , is there a path from  $A$  to  $B$  in  $G$ ?
- Start with the boolean adjacency matrix  $A$  for the  $n$ -node graph  $G$ .  $A[i][j]$  is 1 if and only if  $G$  has a directed edge from node  $i$  to node  $j$ .
- The **transitive closure** of  $G$  is the boolean matrix  $T$  such that  $T[i][j]$  is 1 iff there is a nontrivial directed path from node  $i$  to node  $j$  in  $G$ .
- If we use boolean adjacency matrices, what does  $M^2$  represent?  $M^3$ ?
- In boolean matrix multiplication,  $+$  stands for **or**, and  $*$  stands for **and**



**FIGURE 8.2** (a) Digraph. (b) Its adjacency matrix. (c) Its transitive closure.

## Transitive closure *via* multiplication

- Again, using + for **or**, we get
$$T = M + M^2 + M^3 + \dots$$
- Can we limit it to a finite operation?
- We can stop at  $M^{n-1}$ .
  - How do we know this?
- Number of numeric multiplications for solving the whole problem?



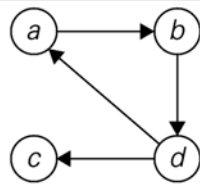
## Warshall's algorithm

- Similar to binomial coefficients algorithm
- Assumes that the vertices have been numbered 1, 2, ..., n
- Define the boolean matrix  $R^{(k)}$  as follows:
  - $R^{(k)}[i][j]$  is 1 iff there is a path in the directed graph  $v_i = w_0 \rightarrow w_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow w_s = v_j$ , where
    - $s \geq 1$ , and
    - for all  $t = 1, \dots, s-1$ ,  $w_t$  is  $v_m$  for some  $m \leq k$   
i.e, none of the intermediate vertices are numbered higher than k
- Note that the transitive closure T is  $R^{(n)}$



## R<sup>(k)</sup> example

- $R^{(k)}[i][j]$  is 1 iff there is a path in the directed graph  
 $v_i = w_0 \rightarrow w_1 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow w_s = v_j$ , where
  - $s > 1$ , and
  - for all  $t = 2, \dots, s-1$ ,  $w_t$  is  $v_m$  for some  $m \leq k$
- **Example:** assuming that the node numbering is in alphabetical order, calculate  $R^{(0)}$ ,  $R^{(1)}$ , and  $R^{(2)}$



$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$



## Quickly Calculating R<sup>(k)</sup>

- Back to the matrix multiplication approach:
  - How much time did it take to compute  $A^k[i][j]$ , once we have  $A^{k-1}$ ?
- Can we do better when calculating  $R^{(k)}[i][j]$  from  $R^{(k-1)}$ ?
- How can  $R^{(k)}[i][j]$  be 1?
  - either  $R^{(k-1)}[i][j]$  is 1, or
  - there is a path from  $i$  to  $k$  that uses no vertices higher than  $k-1$ , and a similar path from  $k$  to  $j$ .
- Thus  $R^{(k)}[i][j]$  is  $R^{(k-1)}[i][j]$  or  $(R^{(k-1)}[i][k] \text{ and } R^{(k-1)}[k][j])$
- Note that this can be calculated in constant time
- Time for calculating  $R^{(k)}$  from  $R^{(k-1)}$ ?
- Total time for Warshall's algorithm?

Code and example on next slides





**ALGORITHM** *Warshall*( $A[1..n, 1..n]$ )

//Implements Warshall's algorithm for computing the transitive closure

//Input: The adjacency matrix  $A$  of a digraph with  $n$  vertices

//Output: The transitive closure of the digraph

$R^{(0)} \leftarrow A$

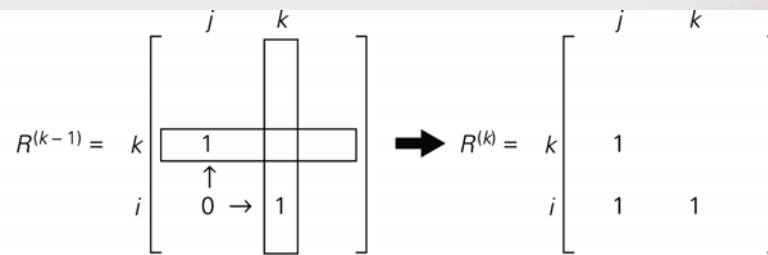
**for**  $k \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**

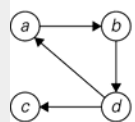
**for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$  **do**

$R^{(k)}[i, j] \leftarrow R^{(k-1)}[i, j]$  **or**  $(R^{(k-1)}[i, k]$  **and**  $R^{(k-1)}[k, j])$

**return**  $R^{(n)}$



**FIGURE 8.3** Rule for changing zeros in Warshall's algorithm



$$R^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ a & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ones reflect the existence of paths with no intermediate vertices ( $R^{(0)}$  is just the adjacency matrix); boxed row and column are used for getting  $R^{(1)}$ .

$$R^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ a & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 1 & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ones reflect the existence of paths with intermediate vertices numbered not higher than 1, i.e., just vertex  $a$  (note a new path from  $d$  to  $b$ ); boxed row and column are used for getting  $R^{(2)}$ .

$$R^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ a & 0 & 1 & 0 & \mathbf{1} \\ b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 1 & 1 & 1 & \mathbf{1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Ones reflect the existence of paths with intermediate vertices numbered not higher than 2, i.e.,  $a$  and  $b$  (note two new paths); boxed row and column are used for getting  $R^{(3)}$ .

$$R^{(3)} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ a & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ b & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ones reflect the existence of paths with intermediate vertices numbered not higher than 3, i.e.,  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  (no new paths); boxed row and column are used for getting  $R^{(4)}$ .

$$R^{(4)} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ a & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ b & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} \\ c & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ d & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ones reflect the existence of paths with intermediate vertices numbered not higher than 4, i.e.,  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  (note five new paths).

**FIGURE 8.4** Application of Warshall's algorithm to the digraph shown. New ones are in bold.



## Floyd's algorithm

- All-pairs shortest path
- A **network** is a graph whose edges are labeled by (usually) non-negative numbers. We store those edge numbers as the values in the adjacency matrix for the graph
- A **shortest path** from vertex  $u$  to vertex  $v$  is a path whose edge sum is smallest.
- Floyd's algorithm calculates the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  for each pair  $(u, v)$  of vertices.
- It is so much like Warshall's algorithm, that I am confident you can quickly get the details from the textbook after you understand Warshall's algorithm.



Dynamic Programming Example

## OPTIMAL BINARY SEARCH TREES



## Warmup: Optimal linked list order

- Suppose we have  $n$  distinct data items  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  in a linked list.
- Also suppose that we know the probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  that each of the items is the one we'll be searching for.
- Questions we'll attempt to answer:
  - What is the expected number of probes before a successful search completes?
  - How can we minimize this number?
  - What about an unsuccessful search?



## Examples

- $p_i = 1/n$  for each  $i$ .
  - What is the expected number of probes?
- $p_1 = 1/2, p_2 = 1/4, \dots, p_{n-1} = 1/2^{n-1}, p_n = 1/2^{n-1}$ 
  - expected number of probes:
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{i}{2^i} + \frac{n}{2^{n-1}} = 2 - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} < 2$$
- What if the same items are placed into the list in the opposite order?
$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{i}{2^{n+1-i}} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} = n - 1 + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$$
- The next slide shows the evaluation of the last two summations in Maple.
  - Good practice for you? prove them by induction



## Calculations for previous slide

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> sum(i/2^i, i=1..n-1) + n/2^(n-1);
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$$-2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n n - 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + 2 + \frac{n}{2^{(n-1)}}$$

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> simplify(%);
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$$-2^{(1-n)} + 2$$

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> sum(i/2^(n+1-i), i=2..n) + 1/2^(n-1);
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$$n-1 + \frac{1}{2^{(n-1)}}$$



## What if we don't know the probabilities?

1. Sort the list so we can at least improve the average time for unsuccessful search
2. Self-organizing list:
  - Elements accessed more frequently move toward the front of the list; elements accessed less frequently toward the rear.
  - Strategies:
    - Move ahead one position (exchange with previous element)
    - Exchange with first element
    - Move to Front (only efficient if the list is a linked list)



Q3

## Optimal Binary Search Trees

- Suppose we have  $n$  distinct data keys  $K_1, K_2, \dots, K_n$  (in increasing order) that we wish to arrange into a Binary Search Tree
- This time the expected number of probes for a successful or unsuccessful search depends on the shape of the tree and where the search ends up

