

Lecture 32

CSE 331

Subset sum problem

Input: n integers w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n

bound W

Output: subset S of $[n]$ such that

(1) sum of w_i for all i in S is at most W

(2) $w(S)$ is maximized

Recursive formula

$\text{OPT}(j, B)$ = max value out of w_1, \dots, w_j with bound B

If $w_j > B$

$$\text{OPT}(j, B) = \text{OPT}(j-1, B)$$

else

$$\text{OPT}(j, B) = \max \{ \text{OPT}(j-1, B), w_j + \text{OPT}(j-1, B-w_j) \}$$

Algo run on the board...

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$OPT(j, B)$ = max value out of w_1, \dots, w_j with bound B

If $w_j > B$

$$OPT(j, B) = OPT(j-1, B)$$

else

j not in OPT

j in OPT

$$OPT(j, B) = \max \{ OPT(j-1, B), w_j + OPT(j-1, B-w_j) \}$$

Can compute final
S with recursion/
backtracking

Knapsack problem

Input: n pairs $(w_1, v_1), (w_2, v_2), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$,

bound W

Output: subset S of $[n]$ such that

(1) sum of w_i for all i in S is at most W

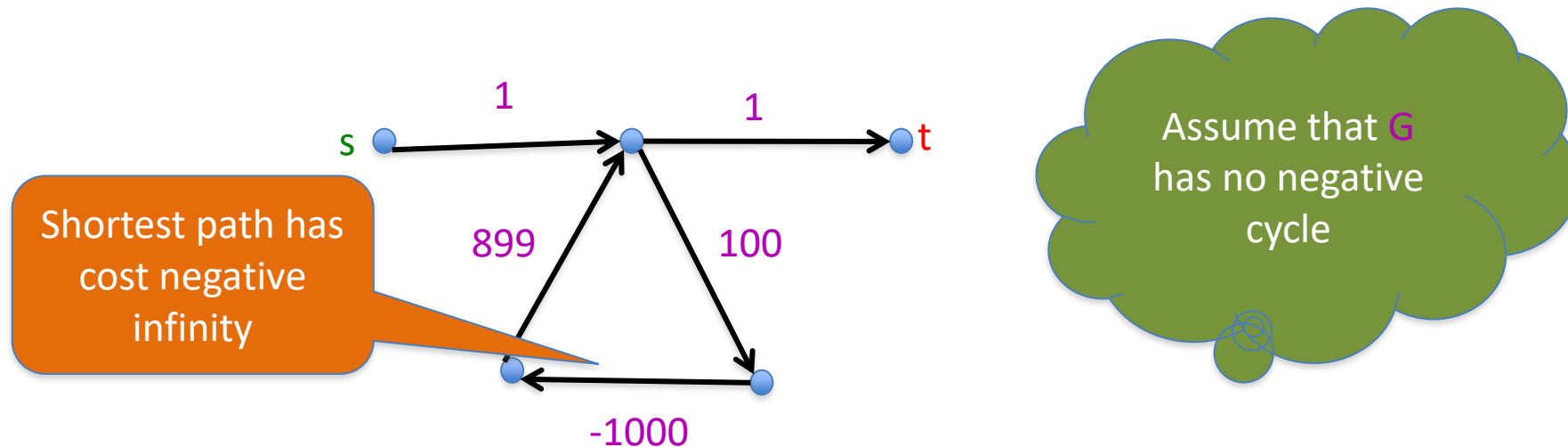
(2) $v(S)$ is maximized

Shortest Path Problem

Input: (Directed) Graph $G=(V,E)$ and for every edge e has a cost c_e (can be <0)

t in V

Output: Shortest path from every s to t



When to use Dynamic Programming

There are polynomially many sub-problems

Optimal solution can be computed from solutions to sub-problems

There is an ordering among sub-problem that allows for iterative solution



Richard Bellman