



# Exercise Session 11 – DP and Flow Algos

## **Data Structures and Algorithms**

*These slides are based on those of the lecture, but were adapted and extended by the teaching assistant Adel Gavranović*

# Today's Schedule

Intro

Feedback for **code expert**

MaxFlow

Old Exam Questions (Max-Flow)

Dynamic Programming

Overlap of Convex Polygons

In-Class Code-Example

Outro



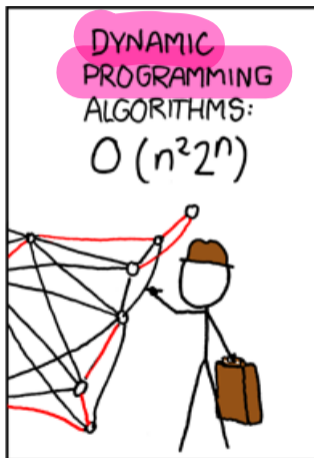
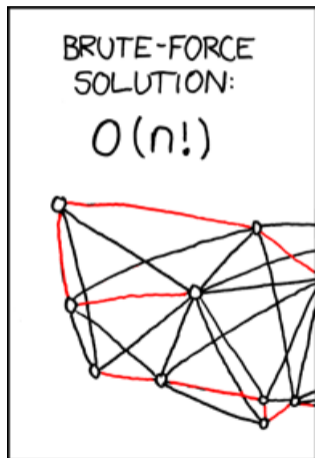
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# Comic of the Week



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- Often explaining stuff via email is suboptimal
- Consider going to the Study Center (especially if it's related to exercises!)
  - Thursdays
  - 08:15 - 10:00
  - ML H 41.1

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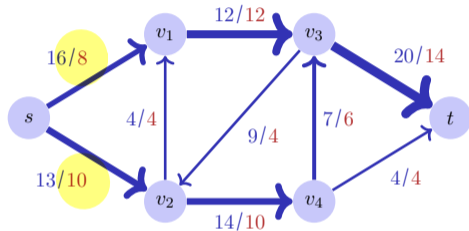
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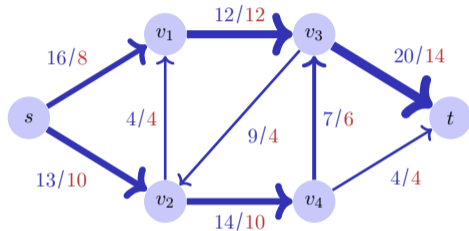
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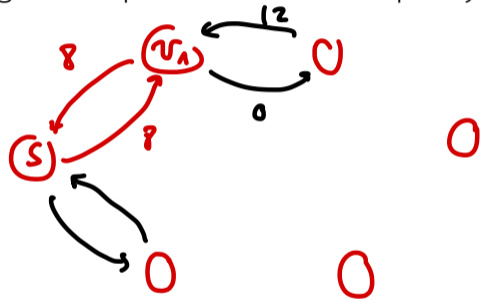
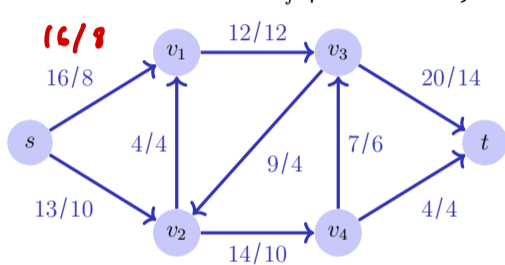
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Here  $|f| = 18$ .



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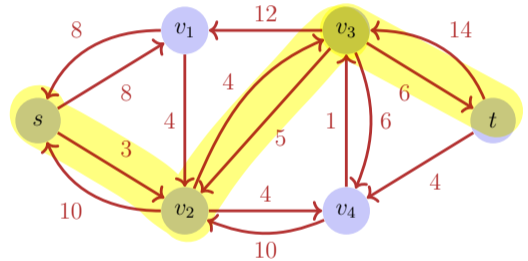
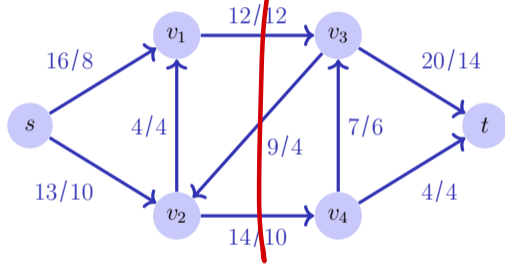
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# Augmenting Paths

**Expansion Path**  $p$ : simple path from  $s$  to  $t$  in the residual network  $G_f$ .

**Residual Capacity**  $c_f(p)$ : the least capacity along the expansion path  $p$

$$c_f(p) = \min\{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \text{ edge in } p\}$$

# Algorithm Ford-Fulkerson( $G, s, t$ )

**Input:** Flow network  $G = (V, E, c)$

**Output:** Maximal flow  $f$ .

**for**  $(u, v) \in E$  **do**

$f(u, v) \leftarrow 0$

**while** Exists path  $p : s \rightsquigarrow t$  in residual network  $G_f$  **do**

$c_f(p) \leftarrow \min\{c_f(u, v) : (u, v) \in p\}$

**foreach**  $(u, v) \in p$  **do**

**if**  $(u, v) \in E$  **then**

$f(u, v) \leftarrow f(u, v) + c_f(p)$

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# Edmonds-Karp Algorithm

Choose in the Ford-Fulkerson-Method for finding a path in  $G_f$  the expansion path of shortest possible length (e.g. with BFS)

## *Theorem 1*

*When the Edmonds-Karp algorithm is applied to some integer valued flow network  $G = (V, E)$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$  then the number of flow increases applied by the algorithm is in  $\mathcal{O}(|V| \cdot |E|)$*

$\Rightarrow$  **Overall asymptotic runtime:**  $\mathcal{O}(|V| \cdot |E|^2)$

# Max-Flow Min-Cut Theorem

## Theorem 2

Let  $f$  be a flow in a flow network  $G = (V, E, c)$  with source  $s$  and sink  $t$ . The following statements are equivalent: (iff all around)

1.  $f$  is a maximal flow in  $G$
2. The residual network  $G_f$  does not provide any expansion paths
3. It holds that  $|f| = c(S, T)$  for a cut  $(S, T)$  of  $G$ .

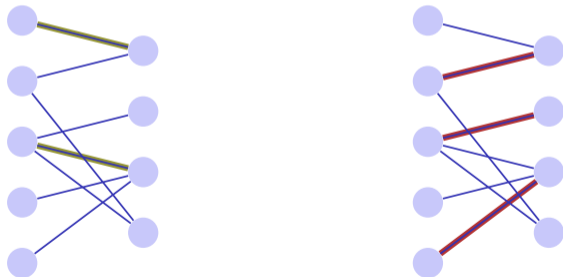
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# Application: maximal bipartite matching

Given: bipartite undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ .

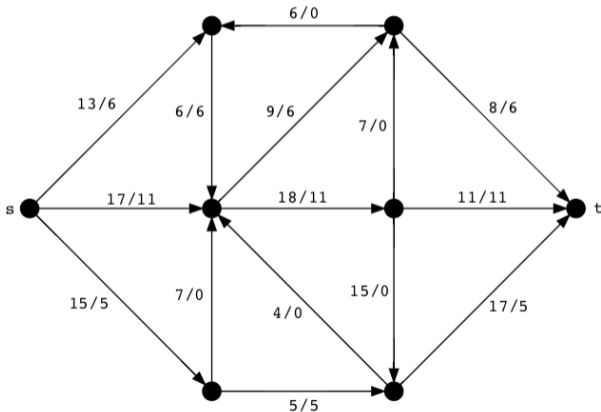
**Matching**  $M$ :  $M \subseteq E$  such that  $|\{m \in M : v \in m\}| \leq 1$  for all  $v \in V$ .

**Maximal Matching**  $M$ : Matching  $M$ , such that  $|M| \geq |M'|$  for each matching  $M'$ .



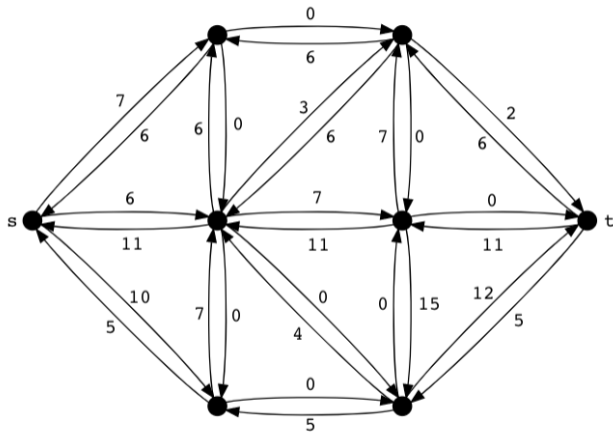
# Manual Max Flow Exercise

This graph shows a flow chart that is not at maximum capacity. Run one iteration of the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm to find the max flow.





# Manual Max Flow Solution



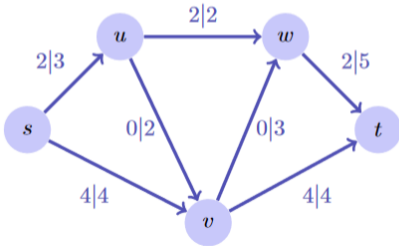
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## 4. Old Exam Questions (Max-Flow)

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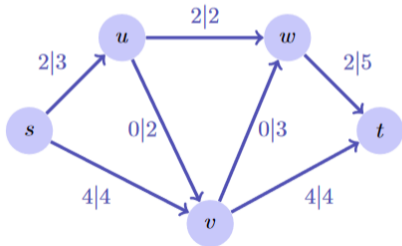


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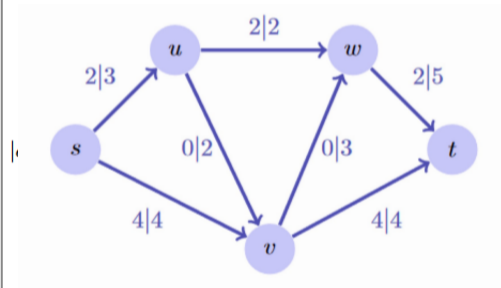
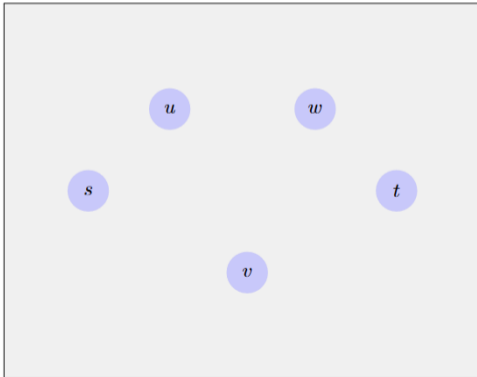
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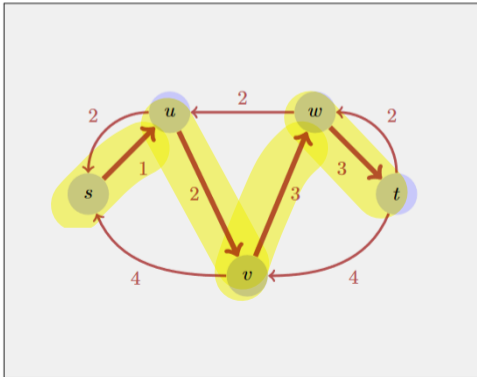
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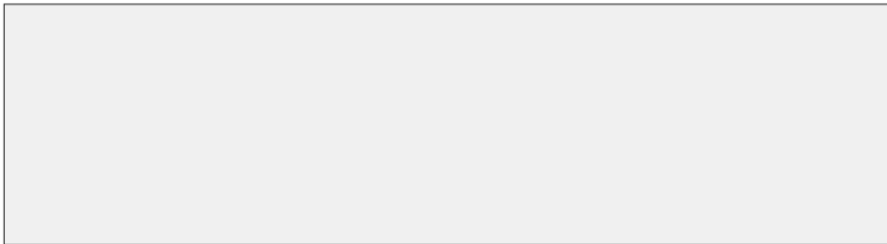


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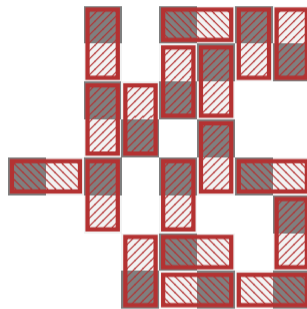
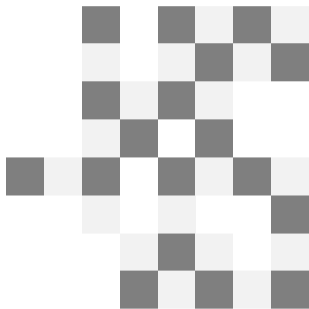
The residual network does not have any more augmenting path.

Alternative: Identify a cut with  $|c(S,T)| = |f|$ .



# Max Flow Question

which exam? □



Let an  $n \times n$  chessboard be given without some squares. Describe an efficient algorithm to find out if the board can be completely covered with dominoes. Then model the problem as a flow problem.

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int fib2(int n) {  
    std::vector<int> f(n+1);  
    f[0] = 0;  
    f[1] = 1;  
  
    for(int i=2;i<=n;++i){  
        f[i] = f[i-1]+f[i-2];  
    }  
  
    return f[n];  
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    int a = 0;  
    int b = 1;  
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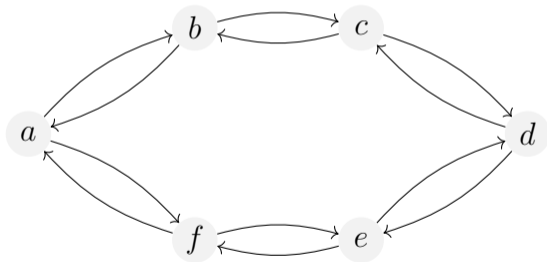
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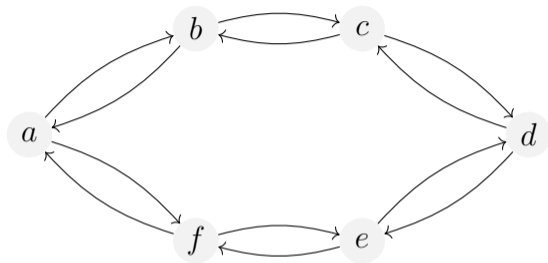
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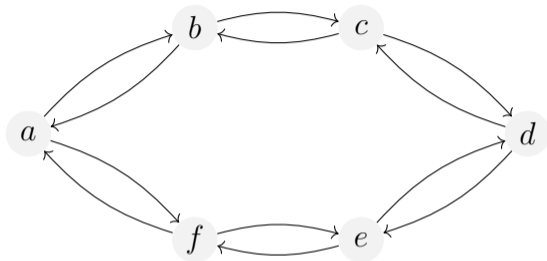
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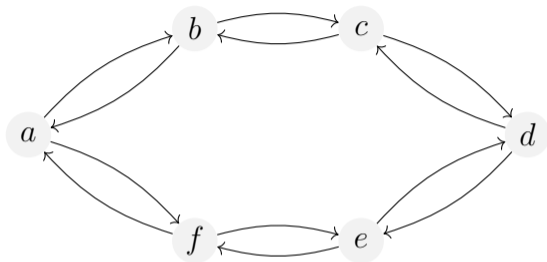


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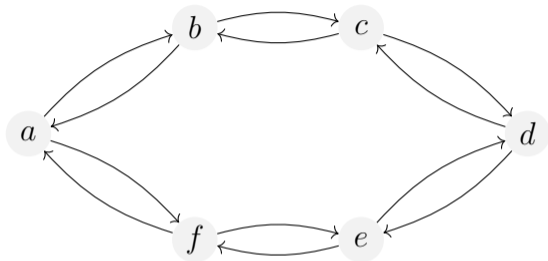
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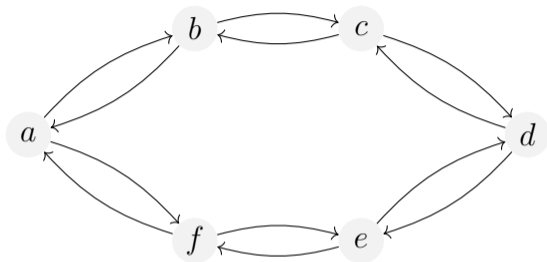


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## Question

In which of the following cases might memoization be significantly more efficient than dynamic programming?

1. When all values are required for the final result
2. When only a few values are required for the final result
3. When the problem has overlapping subproblems
4. When the problem can be solved iteratively

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## Answer

Memoization might be significantly more efficient than dynamic programming when **only a few values are required for the final result** (option 2).

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When the problem does not have a solution, the algorithm returns -1.

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We can use dynamic programming to solve this problem by building a one-dimensional array where  $dp[i]$  represents the minimum number of coins required to make the amount  $i$ :

- Set each element in  $dp$  to a value larger than the maximum possible number of coins.
- Set  $dp[0] = 0$ . *Indep of all other entries!*
- For each coin  $c$ , iterate through the array and update  $dp[i]$  if  $dp[i-c]+1$  has a lower value.

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        }  
    }  
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$i \in 0 \rightarrow 8$

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Coins: [1, 2, 4] Target: 8

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
dp[i]	0	<del><math>\infty</math></del> 1	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$	$\infty$

Initial state of the dp array. Note that we use  $\infty$  instead of amount+1.

$$dp[1] = \min(\infty, \underbrace{dp[1-1] + 1}_2)$$

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After processing the first coin.

$$dp[2] \leftarrow \min \left( dp[2], dp[2-2] + 1 \right) = 1$$

$\quad \quad \quad 2 \quad \quad \quad 0 + 1$

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*dp[target]*

After processing the third and last coin. Answer:  $dp[8] = 2$ .

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The naive algorithm has an exponential time complexity of  $\mathcal{O}(c^n)$ , where  $c$  is the number of coin denominations and  $n$  is the target amount.

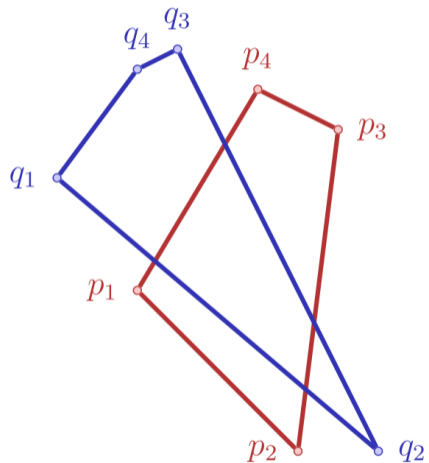
### Dynamic Programming Algorithm

The dynamic programming algorithm has a polynomial time complexity of  $\mathcal{O}(c \cdot n)$ , where  $c$  is the number of coin denominations and  $n$  is the target amount.

## 6. Overlap of Convex Polygons

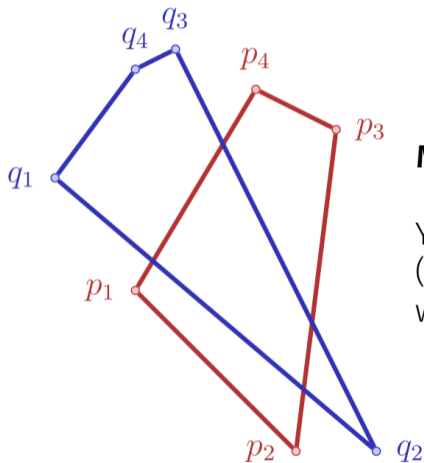
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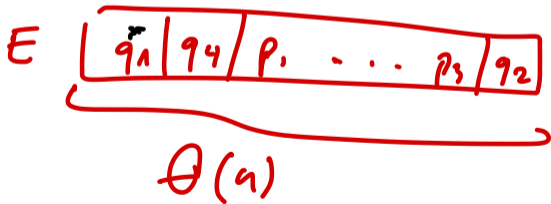
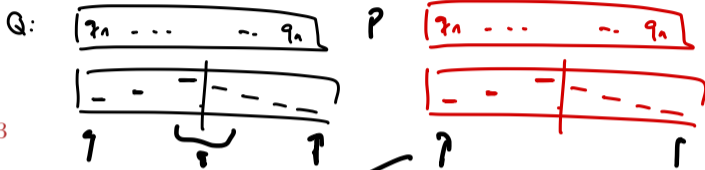
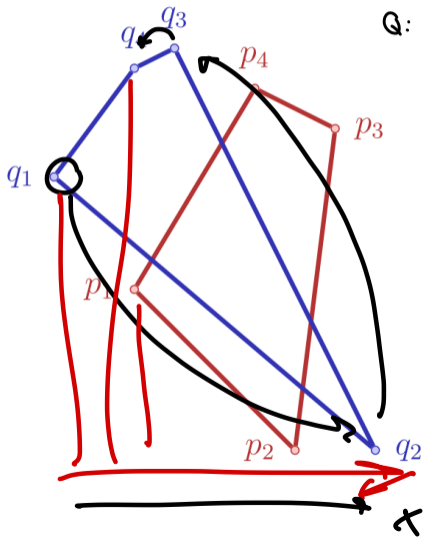
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## Main issue with most solutions

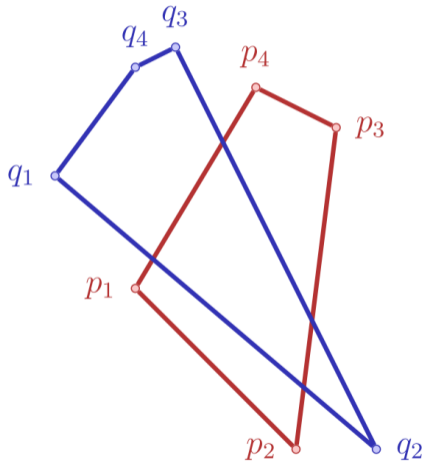
You sorted the given polygon points ( $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ ) instead of using the fact that they were given in partly sorted order!

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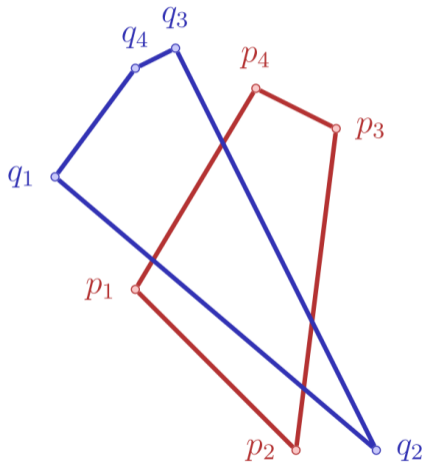


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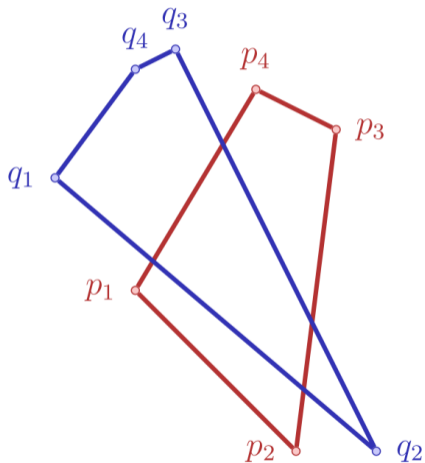


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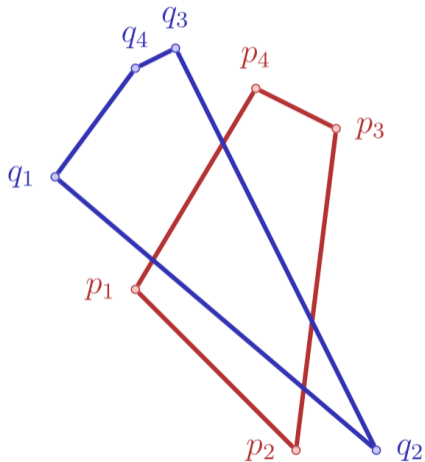
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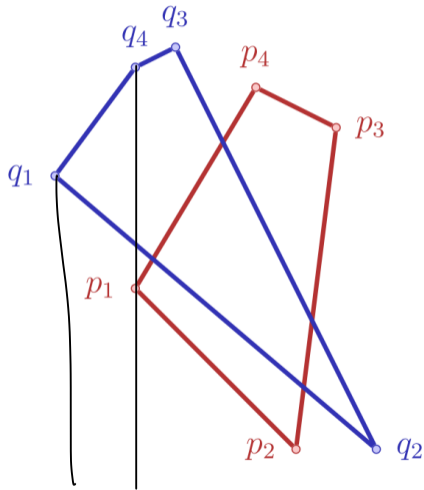
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## 7. In-Class Code-Example

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# Code-Examples: Memoization and DP

Memoization and DP: Maximum Sum of an Increasing Subsequence

→ **code expert**

## 8. Outro

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# General Questions?

See you next time

Have a nice week!