

# Dynamic Programming

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# Problem Solving Strategies

- **Divide and Conquer**

- Divide (reduce) the problem into one or more subproblems;
- Recursively solve subproblems;
- Combine partial solutions to obtain complete solution.
- **Example:** merge-sort, quick-sort, binary-search, ...

- **Greedy**

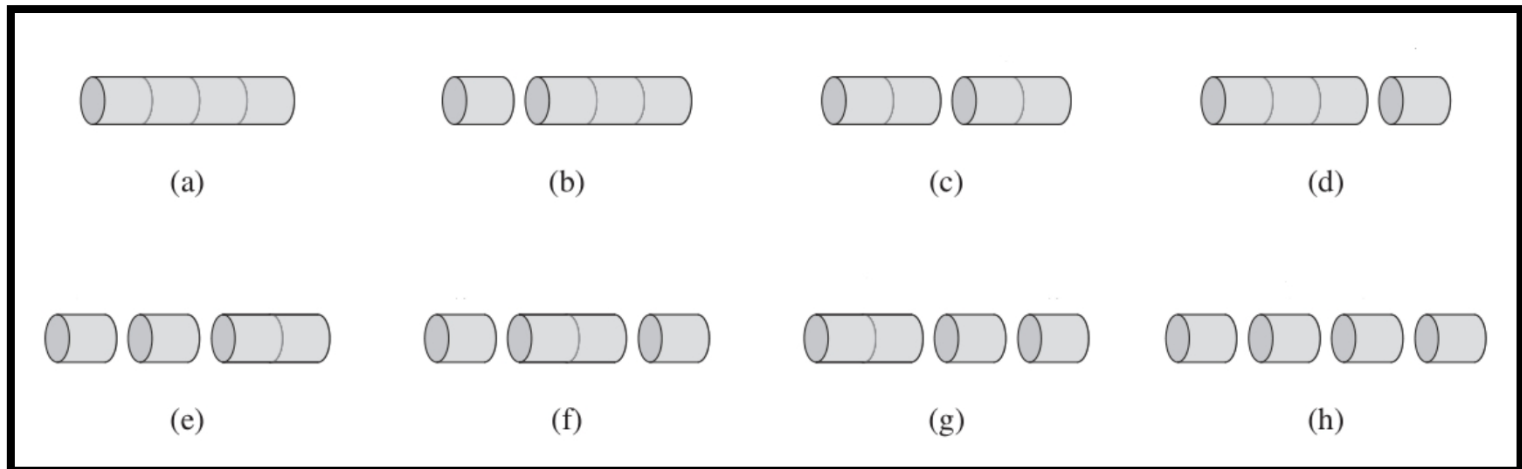
**Greedy choice property.** (Could be hard to identify.)

- Gradually generate a solution for the problem;
- At each step: make an **optimal choice**, then compute **optimal solution** of the subproblem induced by the choice made.
- **Example:** MST, Dijkstra, Huffman codes, ...

What if a problem does not exhibit greedy choice property? rty.

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- How to cut the rod to gain maximum revenue?
- Enumerate all possibilities?
- There are  $2^{n-1}$  ways to cut up a length  $n$  rod...



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- Greedy algorithm?
- Let  $r_k$  denote max profit for a length  $k$  rod.
- Optimal substructure property?
- $r_n = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (p_i + r_{n-i})$
- ~~• Greedy choice property?~~
- Always cut at the most profitable position? ( $\max (p_i/i)$ )
- Does NOT yield optimal solution! ( $n = 3, p_1 = 1, p_2 = 7, p_3 = 9$ )

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- Simple recursive algorithm.

**CutRodRec(prices,n):**

Performance of this algorithm?

```
if (n==0)
    return 0
r = -INF
for (i=1 to n)
    r = Max(r, prices[i]+CutRodRec(prices,n-i))
return r
```

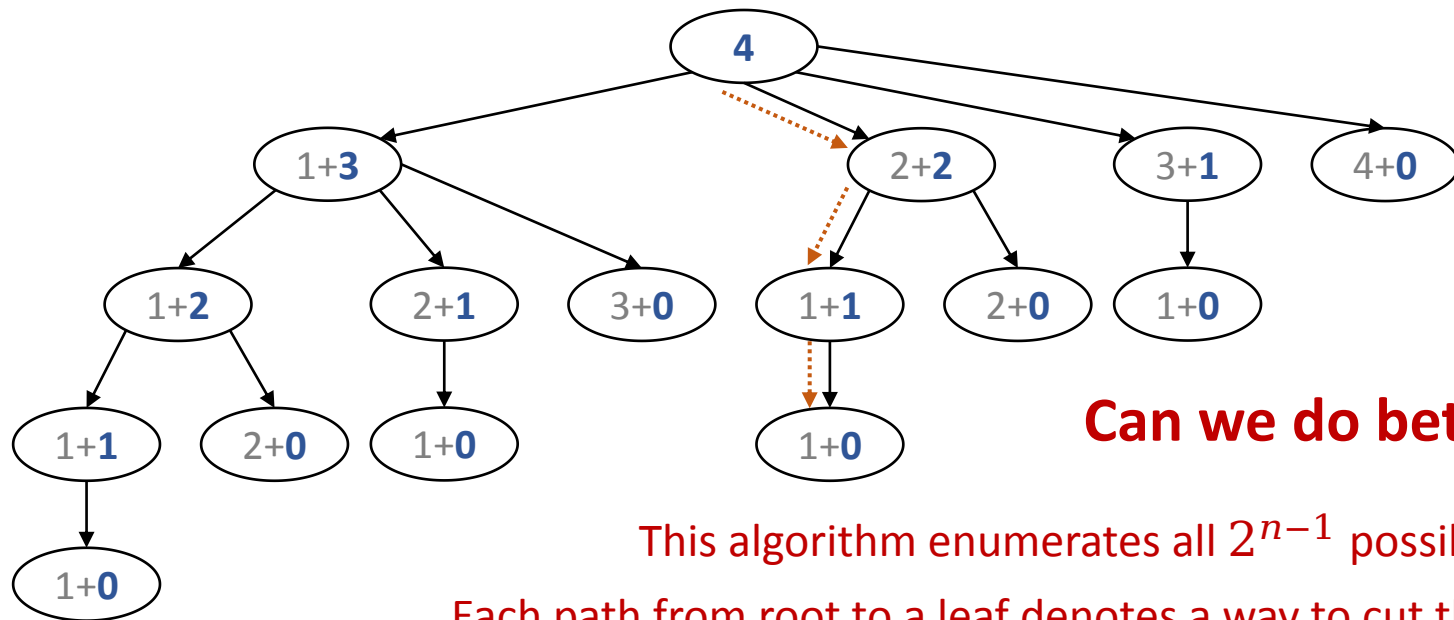
- For each cut, (recursively) find optimal solution. (Find all  $r_{n-i}$ )
- Find optimal solution for original problem. (Find  $\max(p_i + r_{n-i})$ )

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**Can we do better?!**

This algorithm enumerates all  $2^{n-1}$  possibilities!

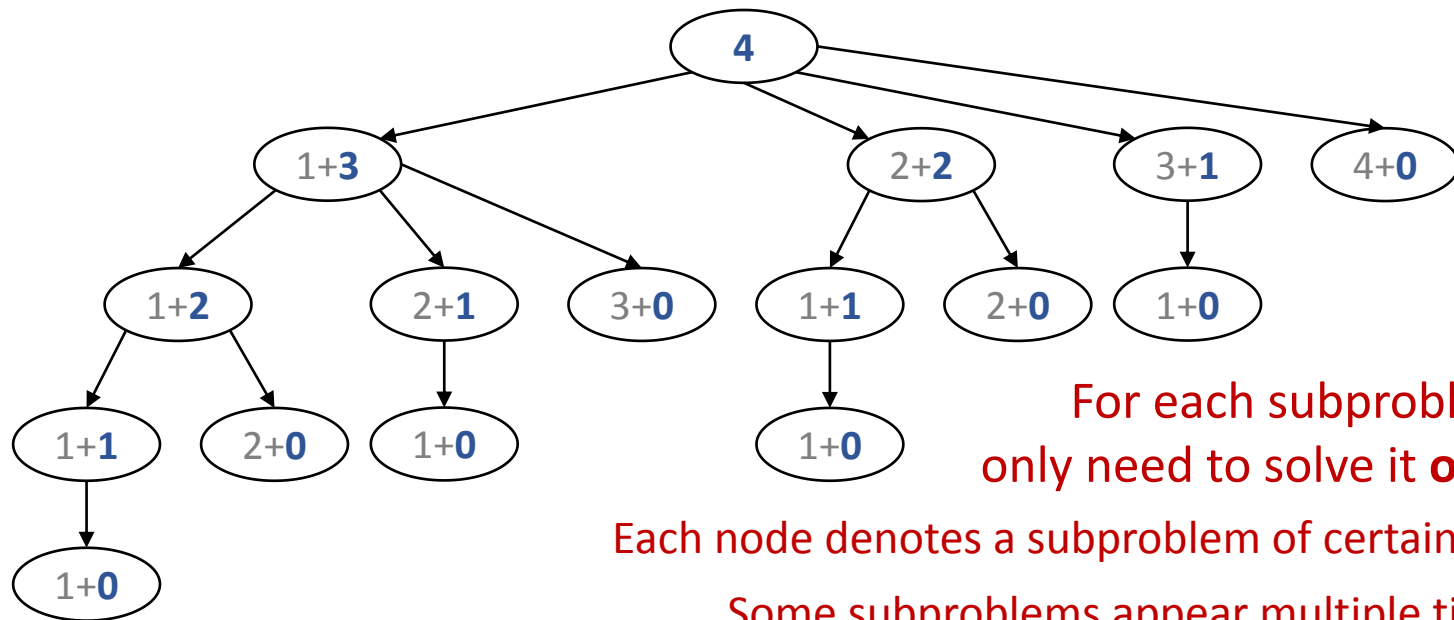
Each path from root to a leaf denotes a way to cut the rod.

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For each subproblem,  
only need to solve it **once!**

Each node denotes a subproblem of certain size.

Some subproblems appear multiple times.

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- Optimal substructure property gives a simple recursive alg.
- Simple recursion solves same subproblem multiple times.
- Solve each subproblem *once* and *remember* solution!

**CutRodRecMemAux(prices,r,n):**

```
if (r[n]>0)
    return r[n]
if (n==0)
    q = 0
else
    q = -INF
    for (i=1 to n)
        q = Max(q, prices[i]+CutRodRecMemAux(prices,r,n-i))
r[n] = q
return q
```

**CutRodRecMem(prices,n):**

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for (i=0 to n)
    r[i] = -INF
return CutRodRecMemAux(prices,r,n)
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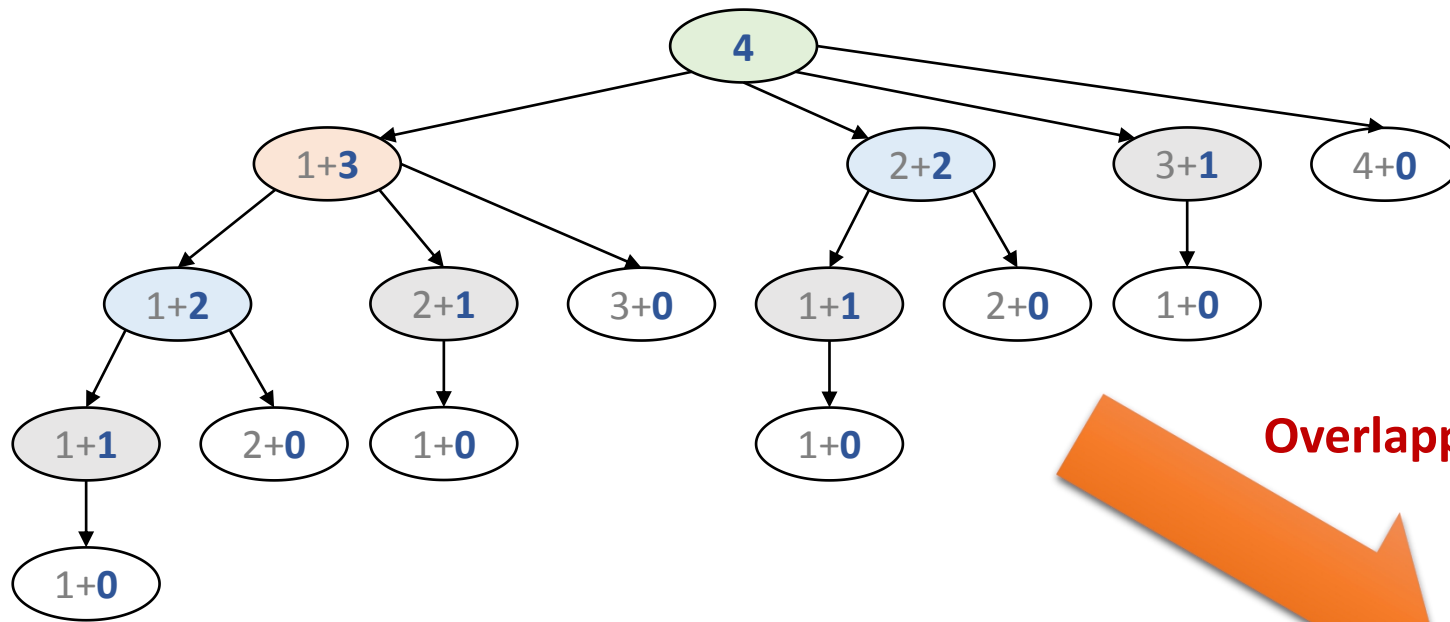
- Runtime of this algorithm?
- Each subproblem (optimal revenue for length  $i$  rod) is solved **once**.
- When actually solving the size  $i$  problem, optimal solutions of subproblems are known. (Otherwise we would recurse first.)
- Thus solving size  $i$  problem needs  $\Theta(i)$  time.
- Total runtime is  $\Theta(1 + 2 + \dots + n) = \Theta(n^2)$ .

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Overlapping subproblems

Runtime =  $\Theta$ (# of lines and nodes in subproblem graph)

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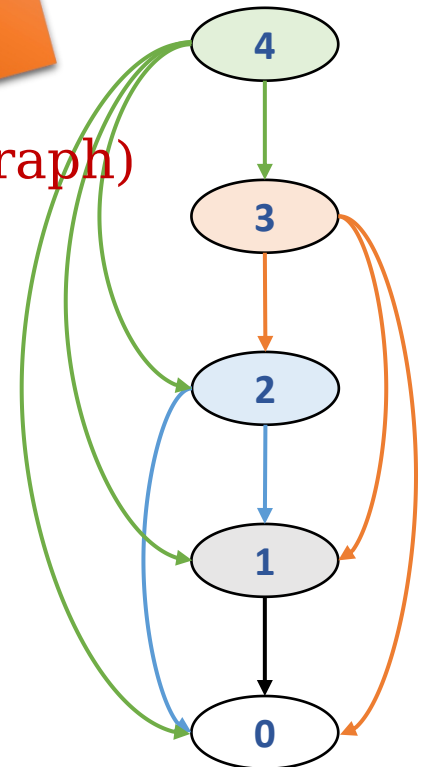
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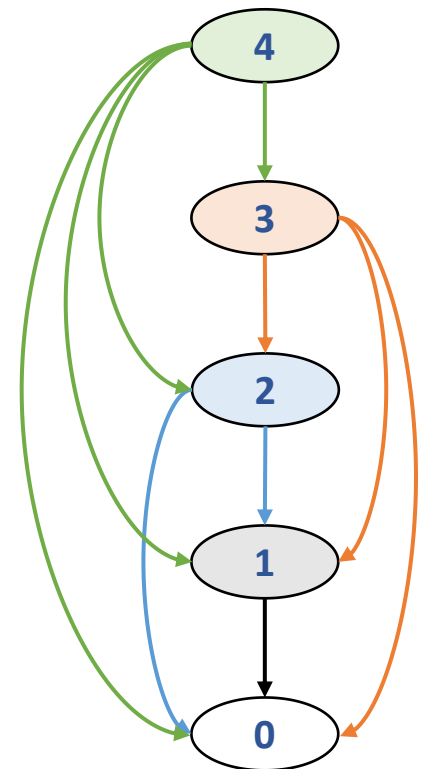
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- **The subproblem graph is a DAG! (WHY?)**
- Solving the problem using recursion is like DFS.
- Convert recursion to iteration?



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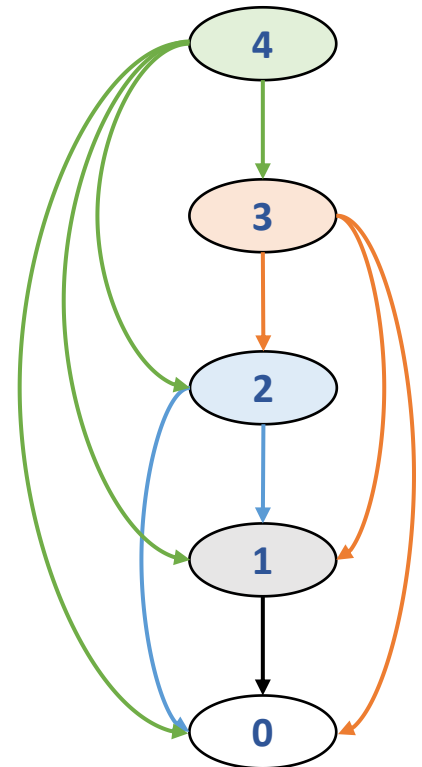
# The Bottom-Up Approach

- Convert recursion to iteration?
- The subproblem graph is a DAG.
- A problem cannot be solved until all subproblems it depends upon are solved.
- Consider subproblems in reverse topo order!

**CutRodIter(prices,n):**

```
r[0] = 0
for (i=1 to n)
  q = -INF
  for (j=1 to i)
    q = Max(q, prices[j] + r[i-j])
  r[i] = q
return r[n]
```

Runtime is  $\Theta(n^2)$



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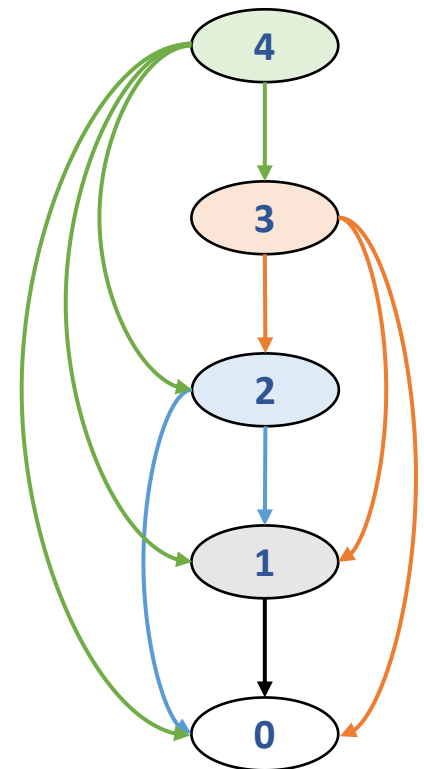
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- Or, inspect the recurrence more carefully!
- $r_n = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (p_i + r_{n-i})$



## The Rod-Cutting Problem

# Reconstructing optimal solution

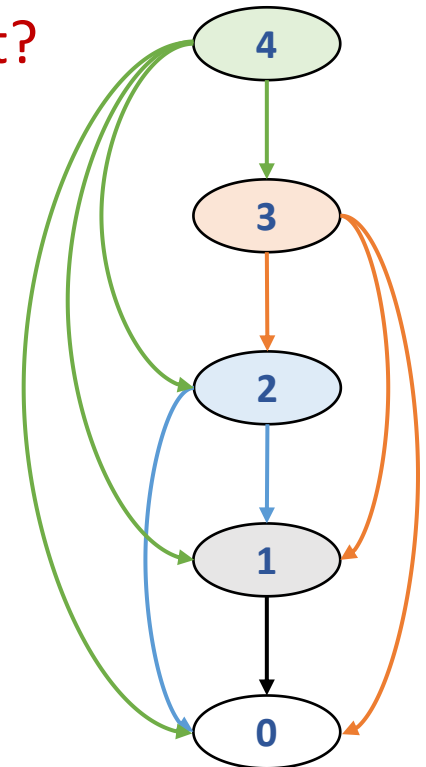
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- Algorithm gives optimal revenue, but how to cut?

### CutRodIter(prices,n):

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r[0] = 0
for (i=1 to n)
  q = -INF
  for (j=1 to i)
    if (q < prices[j] + r[i-j])
      q = prices[j] + r[i-j]
      cuts[i] = j
  r[i] = q
return r[n]
```

### PrintOpt(cuts,n):

```
while (n>0)
  Print cuts[n]
  n = n - cuts[n]
```



# Dynamic Programming (DP)

- Consider an (optimization) problem:
  - Build optimal solution step by step.
  - Problem has **optimal substructure** property.
    - We can design a recursive algorithm.
  - Problem has lots of **overlapping subproblems**.
    - Recursion and *memorize* solutions. (Top-Down)
    - Or, consider subproblems in the *right order*. (Bottom-Up)
- We have seen such algorithms previously!

## APSP via Dynamic Programming

# The Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- **Strategy:** recurse on the *set of node* the shortest paths use.
- Define  $\text{dist}(u, v, r)$  be length of shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$ ,  
s.t. only nodes in  $V_r = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_r\}$  can be intermediate nodes in paths.
- $\text{dist}(u, v, r) =$ 
$$\begin{cases} w(u, v) & \text{if } r = 0 \text{ and } (u, v) \in E \\ \infty & \text{if } r = 0 \text{ and } (u, v) \notin E \\ \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{dist}(u, v, r-1) \\ \text{dist}(u, x_r, r-1) + \text{dist}(x_r, v, r-1) \end{array} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**FloydWarshallAPSP(G):**

**Bottom-up Approach.**

```
for (every pair (u,v) in V*V)
  if ((u,v) in E) then dist[u,v,0]=w(u,v)
  else dist[u,v,0]=INF
for (r=1 to n)
  for (each node u)
    for (each node v)
      dist[u,v,r] = dist[u,v,r-1]
      if (dist[u,v,r] > dist[u,x_r,r-1] + dist[x_r,v,r-1])
        dist[u,v,r] = dist[u,x_r,r-1] + dist[x_r,v,r-1]
```



# Developing a DP algorithm

- **Characterize the structure of solution.**
  - E.g. [rod-cutting]: (one cut of length  $i$ ) + (solution for length  $n - i$ )
- **Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.**
  - E.g. [rod-cutting]:  $r_n = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} (p_i + r_{n-i})$
- **Compute the value of an optimal solution.**
  - Top-down or Bottom-up. (Usually use bottom-up.)
- **[\*] Construct an optimal solution.**
  - Remember optimal choices (beside optimal solution values).

# Matrix-chain Multiplication

- **Input:** Matrices  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ , with  $A_i$  of size  $p_{i-1} \times p_i$ .
- **Output:**  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ .
- **Problem:** Compute output with minimum work?
- Matrix multiplication is associative, and order does matter!
- **Example:**  $|A_1| = 10 \times 100, |A_2| = 100 \times 5, |A_3| = 5 \times 50$
- $(A_1 A_2) A_3$  costs  $10 \times 100 \times 5 + 10 \times 5 \times 50 = 7500$
- $A_1 (A_2 A_3)$  costs  $100 \times 5 \times 50 + 10 \times 100 \times 50 = 75000$
- Optimal order for minimum cost?

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- **Characterize the structure of solution.**
  - What's the last step in computing  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ ?
  - For every order, last step is  $(A_1 A_2 \dots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n)$ .
  - In general,  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j = (A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_j)$
- **Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.**
  - Let  $m[i, j]$  be min cost for computing  $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$
  - $m[i, j] = \min_{i \leq k < j} (m[i, k] + m[k + 1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j)$ 
    - Optimal Substructure Property!

# Matrix Dev

**MatrixChainDP( $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ ):**

```
for (i=1 to n)
    m[i,i] = 0
for (l=2 to n)
    for (i=1 to n-l+1)
        j = i+l-1
        m[i,j] = INF
        for (k=i to j-1)
            cost = m[i,k] + m[k+1,j] + pi-1*pk*pj
            if (cost < m[i,j])
                m[i,j] = cost
return m
```

Runtime is  $O(n^3)$ .

Space cost is  $O(n^2)$ .

• Input:

• Problem

• Character

• Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.

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• Compute the value of an optimal solution.

• Top-down (recursion with memorization) is easy, but bottom-up?

• What does  $m[i, j]$  depend upon?

•  $m[i, j]$  depend upon  $m[i', j']$  where  $j' - i' < j - i$ .

• Compute  $m[i, j]$  in *length increasing* order!

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$p_i$ .

# Matrix-chain Multiplication

## Development

- **Input:** Matrix dimensions  $p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n$

- **Problem:** Find the minimum number of scalar multiplications required to compute the product of the matrices  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ .

- **Characteristics:** Optimal substructure and overlapping subproblems.

- **Recursive Solution:**

- Let  $m[i, j]$  be the minimum number of scalar multiplications required to compute the product of matrices  $A_i, A_{i+1}, \dots, A_j$ .

- $m[i, j]$  can be computed recursively as follows:

- **Computation:**

- Compute  $m[i, j]$  for all  $i \leq j$ .

- **Construction:**

- For each  $i \leq j$ , find the optimal split point  $k$  such that the cost of computing  $A_i \dots A_k$  plus the cost of computing  $A_{k+1} \dots A_j$  is minimized.

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            if (cost < m[i, j])
                m[i, j] = cost
                s[i, j] = k
return <m, s>
```

**MatrixChainPrintOpt( $s, i, j$ ):**

```
if (i==j)
    Print("Ai")
else
    Print("(")
    MatrixChainPrintOpt(s, i, s[i, j])
    MatrixChainPrintOpt(s, s[i, j]+1, j)
    Print(")")
```

al "split".

# Edit Distance

- Given two strings, how *similar* are they?
- **Application:** when a spell checker encounters a possible misspelling, it needs to search dictionary to find *nearby* words.
- Consider following three type of operations for a string:
  - **Insertion:** insert a character at a position.
  - **Deletion:** remove a character at a position.
  - **Substitution:** change a character to another character.
- **Edit Distance** of  $A$  and  $B$ : min # of ops to transform  $A$  into  $B$ .
- *Example:* transform “SNOWY” to “SUNNY”
  - Insertion: SNOWY  $\rightarrow$  S**U**NOWY
  - Deletion: SUNO**W**Y  $\rightarrow$  SUNOY
  - Substitution: SUNO**O**Y  $\rightarrow$  SUN**N**Y
  - Edit distance is *at most* 3 (and it indeed is 3).

# Edit Distance

- **Edit Distance** of  $A$  and  $B$ : min # of ops to transform  $A$  into  $B$ .
  - Operations: **Insertion**, **Deletion**, and **Substitution**.
- One way to visualize the editing process:
  - **Align** string  $A$  above string  $B$ ;
  - A gap in first line indicates an **insertion** (to  $A$ );
  - A gap in second line indicates a **deletion** (from  $A$ );
  - A column with different characters indicates a **substitution**.

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# Edit Distance

- **Edit Distance**: min # of ins/del/sub to transform  $A$  into  $B$ .
- **Problem**: Given  $A$  and  $B$ , what is the edit distance?
- **Step 1: Characterize the structure of solution.**
  - Consider transform  $A[1 \cdots m]$  to  $B[1 \cdots n]$
  - Each solution can be visualized in the way described earlier.
  - Last column must be one of three cases:  $\begin{matrix} - \\ B[n] \end{matrix}$  or  $\begin{matrix} A[m] \\ B[n] \end{matrix}$  or  $\begin{matrix} A[m] \\ - \end{matrix}$
  - Each case reduces the problem to a subproblem:
    - $(-, B[n])$ : edit distance of  $A[1 \cdots m]$  and  $B[1 \cdots (n - 1)]$
    - $(A[m], B[n])$ : edit distance of  $A[1 \cdots (m - 1)]$  and  $B[1 \cdots (n - 1)]$
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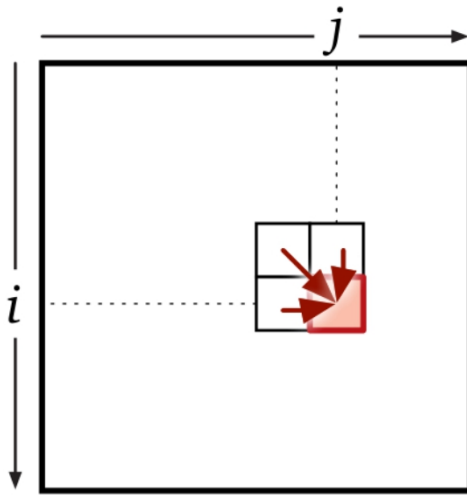


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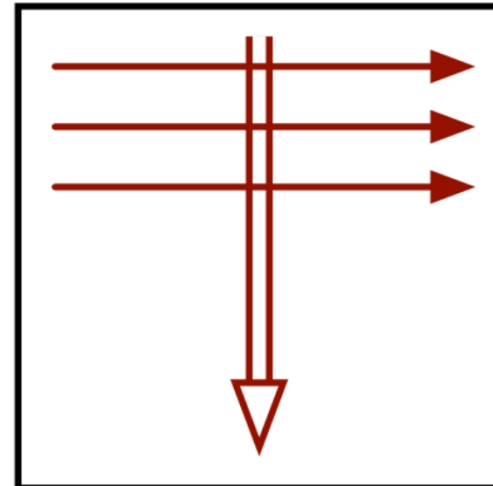
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- **Step 2: Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.**
- $dist(i, j) =$ 
  - $i$  if  $j = 0$
  - $j$  if  $i = 0$
  - $\min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} dist(i, j - 1) + 1 \\ dist(i - 1, j) + 1 \\ dist(i - 1, j - 1) + I[A[i] = B[j]] \end{array} \right\}$  otherwise

# Edit

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to  $B$ .

- Step 2: Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.

•  $dist(i, j)$

**EditDistDP(A[1...m], B[1...n]):**

for (i=0 to m)

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**Step 4: Construct an optimal solution.**

$dist[0, j] = j$

for (i=1 to m)

for (j=1 to n)

$delDist = dist[i-1, j] + 1$

$insDist = dist[i, j-1] + 1$

$subDist = dist[i-1, j-1] + Diff(A[i], B[j])$

$dist[i, j] = \text{Min}(delDist, insDist, subDist)$

return dist

- Step 3

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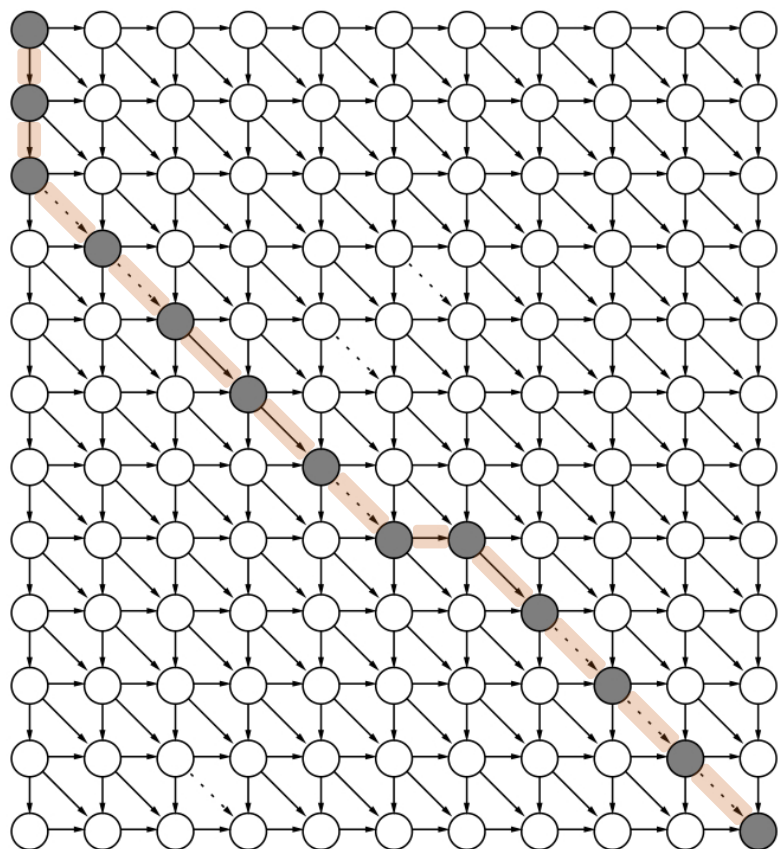
- Outer-loop: increasing  $i$ ; Inner-loop: increasing  $j$ .

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Bottom-Up).

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## Subproblem graph (DAG)

Transform “EXPONENTIAL” to “POLYNOMIAL”

→ Insertion (costs 1)

↓ Deletion (costs 1)

↘ Substitution [diff] (costs 1)

↘ Substitution (costs 0)

**Edit distance:**

Shortest path from top-left to right-bottom.

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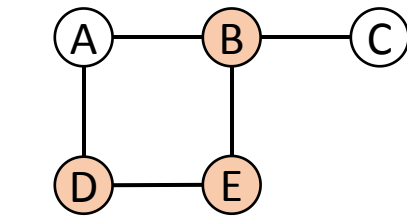
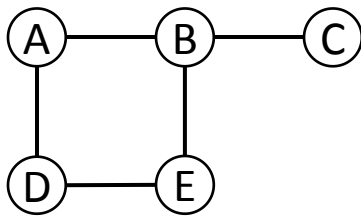
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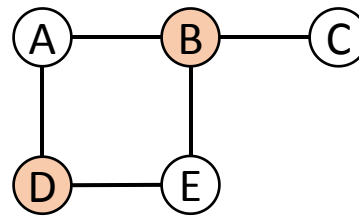
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# Maximum Independent Set

- Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , an **independent set**  $I$  is a subset of  $V$ , such that no vertices in  $I$  are adjacent.  
(Put another way, for all  $(u, v) \in I \times I$ , we have  $(u, v) \notin E$ .)
- A **maximum independent set (MaxIS)** is an independent set of maximum size.

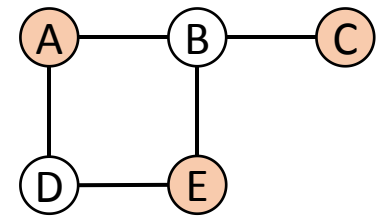


$\{B, D, E\}$  is **NOT** IS



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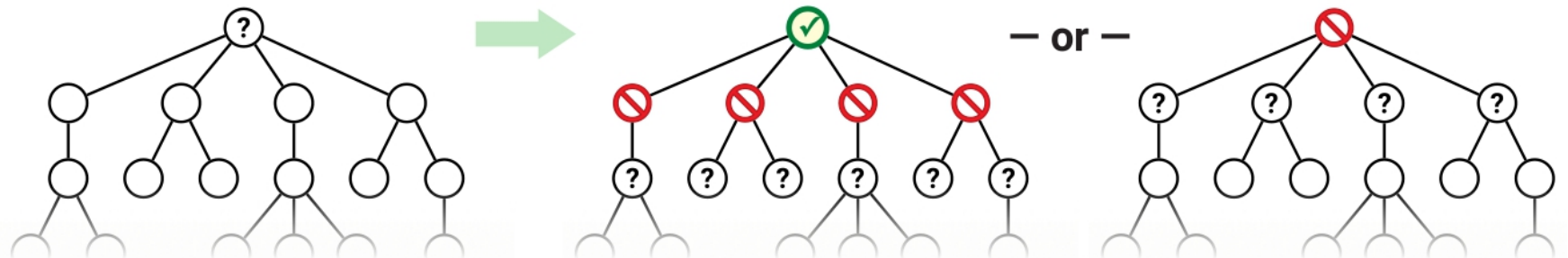
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# Maximum Independent Set

- Given an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$ , an **independent set**  $I$  is a subset of  $V$ , such that no vertices in  $I$  are adjacent.  
(Put another way, for all  $(u, v) \in I \times I$ , we have  $(u, v) \notin E$ .)
- A **maximum independent set (MaxIS)** is an independent set of maximum size.
- Computing MaxIS in an arbitrary graph is (likely) very hard. Even getting an approximate MaxIS is (likely) very hard!
- But if we only consider **trees**, MaxIS is very easy!

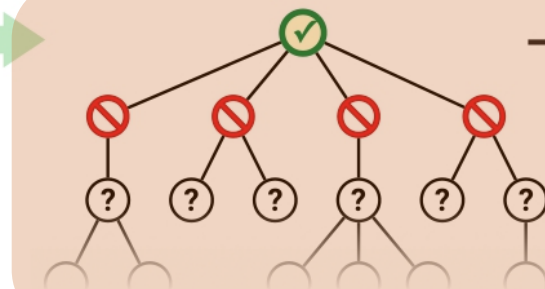
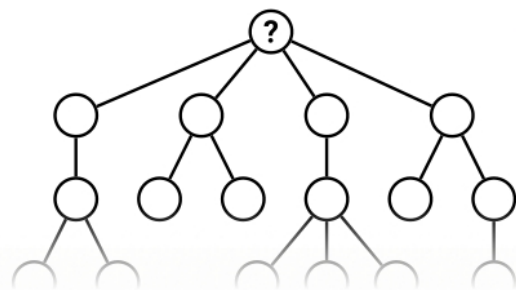
# MaxIS of Trees

- **Problem:** Given a tree  $T$  with root  $r$ , compute a MaxIS of it.
- **Step 1: Characterize the structure of solution.**
  - Given an IS  $I$  of  $T$ , for each child  $u$  of  $r$ , set  $I \cap V(T_u)$  is an IS of  $T_u$ .
- **Step 2: Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.**
  - Let  $mis(T_u)$  be size of MaxIS of (sub)tree rooted at node  $u$ .
  - $mis(T_u) = 1 + \sum_{v \text{ is a child of } u} mis(T_v)$
  - **NO!** The recurrence depends on whether  $u$  is in the MaxIS of  $T_u$ .

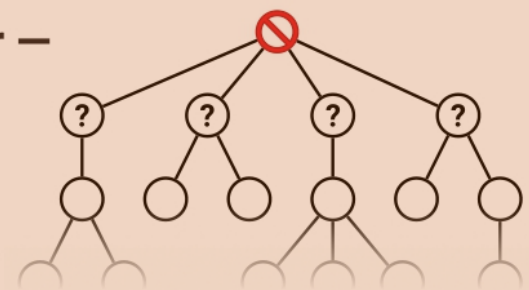


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  - $mis(T_u, 0) = \sum_{v \text{ is a child of } u} mis(T_v)$
  - $mis(T_u) = \max\{mis(T_u, 0), mis(T_u, 1)\}$



— or —



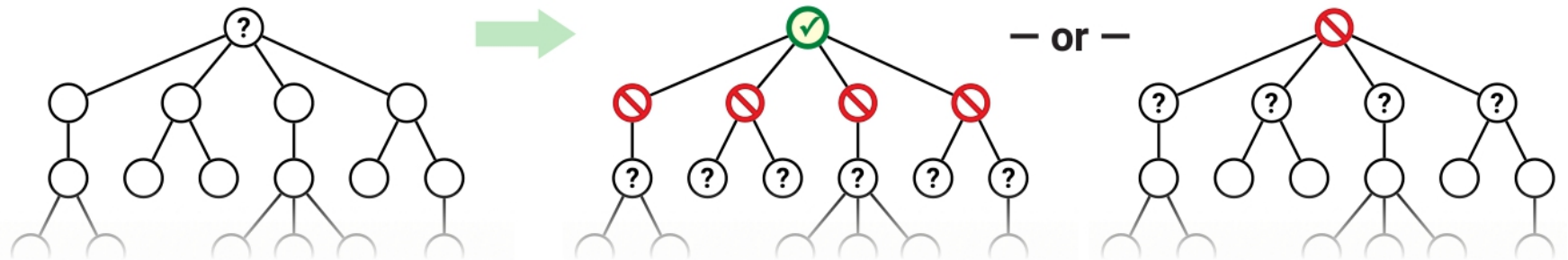
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- **Step 2: Recursive DP** **MaxISDP(u):** Runtime is  $O(V + E) = O(V)$  **al solution.**

- Let  $mis1 = 1$
- Let  $mis0 = 0$
- for (each child  $v$  of  $u$ )
- $mis1 = mis1 + \text{MaxISDP}(v).mis0$
- $mis0 = mis0 + \text{MaxISDP}(v).mis$
- $mis = \text{Max}(mis0, mis1)$
- return  $\langle mis, mis0, mis1 \rangle$

- **Step 3: Compute the value of an optimal solution.**





# Dynamic Programming (DP)

- Consider an (optimization) problem:
  - Build optimal solution step by step.
  - Problem has **optimal substructure** property.
    - We can design a recursive algorithm.
  - Problem has lots of **overlapping subproblems**.
    - Recursion and *memorize* solutions. (Top-Down)
    - Or, consider subproblems in the *right order*. (Bottom-Up)

# Optimal substructure not always true

- Shortest path in unit-weight graph:

- Assume  $w \in OPT(u \rightarrow v)$       Optimal substructure property!
- $OPT(u \rightarrow v) = u \rightarrow^{P_1} w \rightarrow^{P_2} v$       Subproblems are *independent*!
- $P_1 = OPT(u \rightarrow w)$  and  $P_2 = OPT(w \rightarrow v)$

- Longest *simple* path in unit-weight graph:

- Assume  $w \in OPT(u \rightarrow v)$       NO optimal substructure property!
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- $P_1 = OPT(u \rightarrow w)$  and  $P_2 = OPT(w \rightarrow v)$

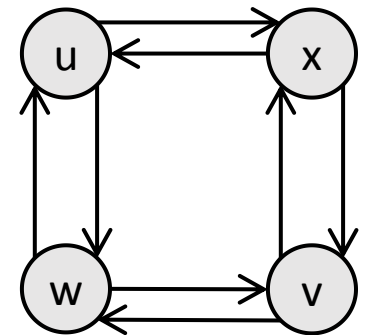
Subproblems are NOT *independent*!

- Clearly  $OPT(u \rightarrow v) = u \rightarrow w \rightarrow v$ .

~~• Therefore  $OPT(u \rightarrow w) = u \rightarrow w$ ?~~

- But  $OPT(u \rightarrow w) = u \rightarrow x \rightarrow v \rightarrow w$ .

- Similarly,  $OPT(w \rightarrow v) = w \rightarrow u \rightarrow x \rightarrow v \neq w \rightarrow v$ .



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# Top-Down vs Bottom-Up

- Dynamic programming *trades space for time*.
  - Save solutions for subproblems to avoid repeat computation.
- **[Top-Down]** Recursion with memorization.
  - Very straightforward, easy to write down the code.
  - Use array or hash-table to memorize solutions.
  - Array may cost more space, but hash-table may cost more time.
- **[Bottom-Up]** Solve subproblems in the right order.
  - Finding the right order might be non-trivial. (Subproblem graph?)
  - Usually use array to memorize solutions.
  - Might be able to reduce the size of array to save even more space.
- **Top-down vs Bottom-up**
  - Top-down often costs more time in practice. (Recursion is costly!)
  - But not always! (Top-down only considers necessary subproblems.)

## APSP via Dynamic Programming

# The Floyd-Warshall Algorithm

- **FloydWarshallAPSP(G):**

Space cost  
 $O(n^2)$

- for (every pair (u,v) in  $V \times V$ )  
  if ((u,v) in E) then  $\text{dist}[u,v] = w(u,v)$   
  else  $\text{dist}[u,v] = \text{INF}$
- for (r=1 to n)  
  for (each node u)  
    for (each node v)  
      if ( $\text{dist}[u,v] > \text{dist}[u,x_r] + \text{dist}[x_r,v]$ )  
         $\text{dist}[u,v] = \text{dist}[u,x_r] + \text{dist}[x_r,v]$

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$(\text{dist}(u, x_r, l-1) + \text{dist}(x_r, v, l-1))$

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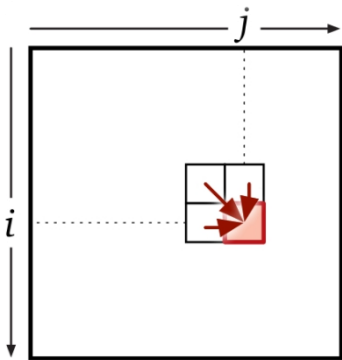
Space cost  
 $O(n^3)$

- for (every pair (u,v) in  $V \times V$ )  
  if ((u,v) in E) then  $\text{dist}[u,v,0] = w(u,v)$   
  else  $\text{dist}[u,v,0] = \text{INF}$
- for (r=1 to n)  
  for (each node u)  
    for (each node v)  
       $\text{dist}[u,v,r] = \text{dist}[u,v,r-1]$   
      if ( $\text{dist}[u,v,r] > \text{dist}[u,x_r,r-1] + \text{dist}[x_r,v,r-1]$ )  
         $\text{dist}[u,v,r] = \text{dist}[u,x_r,r-1] + \text{dist}[x_r,v,r-1]$

# Edit Dist

- **Edit Distance:**

- $dist(i, j) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \min \end{array} \right.$



EditDistDP(A[1...m],B[1...n]):

Space cost  $O(n)$

```
for (j=0 to n)
    distLast[j] = j
for (i=1 to m)      //distLast[j] = dist[i-1,j]
    distCur[0] = i  //distCur[j] = dist[i,j]
    for (j=1 to n)
        delDist = distLast[j] + 1
        insDist = distCur[j-1] + 1
        subDist = distLast[j-1] + Diff(A[i],B[j])
        distCur[j] = Min(delDist,insDist,subDist)
    distLast = distCur
return distCur[n]
```

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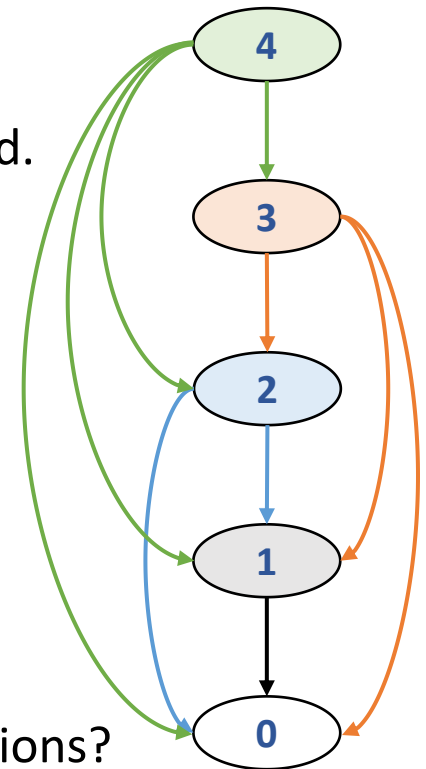
# Analysis of DP Algorithms

- **Correctness:**

- Optimal substructure property.
- **Bottom-up approach:** subproblems are already solved.

- **Complexity:**

- **Space complexity:** obvious with array. (Hash table?)
- **Time complexity [bottom-up]:** usually obvious.
- **Time complexity [top-down]:**
  - How many subproblems in total?  
(# of nodes in the subproblem DAG.)
  - Time to solve a problem, given subproblem solutions?  
(# of edges in the subproblem DAG.)



# Subset Sum

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- **Simple solution:** recursively enumerates all  $2^n$  subsets, leading to an algorithm costing  $O(2^n)$  time.
- **Can we do better with dynamic programming?**  
(Notice this is **not** an optimization problem.)



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- **Step 1: Characterize the structure of solution.**
  - If there is a solution  $S$ , either  $X[1]$  is in it or not.
  - If  $X[1] \in S$ , then there is a solution to instance " $X[2 \dots n], T - X[1]$ ";  
if  $X[1] \notin S$ , then there is a solution to instance " $X[2 \dots n], T$ ".
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  - Let  $ss(i, t) = \text{true}$  iff instance " $X[i \dots n], t$ " has a solution.
  - $$ss(i, t) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } t = 0 \\ ss(i + 1, t) & \text{if } t < X[i] \\ \text{false} & \text{if } i > n \\ ss(i + 1, t) \vee ss(i + 1, t - X[i]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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## SubsetSumDP(X,T):

Runtime is  
 $O(nT)$

```
ss[n,0] = True
for (t=1 to T)
  ss[n,t] = (X[n]==t)?True:False
for (i=n-1 downto 1)
  ss[i,0] = True
  for (t=1 to X[i]-1)
    ss[i,t] = ss[i+1,t]
  for (t=X[i] to T)
    ss[i,t] = Or( ss[i+1,t], ss[i+1,t-X[i]] )
return ss[1,T]
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- **Step 3: Compute the value of an optimal solution (Bottom-Up).**
  - Build an 2D array  $ss[1 \dots n, 0 \dots T]$
  - Evaluation order: bottom row to top row; left to right within each row.

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- **Dynamic programming:** costing  $O(nT)$  time.
- **Dynamic programming isn't *always* an improvement!**

# Dynamic Programming vs Greedy

- Common strategies for solving optimization problems.
- Gradually generates a solution for the problem.
- **Dynamic Programming**
  - At each step: **multiple** potential choices, each reducing the problem to a subproblem, compute **optimal solutions of all subproblems** and then find optimal solution of original problem.
  - **Optimal substructure + Overlapping subproblems.**
- **Greedy**
  - At each step: make an **optimal choice**, then compute **optimal solution** of the subproblem induced by the choice made.
  - **Optimal substructure + Greedy choice.**
- **Try DP first, then check if greedy works! (If does, prove it!)**  
(Come up with a working algorithm first, then develop a faster one.)

# Reading

- [CLRS] Ch.15
- Optional reading: [DPV] Ch.6; [Erickson v1] Ch.3

