

CS 170

# Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems

## Lecture 13

### Dynamic Programming II (updated)

*Classroom annotations were not saved, so these annotations are added afterwards to help with the study material.*

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# Announcements

Midterm 1 exam:

→ We are still grading. Expect grades by the end of the week!

Homeworks:

→ HW6 is due Wednesday (tomorrow) night

→ HW7 will be released later today and due as usual on Monday.

# Recap of the Last Lecture

## Dynamic Programming!

### The recipe!

**Step 1.** Identify subproblems (aka optimal substructure)

**Step 2.** Find a recursive formulation for the subproblems

**Step 3.** Design the Dynamic Programming Algorithm

→ Memo-ize computation starting from smallest subproblems and building up.

We saw a lot of examples already

→ Fibonacci

→ Shortest Paths (in DAGs, Bellman-Ford, and All-Pair)

# This lecture

Even more examples!

- Longest increasing subsequence
- Edit distance
- Knapsack

Best way to learn dynamic programming is by doing a lot of examples!

By doing more examples today, we will also develop intuition about how to choose subproblems (Recipe's step 1).

# Longest Increasing Subsequences (LIS)

- Input: An array of  $n$  integers  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$
- Output: The length of the longest increasing subsequence of the input.

To be consistent with the book, we aren't using 0-indexing for the input.

$a = 5 \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 6 \quad 3 \quad 6 \quad 9 \quad 7$

Increasing subsequence:

2                      3   6            7

Not an increasing  
subsequence:

2   8   6

“Subsequences” can be non-contiguous by definition.

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# Longest Increasing Subsequence

Why care about this problem?

- An important algorithmic preprocessing step.
- Useful for understanding random processes.
  - Shuffle cards and play the game of Solitaire (aka Patience Sorting), how many piles you need?
  - Computations over random graphs, networks, social media.

# Step 1: Subproblems of LIS

- Input: An array of  $n$  integers  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$
- Output: The length of the longest increasing subsequence (LIS) of the input.

## Discuss

Which of these two subproblems is more appropriate for designing a dynamic programming algorithm?

1.  $L[j] = \text{len. of LIS in array } [a_1, \dots, a_j], \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n$

✓ 2.  $L[j] = \text{len. of LIS in array } [a_1, \dots, a_j] \text{ that ends in } a_j, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n$

What makes for good subproblems?

- Not too many of them (the more subproblems the slower the DP algorithm)
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- Because, if we don't keep track of the **last (largest) element of the LIS** we don't know **whether we can add a new element** to the subsequence, **recursively**.
- Think of the subproblem's stored info as the only thing you observe about smaller instances!

**len. of LIS = 4**

$a =$ 

5	2	8	6	3	6	9
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 7

Knowing only Len of LIS, we  
wouldn't know if we can add 7



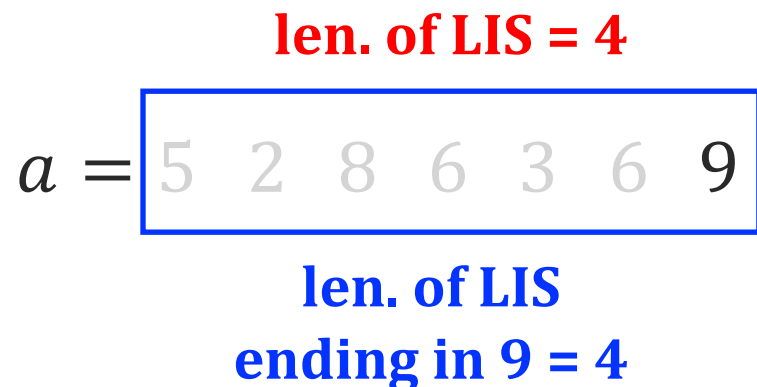


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We know for sure, we can't add 7



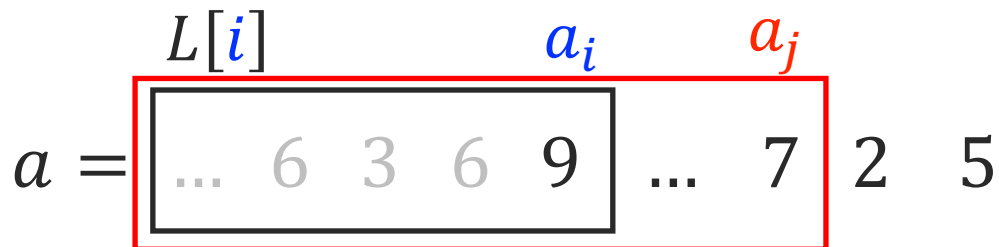
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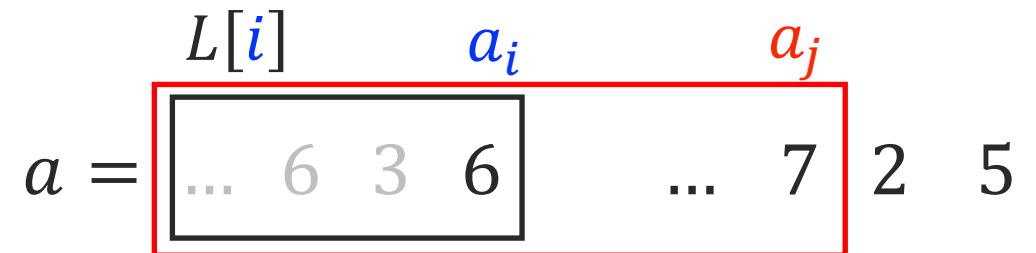
Case 1:  $a[j] \leq a[i]$



Can't add  $a_j$  to  
lengthen  $L[i]$

Original class notes had a typo in this case.

Case 2:  $a[j] > a[i]$



$$L[j] = L[i] + 1$$

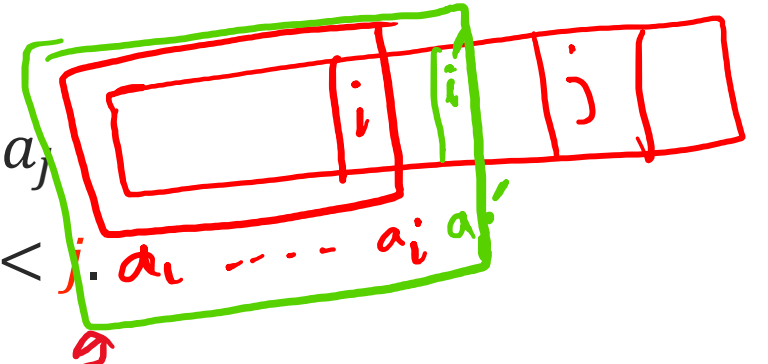
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$$L[j] = \max_{i < j} \{L[i] : a_j > a_i\} + 1$$

$L[j] = 1$ , if no  $i < j$  exists with  $a_j > a_i$ .



e.g.  $a_j$  might be the min element. Can still serve as a start of a seq.

# Step 3: Design the DP Algorithm

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- Input: An array of  $n$  integers  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$
- Output: The length of the longest increasing subsequence (LIS) of the input.

Runtime:

$O(n)$  subproblems

For each subproblem, we look at at most  $n$  smaller subproblems.

→  $O(n)$  time per subproblem.

**Total:**  $O(n^2)$  runtime.

LIS( $a_1, \dots, a_n$ )

array  $L$  of length  $n$

**for**  $j = 1, \dots, n$

**If exists**  $i < j$ , s.t.,  $a_i < a_j$

$L[j] \leftarrow 1 + \max_{i < j} \{ L[i] \mid a_i < a_j \}$

**Else**  $L[j] \leftarrow 1$

**return**  $\max_j L[j]$

# Edit Distance

# Computing the Edit Distance

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

Output: Compute the smallest number of edits to turn  $S$  into  $T$ .

Edits allowed:

1. Insert a character into  $S$
2. Delete character from  $S$
3. Change one character to another character.

Example:

What's the edit distance between  
 $S = \text{"SNOWY"}$  and  $T = \text{"SUNNY"}$ ?

S N O W Y

Add U

S U N O W Y

Change O to N

S U N N W Y

Delete W

S U N N Y

# Applications of Edit Distance

- Auto correct!
- Word suggestions in search engines
- DNA analysis of similarities.

# Edit Distance and Cost of Alignment

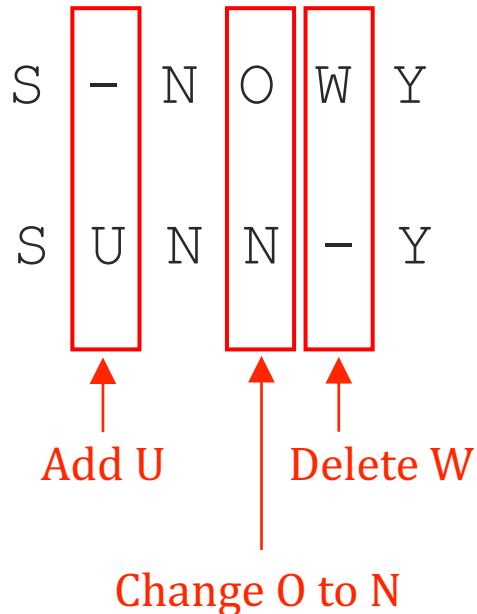
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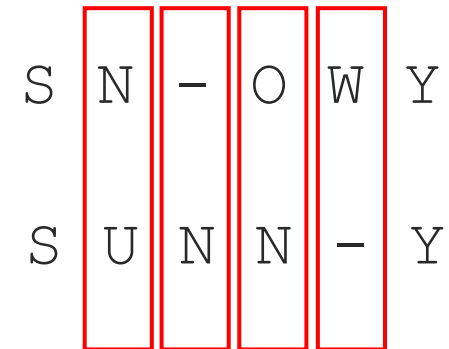
Edit Distance is the **minimal cost of alignment** between two strings.

→ **An alignment**: line up two words. **Cost of an alignment** = # columns that don't match

An alignment  
with cost 3



An alignment  
with cost 4





# Step 1: Subproblems of Edit Distance

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**Subproblems:** for all  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$

# of subproblems  
 $(m+1)(n+1) = O(mn)$

$$E(i, j) = \text{EditDist}(S[1 \dots i], T[1 \dots j])$$

Cost of optimal alignment between  $S[1 \dots i]$ ,  $T[1 \dots j]$

# Step 2: Recurrence Relation of Edit Distance

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

Output: Compute the smallest number of edits to turn  $S$  into  $T$ .

**Step 1:**  $E(i, j) = \text{EditDist}(S[1 \dots i], T[1 \dots j])$ , for all  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$

Indicator function  $\begin{cases} 1 & S_i \neq T_j \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$

## Discuss

There are three ways of aligning  $S[1 \dots i]$  and  $T[1 \dots j]$ . What are their costs recursively?

### Case 1

$S[1 \dots i - 1]$	$S[i]$
$T[1 \dots j]$	—

$$E(i, j) = \min \left\{ E(i-1, j) + 1, \right.$$

### Case 2

$S[1 \dots i]$	—
$T[1 \dots j - 1]$	$T[j]$

$$E(i, j-1) + 1,$$

### Case 3

$S[1 \dots i - 1]$	$S[i]$
$T[1 \dots j - 1]$	$T[j]$

$$E(i-1, j-1) + \mathbb{1}(S_i \neq T_j)$$

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**Step 2:** The recurrence relation

$$E(i, j) = \min \{E(i-1, j) + 1, E(i, j-1) + 1, E(i-1, j-1) + 1(S[i] \neq T[j])\}$$

Base case:  $E(i, 0) = i$  and  $E(0, j) = j$

Base Cases

one string is empty

# Step 3: Design the Algorithm

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

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How do we memo-ize the subproblems in this recurrence relation?

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	0	...	$j-1$	$j$	...
0					
$\vdots$					
$i-1$			$E(i-1, j-1)$	$E(i-1, j)$	
$i$			$E(i, j-1)$	$E(i, j)$	
$\vdots$					

Implicit DAG  
of the DP  
indicating  
the order  
of computation  
for subproblems.

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	0	...	$j-1$	$j$	...
0	0	1	$j-1$	$j$	$j+1$
$\vdots$	1				
2	2				
$\vdots$	$i-1$				
$i-1$			$E(i-1, j-1)$	$E(i-1, j)$	
$\vdots$	$i$				
$i$			$E(i, j-1)$	$E(i, j)$	
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The diagram shows a grid representing the DP table. The columns are indexed 0, ..., j-1, j, ... and the rows are indexed 0, ..., i-1, i, ... . Red arrows indicate the sequence of subproblems computed: from (0,0) to (1,1), then to (2,2), and finally to (i,j). The cell at (i-1, j-1) contains the label  $E(i-1, j-1)$ . The cell at (i-1, j) contains the label  $E(i-1, j)$ . The cell at (i, j-1) contains the label  $E(i, j-1)$ . The cell at (i, j) contains the label  $E(i, j)$ .

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# Runtime of this algorithm

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

Output: Compute the smallest number of edits to turn  $S$  into  $T$ .

$O(mn)$  number of subproblems.

For each subproblem, we take minimum of 3 values.

→ Work per subproblem  $O(1)$

Total runtime:  $O(mn)$ .

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Edit-Distance( $S[1 \dots m], T[1 \dots n]$ )
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  ( $m + 1$ ) $\times$ ( $n + 1$ ) array  $E$ 
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  For  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m, E[i, 0] = i$ 
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  For  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n, E[0, j] = j$ 
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  return  $E(m, n)$ 
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3 Minute Break  
(Please close the auditorium door)

# Knapsack (with repetition)

# Knapsack

All integers!

Input: A weight capacity  $W$ , and  $n$  items with (weights, values),  $(w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$ .

Output: Most valuable combination of items, whose total weight is at most  $W$ .

Two variants:

1. With repetition (aka unbounded supply, aka with replacement)

→ For each item  $i$ , we can take as many copies of it as we want

2. Without repetition (0-1 knapsack, aka without replacement)

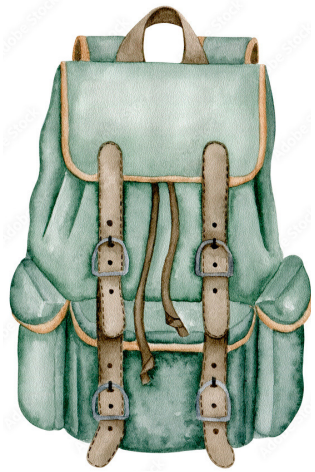
→ For each item, either we take 1 copy or 0 copy of it.

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$W = 10$

Item



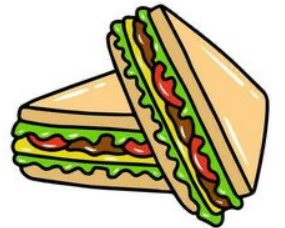
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4



2

Weight:

Value:

30

14

16

9

With repetition:

1 tent + 2 sandwiches = **48 value**  
**Weight = 10**

Without repetition:

1 tent + 1 stove = **46 value**  
**Weight = 10**

# Step 1: Subproblems of Knapsack (with repetition)

Input: A weight capacity  $W$ , and  $n$  items  $(w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$ . All integers.

Output: Most valuable combination of items (with repetition), whose total weight is  $\leq W$ .

What makes for good subproblems?

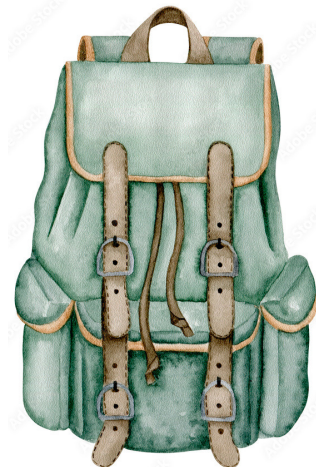
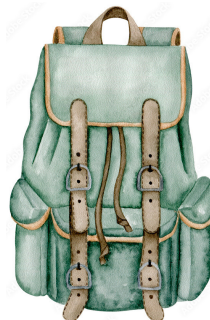
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**Subproblems:** For all  $c \leq W$ ,  $K(c)$  = best value achievable for knapsack of capacity  $c$ .

First solve the problem  
for small knapsacks



Then larger knapsacks



# Step 2: Recurrence in Knapsack (with repetition)

Input: A weight capacity  $W$ , and  $n$  items  $(w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$ . All integers.

Output: Most valuable combination of items (with repetition), whose total weight is  $\leq W$ .

**Step 1:** Subproblems  $K(c)$  = best value achievable for knapsack of capacity  $c$ , for  $c \leq W$ .

**Step 2:**

Let's say we commit to putting a copy of item  $i$  for which  $w_i \leq c$  in the knapsack

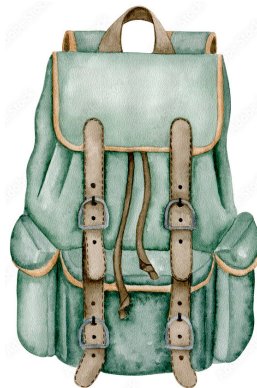
→ Then only  $c - w_i$  capacity remains to be optimally packed.

→ The recurrence relationship

$$K(c) = \max_{i: w_i \leq c} \{v_i + K(c - w_i)\}$$

Can't be negative

b/c



# Step 3: Design the Algorithm

Input: A weight capacity  $W$ , and  $n$  items  $(w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$ . All integers.

Output: Most valuable combination of items (with repetition), whose total weight is  $\leq W$ .

How do we memo-ize the subproblems in this recurrence relation?

$$K(c) = \max_{i:w_i \leq c} \{v_i + K(c - w_i)\}$$

Runtime of this algorithm?

Number of subproblems:  $O(W)$

Per subproblem, max over  $O(n)$  cases  
→  $O(n)$  time per subproblem.

Total runtime:  $O(nW)$

Knapsack-with-repetition( $W, (w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$ )

An array  $K$  of size  $W + 1$ .

$K[0] = 0$

**For**  $c = 1, \dots, W$ ,

$K[c] = \max_{i:w_i \leq c} \{v_i + K(c - w_i)\}$

**return**  $K[W]$

# Polynomial time?

We quantify runtimes as **functions of input size**.

What is the input size of Knapsack?

- Weight capacity  $W \rightarrow$  Needs  $O(\log(W))$  bits
- $n$  items with weights at most  $W$  (remove any larger item immediately)  
 $\rightarrow$  Each needs at most  $O(\log(W))$  bits
- **Total input size of knapsack:  $O(n \log(W))$**

Does the dynamic programming for knapsack run efficiently?

$\rightarrow$  **Not polynomial time exactly!** Runtime  $O(nW)$  but input size  $O(n \log(W))$

$\rightarrow$  Called a **pseudo-polynomial** time algorithm

$\rightarrow$  A runtime that's polynomial in the numerical value of the input (like  $W$ ) but not in the size of the input.



# Preview of Next Lecture

What if we wanted to do knapsack without repetition?

Can we still use the same subproblems  $K(c)$  = best value achievable for knapsack of capacity  $c$ , for  $c \leq W$ ?

**Challenge:** We are only allowed one copy of an item, so the subproblem need to “know” what items we have used and what we haven’t.

We need a different way of tracking subproblems!



# Wrap up

More examples of dynamic programming.

- Longest increasing subsequence
- Edit distance
- Knapsack (with repetition)

→ Also got more experience on how to choose subproblems.

**Next time:** More examples of DP  
Knapsack without repetition  
Some graph problems