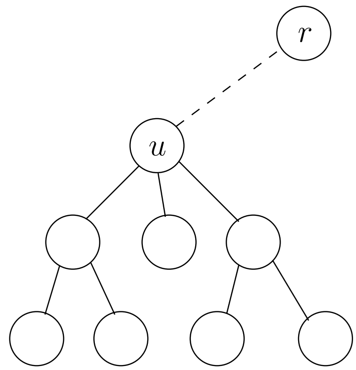
**Figure 6.11** $I(u)$ is the size of the largest independent set of the subtree rooted at $u$. Two cases: either $u$ is in this independent set, or it isn't.




## Exercises

6.1. A *contiguous subsequence* of a list $S$ is a subsequence made up of consecutive elements of $S$. For instance, if $S$ is

$$5, 15, -30, 10, -5, 40, 10,$$

then $15, -30, 10$ is a contiguous subsequence but $5, 15, 40$ is not. Give a linear-time algorithm for the following task:

*Input:* A list of numbers, $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$.
*Output:* The contiguous subsequence of maximum sum (a subsequence of length zero has sum zero).

For the preceding example, the answer would be $10, -5, 40, 10$, with a sum of 55.

(*Hint:* For each $j \in \{1, 2, \ldots, n\}$, consider contiguous subsequences ending exactly at position $j$.)

6.2. You are going on a long trip. You start on the road at mile post 0. Along the way there are $n$ hotels, at mile posts $a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_n$, where each $a_i$ is measured from the starting point. The only places you are allowed to stop are at these hotels, but you can choose which of the hotels you stop at. You must stop at the final hotel (at distance $a_n$), which is your destination.

You'd ideally like to travel 200 miles a day, but this may not be possible (depending on the spacing of the hotels). If you travel $x$ miles during a day, the *penalty* for that day is $(200 - x)^2$. You want to plan your trip so as to minimize the total penalty—that is, the sum, over all travel days, of the daily penalties. Give an efficient algorithm that determines the optimal sequence of hotels at which to stop.

6.3. Yuckdonald's is considering opening a series of restaurants along Quaint Valley Highway (QVH). The $n$ possible locations are along a straight line, and the distances of these locations from the start of QVH are, in miles and in increasing order, $m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n$. The constraints are as follows:

- At each location, Yuckdonald's may open at most one restaurant. The expected profit from opening a restaurant at location $i$ is $p_i$, where $p_i > 0$ and $i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$.
- Any two restaurants should be at least $k$ miles apart, where $k$ is a positive integer.

Give an efficient algorithm to compute the maximum expected total profit subject to the given constraints.

6.4. You are given a string of $n$ characters $s[1 \ldots n]$, which you believe to be a corrupted text document in which all punctuation has vanished (so that it looks something like "itwasthebestoftimes..."). You wish to reconstruct the document using a dictionary, which is available in the form of a Boolean function `dict(·)`: for any string $w$,

$$\texttt{dict}(w) = \begin{cases} \texttt{true} & \text{if } w \text{ is a valid word} \\ \texttt{false} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Give a dynamic programming algorithm that determines whether the string $s[\cdot]$ can be reconstituted as a sequence of valid words. The running time should be at most $O(n^2)$, assuming calls to `dict` take unit time.

(b) In the event that the string is valid, make your algorithm output the corresponding sequence of words.

6.5. *Pebbling a checkerboard.* We are given a checkerboard which has 4 rows and $n$ columns, and has an integer written in each square. We are also given a set of $2n$ pebbles, and we want to place some or all of these on the checkerboard (each pebble can be placed on exactly one square) so as to maximize the sum of the integers in the squares that are covered by pebbles. There is one constraint: for a placement of pebbles to be legal, no two of them can be on horizontally or vertically adjacent squares (diagonal adjacency is fine).

(a) Determine the number of legal *patterns* that can occur in any column (in isolation, ignoring the pebbles in adjacent columns) and describe these patterns.

Call two patterns *compatible* if they can be placed on adjacent columns to form a legal placement. Let us consider subproblems consisting of the first $k$ columns $1 \leq k \leq n$. Each subproblem can be assigned a *type*, which is the pattern occurring in the last column.

(b) Using the notions of compatibility and type, give an $O(n)$-time dynamic programming algorithm for computing an optimal placement.

6.6. Let us define a multiplication operation on three symbols $a, b, c$ according to the following table; thus $ab = b$, $ba = c$, and so on. Notice that the multiplication operation defined by the table is neither associative nor commutative.

| | $a$ | $b$ | $c$ |
|---|---|---|---|
| $a$ | $b$ | $b$ | $a$ |
| $b$ | $c$ | $b$ | $a$ |
| $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $c$ |

Find an efficient algorithm that examines a string of these symbols, say $bbbbac$, and decides whether or not it is possible to parenthesize the string in such a way that the value of the resulting expression is $a$. For example, on input $bbbbac$ your algorithm should return *yes* because $((b(bb))(ba))c = a$.

6.7. A subsequence is *palindromic* if it is the same whether read left to right or right to left. For instance, the sequence

$$A, C, G, T, G, T, C, A, A, A, A, T, C, G$$

has many palindromic subsequences, including $A, C, G, C, A$ and $A, A, A, A$ (on the other hand, the subsequence $A, C, T$ is *not* palindromic). Devise an algorithm that takes a sequence $x[1 \ldots n]$ and returns the (length of the) longest palindromic subsequence. Its running time should be $O(n^2)$.

6.8. Given two strings $x = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n$ and $y = y_1 y_2 \cdots y_m$, we wish to find the length of their *longest common substring*, that is, the largest $k$ for which there are indices $i$ and $j$ with $x_i x_{i+1} \cdots x_{i+k-1} = y_j y_{j+1} \cdots y_{j+k-1}$. Show how to do this in time $O(mn)$.

6.9. A certain string-processing language offers a primitive operation which splits a string into two pieces. Since this operation involves copying the original string, it takes $n$ units of time for a string of length $n$, regardless of the location of the cut. Suppose, now, that you want to break a string into many pieces. The order in which the breaks are made can affect the total running time. For example, if you want to cut a 20-character string at positions 3 and 10, then making the first cut at position 3 incurs a total cost of $20 + 17 = 37$, while doing position 10 first has a better cost of $20 + 10 = 30$.

Give a dynamic programming algorithm that, given the locations of $m$ cuts in a string of length $n$, finds the minimum cost of breaking the string into $m + 1$ pieces.

6.10. *Counting heads.* Given integers $n$ and $k$, along with $p_1, \ldots, p_n \in [0, 1]$, you want to determine the probability of obtaining exactly $k$ heads when $n$ biased coins are tossed independently at random, where $p_i$ is the probability that the $i$th coin comes up heads. Give an $O(nk)$ algorithm for this task.[2] Assume you can multiply and add two numbers in $[0, 1]$ in $O(1)$ time.

6.11. Given two strings $x = x_1 x_2 \cdots x_n$ and $y = y_1 y_2 \cdots y_m$, we wish to find the length of their *longest common subsequence*, that is, the largest $k$ for which there are indices $i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k$ and $j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_k$ with $x_{i_1} x_{i_2} \cdots x_{i_k} = y_{j_1} y_{j_2} \cdots y_{j_k}$. Show how to do this in time $O(mn)$.

6.12. You are given a convex polygon $P$ on $n$ vertices in the plane (specified by their $x$ and $y$ coordinates). A *triangulation* of $P$ is a collection of $n - 3$ diagonals of $P$ such that no two diagonals intersect (except possibly at their endpoints). Notice that a triangulation splits the polygon's interior into $n - 2$ disjoint triangles. The cost of a triangulation is the sum of the lengths of the diagonals in it. Give an efficient algorithm for finding a triangulation of minimum cost. (*Hint:* Label the vertices of $P$ by $1, \ldots, n$, starting from an arbitrary vertex and walking clockwise. For $1 \le i < j \le n$, let the subproblem $A(i, j)$ denote the minimum cost triangulation of the polygon spanned by vertices $i, i + 1, \ldots, j$.)

6.13. Consider the following game. A "dealer" produces a sequence $s_1 \cdots s_n$ of "cards," face up, where each card $s_i$ has a value $v_i$. Then two players take turns picking a card from the sequence, but can only pick the first or the last card of the (remaining) sequence. The goal is to collect cards of largest total value. (For example, you can think of the cards as bills of different denominations.) Assume $n$ is even.

(a) Show a sequence of cards such that it is not optimal for the first player to start by picking up the available card of larger value. That is, the natural *greedy* strategy is suboptimal.

(b) Give an $O(n^2)$ algorithm to compute an optimal strategy for the first player. Given the initial sequence, your algorithm should precompute in $O(n^2)$ time some information, and then the first player should be able to make each move optimally in $O(1)$ time by looking up the precomputed information.

6.14. *Cutting cloth.* You are given a rectangular piece of cloth with dimensions $X \times Y$, where $X$ and $Y$ are positive integers, and a list of $n$ products that can be made using the cloth. For each product $i \in [1, n]$ you know that a rectangle of cloth of dimensions $a_i \times b_i$ is needed and that the final selling price of the product is $c_i$. Assume the $a_i$, $b_i$, and $c_i$ are all positive integers. You have a machine that can cut any rectangular piece of cloth into two pieces either horizontally or vertically. Design an algorithm that determines the best return on the $X \times Y$ piece of cloth, that is, a strategy for cutting the cloth so that the products made from the resulting pieces give the maximum sum of selling prices. You are free to make as many copies of a given product as you wish, or none if desired.

6.15. Suppose two teams, $A$ and $B$, are playing a match to see who is the first to win $n$ games (for some particular $n$). We can suppose that $A$ and $B$ are equally

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[2]In fact, there is also a $O(n \log^2 n)$ algorithm within your reach.

competent, so each has a 50% chance of winning any particular game. Suppose they have already played $i + j$ games, of which $A$ has won $i$ and $B$ has won $j$. Give an efficient algorithm to compute the probability that $A$ will go on to win the match. For example, if $i = n - 1$ and $j = n - 3$ then the probability that $A$ will win the match is 7/8, since it must win any of the next three games.

6.16. The *garage sale problem.* On a given Sunday morning, there are $n$ garage sales going on, $g_1, g_2, \ldots, g_n$. For each garage sale $g_j$, you have an estimate of its value to you, $v_j$. For any two garage sales you have an estimate of the transportation cost $d_{ij}$ of getting from $g_i$ to $g_j$. You are also given the costs $d_{0j}$ and $d_{j0}$ of going between your home and each garage sale. You want to find a tour of a *subset* of the given garage sales, starting and ending at home, that maximizes your total benefit minus your total transportation costs.

Give an algorithm that solves this problem in time $O(n^2 2^n)$. (*Hint:* This is closely related to the traveling salesman problem.)

6.17. Given an unlimited supply of coins of denominations $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$, we wish to make change for a value $v$; that is, we wish to find a set of coins whose total value is $v$. This might not be possible: for instance, if the denominations are 5 and 10 then we can make change for 15 but not for 12. Give an $O(nv)$ dynamic-programming algorithm for the following problem.

*Input:* $x_1, \ldots, x_n; v$.
*Question:* Is it possible to make change for $v$ using coins of denominations $x_1, \ldots, x_n$?

6.18. Consider the following variation on the change-making problem (Exercise 6.17): you are given denominations $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$, and you want to make change for a value $v$, but you are allowed to use each denomination *at most once*. For instance, if the denominations are 1, 5, 10, 20, then you can make change for $16 = 1 + 15$ and for $31 = 1 + 10 + 20$ but not for 40 (because you can't use 20 twice).

*Input:* Positive integers $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$; another integer $v$.
*Output:* Can you make change for $v$, using each denomination $x_i$ at most once?

Show how to solve this problem in time $O(nv)$.

6.19. Here is yet another variation on the change-making problem (Exercise 6.17).

Given an unlimited supply of coins of denominations $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$, we wish to make change for a value $v$ using at most $k$ coins; that is, we wish to find a set of $\leq k$ coins whose total value is $v$. This might not be possible: for instance, if the denominations are 5 and 10 and $k = 6$, then we can make change for 55 but not for 65. Give an efficient dynamic-programming algorithm for the following problem.

*Input:* $x_1, \ldots, x_n$; $k$; $v$.
*Question:* Is it possible to make change for $v$ using at most $k$ coins, of denominations $x_1, \ldots, x_n$?