Algorithmics and Programming III

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How many spirals (in both directions)?



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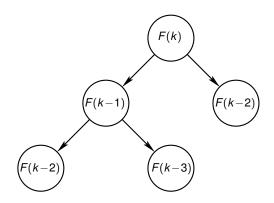
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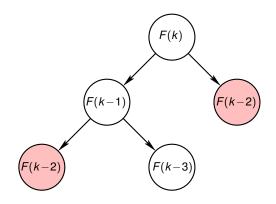
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- Let us analyse the cost of this program
- Let C(k) be the no. of times code in red is run when computing F(k)
- For k = 0, 1 it is run exactly once: C(0) = C(1) = 1
- For k > 1 the number is C(k) = C(k-1) + C(k-2)
- So $C(k) = F(k) = \Theta(\phi^k)$ where $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618033...$ (golden ratio)

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We are repeating computations!

- Idea: memorize previous computations
- E.g. in an array of k + 1 integers (a position for each value in $0 \dots k$)

```
const int UNDEF = -1;
vector<int> f:
int F(int k) {
 int& res = f[k];
 if (res != UNDEF) return res; // already computed: return
 if (k <= 1) return res = 1; // store computed value
 return res = F(k-2) + F(k-1); // store computed value
int main() {
 int k;
 cin >> k;
 f = vector<int>(k+1, UNDEF); // all UNDEFined at first
 cout << F(k) << endl;
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• The cost of computing F(k) is $\Theta(k)$

- In top down dynamic programming (aka memoization) we extend a recursive algorithm by storing the solutions of the previously solved problems
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- The term "(dynamic) programming" comes from the fact that the dictionary is usually implemented with a (multidimensional) table

Frequently the (parameters of the) subproblems are identified with

- naturals
- pairs of naturals
- triplets of naturals

so the dictionary is

- a vector
- a matrix
- a cube
- This way lookups of previous problems can be made in constant time

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- Afterwards, every time this subproblem is found, the value stored in the table is looked up and returned

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- The base cases of the recursion are the first to be solved
- The problem that we want to solve is the last to be solved

Knapsack problem

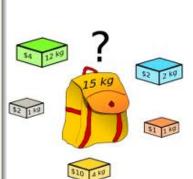
Given

- a knapsack that can store a weight W, and
- n objects with
 - weights w_1, w_2, \ldots, w_n , and
 - values v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n

find a selection $S \subseteq \{1, ..., n\}$ of the objects

- with maximum value $\sum_{i \in S} v_i$, and
- which does not exceed the capacity:

$$\sum_{i\in\mathcal{S}}w_i\leq W.$$



A recursive algorithm:

```
int n, W;
vector<int> v, w;
// Returns max value using first k objects with capacity W
int opt(int k, int W) {
  if (k == 0) return 0;
  if (w[k-1] > W) return opt(k-1, W); // too heavy
 else return max(opt(k-1, W-w[k-1]) + v[k-1], // take it
                 opt (k-1, W);
                                        // do not
int main() {
 cin >> n >> W;
 v = w = vector < int > (n);
 for (int& x : v) cin >> x;
 for (int& x : w) cin >> x;
 cout << opt(n, W) << endl;
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int n, W;
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int opt(int k, int W) {
  int \& res = m[k][W];
  if (res != UNDEF) return res;
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  m = vector<vector<int>>(n+1, vector<int>(W+1, UNDEF));
  for (int& x : v) cin >> x;
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  vector<vector<int>> m(n+1, vector<int>(W+1, 0));
  for (int& x : v) cin >> x;
  for (int& x : w) cin >> x;
 // m[k][j] = max value with first k objects and capacity j
  for (int k = 1; k \le n; ++k) {
    for (int j = 0; j \le W; ++j)
      if (w(k-1) > i)
        m[k][j] = m[k-1][j];
      else
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  cout << m[n][W] << endl;
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Space

- A bottom up program often allows space optimizations as one can discard the solutions of the subproblems that are no longer needed
- Not possible with top down, as the space is always necessary

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Bottom up program for Fibonacci with space optimization:

```
int main() {
  int n;
  cin >> n;
  if (n <= 1) cout << 1 << endl;
  int p = 1; // Only need to keep track of the last two
  int f = 1;
  for (int k = 2; k \le n; ++k) {
    int t = p;
   p = f;
   f += t;
  cout << f << endl;
```

• We use $\Theta(1)$ additional space instead of $\Theta(k)$

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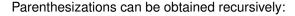
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- Ø is a parenthesization
- If E_1 and E_2 are parenthesizations, then so is $(E_1)E_2$.

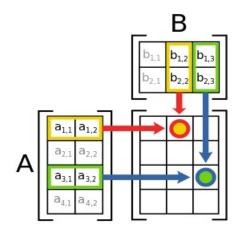


Top-down:

```
vector<int> t;
int num(int i) { // Returns #parenthesizations of length i
 int& res = t[i]; // I.e., (i/2)-th Catalan number
 if (res != UNDEF) return res;
 if (i == 0) return res = 1; // Empty word.
                           // Rule "(E1) E2".
 else {
   res = 0;
   for (int len1 = 0; len1 <= i-2; ++len1) {
     res += num(len1) * num(len2); // Cartesian product.
   return res;
} }
int main() {
 int n; cin >> n;
 t = vector<int>(n+1, UNDEF);
 cout << num(n) << endl: }
```

Bottom-up:

```
int main() {
 int n;
 cin >> n;
 vector<int> t(n+1, 0); // t[i] == \#paren. of length i
 t[0] = 1;
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  for (int i = 1; i \le n; ++i) // Rule "(E1) E2".
    for (int len1 = 0; len1 <= i-2; ++len1) {
      int len2 = i-2-len1;
     t[i] += t[len1] * t[len2];
 cout << t[n] << endl;
```



- We can multiply two matrices A and B only if they are compatible: the number of columns of A must equal the number of rows of B.
- If A is a $p \times q$ matrix and B is a $q \times r$ matrix, then AB is a $p \times r$ matrix.

• Program for the product of a $p \times q$ matrix A and a $q \times r$ matrix B

```
vector<vector<int>> prod(const vector<vector<int>>& A,
                         const_vector<vector<int>>& B) {
  int p = A.size();
  int q = B.size();
  int r = B[0].size();
  vector<vector<int>> AB(p, vector<int>(r, 0));
  for (int i = 0; i < p; ++i)
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• Time in prod dominated by no. of scalar multiplications in red: pqr. In what follows, we will consider that the cost of prod is pqr.

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• Let us make a top down program for solving this problem

```
vector<int> n; // A_i has dimensions n[i] x n[i+1]
vector<vector<int>> t; // stores previous calls to cost(i, j)
int cost(int i, int j) { // min cost of computing A_i.. A_j
  int& r = t[i][j];
  if (r == UNDEF) {
    if (i == i) r = 0; // computing A_i has cost 0
   else {
      r = INT MAX;
                               // INT MAX acts as +\infty
      for (int k = i+1; k \le j; ++k) // (A_i.. A_(k-1) (A_k.. A_j))
        r = min(r, cost(i,k-1) + cost(k,j) + n[i]*n[k]*n[j+1]);
  } }
  return r:
int main() {
  int m;
  while (cin >> m) { // input is the number of matrices
    n = vector<int>(m+1); // and the sequence of dimensions
    for (int& x : n) cin >> x;
    t = vector<vector<int>>(m, vector<int>(m, UNDEF));
    cout << cost(0, m-1) << endl; } }
```

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for (int k = i+1; k \le j; ++k) // Recall: i \le j

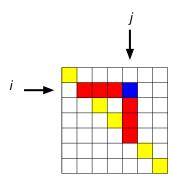
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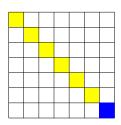
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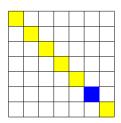
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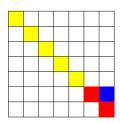
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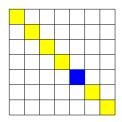
- Before filling (i, j), we must have filled
 - (i, i), ..., (i, j-1)
 - $(i + 1, j), \ldots, (j, j)$

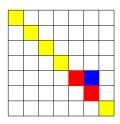


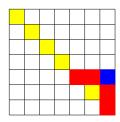






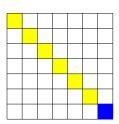




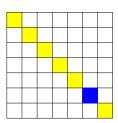


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    for (int i = m-1; i \ge 0; i--) {// by rows bottom..top
      t[i][i] = 0; // Base case
      for (int j = i+1; j < m; j++) {// by cols left..right
        t[i][j] = INT_MAX;
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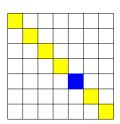
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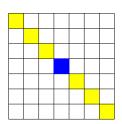
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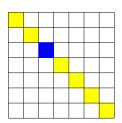
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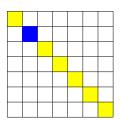
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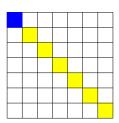
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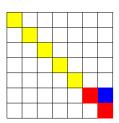


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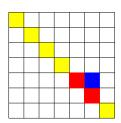
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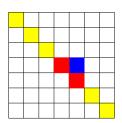
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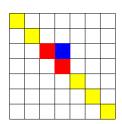
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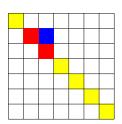
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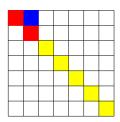
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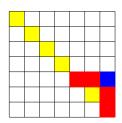
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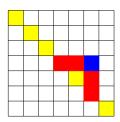
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  int m:
  while (cin >> m) {
    vector<int> n(m+1);
    for (int& x : n) cin >> x;
    vector<vector<int>> t(m, vector<int>(m, 0));
    for (int len = 2; len <= m; ++len) {// length of [i..j]
      for (int i = m-len; i >= 0; i--) {
        int j = i + len - 1;
        t[i][j] = INT_MAX;
        for (int k = i+1; k \le j; ++k)
          t[i][j] = min(t[i][j], t[i][k-1] + t[k][j] +
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} }
```

Simplicity

- Writing top down programs is usually easier
 - recursive code expresses in a natural way the problem recurrence
 - adding memoization is mechanic:
 - lookup in the dictionary
 - if solution has already been computed, return it
 - otherwise compute recursively and store the solution before returning
- Bottom up needs to order the subproblems, which may not be direct

Debugging

- A bottom up program is usually easier to debug
 - the programmer has a better control on the execution flow
 - often enough to print the results at each iteration to track the bug
- Debugging a top down program is more difficult because in general recursive programs are harder to debug than iterative ones
 - E.g. it is not easy to distinguish the outputs of each recursive call

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int n, k;
vector<int> sol:
void f(int i, int u) {
  if (u > k \text{ or } i-u > n-k) return;
  if (i == n) write();
  else {
    sol[i] = 0; f(i+1, u);
    sol[i] = 1; f(i+1, u+1);
int main() {
  cin >> n >> k;
  sol = vector<int>(n);
  f(0, 0);}
```

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- Problem: count all binary sequences of length n with k ones

```
vector<vector<int>> b:
int binomial(int n, int k) {
  if (k < 0 \text{ or } k > n) return 0;
  if (n == 0) return 1;
  int& res = b[n][k];
  if (res != -1) return res;
  return res = binomial(n-1, k) + binomial(n-1, k-1); }
int main() {
  int n, k;
  cin >> n >> k;
  b = vector < vector < int > (n+1, vector < int > (n+1, -1));
  cout << binomial(n, k) << endl; }</pre>
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 - Examples seen so far
 - knapsack
 - matrix sequence multiplication
 - To reconstruct the optimal solution, one can store in an additional table which choice has been made to solve each subproblem, if this choice cannot be remade efficiently (e.g., in constant time)

Recall the bottom up program for knapsack:

```
int n, W;
vector<int> v, w;
int main() {
  cin >> n >> W:
  v = w = vector < int > (n);
  vector<vector<int>> m(n+1, vector<int>(W+1, 0));
  for (int& x : v) cin >> x;
  for (int& x : w) cin >> x;
 // m[i][j] = max value with first i objects and capacity j
  for (int i = 1; i \le n; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j \le W; ++j)
      if (j \ge w[i-1])
        m[i][j] = max(v[i-1] + m[i-1][j-w[i-1]], m[i-1][j]);
      else
        m[i][j] = m[i-1][j];
  cout << m[n][W] << endl;
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  int j = W;
  for (int i = n; i > 0; --i)
    if (m[i][j] != m[i-1][j]) {
      cout << i << endl;
      i -= w[i-1];
```

Recall the last bottom up solution for matrix sequence multiplication:

```
vector<vector<int>> t:
int main() {
  int m;
  while (cin >> m) {
    vector<int> n(m+1);
    for (int& x : n) cin >> x;
    t = vector<vector<int>>(m, vector<int>(m, 0));
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      for (int i = m-len; i >= 0; i--) {
        int j = i + len - 1;
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          s[i][j] = k;
    solution (0, m-1);
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Program extended with optimal solution computation:

```
void solution(int i, int j) {
  if (i == j) cout << i;
  else {
    int k = s[i][j];
    cout << "("; solution(i, k-1); cout << ")";
    cout << "("; solution(k, j); cout << ")";
}
}</pre>
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 Choices cannot be recovered in constant time, so we store them in s (or we could reconstruct the choice, paying the corresponding cost)

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Generalize by adding new dimensions to get an inductive object

For example, for the matrix sequence multiplication:

- The original problem is: compute optimal parenthesization of $A_0 \cdot A_1 \cdots A_{m-1}$
- The problem we solved is: given i, j, compute optimal parenthesization of $A_i \cdot A_{i+1} \cdots A_j$

Important for efficiency to introduce the minimum number of additional parameters to describe the subproblems!

Express the object in terms of inductive objects (e.g., as the sum)

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- Let us consider how words in the language may end: possible suffixes are 10, 01, 11
- Let us count the no. of words of length n in the language that end with
 - 10: denote it by $w_{10}(n)$
 - 01: denote it by $w_{01}(n)$
 - 11: denote it by $w_{11}(n)$

- When we remove last digit of a word of length n ending with 10 we get
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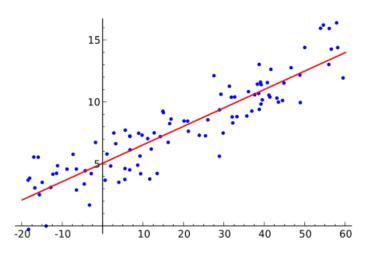
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 - a word of length n − 1 ending with 01

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$$w_{11}(n) = w_{01}(n-1)$$

A bottom up solution:

```
typedef long long lint; //int's may not be enough
typedef vector<lint> VL;
// wX[i] counts words of length i >= 2 that end with X
VL w10, w11, w01;
int main() {
 const int N = 150;
 w10 = w11 = w01 = VL(N+1);
 w10[2] = w11[2] = w01[2] = 1; // words are 10, 11, 01 resp.
 for (int i = 3; i \le N; ++i) {
      w10[i] = w01[i-1] + w11[i-1];
     w11[i] = w01[i-1];
     w01[i] = w10[i-1];
  int n;
 while (cin >> n) {
    if (n <= 1) cout << n+1 << endl; // simple cases
   else cout << w10[n] + w11[n] + w01[n] << endl; } }
```

- Let us see an example of dynamic programming relevant to data science
- Often when looking at data plotted on the plane, one tries to pass a line of best fit through the data (linear regression)



- Suppose our data consists of a set P of n points on the plane, denoted $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$ where $x_1 < x_2 < \ldots < x_n$
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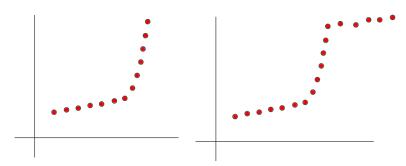
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- The line of minimum error (regression line) is y = ax + b, where

$$a = \frac{n\sum_{i} x_i y_i - (\sum_{i} x_i)(\sum_{i} y_i)}{n\sum_{i} x_i^2 - (\sum_{i} x_i)^2} \qquad b = \frac{\sum_{i} y_i - a\sum_{i} x_i}{n}$$

• If n > 1 and $x_1 < x_2 < ... < x_n$ then $n \sum_i x_i^2 - (\sum_i x_i)^2 \neq 0$

What if the points lie roughly on a sequence of different lines?



- Traditional linear regression is not suitable for these situations
- Instead we consider the problem of fitting the points well, using as few lines as possible

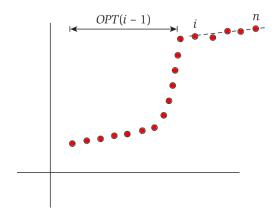
- Let us formally formulate the problem
- We are given a set P of n > 1 points $p_1 = (x_1, y_1), \ldots, p_n = (x_n, y_n)$ where $x_1 < x_2 < \ldots < x_n$
- The set of points P is partitioned into segments:
 a subset of the form {p_i, p_{i+1}, ..., p_{i-1}, p_i} for some indices i < j
- For each segment *S* we compute the line minimizing the error with respect to the points in *S*, according to the formulas of linear regression
- The penalty of a partition is defined to be the sum of:
 - The number of segments into which we partition P, times a fixed multiplier C > 0 (by tuning C we can penalize the use of more lines)
 - For each segment, the error value of the optimal line of the segment

Segmented linear regression problem

Find a partition of P into segments of minimum penalty

- The last point p_n belongs to a single segment in the optimal partition, and that segment begins at some earlier point p_i
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- Let $e_{i,j}$ be the minimum error of a regression line for p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_i
- By convention OPT(0) = 0, $e_{i,j} = +\infty$
- For the subproblem on the points p_1, \ldots, p_j :

$$OPT(j) = min_{1 \leq i \leq j}(e_{i,j} + C + OPT(i-1))$$

A bottom up program with solution computation:

```
const double C = 0.05; // Cost of adding a new line
const double oo = DBL_MAX; // Infinity. Needs #include <cfloat>
int main() {
 // Read data
  int n;
 cin >> n;
 vector<pair<double, double>> P(n+1); // Position 0 not used
  for (int k = 1; k \le n; ++k)
    cin >> P[k].first >> P[k].second;
  // Precompute the error of fitting the segment pi, ..., pj
 vector<vector<double>> E(n+1, vector<double>(n+1, +oo));
  for (int i = 1; i \le n; ++i)
    for (int j = i+1; j \le n; ++j)
     E[i][j] = err(P, i, j);
```

```
vector<double> opt(n+1,oo); // opt[j] = min penalty of p1..pj
opt[0] = 0;
for (int j = 1; j \le n; ++j)
 for (int i = 1; i \le j; ++i) {
   double cost = E[i][j] + C + opt[i-1];
   if (cost < opt[j]) {
     opt[i] = cost;
     idx[j] = i; // Record the choice
 } }
// Reconstruct the solution
int j = n;
while (j != 0) {
 int i = idx[j];
 cout << "Segment from #" << i << " to #" << j << ": ";
 double a, b, e;
 line (P, i, j, a, b, e);
 cout << "a = " << a << ", b = " << b << endl;
 i = i - 1;
```

```
// Finds regression line y = ax + b for P[i]..P[j] and error e
void line(const vector<pair<double,double>>& P, int i, int j,
         double& a, double& b, double& e) {
 double sum x = 0; double sum xx = 0;
 double sum_y = 0; double sum_xy = 0;
  for (int k = i; k \le j; ++k) {
   double x = P[k].first; double y = P[k].second;
   sum x += x;
                       sum_xx += x*x;
   sum v += v;
                       sum_xy += x*y;
 int n = j - i + 1;
 a = (n*sum_xy - sum_x*sum_y) / (n*sum_xx - sum_x*sum_x);
 b = (sum y - a * sum x) / n;
 e = 0;
  for (int k = i; k \le j; ++k) {
   double x = P[k].first; double y = P[k].second;
   e += (v - a*x - b) * (v - a*x - b);
  } }
```

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