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Dynamic Programming (III)

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Prerequisites

This lecture is about DP optimization.

If you are not familiar with dynamic programming, please refer to [DP\(I\)](#) and [DP\(II\)](#)

You should have knowledge on these topics:

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Why DP optimization?

Suppose you have come up with a correct DP formula

- State definition
- State transition
- Base case

Still TLE?

Time complexity is too high?

- Transition takes too much time
- $O(N)$?

Why DP optimization?

Four main ways to solve

- Explore non-DP solutions
- Write auxiliary DPs ($DP2[][]$, $DP3[][]$, ...) to speed up
- Come up with alternative DP formula
- Optimize DP transition → What we will explore today

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How to optimize DP transition?

Monotonicity

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non-decreasing / non-increasing

Useful property for DP optimization

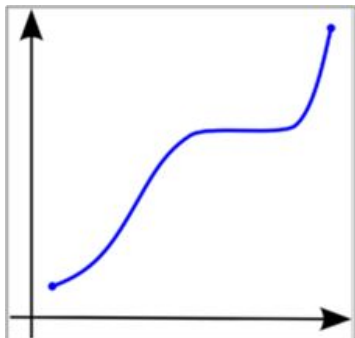


Figure 1 - A monotonically increasing function

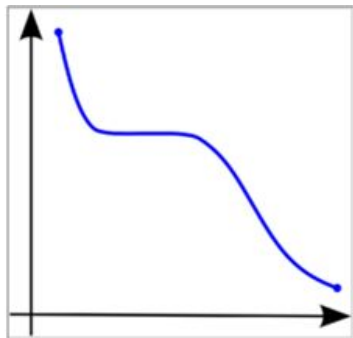


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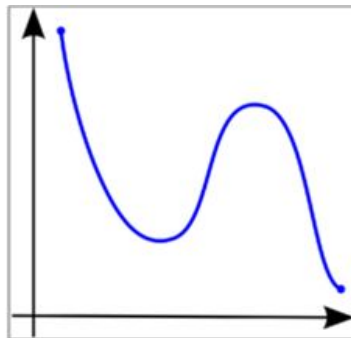


Figure 3 - A function that is not monotonic

Warm-up Optimization Question

Given an array A of length N , find the maximum element of every continuous interval of length K .

(i.e. $A[0 .. K - 1]$, $A[1 .. K]$, $A[2 .. K + 1]$, ..., $A[N - K .. N - 1]$).

e.g. $A = \{3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2\}$, $K = 3$

$\max A[0 .. 2] = 4$

$\max A[1 .. 3] = 4$

$\max A[2 .. 4] = 5$

$\max A[3 .. 5] = 9$

$\max A[4 .. 6] = 9$

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- $O(NK)$ solution - Naively loop through all the elements in each interval.
- $O(N \lg N)$ solution - Use any DS suitable (heap, segment tree, ...)
- $O(N)$ solution

Warm-up Optimization Question

- $O(N)$ solution - Monotonic Queue

e.g. $A = \{3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2\}$, $K = 3$

Suppose we iterate through the elements one by one to consider them.

When we consider the 3rd element (4), the previous elements (3, 1) **must not be candidates for further answers**. Why?

Any further interval that contains 1st or 2nd elements must contains 3rd element, and the 3rd element is larger.

Warm-up Optimization Question

- $O(N)$ solution - Monotonic Queue

e.g. $A = \{3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2\}$, $K = 3$

Suppose we iterate through the elements one by one to consider them.

When we consider the 4th element (1), the previous element (4) **may still be candidate for further answers.**

The 4th element (1) **may be a candidate for further answers** although the previous element (4) is larger, because that will expire earlier.

Warm-up Optimization Question

- $O(N)$ solution - Monotonic Queue

For the list of answer candidates stored in expiry order (quicker to expire put in front), we should maintain the list keeping their values **in descending order**.

Because not descending \rightarrow there are candidate that will never be the answer.

Warm-up Optimization Question

e.g. $A = \{4, 1, 3, 2, 5\}$, $K = 3$

CandidateList = $\{A[0] = 4\}$

CandidateList = $\{A[0] = 4, A[1] = 1\}$

CandidateList = $\{\underline{A[0] = 4}, \textcolor{red}{A[1] = 1} (<= 3), A[2] = 3\}$

CandidateList = $\{\textcolor{red}{A[0] = 4} \text{ (expired)}, \underline{A[2] = 3}, A[3] = 2\}$

CandidateList = $\{\textcolor{red}{A[2] = 3}, \textcolor{red}{A[3] = 2} (<= 5), \underline{A[4] = 5}\}$

The front not-deleted element is the answer: $\{4, 3, 5\}$

Monotone Queue Optimization

Monotone Queue Optimization

Queue where the elements from the front to the end is either **increasing** or **decreasing**

Useful in many situations, not only DP problems

Usually implemented with **deque** (doubly ended queue)

- `std::deque`
- `push_back()`, `push_front()`, `pop_back()`, `pop_front()`

Monotone Queue Optimization

The basic form of DP formula:

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} (dp[j]) + f(i)$$

$L(i)$ is non-decreasing

- e.g. $dp[i] = \max_{i-k \leq j < i} (dp[j]) + f(i)$

^^This is the same with the warm-up question^^

- otherwise -> RMQ using segment tree
- [DS \(III\)](#)

Monotone Queue Optimization

The basic form of DP formula:

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} (dp[j]) + f(i)$$

May replace $dp[j]$ by any function depending on j

- e.g. $g(j) = dp[j] * 2 - j$
- $dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} (dp[j] * 2 - j) + f(i)$

Monotone Queue Optimization

Naïve implementation: $O(N^2)$

```
for i from 1 to N
    dp[i] = -INF
    for j from L(i) to i - 1
        dp[i] = max(dp[i], f(i) + g(j))
```

Can be optimize using **Monotone Queue**!

Bowling for Numbers ++

CCC 2007 Stage 2 Problem

You have N ($N \leq 10000$) bowling pins and K ($K \leq 500$) bowling balls, each ball has width w ($w \leq 100$)

Each pin has a score $s[i]$ from **-10000** to **10000**

You are allowed to **miss**

Find the maximum achievable score

Bowling for Numbers ++

Sample ($N = 9$, $K = 4$, $w = 3$)

2 8 -5 3 5 8 4 8 -6

X X -5 3 5 8 4 8 -6 (ball 1, score = 10), avoid -5

_ _ -5 X X X 4 8 -6 (ball 2, score = 26)

_ _ -5 _ _ X X X -6 (ball 3, score = 38), avoid -6

_ _ -5 _ _ _ _ -6 (ball 4, score = 38), miss completely

Answer = 38

Bowling for Numbers ++

Order of balls are **not important**

Consider balls thrown from left to right

What if all pins have **non-negative values**?

- Better to hit more pins than to miss

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$dp[i][j]$ = max. Score if we use i balls for pins $1 \dots j$
transition?

Bowling for Numbers ++

For state (i, j) , consider either **throw a ball** or **not**

$$dp[i][j] = \max(dp[i][j-1], dp[i-1][j-W] + \text{sum}(s[j-W+1]..s[j]))$$

$\text{sum}(s[j-W+1]..s[j])$ can be pre-computed and obtained in $O(1)$

- Prefix Sum ([Optimization](#))

Time complexity: $O(NK)$

CCC 2007 Stage 1 Senior Q5 - Bowling for Numbers

$dp[i][j]$ = max. Score if we
use i balls for pins $1..j$

Bowling for Numbers ++

Each pin has a score $s[i]$ from **-10000** to **10000**

~~What if all pins have **non-negative values**?~~

- ~~• Better to hit more pins than to miss~~

Sometimes, we want to hit less pins to “avoid” those negatives value

_ _ -5 **X X X** 4 8 -6 (ball 2, score = 26)

_ _ -5 _ _ **X X X** **-6** (ball 3, score = 38)

How?

Bowling for Numbers ++

$dp[i][j]$ = max. Score if we use i balls and the **rightmost hit pin is j**

Consider balls thrown from left to right

$dp[0][0] = 0$ (pins are 1-based)

$dp[0][i] = -\text{INF}$ for $i > 0$

Two cases:

1. The i^{th} ball **does not overlap** with the $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$ ball
2. The i^{th} ball **overlaps** with the $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$ ball

Bowling for Numbers ++

$Ps[i] = s[1] + s[2] + \dots + s[i]$ (prefix sum)

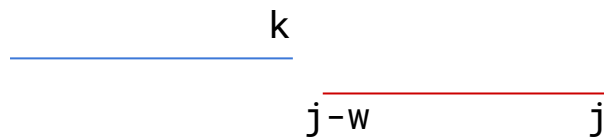
1. The i^{th} ball **does not overlap** with the $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$ ball

$$\begin{aligned} M1 &= \max_{0 \leq k \leq j-w} (dp[i-1][k] + ps[j] - ps[j-w]) \\ &= \max_{0 \leq k \leq j-w} (dp[i-1][k]) + ps[j] - ps[j-w] \end{aligned}$$

Precompute $dp2[i-1][k] = \max(dp[i-1][0], \dots, dp[i-1][k])$

$\max_{0 \leq k \leq j-w} (dp[i-1][k]) = dp2[i-1][j-w]$

0(1) for transition



$dp[i][j] = \text{max. Score if we use } i \text{ balls and the rightmost hit pin is } j$

Bowling for Numbers ++

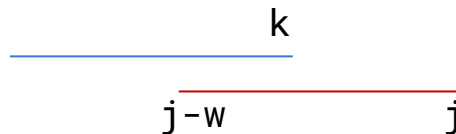
2. The i^{th} ball **overlaps** with the $(i-1)^{\text{th}}$ ball

$$\begin{aligned} M2 &= \max_{j-w < k < j} (dp[i-1][k] + ps[j] - ps[k]) \\ &= \max_{j-w < k < j} (dp[i-1][k] - ps[k]) + ps[j] \\ dp[i][j] &= \max(M1, M2) \end{aligned}$$

$O(w)$ for each transition

- Time complexity: $O(NKw)$

Optimize?



$dp[i][j]$ = max. Score if we use i balls and the rightmost hit pin is j

Bowling for Numbers ++

The basic form of DP formula:

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} (dp[j]) + f(i)$$

$$M2 = \max_{j-w < k < j} (dp[i-1][k] - ps[k]) + ps[j]$$

$$L(j) = j-w, \text{ increasing}$$

$$g(k) = dp[i-1][k] - ps[k]$$

$$f(j) = ps[j]$$

Monotone Queue optimization!

Bowling for Numbers ++

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$$f(j) = ps[j]$$

Basic idea:

$k1 < k2$ (expire earlier)

$g(k1) < g(k2)$ (value is smaller)

$k1$ can never be optimal candidate, **can remove $k1$** from queue!

Bowling for Numbers ++

We maintain a queue (in fact deque) of indices such that

- $Q[j] < Q[j+1]$ (indices are **increasing**)
- $g(Q[j]) \geq g(Q[j+1])$ (values are **decreasing**)

for all j

We can use `std::deque` or array to implement it

Bowling for Numbers ++

We use an array $Q[]$ and two pointers l and r to represent the deque

$Q[l]$ is the head of the deque

$Q[r]$ is the tail of the deque

Deque is empty iff $l = r + 1$

Initially, $l = 1$, $r = 0$ (i.e. deque is empty)

Monotone Queue: step by step

Step 1: Pop elements in the front that are “out of bounds”

```
while (l <= r) and (Q[l] < L(i))  
    l++;
```

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} g(j) + f(i)$$

Monotone Queue: step by step

Step 2: Update answer using Q[l]

```
if (l <= r)
    dp[i] = f(i) + g(Q[l]);
```

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} g(j) + f(i)$$

Monotone Queue: step by step

Step 3: Pop elements at the back that have small values

```
while (l <= r) and (g(Q[r]) < g(i))  
    r--;
```

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} g(j) + f(i)$$

Monotone Queue: step by step

Step 4: Insert i at the back

```
r++;  
Q[r] = i;
```

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} g(j) + f(i)$$

Monotone Queue: step by step

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1. while (l <= r) and (Q[l] < L(i))  
    l++;  
2. if (l <= r)  
    dp[i] = f(i) + g(Q[l]);  
3. while (l <= r) and (g(Q[r]) < g(i))  
    r--;  
4. r++;  
   Q[r] = i;
```

$$dp[i] = \max_{L(i) \leq j < i} g(j) + f(i)$$

Bowling for Numbers ++

Apply monotone queue for each i
 ~~$\Theta(w)$~~ $O(1)$ transition for each state

Time complexity: $O(NK)$

$dp[i][*]$ depends on $dp[i - 1][*]$ only

Rolling array to reduce space complexity to $O(N)$

Bowling for Numbers ++

$N = 2, K = 1, w = 2$

-1 1

Answer = 1

cannot be obtained from dp :(

Solution: add $(w-1)$ copies of 0s at the end

break;

Convex Hull Trick (CHT)

Convex Hull Trick

Computational Geometry

Nothing to do with convex hull algorithm

Maintain lower / upper hull

Query max / min values at some x

Find the best transition quickly

Sounds scary :O

Today we will use to easier way to learn it :)

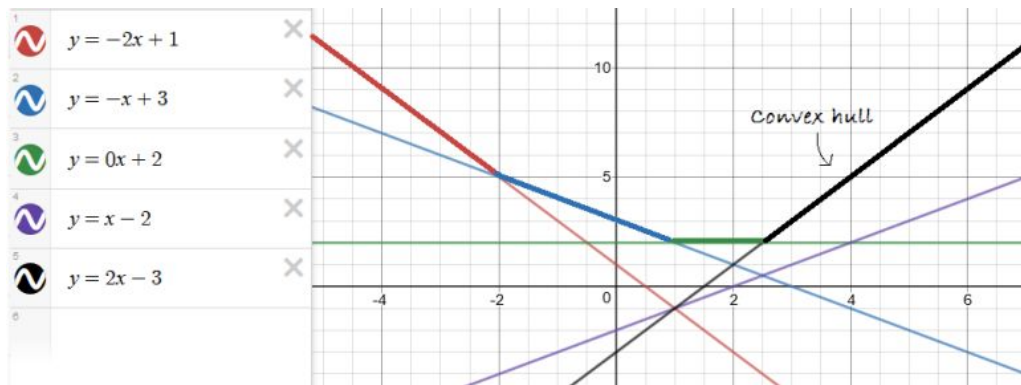


Figure from <https://codeforces.com/blog/entry/63823>

Convex Hull Trick

IOI 2002 “Batch Scheduling”

- First(?) CHT task in IOI
- 11 contestants got full scores :o

Other CHT tasks in big competitions

- APIO 2010 Commando
- APIO 2014 Split the Sequence
- IOI 2016 Aliens (60 points), [slide](#)

Convex Hull Trick

Useful technique for DP optimization

The basic form of DP formula:

$$dp[i] = \max_{j < i} (dp[j] + f[i] * g[j])$$

Intuitively looks like $y = mx + c$, a line on the plane

May apply CHT if g is monotone

- Easier if f is also monotone

Kalila and Dimna in the Logging Industry

CF189C Kalila and Dimna in the Logging Industry

Simplified problem statement:

Given N , $a[i]$, $b[i]$, find indices p_1, \dots, p_k such that $p_1 = 1, p_k = N$, $p_i < p_{i+1}$ for all i , and $\text{sum}(a[p_{i+1}] * b[p_i])$ is **minimal**

Output that minimal sum

$a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$ (** $a[]$ is strictly **increasing** ***)
 $b_1 > b_2 > \dots > b_n$ (** $b[]$ is strictly **decreasing** ***)

Kalila and Dimna in the Logging Industry

$N = 6$, $a[] = \{1, 2, 3, 10, 20, 30\}$, $b[] = \{6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 0\}$

If choose $p[] = \{1, 2, 4, 6\}$

- $\text{sum} = a[2] * b[1] + a[4] * b[2] + a[6] * b[4] = 152$

If choose $p[] = \{1, 3, 6\}$

- $\text{sum} = a[3] * b[1] + a[6] * b[3] = 138$

- which is minimal

Kalila and Dimna in the Logging Industry

$dp[i]$ = **minimum sum** obtainable by choosing $p[]$ where **the last index is i**
answer = $dp[n]$

Base case: $dp[1] = 0$

Transition: $dp[i] = \min_{j < i} (dp[j] + a[i] * b[j])$

Naïve implementation: $O(N^2)$

Speed up using **CHT!**

Convex Hull Trick

$$dp[i] = \min_{j < i} (dp[j] + a[i] * b[j])$$

Consider two indices j, k ($1 \leq j < k < i$)

When do we choose indices j instead of k to update $dp[i]$? Or vice versa?

Assume we want to choose index k instead of j

- index k gives a better value
- we want to minimize the sum
- $dp[j] + a[i] * b[j] > dp[k] + a[i] * b[k]$

$a[]$ is strictly
increasing, $b[]$ is
strictly decreasing

Convex Hull Trick

index k is better than j ($j < k$)

- $dp[j] + a[i] * b[j] > dp[k] + a[i] * b[k]$
- $dp[j] - dp[k] > a[i] * (b[k] - b[j])$
- $(dp[j] - dp[k]) / (b[j] - b[k]) > -a[i]$

looks like a slope function $(y_j - y_k) / (x_j - x_k)$

Let $m(j, k) = (dp[j] - dp[k]) / (b[j] - b[k])$

Index k is better than $j \Leftrightarrow m(j, k) > -a[i]$

Convex Hull Trick

Index k is better than $j \Leftrightarrow m(j, k) > -a[i]$

Property 1: If $m(j, k) < m(k, l)$, then there is no need to consider k

Case 1: If $m(j, k) > -a[i]$

- then surely $m(k, l) > -a[i]$
- k is better than j , but l is better than k

Convex Hull Trick

Index k is better than $j \Leftrightarrow m(j, k) > -a[i]$

Property 1: If $m(j, k) < m(k, 1)$, then there is no need to consider k

Case 2: If $m(j, k) \leq -a[i]$

- j is not worse than k

There is no case k must be chosen

Convex Hull Trick

Index k is better than $j \Leftrightarrow m(j, k) > -a[i]$

Property 2: If $m(j, k) > -a[i]$, there is no need to consider j in subsequent steps (steps $i+1, \dots, N$)

$a[]$ is strictly increasing

$m(j, k) > -a[i] > -a[i']$

k is **always better** than j in subsequent steps

Convex Hull Trick

Property 1: If $m(j, k) < m(k, l)$, then there is no need to consider k

we only need to maintain a monotone queue $Q[L..R]$

- such that $m(Q[i], Q[i+1]) \geq m(Q[i+1], Q[i+2])$
- **monotone on slope function** instead of values itself

Convex Hull Trick

Property 2: If $m(j, k) > -a[i]$, there is no need to consider j in subsequent steps (steps $i+1, \dots, N$)

$$m(Q[i], Q[i+1]) \geq m(Q[i+1], Q[i+2])$$

we can pop $Q[L]$ (front) from the monotone queue

- until $m(Q[L], Q[L+1]) \leq -a[i]$

After that, $Q[L]$ will be the **best** index,

- $Q[L]$ is not worse than $Q[L+1]$, $Q[L+1]$ is not worse than $Q[L+2]$, ...

Convex Hull Trick: step by step

Step 1: Pop elements in the front that we will never use again [Property 2]

```
while (R-L >= 1) and (m(Q[L], Q[L+1]) > -a[i])  
    L++;
```


Convex Hull Trick: step by step

Step 2: Update answer using $Q[L]$

```
if (L <= R)
    dp[i] = dp[Q[L]] + a[i] * b[Q[L]];
```

Convex Hull Trick: step by step

Step 3: Pop elements at the back that will never be considered [Property 1]

```
while (R-L >= 1) and (m(Q[R-1], Q[R]) < m(Q[R], i))  
    R--;
```

Convex Hull Trick: step by step

Step 4: Insert i at the back

$R++;$

$Q[R] = i;$

Convex Hull Trick: step by step

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3. while (R-L >= 1) and (m(Q[R-1], Q[R]) < m(Q[R], i))  
    R--;  
4. R++;  
   Q[R] = i;
```

Convex Hull Trick

CHT (at least in this problem) is **variant** of **monotone queue optimization**

The monotonicity does not lie in the values itself, but in the “**slope function**”

Each transition takes $O(1)$

Time complexity: $O(N)$

Convex Hull Trick

Tips for implementing CHT:

1. Write down the condition for “k better than j” and **do the algebra correctly**
2. When g is not strictly monotone (i.e. may have same values), direct computation of slope formula will give **division by 0**, special handle it
3. Also, using double for slope calculation may sometimes result in precision error. **Use integer multiplication** to compare when possible.

Convex Hull Trick

$$dp[i] = \max_{j < i} (dp[j] + f[i] * g[j])$$

$f/g = i/i, i/d, d/i, d/d, n/i, n/d$

i : increasing, d : decreasing, n : neither

i/i and d/d are not interesting

For n/i and n/d , property 2 does not hold; need binary search, `std::set`

n/n can be solved by [CDQ D&C](#)

break;

D&C Optimization

D&C Optimization

Recursion, Divide & Conquer

Divide the problem into **smaller and independent** sub-problems that are the same as the original problem

Due to **monotonicity** in problem, D&C can be used to speed up the DP

D&C Optimization

The basic form of DP formula:

$$dp[i][j] = \min_{k < j} (dp[i-1][k] + f(k, j))$$

Let $C[i][j]$ be the **smallest index k'** such that

- $dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][k'] + f(k', j)$
- i.e. the transition from $(i-1, k')$ to (i, j) is **optimal** among all choices of k
- i.e. $dp[i-1][k'] + f(k', j) \leq dp[i-1][k] + f(k, j)$ for all k

D&C Optimization

When can we apply D&C Optimization?

$C[i][j] \leq C[i][j+1]$ for all j

Another form of monotonicity!

Ciel and Gondolas

CF321E Ciel and Gondolas

Given N , G , and an $N \times N$ symmetric matrix $s[i][j]$ containing values from 0 to 9
 $s[i][i] = 0$ for all i

Divide $[1, N]$ into G disjoint groups

- $[1, a_1], [a_1+1, a_2], \dots, [a_{G-1}+1, a_G]$ ($a_G = N$)

Find the **minimal** total cost

Ciel and Gondolas

For each group $[L, R]$, calculate $\text{sum}(s[i][j] \mid L \leq i, j \leq R)$

- pairwise sum within group $[L, R]$
- group $[1, 3] \rightarrow s[1][1] + s[1][2] + s[1][3] + s[2][1] + \dots + s[3][3]$

Add them up to get the total cost of this partition

Find the minimal cost

Ciel and Gondolas

$N = 5, G = 2$

0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	1	1
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0
1	1	0	0	0

Answer = 0 (group = [1, 2], [3, 5])

Ciel and Gondolas

$dp[i][j]$ = minimal cost of partitioning $[1, j]$ into i groups

answer = $dp[G][N]$

Let $f(L, R) = \text{sum}(s[i][j] \mid L \leq i, j \leq R)$

- pairwise sum within $[L, R]$

$dp[i][j] = \min_{k < j} (dp[i-1][k] + f(k+1, j))$

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$$dp[i][j] = \min_{k < j} (dp[i-1][k] + f(k+1, j))$$

$f(k+1, j)$ can be calculated in $O(1)$ by 2D partial sum

- [Optimization](#)

$O(GN)$ state

Naïve implementation: $O(GN^2)$

D&C Optimization $\rightarrow O(GN \log N)$

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When can we apply D&C Optimization?

Let $C[i][j]$ be the **smallest index k'** such that

$$- dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][k'] + f(k', j)$$

$C[i][j] \leq C[i][j+1]$ for all j

For this problem, it is true! (see the [proof](#) by Alex Tung)

- or you can verify [by program](#)

D&C Optimization

Instead of calculating dp iteratively, use recursion instead

The key idea is to write a recursive function to perform the DP transition

```
void solve(int i, int L, int R, int optL, int optR);
```

The above function **calculates** **dp[i][L..R]**, knowing that **C[i][j]** is between **optL** and **optR** for **L ≤ j ≤ R**

D&C Optimization

```
void solve(int i, int L, int R, int optL, int optR);
```

The above function **calculates** $dp[i][L..R]$, knowing that $C[i][j]$ is between $optL$ and $optR$ for $L \leq j \leq R$

Let $M = (L+R)/2$

Find $dp[i][M]$ and $C[i][M]$ (opt)

Then call `solve()` for the **left** and the **right** parts

- `solve(i, L, M-1, optL, opt)`, `solve(i, M+1, R, opt, optR)`

D&C Optimization: step by step

Step 1: Base case

```
if (L > R) return;
```

D&C Optimization: step by step

Step 2: Find $dp[i][M]$ and $C[i][M]$

```
int opt = optL;                                //opt represents C[i][M]
for(p = optL + 1; p <= optR; p++)
    if(dp[i-1][p] + f(p+1, M) < dp[i-1][opt] + f(opt+1, M))
        opt = p;
```

(For maximization problems, change "<" to ">")

D&C Optimization: step by step

Step 3: Update $dp[i][M]$

$$dp[i][M] = dp[i-1][opt] + f(opt+1, M);$$

D&C Optimization: step by step

Step 4: Recursively solve the left and right parts

```
solve(i, L, M - 1, optL, opt);  
solve(i, M + 1, R, opt, optR);
```

Here, The condition $C[i][j] \leq C[i][j + 1]$ is used to **narrow the range of candidate transitions** from $[optL, optR]$ to $[optL, opt]$ and $[opt, optR]$ respectively.

D&C Optimization: step by step

```
void solve(int i, int L, int R, int optL, int optR){  
1. if (L > R) return;  
  
2. int opt = optL;           //opt represents C[i][M]  
   for(p = optL + 1; p <= optR; p++)  
       if(dp[i-1][p] + f(p+1, M) < dp[i-1][opt] + f(opt+1, M))  
           opt = p;  
  
3. dp[i][M] = dp[i-1][opt] + f(opt+1, M);  
  
4. solve(i, L, M - 1, optL, opt); solve(i, M + 1, R, opt, optR);  
}
```

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Set $dp[0][0] = 0$ and $dp[0][i] = \text{INF}$ for $i > 0$

Call $\text{solve}(i, 1, N, 1, N)$ for $i = 1, \dots, G$

It can be shown that each $\text{solve}()$ runs in time complexity $O(N \log N)$

- $\log N$ layer, each layer iterate $O(N)$ elements

Overall time complexity: $O(GN \log N)$

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Minor details:

- Use rolling array for DP calculation
- Huge input (4000x4000 numbers), need fast I/O methods to get AC

Model Solutions (by Alex Tung)

- Bowling for Numbers ++
<https://ideone.com/D2LQmj>
- Kalila and Dimna in the Logging Industry
<https://ideone.com/Y65oHV>
- Ciel and Gondolas
<https://ideone.com/ZQ7pmY>

References

- Tasks from HKOJ, Codeforces, CCC, NOI
- A summary of different types of DP Optimization
<http://codeforces.com/blog/entry/8219>
- HKOI 2022 DP(III)
<https://assets.hkoi.org/training2022/dp-iii.pdf>

Practice Problems for DP optimization

- CF311B Cats Transport
- CF660F Bear and Bowling 4
- Hackerrank Guardians of the Lunatics
- APIO 2010 Commando
- APIO 2014 Split the Sequence (HKOJ M1643)
- ... and more in the CF blog mentioned in reference

Other Interesting DP Problems

- M1331 Resources Conflict
- M1724 Guess the Number
- M1741 Fill in the Bag
- CF 590D Top Secret Task
- CF 489E Hiking

Other DP optimizations

Knuth optimization

Optimization using CDQ D&C

- Advanced Divide & Conquer

“Alien Trick”

- IOI 2016 Alien
- Only 1 contestant got full...
- HKOI 2018 Training Camp slide