

Dynamic Programming

Dynamic programming: a tabular (programming) method applied to **optimization problems**.

Divide a problem into several subproblems that are not independent (sharing subproblems). Avoid recomputing the same subproblem by solving every subproblem just once and saving the answer in a table.

Step 1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution.

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

Step 3. Compute the value of an optimal solution in a **bottom-up** fashion.

Step 4. Construct an optimal solution from the computed information. (sometimes omitted)

15.1 The rod-cutting problem (1-d DP)

Input:

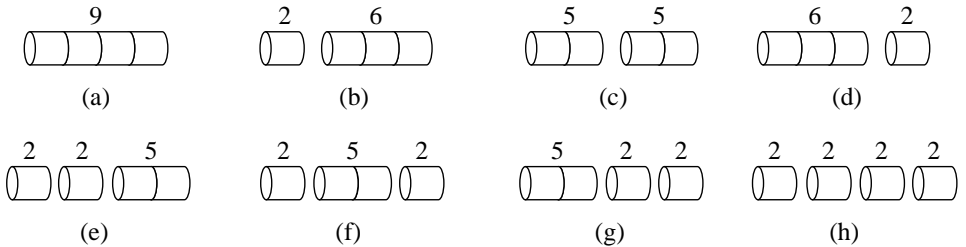
n , the length of a (steel) rod

$p[i]$, the price of a rod of length i

Output: the maximum revenue r^*

length i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
price $p[i]$	2	5	6	9	11	16	17	20	22	24	25

A price table

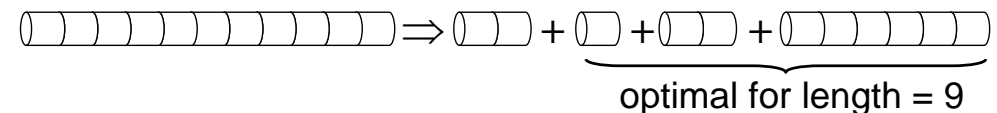


The 8 possible ways for selling a rod of length 4
((c) is optimal, where $r^* = 10$)

Step 1. An optimal solution to an instance contains optimal solutions to sub-instances.

Example:

If $(2, 1, 2, 6)$ is optimal for length = 11,
then $(1, 2, 6)$ is optimal for length = 9



Step 2.

Let $r[j]$ be the maximum revenue for length = j .

Then

$$r[j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \max_{1 \leq i \leq j} \{p[i] + r[j-i]\} & \text{if } j > 0. \end{cases}$$

The maximum revenue r^* is $r[n]$.

Step 3. Compute r and s (for **Step 4**)**BOTTOM-UP-CUT-ROD(p, n)**

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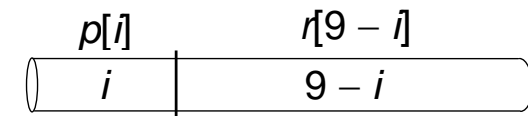
1  let  $r[0..n]$  and  $s[0..n]$  be new arrays
2   $r[0] \leftarrow 0$ 
3  for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do // compute  $r[j]$ 
4       $r[j] \leftarrow -\infty$ 
5      for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $j$  do
6          if  $r[j] < p[i] + r[j-i]$  then
7               $r[j] \leftarrow p[i] + r[j-i]$ 
8               $s[j] \leftarrow i$ 
9  return  $r$  and  $s$ 
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• $T(n) = O(n^2)$

Example: ($n = 11, j = 9$)

length i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
price $p[i]$	2	5	6	9	11	16	17	20	22	24	25

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$r[i]$	0	2	5	7	10	12	16	18	21	23	26	28
$s[i]$	0	1	2	1	2	1	6	1	2	1	2	1



first cut at i ($1 \leq i \leq 9$)

$$\begin{aligned}
 r[9] &= \max \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} p[1] + r[8], & p[2] + r[7], & p[3] + r[6] \\ p[4] + r[5], & p[5] + r[4], & p[6] + r[3] \\ p[7] + r[2], & p[8] + r[1], & p[9] + r[0] \end{array} \right\} \\
 &= \max \left\{ \begin{array}{lll} 2 + 21, & 5 + 18, & 6 + 16 \\ 9 + 12, & 11 + 10, & 16 + 7 \\ 17 + 5, & 20 + 2, & 22 + 0 \end{array} \right\} \\
 &= 23 \quad (\text{the first cut } s[9] = 1, 2, \text{ or } 6)
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 4. Using table s , by backtracking we obtain an optimal cutting in $O(n)$ time.

Example: (1, 2, 2, 6) is optimal for $n = 11$, since $s[11] = 1$, $s[10] = 2$, $s[8] = 2$, and $s[6] = 6$.

16.2 Matrix-chain multiplication (2d DP)

Input: (p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n) , the dimensions of n matrices $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$. (A_i is of size $p_{i-1} \times p_i$)

Output: parenthesize $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ to minimize the number of scalar multiplications.

Example: $(p_0, p_1, p_2, p_3) = (10, 100, 5, 50)$

$((A_1 A_2) A_3) \Rightarrow 10 \times 100 \times 5 + 10 \times 5 \times 50 = 7500 \quad (\checkmark)$

$(A_1 (A_2 A_3)) \Rightarrow 100 \times 5 \times 50 + 10 \times 100 \times 50 = 75000 \quad (\times)$

Step 1. An optimal solution to an instance contains optimal solutions to sub-instances.

Example: if $((A_1 (A_2 A_3)) ((A_4 (A_5 A_6)) A_7))$ is an optimal solution to $A_1 A_2 \dots A_7$, then

$(A_1 (A_2 A_3))$ is optimal to $A_1 A_2 A_3$, and
 $((A_4 (A_5 A_6)) A_7)$ is optimal to $A_4 A_5 A_6 A_7$.

Step 2.

Let $m[i, j]$ be the minimum number of scalar multiplications for computing $A_i \dots A_j$. We have

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j\} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

Step 3. $m[1..n, 1..n]$ $s[1..n, 1..n]$ (for **Step 4**)

Matrix-Chain-Order(p)

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n **do** $m[i, i] = 0$

for $l \leftarrow 2$ **to** n **do**

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** $n - l + 1$ **do**

$j \leftarrow i + l - 1$

$m[i, j] = \infty$

for $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j - 1$ **do**

$q \leftarrow m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j$

if $q < m[i, j]$ **then** $m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

$s[i, j] \leftarrow k$

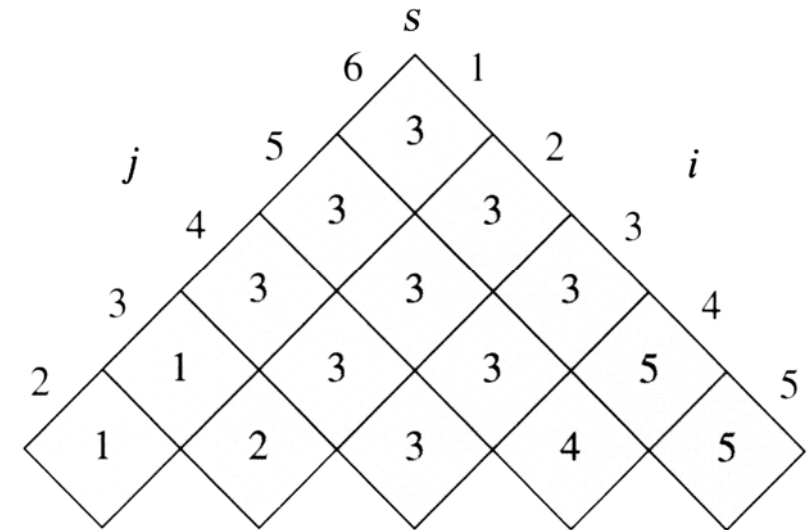
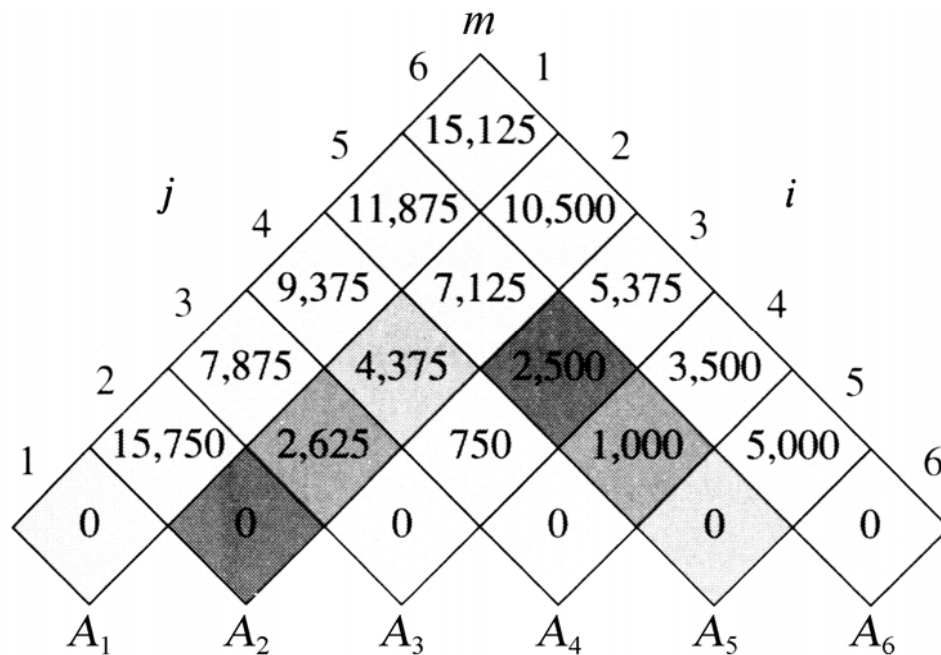
return m and s

- $T(n) = O(n^3)$

Example: $(p_0, p_1, \dots, p_6) = (30, 35, 15, 5, 10, 20, 25)$

$$\begin{cases} m[2,2] + m[3,5] + p_1 p_2 p_5 &= 0 + 2500 + 35 \times 15 \times 20 &= 13000 \\ m[2,3] + m[4,5] + p_1 p_3 p_5 &= 2625 + 1000 + 35 \times 5 \times 20 &= 7125 \\ m[2,4] + m[5,5] + p_1 p_4 p_5 &= 4375 + 0 + 35 \times 10 \times 20 &= 11375 \end{cases}$$

Thus, we have $m[2,5] = 7125$ and $s[2,5] = 3$



Step 4. Using table *s*, by backtracking we obtain $((A_1(A_2A_3))((A_4A_5)A_6))$ in $O(n)$ time.

15.3 Elements of dynamic programming

Optimal substructure: an optimal solution to the problem contains optimal solutions to subproblems.

Overlapping subproblems: a recursive algorithm revisits the same subproblem over and over again.

Recursive-Matrix-Chain(p, i, j)

if $i = j$ **then return** 0

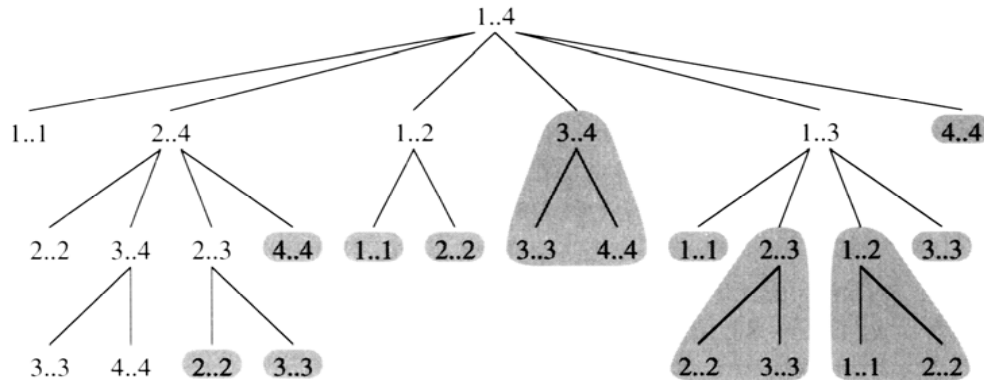
$m[i, j] = \infty$

for $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j - 1$ **do**

$q \leftarrow$ Recursive-Matrix-Chain(p, i, k)
 + Recursive-Matrix-Chain($p, k+1, j$)
 + $p_{i-1}p_kp_j$

if $q < m[i, j]$ **then** $m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

return $m[i, j]$



- $T(n) \geq \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n-1} (T(k) + T(n-k) + 1)$
 $\geq 2 \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n-1} T(i) + n$
 $= \Omega(2^n)$ (by substitution method)

Memoization:

a variation of dynamic programming (top-down)

Memoized-Matrix-Chain(p)

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n **do**

for $j \leftarrow i$ **to** n **do** $m[i, j] = \infty$

return Lookup-Chain($m, p, 1, n$)

Lookup-Chain(m, p, i, j)

if $m[i, j] < \infty$ **then return** $m[i, j]$

if $i = j$ **then** $m[i, j] \leftarrow 0$

else

for $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j - 1$ **do**

$q \leftarrow$ Lookup-Chain(m, p, i, k)
 + Lookup-Chain($m, p, k+1, j$)
 + $p_{i-1}p_kp_j$

if $q < m[i, j]$ **then** $m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

return $m[i, j]$

- $T(n) = O(n^3)$

* Try to write a memoized recursive algorithm for the rod cutting problem.

15.4 Longest common subsequence (LCS)

Subsequence: Z is a subsequence of X iff Z can be obtained from X by deleting some characters.

Common subsequence:

$X = x_1x_2\dots x_7 = \text{abcbdad}$ $Y = y_1y_2\dots y_6 = \text{bdcaba}$

common sequences: ba, bca, bcba, bdab

Longest common subsequence: bcba, bdab

Step 1. Optimal substructure

Example: $X[1..m] = \text{a b c b d a } \underline{\text{b}}$ d
 $Y[1..n] = \text{b d c a } \underline{\text{b}}$ a c

From $(\text{b, d, a, } \underline{\text{b}}) = \text{LCS}(X, Y)$, we conclude that
 $(\text{b, d, a}) = \text{LCS}(X[1..m-2], Y[1..n-3])$.

Step 2.

Let $Z[1..k] = \text{LCS}(X[1..m], Y[1..n])$.

(1) If $x_m = y_n$, then

$x_m = y_n = z_k$ and

$Z[1..k-1] = \text{LCS}(X[1..m-1], Y[1..n-1])$.

(2) If $x_m \neq y_n$, then either

$Z[1..k] = \text{LCS}(X[1..m-1], Y[1..n])$ or

$Z[1..k] = \text{LCS}(X[1..m], Y[1..n-1])$

Let $c[i, j]$ be the length of $\text{LCS}(X[1..i], Y[1..j])$

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_j \\ \max\{c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]\} & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases}$$

Step 3. $c[0..n, 0..n], b[0..n, 0..n]$ (for **Step 4**)

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
				y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A
i	x_i									
0	x_i		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
2	B		0	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
3	C		0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
4	B		0	1	1	2	2	3	3	3
5	D		0	1	2	2	2	3	3	3
6	A		0	1	2	2	3	3	4	4
7	B		0	1	2	2	3	4	4	4

- Time: $O(mn)$ Space: $O(mn)$
- If Step 4 is omitted, c only needs two rows.

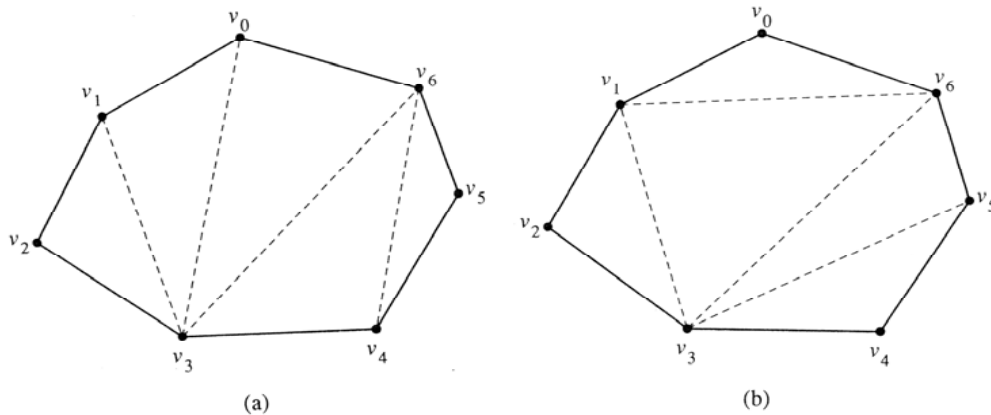
Step 4. Using table b , by backtracking we obtain $LCS(X, Y) = bcba$ in $O(m + n)$ time.

15.5 optimal binary search trees (extra class)

* Optimal polygon triangulation

Input: a convex polygon $P = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$
 a cost function $w(\Delta v_i v_j v_k)$

Output: an optimal triangulation



- Usually, $w(\Delta v_i v_j v_k)$ is $|v_i v_j| + |v_j v_k| + |v_i v_k|$.

Step 2. Let $t[i, j]$ be the weight of an optimal triangulation of polygon $(v_{i-1}, v_i, \dots, v_j)$.

$$t[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k \leq j-1} \{t[i, k] + t[k+1, j] + w(\Delta v_{i-1} v_k v_j)\} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

Step 3. Similar to Step 3 of matrix chain.

- Time: $O(n^3)$ Space: $O(n^2)$

Homework: Ex. 15.2-2, 15.4-3 15.4-5, Prob. 15-3, 15-4, 15-5, 15-9