

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

L32: Reliability Design Dynamic Programming

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Resources

- Text book 2: Horowitz
 - Sec 5.8

Example Problem

- Example: consider you need to complete 4 number of assignments successfully to pass the course.
- Each assignment can be attempted any number of times.
- Probability of successful attempt at each assignment
 $P(a_1) = 0.8, P(a_2) = 0.9, P(a_3) = 0.85, P(a_4) = 0.75$
- Time (hrs) taken per attempt for each assignment
 $T(a_1) = 3h, T(a_2) = 5h, T(a_3) = 4h, T(a_4) = 2h$
- Total time (hrs) available to you for all 4 assignments
 - 20 hours
- Problem: Define the number of attempts for each assignment so as to increase the pass probability
- Pass probability if each assignment is done only once
 $P(a_1) * P(a_2) * P(a_3) * P(a_4) = 0.8 * 0.9 * 0.85 * 0.75 = 0.459$
- Max possible attempts for each assignment
 $u_1 = 3, u_2 = 2, u_3 = 2, u_4 = 6$

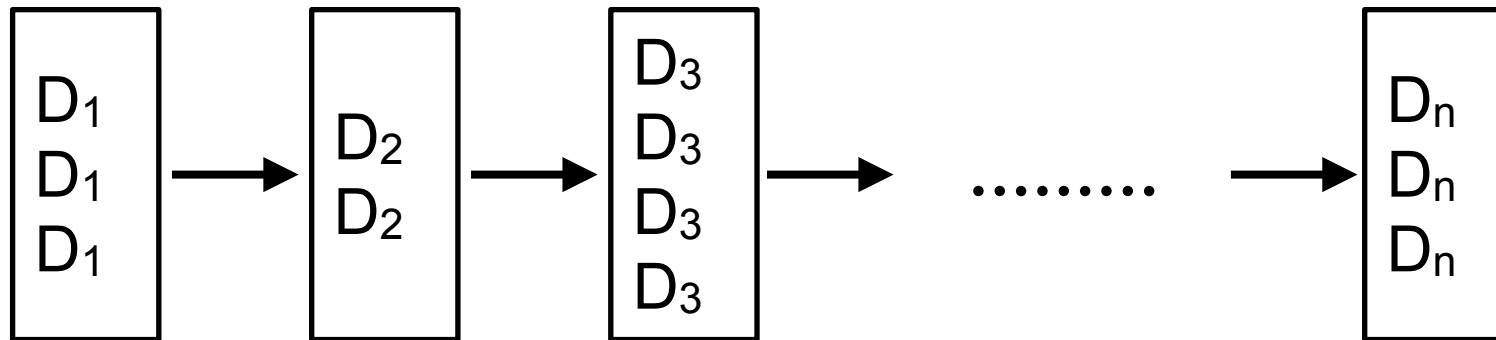
Example Problem

- Consider the number of attempts for each assignment are represented by n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 .
- The probability of success of i^{th} assignment is $1 - (1 - p_i)^{n_i}$
- Ex: Prob of success with 2 attempts for assignment 1
 $= 1 - P(\text{failure at both attempts})$
 $= 1 - (1 - P(a_1)) * (1 - P(a_1)) = 1 - 0.2 * 0.2 = 0.96$
- The probability of successfully completing all assignments $\prod_{1 \leq i \leq 4} (1 - (1 - p_i)^{n_i})$
- Goal:
 - Maximize $\prod_{1 \leq i \leq 4} (1 - (1 - p_i)^{n_i})$
 - Subject to $\sum_{1 \leq i \leq 4} t_i * n_i \leq c$,
 - where c (e.g. =20) is max time available, and
 - t_i time taken per attempt for i^{th} assignment

Reliability Design

- Application: Problem with multiplicative optimization function.
- Problem: Design a system that is composed of n devices connected in series
 - Let r_i be the reliability of device D_i .
 - r_i is probability(reliability) that D_i will function properly.
 - The reliability of entire system is $\prod r_i$
 - When n is large (e.g. 20),
 - Even if r_i is high e.g. 0.95,
 - The reliability of system is $(0.95)^{20}=0.358$
 - Thus, it is desirable to duplicate the devices
 - Multiple copies of same device parallelly connected
 - So as to increase overall reliability of the system.

Multiple Devices in Parallel



- If device D_i with a reliability probability of r_i ,
 - Has m_i copies connected in parallel, then
 - Probability that all of m_i devices will malfunction
 $(1 - r_i)^{m_i}$
- Thus, reliability of machines at stage i is $1 - (1 - r_i)^{m_i}$
- Example: $r_i = 0.95$, $m_i = 2$, then reliability is 0.9975
- Assume that reliability at stage i is given by $\emptyset_i(m_i)$
 - It may also depend upon switching circuit as well

Reliability Design Problem

- Problem:
 - Use device duplication to maximize reliability
 - Under the constraint of total cost.
- Let $c_i > 0$ be the cost of i^{th} device.
- Let C be the max cost allowed for the system.
- Thus, the problem is mathematically defined as

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{maximize } \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} \phi_i(m_i) \\
 &\text{subject to } \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} c_i m_i \leq C \dots\dots\dots (1) \\
 &\text{and } 1 \leq m_i \leq u_i, m_i \text{ is integer, and } 1 \leq i \leq n
 \end{aligned}$$
- Thus, similar to knapsack problem, we can apply dynamic programming technique to solve reliability design problem

Reliability Design Problem: DP Approach

- Since each $c_i > 0$, and $m_i > 0$, then
 - Let u_i denotes the max number of i^{th} device
 - Each device has to be used once.
 $\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} c_j$ is cost of each device using once
 $C - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} c_j$ is remaining cost after using each device once
 - The max value u_i for i^{th} device would be

$$u_i = \lfloor (C - \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n} c_j + c_i) / c_i \rfloor = (C - \sum_{1 \leq j \neq i \leq n} c_j) / c_i$$
- An optimal solution m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n is the result of sequence of decisions.
- Let $f_i(x)$ represents the max value of $\prod_{1 \leq j \leq i} \phi_j(m_j)$ subject to the constraints

$$\sum_{1 \leq j \leq i} c_j m_j \leq x, \text{ and } 1 \leq m_j \leq u_j, \quad 1 \leq j \leq i.$$
- The optimal solution then is $f_n(C)$

Reliability Design Problem: DP Approach

- The last decision for n^{th} device requires m_n to be chosen from $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, u_n\}$.
- After the value m_n is chosen,
 - Remaining decisions must be made w.r.t. $C - C_n m_n$.
 - The principle of optimality should be used.
- The recurrence relation becomes

$$f_n(c) = \max_{1 \leq m_n \leq u_n} \left\{ \phi_n(m_n) f_{n-1}(c - c_n m_n) \right\} \dots\dots(2)$$

- For any $f_i(x)$, $i \geq 1$, the generalized equation is

$$f_i(x) = \max_{1 \leq m_i \leq u_i} \left\{ \phi_i(m_i) f_{i-1}(x - c_i m_i) \right\} \dots\dots(3)$$

Example: Reliability Design

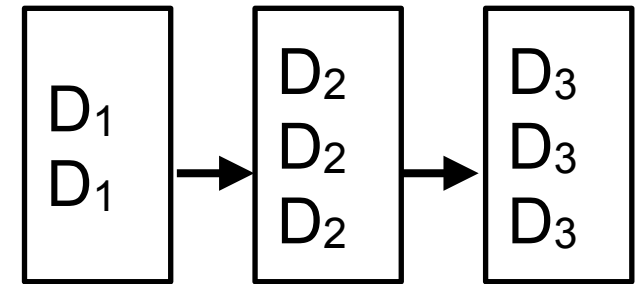
- Consider 3 devices with their costs and reliabilities as
 - $c_1=30, c_2=15, c_3=20, r_1=0.9, r_2=0.8, r_3=0.5$
- The max system cost is $c=105$
- Computation for designing the system:

$$\Sigma c_i = 30 + 15 + 20 = 65$$

$$u_1 = (105 - 65 + 30) / 30 = 70 / 30 = 2$$

$$u_2 = (105 - 65 + 15) / 15 = 55 / 15 = 3$$

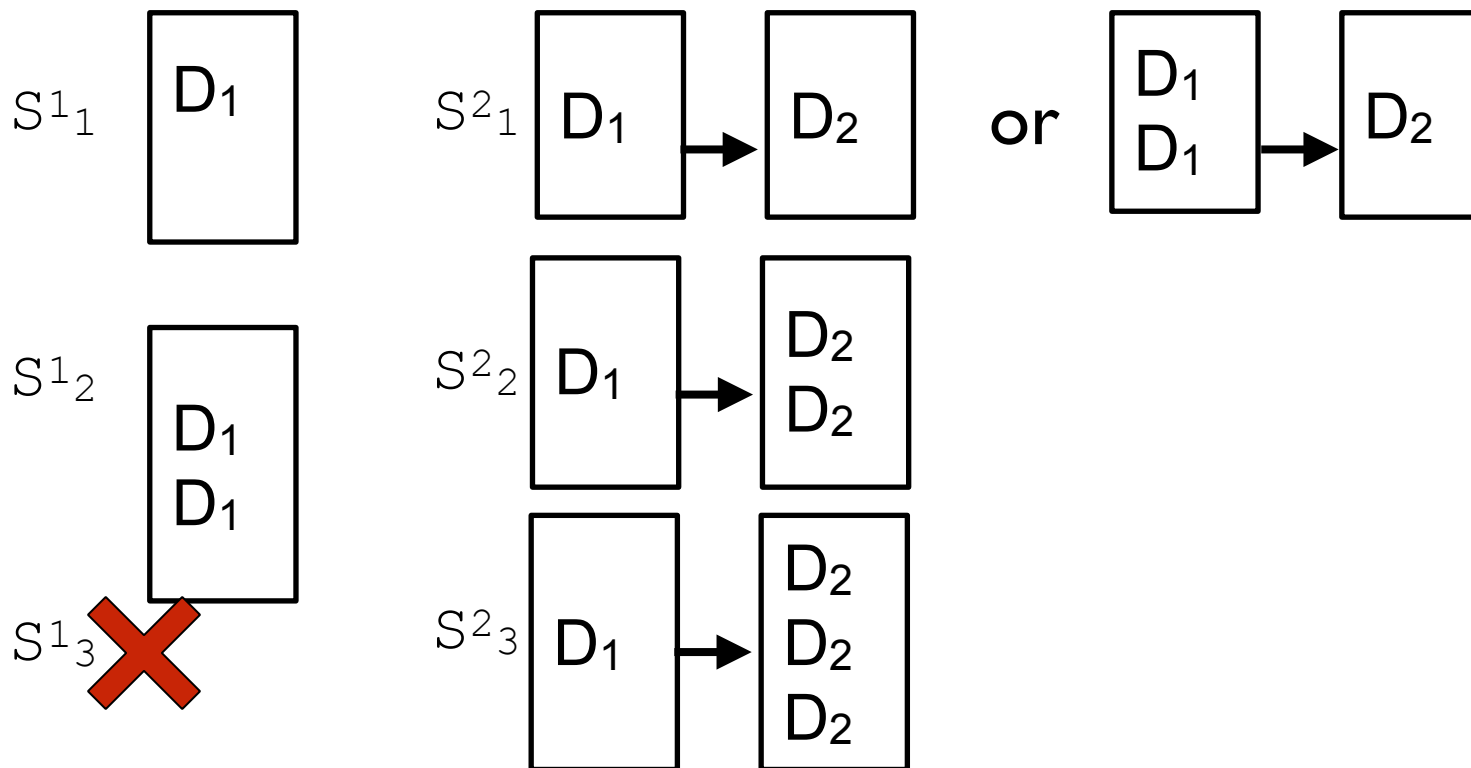
$$u_3 = (105 - 65 + 20) / 20 = 60 / 20 = 3$$



- Consider the decision sequence m_1, m_2 and m_3 .
- Starting from tuple $S^0 = \{ (1, 0) \}$,
 - Compute S^i from S^{i-1} by trying out all possible values for m_i and combining the results.

Example: Reliability Design

- Let S^i_j represent all tuples obtainable from S^{i-1} by choosing $m_i=j$.
 - $S^i_1 \Leftrightarrow D_i$ is used once, $S^i_2 \Leftrightarrow D_i$ is used 2 times, ...
 - Devices D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{i-1} are to be used as applicable
- Example, $C=105$; $c_1=30, c_2=15, c_3=20$



Example: Reliability Design

- Example, $C=105$; $c_1=30, c_2=15, c_3=20$
 - Devices D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{i-1} are to be used as applicable
- For device $D_1, u_1=2$, possible values for m_1 are 1, 2
- For device $D_2, u_2=3$, possible values for m_2 are 1, 2, 3
- For device $D_3, u_3=3$, possible values for m_3 are 1, 2, 3

$S^1_1 = \{ (0.9, 30) \}$ # D_1 is used once

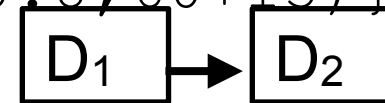
$S^1_2 = \{ (1 - (1 - 0.1)^2, 30 * 2) \}$ # D_1 is used 2 times

$= \{ (0.99, 60) \}$

$m_1=1, m_2=1$ $m_1=2, m_2=1$

$S^2_1 = \{ (0.9 * 0.8, 30 + 15), (0.99 * 0.8, 60 + 15) \}$

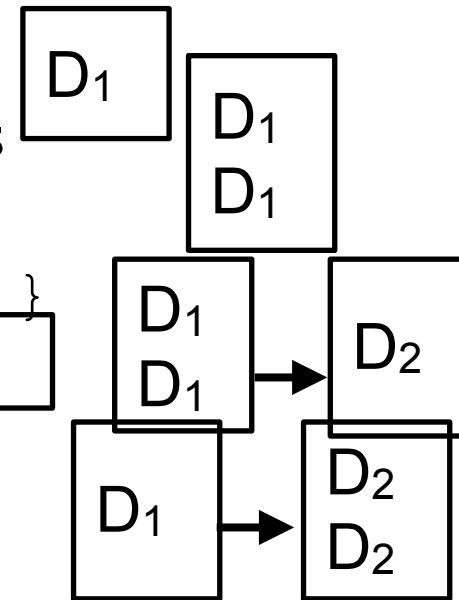
$= \{ (0.72, 45), (0.792, 75) \}$



$S^2_2 = \{ (0.9 * (1 - (1 - 0.2)^2), 30 + 15 * 2) \}$ $m_1=1, m_2=2$

$= \{ (0.9 * 0.96, 30 + 30) \} = \{ (0.864, 60) \}$

$m_1=2, m_2=2$ infeasible



Reliability Design Problem: DP Approach

- Initial value (when no device is used, reliability is 1)
$$f_0(x) = 1 \quad \forall x, \quad 0 \leq x \leq c.$$
- Let S^i consists of tuples of the form (f, x) , where
$$f = f_i(x)$$

$$S^i = \{ S^i_j : 1 \leq m_j \leq u_j \}$$
- There is at most one tuple for each different x ,
 - Results from a sequence of decisions m_1, \dots, m_n .
- The dominance rule is
 - (f_1, x_1) dominates (f_2, x_2) iff $f_1 \geq f_2$ and $x_1 \leq x_2$.
 - Keep the dominant tuple (f_1, x_1) and
 - Discard the dominated tuple (f_2, x_2) from S^i .
 - Because dominant tuple provides higher reliability at lower cost

Example: Reliability Design

- Continuing

$$S^2_3 = \{ (0.9 * (1 - (1 - 0.2)^3), 30 + 15 * 3) \}$$

$$= \{ (0.9 * 0.992, 30 + 45) \}$$

$$= \{ (0.8928, 75) \}$$

$m_1=1, m_2=3$
 $m_1=2, m_2=3$ infeasible

The tuple value $(0.99 * 0.992, 60 + 45) = (0.98208, 105)$ is eliminated as left with cost of 0, which is not enough for D_3

- Combining S^2_1, S^2_2 , and S^2_3 , we get

$$S^2_1 = \{ (0.72, 45), \text{ ~~} (0.792, 75) \text{ } \}~~$$

$$S^2_2 = \{ (0.864, 60) \}$$

$$S^2_3 = \{ (0.8928, 75) \}$$

$$S^2 = \{ (0.72, 45), (0.864, 60), (0.8928, 75) \}$$

The tuple value $(0.792, 75)$ is eliminated as it is dominated by $(0.864, 60)$ using dominance rule

$$0.864 \geq 0.792, \text{ and } 60 \leq 75$$

Example: Reliability Design

$$m_1=1, m_2=1, m_3=1$$

- Continuing $S^3_1 = \{ (0.9 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.5, 30 + 15 + 20), (0.99 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.5, 30 \cdot 2 + 15 + 20), (0.9 \cdot 0.96 \cdot 0.5, 30 + 15 \cdot 2 + 20), (0.9 \cdot 0.992 \cdot 0.5, 30 + 15 \cdot 3 + 20) \}$ $m_1=2, m_2=1, m_3=1$
 $= \{ (0.36, 65), (\underline{0.396}, 95), (0.432, 80), (\underline{0.4464}, 95) \}$
 $S^3_2 = \{ (0.9 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.75, 30 + 15 + 20 \cdot 2), (0.9 \cdot 0.96 \cdot 0.75, 30 + 15 \cdot 2 + 20 \cdot 2) \}$ $m_1=1, m_2=2, m_3=2$
 $= \{ (0.54, 85), (0.648, 100) \}$
 $S^3_3 = \{ (0.9 \cdot 0.8 \cdot 0.875, 30 + 15 + 20 \cdot 3) \}$ $m_1=1, m_2=1, m_3=3$
 $= \{ (\underline{0.63}, 105) \}$

- Combining S^3_1, S^3_2 , and S^3_3 , we get

$$S^3 = \{ (0.36, 65), (0.432, 80), (0.54, 85), (0.648, 100) \}$$

Note: Other values are dominated.

- The best design is $(0.648, 100)$ i.e. $m_1=1, m_2=2, m_3=2$

Summary

- Understanding reliability
- Reliability in stages
- Overall summary of DP
 - Principle of optimality
 - Multi-stage graphs
 - Transitive closure: Warshall's algorithm
 - All pair shortest path: Floyd's algorithm
 - Optimal binary search trees
 - Knapsack problem
 - Bellman-Ford algorithm
 - Traveling Sales Person problem
 - Reliability design