

## Dynamic Programming - Knapsack

Key ideas of dynamic programming: identify subproblems (not too many) and an order of solving them such that each subproblem can be solved by combining previously solved subproblems.

Recall the knapsack problem: Given items  $1, 2, \dots, n$ , where item  $i$  has weight  $w_i$  and value  $v_i$  ( $w_i, v_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) choose a subset  $S$  of items s.t.  $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$  capacity of knapsack and  $\sum_{i \in S} v_i$  is maximized.

Recall that we considered the fractional version (can use fractions of items e.g. flour, rice) where greedy alg. works  
Today we consider the 0-1 version where items are indivisible (e.g. flashlight, tent)

First attempts: Like weighted interval scheduling, distinguish whether item  $n$  is IN or OUT.

if  $n \notin S$  — look for opt. soln for  $1 \dots n-1$

if  $n \in S$  — want subset  $S$  of  $1 \dots n-1$  with

$$\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq \underbrace{W - w_n}_{\text{the space left in the knapsack}}$$

As for coin changing problem, we need different subproblems for different knapsack capacities.

Subproblems: one for each pair  $i, w$ ,  $i = 0 \dots n$ ,  $w = 0 \dots W$

Find subset  $S \subseteq \{1 \dots i\}$  s.t.

$$\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq w \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i \in S} v_i \text{ is maximized}$$

$$\text{Let } M(i, w) = \max \sum_{i \in S} v_i$$

To find  $M(i, w)$

- \* if  $w_i > w$  then  $M(i, w) \leftarrow M(i-1, w)$
- \* else  $M(i, w) \leftarrow \max \begin{cases} M(i-1, w) & \text{/* don't use } i \\ v_i + M(i-1, w-w_i) & \text{/* use } i \end{cases}$

Pseudocode and ordering of subproblems:

Use matrix  $M[0 \dots n, 0 \dots W]$

initialize  $M[0, w] \leftarrow 0$   $w = 0 \dots W$

for  $i = 1 \dots n$

for  $w = 0 \dots W$

compute  $M[i, w]$  using \*

Analysis:

We have a nested loop  $n \cdot W \cdot c \leftarrow \text{constant work for } *$

$\nwarrow$  loop for  $i$        $\nwarrow$  loop for  $w$

so  $O(n \cdot W)$

This is not a polynomial time algorithm. It is pseudo-polynomial time.

The input is  $w_1 \dots w_n, v_1 \dots v_n, W$

Size of input is sum of # bits.

$W$  is one of the numbers in the input.

The size of the input counts the size of  $W$  — let's say it has  $k$  bits.  $k = \Theta(\log W)$

But the algorithm takes  $O(n \cdot W)$  — that's  $O(n \cdot 2^k)$  so it's exponential in the input size.

Run-time is polynomial in the value of  $W$  rather than size of  $W$ .

Finding the actual solution for knapsack.

Two methods:

1. backtracking

2. store solution with  $M$  (after original code)

1. Backtracking: Use  $M$  to recover solution

$i \leftarrow n, w \leftarrow W$

while  $i > 0$

if  $M(i, w) = M(i-1, w)$  /\* didn't use  $i$

$i \leftarrow i-1$

else

/\* used  $i$

output  $i$

$i \leftarrow i-1, w \leftarrow w - w_i$

end

Time:  $O(n)$

2. enhance original code

when we set  $M(i, w)$

also set  $\text{Flag}(i, w)$  — do we use item  $i$  or not  
to get  $M(i, w)$

(we still need backtracking)

or even store  $\text{Soln}(i, w)$  — list of items  
to get  $M(i, w)$

(no backtracking needed)

Trade-offs: (2) uses more space

(1) duplicates tests used to compute  $M$

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A simpler related problem

(relevant when we study NP-hardness)

Subset Sum Given  $n$  natural numbers

$a_1 \dots a_n$  and number  $K$ , is there  
a subset  $S \subseteq \{1 \dots n\}$  s.t.  $\sum_{i \in S} a_i = K$ .

There is a pseudo-polynomial time  
dynamic programming algorithm

HINT  $M(i, k)$   $i = 0 \dots n$ ,  $k = 0 \dots K$

= YES/NO, is there a subset of  $\{1 \dots i\}$   
adding to  $k$ .

# Common subproblems in dynamic programming

1. input  $x_1 \dots x_n$

subproblems  $x_1 \dots x_i$

# subproblems  $n$

weighted  
interval scheduling

2. input  $x_1 \dots x_n$

subproblems  $x_i \dots x_j$

# subproblems  $O(n^2)$

opt. binary search tree

3. input  $x_1 \dots x_n \ y_1 \dots y_m$

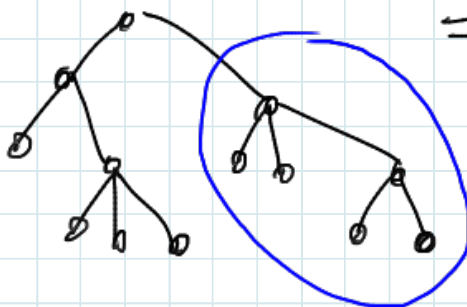
subproblems  $x_1 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 \dots y_j$

# subproblems  $O(n \cdot m)$

edit distance

4. input rooted tree on  $n$  nodes

# subproblems  $O(n)$



maybe  
later

5. 0-1 Knapsack and Subset Sum  
with  $n \times W$  subproblems  
weight



## Chain Matrix Multiplication

Problem. For matrices  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$ , compute

$$M_1 \cdot M_2 \cdot \dots \cdot M_n$$

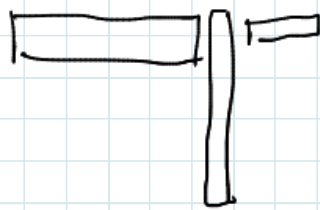
For 2 matrices  $C = A \cdot B$   $A - d_1 \times d_2$   $B - d_2 \times d_3$

then  $C$  is  $d_1 \times d_3$  and computing  $D$  takes  $d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot d_3$  scalar multiplication (plus additions)

$$\text{Cost} = d_1 \cdot d_2 \cdot d_3$$

What order should we multiply the  $M_i$ 's in, to min. cost

Example  $A_1 - 2 \times 10$   $A_2 - 10 \times 1$   $A_3 - 1 \times 4$



$$\begin{aligned} & (A_1 \cdot A_2) \cdot A_3 \\ & \quad \underbrace{2 \cdot 10 \cdot 1}_{2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4} \\ & = 28 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & A_1 \cdot (A_2 \cdot A_3) \\ & \quad \underbrace{10 \cdot 1 \cdot 4}_{2 \cdot 10 \cdot 4} \\ & = 120 \end{aligned}$$

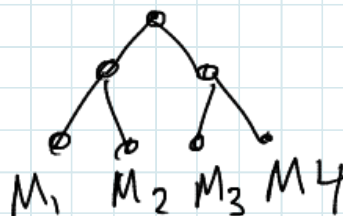
EX. Find an example where greedy does not work.

Deciding the order to multiply the  $M_i$ 's

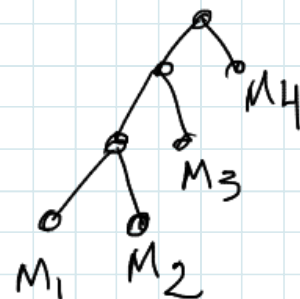
= parenthesizing the expression  $M_1 \cdot \dots \cdot M_n$

= building a binary tree

$$\text{e.g. } (M_1 \cdot M_2) \cdot (M_3 \cdot M_4)$$



$$((M_1 \cdot M_2) \cdot M_3) \cdot M_4$$



How many ways are there?

$$P_n = \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \cdot P_{n-i} \quad \text{where } i \text{ chooses root of tree}$$

$P_n = n^{\text{th}}$  Catalan no.  $P_5 = 14$   $P_{15} = 2,674,440$

$P_n \in \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{4^n}{n^2} \right)$  — so don't try them all!

Subproblems — best way to multiply  $M_i \cdots M_j$

Notation: Let  $M_i$  have dimensions  $d_{i-1} \times d_i$

so same matrix is  $d_0 \times d_n$

Let  $C(i,j) = \text{min. no. scalar mults to compute } M_i \cdots M_j$

$$C(i,i) = 0$$

$$C(i,j) = \min_{k=i \cdots j-1} \{ C(i,k) + C(k+1,j) + \underbrace{d_{i-1} \cdot d_k \cdot d_j} \}$$

because:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} (M_i \cdots M_k) & \cdot & (M_{k+1} \cdots M_j) \\ d_{i-1} \times d_k & & d_k \times d_j \end{array}$$

Compute  $C(i,j)$ 's in increasing order of  $j-i$

Computing  $C(i,j)$  takes  $O(n)$  time (try  $\leq n$  values of  $k$ )

Total time  $O(n^2 \cdot n) = O(n^3)$

$\nearrow$  #subproblems       $\nwarrow$  time for each

Best alg. for this problem is  $O(n \log n)$

Pseudo-code

for  $i = 1 \dots n$

$C(i, i) \leftarrow 0$

end

for  $\text{diff} = 1 \dots n$

for  $i = 1 \dots n - \text{diff}$

$j \leftarrow i + \text{diff}$

$C(i, j) \leftarrow \infty$

for  $k = i \dots j - 1$

$\text{temp} \leftarrow C(i, k) + C(k+1, j) + d(i-1) \cdot d(k) \cdot d(j)$

if  $C(i, j) > \text{temp}$

$C(i, j) \leftarrow \text{temp}$

$k(i, j) \leftarrow k$

end

end

Min cost of opt. soln is  $m(1, n)$

and we can recover the solution using  $k(1, n)$

$(M_1 \dots M_k) \cdot (M_{k+1} \dots M_n)$



## Memoization

- use recursion, rather than explicitly solving all subproblems bottom-up as we've been doing so far.
- danger - that you solve the same subproblem over and over (possibly taking exponential time, e.g.  $T(n) = 2T(n-1) + O(1)$  is exponential.)
- fix - when you solve a subproblem, store the solution. Before (re)-solving, check if you have a stored solution. Solutions can be stored in a matrix or in a hash table.
- advantage - maybe you don't solve all subproblems.