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 $0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, \dots$

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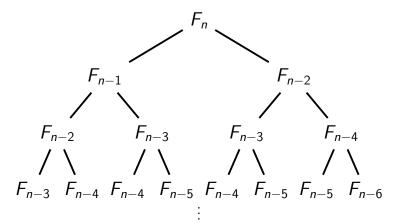
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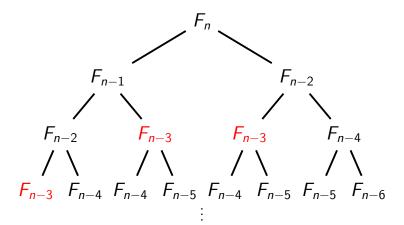
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else:

return T[n]

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- In practice: just F_{100} does not fit into a 64-bit integer type anymore, hence we need bignum arithmetic

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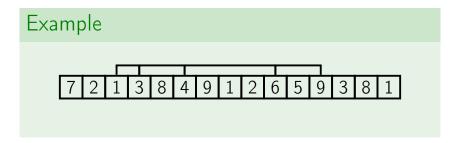
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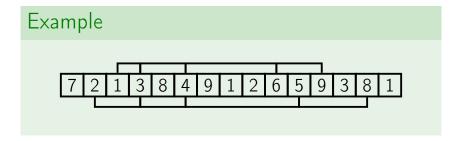
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Input: An array A = [a_0, a_1, ..., a_{n-1}].
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Output: A longest increasing subsequence (LIS), i.e., $a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \ldots, a_{i_k}$ such that

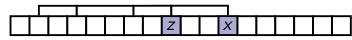
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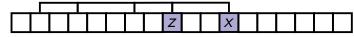




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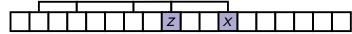


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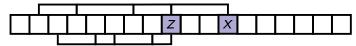


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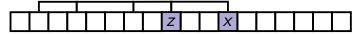
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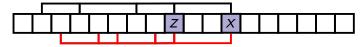
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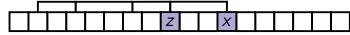
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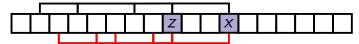
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- Base case: LIS(0) = 1

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- The exact data structure behind *T* is not that important at this point: it could be an array or a hash table

Memoization

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       T[i] = 1
       for j in range(i):
         if A[j] < A[i]:
9
           T[i] = max(T[i], lis(A, i) + 1)
10
     return T[i]
11
12
13
   A = [7, 2, 1, 3, 8, 4, 9, 1, 2, 6, 5, 9, 3]
   print(max(lis(A, i) for i in range(len(A))))
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Running Time

The running time is quadratic $(O(n^2))$: there are n "serious" recursive calls (that are not just table look-ups), each of them needs time O(n) (not counting the inner recursive calls)

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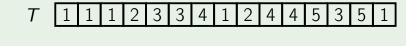
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     T = [None] * Ien(A)
      prev = [None] * len(A)
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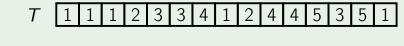
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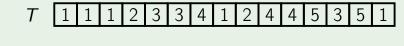
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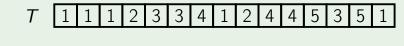
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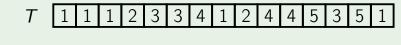
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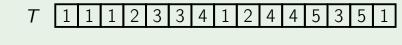
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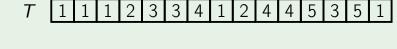
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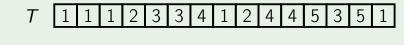
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Unwinding Solution

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last = 0
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3
4
5
     for i in range(1, len(A)):
        if T[i] > T[last]:
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6
7
      lis = []
     current = last
8
     while current >= 0:
        lis.append(current)
        current = prev[current]
10
      lis.reverse()
11
     return [A[i] for i in lis]
12
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Reconstructing without prev

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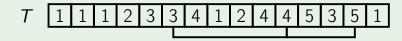
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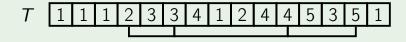
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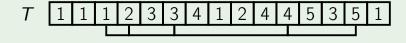
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Brute Force: Code

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print (lis (A=[7, 2, 1, 3, 8, 4, 9], seq=[]))

```
def lis (A, seq):
     result = len(seq)
2
3
4
5
6
     if len(seq) == 0:
       last index = -1
        last element = float("-inf")
7
     else:
8
        last index = seq[-1]
9
        last element = A[last index]
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     for i in range(last index + 1, len(A)):
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if A[i] > last element:

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Optimized Code

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lis(A, seq len + 1, i)

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Statement

Edit distance

Input: Two strings $A[0 \dots n-1]$ and

 $B[0 \dots m-1].$

Output: The minimal number of insertions,

deletions, and substitutions needed to

transform A to B. This number is known

as edit distance or Levenshtein distance.

Example: $\mathsf{EDITING} \to \mathsf{DISTANCE}$

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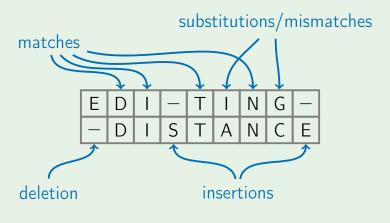
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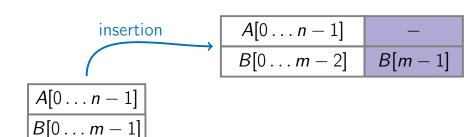
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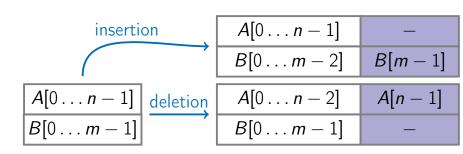
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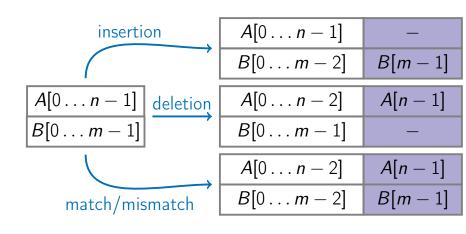


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$$\frac{A[0\ldots n-1]}{B[0\ldots m-1]}$$







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Base case: ED(i,0) = i, ED(0,j) = j

Recursive Algorithm

```
T = dict()
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   def edit distance(a, b, i, j):
4
     if not (i, j) in T:
5
        if i == 0: T[i, j] = j
6
7
       elif i == 0: T[i, i] = i
       else:
8
          diff = 0 if a[i - 1] == b[j - 1] else 1
9
         T[i, j] = min(
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11
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     return T[i, j]
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print(edit distance(a="editing", b="distance",

i = 7, i = 8)

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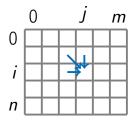
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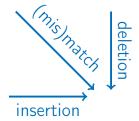
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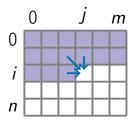
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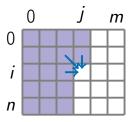




Filling the Table

Fill in the table row by row or column by column:





Iterative Algorithm

diff = 0 if a[i - 1] == b[j - 1] else 1

print(edit distance(a="distance", b="editing"))

T[i][i-1]+1,

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T[i][j] = min(T[i-1][j] + 1,

return T[len(a)][len(b)]

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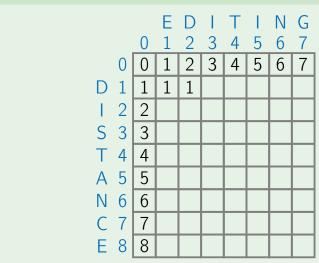
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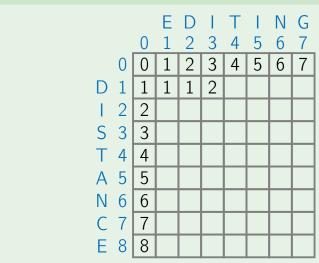














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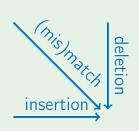
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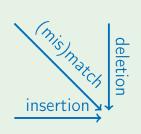






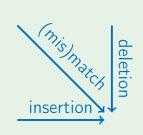
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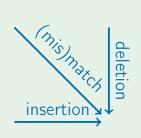






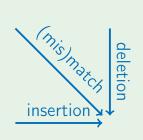






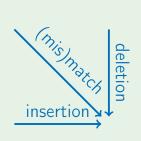






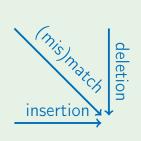
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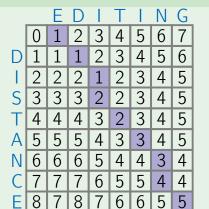


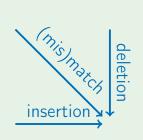






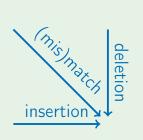
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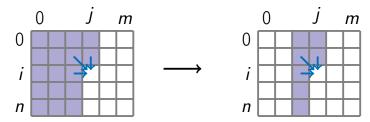
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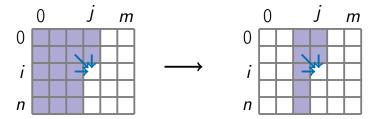
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Weighted Edit Distance

- The cost of insertions, deletions, and substitutions is not necessarily identical
- Spell checking: some substitutions are more likely than others
- Biology: some mutations are more likely than others

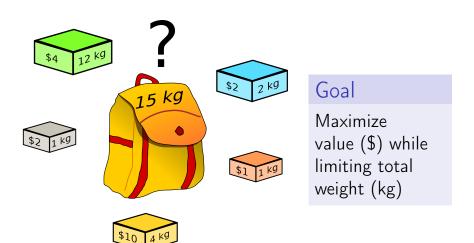
Generalized Recurrence Relation

$$\min \begin{cases} ED(i, j-1) + \mathsf{inscost}(B[j]), \\ ED(i-1, j) + \mathsf{delcost}(A[i]), \\ ED(i-1, j-1) + \mathsf{substcost}(A[i], B[j]) \end{cases}$$

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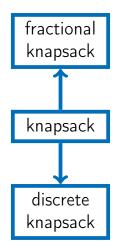
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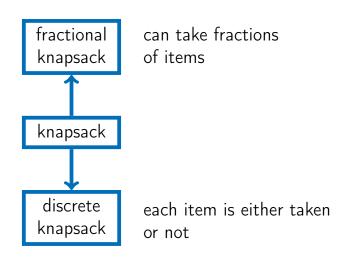
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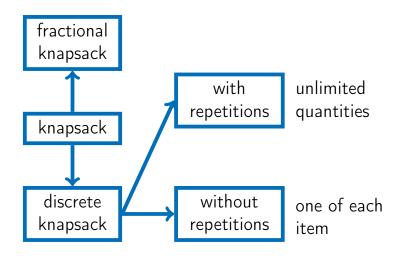
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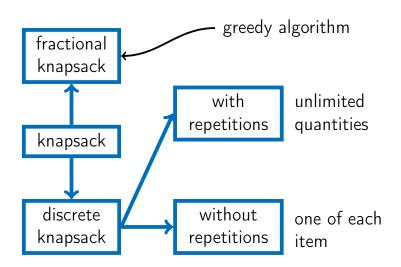
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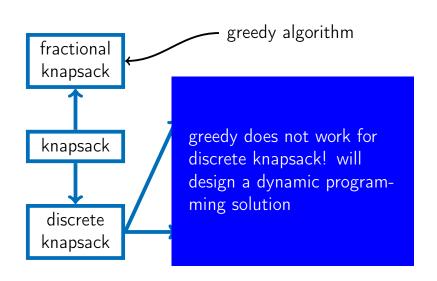


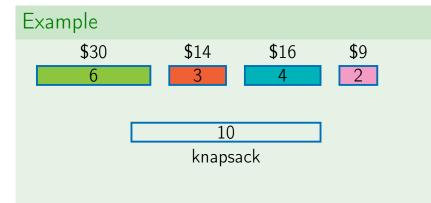


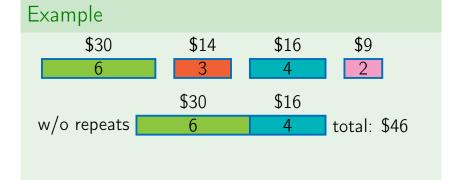


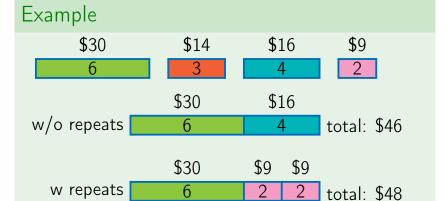


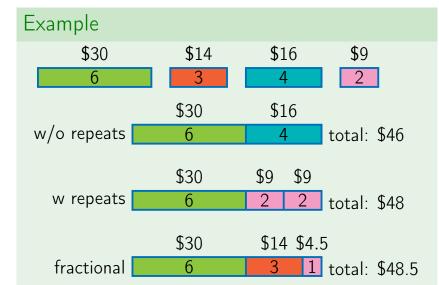
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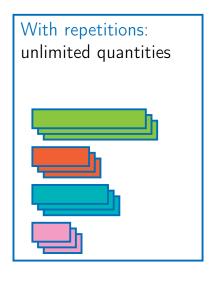




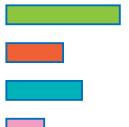








Without repetitions: one of each item



Knapsack with repetitions problem

Input: Weights w_0, \ldots, w_{n-1} and values v_0, \ldots, v_{n-1} of n items; total weight W (v_i 's, w_i 's, and W are non-negative integers).

Output: The maximum value of items whose weight does not exceed W. Each item can be used any number of times.

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W _i	W

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If we take this item out then we get an optimal solution for a knapsack of total weight $W-w_i$.

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- This recurrence relation is transformed into a recursive algorithm in a straightforward way

Recursive Algorithm

knapsack(w, v, u - w[i]) + v[i])

v = [30, 14, 16, 9], u = 10)

```
1 T = dict()
  def knapsack(w, v, u):
4
    if u not in T:
5
      T[u] = 0
6
7
8
       for i in range(len(w)):
         if w[i] <= u:
```

T[u] = max(T[u],

print(knapsack(w=[6, 3, 4, 2],

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- For this, we gradually fill in an array T: T[u] = value(u)

Recursive Algorithm

```
def knapsack(W, w, v):
     T = [0] * (W + 1)
3
4
     for u in range (1, W + 1):
5
       for i in range(len(w)):
6
7
          if w[i] <= u:
            T[u] = \max(T[u], T[u - w[i]] + v[i])
8
9
     return T[W]
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   print (knapsack (W=10, w=[6, 3, 4, 2],
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Brute Force: Knapsack with Repetitions

```
def knapsack(W, w, v, items):
     weight = sum(w[i] for i in items)
3
     value = sum(v[i] for i in items)
4
5
     for i in range(len(w)):
6
7
       if weight + w[i] \leq W:
          value = max(value,
8
                knapsack(W, w, v, items + [i]))
9
10
     return value
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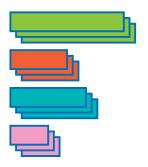
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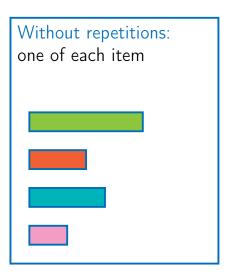
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With repetitions: unlimited quantities



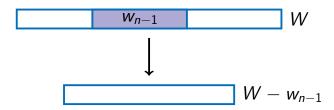


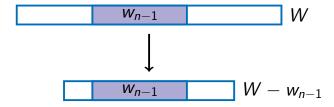
Knapsack without repetitions problem

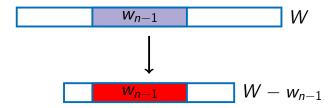
Input: Weights w_0, \ldots, w_{n-1} and values v_0, \ldots, v_{n-1} of n items; total weight W (v_i 's, w_i 's, and W are non-negative integers).

Output: The maximum value of items whose weight does not exceed W. Each item can be used at most once.

 W_{n-1} W





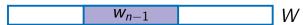


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If the last item is not used, then the whole knapsack must be filled in optimally with items $0, 1, \ldots, n-2$.

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- For i > 0, the item i 1 is either used or not: value(u, i) is equal to

$$\max\{value(u-w_{i-1}, i-1)+v_{i-1}, value(u, i-1)\}$$

Recursive Algorithm

```
T = dict()
2
   def knapsack(w, v, u, i):
4
     if (u, i) not in T:
5
      if i == 0:
6
7
8
9
         T[u, i] = 0
        else:
         T[u, i] = knapsack(w, v, u, i - 1)
         if u >= w[i - 1]:
            T[u, i] = \max(T[u, i],
10
              knapsack(w, v, u - w[i - 1], i - 1) + v[i - 1]
11
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13
     return T[u, i]
14
15
16
   print(knapsack(w=[6, 3, 4, 2],
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                    v = [30, 14, 16, 9], u = 10, i = 4)
```

Iterative Algorithm

```
def knapsack(W, w, v):
     T = [[None] * (len(w) + 1) for in range(W + 1)]
3
4
5
     for u in range (W + 1):
       T[u][0] = 0
6
7
     for i in range (1, len(w) + 1):
8
       for u in range (W + 1):
9
         T[u][i] = T[u][i - 1]
         if u >= w[i - 1]:
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           T[u][i] = \max(T[u][i],
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              T[u - w[i - 1]][i - 1] + v[i - 1])
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print (knapsack (W=10, w=[6, 3, 4, 2],

v = [30, 14, 16, 9])

return T[W][len(w)]

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```
def knapsack(W, w, v, items, last):
2
     weight = sum(w[i] for i in items)
3
4
      if last == len(w) - 1:
5
        return sum(v[i] for i in items)
6
7
8
     value = knapsack(W, w, v, items, last + 1)
      if weight + w[last + 1] \le W:
9
        items.append(last + 1)
       value = max(value,
10
11
                     knapsack(W, w, v, items, last + 1))
12
        items.pop()
13
14
     return value
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- There are cases however when one does not need to solve all subproblems and the knapsack problem is a good example: assume that *W* and all *w_i*'s are multiples of 100; then *value(w)* is not needed if *w* is not divisible by 100

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Chain matrix multiplication

Input: Chain of n matrices A_0, \ldots, A_{n-1} to be multiplied.

Output: An order of multiplication minimizing the total cost of multiplication.

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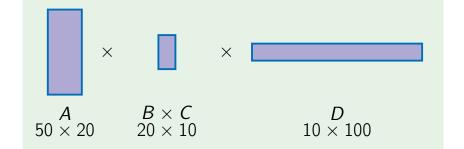
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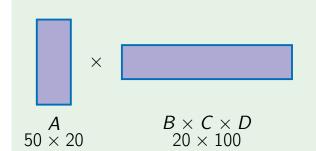
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- The cost of multiplying two matrices of size $p \times q$ and $q \times r$ is pqr

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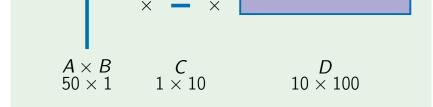


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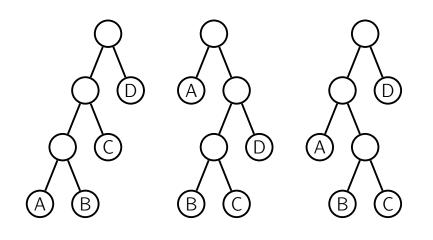
Example:
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cost:
$$50 \cdot 20 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 10 \cdot 100 + 50 \cdot 1 \cdot 100 = 7000$$

Order as a Full Binary Tree

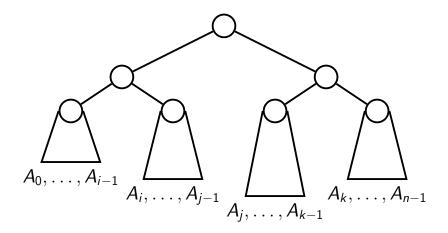


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Analyzing an Optimal Tree



each subtree computes the product of A_p, \ldots, A_q for some $p \leq q$

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```
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2
   def matrix mult(m, i, j):
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5
6
7
8
9
      if j == i + 1:
         T[i, i] = 0
        else:
         T[i, j] = float("inf")
         for k in range(i + 1, j):
            T[i, j] = \min(T[i, j],
10
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11
12
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13
              m[i] * m[i] * m[k]
14
15
     return T[i, j]
16
17
   print (matrix mult (m=[50, 20, 1, 10, 100], i=0, j=4))
```

Converting to an Iterative Algorithm

- We want to solve subproblems going from smaller size subproblems to larger size ones
- The size is the number of matrices needed to be multiplied: j i
- A possible order:



Iterative Algorithm

```
def matrix mult(m):
    n = len(m) - 1
3
     T = [[float("inf")] * (n + 1) for in range(n + 1)]
4
5
     for i in range(n):
6
7
8
       T[i][i + 1] = 0
     for s in range (2, n + 1):
9
       for i in range (n - s + 1):
10
         i = i + s
         for k in range(i + 1, j):
11
           T[i][j] = \min(T[i][j],
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13
             T[i][k] + T[k][i] +
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Step 1 (the most important step)

- Define subproblems and write down a recurrence relation (with a base case)
- either by analyzing the structure
 of an optimal solution, or
- by optimizing a brute force solution

Subproblems: Review

- Longest increasing subsequence: LIS(i) is the length of longest common subsequence ending at element A[i]
- Edit distance: ED(i,j) is the edit distance between prefixes of length i and j
- In Knapsack: K(w) is the optimal value of a knapsack of total weight w
- Chain matrix multiplication M(i,j) is the optimal cost of multiplying matrices through i to j-1

Convert a recurrence relation into a recursive algorithm:

- store a solution to each subproblem in a table
- before solving a subproblem check whether its solution is already stored in the table

Convert a recursive algorithm into an iterative algorithm:

- initialize the table
 - go from smaller subproblems to larger ones
 - specify an order of subproblems

reasonable estimate.

Prove an upper bound on the running time. Usually the product of the number of subproblems and the time needed to solve a subproblem is a

Uncover a solution

Exploit the regular structure of the table to check whether space can be saved

Recursive vs Iterative

- Advantages of iterative approach:
 - No recursion overhead
 - May allow saving space by exploiting a regular structure of the table
- Advantages of recursive approach:
 - May be faster if not all the subproblems need to be solved
 - An order on subproblems is implicit