## Line breaks

Goal: find where to place line breaks in a paragraph to minimize "badness":

This may be a difficult example.

Badness =  $4^3 = 64$ 

This may be a difficult example.

Badness =  $2^3 + 2^3 = 16$ 

badness =  $\sum (max_length - line_length)^3$ 

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## **Subproblems**

result,cost = lineBreaks(wlist,startCol,maxWidth)

1) No line break after first word

```
endCol = startCol + len(wlist[0])
r1,c1 = lineBreaks(wlist[1:],endCol+1,maxWidth)
r1 = wlist[0] + " " + r1
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2) Line break after first word

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r2,c2 = lineBreaks(wlist[1:],0,maxWidth)
r2 = wlist[0] + "\n" + r2
c2 += (maxWidth - endCol)**3
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