

Dynamic Programming

Identify DP

- Must have:
 - Optimal substructure
 - Overlapping subproblems
- Top down - Recursion + Memoization
- Bot Up - Tabulation

Def - Optimal substructure means that optimal solutions for each subproblem results in an optimal solution for the problem.

- Can be either:
 - Combinatorial (e.g. How many?)
 - Optimization (e.g. Maximize or Minimize)

- DP typically allows for at least polynomial solutions:
 - Such as $O(n^2)$ or $O(n^3)$
 - Not exponential ($O(2^n)$ or $O(7^n)$)

Steps to solve DP

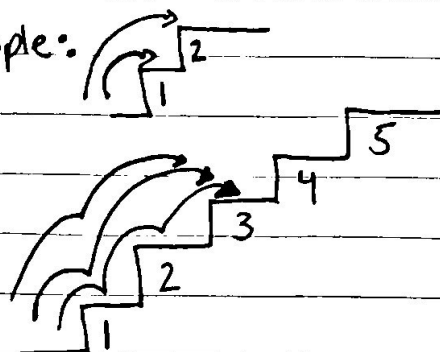
The Framework:

1. Define objective function. (e.g. $f(i)$ = the number of ways to reach i)
2. Identify base cases.
3. Write down transition function. (e.g. $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$)
4. Identify order of execution.
5. Identify location of the answer.



Climbing Stairs How many ways can we reach step i ? We can either take 1 or 2 steps at a time.

Example:



$f(3) = (1, 1, 1)$
 $(1, 2)$
 $(2, 1)$

Framework:

Solution

1. $f(n)$ is the number of distinct possible ways to reach stair n .
2. $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1$
3. $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$
4. Bottom up approach
5. $f(n)$

Optimal Path

What is the lowest cost to reach step i ? We can either take 1 or 2 steps at a time.

index \rightarrow	0	1	2	3	4	5
cost \rightarrow	0	3	2	4	1	6

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(4) = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$f(1) = 0 + 3 = 3$$

$$f(5) = 3 + 6 = 9$$

$$f(2) = 0 + 2 = 2$$

$$f(3) = 2 + 4 = 6$$

Framework:

Solution

1. $f(n)$ is the lowest cost to reach step n .
2. $f(0) = 0, f(1) = 3$
3. $f(n) = \text{price}(n) + \min(f(n-1), f(n-2))$
4. Bottom up

Unique Paths

Given an $m \times n$ grid, how many unique ways can we reach a given cell i ? You can move either down or right.

$m \times n = 3 \times 5$

(0,0)					
•					
					*

(3,5)

$$f(1,j)=1 \quad f(3,2)=3$$

$$f(i,1)=1 \quad f(3,3)=6$$

$$f(1,1)=1$$

$$f(2,2)=2$$

Framework:

Solution

1. $f(i,j)$ is the total possible ways to reach cell (i,j)
2. $f(1,j)=1, f(i,1)=1, f(1,1)=1, f(2,2)=2$
3. $f(i,j) = f(i-1,j) + f(i,j-1)$

Optimal Path

Given an $m \times n$ grid, what is the optimal path to a given cell? You can move either down or right.

•	3	1	6	9	4
8	2	1	4	5	
1	1	4	3	2	*

1. $f(i,j)$ is the cost of the optimal path to cell (i,j) .

$$2. f(1,1)=3, f(1,2)=4, f(2,1)=8+3=11$$

$$3. f(i,j) = \text{cost}(i,j) + \min(f(i-1,j), f(i,j-1))$$

•	3(1,1)	4(1,2)	10(1,3)	19(1,4)	23(1,5)
11(2,1)	6(2,2)	7(2,3)	11(2,4)	16(2,5)	
12(3,1)	7(3,2)	11(3,3)	14(3,4)	16(3,5)	*

(3,5)

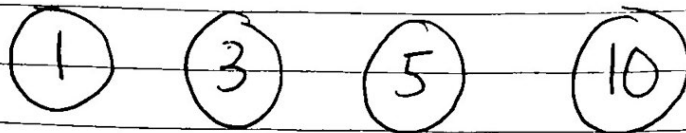
(3,5), (3,4), (2,4), (2,3), (2,2), (1,2), (1,1)

2 ← 3 ← 4 ← 1 ← 7 ← 11 ← 23

Coins

Given coins of different values and a total amount of money find the number of combinations that can make up that amount.

• Combinatoric



$$f(0) = 1 \quad f(4) = 2 + 1$$

$$f(1) = 1 \quad f(5) = 3 + 1 + 1 = 5$$

$$f(2) = 1 \quad f(6) =$$

$$f(3) = 2$$

Framework:

1. $f(i)$ is the total number of ~~total~~ combinations possible for amount i .

$$2. f(0) = 1 \quad f(1) = 1$$

$$3. f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-3) + f(n-5) + f(n-10)$$

Solution



0/1 Knapsack Given a set of items, each with weight and value, and a max weight the knapsack can carry. Determine the max value that can be put without exceeding weight.

Value: 6 10 12

Weight: 1 2 3

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
V	W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	1	1	0	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
10	2	2	0	6	10	16	16	16	16	16
12	3	3	0	6	10	16	16	22	28	28

1. $f(i)$ is the max value for a knapsack that can hold weight i
2. $f(i, x)$ is the max value for a knapsack that can hold weight x and contains item i

Solution

$$3. f(3, 1) = \max(f(2, 1), f(2, 1-3) + 12)$$

$$f(i, x) = \max(f(i-1, x), f(i-1, x - x(i)) + val(i))$$

$$f(2, 3) = \max(f(1, 3) = 6, (f(1, 3-2) + 10) = 16) = 16$$

Seems like we are dealing with 3 values to care about not just the knapsack weight. Item = (val, weight) / knapsack = capacity.



(val, weight) capacity

items = $\left[\begin{array}{c} (60, 3) \\ A \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} (20, 1) \\ B \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} (40, 2) \\ C \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} (70, 4) \\ D \end{array}, \begin{array}{c} (15, 1) \\ E \end{array} \right]$

max carrying capacity = 5

knapsack capacity

items	0	1	2	3	4	5
$\begin{array}{c} V, w \\ (60, 3) \end{array}$	0	0	0	0	0	0
$(20, 1)$	0	20	20	60	80	80
$(40, 2)$	0	20	40	60	80	100
$(70, 4)$	0	20	40	60	80	100
$(15, 1)$	0	20	40	60	80	100

$$* f(i, x) = \max(f(i-1, x), f(i-1, x - x(i)) + val(i))$$

$$\bullet f(1, 1) = \max(f(0, 1), f(0, 1-3) + 60) = 0$$

$$\bullet f(1, 2) = \max(f(0, 2), f(0, 2-3) + 60) = 0$$

$$\bullet f(1, 3) = \max(f(0, 3), f(0, 3-3) + 60) = 60$$

$$\bullet f(1, 4) = 60$$

$$\bullet f(1, 5) = 60$$

$$\bullet f(2, 1) = \max(f(1, 1), f(1, 1-1) + 20) = 20$$

$$\bullet f(2, 2) = 20$$

$$A \bullet f(2, 3) = \max(f(1, 3), f(1, 3-1) + 20) = 60$$

$$\bullet f(3, 4) = \max(f(2, 4), f(2, 4-2) + 40) = 80$$

$$C \bullet f(3, 5) = \max(f(2, 5), f(2, 5-2) + 40) = 100$$

Answer: include items A & C for value 100



Longest Common Subsequence

Given two sequences, find the length of the longest subsequence present in both. A subsequence is a sequence that appears in the same relative order, but not necessarily contiguous (as opposed to a substring) in both sequences.

str1 = "A B C D G H"
str2 = "A E D F H R"

V		A	B	C	D	G	H
	V	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
E	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
D	0	1	1	1	2	2	2
F	0	1	1	1	2	2	2
H	0	1	1	1	2	2	3
R	0	1	1	1	2	2	3

solution

if str1[i] == str2[j]:
 $V(i, j) = 1 + V(i-1, j-1)$
 elif str1[i] != str2[j]:
 $V(i, j) = \max(V(i-1, j), V(i, j-1))$

		S	T	O	N	E
		0	0	0	0	0
L	0	0	0	0	0	0
O	0	0	0	1	1	0
N	0	0	0	1	2	2
G	0	0	0	1	2	2
E	0	0	0	1	2	3
R	0	0	0	1	2	3

"O, N, E"

Min Path

Given $m \times n$ grid find cheapest way from top left to bottom right only moving down or left.

1	3	1
1	5	1
4	2	1*

1	4	4	5
2	7	6	
6	8	7*	

$$\text{Path} = (1, 3, 1, 1, 1) = 7$$

$$[(1,1), (1,2), (1,3), (2,3), (3,3)]$$

$$f(i,j) = \min(f(i-1,j), f(i,j-1)) + \text{Val}(i,j)$$

Edit Distance

Given two strings str1, str2, you are allowed to perform the following three operations on str1:

1. insert a char 2. remove a char 3. Replace a char

Find the minimum of operation to convert str1 \rightarrow str2.

	H	O	R	S	E	
R	3	3	2	3	3	3
O	3	2	2	2	2	2
S	4	3	2	1	1	1
	5	4	3	2	1	0

Solution

if $w1[i] = w2[j]$:

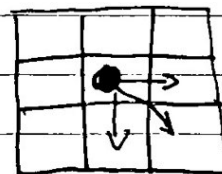
$(i+1, j+1)$

else:

insert: $(i, j+1)$

delete: $(i+1, j)$

replace: $(i+1, j+1)$



Fibonacci

Given n give the sequence of Fibonacci numbers until index n .

[0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, ...]

1. $f(i)$ is the fibonacci number for index i .
2. $f(0) = 0$, $f(1) = 1$
3. Recurrence Relation: $f(i) = f(i-1) + f(i-2)$

BottomUp / memo

```
memo_table = {}
for i in range(n):
    if i == 0:
        memo_table[i] = 0
        continue
    elif i == 1:
        memo_table[i] = 1
        continue
    curr_fib = memo_table[i] = memo_table[i-1] + memo_table[i-2]
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Topdown

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def fib(n):
    if n == 0: return 0
    if n == 1: return 1
    curr_fib = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
    return curr_fib
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Top down w/ Memoization

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def mf(n, mem):
    if n in mem: return mem[n]
    if n == 0:
        mem[0] = 0
        return 0
    if n == 1:
        mem[1] = 1
        return 1
    curr = mf(n-1, mem) + mf(n-2, mem)
    return curr
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