

You are given an array  $A$  of  $n$  integers. Some of these elements are marked as *dodgy*, and you want to find the length of the longest increasing subsequence that include at most  $k$  dodgy elements. Given an array  $A[1..n]$ , a boolean array  $\text{DODGY}[1..n]$ , and an integer  $k$ , describe an  $O(kn^2)$  algorithm to compute the length of the longest increasing subsequence that contains at most  $k$  dodgy elements.

For example, if we have the array

$$A = [3^*, 1, 4^*, 1^*, 5, 9, 2^*, 6],$$

where all of the dodgy elements are marked by an asterisk (\*), then a longest increasing subsequence containing at most 3 dodgy elements is  $3^*, 4^*, 5, 9$ . Your algorithm should, then, return 4.

**Solution.** Set up a table to represent a Dynamic Programming table, say  $DP$ , with dimensions  $n \times (n + 1) \times (k + 1)$ , initialised all as 0. The first dimension will keep track of the index in  $A$ , the second will be the last element in the subsequence we are considering and the third will be the number of dodgy elements included. Now, for each element's index  $i$  in  $A$ , we must iterate through all of the possible values for the last element  $j$  (from 1 to  $n$ ). For each amount of dodgy elements  $d$  (0 to  $k$ ), we can fill out our table.

If  $A[i] > j$ , update  $DP[i][j][d']$  (where  $d' = d + 1$  if the element is dodgy, and  $d$  otherwise) to contain the maximum of its current value and  $DP[i'][j][d'] + 1$  for all  $i' < i$ . The largest value in the table will be length that we're looking for. Since we are checking each value in our array, we will have  $O(kn^2)$ .