

Q1.a

① Define Table:  $T[i, j]$ : the minimum total cost to travel from  $(1, 1)$ ② initialise:  $T[1, 1] = \text{cost}(1, 1)$ , stay there and simply pay toll at  $(1, 1)$ .  
For first row  $T[1, j] = T[1, j-1] + \text{cost}(1, j)$ ,  
only move right along the top row.For first column:  $T[i, 1] = T[i-1, 1] + \text{cost}(i, 1)$ , only  
move down along first column.③ relationship: If we're allowed to move only right or down,  
 $T[i, j] = \text{cost}(i, j) + \min(T[i-1, j], T[i, j-1])$   
( $i > 1, j > 1$ )  
if diagonal moves are allowed:

$$T[i, j] = \text{cost}(i, j) + \min(T[i-1, j-1], T[i-1, j], T[i, j-1])$$

④ final result:  $T[n, n]$  (from  $(1, 1)$  to  $(n, n)$ )⑤ Pseudo-code: Initialise 2D Table  $T$  of size  $n \times n$ 

$$T[1, 1] = \text{cost}(1, 1)$$

for  $j = 2$  to  $n$ :

$$T[1, j] = T[1, j-1] + \text{cost}(1, j)$$

for  $i = 2$  to  $n$ :

$$T[i, 1] = T[i-1, 1] + \text{cost}(i, 1)$$

for  $i = 2$  to  $n$ :for  $j = 2$  to  $n$ :

$$T[i, j] = \text{cost}(i, j) + \min(T[i-1, j], T[i, j-1], T[i-1, j-1])$$

return  $T[n, n]$  ~~$T[i-1, j-1]$~~ ⑥ Runtime:  $\therefore$  each  $T[i, j]$  takes  $O(1)$ 

$$\therefore O(n^2)$$

Q1b.

Print Path (T, cost, n):

i = n

j = n

path = [ ]

while (i, j) != (1, 1):

path.push\_front((i, j))

if  $T[i, j] == T[i-1, j] + \text{cost}(i, j)$ :

# move to whichever predecessor yields  $T[i, j]$

i = i - 1

else:

j = j - 1

path.push\_front((1, 1))

print (path).

Q2a.

intervals  $(s_1, f_1), \dots (s_{n'}, f_{n'})$

DP solution:

- ① Sort the rocks by finishing mile  $f(i) = i + D[i]$ . Start  $s_i = i$
- ② Define  $DP[k]$  = the maximum number of rocks that can be transported if we only consider the first  $k$  rocks in sorted order.

③ Initialization

$DP[0] = 0$  (with no intervals, no rocks are transported)

④ Relationship Between  $n$  Entries

define  $p(k) = \max\{j : 1 \leq j < k \text{ and } f_j < s_k\}$

$P(k)$  gives the index of the rightmost interval that doesn't overlap with interval  $k$ .

$$DP[k] = \max(DP[k-1], 1 + DP[P(k)])$$

⑤ Final result:  $DP[n']$

⑥ Pseudocode ( $D, n$ )

intervals = []

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ :

finish =  $i + D[i]$

if finish  $\leq n$ : intervals.append((start:  $i$ , finish: finish))

$n' = \text{intervals.size}()$

sort intervals by finish

$P[1 \dots n']$

for  $k = 1$  to  $n'$ :

$P[k] = 0$

for  $j = k-1$  down to 1:

if intervals[j].finish  $\leq$  intervals[k].start:

$P[k] = j$

break

$DP[0] = 0$

for  $k = 1$  to  $n'$ :

$DP[k] = \max(DP[k-1], 1 + DP[P[k]])$

return  $DP[n']$

⑦ Runtime:

$O(n \log n)$

Build intervals  
 $O(n)$   
sort  $O(n \log n)$   
Fill DP:  $O(n^2)$

Q2b. if  $DP[k] = DP[k-1]$ , interval  $k$  wasn't used

else if  $DP[k] = 1 + DP[P(k)]$ ,  $k$  was chosen.

Print (DP, P, intervals, n'):

$k = n'$

solution = [ ]

while  $k > 0$ :

if  $DP[k] == DP[k-1]$ :

$k = k - 1$

else:

solution.push\_front(intervals[k].start)

$k = P[k]$

print(solution)

# The list of mile markers where rack are picked up

Since we back-track from the last interval to the first we insert the chosen mile markers at the front of our solution list to obtain them in forward order.



Q3

① DP Table definition:

Let  $T(i, j)$  denote the maximum total arc-value that can be obtained from the subarray  $C[i \dots j]$ . If no arc can be drawn,  $T(i, j) = 0$

② initialization :  $T(i, i) = 0$  for all  $i$ , single character can't form an arc.  
For  $i > j$ ,  $T(i, j) = 0$ .

③ Relationship and filling the table.

for  ~~$i < j$~~   $i < j$ :

(3.1) skip  $C[i]$ : don't use char  $i$  in any arc, in this case:  
 $T(i, j) = T(i+1, j)$

(3.2) Pair  $C[i]$  with  $C[k]$  ( $i < k \leq j$  and  $C[k] == C[i]$ )  
The arcs drawn must be non-crossing, so subproblem ~~into~~ <sup>divide</sup> into:  
the subarray between  $i+1$  and  $k-1$  :  $T(i+1, k-1)$   
the subarray from  $k+1$  to  $j$  :  $T(k+1, j)$   
with a fixed  $k$ , we have:

$$\text{Candidate Value} = T(i+1, k-1) + \text{val}(C[i]) + T(k+1, j)$$

Combining these two case, we get: take the maximum over all such  $k$  with  $C[k] = C[i]$ .

$$T(i, j) = \max(T(i+1, j), \max_{\substack{k \in [i+1, j] \\ C[k] = C[i]}} \{T(i+1, k-1) + \text{val}(C[i]) + T(k+1, j)\})$$

④ Final result:  $T(1, n)$

## ⑤ Pseudocode

Max value (C, n):

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ :

$T[i][i] = 0$

for length = 2 to  $n$ :

for  $i = 1$  to  $n - \text{length} + 1$ :

$j = i + \text{length} - 1$

bestValue =  $T[i+1][j]$  # skip  $C[i]$

for  $k = i+1$  to  $j$ : # pair  $C[i]$  with  $C[k]$

if  $C[k] == C[i]$ :

candidate =  $T[i+1][k-1] + \overset{\text{value}}{C[i]} + T[k+1][j]$

if candidate > bestValue:

bestValue = candidate

$T[i][j] = \text{bestValue}$

return  $T[1][n]$

func: value (C) will return the arc value for color C.

## ⑥ Runtime:

DP Table Size:  $O(n^2)$  entries

Transition Cost: For each  $T(i, j)$ , we scan  $k$  from  $i+1$  to  $j$ , which take  $O(n)$  time in the worst case.

Overall,

total time is  $O(n^3)$

Q4a.

① Sort the boxes

sort the boxes in non-decreasing order by height.

② Define DP Table:

$DP[h]$  be the minimum total weight needed to build a tower of height exactly  $h$ . We only need to maintain states of  $0, 1, 2, \dots, M$

$$DP[0] = 0$$

For all  $h$  from 1 to  $M$ ,  $DP[h] = \text{float}('inf')$

③ Relationship and Recurrence:

For each box  $i$ , iterate over current heights from  $M$  to 0

• If tower of height  $h$  is achievable, then by placing box  $i$  on top we obtain a new height:  $\text{newh} = \min(T, h + H[i])$

• update the DP value:  $DP[\text{newh}] = \min(DP[\text{newh}], DP[h] + W[i])$

④ final result:  $DP[M]$

⑤ Pseudocode:

$\text{MinTowerWeight}(H, W, M, n)$ :

sortedBoxes = sort  $[(H[i], W[i], i)]$  for  $i=1$  to  $n$

for  $h = 0$  to  $M$ :

$DP[h] = \text{float}('inf')$

$DP[0] = 0$

for  $h = 0$  to  $M$ :

parent[h] = (null, null)

for each box in sortedBoxes:

boxH = box.H      boxW = box.W      boxIndex = box.index

for  $h = T$  down to 0:

if  $DP[h] \neq 'inf'$ :  $\text{newH} = \min(T, h + \text{boxH})$

if  $DP[h] + \text{boxW} < DP[\text{newH}]$ :  $DP[\text{newH}] = DP[h] + \text{boxW}$

parent[newH] = (h, boxIndex)

return  $DP[M]$ , parent

⑥ Runtime:

Sort:  $O(n \log n)$

DP update:  $O(nT)$

$\therefore$  Total  
 $O(n \log n + nT)$

(↓) Print Tower Solution (parent, M) # backtrack M to 0 using parent pointer.

state = M

solution = []

while state != 0 :

(preState, boxIndex) = parent[state]

solution.append(boxIndex)

state = preState

reverse(solution) # reverse to get bottom to top.

print(solution)



Q5

### ① DP Table Definition

$T[i, j]$  for  $i \geq 1, j \leq n$   $T[i, j]$  is the maximum chance that the message, starting from some input computer in column 1, safely reaches computer  $(i, j)$ .

### ② initialization

In the first column :  $T[i, 1] = 1 - B(i, 1)$

For any other cell, if there is no valid path to  $(i, j)$ , then  $T[i, j]$  remains 0.

### ③ Filling the DP Table

$$T[i, j] = (1 - B(i, j)) \times \max(T[p, q] : (p, q) \in \text{Pred}(i, j))$$

The message reaches  $(i, j)$  with a success probability equal to the product of the success probability of computer  $(i, j)$  and the best success probability among all its direct predecessors.

### ④ final answer : $T[n, n]$

if  $T[n, n]$  is 0, then no safe route is possible.

### ⑤ Pseudocode:

MaxTransSuccess( $B, n$ ) :

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  :

$$T[i, 1] = 1 - B[i, 1]$$

for  $j = 2$  to  $n$  :

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  :

$$T[i, j] = 0$$

for  $j = 2$  to  $n$  :

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  :

maxPredecessor = 0

for each  $(p, q)$  in  $\text{Pred}(i, j)$  :

if  $T[p, q] > \text{maxPredecessor}$  :

maxPredecessor =  $T[p, q]$

$$T[i, j] = (1 - B[i, j]) * \text{maxPredecessor}$$

Return  $T[n, n]$

⑥ Runtime :

DP Table has  $n \times n$  entries.

For each entry  $(i, j)$ , we consider a constant number of cells.  
computation  $O(1)$ .

$\therefore$  Overall time is  $O(n^2)$