

# Dynamic Programming

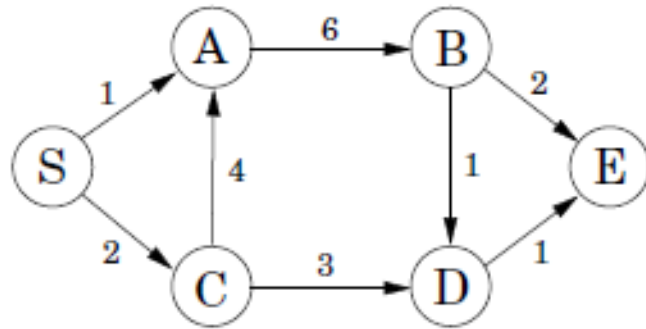
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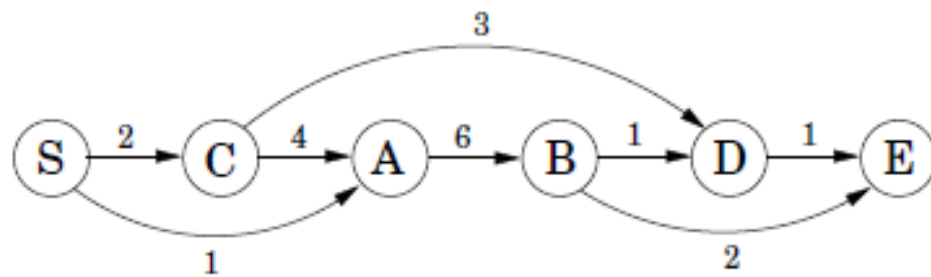
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# Shortest path in a DAG



Linearization of a DAG



$$\text{dist}(D) = \min\{\text{dist}(B) + 1, \text{dist}(C) + 3\}$$

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initialize all dist(.) values to  $\infty$   
dist(s) = 0  
for each  $v \in V \setminus \{s\}$ , in linearized order:  
    dist(v) =  $\min_{(u,v) \in E} \{\text{dist}(u) + l(u,v)\}$ 
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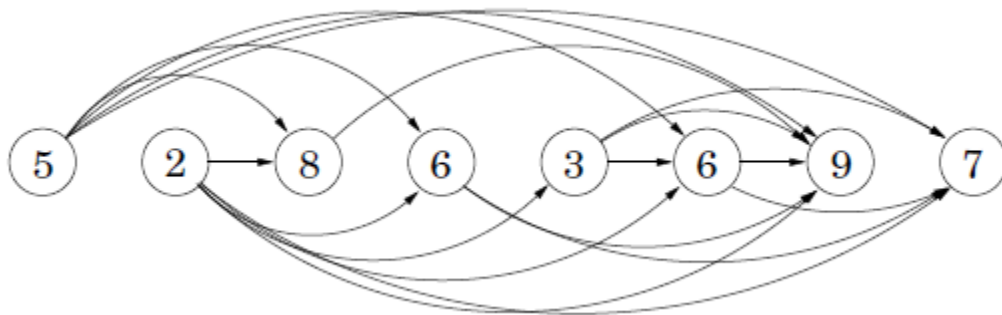
# Longest increasing subsequence problem

5   2   8   6   3   6   9   7



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for  $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$ :  
     $L(j) = 1 + \max\{L(i) : (i, j) \in E\}$   
return  $\max_j L(j)$ 
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Implicit DAG

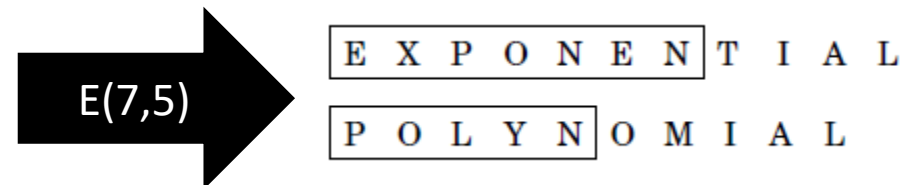


# Edit distance problem

- A natural measure of the distance between two strings is the extent to which they can be *aligned*, or matched up.
- Example: SNOWY vs SUNNY

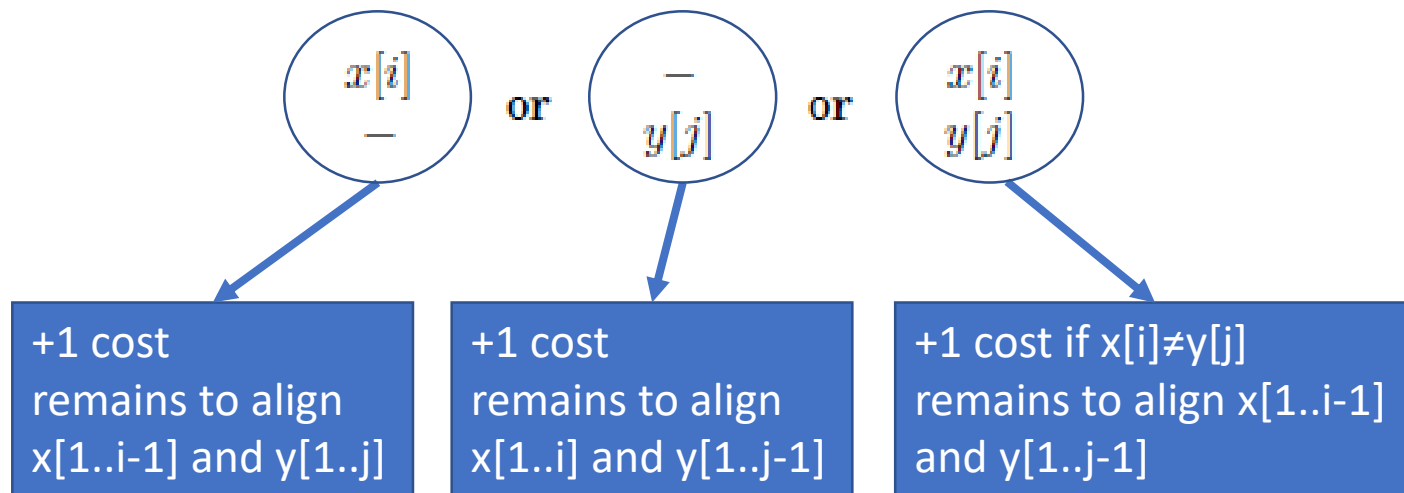
S	-	N	O	W	Y		-	S	N	O	W	-	Y
S	U	N	N	-	Y		S	U	N	-	-	N	Y
Cost: 3							Cost: 5						

- A dynamic programming solution
  - $x[1..m]$  is the first substring
  - $y[1..n]$  is the second substring
- Subproblem  $E(i,j)$ : find the edit distance between a prefix of the first substring  $x[1..i]$  and a prefix of the second substring  $y[1..j]$



# Express subproblem in terms of smaller subproblems

- Problem  $E(i,j)$ 
  - Find the best alignment between  $x[1..i]$  and  $y[1..j]$
- The rightmost column can only be one of three things:



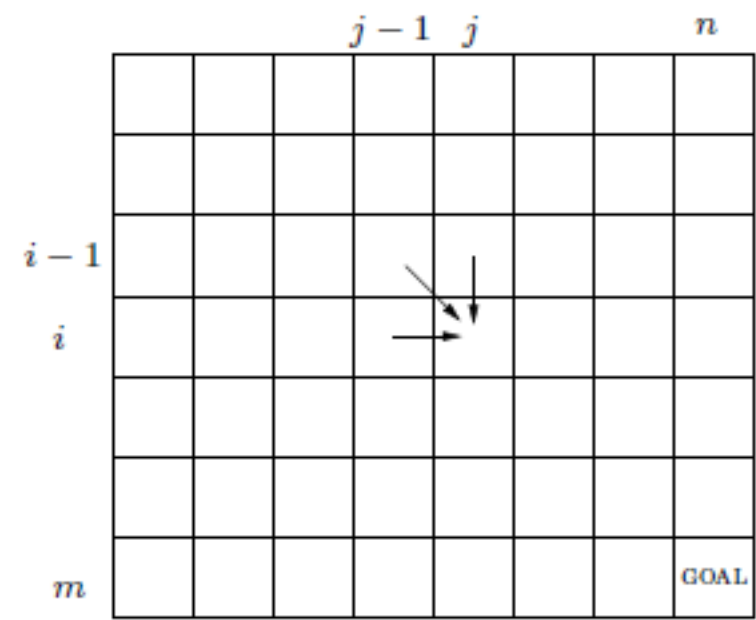
$$E(i,j) = \min\{1 + E(i-1,j), 1 + E(i,j-1), \text{diff}(i,j) + E(i-1,j-1)\}$$

EXPONENTIAL vs POLYNOMIAL  
 $E(4,3)$  refers to EXPO vs POL

O or - or O  
- L L

$$E(4,3) = \min\{1 + E(3,3), 1 + E(4,2), 1 + E(3,2)\}$$

# Table of subproblems



The table of subproblems

		P	O	L	Y	N	O	M	I	A	L
E	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
P	2	2	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
O	3	2	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
N	4	3	2	3	4	5	5	6	7	8	9
E	5	4	3	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	9
N	6	5	4	4	4	5	5	6	7	8	9
T	7	6	5	5	5	4	5	6	7	8	9
I	8	7	6	6	6	5	5	6	7	8	9
A	9	8	7	7	7	6	6	6	6	7	8
L	10	9	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	6	7
	11	10	9	8	9	8	8	8	8	7	6

The final table of values found by dynamic programming

# Algorithm and the base cases

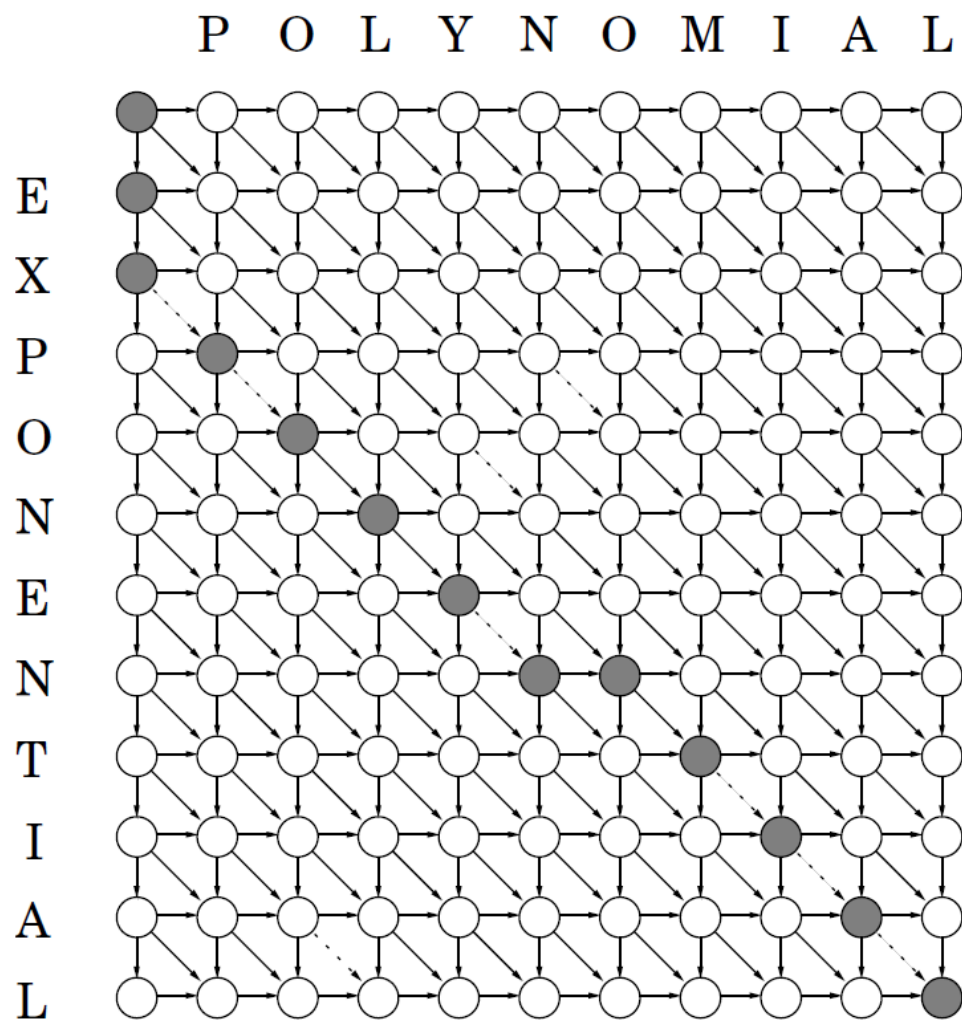
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for i = 0, 1, 2, ..., m:
    E(i, 0) = i
for j = 1, 2, ..., n:
    E(0, j) = j
for i = 1, 2, ..., m:
    for j = 1, 2, ..., n:
        E(i, j) = min{E(i - 1, j) + 1, E(i, j - 1) + 1, E(i - 1, j - 1) + diff(i, j)}
return E(m, n)
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E	X	P	O	N	E	N	-	T	I	A	L
-	-	P	O	L	Y	N	O	M	I	A	L

Edit distance = 6

- Base cases:
  - $E(i, 0)$  is the edit distance between the 0-length prefix of  $y$  (the empty string) and the first letters of  $i \rightarrow E(i, 0) = i$
  - Similarly  $E(0, j) = j$
- The procedure fills in the table row by row, and left to right within each row
- Each entry takes constant time to fill in, so the overall running time is just the size of the table,  $O(mn)$

# The underlying DAG



- Edges:
  - $(i-1, j) \rightarrow (i, j)$
  - $(i, j-1) \rightarrow (i, j)$
  - $(i-1, j-1) \rightarrow (i, j)$
- Set all edge lengths to 1, except for:
  - $\{(i-1, j-1) \rightarrow (i, j): x[i]=y[j]\}$
 shown dotted in the figure
- Each move:
  - down  $\rightarrow$  deletion
  - right  $\rightarrow$  insertion
  - diagonal  $\rightarrow$  match or substitution



# Knapsack problem

- During a robbery, a burglar finds much more loot than he had expected and has to decide what to take
- His bag (or “knapsack”) will hold a total weight of at most  $W$
- There are  $n$  items to pick from, of weight  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and dollar value  $v_1, \dots, v_n$
- What's the most valuable combination of items he can fit into his bag?

$$W = 10$$

Item	Weight	Value
1	6	\$30
2	3	\$14
3	4	\$16
4	2	\$9



1 and 3 (total: \$46)

# Subproblem definition + DP algorithm

- $K(w,j)$ : maximum value achievable using a knapsack of capacity  $w$  and items  $1, \dots, j$
- The answer we seek is  $K(W,n)$
- We can express  $K(w,j)$  in terms of problems  $K(.,j-1)$

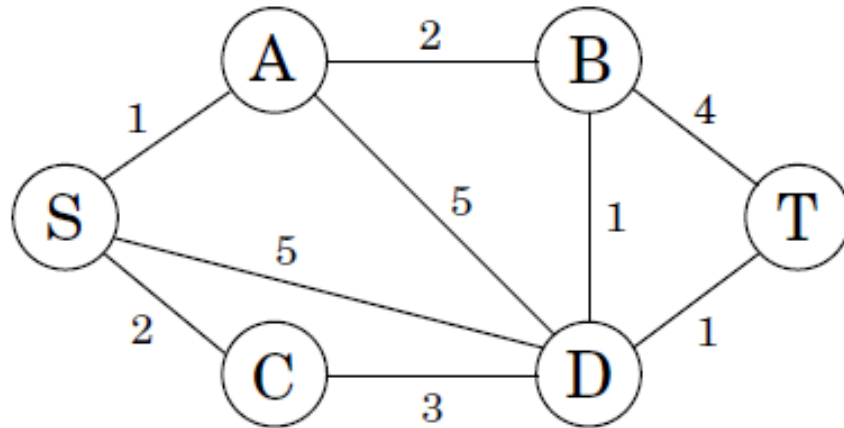
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Initialize all  $K(0,j) = 0$  and all  $K(w,0) = 0$ 
for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ :
    for  $w = 1$  to  $W$ :
        if  $w_j > w$ :  $K(w,j) = K(w,j-1)$ 
        else:  $K(w,j) = \max\{K(w,j-1), K(w-w_j,j-1) + v_j\}$ 
return  $K(W,n)$ 
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$$K(w,j) = \max\{K(w-w_j,j-1) + v_j, K(w,j-1)\}$$

either item  $j$  is needed to achieve the optimal value, or it isn't needed

# Shortest reliable paths

- Find the shortest path from  $s$  to  $t$  that uses at most  $k$  edges
- In dynamic programming, the trick is to choose subproblems so that all vital information is remembered and carried forward
- Define for each vertex  $v$  and each integer  $i \leq k$ ,  $\text{dist}(v, i)$  to be the length of the shortest path from  $s$  to  $v$  that uses  $i$  edges
- The starting values  $\text{dist}(v, 0)$  are  $\infty$  for all vertices except  $s$ , for which it is 0



$$\text{dist}(v, i) = \min_{(u,v) \in E} \{ \text{dist}(u, i-1) + \ell(u, v) \}$$

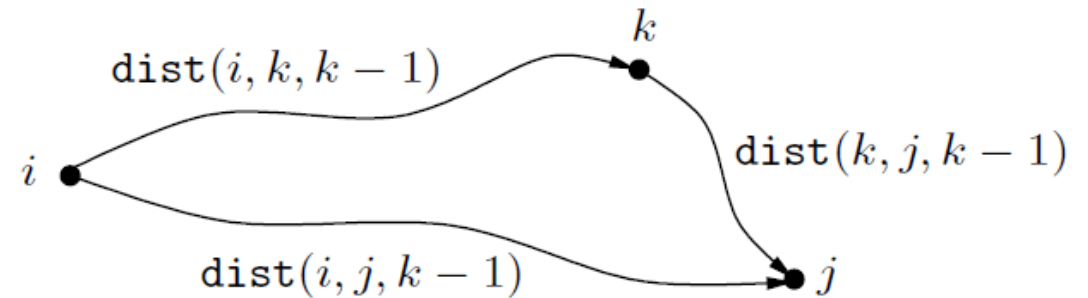
# All-pairs shortest paths

- We want to find the shortest path between all pairs of vertices
- **Approach 1:** execute  $|V|$  times the shortest path algorithm, once for each starting node,  $O(|V|^2E)$
- **Approach 2:** Dynamic Programming, Floyd-Warshall algorithm,  $O(|V|^3)$
- When no intermediate nodes are allowed, the shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$  is simply the direct edge  $(u,v)$ , if it exists
- We expand the set of permissible intermediate nodes (one node at a time), updating the shortest path lengths at each step
- Eventually this set grows to all of  $V$ , at which point all vertices are allowed to be on all paths, and we have found the true shortest paths between vertices of the graph

# All-pairs shortest paths subproblems

- Number the vertices in  $V$  as  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- $\text{dist}(i, j, k)$ : length of the shortest path from node  $i$  to node  $j$  in which only nodes  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  can be used as intermediates
- $\text{dist}(i, j, 0)$  = length of the edge between  $i$  and  $j$  if it exists,  $\infty$  otherwise

- Expand the intermediate set to include an extra node:
  - reexamine all pairs  $i, j$  and check whether using  $k$  as an intermediate point gives us a shorter path from  $i$  to  $j$



$$\text{dist}(i, k, k-1) + \text{dist}(k, j, k-1) < \text{dist}(i, j, k-1)$$

# Floyd-Warshall algorithm

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for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ :  
    for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ :  
         $\text{dist}(i, j, 0) = \infty$   
for all  $(i, j) \in E$ :  
     $\text{dist}(i, j, 0) = \ell(i, j)$   
for  $k = 1$  to  $n$ :  
    for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ :  
        for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ :  
             $\text{dist}(i, j, k) = \min\{\text{dist}(i, k, k-1) + \text{dist}(k, j, k-1), \text{dist}(i, j, k-1)\}$ 
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