Chapter 6

Dynamic Programming

Algorithm Design

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Algorithmic Paradigms

Greedy. Build up a solution incrementally, myopically optimizing some local criterion.

Divide-and-conquer. Break up a problem into sub-problems, solve each sub-problem independently, and combine solution to sub-problems to form solution to original problem.

Dynamic programming. Break up a problem into a series of overlapping sub-problems, and build up solutions to larger and larger sub-problems.

Dynamic Programming History

Bellman. [1950s] Pioneered the systematic study of dynamic programming.

Etymology.
- Dynamic programming = planning over time.
- Secretary of Defense was hostile to mathematical research.
- Bellman sought an impressive name to avoid confrontation.

"it's impossible to use dynamic in a pejorative sense"
"something not even a Congressman could object to"

Reference: Bellman, R. E. *Eye of the Hurricane, An Autobiography.*

Dynamic Programming Applications

Areas.

- Bioinformatics.
- Control theory.
- Information theory.
- Operations research.
- Computer science: theory, graphics, AI, compilers, systems, ….

Some famous dynamic programming algorithms.

- Unix diff for comparing two files.
- Viterbi for hidden Markov models.
- Smith-Waterman for genetic sequence alignment.
- Bellman-Ford for shortest path routing in networks.
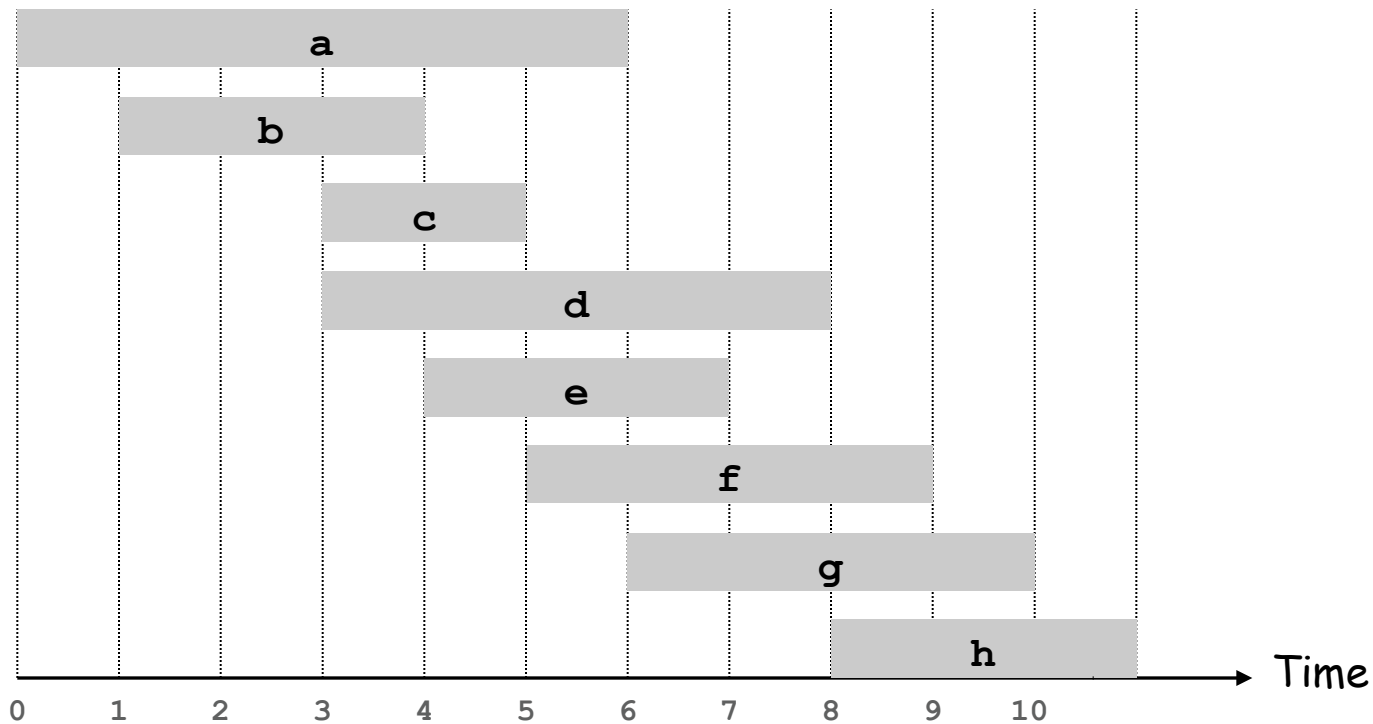- Cocke-Kasami-Younger for parsing context free grammars.

6.1 Weighted Interval Scheduling

Weighted Interval Scheduling

Weighted interval scheduling problem.

- Job j starts at s_j, finishes at f_j, and has weight or value v_j .
- Two jobs compatible if they don't overlap.
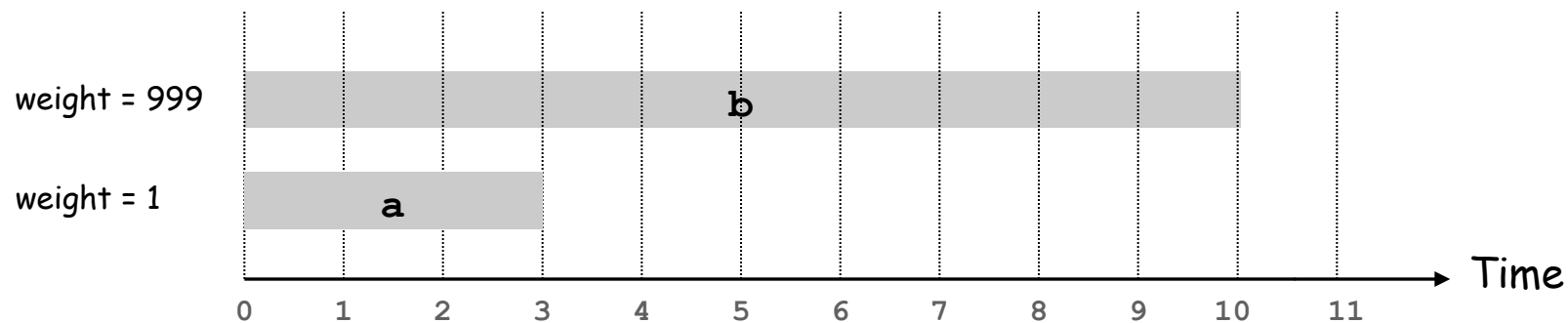- Goal: find maximum weight subset of mutually compatible jobs.

Unweighted Interval Scheduling Review

Recall. Greedy algorithm works if all weights are 1.
- Consider jobs in ascending order of finish time.
- Add job to subset if it is compatible with previously chosen jobs.

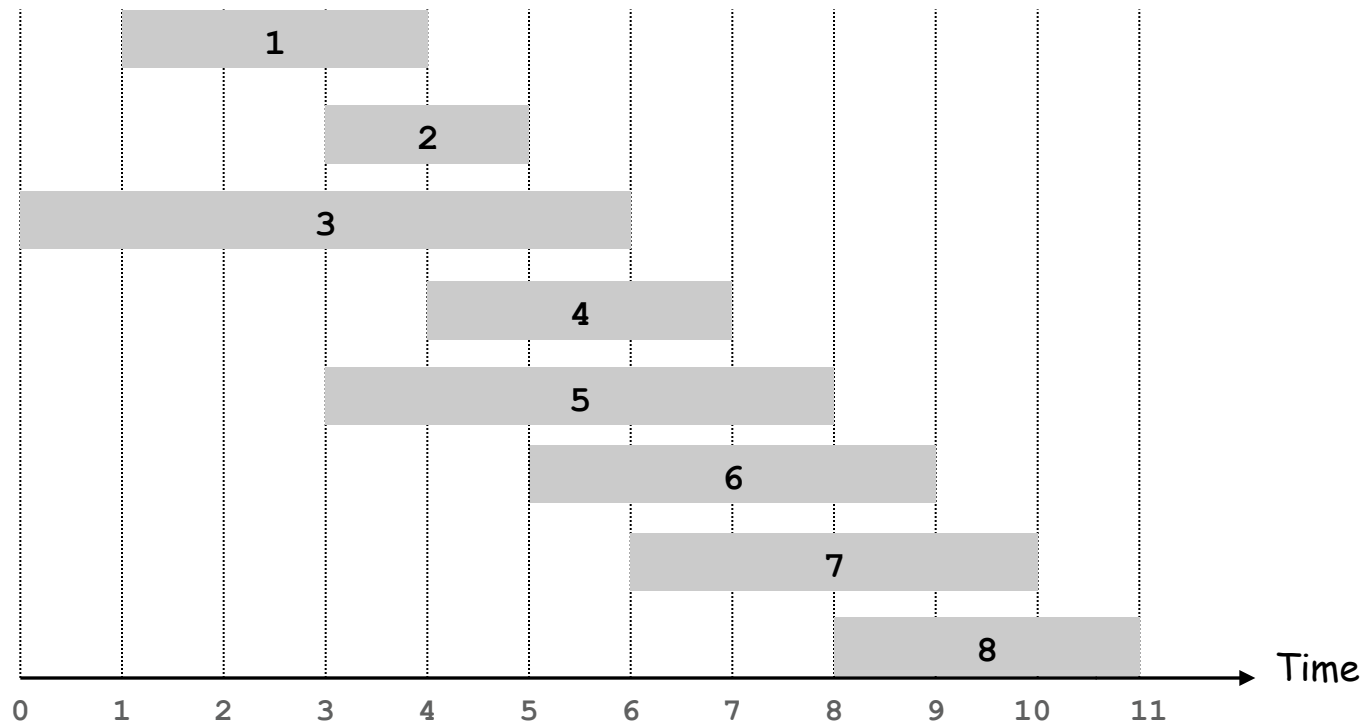Observation. Greedy algorithm can fail spectacularly if arbitrary weights are allowed.

Weighted Interval Scheduling

Notation. Label jobs by finishing time: $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \ldots \leq f_n$.
Def. p(j) = largest index i < j such that job i is compatible with j.

Ex: p(8) = 5, p(7) = 3, p(2) = 0.

Dynamic Programming: Binary Choice

Notation. OPT(j) = value of optimal solution to the problem consisting of job requests 1, 2, ..., j.

- Case 1: OPT selects job j.
    - collect profit v_j
    - can't use incompatible jobs { p(j) + 1, p(j) + 2, ..., j - 1 }
    - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs 1, 2, ..., p(j)

  optimal substructure

- Case 2: OPT does not select job j.
    - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs 1, 2, ..., j-1

$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \max\left\{ v_j + OPT(p(j)),\ OPT(j-1) \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Brute Force

Brute force algorithm.

```
Input: n, s₁,…,sₙ , f₁,…,fₙ , v₁,…,vₙ

Sort jobs by finish times so that f₁ ≤ f₂ ≤ ... ≤ fₙ.

Compute p(1), p(2), …, p(n)

Compute-Opt(j) {
   if (j = 0)
      return 0
   else
      return max(vⱼ + Compute-Opt(p(j)), Compute-Opt(j-1))
}
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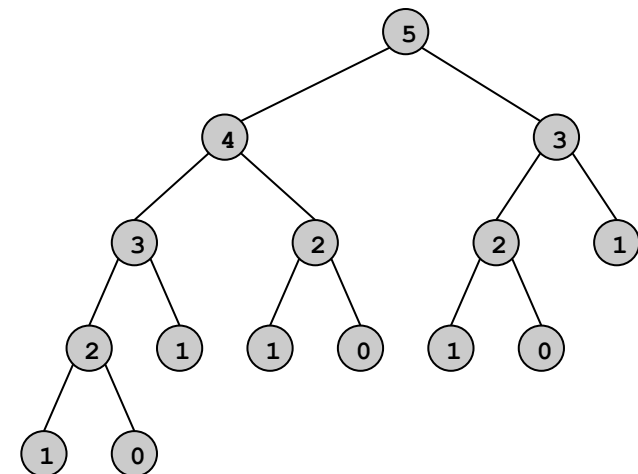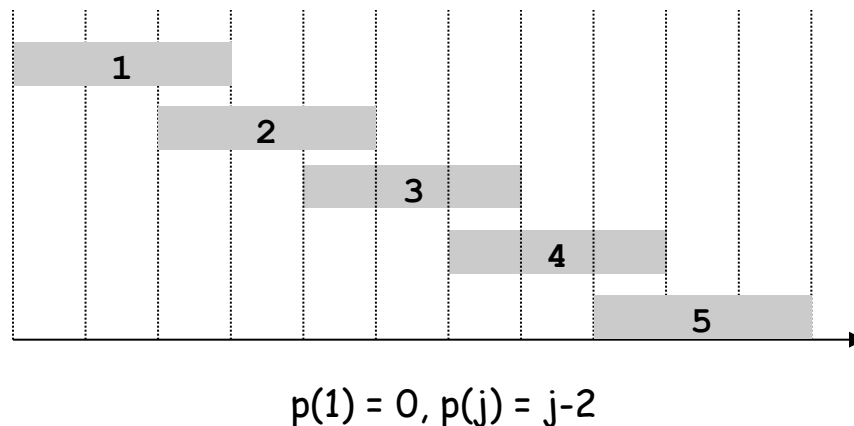
Weighted Interval Scheduling: Brute Force

Observation. Recursive algorithm fails spectacularly because of redundant sub-problems $\Rightarrow$ exponential algorithms.

Ex. Number of recursive calls for family of "layered" instances grows like Fibonacci sequence.

$$p(1) = 0, \ p(j) = j\text{-}2$$

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Memoization

Memoization. Store results of each sub-problem in a cache;
lookup as needed.

```
Input: n, s₁,…,sₙ , f₁,…,fₙ , v₁,…,vₙ

Sort jobs by finish times so that f₁ ≤ f₂ ≤ ... ≤ fₙ.
Compute p(1), p(2), …, p(n)

for j = 1 to n
   M[j] = empty          ← global array
M[0] = 0

M-Compute-Opt(j) {
   if (M[j] is empty)
      M[j] = max(vⱼ + M-Compute-Opt(p(j)), M-Compute-Opt(j-1))
   return M[j]
}
```

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Running Time

Claim. Memoized version of algorithm takes O(n log n) time.

- Sort by finish time: O(n log n).
- Computing p(·) : O(n log n) via sorting by start time.

- `M-Compute-Opt(j)`: each invocation takes O(1) time and either
    - (i) returns an existing value `M[j]`
    - (ii) fills in one new entry `M[j]` and makes two recursive calls

- Progress measure Φ = # nonempty entries of `M[]`.
    - initially $\Phi = 0$, throughout $\Phi \leq n$.
    - (ii) increases Φ by 1 $\Rightarrow$ at most 2n recursive calls.

- Overall running time of `M-Compute-Opt(n)` is O(n). ▪

Remark. O(n) if jobs are pre-sorted by start and finish times.

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Finding a Solution

Q. Dynamic programming algorithms computes optimal value.
What if we want the solution itself?
A. Do some post-processing.

```
Run M-Compute-Opt(n)
Run Find-Solution(n)

Find-Solution(j) {
    if (j = 0)
        output nothing
    else if (v_j + M[p(j)] > M[j-1])
        print j
        Find-Solution(p(j))
    else
        Find-Solution(j-1)
}
```

- # of recursive calls ≤ n ⇒ O(n).

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Bottom-Up

Bottom-up dynamic programming. Unwind recursion.

```
Input: n, s₁,…,sₙ , f₁,…,fₙ , v₁,…,vₙ

Sort jobs by finish times so that f₁ ≤ f₂ ≤ ... ≤ fₙ.

Compute p(1), p(2), …, p(n)

Iterative-Compute-Opt {
   M[0] = 0
   for j = 1 to n
      M[j] = max(vⱼ + M[p(j)], M[j-1])
}
```

6.4 Knapsack Problem

Knapsack Problem

Knapsack problem.

- Given n objects and a "knapsack."
- Item i weighs $w_i > 0$ kilograms and has value $v_i > 0$.
- Knapsack has capacity of W kilograms.
- Goal: fill knapsack so as to maximize total value.

Ex: { 3, 4 } has value 40.

$$W = 11$$

#	value	weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Greedy: repeatedly add item with maximum ratio v_i / w_i.

Ex: { 5, 2, 1 } achieves only value = 35 $\Rightarrow$ greedy not optimal.

Dynamic Programming: False Start

Def. OPT(i) = max profit subset of items 1, …, i.

- Case 1: OPT does not select item i.
    - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, …, i-1 }

- Case 2: OPT selects item i.
    - accepting item i does not immediately imply that we will have to reject other items
    - without knowing what other items were selected before i, we don't even know if we have enough room for i

Conclusion. Need more sub-problems!

Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

Def. OPT(i, w) = max profit subset of items 1, …, i with weight limit w.

- Case 1: OPT does not select item i.
  - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, …, i-1 } using weight limit w

- Case 2: OPT selects item i.
  - new weight limit = w – w_i
  - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, …, i-1 } using this new weight limit

$$OPT(i,w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i-1,w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max\left\{ OPT(i-1,w), \quad v_i + OPT(i-1,w-w_i) \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Knapsack Problem: Bottom-Up

Knapsack. Fill up an n-by-W array.

```
Input: n, W, w₁,…,wₙ, v₁,…,vₙ

for w = 0 to W
   M[0, w] = 0

for i = 1 to n
   for w = 1 to W
      if (wᵢ > w)
         M[i, w] = M[i-1, w]
      else
         M[i, w] = max {M[i-1, w], vᵢ + M[i-1, w-wᵢ ]}

return M[n, W]
```

Knapsack Algorithm

W + 1 →

n + 1 ↓

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
φ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
{ 1 }	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
{ 1, 2 }	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
{ 1, 2, 3 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
{ 1, 2, 3, 4 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	28	29	34	34	40

OPT: { 4, 3 }
value = 22 + 18 = 40

W = 11

Item	Value	Weight
1	1	1
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Knapsack Problem: Running Time

Running time. $\Theta(n\,W)$.
- Not polynomial in input size!
- "Pseudo-polynomial."
- Decision version of Knapsack is NP-complete. [Chapter 8]

Knapsack approximation algorithm. There exists a poly-time algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 0.01% of optimum. [Section 11.8]