

PROBLEM SOLVING 10

CS340

Dynamic Programming: Rod Cutting, Subset Sum,
Knapsack, Sequence Alignment

Sequence Alignment

- O_CURRANCE
- OCCURRENCE
- How do the 2 words align?
 - A gap must be added to occurrence
 - An A must be replaced by an E

Gap and Mismatch Penalties

- δ is a gap penalty.
 - Each gap we insert incurs δ cost
 - $\delta > 0$
- α is a mismatch cost
 - For each pair of letters p, q , there is a cost $\alpha_{p,q}$ for lining up letters that do not match.
 - In general, $\alpha_{p,p} = 0$. No cost to exact matches.
- δ and α are external parameters that must be determined.




Which Alignment is Preferred?

- O_CURRANCE
- OCCURRENCE

VS

- O_CURR_ANCE
- OCCURRE_NCE
- Which is better?
- The first is better if $\delta + \alpha_{ae} < 3\delta$

Optimal Alignment Truth

- In an optimal alignment M of 2 strings X and Y , at least one of the following is true:
 - $(m, n) \in M$
 - the m th position of X is not matched
 - the n th position of Y is not matched
- $\text{opt}(i, j) = \min[$
 - $\alpha_{x_i y_j} + \text{opt}(i - 1, j - 1)$ 
 - $\delta + \text{opt}(i - 1, j)$ 
 - $\delta + \text{opt}(i, j - 1)$  $]$

An example

S	8				
M	6				
A	4				
H	2				
-	0	2	4	6	8
	-	C	L	A	M

MATCH
HAMS and
CLAM

α vowel/vowel = 1
 α consonant/consonant = 1
 α vowel/consonant = 3
 $\delta = 2$

H_AMS
CLAM_

Rod Cutting

- How to cut steel rods into pieces in order to maximize the revenue you can get?
 - Each cut is free. Rod lengths are always an integral number of inches.
 - Input: A length n and table of prices p_i , for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
 - Output: The maximum revenue obtainable for rods whose lengths sum to n , computed as the sum of the prices for the individual rods.

Rod Cutting

Length i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Price p_i	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20

Can determine optimal revenue r_n by taking the maximum of

- p_n : the price we get by not making a cut,
- $r_1 + r_{n-1}$: the maximum revenue from a rod of 1 inch and a rod of $n - 1$ inches,
- $r_2 + r_{n-2}$: the maximum revenue from a rod of 2 inches and a rod of $n - 2$ inches, ...
- $r_{n-1} + r_1$.

That is,

$$r_n = \max(p_n, r_1 + r_{n-1}, r_2 + r_{n-2}, \dots, r_{n-1} + r_1) .$$

- To solve the original problem, solve problems on smaller sizes. It is recursive in nature.

Rod Cutting

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Dynamic-programming solution

- Instead of solving the same subproblems repeatedly, arrange to solve each subproblem just once.
- Save the solution to a subproblem in a table, and refer back to the table whenever we revisit the subproblem.
- “Store, don’t recompute” → time-memory trade-off.
- Can turn an exponential-time solution into a polynomial-time solution.

Rod Cutting

Length i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Price p_i	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20

Bottom-up

- Sort the subproblems by size and solve the smaller ones first. That way, when solving a subproblem, have already solved the smaller subproblems we need.

Rod Cutting

BOTTOM-UP-CUT-ROD(p, n)

let $r[0..n]$ be a new array

$r[0] = 0$

for $j = 1$ **to** n

$q = -\infty$

for $i = 1$ **to** j

$q = \max(q, p[i] + r[j - i])$

$r[j] = q$

return $r[n]$

Length i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Price p_i	0	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20
Revenue r_i	0	1	5	8	10	13	17	18	22
Cuts s_i	0	1	2	3	2	2	6	1	2

What is the time complexity?

Rod Cutting

Length i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Price p_i	0	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20
Revenue r_i	0	1	5	8	10	13	17	18	22
Cuts s_i	0	1	2	3	2	2	6	1	2

Record optimal choices (locations of cuts) in addition to optimal revenues.

EXTENDED-BOTTOM-UP-CUT-ROD(p, n)

let $r[0..n]$ and $s[0..n]$ be new arrays

$r[0] = 0$

for $j = 1$ **to** n

$q = -\infty$

for $i = 1$ **to** j

if $q < p[i] + r[j - i]$

$q = p[i] + r[j - i]$

$s[j] = i$

$r[j] = q$

return r and s

PRINT-CUT-ROD-SOLUTION(p, n)

$(r, s) = \text{EXTENDED-BOTTOM-UP-CUT-ROD}(p, n)$

while $n > 0$

 print $s[n]$

$n = n - s[n]$

Interview Questions

- Show, by means of a counterexample, that the following “greedy” strategy does not always determine an optimal way to cut rods.
 - Define the density of a rod of length i to be p_i/i , that is, its value per inch.
 - The greedy strategy for a rod of length n cuts off a first piece of length i , where $1 \leq i \leq n$, having maximum density. It then continues by applying the greedy strategy to the remaining piece of length $n - i$.

Length i	1	2	3	4
price	1	20	33	36
Density	1	10	11	9

Subset Sum

- You have n items $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- Each item has a weight $\{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n\}$
- You want add as many items as possible, without exceeding a maximum weight, W

How to solve this problem

- Items = {2, 1, 13, 4, 3, 8, 1}
- Total weight = 11
- Optimal solution(s)?

How about a greedy solution?

- Bag will hold W weight, there are 3 items
- Sort by weight, largest to smallest...
 - $W/2 + 1$, $W/2$, $W/2$
- Sort by weight, smallest to largest
 - 1, $W/2$, $W/2$
- What is the greedy solution?
- What is the optimal solution?

Optimal Solution

- At the first step, the first item is added to the knapsack
- At each successive step, either
 - The next item is added to the knapsack
 - The next item is not added to the knapsack
- One of these choices will lead to the optimal solution
 - It doesn't matter which if we calculate them all
- There are N items that can be added. Max weight is W
 - How many distinct problems are there?

Optimal Solution

- There are actually only $n \times W$ distinct subproblems to consider!
- Hence: Create an $n \times W$ matrix
- Each entry corresponds to the OPT total value for the first i items subject to a total weight of W

An example

i	3 (4)	0						
	2 (3)	0						
	1 (2)	0						
$i-1$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
		$w-w_i$		w				w

Items $w_i = \{2,3,4\}$
 $N = 3$
 $W = 6$

Each cell = $OPT(i,w)$
 if $w < w_i$ then $OPT(i,w) = OPT(i-1,w)$
 else $OPT(i,w) = \text{MAX}(OPT(i-1,w), w_i + OPT(i-1, w - w_i))$

An example

Items = {1,2,2,4}

N = 4

W = 6

4 (4)	0						
3 (2)	0						
2 (2)	0						
1 (1)	0						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

w

i

What is the complexity

- What is the complexity of each computation?
- How many computations? ($n \times W$)
- Is this polynomial time, based on the size of the input?
 - What is the size of the input?
 - What happens if W is large?
- W is not the representation of W
 - W depends on how many bits are used to encode it
 - Think about a binary representation of W requiring 2^k bits
 - If we double W , the input size increases by 1 bit, but running time doubles
 - Running time is exponential in $k = O(n2^k)$
- What was another algorithm with time complexity not based on size of input?

The Knapsack Problem

- A lot like subset sum, but each item has a value in addition to a weight.
- Value vector $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$
- We want to maximize *value*, while not exceeding maximum weight. Some items might be proportionately more valuable than others.

The Knapsack Problem

- Each cell = $\text{OPT}(i, w)$
- if $w < w_i$ then $\text{OPT}(i, w) = \text{OPT}(i-1, w)$
- else $\text{OPT}(i, w) = \text{MAX}(\text{OPT}(i-1, w), v_i + \text{OPT}(i-1, w - w_i))$

What's different?

The Knapsack Problem

Weights = {2, 1, 2, 4}

Values = {4, 6, 1, 8}

$N = 4$

$W = 6$

4	0						
3	0						
2	0						
1	0						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

W

Interview Questions

- How about a greedy “density-based” algorithm for knapsack? $W=6$

Weight	Value	Density
1	14	
2	22	
3	18	
4	36	
5	50	