

Assignment 11: Intro to Dynamic Programming Due in class Thursday, 12/6

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Rod Cutting with Instructions

Modify rod_mem_top to return some representation of how to cut the rod into pieces, in addition to the maximum price. You can do this by simply changing the values memoization object, but I suggest *planning* before you write a line of code!

Longest Increasing Subsequence

For your second problem, you will use the dynamic programming paradigm to write a function LIS that takes a list of numbers, and returns the length of the longest strictly increasing subsequence. For example, LIS[2,1,3,7,3,9,4,11,11] returns 5.

(a) The first step in dynamic programming is setting up the recursive relationship. Sometimes there's a bit of a trick, and there is here, so read carefully!

Let input be an input list. You might think to find a recursive relation using

 A_i = the length of the longest increasing subsequence formed from the first i elements of the input

Instead, I want you to consider the quantities

 B_i = the length of the longest increasing subsequence formed from the first i elements of the input that ends with the ith element

For example, given input = [2,1,3,7,3,9,4,11,11], we have $A_5 = 3$ (via the subsequence 1,3,7, for example), but $B_5 = 2$ (because the subsequence has to end on the 5th element (which isn't love, but 3)).

Your first step is to come up with a recursive relationship between B_i and all the B_j for j < i. (You wouldn't have been able to do this with the A_i .) Look at examples if you're stuck.

(b) Now implement LIS(input). You may use either top-down or bottom-up dynamic programming. Your overall runtime should be $O(n^2)$.