

Unit-V

Dynamic programming problem

Introduction:

Dynamic programming determines the optimum solution of a multivariable problem by decomposing it into stages, each stage comprising of a single variable subproblem.

The advantage of decomposition is that the optimization process at each stage involves one variable only, which is a simpler task computationally than dealing with all the variables simultaneously.

Applications of dynamic programming:

- 1) Capital Budgeting problem
- 2) stage coach problem (shortest path problem)
- 3) optimal sub-dividing problem
- 4) Linear programming problem
- 5) Employment Smoothing problem.

Capital Budgeting problem:-

A Capital Budgeting problem is a problem in which a given amount of Capital is allocated to a set of plants such that total revenue of the organization is maximized.

Ex:- An organization is planning to diversify its business with a maximum outlay of RS. 5 Crores. It has identified 3 different locations to install plants. The organization can invest in one or more of these plants subject to availability of funds. possible alternatives, investments, returns are given in the following table. Find the optimal allocation of capital to different plants.

Stage for Capital Budgeting problem:

Alternative	Plant 1		Plant 2		Plant 3	
	Cost	Return	Cost	Return	Cost	Return
1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	15	2	14	1	3
3	2	18	3	18	2	7
4	4	28	4	21	—	—

maximum capital amount is 5.

Sol:

Stage 1:

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (\because max is 5)

$$f_1(x_1) = R(m_1)$$

State Variable x_1	Alternative m_1				maximum $f_1^*(x_1)$	m_1^*
	1	2	3	4		
	C ₁ R ₁	C ₂ R ₂	C ₃ R ₃	C ₄ R ₄		
0	0 0	—	—	—	0	1
1	0 0	15	—	—	15	2
2	0 0	15	18	—	18	3
3	0 0	15	18	—	18	3
4	0 0	15	18	28	28	4
5	0 0	15	18	28	28	4

Stage 2:

$$f_2(x_2) = R(m_2) + f_1(x_2 - C(m_2)) \quad (2)$$

State Variable x_2	Alternative 1		Alternative 2		Alternative 3		Alternative 4		$f_2(x_2)$	m_2
	C	R	C	R	C	R	C	R		
0	0	0	2	14	3	18	4	21	0	1
1	$0+0=0$		—		—		—		15	1
2	$0+15=15$		—		—		—		18	1
3	$0+18=18$		$14+0=14$		—		—		29	2
4	$0+18=18$		$14+15=29$		$18+0=18$		—		33	3
5	$0+28=28$		$14+18=32$		$18+15=33$		$21+0=21$		36	3 and 4

$$f_3(x_3) = R(m_3) + f_2(x_3 - C(m_3))$$

Stage 3:

State Variable x_3	Alternative 1		Alternative 2		Alternative 3		$f_3(x_3)$	m_3
	C	R	C	R	C	R		
0	0	0	1	3	2	7	0	1
1	$0+0=0$		—		—		15	1
2	$0+15=15$		$3+0=3$		—		18	1, 2
3	$0+18=18$		$3+15=18$		$7+0=7$		29	1
4	$0+29=29$		$3+18=21$		$7+15=22$		33	1
5	$0+33=33$		$3+29=32$		$7+18=25$		36	1, 2, 3

Final Results

Highest

Stage 3		Stage 2		Stage 1	
C	m_3	C	m_2	C	m_1
5	1	$5-0=5$	3	$5-3=2$	3
5	2	$5-1=4$	4	$5-4=1$	2
5	3	$5-2=3$	3	$4-3=1$	2
			2	$3-2=1$	2

∴ Optimal alternatives

are
 1 2 2
 3-3-1
 2-4-1
 2-3-2
 2-2-3

Stage-coach problem:- (shortest-path problem).

Stage-coach problem is a shortest-path problem, in which the objective is to find the shortest distance and corresponding path from a given source node to a distance node in a given distance network.

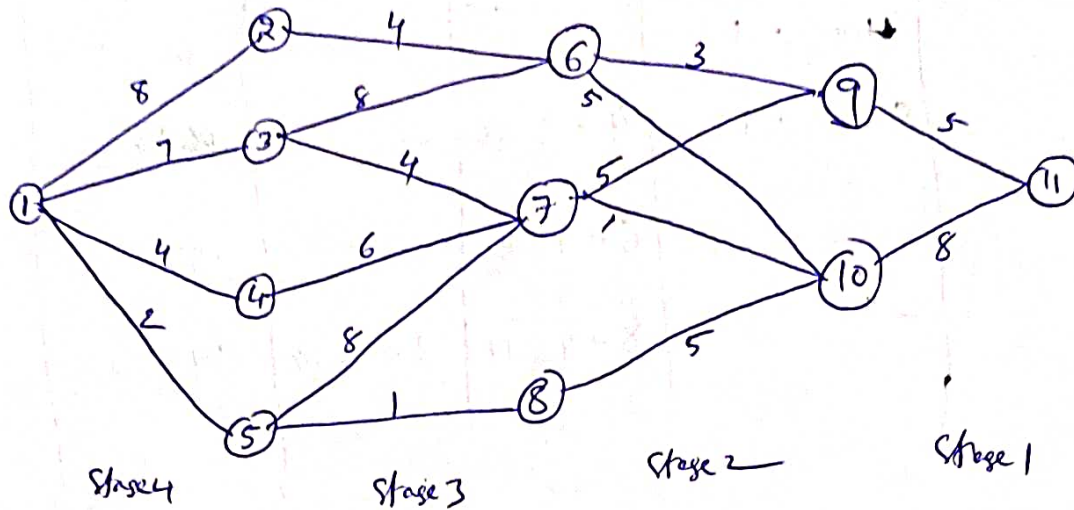
Ex:- A distance network consists of eleven nodes which are distributed as shown in the following figure. Find the shortest path from node 1 to node 11 and also the corresponding distances.

diagram



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Model 12 Stage-coach problem:- shortest-path problem. (3)



Sol:

$$f_1(x_1) = d(x_1, m_1)$$

Stage 1:

State variable x_1	Alternative m_1		
	11	$f_1^*(x_1)$	m_1^*
9	5	5	11
10	8	8	11

$$f_2(x_2) = d(x_2, m_2) + f_1(x_1 = m_2)$$

Stage 2:

State variable x_2	Alternative m_2		$f_2^*(x_2)$	m_2^*
	9	10		
6	$3+5=8$	$5+8=13$	8	9
7	$5+5=10$	$1+8=9$	9	10
8	-	$5+8=13$	13	10

Stage 3: $f_3(x_3) = d(x_3, m_3) + f_2(x_2 = m_3)$ (4)

State Variable (x_3)	Alternative (m_3)			$f_3^*(x_3)$	m_3^*
	6	7	8		
2	$4+8=12$	—	—	12	6
3	$8+8=16$	$4+9=13$	—	13	7
4	—	$6+9=15$	—	15	7
5	—	$8+9=17$	$1+13=14$	14	8

Stage 4: $f_4(x_4) = d(x_4, m_4) + f_3(x_3 = m_4)$

State Variable (x_4)	Alternative				$f_4^*(x_4)$	m_4^*
	2	3	4	5		
1	$8+12=20$	$7+13=20$	$4+15=19$	$2+14=16$	16	5

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minimum

Shortest path: 1-5, 5-8, 8-10, 10-11

∴ Shortest path is 1-5-8-10-11

Shortest distance is $2+1+5+8=16$.

Employment Smoothing problem:-

~~A firm has divided its marketing area into 3~~

~~Zones~~

Employment Smoothing problem is the problem of allocating no. of employees to various zones of a firm for setting maximum profit/max. sales of ~~to~~ the firm/company, using past data.

Question: A firm has divided its marketing area into three zones. The amount of sales depends upon the number of salesman in each zone. The firm has been collecting the data regarding sales and sales man in each area over a number of past years.

The information is summarized in the following table. For the next year, the firm has only 9 salesmen and the problem is to allocate these salesmen to 3 different zones so that the total sales are maximum.

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Example

Employment Smoothing problem:-

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No. of Salesmen	Profits in thousands of Rupees		
	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
0	30	35	42
1	45	45	54
2	60	52	60
3	70	64	70
4	79	72	82
5	90	82	95
6	98	93	102
7	105	98	110
8	100	100	110
9	90	100	110

Q1: ~~Zone~~

Stage - ①:

No. of Salesmen	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Profit	30	45	60	70	79	90	98	105	100	90

Stage 2

ZONE ① $x_1, f_1(x_1)$		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ZONE ② $x_2, f_2(x_2)$		30	45	60	70	79	90	98	105	100	90
0	35	65	80	95	65	114	125	133	140	195	125
1	45	75	90	65	115	124	135	143	150	145	
2	52	82	97	112	122	131	142	150	157		
3	64	94	109	124	134	143	154	162			
4	72	102	117	132	142	151	162				
5	82	112	127	142	152	161					
6	93	123	138	152	63						
7	98	128	143	158							
8	100	130	145								
9	100	130									

Here Maximum
values in the diagonal
are taken.

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Stage 3:

no. of salesman:	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total profit: $f_2(x_2) + f_1(x_1)$	65	80	95	105	115	125	135	143	154	163
	0+0	0+1	0+2	1+2 0+3	1+3	0+5	1+5	3+4 1+6	3+5	6+3

NO. of Salesman in Zone-3	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Total profit $f_3(x_3) + f_2(x_2) + f_1(x_1)$	42	54	60	70	82	95	102	110	110	110
	205	208								

NO. of salesman in Zone 3	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
profit $f_3(x_3)$	110	110	110	102	95	82	70	60	54	42
Total profit $f_3(x_3) + f_2(x_2) + f_1(x_1)$	175	190	205	207	210	207	205	203	208	205

↓ maximum

Now Consider the distribution of Salesmen in three Zones. 1, 2, 3.

∴ No. of Salesmen allocated at Zone 3: 5
(maximum 210)

No. of " " " " Zone 2: 1

No. of Salesmen allocated at Zone 1: 3

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Ex 3 Linear programming problem as dynamic programming
Problem:-

Ex:- Solve the following LPP using dynamic programming
Technique. Subject to

$$\text{Minimize } Z = 10x_1 + 30x_2$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 168 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$12x_2 \leq 240 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \geq 0$$

Sol:- The number of decision variables in the given
problem is equal to 2.

So there will be two stages.

Stage 1 is assigned to variable x_1

Stage 2 is assigned to variable x_2 .

We use backward recursion to solve the problem.

Stage j	Decision Variable	Set of States
2	x_2	b_{12}, b_{22}
1	x_1	b_{11}, b_{21}

$$\therefore f_2(b_{12}, b_{22}) = \max 30x_2$$

$$f_1(b_{11}, b_{21}) = \max \left(10x_1 + 30 \cdot \min \left(\frac{168 - 3x_1}{6}, \frac{240}{12} \right) \right)$$

Since from eq (1), $x_2 = \frac{168 - 3x_1}{6}$

from eq (2), $x_2 = \frac{240}{12}$

$$= \max \left[10x_1 + 30 \cdot \min \left(\frac{168-3x_1}{6}, 20 \right) \right] \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{array}{l|l} \text{Now take } \frac{168-3x_1}{6} = 20 & \text{take } \frac{168-3x_1}{6} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 168-3x_1 = 120 & 168-3x_1 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x_1 = 16 & \Rightarrow x_1 = 56. \end{array}$$

\therefore The ranges for x_1 are

$$0 \leq x_1 \leq 16, \quad 16 \leq x_1 \leq 56.$$

$$\therefore f_1(b_{11}, b_{21}) = \max \begin{cases} 10x_1 + 30 \cdot \min \left(\frac{168-3x_1}{6}, 20 \right), & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 16 \\ 10x_1 + 30 \cdot \min \left(\frac{168-3x_1}{6}, 20 \right), & 16 \leq x_1 \leq 56 \end{cases}$$

$$= \max \begin{cases} 10x_1 + 30 \cdot (20), & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 16 \\ 10x_1 + 30 \cdot \left(\frac{168-3x_1}{6} \right), & 16 \leq x_1 \leq 56 \end{cases}$$

$$= \max \begin{cases} 10x_1 + 600, & 0 \leq x_1 \leq 16 \\ 10x_1 + 840 - 15x_1, & 16 \leq x_1 \leq 56 \end{cases}$$

Substitute $x_1 = 16$. (Common in both inequalities)

$$\therefore f_1 = \max(760, 760) = 760.$$

$$x_1^* = 16.$$

$$x_2^* = \min \left(\frac{120}{6}, \frac{240}{12} \right) = 20.$$

$$\therefore x_1^* = 16, \quad x_2^* = 20, \quad Z(\text{optimum}) = 760$$

mod 5
optimal subdividing problem:

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Find the value of $\text{Max}(y_1, y_2, y_3)$

$$\text{subject to } y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 5;$$

$$y_1, y_2, y_3 \geq 0.$$

Sol:

Let

$$S_3 = y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 5$$

$$\text{and } S_2 = y_1 + y_2 = S_3 - y_3$$

$$S_1 = y_1 = S_2 - y_2$$

$$\text{max}(y_j, f_{j-1}(S_{j-1}))$$

$$\text{also } f_3(S_3) = \text{Max}(y_3, f_2(S_2))$$

$$f_2(S_2) = \text{Max}(y_2, f_1(S_1))$$

$$f_1(S_1) = \text{Max}(y_1) = y_1 = S_2 - y_2$$

$$\text{and } f_2(S_2) = \text{Max}(y_2, (S_2 - y_2)) =$$

By differential calculus let $f = y_2(S_2 - y_2)$

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_2} = 0$$

$$y_2(S_2 - y_2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 S_2 - y_2^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S_2 - 2y_2 = 0 \quad (\because \text{Differentiation wrt } y_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{S_2}{2} \quad y_2 \text{ will have maximum at } \frac{S_2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_2(S_2) = \text{Max}\left(\frac{S_2}{2}, (S_2 - \frac{S_2}{2})\right) = \frac{S_2^2}{4}$$

$$\therefore f_3(S_3) = \text{Max}\left(y_3, \frac{S_2^2}{4}\right) \quad (\because f_2(S_2) = \frac{S_2^2}{4})$$
$$= \text{Max}\left(y_3, \frac{(S_3 - y_3)^2}{4}\right)$$

Again by Maxima and Minima ~~f_3~~

$$y_3 = \frac{S_3}{3} = \frac{5}{3} \quad (\because S_3 = y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 5)$$

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$$\boxed{\therefore y_3 = \frac{5}{3}}$$

Since

$$s_2 = y_1 + y_2$$

$$= s_3 - y_3$$

$$= 5 - \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\boxed{s_2 = \frac{10}{3}}$$

$$\therefore s_2 = \frac{10}{3}$$

But Since $y_2 = \frac{s_2}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = \frac{\left(\frac{10}{3}\right)}{2} = \frac{5}{3} \quad \boxed{\therefore y_2 = \frac{5}{3}}$$

Now, $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow y_1 &= 5 - (y_2 + y_3) \\ &= 5 - \left(\frac{5}{3} + \frac{5}{3}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{y_1 = \frac{5}{3}}$$

$$\therefore \max(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \frac{5}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \frac{5}{3} = \frac{125}{27}$$