

# Dynamic Programming and Greedy: Review

## Examples in lectures and labs

Dynamic programming:

- Playing a board game
- Rod cutting
- Knapsack
- Pharmacist
- Fibonacci
- Longest TRUE interval
- LCS (longest common subsequence)
- Optional: Robbing a house
- Optional: Playing a game
- This week: Longest increasing subsequence
- This week: Unbounded knapsack
- Optional Skis and skiers

Greedy:

- Activity selection
- Guarding a museum
- A different pharmacist problem (all bottles have same cost)
- Optional: Matching points on a line
- Optional: Greedy skis and skiers

# 1 Rod cutting

- The problem: Given a rod of length  $n$  and a table of prices  $p[i]$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$ , determine the maximal revenue obtainable by cutting up the rod and selling the pieces.
- Notation and choice of subproblem: We denote by  $\text{maxrev}(x)$  the maximal revenue obtainable by cutting up a rod of length  $x$ . To solve our problem we call  $\text{maxrev}(n)$ .
- Recursive definition of  $\text{maxrev}(n)$ :

```

maxrev( $x$ )
    if ( $x \leq 0$ ): return 0

    For  $i = 1$  to  $n$ : compute  $p[i] + \text{maxrev}(x - i)$  and keep track of max

    RETURN this max

```

- Correctness: see notes.
- Dynamic programming solution, top-down with memoization:  
We create a table of size  $[0..n]$ , where  $\text{table}[i]$  will store the result of  $\text{maxrev}(i)$ . We initialize all entries in the table as 0. To solve the problem, we call  $\text{maxrevDP}(n)$ .

```

maxrevDP( $x$ )
    if ( $x \leq 0$ ): return 0

    IF  $\text{table}[x] \neq 0$ : RETURN  $\text{table}[x]$ 

    For  $i = 1$  to  $n$ : compute  $p[i] + \text{maxrevDP}(x - i)$  and keep track of max

     $\text{table}[x] = \text{max}$ 

    RETURN  $\text{table}[x]$ 

```

- Dynamic programming, bottom-up:

```

maxrevDP_iterative( $x$ )
    create  $\text{table}[0..n]$  and initialize  $\text{table}[i] = 0$  for all  $i$ 

    for ( $k = 1; k \leq n; k++$ )
        for ( $i = 1; i \leq k; i++$ )
            set  $\text{table}[k] = \text{max}\{\text{table}[k], p[i] + \text{table}[k - i]\}$ 

    RETURN  $\text{table}[n]$ 

```

- Analysis:  $O(n^2)$
- Computing full solution:

**2 0 – 1 Knapsack**

- The problem: We are given a knapsack of capacity  $W$  and a set of  $n$  items; an each item  $i$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , is worth  $v[i]$  and has weight  $w[i]$  pounds. Assume that weights  $w[i]$  and the total weight  $W$  are integers. The goal is to fill the knapsack so that the value of all items in the knapsack is maximized.
- Notation and choice of subproblem: Denote by  $optknapsack(k, w)$  the maximal value obtainable when filling a knapsack of capacity  $w$  using items among items 1 through  $k$ . To solve our problem we call  $optknapsack(n, W)$ .
- Recursive definition of  $optknapsack(k, w)$ :

```

optknapsack( $k, w$ )

    if ( $w \leq 0$ ) or ( $k \leq 0$ ) : return 0 //basecase

    IF ( $weight[k] \leq w$ ):  $with = value[k] + optknapsack(k - 1, w - weight[k])$ 

    ELSE:  $with = 0$ 

     $without = optknapsack(k - 1, w)$ 

    RETURN max {  $with, without$  }

```

- Correctness: see notes.
- Dynamic programming solution, top-down with memoization: We create a table  $table[1..n][1..W]$ , where  $table[i][w]$  will store the result of  $optknapsack(i, w)$ . We initialize all entries in the table as 0. To solve the problem, we call  $optknapsackDP(n, W)$ .

```

optknapsackDP( $k, w$ )

    if ( $w \leq 0$ ) or ( $k \leq 0$ ): return 0

    IF ( $table[k][w] \neq 0$ ): RETURN  $table[k][w]$ 

    IF ( $w[k] \leq w$ ):  $with = v[k] + optknapsackDP(k - 1, w - w[k])$ 

    ELSE:  $with = 0$ 

     $without = optknapsackDP(k - 1, w)$ 

     $table[k][w] = \max \{ with, without \}$ 

    RETURN  $table[k][w]$ 

```

- Dynamic programming, bottom-up:

**optknapsackDP\_iterative**

create `table[0..n][0..W]` and initialize all entries to 0

for ( $k = 1; k < n; k++$ )

  for ( $w = 1; w < W; w++$ )

$with = v[k] + table[k-1][w - w[k]]$

$without = table[k-1][w]$

$table[k][w] = \max \{ with, without \}$

RETURN  $table[n][W]$

- Analysis:  $O(n \cdot W)$
- Computing full solution:

### 3 Pharmacist

- The problem: A pharmacist has  $W$  pills and  $n$  empty bottles. Bottle  $i$  can hold  $p[i]$  pills and has an associated cost  $c[i]$ . Given  $W$ ,  $p[1..n]$  and  $c[1..n]$ , find the minimum cost for storing the pills using the bottles.
- Notation and choice of subproblem: Denote by  $MinPill(i, j)$  the minimum cost obtainable when storing  $j$  pills using bottles among 1 through  $i$ . To solve our problem we call  $minPill(n, W)$ .
- Recursive definition of  $minPill(i, j)$ :

```

minPill( $i, j$ )
    if ( $j \leq 0$ ): return 0 //no pills left
    IF ( $i == 0$  and  $j > 0$ ): return  $\infty$  //have pills, but no bottles, sol not possible
    with =  $c[i] + \text{minPill}(i - 1, j - p[i])$ 
    without =  $\text{minPill}(i - 1, j)$ 
    RETURN min { with, without }

```

- Correctness:
- Dynamic programming solution, top-down with memoization: We create  $table[1..n][1..W]$ , where  $table[i][j]$  will store the result of  $minPill(i, j)$ . We initialize all entries in the table as 0. To solve the problem, we call  $minPillDP(n, W)$ .

```

minPillDP( $i, j$ )
    if ( $j \leq 0$ ): return 0 //no pills left
    IF ( $i == 0$  and  $j > 0$ ): return  $\infty$  //have pills, but no bottles, sol not possible
    IF ( $table[i][j] \neq 0$ ): RETURN  $table[i][j]$ 
    with =  $c[i] + \text{minPillDP}(i - 1, j - p[i])$ 
    without =  $\text{minPillDP}(i - 1, j)$ 
     $table[i][j] = \min \{ \text{with}, \text{without} \}$ 
    RETURN  $table[i][j]$ 

```

- Dynamic programming, bottom-up:

**minPill\_iterative**

create  $table[0..n][0..W]$  and initialize all entries to 0

for ( $i = 1; i < n; i++$ )

    for ( $j = 1; j < W; j++$ )

        with =  $c[i] + table[i-1][j-p[i]]$

        without =  $table[i-1][j]$

$table[i][j] = \min \{ \text{with, without} \}$

RETURN  $table[n][W]$

- Analysis:  $O(n \cdot W)$
- Computing full solution:

## 4 Longest True interval

- The problem: Suppose we are given an array  $A[1..n]$  of booleans. We want to find the longest interval  $A[i..j]$  such that every element in the interval is true – in other words,  $A[i], A[i+1], \dots, A[j]$  are all true.
- Notation and choice of subproblem: Denote by  $G(x)$  to be the length of the longest suffix<sup>1</sup> of  $A[1..x]$  that is all true. In other words,  $G(x)$  is the largest integer  $l$  such that  $A[x-l+1], A[x-l+2], \dots, A[x]$  are all true, or 0 if  $A[x]$  is false.
- Recursive definition of  $G(x)$ :

```

G( $x$ )
    IF ( $x == 1$ ): return  $A[1]$ 
    else
        IF  $A[x] == \text{False}$ : return 0 else return  $1 + G(x - 1)$ 

```

- Correctness:
- Dynamic programming solution, top-down with memoization: We create  $table[0..n]$ , where  $table[i]$  will store the result of  $G(i)$ . We initialize all entries in the table as 0. To solve the problem, we call  $G\_DP(0), G\_DP(1), G\_DP(2), \dots$  to fill the table and then return the max element in this table.

```

G_DP(x)( $x$ )
    IF ( $x == 1$ ): return  $A[1]$ 
    else
        IF ( $table[x] \neq 0$ ): RETURN  $table[x]$ 
        IF  $A[x] == \text{False}$ : answer = 0 else answer =  $1 + G\_DP(x - 1)$ 
         $table[x] = \text{answer}$ 
    return answer

```

- Dynamic programming, bottom-up:
- Analysis:  $O(n)$
- Computing full solution:

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<sup>1</sup>An array  $B[1..m]$  is a suffix of an array  $A[1..n]$  if  $A[n-k] = B[m-k]$  for  $0 \leq k < m$

**5 LCS**

- The problem: Given two arrays  $X[1..n]$  and  $Y[1..m]$ , find their longest common subsequence.
- Notation and choice of subproblem: Denote by  $c(i, j)$  the length of the LCS of  $X_i$  and  $Y_j$ , where  $X_i$  is the array consisting of the first  $i$  elements of  $X$ , and  $Y_j$  is the array consisting of the first  $j$  elements of  $Y$ . To solve the problem, we call  $c(n, m)$
- Recursive definition of  $c(i, j)$ :

```

c( $i, j$ )
    IF ( $i == 0$  or  $j == 0$ ): return 0
    else
        IF  $X[i] == Y[j]$ : return  $1 + c(i - 1, j - 1)$ 
        Else: return  $\max\{c(i - 1, j), c(i, j - 1)\}$ 

```

- Correctness:
- Dynamic programming solution, top-down with memoization: We create  $table[0..n][0..m]$ , where  $table[i][j]$  will store the result of  $c(i, j)$ . We initialize all entries in the table as 0 and call  $c\_DP(n, m)$ .

```

c_DP( $i, j$ )
    IF ( $i == 0$  or  $j == 0$ ): return 0
    else
        IF ( $table[i][j] \neq 0$ ): RETURN  $table[i][j]$ 
        IF  $X[i] == Y[j]$ : answer  $1 + c\_DP(i - 1, j - 1)$ 
        Else: answer =  $\max\{c(i - 1, j), c\_DP(i, j - 1)\}$ 
         $table[i][j] = \text{answer}$ 
    return answer

```

- Dynamic programming, bottom-up:
- Analysis:  $O(m \cdot n)$
- Computing full solution: