

## Introduction

Dynamic programming (DP) is a method for solving complex problems by breaking down the original problem into relatively simpler sub-problems. It is not a specific algorithm but a method to solve specific problems, it appears in a variety of data structures, and the types of questions related to it are more complicated. Common types of DP includes:

**Linear DP, Knapsack DP, Interval DP, DAG DP and Tree DP.**

Without specified mentioned, assume `arr` is declared as a signed integer array. The following code is added to the beginning of all C++ programs.

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
using namespace std;
```

**In the whole topic of DP, we will use 1-based indexing for convenience.**

# 1 Introduction to Dynamic Programming

## Definition

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The key of DP is to “**memoize**” something that have been calculated before. So it is also called “**Trading Space for Time**”.

## Terminologies

Base case(s):                The simplest scenario(s) where the answer is immediately known.

State:                        Store all essential information to define a subproblem.

Transitional Formula:    Defines the relationship between subproblems.

## Identification of DP Problems

- Have **optimal substructure**
  - The optimal solution of a problem can be constructed efficiently from the optimal solutions of its subproblems.
- Have **overlapping subproblems**
  - The problem can be broken down into smaller pieces that are reused multiple times.
- No **aftereffect**
  - The optimal solution of all subproblems should be determined and fixed. Current decisions won't affect previous outcomes.

## Steps of DP

1. Define the DP state
2. Find the transition formula between states
3. Determine the calculation order
4. Optimize the DP if necessary

## 2 Maximum Subarray Sum

### Definition

Find the maximum subarray sum of an array.

### Maximum Contiguous SubArray Sum

-3	1	-8	12	0	-3	5	-9	4
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

**Maximum Contiguous SubArray Sum =  $12 + 0 + (-3) + 5 = 14$**

### Observation

**Define  $S(a : b)$  = sum of elements in  $arr[a : b]$**

Assume MSS of  $arr[i : j]$  is  $S(k : j)$

MSS of  $arr[i : j+1]$  =

- $S(k : j+1)$  if  $S(k : j), arr[j] > 0$
- $S(k : j)$  if  $arr[j] < 0$  and  $arr[j] < S(k : j)$
- $arr[j]$  if  $S(k : j) < 0$  and  $arr[j] > S(k : j)$

We can easily transit from  $j$  to  $j+1$  if we define state properly.

### Derivation

1. Define State and target
  - Define  $dp[i]$  as the MSS of the subarrays which end with  $a[i]$ .
  - Our target is  $\max(dp[1], dp[2], \dots, dp[n])$ , where  $n$  is the length of the given array.
2. Transitional equation
  - $dp[i] = \max(dp[i - 1] + arr[i], arr[i])$
3. Initialize DP array
  - $dp[0] = 0$
4. Confirm the traversal order
  - $i$  from 1 to  $n$
5. Time complexity
  - $O(n)$
  - Good enough. No need further optimization.
  - Space complexity can be optimized to  $O(1)$ .

C++ Code Implementation

```
long long dp[200010];
long long N, num;
long long ans = -1e9;

int main(){
    dp[0] = 0;
    cin >> N;
    for (int i = 1; i <= N; i++)
    {
        cin >> num;
        dp[i] = max(dp[i-1] + num, num);
        ans = max(ans, dp[i]);
    }
    cout << ans;
    return 0;
}
```

### 3 Longest Common Subsequence

#### Definition

Find the longest common subsequence of two given sequences.

String A	a	c	b	a	e	d
String B	a	b	c	a	d	f

#### Observation

Assume we know the length of LCS of  $A[1 : i]$  and  $B[1 : j]$  already. Define it to be  $LCS[i][j]$ .

Considering  $A[i + 1]$  and  $B[j + 1]$ :

If  $A[i + 1] \neq B[j + 1]$ , it is meaningless to include both of them in LCS.

In this case,  $LCS[i + 1][j + 1] =$

- $LCS[i + 1][j]$ , if we only include  $A[i + 1]$  in LCS but not  $B[j]$ .
- $LCS[i][j + 1]$ , if we only include  $B[j + 1]$  in LCS but not  $A[i]$ .

If  $A[i + 1] = B[j + 1]$ , we can count them as a “pair” and append them into the LCS.

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- $LCS[i][j + 1]$ , if we only include  $B[j + 1]$  in LCS but not  $A[i]$ .
- $LCS[i][j] + 1$ , if we include both  $A[i + 1]$  and  $B[j + 1]$  in LCS.

#### Derivation

1. Define State and target

- Define  $dp[i][j]$  as the length of LCS of  $A[1 : i]$  and  $B[1 : j]$ .
- Our target is  $dp[|S|][|T|]$ , where  $|S|$ ,  $|T|$  are lengths of sequence A and B.

2. Transitional equation

- $dp[i] = \max(dp[i - 1] + arr[i], arr[i])$

3. Initialize DP array

- $dp[i][0] = dp[0][j] = 0$  for any  $i, j$

4. Confirm the traversal order

- $i$  from 1 to  $|S|$ ,  $j$  from 1 to  $|T|$ . Doesn't matter which is in inner loop.

5. Time complexity

- $O(|S| * |T|)$

C++ Code Implementation

```
string S, T;
int dp[1010][1010];

int main(){
    cin >> S >> T;
    int s = S.size();
    int t = T.size();
    for (int i = 1; i <= s; i++)
    {
        for (int j = 1; j <= t; j++)
        {
            dp[i][j] = max(dp[i][j-1], dp[i-1][j]);
            if (S[i-1] == T[j-1]) dp[i][j] = max(dp[i][j], dp[i-1][j-1] + 1);
        }
    }
    cout << dp[s][t];
    return 0;
}
```

## 4 Longest Increasing Subsequence

### Definition

Find the longest increasing subsequence of a given sequence.

**Input Sequence 6 9 8 2 3 5 1 4 7**

**LIS 1 2 3 4 7**

**LIS 2 2 3 5 7**

### Observation

**Define LIS[i] = length of LIS of arr[1 : i] that ends with arr[i].**

Considering arr[i + 1],

- If  $\text{arr}[i + 1] > \text{arr}[i]$ , trivially  $\text{LIS}[i + 1] = \text{LIS}[i] + 1$ .
- If  $\text{arr}[i + 1] \leq \text{arr}[i]$ , we need to consider all  $\text{LIS}[j]$  where  $1 \leq j < i + 1$ .

We can easily transit to  $i + 1$  by considering all  $j$  less than it.

### Derivation

1. Define State and target
  - Define  $\text{dp}[i]$  as the length of LIS of arr[1 : i] which ends with arr[i].
  - Our target is  $\text{dp}[n]$ , where  $n$  is the length of the given sequence.

2. Transitional equation

$$\text{dp}[i] = \max_{0 \leq j < i} (\text{dp}[j] \times [a[j] < a[i]]) + 1$$

3. Initialize DP array

- $\text{dp}[0] = 0$

4. Confirm the traversal order

- $i$  from 1 to  $n$

5. Time complexity

- $O(n^2)$
- Too slow. Optimization is needed.

C++ Code Implementation

```
int n;
int num[5010];
long long dp[5010];
long long ans;
int main(){
    cin >> n;
    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
    {
        cin >> num[i];
        dp[i] = 1;
        for (int k = 0; k < i; k++)
        {
            if (num[k] < num[i]) dp[i] = max(dp[i], dp[k] + 1);
        }
        ans = max(ans, dp[i]);
    }
    cout << ans;
    return 0;
}
```



### Optimization

Trivially, a time of  $O(n)$  on searching for  $a[j] < a[i]$  is wasted.

- Note that  $a[i]$  can only append to the subsequence that the last element of that is smaller than  $a[i]$ . If it is possible, the last element of the new subsequence become  $a[i]$ .
- What the required last element actually is doesn't really matter. We just care about if it is smaller than  $a[i]$ . Therefore, we can just find the **smallest last element**.

<i>arr/key</i>	10	5	9	2	3	7	101	8
<i>f/value</i>	1	1	2	1	2	3	4	?

  

<i>arr/elem</i>	10, 5, 2	<9, 3	<7	<101
<i>f/index</i>	1	2	3	4

- Listing out the required elements, we can observe that it must be strictly increasing → Monotonicity
- Binary search can be performed

### C++ Code Implementation

```
int n;
int main(){
    cin >> n;
    vector<int> lis(n, INT_MAX);
    vector<int> num(n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) cin >> num[i];
    for (auto x : num) lis[lower_bound(lis.begin(), lis.end(), x) - lis.begin()] = x;
    cout << lower_bound(lis.begin(), lis.end(), INT_MAX) - lis.begin();
    return 0;
}
```

Time Complexity:  $O(n \log n)$