

# Dynamic Programming

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Q: What is DP?

- ▶ A: Smart scheduling of subproblems.

Q: What does DP look like?

1. Define subproblems (**types**)
2. Set the goal: what is the solution to the original problem
3. Define recurrence: (**ask the right questions**  $\Rightarrow$  reduce to subproblems)
  - ▶ larger problem  $\Leftarrow$  a **number** of “smaller” subproblems
4. Write pseudo-code (**fill the array/table/matrix** in order)
5. Analyze time complexity
6. Extract optimal solutions

# Common subproblems

## 1. 1-D subproblems

- ▶ input:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  (array, sequence, string)
- ▶ subproblems:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i$  (prefix/postfix)
- ▶  $\# = O(n)$
- ▶ examples: max-subarray sum, highway restaurants, breaking into lines

## 2. 2-D subproblems

2.1 input:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m; y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$

- ▶ subproblems:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i; y_1, y_2, \dots, y_j$
- ▶  $\# = O(mn)$
- ▶ examples: edit distance

2.2 input:  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

- ▶ subproblems:  $x_i, \dots, x_j$
- ▶  $\# = (n^2)$
- ▶ examples: multiplying a sequence of matrices, optimal binary search tree

# Common subproblems

3. 3-D subproblems:
  - ▶ example: Floyd-Warshall algorithm, Bellman-Ford algorithm
4. DP on graphs (tree, DAG ...)
  - ▶ input: rooted tree
  - ▶ subproblems: rooted subtree
5. knapsack problem
  - ▶ example: changing coins
6. others ...

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# 1-D DP

Maximal sum subarray [Problem: 2.2.3, 2.2.13, Google Interview Problem]

- ▶ array  $A[1 \cdots n]$ ,  $a_i \geq 0$
- ▶ to find (the sum of) an MSS in  $A$ 
  - ▶ special case:  $mss = 0$  if all negative

$$A[-2, 1, -3, 4, -1, 2, 1, -5, 4] \Rightarrow [4, -1, 2, 1]$$

Trial and error.

- ▶ try subproblem  $MSS[i]$ : the sum of the MS ( $MS[i]$ ) in  $A[1 \cdots i]$
- ▶ goal:  $mss = MSS[n]$
- ▶ question: Is  $a_i \in MS[i]$ ?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$MSS[i] = \max\{MSS[i-1], ???\}$$

# 1-D DP

## Solution.

- ▶ subproblem  $MSS[i]$ : the sum of the MSS *ending with*  $a_i$  or 0
- ▶ goal:  $mss = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} MSS[i]$
- ▶ question: where does the MS[i] start?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$MSS[i] = \max\{MSS[i-1] + a_i, 0\}$$

- ▶ initialization:  $MSS[0] = 0$



# 1-D DP

## Code.

```
MSS[0] = 0
For i = 1 to n
    MSS[i] = max{MSS[i-1] + A[i], 0}
return max_{i = 1 to n} MSS[i]
```

## Simpler code.

```
mss = 0
MSS = 0
For i = 1 to n
    MSS = max{MSS + A[i], 0}
    mss = max{mss, MSS}
return mss
```

# 1-D DP

## Weighted interval/class scheduling [Problem: 2.2.20]

- ▶  $\mathcal{C} = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$
- ▶  $c_i$ : grade  $g_i$
- ▶  $c_i$ :  $s_i, f_i$ ; conflict
- ▶ choosing pairwise non-conflicting classes to maximize your grades

## Solution.

- ▶ subproblem  $G[i]$ : the maximal grades obtained from  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_i\}$
- ▶ goal:  $G[n]$
- ▶ question: choose  $c_i$  or not in  $G[i]$ ? (binary choice)
- ▶ recurrence:  $G[i] = \max\{G_{i-1}, G[j] + g_i\}$   
 $c_j$ : the last class which does not conflict with  $c_i$

# 1-D DP

## Reconstructing document [Problem: 2.2.14]

- ▶ string  $S[1 \cdots n]$
- ▶ dict for *lookup*:

$$\text{dict}(w) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } w \text{ is a valid word} \\ \text{false} & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

- ▶ Is  $S[1 \cdots n]$  valid (reconstructed as a sequence of valid words)?

## Solution.

- ▶ subproblem  $V[i]$ : is  $S[1 \cdots i]$  valid?
- ▶ goal:  $V[n]$

# 1-D DP

## Solution.

- ▶ question: where does the last word start? (multi-way choices)
- ▶ recurrence:

$$V[i] = \bigvee_{j=1\dots i} (V[j-1] \wedge \text{dict}(S[j \dots i]))$$

- ▶ initialization:  $V[0] = \text{true}$

## 1-D DP

$$V[i] = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 0 \\ \bigvee_{j=1\dots i} (V[j-1] \wedge \text{dict}(S[j\dots i])) & 1 \leq i \leq n \end{cases}$$

Code.

```

V[0] = true
For i = 1 to n
  For j = 1 to i
    V[i] = V[j-1] and Dict(S[j...i])
return V[n]
```

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## 2-D DP (part 1)

LCS: longest common subsequence [Problem: 2.2.7]

- ▶  $X = X_1 \cdots X_m; Y = Y_1 \cdots Y_n$
- ▶ find (the length of) a LCS of  $X$  and  $Y$

$$X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$$

$$Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$$

$$Z = \langle B, C, B, A \rangle$$

Solution.

- ▶ subproblem:  $L[i, j]$ : the length of a LCS of  $X[1 \cdots i]$  and  $Y[1 \cdots j]$
- ▶ goal:  $L[m, n]$

## 2-D DP (part 1)

### Solution.

- ▶ question: Is  $X_i = Y_j$ ?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$L[i, j] = \begin{cases} L[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } X_i = Y_j \\ \max\{L[i-1, j], L[i, j-1]\} & \text{if } X_i \neq Y_j \end{cases}$$

- ▶ initialization:

$$L[i, 0] = 0, 0 \leq i \leq m$$

$$L[0, j] = 0, 0 \leq j \leq n$$



## 2-D DP (part 1)

### Counterexample?

$$L[i, j] = L[i - 1, j - 1] + 1 \text{ if } X_i = Y_j$$

$X = a, b, c, c, c$

$Y = a, b, c$

$Z = a, b, c$

$X = a, b, c, c, c$

$Y = a, b, c$

$Z = a, b, c$

## 2-D DP (part 1)

Correctness proof (I).

Theorem

$$L[i, j] = L[i - 1, j - 1] + 1 \text{ if } X_i = Y_j.$$

Theorem

$\exists$  a LCS  $Z[1 \dots k]$  of  $X[1 \dots i]$  and  $Y[1 \dots j] : Z_k \equiv X_i \wedge Z_k \equiv Y_j$ .

Proof.

- ▶  $Z_k = X_i = Y_j$  (by contradiction)
- ▶ But,  $Z_k = X_i \not\Rightarrow Z_k \equiv X_i$ ;  $Z_k = Y_j \not\Rightarrow Z_k \equiv Y_j$
- ▶  $Z_k = X_i = Y_j \Rightarrow$  either  $Z_k \equiv X_i$  or  $Z_k \equiv Y_j$  (by contradiction)
  1.  $Z_k \equiv X_i \wedge Z_k \equiv Y_j$
  2.  $Z_k \not\equiv X_i \wedge Z_k \equiv Y_j$
  3.  $Z_k \equiv X_i \wedge Z_k \not\equiv Y_j$

## 2-D DP (part 1)

Correctness proof (II).

Theorem

$$L[i, j] = \max\{L[i - 1, j], L[i, j - 1]\} \text{ if } X_i \neq Y_j$$

Theorem

*If  $X_i \neq Y_j$ , then either  $X_i \notin LCS[i, j]$  or  $Y_j \notin LCS[i, j]$ .*

Proof.

By contradiction.



## 2-D DP (part 1)

LCS with repetition of  $X_i$  [Problem: 2.2.8]

1. repetition of  $X_i$
2.  $k$ -bounded repetition of  $X_i$

Solution.

1. repetition of  $x_i$ :

$$L[i, j] = \begin{cases} L[\textcolor{red}{i}, j - 1] + 1 & \text{if } X_i = Y_j \\ \max\{L[i - 1, j], L[i, j - 1]\} & \text{if } X_i \neq Y_j \end{cases}$$

2.  $k$ -bounded repetition of  $X_i$ :

$$X^{(k)} = X_1^{(k)} \cdots X_m^{(k)}$$

## 2-D DP (part 1)

### Edit distance revisited

$$ED[i, j] = \min \begin{cases} ED[i-1, j] + 1 \\ ED[i, j-1] + 1 \\ ED[i-1, j-1] + I\{X_i \neq Y_j\} \end{cases}$$

$$ED[i, j] = \begin{cases} ED[i-1, j-1] & \text{if } X_i = Y_j \\ \min \begin{cases} ED[i-1, j] + 1 \\ ED[i, j-1] + 1 \\ ED[i-1, j-1] + 1 \end{cases} & \text{if } X_i \neq Y_j \end{cases}$$

### Theorem

If  $X_i = Y_j$ , then  $ED[i-1, j-1] \leq \min\{ED[i-1, j] + 1, ED[i, j-1] + 1\}$ .

## 2-D DP (part 2)

Longest contiguous substring both forward and backward [Problem: 2.2.9]

- ▶ string  $T[1 \cdots n]$
- ▶ to find LCS both forward and backward

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Trial.

- ▶ try subproblem  $L[i]$ : the length of a LCS in  $T[1 \cdots i]$
- ▶ try subproblem  $L[i, j]$ : the length of a LCS in  $T[i \cdots j]$

## 2-D DP (part 2)

### Solution.

- ▶  $L[i, j]$ : the length of a LCS starting with  $T_i$  and ending with  $T_j$
- ▶ goal:  $\max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} L[i, j]$
- ▶  $O(n^3 \Rightarrow n^2)$
- ▶ question: Is  $T_i = T_j$ ?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$L[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } T_i \neq T_j \\ L[i + 1, j - 1] + 1 & \text{if } T_i = T_j \end{cases}$$

- ▶ initialization:

$$L[i, i] = 0, 0 \leq i \leq n$$

$$L[i, i + 1] = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } T_i = T_{i+1} \\ 0 & \text{if } T_i \neq T_{i+1} \end{cases}$$

## 2-D DP (part 2)

Code: three ways of filling the table.

```
for d = 2 to n-1
  for i = 1 to n-d
    j = i + d
    ...
return max_{1 <= i <= j <= n} L[i,j]
```

```
for i = n-2 to 1
  for j = i+2 to n
    ...
return ...
```

```
for j = 3 to n
  for i = j-2 to 1
    ...
return ...
```



## 2-D DP (part 2)

### String split problem [Problem: 2.2.16]

- ▶ split a string  $S$  into many pieces
- ▶ cost  $|S| = n \Rightarrow n$
- ▶ given locations of  $m$  cuts:  $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_m, C_{m+1}$
- ▶ to find the minimum cost of splitting the string into  $m + 1$  pieces  $S_0 \cdots S_m$

### Solution.

- ▶ subproblem:  $\text{MinCost}[i, j]$ : the minimum cost of breaking the string  $S_i \cdots S_{j-1}$  using cuts  $C_{i+1} \cdots C_{j-1}$
- ▶ goal:  $\text{MinCost}[0, m + 1]$

## 2-D DP (part 2)

### Solution.

- ▶ question: what is the first cut in  $C_{i+1} \cdots C_{j-1}$ ?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$\text{MinCost}[i, j] = \min_{i < k < j} (\text{MinCost}[i, k] + \text{MinCost}[k, j] + l(S_i \cdots S_{j-1}))$$

- ▶ initialization:

$$\text{MinCost}[i, i + 1] = 0$$

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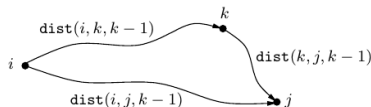
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# 3-D DP

## Floyd-Warshall algorithm

- ▶ subproblem  $\text{dist}[i, j, k]$ : the length of the shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  via only nodes  $v_1 \cdots v_k$
- ▶ goal:  $\text{dist}[i, j, n], \forall i, j$
- ▶ question: Is  $v_k$  in  $\text{ShortestPath}[i, j, k]$ ?
- ▶ recurrence:



$$\text{dist}[i, j, k] = \min\{\text{dist}[i, j, k-1], \text{dist}[i, k, k-1] + \text{dist}[k, j, k-1]\}$$

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# DP on graphs

## Minimum vertex cover [Problem: 2.2.18]

- ▶ tree  $T$
- ▶ compute (the size of) a minimum vertex cover of  $T$

### Solution.

- ▶ rooted  $T$  at  $r$
- ▶ subproblem  $I(u)$ : the size of a MVC of  $T_u$  subtree
- ▶ goal:  $I(r)$
- ▶ question: Is  $u$  in  $\text{MVC}[u]$ ?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$I(u) = \max\{| \text{children of } u | + \sum_{v: \text{grandchildren of } u} I(v), 1 + \sum_{v: \text{children of } u} I(v)\}$$

# DP on graphs

## Solution.

- ▶ initialization:

$$I(u) = 0, \text{ if } u \text{ is a leaf}$$

## Code.

```
DFS on T from root r:  
  when u is 'finished':  
    I(u) = 0, if u is a leaf  
    I(u) = ..., otherwise
```

# DP on graphs

## Shortest paths in dags

- ▶ dag  $G = (V, E, w)$
- ▶  $s \in V$
- ▶ compute shortest paths from  $s$  to all  $t$

## Solution.

- ▶ subproblem  $\text{dist}[v]$ : shortest distance from  $s$  to  $v$
- ▶ goal: all  $\text{dist}[v]$
- ▶ question: What is the relation between  $\text{dist}[v]$  and  $\text{dist}[u]$  of its predecessors  $u$ ?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$\text{dist}[v] = \min_{u \rightarrow v} (\text{dist}[u] + w(u \rightarrow v))$$



# DP on graphs

## Code.

```
dist[s] = 0
dist[v] = infty for others

for v != s in linearized order
    dist[v] = min_{u -> v} dist[u] + w(u \to v)
```

## Remarks.

1. longest path
2. negative edges

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# The knapsack problem

## The changing-making problem [Problem: 2.2.17 (b), 2.2.4 (subset sum)]

- ▶ coins values:  $x_1 \dots x_n$
- ▶ amount:  $v$
- ▶ possible to make change for  $v$ ?
- ▶ without repetition

## Trial and error.

- ▶ subproblem  $C[i]$ : is it possible to make change for  $v$  using only  $x_1 \dots x_n$
- ▶ goal:  $C[n]$
- ▶ question: using  $x_i$  or not?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$C[i] = C[i - 1] \vee ???$$

# The knapsack problem

## Solution.

- ▶ subproblem  $C[i, w]$ : is it possible to make change for  $w$  using only  $x_1 \dots x_n$
- ▶ goal:  $C[n, v]$
- ▶ question: using  $x_i$  or not?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$C[i, w] = C[i - 1] \vee (C[i - 1, v - w] \wedge v \geq w)$$

- ▶ initialization:

$$C[i, 0] = \text{true}$$

$$C[0, w] = \text{false, if } w > 0$$

$$C[0, 0] = \text{true}$$

# The knapsack problem

## The changing-making problem [Problem: 2.2.17 (a)]

- ▶ coins values:  $x_1 \dots x_n$
- ▶ amount:  $v$
- ▶ possible to make change for  $v$ ?
- ▶ unbounded repetition

## Solution.

- ▶ subproblem  $C[i, w]$ : is it possible to make change for  $w$  using only  $x_1 \dots x_n$
- ▶ goal:  $C[n, v]$
- ▶ question: using  $x_i$  or not?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$C[i, w] = C[i - 1] \vee (C[\textcolor{red}{i}, w - x_i] \wedge w \geq \textcolor{blue}{x_i})$$

# The knapsack problem

## The changing-making problem [Problem: 2.2.17 (c)]

- ▶ coins values:  $x_1 \dots x_n$
- ▶ amount:  $v$
- ▶ possible to make change for  $v$ ?
- ▶  $\leq k$ -coins

## Solution.

- ▶ subproblem  $C[i, w, l]$ : is it possible to make change for  $w$  with  $\leq l$  coins of  $x_1 \dots x_i$
- ▶ goal:  $C[n, v, k]$

# The knapsack problem

## Solution.

- ▶ question: using  $x_i$  or not?
- ▶ recurrence:

$$C[i, w, l] = C[i - 1, w, l] \vee (C[i, w - x_i, l - 1] \wedge w \geq x_i)$$

- ▶ initialization:

$$C[0, 0, l] = \text{true}$$

$$C[0, w, l] = \text{false, if } w > 0$$

$$C[i, 0, l] = \text{true}$$

$$C[i, w, 0] = \text{false, if } w > 0$$



<https://github.com/hengxin/algorithm-ta-tutorial.git>