

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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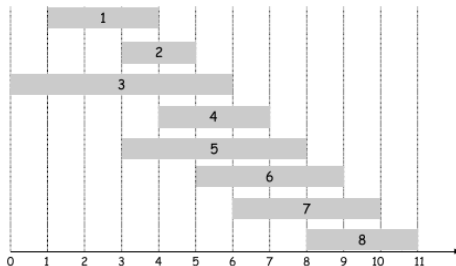
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1-D DP

Weighted interval/class scheduling [Problem: 2.2.20]

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



1-D DP

Solution.

- ▶ **sort** \mathcal{C} by finishing time
- ▶ subproblem $G[i]$: the maximal grades obtained from $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_i\}$
- ▶ goal: $G[n]$

1-D DP

Solution.

- ▶ question: choose c_i or not in $G[i]$? (binary choice)
- ▶ recurrence:

$$G[i] = \max\{G[i-1], G[j] + g_i\}$$

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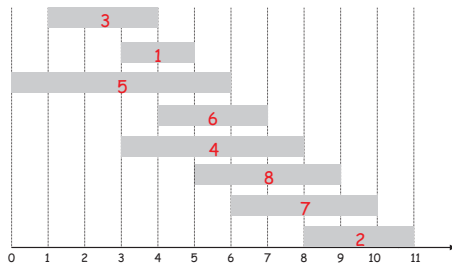
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- ▶ initialization:

$$G[0] = 0$$

1-D DP

Why is ordering necessary?

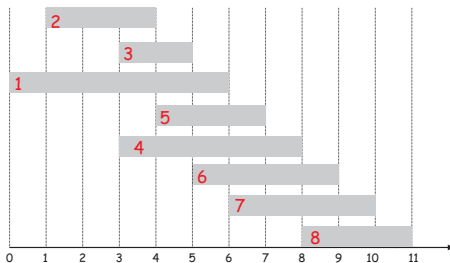


$$G[7] = \max\{G[6], G[\{1, 3, 5\}] + g_7\}$$

subproblems changed: all $O(2^n)$ subsets

1-D DP

Sorting by starting time?



$$G[6] = \max\{G[5], G[\{2, 3\}] + g_6\}$$

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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

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

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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: $mss = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} MSS[i]$

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- ▶ 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]
```

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

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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?

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

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

$Y = a, b, c$

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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 :

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

2. k -bounded repetition of X_i :

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

2-D DP (part 1)

Edit distance revisited

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

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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 and error.

- ▶ 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: $\max_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} L[i, j]$ (simply $O(n^3)$)

2-D DP (part 2)

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- ▶ question: Is $T_i = T_j$?
- ▶ recurrence:

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

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- ▶ 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:

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

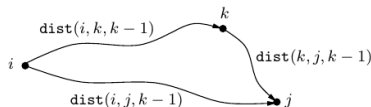
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3-D DP

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:



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

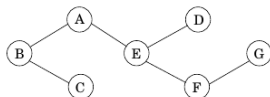
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DP on graphs

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: $I(r)$

DP on graphs

Solution.

- ▶ question: Is u in $MVC[u]$?
- ▶ recurrence:

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

- ▶ initialization:

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

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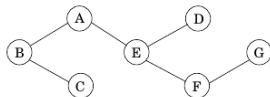
Code.

```
DFS on T from root r:  
  when u is ‘‘finished’’:  
     $I(u) = 0$ , if u is a leave  
     $I(u) = \dots$ , 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 $\text{dist}[v]$

DP on graphs

Solution.

- ▶ 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 change-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

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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:

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

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- ▶ initialization:

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

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

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The knapsack problem

The change-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:

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

The knapsack problem

The change-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:

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

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