

3-1 Dynamic Programming

(Part II: “Theory”)

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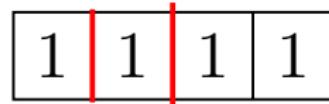
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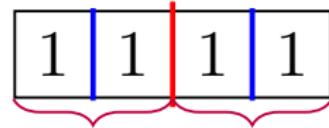
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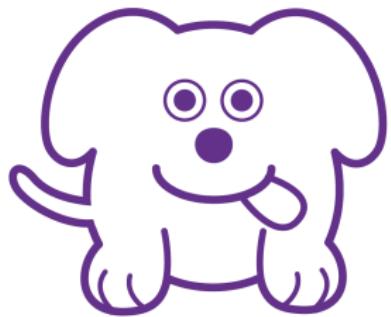


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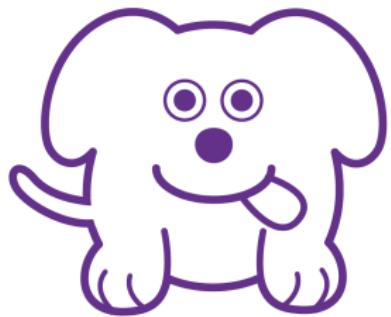
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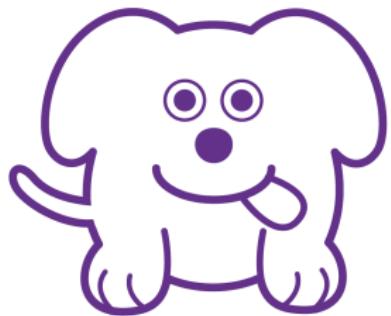


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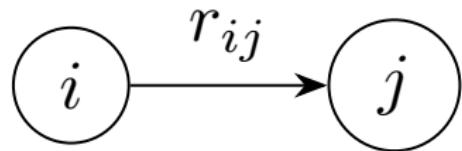
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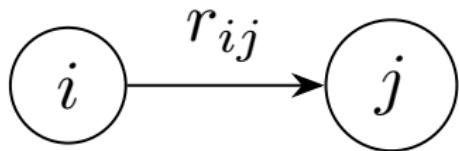
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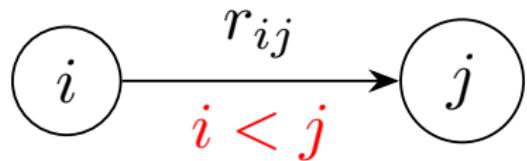
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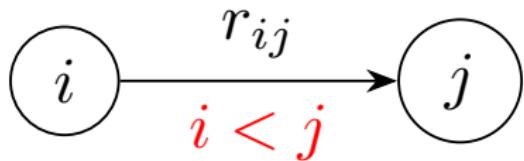


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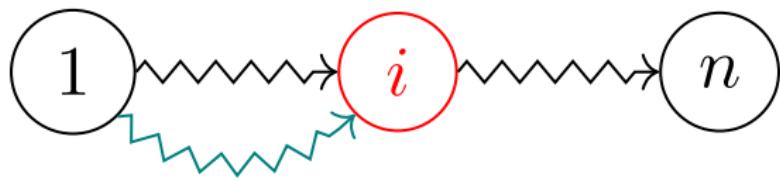




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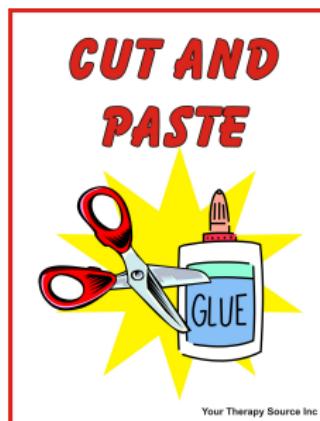
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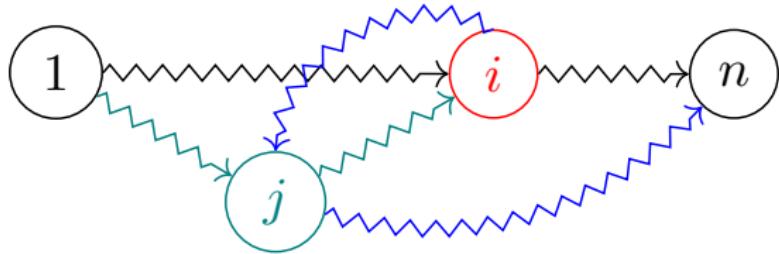


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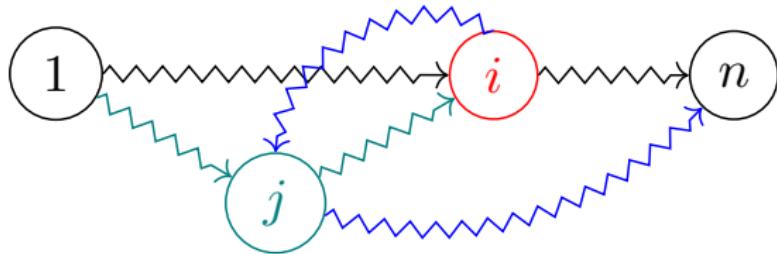
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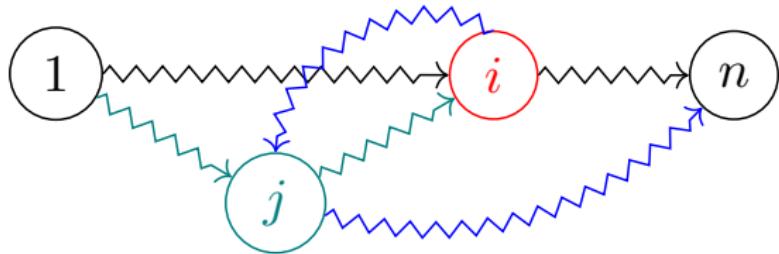
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$$O(n2^n)$$

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The Knapsack Problem

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- ▶ Coins values: $x_1 \dots x_n$
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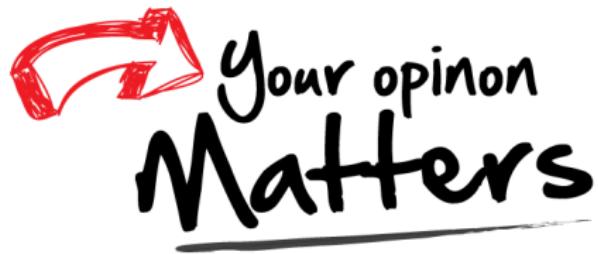
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