

Dynamic Programming: method for solving complex problems by breaking them into smaller overlapping sub problems.

→ Problem is divided into sub problems which are solved simultaneously and solutions are stored to avoid redundant computations.

Eg. `Fib(int n) {`
 `vector<int> dp(n+1, 0);` → sub.problems stored
 `dp[1] = 1;`
 for (i=2 to n)
 `dp[i] = dp[i-1] + dp[i-2];` } → Solved one by one.
 `return dp[n];` → main problem
 `}`

① if general solⁿ would've been considered (Recursive solⁿ)

T.C → $O(2^n)$

Here with DP approach T.C → $O(n)$

General Strategy:

- 1) Define Subproblems
 - 2) Formulate Recurrence Solⁿ
 - 3) Memoization / Tabulation to store results
 - 4) Solve Org. solution
- define Base Case before this →

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- 1) Breaks problems into sub-problems and stores their solutions.
- 2) Guarantees globally optimal soln.
- 3) Efficient but time depends on subproblems
- 4) Problems having overlapping subproblems.
- 5) Medium space complexity

Greedy

- 1) Makes locally optimal choices to build solution
- 2) May or may not.
- 3) Generally faster.
- 4) Problems with straightforward decisions
- 5) Low Space complexity

* Principle of Optimality

→ If an optimal solution to a problem contains subproblems, the solⁿ to these subproblems must also be optimal.

⊗ Shortest path to $A \rightarrow C$ if passes through B then $A \rightarrow B$ should also be the shortest path to B

→ This is the foundation of DP and allows solving prob. by breaking them into subproblems.

* DP approach is optimization technique

- 1) Efficient Computation: avoids redundant calculations by storing subproblem solⁿ.
- 2) Global optimal solⁿ: ensures globally optimal solⁿ by considering all possible solⁿ.
- 3) Resource optimization: saves both effort to calculate and time (tabulization/memoi..) by systematic solving subprob.
- 4) Wide Applications: shortest path, knapsack, matrix chain multiplication, etc.

* Limitations

- ⊙ 1) High Space Complexity: Due to solⁿ storing
- ⊙ 2) overhead of state storage: requires complex state (visited/not visited) representations for large problems etc.
- ⊙ 3) Difficulty to identify subproblems in case problem has no overlapping / optimal structure.
- ⊙ 4) Difficult to define recurr. relations & maintaining Tables.

0/1 Knapsack Problem

➤ Problem Statement:

- You are given a set of items:
 1. A weight $w[i]$
 2. A value $v[i]$
- You need to determine the **maximum total value** you can carry in a knapsack with a maximum weight **capacity** w . Each item (**total n items**) can either be **included (1)** or **excluded (0)**, hence the name 0/1 Knapsack.

➤ Dynamic Programming Approach: [\(video\)](#)

- A table $dp[n+1][w+1] \rightarrow dp[i][j]$ represents the maximum value obtainable with the first i items and a knapsack capacity j
- The value of $dp[i][j]$ is decided by:
 1. Include the item (if the weight allows).
 2. Exclude the item.
 3. Take the maximum of these two choices.

➤ Algorithm:

1. **Initialize** the dp table with all elements as 0.
2. For each item i , **iterate** through all capacities j from 0 to w :
 - If $w[i] \leq j$:

$$dp[i][j] = \max(dp[i-1][j], v[i] + dp[i-1][j - w[i]])$$

- Otherwise:

$$dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j]$$

3. **Return** $dp[n][w]$, the value at the bottom-right corner of the table.

➤ Time Complexity and Comparison:

DP Approach:

$$O(n \times W)$$

Where n is the number of items and W is the knapsack capacity.

Normal Approach:

$$O(2^n)$$

Try all possible subsets of items, checking if the total weight is within W . This has an exponential complexity

Aspect	DP Approach	Brute Force
Time Complexity	$O(n \times W)$	$O(2^n)$
Space Complexity	$O(n \times W)$	$O(n)$
Efficiency	Highly efficient	Not practical

➤ Applications:

- **Resource Allocation:** Allocating limited resources (e.g., budget, manpower) to maximize output.
- **Investment Portfolio:** Choosing the best set of stocks to invest in, given a budget and expected returns.
- **Cargo Optimization:** Selecting the most valuable items that fit within the weight limit of a vehicle.
- **Cutting-Edge AI:** In decision-making systems where constraints like time/budget need to be respected.
- **Time Management:** Selecting tasks to perform within a limited time while maximizing productivity.

Coin Change Problem

➤ Problem Statement:

You are given a set of coins with denominations $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$ and you need to make a total amount T .

1. **Total Number of Ways:** Find how many ways you can make the total amount T using the coins (unlimited supply of each coin).
2. **Minimum Coins Needed:** Find the minimum number of coins required to make the total amount T .

➤ Dynamic Programming Approach: [\(video1\)](#) [\(video2\)](#)

Define a DP table $dp[i][j]$, where:

- i represents the first i coins considered. ($i \rightarrow 0$ to n)
- j represents the target amount. ($j \rightarrow 0$ to T)

Each cell $dp[i][j]$ will:

1. Represent the **number of ways** to make up amount j using the first i coins in **case 1**.
2. Represent the **minimum coins** needed to make amount j using the first i coins in **case 2**.

Base Cases:

1. $dp[i][0] = 1$ for all i : There is **1 way** to make amount 0 (use no coins).
2. $dp[0][j] = \infty$ for the minimum coin problem (impossible to make any amount without coins).
3. $dp[0][j] = 0$ for the total ways problem (no ways to make a positive amount without coins).

➤ Algorithm:

- **Initialize** the dp table with all elements as 0.
- **coins[n]** is the array of $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$
- For each item i , **iterate** through all capacities j from 0 to w :

- If the current coin $coins[i - 1]$ can be used ($j \geq coins[i - 1]$):

- For Total Ways:

$$dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j] + dp[i][j - coins[i - 1]]$$

(Exclude the coin + Include the coin).

- For Minimum Coins:

$$dp[i][j] = \min(dp[i - 1][j], 1 + dp[i][j - coins[i - 1]])$$

(Exclude the coin OR include the coin).

- Otherwise ($j < coins[i - 1]$):

$$dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j]$$

- **Return** $dp[n][T]$, the value at the bottom-right corner of the table.

➤ Time Complexity and Comparison: same as Knapsack Problem, W becomes T

➤ Applications:

- **Cashier Systems:** Determining the minimum coins or bills needed for a specific amount of change.
- **Making Combinations:** Calculating the total number of ways to make combinations for recipes, game scores, etc.
- **Budget Allocation:** Allocating resources (money, points) efficiently in projects or activities.
- **Optimization Problems:** Used in network flow or logistics to distribute resources efficiently.
- **Cryptography:** Used in certain encryption algorithms involving denominations.

Bellman-Ford Algorithm

➤ Problem Statement:

You are given a graph represented as $G=(V, E)$, where V is the set of vertices, and E is the set of weighted edges (u, v, w) with w as the weight of the edge between u and v .

The task is to find the shortest path from a **source vertex** S to all other vertices in the graph. The graph may **contain negative weights**, but **not negative weight cycles**.

➤ Dynamic Programming Approach: [\(video\)](#)

Use a **distance table** $dist[V]$ where $dist[i]$ stores the shortest distance from the source S to vertex i . The Bellman-Ford algorithm is based on **edge relaxation**:

1. For each edge (u, v, w) , update $dist[v] = \min(dist[v], dist[u] + w)$.
2. Repeat this process **$V-1$ times** (number of vertices - 1).
3. Detect negative weight cycles by running a final iteration. If any edge can still be relaxed, a negative weight cycle exists.

➤ Algorithm:

1. **Initialize** the distance table:
 - $dist[S] = 0$ (distance to the source is 0).
 - $dist[i] = \infty$ for all other vertices i .
2. Perform $|V|-1$ iterations:
 - For each edge (u, v, w) , **relax the edge**:

$$dist[v] = \min(dist[v], dist[u] + w)$$
3. Check for **negative weight cycles** (after $V-1$ iterations):
 - For each edge (u, v, w) , if $dist[v] > dist[u] + w$, there is a negative weight cycle.

➤ Time Complexity and Comparison:

DP Approach:

$$O(V \times E)$$

- V : Number of vertices.
- E : Number of edges.

Aspect	Bellman-Ford	Dijkstra
Negative Weights	Supported	Not supported
Time Complexity	$O(V \times E)$	$O((V + E) \log V)$
Efficiency	Slower	Faster for non-negative weights

➤ Applications:

- **Routing Protocols:** Used in networking protocols like RIP (Routing Information Protocol) to calculate shortest paths in networks.
- **Transportation Planning:** Optimizing routes in systems with mixed positive and negative costs.
- **Finance:** Identifying arbitrage opportunities in currency trading by detecting negative weight cycles.
- **Project Management:** Used in PERT (Program Evaluation Review Technique) to calculate shortest time to complete a project with dependencies.
- **AI and Robotics:** Pathfinding in weighted graphs, especially in dynamic or uncertain environments.

Multistage Graph Problem (Forward Computation)

➤ Problem Statement:

A **multistage graph** is a directed graph in which the vertices are divided into multiple stages.

Every edge connects a vertex in one stage to a vertex in the next stage.

The goal is to find the shortest path from a **source vertex S** in the first stage to a **destination vertex D** in the last stage.

➤ Dynamic Programming Approach: [\(video – backward computation\)](#)

We calculate the shortest path from S to D by computing the minimum cost at each stage in a **forward manner**.

1. Divide the graph into K stages.
2. Use a DP array **cost[v]** to store the minimum **cost to reach vertex v** from the source S.
3. Use an array **source[v]**, where **source[i]** will denote which vertex from the previous stage which should be the source to vertex i for optimal cost.
4. Iterate through each stage starting from the first stage, and compute **cost[v]** for each vertex v in that stage.

➤ Algorithm:

1. Initialize **cost[S]=0** and **cost[v]=∞** for all other vertices v.
2. **For each** vertex u in the current stage:
 - For every outgoing edge (u, v, w):
 - Update **$cost[v] = \min(cost[v], cost[u] + w)$**
 - If value gets updated to $cost[u] + w$, store **$source[v] = u$**
3. **Repeat** until the last stage is processed.
4. **Return** **cost[D]**.
5. **Backtrack** **source[D]** till we get the optimal path from S to D.

```
vector<int> path; // To store the traced path
int i = D; // Start from the destination node
path.push_back(D);

// Backtrack the path using the source array
while (i != S) {
    i = source[i];
    path.push_back(i);
}

// Reverse the path to get it from source to destination
reverse(path.begin(), path.end());
```

➤ Time Complexity and Comparison:

Aspect	DP Approach	Brute Force
Time Complexity	$O(E)$	$O(V!)$
Space Complexity	$O(V)$	$O(V)$
Efficiency	Polynomial, efficient	Exponential, impractical

➤ Applications:

- **Telecommunication:** Finding the shortest transmission path through layered networks.
- **Project Scheduling:** Optimizing dependencies and resource allocations with sequential tasks.
- **Game Development:** Pathfinding in games with level-based progressions.
- **Manufacturing Processes:** Minimizing costs in sequential stages of production.
- **Transportation Networks:** Optimizing paths in multistage transportation systems such as railways, flights, or delivery networks.

- **Backward Computation** or Backward Dynamic Programming is the approach where we start from the last vertex and work backward towards the first vertex.
- You solve the problem by considering the final goal (destination) first and compute the optimal solutions for preceding stages, working backward to the starting point.

Traveling Salesperson Problem

➤ Problem Statement:

Given **N cities** and the distance between every pair of cities, the goal of the Traveling Salesperson Problem (TSP) is to find the shortest possible route that:

- Visits every city exactly once.
- Returns to the starting city.

➤ Dynamic Programming Approach and Algorithm: [\(video\)](#) [\(video\)](#)

- **n**: Number of cities.
- **c[i][j]**: Cost of traveling from city i to city j.

1. State Representation:

Use a **DP table** **dp[i][S]** where:

- i is the current city.
- S represents the subset of cities to visit, for example {2,3,4} = 0111, {1,4} = 1001, \emptyset = 0000
- **Starting city is not part of S.**

2. Initialization:

- **dp[i][\emptyset] = c[i][0]** for all i.

3. Recurrence Relation:

- For each subset S, and for each **city i not in S**:

$$dp[i][S] = \min_{k \in S} \{c[i][k] + dp[k][S \setminus \{k\}]\}$$

4. Iterative Computation:

- Start with smaller subsets S and calculate dp[i][S] for all cities i and subsets S.

5. Final Solution:

- The final answer is: **dp[starting city][S]**
- Here, S is the set of all the cities to visit.

➤ Time Complexity and Comparison:

Aspect	DP Approach	Brute Force
Time Complexity	$O(N^2 \times 2^N)$	$O(N!)$
Space Complexity	$O(N \times 2^N)$	$O(1)$
Efficiency	More efficient	Computationally expensive

➤ Applications:

- **Logistics and Delivery:** Optimizing routes for delivery trucks to minimize travel time and fuel costs.
- **Manufacturing:** Sequencing operations on machines in a factory to minimize setup costs.
- **Robotics:** Path planning for automated robots covering multiple locations.
- **Circuit Design:** Minimizing the length of wiring between components in VLSI circuits.
- **Travel Planning:** Organizing efficient tours for travel agents and tourists.