

# CS101 Algorithms and Data Structures

Dynamic Programming

Textbook Ch 15

# Fibonacci numbers

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Consider this function:

```
double F( int n ) {  
    return ( n <= 1 ) ? 1.0 : F(n - 1) + F(n - 2);  
}
```

The run-time of this algorithm is

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} \Theta(1) & n \leq 1 \\ T(n-1) + T(n-2) + \Theta(1) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

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The runtime is similar to the actual definition of Fibonacci numbers:

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \leq 1 \\ T(n-1) + T(n-2) + 1 & n > 1 \end{cases} \quad F(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \leq 1 \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$T(n) = O(2^n)$$

# Fibonacci numbers

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## Problem:

- To calculate  $F(44)$ , it is necessary to calculate  $F(43)$  and  $F(42)$
- However, to calculate  $F(43)$ , it is also necessary to calculate  $F(42)$
- It gets worse, for example
  - $F(40)$  is called 5 times
  - $F(30)$  is called 620 times
  - $F(20)$  is called 75 025 times
  - $F(10)$  is called 9 227 465 times
  - $F(0)$  is called 433 494 437 times

Surely we don't have to recalculate  $F(10)$  almost ten million times...

# Fibonacci numbers

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Here is a possible solution:

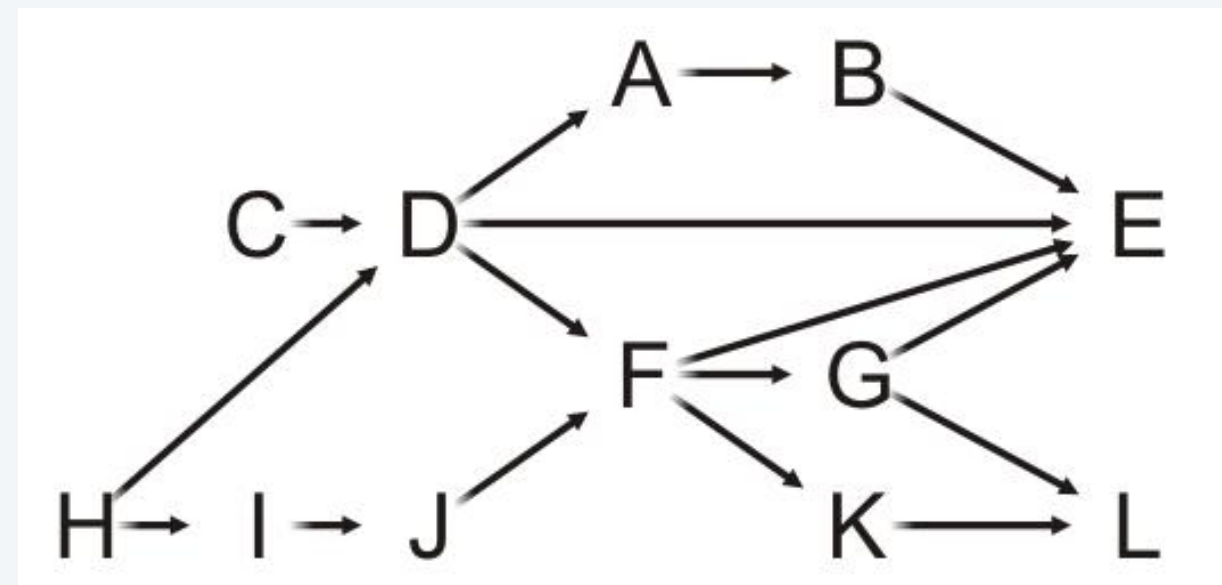
- To avoid calculating values multiple times, store intermediate calculations in a table
- When storing intermediate results, this process is called *memoization*
  - The root is *memo*
- We save (*memoize*) computed answers for possible later reuse, rather than re-computing the answer multiple times

# Connected

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Determining if two vertices are connected in a DAG, we could implement the following:

```
bool Weighted_graph::connected( int i, int j ) {  
    if ( adjacent( i, j ) ) {  
        return true;  
    }  
  
    for ( int v : neighbors( i ) ) {  
        if ( connected( v, j ) ) {  
            return true;  
        }  
    }  
    return false;  
}
```



- What are the issues with this implementation?

# Dynamic programming

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In solving optimization problems, the top-down approach may require repeatedly obtaining optimal solutions for the same sub-problem

- Mathematician Richard Bellman initially formulated the concept of dynamic programming in 1953 to solve such problems
- This isn't new, but Bellman formally defined this process

# Dynamic programming

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Dynamic programming is distinct from divide-and-conquer, as the divide-and-conquer approach works well if the sub-problems are essentially unique

- Storing intermediate results would only waste memory

If sub-problems re-occur, the problem is said to have *overlapping sub-problems*




# Algorithmic paradigms

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**Greedy.** Process the input in some order, myopically making irrevocable decisions.

**Divide-and-conquer.** Break up a problem into **independent** subproblems; solve each subproblem; combine solutions to subproblems to form solution to original problem.

**Dynamic programming.** Break up a problem into a series of **overlapping** subproblems; combine solutions to smaller subproblems to form solution to large subproblem.



fancy name for  
caching intermediate results  
in a table for later reuse

# Dynamic programming history

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**Bellman.** Pioneered the systematic study of dynamic programming in 1950s.

## Etymology.

- Dynamic programming = planning over time.
- Secretary of Defense had pathological fear of mathematical research.
- Bellman sought a “dynamic” adjective to avoid conflict.



### THE THEORY OF DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

RICHARD BELLMAN

1. **Introduction.** Before turning to a discussion of some representative problems which will permit us to exhibit various mathematical features of the theory, let us present a brief survey of the fundamental concepts, hopes, and aspirations of dynamic programming.

To begin with, the theory was created to treat the mathematical problems arising from the study of various multi-stage decision processes, which may roughly be described in the following way: We have a physical system whose state at any time  $t$  is determined by a set of quantities which we call state parameters, or state variables. At certain times, which may be prescribed in advance, or which may be determined by the process itself, we are called upon to make decisions which will affect the state of the system. These decisions are equivalent to transformations of the state variables, the choice of a decision being identical with the choice of a transformation. The outcome of the preceding decisions is to be used to guide the choice of future ones, with the purpose of the whole process that of maximizing some function of the parameters describing the final state.

Examples of processes fitting this loose description are furnished by virtually every phase of modern life, from the planning of industrial production lines to the scheduling of patients at a medical clinic; from the determination of long-term investment programs for universities to the determination of a replacement policy for machinery in factories; from the programming of training policies for skilled and unskilled labor to the choice of optimal purchasing and inventory policies for department stores and military establishments.

# Dynamic programming applications

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## Application areas.

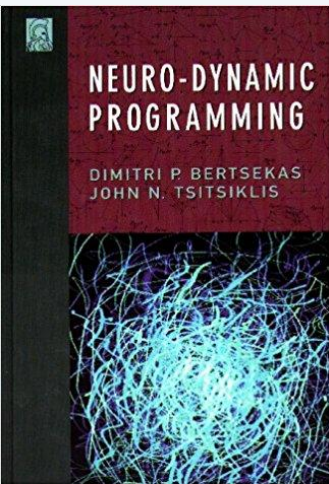
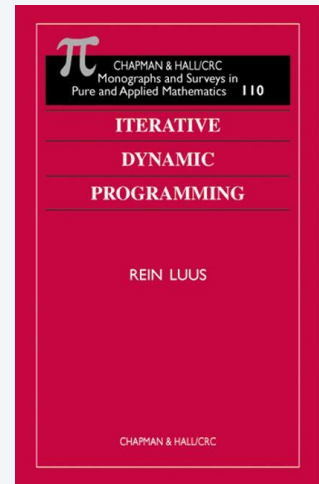
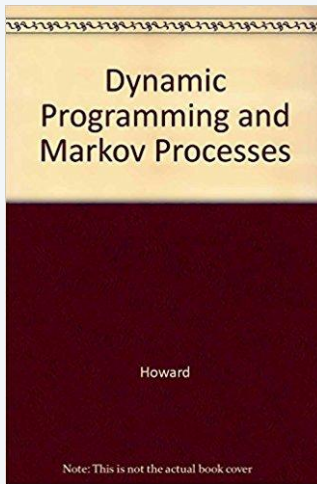
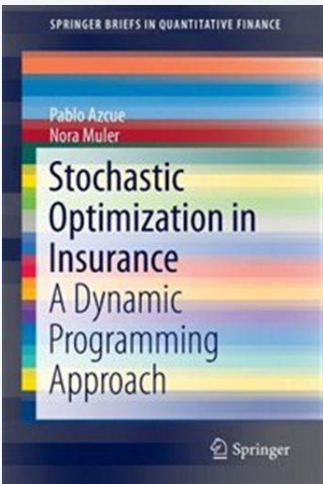
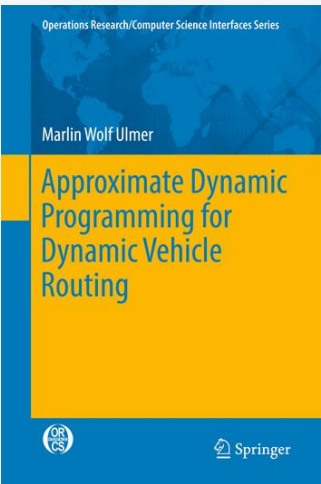
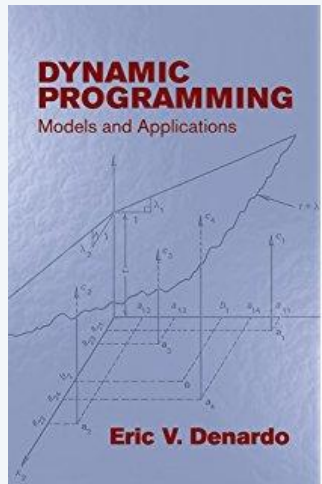
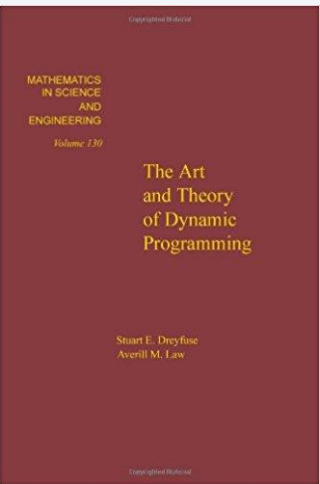
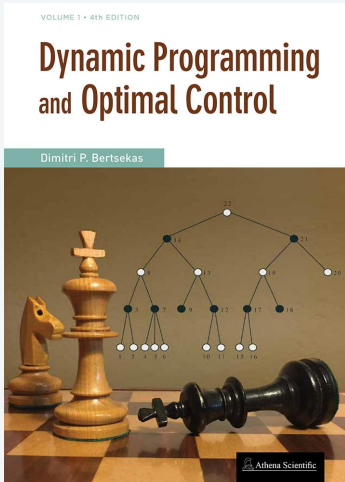
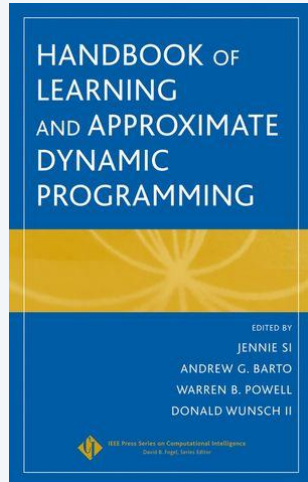
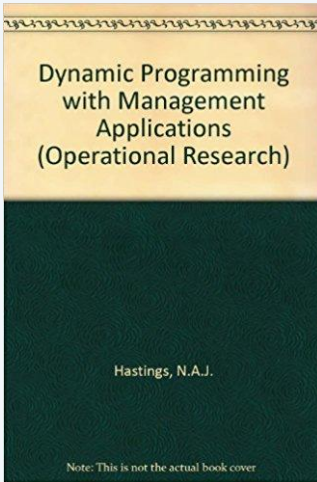
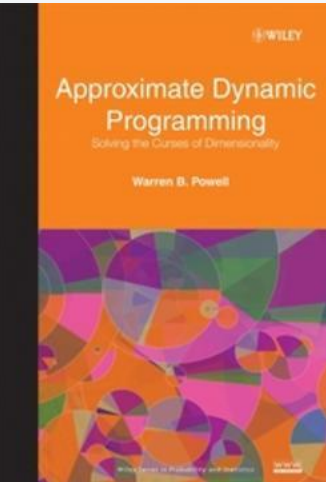
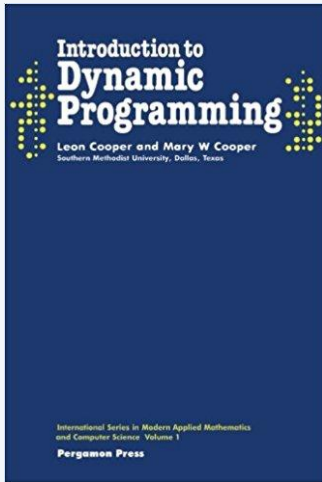
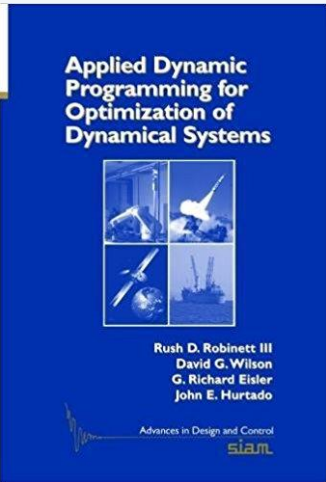
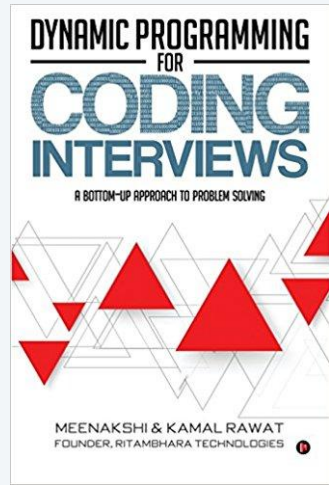
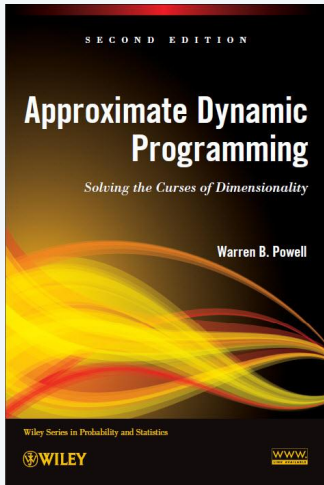
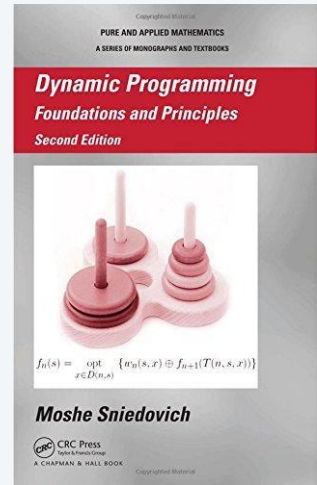
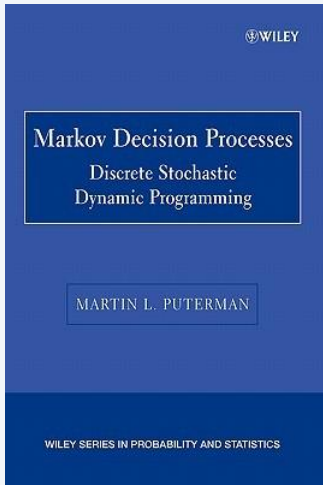
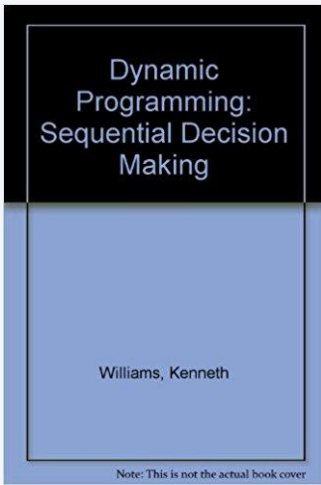
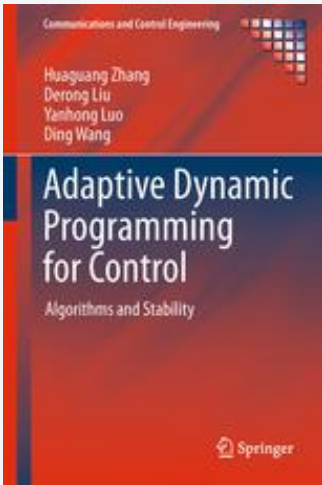
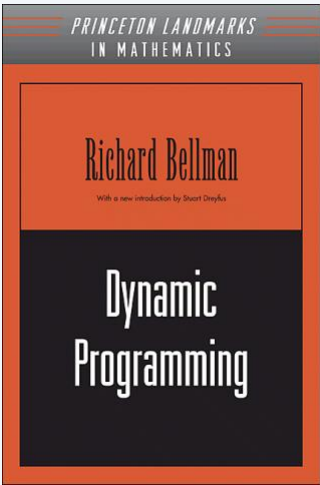
- Computer science: AI, compilers, systems, graphics, theory, ....
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- Information theory.
- Control theory.
- Bioinformatics.

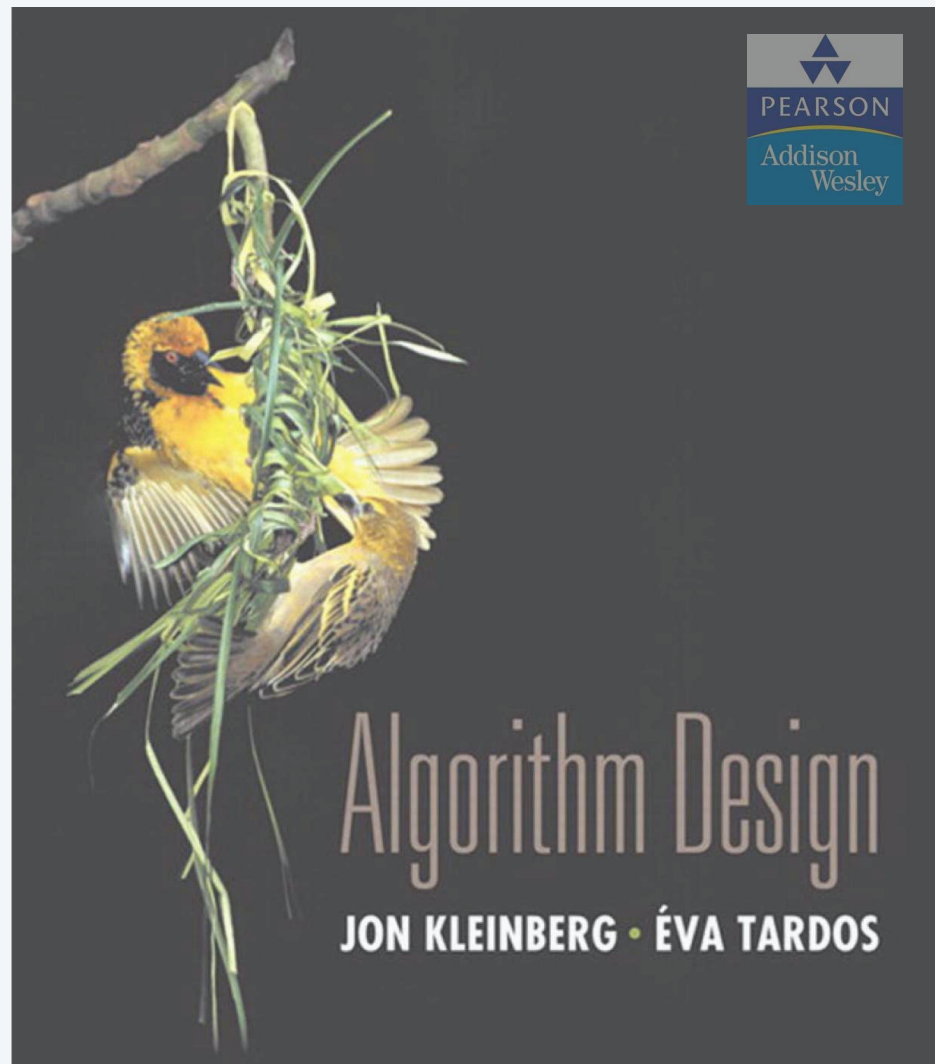
## Some famous dynamic programming algorithms.

- Avidan–Shamir for seam carving.
- Unix diff for comparing two files.
- Viterbi for hidden Markov models.
- De Boor for evaluating spline curves.
- Bellman–Ford–Moore for shortest path.
- Knuth–Plass for word wrapping text in  $\text{\TeX}$
- Cocke–Kasami–Younger for parsing context-free grammars.
- Needleman–Wunsch/Smith–Waterman for sequence alignment.



# Dynamic programming books





SECTIONS 6.1–6.2

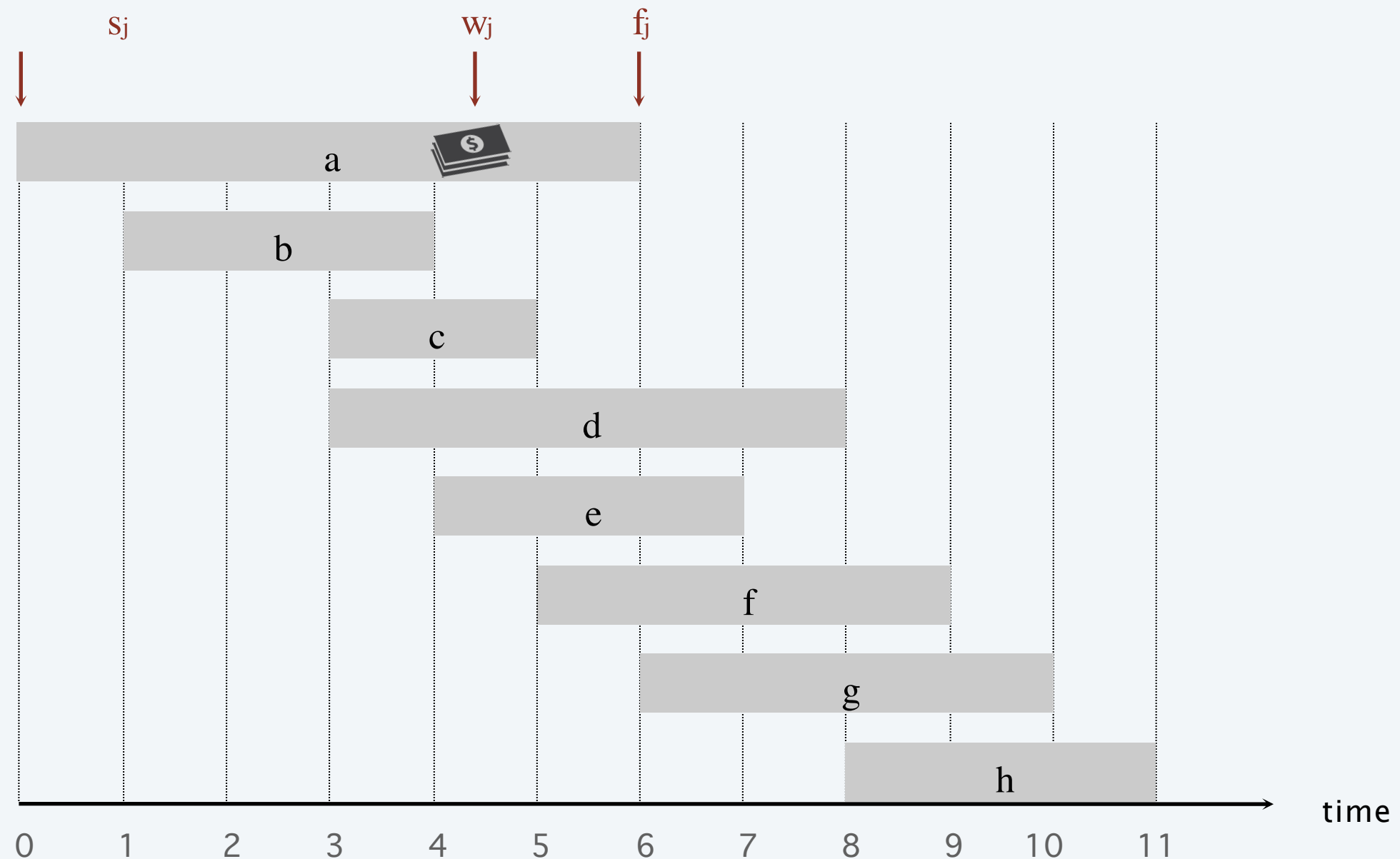
## DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

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- ▶ weighted interval scheduling
- ▶ segmented least squares
- ▶ knapsack problem

# Weighted interval scheduling

- Job  $j$  starts at  $s_j$ , finishes at  $f_j$ , and has weight  $w_j > 0$ .
- Two jobs are **compatible** if they don't overlap.
- Goal: find max-weight subset of mutually compatible jobs.



# Earliest-finish-time first algorithm

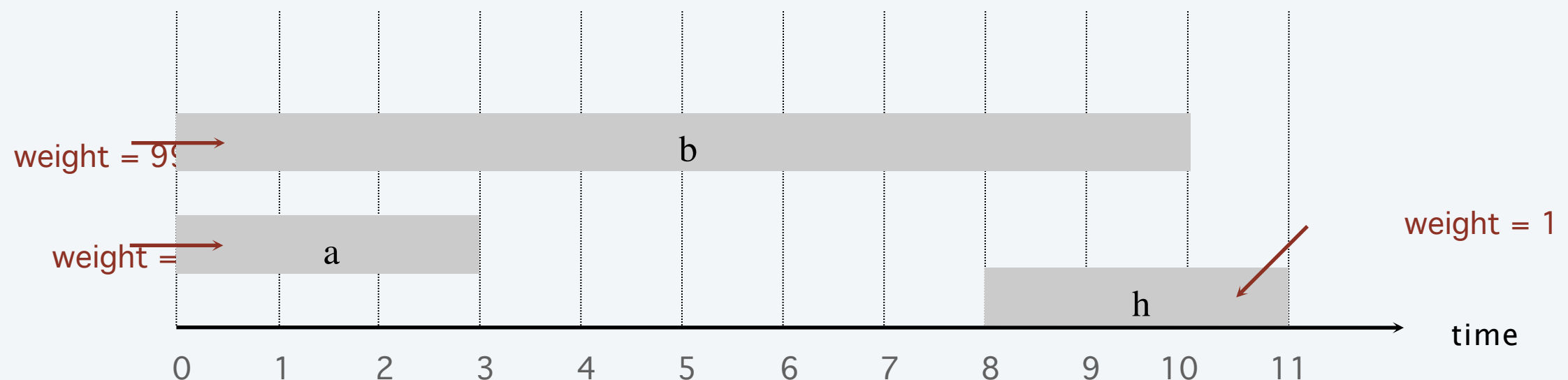
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## Earliest finish-time first.

- Consider jobs in ascending order of finish time.
- Add job to subset if it is compatible with previously chosen jobs.

**Recall.** Greedy algorithm is correct if all weights are 1.

**Observation.** Greedy algorithm fails spectacularly for weighted version.





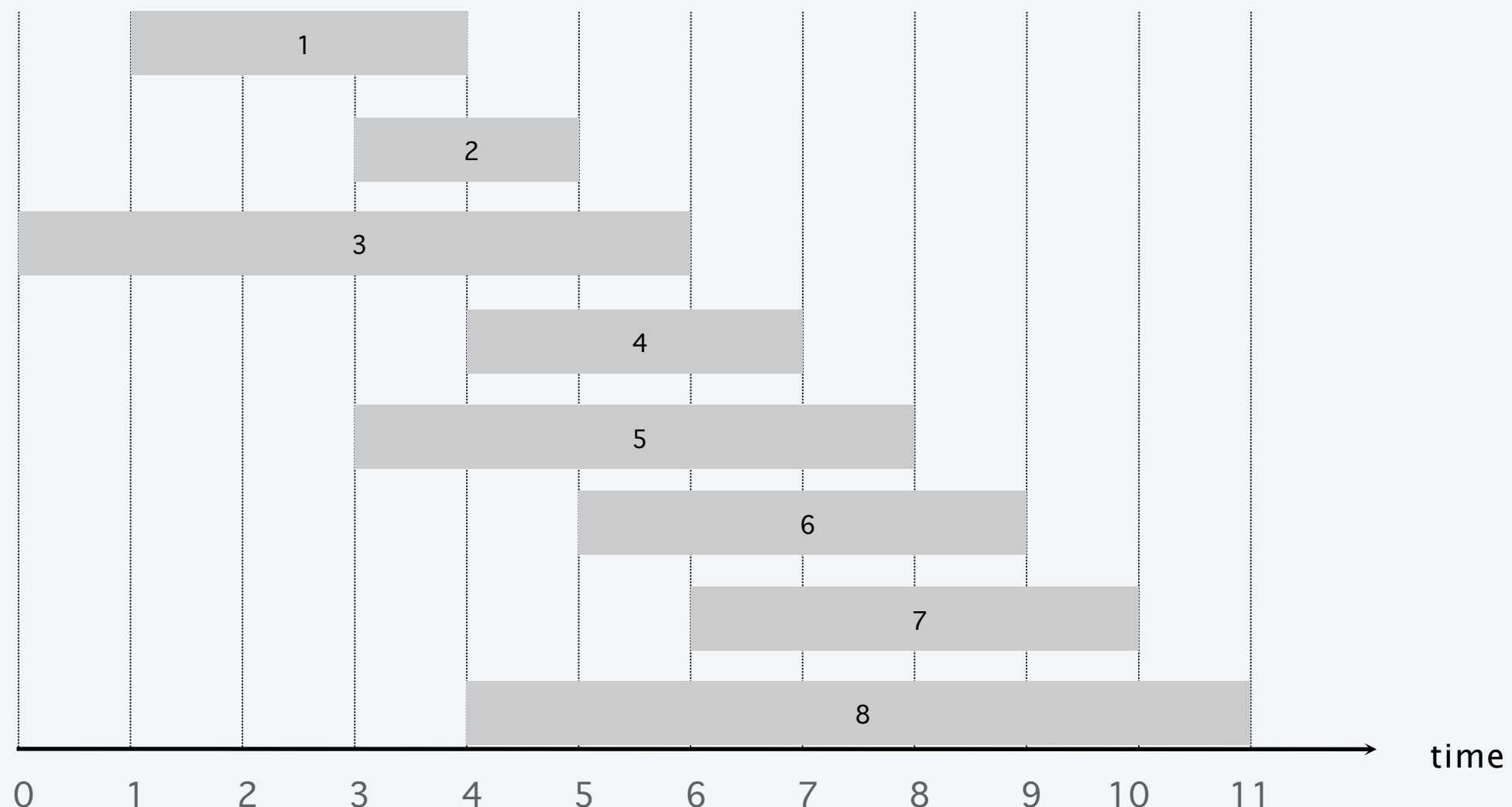
# Weighted interval scheduling

**Convention.** Jobs are in ascending order of finish time:  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

**Def.**  $p(j)$  = largest index  $i < j$  such that job  $i$  is compatible with  $j$ .

**Ex.**  $p(8) = 1, p(7) = 3, p(2) = 0$ .

$i$  is leftmost interval  
that ends before  $j$  begins





# Dynamic programming: binary choice

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**Def.**  $OPT(j)$  = max weight of any subset of mutually compatible jobs for subproblem consisting only of jobs  $1, 2, \dots, j$ .

**Goal.**  $OPT(n)$  = max weight of any subset of mutually compatible jobs.

**Case 1.**  $OPT(j)$  does not select job  $j$ .

- Must be an optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining jobs  $1, 2, \dots, j - 1$ .

**Case 2.**  $OPT(j)$  selects job  $j$ .

- Collect profit  $w_j$ .
- Can't use incompatible jobs  $\{ p(j) + 1, p(j) + 2, \dots, j - 1 \}$ .
- Must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs  $1, 2, \dots, p(j)$ .



optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

**Bellman equation.** 
$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \max \{ OPT(j - 1), w_j + OPT(p(j)) \} & \text{if } j > 0 \end{cases}$$

# Weighted interval scheduling: brute force

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**BRUTE-FORCE** ( $n, s_1, \dots, s_n, f_1, \dots, f_n, w_1, \dots, w_n$ )

Sort jobs by finish time and renumber so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

Compute  $p[1], p[2], \dots, p[n]$  via binary search.

**RETURN** COMPUTE-OPT( $n$ ).

**COMPUTE-OPT**( $j$ )

**IF** ( $j = 0$ )

**RETURN** 0.

**ELSE**

**RETURN**  $\max \{ \text{COMPUTE-OPT}(j-1), w_j + \text{COMPUTE-OPT}(p[j]) \}$ .



What is running time of `COMPUTE-OPT(n)` in the worst case?

- A.  $\Theta(n \log n)$
- B.  $\Theta(n^2)$
- C.  $\Theta(1.618^n)$
- D.  $\Theta(2^n)$

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COMPUTE-OPT(j)
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IF (j = 0)
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    RETURN 0.
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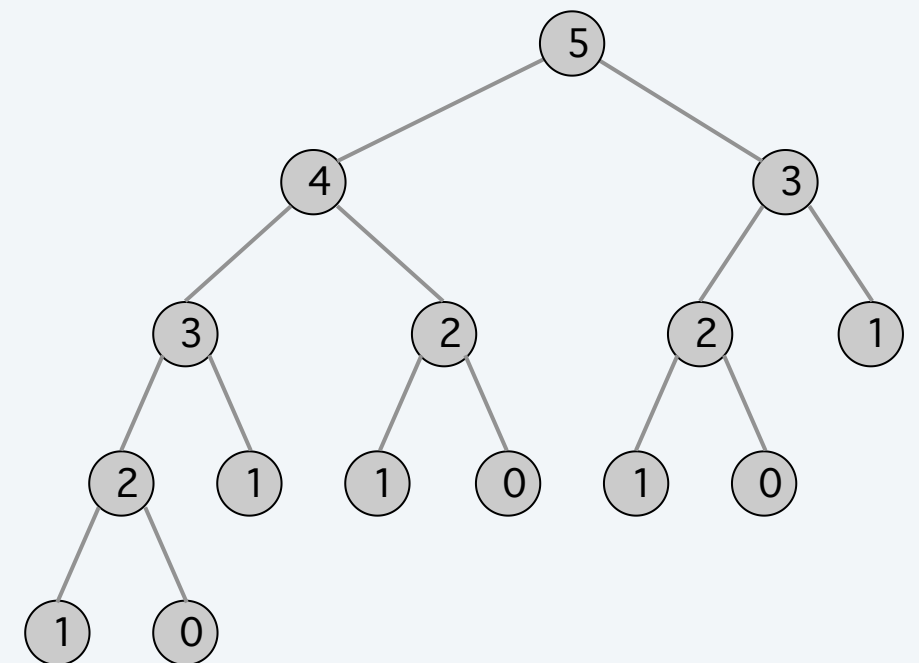
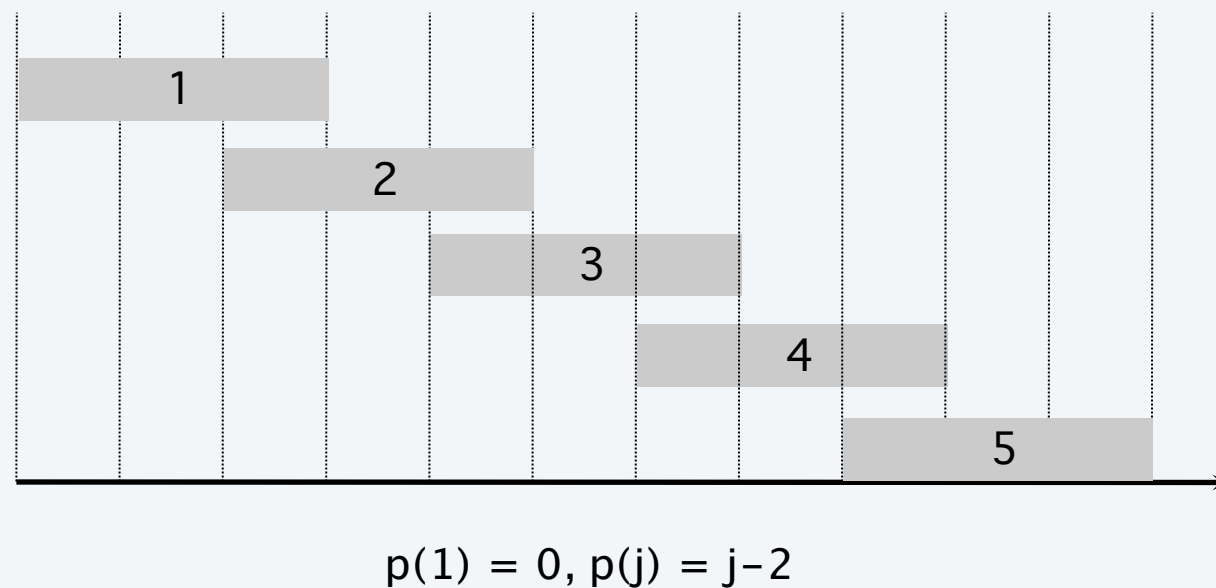
```
ELSE
```

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    RETURN max {COMPUTE-OPT(j-1), wj + COMPUTE-OPT(p[j]) }.
```

# Weighted interval scheduling: brute force

**Observation.** Recursive algorithm is spectacularly slow because of overlapping subproblems  $\Rightarrow$  exponential-time algorithm.

Ex. Number of recursive calls for family of “layered” instances grows like Fibonacci sequence.



recursion tree

# Weighted interval scheduling: memoization

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## Top-down dynamic programming (memoization).

- Cache result of subproblem  $j$  in  $M[j]$ .
- Use  $M[j]$  to avoid solving subproblem  $j$  more than once.

**TOP-DOWN**( $n, s_1, \dots, s_n, f_1, \dots, f_n, w_1, \dots, w_n$ )

Sort jobs by finish time and renumber so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

Compute  $p[1], p[2], \dots, p[n]$  via binary search.

$M[0] \leftarrow 0$ .  global array

**RETURN**  $M\text{-COMPUTE-OPT}(n)$ .

**M-COMPUTE-OPT**( $j$ )

**IF** ( $M[j]$  is uninitialized)

$M[j] \leftarrow \max \{ M\text{-COMPUTE-OPT}(j-1), w_j + M\text{-COMPUTE-OPT}(p[j]) \}$ .

**RETURN**  $M[j]$ .

# Weighted interval scheduling: running time

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**Claim.** Memoized version of algorithm takes  $O(n \log n)$  time.

**Pf.**

- Sort by finish time:  $O(n \log n)$  via mergesort.
- Compute  $p[j]$  for each  $j$  :  $O(n \log n)$  via binary search.
- M-COMPUTE-OPT( $j$ ): each invocation takes  $O(1)$  time and either
  - (1) returns an initialized value  $M[j]$
  - (2) initializes  $M[j]$  and makes two recursive calls
- Progress measure  $\Phi = \#$  initialized entries among  $M[1..n]$ .
  - initially  $\Phi = 0$ ; throughout  $\Phi \leq n$ .
  - increases  $\Phi$  by 1  $\Rightarrow \leq 2n$  recursive calls.
- Overall running time of M-COMPUTE-OPT( $n$ ) is  $O(n)$ . ▀

# Weighted interval scheduling: finding a solution

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**Q.** DP algorithm computes optimal value. How to find optimal solution?

**A.** Make a second pass by calling FIND-SOLUTION( $n$ ).

**FIND-SOLUTION( $j$ )**

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**IF** ( $j = 0$ )

**RETURN**  $\emptyset$ .

**ELSE IF** ( $w_j + M[p[j]] > M[j-1]$ )

**RETURN**  $\{j\} \cup \text{FIND-SOLUTION}(p[j])$ .

**ELSE**

**RETURN**  $\text{FIND-SOLUTION}(j-1)$ .

$$M[j] = \max \{ M[j-1], w_j + M[p[j]] \}.$$

**Analysis.** # of recursive calls  $\leq n \Rightarrow O(n)$ .

# Weighted interval scheduling: bottom-up dynamic programming

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Bottom-up dynamic programming. Unwind recursion.

**BOTTOM-UP**( $n, s_1, \dots, s_n, f_1, \dots, f_n, w_1, \dots, w_n$ )

Sort jobs by finish time and renumber so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

Compute  $p[1], p[2], \dots, p[n]$ .

$M[0] \leftarrow 0$ .

**FOR**  $j = 1$  **TO**  $n$

$M[j] \leftarrow \max \{ M[j-1], w_j + M[p[j]] \}.$

previously computed values



**Running time.** The bottom-up version takes  $O(n \log n)$  time.

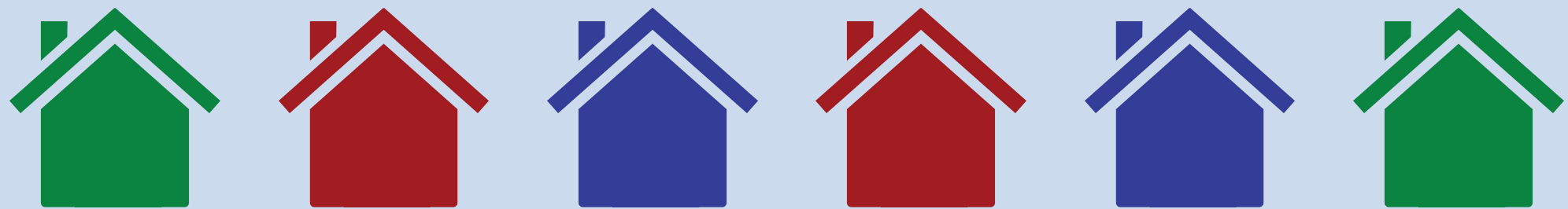


# HOUSE COLORING PROBLEM



**Goal.** Paint a row of  $n$  houses red, green, or blue so that

- No two adjacent houses have the same color.
- Minimize total cost, where  $\text{cost}(i, \text{color})$  is cost to paint  $i$  given color.



	A	B	C	D	E	F
Red	7	6	7	8	9	20
Green	3	8	9	22	12	8
Blue	16	10	4	2	5	7

cost to paint house  $i$  the given color

# HOUSE COLORING PROBLEM



## Subproblems.

- $R[i]$  = min cost to paint houses  $1, \dots, i$  with  $i$  red.
- $G[i]$  = min cost to paint houses  $1, \dots, i$  with  $i$  green.
- $B[i]$  = min cost to paint houses  $1, \dots, i$  with  $i$  blue.
- Optimal cost =  $\min \{ R[n], G[n], B[n] \}$ .

## Dynamic programming equation.

- $R[i + 1] = \text{cost}(i+1, \text{red}) + \min \{ B[i], G[i] \}$
  - $G[i + 1] = \text{cost}(i+1, \text{green}) + \min \{ R[i], B[i] \}$
  - $B[i + 1] = \text{cost}(i+1, \text{blue}) + \min \{ R[i], G[i] \}$
- overlapping subproblems

Running time.  $O(n)$ .

# MAXIMUM SUBARRAY PROBLEM

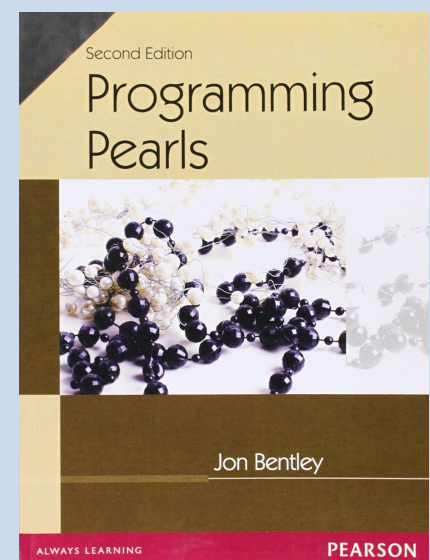


**Goal.** Given an array  $x$  of  $n$  integer (positive or negative), find a contiguous subarray whose sum is maximum.

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**Applications.** Computer vision, data mining, genomic sequence analysis, technical job interviews, ....



# KADANE'S ALGORITHM



**Def.**  $OPT(i) = \max$  sum of any subarray of  $x$  whose rightmost index is  $i$ .



**Goal.**  $\max_i OPT(i)$

**Bellman equation.**  $OPT(i) = \begin{cases} x_1 & \text{if } i = 1 \\ \max \{ x_i, x_i + OPT(i - 1) \} & \text{if } i > 1 \end{cases}$

**Running time.**  $O(n)$ .



take only  
element  $i$



take element  $i$   
together with best subarray  
ending at index  $i - 1$

# MAXIMUM RECTANGLE PROBLEM



**Goal.** Given an  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix  $A$ , find a rectangle whose sum is maximum.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 0 & -5 & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 & 3 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -5 & 6 & 3 & -5 & -1 & -4 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 & 0 & 3 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Applications.** Databases, image processing, maximum likelihood estimation, technical job interviews, ...

# BENTLEY'S ALGORITHM



**Assumption.** Suppose you knew the left and right column indices  $j$  and  $j'$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & \overset{j}{0} & \overset{j'}{-5} & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & -3 & -1 & 3 & 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -5 & 6 & 3 & -5 & -1 & -4 & -2 \\ -1 & -1 & 3 & -1 & 4 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -3 & 2 & 0 & 3 & -3 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 & -2 & 1 & 1 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad x = \begin{bmatrix} -7 \\ 4 \\ -3 \\ 6 \\ 5 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

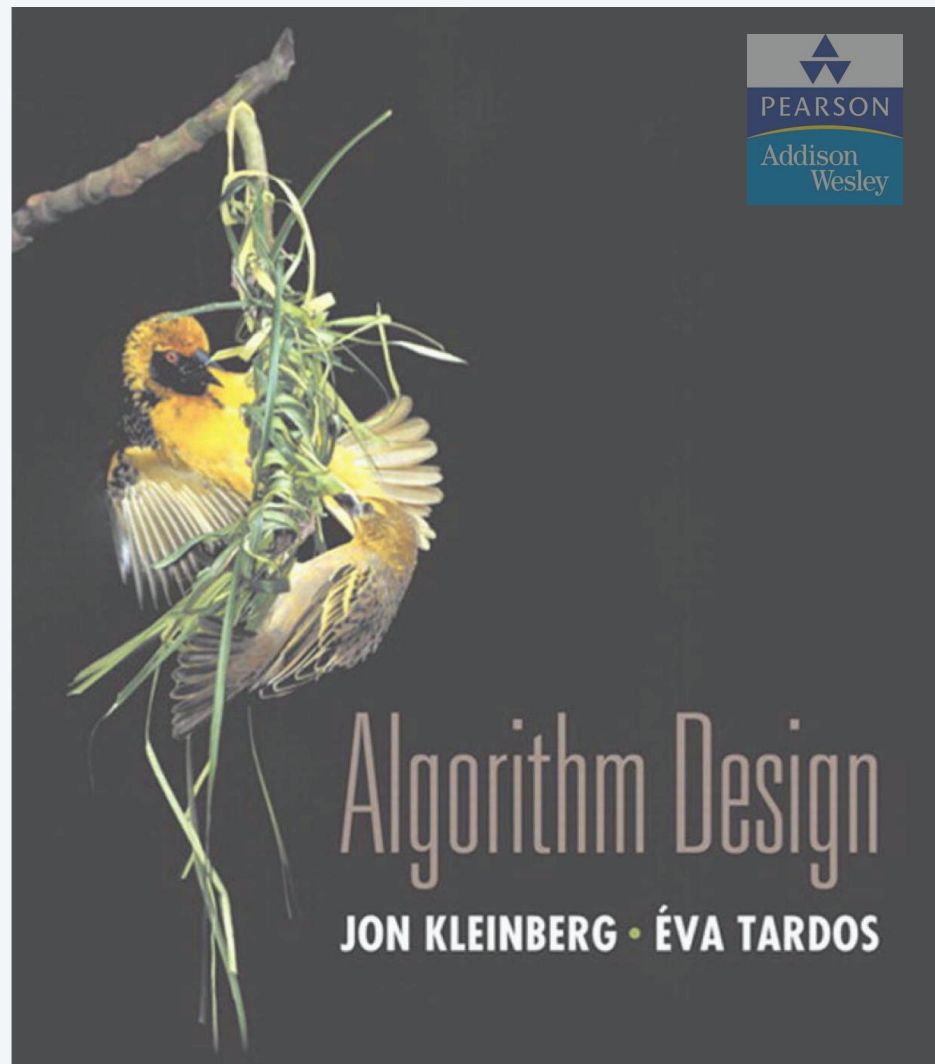
$0 - 5 - 2$

solve maximum subarray problem in this array

**An  $O(n^3)$  algorithm.**

- Precompute cumulative row sums  $S_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^j A_{ik}$ .
- For each  $j < j'$ :
  - define array  $x$  using row-sum differences:  $x_i = S_{ij'} - S_{ij}$
  - run Kadane's algorithm in array  $x$

**Open problem.**  $O(n^{3-\epsilon})$  for any constant  $\epsilon > 0$ .



## SECTION 6.3

# DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

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- ▶ weighted interval scheduling
- ▶ segmented least squares
- ▶ knapsack problem

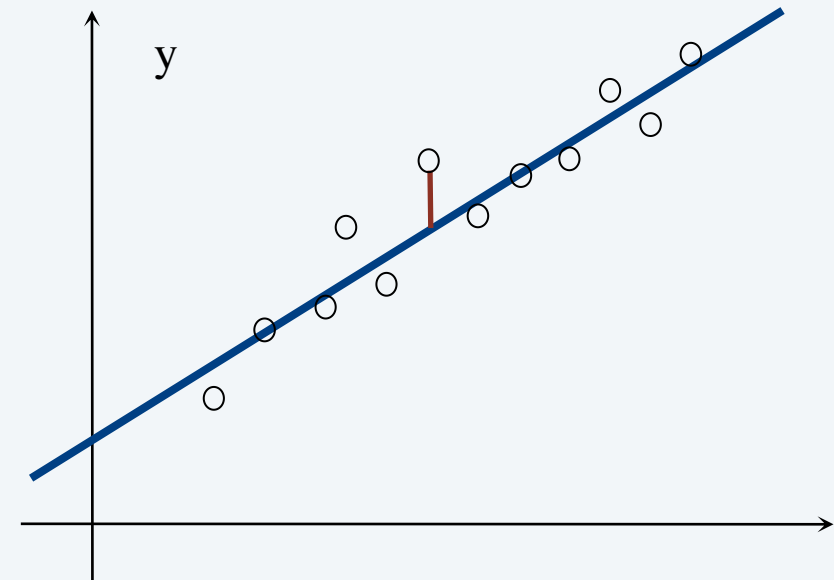
# Least squares

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**Least squares.** Foundational problem in statistics.

- Given  $n$  points in the plane:  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ .
- Find a line  $y = ax + b$  that minimizes the sum of the squared error:

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ax_i - b)^2$$



x

**Solution.** Calculus  $\Rightarrow$  min error is achieved when

$$a = \frac{n \sum_i x_i y_i - (\sum_i x_i)(\sum_i y_i)}{n \sum_i x_i^2 - (\sum_i x_i)^2}, \quad b = \frac{\sum_i y_i - a \sum_i x_i}{n}$$



# Segmented least squares

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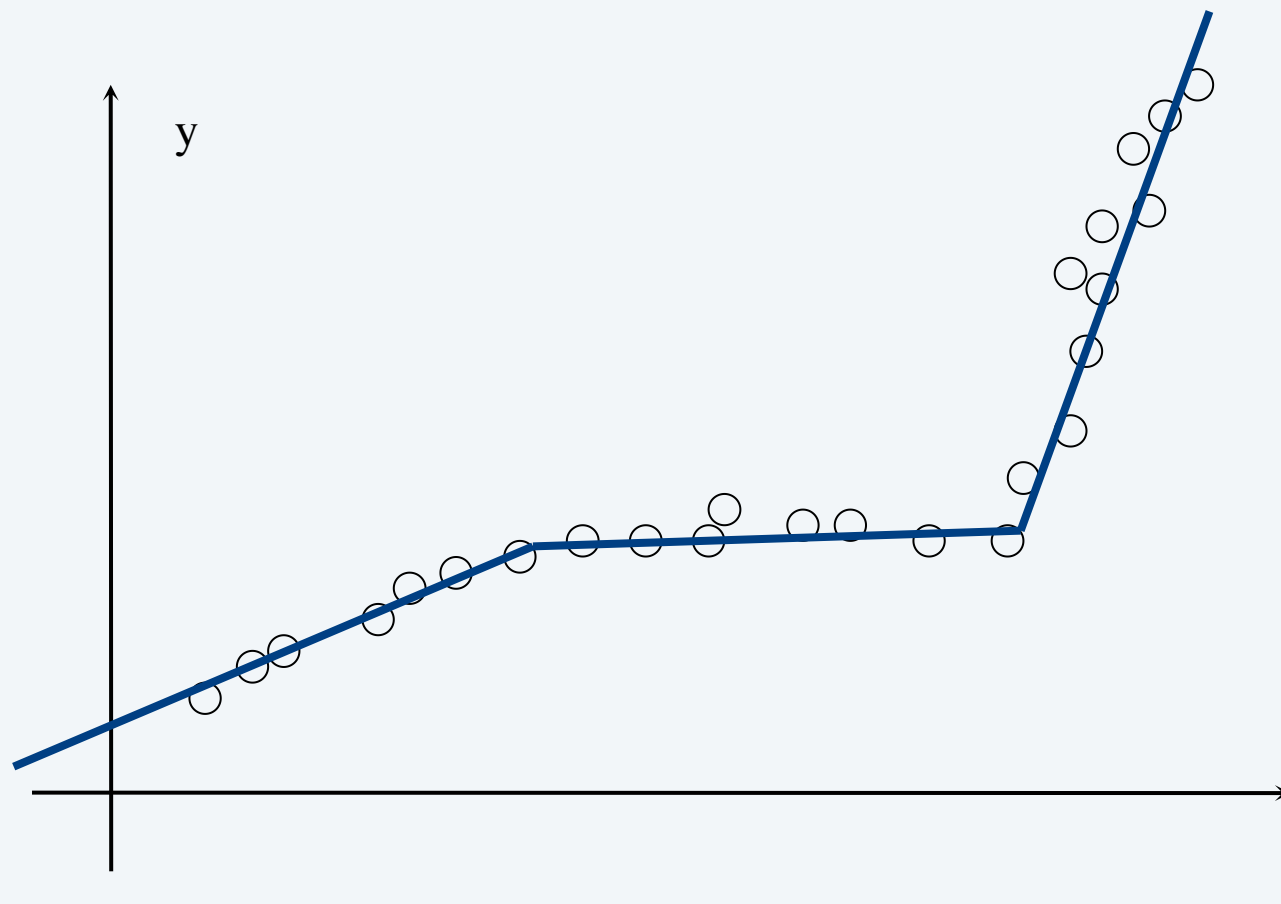
## Segmented least squares.

- Points lie roughly on a sequence of several line segments.
- Given  $n$  points in the plane:  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  with  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ , find a sequence of lines that minimizes  $f(x)$ .

Q. What is a reasonable choice for  $f(x)$  to balance accuracy and parsimony?

↑  
goodness of fit

↑  
number of lines



# Segmented least squares

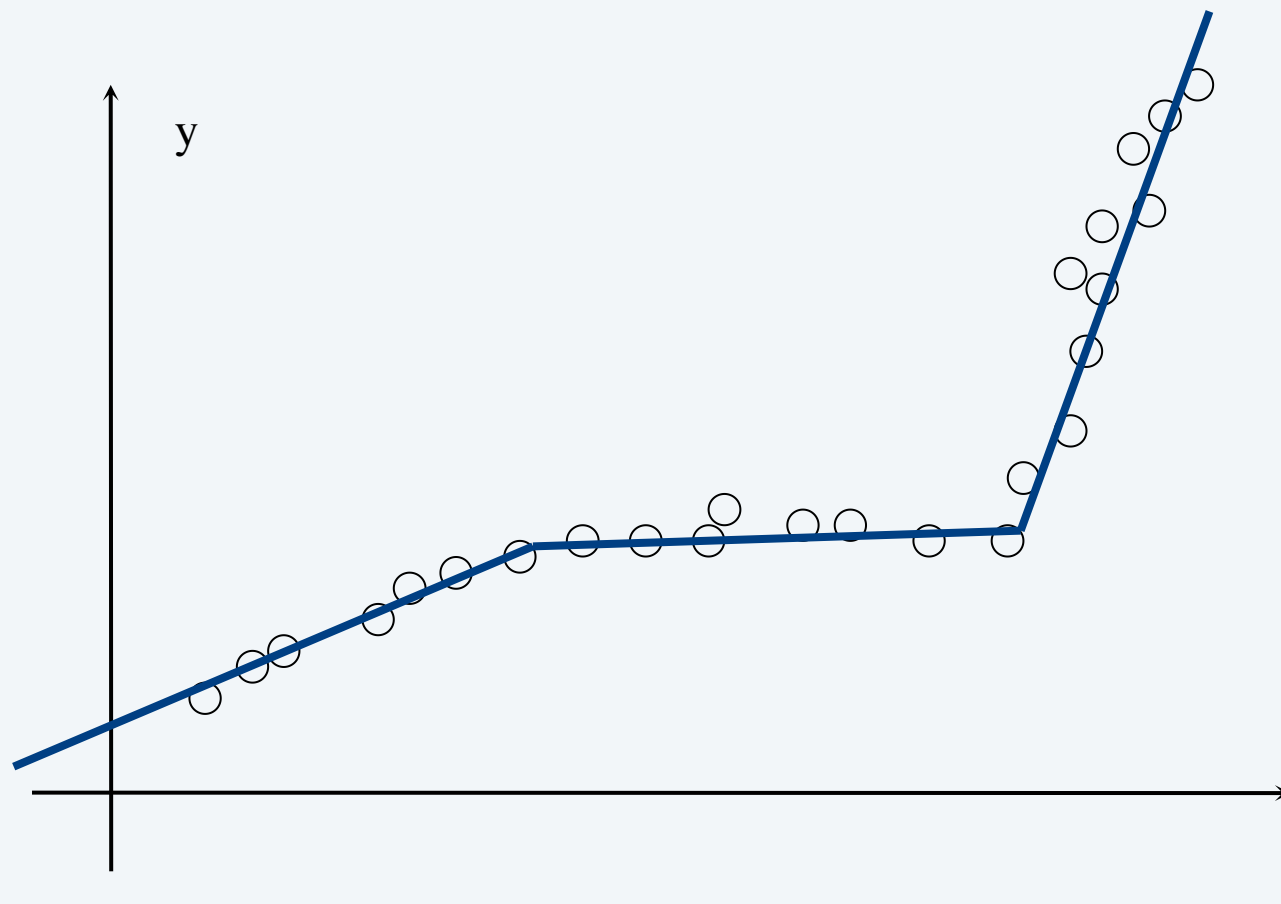
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## Segmented least squares.

- Points lie roughly on a sequence of several line segments.
- Given  $n$  points in the plane:  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  with  $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ , find a sequence of lines that minimizes  $f(x)$ .

**Goal.** Minimize  $f(x) = E + c L$  for some constant  $c > 0$ , where

- $E$  = sum of the sums of the squared errors in each segment.
- $L$  = number of lines.




# Dynamic programming: multiway choice

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## Notation.

- $OPT(j)$  = minimum cost for points  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_j$ .
- $e_{ij}$  = SSE for for points  $p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_j$ .

## To compute $OPT(j)$ :

- Last segment uses points  $p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_j$  for some  $i \leq j$ .
- $Cost = e_{ij} + c + OPT(i - 1).$   optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

## Bellman equation.

$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \min_{1 \leq i \leq j} \{ e_{ij} + c + OPT(i - 1) \} & \text{if } j > 0 \end{cases}$$

# Segmented least squares algorithm

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SEGMENTED-LEAST-SQUARES( $n, p_1, \dots, p_n, c$ )

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FOR  $j = 1$  TO  $n$

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $j$

Compute the SSE  $e_{ij}$  for the points  $p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_j$ .

$M[0] \leftarrow 0$ .

FOR  $j = 1$  TO  $n$

$M[j] \leftarrow \min_{1 \leq i \leq j} \{ e_{ij} + c + M[i-1] \}.$

previously computed value



RETURN  $M[n]$ .

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# Segmented least squares analysis

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**Theorem.** [Bellman 1961] DP algorithm solves the segmented least squares problem in  $O(n^3)$  time and  $O(n^2)$  space.

**Pf.**

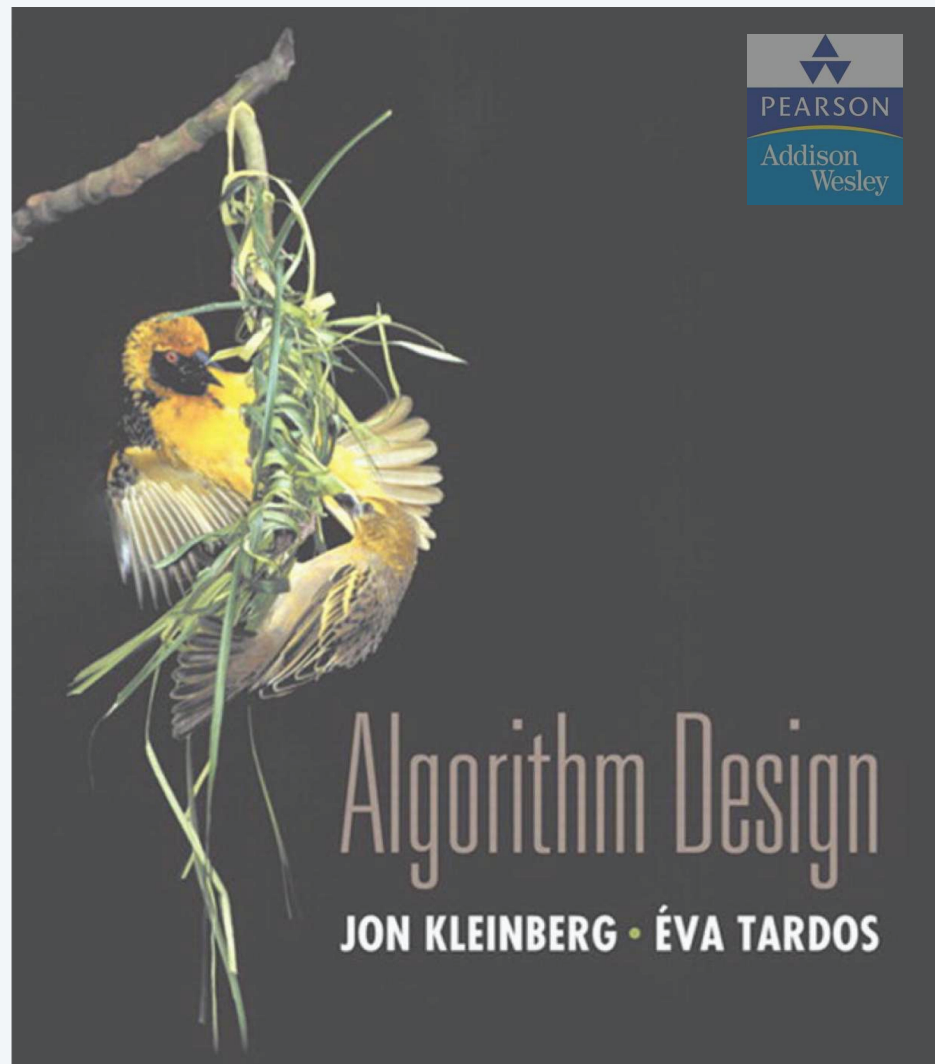
- Bottleneck = computing SSE  $e_{ij}$  for each  $i$  and  $j$ .

$$a_{ij} = \frac{n \sum_k x_k y_k - (\sum_k x_k)(\sum_k y_k)}{n \sum_k x_k^2 - (\sum_k x_k)^2}, \quad b_{ij} = \frac{\sum_k y_k - a_{ij} \sum_k x_k}{n}$$

- $O(n)$  to compute  $e_{ij}$ . ■

**Remark.** Can be improved to  $O(n^2)$  time.

- For each  $i$ : precompute cumulative sums  $\sum_{k=1}^i x_k, \sum_{k=1}^i y_k, \sum_{k=1}^i x_k^2, \sum_{k=1}^i x_k y_k$ .
- Using cumulative sums, can compute  $e_{ij}$  in  $O(1)$  time.



## SECTION 6.4

# DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

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- ▶ weighted interval scheduling
- ▶ segmented least squares
- ▶ knapsack problem

# Knapsack problem

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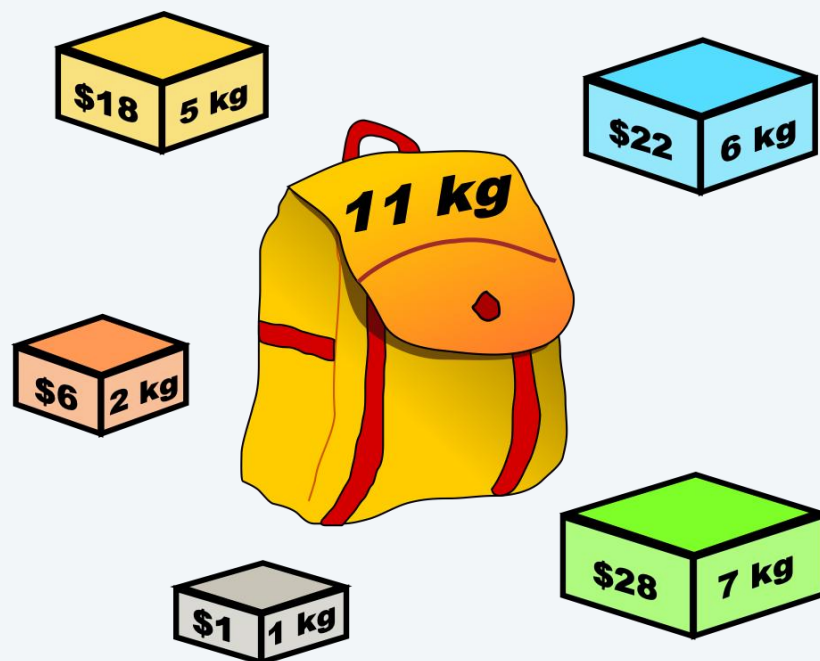
**Goal.** Pack knapsack so as to maximize total value.

- There are  $n$  items: item  $i$  provides value  $v_i > 0$  and weighs  $w_i > 0$ .
- Knapsack has weight capacity of  $W$ .

**Assumption.** All input values are integral.

**Ex.**  $\{1, 2, 5\}$  has value \$35 (and weight 10).

**Ex.**  $\{3, 4\}$  has value \$40 (and weight 11).



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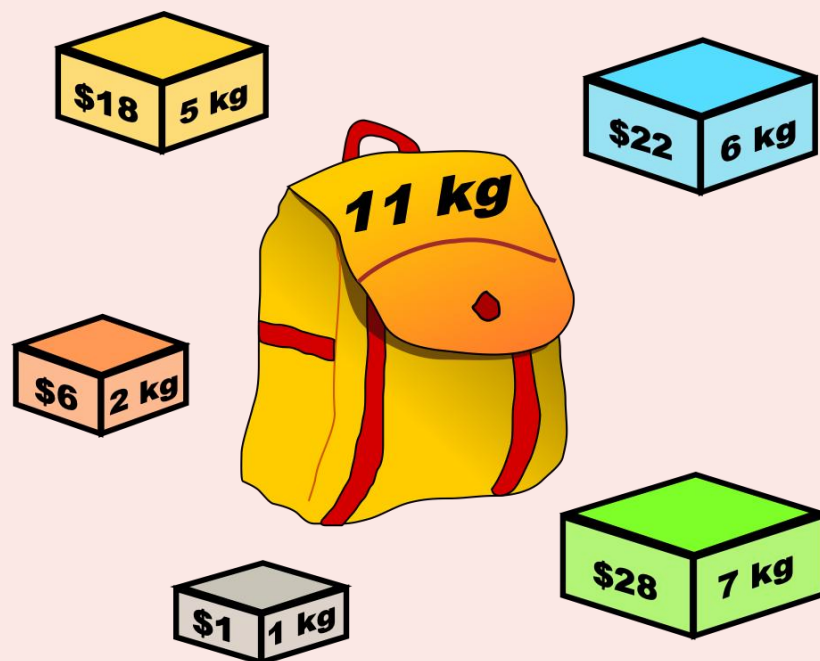
$i$	$V_i$	$W_i$
1	US\$1	1 kg
2	US\$6	2 kg
3	US\$18	5 kg
4	US\$22	6 kg
5	US\$28	7 kg

knapsack instance  
(weight limit  $W = 11$ )



Which algorithm solves knapsack problem?

- A. Greedy by value: repeatedly add item with maximum  $v_i$ .
- B. Greedy by weight: repeatedly add item with minimum  $w_i$ .
- C. Greedy by ratio: repeatedly add item with maximum ratio  $v_i / w_i$ .
- D. Dynamic programming.



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Which subproblems?

- A.  $\text{OPT}(w)$  = max-profit with weight limit  $w$ .
- B.  $\text{OPT}(i)$  = max-profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$ .
- C.  $\text{OPT}(i, w)$  = max-profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$  with weight limit  $w$ .
- D. Any of the above.

# Dynamic programming: false start

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**Def.**  $\text{OPT}(i)$  = max-profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$ .

**Goal.**  $\text{OPT}(n)$ .


**Case 1.**  $\text{OPT}(i)$  does not select item  $i$ .

- $\text{OPT}$  selects best of  $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$ .

**Case 2.**  $\text{OPT}(i)$  selects item  $i$ .

- Selecting item  $i$  does not immediately imply that we will have to reject other items.
- Without knowing which other items were selected before  $i$ , we don't even know if we have enough room for  $i$ .

optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)



**Conclusion.** Need more subproblems!

# Dynamic programming: adding a new variable

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**Def.**  $OPT(i, w)$  = max-profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$  with weight limit  $w$ .

**Goal.**  $OPT(n, W)$ .

**Case 1.**  $OPT(i, w)$  does not select item  $i$ .

- $OPT(i, w)$  selects best of  $\{ 1, 2, \dots, i - 1 \}$  using weight limit  $w$ .

possibly because  $w_i > w$

**Case 2.**  $OPT(i, w)$  selects item  $i$ .

- Collect value  $v_i$ .
- New weight limit =  $w - w_i$ .
- $OPT(i, w)$  selects best of  $\{ 1, 2, \dots, i - 1 \}$  using this new weight limit.

optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

**Bellman equation.**

$$OPT(i, w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i - 1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max \{ OPT(i - 1, w), v_i + OPT(i - 1, w - w_i) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack problem: bottom-up dynamic programming

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**KNAPSACK**( $n, W, w_1, \dots, w_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$ )

**FOR**  $w = 0$  **TO**  $W$

$M[0, w] \leftarrow 0.$

**FOR**  $i = 1$  **TO**  $n$

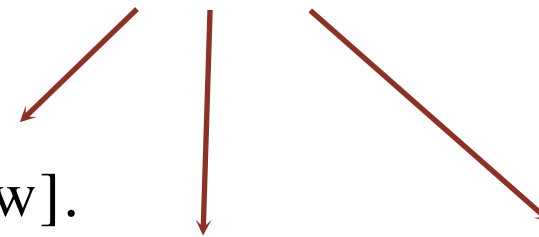
**FOR**  $w = 0$  **TO**  $W$

**IF** ( $w_i > w$ )  $M[i, w] \leftarrow M[i-1, w].$

**ELSE**  $M[i, w] \leftarrow \max \{ M[i-1, w], v_i + M[i-1, w - w_i] \}.$

**RETURN**  $M[n, W].$

previously computed values



$$OPT(i, w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i-1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max \{ OPT(i-1, w), v_i + OPT(i-1, w - w_i) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack problem: bottom-up dynamic programming demo

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		weight limit w											
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
subset of items 1, ..., i	{ }	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	{ 1 }	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
	{ 1, 2 }	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	{ 1, 2, 3 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
	{ 1, 2, 3, 4 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
	{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	28	29	34	35	40

OPT(i, w) = max-profit subset of items 1, ..., i with weight limit w.

# Knapsack problem: running time

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**Theorem.** The DP algorithm solves the knapsack problem with  $n$  items and maximum weight  $W$  in  $\Theta(n W)$  time and  $\Theta(n W)$  space.

**Pf.**

- Takes  $O(1)$  time per table entry.
- There are  $\Theta(n W)$  table entries.
- After computing optimal values, can trace back to find solution:

$\text{OPT}(i, w)$  takes item  $i$  iff  $M[i, w] > M[i - 1, w]$ . ■

weights are integers  
between 1 and  $W$



Does there exist a poly-time algorithm for the knapsack problem?

- A. Yes, because the DP algorithm takes  $\Theta(n W)$  time.
- B. No, because  $\Theta(n W)$  is not a polynomial function of the input size.
- C. No, because the problem is NP-hard.
- D. Unknown.

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# COIN CHANGING

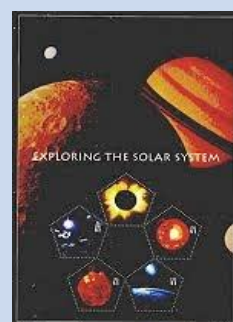


**Problem.** Given  $n$  coin denominations  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$  and a target value  $V$ , find the fewest coins needed to make change for  $V$  (or report impossible).

**Recall.** Greedy cashier's algorithm is optimal for U.S. coin denominations, but not for arbitrary coin denominations.

**Ex.**  $\{1, 10, 21, 34, 70, 100, 350, 1295, 1500\}$ .

**Optimal.**  $140¢ = 70 + 70$ .





# COIN CHANGING



**Def.**  $OPT(v)$  = min number of coins to make change for  $v$ .

**Goal.**  $OPT(V)$ .

**Multiway choice.** To compute  $OPT(v)$ ,

- Select a coin of denomination  $c_i$  for some  $i$ .
- Select fewest coins to make change for  $v - c_i$ .

optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

**Bellman equation.**

$$OPT(v) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } v < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } v = 0 \\ \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{ 1 + OPT(v - c_i) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$


**Running time.**  $O(n V)$ .

# Dynamic programming summary

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## Outline.

typically, only a polynomial  
number of subproblems



- Define a collection of subproblems.
- Solution to original problem can be computed from subproblems.
- Natural ordering of subproblems from “smallest” to “largest” that enables determining a solution to a subproblem from solutions to smaller subproblems.

## Techniques.

- Binary choice: weighted interval scheduling.
- Multiway choice: segmented least squares.
- Adding a new variable: knapsack problem.

Top-down vs. bottom-up dynamic programming. Opinions differ.