

问题1 — 课程分配 / 活动选择

我们有以下活动：[$S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$] 每个活动 (a_i) 有开始时间 (s_i) 和结束时间 (f_i) 。

假设活动按结束时间排序：[$f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$]

定义边界活动 (a_a) 和 (a_p) 之间的兼容集合 ($\hat{S}_{\{a, p\}}$)：活动 ($a_k \in \hat{S}_{\{a, p\}}$) 必须满足：[$f_a \leq s_k \leq f_k \leq s_p$]

鉴于DP复发情况：[$c[a, p] = \begin{cases} 0, & \hat{S}_{\{a, p\}} = \emptyset \\ \max\{c[a, k] + c[k, p] + 1 \mid a_k \in \hat{S}_{\{a, p\}}, \hat{S}_{\{a, p\}} \neq \emptyset \end{cases}$]

(1) 最优子结构→动态规划适用

如果区间内的最优解 ((a_a, a_p)) 选择某活动 ($a_k \in \hat{S}_{\{a, p\}}$)，那么剩余的选择活动必须完全处于两个独立的子区间中：

- 左子问题：(a_a, a_k) 之间的活动
- 右子问题：(a_k, a_p) 之间的活动

因为任何与 (a_k) 兼容的活动要么完全在 (a_k) 之前，要么完全在 (a_k) 之后，左右选择之间没有冲突。

因此，最优解满足：[$c[a, p] = c[a, k] + 1 + c[k, p]$] 对于最佳分裂点 (k) 。

这正是**最优子结构**性质，因此适用动态规划。

在[1]中：

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# Example activities: (name, start, finish)
activities = [
    ("a1", 1, 4),
    ("a2", 3, 5),
    ("a3", 0, 6),
    ("a4", 5, 7),
    ("a5", 3, 9),
    ("a6", 5, 9),
    ("a7", 6, 10),
    ("a8", 8, 11),
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    ("a9", 8, 12),
    ("a10", 2, 14),
    ("a11", 12, 16),
]

# Sort by finish time (as required)
activities = sorted(activities, key=lambda x: x[2])

activities

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出局[1]:

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[('a1', 1, 4),
 ('a2', 3, 5),
 ('a3', 0, 6),
 ('a4', 5, 7),
 ('a5', 3, 9),
 ('a6', 5, 9),
 ('a7', 6, 10),
 ('a8', 8, 11),
 ('a9', 8, 12),
 ('a10', 2, 14),
 ('a11', 12, 16)]

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(2) 自上而下DP (重复) —— RecuSelect(s, f, a, p)

我们增加了两个哨兵 (边界) 活动:

- (a_0) : 结束于 $(-\infty)$
- (a_{n+1}) : 从 $(+\infty)$ 开始

那么完整的问题是 。 `RecuSelect(0, n+1)`

想法: 对于每个区间 $((a, p))$, 尝试每个兼容的 $(k \in \hat{S}_{[a, p]})$, 选择最大化 $(c[a, k]+1+c[k, p])$, 并在两侧递归。

伪代码:

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RecuSelect(a, p):
    if  $\hat{S}_{[a,p]}$  is empty: return []

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pick k in $\hat{S}_{\{a,p\}}$ that maximizes ($1 + c[a,k] + c[k,p]$)

return RecuSelect(a,k) + [k] + RecuSelect(k,p)

在[6]中:

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def add_sentinels(acts):
    # acts: List of (name, s, f) sorted by finish time
    sentinel_start = ("a0", float("-inf"), float("-inf"))
    sentinel_end = ("a_end", float("inf"), float("inf"))
    return [sentinel_start] + acts + [sentinel_end]

acts = add_sentinels(activities)

names = [x[0] for x in acts]
s = [x[1] for x in acts]
f = [x[2] for x in acts]

n = len(acts) - 2 # original n
(n, names[:3], names[-3:])
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出局[6]: (11, ['a0', 'a1', 'a2'], ['a10', 'a11', 'a_end'])

(3) 自下而上的DP (计票)

设为区间内兼容活动的最大数量 ((a, p)) 。 $dp[a][p] = c[a,p]$

我们通过增加间隔长度来填充。

我们还存储 $= \text{argmax } (k)$ 以重建列表。 $dp_choice[a][p]$

伪代码:

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for len = 2 .. N:
    for a:
        p = a + len
        dp[a][p] = 0
        choice[a][p] = None
        for k in candidates(a,p):
            cand = dp[a][k] + 1 + dp[k][p]
            if cand > dp[a][p]:
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dp[a][p] = cand
choice[a][p] = k
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In [8]: def candidates_between(a, p, s, f):
        # return indices k where activity k can be scheduled between boundary a and p
        cand = []
        for k in range(a+1, p):
            if f[a] <= s[k] and f[k] <= s[p]:
                cand.append(k)
        return cand
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In [11]: total_bu, sel_bu, dp_table = bottomup_activity_select(s, f)
        total_bu, [names[i] for i in sel_bu]
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Out[11]: (4, ['a1', 'a4', 'a8', 'a11'])
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In [12]: def greedy_schedule(activities):
        # activities: list of (name, start, finish)
        acts = sorted(activities, key=lambda x: x[2]) # sort by finish time
        selected = []
        last_finish = float("-inf")


        for name, start, finish in acts:
            if start >= last_finish:
                selected.append((name, start, finish))
                last_finish = finish

        return selected
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In [13]: greedy_sel = greedy_schedule(activities)

print("DP optimum count:", total_bu)
print("Greedy count      :", len(greedy_sel))
print("Greedy selected   :", greedy_sel)

assert total_bu == len(greedy_sel)
print("DP and Greedy match )
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DP optimum count: 4
 Greedy count : 4
 Greedy selected : [('a1', 1, 4), ('a4', 5, 7), ('a8', 8, 11), ('a11', 12, 16)]
 DP and Greedy match 

Greedy Optimality Proof (Earliest Finish Time)

Claim. The algorithm that repeatedly selects the compatible activity with the earliest finish time returns a maximum-size set of mutually compatible activities.

Key Lemma (Greedy Choice Property / Exchange Argument)

Let g_1 be the first activity chosen by Greedy, i.e., the one with the **earliest finish time** among all activities. Let O be any optimal solution, and let o_1 be the first activity in O (the one that finishes first inside O).

Because g_1 has the earliest finish time overall, we have: $f(g_1) \leq f(o_1)$.

Now construct a new schedule: $O' = (O \setminus \{o_1\}) \cup \{g_1\}$. O' is still feasible: since g_1 finishes no later than o_1 , every activity in O that starts after o_1 also starts after g_1 . So O' has the **same number of activities** as O , hence O' is also optimal and **starts with**

g_1 .

Optimality by Induction

After choosing g_1 , the remaining problem is to select the maximum number of activities that start after $f(g_1)$. By the lemma, there exists an optimal solution whose first choice is g_1 , and the subproblem has the same form as the original one. Applying the same argument recursively, Greedy produces an optimal solution for every subproblem.

Therefore, GreedySchedule is optimal for the unweighted activity-selection problem. 

Conclusion

- DP (top-down / bottom-up) computes the optimal value using optimal substructure and overlapping subproblems.
- Greedy (earliest finish time) achieves the same optimum for the unweighted case, and is provably optimal.

