

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: $[f_a \leq s_k \text{ and } f_k \leq s_p]$

鉴于DP复发情况: $[c[a, p] = \text{开始} \{ \text{案件} \} 0, \& \hat{S}_{a,p} = \emptyset \vee \max\{c[a, k] + c[k, p] + 1 \mid a_k \in \hat{S}_{a,p}\}, \& \hat{S}_{a,p} \neq \emptyset \text{ 结束} \{ \text{案件} \}]$

(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 S_{a,p} that maximizes ( 1 + c[a,k] + c[k,p] )

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

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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。 $dp \text{ choice}[a][p]$

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 ✓
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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'). $g_1 \in O' \setminus o_1 \in O'$

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

Now construct a new schedule: $O' = (O \setminus \{o_1\}) \cup \{g_1\}$. This 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 is also optimal and **starts with g_1** . $g_1 \in O' \setminus o_1 \in O'$

Optimality by Induction

After choosing g_1 , the remaining problem is to select the maximum number of activities that start after 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. $g_1 \in f(g_1) \setminus g_1$

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.

