

Dynamic programming is a design technique where a solution to a problem is obtained from solutions of subproblems. Thus, solution to a problem is written in terms of the solutions of subproblems.

1) Maximum Subarray Sum.

Measure employed is $C[i]$ that denotes the maximum sum obtainable from a subarray terminating at position i of the given array $A[1..n]$.

Recursive definition.

$$C[i] = \max(A[i], A[i] + C[i-1]).$$

The max. sum obtained by a subarray terminating at position ' i ' either includes a prefix or consists solely of $A[i]$.

If it includes a prefix then such a prefix must be a subarray that terminates at position $i-1$, otherwise we will not have a valid subarray terminating at ' i '.

Thus, in this case optimum value corr. to $A[i] + C[i-1]$.

2. Longest Common Subsequence.

Measure: $C[i, j]$ denotes the length of longest CS of X_i, Y_j .

Recursive defn. $C[i, j] = \begin{cases} \text{If } (X[i] = Y[j]): C[i-1, j-1] + 1 \\ \text{Else } \max \begin{cases} C[i-1, j], \\ C[i, j-1] \end{cases} \end{cases}$

Computational rule: Recursive defn. and the associated realization of the measure. E.g. In 1) we apply the defn. of $C[i]$ from left to right where $C[1] = A[1]$.
($2..n$)

In 2) We init $\forall j, C[0, j] = 0$ & $\forall i, C[i, 0] = 0$. Then

we fill the table row-wise.

Both $C[i]$ of 1) and $C[i, j]$ of 2 are filled in $O(1)$ time.

This yields a T.C. of $O(n)$ for 1) and $O(mn)$ for 2).

3) L.C. Substring.

$C[i, j]$: Length of ^{the} longest common substring of suffix of X_i and suffix of Y_j .

R. Defn: $C[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (X[i] \neq Y[j]) \\ 1 + C[i-1, j-1] & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Computation: Row-wise from top-row. $\forall_i C[i, 0] = 0$,
 $\forall_j C[0, j] = 0$. T.C. = $O(mn)$.

4) 0-1 Knapsack problem.

A straightforward method might require enumeration of all subsets of the given set of objects.

Measure $T[i, j]$: Optimum value that can be obtained by choosing from $\{O_1, O_2, O_3, \dots, O_i\}$ with a weight limit of j .

Recursive defn: $T[i, j] = \text{Max} \left\{ T[i-1, j], \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ \text{Valid only when } j \geq w_i}}{T[i-1, j-w_i] + v_i} \right\}$

If O_i is not chosen then we must spend weight ' j ' optimally on the first $i-1$ objects.

Otherwise, one spends w_i units of weight on O_i . Thus, remaining $j-w_i$ must be optimally used among $\{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_{i-1}\}$

Computation: Rowwise from top. $O(nW)$. $n \rightarrow \#$ of objects.
 $W \rightarrow$ Weight limit.

Rod cutting. A particular length can be employed at most once. This reduces to 0-1 Knapsack where the length of the given rod (Original)

Corr. W. Each piece with length = l_i and price = p_i
 Corr to an object with weight = w_i and value = v_i .

6) Coin Change Problem. There are n coins specified as

$(c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_n)$ where c_i denotes the value of i^{th} coin.

Given a target amount V , you are supposed to issue change for V in terms of c_1, \dots, c_n s.t. the number of coins is minimized. A coin can be used any number of times.

Recursive defn. $T[i, j]$ denotes the min. number of coins from c_1, c_2, \dots, c_i that are required to provide change for amount j .

$$T[i, j] = \min \left\{ \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ c_i \text{ is not used}}}{T[i-1, j]}, 1 + \underset{\substack{\downarrow \\ c_i \text{ is used and can be reused}}}{T[i, j - c_i]} \right\}$$

Note that the first index is unaltered.
 $1 \rightarrow$ The coin c_i is to be counted

7) Matrix Chain Multiplication: Input A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n matrices where $A_1 \times A_2 \times A_3 \times A_4 \dots A_n$ must be computed. $\forall_i A_i \times A_{i+1}$ is well defined.

$C_{m \times n} \times D_{n \times p} = E_{m \times p}$ n is the common dimension, cost = $m \cdot n \cdot p$.
 Say $A_1 = 10 \times 100$, $A_2 = 100 \times 5$ and $A_3 = 5 \times 50$. This input is specified as $(10, 100, 5, 50)$ i.e. $10 \times 100, 100 \times 5, 5 \times 50$. i.e. $A_i: p_{i-1} \times p_i$

$$(A_1 A_2) A_3 : \text{Cost} = 5000 + 2500 = 7500$$

$$\text{Cost of } (A_1) (A_2 A_3) = 100 \times 5 \times 50 + 10 \times 100 \times 50 = 75,000$$

Optimal Substructure Optimal solution for $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$ requires optimal solutions for $A_i \dots A_k, A_{k+1} \dots A_j \forall_k$.

Measure $C[i, j]$: Optimum number of scalar multiplications required for $A_i \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_j$.

$$C[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{ C[i, k] + C[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j \} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

Computation. $\forall i, c[i, i] = 0$ $\frac{\forall i, c[i, i]}{i > i}$ Invalid and will not be used.

$$\forall i < n, c[i, i+1] = p_{i-1} p_i p_{i+1}$$

We fill the remaining $\frac{n(n-1)}{2} - n - 1$ entries in the increasing order of $j - i$.

Each cell takes $O(n)$ time & there are $\frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{2}$ cells.

\therefore Time complexity is $O(n^3)$.

Space complexity is $\Theta(n^2)$

① Fractional knapsack problem: Given n objects specified as $\forall_i (w_i, v_i)$ where w_i and v_i are weight and value of the i^{th} object, you are to identify the maximum cumulative value one can obtain for a specified weight limit of W . The term "fractional" refers to the fact that an item can be divided and $f \cdot w_i$ yields a value of $f \cdot v_i$ where $0 \leq f \leq 1$. $\forall_i (v_i > 0, w_i > 0)$ and $W > 0$.

That is we must maximize $\sum f_i v_i$ subject to $\sum f_i w_i \leq W$.
We assume that $W < \sum w_i$ & $\forall_i v_i/w_i$ are distinct.

Algo A: 1. Sort objects by decreasing order of v_i/w_i . From now on

\tilde{O}_i refers to the first object in the sorted order, \tilde{O}_2 second etc.

Note that a particular \tilde{O}_i can be traced back to a particular O_j

2. a) Remaining weight = W . Total value, $V = 0$. $\forall_i c[i] = 0$

b) While (remaining weight, $W_r > 0$)

{ Choose the maximum possible fraction of the leftmost available object \tilde{O}_i such that $f_i w_i \leq W_r$.

$V \leftarrow V + f_i v_i$; $W_r \leftarrow W_r - f_i w_i$; $c[i] \leftarrow f_i$;

}

3. Print V , $\forall_i c[i]$.

Obs 1. We do not run out of objects because (a) $W < \sum w_i$.

Note that if $W \geq \sum w_i$ we can simply select all objects and

$V = \sum v_i$.

Obs 2 The solution is of the form $(\overset{*}{1} \overset{?}{f} \overset{*}{0})$, where f denotes a

($c[i]$ read from left to right)

fraction in $(0, 1)$. The first time we are unable to select an entire object we run out of residual weight, thereafter, no object can be selected. Thus, the last selected object has a fraction of 1 or $1 <$. If a fraction of $1 <$ is selected Corr- \tilde{O}_i then it is the last selected object.

The solution vector consisting of chosen fractions is a vector in \mathbb{R}^n where each dimension is in $[0, 1]$. The candidate solutions set here has larger cardinality than that of 0-1 knapsack.

Claim - The solution of A is optimum.

Proof: Let the solution of A be $S = (f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_n)$ where $f_i = \tau[i]$.
 We assume the contrary, i.e. let $S^* = (f_1^*, f_2^*, \dots, f_m^*)$ be the optimum where $S \neq S^*$.
 Let i be the leftmost index where $f_i \neq f_i^*$. By construction, (i.e. design of A) $f_i > f_i^*$. Let $\delta = f_i - f_i^*$.

From S^* we construct another solution as follows (new soln is called S^{**})
 From items $i+1 \dots n$ of S^* reduce a total weight of $\delta \cdot (w_i)$ and add the same weight to 0 ; then we obtain $S^{**} = (f_1, f_2, f_3, \dots, f_i, f_{i+1}^*, f_{i+2}^*, \dots, f_n^*)$

The additional value that S^{**} has w.r.t. S^* at index i is $\delta \cdot v_i$. Likewise, the max. amount by which S^* can exceed S^{**} in indices $i+1 \dots n$ is $\delta \cdot w_i \cdot \frac{v_{i+1}}{w_{i+1}}$ because $\forall_i \frac{v_i}{w_i} > \frac{v_{i+1}}{w_{i+1}}$.

However $\delta \cdot w_i \cdot \frac{v_i}{w_i} > \delta \cdot w_i \cdot \frac{v_{i+1}}{w_{i+1}}$.

Therefore the value corr. to sol S^{**} > that of S^* ($\Leftarrow \Rightarrow$).
 It follows that $S^* \neq S$ cannot be an optimum solution.

② Activity selection problem.

Input: A set of activities $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n\}$ where

a_i is specified by a half open interval $[s_i, f_i)$ where $s_i \rightarrow$ start time and $f_i \rightarrow$ finish time. Two activities can be scheduled together if $[s_i, f_i) \cap [s_j, f_j) = \emptyset$. $\underline{a_i, a_j}$

Otherwise, only one of them can be scheduled.

Output: Determine the maximum number of activities that can be scheduled.

Algorithm A:

1. Sort activities in the increasing order of finish time. Let us call this new sequence $A^* = (a_1^*, a_2^*, \dots, a_n^*)$.

Def: If 2 activities can be scheduled, say a_i, a_j , then they are compatible otherwise they are incompatible. together

Note: a_1^* is always feasible because there is no prior selected activity.

2. a. $S[1] \leftarrow (s_1^*, 1)$. S : Solution array.

last-selected = 1; selected-index = 1;

- b. Select the leftmost activity with index >

selected-index that is compatible with $S[\text{last-selected}]$.

If such activity exists, say a_j^* then

{ last-selected++; $S[\text{last-selected}] \leftarrow (s_j^*, j)$;

Go to 2b. }

Otherwise { Terminate and print last-selected }
 S ;

Claim: S is an optimal solution.

Proof: Assume the contrary, let $S^* (\neq S)$ be an optimum solution where $|S^*| > |S|$.

Let both solutions be arranged in the increasing order of finish times.

$S = (i_1, i_2, i_3, \dots, i_p)$ and $S^* = (j_1, j_2, j_3, \dots, j_k)$ where i_x, j_y denotes the corresponding activities and $k > p$. (I)

Let x be the leftmost activity where $i_x \neq j_x$, i.e. S & S^* differ.

Obs. F.T. of $i_1 \leq$ F.T. of j_1 by the design of Algorithm A. -- (A)

Claim F.T. of $i_x \leq$ F.T. of j_x for all x .

Proof: By induction: (A) shows that basis holds.

Assume that $\text{F.T.}(i_{q-1}) \leq \text{F.T.}(j_{q-1})$ then we will

Show that $\text{F.T.}(i_q) \leq \text{F.T.}(j_q)$ proving the inductive step.

After selecting i_{q-1} Algorithm A picks the activity that is compatible with i_{q-1} and has the least F.T. If j_q is such an activity then i_q can be j_q otherwise i_q is an activity whose F.T. \leq F.T. of j_q .

(\downarrow because any activity that starts after j_{q-1} finishes is compatible with i_{q-1} because $\text{F.T.}(j_{q-1}) \geq \text{F.T.}(i_{q-1})$.)

\therefore It follows that $\text{F.T.}(i_q) \leq \text{F.T.}(j_q)$. The claim follows.

From the above claim it follows that $\text{F.T.}(i_x) \leq \text{F.T.}(j_x)$.

Further, because $\text{F.T.}(i_{x-1}) = \text{F.T.}(j_{x-1})$, i_x and j_{x-1} and i_{x-1} and j_x are compatible pairs. Moreover, i_x is also compatible with j_{x+1} because $\text{F.T.}(i_x) \leq \text{F.T.}(j_x)$.

Thus, in S^* j_x can be replaced by i_x to obtain S^{**} that is also a feasible solution with a cardinality of k .

The above argument can be repeated for any subsequent index.

Thus, $j_{p+1} \dots j_k$ can be appended to S as i_p and j_{p+1} are compatible. Thus, Algorithm A would have appended these activities or corresponding activities with Finish Times at most F.T.s of activities in S^* .

Thus, $k \neq p$ or S is also an optimal solution. ■

: By Argument A, one can replace each activity of S^* with Corr. activity of S .