# Dynamic Programming (Introduction)

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# Algorithm Design Techniques

1. Divide and Conquer

Examples: Binary search, Merge sort

2. Greedy

Examples: Huffman coding, Minimum spanning tree,
Optimal merge patterns

3. Dynamic Programming (DP)

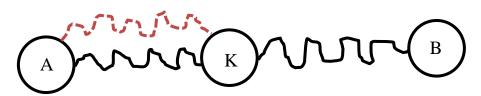
#### Dynamic Programming

- Applies to optimization problems.
- Think in terms of a brute force solution but avoid redoing work you have already done.
- Store answers to subproblems you have already solved (usually using tables).
- Usually have the option of Iterative DP or Recursive DP.
- Principle of Optimality
- Recurrence Relation
- Memoization (Memo"ize")

# Principle of Optimality

Subsequence of the sequence of decisions leading to the optimal solution must also be optimal on the corresponding subproblems.

Example: shortest path from A to B

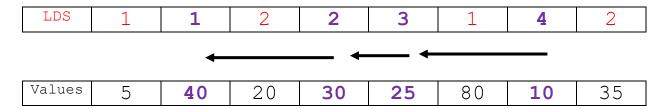


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# Example 1: Longest Decreasing Sequence (LDS)

Index	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Values	5	40	20	30	25	80	10	35
LDS	1	1	2	2	3	1	4	2

Finding the sequence: find the largest value in LDS, then go backward from there.



Another example for LDS:

Index	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Values	389	207	155	300	299	170	158	65
LDS	1							6

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### Example 2: Longest (Greatest) Common Subsequence

Common Subsequence: sequence of characters contained in both strings and in the same order

Longest Common Subsequence: longest such string

String<sub>1</sub>: E  $\mathbf{P}$  F  $\mathbf{L}$   $\mathbf{A}$  G  $\mathbf{Y}$ 

String2: P L H A I Y J

	null	E	P	F	L	A	G	Y
null	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
L	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
Н	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2
A	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	3
I	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	3
Y	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	4
J	0	0	1	1	2	3	3	4

#### To find LCS:

- Move up or left through the matrix until you must change numbers, then move diagonally.
- Each diagonal jump indicates character in the subsequence.
- Once the matrix entry is a zero, stop.

Another example for LCS:

String<sub>1</sub>: A B C A B B A

String2: C B A B A C

	null	А	В	С	А	В	В	А
null	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
С	0							
В	0							
А	0							
В	0							
А	0							
С	0							4

Two answers: C A B A and B A B A

Example 3: Matrix Multiplications

$$(M_1 \ M_2) \ M_3$$
  $(5 * 10 * 15) + 5 * 15 * 1 = 825$  multiplications  $M_1 \ (M_2 \ M_3)$   $5 * 10 * 1 + (10 * 15 * 1) = 200$  multiplications

Optimization Problem:

- Given n matrices  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ , ...,  $M_n$
- Determine the number of multiplications needed in the optimal case to compute  $M_1\ M_2\ ...\ M_n$

Assume that the dimensions of  $M_i$  are  $p_i \times q_i$  for  $1 \le i \le n$ 

Let cost[i][j] denote the number of multiplications needed to compute  $M_i$   $M_{i+1}$  ...  $M_{j-1}$   $M_j$  optimally.

Then,

$$cost[1][n] = min$$
 {  $cost[1][k] + cost[k+1][n] + p_1 * q_k * q_n$ }   
  $1 \le k < n$ 

This recurrence corresponds to generating n-1 feasible solutions and then taking the one of minimum cost:

Finding the best way to multiply  $M_2\ M_3\ M_4\ ...\ M_n$ 

cost[i][j]	1	2	3	4
1	0	1 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
2		0	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
3			0	3 <sup>rd</sup>
4				0