

Dynamic Programming (Ch 6)

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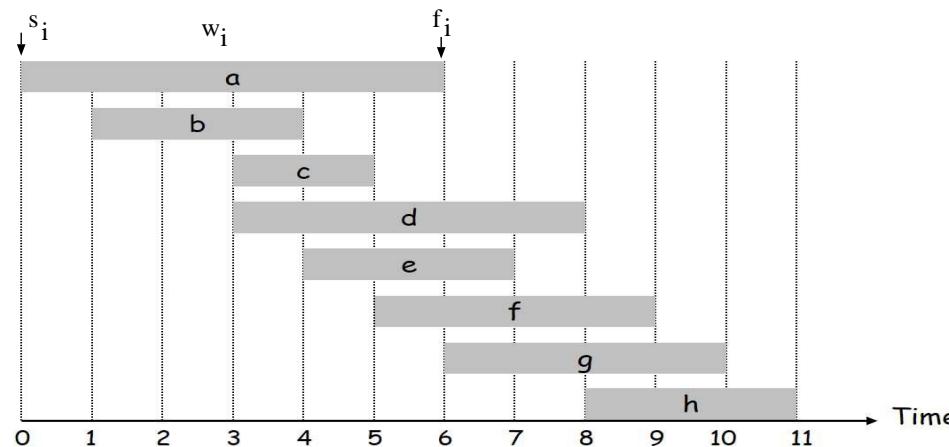
Dynamic Programming Approach

- **Dynamic programming:** Partition a problem into sub-problems (can be overlapping), find a solution for each sub-problem and keep the solution in a table, and find a solution of the original problem based on the solutions in the table.
R. Bellman pioneered the systematic study of dynamic programming in 1950s.
- **Divide and conquer:** Partition a problem into independent sub-problems, find a solution for each sub-problem and combine the solution of sub-problems to a solution of the original problem.
- **Greedy:** Start from a partial solution and increment the partial solution step-by-step, in each step, use a local optimum to increment the partial solution.

Weighted Interval Scheduling Problem

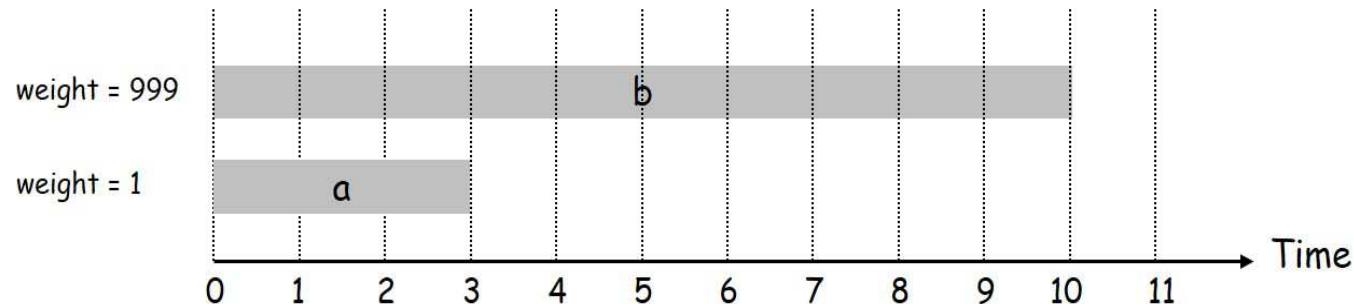
Weighted interval scheduling problem

- Given a set $S = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ of proposed jobs that wish to use a resource which can serve one job at a time. Each a_i has a start time s_i and a finish time f_i with $0 \leq s_i < f_i < \infty$, and a weight $w_i > 0$. If selected, a_i takes place in time interval $[s_i, f_i)$.
- Jobs a_i and a_j are compatible if $[s_i, f_i) \cap [s_j, f_j) = \emptyset$.
- The weight of a subset S' of jobs is $w(S') = \sum_{a_i \in S'} w_i$.
- Goal, Find a max-weight subset of mutually compatible jobs from S .



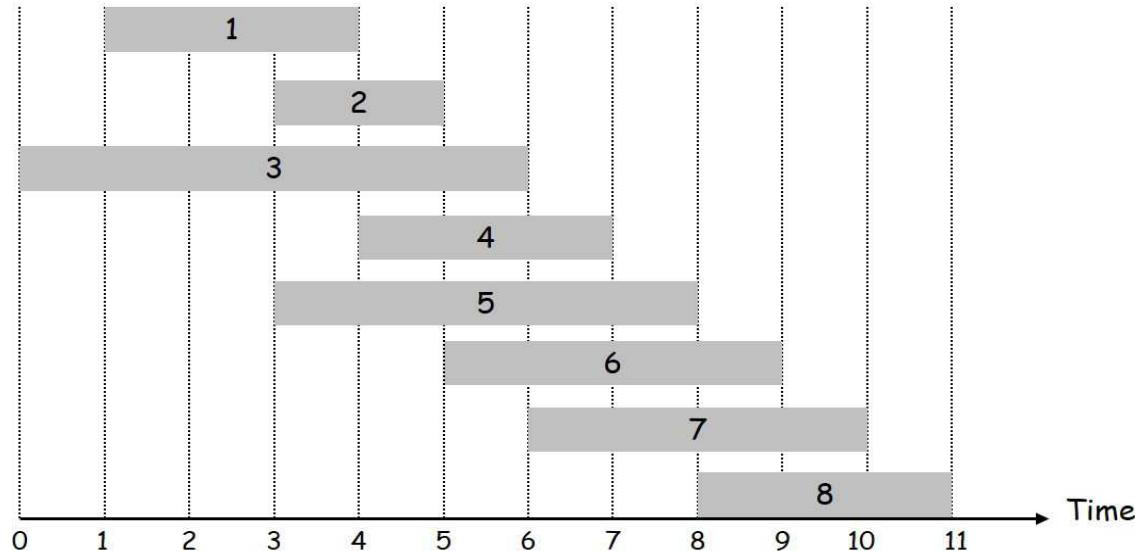
Greedy algorithm: earliest-finish-time-first

- In each step, select a job a_k with the earliest finish time.
- Intuition, select a_k which leaves resource available for as many other jobs as possible.
- The greedy algorithm is correct if $w_i = 1$ for all $a_i \in S$, but fails for weighted interval scheduling problem.



Dynamic programming algorithm

- Jobs are listed in ascending order a_1, \dots, a_n of finish time: $f_1 \leq \dots \leq f_n$.
- Subproblems: Find subset S_j of jobs $\{a_1, \dots, a_j\}$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, s.t. jobs in S_j are mutually compatible and $w(S_j)$ maximized.
To find S_j , two choices for a_j , $a_j \in S_j$ or $a_j \notin S_j$. If $a_j \in S_j$ then $S_j \setminus \{a_j\} = S_i$ with $i < j$ the largest index that job i is compatible with job j ($f_i < s_j$).
- $p(j)$: largest index $i < j$ s.t. job i is compatible with job j ($f_i < s_j$).
Example: $p(8) = 5, p(7) = 3, p(2) = 0$.



- **Structure of optimal solution**

$\text{opt}(j)$: **max-weight of any subset of mutually compatible jobs for subproblem consisting of jobs a_1, \dots, a_j .**

Goal: find $\text{opt}(n)$.

- **Case 1**, $\text{opt}(j)$ **does not select** a_j . $\text{opt}(j) = \text{opt}(j - 1)$.
- **Case 2**, $\text{opt}(j)$ **selects** a_j . **Jobs in $\{p(j) + 1, \dots, j - 1\}$ are incompatible with a_j .** **So,** $\text{opt}(j) = w_j + \text{opt}(p(j))$.

- **Recursive definition of optimal value (Bellman equation)**

$$\text{opt}(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \max\{\text{opt}(j - 1), w_j + \text{opt}(p(j))\} & \text{if } j > 0 \end{cases}$$

Compute optimal solution

- **Weighted-Interval-Scheduling(n, S) /* Compute optimal value**

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sort jobs of  $S$  by finish time s.t.  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_n$ ;
compute  $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(n)$ ;  $M[0] = 0$ ;
for  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do  $M[j] = \max\{M[j - 1], w_j + M[p(j)]\}$ ;
return  $M$ 
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- **Weighted-Interval-Scheduling-Jobs(n, S) /* compute optimal solution**

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sort jobs of  $S$  by finish time s.t.  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_n$ ;
compute  $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(n)$ ;  $M[0] = 0$ ;  $A_0 = \emptyset$ ;
for  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do
    if  $M[j - 1] \geq w_j + M[p(j)]$  then  $\{M[j] = M[j - 1]; A_j = A_{j-1}\}$ 
    else  $\{M[j] = w_j + M[p(j)]; A_j = A_{p(j)} \cup \{a_j\};\}$ 
return  $M$  and  $A$ 
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- **Running time of the algorithms is $O(n \log n)$.**

Knapsack problem

- Given a set $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$ of items, each item i has a positive integer value v_i and a positive integer weight w_i , and a knapsack with a positive integer capacity $W \geq w_i$ for $i \in I$, find a subset $S \subseteq I$ s.t. $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$ and $\sum_{i \in S} v_i$ is maximized.
- Example, $S = \{3, 4\}$ has value 40 and total weight 11.
Greedy: repeatedly add items with maximum v_i/w_i ratio gives $S = \{5, 2, 1\}$ with value 35 and total weight 10, not optimal.

$$W = 11$$

Item	Value	Weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Dynamic programming for Knapsack

- **Idea:** find optimal solution S from $\{1, \dots, i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, with weight limit W .
 - If $i \notin S$ then S is an optimal solution from $\{1, \dots, i - 1\}$ with weight limit W .
 - If $i \in S$ then S is an optimal solution from $\{1, \dots, i - 1\}$ with weight limit $W - w_i$.
- **Subproblems:** Select items from $\{1, \dots, i\}$, $1 \leq i \leq n$, with total value maximized and weight limit w , $0 \leq w \leq W$.
- **Structure of an optimal solution.**

$\text{opt}(i, w)$: max-value of items from $\{1, \dots, i\}$ with weight limit w .

Goal: find $\text{opt}(n, W)$.

- **Case 1:** $\text{opt}(i, w)$ does not have i but optimal solution of $\{1, \dots, i - 1\}$ with weight limit w .
- **Case 2:** $\text{opt}(i, w)$ has i and optimal solution of $\{1, \dots, i - 1\}$ with weight limit $w - w_i$.

- **Bellman equation**

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

Knapsack(n, W) /* Compute optimal solution

Input: $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ and W .

Output: $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ s.t. $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$ and $\sum_{i \in S} v_i$ is maximized.

Let M be an $(n + 1) \times (W + 1)$ array indexed from 0 to n and from 0 to W ;

$M[0, w] = 0$ for each $w = 0, 1, \dots, W$;

for $i = 1$ to n do

for $w = 0$ to W do

if $w_i > w$ then $M[i, w] = M[i - 1, w]$

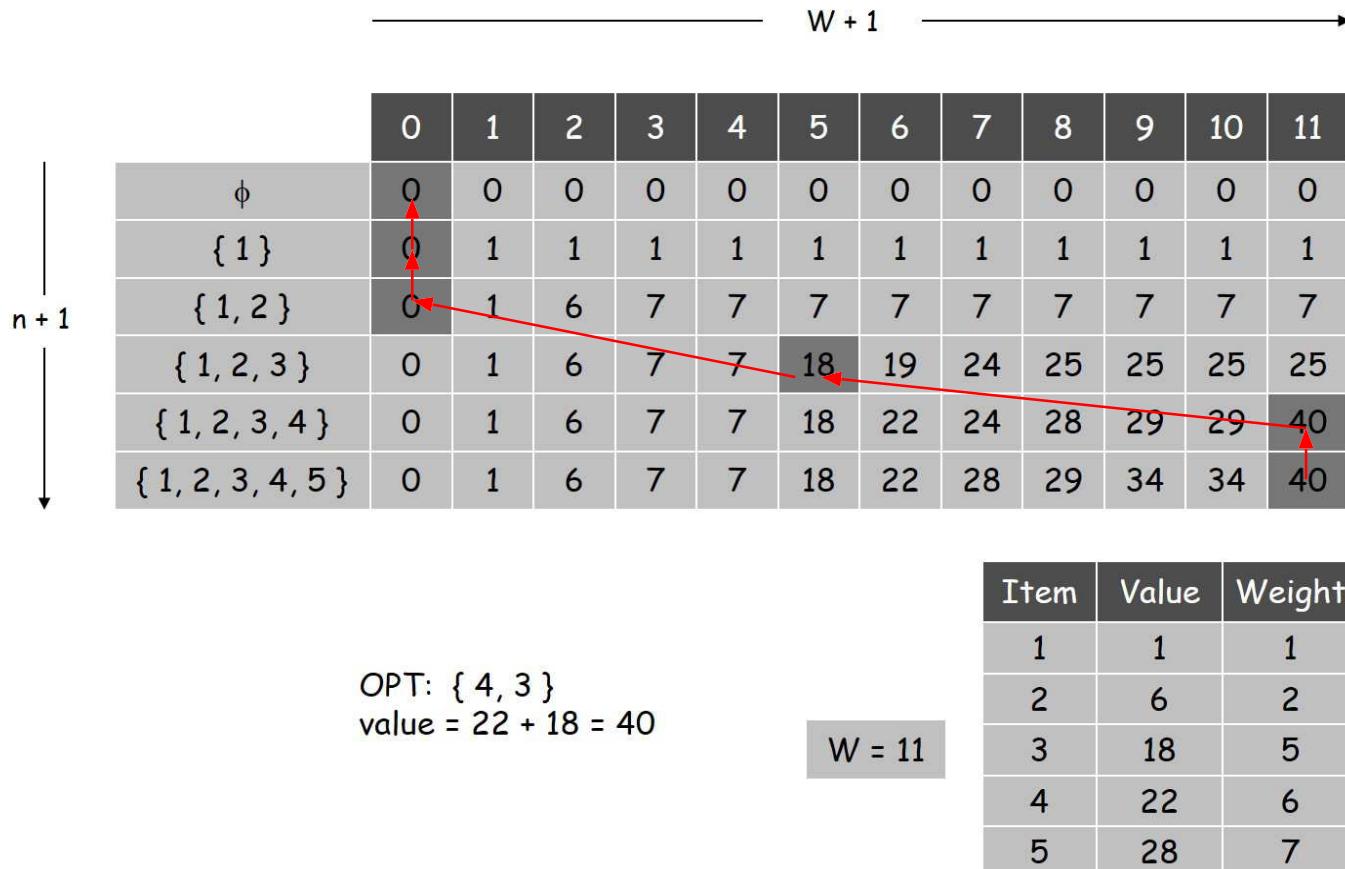
else $M[i, w] = \max\{M[i - 1, w], M[i - 1, w - w_i] + v_i\}$;

return $M[n, W]$;

Knapsack algorithm solves Knapsack problem in $O(nW)$ time and $O(nW)$ space.

This is not a Poly(n) time algorithm when W is not upper bounded by Poly(n)

(W can be as large as 2^{cn} for $c > 0$).



More efficient dynamic programming for Knapsack problem [Lawler 1979]

- $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, j\}$ is a solution from the first j elements if $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$.
A solution S dominates another solution S' if $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq \sum_{i \in S'} w_i$ and $\sum_{i \in S} v_i \geq \sum_{i \in S'} v_i$.
A set \mathcal{S} of solutions is non-dominating if any solution of \mathcal{S} does not dominate any other solution of \mathcal{S} .
- Examples,

item i	value v_i	weight w_i	W=11
1	3	3	
2	6	4	
3	18	5	

For $j = 1$, $\mathcal{S} = \{S = \emptyset, S' = \{1\}\}$ is non-dominating since

$$\sum_{i \in S} v_i = 0 < \sum_{i \in S'} v_i = v_1 = 3 \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} w_i = 0 < \sum_{i \in S'} w_i = w_1 = 3.$$

For $j = 3$, $S = \{3\}$ dominates $S' = \{1, 2\}$ since

$$\sum_{i \in S} v_i = v_3 = 18 > \sum_{i \in S'} v_i = v_1 + v_2 = 9 \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} w_i = w_3 = 5 < \sum_{i \in S'} w_i = w_1 + w_2 = 7.$$

- **Structure of an optimal solution**

Let $A(j)$ be set of value and weight pairs (t, w) of non-dominating solutions S

for items $\{1, 2, \dots, j\}$, $t = \sum_{i \in S} v_i$ and $w = \sum_{i \in S} w_i$.

Goal: find $A(n)$ and a solution in $A(n)$ with maximum value t .

- $A(1) = \{(0, 0), (v_1, w_1)\}$.

- **For $1 < j \leq n$,**

$$A(j) = (A(j-1) \cup \{(t + v_j, w + w_j) | (t, w) \in A(j-1)\}) \setminus \tilde{A},$$

where \tilde{A} is a minimal subset of

$A(j-1) \cup \{(t + v_j, w + w_j) | (t, w) \in A(j-1)\}$ s.t. removing \tilde{A} makes $A(j)$ a set of pairs of non-dominating solutions.

- **Bellman equation**

$$A(j) = \begin{cases} \{(0, 0), (v_1, w_1)\} & \text{if } j = 1 \\ (A(j-1) \cup \{(t + v_j, w + w_j) | (t, w) \in A(j-1)\}) \setminus \tilde{A} & \text{if } j > 1 \end{cases}$$

Algorithm

- **For $j = 1$, non-dominating \mathcal{S} has two solutions $S = \emptyset$ and $S = \{1\}$. We keep $(0, 0)$ for $S = \emptyset$ and (v_1, w_1) for $S = \{1\}$ in table $A(1)$.**
- **For $j > 1$, non-dominating \mathcal{S} of solutions from $\{1, \dots, j - 1\}$ have been found and for each solution S , a pair (t, w) , $t = \sum_{i \in S} v_i$ and $w = \sum_{i \in S} w_i$, is kept in table $A(j - 1)$.**
- **Find non-dominating \mathcal{S} of solutions from $\{1, \dots, j\}$ by checking the pairs (t, w) in $A(j - 1)$ and values of v_j and w_j .**

Examples,

item i	value v_i	weight w_i	W=11
1	3	3	
2	6	4	
3	18	5	

$j = 1, S \subseteq \{1\}: A(1) = \{(0, 0), (3, 3)\}$

$j = 2, S \subseteq \{1, 2\}: A(2) = \{(0, 0), (3, 3), (6, 4), (9, 7)\}$

$j = 3, S \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}:$

All subsets $(0, 0), (3, 3), (6, 4), (9, 7), (18, 5), (21, 8), (24, 9), (27, 12)$

$A(3) = \{(0, 0), (3, 3), (6, 4), (18, 5), (21, 8), (24, 9)\}$

$S = (18, 5)$ **dominates** $S' = (9, 7)$ **because**

$\sum_{i \in S} v_i = 18 > \sum_{i \in S'} v_i = 9$ **and** $\sum_{i \in S} w_i = 5 < \sum_{i \in S'} w_i = 7.$

$S = (27, 12)$ **is not a solution because** $\sum_{i \in S} w_i = 12 > W = 11.$

Knapsack1(n, W)

Input: $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}, \{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$ **and** W .

Output: $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$ **s.t.** $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$ **and** $\sum_{i \in S} v_i$ **is maximized.**

$A(1) = \{(0, 0), (v_1, w_1)\};$

for $j = 2$ **to** n **do**

$A(j) = A(j - 1);$

for each $(t, w) \in A(j - 1)$ **do**

if $w + w_j \leq W$ **then** $A(j) = A(j) \cup \{(t + v_j, w + w_j)\};$

Remove dominated pairs from $A(j)$;

Return a solution in $A(n)$ **with the maximum** t ;

Example: Solution (t, w) dominates solution (t', w') if $t \geq t'$ and $w \leq w'$. $A(j)$ keeps all non-dominating solutions (t, w) for $\{1, 2, \dots, j\}$.

item value weight $W=11$

1	3	3
2	6	4
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

$$\{1\} \quad A(1) = \{(0, 0), (3, 3)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{1, 2\} \quad A &= \{(0, 0), (3, 3), \\ &\quad (0+6, 0+4), (3+6, 3+4)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$A(2) = \{(0, 0), (3, 3), (6, 4), (9, 7)\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{1, 2, 3\} \quad A &= \{(0, 0), (3, 3), (6, 4), (9, 7), \\ &\quad (0+18, 0+5), (3+18, 3+5), (6+18, 4+5), (9+18, 7+5)\} \\ A(3) &= \{(0, 0), (3, 3), (6, 4), (18, 5), (21, 8), (24, 9)\} \end{aligned}$$

Theorem. [Lawler 1979] Knapsack1 algorithm solves the knapsack problem in $O(n \min\{T, W\})$ time and $O(\min\{T, W\})$ space, where $T = \sum_{i \in I} v_i$.

Proof. **Statement:** for any solution $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, j\}$, there is a solution $(t, w) \in A(j)$ s.t. (t, w) dominates S ($\sum_{i \in S} v_i \leq t$ and $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \geq w$).

It is true for $j = 1$. Assume it is true for $j - 1 \geq 1$, we prove it for j .

For solution $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, j\}$, if $j \notin S$ then $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, j - 1\}$ and by induction hypothesis, there is a solution $(t', w') \in A(j - 1)$ s.t. (s', t') dominates S . Since $A(j) := A(j - 1)$ and only dominated solutions are removed from $A(j)$, there is a solution $(t, w) \in A(j)$ s.t. (t, w) dominates S .

Statement: for any solution $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, j\}$, **there is a solution** $(t, w) \in A(j)$ **s.t.** (t, w) **dominates** S ($\sum_{i \in S} v_i \leq t$ **and** $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \geq w$.)

Assume that $j \in S$. Then $S' = S \setminus \{j\}$ is a solution, $S' \subseteq \{1, \dots, j-1\}$, and by induction hypothesis, there is a solution $(t', w') \in A(j-1)$ s.t. (t', w') dominates S' ($\sum_{i \in S'} v_i \leq t'$ and $\sum_{i \in S'} w_i \geq w'$).

Then $\sum_{i \in S} v_i = (\sum_{i \in S'} v_i) + v_j \leq t' + v_j$ and
 $\sum_{i \in S} w_i = (\sum_{i \in S'} w_i) + w_j \geq w' + w_j$.

Let $t = t' + v_j$ and $w = w' + w_j$. Then (t, w) is a solution added to $A(j)$ by the algorithm and dominates S , the statement holds for j .

By the statement, the algorithm solves the knapsack problem.

By non-dominating property, solutions in each $A(j)$ can be listed as

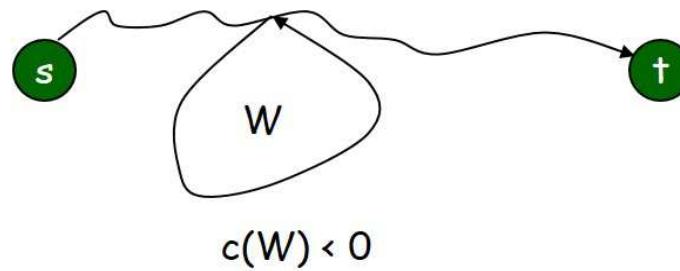
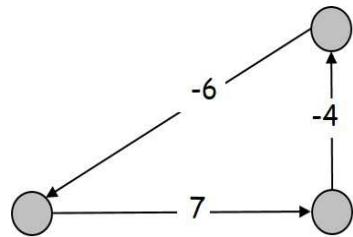
$(t_1, w_1), \dots, (t_k, w_k)$ s.t. $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k$ and $w_1 < w_2 < \dots < w_k$.

Let $T = \sum_{i \in I} v_i$. Since each of t_i and w_i is a positive integer, $t_i \leq T$ and $w_i \leq W$, there are at most $\min\{T+1, W+1\}$ solutions in $A(j)$. This gives $O(n \min\{T, W\})$ running time and $O(\min\{T, W\})$ space of the algorithm. \square

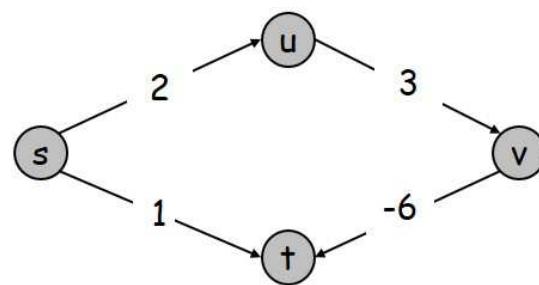
- The running time may not be $\text{Poly}(n)$, the value of $\min\{T, W\}$ can be 2^{cn} , $c > 0$. If $\min\{T, W\}$ is $\text{Poly}(n)$, the algorithm has a polynomial running time. In this case, the input instance in unary form has $\text{Poly}(n)$ size.
- An algorithm for a problem is a *pseudo-polynomial time algorithm* if its running time is polynomial in the size of the input when the numeric part of the input is encoded in unary.
- Examples of unary codes
111 for 3, W 1's for integer of value W .

Shortest Path in Graphs with Negative Edge Length

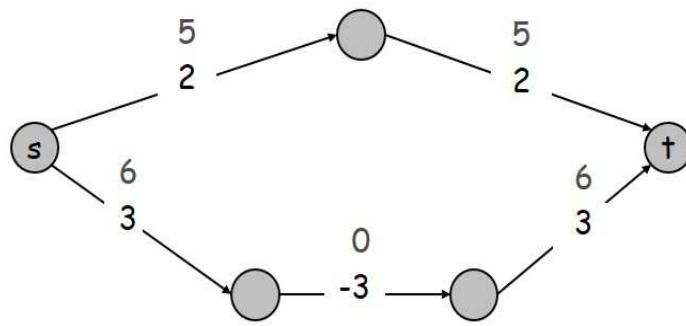
- Given a weighted digraph G with each arc assigned an arbitrary real edge length, find a shortest path from node s to a node t (or to all nodes other than s).
- Hurdles
 - Negative cycle, a cycle has a negative length. If G has a negative cycle, then a shortest path from s to t may not exist.
 - Dijkstra (greedy) algorithm may not find a shortest path from s to t even one exists.
 - Change arc lengths to non-negative by adding a uniform length to all arcs may not work.



Negative cycles



Counter example for
Dijkstra's algorithm



Counter example for adding
uniform edge length

Dynamic programming for shortest path problem

- If G has no negative cycle, then there is a shortest path of at most $n - 1$ arcs from s to every other node t .
- Dynamic programming, find shortest path with increasing number of arcs.
- Structure of an optimal solution.

$\text{opt}(i, v)$: the length of shortest path $s \rightarrow v$ with at most i arcs.

Goal: find $\text{opt}(n - 1, v)$ for every $v \in V$.

– Case 1: shortest path $s \rightarrow v$ has at most $i - 1$ arcs,

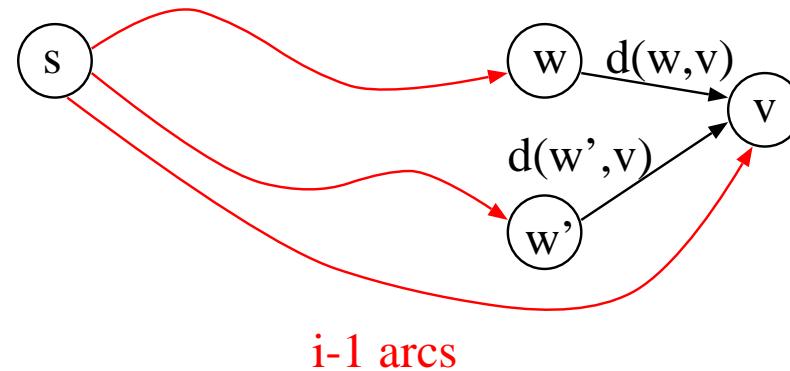
$$\text{opt}(i, v) = \text{opt}(i - 1, v).$$

– Case 2: shortest path $s \rightarrow v$ has i arcs,

$$\text{opt}(i, v) = \min_{(w, v) \in E} \{\text{opt}(i - 1, w) + d(w, v)\}.$$

- **Bellman equation**

$$\text{opt}(i, v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v = s \\ \infty & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ and } v \neq s \\ \min\{\text{opt}(i - 1, v), \\ \quad \min_{(w,v) \in E}\{\text{opt}(i - 1, w) + d(w, v)\}\} & \text{if } i > 0 \end{cases}$$



Brute force implementation of Bellman-Ford algorithm [Bellman-Ford 1956 1958]

ShortestPath1(G, s) /* Compute shortest distances

Input: Weighted digraph G with no negative cycle and source s .

Output: Shortest distance from s to every other node.

Let M be an $n \times n$ array indexed from 0 to $n - 1$, $n = |V(G)|$;

$M[0, s] = 0$ and for every $v \in V(G) \setminus \{s\}$, $M[0, v] = \infty$;

for $i = 1$ to $n - 1$ do

 for $v \in V(G)$ do

$M[i, v] = \min\{M[i - 1, v], \min_{w \in V(G)}\{M[i - 1, w] + d(w, v)\}\}$;

Return $M[n - 1, v]$ for $v \neq s$;

Time for $M[i, v] = \min\{\dots\}$ is $O(n)$, time of the inner for loop is $O(n^2)$, total time is $O(n^3)$.

Theorem. [Bellman-Ford 1956 1958] ShortestPath1 algorithm computes the minimum distance from s to all other nodes in a weighted digraph with no negative cycle in $O(n^3)$ time and $\Theta(n^2)$ space.

Proof. Since G does not have negative cycle, there is a shortest path $s \rightarrow v$ of at most $n - 1$ arcs for each v reachable from s . We prove by induction on i that if there is a shortest path $s \rightarrow v$ of at most i arcs, the algorithm computes the length of the path $s \rightarrow v$.

For $i = 0$, the statement is true. Assume the statement is true for $i - 1 \geq 0$ and we prove it for i . Assume there is a shortest path $s \rightarrow v$ of i arcs and let (w', v) be the last arc in $s \rightarrow v$. Then there is a shortest path $s \rightarrow w'$ of $i - 1$ arcs. Since G does not have negative cycle and $s \rightarrow v$ is a shortest path, for any path $w' \rightarrow v$, $d(w' \rightarrow v) \geq d(w', v)$. By the algorithm the statement holds.

Running time and space, trivial. □

More efficient implementation of Bellman-Ford algorithm

ShortestPath2(G, s) /* Compute shortest distances and paths

Input: Weighted digraph G with no negative cycle and source s .

Output: Shortest distance and path from s to every other node.

Let M and P be $1 \times n$ arrays indexed from 0 to $n - 1$, $n = |V(G)|$;

$M[s] = 0$ and for every $v \in V(G) \setminus \{s\}$, $M[v] = \infty$;

for every $v \in V(G)$, $P[v] = \text{null}$;

for $i = 1$ to $n - 1$ do

for $v \in V(G)$ do

for each arc $(w, v) \in E(G)$ do

if $M[v] > M[w] + d(w, v)$ then

$M[v] = M[w] + d(w, v)$; $P[v] = w$;

Return $M[v]$ and $P[v]$ for $v \neq s$;

Time for computing $M[v]$ is $O(\text{indeg}(v))$, time if the inner for loop is

$\sum_{v \in G} O(\text{indeg}(v)) = O(m)$, total time is $O(nm)$.

ShortestPath2 algorithm computes the shortest distance and path from s to all other nodes in a weighted digraph with no negative cycle in $O(mn)$ time and $\Theta(m)$ space.

Proof. The proof of soundness of the algorithm is similar to that for ShortestPath1 algorithm.

In each iteration of the for loop from $i = 1$ to $n - 1$, each node v is checked $\text{indeg}(v)$ times. Thus the running time of the algorithm is

$$O(n \sum_{v \in V(G)} \text{indeg}(v)) = O(mn).$$

Space, trivial. □

Negative cycle

- Let $H(V, E)$ be the weighted digraph with $V(H) = V(G)$ and $E(H) = \{(w, v) | v \in V(H) \text{ and } w = P[v] \text{ computed in ShortestPath2}\}$. If H has a cycle C , then C is a negative cycle.

Proof. For any $w = P[v]$, $M[v] > M[w] + d(w, v)$. Let v_1, \dots, v_k be the nodes in cycle C and (v_k, v_1) be the last arc added to C . Then for $i = 2, \dots, k$

$$\begin{aligned} M[v_i] &> M[v_{i-1}] + d(v_{i-1}, v_i) \text{ and} \\ M[v_1] &> M[v_k] + d(v_k, v_1). \end{aligned}$$

Sum the inequalities up

$$d(v_k, v_1) + \sum_{i=2}^k d(v_{i-1}, v_i) < 0.$$

□

- For G with no negative cycle, H is a tree, called shortest path tree.

Find negative cycles

- **Questions**

How to decide if the input digraph has a negative cycle?

How to find one?

- **Observation: If a negative cycle C can be reached from a vertex v in G , then C can be found.**
- **Given G , let $A(G)$ be the augmented graph obtained by adding a new node x and a new arc (x, v) for every $v \in E(G)$. G has a negative cycle iff $A(G)$ has a negative cycle.**
 - **If G does not have a negative cycle, then for every $v \in V(G)$,**
 $\text{opt}(i, v) = \text{opt}(n - 1, v)$ **for** $i \geq n$.
 - **If $\text{opt}(n, v) \neq \text{opt}(n - 1, v)$ for some $v \in V(G)$, then G has a negative cycle and the path from x to v found by the algorithm has a negative cycle.**

Sequence Alignment

- Given two strings of characters, how similar they are?

Example, **ocurrance** and **occurrence**.

- Problem, minimize the number of gaps and mismatches.

o c u r r a n c e -	o c - u r r a n c e
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o c c u r r e n c e	o c c u r r e n c e
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5 mismatches, 1 gap

1 mismatch, 1 gap

o c - u r r - a n c e

o c c u r r e - n c e

0 mismatches, 3 gaps

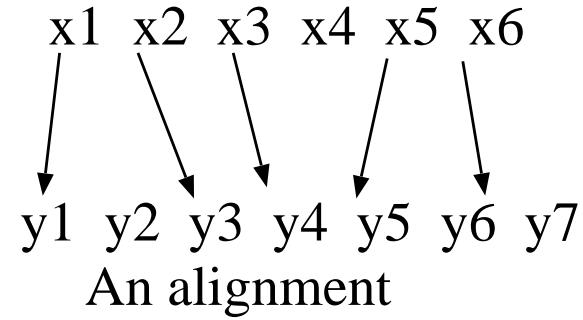
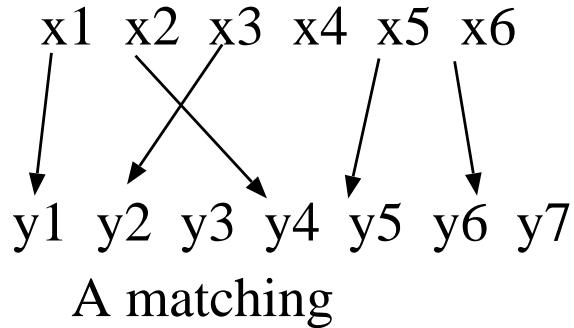
Alignments

Let $X = x_1x_2..x_m$ and $Y = y_1y_2..y_n$.

A **matching** between X and Y is a set of pairs (x_i, y_j) s.t. each element of X and Y appears in at most one pair.

Two pairs (x_i, y_j) and $(x_{i'}, y_{j'})$ are crossing if $i < i'$ and $j > j'$.

A matching is an **alignment** if there is no crossing pairs



- Let M be an alignment between X and Y .

Each position of X or Y that is not matched in M is called a **gap**.

Each pair $(x_i, y_j) \in M$ s.t. $x_i \neq y_j$ is called a **mismatch**.

Cost of M

- For each gap, there is a **gap penalty** $\delta > 0$.
- For each pair (p, q) , there is a **mismatch cost** $\alpha_{pq} > 0$, usually $\alpha_{pp} = 0$.
- The **cost** of M is the sum of the gap penalties and mismatch costs in M .

- Sequence alignment problem, given X and Y , find an alignment between X and Y of minimum cost.

- Example,

$X = m e a n$

$Y = n a m e$

$\delta = 2$, $\alpha_{m,n} = \alpha_{a,e} = 1$ (**mismatch between two vowels or two consonants**)

$\alpha_{m,a} = \alpha_{m,e} = \alpha_{n,a} = \alpha_{n,e} = 3$ (**mismatch between a vowel and a consonant**)

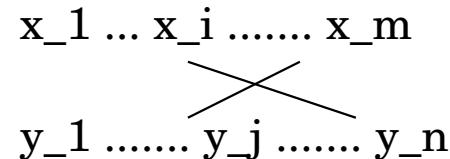
$\{(m, n), (a, a), (n, m)\}$ is an alignment between X and Y of minimum cost 6

($\alpha_{m,n} = 1$, one gap $\delta = 2$ in X , $\alpha_{n,m} = 1$, one gap $\delta = 2$ in Y).

Alignment properties

- **For any alignment M of $X = x_1..x_m$ and $Y = y_1..y_n$, if $(x_m, y_n) \notin M$ then either x_m or y_n is not matched in M .**

Proof. Assume $(x_m, y_j), (x_i, y_n) \in M$ with $i < m$ and $j < n$. Then this is a crossing pair, contradicts with M an alignment. \square



- **For an optimal alignment M of X and Y , at least one of the following is true:**
 - $(x_m, y_n) \in M$,
 - x_m is not matched in M , or
 - y_n is not matched in M .

Dynamic programming approach

- **Structure of an optimal solution.**

$\text{opt}(i, j)$: **minimum cost of an alignment M between $x_1..x_i$ and $y_1..y_j$.**

Goal: find $\text{opt}(m, n)$.

- **Case 1:** $\text{opt}(i, j)$ **matches** $x_i - y_j$, $\text{opt}(i, j) = \text{opt}(i - 1, j - 1) + \alpha_{x_i y_j}$.
- **Case 2a:** $\text{opt}(i, j)$ **leaves** x_i **unmatched**, $\text{opt}(i, j) = \text{opt}(i - 1, j) + \delta$.
- **Case 2b:** $\text{opt}(i, j)$ **leaves** y_j **unmatched**, $\text{opt}(i, j) = \text{opt}(i, j - 1) + \delta$.

- **Bellman equation**

$$\text{opt}(i, j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \min\{\text{opt}(i - 1, j - 1) + \alpha_{x_i y_j}, \\ & \quad \text{opt}(i - 1, j) + \delta, \text{opt}(i, j - 1) + \delta\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Alignment(X, Y) /* Compute optimal solution

Input: Strings $X = x_1..x_m$ and $Y = y_1..y_n$.

Output: A minimum cost alignment M between X and Y .

Array $M[0..m, 0..n]$;

For each i , $M[i, 0] = i\delta$;

For each j , $M[0, j] = j\delta$;

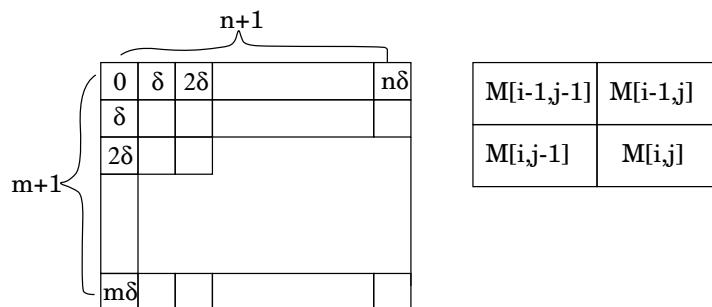
for $i = 1$ **to** m **do**

for $j = 1$ **to** n **do**

$$M[i, j] = \min\{M[i - 1, j - 1] + \alpha_{x_i y_j}, M[i - 1, j] + \delta, M[i, j - 1] + \delta\}$$

Return M ;

A minimum alignment is computed in $O(mn)$ time and $O(mn)$ space.



X= m e a n

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 $\delta = 2, \alpha_{m,n} = \alpha_{a,e} = 1$ (**mismatch between two vowels or two consonants**) $\alpha_{m,a} = \alpha_{m,e} = \alpha_{n,a} = \alpha_{n,e} = 3$ (**mismatch between a vowel and a consonant**)

	n	a	m	e
0	2	4	6	8
m	2	1	3	4
e	4	3	2	4
a	6	5	3	5
n	8	6	5	4

$$M[1, 1] = \min\{M[0, 0] + \alpha_{mn}, M[0, 1] + \delta, M[1, 0] + \delta\} = \min\{0 + 1, 2 + 2, 2 + 2\} = 1$$

$$M[1, 2] = \min\{M[0, 1] + \alpha_{ma}, M[0, 2] + \delta, M[1, 1] + \delta\} = \min\{2 + 3, 4 + 2, 1 + 2\} = 3$$

$$M[1, 3] = \min\{M[0, 2] + \alpha_{mm}, M[0, 3] + \delta, M[1, 2] + \delta\} = \min\{4 + 0, 6 + 2, 3 + 2\} = 4$$

$$M[1, 4] = \min\{M[0, 3] + \alpha_{me}, M[0, 4] + \delta, M[1, 3] + \delta\} = \min\{6 + 3, 8 + 2, 4 + 2\} = 6$$

Save-Space-Alignment algorithm computes the cost of an optimal alignment between X and Y in $O(mn)$ time and $O(m + n)$ space.

Save-Space-Alignment(X, Y)

Input: Strings $X = x_1..x_m$ and $Y = y_1..y_n$.

Output: Cost of a minimum alignment between X and Y .

Array $B[0..m, 0..1]$;

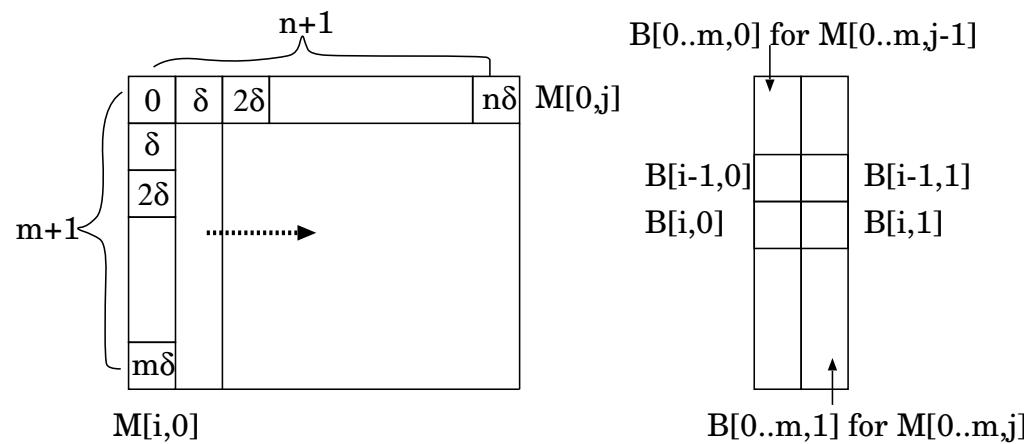
For each i , $B[i, 0] = i\delta$;

for $j = 1$ to n do $B[0, 1] = j\delta$;

for $i = 1$ to m do

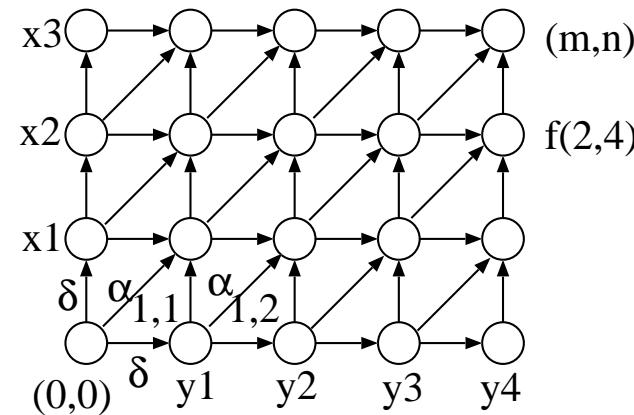
$$B[i, 1] = \min\{B[i - 1, 0] + \alpha_{x_i y_j}, B[i - 1, 1] + \delta, B[i, 0] + \delta\}$$

$B[0..m, 0] = B[0..m, 1]$;



More work is needed to find an optimal alignment in $O(m + n)$ space, graph based approach [Hirschberg 1975]

- For $X = x_1, \dots, x_m$ and $Y = y_1, \dots, y_n$, let G_{XY} be a weighted digraph with $V = \{v_{i,j} \mid 0 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq n\}$ and $E = \{(v_{i,j}, v_{i+1,j}), (v_{i,j}, v_{i,j+1}), (v_{i,j}, v_{i+1,j+1})\}$, each arc of $\{(v_{i,j}, v_{i+1,j}), (v_{i,j}, v_{i,j+1})\}$ is assigned a cost δ and each arc of $\{(v_{i,j}, v_{i+1,j+1})\}$ is assigned a cost $\alpha_{x_{i+1}y_{j+1}}$.
- Let $f(i, j)$ be the distance of a shortest path from $v_{0,0}$ to $v_{i,j}$. Then $f(i, j) = \text{opt}(i, j)$ for every pair of i, j (proof comes shortly).



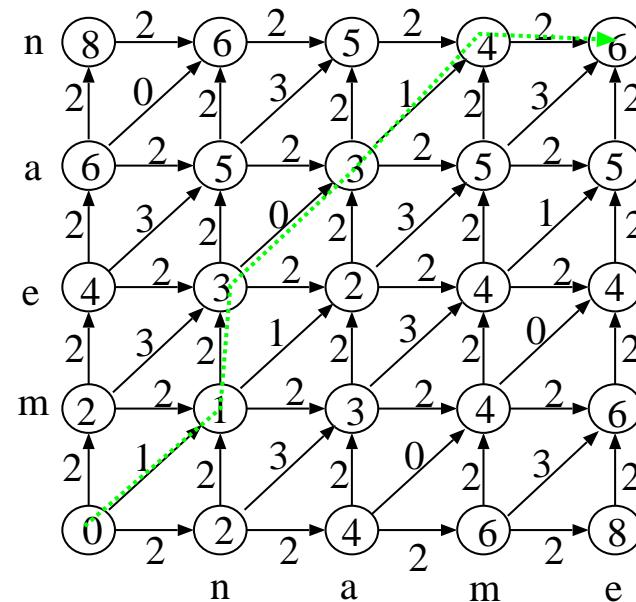
Examples

$X = m \ e \ a \ n$

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Soundness of graph based approach

Let $f(i, j)$ be the distance of a shortest path from $v_{0,0}$ to $v_{i,j}$ in G_{XY} . Then $f(i, j) = \text{opt}(i, j)$ for every pair of i, j .

Proof. Prove the statement by induction on $i + j$. For $i + j = 0$,

$$f(0, 0) = \text{opt}(0, 0) = 0,$$

Induction hypothesis, statement is true for all pairs $i' + j' < i + j$.

Induction step, the last arc in the shortest path to $v_{i,j}$ is one of

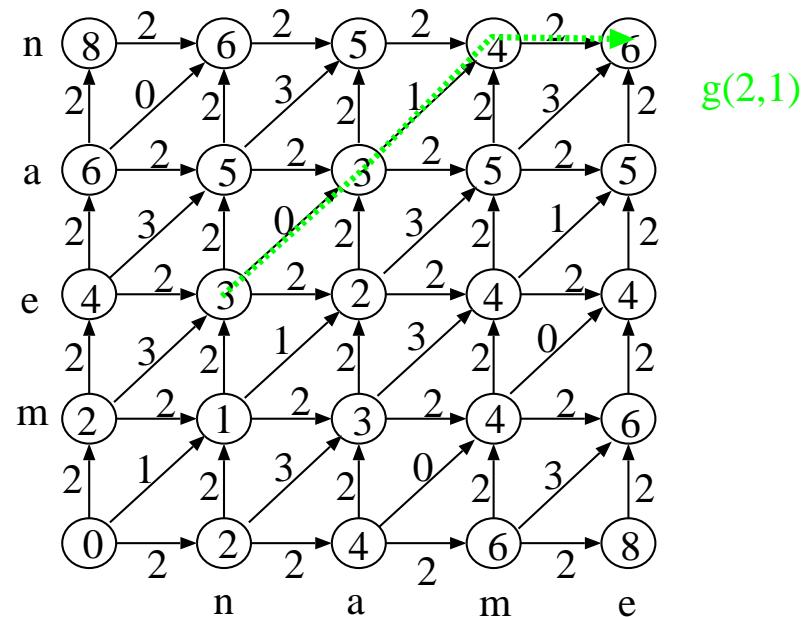
$(v_{i-1,j}, v_{i,j}), (v_{i,j-1}, v_{i,j}), (v_{i-1,j-1}, v_{i,j})$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f(i, j) &= \min\{f(i - 1, j) + \delta, f(i, j - 1) + \delta, f(i - 1, j - 1) + \alpha_{x_i y_j}\} \\ &= \min\{\text{opt}(i - 1, j) + \delta, \text{opt}(i, j - 1) + \delta, \text{opt}(i - 1, j - 1) + \alpha_{x_i y_j}\} \end{aligned}$$

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- Backward search

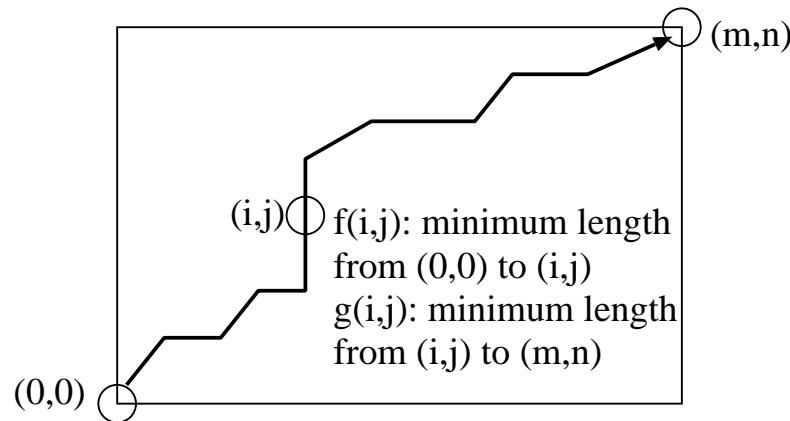
- $g(i, j)$, length of a shortest path from $v_{i,j}$ to $v_{m,n}$ in G_{XY} .
- $g(i, j) = \min\{g(i+1, j) + \delta, g(i, j+1) + \delta, g(i+1, j+1) + \alpha_{x_{i+1}y_{j+1}}\}.$



Compute optimal alignment in $O(m + n)$ space

- If a shortest path P from $v_{0,0}$ to $v_{m,n}$ contains node $v_{i,j}$, then the length of P is $f(i, j) + g(i, j)$.

Proof. P consists of the path from $v_{0,0}$ to $v_{i,j}$, which has length $f(i, j)$, and the path from $v_{i,j}$ to $v_{m,n}$, which has length $g(i, j)$. □

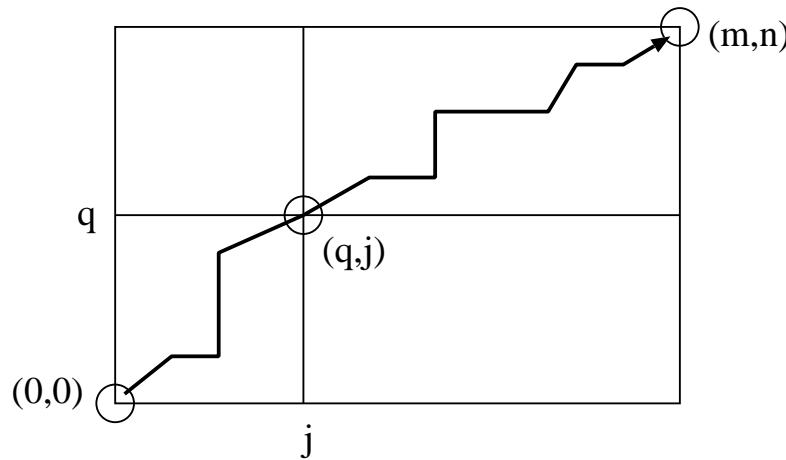


- For any j with $0 \leq j \leq n$, let q be an index that minimizes $f(q, j) + g(q, j)$. Then there is a shortest path P from $v_{0,0}$ to $v_{m,n}$ that contains $v_{q,j}$.

Proof. For any j , any path P from $v_{0,0}$ to $v_{m,n}$ must have a node $v_{p,j}$, and the length of P is

$$f(p, j) + g(p, j) \geq \min_{0 \leq q \leq m} \{f(q, j) + g(q, j)\}.$$

Therefore, $f(q, j) + g(q, j)$ is the length of a shortest path from $v_{0,0}$ to $v_{m,n}$ and there is such a path containing $v_{q,j}$. □



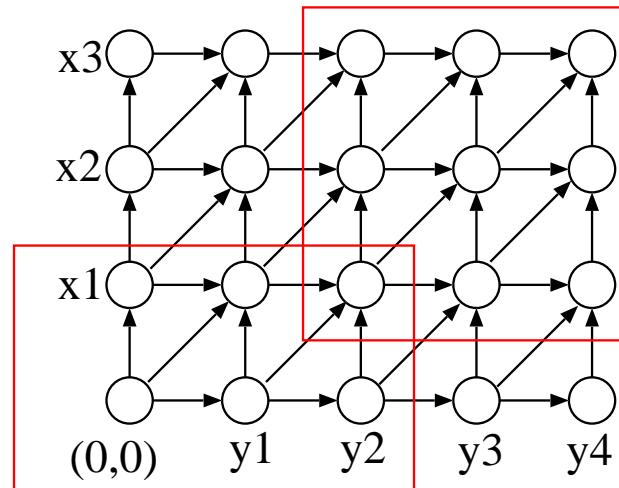
- Find q which minimizes $f(q, j) + g(q, j)$ for each j .

- By divide-and-conquer approach

Divide, choose $j = n/2$ to partition the problem into subproblems;

Conquer, find the shortest paths in subproblems;

Combine, combine the shortest paths for subproblems to get a solution.



Divide-and-Conquer-Alignment($X[1..m], Y[1..n]$)

Input: Strings $X = x_1..x_m$ and $Y = y_1..y_n$.

Output: A minimum cost alignment M between X and Y .

$m = |X|; n = |Y|;$

if $m \leq 2$ **and** $n \leq 2$ **then Alignment(X, Y)**;

$\text{opt} = \infty; q = 1;$

Space-Saving-Alignment($X[1..m], Y[1..n/2]$);

Space-Saving-Alignment-backward($X[1..m], Y[n/2..n]$);

Let q be the index that minimize $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$;

$P = P \cup \{v_{q, n/2}\}$; /* $P = \emptyset$ when the algorithm is first called */

Divide-and-Conquer-Alignment($X[1..q], Y[1..n/2]$);

Divide-and-Conquer-Alignment-backward($X[q..m], Y[n/2..n]$);

Theorem. [Hirschberg 1975] Divide-and-Conquer-Alignment algorithm runs in $O(mn)$ time and uses $O(m + n)$ space.

Proof. Let $T(m, n)$ be the running time. It takes $O(mn)$ time to compute q that minimizes $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$. Therefore,

$$T(m, n) \leq cmn + T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2), T(m, 2) \leq cm, T(2, n) \leq cn.$$

An rough estimation, assume $m = n$ and $q = n/2$. Then

$T(n, n) \leq 2T(n/2, n/2) + cn^2$. By Master Theorem, $T(n, n) = O(n^2)$. So, we expect $T(m, n) = O(mn)$.

For $k \geq c$, $T(m, 2) \leq 2km$ and $T(2, n) \leq 2kn$. Assume $T(m', n') \leq km'n'$ for all m', n' s.t. $m'n' < mn$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(m, n) &\leq cmn + T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2) \leq cmn + kqn/2 + k(m - q)n/2 \\ &= cmn + kmn/2 = (c + k/2)mn. \end{aligned}$$

Choose $k = 2c$, $T(m, n) \leq 2cmn$. □