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1. Give an integer length x , and the integer cutting points x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n (where $1 \leq x_i \leq x$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$), find the minimum cost of cutting a piece of iron bar of length x at the n points at distance x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n from the left-hand end (given that cutting a piece of bar of length y at any cost y). Devise a polynomial -time algorithm for the problem using dynamic programming technique.

The solution to this problem is based on the location of cut. The bar starts at position $l = 0$ which is denoted by l_0 and ends at position $l = L$ which is full length and is denoted by l_n .

A visual diagram of the bar with cuts is shown in Figure.1.

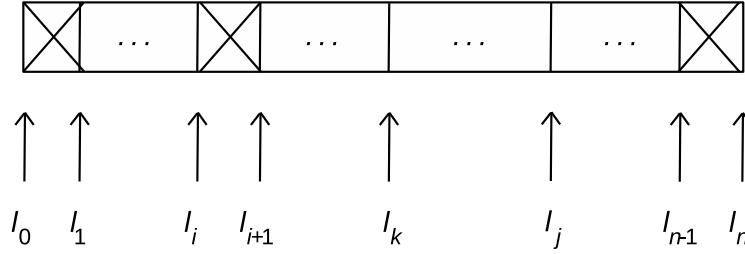


Figure 1: Cutting points. It starts from 0 and cuts through the bar to n

Cutting points for a piece of rod which starts at position l_i and ends at position l_j is located at l_k . Therefore $i < k < j$.

Let $m[i, j]$ be dynamic variable which is the minimum cost of cuts from point i to point j .

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j - i = 0 \text{ or } j - i = 1 \\ m[i, k] + m[k, j] + l_j - l_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $l_j - l_i$ is the length of rod from position i to j .

Two algorithms are provided to find optimal cut and then print where cuts should take place.

First algorithm –MIN-COST-CUT(L, c, l)– finds the most optimal cut, where L is the full length of the rod, c is the number of cuts, and l is the location of cuts.

The Second algorithm –MIN-COST-CUT(L, c, l)–, prints the precedence of cuts.

MIN-COST-CUT(L, c, l)

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1  // Reconstruct  $l$  by adding  $l_0 = 0$  and  $l_n = L$  to the beginning and end of  $l$ 
2   $l = [0, [l], l_n]$ 
3  //  $n$  is the maximum number of pieces, which is number of cuts+1.
4   $n = c + 1$ 
5  // generate matrix  $m$  to accumulate cost and matrix  $s$  to store location of cut and initialize to 0.
6   $m = \text{zero}(n \times n)$ 
7   $s = \text{zero}(n \times n)$ 
8  for  $l_c = 2 \rightarrow n$ 
9      for  $i = 0 \rightarrow n - l_c$ 
10          $j = i + l_c$ 
11          $m[i, j] = \infty$ 
12         for  $k = i + 1 \rightarrow j - 1$ 
13              $q = m[i, k] + m[k, j] + l_j - l_i$ 
14              $m[i, j] = \infty$ 
15             if  $q < m[i, j]$ 
16                  $m[i, j] = q$ 
17                  $s[i, j] = k$ 
18  print( $m[0, n]$ )
19  PRINT-CUT( $l, s, i, j$ )

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Time complexity of MIN-COST-CUT(L, c, l) is $O(n^3)$ since it has 3 internal loops. It is actually almost identical to the matrix multiplication time complexity.

PRINT-CUT(l, s, i, j)

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1  // if bar length is 2, then just return where the cut last cut is. This is the minimum cuttable piece
2  if  $(j - i) = 2$ 
3      return print( $l_{s[i, j]}$ )
4  // if bar length is 1 or 0, return nothing. Bar is not cuttable.
5  elseif  $(j - i) = 1$  or  $i = j$ 
6      return  $\emptyset$ 
7  // if bar length is larger than 2, then print where the last cut is and then cut the left and right sides
8  else
9      print( $l_{s[i, j]}$ )
10     PRINT-CUT( $l, s, i, s[i, j]$ )
11     PRINT-CUT( $l, s, s[i, j], j$ )

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2. Write a program in Python 3 to solve previous problem.

A snippet of code is shown in Figure 2. Notice the uses of the `numpy` library.

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1 import numpy as np
2 import sys
3
4 def print_s(l,s,i,j):
5     # if bar length is 2, which is minimum length -> print the last cut
6     if (j-i)==2:
7         return print(l[int(s[i,j])], end = ' ')
8     # if bar length is 1, no cut is possible
9     if (j-i)==1 or i==j:
10        return None
11    else:
12        # print current cut and then cut left and right pieces recursively
13        print(l[int(s[i,j])], end = ' ')
14        print_s(l,s,i,int(s[i,j]))
15        print_s(l,s,int(s[i,j]),j)
16
17
18 # Taking arguments and make array "l"
19 arguments = (sys.argv)
20 f = open(arguments[1], "r")
21 line1 = f.readline().rstrip('\n').split(" ")
22 line2 = f.readline().rstrip('\n').split(" ")
23
24 # add "0" to beginning and "L" to the end
25 l=line2
26 l.insert(0,"0")
27 l.append(line1[0])
28
29 #make "m" and "s" matrices
30 m = np.zeros((6,6))
31 s = np.zeros((6,6))
32 n = len(l)-1
33
34 for l_c in range (2,n+1):
35     for i in range(0,n-l_c+1):
36         j=i+l_c
37         m[i,j]=99990
38         for k in range(i+1,j):
39             q = m[i,k]+m[k,j]+(int(l[j])-int(l[i]))
40             if q<m[i,j]:
41                 m[i,j]=q
42                 s[i,j]=k
43 print("Matrix 'm':")
44 print(m)
45 print("Matrix 's':")
46 print(s)
47 # show the array with start, end, and location of cuts
48 print("This is the array: "+str(l))
49 # print minimum cost
50 print("Minimum cost : "+ str(m[0,n]) )
51 # print locations of cut using function "print_s" recursively
52 print("Cheapest cuts:", end = ' ')
53 print_s(l,s,0,n)
54 print("")

```

Figure 2: Snippet of code

Cheapest cut costs 73 and the precedence of cuts are:

[13, 5, 24, 17] which is $13 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 17$

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arsh@arsh-Precision-5520:~/Dropbox/Academia/CIS 606 - Analysis of Algorithms/hw/
GIT/hw7$ python3 prog7.py datafile
Matrix 'm':
[[ 0.  0. 13. 29. 48. 73.]
 [ 0.  0.  0. 12. 30. 52.]
 [ 0.  0.  0.  0. 11. 29.]
 [ 0.  0.  0.  0.  0. 14.]
 [ 0.  0.  0.  0.  0.  0.]
 [ 0.  0.  0.  0.  0.  0.]]
Matrix 's':
[[0. 0. 1. 1. 2. 2.]
 [0. 0. 0. 2. 2. 3.]
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 3. 4.]
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 4.]
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.]
 [0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.]]
This is the array: ['0', '5', '13', '17', '24', '31']
Minimum cost : 73.0
Cheapest cuts: 13 5 24 17

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Figure 3: Results

This is how cuts happen:

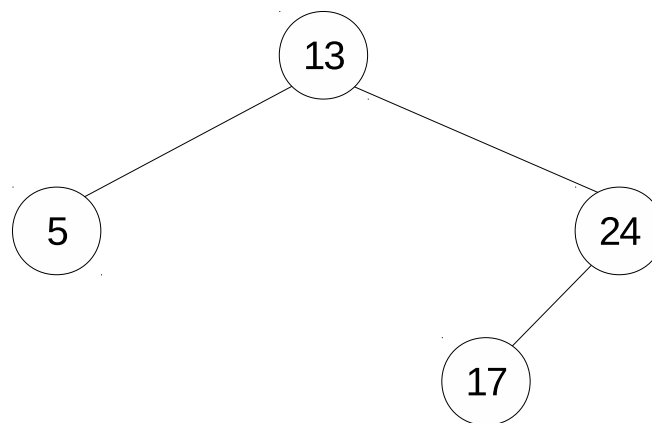


Figure 4: Precedence of cuts