

# Dynamic programming

Goldsmiths Computing

# Motivation

Technique for applying memoization to optimization problems.

- not really “dynamic”;
- not really “programming” (as we understand it today).

Marketing!

## Definition

The bottom-up application of memoization (stored computation) to solve problems searching for an optimum (shortest, smallest, ...) of a set of possibilities, where the optimum can be described in terms of subproblems.

## Example: factorial

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & n < 2 \\ n \times (n-1)! & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

```
function FACT(n)
  if n < 2 then
    return 1
  else
    return n × FACT(n-1)
  end if
end function
```

## Complexity

time  $\Omega(N)$

space  $\Omega(N)$

## Example: factorial (memoized)

```
T ← new Vector(1000)
for 0 ≤ i < 1000 do
  T ← 0
end for
function FACTMEMO(n)
  if T[n] > 0 then
    return T[n]
  else if n < 2 then
    T[n] ← n; return T[n]
  else
    T[n] ← n × FACTMEMO(n-1); return T[n]
  end if
end function
```

### Complexity

time  $\Omega(N)$  (first time);  $\Theta(1)$  (subsequent times)

space  $\Omega(N)$

## Example: factorial (dynamic programming)

```
function FACTDP(n)
  T  $\leftarrow$  new Vector(n+1)
  T[0]  $\leftarrow$  1
  for 0 < i  $\leq$  n do
    T[i]  $\leftarrow$  n  $\times$  T[i-1]
  end for
  return T[n]
end function
```

## Example: Fibonacci

$$u_n = \begin{cases} n & n < 2 \\ u_{n-1} + u_{n-2} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

```
function FIB(n)
  if n < 2 then
    return n
  else
    return FIB(n-1) + FIB(n-2)
  end if
end function
```

## Complexity

time  $\Omega(\varphi^N)$

space  $\Omega(\varphi^N)$

## Example: Fibonacci (memoized)

```
T ← new Vector(1000)
for 0 ≤ i < 1000 do
    T ← -1
end for
function FIBMEMO(n)
    if T[n] ≥ 0 then
        return T[n]
    else if n < 2 then
        T[n] ← n
        return T[n]
    else
        T[n] ← FIBMEMO(n-1) + FIBMEMO(n-2)
        return T[n]
    end if
end function
```



## Example: Fibonacci (dynamic programming)

```
function FIBDP(n)
  T ← new Vector(n+1)
  T[0] ← 0
  T[1] ← 1
  for 1 < i ≤ n do
    T[i] ← T[i-1] + T[i-2]
  end for
  return T[n]
end function
```

## Example: coins

Given a collection of denominations  $\{D\}$ , how many coins does it take to make a particular value  $v$ ?

- extension: in what way can we make  $v$  using the smallest number of coins?

## Example: coins

```
function GREEDY(D,v)
  if v = 0 then
    return 0
  else
    cs ← {c | c ∈ D ∧ c ≤ v}
    c ← MAX(cs)
    return 1 + GREEDY(D,v-c)
  end if
end function
```

## Example: coins

```
function OPT(D,v)
  if  $v \in D$  then
    return 1
  else if  $v < \text{MIN}(D)$  then
    return false
  else
     $cs \leftarrow \{ \text{OPT}(D, v-c) \mid c \in D \wedge \text{Opt}(c) \neq \text{false} \}$ 
    return  $1 + \text{MIN}(cs)$ 
  end if
end function
```

## Example: coins

```
function LOOKUP(T,i)
  if i < 0 then
    return  $\infty$ 
  else
    return T[i]
  end if
end function

function OPTDYNAMICPROGRAMMING(D,v)
  T  $\leftarrow$  new Vector(v)
  T[0]  $\leftarrow$  0
  for 0 < i  $\leq$  v do
    cs  $\leftarrow$  {1 + LOOKUP(T,i-c) | c  $\in$  D}
    T[i]  $\leftarrow$  MIN(cs)
  end for
  return T[v]
end function
```

## Example: image seam carving

Assume some “energy” measurement for pixels  $E(i,j)$

$$c(i,j) = \begin{cases} E(i,j) & j = 0 \\ E(i,j) + \min(c(i-1,j-1), c(i,j-1), c(i+1,j-1)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**function** SEAM( $l$ )

$w \leftarrow \text{WIDTH}(l)$ ;  $h \leftarrow \text{HEIGHT}(l)$

$T \leftarrow \text{new Array}(w+2, h)$

**for**  $0 \leq i < w$  **do**

$T[i+1,j] \leftarrow (E(l,i,j), \text{NIL})$

**end for**

**for**  $0 \leq j < h$  **do**

$T[0,j] \leftarrow (\infty, \text{NIL})$ ;  $T[w+1,j] \leftarrow (\infty, \text{NIL})$

**end for**

**for**  $0 < j < h$  **do**

**for**  $0 \leq i < w$  **do**

$T[i+1,j] \leftarrow \text{MIN1}((T[i,j-1],i), (T[i+1,j-1],i+1), (T[i+2,j-1],i+2))$

**end for**

**end for**

**end function**

## Example: edit distance

Operations needed to edit one string into another:

**insertion** insert a character into the string (cost:  $c_i$ )

**deletion** delete a character from the string (cost:  $c_d$ )

**substitution** substitute one character for another (cost:  $c_s$ )

```
function EDITDISTANCE(S,Z)
  if LENGTH(S) = 0 then
    return  $c_i \times \text{LENGTH}(Z)$ 
  else if LENGTH(Z) = 0 then
    return  $c_d \times \text{LENGTH}(S)$ 
  else
    ins  $\leftarrow c_i + \text{EDITDISTANCE}(Z[0]S, Z)\text{EDITDISTANCE}(S, Z[1..])$ 
    del  $\leftarrow c_d + \text{EDITDISTANCE}(S[1..], Z)$ 
    if  $Z[0] = S[0]$  then
      sub  $\leftarrow \text{EDITDISTANCE}(S[1..], Z[1..])$ 
    else
      sub  $\leftarrow c_s + \text{EDITDISTANCE}(S[1..], Z[1..])$ 
    end if
    return MIN(ins, del, sub)
  end if
end function
```

## Example: edit distance

```
function EDITDISTANCEDP(S,Z)
  ls ← LENGTH(S); lz ← LENGTH(Z)
  T ← new Array(ls+1, lz+1)
  for 0 ≤ i ≤ ls do
    T[i,0] ← i × cd
  end for
  for 0 ≤ j ≤ lz do
    T[0,j] ← j × ci
  end for
  for 0 < i ≤ ls do
    for 0 < j ≤ lz do
      if S[i-1] = Z[j-1] then
        T[i,j] ← T[i-1,j-1]
      else
        ins ← ci + T[i,j-1]
        del ← cd + T[i-1,j]
        sub ← cs + T[i-1,j-1]
        T[i,j] ← MIN(ins, del, sub)
      end if
    end for
  end for
  return T[ls,lz]
end function
```



# Dynamic programming and memoization

## memoization

- small modification of natural recursive definition
- introduction of a cache to store intermediate results
- start from problem, work on progressively smaller cases

## dynamic programming

- more substantial rewrite of recursive definition
- introduction of a table to store successive results
- start from base case, work on progressively larger cases

# Work

## 1. Reading

- CLRS, chapter 15
- DPV, chapter 6

## 2. Exercises and Problems

Exercises from CLRS 15.1-5

Exercises from DPV 6.1, 6.2

CLRS 15-4 Printing neatly

CLRS 15-5 Edit distance