

1. Describe in English how you can break down the larger problem into one or more smaller problem(s). This description should include how the solution to the larger problem is constructed from the subproblems.

The key here is to be able to identify the current state of the partitioned original array.

- a. We know since we need to keep each partition to be equal or less than the input value (t) we need a way to keep track of the sum.
- b. In order to store the results of an inequality score of some particular sub array we need to have a 2D array to store those values.
- c. We need to be able to check all of the possibilities of every combination of allowable partitions (not a doomed state) and be able to compare all of the different combinations of inequality scores and return the lowest sum of those values using the min function.

2. What recurrence can you use to model the problem using dynamic programming?

Our function MemoEP with a parameter datasetC which is being modified recursively

MemoEP(datasetC, t, Sindex, n) =	{ MemoEP(datasetC[i+1..n], t, Sindex+1, n)	if, sum <= t && ep[Sindex][1..n] == inf
	{ min(ep[Sindex][1..n])	if, sum <= t && ep[Sindex][1..n] != inf
	{ ep[Sindex][Nindex] -= 1	if, sum > t
	{ 0	if, Sindex > n

3. What are the base cases of this recurrence?

Once we leave our bounds for the original array datasetC (start index > n) return 0

4. Describe a pseudocode algorithm that uses memoization to compute the inequality score (i.e., the sum of the squares of the unused capacity) for the optimal (least unequal) solution.

Input: *dataset*: array of numbers

Input: *t*: max partition size

Output: minimum inequality score for an array of numbers

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1 Algorithm: EP
2 ep = Array(n,n)
3 Initialize ep to infinity
4 return MemoEP(dataset, t, 0, n)
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Input: *datasetC*: array being passed, will change per recursive call

Input: *startingIndex*: used to keep track of what row of ep is being manipulated

Input: *n*: size of original array

Output: minimum value in the *startingIndex* row of the array *ep*

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1 Algorithm: MemoEP
2 int nextIndex = startingIndex;
3 int sum = 0;
4 if startingIndex <= n
5 |   for i to the end of the someArray
6 |   |   sum += datasetC[i]
7 |   |   if(sum <= t)
7 |   |   |   if ep[startingIndex][0...n] all != infinity
8 |   |   |   |   return min ep[startingIndex][0...n]
9 |   |   |   |
10 |   |   |   |   return min ep[startingIndex][0...n]
11 |   |   |   |
12 |   |   |   |   else
13 |   |   |   |   |   ep[startingIndex][nextIndex] = (t- sum(datasetC[startingIndex...nextIndex])
14 |   |   |   |   |   + MemoEP(datasetC[i+1...n], t, nextIndex + 1, n)
15 |   |   |   |   |
16 |   |   |   |   |   end
17 |   |   |   |   |   else
18 |   |   |   |   |   |   ep[startingIndex][nextIndex] -= 1
19 |   |   |   |   |   |   end
20 |   |   |   |   |   nextIndex++
21 |   |   |   |   |   end
22 |   |   |   |   |   end
23 |   |   |   |   |   return 0;
24 |   |   |   |   |   end
25 |   |   |   |   |   return min ep[startingIndex][startingIndex...n];
```

5. Describe an iterative algorithm for the same purpose

Input: *dataset* : array of integers

Input: *t* : max partition size

Output: minimum inequality score for the array

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1 Algorithm IterEP
2 n = size of dataset - 1
3 EP = Array(n,n)
4 Initialize EP to MAX_INT
5 for i = 0 to n
6   |
7   |   sum = 0
8   |   for j = i to n
9   |   |   sum = sum + dataset[j]
10  |   |   if sum <= t
11  |   |   |   if i != 0
12  |   |   |   |   EP[i][j] = (t-sum)^2 + min(EP[0...n][i-1])
13  |   |   |   |   else
14  |   |   |   |   EP[i][j] = (t-sum)^2
15  |   |   |   end
16  |   |   end
17  |   |   else
18  |   |   |   break
19  |   |   end
20  |   end
21 end
22
23 return min([0...n][n])
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6. Describe how to modify and extend your iterative algorithm to identify the optimal partition.

**** We already have the optimal partition as described above. Ask Hendrix what he wants here. ****

7. Analyze the time and space complexity of your improved iterative algorithm.

Looking at the code above from question 5

Lines 2, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18, and 22 take constant time

The inner loop body : All of the lines in the body of this loop take constant time $O(\log(n))$.

The inner for loop iterates $j - i$ times which worst case is n times (during the first iteration) yielding a worst case of $O(n)$ but on average yielding $n/2$ iterations. The total complexity of the inner for loop with the iterations is $O(n \lg(n))$

The outer for loop iterates n times. With a body time complexity of $O(n \lg(n) + 1) = O(n \lg(n))$

The total complexity of lines 5-21 is $n(n \lg(n)) = n^2 \lg(n) = O(n^2 \lg(n))$

Adding the rest of the code outside of the loops lines 3 and 4 take n^2 time and everything else is constant. $N^2 + n^2 \lg(n) = O(n^2 \lg(n))$

8. Can the space complexity be improved relative to the memoized algorithm? Justify your

answer.