



COLLATE

Algorithm Design and Analysis

Notes
UNIT - 2

SOURCE : NOTESHUB

UNIT - 2DYNAMIC Programming

- It is a problem solving technique like Divide & Conquer.
- It solves is used when the subproblems are not independent i.e they share same subproblems.
- It solves each subproblem once & stores the result in a table, so that it can rapidly retrieved if needed.
- It is often used for optimization problem; problem with many possible solⁿ for which we want to find the optimal (best solⁿ)
- Dynamic Prog. is reverse of Recursion. Recursion is a top down mechanism, we take a problem, split it up & solve the smaller problem.
- It is a bottom up mechanism. — we solve small problem & then combine them to obtain a solⁿ to bigger problem.

Characteristics

1. Optimal Substructure: If an optimal solⁿ contains optimal sub solⁿ; then a problem exhibit optimal substructure.
2. Overlapping subproblems: When a recursive algo would visit the same subproblem repeatedly.

then a problem has overlapping subproblems.

- * If a problem has optimal substructure, then we can recursively define an optimal solⁿ.
- * If a problem has overlapping subproblem, then we can improve on a recursive implementation by computing each subproblem only once.

Applic.

- knapsack problem
- Shortest path Problem
- Matrix Chain Multiplication
- longest Common Sequences etc.

→ Diff b/w Divide & Conquer & Dynamic Prog

Divide & Conquer Algo

1. It is a top-down algorithm.

2. In this subproblems are independent.

3. It is simple as

Dynamic Prog

1. It is a bottom-up algorithm.

2. Subproblems are not independent.

3. It is often quite complex.

Compared to dynamic
programming.

Sticky-

4. It can be used for
any kind of problem

9. It can be used for opti-
mization problems

5. Only one decision
sequence is ever
generated

8. Many decision sequences
are generated.

④. It splits a problem
into separate subprob.
Solve the subprob & combine
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subproblems, some of
which are common, solves
the subproblem & combines the
results for addn. to the original
problem.

Eg:- Quick Sort, Binary
Search, Merge Sort

Eg:- MCM, LCS.



OBSI(P, q, n)

|| Given n distinct identifiers $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$ &
 || probabilities $P[i]$, $1 \leq i \leq n$ & $q[i]$, $0 \leq i \leq n$, this algo
 || Computes the Cost $C[i, j]$ of OBST t_{ij} for 2 identifiers
 || a_{i+1}, \dots, a_j . It also computes $\alpha[i, j]$, the root of
 || t_{ij} .
 || $W[i, j]$ is the weight of t_{ij}

{
 for $i := 0$ to $n-1$ do
 {

|| Initialize.

$w[i, i] := q[i]$; $\alpha[i, i] := 0$, $C[i, i] = 0.0$

|| optimal trees with one node

$$w[i, i+1] := q[i] + q[i+1] + P[i+1];$$

$$\alpha[i, i+1] := i+1;$$

$$c[i, i+1] := q[i] + q[i+1] + p[i+1];$$

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$w[n, n] := q[n]$; $\alpha[n, n] := 0$; $C[n, n] := 0.0$;

for $m := 2$ to n do || find optimal trees with m nodes

for $i := 0$ to $n-m$ do

{

$$j := i+m;$$

$$w[i, j] := w[i, j-1] + p[j] + q[j];$$

$k := \text{find}(q, \alpha, i, j);$



1) A value of l in the range $\omega[i, j-1] \leq l$.

$l \leq \omega[i+1, j]$ that minimizes $c[i, l-1] + c[l, j]$

$$c[i, j] := \omega[i, j] + c[i, k-1] + c[k, j];$$

$\wedge [i, j] := k;$

write $(c[0, n], \omega[0, n], \wedge[0, n])$.

3.

Algorithm Find (c, ω, \wedge, j)

$$\min := \infty;$$

for $m := \omega[i, j-1]$ to $\omega[i+1, j]$ do

if $c[i, m-1] + c[m, j] - \cancel{\omega[m, m]} < \min$ then

$$\min := c[i, m-1] + c[m, j]; \quad l := m; \quad \wedge[i, j] = l;$$

return $\{l\}$;

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Q. Let $n=4$ and $a_1 = \text{do}$, $a_2 = \text{if}$, $a_3 = \text{int}$, $a_4 = \text{while}$.
 Let $P(1:4) = (3, 3, 1)$ & $Q(0:4) = (2, 3, 1, 1)$. The Q 's &
 Q 's are multiplied by 16 for convenience. Initially, we have
 $\omega(i, i) = Q(i)$, $c(i, i) = 0$ & $\wedge(i, i) = 0$,
 $0 \leq i \leq 4$.

Sol:

$$n = 4$$

$$a_1 = \text{do}$$

$$a_2 = \text{if}$$

$$a_3 = \text{int}$$

$$a_4 = \text{while}$$

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| 0 | $w_{00} = 2$ $c_{00} = 0$ $r_{00} = 0$ | $w_{01} = 3$ $c_{01} = 0$ $r_{01} = 0$ | $w_{02} = 1$ $c_{02} = 0$ $r_{02} = 0$ | $w_{03} = 1$ $c_{03} = 0$ $r_{03} = 0$ | $w_{04} = 1$ $c_{04} = 0$ $r_{04} = 0$ |
| 1 | $w_{10} = 8$ $c_{10} = 8$ $r_{10} = 1$ | $w_{11} = 7$ $c_{11} = 7$ $r_{11} = 2$ | $w_{12} = 3$ $c_{12} = 3$ $r_{12} = 2$ | $w_{13} = 3$ $c_{13} = 3$ $r_{13} = 3$ | $w_{14} = 3$ $c_{14} = 3$ $r_{14} = 4$ |
| 2 | $w_{20} = 12$ $c_{20} = 19$ $r_{20} = 1$ | $w_{21} = 9$ $c_{21} = 12$ $r_{21} = 2$ | $w_{22} = 5$ $c_{22} = 8$ $r_{22} = 3$ | | |
| 3 | $w_{30} = 14$ $c_{30} = 25$ $r_{30} = 2$ | $w_{31} = 11$ $c_{31} = 14$ $r_{31} = 2$ | | | |
| 4 | $w_{40} = 16$ $c_{40} = 32$ $r_{40} = 2$ | | | | |

$$w(i, j) = f(j) + g(j) + w(i, j-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} w(0, 1) &= f(1) + g(1) + w(0, 1-1) \\ &= 3 + 3 + w(0, 0) \\ &= 3 + 3 + 2 \\ &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$c(0, 1) = ?$$

$$c[i, j] = w[i, j] + c[i, k-1] + c[k, j];$$

$$c(0, 1) := w[0, 1] + (c[i, k-1] + c[k, j]).$$

Complexity.

We have to Compute $c(i, j)$ for $j - i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

When $j - i = m$, there are $n - m + 1$, $c(i, j')$'s to Compute.

Computation of each of these $c(i, j')$'s require us to find the minimum of m quantities.

∴ Each $c(i, j)$ can be Computed in $O(m)$.

Total time for all $c(i, j)$ with $j - i = m$

$$\therefore O(mn - m^2)$$

Total time to evaluate all $c(i, j')$'s & $\alpha(c(i, j'))$

$$\therefore \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n} (mn - m^2) = O(n^3)$$



0/1 KnapSack

In knapsack problem, a thief is robbing a store & can carry a max weight of w^* into their knapsack.

→ There are 'n' items & i^{th} item weighs w_i & is worth v_i / p_i . Problem is what thief should take.

→ In 0/1 knapsack, items may not be broken into smaller pieces, so a thief may decide either to take an item or leave it but may not a fraction of an item. Since 0/1 knapsack problem exhibits optimal substructure property, therefore only dynamic programming approach

$$C[i, w] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=0 \text{ or } w=0 \\ C[i-1, w] & \text{if } w_i > 0 \\ \max \{v_i + C[i-1, w-w_i], C[i-1, w]\} & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } w \geq w_i \end{cases}$$

It means, if one picks item i , thief takes v_i value & thief can choose from items $w^* - w_i$ & get

$C[i-1, w-w_i]$ additional value; On the other hand, if he decides not to take item i , thief can choose from items $1, 2, \dots, i-1$ up to the weight limit ' w ' & get $C[i-1, w]$ value.



Algo takes an input the max. weight w , the no. of items n , & two sequences.

$$V = \langle V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n \rangle \text{ & } w = \langle w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n \rangle$$

It stores the $c[i, j]$ Values in the table, i.e. a 2-D array $c[0..n, 0..w]$

$$c[n, w] = \max \cdot \text{Value that can be picked up to the knapsack}$$

Eg:- find optimal sol' for 0/1 knapsack $n=3$

$$(w_1, w_2, w_3) = (2, 3, 3)$$

$$(p_1, p_2, p_3) = (1, 2, 4)$$

$$\& m = 6.$$

$$w = 6.$$

itemⁱ:

1

2

3

p_i

1

2

4

w_i

2

3

3

$$xpm = [s, 1])$$

| w | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

for $w = 0 \text{ to } W$, $i = 1 \text{ to } n$.

$$c[0, w] = 0 \quad \& \quad c[i, 0] = 0$$

for $i=1$, $w_i = w$, $= 2$, $w = 1$

$\underbrace{wt \text{ of}}_{\text{item}}$

$\underbrace{\text{item included}}_{\text{in}}$



for $i=1$, $\omega_i = 2$ $\Rightarrow \omega = 1$

$\xrightarrow{\text{given wt. be included}}$ $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ kg wt.}}$

$$\omega_i > \omega$$

$$2 > 1$$

$$c[i-1, \omega] = c[1-1, 1]$$

$$c[1, 1] \Rightarrow c[0, 1] = 0$$

$$\boxed{c[1, 1] = 0}$$

if y ,

$$i=1, \omega_i = 2, \omega = 2$$

$$\omega_i \neq \omega$$

$$c[1, 2] = \max [c[i-1, \omega], v_i + c[i-1, \omega - \omega_i]]$$

$$= \max [c[1-1, 2], 1 + c[0, 0]]$$

$$= \max [c[0, 2], 1 + c[0, 0]]$$

$$= \max [0, 1+0]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1$$

if y

$$i=1, \omega_i = 2, \omega = 3$$

$$\omega_i \neq \omega$$

$$c[1, 3] = \max [c[i-1, \omega], v_i + c[i-1, \omega - \omega_i]]$$

$$= \max [c[1-1, 3], v_i + c[0, 3-2]]$$

$$= \max [c[0, 3], 1 + c[0, 1]]$$

$$= \max [0, 1+0]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1$$



Thy $i=1, \omega_i^o = 2, \omega = 4$
 $\omega_i^o < \omega$

$$\begin{aligned} C[1, 4] &= \max [C[i-1, \omega], v_i + C[i^o-1, \omega - \omega_i^o]] \\ &= \max [C[0, 4], v_1 + C[1-1, 4-2]] \\ &= \max [0, 1 + C[0, 2]] \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thy $i=1, \omega_i^o = 2, \omega = 5$
 $\omega_i^o < \omega$

$$\begin{aligned} C[1, 5] &= \max [C[i-1, \omega], v_i^o + C[i^o-1, \omega - \omega_i^o]] \\ &= \max [C[1-1, 5], v_1 + C[1-1, 5-2]] \\ &= \max [C[0, 5], 1 + C[0, 3]] \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Thy $C[1, 6] = 1$

Now when $i=2, \omega_i^o = 3, \omega = 1$
 Now $\omega_i^o > \omega$

$$\begin{aligned} C[i, \omega] - C[2, 1] &= C[i-1, \omega] \\ &= C[2-1, 1] \\ &= C[1, 1] \end{aligned}$$

Now, $i=2, \omega_i^o = 3, \omega = 2$ $= 0$
 $\omega_i^o > \omega$

$$\begin{aligned} C[i, \omega] &= C[i-1, \omega] \\ C[2, 2] &= C[1, 2] \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now, $i=2, \omega_1=3, \omega=3$

$\omega_i \neq \omega$.

$$c[i, \omega] = \max \{ c[i-1, \omega], v_i + c[i-1, \omega - \omega_i] \}$$

$$c[2, 3] = \max \{ c[1, 3], v_2 + c[1, 3-3] \}$$

$$= \max \{ c[1, 3], 2 + c[1, 0] \}$$

$$\max \{ 1, 2 \}$$

$$= 2$$

"Ig. $i=2, \omega_1=3, \omega=4$.

$\omega_i \neq \omega$.

$$c[i, \omega] = \max \{ c[i-1, \omega], v_i + c[i-1, \omega - \omega_i] \}$$

$$c[2, 4] = \max \{ c[1, 4], v_2 + c[1, 1] \}$$

$$= \max \{ 1, v_2 + 0 \}$$

$$= \max \{ 1, 2 \}$$

$$= 2$$

"Ig. $c[2, 5]$

$\omega_1=3, \omega=5$

$\omega_i \neq \omega$

$$c[i, \omega] = \max \{ c[i-1, \omega], v_i + c[i-1, \omega - \omega_i] \}$$

$$= \max \{ c[1, 5], v_2 + c[1, 2] \}$$

$$= \max \{ 1, 2 + 3 \}$$

$$\max \{ 1, 3 \}$$

$$= 3$$



$$\text{11/1y. } C[2, 6] = 3$$

Now, when $i = 3$, $\omega_i^0 = 3$, $\omega = 1$
 $\omega_i^0 > \omega$

$$C[i, \omega] = C[i-1, \omega]$$

$$= C[3-1, 1]$$

$$C[3, 1] = C[2, 1]$$

$$= 0$$

Now,

$$i = 3, \omega_i^0 = 3, \omega = 2$$

$$3 > 2$$

$$C[3, 2] = C[3-1, 2]$$

$$= C[2, 2]$$
 ~~$= C[1, 1]$~~

Now $i = 3, \omega = 3, \omega_i^0 = 3, V_3 = 4$
 $\omega_i^0 \neq \omega$

$$C[i, \omega] = \max \{ C[i-1, \omega], V_i + C[i-1, \omega] \}$$

$$C[3, 3] = \max \{ C[2, 3], V_3 + C[2, 3] \}$$

$$= \max \{ 2, 4 + 0 \}$$

$$= \max \{ 2, 4 \}$$

$$C[3, 3] = 4$$

$$11/1y. C[3, 4] = 4$$

$$C[3, 5] = 5$$

$$C[3, 6] = 6$$



Last Value $i=3$, $w=6$,
So,

$$C_{\max} = C[i, w] = C[3, 6] \Rightarrow 6$$

Now we construct the optimal solⁿ for finding the items that make the max. value.

Let $i^* = n$, $k = w$
i.e $i^* = 3$, $k = 6$

If $C[i^*, k] \neq C[i^*-1, k]$
then mark i^{th} item as 1

$$\begin{aligned} k &= k - w \\ i^* &= i^* - 1 \end{aligned}$$

Else.

mark the i^{th} item as 0.
 $i^* = i^* - 1$

Here.

$$C[3, 6] = C[2, 6]$$

$$6 \neq 3$$

So mark 3rd item as 1

$$\begin{aligned} k &= 6 - 3 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \&i^* = 3 - 1 \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Now.

$$\begin{aligned} C[2, 3] &= C[1, 3] \\ 2 &\neq 1 \end{aligned}$$

∴ So mark 2nd item as 1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } k &= 3 - w_2 \\ &= 3 - 3 \end{aligned}$$

So, we only use 2nd & 3rd items to find



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Max. profit not 1st object \therefore optimal solⁿ is (0, 1, 1)

\Rightarrow Floyd-WARSHALL Algo

It is also known as Roy-floyd algo, since Bernard Roy described it in 1959 is a graph analysis algo for finding shortest path in a weighted directed graph.

- \rightarrow Single execution of ~~the~~ algo will find the shortest path b/w all pairs of vertices.
- \rightarrow It does so in $\Theta(V^3)$ time where V is the no. of vertices in the graph.

\rightarrow Negative weight edges may be present, but we shall assume that there are no negative weight cycles.

\rightarrow The algo considers the "intermediate vertices of the shortest path, where an intermediate vertex of a simple path $p = \langle v_1, v_2 \dots v_m \rangle$ is any vertex of p. other than v_1 or v_m i.e any vertex in the set $\{v_2, v_3 \dots v_{m-1}\}$

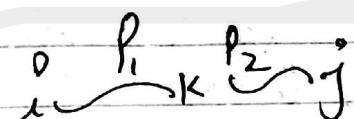
\rightarrow Let the vertices of G be $V = \{1, 2 \dots n\}$ & Consider a subset $\{1, 2, \dots k\}$ of vertices for some k .

\rightarrow for any pair of vertices $i, j \in V$, consider all paths from i to j whose intermediate vertices are all drawn from $\{1, 2 \dots k\}$. Let ' p ' be the min. weight path from among them.

\rightarrow Floyd Warshall algo gives a relationship b/w path ' p ' & shortest path from i to j with all intermediate vertices in the set $\{1, 2 \dots k-1\}$.



- Relationship depends on whether or not k is an intermediate vertex of path p .
- If ' k ' is not an intermediate vertex of path p , then all intermediate vertices of path p are in set $\{1, 2 - k - 1\}$
- If ' k ' is an int. intermediate vertex of path p
then



→ Let $d_{ij}^{(k)}$ be the weight of a shortest path from vertex i to vertex j with all intermediate vertices in the set $\{1, 2 - k - 1\}$

$$d_{ij}^{(k)} = \begin{cases} w_{ij} & \text{if } k=0 \\ \min(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}) & \text{if } k>1 \end{cases}$$

Algo

floyd-WARSHALL (w)

1. $n \leftarrow \text{rows}[w]$

2. $D^0 \leftarrow w$

3. for $k \leftarrow 1$ to n

4. do for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n

5. do for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n

6. do $d_{ij}^{(k)} \leftarrow \min$

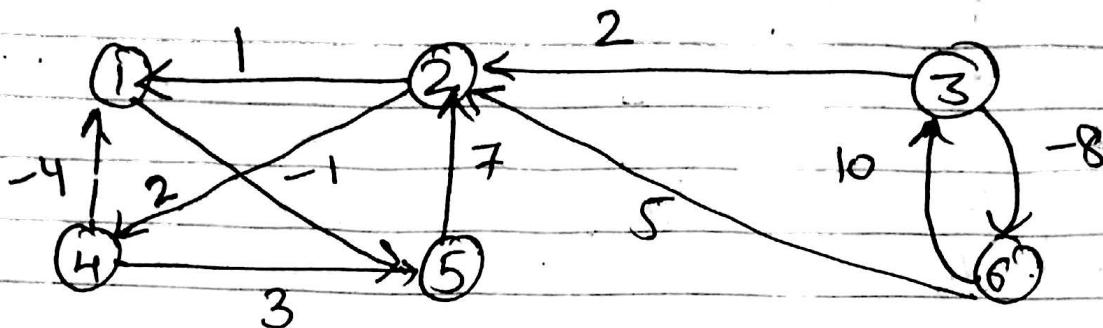
7. return $D^{(n)}$

$\underbrace{n}_{n^3} \Rightarrow O(n^3)$

$(d_{ij}^{(k-1)}, d_{ik}^{(k-1)} + d_{kj}^{(k-1)}) \rightarrow$



Q:

Solⁿ

$$D^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 0 & \infty & \infty & \infty & -1 & \infty \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & \infty & 2 & \infty & \infty \\ 3 & \infty & 2 & 0 & \infty & \infty & -8 \\ 4 & -4 & \infty & \infty & 0 & 3 & \infty \\ 5 & \infty & 7 & \infty & \infty & 0 & \infty \\ 6 & \infty & 5 & 10 & \infty & \infty & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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D⁽²⁾

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|----|----------|----------|----------|----|----------|
| 1 | 0 | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | -1 | ∞ |
| 2 | 1 | 0 | ∞ | 2 | 0 | ∞ |
| 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 | -8 |
| 4 | -4 | ∞ | ∞ | 0 | -5 | ∞ |
| 5 | 8 | 7 | ∞ | 9 | 0 | ∞ |
| 6 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 0 |

D⁽³⁾

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|----|----------|----------|----------|----|----------|
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| 4 | -4 | ∞ | ∞ | 0 | 5 | ∞ |
| 5 | 8 | 7 | ∞ | 9 | 0 | ∞ |
| 6 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 2 |

D⁽⁴⁾

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|----|----------|----------|----------|----|----------|
| 1 | 0 | ∞ | ∞ | ∞ | -1 | ∞ |
| 2 | 2 | 0 | ∞ | 2 | -3 | ∞ |
| 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | -1 | -8 |
| 4 | -4 | ∞ | ∞ | 0 | -5 | ∞ |
| 5 | 5 | 7 | ∞ | 9 | 0 | 6 |
| 6 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 0 |



| $D^{(5)}$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----------|----|---|----------|---|----|----------|
| 1 | 0 | 6 | ∞ | 8 | -1 | ∞ |
| 2 | -2 | 0 | ∞ | 2 | -3 | ∞ |
| 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | -1 | -8 |
| 4 | -4 | 2 | ∞ | 0 | -5 | ∞ |
| 5 | 5 | 7 | ∞ | 9 | 0 | ∞ |
| 6 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 0 |

| $D^{(6)}$ | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----------|----|----|----------|----|----|----------|
| 1 | 0 | 6 | ∞ | 8 | -1 | ∞ |
| 2 | -2 | 0 | ∞ | 2 | -3 | ∞ |
| 3 | -5 | -3 | 0 | -1 | -6 | -8 |
| 4 | -4 | 2 | ∞ | 0 | -5 | ∞ |
| 5 | 5 | 7 | ∞ | 9 | 0 | ∞ |
| 6 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 2 | 0 |

The shortest Path from 3 to 1 is

$3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 1$ & is -5 units.

Binomial Coefficient

It is a non-optimization problem but can be solved using dynamic programming.

We use the notation $\binom{n}{k}$ (reads 'n chooses k') or

$C(n, k)$

$$\text{i.e. } (a+b)^n = C(n, 0) a^n + \dots + C(n, k) a^{n-k} b^k + \dots + C(n, n) b^n$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

These variables or numbers are called Binomial Coefficients due to their appearance in the binomial expansion.

Special Case

when $a=b=1$

$$2^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$$

Recursive formula for Computation

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k} \text{ for all integers } n, k \\ \{1 \leq k \leq n\},$$

with initial / boundary values.

$$\binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n} = 1 \text{ for all integers } n \geq 0$$

→ formula follows from considering the set $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ & counting separately

- (a) the k -element grouping that include a particular set element say "i" in every group.
- (b) all the $k!$ groupings that don't include "i";

⇒ Multiplicative formula

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n^k}{k!} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-(k-1))}{k(k-1)(k-2) \dots 1}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{n-(k-i)}{i}$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{n+1-i}{i},$$

Where numerator of the 1st funcⁿ $\binom{n}{k}$ is expressed as a falling factorial power.

- Numerator gives the no. of ways to select a sequence of k -distinct objects, determining the order of selection from a set of n -objects
- Denominator counts the no. of distinct sequences that define the same k -Combination when order is disregarded

⇒ factorial formula

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}, \text{ for } 0 \leq k \leq n$$



Where $n! \rightarrow$ factorial of n .

Generalization & Connection to the Binomial Series

The Multiplicative formula allows the definition of binomial coefficients to be extended by replacing ' n ' by an arbitrary number ' α ' or even an element of any commutative ring in which all +ve integers are invertible.

$$\binom{\alpha}{k} = \frac{\alpha^k}{k!} = \frac{\alpha(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)\dots(\alpha-k+1)}{k(k-1)(k-2)\dots 1} \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{N}$$

& arbitrary α'

