# CSCI203 Algorithms and Data Structures

### Dynamic Programming (I)

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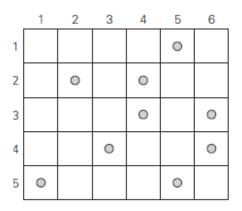
Typically applied to optimization problems

#### Main idea:

- set up a recurrence relating a solution to a larger instance to solutions of some smaller instances
- solve smaller instances once
- record solutions in a table
- extract solution to the initial instance from that table

#### Coin-Collection Problem

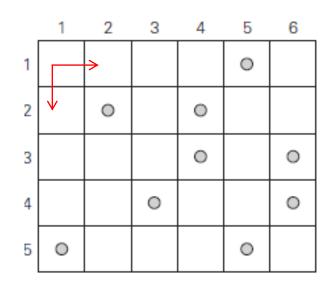
- Several coins are placed in cells of an  $n \times m$  board, no more than one coin per cell. A robot, located in the upper left cell of the board, needs to collect as many of the coins as possible and bring them to the bottom right cell.
- On each step, the robot can move either one cell to the right or one cell down from its current location. When the robot visits a cell with a coin, it always picks up that coin.



Find the maximum number of coins the robot can collect and a path it needs to follow to do this.

#### Coin-Collection Problem

- F(i,j) the largest number of coins the robot can collect and bring to the cell (i,j).
- It can reach this cell either from the adjacent cell (i-1,j) above it or from the adjacent cell (i,j-1) to the left of it. The largest numbers of coins that can be brought to these cells are F(i-1,j) and F(i,j-1), respectively.



F(i - 1, j) and F(i, j - 1) are equal to 0 for their nonexistent neighbors

### Coin-Collection Problem

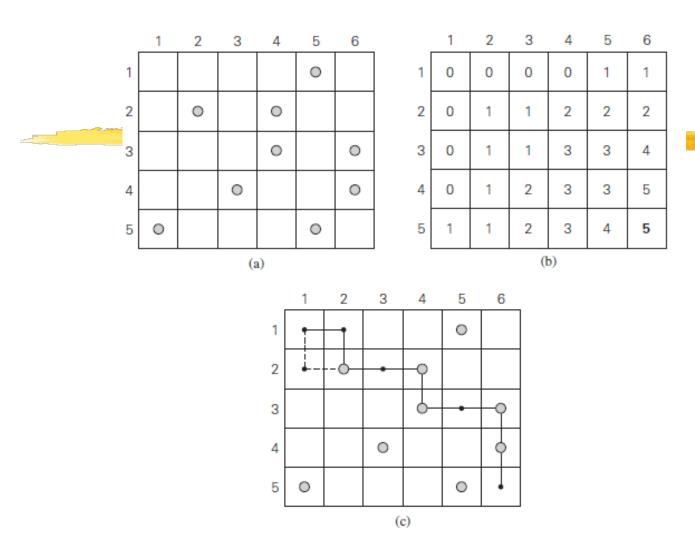
$$F(i,j) = \max\{F(i-1,j), F(i,j-1)\} + c_{ij} \text{ for } 1 \le i \le n, 1 \le j \le m$$

$$F(0,j) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \le j \le m \text{ and } F(i,0) = 0 \text{ for } 1 \le i \le n$$

 $c_{ij} = 1$  if there is a coin in cell (i, j) and  $c_{ij} = 0$  otherwise

# Algorithm

```
RobotCoinCollection(C[1..n, 1..m])
//Applies dynamic programming to compute the largest number of
//coins a robot can collect on an n \times m board by starting at (1, 1)
//and moving right and down from upper left to down right corner
//Input: Matrix C[1..n, 1..m] whose elements are equal to 1 and 0
//for cells with and without a coin, respectively
//Output: Largest number of coins the robot can bring to cell (n, m)
F[1, 1] \leftarrow C[1, 1];
for j \leftarrow 2 to m do
    F[1, i] \leftarrow F[1, i - 1] + C[1, i]
for i \leftarrow 2 to n do
    F[i, 1] \leftarrow F[i - 1, 1] + C[i, 1]
     for j \leftarrow 2 to m do
          F[i, j] \leftarrow max(F[i-1, j], F[i, j-1]) + C[i, j]
return F[n, m]
```



(a) Coins to collect. (b) Dynamic programming algorithm results. (c) Two paths to collect 5 coins, the maximum number of coins possible

# Rod-Cutting Problem

- Fiven a rod of length n inches and a table of prices  $p_i$  for  $i=1,2,\cdots,n$ , determine the maximum revenue  $r_n$  obtainable by cutting up the rod and selling the pieces.
  - Note that if the price  $p_n$  for a rod of length n is large enough, an optimal solution may require no cutting at all.
- We can cut up a rod of length n in  $2^{n-1}$  different ways, since we have an independent option of cutting, or not cutting, at distance i inches from the left end.

#### $\blacktriangleright$ Consider a case n=4

Optimal revenue  $p_2 + p_2 = 10$ 

- A rod of length n in  $2^{n-1}$  different ways
- For  $i=1,2,\cdots,n-1$ , we denote a decomposition using ordinary additive notation
  - 7 = 2 + 2 + 3 means a rod of 7 length is cut into three pieces, two of length 2 and one of length 3

If an optimal solution cuts the rod into k pieces,  $1 \le k \le n$ , of length  $i_1, i_2, \cdots, i_k$ 

$$n = i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_k$$
  
$$r_n = p_{i_1} + p_{i_2} + \dots + p_{i_k}$$

length i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
price $p_i$	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20	24	30

For the sample, we can determine the optimal revenue figures  $r_i$  for  $i=1,2,\cdots,10$  by inspection

```
r_1=1 from solution 1=1 (no cuts); r_2=5 from solution 2=2 (no cuts); r_3=8 from solution 3=3 (no cuts); r_4=10 from solution 4=2+2; r_5=13 from solution 5=2+3; r_6=17 from solution 6=6 (no cuts); r_7=18 from solution 7=1+6 or 7=2+2+3; r_8=22 from solution 8=2+6; r_9=25 from solution 9=3+6; r_{10}=10 from solution 10=10 (no cuts):
```

• Generally,  $r_n$  for  $n \ge 1$  in terms of optimal revenues from shorter rods

$$r_n = \max(p_n, r_1 + r_{n-1}, r_2 + r_{n-2}, \dots, r_{n-1} + r_1)$$

- ullet  $p_n$  corresponds to no cut at all
- $r_i + r_{n-i}$  corresponds to an initial cut into two pieces of size i and n-i for each  $i=1,2,\cdots,n-1$ , then optimally cut those pieces further to obtain revenues  $r_i$  and  $r_{n-i}$
- We don't know which i optimizes revenue, so we have to consider all possible i and pick the one that optimizes the revenue
- $\blacktriangleright$  We also have the option of picking no i , i.e. selling the rod without cut

- Assumption to make the problem simpler
  - Piece of length i is left-hand end
  - Piece of length n-i is the right hand remainder
  - Only the remainder may be further divided
- $\blacktriangleright$  We view the cut of a length n rod as follows
  - A first piece followed by some decomposition of the remainder
  - i length of cut,  $p_i$  revenue of the i length of cut
  - $r_{n-i}$  remainder length
  - i=n corresponds to no cut, revenue  $p_n$ , remainder has size 0,  $r_0=0$

$$r_n = \max_{1 \le i \le n} (p_i + r_{n-i})$$



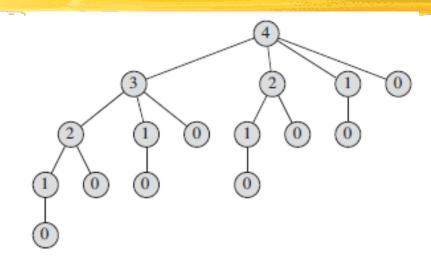
### Recursive Top-down Implementation

```
CUT-Rod (p, n)
  if n == 0 then
    return 0
  q = -∞
  for i = 1 to n
    q = max(q; p[i] + CUT-Rod(p; n-i))
  return q
```



# Analysis

 $\blacktriangleright$  An example with n=4, recursive call tree



- In general, this recursion tree has  $2^n$  nodes and  $2^{n-1}$  leaves
- CUT-Rod explicitly considers all the  $2^{n-1}$  possible ways of cutting up a rod of length n.



# DP for Optimal Rod-Cutting

Top-down with memorization

```
MEMOIZED-CUT-Rod (p, n)
r[0...n]: an array
for i = 0 to n
  r[i] = -\infty
return MEMOIZED-CUT-ROD-AUX (p,n,r)
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  if r[n] > 0 then
    return r[n]
  if n == 0 then
    q=0
  else
    a=-\infty
    for i = 1 to n
        q = max (q, p[i] + MEMOIZED-CUT-ROD-AUX(p, n-i, r)
  r[n] = q
return q
```



# DP for Optimal Rod-Cutting...

#### Bottom-up approach

```
BOTTOM-UP-CUT-ROD (p,n)

r[0...n]: a new array

r[0]=0

for j=1 to n

q=-\infty

for i=1 to j

q=\max(q,p[i]+r[j-i])

r[j]=q;

return r[n]
```

# Analysis

- Complexity
  - Top-down:  $\Theta(n^2)$
  - Bottom-up:  $\Theta(n^2)$
- Our dynamic-programming solutions to the rod-cutting problem return the value of an optimal solution, but they do not return an actual solution
  - a list of piece sizes.

#### Reconstruction a solution

```
EXTENDED-BOTTOM-UP-CUT-ROD (p,n)
  r[0...n] and s[0...n]: arrays
  r[0] = 0
  for j = 1 to n
    d = -\infty
    for i = 1 to j
      if q < p[i]+r[j-i] then
        q = p[i] + r[j-i]
         s[j]=i
    r[j]=q
  return r and s
```

#### Reconstruction a solution...

```
PRINT-CUT-ROD-SOLUTION (p, n)
(r,s) = EXTENDED - BOTTOM - UP - CUT - ROD(p,n)
while n > 0
 print s[n]
 n = n - s[n]
    s[i] 0 1 2 3 2 2 6 1 2 3 10
```

$$\rightarrow n = 10$$
, no cut

$$n = 7$$
, cuts 1,6

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