

## General Approach to Solving optimization problems using Dynamic Programming

1. characterize the structure of an opt. solution
2. Recursively define the value of an opt. solution
3. Compute the value of an opt. solution  
in a bottom up fashion
4. Construct an opt. sol. from computed information

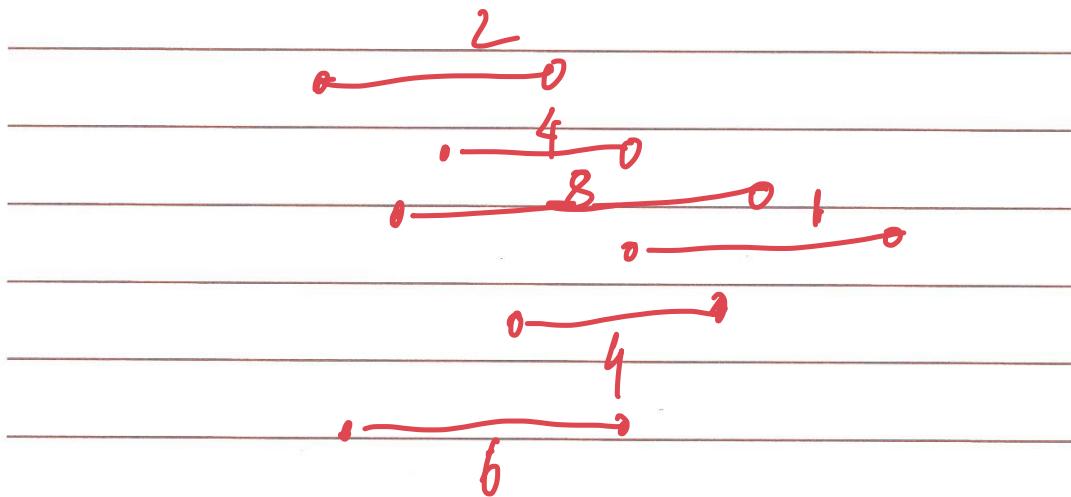
## Problem Statement

- We have 1 resource
- " " n requests labeled 1 to n
- Each request has start time  $s_i$ , finish time  $f_i$ , and weight  $w_i$

Goal: Select a subset  $S \subseteq \{1..n\}$

of mutually compatible intervals

so as to Maximize  $\sum_{i \in S} w_i$



$\text{req} = []$

$\text{req} = \text{sort}(\text{req})$

my  
solution

$O(n \log n)$

$fnc(\text{req})$ :

$\text{ans} = \max(fnc(1:\text{req}), w[0] + fnc(1:\text{req}))$

also remove all  
non-compatible  
jobs

Case 1 - if it is, value of the opt. sol. =  
 $w_i + \text{value of the opt. sol. for}$   
 $\text{the subproblem that consists}$   
 $\text{only of compatible requests with } i$

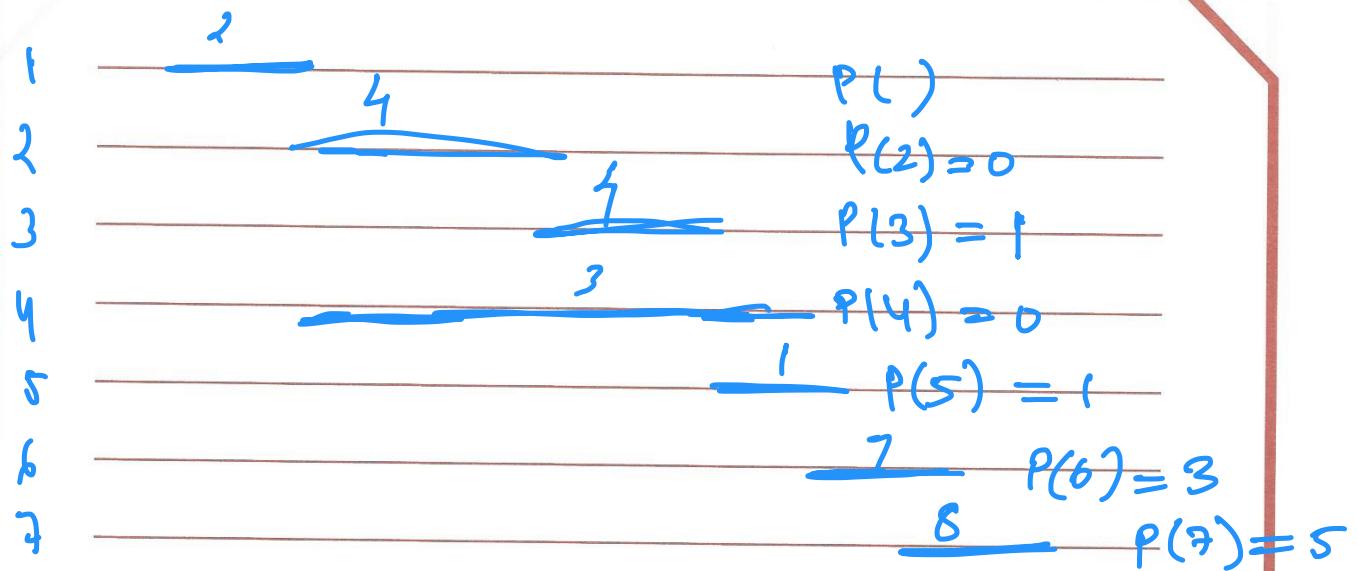
Case 2 - if it isn't, value of the opt. sol. =  
 $\text{value of the opt. sol. without job } i$

Sort requests in order of non-decreasing  
finish time.

$f_1 < f_2 < \dots < f_n$

Define  $P(j)$  for an interval  $j$  to be the  
largest index  $i < j$  such that interval  $i \& j$   
are disjoint.

$P()$



Def. Let  $O_j$  denote the opt. solutions to  
the problem consisting of requests  $\{1..j\}$   
Let  $OPT(j)$  denote the value of  $O_j$

$$O(3) = \{1, 3\} \quad OPT(3) = 6$$

CASE1:  $j \in O_j \Rightarrow OPT(j) = w_j + OPT(P(j))$

CASE2:  $j \notin O_j \Rightarrow OPT(j) = OPT(j-1)$

Solution :

Compute-opt ( $j$ )

if  $j = 0$  then  
return 0

else

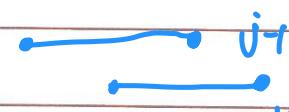
return

$$\max \left( w_j + \text{compute-opt}(p_{j'}) \right)$$
$$\text{compute-opt}(j-1)$$

WORST CASE



$j-2$



$j-1$



Each rea only has

2 overlap

↑ before

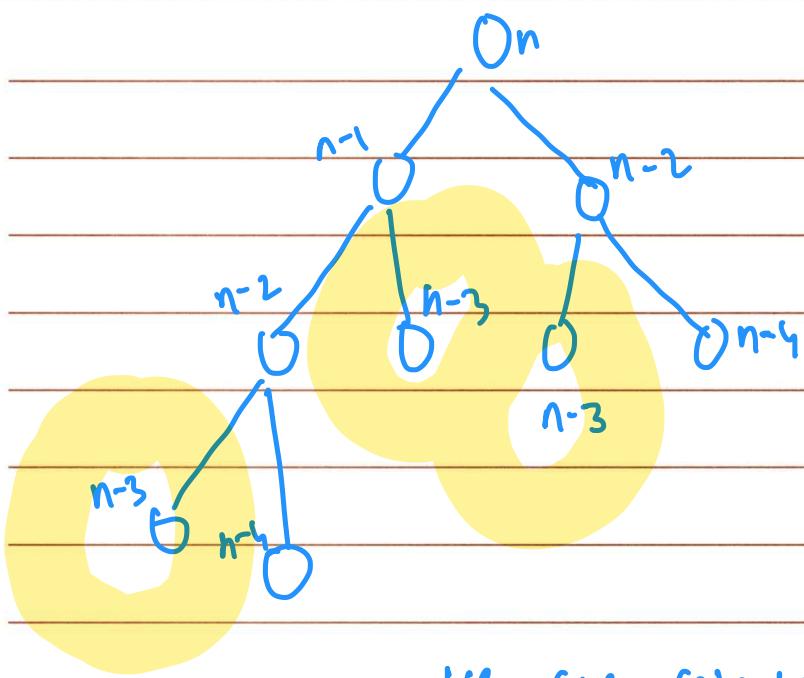
↓ after

$j-2$

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) \rightarrow w_j + \text{compute-opt}(p_{j'})$$

compute-opt ( $j-1$ )

{ exponential time complexity }



We are calculating same thing again and again  
 Hence we can store it once it is found and reuse it

when called again

We use Memoization for the issue



## Memoization

Store the value of Compute-opt. in a globally accessible place the first time we compute it. Then simply use this precomputed value in place of all future recursive calls.

M-compute-opt(j)

if  $j=0$  then  
return 0

else if  $M[j]$  is not empty then  
return  $M[j]$

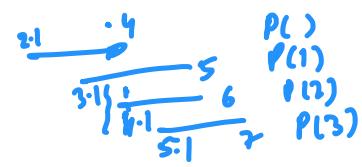
else :

$$M[j] = \max(M\text{-compute-opt}(j),$$

$$w(j) + M\text{-compute-opt}(p(j)))$$

return  $M[j]$

$O(n)$   
As every  
subproblem  
Solved only  
once and  
it is reused  
when called  
again



$$f = [4, 5, 6, 7]$$

Initial sorting

$O(n \log n)$

Making  $p[\cdot]$

$O(n \log n)$

Using binary search we find the point from which all further points will be compatible

M - compute - opt

$O(n)$

$p(3) \Rightarrow$

Largest index from

do binary search

$O(n \log n)$

[4, 5, 6, 7]

5..6

j..left

[4, 5]

$5 < 5..1$   
go right  
and check  
if bigger  
number is  
there

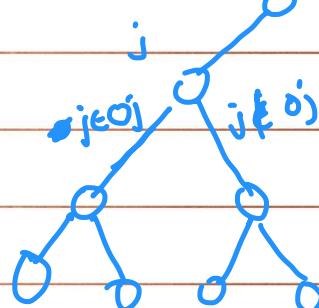
[4, 5, 6, 7]

6 > 5..1

return 5

Overall complexity

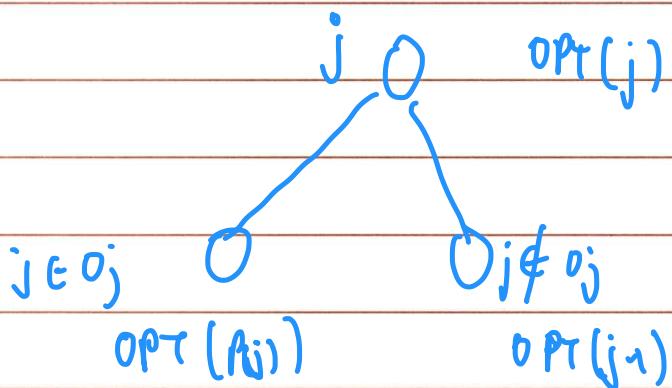
$O(n \log n)$



We do bottom up to find optimal value

Even do top down to trace the path.

(compute an optimal sol



$$w_j + \text{OPT}(P(j)) \geq \text{OPT}(j-1) \quad \leftarrow$$

j is in optimal solution if & only if

Find-Solution

if  $j > 0$  then

if  $w_j + M[p(j)] \geq M[j-1]$  then

output  $j$  together w/ the results  
of Find-Solution ( $p(j)$ )

else

output the results of  
Find-Solutions ( $j-1$ )

endif

end if

worst case  
when  
subproblem  
size does  
not reduce

i.e compatible set reduces very less

$j \rightarrow j-1 \rightarrow j-1$

{ size of subproblem only

reduces by 1 }

M → memoization array



Start solving left → right

trying to make  
memoization array  
using iteration

if we get  
 $m[ ]$  we

found the ans

$m[0]$



$O(n)$

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$

$$m[i] = \max(m[i-1], w_i + m[p(i)])$$

M

Top Down



value of optimal solution

Bottom up



Top Down  
having optimal value  
we are finding the  
path taken.

just choose which  
is greater

and take that path.

if  $x > y$  :  $j \notin O_j$

if  $y > x$  :  $j \in O_j$

Divide & Conquer

↓

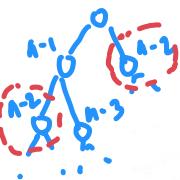
• independent subproblems

- we find optimal sol'n for each subproblem and combine

Dynamic

↓

• dependent subproblems {reduce overlapping subproblems}



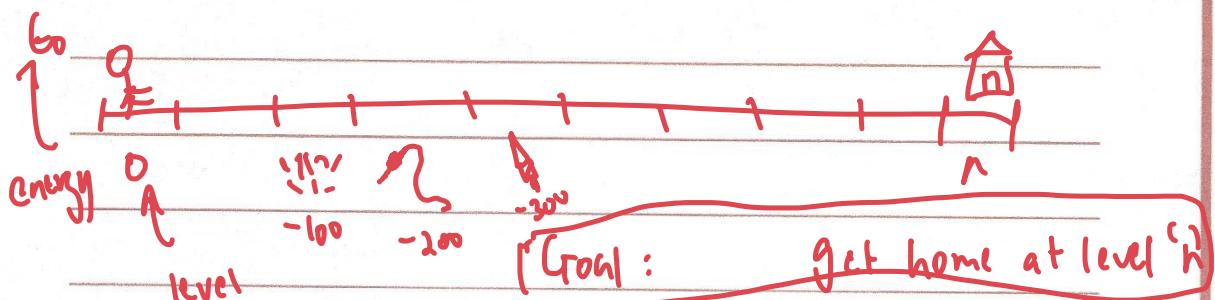
if we consider

them independent

Subproblems

we lose the  
whole advantage of  
Dynamic programming

## Videogame Problem



$E_0 \leftarrow$  Initial energy

Each stage reduces some energy

In general, we lose  $e_i$  units of energy when  
we land in stage  $i$

(choices)

1. walk into stage

Cost

50 units

2. jump over a stage

150

3. jump over 2 stages

35

Go home such that you loose minimum energy

We have ' $n$ ' unique subproblems

Stage  $0 \rightarrow 1$

$0 \rightarrow 2$

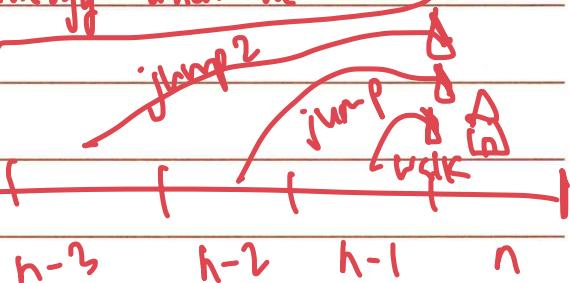
$0 \rightarrow 3$

!

$0 \rightarrow n$

$\text{OPT}(n) = \text{Opt level of energy when we reach}$

stage  $\underline{\underline{n}}$



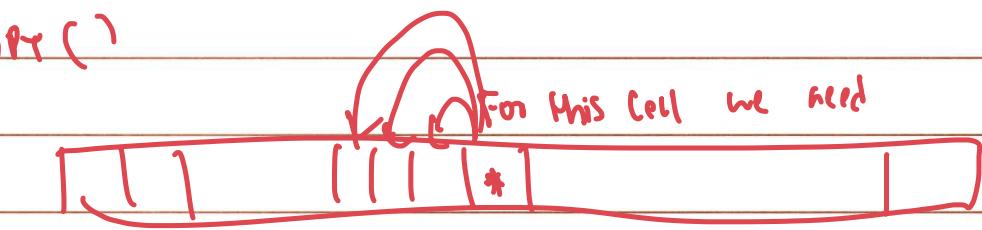
$$\text{OPT}(n) = \max \left( \text{OPT}(n-1) - 50 - e_n, \right.$$

$$\left. \text{OPT}(n-2) - 150 - e_n, \right.$$

$$\left. \text{OPT}(n-3) - 350 - e_n \right)$$

/ Formulation 1

$OPT(i)$



$$OPT(0) = E_0 \quad OPT(1) = E_0 - S_0 - e_1 \quad OPT(2) = \max(-\dots)$$

For  $i = 3$  to  $n$

Use rel formula ①

end for

## Austrian Coin Denomination

Goal: Gives less no. of coins

1

5

return 40

10

20

greedy

25, 10, 5

25

optimal

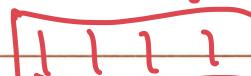
20, 20

$\text{OPT}(n) = \min$  no. of coins to pay for

$n$  Schillings

$$\text{OPT}(n) = \min_n \left( \begin{array}{l} 1 + \text{opt}(n-1) \\ 1 + \text{opt}(n-5) \\ 1 + \text{opt}(n-10) \\ 1 + \text{opt}(n-20) \\ 1 + \text{opt}(n-25) \end{array} \right)$$

Solving ↗



right to left

left → right

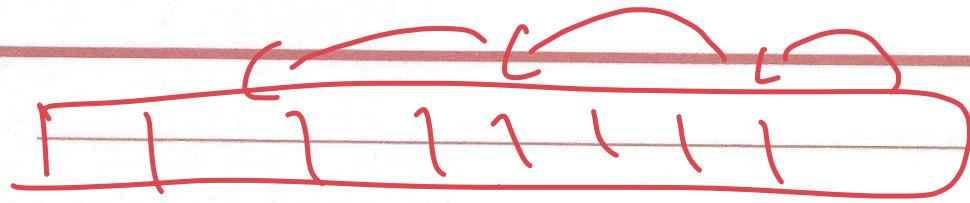
initialize  $\text{OPT}(1 \dots 25)$

Solve



For  $i: 25 \text{ to } n$

do



Find opt then  
Top Down to  
find count number  
of each coins  
included.

0-1 knapsack &

subset sum

## Problem Statement

- A single resource
- Requests  $\{1..n\}$  each take time  $w_i$  to process
- Can schedule jobs at any time between  $0$  to  $W$

Objective: To schedule jobs such that we maximize the machine's utilization

$\text{OPT}(i)$  = value of the optimal sol<sup>n</sup> for job  $1..n$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if } n \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{OPT}(n) = \text{OPT}(n-1) \\ \text{if } n = 0 \Rightarrow \text{OPT}(n) = w_n + \text{OPT}(n-1) \end{array} \right\}$$

$OPT(i, w)$  = value of the opt. solution using a subset of the items  $\{1 \dots i\}$  with Max. allowed weight w.

if  $n \neq 0$ , Then  $OPT(n, w) = OPT(n-1, w)$

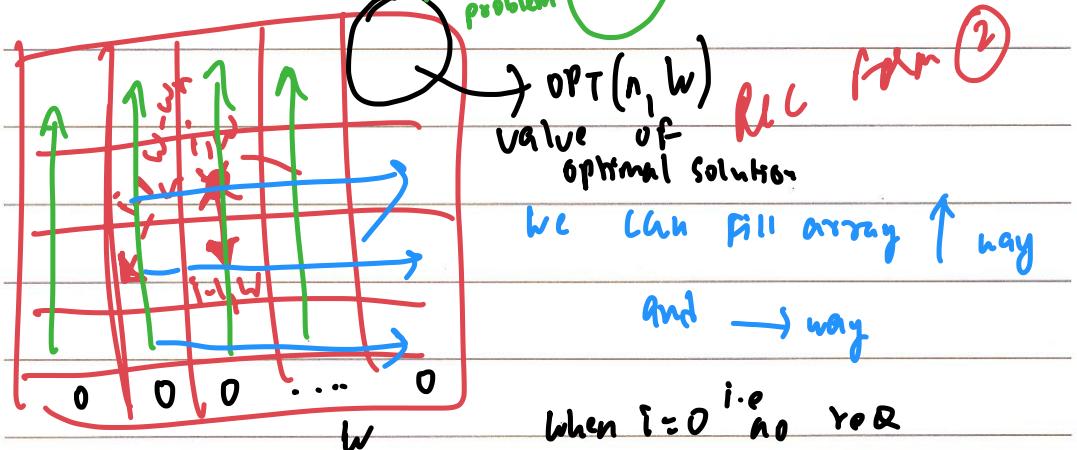
if  $n \in O$ , Then  $OPT(n, w) = w_n + OPT(n-1, w-w_n)$

If  $w < w_i$ , Then  $OPT(i, w) = OPT(i-1, w)$

else,  $OPT(i, w) = \text{Max} (OPT(i-1, w),$

$$V_i \quad \leftarrow \quad w_i + OPT(i-1, w - w_i)$$

for knapsack problem



Subset-sum ( $n, w$ )

array  $M[0, w] = 0$  for each  $w=0$  to  $W$

for  $i=1$  to  $n$

*" $i$ " times*

for  $w=0$  to  $W$

*" $w$ " times*

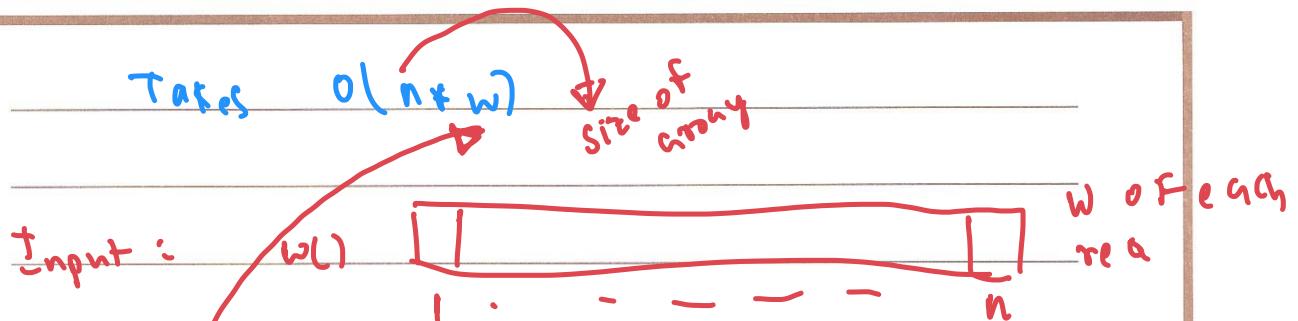
use recurrence formula  $\textcircled{2}$  to compute  $M[i, w]$

end for

end for

Return  $M[n, w]$

Takes  $O(n \cdot w)$



associated with numeric value of  $W$

$W \Rightarrow$  int (Capacity)

$01101001$  int is represent by 0 and 1 in PC  
 $\log_2 W$   $O(n \cdot W) \Rightarrow$  pseudopolynomial complexity

Complexity depends on  $W$

Complexity is in terms of size of input

$O(n \cdot w)$  Knapsack capacity (int)  
size of set (no. of req)

$$n \cdot W = n \cdot 2^{\log_2 W}$$

i.e. solution is running in exponential time w.r.t to input size

i.e. It is not an efficient solution

## Pseudo-polynomial time

An algorithm runs in pseudo-polynomial time if its running time is a polynomial in the numeric value of the input

## Polynomial Time

An algorithm runs in polynomial time if its running time is a polynomial in the length of the input (or output).



## Discussion 6

- ✓ 1. You are to compute the total number of ways to make a change for a given amount  $m$ . Assume that we have an unlimited supply of coins and all denominations are sorted in ascending order:  $1 = d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_n$ . Formulate the solution to this problem as a dynamic programming problem.
- ✓ 2. Graduate students get a lot of free food at various events. Suppose you have a schedule of the next  $n$  days marked with those days when you get a free dinner, and those days on which you must acquire dinner on your own. On any given day you can buy dinner at the cafeteria for \$3. Alternatively, you can purchase one week's groceries for \$10, which will provide dinner for each day that week (that day and the six that follow). However, because you don't have a fridge, the groceries will go bad after seven days (including the day of purchase) and any leftovers must be discarded. Due to your very busy schedule, these are your only two options for dinner each night. Your goal is to eat dinner every night while minimizing the money you spend on food.
- ✓ 3. You are in Downtown of a city and all the streets are one-way streets. You can only go east (right) on the east-west (left-right) streets, and you can only go south (down) on the north-south (up-down) streets. This is called a Manhattan walk.
- a) In Figure A below, how many unique ways are there to go from the intersection marked S (coordinate (0,0)) to the intersection marked E (coordinate (n,m))?
- Formulate the solution to this problem as a dynamic programming problem. Please make sure that you include all the boundary conditions and clearly define your notations you use.

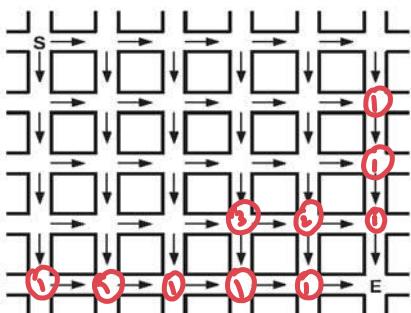


Figure A.

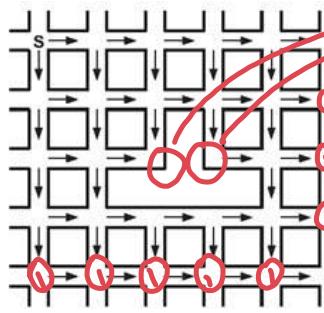
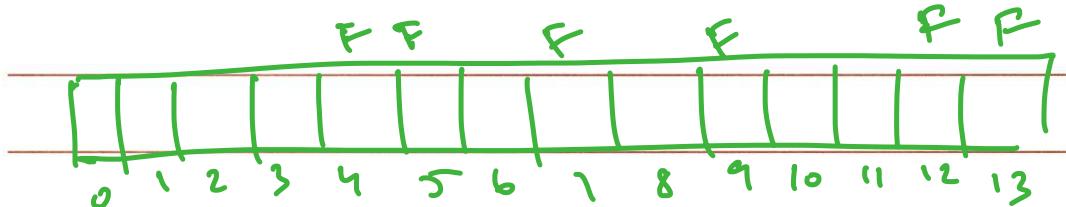


Figure B.

- b) Repeat this process with Figure B; be wary of dead ends.

Q2

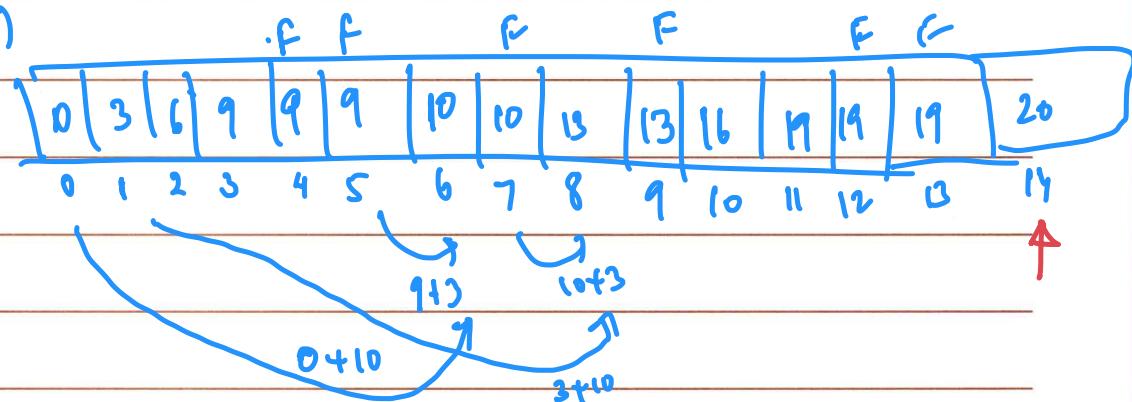


Subproblems  $0 \rightarrow 1, 0 \rightarrow 2, \dots, 0 \rightarrow n$

$\text{OPT}(i) = \min \text{ cost of dinner for days } 1 \dots i$

$$\text{OPT}(i) = \begin{cases} \text{OPT}(i-1) & \text{if there is free food on day } i \\ \text{otherwise } \min(\text{OPT}(i-1) + 3, \text{OPT}(i-7) + 10) \end{cases}$$

$\text{OPT}(1)$



Bottom Up

Bottom Up parse fills down this array

Top Down

After  $\text{opt}()$

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|

shopping F F

as we have already paid large for day?

13 13 16 19 19 19 20

↑ 11+3  
10+10

↑ shopping

$\text{opt}[]$

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

we have to solve this manually

for  $i=7 \rightarrow n$

Rec Formula.

③  $(0,0) \rightarrow (n,m)$  {moves  $\uparrow$   
 $\downarrow$ }

3) a)

$OPT(i,j) = \text{no. of ways to go from } (i,j) \text{ to E}$

$$OPT(i,j) = OPT(i-1, j) + OPT(i, j-1)$$

for  $i$  in  $[m]$   
for  $j$  in  $[n]$  ;  
formula

$O(m * n)$

IF input is array of size  $m * n$   
then soln is efficient

as  $n, m$  represent prob size

IF input  $n = \text{int}$   $m = \text{int}$   
not efficient

we do not know how large they are

((same as in above part 20))

3(b) If  $(i, j)$  is  $(2, 2)$  then

$$OPT(i, j) = OPT(i-1, j)$$

If  $(i, j)$  is  $(3, 1)$

$$OPT(i, j) \geq 0$$

else

( SAME  
AS IN 3(a) )

①  $d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_n$  denominations

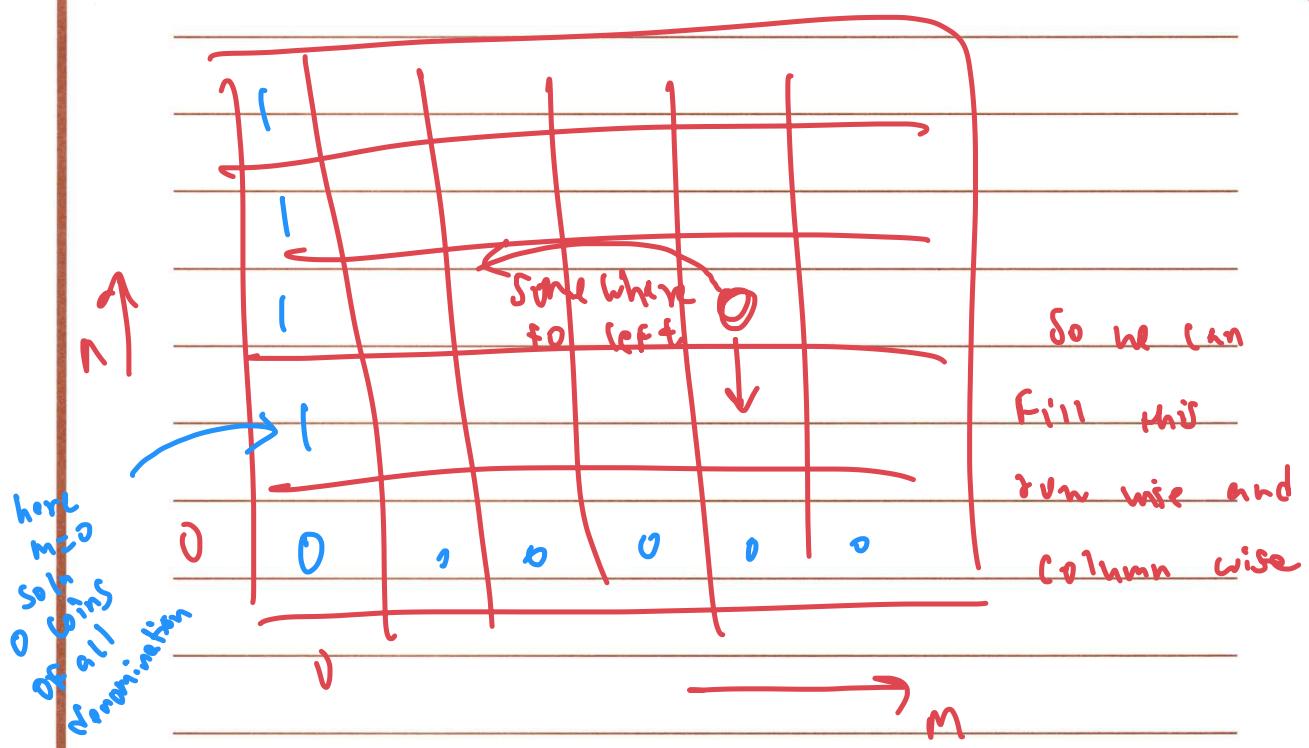
Count( $n, m$ )  $\Rightarrow$  no. of ways to pay for amount

$m$  using coin denominations  $1 \dots n$

denomination  $d_n$   
used atleast once

$$\text{Count}(n, m) = \text{count}(n-1, m) + \text{count}(n, m - d_n)$$

↑  
denomination  $d_n$   
not used



complexity =  $O(n * m)$

len OF denomination array

int amount

Pseudopolynomial  
Not an efficient solution!

Assume you want to ski down the mountain. You want the total length of your run to be as long as possible, but you can only go down, i.e. you can only ski from a higher position to a lower position. The height of the mountain is represented by an  $n \times n$  matrix A. A[i][j] is the height of the mountain at position (i,j). At position (i,j), you can potentially ski to four adjacent positions (i-1,j) (i,j-1), (i,j+1), and (i+1,j) (only if the adjacent position is lower than current position). Movements in any of the four directions will add 1 unit to the length of your run. Provide a dynamic programming solution to find the longest possible downhill ski path starting at any location within the given  $n$  by  $n$  grid.

|      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1200 | 1000 | 1200 | 1500 | 1700 | 1500 | 1000 | 1000 |
| 1100 | 1600 | 2000 | 1900 | 1800 | 1600 | 1200 | 1250 |
| 1200 | 1700 | 1900 | 2300 | 2400 | 2000 | 1900 | 1750 |
| 1000 | 1500 | 2000 | 2450 | 2600 | 2100 | 2000 | 1500 |
| 1100 | 1500 | 1800 | 2200 | 2300 | 2200 | 2100 | 1600 |
| 1100 | 1000 | 1500 | 1800 | 2100 | 1900 | 2000 | 1700 |
| 1000 | 1000 | 1200 | 1300 | 1700 | 1900 | 1900 | 1800 |
| 900  | 800  | 1000 | 1200 | 1500 | 1900 | 2000 | 2100 |

Sort this by elevation.

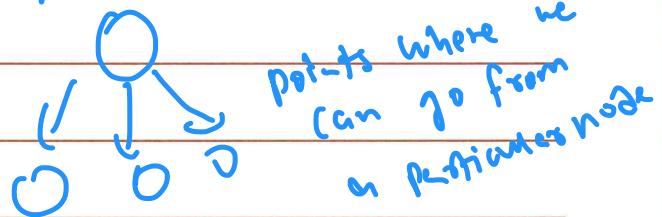
$\text{OPT}(i, j) = \text{length of longest path that ends } (i, j)$

$\text{OPT}(i, j) = \text{Max} \left( \text{OPT}(i', j') + 1 \mid \text{such that } (i', j') \text{ is a neighbour that is higher than } (i, j) \right)$

This takes  $O(n^2 \log n^2)$  sorting  
 $\Rightarrow O(n^2 \log n)$

To reduce  $O(n^2 \log n)$

We can use graph



so it will be DAG

$\hookrightarrow$  we can only go from high to low

Then on graph find Topological ordering

$O(n^2)$



Imagine starting with the given decimal number  $n$ , and repeatedly chopping off a digit from one end or the other (your choice), until only one digit is left. The square-depth  $\text{SQD}(n)$  of  $n$  is defined to be the maximum number of perfect squares you could observe among all such sequences. For example,  $\text{SQD}(32492) = 3$  via the sequence

$$32492 \rightarrow 3249 \rightarrow 324 \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow 4$$

since 3249, 324, and 4 are perfect squares, and no other sequence of chops gives more than 3 perfect squares. Note that such a sequence may not be unique, e.g.

$$32492 \rightarrow 3249 \rightarrow 249 \rightarrow 49 \rightarrow 9$$

also gives you 3 perfect squares, viz. 3249, 49, and 9.

Describe an efficient algorithm to compute the square-depth  $\text{SQD}(n)$ , of a given number  $n$ , written as a  $d$ -digit decimal number  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_d$ . Analyze your algorithm's running time. Your algorithm should run in time polynomial in  $d$ . You may assume the availability of a function `IS_SQUARE(x)` that runs in constant time and returns 1 if  $x$  is a perfect square and 0 otherwise.

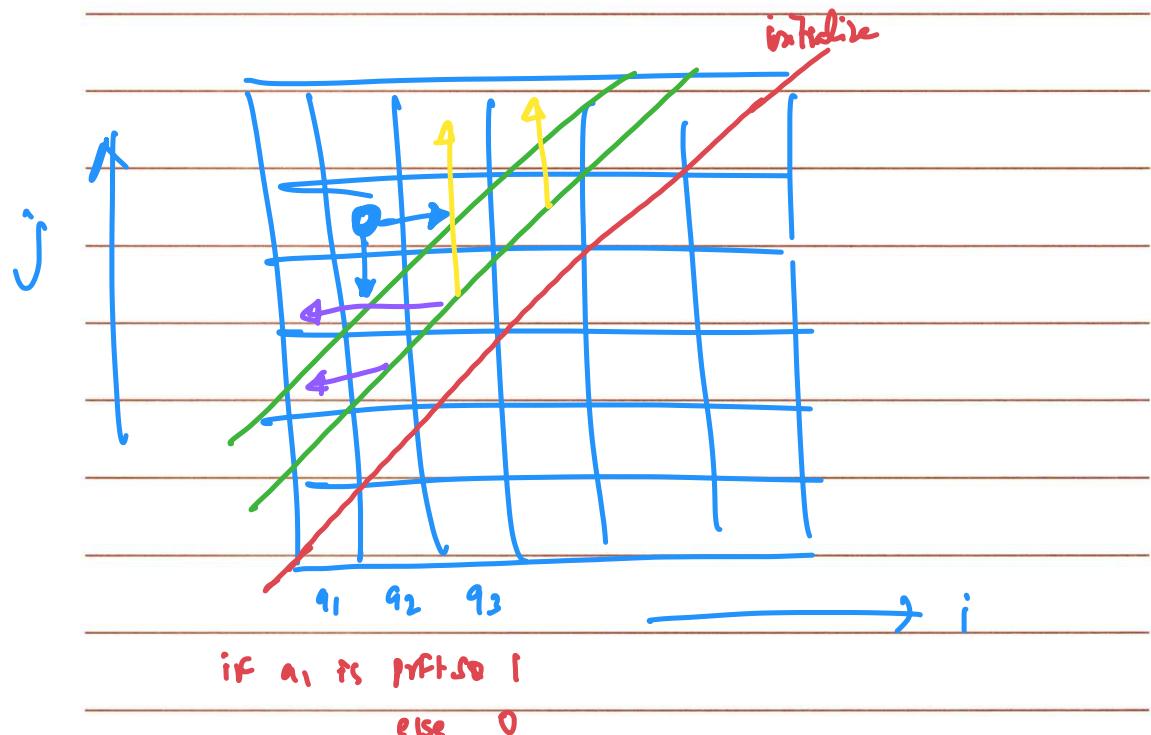
*; To reach SQD the soln is not unique*

$(a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)$   $\Rightarrow$  digits

~~OPT~~

$$n_{ij} = a_i a_{i+1} \dots a_j$$

$$\text{OPT}(i, j) = \max \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{OPT}(i+1, j), \\ \text{OPT}(i, j-1) \\ + \text{IS-SQUARE}(n_{ij}) \end{array} \right)$$



Takes  $O(n^2)$  → no. of digits in the number

efficient array



