

# Dynamic Programming

- Formalized by Richard Bellman
- “Programming” relates to planning/use of tables, rather than computer programming.
- Solve smaller problems first, record solutions in a table; use solutions of smaller problems to get solutions for bigger problems.
- Differs from Divide and Conquer in that it stores the solutions, and subproblems are “overlapping”
- Fibonacci Numbers, Binomial Coefficients, Warshall’s algorithm for transitive closure, Floyd’s all pairs shortest path, Knapsack, optimal binary search tree

## Fibonacci Numbers

$$F_1 = F_2 = 1.$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}, \text{ for } n \geq 3.$$

Fib(*n*)

    If  $n = 1$  or  $n = 2$ , then return 1

    Else return  $Fib(n - 1) + Fib(n - 2)$

End

- Problem:  
Too time consuming.  
The sub problems  $Fib(n - 1)$  and  $Fib(n - 2)$  are  
'overlapping'  
Time complexity: Exponential

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &= T(n - 1) + T(n - 2) + constant \\&> 2T(n - 2), \\&\in \Omega(2^{n/2})\end{aligned}$$

- Calculates  $Fib(n - 2)$  twice,  $Fib(n - 3)$  thrice,  $Fib(n - 4)$  five times, and so on.
- We next consider a method which memorizes the values already computed.

# Dynamic Programming Algorithm

Fib(n):

$F(1) \leftarrow 1$

$F(2) \leftarrow 1$

For  $i = 3$  to  $n$

$F(n) \leftarrow F(n - 1) + F(n - 2)$

EndFor

Return  $F(n)$

End

- $T(n) \in O(n)$ .

- Uses Extra Memory.

# Using constant memory

Fib( $n$ ):

If  $n = 1$  or  $n = 2$ , then return 1

Else

$prevprev \leftarrow 1$

$prev \leftarrow 1$

For  $i = 3$  to  $n$  {

$f \leftarrow prev + prevprev$

$prevprev \leftarrow prev$

$prev \leftarrow f$

}

Return  $f$

End

# Binomial Coefficients

- $C(n, k) = {}^nC_k = \binom{n}{k}$ : number of ways to choose  $k$  out of  $n$  objects
- $C(n, k) = C(n - 1, k - 1) + C(n - 1, k)$ , for  $n > k > 0$ .
- $C(n, 0) = 1 = C(n, n)$ .
- So  $C(n, k)$  can be computed using smaller problems.

# Binomial Coefficients

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	1						
1	1	1					
2	1	2	1				
3	1	3	3	1			
4	1	4	6	4	1		
5	1	5	10	10	5	1	
6	1	6	15	20	15	6	1



Complexity for calculating  $C(n, k)$  (besides the initial  $C(i, 0), C(i, i)$ ).

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} 1 + \sum_{i=k+1}^n \sum_{j=1}^k 1 \\ = (k-1)(k)/2 + k(n-k) \in \Theta(nk).$$

# Transitive Closure

- Intuitively, a relation is transitive if  $aRb$  and  $bRc$  implies  $aRc$ .
- Think of a directed graph. Then, transitive closure can be used to determine if there is a non-trivial directed path from node  $i$  to node  $j$ .

# Warshall's Algorithm

- Given adjacency matrix  $A$
- $R^k(i, j)$  denotes if there is a path from  $i$  to  $j$  which has intermediate vertices only among  $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ .
- Thus,  $R^0(i, j) = A(i, j)$ .
- $R^{k+1}(i, j)$  from  $R^k(i, j)$ ?
- If  $R^k(i, j) = 1$ , then  $R^{k+1}(i, j) = 1$
- If  $R^k(i, k+1) = 1$  and  $R^k(k+1, j) = 1$ , then  $R^{k+1}(i, j) = 1$
- Thus, we compute  $R^0, R^1, \dots$  one by one.
- Can consider this as 3D matrix (involving the parameters  $i, j, k$ )
- Takes time  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

## Warshall's Algorithm

Input  $A[1..n, 1..n]$ .

$R[0, i, j] = A[i, j]$ .

For  $k = 1$  to  $n$  do

For  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do

For  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do

If  $R[k - 1, i, j] = 1$  or ( $R[k - 1, i, k] = 1$  and  
 $R[k - 1, k, j] = 1$ ),

then  $R[k, i, j] \leftarrow 1$  Else  $R[k, i, j] \leftarrow 0$  Endif

Endfor

Endfor

Endfor

Complexity:  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

# All pairs shortest path algorithm

- Suppose  $A$  is the adjacency matrix of a weighted graph, that is,  $A[i, j]$  gives the weight of the edge  $(i, j)$ .
- Here the vertices are numbered 1 to  $n$ .
- Here we assume that  $A[i, j]$  is non-negative. One can handle negative weights also as long as there is no negative circuits (because going through negative circuits repeatedly can reduce the weight of the path by arbitrary amount).
- If edge does not exist then the weight is taken to be  $\infty$ .
- We want to find shortest path between all pairs of vertices.

# Floyd's algorithm

- Idea similar to Warshall's algorithm.
- $D_k[i, j]$  denote the length of the shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  where the intermediate vertices (except for the end vertices  $i$  and  $j$ ) are all  $\leq k$ .
- $D_0[i, j] = A[i, j]$ .
- Here we assume  $A[i, i] = 0$  for all  $i$ .  
If initially not so, then update  $A[i, i]$  to be so.
- To find,  $D_k[i, j]$ , for  $1 \leq k \leq n$ :
- $D_k[i, j] = \min(D_{k-1}[i, j], D_{k-1}[i, k] + D_{k-1}[k, j])$ .

- In the algorithm,  $next[i, j]$  denotes the vertex which appears just after  $i$  in the shortest (known) path from  $i$  to  $j$ .
- Note:  $D_k[i, k] = D_{k-1}[i, k]$  and  $D_k[k, j] = D_{k-1}[k, j]$ .  
So, we can do the computation in place!  
(using  $D$  itself to compute  $D_0, D_1, D_2, \dots$ ).

# Floyds algorithm

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Input  $A[1..n, 1..n]$ 
  For  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do, For  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do
     $next[i, j] = j$ ;  $D[i, j] = A[i, j]$ 
  EndFor EndFor
  For  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do  $D[i, i] = 0$  EndFor
  For  $k = 1$  to  $n$  do
    For  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
      For  $j = 1$  to  $n$ 
        If  $D[i, j] > D[i, k] + D[k, j]$ , then
           $D[i, j] = D[i, k] + D[k, j]$ 
           $next[i, j] = next[i, k]$ 
        Endif
      EndFor
    EndFor
  EndFor
```



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Path(i, j)  
current = i;  
Print(i);  
While current ≠ j do  
    current = next(current, j);  
    Print(current)  
EndWhile
```

# 0/1 Knapsack problem

- Some objects  $O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n$
- Their weights  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  (assumed to be integral values)
- Their values  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$
- Capacity  $C$
- To find a set  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  such that  $\sum_{i \in S} W_i \leq C$  (capacity constraint) and  $\sum_{i \in S} V_i$  is maximised
- Note that here we cannot use fractional items! We either take the whole or nothing of each item.

- Let  $F(C, j)$  denote the maximum value one can obtain using capacity  $C$  such that objects chosen are only from  $O_1, \dots, O_j$ .
- Then,  $F(C, 0) = 0$ .
- If  $W_j \leq C$ , then
$$F(C, j) = \max(F(C, j - 1), F(C - W_j, j - 1) + V_j).$$
- If  $W_j > C$ , then  $F(C, j) = F(C, j - 1)$ .

For  $s = 0$  to  $C$  do

$F(s, 0) = 0$

EndFor.

For  $s = 1$  to  $C$  do

For  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do

If  $W_j \leq s$ , then

$F(s, j) = \max(F(s, j-1), F(s - W_j, j-1) + V_j);$

Else  $F(s, j) = F(s, j-1)$  Endif

EndFor

EndFor

Complexity:  $O(C * n)$

Want to see which objects are chosen

For  $s = 0$  to  $C$  do  $F(s, 0) = 0; Used(s, 0) = false$  EndFor

For  $s = 1$  to  $C$  do

For  $j = 1$  to  $n$  do

If  $W_j \leq s$ , then

$F(s, j) =$

$\max(F(s, j - 1), F(s - W_j, j - 1) + V_j);$

If  $F(s, j) = F(s, j - 1)$ , then

$Used(s, j) = false$

Else  $Used(s, j) = true$  Endif

Else  $F(s, j) = F(s, j - 1); Used(s, j) = false$

Endif

EndFor

EndFor

$Left = C$

For  $j = n$  down to 1 do {

    If  $Used(Left, j) = true$ , then

        Print("Pick item"  $j$ );  $Left = Left - W_j$ ;

EndIf

EndFor

# Coin changing using DP

- Given some denominations  $d[1] > d[2] > \dots > d[n] = 1$ .
- To find the minimal number of coins needed to make change for certain amount  $S$ .
- We will give a dynamic programming algorithm which is optimal for all denominations.

# Intuition

- Let  $C[i, j]$  denote the number of coins needed to obtain value  $j$ , when one is only allowed to use coins  $d[i], d[i + 1], \dots, d[n]$ .  
Then,  $C[n, j] = j$ , for  $0 \leq j \leq S$ .
- Computing:  $C[i - 1, j]$ :
  - If we use at least one coin of denomination  $d[i - 1]$ :  
 $1 + C[i - 1, j - d[i - 1]]$
  - If we do not use any coins of denomination  $d[i - 1]$ :  
 $C[i, j]$
- Taking minimum of above, we get:  
 $C[i - 1, j] = \min(1 + C[i - 1, j - d[i - 1]], C[i, j])$



CoinChange

For  $j = 0$  to  $S$  do

$C[n, j] = j$

Endfor

For  $i = n$  down to 2 do

    For  $j = 0$  to  $S$  do

        If  $j \geq d[i - 1]$ , then

$C[i - 1, j] = \min(1 + C[i - 1, j - d[i - 1]], C[i, j])$

        Else  $C[i - 1, j] = C[i, j]$

    EndFor

EndFor

Complexity:  $\Theta(S * n)$

To give coins used:

**For**  $j = 0$  **to**  $S$  **do**  $C[n, j] \leftarrow j$ ;  $used[n, j] \leftarrow true$  **EndFor**

**For**  $i = n$  **down to**  $2$  **do**

**For**  $j = 0$  **to**  $S$  **do**

**If**  $j \geq d[i - 1]$  **and**  $1 + C[i - 1, j - d[i - 1]] < C[i, j]$ ,  
        **then**

$C[i - 1, j] \leftarrow 1 + C[i - 1, j - d[i - 1]]$ ;

$used[i - 1, j] \leftarrow true$

**Else**  $C[i - 1, j] \leftarrow C[i, j]$ ;

$used[i - 1, j] \leftarrow false$

**EndFor**

**EndFor**

For  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do

$U[i] \leftarrow 0$

EndFor

$i \leftarrow 1$

$val \leftarrow S$

While  $val \geq 0$  do

    If  $used(i, val) = true$ , then  $U[i] \leftarrow U[i] + 1$ ,  $val \leftarrow val - d[i]$

    Else  $i \leftarrow i + 1$

EndWhile

Now  $U[i]$  gives the number of coins with denomination  $d[i]$  used.

# Matrix Multiplication

- Suppose we have matrices  $M_j$  with  $r_j$  rows and  $c_j$  columns, for  $1 \leq j \leq k$ , where  $c_j = r_{j+1}$ , for  $1 \leq j < k$
- We want to compute  $M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_k$ .
- Note that matrix multiplication is associative (though not commutative). So whether we do the multiplications (for  $k = 3$ ) as
  - $(M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3$
  - $M_1 \times (M_2 \times M_3)$does not matter for final answer.
- Note that multiplying matrix of size  $r \times c$  with matrix of size  $c \times c'$  takes time  $r \times c \times c'$  (for standard method).

- Different orders of multiplication can give different time complexity for matrix chain multiplication!
- If  $r_1 = 1$ ,  $c_1 = r_2 = n$ ,  $c_2 = r_3 = 1$  and  $c_3 = n$ , then
- Doing it first way  $((M_1 \times M_2) \times M_3)$  will give complexity  $r_1 c_1 c_2 + r_1 c_2 c_3 = 2n$
- Doing it second way  $(M_1 \times (M_2 \times M_3))$  will give complexity  $r_2 c_2 c_3 + r_1 c_1 c_3 = 2n^2$

- Given  $n$  matrices  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$ , we want to find  $M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_n$  but minimize the number of multiplications (using standard method of multiplication).
- Let  $F(i, j)$  denote the minimum number of operations needed to compute  $M_i \times M_{i+1} \times \dots \times M_j$ .
- Then,  $F(i, j)$ , for  $i < j$ , is minimal over  $k$  (for  $i \leq k < j$ ) of  $F(i, k) + F(k + 1, j) + \text{cost}(M_i \times \dots \times M_k, M_{k+1} \times \dots \times M_j)$
- Here  $\text{cost}(M_i \times \dots \times M_k, M_{k+1} \times \dots \times M_j) = r_i c_k c_j$

- To compute  $F(i, j)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq j \leq n$ ,
- $F(i, i) = 0$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- $F(i, j)$ , for  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ , by using formula given earlier.
- Need appropriate order of computing  $F(i, j)$  so that we do not duplicate work: what is needed is available at the time of use.
- Do it in increasing order of  $j - i$ .

For  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do

$$F(i, i) = 0$$

EndFor

For  $r = 1$  to  $n - 1$  do

3. For  $i = 1$  to  $n - r$  do

4.  $j = i + r.$

5.  $F(i, j) = \min_{k=i}^{j-1} [F(i, k) + F(k + 1, j) + r_i c_k c_j].$

EndFor

EndFor



# Complexity

- Complexity of finding the optimal order:  $O(n^3)$  ( $O(n^2)$  values to be computed, and computation at step 5 takes time  $O(n)$ ).
- Note: This is complexity of finding the optimal solution, not the complexity of matrix multiplication!
- To determine the exact order of multiplication needed, one can do it by keeping track of the  $k$  which was used for  $F(i, j)$ . That will give us the order of multiplication.

# Dyn Prog Algorithms in general

- Define sub problems
- use optimal solutions for “sub problems” to give optimal solutions for the larger problem.
- using optimal solutions to smaller problems, one should be able to determine an optimal solution for a larger problem.
- Note: We do not just combine solutions for arbitrary subproblems.

For example, if we use coin denominations 1, 5 and 50, and find optimal solution for  $S = 6$  and  $S = 4$ , then respectively, we will get  $U_6[1] = 1$ ,  $U_6[5] = 1$  and  $U_4[1] = 4$  respectively. However, just combining them for  $U_{10}$  will give  $U_{10}[1] = 5$  and  $U_{10}[5] = 1$ , which is not the optimal solution.

- So, we “use” optimal solutions for some specific subproblems to obtain an optimal solution for the larger problem.
- The subproblems are often generated by “reducing” some parts of the original problem
- ordering among subproblems, so that result of smaller subproblems are available when solving larger subproblem.
- Optimal substructure Property:
- We always need that for the optimal solution, the “reduced part” is optimal for the smaller problem.

- Example: If  $S$  is optimal solution to coin changing problem for value  $S$ , then if remove one coin, with denomination  $d$ , from  $S$ , then it is optimal solution for  $S - d$ .
- Example: Given a weighted graph consider the problem of finding the longest simple path. Then, this does not satisfy the optimal substructure property.  
If path  $v_0, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  is longest simple path from  $v_0$  to  $v_k$ , then it does not mean that  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$  is the longest simple path from  $v_0$  to  $v_{k-1}$ !

- When do we use dynamic programming?
- When, the sub-problems are overlapping, dynamic programming allows one to avoid duplication of work as compared to recursion.

# Longest Common Subsequence

- Motivated by problem of whether two proteins are similar.
- A subsequence of a sequence  $a[1]a[2] \dots a[n]$  is a sequence of the form  $a[i_1]a[i_2] \dots a[i_k]$  such that  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ .
- Example:  $ACAE$ ,  $AB$ ,  $BA$ ,  $AE$ ,  $E$  are subsequences of  $ABCADE$ .
- $DA$  is not a subsequence of  $ABCADE$ .
- Longest common subsequence of two sequences  $ABC$  and  $BDC$  is  $BC$ .

- Input:  $x[1]x[2] \dots x[n]$  and  $y[1]y[2] \dots y[m]$
- Find the longest common subsequence of the above two sequences (strings).
- If  $x[n] = y[m]$ , then the longest common subsequence is:  
(the longest common subsequence of  $x[1] \dots x[n-1]$  and  $y[1] \dots y[m-1]$ )  
followed by  $x[n]$
- If  $x[n] \neq y[m]$ , then the longest common subsequence is:  
(the longest common subsequence of  $x[1] \dots x[n-1]$  and  $y[1] \dots y[m]$ ) or  
(the longest common subsequence of  $x[1] \dots x[n]$  and  $y[1] \dots y[m-1]$ )

- $F(i, j)$  length of the longest common subsequence of  $x[1]x[2] \dots x[i]$  and  $y[1]y[2] \dots y[j]$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $0 \leq j \leq m$
- Base Case:  $F[i, j] = 0$ , for  $i = 0$  or  $j = 0$
- Solve the recurrence equation given earlier to obtain other  $F[i, j]$ .



$LCS(x[1] \dots x[n], y[1] \dots y[m])$

For  $i = 0$  to  $n$  do  $F(i, 0) = 0$  EndFor

For  $j = 0$  to  $m$  do  $F(0, j) = 0$  EndFor

For  $i = 1$  to  $n$

For  $j = 1$  to  $m$

If  $x[i] = y[j]$ , then  $F(i, j) = 1 + F(i - 1, j - 1)$

Endif

If  $x[i] \neq y[j]$ , then

$F(i, j) = \max(F(i - 1, j), F(i, j - 1))$  Endif

EndFor

EndFor

End

Complexity:  $\Theta(mn)$

**LCSP**( $x[1] \dots x[n], n, m, F$ )

**If**  $F(n, m) = 0$ , **then return**.

**Elseif**  $F(n, m) = F(n, m - 1)$ , **then return**

$LCSP(x, n, m - 1, F)$

**Elseif**  $F(n, m) = F(n - 1, m)$ , **then return**

$LCSP(x, n - 1, m, F)$

**Else return**  $LCSP(x, n - 1, m - 1, F) \cdot x(n)$

**End**

The main idea of dynamic programming is:

- Solve several smaller problems
- Store these solutions (in an array) and use them to solve large problems
- Have a recurrence; solve in particular order
- Subproblems have overlaps (i.e., some of the subsubproblems they solve are same)
- In Divide and conquer usually do not have overlaps, and do not store the solutions.