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Algorithmic Paradigms

Greedy. Build up a solution incrementally, myopically optimizing some local criterion.

Divide-and-conquer. Break up a problem into sub-problems, solve each sub-problem independently, and combine solution to sub-problems to form solution to original problem.

Dynamic programming. Break up a problem into a series of overlapping sub-problems, and build up solutions to larger and larger sub-problems.

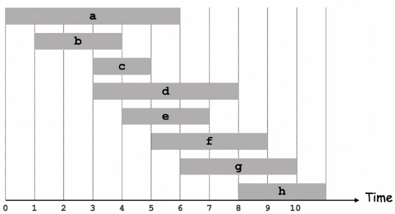
Dynamic Programming Applications

Areas.
- Bioinformatics.
- Control theory.
- Information theory.
- Operations research.
- Computer science: theory, graphics, AI, compilers, systems, ...

Some famous dynamic programming algorithms.
- Unix diff for comparing two files.
- Viterbi for hidden Markov models.
- Smith-Waterman for genetic sequence alignment.
- Bellman-Ford for shortest path routing in networks.
- Cocke-Kasami-Younger for parsing context free grammars.

Weighted Interval Scheduling

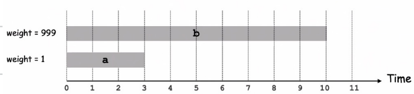
Weighted interval scheduling problem.
- Job j starts at s_j, finishes at f_j, and has weight or value v_j .
- Two jobs compatible if they don't overlap.
- Goal: find maximum weight subset of mutually compatible jobs.



Unweighted Interval Scheduling Review

Recall. Greedy algorithm works if all weights are 1.
- Consider jobs in ascending order of finish time.
- Add job to subset if it is compatible with previously chosen jobs.

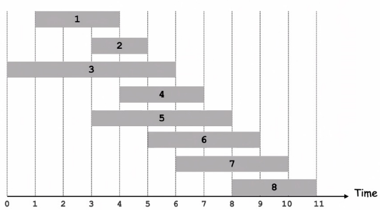
Observation. Greedy algorithm can fail spectacularly if arbitrary weights are allowed.



Weighted Interval Scheduling

Notation. Label jobs by finishing time: $f_1 \le f_2 \le \ldots \le f_n$.
Def. p(j) = largest index i < j such that job i is compatible with j.

Ex: p(8) = 5, p(7) = 3, p(2) = 0.



Dynamic Programming: Binary Choice

Notation. OPT(j) = value of optimal solution to the problem consisting of job requests 1, 2, ..., j.

- Case 1: OPT selects job j.
  - collect profit v_j
  - can't use incompatible jobs { p(j) + 1, p(j) + 2, ..., j - 1 }
  - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs 1, 2, ..., p(j)

optimal substructure

- Case 2: OPT does not select job j.
  - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs 1, 2, ..., j-1

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Brute Force

Brute force algorithm.

```
Input: n, s1,…,sn , f1,…,fn , v1,…,vn

Sort jobs by finish times so that f1 ≤ f2 ≤ ... ≤ fn.

Compute p(1), p(2), …, p(n)

Compute-Opt(j) {
   if (j = 0)
      return 0
   else
      return max(vj + Compute-Opt(p(j)), Compute-Opt(j-1))
}
```

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Memoization

Memoization. Store results of each sub-problem in a cache; lookup as needed.

```
Input: n, s1,…,sn , f1,…,fn , v1,…,vn

Sort jobs by finish times so that f1 ≤ f2 ≤ ... ≤ fn.
Compute p(1), p(2), …, p(n)

for j = 1 to n
   M[j] = empty      global array
M[0] = 0

M-Compute-Opt(j) {
   if (M[j] is empty)
      M[j] = max(vj + M-Compute-Opt(p(j)), M-Compute-Opt(j-1))
   return M[j]
}
```

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Running Time

Claim. Memoized version of algorithm takes $O(n \log n)$ time.

- Sort by finish time: $O(n \log n)$.
- Computing $p(\cdot)$: $O(n \log n)$ via sorting by start time.

- `M-Compute-Opt(j)`: each invocation takes $O(1)$ time and either
  - (i) returns an existing value `M[j]`
  - (ii) fills in one new entry `M[j]` and makes two recursive calls

- Progress measure Φ = # nonempty entries of `M[]`.
  - initially $\Phi = 0$, throughout $\Phi \le n$.
  - (ii) increases Φ by 1 $\Rightarrow$ at most 2n recursive calls.

- Overall running time of `M-Compute-Opt(n)` is $O(n)$. ▪

Remark. $O(n)$ if jobs are pre-sorted by start and finish times.

Weighted Interval Scheduling: Finding a Solution

Q. Dynamic programming algorithms computes optimal value. What if we want the solution itself?
A. Do some post-processing.

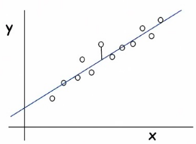
```
Run M-Compute-Opt(n)
Run Find-Solution(n)

Find-Solution(j) {
   if (j = 0)
      output nothing
   else if (vj + M[p(j)] > M[j-1])
      print j
      Find-Solution(p(j))
   else
      Find-Solution(j-1)
}
```

- # of recursive calls $\le n \Rightarrow O(n)$.

Segmented Least Squares

Least squares.

- Foundational problem in statistic and numerical analysis.
- Given n points in the plane: $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$.
- Find a line $y = ax + b$ that minimizes the sum of the squared error:



Solution. Calculus $\Rightarrow$ min error is achieved when

Segmented Least Squares

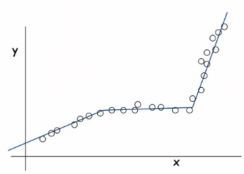
Segmented least squares.

- Points lie roughly on a sequence of several line segments.
- Given n points in the plane $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_n, y_n)$ with
- $x_1 < x_2 < \ldots < x_n$, find a sequence of lines that minimizes $f(x)$.

Q. What's a reasonable choice for $f(x)$ to balance accuracy and parsimony?

goodness of fit

number of lines



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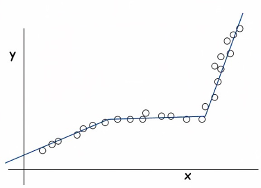
- $x_1 < x_2 < \ldots < x_n$, find a sequence of lines that minimizes:
  - the sum of the sums of the squared errors E in each segment
  - the number of lines L
- Tradeoff function: $E + c L$, for some constant $c > 0$.



Dynamic Programming: Multiway Choice

Notation.

- $OPT(j)$ = minimum cost for points $p_1, p_{i+1}, \ldots, p_j$.
- $e(i, j)$ = minimum sum of squares for points $p_i, p_{i+1}, \ldots, p_j$.

To compute OPT(j):

- Last segment uses points $p_i, p_{i+1}, \ldots, p_j$ for some i.
- Cost = $e(i, j) + c + OPT(i-1)$.

Segmented Least Squares: Algorithm

```
INPUT: n, p1,…,pN , c

Segmented-Least-Squares() {
   M[0] = 0
   for j = 1 to n
      for i = 1 to j
         compute the least square error eij for
         the segment pi,…, pj

   for j = 1 to n
      M[j] = min 1 ≤ i ≤ j (eij + c + M[i-1])

   return M[n]
}
```

Running time. $O(n^3)$. can be improved to $O(n^2)$ by pre-computing various statistics

- Bottleneck = computing e(i, j) for $O(n^2)$ pairs, $O(n)$ per pair using previous formula.

Knapsack Problem

Knapsack problem.

- Given n objects and a "knapsack."
- Item i weighs $w_i > 0$ kilograms and has value $v_i > 0$.
- Knapsack has capacity of W kilograms.
- Goal: fill knapsack so as to maximize total value.

Ex: { 3, 4 } has value 40.

W = 11

#	value	weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Greedy: repeatedly add item with maximum ratio v_i / w_i.
Ex: { 5, 2, 1 } achieves only value = 35 $\Rightarrow$ greedy not optimal.

Dynamic Programming: False Start

Def. OPT(i) = max profit subset of items 1, …, i.

- Case 1: OPT does not select item i.
  - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, …, i-1 }
- Case 2: OPT selects item i.
  - accepting item i does not immediately imply that we will have to reject other items
  - without knowing what other items were selected before i, we don't even know if we have enough room for i

Conclusion. Need more sub-problems!

Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

Def. OPT(i, w) = max profit subset of items 1, …, i with weight limit w.

- Case 1: OPT does not select item i.
  - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, …, i-1 } using weight limit w
- Case 2: OPT selects item i.
  - new weight limit = $w - w_i$
  - OPT selects best of { 1, 2, …, i-1 } using this new weight limit

Knapsack Problem: Bottom-Up

Knapsack. Fill up an n-by-W array.

```
Input: n, W, w1,…,wN, v1,…,vN

for w = 0 to W
   M[0, w] = 0

for i = 1 to n
   for w = 1 to W
      if (wi > w)
         M[i, w] = M[i-1, w]
      else
         M[i, w] = max {M[i-1, w], vi + M[i-1, w-wi ]}

return M[n, W]
```

Knapsack Algorithm

W + 1

n + 1

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ϕ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
{ 1 }	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
{ 1, 2 }	0	1	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
{ 1, 2, 3 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	19	24	25	25	25	25
{ 1, 2, 3, 4 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	24	28	29	29	40
{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }	0	1	6	7	7	18	22	28	29	34	34	40

OPT: { 4, 3 }
value = 22 + 18 = 40

W = 11

Item	Value	Weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Knapsack Problem: Running Time

Running time. $\Theta(n W)$.

- Not polynomial in input size!
- "Pseudo-polynomial."
- Decision version of Knapsack is NP-complete. [Chapter 8]

Knapsack approximation algorithm. There exists a poly-time algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 0.01% of optimum. [Section 11.8]

Dynamic Programming Summary

Recipe.

- Characterize structure of problem.
- Recursively define value of optimal solution.
- Compute value of optimal solution.
- Construct optimal solution from computed information.

Dynamic programming techniques.

- Binary choice: weighted interval scheduling.
- Multi-way choice: segmented least squares. Viterbi algorithm for HMM also uses DP to optimize a maximum likelihood tradeoff between parsimony and accuracy
- Adding a new variable: knapsack.
- Dynamic programming over intervals: RNA secondary structure.

CKY parsing algorithm for context-free grammar has similar structure

Top-down vs. bottom-up: different people have different intuitions.

Sequence Alignment 6.5

String Similarity

How similar are two strings?
- ocurrance
- occurrence

`o c u r r a n c e -`
`o c c u r r e n c e`

6 mismatches, 1 gap

`o c - u r r a n c e`
`o c c u r r e n c e`

1 mismatch, 1 gap

`o c - u r r - a n c e`
`o c c u r r e - n c e`

0 mismatches, 3 gaps

Edit Distance

Applications.
- Basis for Unix diff.
- Speech recognition.
- Computational biology.

Edit distance. [Levenshtein 1966, Needleman-Wunsch 1970]
- Gap penalty δ; mismatch penalty α_{pq}.
- Cost = sum of gap and mismatch penalties.

`C T G A C C T A C C T`
`C C T G A C T A C A T`

$\alpha_{TC} + \alpha_{GT} + \alpha_{AG} + 2\alpha_{CA}$

`- C T G A C C T A C C T`
`C C T G A C - T A C A T`

$2\delta + \alpha_{CA}$

Sequence Alignment

Goal: Given two strings $X = x_1 x_2 \ldots x_m$ and $Y = y_1 y_2 \ldots y_n$ find alignment of minimum cost.

Def. An alignment M is a set of ordered pairs x_i-y_j such that each item occurs in at most one pair and no crossings.

Def. The pair x_i-y_j and $x_{i'}$-$y_{j'}$ cross if $i < i'$, but $j > j'$.

$$\text{cost}(M) = \underbrace{\sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in M} \alpha_{x_i y_j}}_{\text{mismatch}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i:\, x_i \text{ unmatched}} \delta + \sum_{j:\, y_j \text{ unmatched}} \delta}_{\text{gap}}$$

Ex: CTACCG vs. TACATG.
Sol: $M = x_2\text{-}y_1, x_3\text{-}y_2, x_4\text{-}y_3, x_5\text{-}y_4, x_6\text{-}y_6$.

x_1	x_2	x_3	x_4	x_5		x_6
C	T	A	C	C	-	G
-	T	A	C	A	T	G
	y_1	y_2	y_3	y_4	y_5	y_6

Sequence Alignment: Problem Structure

Def. $OPT(i, j)$ = min cost of aligning strings $x_1 x_2 \ldots x_i$ and $y_1 y_2 \ldots y_j$.
- Case 1: OPT matches x_i-y_j.
  - pay mismatch for x_i-y_j + min cost of aligning two strings $x_1 x_2 \ldots x_{i-1}$ and $y_1 y_2 \ldots y_{j-1}$
- Case 2a: OPT leaves x_i unmatched.
  - pay gap for x_i and min cost of aligning $x_1 x_2 \ldots x_{i-1}$ and $y_1 y_2 \ldots y_j$
- Case 2b: OPT leaves y_j unmatched.
  - pay gap for y_j and min cost of aligning $x_1 x_2 \ldots x_i$ and $y_1 y_2 \ldots y_{j-1}$

$$OPT(i,j) = \begin{cases} j\delta & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \begin{cases} \alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i-1, j-1) \\ \delta + OPT(i-1, j) \\ \delta + OPT(i, j-1) \end{cases} & \text{otherwise} \\ i\delta & \text{if } j = 0 \end{cases}$$

Sequence Alignment: Algorithm

```
Sequence-Alignment(m, n, x1x2...xm, y1y2...yn, δ, α) {
   for i = 0 to m
      M[0, i] = iδ
   for j = 0 to n
      M[j, 0] = jδ

   for i = 1 to m
      for j = 1 to n
         M[i, j] = min(α[xi, yj] + M[i-1, j-1],
                       δ + M[i-1, j],
                       δ + M[i, j-1])
   return M[m, n]
}
```

Analysis. $\Theta(mn)$ time and space.
English words or sentences: $m, n \le 10$.
Computational biology: $m = n = 100{,}000$. 10 billions ops OK, but 10GB array?

Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

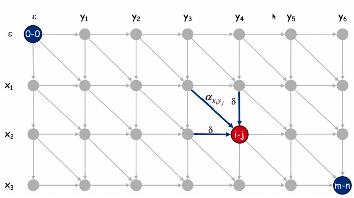
Q. Can we avoid using quadratic space?

Easy. Optimal value in $O(m + n)$ space and $O(mn)$ time.
- Compute $OPT(i, \bullet)$ from $OPT(i-1, \bullet)$.
- No longer a simple way to recover alignment itself.

Theorem. [Hirschberg 1975] Optimal alignment in $O(m + n)$ space and $O(mn)$ time.
- Clever combination of divide-and-conquer and dynamic programming.
- Inspired by idea of Savitch from complexity theory.

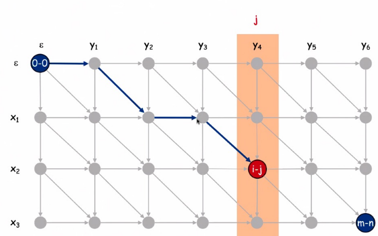
Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

Edit distance graph.
- Let $f(i, j)$ be shortest path from $(0,0)$ to (i, j).
- Observation: $f(i, j) = OPT(i, j)$.



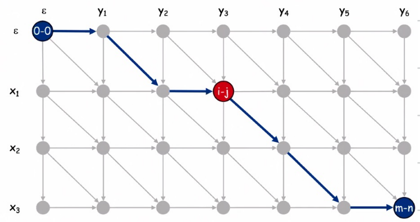
Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

Edit distance graph.
- Let $f(i, j)$ be shortest path from $(0,0)$ to (i, j).
- Can compute $f(\bullet, j)$ for any j in $O(mn)$ time and $O(m + n)$ space.



Sequence Alignment: Linear Space

Observation 1. The cost of the shortest path that uses (i, j) is f(i, j) + g(i, j).



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Sequence Alignment: Running Time Analysis

Theorem. Let T(m, n) = max running time of algorithm on strings of length m and n. T(m, n) = O(mn).

Pf. (by induction on n)

- O(mn) time to compute f(•, n/2) and g (•, n/2) and find index q.
- T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2) time for two recursive calls.
- Choose constant c so that:

$$\begin{aligned} T(m,\ 2) &\leq cm \\ T(2,\ n) &\leq cn \\ T(m,\ n) &\leq cmn + T(q,\ n/2) + T(m-q,\ n/2) \end{aligned}$$

- Base cases: m = 2 or n = 2.
- Inductive hypothesis: T(m, n) ≤ 2cmn.

$$\begin{aligned} T(m,n) &\leq T(q,n/2) + T(m-q,n/2) + cmn \\ &\leq 2cqn/2 + 2c(m-q)n/2 + cmn \\ &= cqn + cmn - cqn + cmn \\ &= 2cmn \end{aligned}$$