

# Dynamic Programming

## **General pointers :**

We can apply Dynamic Programming when -

- ① Repeating subproblems
- ② Optimal substruc~~ture~~

# COIN CHANGE PROBLEM

# PROBLEM STATEMENT

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You are given coins of different denominations and a total amount of money *amount*. Write a function to compute the fewest number of coins that you need to make up that amount. If that amount of money cannot be made up by any combination of the coins, return -1.

You may assume that you have an infinite number of each kind of coin.

Example 1:

Input: coins = [1,2,5], amount = 11

Output: 3

Explanation:  $11 = 5 + 5 + 1$

$$[1, 2, 5]$$

$$\underline{5} + \underline{5} + \underline{1} = 11$$

Example 2:

Input: coins = [2], amount = 3

Output: -1

$\rightarrow$  Why not GREEDY approach?

$$\text{Ex- } c = [1, 3, 5, 5] ; A = 7$$

start with 5:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 5 + 5 = \text{more than } 7$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 5 + 5 = \text{more}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 5 + 3 = \text{more}$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 5 + 1 = 6 \quad \text{GOOD} \checkmark$$

$$\textcircled{11} \quad 5 + 1 + 1 = 7 \quad \text{PERFECT} \checkmark$$

BUT,

if we start with 4 instead:

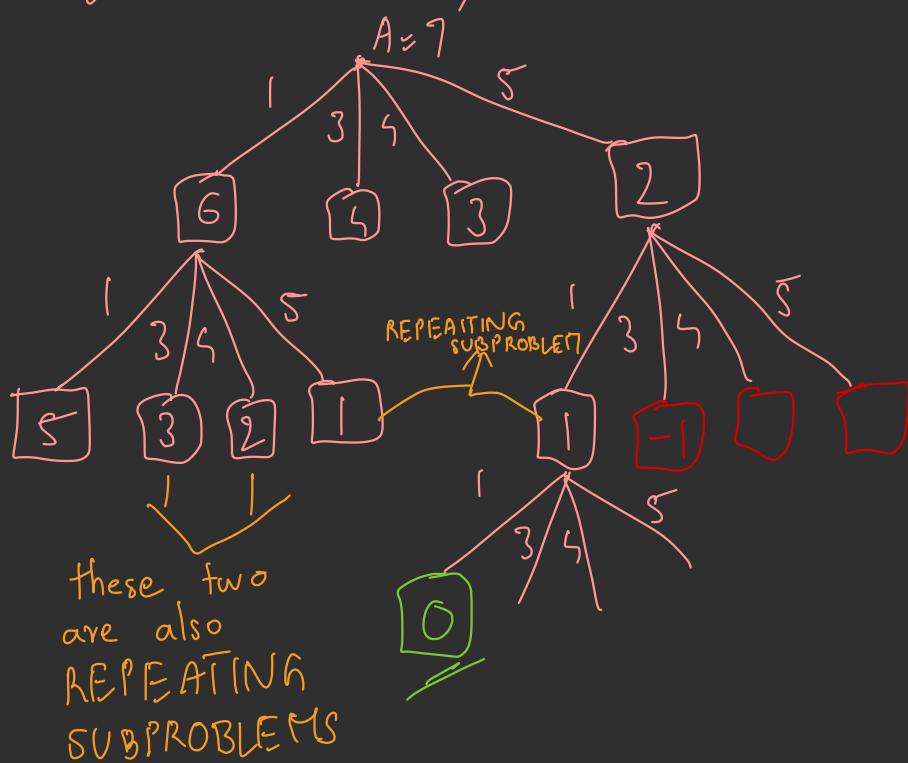
$$\textcircled{1} \quad 4 + 4 = \text{more than } 7$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 4 + 3 = 7 \quad \text{PERFECT} \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  By starting with largest number (5),  
being GREEDY did not give us right  
result.

# Repeating Subproblems -

$$C = [1, 3, 5, 5] \quad ; \quad A = 7$$



This is TOP-DOWN approach,  
which isn't optimal.  
So, we use BOTTOM-UP D.P

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So, we try DP-Bottom Up.  $A=7$ ;  $C = [1, 3, 5]$

Instead of starting from 7, we start from 0.

$DP[0] \rightarrow 0$  (no. of coins to sum to 0)

$DP[1] \rightarrow 1$

$DP[2] \rightarrow 1$  coin to sum to 1, but we know that. So,

$DP[2] \rightarrow 1 + DP[1] \rightarrow 2$

$DP[3] \rightarrow 1$   $\xrightarrow[\text{no. of coins of value 1}]{}$

$DP[1] \rightarrow$  cuz, after taking 1 coin of value 1,  
 $(2-1=1)$  amount of 1 is remaining  
to be calculated.

$DP[4] \rightarrow 1$

$DP[5] \rightarrow 1$

$DP[6] \rightarrow 1 + DP[5] \rightarrow 2$   
(or)  $\xrightarrow[\text{no. of coins of value 1}]{}$

$DP[5] \rightarrow$  cuz, after taking 1 coin of value 1,  
 $(6-1=5)$  amount of 5 is remaining  
to be calculated.

$DP[6] \rightarrow 1 + DP[1] \rightarrow 2$

no. of coins of value 5  $\xrightarrow{\quad}$   $\xrightarrow{DP[1]}$   
 $\xrightarrow{\quad}$  cuz, after taking 1 coin of value 5,  
 $(6-5=1)$  amount of 1 is remaining  
to be calculated

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To calculate  $DP[7]$ :

when we take coin with value 1 first:

$$\begin{aligned} DP[7] &= 1 + DP[6] \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{no. of coins of value 1} \rightarrow DP[6] \text{ cuz after you have selected} \\ &= 1 + 2 \quad 1 \text{ coin of value 1, } (7-1=6) \\ &= \boxed{3} \rightarrow \text{potential answer} \\ &\quad \text{an amount of 6 is yet to be calc.} \end{aligned}$$

(we don't stop here, we want min., so, we check other coins as starting coin too)

when we take coin with value 3 first:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore DP[7] &= 1 + DP[4] \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{no. of coins with value 3} \rightarrow DP[4] \text{ cuz after taking 1 coin of value 3,} \\ &\quad (7-3=4), \text{ an amount of 4 is yet to be calculated.} \\ &= 1 + 1 \\ &= \boxed{2} \rightarrow \text{potential answer} \end{aligned}$$

when we take coin with value 5 first:

$$\therefore DP[7] = 1 + DP[2] = 1 + 1 = \boxed{2} \rightarrow \text{potential answer}$$

when we take coin with value 5 first:

$$\therefore DP[7] = 1 + DP[2] = 1 + 2 = \boxed{3} \rightarrow \text{potential answer}$$

Least value of  $DP[7]$  is  $\boxed{2}$ . Therefore,  $\boxed{2}$  is ANS.

## ALGORITHM -

def coinChange DP(coins, amount) :

$$DP = [amount+1] * (amount+1)$$

$$DP[0] = 0$$

for i in range(1, amount+1) :

    for c in coins:

$$\text{if } (a-c) \geq 0 :$$

$$DP[a] = \min(DP[a], 1 + DP[a-c])$$

if  $DP[amount] == amount+1$  :

    return -1

else :

    return  $DP[amount]$

$$\text{coins} = [1, 3, 5]$$

$$\text{amount} = 7$$

// creates a list of 8

$$\text{values like} = [8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8]$$

# The alignment game

Longest Common Subsequence

Edit distance

① A T G T T A T A

A T C G T C C

② A T - G T T A T A

A T C G T C C (removing C)

③ A T - G T T A T A

A T C G T - C - C

The diagram illustrates a sequence alignment between two strings:

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

Annotations explain the operations:

- matches**: Points to matching symbols (A, T, T, A).
- insertions**: Points to the insertion of a symbol from the 2nd string (-).
- deletions**: Points to the deletion of a symbol from the 1st string (-).
- mismatches**: Points to non-matching symbols (C, G, C, C).

→ premium for every match

→ penalty for every mismatch & indel  
 $(\mu)$        $(\sigma)$

$$\# \text{matches} - (\mu) * \# \text{mismatches} - (\sigma) * \# \text{indel}$$

Diagram illustrating sequence alignment between two strings:

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

Annotations explain the alignment:

- matches**: Indicated by orange arrows pointing to matching symbols (A, T, T, A, T).
- insertions**: Indicated by blue arrows pointing from the second string to positions where symbols are added (T, -).
- deletions**: Indicated by pink arrows pointing from the first string to positions where symbols are removed (-, C).
- mismatches**: Indicated by magenta arrows pointing to non-matching symbols (C, G, C).

## Common Subsequence -

Matches in an alignment of 2 strings forms their COMMON SUBSEQUENCE.

In this case, ATGT

# Problem Statement

## 1143. Longest Common Subsequence

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Given two strings `text1` and `text2`, return the length of their longest common subsequence.

A *subsequence* of a string is a new string generated from the original string with some characters(can be none) deleted without changing the relative order of the remaining characters. (eg, "ace" is a subsequence of "abcde" while "aec" is not). A *common subsequence* of two strings is a subsequence that is common to both strings.

If there is no common subsequence, return 0.

### Example 1:

Input: `text1 = "abcde"`, `text2 = "ace"`

Output: 3

Explanation: The longest common subsequence is "ace" and its length is 3.

Example -

$$\text{text\_1} = \text{abcde}$$
$$\text{text\_2} = \text{ace}$$

HINT -

a bcde  
a ce

→ First letter is same, so keep it aside.

→ Focus on the rest of the string & add 1

→ This behaves like a subproblem

Problem will basically be solved  
using a 2-dimensional D.P approach.

## 2-Dimensional Dynamic Programming Approach :

text\_1 = abcde

text\_2 = ace

	a	c	e	-	-
i →	a			0	
	b			0	
	c			0	
	d			0	
	e			0	
	0	0	0	0	0

text\_1 = i  
text\_2 = j

Equal : diagonal ↘  
or else : check ↓ & →

ace & abcde,

start with comparing a & a. These 2 are equal, so we move **DIAGONALLY**. Next, compare 'ce' with 'bcde'.

	a	c	e	-	-
a	a			0	
b				0	
c				0	
d				0	
e				0	
	0	0	0	0	0

ce & bcde :

start with comparing c & b. These 2 are NOT equal, so we got 2 options.

GOING RIGHT → compare 'e' with 'bcde', clearly, 1 is the longest subsequence.

GOING DOWN  $\rightarrow$  compare 'ce' with 'cde'  
clearly, 2 is the longest subseq.

	a	c	e	-	-
a	.			0	
b			.	0	
c		.		0	
d			.	0	
e				0	
	0	0	0	0	0

ce & cde:

start with comparing c & c. These 2 are equal, so move diagonally.

Next, compare 'e' & 'de'.

	a	c	e	-	-
a	.			0	
b			.	0	
c		.		0	
d			.	(0)	0
e				(1)	0
	0	0	0	0	0



e & de:

'e' & 'd' not equal.

2 options - right or down. Whichever has max common subsequence, & put it in this current pos<sup>n</sup>.

GOING RIGHT  $\rightarrow$  compare <empty> with 'de'  
 so, 0 longest common subseq.  
 GOING DOWN  $\rightarrow$  compare 'e' with 'e'.  
 so, 1 longest common subseq.

	a	c	e	-	-
a	.			0	
b		.		0	
c		.		0	
d			.	0	
e			.	0	
	0	0	0	0	0

'e' with 'e':

compare 'c' & 'e'. These 2 are equal, so  
 move DIAGONALLY. REACHED OUT OF BOUNDS  
 SO STOP.

	a	c	e		
a	3	4		0	
b		2	5	6	
c			2	0	
d				0	
e			1	1	0
	0	0	0	1	0

Calculation :

- ① When you find equal characters, add 1.
- ② When you find non-equal chars, place previous value in the box.
- ③ GO BACKWARDS  $\rightarrow$  start from end.  
BOTTOM-UP APPROACH.

Longest Common Subsequence  
will be 3 (first pos<sup>n</sup>, in 2-D arr)

	a	c	e	
a				0
b				0
c				0
d				0
e				0
	0	0	0	0

Approach for coding -

- ① Start from bottom
- ② Calculate value for all cells using the following idea -
  - ① If characters match, then place  $[1 + (\text{element diagonally down right})]$
  - ② If characters don't match, then  $\max(\text{element down or element right})$
- ③ Return FIRST element of 2-D array.

## ALGORITHM:

```
def longestCommonSubsDP(text1, text2):
    dP = [[0 for j in range(0, len(text2)+1)]]
    //initializing 2-D array with min(0) values
```

```
for i in range(len(text1)-1, -1, -1):
    //starting from end
    for j in range(len(text2)-1, -1, -1):
        if text1[i] == text2[j]:
            dP[i][j] = 1 + dP[i+1][j+1]
```

```
else:
    dP[i][j] = max(dP[i+1][j], dP[i][j+1])
```

//max coz want largest value

```
return dP
```

		j \ e		
		a	c	e
i \ b	a	3	2	0
	c	2	2	0
d	2	2	1	0
e	1	1	1	6
	0	0	0	0

# Problem statement

## 72. Edit Distance

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Given two strings `word1` and `word2`, return the minimum number of operations required to convert `word1` to `word2`.

You have the following three operations permitted on a word:

- Insert a character
- Delete a character
- Replace a character

### Example 1:

Input: `word1 = "horse"`, `word2 = "ros"`

Output: 3

Explanation:

`horse` -> `norse` (replace 'h' with 'r')

`norse` -> `rose` (remove 'r')

`rose` -> `ros` (remove 'e')

Basically,

Minimum no.of operations to convert string-1 into string-2.

### BASE CASES:

① TEXT-1 = <empty>

TEXT-2 = <empty>

min. no.of operations  
to convert TEXT-1 to TEXT-2 = 0

② TEXT-1 = abc

TEXT-2 = <empty>

min. no.of operations  
to convert TEXT-1 to TEXT-2 = length of  
TEXT-1 (cuz 3  
DELETIONS)

③ TEXT-1 = <empty>

TEXT-2 = abc

min. no.of operations  
to convert TEXT-1 to TEXT-2 = length of  
TEXT-2 (cuz 3  
INSERTIONS)

## I EQUAL:

WORD-1 =  $\begin{matrix} i \downarrow \rightarrow i \\ a & b & d \end{matrix}$   
 WORD-2 =  $\begin{matrix} a & c & d \\ \uparrow & \nearrow j \\ j \end{matrix}$

## II NOT EQUAL:

### a INSERT:

WORD-1 =  $\begin{matrix} a & c & b & d \\ \downarrow i & & & \end{matrix}$   
 WORD-2 =  $\begin{matrix} a & c & d \\ \uparrow j & \nearrow j & \end{matrix}$

if  $\text{WORD}_1[i] == \text{WORD}_2[j]$   
 $(i+1, j+1)$

else:

- insert :  $(i, j+1)$
- delete :  $(i+1, j)$
- replace :  $(i+1, j+1)$

### b DELETE:

WORD-1 =  $\begin{matrix} a & b & d \\ \downarrow i & \rightarrow i & \end{matrix}$   
 WORD-2 =  $\begin{matrix} a & c & d \\ \uparrow j & & \end{matrix}$

on inserting 'c',  
 we know 2<sup>nd</sup> pos. is  
 matching, so increment j.

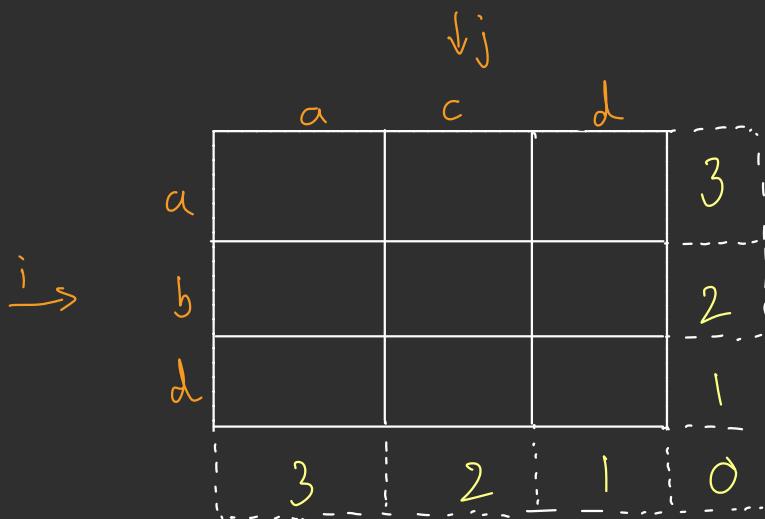
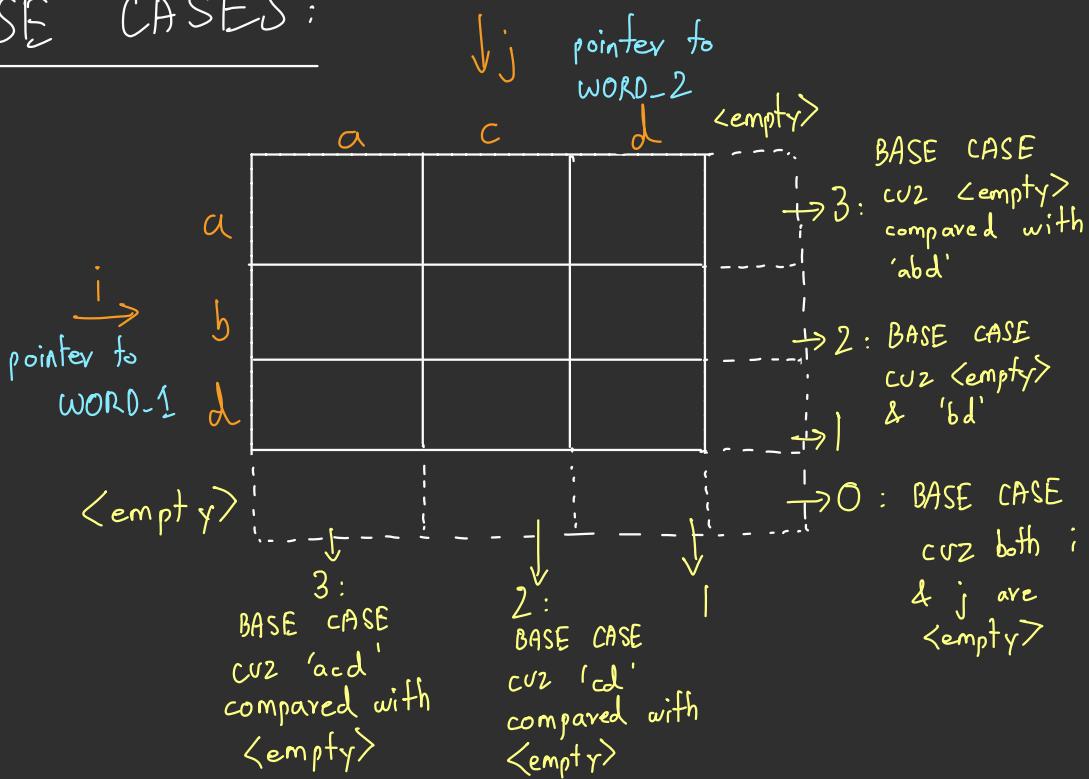
### c REPLACE:

WORD-1 =  $\begin{matrix} a & b & c & d \\ \downarrow i & \rightarrow i & & \end{matrix}$   
 WORD-2 =  $\begin{matrix} a & c & d \\ \uparrow j & \nearrow j & \end{matrix}$

on deleting 'b',  
 need to increment i.

on replacing 'b' with 'c'  
 need to increment both i & j.

# BASE CASES:



# Bottom-Up Dynamic Programming:

			$\downarrow j$
			a    c    d
			3
$i \rightarrow$	a		3
b			2
d			1
	3	2	1
			0

'd' & 'd': EQUAL  $\rightarrow$  so, take diagonal right bottom

			$\downarrow j$
			a    c    d
			3
$i \rightarrow$	a		3
b			2
d			1
	3	2	0
			0

'c' & 'd': NOT-EQUAL  $\rightarrow$  so, minimum of insert, delete & replace.

$(i, j+1)$      $(i+1, j)$      $(i+1, j+1)$

AND add 1 (cuz 1 operation done)

DIFFERENCE B/W LONGEST COMMON SUBSEQUENCE:

word 1 = abcde

word 2 = ace

	a	c	e	
a	3	2	2	0
b	2	2	2	0
c	2	2	1	0
d	1	1	1	0
e	1	1	1	0
	0	0	0	0

EQUAL :

$$1 + (i+1, j+1)$$

not EQUAL:

$$\min \left[ (i, j+1), (i+1, j) \right]$$

ANS → 3

AND EDIT DISTANCE :

word 1 = abd

word 2 = acd

	a	c	d	
a	1	2	2	3
b	2	1	1	2
d	2	1	0	1
	3	2	1	0

EQUAL:

$$(i+1, j+1)$$

NOT EQUAL:

$$\min \left[ (i, j+1), (i+1, j), (i+1, j+1) \right] + 1$$

ANS → 5

When to add 1 in calculations:

In each case, you MAXIMIZE PROFIT when the elements being checked are EQUAL.

So, in LCS you MAXIMIZE PROFIT by adding 1 to  $[(i+1), j+1)$  element if the elements are EQUAL.  
cuz you are trying to get big value so add 1.

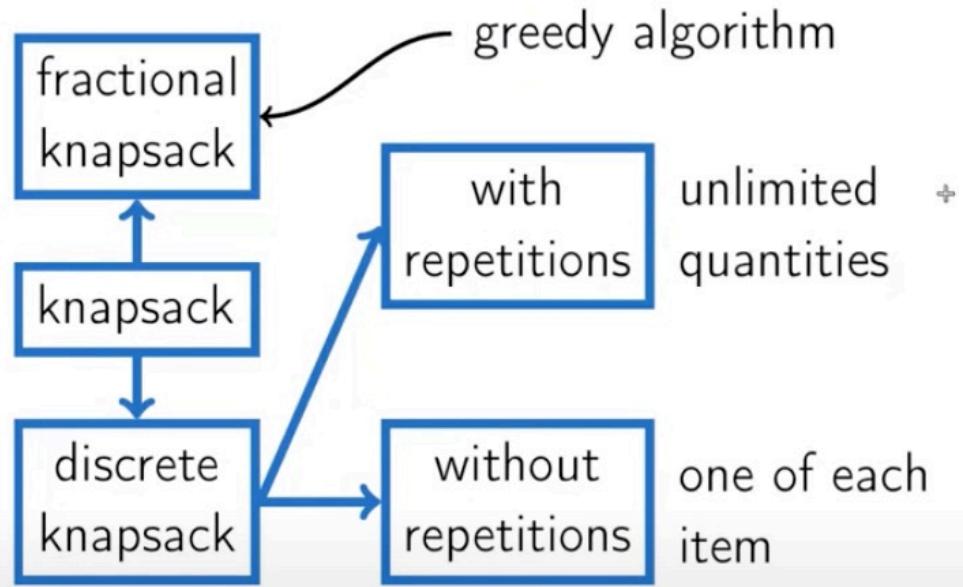
In Edit Dist., you MAXIMIZE PROFIT by NOT adding 1 to  $[(i+1), j+1)$  element if the els. are EQUAL.  
cuz you are trying to get small value so DO NOT add 1.

# ALGORITHM -

```
def editDistance DP (text1, text2) :  
    dp = [[max(len(text1), len(text2)) + 1 for j in range(len(text2))]  
          for i in range(len(text1))] // initializing 2-D array  
          with MAX values  
  
    for j in range(0, len(text2) + 1) :  
        dp[len(text1)][j] = len(text2) - j // covering base cases  
    for i in range(0, len(text1) + 1) :  
        dp[i][len(text2) + 1] = len(text1) - i  
  
  
    for i in range(len(text1) - 1, -1, -1) : // starting from end  
        for j in range(len(text2) - 1, -1, -1) :  
            if text1[i] == text2[j] :  
                dp[i][j] = dp[i + 1][j + 1]  
            else :  
                dp[i][j] = 1 + min(dp[i][j + 1],  
                                    dp[i + 1][j], dp[i + 1][j + 1]) // min coz we want least  
  
    return dp[0][0]
```

# Knapsack Problem

# Problem Variations



Fraction Knapsack → GREEDY

Discrete Knapsack → DYNAMIC  
PROGRAMMING

# FRACTIONAL KNAPSACK PROBLEM ALGORITHM (REVISION) :

```
def knapsackGreedy(M, weight, profit):
    d = {} // creating dictionary
    for i in range(0, len(weight)):
        t = []
        t.append(weight[i])
        t.append(profit[i])
        d[profit[i]/weight[i]] = t // p/w : [w, p]
    dk = list(d.keys())
    dk.sort() // sorting the dictionary
    sortedD = {i: d[i] for i in dk}
    res = 0
    for i in sortedD:
        if M > 0 and sortedD[i][0] < M: // sortedD[i][0] = w
            M -= sortedD[i][0]
            res += sortedD[i][1] // sortedD[i][1] = p
        else:
            break
    if M > 0:
        res += M * (sortedD[i][1] / sortedD[i][0]) // res = res + M * (p_i / (w_i))
    return res
```

# KNAPSACK PROBLEM: (DISCRETE) (LIMITED ITEMS)

(a.k.a 0/1 knapsack problem)

$$p = [1, 2, 5, 6] \quad \text{capacity, } m = 8$$

$$w = [2, 3, 4, 5] \quad \text{no.of items, } n = 4$$

(capacity)  $M$   $j \downarrow$

$i \rightarrow$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	0								
3	0								
5	0								
6	0								

When  $i=1$ : (ignore objects BELOW  $i$ )

- means only 1 item exists (of  $w=2$ ,  $p=1$ )
- when  $j=1$  (capacity is 1), item will NOT fit (as  $w=2$ )
- when  $j=2$  (capacity is 2), item FITS &  $p=1$
- for other  $j$ , capacity increases but considering only 1 item so ' $p=1$ ' for all other ( $j$  in  $i=1$ )

		(capacity)		M	j↓					
i →		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
p	w	0	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
1	2	1	○	○	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	3	2	○	○	1	2	2	3	3	3
5	5	3	○	○	1	2	5	5	6	7
6	5	4	○							

when  $i=2$ : (include  $i=1$  also)

- $j=3$  (capacity is 3),  $w_2$  fits so  $p=2$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $w_2 = 3$
- for  $j=1$  &  $j=2$ , val from previous row
- $j=5$ , both  $w_1$  &  $w_2$  ( $w=5$ ) can FIT &  
 $p=3$
- SAME WAY FILL FOR  $i=3$

		(capacity)			M	j↓				
i →		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
p	ω	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	3	2	0	0	1	2	2	3	3	3
5	4	3	0	0	1	2	5	5	6	7
6	5	4	0	0	1	2	5	6	6	7
										8

FORMULA :

$$V[i][j] = \max \left( V[i-1][j], V[i-1][j - \omega_i] + p_j \right)$$

$$\underline{i=5}: \quad \underline{j=0}: \quad \max(V[3][0], V[3][ve]+6) \Rightarrow \max(0, \text{undefined}) \\ \therefore i=5, j=0 \Rightarrow 0$$

$$\underline{\textcircled{2} \ j=1}: \quad \max(V[3][1], V[3][ve]+6) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\underline{\textcircled{3} \ j=2}: \quad 1 ; \quad \underline{\textcircled{4} \ j=3}: \quad 2 ; \quad \underline{j=4}: \quad 5$$

$$\underline{\textcircled{5} \ j=5}: \quad \max(V[3][5], V[3][0]+6) \rightarrow \max(5, 6) \\ \therefore 6$$

$$\underline{\textcircled{6} \ j=6}: \quad 6 ; \quad \underline{\textcircled{7} \ j=7}: \quad 7 ; \quad \underline{\textcircled{8} \ j=8}: \quad 8$$

## ALGORITHMS: CODE-

- ① Initialize the 2-D Array, cover base cases.  
rows  $\rightarrow$  i  $\rightarrow$  no. of items  
columns  $\rightarrow$  j  $\rightarrow$  capacity (from 0 to CAPACITY(M))
- ② Go through each element in 2-D array & populate based on below conditions.
  - ① if  $j < w[i]$ :  
 $dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j]$
  - ② else :  
 $dp[i][j] = \max(dp[i-1][j] \text{ or } p[i] + dp[i-1][j - w[i]])$
- ③ Return  $dp[\text{len}(w)][M]$   
 $\downarrow$  no. of items       $\swarrow$  max. capacity

## ALGORITHM -

$M \rightarrow \text{capacity}$  ;  $\omega = [\text{weights}]$

$p = [\text{profits}]$

def discreteKnapsackDP( $M, \omega, p$ ) :

$dp = [[0 \text{ for } j \text{ in range}(0, M+1)]] \text{ for } i \text{ in range}(0, \text{len}(\omega)+1)]$   
 $wl = [0], pl = [0]$  //initializing 2-D array with 0s.

for  $i$  in range( $0, \text{len}(\omega)$ ):

$wl.append(\omega[i]) \& pl.append(p[i])$  //to add '0' to 1<sup>st</sup> pos.  
in  $w$  &  $p$

for  $i$  in range( $1, \text{len}(\omega)+1$ ):

for  $j$  in range( $1, M+1$ ):

if  $j < \omega[i]$ :

$dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j]$

else :

$dp[i][j] = \max(dp[i-1][j], pl[i] + dp[i-1][j - \omega[i]])$

//following conditions

return  $dp[\text{len}(\omega)][M]$

(write property)

but,

When goal is to find large values (Longest Common Subseq.  
& Discrete Knapsack)

→ initialize array to 0.

→ use max in the programs

When goal is to find small values (Coin Change &  
Edit Distance)

→ initialize array to max values

→ use min in the program