

# Dynamic Programming\*

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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.

# History

**Richard E. Bellman (1920-1984):** Pioneered the systematic study of dynamic programming in 1950s.

## Etymology:

- Dynamic programming = planning over time
- Secretary of Defense had pathological fear of mathematical research.
- Bellman sought a “dynamic” adjective to avoid conflict.



# Applications

**Areas:** Bioinformatics, Control Theory, Information Theory, Operations Research, Computer Science (Theory, Graphics, AI, Compilers, Systems,  $\dots$ )

## Some Famous Algorithms

- Avidan-Shamir for seam carving.
- Unix diff for comparing two files.
- Viterbi for hidden Markov models.
- De Boor for evaluating spline curves.
- Knuth-Plass for word wrapping text in  $\text{\TeX}$ .
- Smith-Waterman for genetic sequence alignment.
- Bellman-Ford-Moore for shortest path routing in networks.
- Cocke-Kasami-Younger for parsing context free grammars.
- Needleman-Wunsch/Smith-Waterman for sequence alignment.

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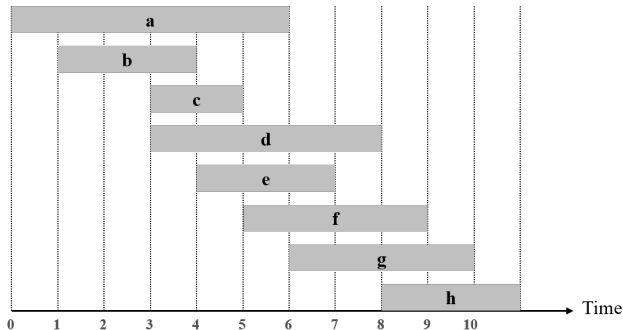
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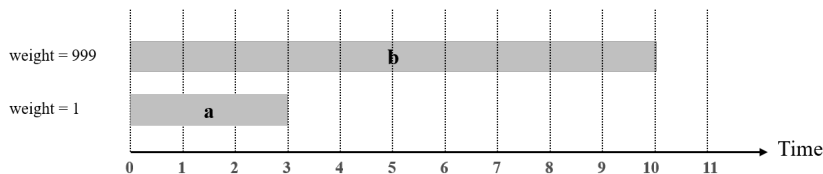
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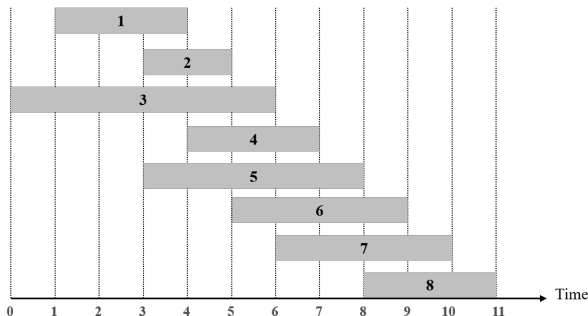
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**Example:**  $p(8) = 5, p(7) = 3, p(2) = 0$ .



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# Brute Force Algorithm

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## Algorithm 1: Weighted Interval Scheduling – Brute Force

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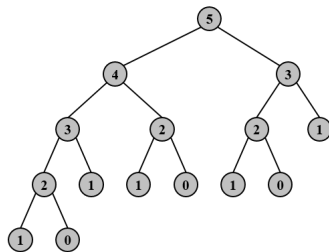
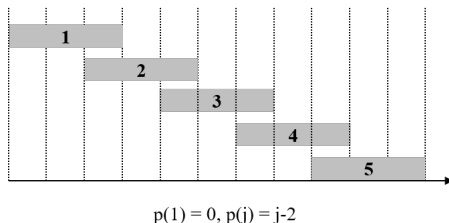
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**Observation:** Recursive algorithm fails spectacularly because of redundant sub-problems  $\Rightarrow$  **exponential algorithms**.

**Example:** Number of recursive calls for family of "layered" instances grows like Fibonacci sequence.



# Memoization: Store sub-results in cache; lookup as needed

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**Algorithm 3:** Weighted Interval Scheduling – Memoization

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**Algorithm 4:** M-Sched ( $j$ )

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

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- Run Find-Solution( $n$ ) to find optimal schedule;
- # of recursive calls  $1 \leq n \Rightarrow O(n)$ ;



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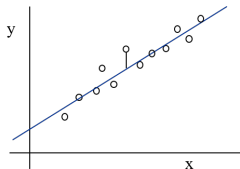
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- Foundational problem in statistic and numerical analysis.
- Given  $n$  points in the plane:  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ .
- Find a line  $y = ax + b$  to minimize the sum of the squared error:



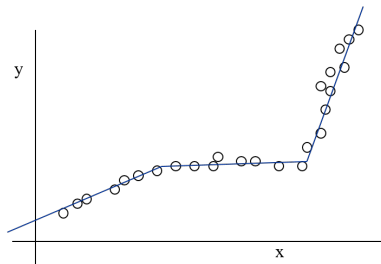
**Solution:** Calculus  $\Rightarrow$  min error is achieved when

$$a = \frac{n \sum_i x_i y_i - (\sum_i x_i)(\sum_i y_i)}{n \sum_i x_i^2 - (\sum_i x_i)^2}, b = \frac{\sum_i y_i - a \sum_i x_i}{n}$$

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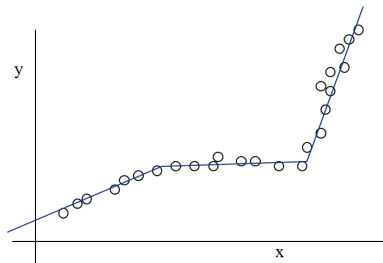
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  - ▷ the sum of the sums of the squared errors  $E$  in each segment
  - ▷ the number of lines  $L$
- Tradeoff function:  $E + cL$ , for some constant  $c > 0$ .



# Multiway Choice

## Notation:

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

## Compute $OPT(j)$ :

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

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**Algorithm 7:** Segmented Square Error (SSE)

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**Input:**  $n; p_1, \dots, p_n; c;$

**Output:** Optimal square error for  $p_1, \dots, p_n$ .

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1 for  $j = 1 \rightarrow n$  do
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- $\forall i$ : precompute cumulative sums  $\sum_{k=1}^i x_k, \sum_{k=1}^i y_k, \sum_{k=1}^i x_k^2, \sum_{k=1}^i x_k y_k$ ,
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**Greedy:** repeatedly add item with maximum ratio  $v_i/w_i$ .

**Example:**  $\{5, 2, 1\}$  achieves only value = 35  $\Rightarrow$  greedy not optimal.

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**Conclusion:** Need more sub-problems!

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# Bottom-Up Algorithm (Fill up an $n$ -by- $W$ array)

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**Algorithm 8:** Knapsack Algorithm using  $n$ -by- $W$  Array

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**Input:**  $n, W, w_1, \dots, w_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$ ;

**Output:** Optimal value of knapsack with  $W$ .

```
1 for  $w = 0 \rightarrow W$  do
2    $M[0, w] = 0$ ;
3 for  $i = 1 \rightarrow n$  do
4   for  $w = 1 \rightarrow W$  do
5     if  $w_i > w$  then
6        $M[i, w] = M[i - 1, w]$ ;
7     else
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9 return  $M[n, W]$ ;
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$\xrightarrow{\hspace{10em} W + 1 \hspace{10em} \rightarrow}$

		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$n + 1$ ↓	$\phi$	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
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		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$n + 1$ ↓	$\phi$	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



# Running Time

**Running time:**  $\Theta(nW)$ .

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

**Knapsack approximation algorithm:** There exists a poly-time algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 0.01% of optimum.

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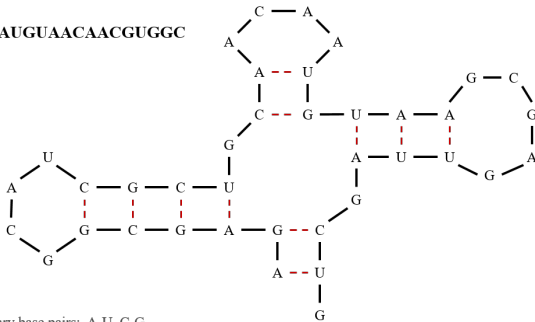
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# RNA Secondary Structure

**RNA:**String  $B = b_1b_2 \cdots b_n$  over alphabet  $\{A, C, G, U\}$ .

**Secondary structure:** RNA is single-stranded so it tends to loop back and form base pairs with itself. This structure is essential for understanding behavior of molecule.

**Example:** GUCGAUUGAGCGAAUGUAACAACGUGGC  
UACGGCGAGA



complementary base pairs: A-U, C-G

# RNA Secondary Structure

**Secondary structure:** A set of pairs  $S = \{(b_i, b_j)\}$  that satisfy:

**[Watson-Crick]**  $S$  is a matching and each pair in  $S$  is a Watson-Crick complement: A-U, U-A, C-G, or G-C.

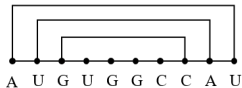
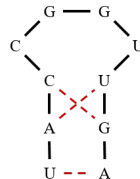
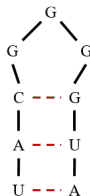
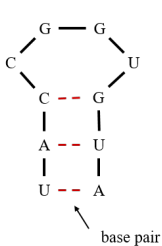
**[No sharp turns]** The ends of each pair are separated by at least 4 intervening bases. If  $(b_i, b_j) \in S$ , then  $i < j - 4$ .

**[Non-crossing]** If  $(b_i, b_j)$  and  $(b_k, b_l)$  are two pairs in  $S$ , then we cannot have  $i < k < j < l$ .

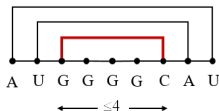
**Free energy:** Usual hypothesis is that an RNA molecule will form the secondary structure with the optimum total free energy.

**Goal:** Given an RNA molecule  $B = b_1b_2 \cdots b_n$ , find a secondary structure  $S$  that maximizes the number of base pairs

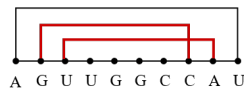
# Examples



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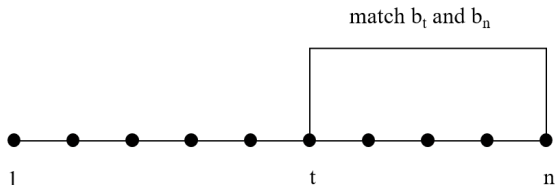
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crossing

# Subproblems

**First attempt:**  $OPT(j) =$  maximum number of base pairs in a secondary structure of the substring  $b_1b_2 \cdots b_j$ .



**Difficulty:** Results in two sub-problems.

- Finding secondary structure in:  $b_1b_2 \cdots b_{t-1}$ .
- Finding secondary structure in:  $b_{t+1}b_{t+2} \cdots b_{n-1}$ .

# Dynamic Programming Over Intervals

**Notation:**  $OPT(j)$  = maximum number of base pairs in a secondary structure of the substring  $b_i b_{i+1} \cdots b_j$ .

**Case 1:** If  $i \geq j - 4$ .

- $OPT(i, j) = 0$  by no-sharp turns condition.

**Case 2:** Base  $b_j$  is not involved in a pair.

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

**Case 3:** Base  $b_j$  pairs with  $b_t$  for some  $i \leq t < j - 4$ .

- non-crossing constraint decouples resulting sub-problems
- $OPT(i, j) = 1 + \max_t \{OPT(i, t - 1) + OPT(t + 1, j - 1)\}$

**Remark:** Same core idea in CKY algorithm to parse context-free grammars.

# Bottom Up Dynamic Programming Over Intervals

**Question:** What order to solve the sub-problems?

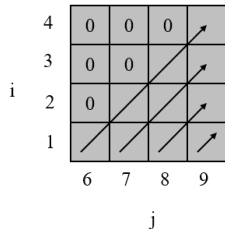
**Answer:** Do shortest intervals first.

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RNA( $b_1, \dots, b_n$ ) {
  for  $k = 5, 6, \dots, n-1$ 
    for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-k$ 
       $j = i + k$ 
      Compute  $M[i, j]$ 

  return  $M[1, n]$ 
}
```

using recurrence



**Running time:**  $O(n^3)$ .



# 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.
- Adding a new variable: knapsack.
- Dynamic programming over interval

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

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# String Similarity: How similar are two strings?

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

6 mismatches, 1 gap

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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  $\delta$ ; mismatch penalty  $\alpha_{pq}$ .
- Cost = sum of gap and mismatch penalties.

C T G A C C T A C C T

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

C C T G A C T A C A T

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

# Sequence Alignment

**Goal:** Given two strings  $X = x_1x_2 \cdots x_m$  and  $Y = y_1y_2 \cdots y_n$  find alignment of minimum cost.

**Definition:** 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.

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

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

↑ mismatch
← gap →

**Example:** *CTACCG* vs. *TACATG*.

**Solution:**  $M = x_2 - y_1, x_3 - y_2, x_4 - y_3, x_5 - y_4, x_6 - y_6$ .

$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	$x_5$	$x_6$
C	T	A	C	C	G

$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$	$y_5$	$y_6$
-	T	A	C	A	G

# Problem Structure

**Definition:**  $OPT(i, j) = \min$  cost of aligning strings  $x_1x_2 \cdots x_i$  and  $y_1y_2 \cdots y_j$ .

**Case 1:** OPT matches  $x_i - y_j$ .

pay mismatch for  $x_i - y_j$  + min cost of aligning two strings  $x_1x_2 \cdots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1y_2 \cdots y_{j-1}$

**Case 2a:** OPT leaves  $x_i$  unmatched.

pay gap for  $x_i$  and min cost of aligning  $x_1x_2 \cdots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1y_2 \cdots y_j$

**Case 2b:** OPT leaves  $y_j$  unmatched.

pay gap for  $y_j$  and min cost of aligning  $x_1x_2 \cdots x_i$  and  $y_1y_2 \cdots y_{j-1}$

# Sequence Alignment

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## Algorithm 9: Sequence Alignment

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**Input:**  $m, n, x_1x_2 \cdots x_m, y_1y_2 \cdots y_n, \alpha, \delta$ ;

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1 for  $i = 0 \rightarrow m$  do  $M[i, 0] = i\delta$  ;
2 for  $j = 0 \rightarrow n$  do  $M[0, j] = j\delta$  ;
3 for  $i = 1 \rightarrow m$  do
4   for  $j = 1 \rightarrow n$  do
5      $M[i, j] = \min(\alpha[x_i, y_j] + M[i - 1, j - 1], \delta + M[i - 1, j],$ 
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**Analysis:**  $\Theta(mn)$  time and space.

**English words or sentences:**  $m, n \leq 10$ .

**Computational biology:**  $m = n = 100,000$ . 10 billions ops OK, but 10GB array?



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**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.

Programming Techniques G. Manacher Editor  
**A Linear Space Algorithm for Computing Maximal Common Subsequences**  
D.S. Hirschberg  
Princeton University

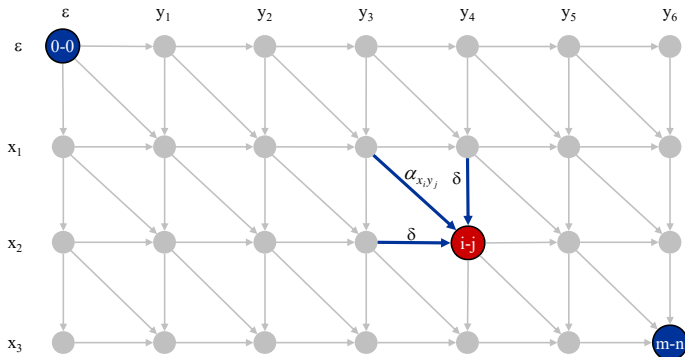
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The problem of finding a longest common subsequence of two strings has been solved in quadratic time and space. An algorithm is presented which will solve this problem in quadratic time and in linear space.  
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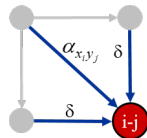
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**Proof:** (by strong induction on  $i + j$ )

**Base case:**  $f(0, 0) = OPT(0, 0) = 0$

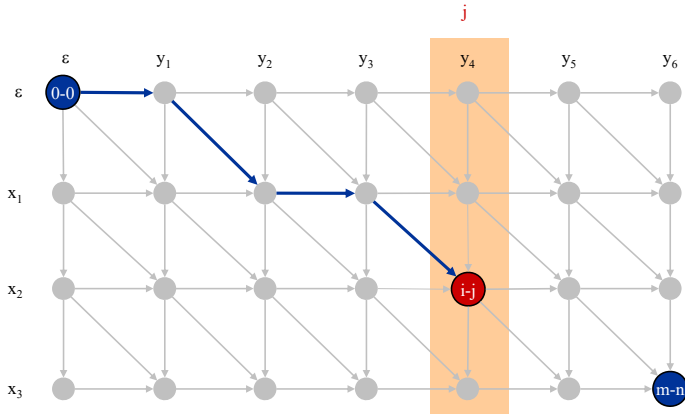
**Inductive hypothesis:** assume true for all  $(i', j')$  with  $i' + j' < i + j$ .

**Induction:** Last edge on shortest path to  $(i, j)$  is from  $(i - 1, j - 1)$ ,  $(i - 1, j)$ , or  $(i, j - 1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(i, j) &= \min\{a_{x_i y_i} + f(i - 1, j - 1), \delta + f(i - 1, j), \delta + f(i, j - 1)\} \\
 &= \min\{a_{x_i y_i} + OPT(i - 1, j - 1), \delta + OPT(i - 1, j), \delta + OPT(i, j - 1)\} \\
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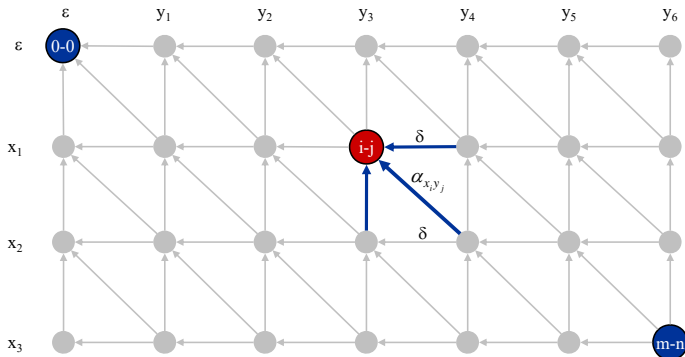
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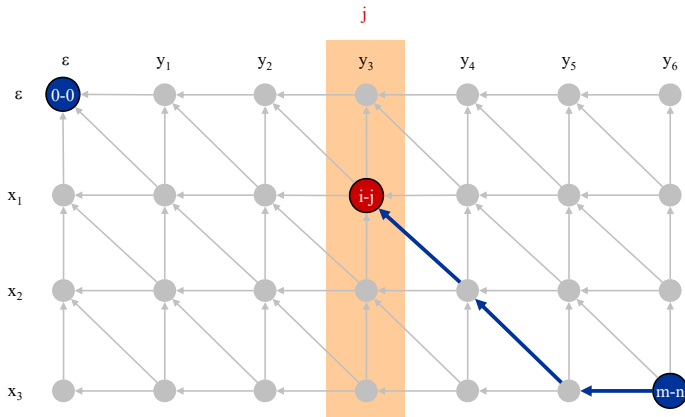
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- Let  $g(i, j)$  be shortest path from  $(i, j)$  to  $(m, n)$ .
- Can compute by reversing the edge orientations and inverting the roles of  $(0, 0)$  and  $(m, n)$



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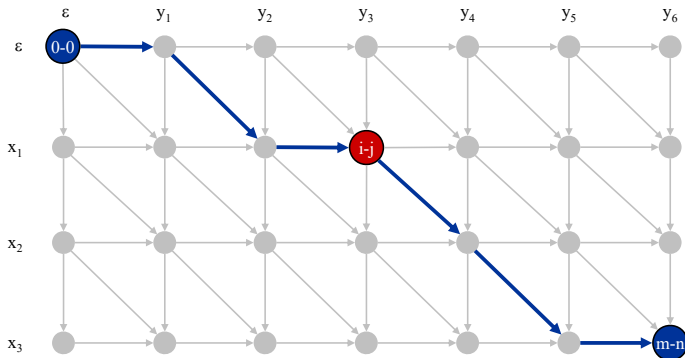
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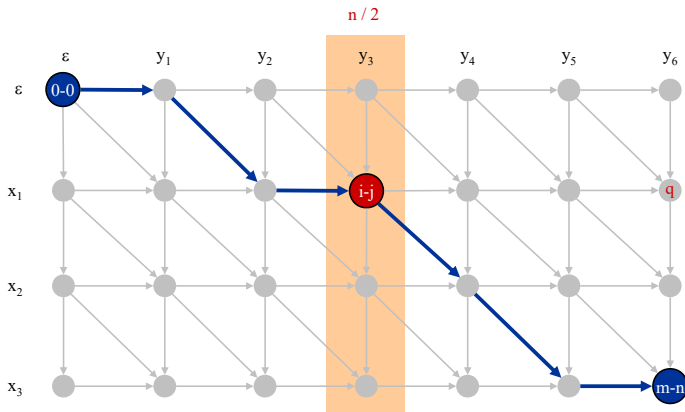
# Edit Distance Graph

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



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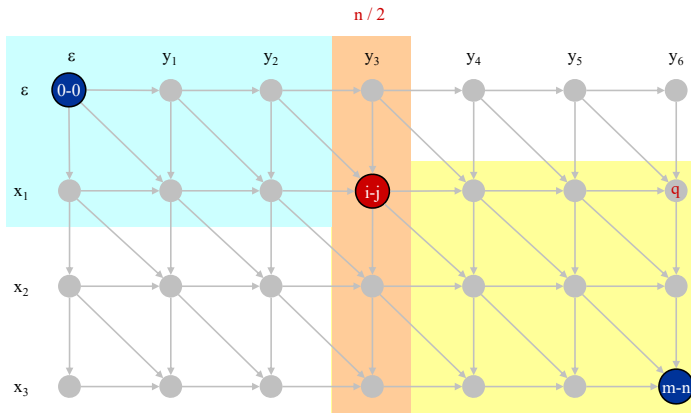
**Observation 2:** Let  $q$  be an index that minimizes  $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$ . Then, the shortest path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(m, n)$  uses  $(q, n/2)$ .



# Edit Distance Graph

**Divide:** find index  $q$  that minimizes  $f(q, n/2) + g(q, n/2)$  using DP.  
Align  $x_q$  and  $y_{n/2}$ .

**Conquer:** recursively compute optimal alignment in each piece.



# Running Time Analysis Warmup

**Theorem:** Let  $T(m, n)$  = max running time of algorithm on strings of length at most  $m$  and  $n$ .  $T(m, n) = O(mn \log n)$ .

$$T(m, n) \leq 2T(m, n/2) + O(mn) \Rightarrow T(m, n) = O(mn \log n)$$

**Remark:** Analysis is not tight because two sub-problems are of size  $(q, n/2)$  and  $(m - q, n/2)$ . In next slide, we save  $\log n$  factor.

# Running Time Analysis

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

**Proof:** (by induction on  $n$ )

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

$$T(m, 2) \leq cm$$

$$T(2, n) \leq cn$$

$$T(m, n) \leq cmn + T(q, n/2) + T(m - q, n/2)$$

# Running Time Analysis (Continued)

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

**Proof:**

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

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