



## 6. DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING I

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# Algorithmic paradigms

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

**Divide-and-conquer.** Break up a problem into **independent** subproblems, solve each subproblem, and combine solution to subproblems to form solution to original problem.

**Dynamic programming.** Break up a problem into a series of **overlapping** subproblems, and build up solutions to larger and larger subproblems.



fancy name for  
caching away intermediate results  
in a table for later reuse

# Dynamic programming history

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**Bellman.** Pioneered the systematic study of dynamic programming in 1950s.

## Etymology.

- Dynamic programming = planning over time.
- Secretary of Defense was hostile to mathematical research.
- Bellman sought an impressive name to avoid confrontation.



### THE THEORY OF DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

RICHARD BELLMAN

**1. Introduction.** Before turning to a discussion of some representative problems which will permit us to exhibit various mathematical features of the theory, let us present a brief survey of the fundamental concepts, hopes, and aspirations of dynamic programming.

To begin with, the theory was created to treat the mathematical problems arising from the study of various multi-stage decision processes, which may roughly be described in the following way: We have a physical system whose state at any time  $t$  is determined by a set of quantities which we call state parameters, or state variables. At certain times, which may be prescribed in advance, or which may be determined by the process itself, we are called upon to make decisions which will affect the state of the system. These decisions are equivalent to transformations of the state variables, the choice of a decision being identical with the choice of a transformation. The outcome of the preceding decisions is to be used to guide the choice of future ones, with the purpose of the whole process that of maximizing some function of the parameters describing the final state.

Examples of processes fitting this loose description are furnished by virtually every phase of modern life, from the planning of industrial production lines to the scheduling of patients at a medical clinic; from the determination of long-term investment programs for universities to the determination of a replacement policy for machinery in factories; from the programming of training policies for skilled and unskilled labor to the choice of optimal purchasing and inventory policies for department stores and military establishments.

# Dynamic programming applications

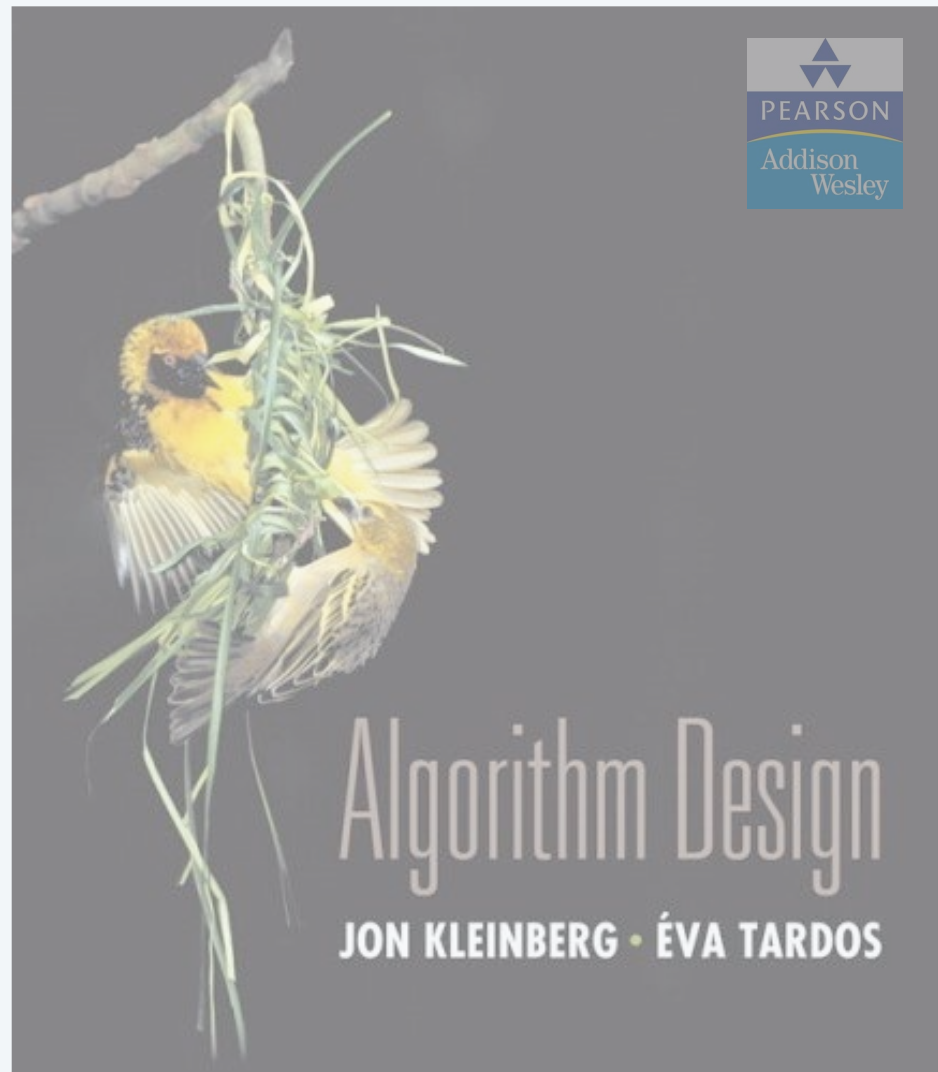
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## Areas.

- 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.
- De Boor for evaluating spline curves.
- Smith-Waterman for genetic sequence alignment.
- Bellman-Ford for shortest path routing in networks.
- Cocke-Kasami-Younger for parsing context-free grammars.
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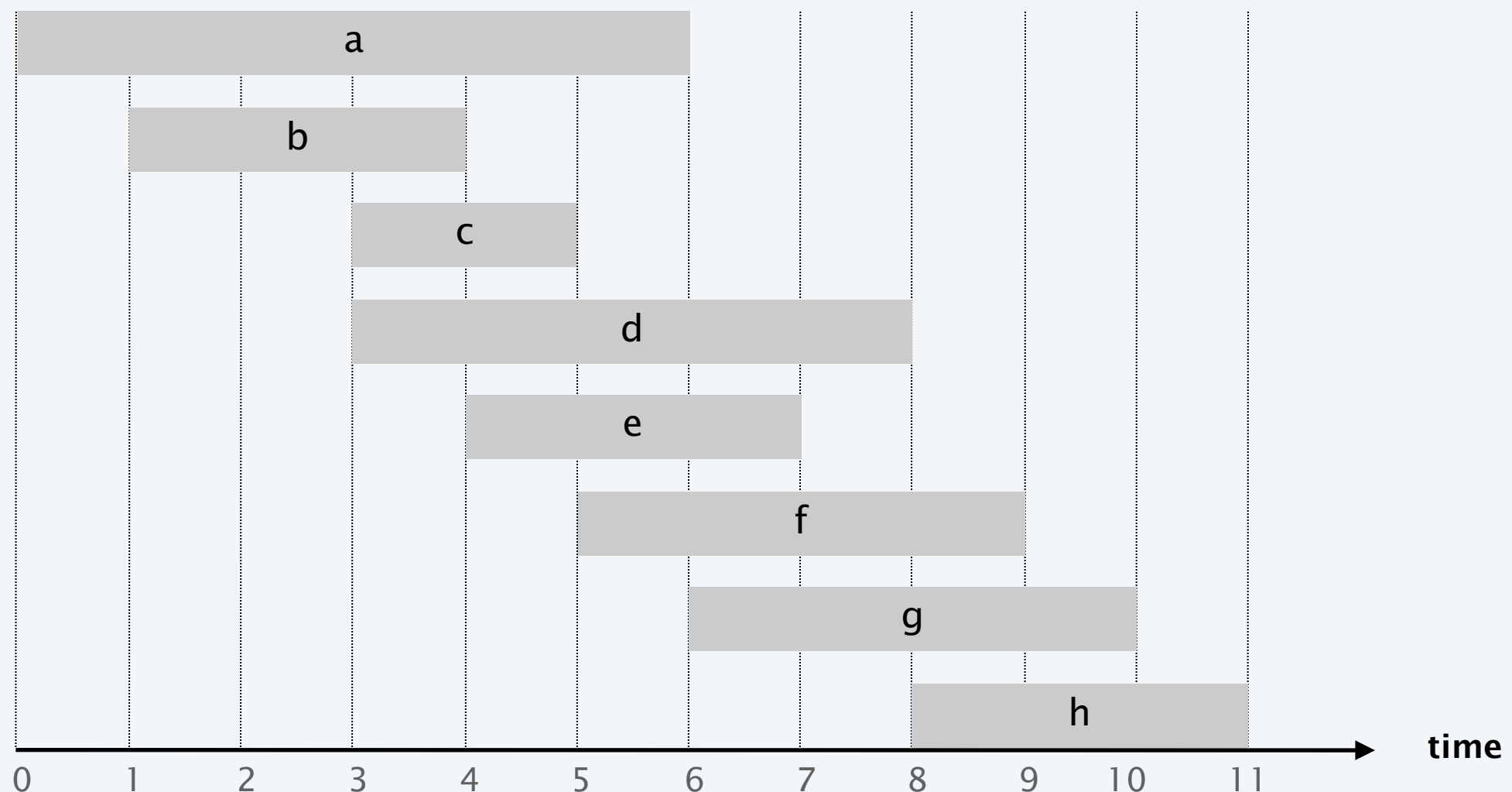
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# Weighted interval scheduling

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## 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.



# Earliest-finish-time first algorithm

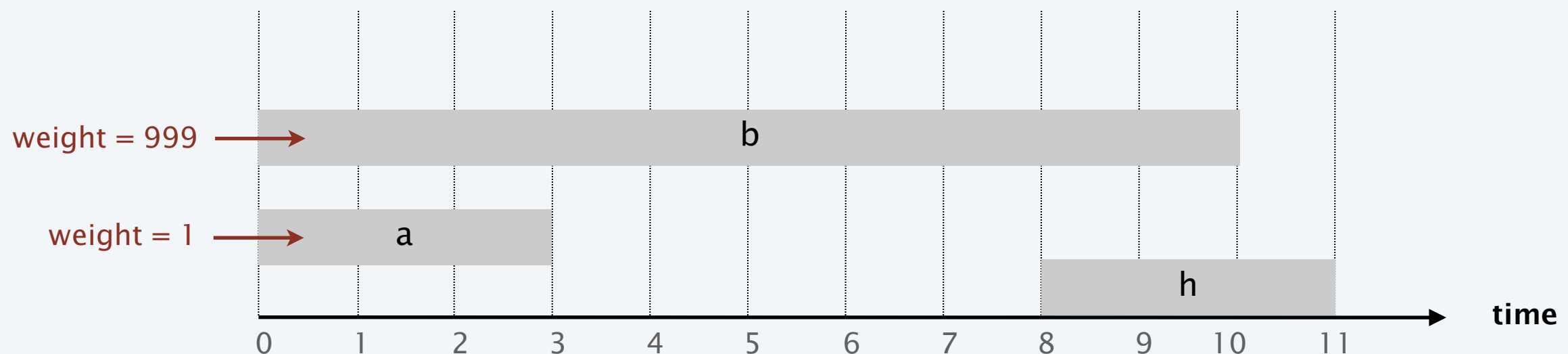
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## Earliest finish-time first.

- Consider jobs in ascending order of finish time.
- Add job to subset if it is compatible with previously chosen jobs.

**Recall.** Greedy algorithm is correct if all weights are 1.

**Observation.** Greedy algorithm fails spectacularly for weighted version.



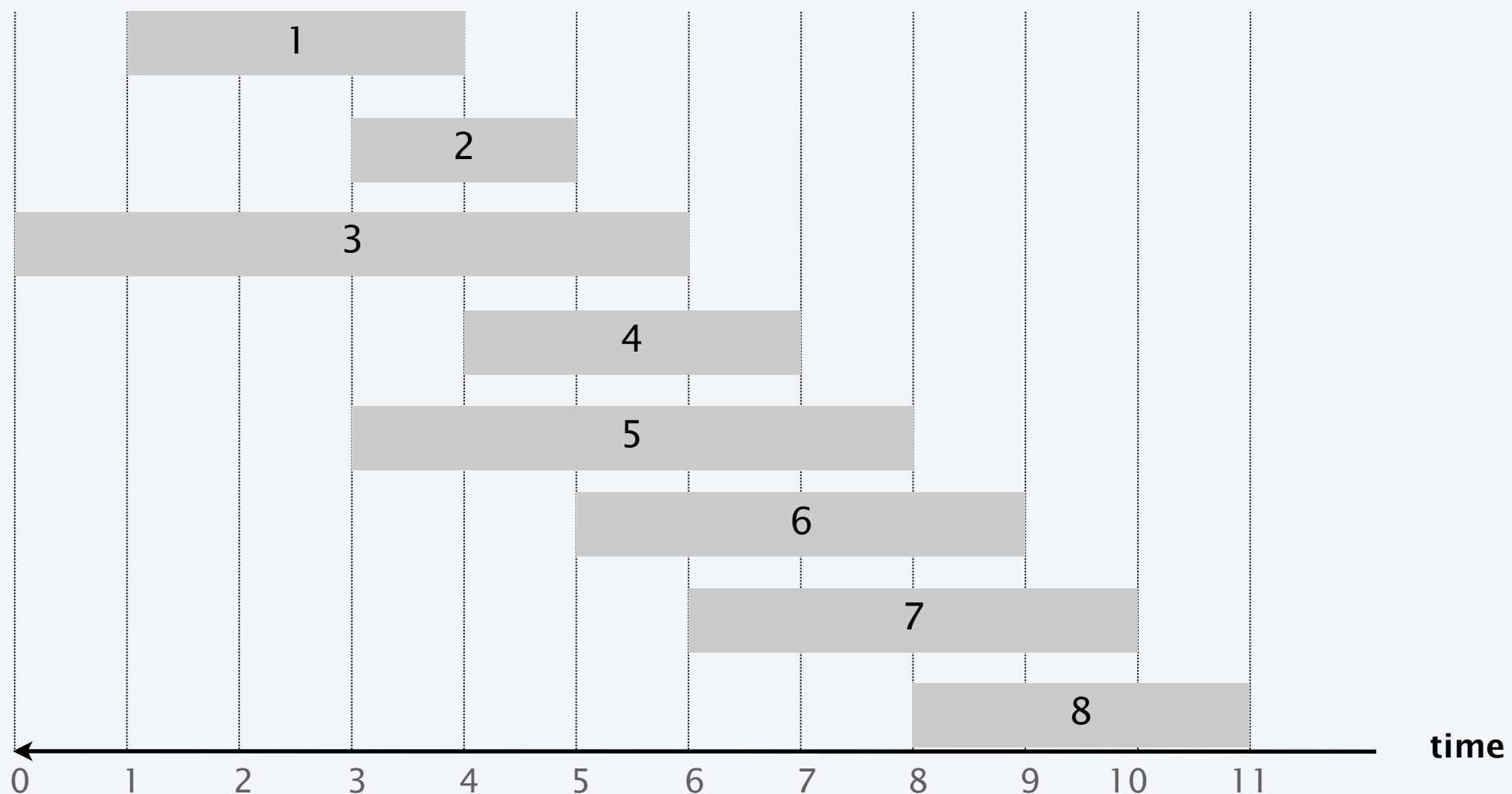
# Weighted interval scheduling

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**Notation.** Label jobs by finishing time:  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

**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

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

**Case 1.**  $OPT$  selects job  $j$ .

- Collect profit  $v_j$ .
- Can't use incompatible jobs  $\{ p(j) + 1, p(j) + 2, \dots, j - 1 \}$ .
- Must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs  $1, 2, \dots, p(j)$ .

↖ ↗  
optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

**Case 2.**  $OPT$  does not select job  $j$ .

- Must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs  $1, 2, \dots, j - 1$ .

$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \max \{ v_j + OPT(p(j)), OPT(j-1) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Weighted interval scheduling: brute force

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Input:  $n, s[1..n], f[1..n], v[1..n]$

Sort jobs by finish time so that  $f[1] \leq f[2] \leq \dots \leq f[n]$ .

Compute  $p[1], p[2], \dots, p[n]$ .

Compute-Opt( $j$ )

if  $j = 0$

    return 0.

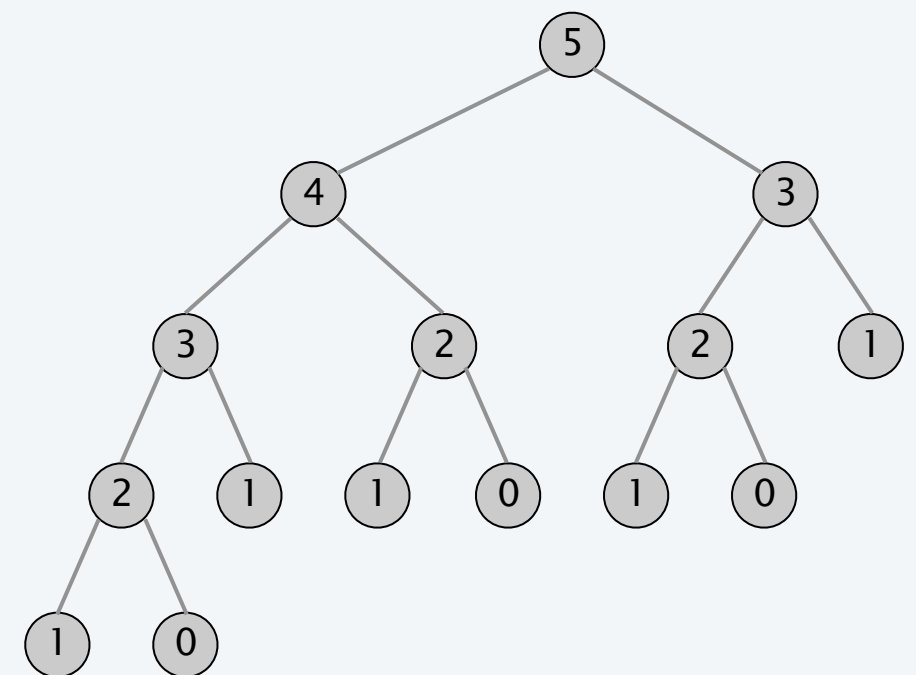
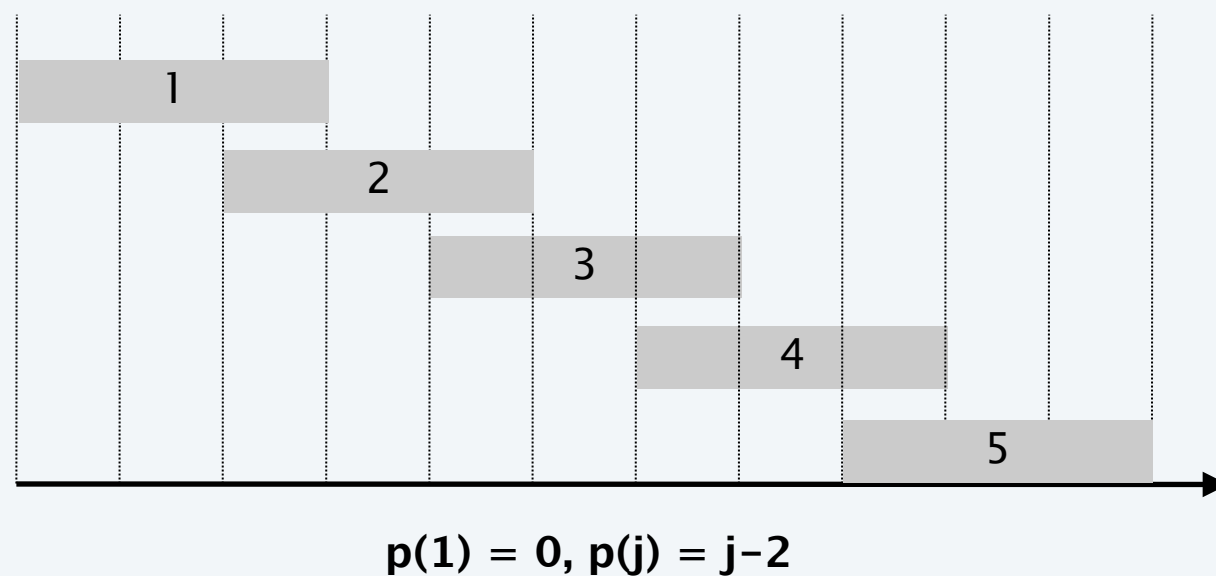
else

    return  $\max(v[j] + \text{Compute-Opt}(p[j]), \text{Compute-Opt}(j-1))$ .

# Weighted interval scheduling: brute force

**Observation.** Recursive algorithm fails spectacularly because of redundant subproblems  $\Rightarrow$  exponential algorithms.

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



recursion tree

# Weighted interval scheduling: memoization

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**Memoization.** Cache results of each subproblem; lookup as needed.

**Input:**  $n, s[1..n], f[1..n], v[1..n]$

**Sort** jobs by finish time so that  $f[1] \leq f[2] \leq \dots \leq f[n]$ .

**Compute**  $p[1], p[2], \dots, p[n]$ .

**for**  $j = 1$  **to**  $n$

$M[j] \leftarrow \text{empty}.$

$M[0] \leftarrow 0.$

**M-Compute-Opt**( $j$ )

**if**  $M[j]$  is empty

$M[j] \leftarrow \max(v[j] + \text{M-Compute-Opt}(p[j]), \text{M-Compute-Opt}(j - 1)).$

**return**  $M[j].$

# Weighted interval scheduling: running time

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**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  $\Phi = \#$  nonempty entries of  $M[\cdot]$ .
  - initially  $\Phi = 0$ , throughout  $\Phi \leq n$ .
  - (ii) increases  $\Phi$  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 presorted by start and finish times.

# Weighted interval scheduling: finding a solution

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Q. DP algorithm computes optimal value. How to find solution itself?

A. Make a second pass.

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Find-Solution(j)
if j = 0
    return  $\emptyset$ .
else if (v[j] + M[p[j]] > M[j-1])
    return {j}  $\cup$  Find-Solution(p[j]).
else
    return Find-Solution(j-1).
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Analysis. # of recursive calls  $\leq n \Rightarrow O(n)$ .

# Weighted interval scheduling: bottom-up

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Bottom-up dynamic programming. Unwind recursion.

**BOTTOM-UP** ( $n, s_1, \dots, s_n, f_1, \dots, f_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$ )

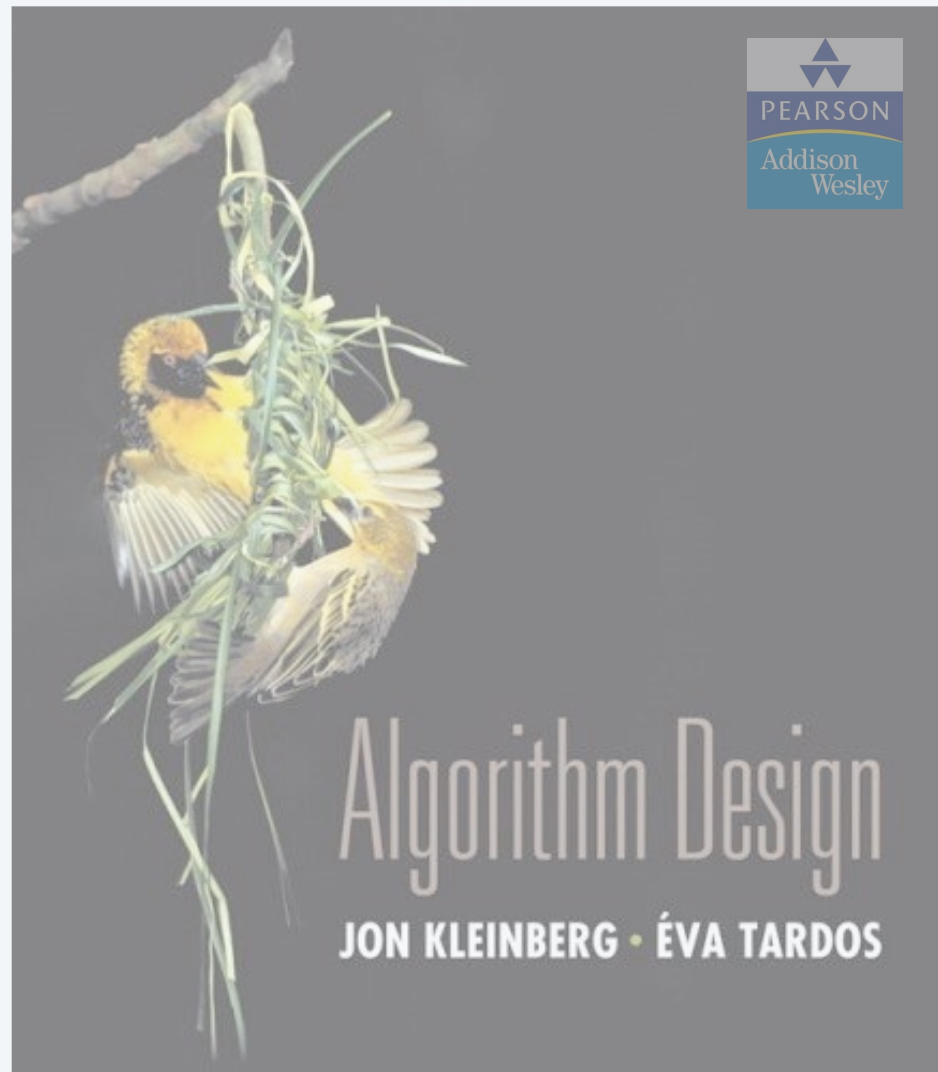
Sort jobs by finish time so that  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

Compute  $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(n)$ .

$M[0] \leftarrow 0$ .

**FOR**  $j = 1$  **TO**  $n$

$M[j] \leftarrow \max \{ v_j + M[p(j)], M[j-1] \}.$



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# Knapsack problem

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

Ex.  $\{ 1, 2, 5 \}$  has value 35.

Ex.  $\{ 3, 4 \}$  has value 40.

Ex.  $\{ 3, 5 \}$  has value 46 (but exceeds weight limit).

$i$	$v_i$	$w_i$
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

**knapsack instance**  
(weight limit  $W = 11$ )

**Greedy by value.** Repeatedly add item with maximum  $v_i$ .

**Greedy by weight.** Repeatedly add item with minimum  $w_i$ .

**Greedy by ratio.** Repeatedly add item with maximum ratio  $v_i / w_i$ .

**Observation.** None of greedy algorithms is optimal.

# Dynamic programming: false start


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**Def.**  $OPT(i)$  = max profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$ .

**Case 1.**  $OPT$  does not select item  $i$ .

- $OPT$  selects best of  $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$ .

optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)



**Case 2.**  $OPT$  selects item  $i$ .

- Selecting 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 subproblems!

# Dynamic programming: adding a new variable

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**Def.**  $OPT(i, w)$  = max profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$  with **weight limit**  $w$ .

**Case 1.**  $OPT$  does not select item  $i$ .

- $OPT$  selects best of  $\{ 1, 2, \dots, i - 1 \}$  using weight limit  $w$ .

**Case 2.**  $OPT$  selects item  $i$ .

- New weight limit =  $w - w_i$ .
- $OPT$  selects best of  $\{ 1, 2, \dots, i - 1 \}$  using this new weight limit.

 optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

$$OPT(i, w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i - 1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max \{ OPT(i - 1, w), \quad v_i + OPT(i - 1, w - w_i) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Knapsack problem: bottom-up

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KNAPSACK ( $n, W, w_1, \dots, w_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$ )

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FOR  $w = 0$  TO  $W$

$M[0, w] \leftarrow 0.$

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n$

FOR  $w = 0$  TO  $W$

IF ( $w_i > w$ )  $M[i, w] \leftarrow M[i-1, w].$

ELSE  $M[i, w] \leftarrow \max \{ M[i-1, w], v_i + M[i-1, w - w_i] \}.$

RETURN  $M[n, W].$

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# Knapsack problem: bottom-up demo

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		weight limit $w$											
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
subset of items $1, \dots, i$	$\{ \}$	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	35	40

$OPT(i, w)$  = max profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$  with weight limit  $w$ .

# Knapsack problem: running time

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**Theorem.** There exists an algorithm to solve the knapsack problem with  $n$  items and maximum weight  $W$  in  $\Theta(n W)$  time and  $\Theta(n W)$  space.

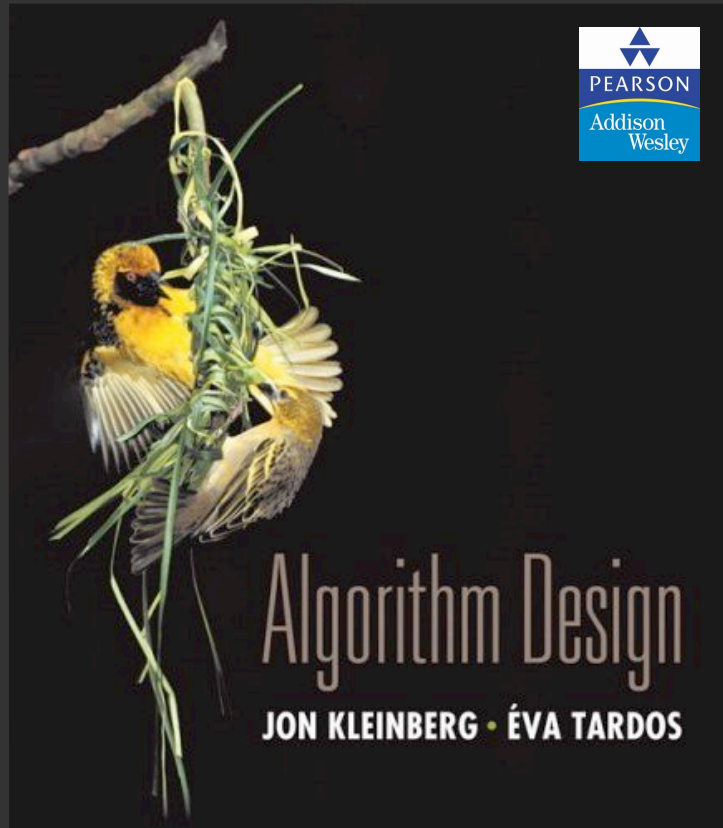
**Pf.**

← weights are integers  
between 1 and  $W$

- Takes  $O(1)$  time per table entry.
- There are  $\Theta(n W)$  table entries.
- After computing optimal values, can trace back to find solution:  
take item  $i$  in  $OPT(i, w)$  iff  $M[i, w] > M[i - 1, w]$ . ■

**Remarks.**

- Not polynomial in input size! ← "pseudo-polynomial"
- Decision version of knapsack problem is NP-COMPLETE. [ CHAPTER 8 ]
- There exists a poly-time algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 1% of optimum. [ SECTION 11.8 ]



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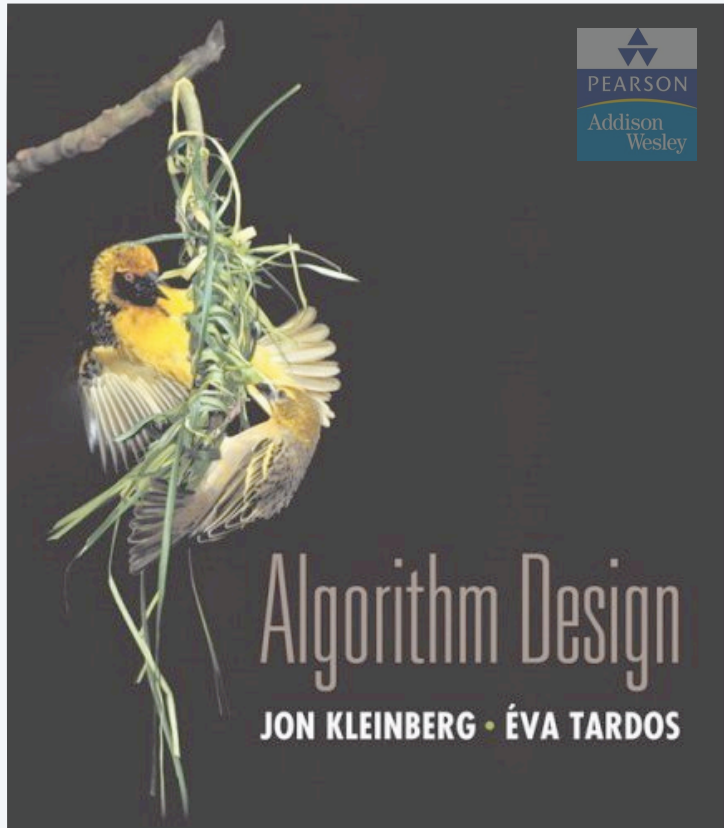
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# String similarity

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Q. How similar are two strings?

Ex. occurrence and occurance.

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

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**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	G
C	T	G	G	A	C	G	A	A	C	G

$$\text{cost} = \delta + \alpha_{CG} + \alpha_{TA}$$

**Applications.** Unix diff, speech recognition, computational biology, ...

# Sequence alignment

**Goal.** Given two strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$  find min cost alignment.

**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.

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

**Def.** The **cost** of an alignment  $M$  is:

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

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

an alignment of CTACCG and TACATG:

$$M = \{ x_2 - y_1, x_3 - y_2, x_4 - y_3, x_5 - y_4, x_6 - y_6 \}$$

# Sequence alignment: problem structure

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**Def.**  $OPT(i, j) = \min$  cost of aligning prefix strings  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$ .

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

Pay mismatch for  $x_i - y_j$  + min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$ .

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

Pay gap for  $x_i$  + min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$ .

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

Pay gap for  $y_j$  + min cost of aligning  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$  and  $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$ .

optimal substructure property  
(proof via exchange argument)

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

# Sequence alignment: algorithm

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SEQUENCE-ALIGNMENT ( $m, n, x_1, \dots, x_m, y_1, \dots, y_n, \delta, \alpha$ )

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FOR  $i = 0$  TO  $m$

$M[i, 0] \leftarrow i\delta.$

FOR  $j = 0$  TO  $n$

$M[0, j] \leftarrow j\delta.$

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $m$

FOR  $j = 1$  TO  $n$

$M[i, j] \leftarrow \min \{ \alpha[x_i, y_j] + M[i-1, j-1],$   
 $\delta + M[i-1, j],$   
 $\delta + M[i, j-1] \}.$

RETURN  $M[m, n].$

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## Sequence alignment: analysis

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**Theorem.** The dynamic programming algorithm computes the edit distance (and optimal alignment) of two strings of length  $m$  and  $n$  in  $\Theta(mn)$  time and  $\Theta(mn)$  space.

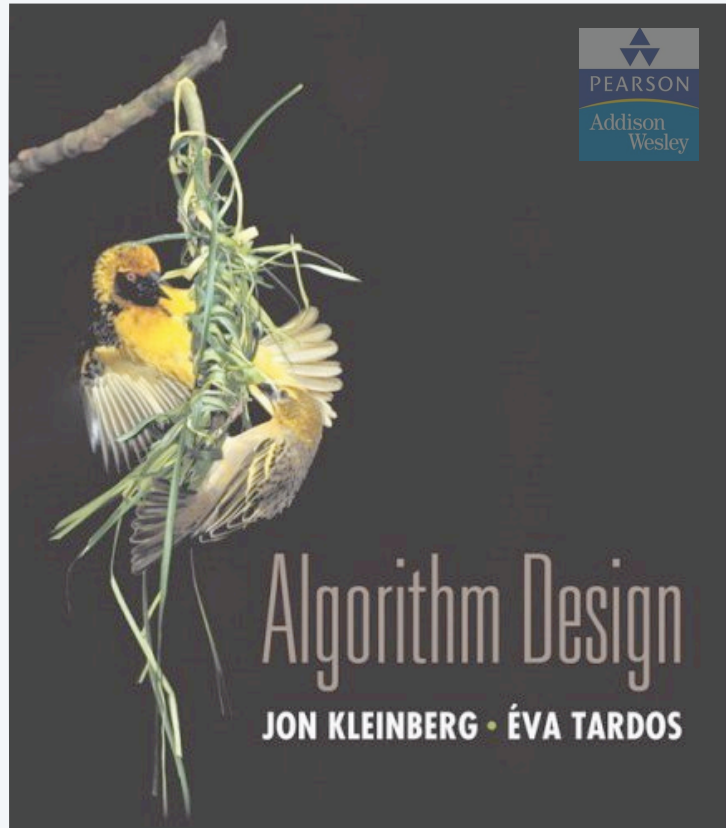
**Pf.**

- Algorithm computes edit distance.
- Can trace back to extract optimal alignment itself. ■

**Q.** Can we avoid using quadratic space?

**A.** Easy to compute optimal value in  $O(mn)$  time and  $O(m + n)$  space.

- Compute  $\text{OPT}(i, \bullet)$  from  $\text{OPT}(i - 1, \bullet)$ .
- **But**, no longer easy to recover optimal alignment itself.



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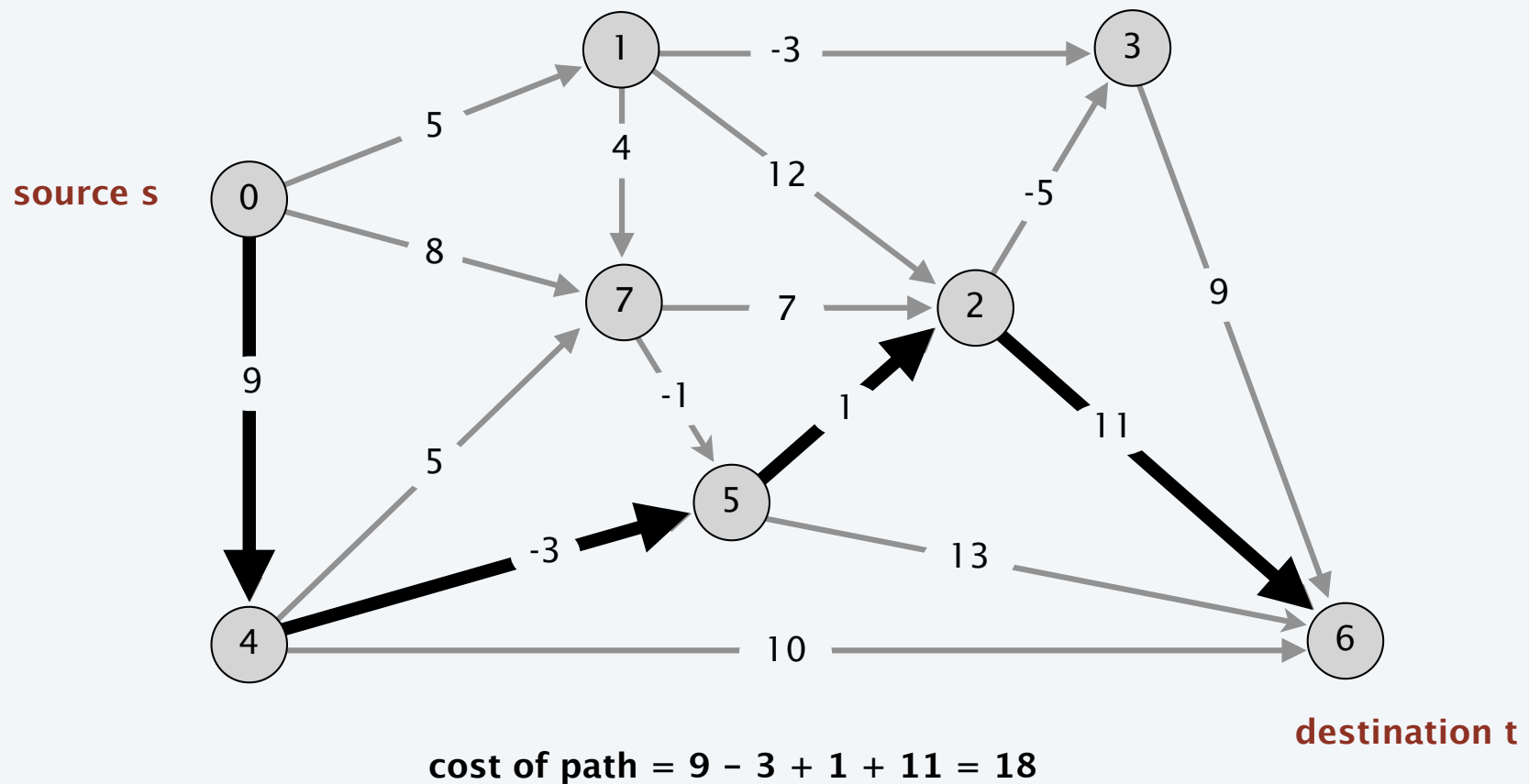
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# Shortest paths

**Shortest path problem.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , with arbitrary edge weights or costs  $c_{vw}$ , find cheapest path from node  $s$  to node  $t$ .

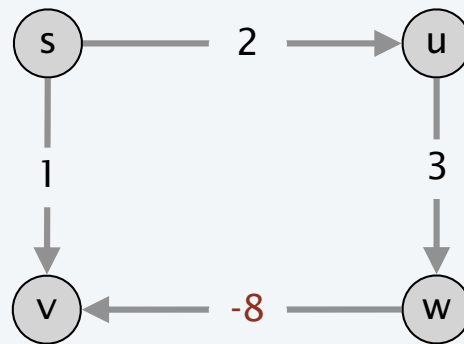




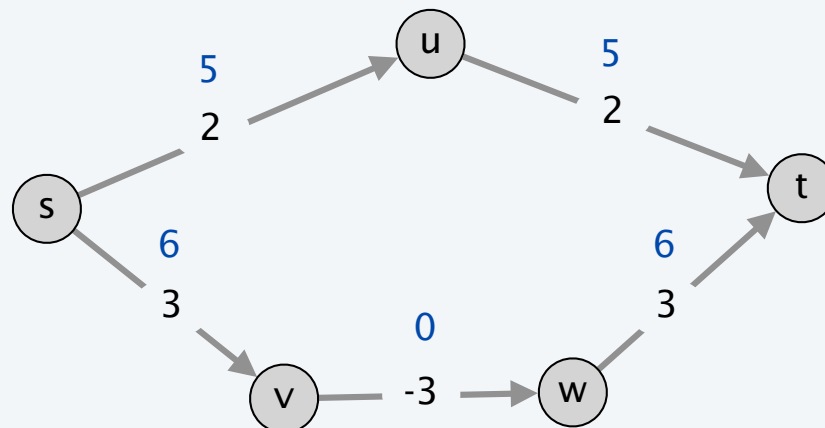
# Shortest paths: failed attempts

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**Dijkstra.** Can fail if negative edge weights.



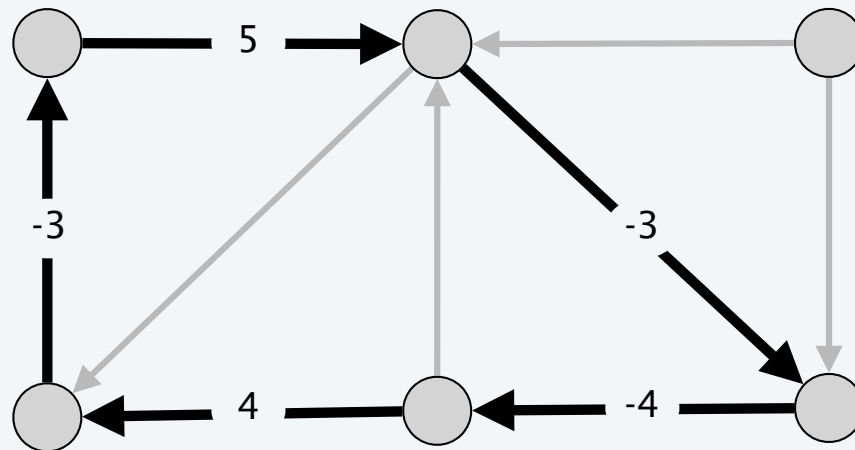
**Reweighting.** Adding a constant to every edge weight can fail.



# Negative cycles

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**Def.** A **negative cycle** is a directed cycle such that the sum of its edge weights is negative.



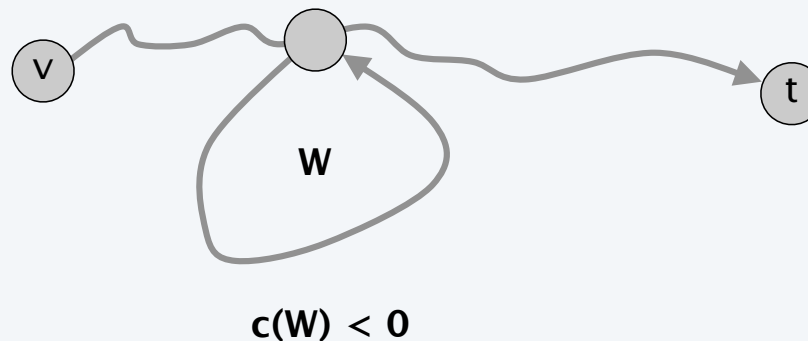
a negative cycle  $W$  :  $c(W) = \sum_{e \in W} c_e < 0$

# Shortest paths and negative cycles

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**Lemma 1.** If some path from  $v$  to  $t$  contains a negative cycle, then there does not exist a cheapest path from  $v$  to  $t$ .

**Pf.** If there exists such a cycle  $W$ , then can build a  $v \rightarrow t$  path of arbitrarily negative weight by detouring around cycle as many times as desired. ■



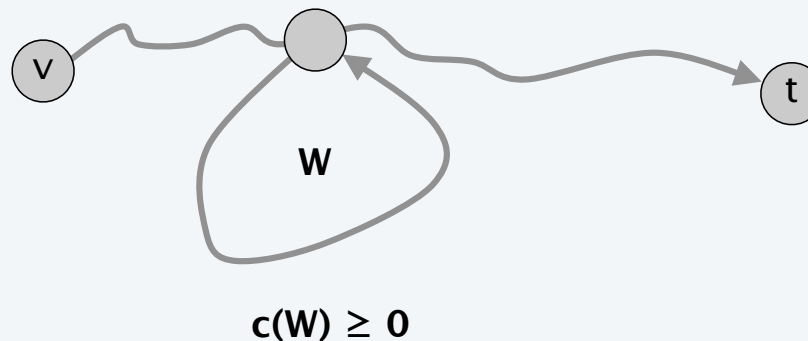
# Shortest paths and negative cycles

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**Lemma 2.** If  $G$  has no negative cycles, then there exists a cheapest path from  $v$  to  $t$  that is simple (and has  $\leq n - 1$  edges).

**Pf.**

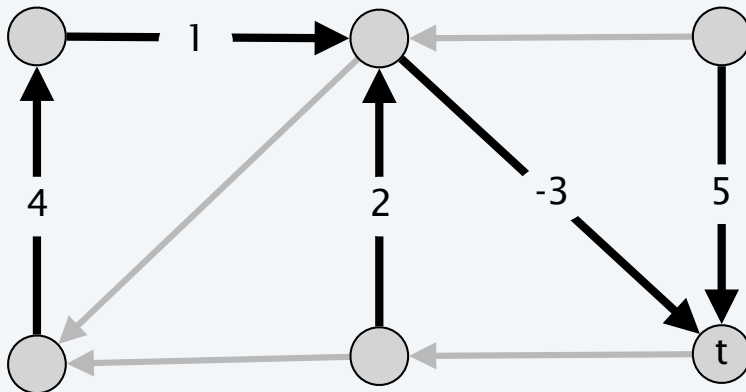
- Consider a cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path  $P$  that uses the fewest number of edges.
- If  $P$  contains a cycle  $W$ , can remove portion of  $P$  corresponding to  $W$  without increasing the cost. ■



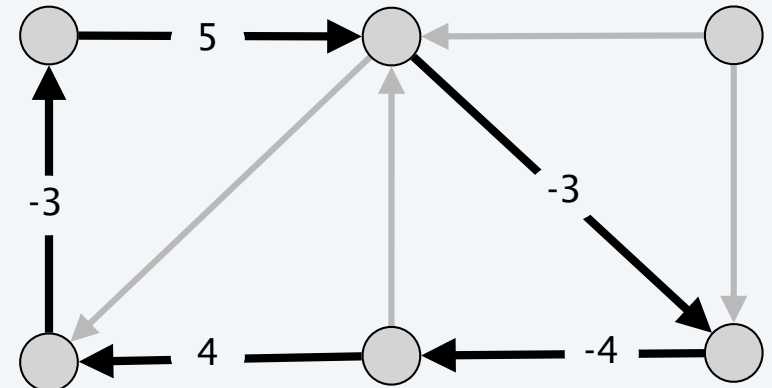
# Shortest path and negative cycle problems

**Shortest path problem.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights  $c_{vw}$  and no negative cycles, find cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path for each node  $v$ .

**Negative cycle problem.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with edge weights  $c_{vw}$ , find a negative cycle (if one exists).



shortest-paths tree



negative cycle

# Shortest paths: dynamic programming

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**Def.**  $OPT(i, v)$  = cost of shortest  $v \rightarrow t$  path that uses  $\leq i$  edges.

- Case 1: Cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path uses  $\leq i - 1$  edges.
    - $OPT(i, v) = OPT(i - 1, v)$
  - Case 2: Cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path uses exactly  $i$  edges.
    - if  $(v, w)$  is first edge, then  $OPT$  uses  $(v, w)$ , and then selects best  $w \rightarrow t$  path using  $\leq i - 1$  edges
- ↖ optimal substructure property  
↖ (proof via exchange argument)

$$OPT(i, v) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \min \left\{ OPT(i-1, v), \min_{(v, w) \in E} \{ OPT(i-1, w) + c_{vw} \} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**Observation.** If no negative cycles,  $OPT(n - 1, v)$  = cost of cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path.

**Pf.** By Lemma 2, cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path is simple. ■

# Shortest paths: implementation

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SHORTEST-PATHS ( $V, E, c, t$ )

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$M[0, t] \leftarrow 0.$

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n - 1$

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$M[i, v] \leftarrow M[i - 1, v].$

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## Shortest paths: implementation

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**Theorem 1.** Given a digraph  $G = (V, E)$  with no negative cycles, the dynamic programming algorithm computes the cost of the cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path for each node  $v$  in  $\Theta(mn)$  time and  $\Theta(n^2)$  space.

**Pf.**

- Table requires  $\Theta(n^2)$  space.
- Each iteration  $i$  takes  $\Theta(m)$  time since we examine each edge once. ■

**Finding the shortest paths.**

- Approach 1: Maintain a  $successor(i, v)$  that points to next node on cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path using at most  $i$  edges.
- Approach 2: Compute optimal costs  $M[i, v]$  and consider only edges with  $M[i, v] = M[i - 1, w] + c_{vw}$ .



## Shortest paths: practical improvements

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**Space optimization.** Maintain two 1d arrays (instead of 2d array).

- $d(v)$  = cost of cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path that we have found so far.
- $successor(v)$  = next node on a  $v \rightarrow t$  path.

**Performance optimization.** If  $d(w)$  was not updated in iteration  $i - 1$ , then no reason to consider edges entering  $w$  in iteration  $i$ .

# Bellman-Ford: efficient implementation

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BELLMAN-FORD ( $V, E, c, t$ )

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$d(v) \leftarrow \infty$ .

$successor(v) \leftarrow null$ .

$d(t) \leftarrow 0$ .

FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $n - 1$

FOREACH node  $w \in V$

IF ( $d(w)$  was updated in previous iteration)

FOREACH edge  $(v, w) \in E$

IF ( $d(v) > d(w) + c_{vw}$ )

$d(v) \leftarrow d(w) + c_{vw}$ .

$successor(v) \leftarrow w$ .

IF no  $d(w)$  value changed in iteration  $i$ , STOP.

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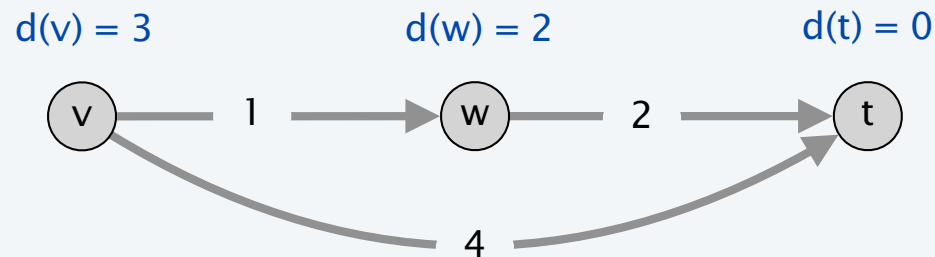
1 pass

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**Claim.** After the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pass of Bellman Ford,  $d(v)$  equals the cost of the cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path using at most  $i$  edges.

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if nodes  $w$  considered before node  $v$ ,  
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**Lemma 3.** Throughout Bellman-Ford algorithm,  $d(v)$  is the cost of some  $v \rightarrow t$  path; after the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pass,  $d(v)$  is no larger than the cost of the cheapest  $v \rightarrow t$  path using  $\leq i$  edges.

**Pf.** [by induction on  $i$ ]

- Assume true after  $i^{\text{th}}$  pass.
- Let  $P$  be any  $v \rightarrow t$  path with  $i + 1$  edges.
- Let  $(v, w)$  be first edge on path and let  $P'$  be subpath from  $w$  to  $t$ .
- By inductive hypothesis,  $d(w) \leq c(P')$  since  $P'$  is a  $w \rightarrow t$  path with  $i$  edges.
- After considering  $v$  in pass  $i+1$ :
$$\begin{aligned} d(v) &\leq c_{vw} + d(w) \\ &\leq c_{vw} + c(P') \\ &= c(P) \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

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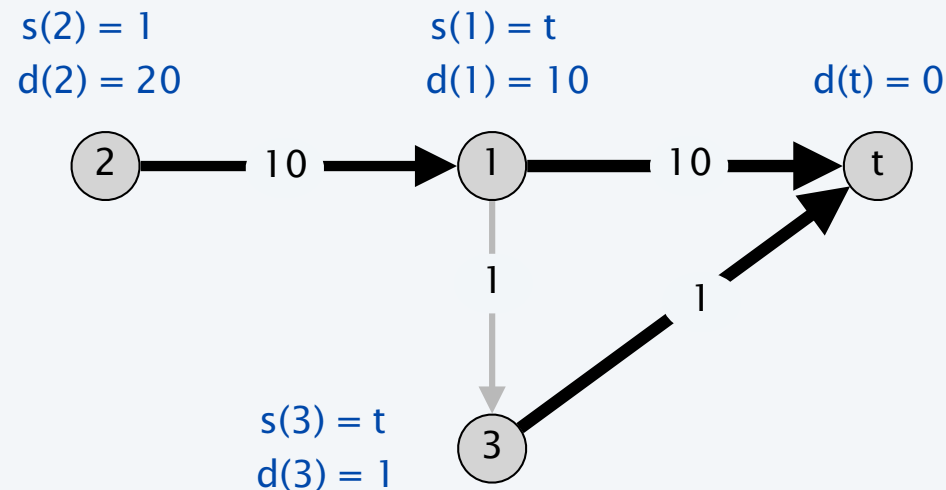
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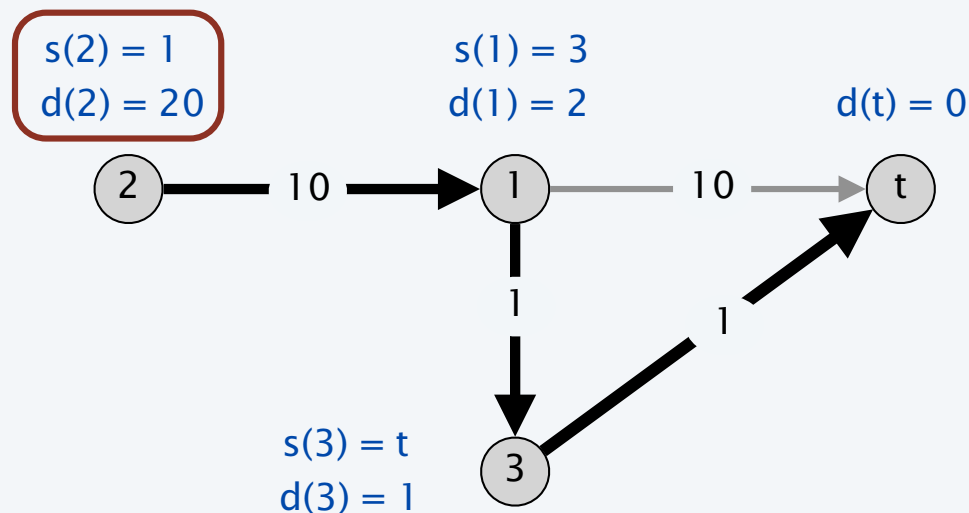
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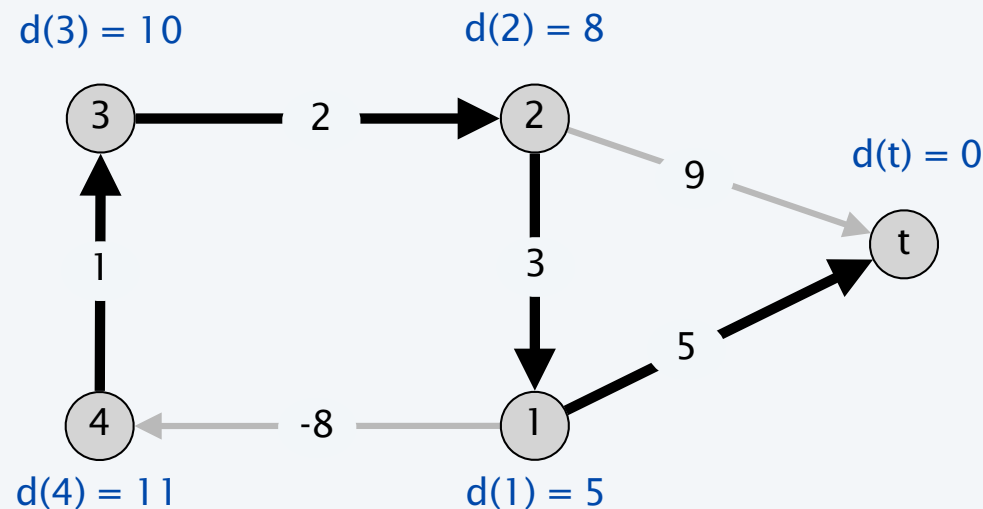
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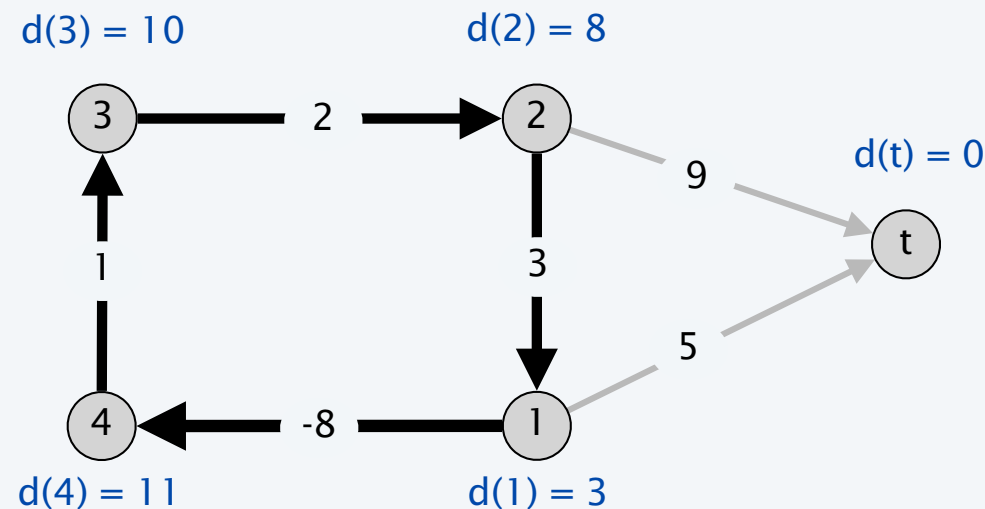
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# Bellman-Ford: finding the shortest path

**Lemma 4.** If the successor graph contains a directed cycle  $W$ , then  $W$  is a negative cycle.

**Pf.**

- If  $successor(v) = w$ , we must have  $d(v) \geq d(w) + c_{vw}$ .  
(LHS and RHS are equal when  $successor(v)$  is set;  $d(w)$  can only decrease;  $d(v)$  decreases only when  $successor(v)$  is reset)
- Let  $v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k$  be the nodes along the cycle  $W$ .
- Assume that  $(v_k, v_1)$  is the last edge added to the successor graph.
- Just prior to that:
$$\begin{array}{rcl} d(v_1) & \geq & d(v_2) + c(v_1, v_2) \\ d(v_2) & \geq & d(v_3) + c(v_2, v_3) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ d(v_{k-1}) & \geq & d(v_k) + c(v_{k-1}, v_k) \\ d(v_k) & > & d(v_1) + c(v_k, v_1) \end{array}$$

← holds with strict inequality since we are updating  $d(v_k)$
- Adding inequalities yields  $c(v_1, v_2) + c(v_2, v_3) + \dots + c(v_{k-1}, v_k) + c(v_k, v_1) < 0$ . ■  


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# Bellman-Ford: finding the shortest path

**Theorem 3.** Given a digraph with no negative cycles, Bellman-Ford finds the cheapest  $s \rightarrow t$  paths in  $O(mn)$  time and  $\Theta(n)$  extra space.

**Pf.**

- The successor graph cannot have a negative cycle. [Lemma 4]
- Thus, following the successor pointers from  $s$  yields a directed path to  $t$ .
- Let  $s = v_1 \rightarrow v_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow v_k = t$  be the nodes along this path  $P$ .
- Upon termination, if  $\text{successor}(v) = w$ , we must have  $d(v) = d(w) + c_{vw}$ .  
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since algorithm  
terminated

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min cost  
of any  $s \rightarrow t$  path  
(Theorem 2)

0

cost of path P



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  - Run Bellman-Ford from an arbitrary vertex  $s$  in  $O(nm)$  time.
  - Change edge weights so they are all non-negative but shortest paths don't change!
  - Run Dijkstra  $n$  times.



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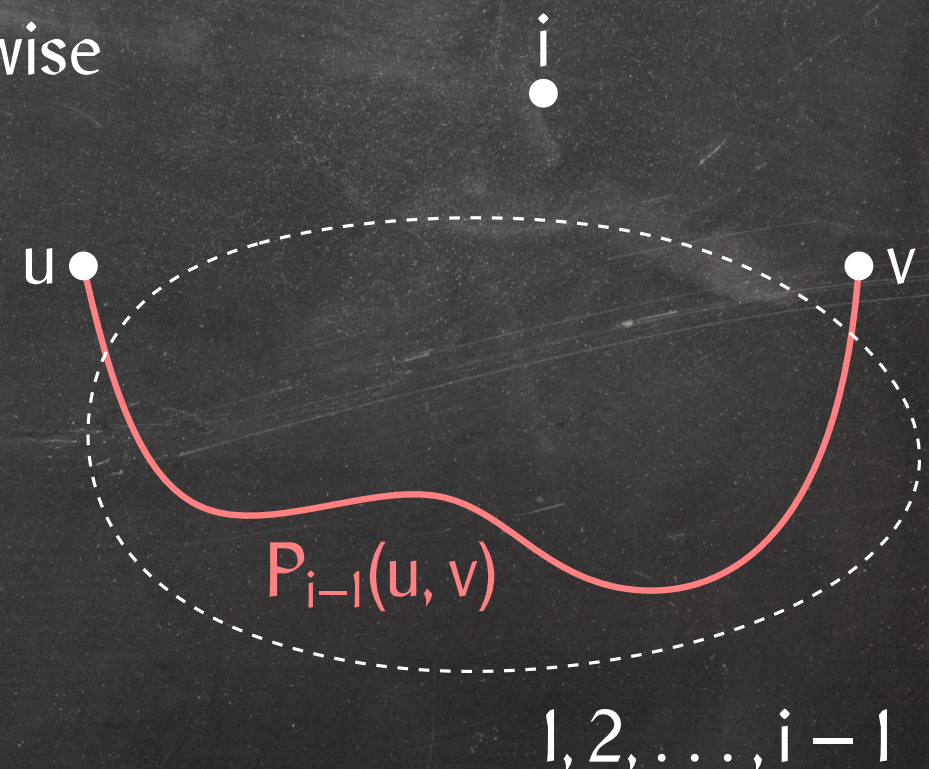
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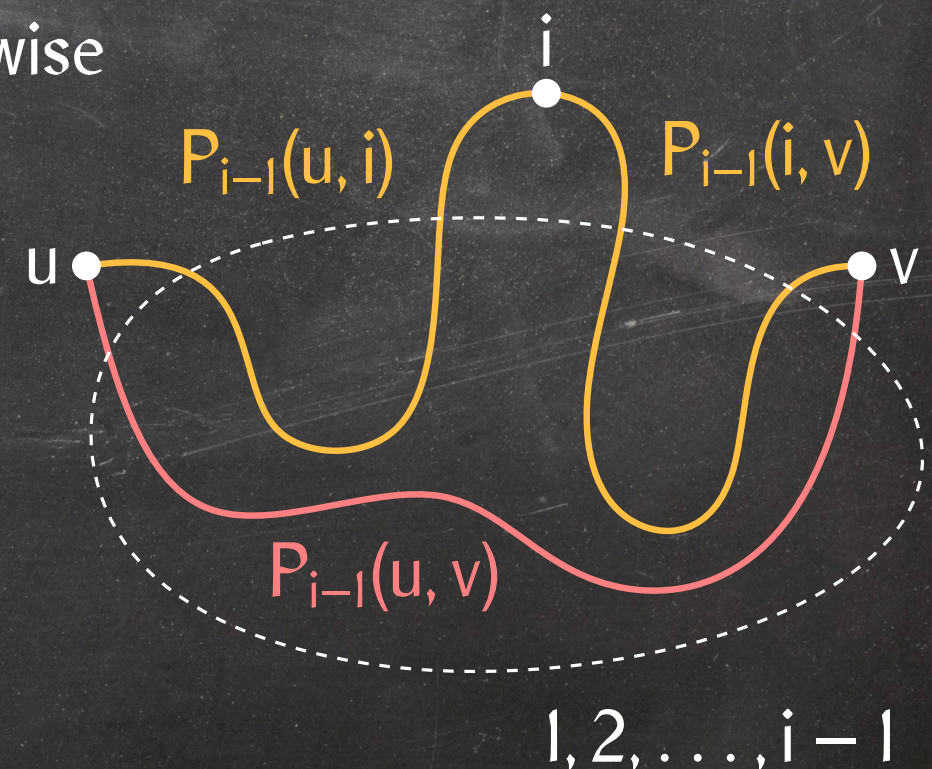
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8      do  $d[e.\text{tail}, e.\text{head}] = e.\text{weight}$ 
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## ReportPath(p, u, v)

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2      then return  $\text{Nothing}$ 
3   $P = [v]$ 
4  while  $v \neq u$ 
5      do  $v = p[u, v]$ 
6           $P.\text{prepend}(v)$ 
7  return  $P$ 
```