

# Dynamic Programming:

## Interval Scheduling and Knapsack

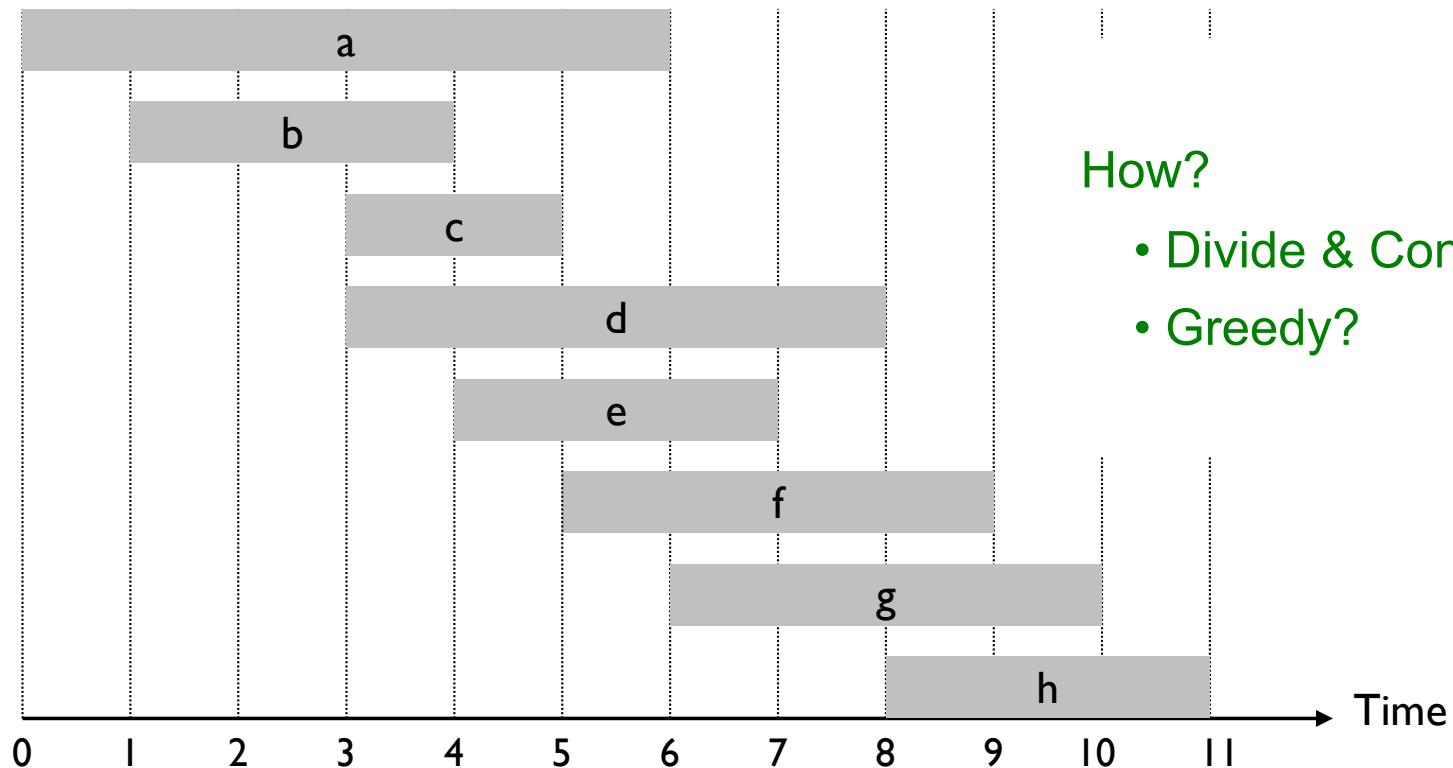
# 6.1 Weighted Interval Scheduling

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# 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.  
single set of non-overlapping intervals that give the most money!



How?

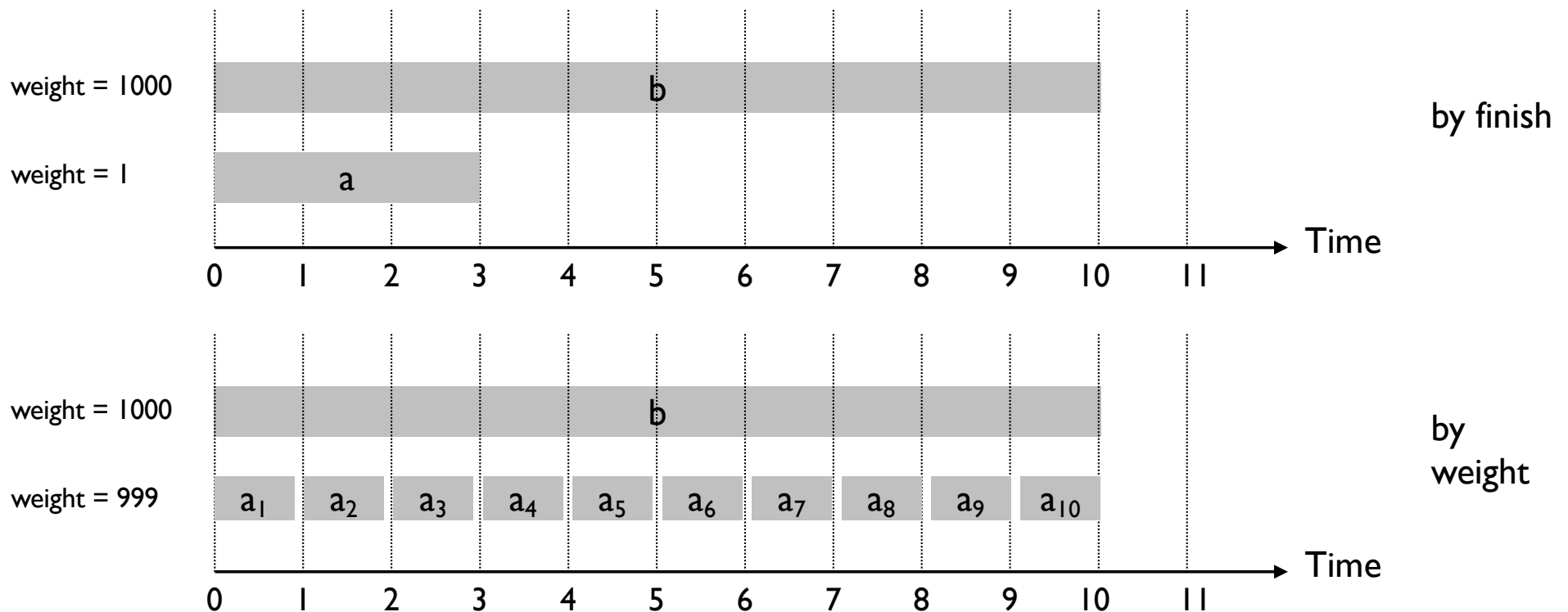
- Divide & Conquer?
- Greedy?

# Unweighted Interval Scheduling Review

**Recall.** Greedy algorithm works if all weights are 1.

- Consider jobs in ascending order of finish time.
- Keep job if compatible with previously chosen jobs.

**Observation.** Greedy fails spectacularly with arbitrary weights.



Exercises: by “density” = weight per unit time? Other ideas?

doesn't work

# Weighted Interval Scheduling

job  $j$  is the  $j$ th job to finish

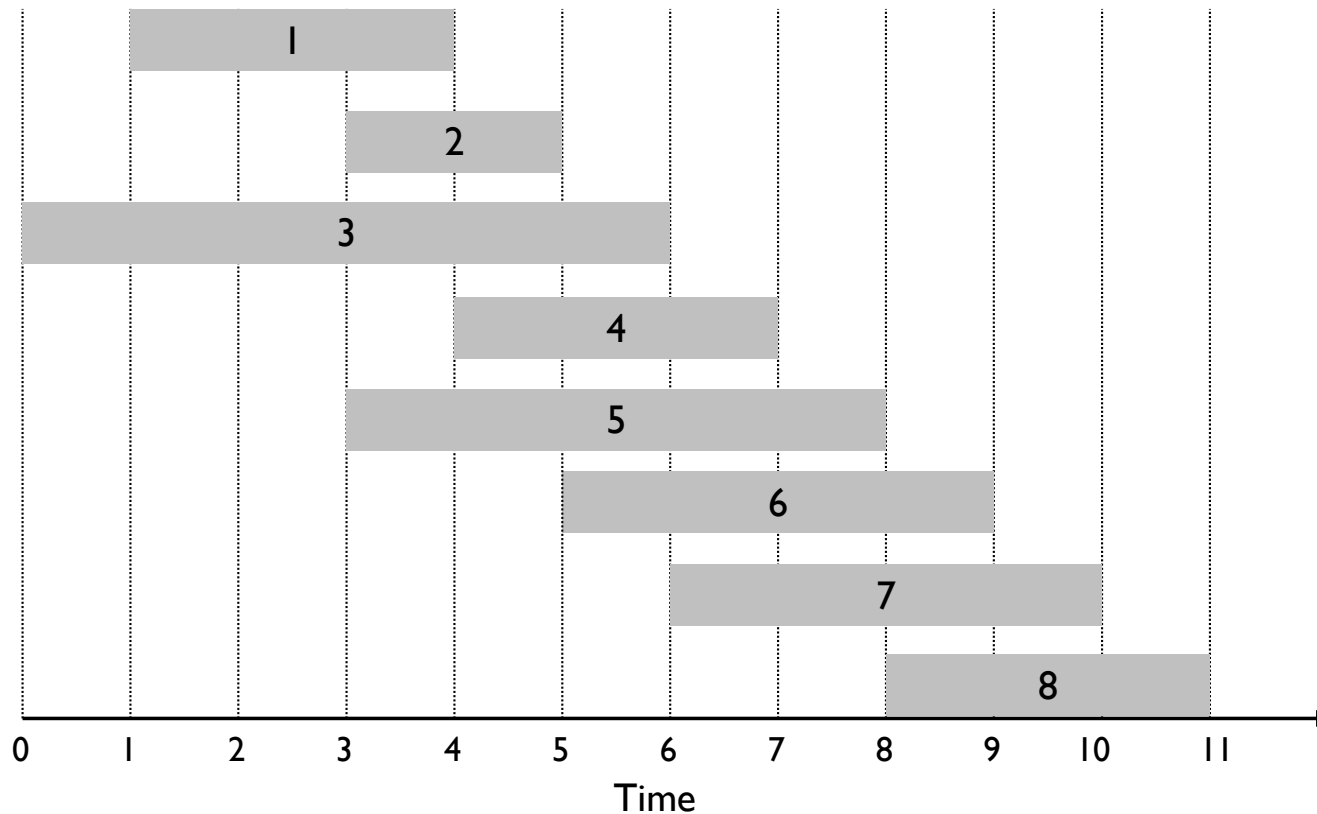
**Notation.** Label jobs by finishing time:  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$ .

**Def.**  $p(j)$  = largest  $i < j$  such that job  $i$  is compatible with  $j$ .

“p” suggesting (last possible) “predecessor”

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

5 is the latest job before  
job 8 that is compatible  
with job 8



$j$	$p(j)$
0	-
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	1
5	0
6	2
7	3
8	5

# Dynamic Programming: Binary Choice

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

Either job  $j$  is part of the optimal solution or it is not

key idea:  
binary choice

- Case 1: Optimum selects job  $j$ .
  - can't use incompatible jobs  $\{ p(j) + 1, p(j) + 2, \dots, j - 1 \}$  cannot use all the jobs incompatible with job  $j$  = jobs  $i : p(j) < i < j$
  - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs  $1, 2, \dots, p(j)$
- Case 2: Optimum does not select job  $j$ .
  - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs  $1, 2, \dots, j-1$

principle of optimality

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

# Weighted Interval Scheduling: Brute Force Recursion

## Brute force recursive algorithm.

not storing any of our results...

**Input:**  $n, s_1, \dots, s_n, f_1, \dots, f_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$

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

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

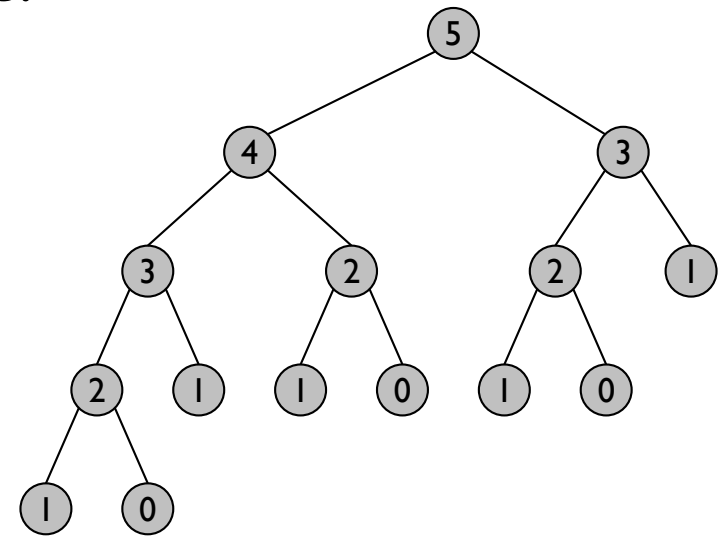
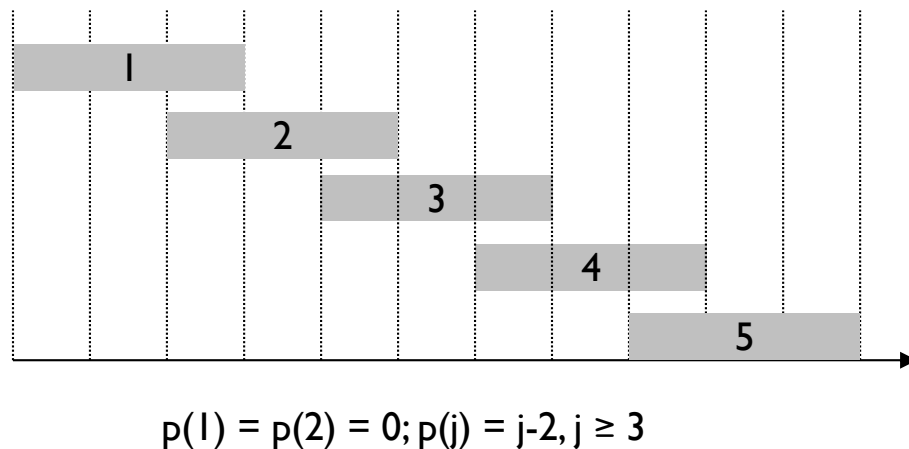
```
Compute-Opt(j) {  
    if (j = 0)  
        return 0  
    else  
        return max( $v_j + \text{Compute-Opt}(p(j))$ ,  $\text{Compute-Opt}(j-1)$ )  
}
```

# Weighted Interval Scheduling: Brute Force

**Observation.** Recursive algorithm is correct, but spectacularly slow because of redundant sub-problems  $\Rightarrow$  exponential time.

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

see example in last set of slides





# Weighted Interval Scheduling: Bottom-Up

Bottom-up dynamic programming. Unwind recursion.

**Input:**  $n, s_1, \dots, s_n, f_1, \dots, f_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$

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

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

```
Iterative-Compute-Opt {  
    OPT[0] = 0  
    for j = 1 to n  
        OPT[j] = max( $v_j + \text{OPT}[p(j)]$ , OPT[j-1])  
}
```

**Output** OPT[n]

Claim: OPT[j] is value of optimal solution for jobs 1..j

Timing: Loop is  $O(n)$ ; sort is  $O(n \log n)$ ; what about  $p(j)$ ?

calculating OPT

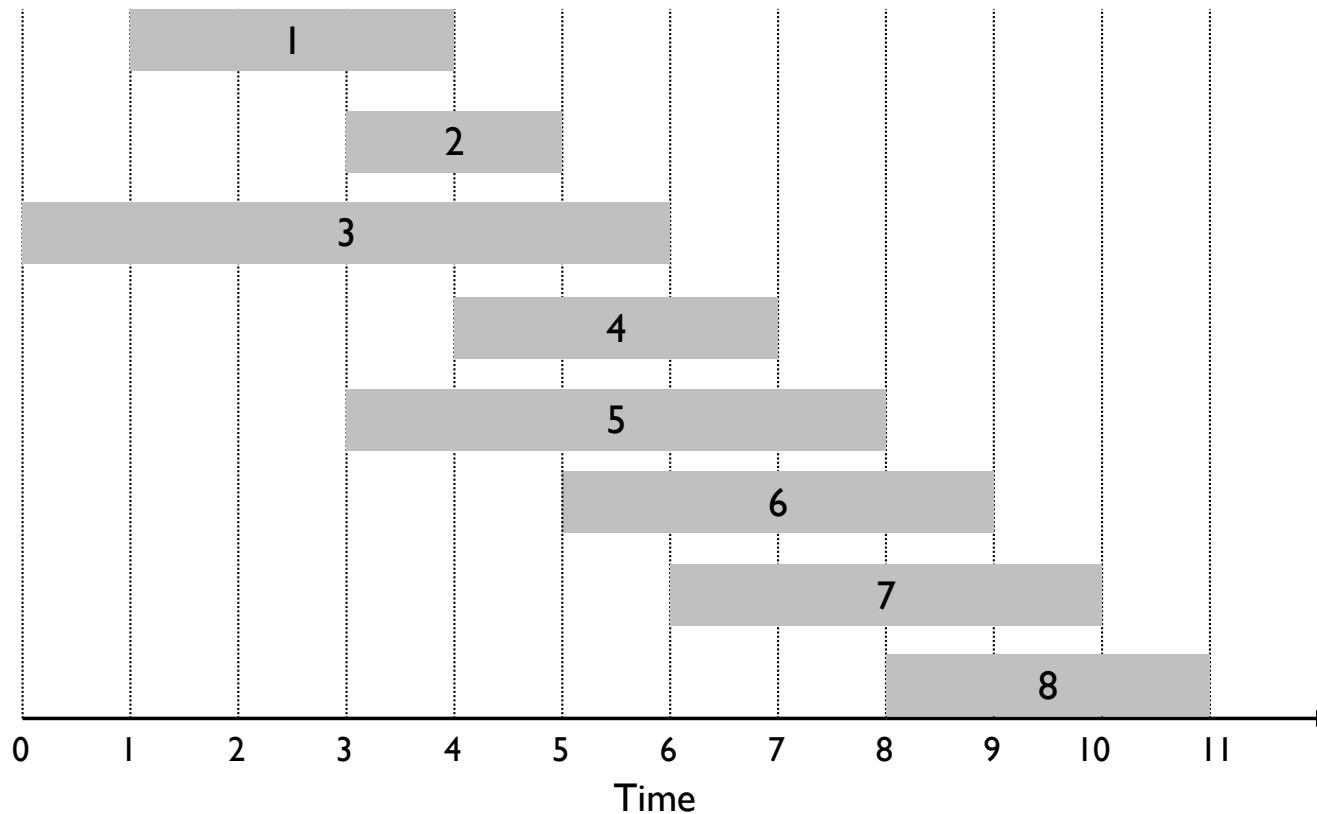
i.e. sorting the jobs by finish time

# Weighted Interval Scheduling

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**Def.**  $p(j)$  = largest  $i < j$  such that job  $i$  is compatible with  $j$ .

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



j	v <sub>j</sub>	p <sub>j</sub>	opt <sub>j</sub>
0	-	-	0
1		0	
2		0	
3		0	
4		1	
5		0	
6		2	
7		3	
8		5	

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## Weighted Interval Scheduling Example

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

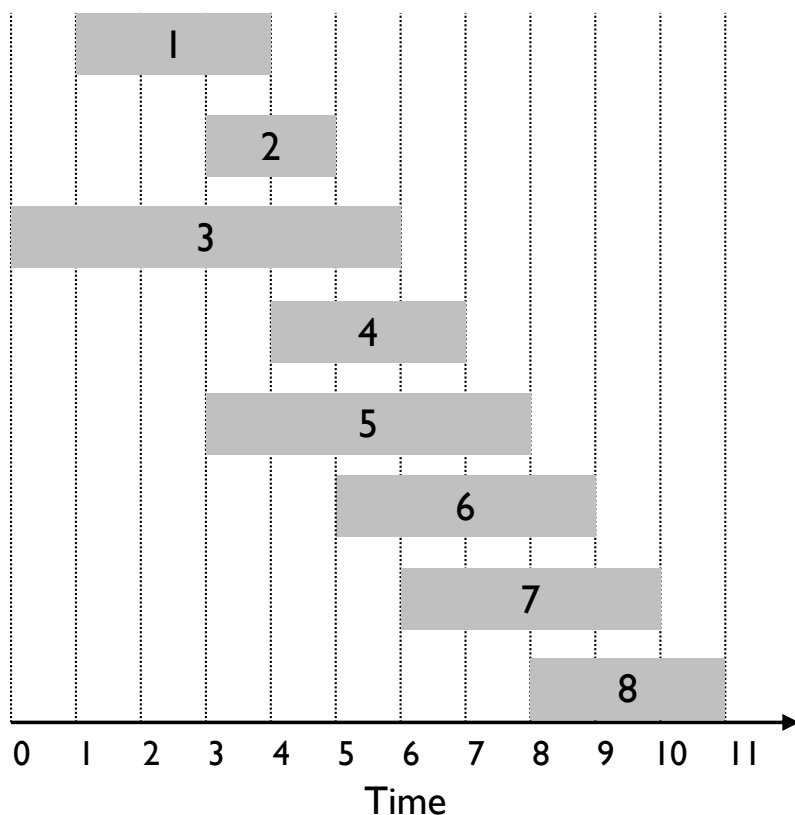
$p(j)$  = largest  $i < j$  s.t. job  $i$  is compatible with  $j$ .

Exercise: try other concrete examples:

If all  $v_j=1$ : greedy by finish time  $\rightarrow 1,4,8$

what if  $v_2 > v_1$ ?, but  $< v_1+v_4$ ?

$v_2 > v_1+v_4$ , but  $v_2+v_6 < v_1+v_7$ , say? etc.



j	pj	vj	$\max(v_j + \text{opt}[p(j)], \text{opt}[j-1]) =$	opt[j]
0	-	-	-	0
1	0	2	$\max(2+0, 0) =$	2
2	0	3	$\max(3+0, 2) =$	3
3	0	1	$\max(1+0, 3) =$	3
4	1	6	$\max(6+2, 3) =$	8
5	0	9	$\max(9+0, 8) =$	9
6	2	7	$\max(7+3, 9) =$	10
7	3	2	$\max(2+3, 10) =$	10
8	5	?	$\max(?+9, 10) =$	?

Only of the jobs up until job 2, whats the best thing to do?

Exercise: What values of  $v_8$  cause it to be in/ex-cluded from opt? if  $v_8 \geq 1$

To obtain best solution, we traverse from the top down!  
What was better, choosing 8 or not... if choose it, go to  $p(8)$  and ask same question. Else, go to job 7

# 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 – “traceback”

once we calculated  $OPT(N)$  for all of our  $N$  jobs, here we trace back through  $OPT$  values to see what choices we made and get our solution.

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

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

the condition  
determining the  
max when  
computing  $OPT[ ]$

the relevant  
sub-problem

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

## Sidebar: why does job ordering matter?

Ordering allows us to quickly determine what each job is compatible with.

It's *Not* for the same reason as in the greedy algorithm for unweighted interval scheduling.

Instead, it's because it allows us to consider only a small number of subproblems ( $O(n)$ ), vs the exponential number that seem to be needed if the jobs aren't ordered (seemingly, *any* of the  $2^n$  possible subsets might be relevant)

Don't believe me? Think about the analogous problem for weighted *rectangles* instead of intervals... (I.e., pick max weight non-overlapping subset of a set of axis-parallel rectangles.) Same problem for squares or circles also appears difficult.

## 6.4 Knapsack Problem

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subset sum problem

# 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: maximize total value without overfilling knapsack

Ex: { 3, 4 } has value 40.

$W = 11$

Item	Value	Weight	V/W
1	1	1	1
2	6	2	3
3	18	5	3.60
4	22	6	3.66
5	28	7	4

**Greedy:** repeatedly add item with maximum ratio  $v_i / w_i$ .

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

**[NB greedy is optimal for “fractional knapsack”: take #5 + 4/6 of #4]**

Only optimal if we can take a fraction of each object; i.e. half a bag of goldfish

# Dynamic Programming: False Start

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

- Case 1: OPT does not select item  $i$ .
    - OPT selects best of  $\{ 1, 2, \dots, i-1 \}$
  - 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  $i$
- ← binary choice

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



# Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

**Def.**  $OPT(i, w)$  = max profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$  with weight limit  $w$ . Increases complexity;  $n * W$  possible subproblems.

binary choice again

- 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 new weight limit

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

could not take  
object  $i$  as its weight  
is more than the  
remaining capacity

# Knapsack Problem: Bottom-Up

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

```
Input:  $n, w_1, \dots, w_N, v_1, \dots, v_N$ 

for  $w = 0$  to  $W$ 
     $\text{OPT}[0, w] = 0$ 

for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
    for  $w = 1$  to  $W$ 
        if ( $w_i > w$ )
             $\text{OPT}[i, w] = \text{OPT}[i-1, w]$ 
        else
             $\text{OPT}[i, w] = \max \{ \text{OPT}[i-1, w], v_i + \text{OPT}[i-1, w-w_i] \}$ 

return  $\text{OPT}[n, W]$ 
```

(Correctness: prove it by induction on  $i$  &  $w$ .)

# Knapsack Algorithm

$W + 1 \rightarrow$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$\phi$	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	35	40

$n + 1 \downarrow$

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

$W = 11$

```

if ( $w_i > w$ )
    OPT[i, w] = OPT[i-1, w]
else
    OPT[i, w] = max{OPT[i-1, w],  $v_i + \text{OPT}[i-1, w - w_i]$ }
    
```

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# Knapsack Problem: Running Time

Running time.  $\Theta(nW)$ .

- Not polynomial in input size!
- "Pseudo-polynomial."
- Knapsack is NP-hard. [Chapter 8]

**Knapsack approximation algorithm.** There exists a polynomial time algorithm that produces a feasible solution (i.e., satisfies weight-limit constraint) that has value within 0.01% (or any other desired factor) of optimum.

[Section 11.8]