

CPSC 5031 Algorithms

HW #6 (10 pts)

II. Binomial coefficient (7 points)

- a. Solve the recurrence relation for computing the binomial coefficients (seen below).

$$C(n, k) = C(n-1, k-1) + C(n-1, k) \text{ for } n > k > 0,$$

$$C(n, 0) = C(n, n) = 1.$$

Algorithm *Binomial*(n, k)

//Computes $C(n, k)$ by the dynamic programming algorithm

//Input: A pair of nonnegative integers $n \geq k \geq 0$

//Output: The value of $C(n, k)$

for $i \leftarrow 0$ **to** n **do**

for $j \leftarrow 0$ **to** $\min(i, k)$ **do**

if $j = 0$ **or** $j = i$

$C[i, j] \leftarrow 1$

else $C[i, j] \leftarrow C[i-1, j-1] + C[i-1, j]$

return $C[n, k]$

Hint: Think about the “shape” of a table that records values for binomial coefficient, that has $n+1$ rows and $k+1$ columns.

- b. The time and space efficiency for part a) is $\Theta(nk)$. Rewrite the *Binomial*(n, k) function with $\Theta(n)$ space efficiency.

III. Exercises 8.2 #1a,b (3 points)

- a. Apply the bottom-up dynamic programming algorithm to the following instance of the knapsack problem:

item	weight	value
1	3	\$25
2	2	\$20
3	1	\$15
4	4	\$40
5	5	\$50

, capacity $W = 6$.

- b. What is the maximal value? Which items make up the optimal subset?

Note(s):

- Use C++ or Java for those problems that require algorithm design.
- All problems may be found in the Levitin textbook.

Submission:

- Deadline: Monday, 5/22/2023, 11:59pm
- Submit your solutions on Canvas under HW #6