

# Dynamic Programming

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## DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING



- Dynamic programming = **recursion without repetition**
  - 1 **Formulate the problem recursively**
    - Use a **bottom-up approach** (starting from the base cases)
  - 2 **Build the dynamic programming solution**
    - 1 Identify subproblems
    - 2 Choose memoization data structure
    - 3 Identify dependencies and so find evaluation order
- Often but not always applicable to optimization problems
  - But in this case only for problems that satisfy the principle of optimality: An optimal solution to the problem contains optimal solutions to subproblems

## MEMOIZATION AND DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING



- Recursive implementations can be expensive:  
**algorithm** RECFIB( $n$ ):  
    if  $n \leq 1$  then return  $n$   $O(2^n)$  time  
    else return RECFIB( $n-1$ ) + RECFIB( $n-2$ )  $O(1)$ +recursion space
- **Memoization**: Remember intermediate results  
**algorithm** MEMFIB( $n$ ):  
    if  $n = 0 \vee n = 1$  then return 1  $O(n)$  time  
    else  
        if  $F_n$  is undefined then  $O(n)$  (+recursion) space  
             $F_n \leftarrow$  MEMFIB( $n-1$ ) + MEMFIB( $n-2$ )  
        return  $F_n$
- **Dynamic programming**: Remember intermediate results **explicitly**  
**algorithm** DYNFIB( $n$ ):  
     $F_0 \leftarrow 0; F_1 \leftarrow 1$   $O(n)$  time  
    for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do  $F_n \leftarrow F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$   $O(n)$  space  
    return  $F_n$
- Can also consider remembering intermediate results only as needed  
**algorithm** DYNFIB( $n$ ):  
     $prev \leftarrow 0; curr \leftarrow 1$   $O(n)$  time  
    for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do  $O(1)$  space  
         $next \leftarrow prev + curr$   
         $prev \leftarrow curr$   
         $curr \leftarrow next$   
    return  $curr$

## 0/1 KNAPSACK



- Given  $w = \langle w_1, \dots, w_n \rangle$  and  $p = \langle p_1, \dots, p_n \rangle$ , find  $x = \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$ ,  $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i p_i$  is maximized subject to  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i w_i \leq C$
- Bottom-up recursive solution ( $O(2^n)$ ):  
**algorithm** RECKNAPSACK( $i, C, n, p, w$ ): (handle the  $i$ -th object)  
    if  $i > n$  then return  $(0, \langle \rangle)$   
    else  
         $(p_-, X_-) \leftarrow$  RECKNAPSACK( $i+1, C, n, p, w$ ) (do not pick item  $i$ )  
        if  $w_i \leq C$  then  
             $(p_+, X_+) \leftarrow$  RECKNAPSACK( $i+1, C - w_i, n, p, w$ ) (pick item  $i$ )  
        else  
             $(p_+, X_+) \leftarrow (0, \langle \rangle)$  (we cannot pick item  $i$  so we set profit to minimum)  
    return MAXFST( $\{(p_-, \langle \rangle + X_-), (p_+ + w_i, \langle \rangle + X_+)\}$ )
- Memoization structure must contain information related to the remaining items and the remaining capacity  $\Rightarrow$  **table of item  $\times$  capacity**
  - Increment of capacity smaller than the smallest  $w_i$
- Each subproblem (entry in the table) depends on the “upper” and “upper-left” subproblems
- Table filled in top to bottom, left to right



- Dynamic programming solution:

**algorithm** KNAPSACK( $C, n, p, w$ ):

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for i = 1 to n do Pi,0 ← 0
for j = 1 to C do P0,j ← 0
for i = 1 to n do
  for j = 1 to C do
    if wi > j then Pi,j ← Pi-1,j
    else Pi,j ← max{Pi-1,j, pi + Pi-1,j-wi}

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**algorithm** KNAPSACKTRACE:

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j ← C
for i = n downto 1 do
  if Pi,j = Pi-1,j then
    xi ← 0
  else
    xi ← 1
    j ← j - wi

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- Running time:  $\Theta(n \times C) \rightarrow$  no better than  $\Theta(2^n)$ !
- Many problems are very similar to 0/1 Knapsack
  - Example (subset sum): Given an array  $A_1 \dots A_n$  of positive integers and an integer  $T$ , does any subarray of  $A$  sums up to  $T$

- Subproblems:  $SS(i, t) = \text{TRUE}$  iff some subset of  $A$  sums to  $t$
- Recursive solution:

$$SS(i, t) = \begin{cases} \text{TRUE} & \text{if } t = 0 \\ \text{FALSE} & \text{if } i > n \\ SS(i+1, t) & \text{if } t < A_i \\ SS(i+1, t) \vee SS(i+1, t - A_i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Memoization structure: table  $S_{1 \dots n, 0 \dots T}$
- Evaluation order: rows bottom to top, arbitrary order in a row



- Given  $M = M_1 \times M_2 \times \dots \times M_n$  with the dimensions of the matrices stored in  $r_0 \dots r_n$ , such that each  $M_i$  has  $r_{i-1}$  rows and  $r_i$  columns, find how to bracket the matrix multiplications to minimize the total number of multiplications

- Example:  $r = (2, 10, 1, 3)$  that, is  $A(2 \times 10) \times B(10 \times 1) \times C(1 \times 3)$ 
  - $A \times (B \times C)$  needs 90 integer multiplications
  - $(A \times B) \times C$  needs 26 integer multiplications (**faster**)
- Subproblems:  $m_{ij}$  is the cost of computing  $M_i \times \dots \times M_j$
- Recursive solution:

$$m_{ij} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k \leq j} (m_{i,k} + m_{k+1,j} + r_{i-1} \times r_k \times r_j) & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

- Memoization structure: table  $m_{1 \dots n-1, 1 \dots n}$  to store the result of subproblems
- Evaluation order: by diagonal top to bottom with arbitrary order within a diagonal

**algorithm** MATRIXCHAINMULT:  $O(n^3)$

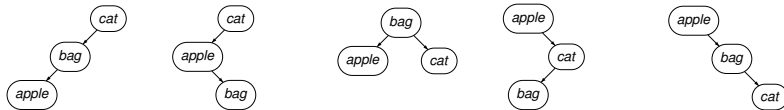
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for i = 1 to n do mij ← 0
for r = 1 to n-1 do
  for i = 1 to n-r do
    for j = i+r to n do
      mi,j ← min_{i ≤ k < j} (mi,k + mk+1,j + ri-1 × rk × rj)

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- Given  $n$  keywords along with their probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , store them in a binary search tree such that the average search time is minimized
  - Example: *cat* (0.1), *bag* (0.2), *apple* (0.7)
  - Sorted: *apple* (0.7), *bag* (0.2), *cat* (0.1)
  - Five different BST:



Average search time:

$$0.1 + 2 \times 0.2 + 3 \times 0.7 = 2.6 \quad 0.1 + 2 \times 0.7 + 3 \times 0.2 = 2.1 \quad 0.2 + 2 \times 0.7 + 3 \times 0.1 = 1.8 \quad 0.7 + 2 \times 0.1 + 3 \times 0.2 = 1.5 \quad 0.7 + 2 \times 0.2 + 3 \times 0.1 = 1.4$$

- Subproblems:  $A_{i,j}$  is the average search time for a BST with keywords from  $i$  to  $j$
- Recursive solution ( $O(n^3)$  with memoization):

$$A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} p_i \text{ (root } i) & \text{if } i = j \\ 0 \text{ (null)} & \text{if } i > j \\ \min_{i \leq k \leq j} (A_{i,k-1} + A_{k+1,j} + \sum_{m=i}^j p_m) \text{ (root } k) & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

- Obvious memoization
- Evaluation order: down by diagonal, arbitrary order within diagonal



- Given a weighted (directed or undirected) graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $|V| = n$  and  $|E| = m$ , find the shortest path from each vertex to all other vertices
- Floyd's algorithm:** Find shortest paths of rank  $k$  for increasing  $k$

- Uses the adjacency matrix  $G_{1 \dots n, 1 \dots n}$  of  $G$
- Path of rank  $k$ : path that only traverses vertices 1 to  $k$  (not counting the source and the destination)
- Subproblems:  $P_k = (A_{i,j}^k, \pi_{i,j}^k)_{1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq n}$ 
  - $A_{i,j}^k$  is the cost of the minimum path of rank  $k$  from  $i$  to  $j$
  - $\pi_{i,j}^k$  is the predecessor of  $j$  in the minimum cost path of rank  $k$  from  $i$  to  $j$
  - Recursive solution:

$$A_{i,j}^k = \begin{cases} G_{i,j} & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \min\{A_{i,j}^{k-1}, A_{i,k}^{k-1} + A_{k,j}^{k-1}\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_{i,j}^k = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \pi_{i,j}^{k-1} & \text{if } A_{i,j}^{k-1} \leq A_{i,k}^{k-1} + A_{k,j}^{k-1} \\ k & \text{if } A_{i,j}^{k-1} > A_{i,k}^{k-1} + A_{k,j}^{k-1} \end{cases}$$



- Memoization: arrays  $A^k$  and  $\pi^k$  for cost and predecessor
- Evaluation order: increasing  $k$ , arbitrary for  $i$  and  $j$

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for i = 1 to n do
  for j = 1 to n do
     $A_{i,j}^0 \leftarrow G_{ij}$ 
     $\pi_{i,j} \leftarrow i$ 
for k = 1 to n do       $O(n^3)$ 
  for i = 1 to n do
    for j = 1 to n do
      if  $A_{i,j}^{k-1} \leq A_{i,k}^{k-1} + A_{k,j}^{k-1}$  then
         $A_{i,j}^k \leftarrow A_{i,j}^{k-1}$ 
      else
         $A_{i,j}^k \leftarrow A_{i,k}^{k-1} + A_{k,j}^{k-1}$ 
         $\pi_{i,j} \leftarrow k$ 
    
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- Optimization: A single predecessor array  $\pi$ 
  - When computing  $\pi_{i,j}^k$  we only need  $\pi_{i,j}^{k-1}$  and then we can overwrite it
- Further optimization: At any step we only need  $A^{k-1}$  and  $A^k$ , so we only need two matrices for the cost (current and previous)



- Given a weighted directed graph  $G = (\{1, 2, \dots, n\}, E)$  find the Hamiltonian Cycle of minimum cost
  - Naïve solution: try all the permutations, retain the one with minimal cost ( $O(n2^n)$  time)

- Crux:
  - Start the cycle at vertex 1
  - Let the next vertex be  $k$
  - The path from  $k$  to 1 must be an optimal (minimum cost) Hamiltonian path for the graph induced by  $V \setminus \{1\}$

- Recursive solution:
  - Let  $g(i, S)$  be the length of the shortest path starting at  $i$  and going through all the vertices in  $S$  back to 1

$$g(i, S) = \begin{cases} \min_{(i,j) \in E} (w(i, j)) & \text{if } S = \emptyset \\ \min_{j \in S} (w((i, j)) + g(j, S \setminus \{j\})) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Memoization: Table  $(g_{i,j})_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, j \in 2^{\{1, \dots, n\}}}$
- Order of evaluation: increasing second dimension, do not care for the first
- Running time:  $O(n2^n)$
- Unknown (million dollar question, literally) whether we can do better than the naïve solution for the travelling salesman and the 0/1 knapsack (and many more problems)