Dynamic Programming



Weighted Activity Selection

Weighted activity selection problem (generalization of CLR 17.1).

- **Job requests 1, 2, ... , N.**
- Job j starts at s_j, finishes at f_j, and has weight w_j.
- Two jobs compatible if they don't overlap.
- Goal: find maximum weight subset of mutually compatible jobs.



Activity Selection: Greedy Algorithm

Recall greedy algorithm works if all weights are 1.





Weighted Activity Selection

Notation.

- . Label jobs by finishing time: $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \ldots \leq f_N$.
- Define q_i = largest index i < j such that job i is compatible with j.</p>





Weighted Activity Selection: Structure

Let OPT(j) = value of optimal solution to the problem consisting of job requests {1, 2, ..., j}.

- Case 1: OPT selects job j.
 - can't use incompatible jobs { $q_j + 1, q_j + 2, ..., j-1$ }
 - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs { 1, 2, ..., q_i }
- . Case 2: OPT does not select job j.
 - must include optimal solution to problem consisting of remaining compatible jobs { 1, 2, ..., j - 1 }

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

Weighted Activity Selection: Brute Force

Recursive Activity Selection

```
INPUT: N, s<sub>1</sub>,...,s<sub>N</sub>, f<sub>1</sub>,...,f<sub>N</sub>, w<sub>1</sub>,...,w<sub>N</sub>
Sort jobs by increasing finish times so that
f<sub>1</sub> \leq f<sub>2</sub> \leq ... \leq f<sub>N</sub>.
Compute q<sub>1</sub>, q<sub>2</sub>, ..., q<sub>N</sub>
r-compute(j) {
    IF (j = 0)
        RETURN 0
    ELSE
        return max(w<sub>j</sub> + r-compute(q<sub>j</sub>), r-compute(j-1))
```

Dynamic Programming Subproblems

Spectacularly redundant subproblems \Rightarrow exponential algorithms.





Weighted Activity Selection: Memoization

Memoized Activity Selection

```
INPUT: N, s_1, ..., s_N, f_1, ..., f_N, w_1, ..., w_N
Sort jobs by increasing finish times so that
f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \ldots \leq f_N.
Compute q_1, q_2, \ldots, q_N
Global array OPT[0..N]
FOR j = 0 to N
   OPT[i] = "empty"
m-compute(j) {
   IF (j = 0)
       OPT[0] = 0
   ELSE IF (OPT[j] = "empty")
       OPT[j] = max(w_i + m-compute(q_i), m-compute(j-1))
   RETURN OPT[j]
```

Weighted Activity Selection: Running Time

Claim: memoized version of algorithm takes O(N log N) time.

- Ordering by finish time: O(N log N).
- Computing q_i: O(N log N) via binary search.
- . m-compute(j): each invocation takes O(1) time and either
 - (i) returns an existing value of OPT[]
 - (ii) fills in one new entry of OPT[] and makes two recursive calls
- Progress measure Φ = # nonempty entries of OPT[].
 - \mathscr{P} Initially $\Phi = 0$, throughout $\Phi \leq N$.
 - \mathscr{I} (ii) increases Φ by 1 \Rightarrow at most 2N recursive calls.
- Overall running time of m-compute(N) is O(N).

Weighted Activity Selection: Finding a Solution

m-compute(N) determines value of optimal solution.

• Modify to obtain optimal solution itself.



. # of recursive calls $\leq N \implies O(N)$.

Weighted Activity Selection: Bottom-Up

Unwind recursion in memoized algorithm.

Bottom-Up Activity Selection

INPUT: N, $s_1, ..., s_N$, $f_1, ..., f_N$, $w_1, ..., w_N$

Sort jobs by increasing finish times so that $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \ldots \leq f_N$.

```
Compute q_1, q_2, \ldots, q_N
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ARRAY: OPT[0..N]
OPT[0] = 0
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FOR j = 1 to N
OPT[j] = max(w<sub>i</sub> + OPT[q<sub>i</sub>], OPT[j-1])
```

Dynamic Programming Overview

Dynamic programming.

- Similar to divide-and-conquer.
 - solves problem by combining solution to sub-problems
- Different from divide-and-conquer.
 - sub-problems are not independent
 - save solutions to repeated sub-problems in table

Recipe.

- Characterize structure of problem.
 - optimal substructure property
- Recursively define value of optimal solution.
- Compute value of optimal solution.
- Construct optimal solution from computed information.

Top-down vs. bottom-up.

Different people have different intuitions.

Least Squares

Least squares.

- Foundational problem in statistic and numerical analysis.
- Given N points in the plane { $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \ldots, (x_N, y_N)$ }, find a line y = ax + b that minimizes the sum of the squared error:



• Calculus \Rightarrow min error is achieved when:

$$a = \frac{N \sum_{i} x_{i} y_{i} - (\sum_{i} x_{i}) (\sum_{i} y_{i})}{N \sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i} x_{i})^{2}}, \quad b = \frac{\sum_{i} y_{i} - a \sum_{i} x_{i}}{N}$$

Segmented Least Squares

Segmented least squares.

- Points lie roughly on a sequence of 3 lines.
- Given N points in the plane p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_N , find a sequence of lines that minimize:
 - the sum of the sum of the squared errors E in each segment
 - the number of lines L
- Tradeoff function: e + c L, for some constant c > 0.



Segmented Least Squares: Structure

Notation.

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

Optimal solution:

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

$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0\\ \min_{1 \le i \le j} \{e(i, j) + c + OPT(i-1)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

New dynamic programming technique.

- Weighted activity selection: binary choice.
- Segmented least squares: multi-way choice.

Segmented Least Squares: Algorithm

Bottom-Up Segmented Least Squares

```
INPUT: N, P<sub>1</sub>,...,P<sub>N</sub>, C
ARRAY: OPT[0..N]
OPT[0] = 0
FOR j = 1 to N
FOR i = 1 to j
    compute the least square error e[i,j] for
    the segment p<sub>i</sub>,..., p<sub>j</sub>
OPT[j] = min<sub>1 ≤ i ≤ j</sub> (e[i,j] + c + OPT[i-1])
RETURN OPT[N]
```

Running time:

- Bottleneck = computing e(i, n) for O(N²) pairs, O(N) per pair using previous formula.
- O(N³) overall.

Segmented Least Squares: Improved Algorithm

A quadratic algorithm.

- Bottleneck = computing e(i, j).
- $O(N^2)$ preprocessing + O(1) per computation.

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{xs}_{k} &= \sum_{k=1}^{j} \mathbf{x}_{k} \mathbf{y}_{k} - \left(\sum_{k=i}^{j} \mathbf{x}_{k}\right)^{2} \left(\sum_{k=i}^{j} \mathbf{y}_{k}\right)^{2} \\
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\mathbf{xs}_{k} &= \sum_{k=1}^{j} (\mathbf{y}_{k} - a\mathbf{x}_{k} - b)^{2} \\
\mathbf{xs}_{k} &= \sum_{k=1}^{j} (\mathbf{y}_{k} - a\mathbf{y}_{k} - b)^{2} \\
&= (\mathbf{ys}_{j} - \mathbf{ys}_{i-1}) + \cdots
\end{aligned}$$
Preprocessing

Knapsack Problem

Knapsack problem.

- Given N objects and a "knapsack."
- Item i weighs $w_i > 0$ Newtons and has value $v_i > 0$.
- Knapsack can carry weight up to W Newtons.
- . Goal: fill knapsack so as to maximize total value.

	ltem	Value	Weight
	1	1	1
	2	6	2
v _i / w _i	3	18	5
	4	22	6
	5	28	7

Greedy = 35: { 5, 2, 1 }

Knapsack Problem: Structure

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

- Case 1: OPT selects item n.
 - new weight limit = w w_n
 - OPT selects best of $\{1, 2, \ldots, n-1\}$ using this new weight limit
- Case 2: OPT does not select item n.
 - OPT selects best of $\{1, 2, \ldots, n-1\}$ using weight limit w

$$OPT(n,w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ OPT(n-1,w) & \text{if } w_n > w \\ max\{OPT(n-1,w), v_n + OPT(n-1,w-w_n)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

New dynamic programming technique.

- Weighted activity selection: binary choice.
- Segmented least squares: multi-way choice.
- Knapsack: adding a new variable.

Knapsack Problem: Bottom-Up

Bottom-Up Knapsack

```
INPUT: N, W, w_1, ..., w_N, v_1, ..., v_N
ARRAY: OPT[0...N, 0...W]
FOR w = 0 to W
   OPT[0, w] = 0
FOR n = 1 to N
   FOR w = 1 to W
       IF (w_n > w)
          OPT[n, w] = OPT[n-1, w]
       ELSE
          OPT[n, w] = max {OPT[n-1, w], v_n + OPT[n-1, w-w<sub>n</sub>]}
RETURN OPT[N, W]
```



ltem	Value	Weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	8	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Knapsack Problem: Running Time

Knapsack algorithm runs in time O(NW).

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

Knapsack approximation algorithm.

- There exists a polynomial algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 0.01% of optimum.
- Stay tuned.

Sequence Alignment

How similar are two strings?

- ocurrance
- occurrence



5 mismatches, 1 gap



1 mismatch, 1 gap



0 mismatches, 3 gaps

Sequence Alignment: Applications

Applications.

- Spell checkers / web dictionaries.
 - ocurrance
 - occurrence
- Computational biology.
 - ctgacctacct
 - cctgactacat

Edit distance.

- Needleman-Wunsch, 1970.
- . Gap penalty $\delta.$
- . Mismatch penalty $\alpha_{\rm pq}.$
- Cost = sum of gap and mismatch penalties.



$$\alpha_{TC} + \alpha_{GT} + \alpha_{AG} + 2\alpha_{CA}$$



 $2\delta + \alpha_{CA}$

Sequence Alignment

Problem.

- Input: two strings $X = x_1 x_2 \dots x_M$ and $Y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_N$.
- Notation: $\{1, 2, \ldots, M\}$ and $\{1, 2, \ldots, N\}$ denote positions in X, Y.
- Matching: set of ordered pairs (i, j) such that each item occurs in at most one pair.
- Alignment: matching with no crossing pairs.
 - if (i, j) \in M and (i', j') \in M and i < i', then j < j'

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

Example: CTACCG vs. TACATG.
 M = { (2,1) (3,2) (4,3), (5,4), (6,6) }

• Goal: find alignment of minimum cost.

Sequence Alignment: Problem Structure

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

- Case 1: OPT matches (i, j).
 - pay mismatch for (i, j) + min cost of aligning two strings $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$ and $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{i-1}$
- Case 2a: OPT leaves m unmatched.
 - pay gap for i and min cost of aligning $x_1 x_2 \dots x_{i-1}$ and $y_1 y_2 \dots y_i$
- . Case 2b: OPT leaves n unmatched.
 - pay gap for j and min cost of aligning $x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$ and $y_1 y_2 \dots y_{j-1}$

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

Sequence Alignment: Algorithm

O(MN) time and space.

Bottom-Up Sequence Alignment INPUT: M, N, $\mathbf{x}_1 \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_M$, $\mathbf{y}_1 \mathbf{y}_2 \dots \mathbf{y}_N$, δ , α **ARRAY:** OPT[0...M, 0...N] FOR i = 0 to M OPT[0, i] = $i\delta$ FOR j = 0 to N OPT[j, 0] = $j\delta$ FOR i = 1 to M FOR j = 1 to N OPT[i, j] = min(α [x_i, y_j] + OPT[i-1, j-1], δ + OPT[i-1, j], δ + OPT[i, j-1]) **RETURN** OPT[M, N]

Straightforward dynamic programming takes $\Theta(MN)$ time and space.

- English words or sentences \Rightarrow may not be a problem.
- Computational biology \Rightarrow huge problem.
 - -M = N = 100,000
 - 10 billion ops OK, but 10 gigabyte array?

Optimal value in O(M + N) space and O(MN) time.

- Only need to remember OPT(i 1, •) to compute OPT(i, •).
- Not clear how to recover optimal alignment itself.

Optimal alignment in O(M + N) space and O(MN) time.

 Clever combination of divide-and-conquer and dynamic programming.

Consider following directed graph (conceptually).

• Note: takes $\Theta(MN)$ space to write down graph.

Let f(i, j) be shortest path from (0,0) to (i, j). Then, f(i, j) = OPT(i, j).



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- Base case: f(0, 0) = OPT(0, 0) = 0.
- Inductive step: assume f(i', j') = OPT(i', j') for all i' + j' < i + j.
- Last edge on path to (i, j) is either from (i-1, j-1), (i-1, j), or (i, j-1).

$$f(i, j) = \min \{\alpha_{x_i y_j} + f(i-1, j-1), \delta + f(i-1, j), \delta + f(i, j-1)\}$$

= min $\{\alpha_{x_i y_j} + OPT(i-1, j-1), \delta + OPT(i-1, j), \delta + OPT(i, j-1)\}$
= $OPT(i, j)$



Let g(i, j) be shortest path from (i, j) to (M, N).

 Can compute in O(MN) time for all (i, j) by reversing arc orientations and flipping roles of (0, 0) and (M, N).



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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).



Divide: find index q that minimizes f(q, N/2) + g(q, N/2) using DP. Conquer: recursively compute optimal alignment in each "half."



T(m, n) = max running time of algorithm on strings of length m and n.

Theorem. T(m, n) = O(mn).

- O(mn) work to compute f (• , n / 2) and g (• , n / 2).
- O(m + n) to find best index q.
- T(q, n / 2) + T(m q, n / 2) work to run recursively.
- Choose constant c so that:

 $\begin{array}{rcl} T(m,2) &\leq & cn \\ T(n,2) &\leq & cm \\ T(m,n) &\leq & cmn + T(q,n/2) + T(m-q,n/2) \end{array}$

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

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

$$\leq 2cqn/2 + 2c(m-q)n/2 + cmn$$

$$= cqn + cmn - cqn + cmn$$

$$= 2cmn$$