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Job scheduling. Suppose you have a machine that can run one job at a time; *n* job requests, where each job *i* has a start time s_i , finish time f_i and weight $v_i \ge 0$.



Weighted Scheduling

- Input. Given *n* intervals labeled 1, ..., n with starting and finishing times $(s_1, f_1), ..., (s_n, f_n)$ and each interval has a non-negative value or weight v_i
- **Goal**. We must select non-overlapping (compatible) intervals with the maximum weight. That is, our goal is to find $I \subseteq \{1, ..., n\}$ that are pairwise non-overlapping that maximize $\sum_{i \in I} v_i$

Remember Greedy?

- Greedy algorithm earliest-finish-time first
 - Considers jobs in order of finish times
 - Greedily picks jobs that are non-overlapping
- We proved greedy is optimal when all weights are one
- How about the weighted interval scheduling problem?



Different Greedy?

- A different greedy algorithm: greedily select intervals with the maximum weights, remove overlapping intervals
- Does that work?



Let's Think Recursively

- The heart of dynamic programming is recursively thinking
- Coming up with a smaller subproblem which has the same optimal structure as the original problem
- First, to make things easy, we will focus on the total value of the optimal solution, rather than the actual optimal set, that is,
- Optimal value.

Find the largest $\sum_{i \in I} v_i$ where intervals in *I* are compatible.

• Opt-Schedule(n): the value of the optimal schedule of n intervals

Let's Think Recursively

- Consider the last interval: either it is in the optimal solution or not
- Whatever the overall optimal solution is, we can find it by considering both cases and taking the maximum over them
- Case 1. Last interval is not in the optimal solution
 - Remove it, we now have a smaller subproblem!
- Case 2. Last interval is in the optimal solution
 - Means anything overlapping with this interval cannot be in the solution, remove them
 - We have a smaller subproblem!

Formalize the Subproblem

Opt-Schedule(*i*): value of the optimal schedule that only uses intervals $\{1, ..., i\}$, for $0 \le i \le n$

Intervals sorted by *finishing time*, so:

Opt-Schedule(i): value of the optimal schedule that finishes by the time i finishes

Base Case & Final Answer

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Base Case. Opt-Schedule(0) = 0

Goal (Final answer.) Opt-Schedule(n)

Recurrence

- How do we go from one subproblem to the next?
- The recurrence says how we can compute Opt-Schedule(i) by using values of Opt-Schedule(j) where j < i
- **Case 1.** Say interval *i* is not in the optimal solution, can we write the recurrence for this case?
 - Opt-Schedule(i) = Opt-Schedule(i 1)
- **Case 2.** Say interval *i* is in the optimal solution, what is the smaller subproblem we should recurse on in this case?

Recurrence

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- **Case 1.** Say interval i is not in the optimal solution:
 - Opt-Schedule(i) = Opt-Schedule(i 1)
- **Case 2.** Say interval *i* is in the optimal solution:
 - No interval j < i that overlaps with i can be in solution
 - Need to remove all such intervals to get our smaller subproblem
 - How do we do that?

Helpful Information

- Suppose the intervals are sorted by finish times
- Let p(j) be the predecessor of j that is, largest index i < j such that intervals i and j are not overlapping
- Define p(j) = 0 if all intervals i < j overlap with j



Helpful Information

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$$p(8) = ?$$
, $p(7) = ?$, $p(2) = ?$



Helpful Information

• Let p(j) be the predecessor of j that is, largest index i < j such that intervals i and j are not overlapping

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$$p(8) = 1$$
, $p(7) = 3$, $p(2) = 0$



Recurrence

- The recurrence says how we can compute Opt-Schedule(i) by using values of Opt-Schedule(j) where j < i
- **Case 1.** Say interval i is not in the optimal solution:
 - Opt-Schedule(i) = Opt-Schedule(i 1)
- **Case 2.** Say interval *i* is in the optimal solution:
 - Suppose I know p(i) predecessor of i, how can I write the recurrence for this case?
 - Opt-Schedule(i) = Opt-Schedule(p(i)) + v_i

DP Recurrence

Opt-Schedule(i) = max{Opt-Schedule(i - 1), v_i + Opt-Schedule(p(i))}









Summary of DP

• Subproblem.

- For $0 \le i \le n$, let Opt-Schedule(*i*) be the value of the optimal schedule that only uses intervals $\{1, ..., i\}$
- Notice the optimal substructure
- **Recurrence.** Going from one subproblem to the next
 - Opt-Schedule(i) = $\max{\text{Opt-Schedule}(i-1), v_i + \text{Opt-Schedule}(p(i))}$
- Base case.
 - Opt-Scheduler(0) = 0 (no intervals to schedule)

Remaining Pieces

- Final answer in terms of subproblem?
 - Opt-Schedule(*n*)
- Evaluation order (in what order can be fill the DP table)
 - $i = 0 \rightarrow n$, start with base case and use that to fill the rest
- Memoization data structure: 1-D array
- Final piece:
 - Running time and space
 - Space: *O*(*n*)
 - Time: preprocessing + time to fill array

Computing *p*[*i*]

- How quickly can we compute p[i]?
 - Can do a linear scan for each i: O(i) per interval
 - Would be $O(n^2)$ overall
- We have intervals sorted by their finish time F[1, ..., n]
 - Can we use this?
 - For each interval, we can binary search over F[1,...,n], to need to find the first j < i such that $f_j \leq s_i$
 - $O(\log n)$ for each interval
- Time $O(n \log n)$ to compute the array p[]

Running Time

- How many subproblems do we need to solve?
 - *O*(*n*)
- How long does it take to solve a subproblem?
 - O(1) to take the max
- Preprocessing time:
 - Need to sort; $O(n \log n)$
 - Need to find p(i) for all each i: $O(n \log n)$
- Overall: $O(n \log n) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$
- Space: *O*(*n*)

Recreating Chosen Intervals

- Suppose we have M[] of optimal solutions
- How can we reconstruct the optimal set of intervals?
- When should an interval be included in the optimal?
- Depending on which of the two cases results in max tells us whether or not interval *i* is include:
 - Opt-Schedule(i) = max{Opt-Schedule(i - 1), v_i + Opt-Schedule(p(i))}

This value is bigger: *i* not in OPT This value is bigger: *i* is in OPT

Recursive Solution?

Suppose for now that we do not memoize: just a divide and conquer recursion approach to the problem.

Opt-Schedule(i):

- If j = 0, return 0
- Else
 - Return max(Opt-Schedule $(j 1), v_j + Opt-Schedule(p(j)))$
- How many recursive calls in the worst case?
 - Depends on p(i)
- Can we create a bad instance?

Recursive Solution: Exponential

- For this example, asymptotically how many recursive calls?
- Grows like the Fibonacci sequence (exponential): T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1)
- Lots of redundancy!
 - How many distinct subproblems are there to solve?
 - Opt-Schedule(i) for $1 \le i \le n+1$



Dynamic Programming Tips

- Recurrence/subproblem is the key!
 - DP is a lot like divide and conquer, while writing extra things down
 - When coming to a new problem, ask yourself what subproblems may be useful? How can you break that subproblem into smaller subproblems?
 - Be clear while writing the subproblem and recurrence!
- In DP we usually keep track of the *cost* of a solution, rather than the solution itself

Longest Increasing Subsequence

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- Given a sequence of integers as an array A[1,...n], find the longest subsequence whose elements are in increasing order
- Find the longest possible sequence of indices

 $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_{\ell} \le n$ such that $A[i_k] < A[i_{k+1}]$



A different increasing subsequence that is length 4

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1 2 10 **3** 7 6 **4** 8 11

- Length of the longest increasing subsequence above is 6
- To simplify, we will only compute **length of the LIS**

Formalize the Subproblem

Identify the Base Case

L[i]: length of the longest increasing subsequence in A that ends at (and includes) A[i]

Base Case. L[1] = ?

Identify the Final Answer

L[i]: length of the longest increasing subsequence in A that ends at (and includes) A[i]

Base Case. L[1] = 1

Final answer. ?

Base Case & Final Answer





Recurrence

- How do we go from one subproblem to the next?
- That is, how do we compute L[i] assuming I know the values of $L[1], \ldots, L[i-1]$



Recurrence

- Let's say we know the length of the longest subsequence ending at $A[1], A[2], \dots A[i-1]$
- What is the longest subsequence ending at A[i]?
- A[i] could potential extend an earlier subsequence:
 - Can extend a longest subsequence ending at some A[k], with A[k] < A[i], but which k?
 - OK, let's try all k to get the answer
- Or it doesn't extend any earlier increasing subsequence















L[i]: length of the longest increasing subsequence in A that ends at (and includes) A[i]



L[j] extends an LIS ending at L[i] if A[j] > A[i]

LIS: Recurrence

$L[j] = 1 + \max\{L[i] \mid i < j \text{ and } A[i] < A[j]\}$ Assuming max $\emptyset = 0$

Recursion \rightarrow DP

- If we used recursion (without memoization) we'll be inefficient—we'll do a lot of repeated work
- Once you have your recurrence, the remaining pieces of the dynamic programming algorithm are
 - Evaluation order. In what order should I evaluate my subproblems so that everything I need is available to evaluate a new subproblem?
 - For LIS we just left-to-right on array indices
 - Memoization structure. Need a table (array or multi-dimensional array) to store computed values
 - For LIS, we just need a one dimensional array
 - For others, we may need a table (two-dimensional array)

LIS Analysis

- Correctness
 - Follows from the recurrence using induction
- Running time?
 - Solve O(n) subproblems
 - Each one requires O(n) time to take the min
 - $O(n^2)$
 - An Improved DP solution takes $O(n \log n)$
- Space?
 - O(n) to store array L[]