

# Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis (CSC317)

## Dynamic Programming 2

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# Dynamic Programming

- Problems that may naively have exponential running time, but can be made polynomial (fast!)
- **Dynamic:** “I wanted to get across the idea that this was dynamic, this was multistage, this was time-varying... It also has a very interesting property as an adjective, and that is it's impossible to use the word dynamic in a pejorative sense.”

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- **Programming:** Not programming languages; Bellman was interested in “planning and decision making.”
- Main approach: hold answers to previous problems already solved in a table, to be used again without recomputing.

# Dynamic Programming so far

## Main properties:

1. Overlapping subproblems (same subproblems solved over and over again)
2. Solution to big problem constructed from solutions to smaller subproblems (optimal substructure; more on later)

We'll want to contrast with other algorithmic approaches, such as divide and conquer...

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To make algorithm more efficient, we either **(i) memoized** (saved solutions to smaller subproblems in a table as we recursed; “recursive solution “remembers” what results it has computed previously”); or we saved solutions to subproblems in a table **(ii) bottom-up**. These turned out equivalent.

# We did: Fibonacci Memoized and Bottom-up Dynamic Programming

See online by Galles:

<https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/DPFib.html>

Runtime?

# Dynamic Programming Class Outline

- Examples of applications (motivation)
- Simple example to gain intuition (Fib)
- **Back to applications and more examples**

# Examples of applications

- Computational Biology (genome similarity)

Strings from alphabet {A, C, G, T}

Example: ACGGAT  
          CCGCTT

What is the Longest Common Subsequence?

Answer: 3 CGT

$LCS(6,6) = 3$  // length of Longest Common Subsequence



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What is the **Longest Common Subsequence?**

A C C G G T C G A G T G ...

G T C G T T C G G A A T T ...

Brute force: Try all subsequences in 1<sup>st</sup> string and compare to second string...

n=500 then  $2^{500}$  possibilities

Pick first character or do not...

Pick 2<sup>nd</sup> character or do not...

Pick 3<sup>rd</sup> or do not...

$2 * 2 * 2 * 2 \dots * 2$  (n times)

# Longest Common Subsequence

- Formulating the recursion
- We'll try and start from the largest sequence, and then formulate the recursion for smaller subproblems

# Longest Common Subsequence

- Look at example


C C G C T T

A C G G A T

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A C G G A T



Last letter of both strings identical

What to do??

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Solution here?

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$$LCS(6,6) = LCS(5,5) + 1 = \dots 3$$

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ACGGA T

# Longest Common Subsequence

- Look at example

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Last letter of both strings different:  
What to do??

# Longest Common Subsequence

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ACGGAT	ACGGA
= 3 CGT	= 2 CG

# Longest Common Subsequence

- Summary so far  
Let  $c$  hold the length of the LCS  
The first string is  $x$  (indexed by  $i$ )  
Second string is  $y$  (indexed by  $j$ )

From textbook:

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 , \\ c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_j , \\ \max(c[i, j - 1], c[i - 1, j]) & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j . \end{cases}$$

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- We've structured as large subproblem composed of small subproblems
- If we know optimal solution to smaller subproblems, we can obtain optimal solution to larger subproblem

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**Question: Is this recursive solution efficient?**

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**Answer: Not efficient; only if memoized previous solutions (or build bottom-up) – just like with Fib**

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Question: Are there overlapping subproblems?

Recursion tree on the board...

# Longest Common Subsequence

Dynamic Programming solution:

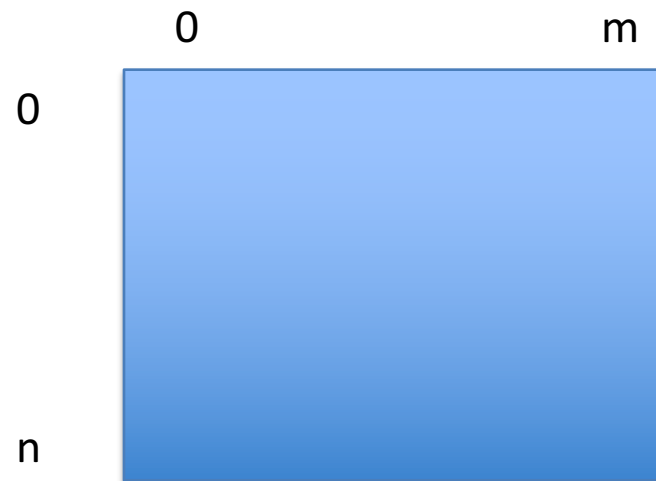
Needs a table. In Fib length  $n$ .

Here??

# Longest Common Subsequence

Dynamic Programming solution:

- Define table  $c[0..m, 0..n]$   
n = x.length (of first subsequence)  
m = y.length (of second subsequence)





# Longest Common Subsequence

Animation by Galles:

<https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/DPLCS.html>

Bottom-up: we impose order

Memoized: order imposed by recursion

# Longest Common Subsequence

Dynamic Programming solution:

- Main approach: Either memoize solutions to subproblems not yet computed, or compute solutions to subproblems bottom-up
- We'll see that runtime is  $\Theta(mn)$ .  
mn subproblems  
constant computation each
- We'll write out Bottom-up (memoized as assignment)

# Longest Common Subsequence

Main properties that allow DP:

- Overlapping subproblems
- Solution to big problem constructed from solutions to smaller subproblem (optimal)

# Bottom-up LCS from book

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```
1   $m = X.length$ 
2   $n = Y.length$ 
3  let  $b[1..m, 1..n]$  and  $c[0..m, 0..n]$  be new tables
4  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
5       $c[i, 0] = 0$ 
6  for  $j = 0$  to  $n$ 
7       $c[0, j] = 0$ 
8  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
9      for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ 
10         if  $x_i == y_j$ 
11              $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1$ 
12              $b[i, j] = \text{“}\nearrow\text{”}$ 
13         elseif  $c[i - 1, j] \geq c[i, j - 1]$ 
14              $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]$ 
15              $b[i, j] = \text{“}\uparrow\text{”}$ 
16         else  $c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]$ 
17              $b[i, j] = \text{“}\leftarrow\text{”}$ 
18  return  $c$  and  $b$ 
```

# Bottom-up LCS from book

Runtime:  $\Theta(mn)$ .

Size of table (mn)

Times constant operations per table entry (up to 3!)

# Bottom-up LCS from book

Example on the board...

# Bottom-up LCS from book

## Printing result

```
PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j$ )
1  if  $i == 0$  or  $j == 0$ 
2      return
3  if  $b[i, j] == \text{“}\nearrow\text{”}$ 
4      PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i - 1, j - 1$ )
5      print  $x_i$ 
6  elseif  $b[i, j] == \text{“}\uparrow\text{”}$ 
7      PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i - 1, j$ )
8  else PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j - 1$ )
```

# DP so far

- Problems that naively can appear exponential time
- But via recursion and memoization, or bottom-up filling a table, become polynomial
- Main idea: Save solutions to subproblems in a table that can later be accessed



# DP so far

- Fibonacci:
  - number of subproblems = table size
  - for each subproblem, look at how many choices of previous subproblems
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- Fibonacci:  $\Theta(n)$ .
  - number of subproblems = table size:  $n$
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- LCS:  $\Theta(mn)$ .
  - number of subproblems = table size:  $n \times m$
  - for each subproblem, look at how many choices of previous subproblems? Up to 3

# Another DP example

- Rod-cutting problem
- First DP problem in the book...
- Table size  $n$  but may have up to  $n$  choices...

# Rod cutting problem

We are given prices  $p_i$  for each rod of length  $i$

length $i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
price $p_i$	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20	24	30

Question: We are given a rod of length  $n$ , and want to maximize revenue, by cutting up the rod into pieces and selling each of the pieces.

# Rod cutting problem

Example: 4 inch rod. Best solution?

We'll first list all solutions...

1. Cut into 2 pieces length 2:

$$p_2 + p_2 = 5 + 5 = 10$$

2. Cut into 4 pieces length 1:

$$p_1 + p_1 + p_1 + p_1 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$$

3-4. Cut into 2 pieces, length 1 and length 3 (or vice versa length 3 and then 1):

$$p_1 + p_3 = 1 + 8 = 9; p_3 + p_1 = 8 + 1 = 9$$

5. Keep length 4:

$$p_4 = 9$$

6-8: Cut into 3 pieces, length 1, 1, and 2 (any order):

$$p_1 + p_1 + p_2 = 7; p_2 + p_1 + p_1 = 7; p_1 + p_2 + p_1 = 7$$

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Total: 8 cases for  $n=4$  ( $= 2^{n-1}$ ). We can slightly reduce by always requiring cuts in non-decreasing order. But still a lot!

Note: We've computed a brute force solution; all possibilities for this simple small example. But we want more optimal solution!

# Rod cutting problem

Will Divide and Conquer work?

Maybe, but need to think about how to combine solutions...

On the board... length 8, conquer each 4;

Best solution  $10+10=20$

But dividing into 6 and 2 yields  $17+5=22$  better!



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We'll define:

a. Maximum revenue for log of size n:  $r_n$   
(this is the solution we want to find)

b. Revenue (price) for single log of length i:  $p_i$

Example: If we cut log into length i and n-i:

Revenue:  $p_i + r_{n-i}$

(this can be seen as recursing on n-i)

# Rod cutting problem

Many possible choices of i...

$$r_n = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p_1 + r_{n-1} \\ p_2 + r_{n-2} \\ \dots \\ p_n + r_0 \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{Size 1, recurse on n-1} \\ \text{Size 2, recurse on n-2} \\ \\ \text{Size n, recurse on nothing} \end{array}$$

# Rod cutting problem

Recursive solution...

CUT-ROD( $p, n$ )

1 **if**  $n == 0$

2     **return** 0

3      $q = -\infty$

4     **for**  $i = 1$  **to**  $n$

5          $q = \max(q, p[i] + \text{CUT-ROD}(p, n - i))$

6     **return**  $q$

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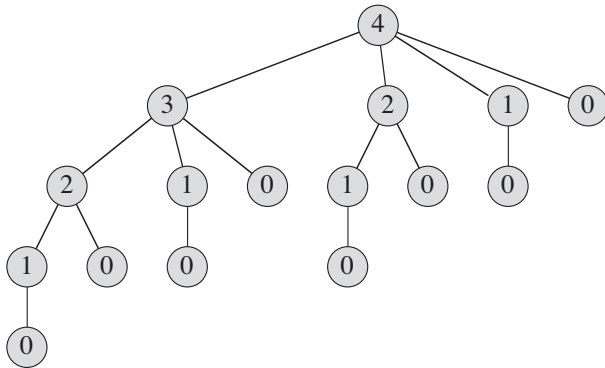
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## Recursive solution... why is this so slow?

Cut-rod calls itself repeatedly with the same parameter values. We can see by plotting a tree:



- Node label = size of subproblem called on
- Can see by eye that many subproblems called repeatedly. We call this a problem with subproblem overlap.
- Number of nodes exponential in  $n$  ( $2^n$ ); therefore exponential number of calls to Cut-Rod

Leaves: each possible way of cutting rod; either cut or not at each position  $2^{(n-1)}$

# Rod cutting problem: memoized solution

Step 1: Initialization:

MEMOIZED-CUT-ROD( $p, n$ )

1 let  $r[0..n]$  be a new array

2 **for**  $i = 0$  **to**  $n$

3      $r[i] = -\infty$

4 **return** MEMOIZED-CUT-ROD-AUX( $p, n, r$ )

Creates array for holding memoized results, and initialized to minus infinity. Then calls the main auxiliary function



# Rod cutting problem: memoized DP

Step 2: The main auxiliary function, which goes through the lengths, computes answers to subproblems and memoizes if subproblem not yet encountered:

```
MEMOIZED-CUT-ROD-AUX( $p, n, r$ )
1  if  $r[n] \geq 0$ 
2      return  $r[n]$ 
3  if  $n == 0$ 
4       $q = 0$ 
5  else  $q = -\infty$ 
6      for  $i = 1$  to  $n$ 
7           $q = \max(q, p[i] + \text{MEMOIZED-CUT-ROD-AUX}(p, n - i, r))$ 
8   $r[n] = q$ 
9  return  $q$ 
```

# Rod cutting problem: Bottom-up DP

BOTTOM-UP-CUT-ROD( $p, n$ )

```
1  let  $r[0..n]$  be a new array
2   $r[0] = 0$ 
3  for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ 
4       $q = -\infty$ 
5      for  $i = 1$  to  $j$ 
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Lines 1-2 check if value already known or memoized; Lines 3-7 compute the maximal revenue if it has not already been memoized, and line 8 saves it.

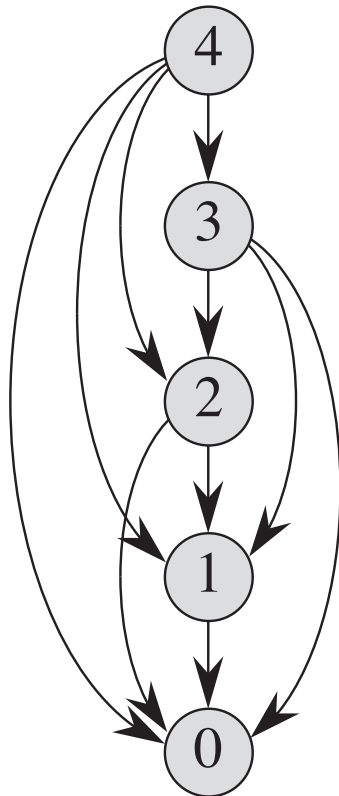
Run time: For both top-down and bottom-up versions:

$O(n^2)$

Easiest to see for bottom-up version: doubly-nested for loop.

# Rod cutting problem

- We can also view graph form; reduce previous tree that included all subproblems repeatedly...



- Each vertex represents subproblem of given size
- Vertex label = subproblem size
- Edge from  $x$  to  $y$ : We need a solution to subproblem  $y$  when solving subproblem  $x$
- Runtime equal to number of edges  $O(n^2)$
- Runtime a combination of number of items in the table ( $n$ ) and work per item ( $n$ ). The work per item is due to the max operation (needed even if the table is filled and we just take values from the table) is proportional to  $n$ , as in the number of edges in the graph