

ALGORITHMS IN AI & DATA SCIENCE 1 (AKIDS 1)

Dynamic Programming: Some Problems

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Dynamic Programming

- **Dynamic programming** solves **problems** with following properties:
 - **Divisible** into **subproblems of the same type** as the original problem
 - **Solution to the subproblem** is **part of the solution to the whole problem**
- **+**
- **Subproblems repeat a lot:** **storing solutions of solved subproblems crucial**
- Commonly applied to **(discrete) optimization problems**
 - Problems that have **many possible solutions**
 - Solutions have **values** or **costs** associated to them
 - We want to find the **optimal solution** – one with **max value** or **min cost**
 - There can be **more than one** optimal solution!

Example DP Problem: Rod cutting

Rod-cutting problem

A company buys **long steel rods** and **cuts them into shorter rods** which it then sells. For each rod of length i (in inches), we know the corresponding price p_i the company sells it for. Given a rod of length n inches and a table of prices p_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ determine the **maximal revenue** r_n the company can have from that rod and find a **cutting** s that achieves that maximal revenue. Note that, in principle, if p_n is large enough the optimal revenue may be achieved without any cutting at all.

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|-------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
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Dynamic programming

- Developing a DP algorithm involves the following steps:
 1. **Characterize the structure** of an **optimal solution**
 2. **Recursively define** the **value of an optimal solution**
 3. **Compute the value** of an **optimal solution**
 - **Top-down** manner (**recursively**)
 - **Bottom-up** manner (**without recursion**)
 - **Memorize the solutions to solved subproblems!!!**
 4. **Construct an optimal solution**
 - **Not enough** just to know what the optimal (max or min) value is
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Dynamic programming: solution memorization

- Avoid the exponential complexity of the recursive solution $O(2^n)$
- As usual, the **solution** is to **trade some space for time**
- **Memorization**
 - Once the **solution for a subproblem** is computed the first time, **store it**
 - When you encounter **the same subproblem**, simply **retrieve its solution**
 - Obviously, this **only helps** in case of **repeating subproblems**

```
cut_rod(p, n)
    r = {} # empty solutions hashtable
    return cut_rod_rec(p, n, r)

cut_rod_rec(p, n, r)
    if n in r # lookup key in hashtable
        return r[n]

    q = -inf
    if n == 0
        q = 0
    else
        for i in 1 to n
            t = p[i] + cut_rod_rec(p, n-i, r)
            if t > q
                q = t
    r[n] = q # store when computed 1st time
    return r
```

Dynamic programming: bottom up

- **Bottom-up DP** – the idea is that of **iterative induction**:
 - We know the solution of the **smallest** subproblem
 - For rod-cutting, this is when $n = 0$
 - If I know r_{k-i} – the solution for **all** $i < k$, then I know how to compute the solution for r_k – the solution for k
- **Q: Runtime** of bottom-up approach?
 - Clearly $O(n^2)$

```
cut_rod_iter(p, n)
    r = {}
    r[0] = 0
    r[1] = p[1]

    for i in 2 to n
        r[i] = -inf

        # we're looking for the max
        for j in 1 to i
            q = p[j] + r[i-j]
            if q > r[i]
                r[i] = q

    return r[n]
```

Rod-cutting: complete example

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- $r_1 = p_1 = 1$
- $r_2 = \max(p_1 + r_1, p_2) = \max(1+1, 5) = 5, s_2 = 2$
- $r_3 = \max(p_1 + r_2, p_2 + r_1, p_3) = \max(1+5, 5+1, 8) = 8, s_3 = 3$
- $r_4 = \max(p_1 + r_3, p_2 + r_2, p_3 + r_1, p_4) = \max(1+8, 5+5, 8+1, 9) = 10, s_4 = 2$
- $r_5 = \max(1+10, 5+8, 8+5, 9+1, 10) = 13, s_5 = 2$
- $r_6 = \max(1+13, 5+10, 8+8, 9+5, 10+1, 17) = 17, s_6 = 6$
- $r_7 = \max(1+16, 5+5, 8+10, 9+8, 10+5, 17+1, 17) = 18, s_7 = 3$
- $r_8 = \max(1+18, 5+17, 8+13, 9+10, 10+8, 17+5, 18+1, 20) = 22, s_8 = 6$
- $r_9 = \max(1+22, 5+18, 8+17, 9+13, 10+10, 17+8, 17+5, 22+1, 24) = 25, s_9 = 3$
- $r_{10} = \max(1+25, 5+22, 8+18, 9+17, 10+13, 17+10, 17+8, 20+5, 24+1, 26) = 27, s_{10} = 6$
- **Reconstruction of the solution:** $s_{10} = 6 \rightarrow s_{4(=10-6)} = 2 \rightarrow s_{2(=4-2)} = 2 \rightarrow s_{0(=2-2)}$ **end!**
 - Optimal solution is to cut **only once**, after the **6th inch**. We sell two rods, **6 and 4 inch** long.

```
get_solution_rod_iter(p, n)
r, s = cut_rod_iter(p, n)
print(r[n]) # max price
i = n
while i > 0:
    print(s[i]) # cuts / lengths
    i = i - s[i]
```


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The Knapsack Problem

(Binary) knapsack problem

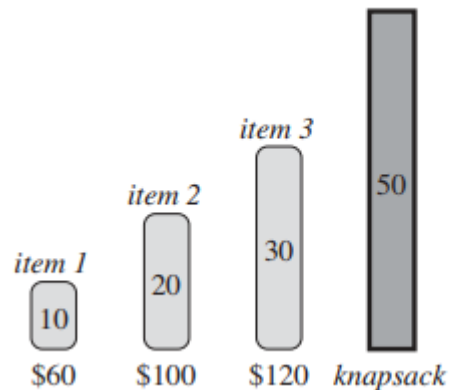
The **binary** (or **0-1**) **knapsack problem** is given as follows. A thief is robbing a store and finds n items in the store. The i -th item has a weight w_i and value v_i . The thief wants to steal the most valuable possible load, but he's limited with the maximal weight W his knapsack can carry. What is the **maximal value** the thief can steal (and which set of items are to be stolen)?

- Binary knapsack problem: each item is **either taken or not**
 - Cannot take a part/fraction of an item
- There exists also the **fractional knapsack problem** – thief can take any **fraction** (real number between **0** and **1**) of an item
 - Easier problem, can be solved **greedily**

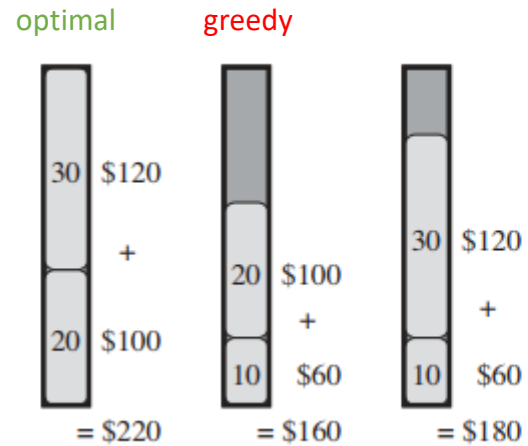
Knapsack problem – greedy approach?

- **Greedy strategy:** choice that (locally) most increases the value
- Binary vs. Fractional knapsack problem
 - **Binary:** greedy (per „kg” of weight) **doesn't work** (not an optimal solution)
 - **Fractional:** greedy works (per „kg” of weight)

Item 1: 6\$/kg
Item 2: 5\$/kg
Item 3: 4\$/kg

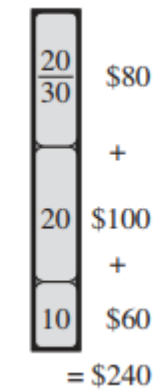


Knapsack problem



Solutions to binary problem

greedy = optimal



Greedy solution to fractional problem

Knapsack problem: DP solution

- Developing a DP algorithm involves the following steps:

1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution

- Quite analogous to structure of the solution for the rod-cutting problem
- We start with an empty knapsack and n items we could put in it
- n choices for the first item
- Place an i -th item $(v_i, w_i) \rightarrow$ the remaining knapsack capacity is $W - w_i$
- Let $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$ be the set of all items
- Assume an optimal solution consists of K items i_1, i_2, \dots, i_K
 - The value of the optimal load: $v = v_{i_1} + v_{i_2} + \dots + v_{i_K}$
 - The weight of the optimal load: $w = w_{i_1} + w_{i_2} + \dots + w_{i_K} \leq W$

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- If we remove any item i_k , the remaining $k-1$ items represent an optimal solution for the **subproblem**:
 - **items:** $I / \{i_k\}$, **knapsack capacity:** $W - w_{i_k}$

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2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution

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- items: $I / \{i_k\}$, knapsack capacity: $W - w_{i_k}$

- How many items can we remove from the solution?

- Since we don't know how many items an optimal solution has, we need to consider every item in I

$$val(I, W) = \max_{i_k \in I} val(I / \{i_k\}, W - w_k) + v_k$$

- If we assume that i_k is part of the **optimal solution**, then the rest of the knapsack must be filled with the items that are an **optimal solution for the remaining capacity** $W - w_k$

Knapsack problem: DP solution

- Recursive implementation (no memorization)

```
knapsack(W, I, v, w)
    val = 0
    if len(I) == 0 or W == 0 # no items or knapsack capacity left
        return 0

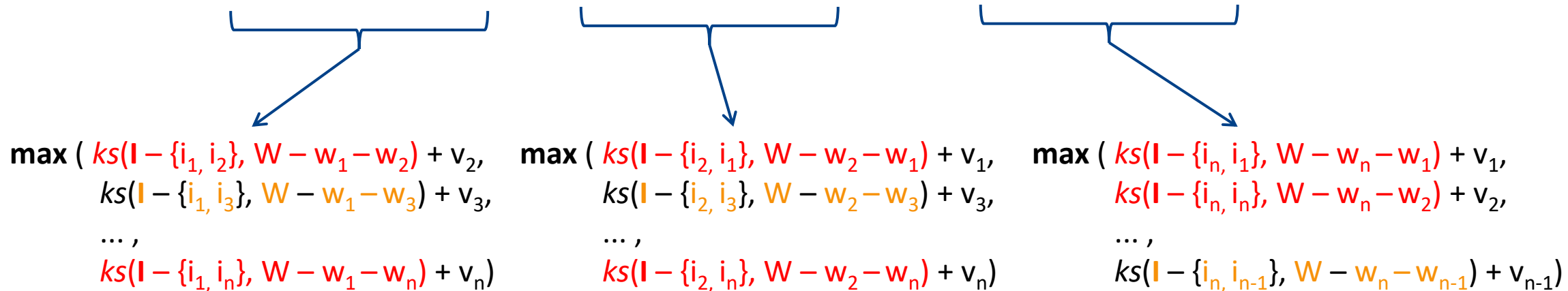
    for i in I
        if w[i] ≤ W
            q = knapsack(W - w[i], I / {i}, v, w) + v[i]
            if q > val
                val = q

    return val
```

Knapsack problem: DP solution

- **Q:** Where are the repeating **subproblems**?
- Set of all items: $I = \{i_1, \dots, i_n\}$

$$ks(I, W) = \max (ks(I - \{i_1\}, W - w_1) + v_1, ks(I - \{i_2\}, W - w_2) + v_2, \dots, ks(I - \{i_n\}, W - w_n) + v_n)$$



- Without memorization of subsolution problems
 - Exponential runtime complexity, $O(2^n)$

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Knapsack problem: iterative DP solution

- We could add memorization to the recursive computation
- **DP: iterative solution** more common (with memorization)
- We will iterate over **increasing subsets of items**
 - In each iteration, we will consider only up to first k items, for different capacities of the knapsack
 - $val[k, W']$: **maximal value** if considering only first k items, for capacity W'
- By the time we compute $val[k, W']$ we compare
 - $val[k-1, W']$ and # this means not including the k -th item
 - $val[k-1, W' - w_k] + v_k$ # this means adding k -th item
 - 0 if $W' - w_k < 0$

Knapsack problem: iterative DP solution

| Items (w, v) | W' = 0 | W' = 1 | W' = 2 | W' = 3 | W' = 4 | W' = 5 | W' = 6 | W' = 7 | W' = 8 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| i_0 = no item | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| i_1 (3, 2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| i_2 (4, 3) | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| i_3 (6, 1) | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| i_4 (5, 4) | 0 | | | | | | | | |

- $val[i = 1, W' = x] = \max(val[i = 0, W' = x], val[i = 0, W' - w_1] + v_k \text{ if } W' - w_1 \geq 0 \text{ else } 0)$

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| i_3 (6, 1) | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| i_4 (5, 4) | 0 | | | | | | | | |

- $val[i = 2, W' = x] = \max(val[i = 1, W' = x], val[i = 1, W' - w_2] + v_2 \text{ if } W' - w_2 \geq 0 \text{ else } 0)$

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| i_3 (6, 1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
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- $val[i = 3, W' = x] = \max(val[i = 2, W' = x], val[i = 2, W' - w_3] + v_3 \text{ if } W' - w_3 \geq 0 \text{ else } 0)$

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| $i_3 (6, 1)$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| $i_4 (5, 4)$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

- $val[i = 4, W' = x] = \max(val[i = 3, W' = x], val[i = 3, W' - w_4] + v_4 \text{ if } W' - w_4 \geq 0 \text{ else } 0)$

Knapsack problem: DP solution

- Iterative solution

```
knapsack_iter(I, W, w, v)
    val = array[|I|+1][W+1] # 2-D array, assume 0-indexing for both dimensions
    # initialization
    for i in 0 to len(I)
        val[i][0] = 0
    for w' in 0 to W
        val[0][w'] = 0

    for i in 1 to len(I)
        for w' in 1 to W
            v' = 0
            if w' - w[i] ≥ 0
                v' = val[i-1, w' - w[i]] + v[i]
            val[i, w'] = max(val[i-1, w'], v')

    return val[|I|][W]
```

Q: Runtime?

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- $val[i = 4, W' = x] = \max(val[i = 3, W' = x], val[i = 3, W' - w_4] + v_4 \text{ if } W' - w_4 \geq 0 \text{ else } 0)$

- Q: Which items were taken, and which not?**

- When the „backward” path crosses columns, item was **added**, when it stays in the same column, it was **omitted**

Knapsack problem: DP solution

- Save the „path” – for each cell remember where the max came from

```
knapsack_iter(I, W, w, v)
    val = array[|I|+1][W+1]
    pred = array[|I|+1][W+1]
    for i in 0 to len(I)
        val[i][0] = 0
        pred[i][0] = null
    for w' in 0 to W
        val[0][w'] = 0
        pred[0][w'] = null

    for i in 1 to len(I)
        for w' in 1 to W
            v' = 0
            if w' - w[i] ≥ 0
                v' = val[i-1, w' - w[i]] + v[i]
```

```
            if val[i-1, w'] ≥ v'
                val[i, w'] = val[i-1, w']
                pred[i, w'] = (i-1, w')
            else
                val[i, w'] = v'
                pred[i, w'] = (i-1, w' - w[i])
```

```
return val, pred
```

```
get_items(I, W, w, v)
    val, pred = knapsack_iter(I, W, w, v)
    print(val[|I||W]) # optimal value
```

```
    i = |I|
    w = W
    while i > 0
        j, w' = pred[i][w]
        if w' != w
            print(i)
        i = j
        w = w'
```

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The **minimal edit distance problem** asks to determine the minimal number of **atomic/unit operations** that **convert one string to another**. The minimal edit distance is used in many applications (e.g., information retrieval, bioinformatics) as a measure of proximity between sequences of symbols (commonly characters). Most often, the three atomic operations being counted are: (character) **insertion**, **deletion**, and **replacement**

- Often also called just **Edit distance** or **Levenshtein distance**
- **Q:** How many **unit operations** do we need to convert
 - „ailgorthm” into „algorithm”?
 - „intrlignece” into „intelligence”?

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Minimal Edit Distance: Problem Structure

- We have two sequence of characters
 - $\mathbf{x} = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$
 - $\mathbf{y} = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$
- **Edit distance** between whole strings: $dist(m, n)$
 - $dist(i, j)$ indicates the distances between substrings $\mathbf{x}_i = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i$ and $\mathbf{y}_j = y_1, y_2, \dots, y_j$
- **Q:** Express the edit distance between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} (m and n) in terms of the **edit distances** between their **substrings**?

Minimal Edit Distance: Problem Structure

- **Q:** Express the edit distance between \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} (m and n) in terms of the **edit distances** between their **substrings**?
- Edit distance of converting \mathbf{x} to \mathbf{y} is the **smallest** of the following:
 1. edit distance between \mathbf{x}_{m-1} and $\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{1}$ (**deletion** of x_m)
 2. edit distance between \mathbf{x} and $\mathbf{y}_{n-1} + \mathbf{1}$ (**insertion** of y_n)
 3. edit distance between \mathbf{x}_{m-1} and $\mathbf{y}_{n-1} + \{1 \text{ if } x_m \neq y_n \text{ else } 0\}$ (**replacement**)
- The same holds for any i and j , not just whole strings (m and n)

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Edit distance: recursive definition of optimal value

$$\text{dist}(i, j) = \begin{cases} \max(i, j) & \text{if } \min(i, j) = 0 \quad \# \text{ if one of the strings is empty} \\ \min \begin{cases} \text{dist}(i-1, j) + 1 & \# \text{ deletion of } x_i \\ \text{dist}(i, j-1) + 1 & \# \text{ insertion of } y_j \\ \text{dist}(i-1, j-1) + 1\{x_i \neq y_j\} & \# \text{ replacement of } x_i \text{ with } y_j \\ & \text{if not the same} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

- **Q:** Write the recursive algorithm for solving the edit distance
- **Q:** Where are the repetitive subproblems?

Edit Distance: Recursively (no memorization)

- For the example, we will follow only one thread of recursion (first subproblem)
- „sany” vs. „sam”
 - $\min(\text{dist}(\text{„san”}, \text{„sam”}) + 1, \text{dist}(\text{„sany”}, \text{„sa”}) + 1, \text{dist}(\text{„san”}, \text{„sa”}) + 1)$
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- „” vs. „sam”
 - return 3

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Edit Distance: Iterative solution

- Create a matrix of size $m+1$, $n+1$ (+1 for empty string)
- Initialize $[0, j]$ with j and $[i, 0]$ with i
- Fill the table **cell by cell** (same as in knapsack)
 - $[i, j] = \min([i-1, j] + 1,$
 $[i, j-1] + 1,$
 $[i-1, j-1] + 1 \text{ if } x_i \neq y_j, 0 \text{ otherwise})$
- **Q:** Write the iterative algorithm for solving the Edit Distance

Example – Levenshtein non-recursively

| | – | s | a | m |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| – | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| s | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| a | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| n | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| y | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |

Dynamic programming

- Developing a DP algorithm involves the following steps:

1. **Characterize the structure** of an **optimal solution**
2. **Recursively define** the **value of an optimal solution**
3. **Compute the value** of an **optimal solution**
 - **Bottom-up** manner (**without recursion**)

4. **Construct an optimal solution**
 - **Not enough** just to know what the optimal (max or min) value is
 - Need to know which „sequence of steps” leads to that optimal solution
 - For example, in **rod-cutting** – where exactly to cut (sub-rods of which lengths to sell)

Edit distance: solution reconstruction

- For edit distance, we normally just want the minimal value
- But if we wanted, we could **reconstruct the actual edit operations**
 - **Q:** How?
 - **A:** Analogous to how we did it for knapsack – for each cell, remember from which of the **three possibilities** the **min value came**
- **Q:** write the iterative algorithm for solving edit distance that allows for the **reconstruction of the optimal solution**
- **Q:** write the **function that reconstructs** and prints the optimal solution (i.,e., the sequence of edit operations)

