

CS4102 Algorithms

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Module 8

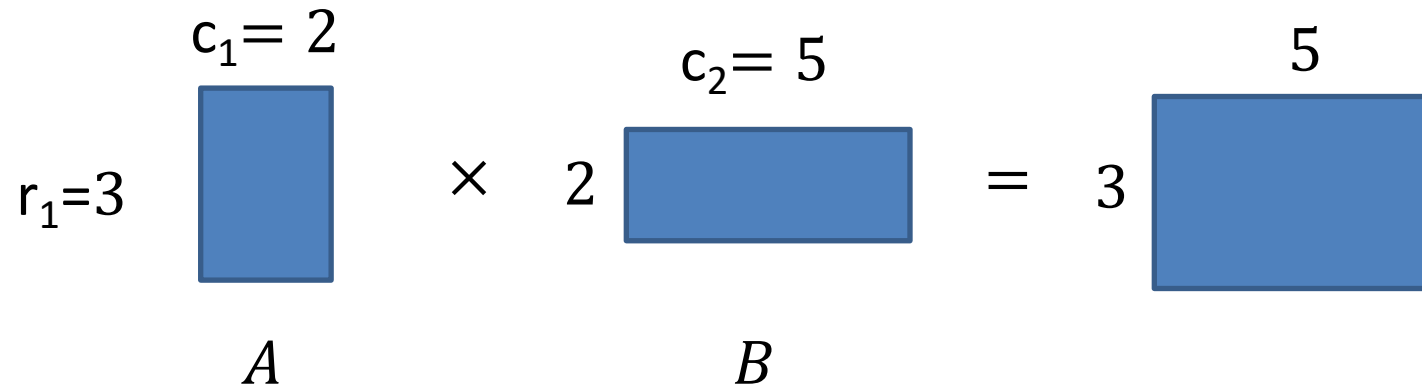
Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming and Greedy Approach

- TOPICS:
 - Intro to Dynamic Programming
 - Memoization
 - Three DP Problems:
 - Log Cutting
 - 0/1 Knapsack
 - Coin Change
 - Weighted Activity Selection

Motivating Example

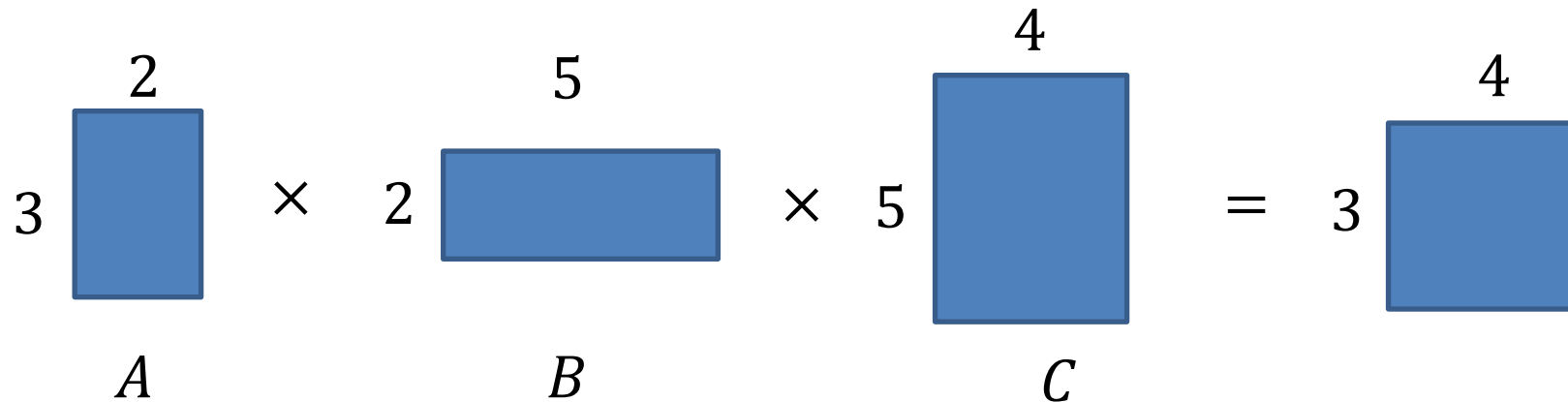
How many scalar multiplications are required to multiply matrices A and B in this example?



- $r_1 \cdot c_2$ elements in the result that we need to compute
- c_1 scalar multiplications per element in result
- Total cost: $r_1 \cdot c_1 \cdot c_2$
- So the answer is... $(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5) = 30$

Trickier Question

What's the smallest number of scalar multiplications required to calculate the matrix product ABC in this example?



- For a pair of matrices, remember it's $r_1 \cdot c_1 \cdot c_2$
- Calculate this cost for multiplying one pair of matrices
- You need to multiply that result with the 3rd matrix, too, so there's a cost for that
- Total cost is the sum of these two costs
- So the answer is... $(3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5) + (3 \cdot 5 \cdot 4) = 90$

Nope! The answer is 64.
Think about how this might be!

CLRS Readings

- Chapter 15, Dynamic Programming
 - Section 15.1, Log/Rod cutting, optimal substructure property
 - Note: r_i in book is called Cut() or C[] in our slides. We do use their example.
 - Section 15.3, More on elements of DP, including optimal substructure property

Dynamic Programming and Greedy Approach

- Module 8 is on Dynamic Programming
 - Similar to ***Greedy Algorithms***
 - Solves problems that have ***optimal substructure***, but do NOT have a known greedy choice for optimal solutions
 - Instead, ***try every option*** for the first “greedy” choice and see which one leads to optimal solution.
 - Will need some ***optimizations*** to make this efficient.

Optimization Problems

- Both DP and Greedy solve **optimization problems**:
Find the best solution among all **feasible** solutions
- An example you know: *Find the shortest path in a weighted graph G from s to v*
 - Form of the solution: a path (and sum of its edge-weights)
- Feasible solutions must meet problem constraints
 - Example: All edges in solution are in graph G and form a simple path from s to v
- We can get a score for each feasible solution on some criteria:
We call this the **objective function**
 - Example: the sum of the edge weights in path
- One (or more) feasible solutions that scores highest (by the objective function) is the **optimal solution(s)**

Memoization

Remember Fibonacci numbers?

- Formula: $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$
- Recursive code:

```
long fib(int n) {  
    assert(n >= 0);  
    if ( n == 0 ) return 0;  
    if ( n == 1 ) return 1;  
    return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);  
}
```
- What's the problem?
 - Repeatedly solves the same subproblems
 - “Obscenely” exponential

Top-down using Memoization

- Before talking about bottom-up dynamic programming using tables, top-down approach uses general technique of **Memoization**
 - AKA using a *memory function*
- Simple idea:
 - Calculate and store solutions to subproblems
 - Before solving it (again), look to see if you've remembered it

Memoization

- Use a Table abstract data type
 - Lookup key: whatever identifies a subproblem
 - Value stored: the solution
- Could be an array/vector or 2D table(s)
 - E.g. for Fibonacci, store **fib(n)** using index **n**
 - Need to initialize the array
- Could use a map / hash-table

Memoization and Fibonacci

- Before recursive code below called, must initialize results[] so all values are -1

```
long fib_mem(int n, long results[]) {
    if ( results[n] != -1 )
        return results[n]; // return stored value
    long val;
    if ( n == 0 || n == 1 ) val = n; // odd but right
    else
        val = fib_mem(n-1, results)
            + fib_mem(n-2, results);
    results[n] = val; // store calculated value
    return val;
}
```

Observations on fib_mem()

- Same elegant top-down, recursive approach based on definition
 - Without repeated subproblems
- Memory function: a function that remembers
 - Save time by using extra space
- Can show this runs in $\Theta(n)$

Dynamic Programming and Log Cutting

Dynamic programming

- Old “bad” name (see Wikipedia or textbook)
- Useful when the solution can be recursively described in terms of solutions to sub-problems (*optimal substructure*)
 - But *greedy choice property* doesn't hold for the problem
- Algorithm finds solutions to sub-problems and stores them in memory for later use
- More efficient than *brute-force methods* or recursive approaches that solve the same sub-problems over and over again

Optimal Substructure Property

- Definition
 - If S is an optimal solution to a problem, then the components of S are optimal solutions to sub-problems
- Examples:
 - True for coin-changing
 - True for single-source shortest path
 - Not true for longest-simple-path
 - True for knapsack

Dynamic Programming

- Works “bottom-up”
 - Finds solutions to small sub-problems first
 - Stores them
 - Combines them somehow to find a solution to a slightly larger sub-problem
- Comparison to greedy approach
 - Also requires optimal substructure
 - But greedy makes choice first, then solves
 - Greedy looks only at the current situation, not at a past ‘history’
- DP is good when sub-problems overlap, when they’re not independent
 - No need to repeat the calculation to solve them
 - Dynamic programming has stored them, so doesn’t repeat the calculation

Process for Dynamic Programming

1. Recognize what the sub-problems are
2. Identify the recursive structure of the problem in terms of its sub-problems
 - At the top level, what is the “last thing” done?
 - This helps you see a recursive solution for any generic sub-problem in terms of smaller sub-problems
3. Formulate a data structure (array, table) that can look-up solution to any sub-problem in constant time
4. Develop an algorithm that loops through data structure solving each sub-problem one at a time
 - Bottom-up: from smallest sub-problems, to next largest, ..., to complete problem

Problems Solved with Dyn. Prog.

- Log cutting (first example, uses list data structure)
- 0/1 knapsack problem
- Coin changing with “non-standard” coin selection
- Longest common subsequence
- Multiplying a sequence of matrices
 - Can do in various orders: $(AB)C$ vs. $A(BC)$
 - Pick order that does fewest number of scalar multiplications

And ones we might not get to:

- All-pairs shortest paths (Floyd’s algorithm)
- Constructing optimal binary search trees

Log Cutting

Given a log of length n , and
a list (of length n) of prices P ($P[i]$ is the price of a cut of size i)
Find the best way to cut the log to maximize our profit.

(Imagine we can sell each piece of the log at price $P[i]$)

Price:	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20	24	30
Length:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10



Select a list of lengths ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_k such that:

$$\sum \ell_i = n$$

to maximize $\sum P[\ell_i]$

Brute Force: $O(2^n)$

Dynamic Programming

- Requires **Optimal Substructure**
 - Solution to larger problem contains the solutions to smaller ones
- Idea:
 1. Identify the recursive structure of the problem
 - What is the “last thing” done?
 2. Formulate a data structure (array, table) that can look-up solution to any sub-problem in constant time
 3. Select a good order for solving subproblems
 - “Top Down”: Solve each recursively. (Using memorization – we’ll do later!)
 - “Bottom Up”: Iteratively solve smallest to largest

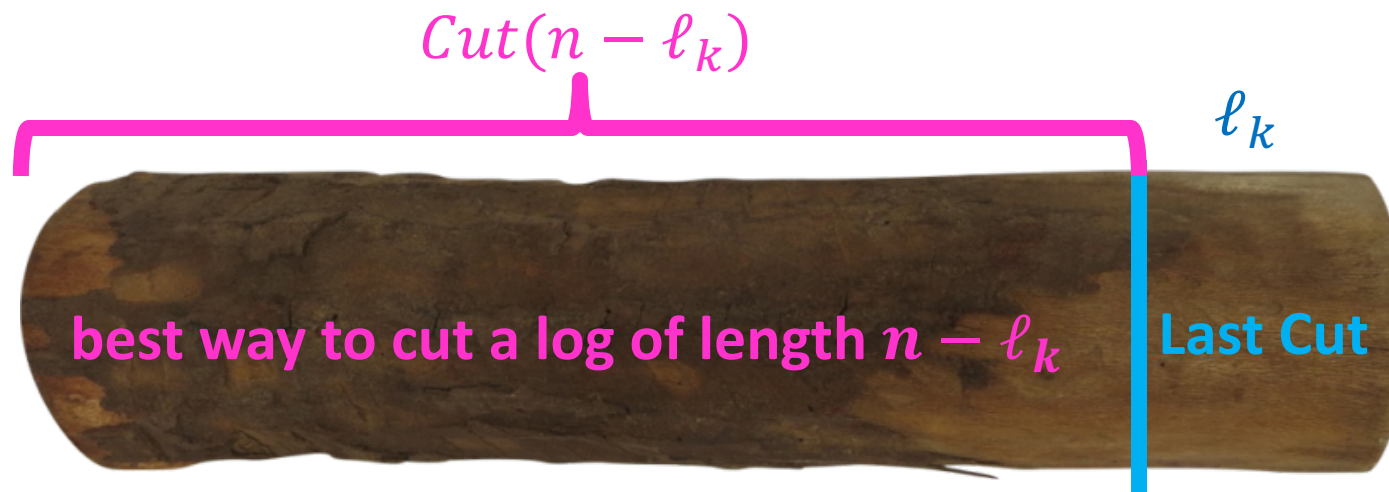
1. Identify Recursive Structure

$P[i]$ = value of a cut of length i

$Cut(n)$ = value of best way to cut a log of length n

$$Cut(n) = \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} Cut(n-1) + P[1] \\ Cut(n-2) + P[2] \\ \dots \\ Cut(0) + P[n] \end{array} \right.$$

So for a given value of n , to find $Cut(n)$, we need sub-problem solutions for $Cut(n-1)$ down to $Cut(0)$.



What's the problem with a top-down recursive approach?

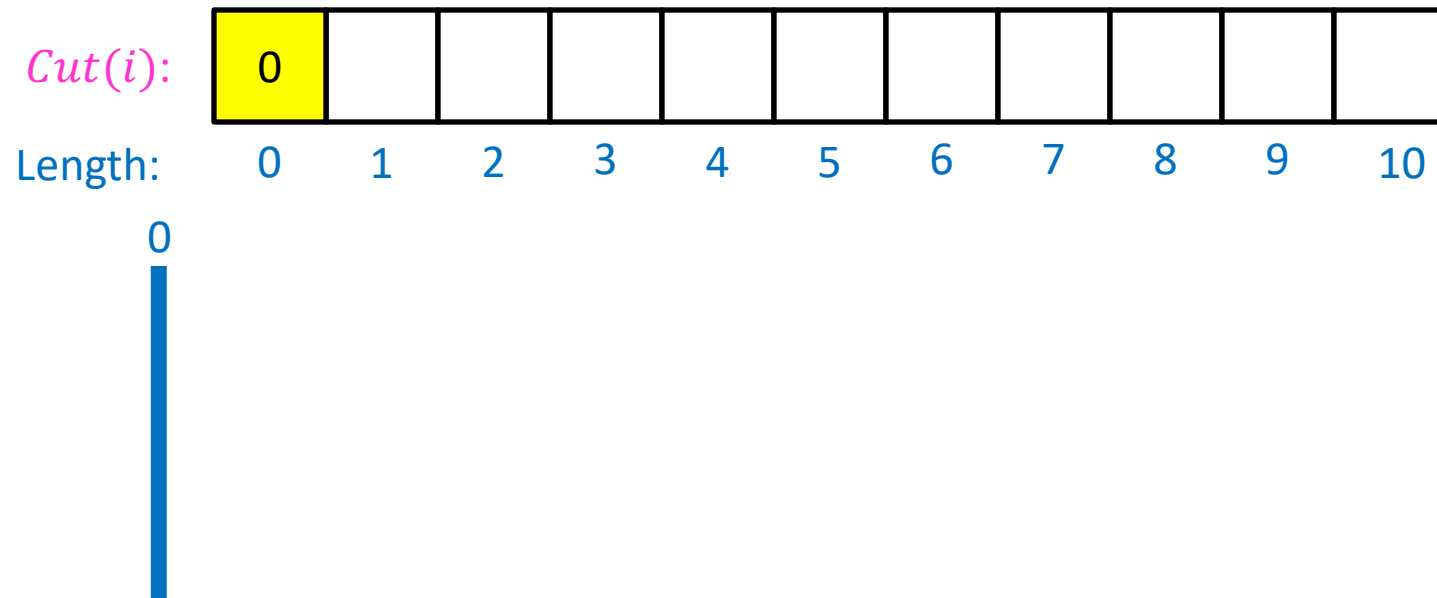
Dynamic Programming

- Requires **Optimal Substructure**
 - Solution to larger problem contains the solutions to smaller ones
- Idea:
 1. Identify the recursive structure of the problem
 - What is the “last thing” done?
 2. Save the solution to each subproblem in memory
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3. Select a Good Order for Solving Subproblems

Solve smallest sub-problem first

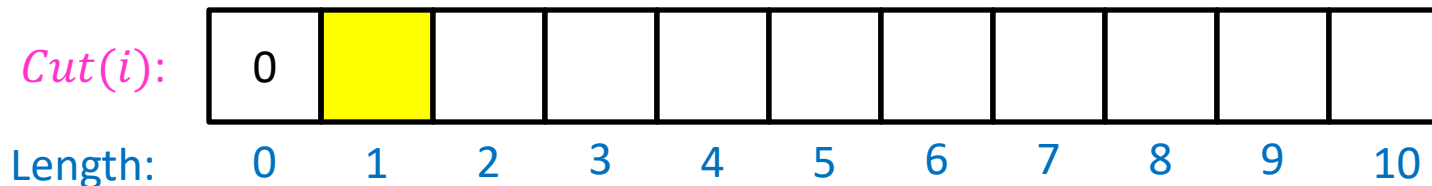
$$\text{Cut}(0) = 0$$



3. Select a Good Order for Solving Subproblems

Solve smallest sub-problem first

$$Cut(1) = Cut(0) + P[1]$$



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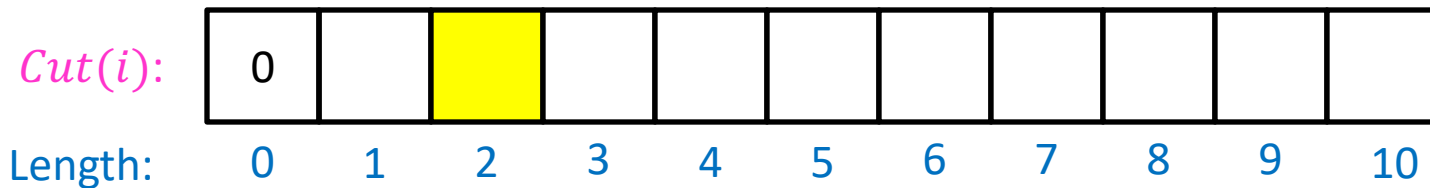
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Length: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. Select a Good Order for Solving Subproblems

Solve smallest sub-problem first

$$Cut(2) = \max \begin{cases} Cut(1) + P[1] \\ Cut(0) + P[2] \end{cases}$$



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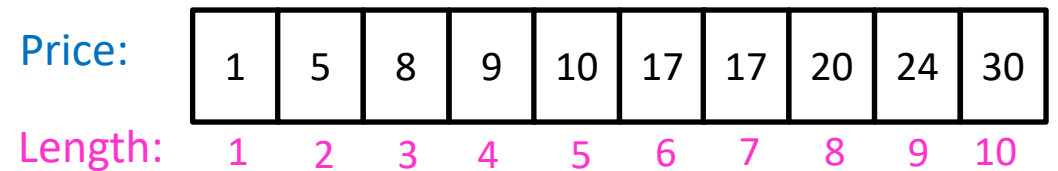
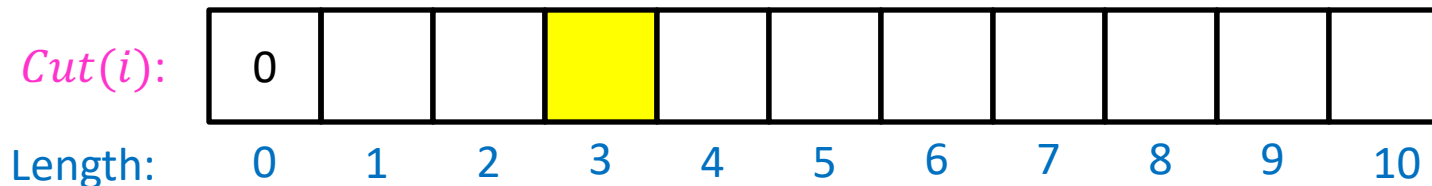
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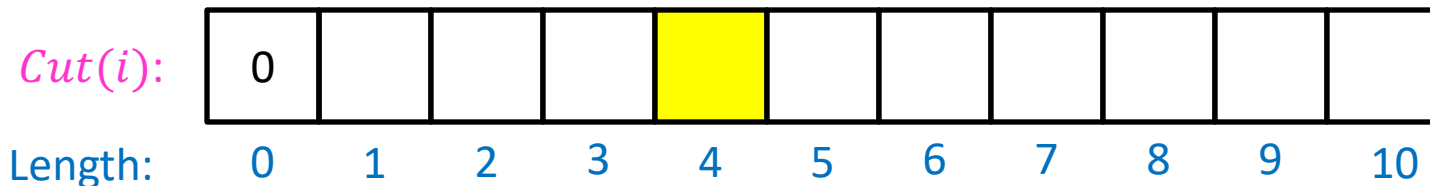
$$Cut(3) = \max \begin{cases} Cut(2) + P[1] \\ Cut(1) + P[2] \\ Cut(0) + P[3] \end{cases}$$



3. Select a Good Order for Solving Subproblems

Solve smallest sub-problem first

$$Cut(4) = \max \begin{cases} Cut(3) + P[1] \\ Cut(2) + P[2] \\ Cut(1) + P[3] \\ Cut(0) + P[4] \end{cases}$$



Price:

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Log Cutting Pseudocode

Initialize Memory C

Cut(n):

 C[0] = 0

 for i=1 to n: // log size

 best = 0

 for j = 1 to i: // last cut

 best = max(best, C[i-j] + P[j])

 C[i] = best

 return C[n]

Run Time: $O(n^2)$

How to find the cuts?

- This procedure told us the profit, but not the cuts themselves
- Idea: **remember** the choice that you made, then **backtrack**

Remember the choice made

Initialize Memory C, Choices

Cut(n):

$C[0] = 0$

for $i=1$ to n :

$best = 0$

 for $j = 1$ to i :

 if $best < C[i-j] + P[j]$:

$best = C[i-j] + P[j]$

 Choices[i]=j

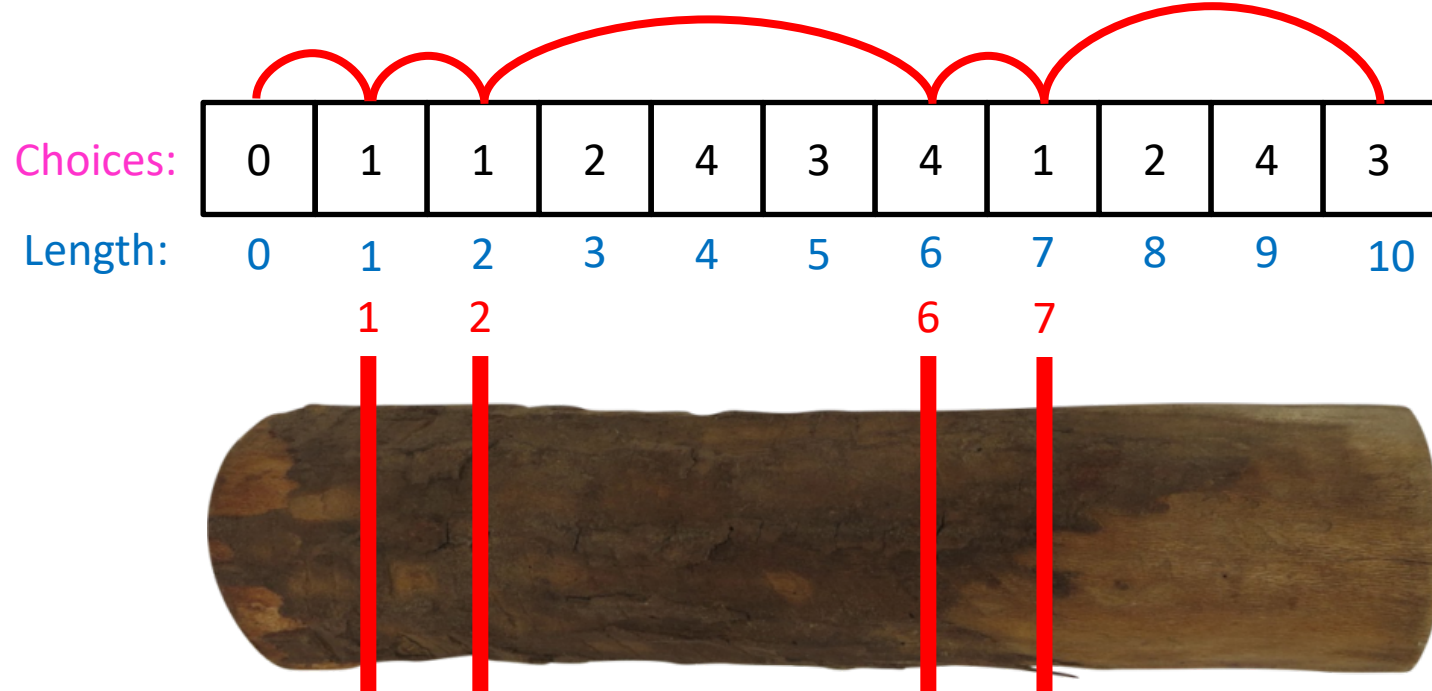
Gives the size
of the last cut

$C[i] = best$

return C[n]

Reconstruct the Cuts

- Backtrack through the choices



Example to demo Choices[] only. Profit of 20 is not optimal!

Backtracking Pseudocode

```
i = n
```

```
while i > 0:
```

```
    print Choices[i]
```

```
    i = i - Choices[i]
```

Our Example: Getting Optimal Solution

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C[i]	0	1	5	8	10	13	17	18	22	25	30
Choices[i]	0	1	2	3	2	2	6	1	2	3	10

- If n were 5
 - Best score is 13
 - Cut at Choices[n]=2, then cut at Choices[n-Choices[n]]= Choices[5-2]= Choices[3]=3
- If n were 7
 - Best score is 18
 - Cut at 1, then cut at 6

Weighted Activity Selection

Weighted Interval Scheduling

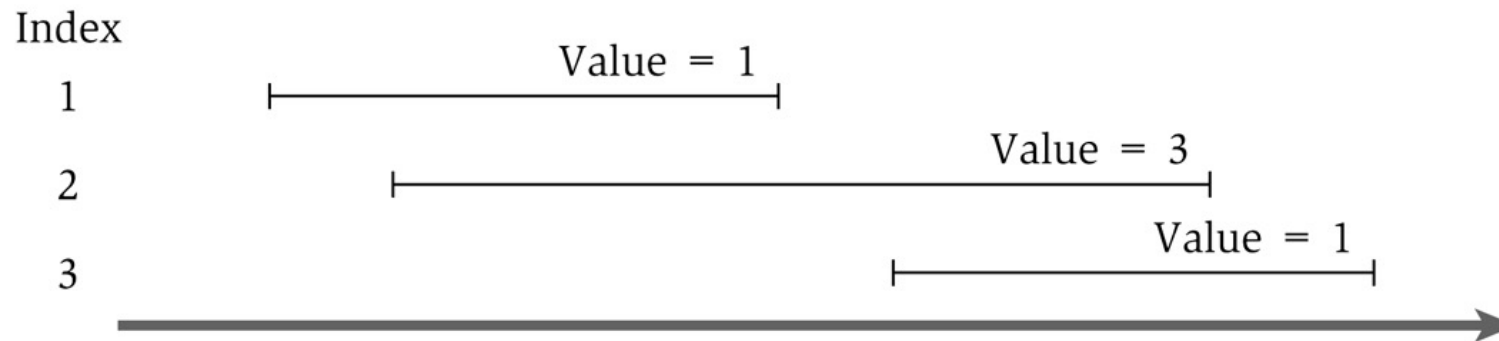
- Recall Interval Scheduling:
 - Given a list of intervals pick a *schedule* of non-overlapping intervals that maximizes the number chosen
 - i.e. each one has the same value
- Weighted interval scheduling is similar, but...
 - Each interval has a different value

Greedy solution to interval scheduling

- The algorithm:
 - Sort the activities by finish time
 - Schedule the first activity
 - Then schedule the next activity in sorted list which starts after previous activity finishes
 - Repeat until no more activities
- Intuition is even more simple:
 - Always pick next activity that finishes earliest

Greedy solution to the weighted version

- What would the greedy algorithm pick for this example?
- And is that answer optimal?



- We can see that the greedy algorithm does not work for the weighted version

Step 1

- Define the sub-problem
- This problem has optimal substructure, so let's only consider intervals up to a certain point.
- Let $\text{Opt}(j)$ be the solution to this problem when only considering intervals 1 through j
 - How should we order the intervals? Does it matter? We will see soon that it does.
- Note that $\text{Opt}(0) = 0$

Step 2

- Define solution to problem in terms of sub-problems
- Base Case:
 - $\text{Opt}(0) = 0$
- $\text{Opt}(j) = ?$

Step 2

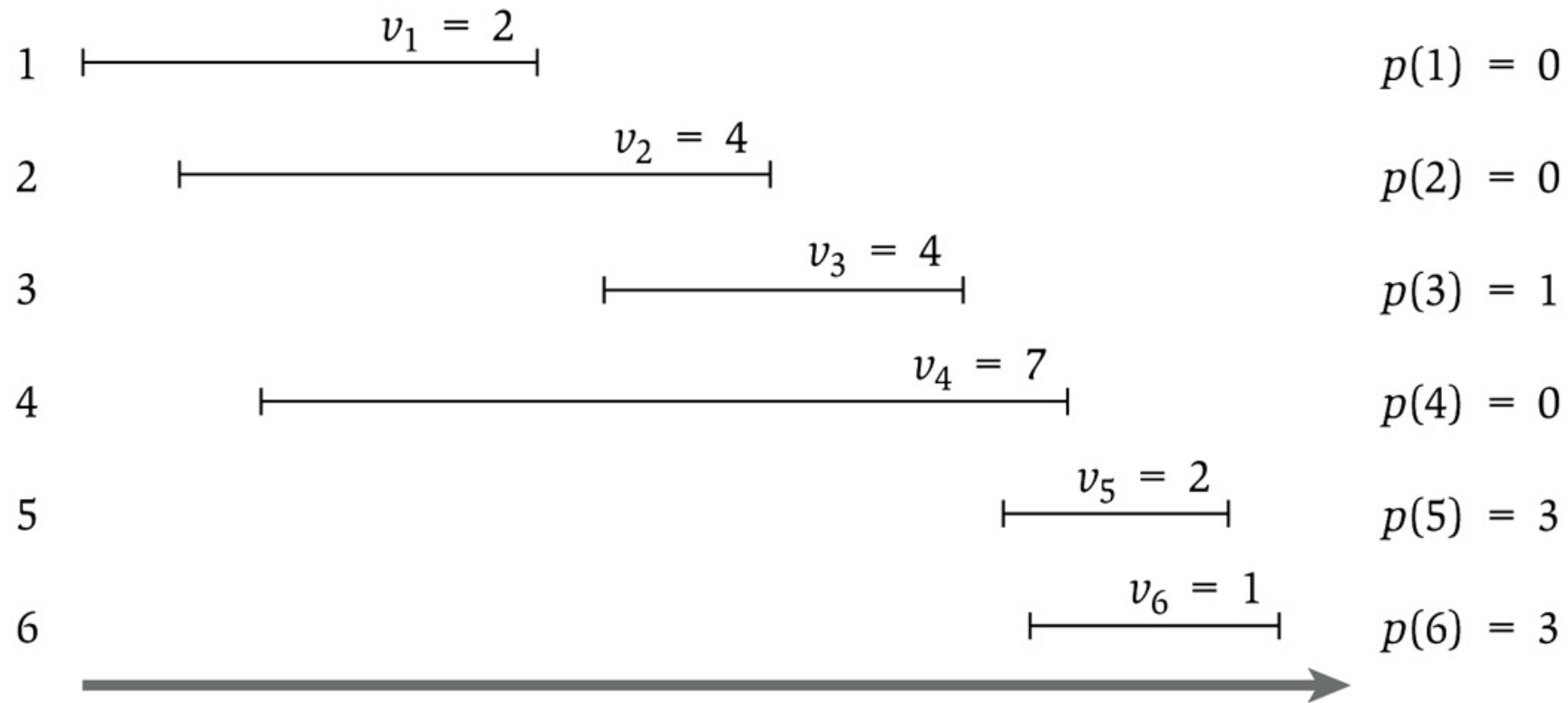
- $\text{Opt}(j) = ?$
- Two cases:
 - Interval j is not in the optimal solution
 - $\text{Opt}(j) = \text{Opt}(j-1)$ //same solution, because j interval doesn't matter
 - Interval j is in the optimal solution
 - $\text{Opt}(j) = V_j + \text{Opt}(\text{intervals compatible with } j)$
 - Intervals compatible with j ? Yikes? How do we calculate that?

Calculating $\text{Opt}(j)$

- Sort all intervals by their finish time
 - And number them sequentially
- We define interval i is less than interval j if i finishes before j (i.e. is before it in the sort)
- Define $p(j)$ to be the highest numbered interval $i < j$ such that i and j are disjoint
- Define $\text{OPT}(j)$ to be the value of an optimal solution for intervals 1 through j only

Showing $p(j)$

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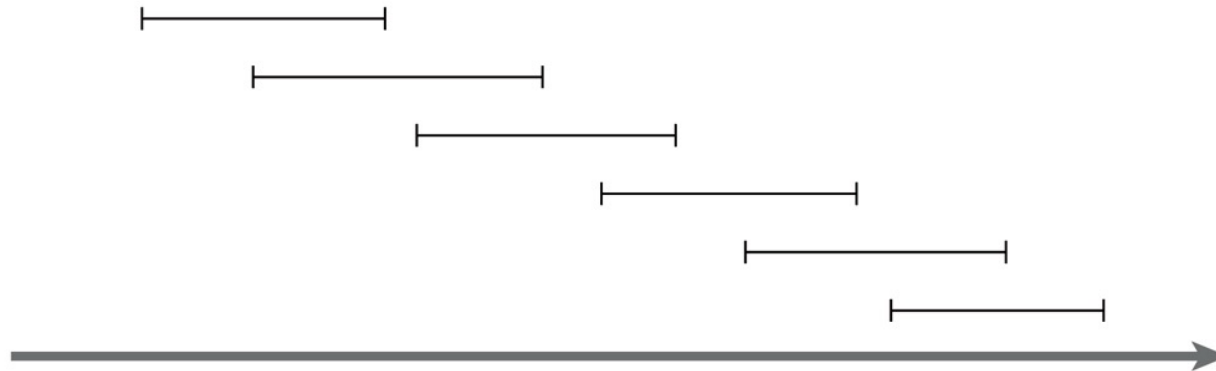


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 - $\text{Opt}(j) = V_j + \text{Opt}(p(j))$
 - So...we have
 - $\text{Opt}(j) = \text{Max}(\text{Opt}(j-1), V_j + \text{Opt}(p(j)))$

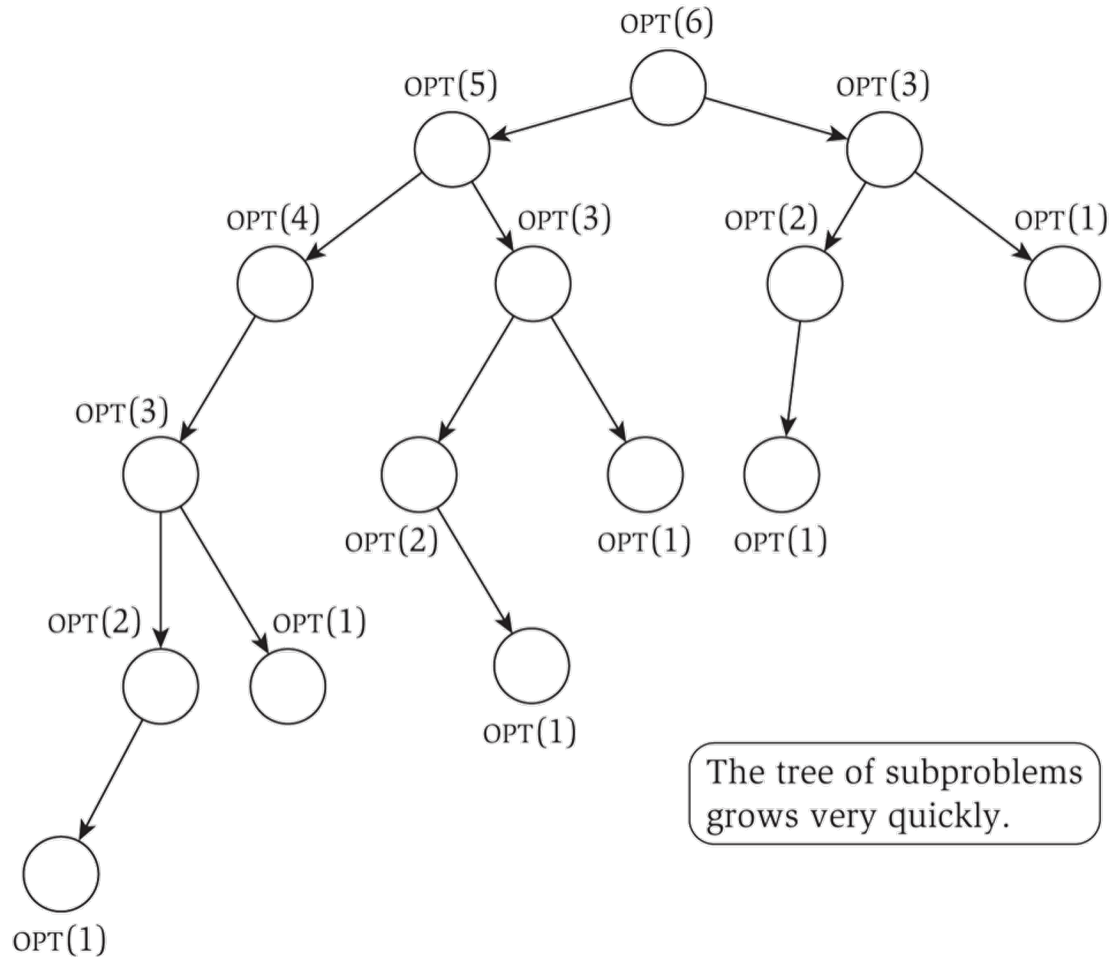
Recursive solution

- $OPT(j) = \max(v_j + OPT(p(j)), OPT(j-1))$
 - And $OPT(0) = 0$
- This is similar in running time to the Fibonacci sequence
 - And similarly exponential
- Consider a simple example:



That example will take exponential time

- Notice that the sub-problems are being re-computed each time

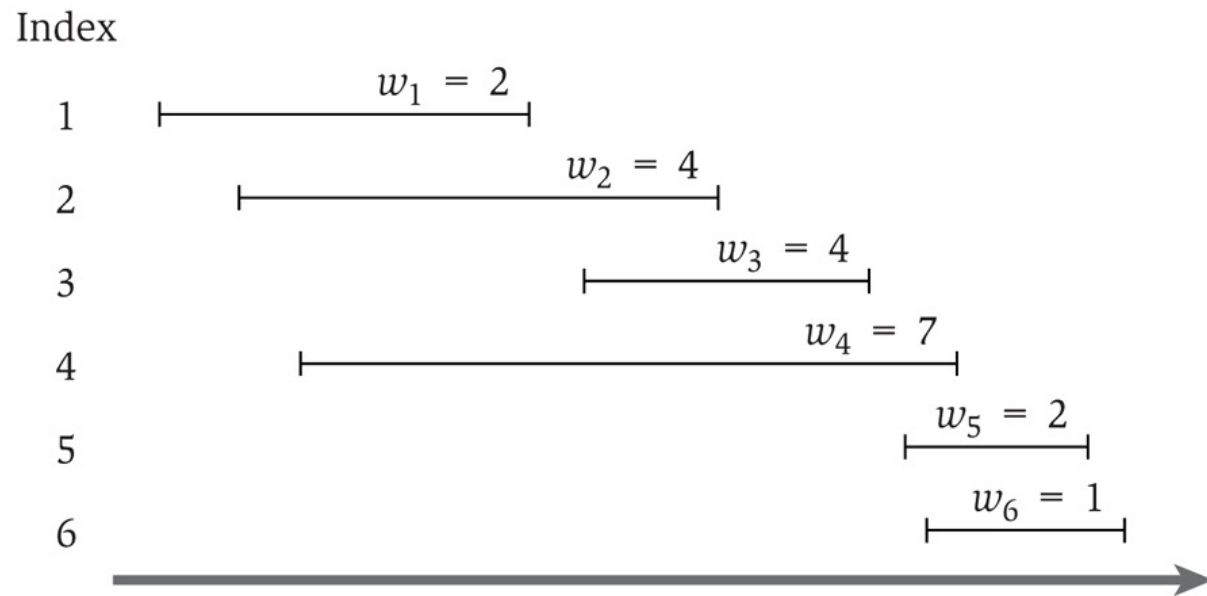


Step 3!

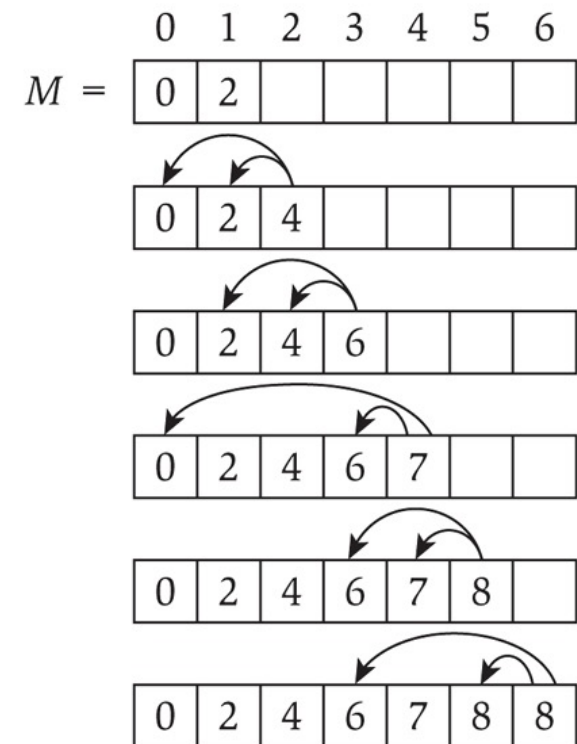
- Formulate the data structure to look up subproblems.
- Pretty simple, define $M[n]$
- $M[j]$ stores the solution to $Opt(j)$

So we add memoization...

- This runs in linear time



$p(1) = 0$
 $p(2) = 0$
 $p(3) = 1$
 $p(4) = 0$
 $p(5) = 3$
 $p(6) = 3$



Computing the intervals

- The solution only gives us the final value
 - Computing a sub-array each step would make it quadratic running time
- To determine the intervals:
 - If $v_j + M[p(j)] \geq M[j-1]$
 - Then j is part of the solution, and consider $p(j)$
 - Else
 - Then j is NOT part of the solution, and consider $j-1$

0/1 Knapsack Problem

Reminder: Knapsack Problems

- Pages 425-427 in textbook
- **Description:** Thief robbing a store finds n items, each with a profit amount p_i and a weight w_i
 - Wants to steal as valuable a load as possible
 - But can only carry total weight C in their knapsack
 - Which items should they take to maximize profit?
- Form of the solution: an x_i value for each item, showing if (or how much) of that item is taken
- Inputs are: C , n , the p_i and w_i values



Two Types of Knapsack Problem

- 0/1 knapsack problem
 - Each item is discrete: must choose all of it or none of it.
So each x_i is 0 or 1
 - Greedy approach does not produce optimal solutions
 - But dynamic programming does
- Fractional knapsack problem (AKA continuous knapsack)
 - Can pick up fractions of each item.
So each x_i is a value between 0 or 1
 - A greedy algorithm finds the optimal solution



A Bit More Terminology

- Problems solvable by both Dynamic Programming and the Greedy approach have the **optimal substructure property**:
 - An optimal solution to a problem contains within it optimal solutions to subproblems
 - This allows us to build a solution one step at a time, because we can solve increasingly smaller problems with confidence
- Dynamic Programming not a good solution for problems that have the **greedy-choice property**:
 - We can assemble a globally-optimal solution for the current by making a locally-optimal choice, without considering results from subproblems

0/1 knapsack

Let's try this same greedy solution with the 0/1 version

– New example inputs →

1. Item 1 first. So x_1 is 1.
Capacity used is 1 of 4. Profit so far is 3.
2. Item 2 next. There's room for it! So x_2 is 1. Capacity used is 3 of 4.
Profit so far is $3 + 5 = 8$.
3. Item 3 would be next, but its weight is 3 and knapsack only has 1 unit left!
So x_3 is 0. **Total profit is 8. $x_i = (1, 1, 0)$**

$n = 3, C = 4$

Item	Value	Weight	Ratio
1	3	1	3
2	5	2	2.5
3	6	3	2

But picking items 1 and 3 will fit in knapsack, with total value of 9

- Thus, the greedy solution does not produce an optimal solution to the 0/1 knapsack algorithm
- Greedy choice left unused room, but we can't take a fraction of an item
- The 0/1 knapsack problem doesn't have the *greedy choice property*

Reminders about Dynamic Programming

- Requires **Optimal Substructure**
 - Solution to larger problem contains the solutions to smaller ones
- Strategy:
 1. Identify the recursive structure of the problem
 - What is the “last thing” done?
 2. Formulate a data structure (array, table) that can look-up solution to any sub-problem in constant time
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 - “Bottom Up”: Iteratively solve smallest to largest
 - “Top Down”: Solve each recursively. (We won’t do this for 0/1 knapsack.)

Dynamic programming solution to 0/1

We need to:

- Identify a recursive definition of how a larger solution is built from optimal results for smaller sub-problems.

For 0/1 knapsack, what a sub-problem solution look like?

What can be “smaller”?

- Smaller capacity for the knapsack
- Fewer items

Some assumptions and observations

- Given a set S of the objects and a capacity C
 - We assume the optimal solution is O , a subset of S
 - For example, the items in O could be the bolded ones:
$$S = \{ \mathbf{s}_1, s_2, \mathbf{s}_3, \dots, s_{k-1}, \mathbf{s}_k, \dots, s_n \}$$
 - Note that the last item s_n may or may not be in the solution O
- Let's use subscripts on O_k and S_k when we're talking about the first k items
- BTW, we'll assume C and all w_i are integer values
 - And, most books etc. use "W" for what we're calling C

Recursive Structure

What's a recursive definition of how a solution of **size n** is built from optimal results for smaller sub-problems? $S = \{ s_1, s_2, s_3, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_n \}$

- Let's say $s_n \notin O_n$ (last item **is not** in optimal solution for S_n):
 - Last item didn't add anything to best solution for smaller subproblem
 - We need optimal solution O_{n-1} for the following smaller subproblem S_{n-1} :
 $n-1$ items using same knapsack capacity C
- Let's say $s_n \in O$ (last item **is** in optimal solution for S_n):
 - Last item contributed w_i to total weight we're carrying
 - We need optimal solution O_{n-1} for the following smaller subproblem S_{n-1} :
 $n-1$ items using reduced capacity $C-w_n$

(Note that “getting smaller” decreases number of items and also maybe capacity.)

First Step: Getting Things Started

- For sub-problems, what variables change in size?
 - Maybe C (the capacity) and definitely k (number of items to steal)
- Define what we're calculating: call it **Knap(k, w)**
 - Note: we'll use "w" for the changing capacity value in Knap(), but keep "C" as the overall total capacity for the entire problem. (Sorry if confusing!)
- Whether we do recursion of work bottom-up, we need to know the smallest cases
- Some small or boundary cases:
 - No knapsack capacity ($w=0$), can't add an item, so $\text{Knap}(k, 0) = 0$
 - Nothing to steal ($k=0$), so $\text{Knap}(0, w) = 0$

Three cases to calculate $\text{Knap}(k, w)$

- Three cases for calculating $\text{Knap}(k, w)$:
 1. There is sufficient capacity to add item s_k to the knapsack, and that creates an optimal solution for k items
 2. There is sufficient capacity to add item s_k to the knapsack, and that does **NOT** create an optimal solution for k items
 3. There is insufficient capacity to add item s_k to the knapsack
- Case 3 is easy to determine; we'll have to compute whether 1 or 2 is optimal
 - How do we know which is optimal? Compute both, pick larger value!

Case 1: Sufficient capacity and Optimal

- There is sufficient capacity to add item s_k to the knapsack, and that creates an optimal solution for k items
- Thus, our solution for the first k items is when we add item s_k to the optimal solution for the first $k-1$ items
- But by adding item s_k to the knapsack, we have reduced capacity
 - In particular, we only have $w-w_k$ for to steal the first $k-1$ items
- So the value for $\mathbf{Knap(k, w) = v_k + Knap(k-1, w-w_k)}$

Case 2: Sufficient Capacity but Non-optimal

- There is sufficient capacity to add item s_k to the knapsack, and that does **NOT** create an optimal solution for k items
- Thus, our solution for the first k items is when we do NOT add item s_k to the solution for the first $k-1$ items
 - Since we are **not** adding item s_k to the knapsack, the solution is the optimal solution to steal the first **$k-1$** items with the **same capacity**
 - So **$\text{Knap}(k, w) = \text{Knap}(k-1, w)$**

Case 3: Insufficient Capacity

- There is insufficient capacity to add item s_k to the knapsack
 - This is because $w - w_k < 0$ (i.e. $w < w_k$)
- Then **$\text{Knap}(k, w) = \text{Knap}(k-1, w)$**
 - Since we can't add item s_k to the knapsack, the solution is the same as the first $k-1$ items with the same capacity
 - Note that this formula is the same as case 2

Putting It All Together

- Recursively define solutions to sub-problems

- Base Case

$$\text{Knap}(k,0) = 0$$

$$\text{Knap}(0,w) = 0$$

- Recursive Case

$$\text{Knap}(k, w) = \max(\underbrace{\text{Knap}(k-1, w)}_{\text{No room for } s_k \text{ or not part optimal solution}}, \underbrace{\text{Knap}(k-1, w-w_k) + v_k}_{s_k \text{ is part of optimal solution}})$$

Subproblems are smaller!

No room for s_k or not part optimal solution

s_k is part of optimal solution

Reminders about Dynamic Programming

- Requires **Optimal Substructure**
 - Solution to larger problem contains the solutions to smaller ones
- Strategy:
 1. Identify the recursive structure of the problem
 - What is the “last thing” done?
 2. Formulate a data structure (array, table) that can look-up solution to any sub-problem in constant time
 3. Select a good order for solving subproblems
 - “Bottom Up”: Iteratively solve smallest to largest
 - “Top Down”: Solve each recursively. (We won’t do this for 0/1 knapsack.)

Lookup Table

- We want a data-structure that allows us to lookup a sub-problem value in $O(1)$ time
- $\text{Knap}(k, w)$ has two parameters, so two-dimensional array works great.
- Make an array called $V[k, w]$
 - Store solution to $\text{Knap}(k, w)$ at position $V[k, w]$

Determining the cases

- To determine between cases 1 and 2
 - Simply compute both values, and take the higher

if $(w - w_k < 0)$ // not room for item k

$V[k, w] = V[k-1, w]$ // best result for k-1 items

else {

$val_with_kth = v_k + V[k-1, w - w_k]$ // Case 1 above

$val_for_k-1 = V[k-1, w]$ // Case 2 above

$V[k, w] = \max(val_with_kth, val_for_k-1)$

}

Put Values in Table

- Write a loop that fills in the table one cell at a time
- The table fills in one row at a time, moving rightwards and downwards

$V[k,w]$	$w = 0$	$w = 1$	$w = 2$...	$w = C$
$k = 0$	0	0	0	0	0
$k = 1$	0				
$k = 2$	0				
...	0				
$k = n$	0				

Pseudo-code

```
Knapsack(v, w, C) {  
  for (w = 0 to C) V[0, w] = 0  
  for (k = 0 to n) V[k, 0] = 0  
  for (k = 1 to n) { // loop over all rows  
    for (w = 1 to C) { // loop over all columns  
      if (w-wk < 0) // not room for item k  
        V[k, w] = V[k-1, w] // best result for k-1 items  
      else {  
        val_with_kth = vk + V[k-1, w-wk] // Case 1 above  
        val_for_k-1 = V[k-1, w] // Case 2 above  
        V[k, w] = max( val_with_kth, val_for_k-1 )  
      }  
    }  
  }  
  return V[n,C]  
}
```

But our solution is only the value!

- Value $V[n, C]$ is the optimal value
- To find which items were chosen, we can trace backward through the table starting at $V[n, C]$
 - If $V[k, w] = V[k-1, w]$, then **s_k is not an item in the knapsack** (this was from cases 2 and 3). Look at $V[k-1, w]$ next.
 - Otherwise, **s_k is an item in the knapsack**, and we look at $V[k-1, w-w_k]$ next (this was from case 1)

Coin Change with non-traditional coin sets

Making Change

- The problem:
 - Give back the right amount of change, and...
 - Return the fewest number of coins!
- Inputs: the dollar-amount to return
 - Also, the set of possible coins. (Do we have half-dollars? That affects the answer we give.)
- Output: a set of coins
- Note this problem statement is simply a transformation
 - Given input, generate output with certain properties
 - No statement about how to do it.
- Can you describe the algorithm you use?

Greedy algorithm

- Given coin cent amounts of 10, 6, 5, and 1
- Compute the coins needed for 12 cents
 - The greedy algorithm picks {10, 1, 1}
 - But {6, 6} is more optimal (fewer coins)

Definitions

- We define an array `denom` which holds the denominations of the coins such that:
 - $\text{denom}[1] > \text{denom}[2] > \dots > \text{denom}[n] = 1$
 - In other words, we sort the coin denominations in decreasing order, ending with a penny
- We are obtaining change for an amount A
- Consider the i, j problem:
 - The available denominations are `denom[i]` through `denom[n]`, where $i \geq 1$ (i.e. the smaller $n-i+1$ coins)
 - Note: when i is large, you're working with fewer types of coins, and when $i=1$ you're working with your complete set
 - The amount we are looking for is j , where $j \leq A$ (i.e. the remaining amount of money)

The i,j problem

- Consider the i,j problem: (Remember, i is which coins, and j is the amount)
 - The available denominations are $\text{denom}[i]$ through $\text{denom}[n]$, where $i \geq 1$ (i.e. the smaller $n-i+1$ coins)
 - The amount we are looking for is j , where $j \leq A$ (i.e. the remaining amount of money)
- Given coins of denominations 10, 6, and 1, here's the table showing how to create change up to 12 cents:

Our answer!

j (the amount)

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	2
2	0	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	2
3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

Can use 1, 6 & 10
Can use 1 & 6
Can use 1

Solving the problem

- How to solve the i, j problem (Remember, i is which coins, and j is the amount)
 - If $\text{denom}[i] > j$, then not possible to include this coin
 - Then the solution is the same as the $(i+1), j$ problem (same amount, but with one fewer of the coin-options)
 - In the table, that's the cell right below the current cell.
 - Is this making the problem simpler?
 - Maybe the best answer does use a coin of denomination i
 - Then the solution is 1 more than the $i, (j - \text{denom}[i])$ problem
 - j changes to $j - \text{denom}[i]$ because we subtract off the value of the coin used
 - i doesn't change because there could be multiple coins of denomination i used in the solution
 - Maybe the best answer does NOT use a coin of denomination i
 - Then the solution is the same as the $(i+1), j$ problem
 - In the table, that's the cell right below the current cell

The formulaic solution

- The solution becomes:

$$C[i][j] = \begin{cases} C[i+1][j] & \text{if } denom[i] > j \\ \min(C[i+1][j], 1 + C[i][j - denom[i]]) & \text{if } denom[i] \leq j \end{cases}$$

- Where $C[i][0] = 0$ for all values of i
- If we have a penny, then $C[n][j] = j$
 - This is required to get all amounts, so we assume a penny is the smallest denomination

Recursive solution

- The solution:

$$C[i][j] = \begin{cases} C[i+1][j] & \text{if } denom[i] > j \\ \min(C[i+1][j], 1 + C[i][j - denom[i]]) & \text{if } denom[i] \leq j \end{cases}$$

- Note that a given problem ($C[i][j]$) is expressed in terms of sub-problems
- We can write a solution now using memorization with a top-down solution (recursive calls), or a bottom-up approach (build a table)

The bottom-up algorithm

```
dynamic_coin_change1 (denom, A, C) {  
    n = denom.last  
    for j = 0 to A  
        C[n][j] = j  
    for i = n-1 down to 1  
        for j = 0 to A  
            if ( denom[j] > j ||  
                C[i+1][j] < 1 + C[i][j-denom[i]] )  
                C[i][j] = C[i+1][j]  
            else  
                C[i][j] = 1 + C[i][j-denom[i]]  
        }  
    }
```

Time complexity?

Constant time to fill each cell in the table.
So $\Theta(n \cdot A)$ where n is the number of coins
and A is the amount

But how to get the coins chosen?

- It's easy to trace back through the values
- Or, we could keep a *used* Boolean array
 - If `used[i][j]` is true, then the solution for `i,j` does use a coin of `denom[i]` for amount `j`
 - If false, it does not

		j														
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
i	1	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	T	T	F	Can use 1, 6 & 10	
	2	F	F	F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	Can use 1 & 6	
	3	F	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	Can use 1	

Recording the answers

```
dynamic_coin_change2 (denom, A, C, used) {  
    n = denom.last  
    for j = 0 to A  
        C[n][j] = j  
        used[n][j] = true  
    for i = n-1 downto 1  
        for j = 0 to A  
            if ( denom[j] > j ||  
                C[i+1][j] < 1+C[i][j-denom[i]] )  
                C[i][j] = C[i+1][j]  
                used[i][j] = false  
            else  
                C[i][j] = 1 + C[i][j-denom[i]]  
                used[i][j] = true  
        }  
    }
```

Obtaining the coin set

```
optimal_coins_set (i, j, denom, used) {  
    if ( j == 0 )  
        return  
    if ( used[i][j] )  
        println ("Use coin of denomination " + denom[i])  
        optimal_coins_set (i, j-denom[i], denom, used)  
    else  
        optimal_coins_set (i+1, j, denom, used)  
}
```