

More Dynamic Programming

Lecture 14

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14.1

Review of dynamic programming and some new problems

What is the running time of the following?

Consider computing $f(x, y)$ by recursive function + memoization.

$$f(x, y) = \sum_{i=1}^{x+y-1} x * f(x + y - i, i - 1),$$
$$f(0, y) = y \quad f(x, 0) = x.$$

The resulting algorithm when computing $f(n, n)$ would take:

- $O(n)$
- $O(n \log n)$
- $O(n^2)$
- $O(n^3)$
- The function is ill defined - it can not be computed.

Recipe for Dynamic Programming

- ① Develop a recursive backtracking style algorithm \mathcal{A} for given problem.
- ② Identify structure of subproblems generated by \mathcal{A} on an instance I of size n
 - ① Estimate number of different subproblems generated as a function of n . Is it polynomial or exponential in n ?
 - ② If the number of problems is “small” (polynomial) then they typically have some “clean” structure.
- ③ Rewrite subproblems in a compact fashion.
- ④ Rewrite recursive algorithm in terms of notation for subproblems.
- ⑤ Convert to iterative algorithm by bottom up evaluation in an appropriate order.
- ⑥ Optimize further with data structures and/or additional ideas.

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Is in L^k ?

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A variation

Input A string $w \in \Sigma^*$ and access to a language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ via function **IsStringInL**(string x) that decides whether x is in L , and non-negative integer k

Goal Decide if $w \in L^k$ using **IsStringInL**(string x) as a black box sub-routine

Example 14.1.

Suppose L is **English** and we have a procedure to check whether a string/word is in the **English** dictionary.

- Is the string “isthisanenglishsentence” in **English**⁵?
- Is the string “isthisanenglishsentence” in **English**⁴?
- Is “asinineat” in **English**²?
- Is “asinineat” in **English**⁴?
- Is “zibzzzad” in **English**¹?

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Another variant

Question: What if we want to check if $w \in L^i$ for some $0 \leq i \leq k$? That is, is $w \in \cup_{i=0}^k L^i$?

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$LPS(A[1..n])$: length of longest palindromic subsequence of A .

Recursive expression/code?

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