COMP2421—DATA STRUCTURES & ALGORITHMS

Dynamic Programming

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Dynamic Programming

- Dynamic programming is strategy optimize certain classes of algorithms
- Dynamic programming is a technique for efficiently implementing a recursive algorithm by storing partial results
- The idea is to see whether the naive recursive algorithm computes the same subproblems over and over again. If so, storing the answer for each subproblems in a table to look up instead of recompute can lead to an efficient algorithm

Dynamic Programming

- It is based on a caching mechanism that aims to reuse heavy computations
- This caching mechanism is called **memorization**
- Dynamic programming provides good performance benefits when the problem we are trying to solve can be divided into subproblems
- The subproblems partly involve a calculation that is repeated in those subproblems

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Dynamic Programming

• The idea is to perform that calculation once (which is the time-consuming step) and then reuse it on the other subproblems

- This is achieved using memorization, which is especially useful in solving recursive problems that may evaluate the same inputs multiple times
- Dynamic programming is a tradeoff of space for time
	- Instead of re-computing a given quantity, it is better to store the results of the initial computation and looking them up instead of recomputing them again

Dynamic Programming

- Dynamic programming is an algorithm design technique (like divide and conquer)
- Divide and conquer
	- Tend to be recursive solutions
	- Partition the problem into independent subproblems
	- Solve the subproblems recursively
	- Combine the solutions to solve the original problem
- Dynamic programming solutions are non-recursive

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Dynamic Programming

- Examples
	- Fibonacci sequence
		- Using dynamic programming will enhance the calculation of the nth number of the Fibonacci sequence

- Suppose we have a map of objects that maps each call to its value if it was calculated
- This technique of saving values that have been already calculated is called memorization
- Binomial Coefficients
- Job/task scheduling
- Longest common subsequences
- Matrix-chain multiplication
- Applicable when subproblems are **not** independent
	- Subproblems share subsubproblems

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Fibonacci Numbers by Recursion

- The base cases $F_0 = o$ and $F_1 = 1$
- Thus, $F_2 = 1$, $F_3 = 2$, and the series continues as 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, 144
- Recursive solution is

```
int fib_r(int n){
  if (n == 0)return 0; 
  if (n == 1)return 1; 
  return fib_r(n-1) + fib_r(n-2));}
```


Fibonacci Numbers by Recursion

- •How much time does this algorithm take to compute F(n)?
- The time complexity of Fibonacci series using recursion is $O(2^n)$
- So this program takes exponential time to run

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Fibonacci Numbers by Cashing

- •Another method to compute the Fibonacci series is by using a cashing technique
- Explicitly store (or cache) the results of each Fibonacci computation $F(k)$ in a table indexed by the parameter k
- The key to avoiding recomputation is to explicitly check for the value before trying to compute it

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 Fibonacci Numbers by Cashing

int fib_c_driver(int n){

int fib_c(int n){

Fibonacci Numbers using Dynamic Programming

- In the previous solution we computed the Fibonacci recursively and stored the results in an array
- In DP we need a non-recursive solution

```
int fib_dp(int n) { 
      int i; 
      int f[MAXN+1]; /* array to cache computed fib values */ 
      f[0] = 0;f[1] = 1;for (i=2; i<=n; i++)f[i] = f[i-1]+f[i-2];return f[n]; 
}
• This provides O(n) running time
```
Fibonacci Numbers using Dynamic Programming

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- A better solution that does not store all the intermediate values for the entire period of execution
- This is because the recurrence depends on two arguments, so we need to retain the last two values we have seen

```
int fib_dp_2(int n){
   int i; \frac{1}{x} /* counter */
   int back2=0, back1=1; \frac{1}{2} /* last two values of f[n] */
   int next; /* placeholder for sum */ 
   if (n == 0)return 0; 
   for (i=2; i \le n; i++) {
      next = back1 + back2;back2 = back1;back1 = next;} 
   return back1+back2;
```


 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

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Combinations

- Another example that utilizes Dynamic Programming is Binomial Coefficients
- Combinations: the binomial coefficients are the most important class of counting numbers

 $\left(\begin{smallmatrix} n \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right)$ counts the number of ways to choose k things out of n possibilities

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\binom{n}{k}=n!/((n\!-\!k)!k!)
$$

- n choose k can be solved using factorials
- However, intermediate calculations can easily cause arithmetic overflow, even when the final coefficient fits comfortably within an integer

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Combinations

• A more stable way to compute binomial coefficients is using the recurrence relation implicit in the construction of Pascal's triangle:

• Each number is the sum of the two numbers directly above it

Dynamic Programming

- Used for **optimization problems**
	- A set of choices must be made to get an optimal solution
	- Find a solution with the optimal value (minimum or maximum)
	- There may be many solutions that lead to an optimal value
	- Our goal: **find an optimal solution**

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Dynamic Programming Algorithm

- **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 in a bottom-up fashion
- **4. Construct** an optimal solution from computed information (not always necessary)

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2. A Recursive Solution

- Generalisation of the problem: an optimal solution to the problem (find the shortest way to $S_{i,j}$) contains optimal solutions to subproblems (find the shortest way to $S_{1,i-1}$ or $S_{2,i-2}$
- This is the optimal substructure property
- This property is used to reconstruct the optimal solution to the problem

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2. A Recursive Solution (cont.)

- Define the value of the optimal solution in terms of the optimal solution to subproblems
- Definitions:
	- f* : the fastest time to get through the entire factory
	- $\bm{\cdot}$ $\bm{\mathsf{f}}_ {\text{i}} [\text{j}]$: the fastest time to get from the starting point through station $\bm{\mathsf{S}}_{\text{i,j}}$
	- \cdot 1^{*}: the line number which is used to exit the factory from the nth station
	- l_i[j]: the line number which is (1 or 2) whose $S_{i,j-1}$ is used to reach $S_{i,j}$

The objective function is:

 $f^* = min (f_1[n] + x_1, f_2[n] + x_2)$

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Matrix-Chain Multiplication

- One strategy can be done to reduce the number of multiplications is to parenthesize the product
- Parenthesize the product to get the order in which matrices are multiplied
- *E.g.*: $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdot A_3 = ((A_1 \cdot A_2) \cdot A_3)$ $= (A_1 \cdot (A_2 \cdot A_3))$
- Which one of these orderings should we choose?
	- The order in which we multiply the matrices has a significant impact on the cost of evaluating the product

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Matrix-Chain Multiplication

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Matrix-Chain Multiplication: Problem statement

• Given a chain of matrices $\langle A_1, A_2, ..., A_n \rangle$, where A_i has dimensions $p_{i-1}x p_i$, fully parenthesize the product $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdots$ A_n in a way that minimizes the number of scalar

multiplications.

 $A_1 \cdot A_2 \cdots A_i \cdot A_{i+1} \cdots A_n$ $p_0 x p_1 p_1 x p_2 p_{i-1} x p_i p_i x p_{i+1} p_{n-1} x p_n$

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 What is the number of possible parenthesizations? • Exhaustively checking all possible parenthesizations is not efficient! **66**

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 1. The Structure of an Optimal Parenthesization • Notation: $A_{i_{\cdots}j} = A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_j, i \leq j$ • Suppose that an optimal parenthesization of $A_{i...i}$ splits the product between \overline{A}_k and \overline{A}_{k+1} , where $i \leq k < \overline{j}$ $A_{i...j} = A_i A_{i+1} ... A_j$ = $A_i A_{i+1} \cdots A_k A_{k+1} \cdots A_j$ $= A_{i...k} A_{k+1...j}$ **67**

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 3. Computing the Optimal Costs (cont.) \bullet if i = j $m[i, j] = \left\{ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{ m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1}p_k p_j \} \text{ if } i < j \right\}$ • How do we fill in the tables m[1..n, 1..n]? • Determine which entries of the table are used in computing m[i, j] $A_{i} = A_{i} R_{i} + A_{k+1}$ • Subproblems' size is one less than the original size • **Idea:** fill in m such that it corresponds to solving problems of increasing length **74**

• Consider 2 matrices A1 and A2 of sizes $(2, 3)$ and $(3, 4)$

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- The number of possible combinations to perform $Ai[*]A2[*]A3[*]A4$ is
- $(A_1^*A_2)^*(A_3^*A_4)$ or $(A_1)^*(A_2^*A_3^*A_4)$ or $(((A_1^*A_2)^*A_3)^*A_4)$...

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- Time complexity of this method is $2nCn/(n+1) = 2(4)C(3)/5 = 336$

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Problem – Using Dynamic Programming

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- \cdot n = 4
- Initialise M[i, j] = α , where $i == j$

• M[i, j] = MIN{ M[i, k] + M[k+1, j] +
\n
$$
d(i-1)^*d(k)^*d(j)
$$
}

• where $d(k)$ is the dimension of matrix k and $i \leq k < j$

Problem – Using Dynamic Programming

- A₁ = $(5 x 4)$, A₂ = $(4 x 6)$, A₃ = $(6 x 2)$, and A₄ = $(2 x 7)$
- $M[i, 2] = A1 \times A2 = 5 \times 4 \times 6 = 120$
- $M[2, 3] = Az \times Az = 4 \times 6 \times 2 = 48$
- M[3, 4] = A3 x A4 = 6 x 2 x 7 = 84

• A1 = (5 x 4), A2 = (4 x 6), A3 = (6 x 2), and A4 = (2 x 7)

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$$
M[i, 3] = M[i, i] + M[i, 3] + 5X4X2
$$

= 0 + 48 + 40 = 88

• M[1, 3] = M[1, 2] + M[3, 3] + 5 X 6 X 2 = 120 + 0 + 60 = 180

•
$$
M[1, 3] = MIN{88, 180} = 88
$$

•
$$
A_1 = (5 \times 4)
$$
, $A_2 = (4 \times 6)$, $A_3 = (6 \times 2)$, and $A_4 = (2 \times 7)$

• M[2, 4] = M[2, 2] + M[3, 4] + 4 X 6 X 7 = 0 + 84 + 168 = 252

• M[2, 4] = M[2, 3] + M[4, 4] + 4 X 2 X 7 = 48 + 0 + 56 = 104

• M[2, 4] = MIN{252, 104} = 104

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 Problem – Using Dynamic Programming • So the minimum number of multiplications required for these matrices is 158 1 2 3 4 $0 \mid 120 \mid 88 \mid 158$ 2 0 48 104 3 0 84 4 0

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 Dynamic Progamming vs. Memoization • Advantages of dynamic programming vs. memoized algorithms • No overhead for recursion, less overhead for maintaining the table • The regular pattern of table accesses may be used to reduce time or space requirements • Advantages of memoized algorithms vs. dynamic programming • Some subproblems do not need to be solved **113**

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Longest Increasing Subsequence

- The Longest Increasing Subsequence (LIS) is the length of the longest subsequence of a given sequence such that all elements of the subsequence are sorted in increasing order
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- •The length of 5 with $\{2, 4, 5, 6, 8\}$
- •There are 8 more with this length!

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 Longest Increasing Subsequence • Given the following list {10, 22, 9, 33, 21, 50, 41, 60, 80}, what is the length of the Longest Increasing Subsequence? • The length is 6 and LIS is {10, 22, 33, 50, 60, 80} **123** Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 Longest Increasing Subsequence • Finding the longest increasing run in a numerical sequence is straightforward • Indeed, you should be able to devise a linear-time algorithm easily • To apply dynamic programming, we need to construct a recurrence that computes the length of the longest sequence **124**

• To find the right recurrence, ask what information about the first $n - 1$ elements of S would help you to find the answer for the entire sequence?

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Longest Increasing Subsequence

- *Recursion:*
- 1.Find the possible subsequences for the current number
- 2.If the current item is greater than the previous element in the subsequence, include the current item in the subsequence and recur for the remaining items
- 3. Exclude the current item from the sequence and recur for the remaining items
- 4.Return the maximum value reached by including or excluding the current item.

Dr. Radi Jarrar, 2022 Longest Increasing Subsequence • Example: \cdot S={3, 2, 6, 4, 5, 1} • Increasing subsequences: **126**

