

DP: solve large problems by breaking it down into smaller subproblems.

SHORTEST PATHS IN DAG

Find shortest path from  $s \in V$  to  $v \in V$ .

Subproblems: shortest path to  $v'$  for  $v'$  closer to  $s$  than  $v$

Recombining:  $\text{dist}(v) = \min(\text{dist}(u) + w(u,v))$  for  $u = (u,v) \in E$

Base Case:  $\text{dist}(s) = 0$ , or  $\text{dist}(w) = \infty$  if  $w$  is a source

Order to Solve: topologically sort vertices starting at  $s$

What if we wanted to find the longest path? Just change min to max!

LONGEST INCREASING SUBSEQUENCE

Subproblems:  $f(i) = \text{LIS in } x_1, \dots, x_i$  ~~X~~  $L(i) = \text{length of LIS in } x_1, \dots, x_i$

Recombining:  $L(i) = \max(1, \max_{\substack{j < i \\ x_i < x_j}} (L(j) + 1))$

Base Case:  $L(1) = 1$

Order to Solve: increasing  $i$

$\text{Cost} = \sum O(L_i) = O(n^2)$

For  $i < j$ , there is an edge  $x_i \rightarrow x_j$ . This is longest path in DAG!

EDIT DISTANCE

How many additions, deletions, or substitutions needed to change  $x$  to  $y$ ?

Subproblems: for  $1 \leq i \leq \text{len}(x)$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \text{len}(y)$ :  $f(i,j) = \text{ED}(x[:i], y[:j])$

Recombination: look at last char  $\rightarrow (x_i, -)$   $(-, y_j)$   $(x_i, y_j)$

Cost:  $f(i-1, j) + 1$   $f(i, j-1) + 1$   $f(i-1, j-1) + \text{int}(x_i \neq y_j)$

$f(i,j) = \min(\text{the above 3})$

Base Case:  $f(i, 0) = i$  (delete) or  $f(0, j) = j$  (insert)

Order to Solve: for  $(i,j)$  need the above 3 cases; think of a matrix

KNAPSACK PROBLEM

Your knapsack can carry  $w$  lbs, and you can choose among  $n$  jewels with values  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$  and weights  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$ . How can you maximize value within the weight limit?

Subproblems:  $f(i, u) = \text{max value packing subset of } 1, \dots, i; \sum \text{weight} \leq u$   
 $= \text{if } (w_i > u): f(i-1, u)$   
 $\text{else: } \max(f(i-1, u), v_i + f(i-1, u - w_i))$

Base Case:  $f(0, u) = 0$  and  $f(i, 0) = 0$

Order to Solve: for  $i=1$  to  $i=n$ : for  $u=1$  to  $u=w$ :  $f(i, u) = \text{subproblem}$