

**Reading:** 6.4, 6.8,  
“guide to dynamic programming” (Canvas)

**Last time:**

- Dynamic Programming (a derivation)
- Weighted interval scheduling

**Today:**

- Dynamic Programming (a framework)
- Integer Knapsack
- Interval Pricing.

## Interval Pricing

**input:** •  $n$  customers  $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$

- $T$  days.
- $i$ 's ok days:  $I_i = \{s_i, \dots, f_i\}$
- $i$ 's value:  $v_i \in \{1, \dots, V\}$

**output:** • prices  $p[t]$  for day  $t$ .

- consumer  $i$  buys on day  $t_i = \operatorname{argmin}_{t \in I_i} p[t]$  if  $p[t_i] \leq v_i$ .
- revenue =  $\sum_{i \text{ that buys}} p[t_i]$ .
- goal: maximize revenue.

## Suggested Approach

I. identify subproblem in english

$\text{OPT}(i)$  = “optimal schedule of  $\{i, \dots, n\}$  (sorted by start time)”

II. specify subproblem recurrence

$\text{OPT}(i) = \max(\text{OPT}(i + 1), v_i + \text{OPT}(\text{next}(i)))$

III. solve original problem (from subproblems)

Optimal Interval Schedule =  $\text{OPT}(1)$

IV. identify base case

$\text{OPT}(n + 1) = 0$

V. write iterative DP.

(see last thurs)

VI. analyze runtime.

$O(n \log n)$

VII. (for homework) implement iterative DP.

(any language most students can read.  
e.g., Python)

## Dynamic Programming: Succinct description: Finding Subproblems

“find a first decision you can make which breaks problem into pieces that

- (a) do not interact (across subproblems)
- (b) can be describe succinctly.”

- remaining objects  $\{j, \dots, n\}$  represented by “ $j$ ”
- remaining capacity represented by  $D \in \{0, \dots, C\}$ .

### Example: Integer Knapsack

**input:**    •  $n$  objects  $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$

- $s_i =$  size of object  $i$  (integer).
- $v_i =$  value of object  $i$ .
- capacity  $C$  of knapsack (integer)

**output:**

- subset  $K \subseteq S$  of objects that
  - (a) fit in knapsack together  
(i.e.,  $\sum_{i \in K} s_i \leq C$ )
  - (b) maximize total value  
(i.e.,  $\sum_{i \in K} v_i$ )

**Question:** What is “first decision we can make” to separate into subproblems?

**Answer:** Is item 1 in the knapsack or not?

- if 1 in knapsack:

value of knapsack is  $v_1 +$  optimal knapsack value on  $S \setminus \{1\}$  with capacity  $C - s_1$ .
- if 1 not in knapsack:

value of knapsack is optimal knapsack on  $S \setminus \{1\}$  with capacity  $C$ .

## Step I: identify subproblem in English

$\text{OPT}(j, D)$

= “value of optimal size  $D$  knapsack on  $\{j, \dots, n\}$ ”

## Step II: write recurrence

$\text{OPT}(j, D)$

=  $\max(\underbrace{v_j + \text{OPT}(j+1, D - s_j)}_{\text{if } s_j \leq D}, \text{OPT}(j+1, D))$

Justification: either  $i$  is in or not (exhaustive).

## Step III: solve original problem

Value of Optimal Knapsack =  $\text{OPT}(1, C)$

## Step IV: base case

$\text{OPT}(n+1, D) = 0$  (for all  $D$ )

## Step V: iterative DP

**Algorithm:** knapsack

1.  $\forall D, \text{memo}[n+1, D] = 0$ .

2. for  $i = n$  down to 1,

for  $D = C$  down to 0,

(a) if  $i$  fits (i.e.,  $s_i \leq D$ )

$\text{memo}[j, D] = \max[\text{memo}[j+1, D],$

$v_j + \text{OPT}(j+1, D - s_j)]$

(b) else,

$\text{memo}[j, D] = \text{memo}[j+1, D]$

3. return  $\text{memo}[1, C]$

## VI: Runtime

$T(n, C) = O(\# \text{ of subprobs} \times \text{cost per subprob})$   
 $= O(nC)$ .

**Note:** not polynomial time.

## VII: implementation

(see “guide”)

## Alternative Approach

“isolate previously made decisions”

Suppose:

- already processed jobs  $\{1, \dots, i\}$ , and
- used capacity  $D$ .

**Note:** previous decisions succinctly summarized by  $i$  and  $D$

## Part I: subproblem in english

$\text{OPT}(i, D)$  = “value from remaining knapsack if

- already processed jobs  $\{1, \dots, i\}$
- used capacity  $D$ .”

## Part II: recurrence

$$\text{OPT}(i, D) = \max(v_i + \text{OPT}(i + 1, D + s_i), \text{OPT}(i + 1, D))$$

(assuming  $D + s_i \leq C$ )

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## Example: Interval Pricing

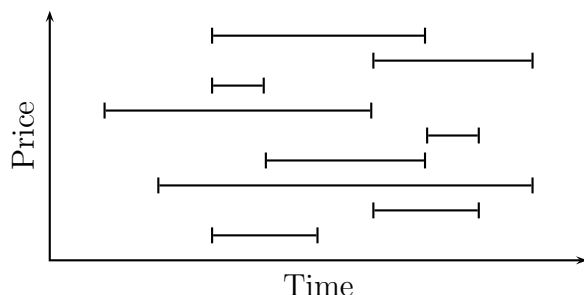
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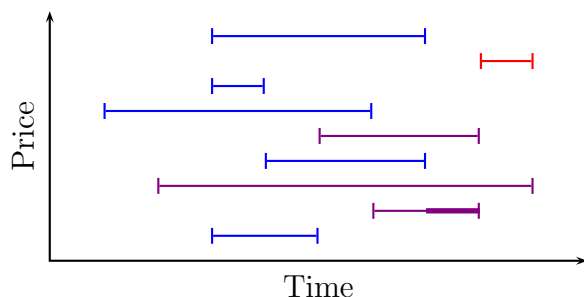
**Example:**



**Question:** What is “first decision we can make” to separate into subproblems?

**Answer:** day and price of smallest price.

**Example:**



## Step I: identify subproblem in English

$\text{OPT}(s, f, p)$

= “optimal revenue from intervals strictly between  $s$  and  $f$  with minimum price at least  $p$ ”

## Step II: write recurrence

$\text{OPT}(s, f, p)$

$$= \max_{s < t < f, q \geq p} \text{Rev}(t, p) + \text{OPT}(s, t, q) + \text{OPT}(t, f, q).$$

## Step III: base case

- $\text{OPT}(s, s + 1, p) = 0$ .
- $\text{OPT}(s, t, P + 1) = 0$ .

## Step IV: iterative DP

(exercise)

## Correctness

induction

## Runtime

- precompute  $\text{Rev}(t, p)$  in  $O(TVn)$  time.
- size of table:  $O(T^2V)$
- cost of combine:  $O(TV)$ .
- total:  $O(T^3V^2)$  (assuming  $n < T^2V$ ).

**Note:** without loss of generality  $T, V$  are  $O(n)$  so runtime is  $O(n^5)$

**Note:** can be improved to  $O(n^4)$  with slightly better program.