

# **CSE 421: Introduction to Algorithms**



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## **Dynamic Programming**

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# Dynamic Programming

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- Give a solution of a problem using smaller sub-problems where the parameters of all the possible sub-problems are determined in advance
- Useful when the same sub-problems show up again and again in the solution

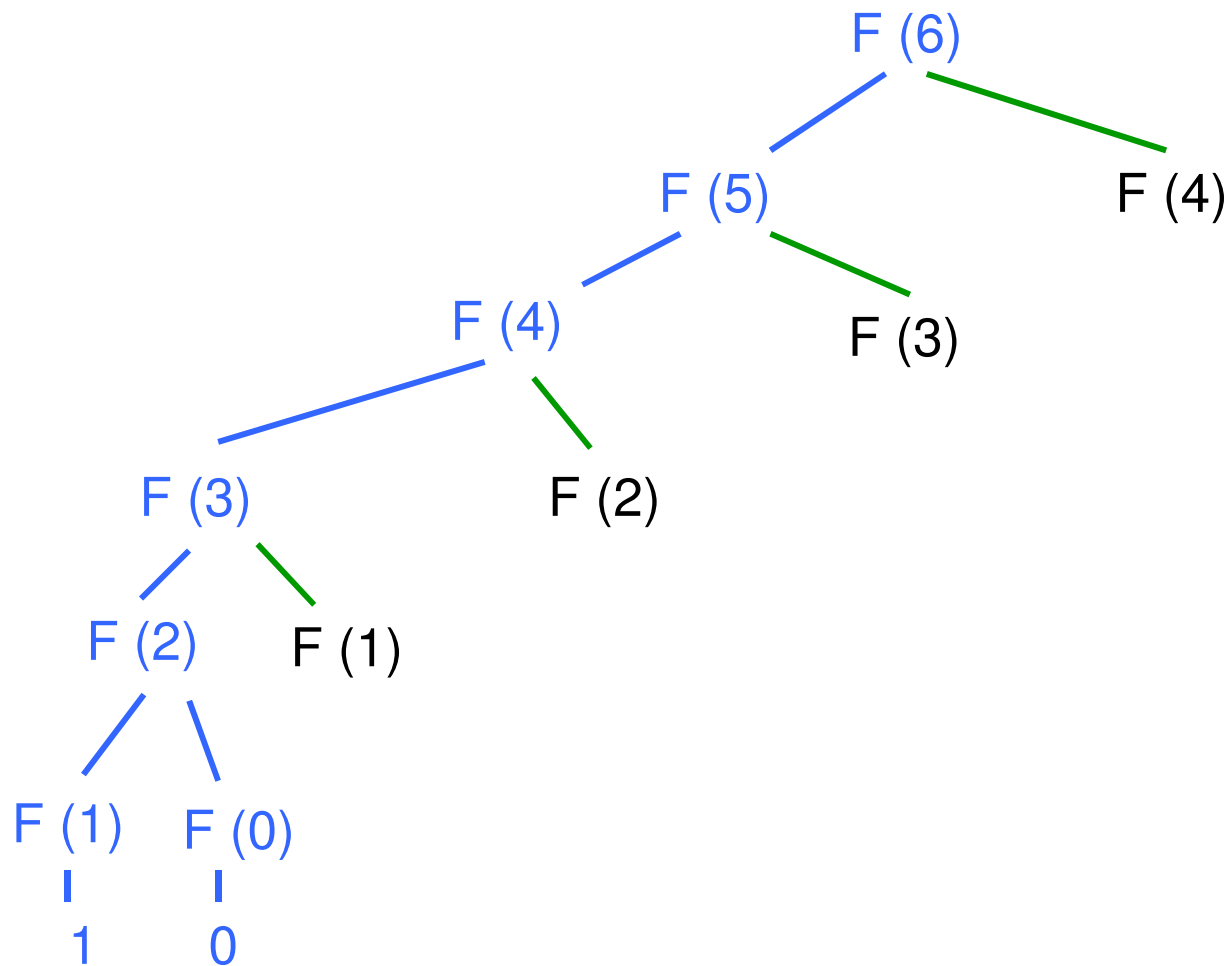


# A simple case: Computing Fibonacci Numbers

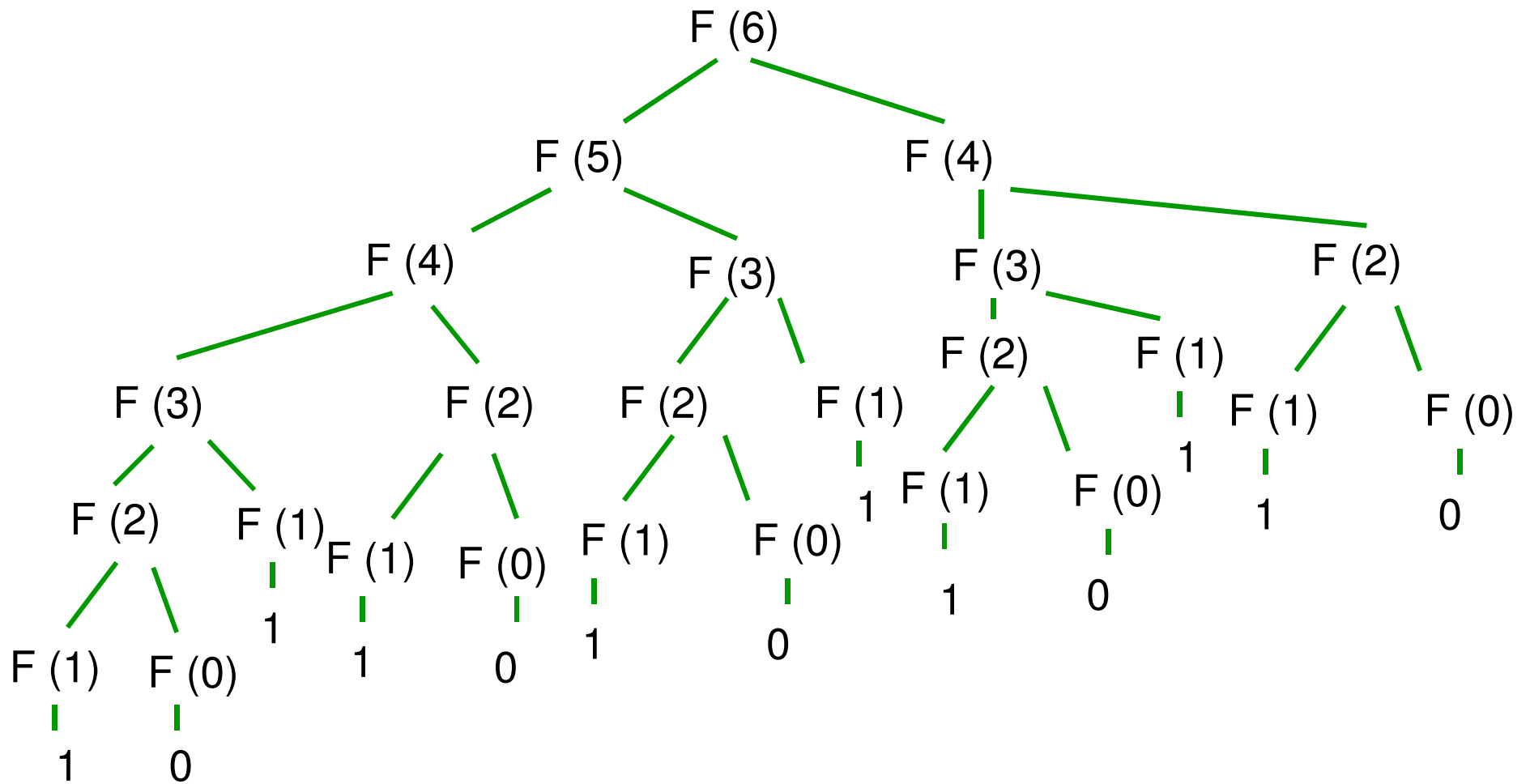
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- Recall  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  and  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$
- Recursive algorithm:
  - Fibo(**n**)
    - if **n=0** then return(**0**)
    - else if **n=1** then return(**1**)
    - else return(Fibo(**n-1**)+Fibo(**n-2**))

# Call tree - start



# Full call tree





# Memoization (Caching)

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- Remember all values from previous recursive calls
- Before recursive call, test to see if value has already been computed
- **Dynamic Programming**
  - Convert memoized algorithm from a recursive one to an iterative one



# Fibonacci Dynamic Programming Version

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- FiboDP(**n**):  
     $F[0] \leftarrow 0$   
     $F[1] \leftarrow 1$   
    for **i=2** to **n** do  
         $F[i] \leftarrow F[i-1] + F[i-2]$   
    endfor  
    return( $F[n]$ )



# Fibonacci: Space-Saving Dynamic Programming

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- FiboDP(**n**):  
    **prev** ← 0  
    **curr** ← 1  
    for **i=2** to **n** do  
        **temp** ← **curr**  
        **curr** ← **curr** + **prev**  
        **prev** ← **temp**  
    endfor  
    return(**curr**)





# Dynamic Programming

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- Useful when
  - same recursive sub-problems occur repeatedly
  - Can anticipate the parameters of these recursive calls
  - The solution to whole problem can be figured out with knowing the internal details of how the sub-problems are solved
    - principle of optimality
      - “Optimal solutions to the sub-problems suffice for optimal solution to the whole problem”



# Three Steps to Dynamic Programming

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- Formulate the answer as a recurrence relation or recursive algorithm
- Show that the number of different values of parameters in the recursive calls is “small”
  - e.g., bounded by a low-degree polynomial
  - Can use memoization
- Specify an order of evaluation for the recurrence so that you already have the partial results ready when you need them.



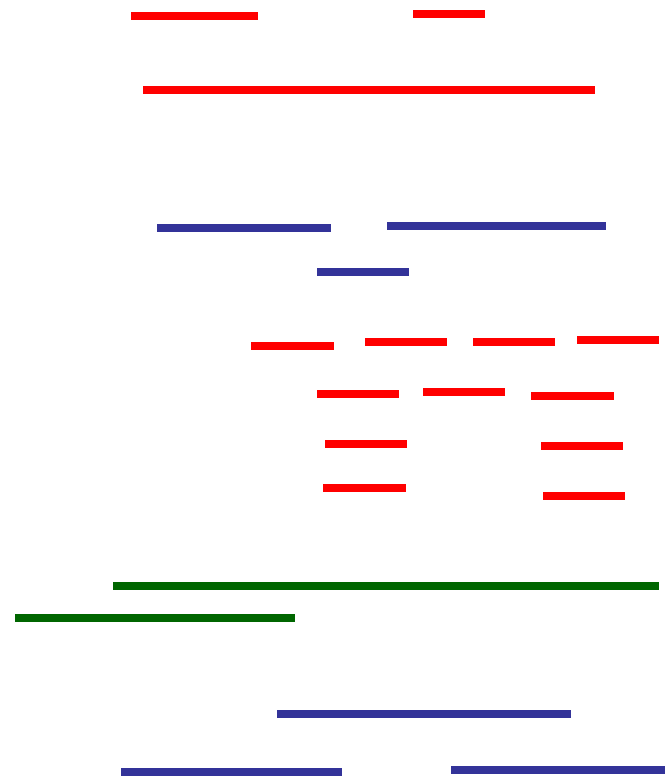
# Weighted Interval Scheduling

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- Same problem as interval scheduling except that each request  $i$  also has an associated **value** or **weight**  $w_i$ 
  - $w_i$  might be
    - amount of money we get from renting out the resource for that time period
    - amount of time the resource is being used  $w_i = f_i - s_i$
- **Goal**: Find compatible subset **S** of requests with maximum total weight

# Greedy Algorithms for Weighted Interval Scheduling?

- No criterion seems to work
  - Earliest start time  $s_i$ 
    - Doesn't work
  - Shortest request time  $f_i - s_i$ 
    - Doesn't work
  - Fewest conflicts
    - Doesn't work
  - Earliest finish time  $f_i$ 
    - Doesn't work
  - Largest weight  $w_i$ 
    - Doesn't work





# Towards Dynamic Programming: Step 1 – A Recursive Algorithm

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- Suppose that like ordinary interval scheduling we have first sorted the requests by finish time  $f_i$  so  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$
- Say request  $i$  comes **before** request  $j$  if  $i < j$
- For any request  $j$  let  $p(j)$  be
  - the largest-numbered request before  $j$  that is compatible with  $j$
  - or  $0$  if no such request exists
- Therefore  $\{1, \dots, p(j)\}$  is precisely the set of requests before  $j$  that are compatible with  $j$



# Towards Dynamic Programming: Step 1 – A Recursive Algorithm

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- Two cases depending on whether an optimal solution **O** includes request **n**
  - If it **does** include request **n** then all other requests in **O** must be contained in  $\{1, \dots, p(n)\}$ 
    - Not only that!
      - Any set of requests in  $\{1, \dots, p(n)\}$  will be compatible with request **n**
      - So in this case the optimal solution **O** must contain an optimal solution for  $\{1, \dots, p(n)\}$
      - **“Principle of Optimality”**



# Towards Dynamic Programming: Step 1 – A Recursive Algorithm

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- Two cases depending on whether an optimal solution **O** includes request **n**
  - If it **does not** include request **n** then all requests in **O** must be contained in  $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$ 
    - Not only that!
      - The optimal solution **O** must contain an optimal solution for  $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$
      - **“Principle of Optimality”**



# Towards Dynamic Programming: Step 1 – A Recursive Algorithm

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- All subproblems involve requests  $\{1, \dots, i\}$  for some  $i$
- For  $i=1, \dots, n$  let  $\mathbf{OPT}(i)$  be the **weight** of the optimal solution to the problem  $\{1, \dots, i\}$
- The two cases give
$$\mathbf{OPT}(n) = \max[w_n + \mathbf{OPT}(p(n)), \mathbf{OPT}(n-1)]$$
- Also
  - $n \in \mathbf{O}$  iff  $w_n + \mathbf{OPT}(p(n)) > \mathbf{OPT}(n-1)$





# Towards Dynamic Programming: Step 1 – A Recursive Algorithm

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- Sort requests and compute array  $p[i]$  for each  $i=1, \dots, n$

ComputeOpt( $n$ )

if  $n=0$  then return( $0$ )

else

$u \leftarrow \text{ComputeOpt}(p[n])$

$v \leftarrow \text{ComputeOpt}(n-1)$

if  $w_n + u > v$  then return( $w_n + u$ )

else return( $v$ )

endif



## Towards Dynamic Programming: Step 2 – Small # of parameters

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- **ComputeOpt(n)** can take exponential time in the worst case
  - $2^n$  calls if **p(i)=i-1** for every **i**
- There are only **n** possible parameters to **ComputeOpt**
- Store these answers in an array **OPT[n]** and only recompute when necessary
  - **Memoization**
- Initialize **OPT[i]=0** for **i=1,...,n**



# Dynamic Programming: Step 2 – Memoization

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ComputeOpt(**n**)

if **n**=0 then return(**0**)

else

**u** ← MComputeOpt(**p**[**n**])

**v** ← MComputeOpt(**n**-1)

if **w<sub>n</sub>**+**u**>**v** then

return(**w<sub>n</sub>**+**u**)

else return(**v**)

endif

MComputeOpt(**n**)

if **OPT**[**n**]=**0** then

**v** ← ComputeOpt(**n**)

**OPT**[**n**] ← **v**

return(**v**)

else

return(**OPT**[**n**])

endif



## Dynamic Programming Step 3: Iterative Solution

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- The recursive calls for parameter **n** have parameter values **i** that are  $< n$

IterativeComputeOpt(**n**)

array **OPT**[0..**n**]

**OPT**[0]  $\leftarrow$  0

for **i**=1 to **n**

if  $w_i + \mathbf{OPT}[p[i]] > \mathbf{OPT}[i-1]$  then

$\mathbf{OPT}[i] \leftarrow w_i + \mathbf{OPT}[p[i]]$

else

$\mathbf{OPT}[i] \leftarrow \mathbf{OPT}[i-1]$

endif

endfor



# Producing the Solution

IterativeComputeOptSolution(**n**)

array **OPT**[0..**n**], **Used**[1..**n**]

**OPT**[0] ← 0

for **i**=1 to **n**

if  $w_i + \mathbf{OPT}[p[i]] > \mathbf{OPT}[i-1]$  then

$\mathbf{OPT}[i] \leftarrow w_i + \mathbf{OPT}[p[i]]$

**Used**[**i**] ← 1

else

$\mathbf{OPT}[i] \leftarrow \mathbf{OPT}[i-1]$

**Used**[**i**] ← 0

endif

endfor

**i** ← **n**

**S** ← ∅

while **i** > 0 do

if **Used**[**i**] = 1 then

$\mathbf{S} \leftarrow \mathbf{S} \cup \{i\}$

**i** ← **p**[**i**]

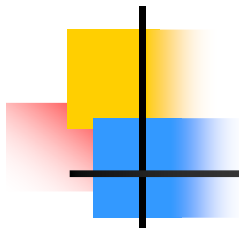
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**i** ← **i** - 1

endif

endwhile





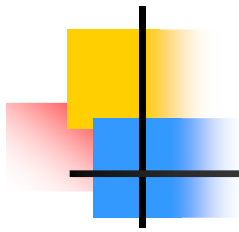
# Example

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$s_i$	4	2	6	8	11	15	11	12	18
$f_i$	7	9	10	13	14	17	18	19	20
$w_i$	3	7	4	5	3	2	7	7	2
$p[i]$									
OPT[i]									
Used[i]									



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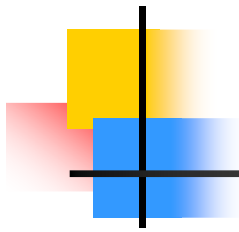
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$p[i]$	0	0	0	1	3	5	3	3	7
OPT[i]	3	7	7	8	10	12	14	14	16
Used[i]	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1





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$w_i$	3	7	4	5	3	2	7	7	2
$p[i]$	0	0	0	1	3	5	3	3	7
OPT[i]	3	7	7	8	10	12	14	14	16
Used[i]	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1

$S=\{9,7,2\}$



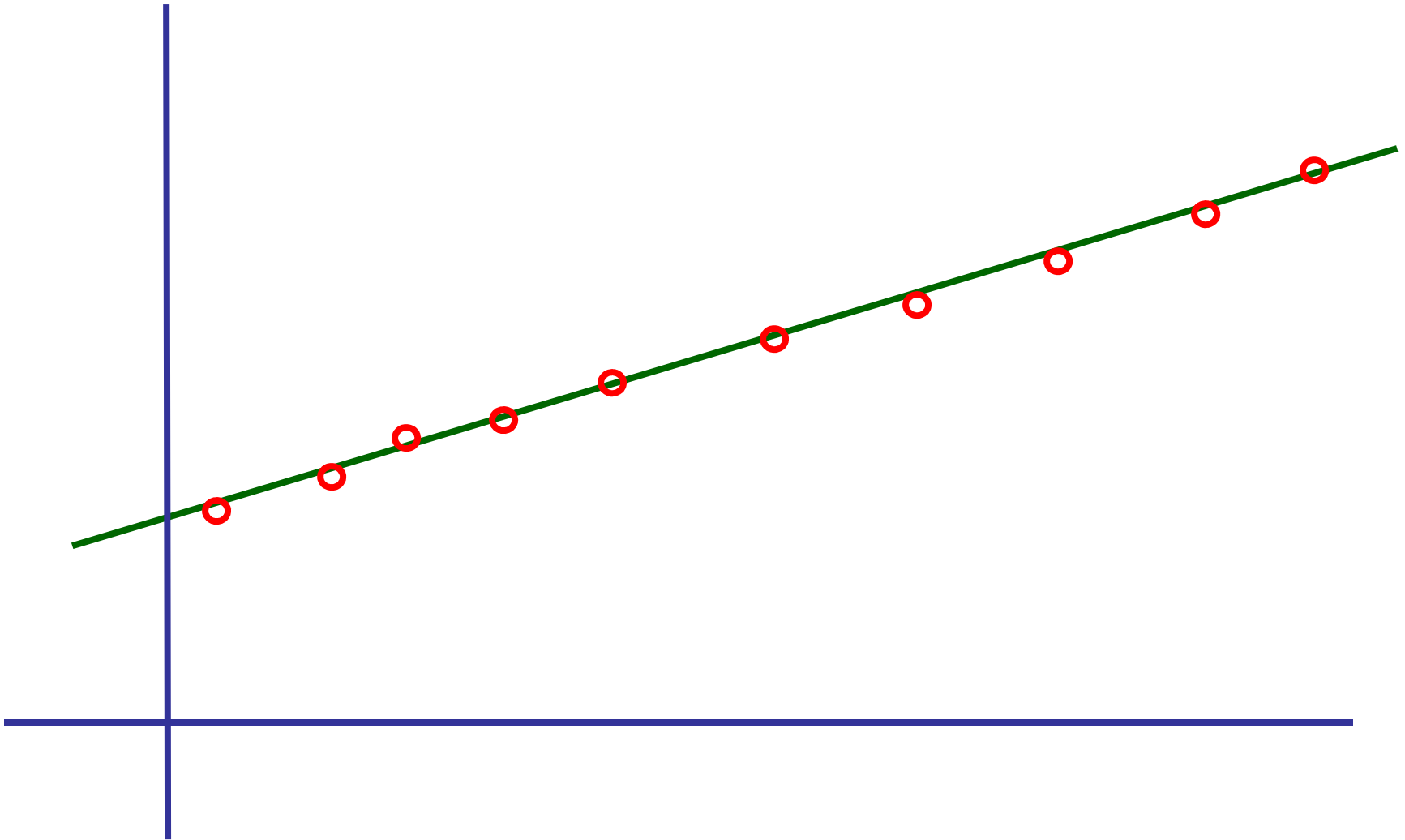
# Segmented Least Squares

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## ■ Least Squares

- Given a set  $\mathbf{P}$  of  $n$  points in the plane  $\mathbf{p}_1=(\mathbf{x}_1,\mathbf{y}_1),\dots,\mathbf{p}_n=(\mathbf{x}_n,\mathbf{y}_n)$  with  $\mathbf{x}_1<\dots<\mathbf{x}_n$  determine a line  $\mathbf{L}$  given by  $\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{ax}+\mathbf{b}$  that optimizes the total ‘squared error’
  - $\text{Error}(\mathbf{L},\mathbf{P})=\sum_i(\mathbf{y}_i-\mathbf{ax}_i-\mathbf{b})^2$
- A classic problem in statistics
- Optimal solution is known (see text)
  - Call this  $\text{line}(\mathbf{P})$  and its error  $\text{error}(\mathbf{P})$

# Least Squares



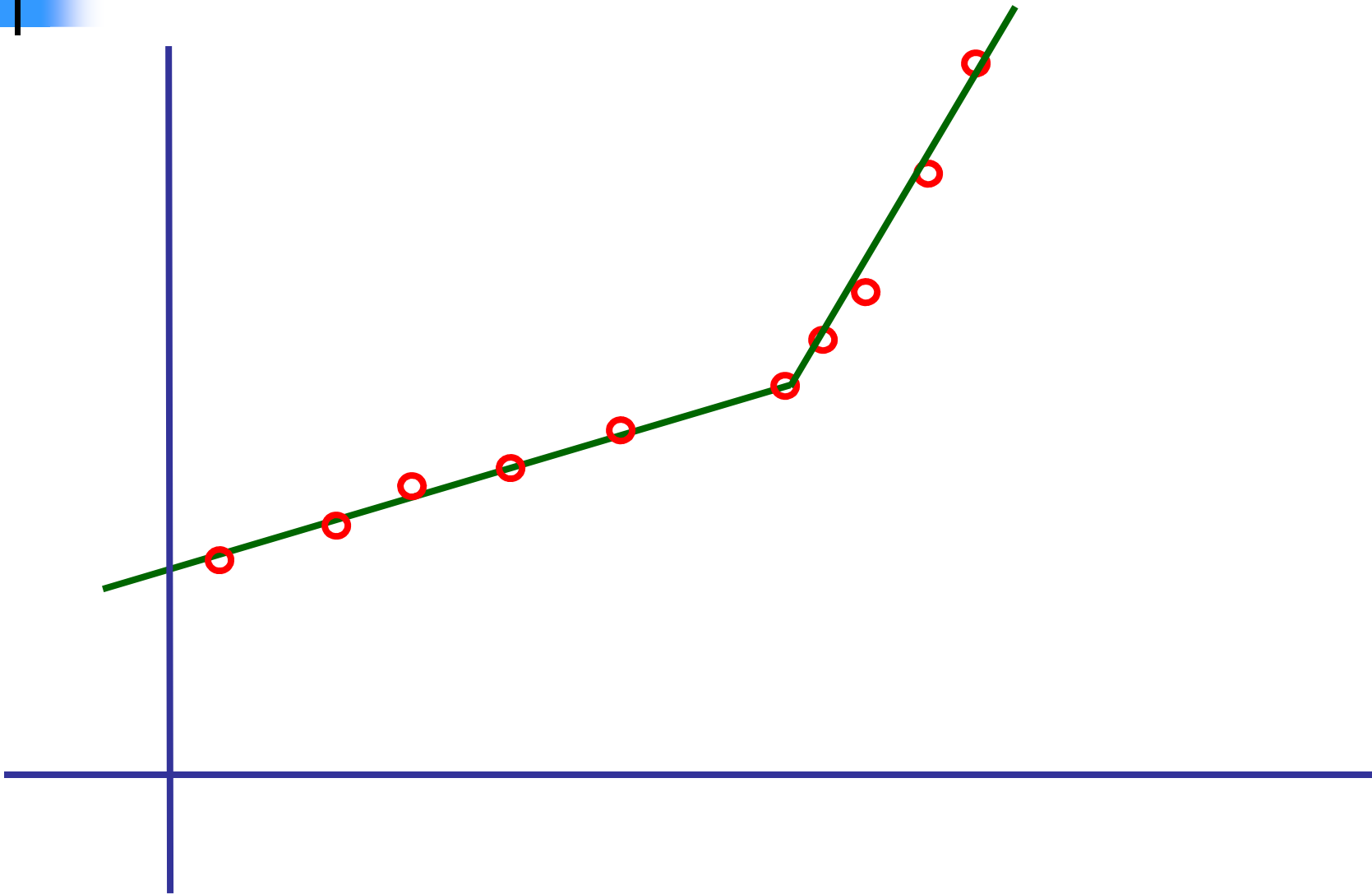


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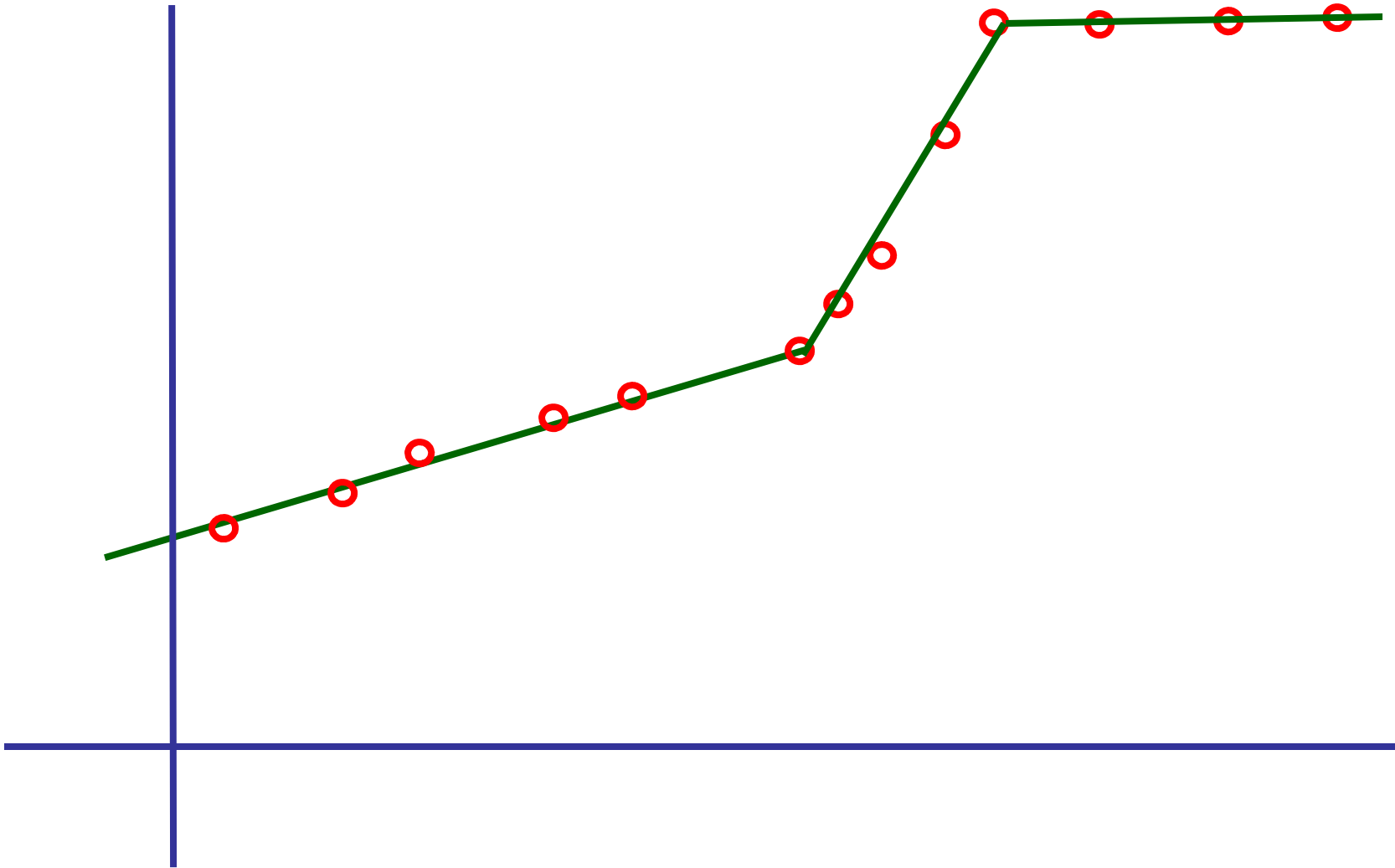
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- What if data seems to follow a piece-wise linear model?
- Number of pieces to choose is not obvious
- If we chose  **$n-1$**  pieces we could fit with **0** error
  - Not fair
- Add a penalty of  **$C$**  times the number of pieces to the error to get a **total penalty**
- How do we compute a solution with the smallest possible total penalty?



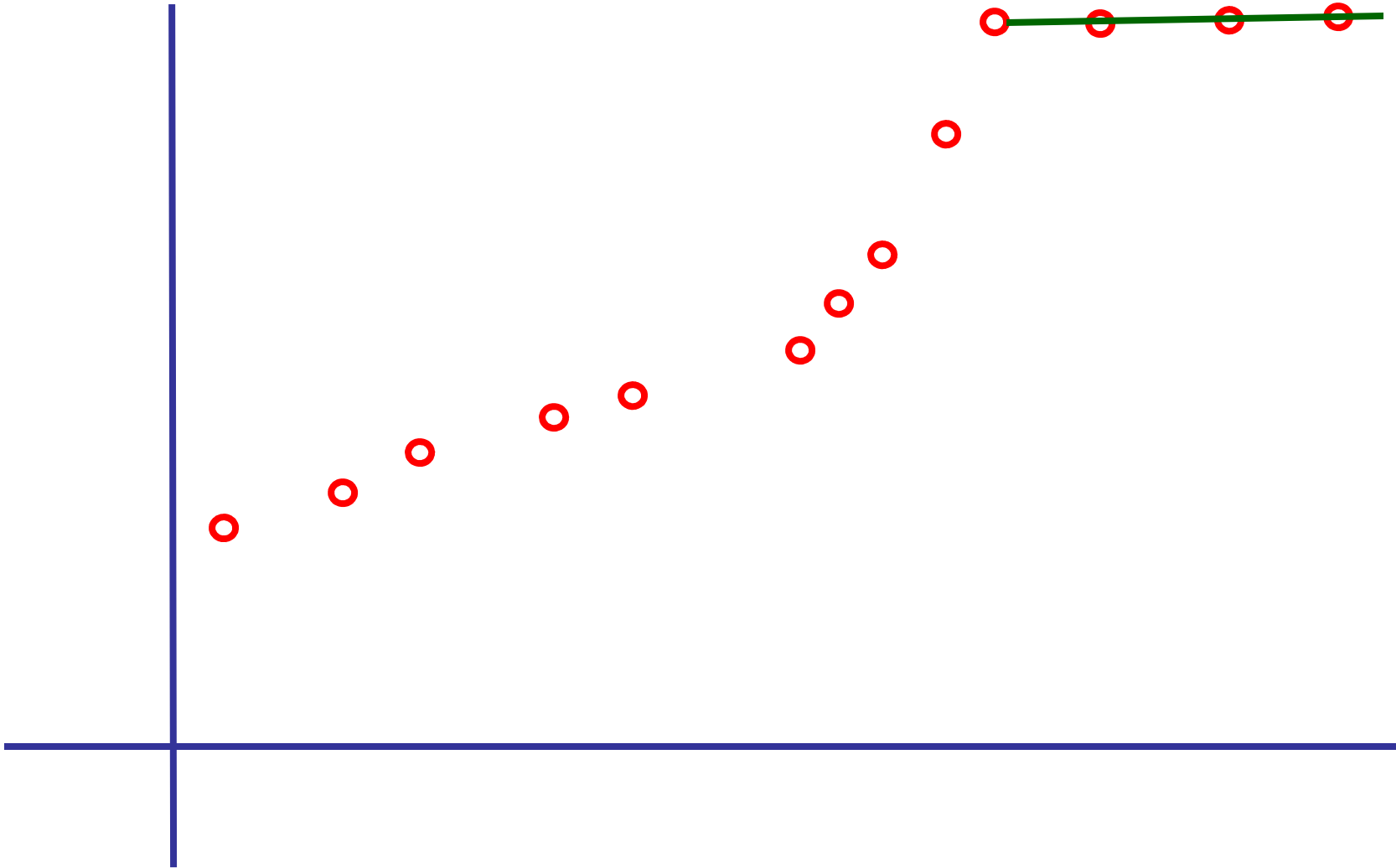
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- Recursive idea
  - If we knew the point  $p_j$  where the **last** line segment began then we could solve the problem optimally for points  $p_1, \dots, p_j$  and combine that with the last segment to get a global optimal solution
    - Let  $OPT(i)$  be the optimal penalty for points  $\{p_1, \dots, p_i\}$
    - Total penalty for this solution would be  $Error(\{p_j, \dots, p_n\}) + C + OPT(j-1)$



# Segmented Least Squares





# Segmented Least Squares

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- Recursive idea
  - We don't know which point is  $\mathbf{p}_j$ 
    - But we do know that  $1 \leq j \leq n$
    - The optimal choice will simply be the best among these possibilities
  - Therefore

$$\text{OPT}(\mathbf{n}) = \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{ \text{Error}(\{\mathbf{p}_j, \dots, \mathbf{p}_n\}) + \mathbf{C} + \text{OPT}(j-1) \}$$



# Dynamic Programming Solution

SegmentedLeastSquares(**n**)

array **OPT**[0..**n**]

array **Begin**[1..**n**]

**OPT**[0] ← 0

for **i** = 1 to **n**

**OPT**[**i**] ← **Error**{(**p**<sub>1</sub>, ..., **p**<sub>**i**</sub>)} + **C**

**Begin**[**i**] ← 1

    for **j** = 2 to **i** - 1

**e** ← **Error**{(**p**<sub>**j**</sub>, ..., **p**<sub>**i**</sub>)} + **C** + **OPT**[**j** - 1]

        if **e** < **OPT**[**i**] then

**OPT**[**i**] ← **e**

**Begin**[**i**] ← **j**

        endif

    endfor

endfor

return(**OPT**[**n**])

FindSegments

**i** ← **n**

**S** ← ∅

while **i** > 1 do

    compute **Line**(({**p**<sub>**Begin**[**i**]</sub>, ..., **p**<sub>**i**</sub>})

    output (**p**<sub>**Begin**[**i**]</sub>, **p**<sub>**i**</sub>), **Line**

**i** ← **Begin**[**i**]

endwhile



# Knapsack (Subset-Sum) Problem

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- Given:
  - integer  **$W$**  (knapsack size)
  - **$n$**  object sizes  **$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$**
- Find:
  - Subset  **$S$**  of  **$\{1, \dots, n\}$**  such that  $\sum_{i \in S} x_i \leq W$   
but  $\sum_{i \in S} x_i$  is as large as possible



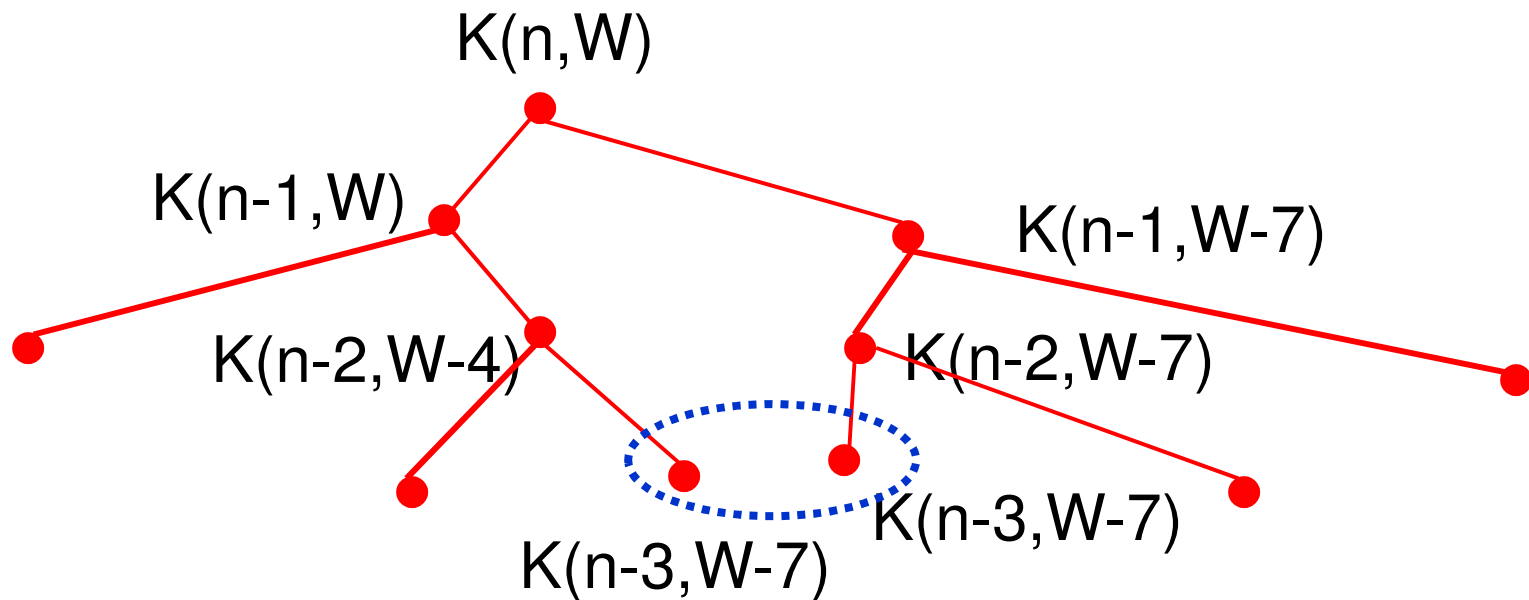
# Recursive Algorithm

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- Let  $K(n, W)$  denote the problem to solve for  $W$  and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$
- For  $n > 0$ ,
  - The optimal solution for  $K(n, W)$  is the better of the optimal solution for either  $K(n-1, W)$  or  $x_n + K(n-1, W - x_n)$
- For  $n = 0$ 
  - $K(0, W)$  has a trivial solution of an empty set  $S$  with weight  $0$

# Recursive calls

- Recursive calls on list ..., 3, 4, 7





# Common Sub-problems

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- Only sub-problems are  $K(i, w)$  for
  - $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$
  - $w = 0, 1, \dots, W$
- Dynamic programming solution
  - Table entry for each  $K(i, w)$ 
    - **OPT** - value of optimal soln for first  $i$  objects and weight  $w$
    - **belong** flag - is  $x_i$  a part of this solution?
  - Initialize **OPT**[0,  $w$ ] for  $w=0, \dots, W$
  - Compute all **OPT**[ $i, *$ ] from **OPT**[ $i-1, *$ ] for  $i > 0$



# Dynamic Knapsack Algorithm

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```
for w=0 to W; OPT[0,w]  $\leftarrow$  0; end for
for i=1 to n do
  for w=0 to W do
    OPT[i,w]  $\leftarrow$  OPT[i-1,w]
    belong[i,w]  $\leftarrow$  0
    if w  $\geq$  xi then
      val  $\leftarrow$  xi + OPT[i-1,w-xi]
      if val > OPT[i,w] then
        OPT[i,w]  $\leftarrow$  val
        belong[i,w]  $\leftarrow$  1
      end if
    end if
  end for
end for
return(OPT[n,W])
```

Time  $O(nW)$





# Sample execution on 2, 3, 4, 7 with $K=15$

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# Saving Space

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- To compute the value **OPT** of the solution only need to keep the last two rows of **OPT** at each step
- What about determining the set **S**?
  - Follow the **belong** flags  **$O(n)$**  time
  - What about space?



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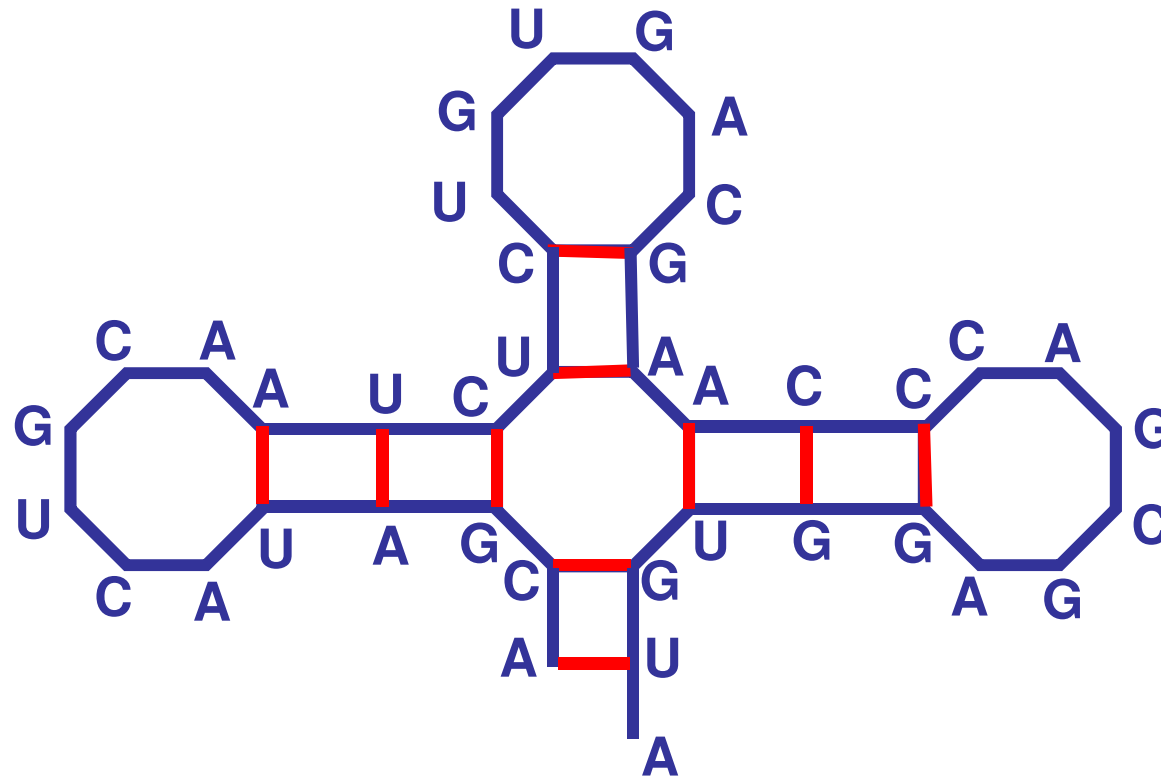


# RNA Secondary Structure: Dynamic Programming on Intervals

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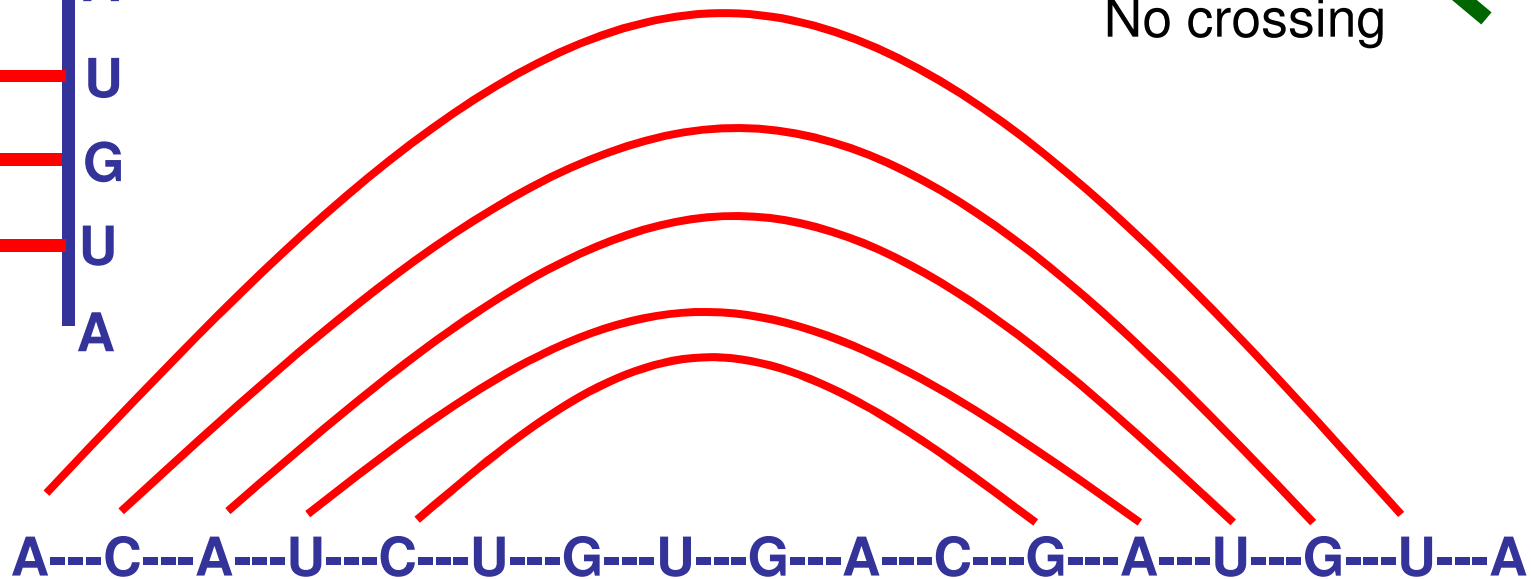
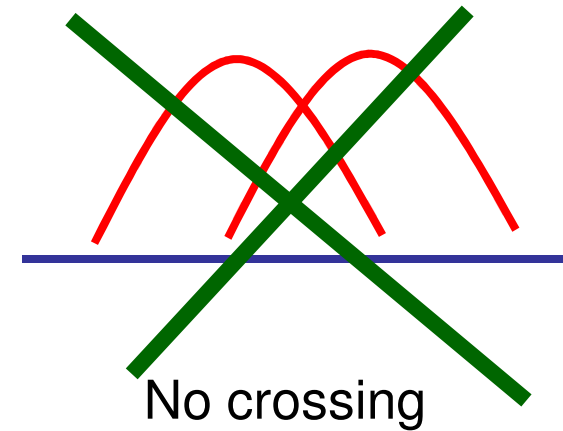
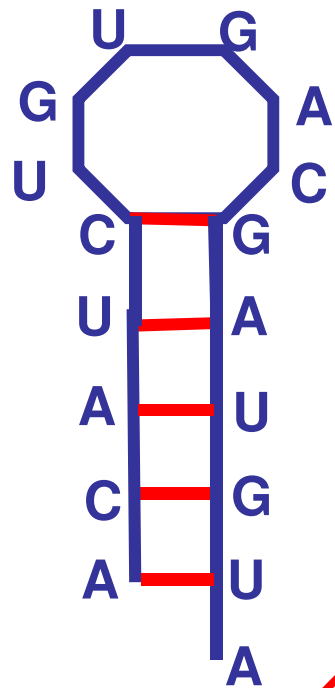
- RNA: sequence of bases
  - String over alphabet {A, C, G, U}
  - U-G-U-A-C-C-G-G-U-A-G-U-A-C-A
- RNA folds and sticks to itself like a zipper
  - A bonds to U
  - C bonds to G
  - Bends can't be sharp
  - No twisting or criss-crossing
- How the bonds line up is called the RNA secondary structure

# RNA Secondary Structure



ACGAUACUGCAAUCUCUGUGACGAACCCAGCGAGGUGUA

# Another view of RNA Secondary Structure





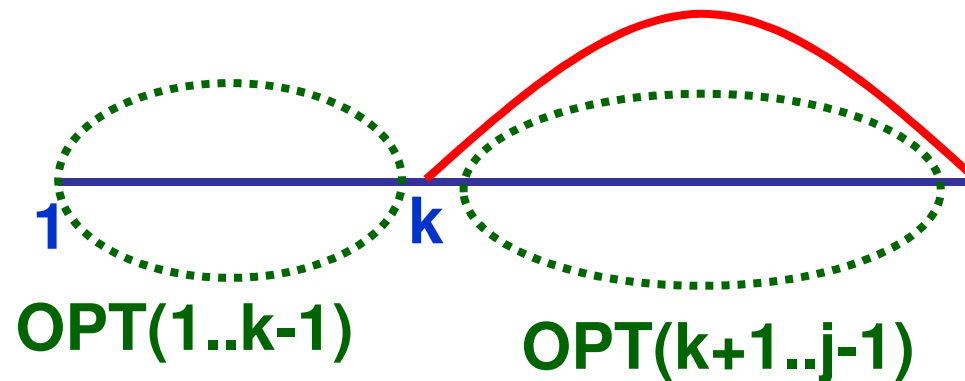
# RNA Secondary Structure

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- **Input:** String  $x_1 \dots x_n \in \{A, C, G, U\}^*$
- **Output:** Maximum size set **S** of pairs  $(i, j)$  such that
  - $\{x_i, x_j\} = \{A, U\}$  or  $\{x_i, x_j\} = \{C, G\}$
  - The pairs in **S** form a matching
  - $i < j - 4$  (no sharp bends)
  - No crossing pairs
    - If  $(i, j)$  and  $(k, l)$  are in **S** then it is not the case that they cross as in  $i < k < j < l$

# Recursion Solution

- Try all possible matches for the last base



$$OPT(1..j) = \text{MAX}(OPT(1..j-1), 1 + \text{MAX}_{k=1..j-5} (OPT(1..k-1) + OPT(k+1..j-1)))$$

$x_k$  matches  $x_j$       Doesn't start at 1

General form:

$$OPT(i..j) = \text{MAX}(OPT(i..j-1), 1 + \text{MAX}_{k=i..j-5} (OPT(i..k-1) + OPT(k+1..j-1)))$$

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# RNA Secondary Structure

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- 2D Array **OPT(i,j)** for  $i \leq j$  represents optimal # of matches entirely for segment  $i..j$
- For  $j-i \leq 4$  set **OPT(i,j)=0** (no sharp bends)
- Then compute **OPT(i,j)** values when  $j-i=5,6,\dots,n-1$  in turn using recurrence.
- Return **OPT(1,n)**
- Total of  **$O(n^3)$**  time
- Can also record matches along the way to produce **S**
  - Similar polynomial-time algorithm for other problems
    - Context-Free Language recognition
    - Optimal matrix products, etc.
  - All use dynamic programming over intervals



# Sequence Alignment: Edit Distance

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- **Given:**

- Two strings of characters  $A = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  and  $B = b_1 b_2 \dots b_m$

- **Find:**

- The minimum number of edit steps needed to transform **A** into **B** where an edit can be:
  - **insert** a single character
  - **delete** a single character
  - **substitute** one character by another



# Sequence Alignment vs Edit Distance

- Sequence Alignment
  - Insert corresponds to aligning with a “—” in the first string
    - Cost  $\delta$  (in our case **1**)
  - Delete corresponds to aligning with a “—” in the second string
    - Cost  $\delta$  (in our case **1**)
  - Replacement of an **a** by a **b** corresponds to a mismatch
    - Cost  $\alpha_{ab}$  (in our case **1** if **a**≠**b** and **0** if **a**=**b**)
- In Computational Biology this alignment algorithm is attributed to Smith & Waterman

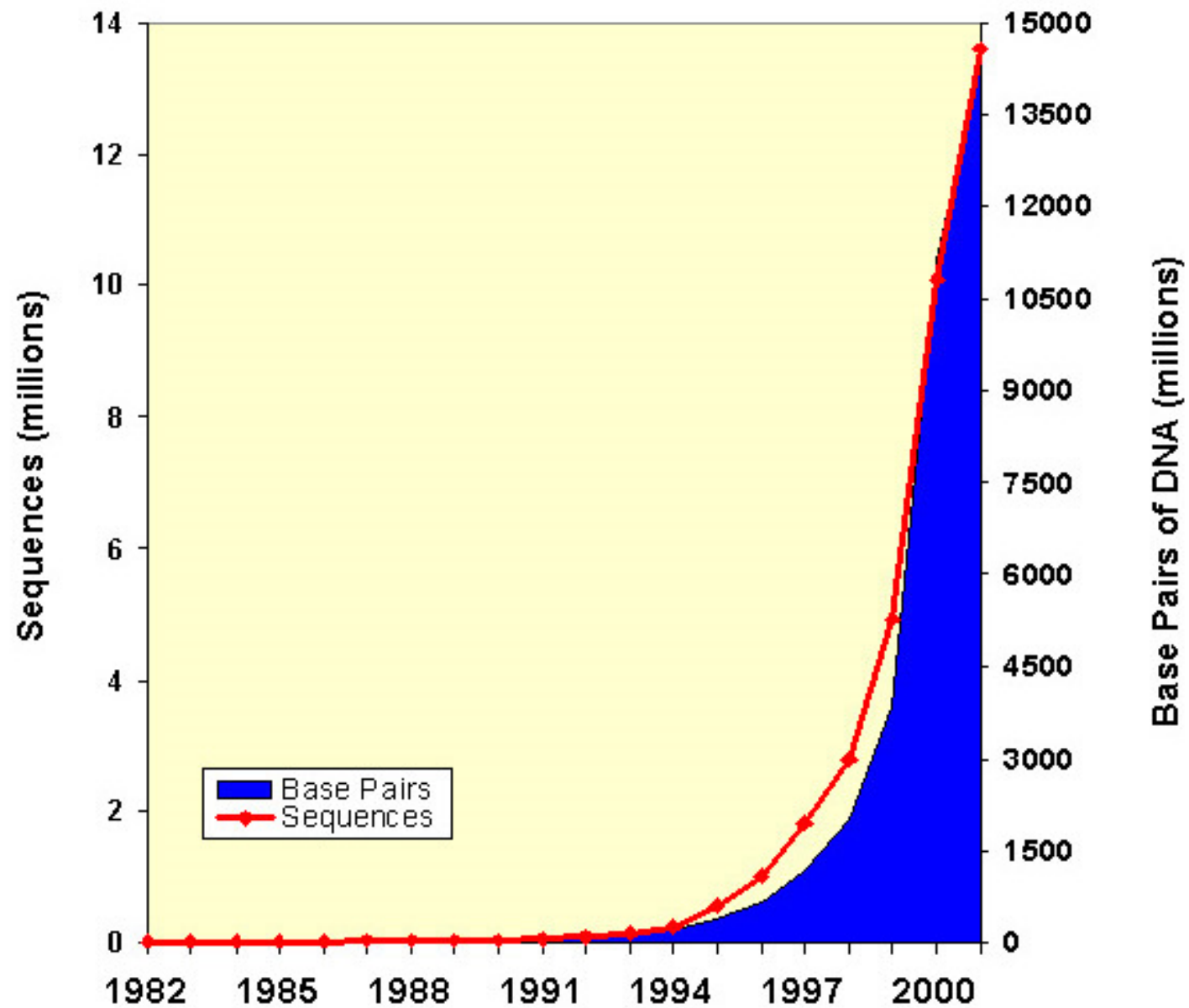


# Applications

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- "diff" utility – where do two files differ
- Version control & patch distribution – save/send only changes
- Molecular biology
  - Similar sequences often have similar origin and function
  - Similarity often recognizable despite millions or billions of years of evolutionary divergence

# Growth of GenBank





# Recursive Solution

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- **Sub-problems:** Edit distance problems for **all prefixes** of **A** and **B** that don't include all of both **A** and **B**
- Let  **$D(i,j)$**  be the number of edits required to transform  **$a_1 a_2 \dots a_i$**  into  **$b_1 b_2 \dots b_j$**
- Clearly  **$D(0,0)=0$**



## Computing $D(n,m)$

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- Imagine how best sequence handles the last characters  $a_n$  and  $b_m$
- If best sequence of operations
  - deletes  $a_n$  then  $D(n,m)=D(n-1,m)+1$
  - inserts  $b_m$  then  $D(n,m)=D(n,m-1)+1$
  - replaces  $a_n$  by  $b_m$  then
$$D(n,m)=D(n-1,m-1)+1$$
  - matches  $a_n$  and  $b_m$  then
$$D(n,m)=D(n-1,m-1)$$



# Recursive algorithm $D(n,m)$

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```
if  $n=0$  then
    return ( $m$ )
elseif  $m=0$  then
    return( $n$ )
else
    if  $a_n=b_m$  then
        replace-cost  $\leftarrow 0$ 
    else
        replace-cost  $\leftarrow 1$ 
    endif
    return(min{  $D(n-1, m) + 1$ ,
                 $D(n, m-1) + 1$ ,
                 $D(n-1, m-1) + \text{replace-cost}$  })
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} cost of substitution of  $a_n$  by  $b_m$  (if used)

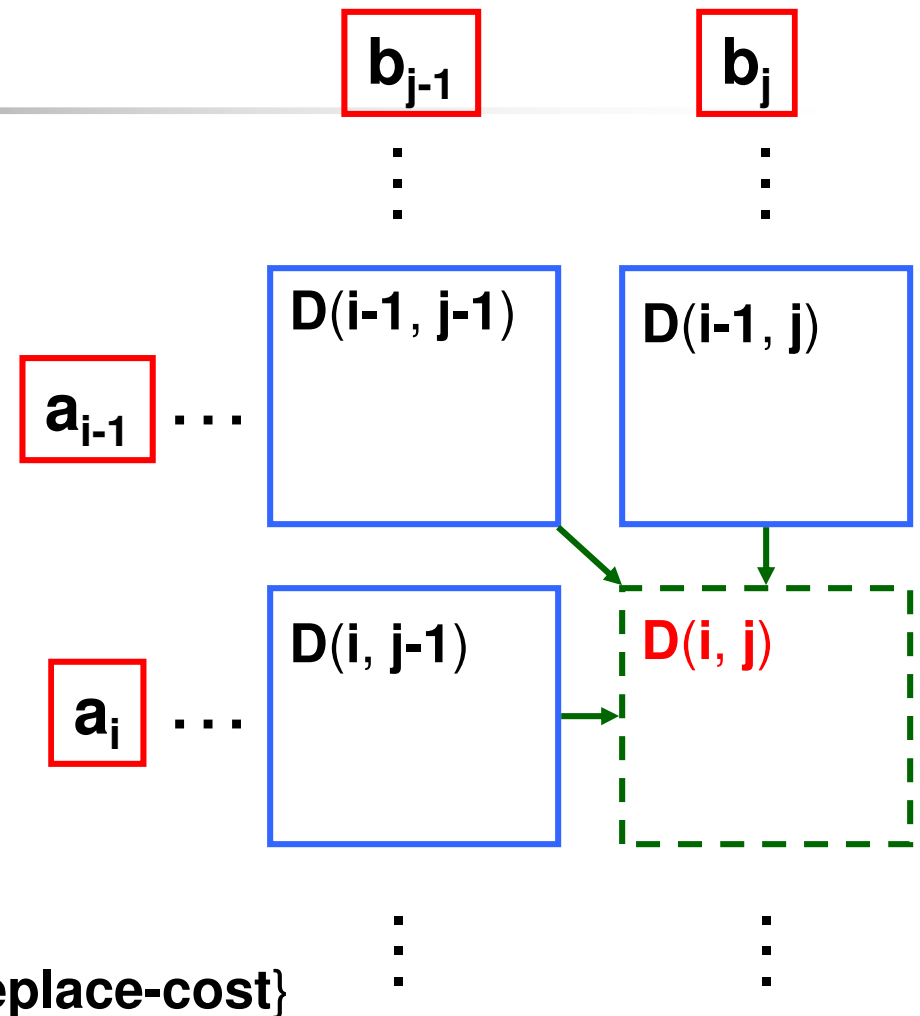


# Dynamic Programming

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for j = 0 to m; D(0,j) ← j; endfor
for i = 1 to n; D(i,0) ← i; endfor
for i = 1 to n
  for j = 1 to m
    if ai=bj then
      replace-cost ← 0
    else
      replace-cost ← 1
    endif
    D(i,j) ← min { D(i-1, j) + 1,
                  D(i, j-1) + 1,
                  D(i-1, j-1) + replace-cost }
  endfor
endfor

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## Example run with AGACATTG and GAGTTA

		A	G	A	C	A	T	T	G	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
G A G T T A	0									
	1									
	2									
	3									
	4									
	5									
	6									



## Example run with AGACATTG and GAGTTA

		A	G	A	C	A	T	T	G
G A G T T A	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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## Example run with AGACATTG and GAGTTA

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G A G T T A	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	2	1	2	1					
	3								
	4								
	5								
	6								



## Example run with AGACATTG and GAGTTA

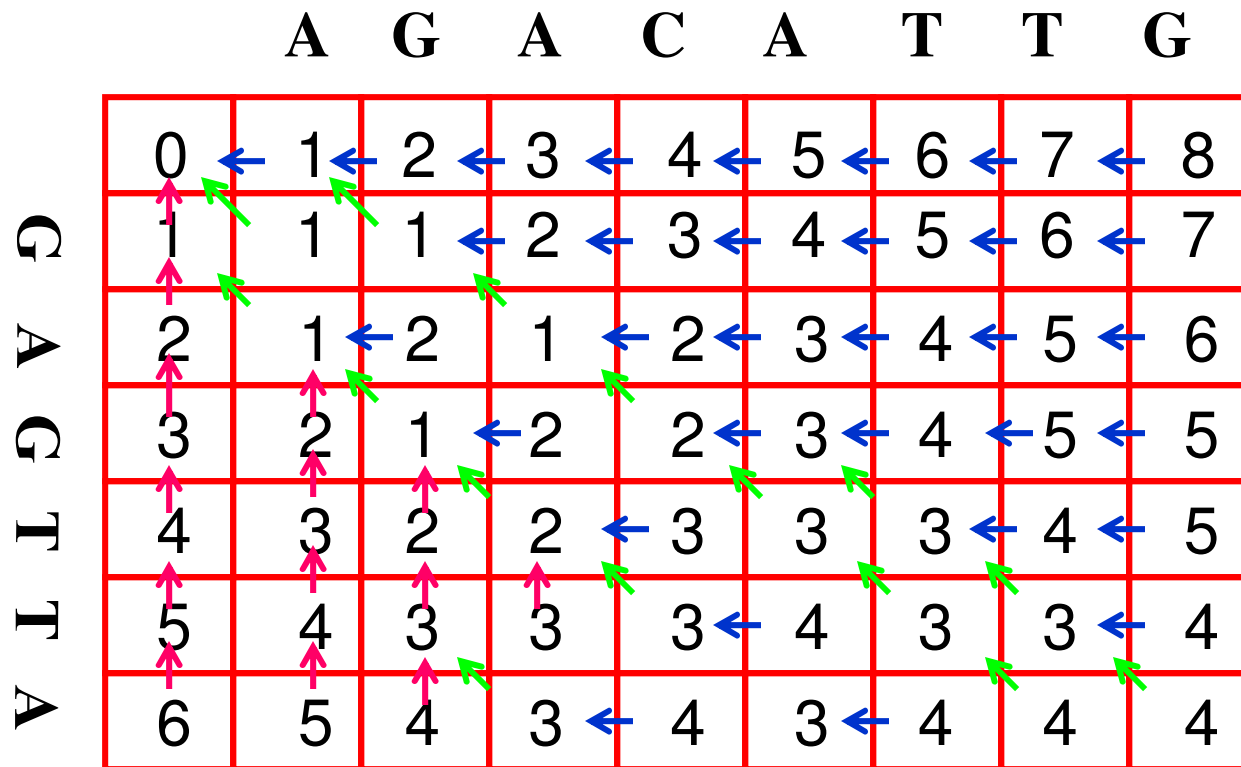
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G A G T T A	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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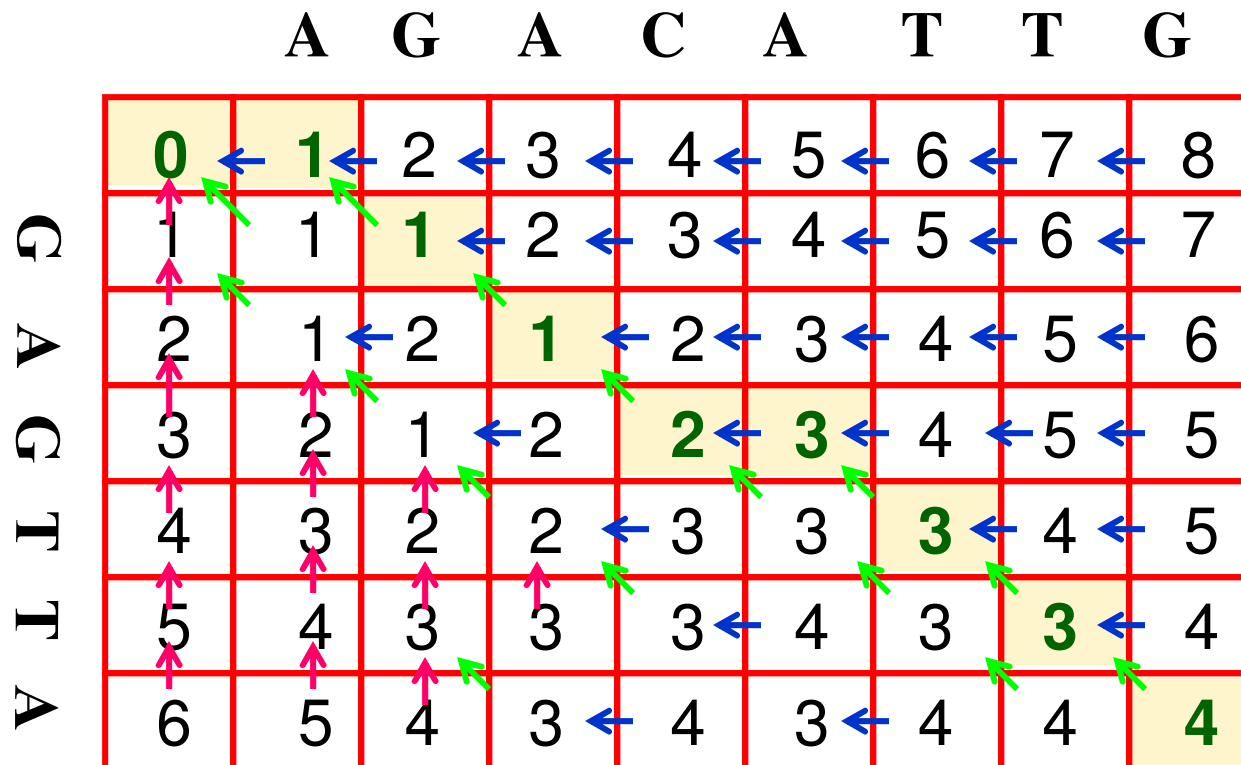
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	2	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3	2	1	2	2	3	4	5	5
	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	4	5
	5	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	4
	6	5	4	3	4	3	4	4	4

# Example run with AGACATTG and GAGTTA



# Example run with AGACATTG and GAGTTA







## Reading off the operations

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- Follow the sequence and use each color of arrow to tell you what operation was performed.
- From the operations can derive an optimal alignment

**A G A C A T T G**  
**\_ G A G \_ T T A**



# Saving Space

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- To compute the distance values we only need the last two rows (or columns)
  - $O(\min(m,n))$  space
- To compute the alignment/sequence of operations
  - seem to need to store all  $O(mn)$  pointers/arrow colors
- Nifty divide and conquer variant that allows one to do this in  $O(\min(m,n))$  space and retain  $O(mn)$  time
  - In practice the algorithm is usually run on smaller chunks of a large string, e.g.  $m$  and  $n$  are lengths of genes so a few thousand characters
    - Researchers want all alignments that are close to optimal
    - Basic algorithm is run since the whole table of pointers (2 bits each) will fit in RAM
  - Ideas are neat, though



# Saving space

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- Alignment corresponds to a path through the table from lower right to upper left
  - Must pass through the middle column
- Recursively compute the entries for the middle column from the left
  - If we knew the cost of completing each then we could figure out where the path crossed
  - **Problem**
    - There are **n** possible strings to start from.
  - **Solution**
    - Recursively calculate the right half costs for each entry in this column using alignments starting at the **other** ends of the two input strings!
  - Can reuse the storage on the left when solving the right hand problem



# Shortest paths with negative cost edges (Bellman-Ford)

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- Dijkstra's algorithm failed with negative-cost edges
  - What can we do in this case?
  - Negative-cost cycles could result in shortest paths with length  $-\infty$
- Suppose no negative-cost cycles in G
  - Shortest path from **s** to **t** has at most **n-1** edges
    - If not, there would be a repeated vertex which would create a cycle that could be removed since cycle can't have -ve cost



## Shortest paths with negative cost edges (Bellman-Ford)

- We want to grow paths from **s** to **t** based on the # of edges in the path
- Let  $\text{Cost}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{i})$  = cost of minimum-length path from **s** to **t** using up to **i** hops.
  - $\text{Cost}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{0}) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{0} & \text{if } \mathbf{v} = \mathbf{t} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
  - $\text{Cost}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{i}) = \min\{\text{Cost}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{i}-1), \min_{(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{w}) \in E} (\mathbf{c}_{\mathbf{vw}} + \text{Cost}(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{i}-1))\}$



# Bellman-Ford

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- Observe that the recursion for  $\text{Cost}(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{i})$  doesn't change  $\mathbf{t}$ 
  - Only store an entry for each  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{i}$ 
    - Termed  $\text{OPT}(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{i})$  in the text
- Also observe that to compute  $\text{OPT}(*, \mathbf{i})$  we only need  $\text{OPT}(*, \mathbf{i}-1)$ 
  - Can store a current and previous copy in  $O(\mathbf{n})$  space.



# Bellman-Ford

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ShortestPath( $G, s, t$ )

for all  $v \in V$

**OPT**[ $v$ ]  $\leftarrow \infty$

**OPT**[ $t$ ]  $\leftarrow 0$

for  $i=1$  to  $n-1$  do

for all  $v \in V$  do

**O(mn)** time

**OPT'**[ $v$ ]  $\leftarrow \min_{(v,w) \in E} (c_{vw} + \mathbf{OPT}[w])$

for all  $v \in V$  do

**OPT**[ $v$ ]  $\leftarrow \min(\mathbf{OPT}'[v], \mathbf{OPT}[v])$

return **OPT**[ $s$ ]



# Negative cycles

- **Claim:** There is a negative-cost cycle that can reach  $t$  iff for some vertex  $v \in V$ ,  $\text{Cost}(v, t, n) < \text{Cost}(v, t, n-1)$
- **Proof:**
  - We already know that if there aren't any then we only need paths of length up to  $n-1$
  - For the other direction
    - The recurrence computes  $\text{Cost}(v, t, i)$  correctly for **any** number of hops  $i$
    - The recurrence reaches a fixed point if for every  $v \in V$ ,  $\text{Cost}(v, t, i) = \text{Cost}(v, t, i-1)$
    - A negative-cost cycle means that eventually some  $\text{Cost}(v, t, i)$  gets smaller than any given bound
      - Can't have a -ve cost cycle if for every  $v \in V$ ,  $\text{Cost}(v, t, n) = \text{Cost}(v, t, n-1)$



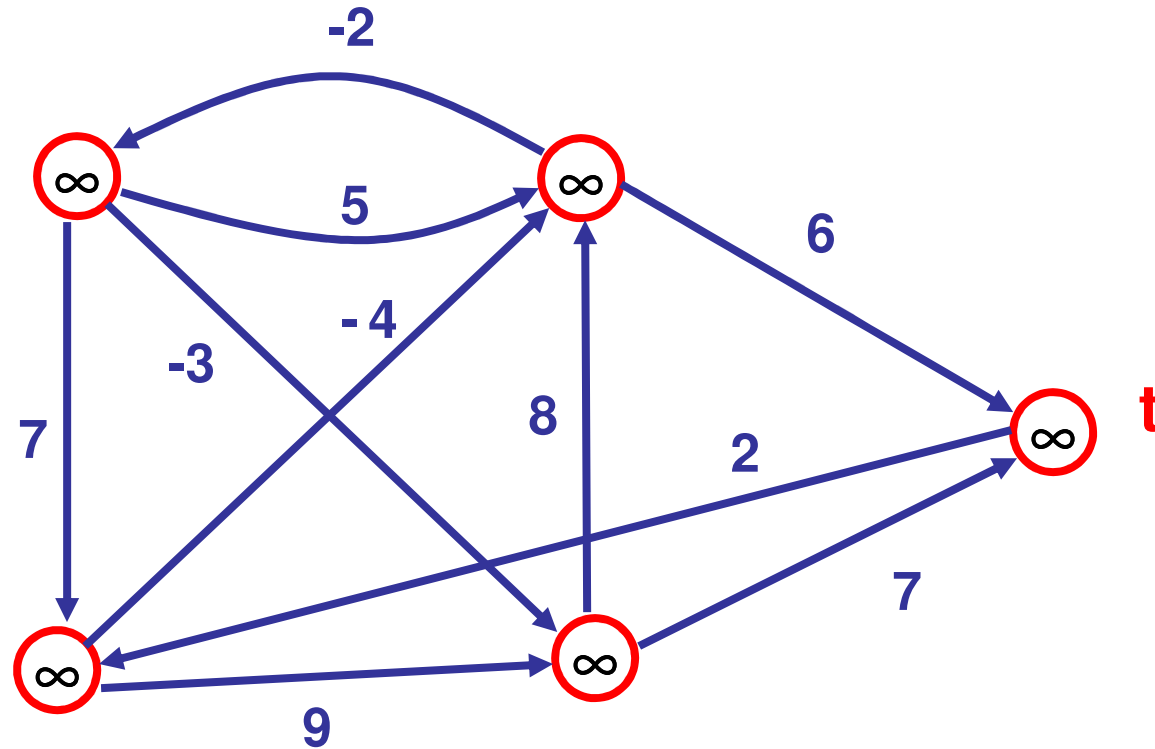


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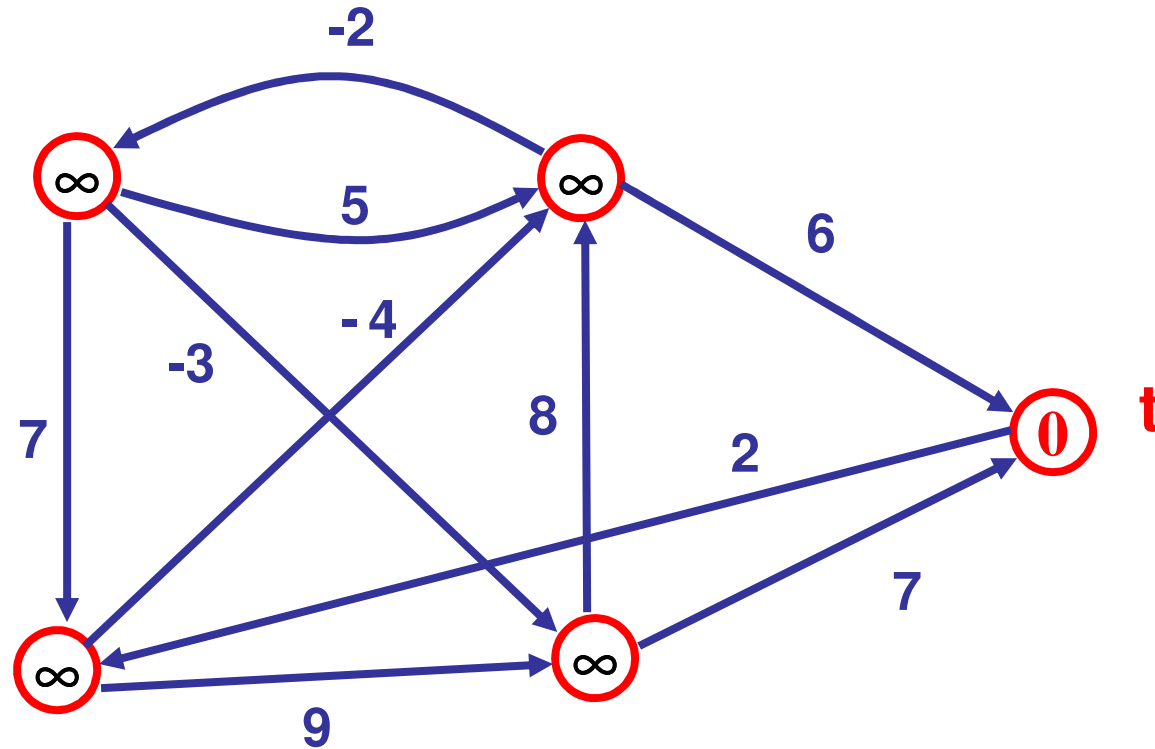
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- Can run algorithm and stop early if the **OPT** and **OPT'** arrays are ever equal
  - Even better, one can update only neighbors **v** of vertices **w** with **OPT'[w] ≠ OPT[w]**
- Can store a **successor** pointer when we compute **OPT**
  - Homework assignment
- By running for step **n** we can find some vertex **v** on a negative cycle and use the successor pointers to find the cycle

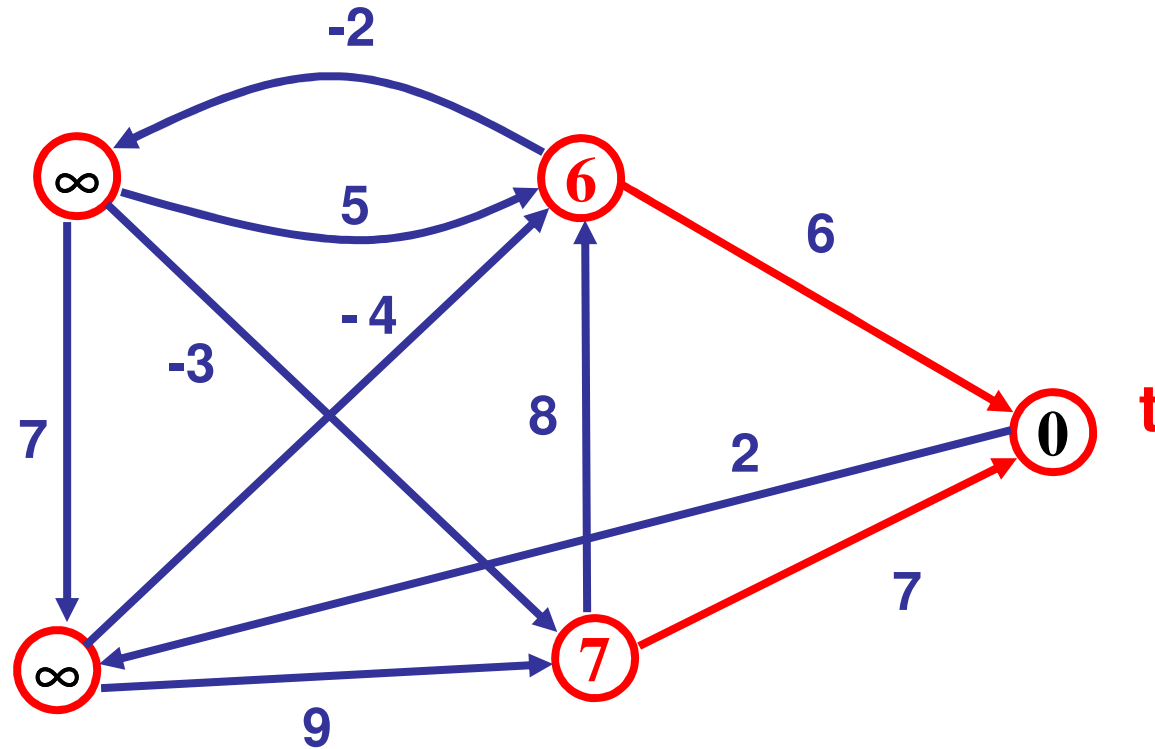
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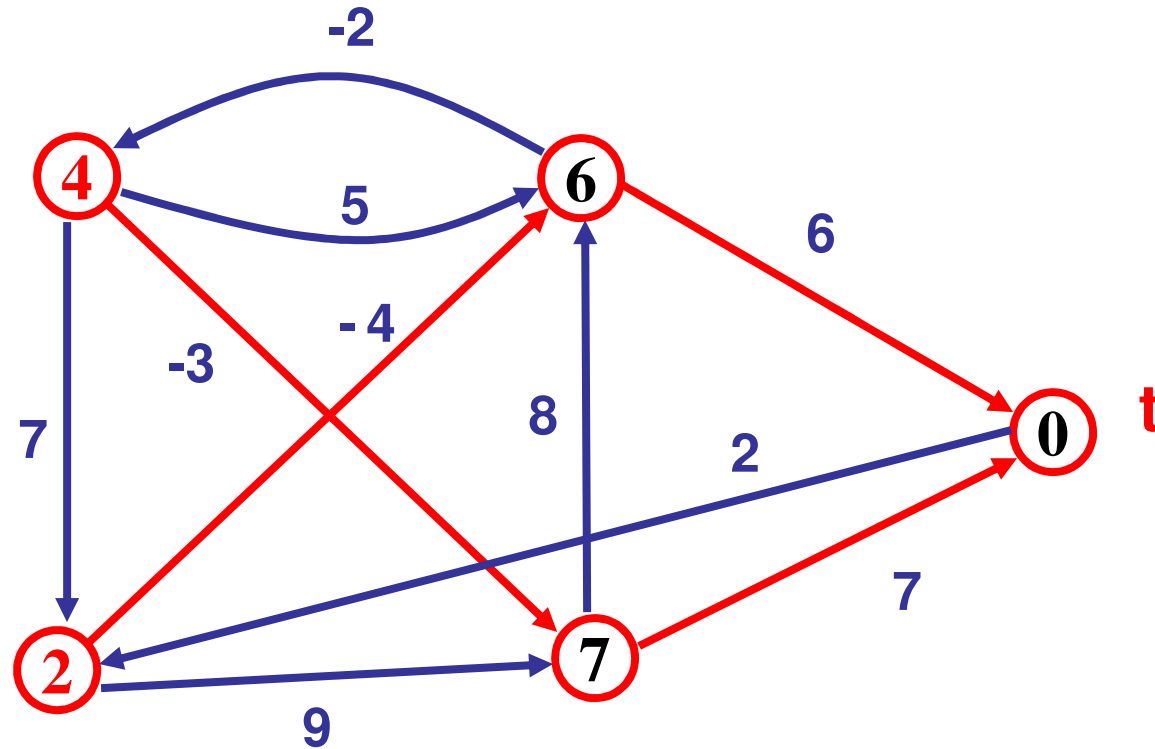
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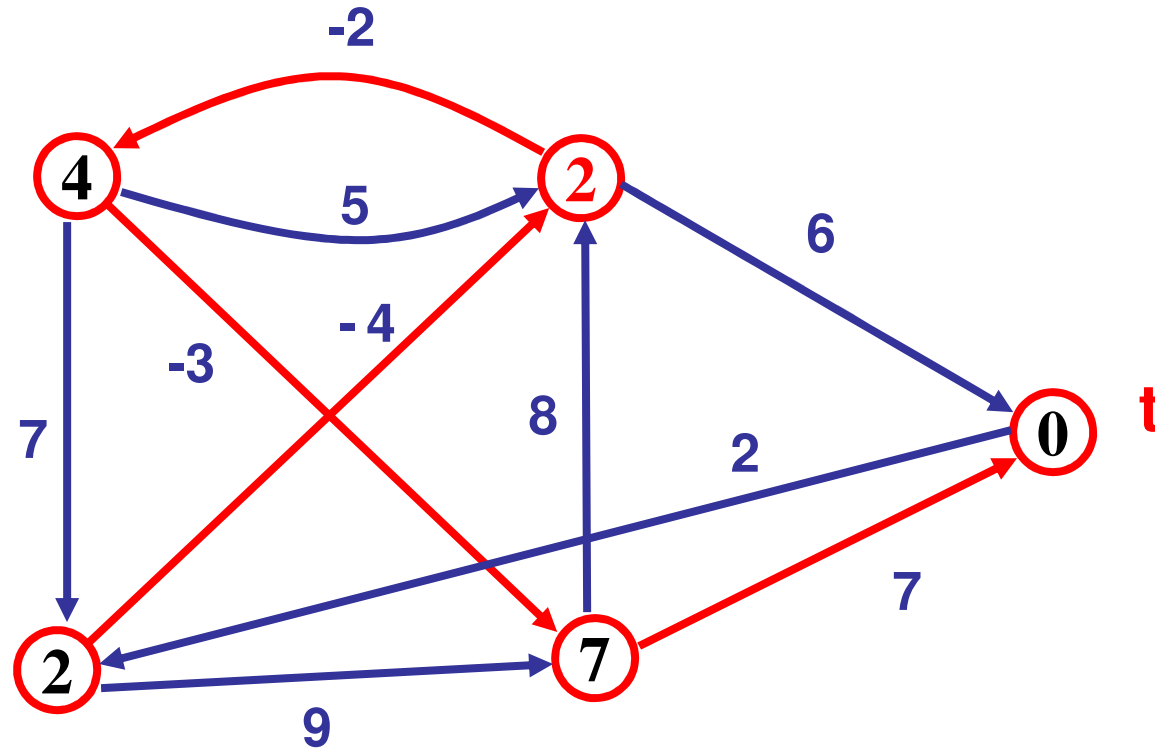
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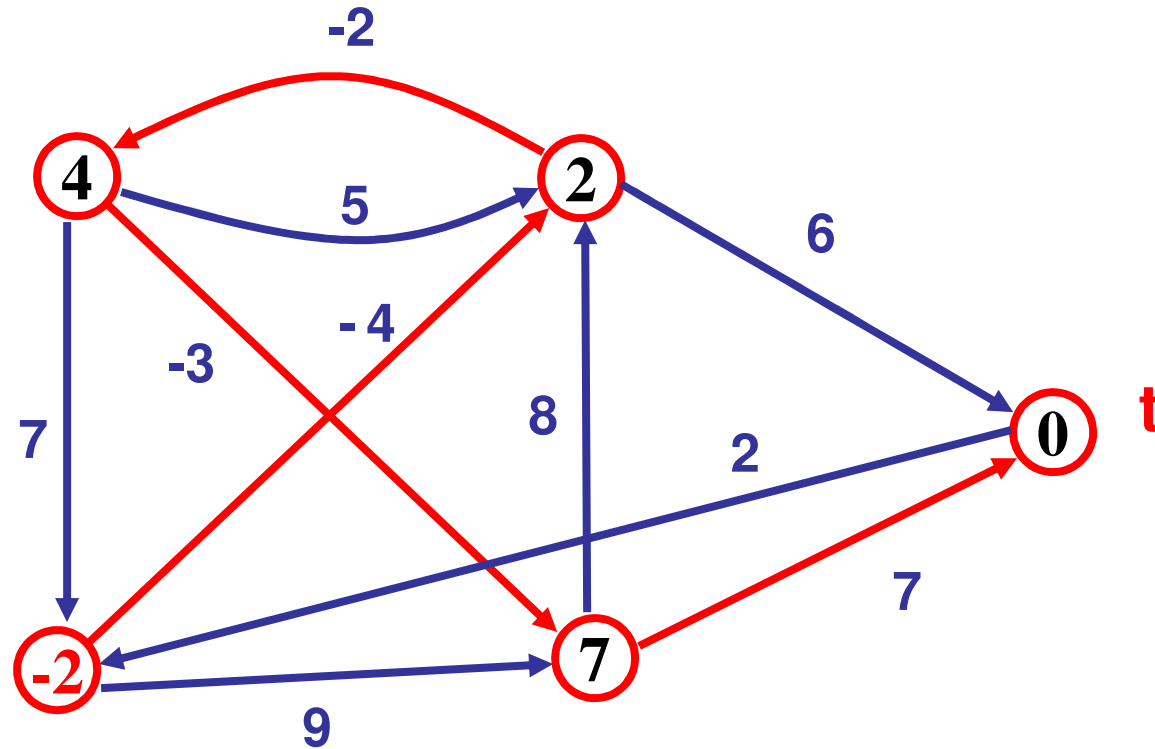
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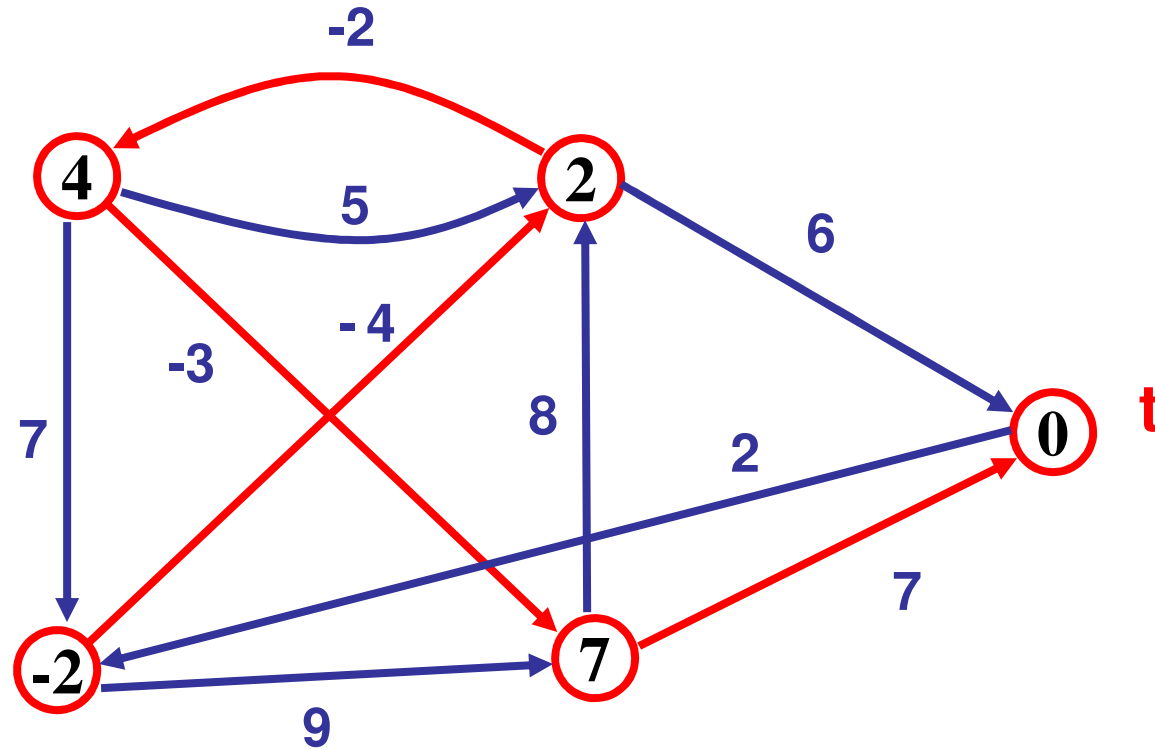
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# Bellman-Ford with a DAG

Edges only go from lower to higher-numbered vertices

- Update distances in reverse order of topological sort
- Only one pass through vertices required
- $O(n+m)$  time

