

Algorithmic Paradigms

Greed. Build up a solution incrementally, myopically optimizing some local criterion.

Divide-and-conquer. Break up a problem into two sub-problems, solve each sub-problem independently, and combine solution to sub-problems to form solution to original problem.

Dynamic programming. Break up a problem into a series of overlapping sub-problems, and build up solutions to larger and larger sub-problems.

Dynamic Programming History

Bellman. Pioneered the systematic study of dynamic programming in the 1950s.

Etymology.

- Dynamic programming = planning over time.
- Secretary of Defense was hostile to mathematical research.
- Bellman sought an impressive name to avoid confrontation.
 - "it's impossible to use dynamic in a pejorative sense"
 - "something not even a Congressman could object to"

Reference: Bellman, R. E. Eye of the Hurricane, An Autobiography.

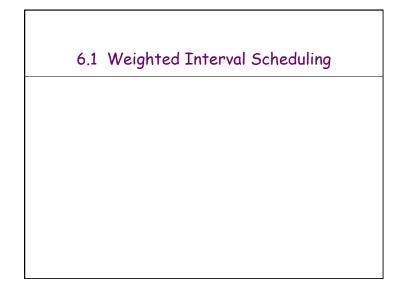
Dynamic Programming Applications

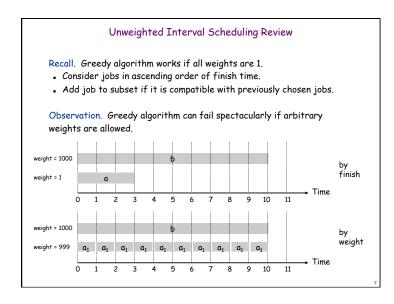
Areas.

- Bioinformatics.
- Control theory.
- Information theory.
- Operations research.
- . Computer science: theory, graphics, AI, systems,

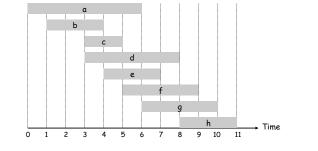
Some famous dynamic programming algorithms.

- Viterbi for hidden Markov models.
- Unix diff for comparing two files.
- Smith-Waterman for sequence alignment.
- Bellman-Ford for shortest path routing in networks.
- Cocke-Kasami-Younger for parsing context free grammars.





Weighted Interval Scheduling Weighted interval scheduling problem. • Job j starts at s_j, finishes at f_j, and has weight or value v_j. • Two jobs compatible if they don't overlap. • Goal: find maximum weight subset of mutually compatible jobs.

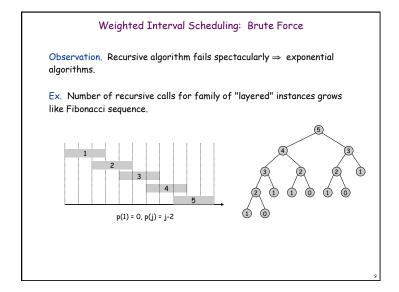


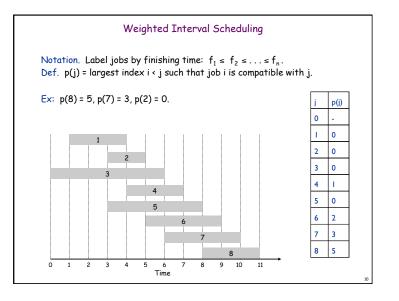
Let's try to understand structure of optimal solution

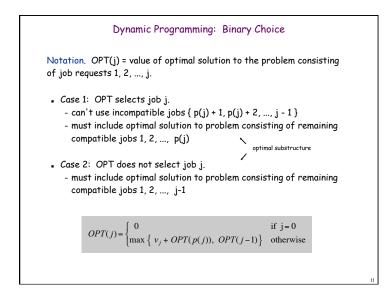
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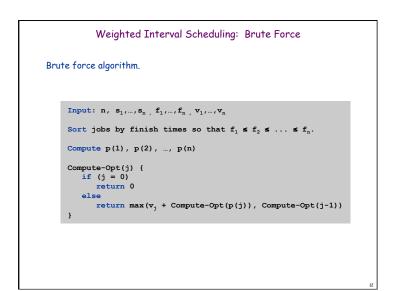
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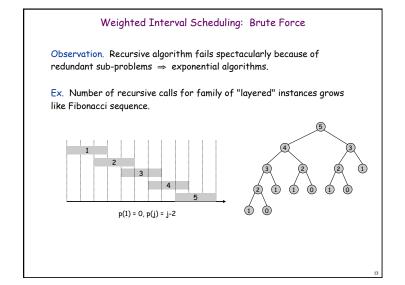
In each of these cases, what can we say about the optimal solution?





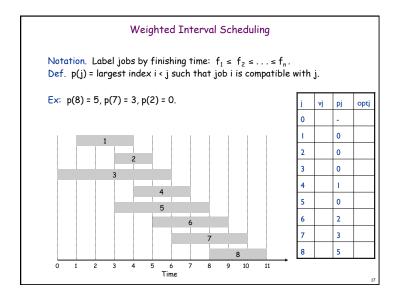


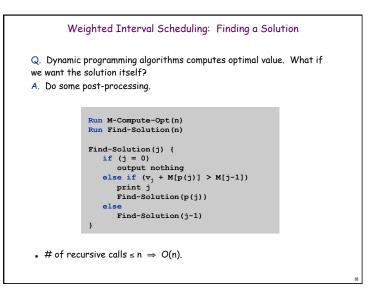


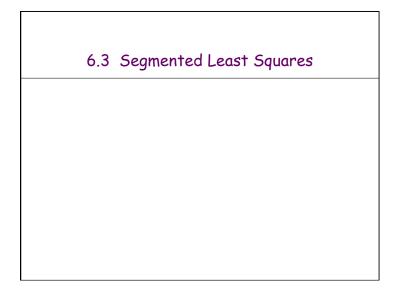


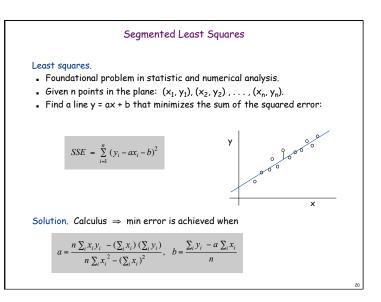
Weighted Interval Scheduling: Running Time Claim. Memoized version of algorithm takes O(n log n) time. Sort by finish time: O(n log n). Computing p(·): O(n) after sorting by start time. M-Compute-Opt (j): each invocation takes O(1) time and either (i) returns an existing value M[j] (ii) fills in one new entry M[j] and makes two recursive calls Progress measure Φ = # nonempty entries of M[]. initially Φ = 0, throughout Φ ≤ n. (ii) increases Φ by 1 ⇒ at most 2n recursive calls. Overall running time of M-Compute-Opt (n) is O(n). Remark. O(n) if jobs are pre-sorted by start and finish times.

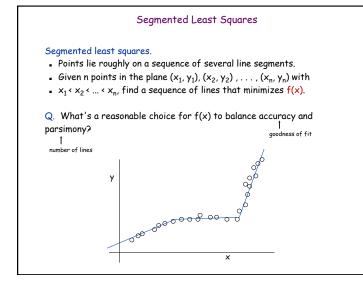
Weighted Interval Scheduling: Bottom-Up Bottom-up dynamic programming. Unwind recursion. $\begin{bmatrix} Input: n, s_1, ..., s_n, f_1, ..., f_n, v_1, ..., v_n \\ Sort jobs by finish times so that f_1 \leq f_2 \leq ... \leq f_n. \\ Compute p(1), p(2), ..., p(n) \\ \\ Iterative-Compute-Opt {$ $M[0] = 0 \\ for j = 1 to n \\ M[j] = max(v_j + M[p(j)], M[j-1]) \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}$

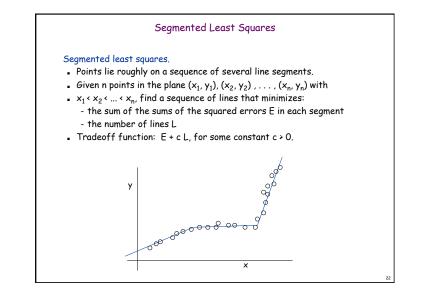


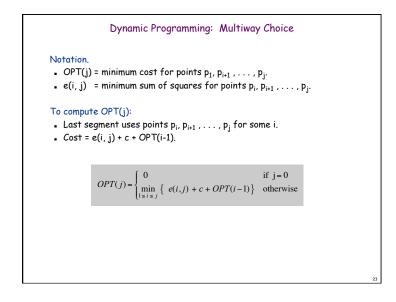


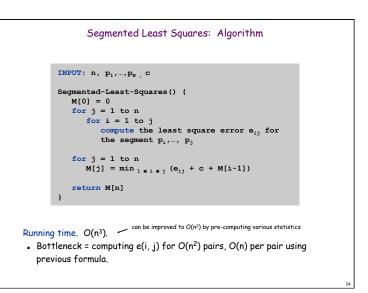


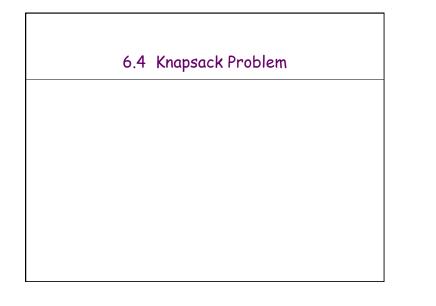


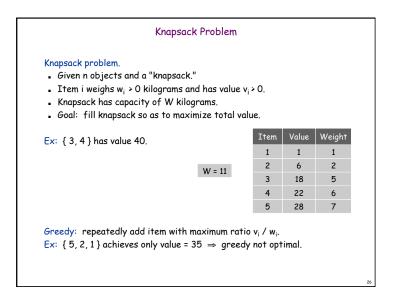


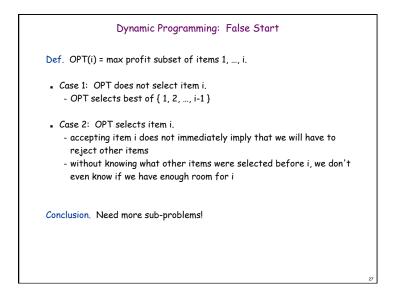


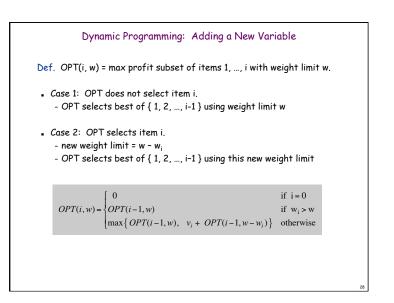


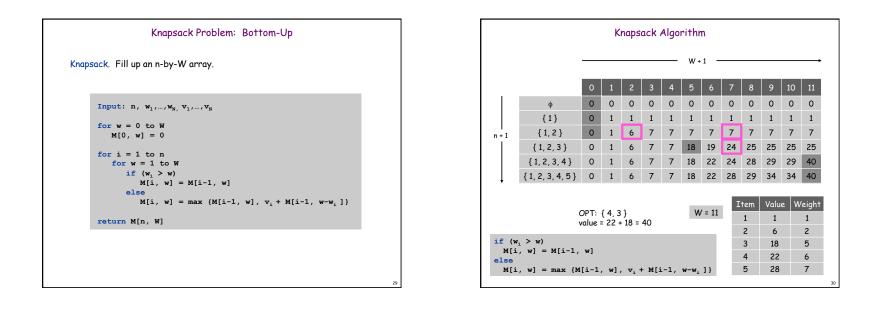












Knapsack Problem: Running Time

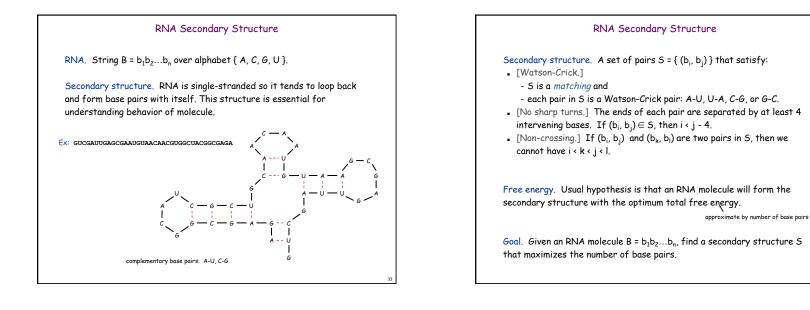
Running time. $\Theta(n W)$.

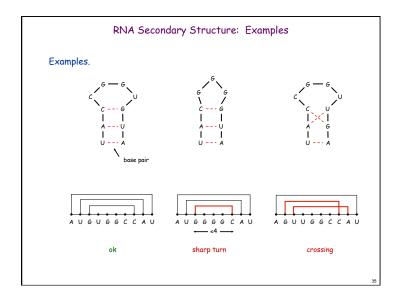
- Not polynomial in input size!
- "Pseudo-polynomial."
- Decision version of Knapsack is NP-complete. [Chapter 8]

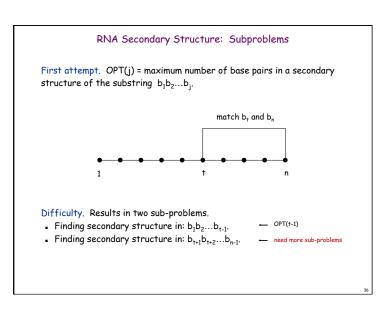
Knapsack approximation algorithm. There exists a polynomial algorithm that produces a feasible solution that has value within 0.01% of optimum. [Section 11.8]

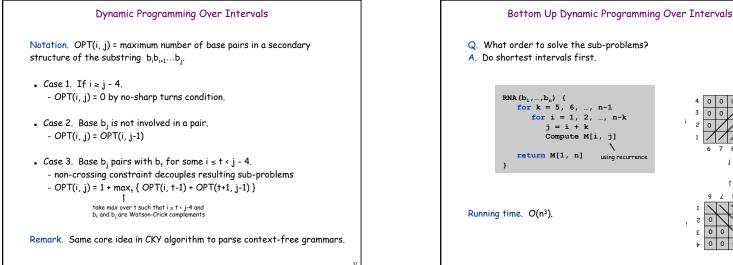
6.5 RNA Secondary Structure

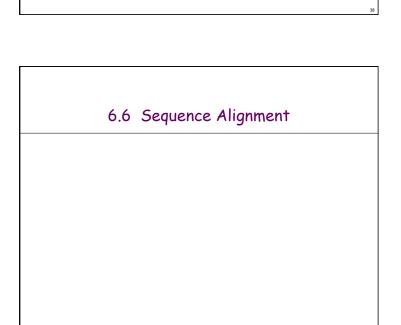
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Dynamic Programming Summary

Recipe.

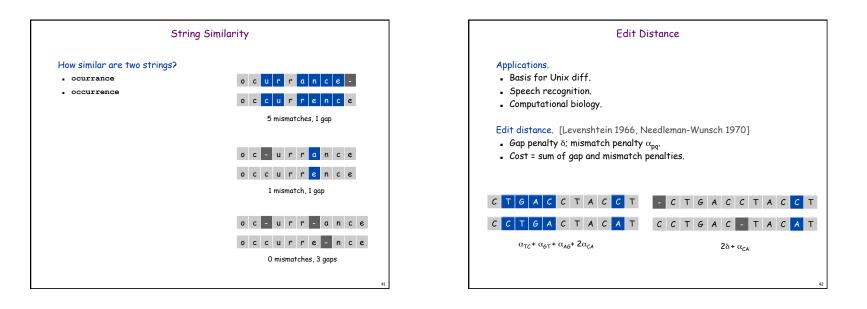
- Characterize structure of problem.
- Recursively define value of optimal solution.
- Compute value of optimal solution.
- Construct optimal solution from computed information.

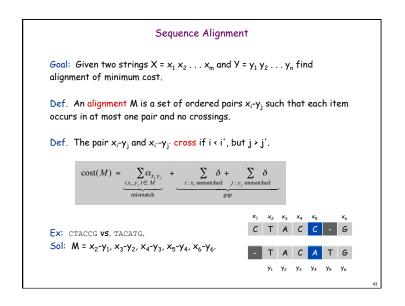
Dynamic programming techniques.

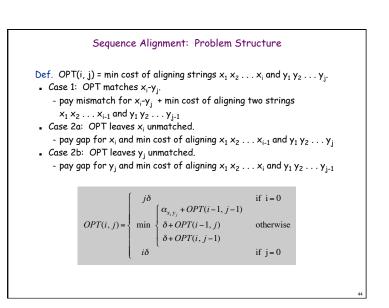
- Binary choice: weighted interval scheduling.
- Multi-way choice: segmented least squares.
 Witerbidgorithm for HMM also uses tradeoff between parsimony and accuracy
- Adding a new variable: knapsack.
- Dynamic programming over intervals: RNA secondary structure.

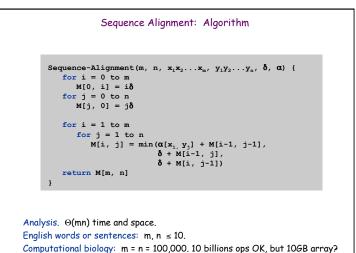
CKY parsing algorithm for context-free arammar has similar structure

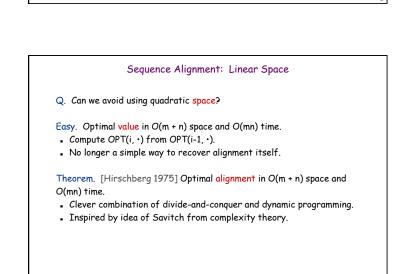
Top-down vs. bottom-up: different people have different intuitions.

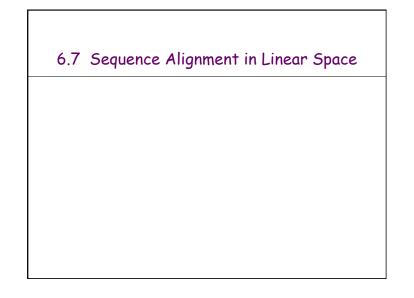


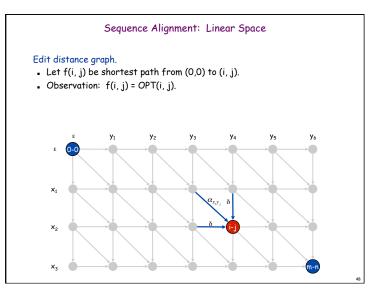


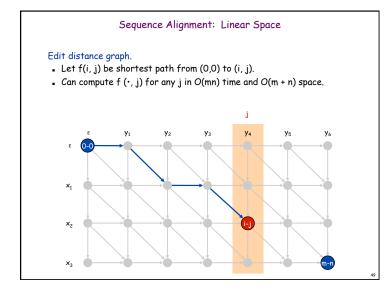


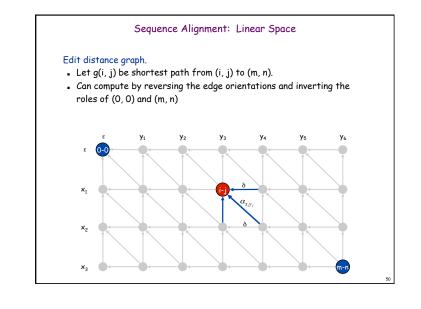


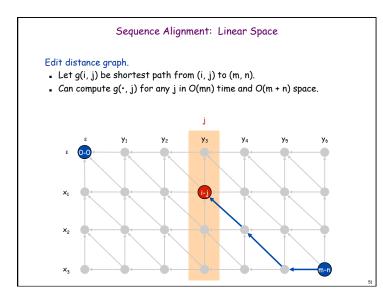


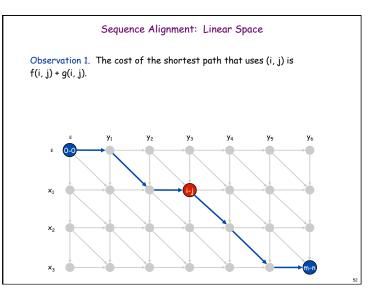


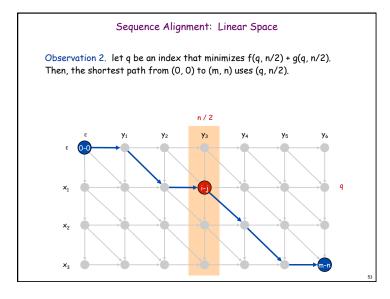












Sequence Alignment: Running Time Analysis Warmup Theorem. Let T(m, n) = max running time of algorithm on strings of length at most m and n. $T(m, n) = O(mn \log n)$. $T(m,n) \leq 2T(m, n/2) + O(mn) \Rightarrow T(m,n) = O(mn \log n)$ Remark. Analysis is not tight because two sub-problems are of size (q, n/2) and (m - q, n/2). In next slide, we save log n factor.

