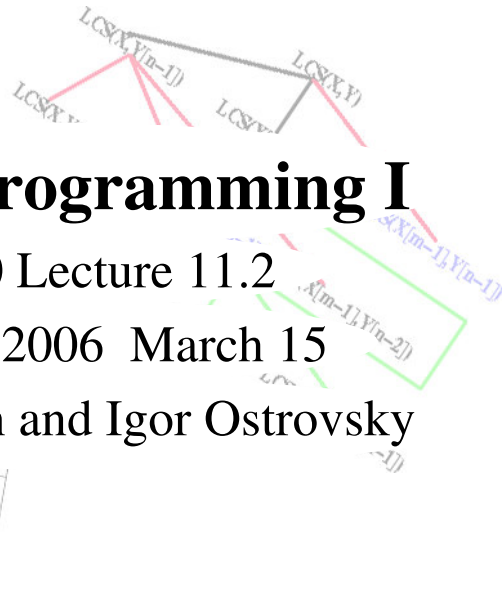


# Dynamic Programming I

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## Etymology of Dynamic Programming

- Richard Bellman, the of Bellman-Ford algorithm fame, invented dynamic programming in 1953.<sup>1</sup>
- Bellman was dependent on government funding at a time when the American Secretary of Defence was “hostile to mathematical research,” and so he came up with the name as “something not even a congressman could object to.”<sup>2</sup>
- *Dynamic* was intended as a synonym for *pejorative* (to make worse).<sup>3</sup>
- *Programming* was intended to be the mathematical concept of programming, as in *linear programming*<sup>4</sup> (ask a mathematician, I don’t know).



<sup>1,4</sup>Tan, Gang. “Chapter 6: Dynamic Programming.” *Boston College, CS383*. Fall 2005. Available: [http://www.cs.bc.edu/~gtan/teaching/cs383/slides/cs383\\_06dynamic-programming.pdf](http://www.cs.bc.edu/~gtan/teaching/cs383/slides/cs383_06dynamic-programming.pdf)

<sup>2,3</sup>Wikipedia contributors. “Dynamic Programming.” *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. March 2005. Available: [http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Dynamic\\_programming](http://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Dynamic_programming)

## What Are Some DP Problems?

- DP problems we’ve already seen in this course are:
  - Bellman-Ford shortest path algorithm
  - Dijkstra’s shortest path algorithm
- Classic DP problems we’ll be looking at today are:
  - longest increasing subsequence problem
  - backpacker problem / knapsack problem

## Longest Increasing Subsequence Problem

- Given a set of numbers, pick out, in order of appearance, as elements as possible such that each chosen element picked is larger than the previously picked element.
- For example, given the set:  
 { 14, 1, 17, 2, 16, 17, 3, 15, 4, 1, 5, 18, 13, 6, 7, 19, 8, 12, 1, 9, 10, 8 }  
 the long increasing subset is:  
 { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 }
- How do we solve this problem? Forget about it for now, we’ll get to it later.
- How is this a DP problem? Before we answer that, we must first answer...

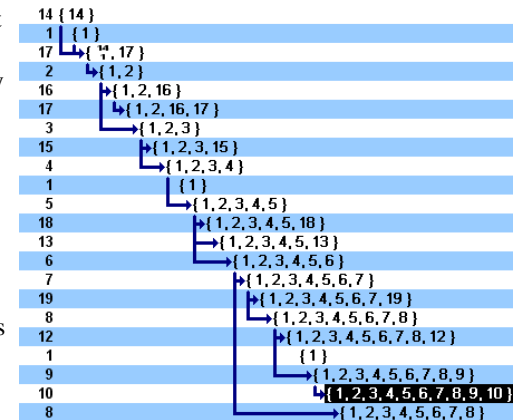
- Dynamic programming **is not** an algorithm
- Dynamic programming **is not** a style of programming.
- Dynamic programming **is** the set of problems which have both **overlapping subproblems** and **optimal substructure**.

- A problem with an optimal substructure is one which can be expressed entirely in terms of **overlapping subproblems**.
- ...but what's an overlapping subproblem?

- Overlapping subproblems are simple problems which have to be solved repeatedly to solve the overall problem.
- In the longest increasing subsequence problem, we can break it down into:
  - What is the longest increasing subsequence that ends at each element?
  - What is the longest of any of those subsequences?

**Q:** What is the longest increasing subsequence that ends at each element?

**A:** If this is the smallest item we've seen so far, then it's the only item in the set. Otherwise, find the previous item with the longest-longest subset which is smaller than the element, and set the longest subset of this element to the union of the element and that subset.



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static int longestIncreasingSubsequence(int[] p_asuperSequence) {
    int[] abest = new int[p_asuperSequence.length];
    int nret = 0;

    for (int i = 0; i < p_asuperSequence.length; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j++)
            if (p_asuperSequence[i] > p_asuperSequence[j])
                abest[i] = Math.max(abest[i], abest[j] + 1);
        nret = Math.max(nret, abest[i]);
    } //next i
    return nret + 1;
} //end method

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- Why is a shortest path problem DP?
- What are the subproblems of the Bellman-Ford algorithm?
- What are the subproblems of Dijkstra's algorithm?

## Backpacker/Knapsack Problem

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This is one of the classic DP problems. Here's the general problem:

There is a guy with a knapsack of capacity  $c$  who can only carry items which fit into that knapsack. ( $c$  may be a weight, or a volume, it doesn't really matter).

The guy has available to him a set of items, each of which has a value, and wants to load up his knapsack with the most valuable set of items which he can carry, and he needs to do it quickly.

*I've often imagined the guy is a shoplifter, because who else might have these requirements?*



## Subproblems of the Backpacker Problem

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- There are two subproblems within the backpacker problem:
  - Examine subsets of the items: if the items available are  $\{i_0, i_1 \dots i_n\}$ , then, for every integer  $k$  from  $0..n$ , consider only the subset of items  $i_0 \dots i_k$ .
  - Much less intuitively, examine lesser maximum capacities: if the maximum capacity is  $c$ , then for every integer  $w$  from  $0..c$ , find the maximum value of of a subset of the subset  $i_0 \dots i_k$  whose weight is  $< w$ .

**Items:**  
 item A 1kg \$100  
 item B 3kg \$200  
 item C 5kg \$301  
 item D 7kg \$400  
 item E 9kg \$500

**Max Weight: 10kg**

**How to calculate each cell:**

for every cell  $[x, y]$

if  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ , then

$cell[x, y] := [0kg \ \$0 \ \{ \}]$

otherwise

let  $m :=$  the item for column  $y$

let  $w :=$  the weight of  $m$

if  $w$  is more than the row's maximum weight

$cell[x, y] := cell[x - 1, y]$

otherwise

$cell[x, y] :=$  the pricier of  $cell[x - 1, y]$  and  $(cell[x - 1, y - w] + m)$

	no items	item A	items A/B	items A/B/C	items A/B/C/D	items A/B/C/D/E
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kg <= 10	??kg \$?? {???	??kg \$?? {???	??kg \$?? {???	??kg \$?? {???	??kg \$?? {???	??kg \$?? {???

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kg <= 8	0kg \$0 { }	1kg \$100 { A }	4kg \$300 { A, B }	8kg \$501 { B, C }	8kg \$501 { B, C }	8kg \$501 { B, C }
kg <= 9	0kg \$0 { }	1kg \$100 { A }	4kg \$300 { A, B }	9kg \$601 { A, B, C }	9kg \$601 { A, B, C }	9kg \$601 { A, B, C }
kg <= 10	0kg \$0 { }	1kg \$100 { A }	4kg \$300 { A, B }	9kg \$601 { A, B, C }	9kg \$601 { A, B, C }	9kg \$601 { A, B, C }

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- Do we really need to keep track of the weights, values, and items?
  - Absolutely not. At a minimum, we need the cost, although we *may* want the weight or item list depending on whether we were asked to list the items, state the value, or state the weight.
- Do we need a huge 2-dimensional array?
  - You could use a full 2d matrix like we just saw (most examples on the web do), but as we only look at two columns at a time, it's possible to implement this using two arrays of whose length is the maximum weight (next slide)
- What's the running time of this algorithm?
  - $O(\text{items} * \text{weight})$

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static int backpackerMaxValue(int p_nmaxWeight, int[] p_aveight, int[] p_acost) {
    int ncurr = 0, nprev = 1; //column indices. invar: ncurr ∈ { 0, 1 }, nprev == 1 - ncurr
    int nweight; //row index, also max weight for the row
    int[] abestValue = new int[2][p_nmaxWeight + 1]; //optimal value for each row
                                                    //for the current (ncurr) and
                                                    //previous (nprev) columns.

    //for every item
    for (int nitem = 0; nitem < p_acost.length; nitem++) {

        //ignore items heavier than the knapsack
        if (p_aveight[nitem] > p_nmaxWeight)
            continue;

        //swap ncurr and nprev
        ncurr = (nprev = ncurr) ^ 1;

        //for all rows where the item is heavier than the row's maximum weight
        for (nweight = 1; nweight < p_aveight[nitem]; nweight++)
            abestValue[ncurr][nweight] = abestValue[nprev][nweight];

        //for all rows where the item is at most than the row's maximum weight
        for (; nweight <= p_nmaxWeight; nweight++)
            abestValue[ncurr][nweight] = Math.max(
                abestValue[nprev][nweight - p_aveight[nitem]] + p_acost[nitem],
                abestValue[nprev][nweight]
            );
    } //next nitem

    return abestValue[ncurr][p_nmaxWeight];
} //end method

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