



Dynamic Programming

Identify a collection of subproblems, solve from bottom up to get larger ones  
Implicit DAG contained in nodes (problems), edges (dependencies)  
Strat. Paths in DAGs  
DAGs can be traversed, so it's possible to construct state dependencies  
Initialize all data to 0 except s, and for each node in linear order  
dist(v) = min over u of (dist(u) + edge(u,v))  
The structure is fundamental to DP (smaller dist necessary to get larger ones)  
Longest Increasing Subsequence  
Visualize by creating a DAG of all possible transitions  
Subproblem: L(i), length of longest increasing subsequence ending at i  
for i=2 to n: for j=1 to i-1: if a[j] < a[i]: L[i] = max(L[i], L[j]+1)  
if (a[i] < a[0]) L[i] = 1  
L[1] takes O(n) indices to compute, overall O(n^2) worst case computation

Optimal Scheduling Strategy

Suppose you are in Vegas for d days with \$1, can gamble x dollars each day with payoff 1/2 success + 2/3 failure  
Subproblem: F(i, s, t) = max profit given that we have s dollars at the end of day i and t days remaining  
Each day try all possible outcomes and max over them (keep track of best dist to go)

Minimum Edit Distance  
Number of keystrokes required to go from one word to another  
Subproblem: E(i, j) = edit distance between x[1..i], y[1..j]  
For each subproblem we decide (a) insert, (b) delete, (c) match  
E(i, j) = min(E(i-1, j), E(i, j-1), E(i-1, j-1) + 1)  
we use an array table where top row and left column are (0, 1..n)  
with columns for subproblems and (0, 1..n) for the line of the fun underlying DAGs, we can generalize to more complicated problems

Knapsack

Given finite capacity and items of value/weight (find best combination)  
Knapsack with Repetition  
This is an infinite number of objects so all that matters is capacity  
Subproblem: K(i, w) = maximum achievable value with capacity w  
At every step, k(i, w) = max(k(i-1, w), v[i] + k(i, w - w[i]))  
Every point requires up to O(n) to compute, so O(nw) time overall  
Knapsack without Repetition  
If items are unique then we must keep an additional parameter  
Subproblem: K(i, w) = max(k(i, w-w[i]) + v[i], k(i, w))  
where k(i, w) = max value achievable using capacity w and items 1..i  
Filling out a w x n table, so O(nw) - usually polynomial

Shortest Paths

Finding shortest path (w/ negative weights) using at most k edges and between all pairs of vertices (Bellman-Ford - O(n^3))  
Floyd-Warshall algorithm  
Gradually expand set of permissible nodes as intermediates  
for all (i, j) in V: dist(i, j) = dist(i, j)  
for k=1 to n: for i=1 to n: for j=1 to n: dist(i, j) = min(dist(i, j), dist(i, k) + dist(k, j))  
Using at most k edges, dist(i, j) = min(dist(i, j-1), min over h of (dist(i, h) + dist(h, j)))  
Traveling Salesman Problem  
Visit all cities (except start) exactly one and return home, min distance  
Only feasible solution tries all (n-1)! permutations  
Subproblem: C(i, s, j) = length of shortest path visiting each node in S exactly once, starting at i and ending at j  
Recurrence: C(i, s, j) = min over k in S \ {i, j} of (C(i, s-k, i) + C(k, s-k, j))  
for s=2 to n: for all subsets S of {1..n} of size s and containing 1: C(s, 1, 1) = 0  
for all (i, j) in S: C(i, S, j) = min over k in S \ {i, j} of (C(i, S-k, i) + C(k, S-k, j))  
return min over (i, j) in S of C(i, S, j) + dist(i, j)  
There are 2^n subproblems, each takes O(n), so O(n^2 \* 2^n) runtime

Optimal Triangulation

Cut a convex polygon into triangles, minimizing total length of all edges  
Subproblem: L(i, j) = cost of optimal triangulation of P[i..j]  
All polygon edges (non-adjacent) in same triangle, can form smaller regions  
Recurrence: L(i, j) = min over k of (L(i, k) + L(k, j) + C(i, k, j))  
Independent Sets  
Find the largest set of some trees where nodes are directly connected by edges  
Pick any node as root (number of subtrees is linear)  
Subproblem: I(u) = size of larger independent set in subtree rooted at u  
Recurrence: I(u) = max(I(left child), I(right child) + 1) + 1  
Each node is required a finite number of times, O(n log n) runtime

Chain Matrix Multiplication

Given a sequence of matrices, find the most optimal order to multiply  
Subproblem: C(i, j) = minimum cost required to multiply A[i..j]  
Recurrence: C(i, j) = min over k of (C(i, k) + C(k, j) + r[i-1] \* r[k] \* r[j])

Linear Programming

Broad class of optimization problems where constraints and objective are linear  
Given a set of variables, assign values to satisfy eq/ineq and optimize objective  
Profit Maximization  
Ruby: 20x + 10y <= 1200 (grams gold)  
0 + 10y <= 50 (diamonds)  
10x + 0 + 0 <= 40 (rubies)  
x, y >= 0  
Maximize the profit 10x + 10y  
Diamond region is convex (closed by lines) Optimum of LP occurs at vertex  
2 variables & n constraints -> O(n^2) combos, actually solve in n  
Simplex is essentially a hill-climbing method on polygon vertices  
It's possible for no optimum (1) not infeasible (2) max x+y, feasible region unbounded  
By geometry, all vertices neighbors lie on a lower face of hyperplane -> optimality

Minimizing Shipping Costs  
Given n=100 warehouses, each with capacity 100 units, variables x\_ij amount shipped from i to j  
Minimize shipping cost sum over i, j of (c\_ij \* x\_ij) for each city i, sum over j x\_ij = 200  
Forms and Duals  
max 10x + 10y + 10z <= 20 (land)  
x + y + z <= 10 (labor)  
x + 2z <= 60 (water)  
5x + y + z <= 114 (clothes)  
x, y, z >= 0  
Dual solution (p, q, r, s) gets 10x + 10y + 15z <= 2000

Max Flow in Networks

Given a directed graph representing capacities of edges, source s, sink t, find max flow from s to t  
LP: max sum f, s.t. flow conservation, capacity constraints  
Simplex and Ford-Fulkerson  
Start with all f=0  
While there's a path from s to t, find s and add to all edges to get f  
Keep finding paths by DFS/BFS until s to t no more paths  
Optimality  
Proving any two cuts L and R capacity total possible from L to R, flow-actual flow  
we will notice that (sum L) <= capacity (L, R)  
Maxflow min-cut theorem - The size of the maximum flow equals the capacity of the smallest (s, t)-cut  
Running time of this procedure is O(n^3) since # iterations <= O(nV/epsilon)

Bipartite Matching

Given a graph of n nodes on both sides, is it possible to produce a feasible matching?  
LP model:  
max sum x\_ij  
s.t. x\_ij <= c\_ij, sum\_j x\_ij <= d\_i, sum\_i x\_ij <= e\_j, x\_ij >= 0  
Theorem: If an LP has a bounded optimum, then so do both its dual and the two optimum values coincide

Duality

Primal LP: max c^T x, Ax <= b, x >= 0  
Dual LP: min y^T b, yA >= c, y >= 0  
These LPs are dual to each other and we find that max min = min max

Zero-Sum Games

Two players, player 1 chooses i, player 2 chooses j, payoff is a\_ij  
Best response to i is j that maximizes a\_ij  
Nash equilibrium is (i, j) such that i is best response to j and j is best response to i  
These LPs are dual to each other and we find that max min = min max

Proving the Max-Min Theorem

Idea: can we mix max of LP, so primal and dual must have the same value  
The Experts Problem  
Experts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8  
cost matrix: cost(i, j) = a\_ij  
We can't do well compared to expert each day  
We're to choose an expert each day  
Multiplicative Weights  
Each expert has weight w\_i^t (w\_i^0 = 1)  
Repeat for T steps: choose expert i that minimizes w\_i^t  
Theorem: MW guarantees regret <= 2 \* ln(2) \* T \* max\_j sum\_i w\_i^0 a\_ij  
If i is the best expert, with smallest cost C\_i^T = sum\_j w\_i^t a\_ij  
We know that w\_i^t <= w\_i^0 \* exp(-eta \* C\_i^T) <= 2 \* exp(-eta \* C\_i^T)  
So sum\_j w\_i^t a\_ij <= 2 \* exp(-eta \* C\_i^T) \* max\_j sum\_k a\_ij = 2 \* exp(-eta \* C\_i^T) \* max\_j C\_k^T  
ln(w\_i^t) <= -eta \* C\_i^T + ln(2)  
ln(2) - eta \* C\_i^T <= ln(w\_i^t) <= -eta \* C\_i^T + ln(2)  
-eta \* C\_i^T <= ln(w\_i^t) - ln(2) <= -eta \* C\_i^T + ln(2) - ln(2)  
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Simplex Algorithm

Start from vertex (0,0,0) and repeat: if vertex is optimum stop - otherwise, find better adjacent vertex  
max 3x + 2y + 5z <= 60 (gold)  
x + 2y + 3z <= 20 (labor)  
x + y + z <= 20 (water)  
x, y, z >= 0  
max 3x + 2y + 5z <= 60  
x + 2y + 3z <= 20  
x + y + z <= 20  
x, y, z >= 0  
Max up (3, 4, 1) = 30, then (4, 2, 0) = 34, then (4, 0, 2) = 38, then (3, 2, 2) = 41  
max 3x + 2y + 5z <= 60  
x + 2y + 3z <= 20  
x + y + z <= 20  
x, y, z >= 0  
Degeneracy  
Perhaps 4th pivot violated  
Perturbation change each by 1e-6

NP-Complete Problems

P - problems for which we can find solution efficiently in polynomial time  
NP - problems for which we can recognize/check the solution efficiently  
Search problem is specified by algorithm C that takes two inputs: an instance I and proposed solution S, and runs in time polynomial in |I|. S is a solution to I iff C(I, S) = true.  
Hamiltonian/Rubik's Cycle  
Input: Graph G, solution: A cycle that visits every vertex exactly once  
Rubik's Path  
Input: Graph G, s, t, solution: A path s-t that visits every vertex  
Factorization  
Input: An n-bit number N, solution: two numbers (p, q) 1 <= p, q <= N  
3SAT  
Input: A 3-CNF boolean formula, solution: An assignment x\_1..x\_n in {0, 1} satisfying  
Maximum Independent Set & NP  
Input: Graph G, solution: The largest independent set (no edges inside)  
Independent Set  
Input: Graph G, number k, solution: An independent set of size k  
Reachability  
Input: Graph G, s, t, solution: A path from s to t  
Minimum Spanning Tree  
Input: Graph G, cost function, solution: Minimum cost spanning tree  
Great Deal  
Input: Encrypted message m, public key pk, G, output: Decryption of m  
Three-dimensional Matching  
Input: Relationship graph of 3 parties, solution: n valid triples  
Longest Path  
Input: Graph G, number k, solution: Path s-t, total weight >= k  
Independent Set/Vertex Cover  
Input: Graph G, solution: Set of vertices (no internal edges) / V all edges covered  
Knapsack/ Subset Sum  
Input: Set of items (weight >= value) with one each capacity W  
Solution: A subset of these items such that sum w\_i = W  
Balanced Cut  
Input: Graph G, n vertices, budget b  
Solution: Subsets S, T where |S|/|T| <= b, at most b edges between S and T  
Integer Linear Programming  
Input: Set of linear inequalities Ax <= b, objective function and goal c^T x >= z  
Solution: Find a non-negative integer that satisfies above  
Zero-one Equations (ZOE): Find vector x of 0's and 1's satisfying

Reductions

Search problem A to search problem B: a way to use an algorithm for B to solve A (reduction in polynomial time)  
Reductions compose (A -> B -> C)  
Rubik's Path -> Rubik's Cycle  
Given an instance (G, (s, t), u) of the Rubik's Path problem and an algorithm for Rubik's Cycle, solve Rubik's Path by connecting s to t with a new node x to create cycle. Find cycle, then delete edges.  
Rubik's Cycle -> Rubik's Path  
For each pair of nodes u, v with (u, v) in G, run Rubik's Path on (u, v, (u, v), u, v). If path, return path + (u, v) to complete  
3SAT -> SAT  
Special case, just run SAT solver given 3AT clauses  
SAT -> 3SAT  
Replace input clauses with 3 literals (A, B, C) with (A, B, C) in {0, 1} (A, B, C) in {0, 1} (A, B, C) in {0, 1}

3SAT -> Independent Set

Write each clause as a triangle, connecting all instances of x, y, z  
(A, B, C) in {0, 1} (A, B, C) in {0, 1} (A, B, C) in {0, 1}  
If satisfiable, there exists an independent set and vice versa  
Independent Set -> Vertex Cover  
Given an instance of independent set (G, q), find a vertex cover of size |V| - q and return the complement  
Reverse can be done from vertex cover to independent set  
Independent Set -> Clique  
An independent set in G will be a clique in G^c so run clique algorithm on G^c to obtain solution  
3SAT -> 3D Matching  
Write each variable x\_i as the gadget (two possible states)  
For each clause, introduce (b\_i, c\_i, d\_i) (b\_i, c\_i, d\_i) in {0, 1} (b\_i, c\_i, d\_i) in {0, 1} (b\_i, c\_i, d\_i) in {0, 1}  
By either reduction, we can further ensure that no variable appears twice, then add 2x-m boy-girl couples who live all animals to finish the reduction  
3D Matching -> ZOE  
Given a 3D Matching, make x in A\_i=2 the triangles visited and the columns it hit the pattern is involved in a triangle  
Write as A\_i=2 and find a solution if possible  
ZOE -> Subset Sum  
Look at columns of A as numbers and x as a vector of whether or not they are used to sum to vec of B's  
Account for carry by looking at numbers as base (m+1) - if of cols  
ZOE -> Integer Linear Programming  
Write each ZOE equation as two inequalities and write inequalities x\_i <= 1, x\_i >= 0 to constrain domain  
ZOE -> Rubik's Cycle  
Start by reducing to Rubik's Cycle with Paved Edges