CS2220: Introduction to Computational Biology

Dynamic Programming Essence

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Outline

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“Giving change” problem

Space-saving tricks in dynamic programming

Dynamic programming in a nutshell

Solve problems by breaking them down into overlapping subproblems

Solve each subproblem once

Reuse those solutions to build up the answer to the full problem

Two strategies

Top-down via memoization: Write a recursive algo and store results of subproblems in a cache so you don't recompute them

Bottom-up via tabulation: Start from the smallest subproblems and build up iteratively to the final answer

A helpful video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=piAlsJySUGE

Please watch it yourself at home

Packing for maximum benefits

Select items to maximize total value without exceeding a bag’s capacity

Knapsack problem

Each item that can go into the knapsack has a weight and a benefit

The knapsack has a certain capacity

What should go into the knapsack to maximize the total benefit?

An intuitive solution?

To fill a w-size knapsack, we must start by adding some item

After adding item j of weight w_j, the knapsack's residual capacity is $w - w_j$

$$g(w) = \max_j \{ b_j + g(w - w_j) \}$$

where w_j and b_j are size and benefit for item j

g(w) is max benefit that can be gained from a w-size knapsack

Source: http://mat.gsia.cmu.edu/classes/dynamic/node6.html

Exercise

$$g(w) = \max_j \{ b_j + g(w - w_j) \}$$

Does g(w) produce the optimal benefit? Prove it

Direct recursive evaluation is inefficient

g(1), g(2), g(3) are computed many times

Item (j)	Weight (w_j)	Benefit(b_j)
1	2	65
2	3	80
3	1	30

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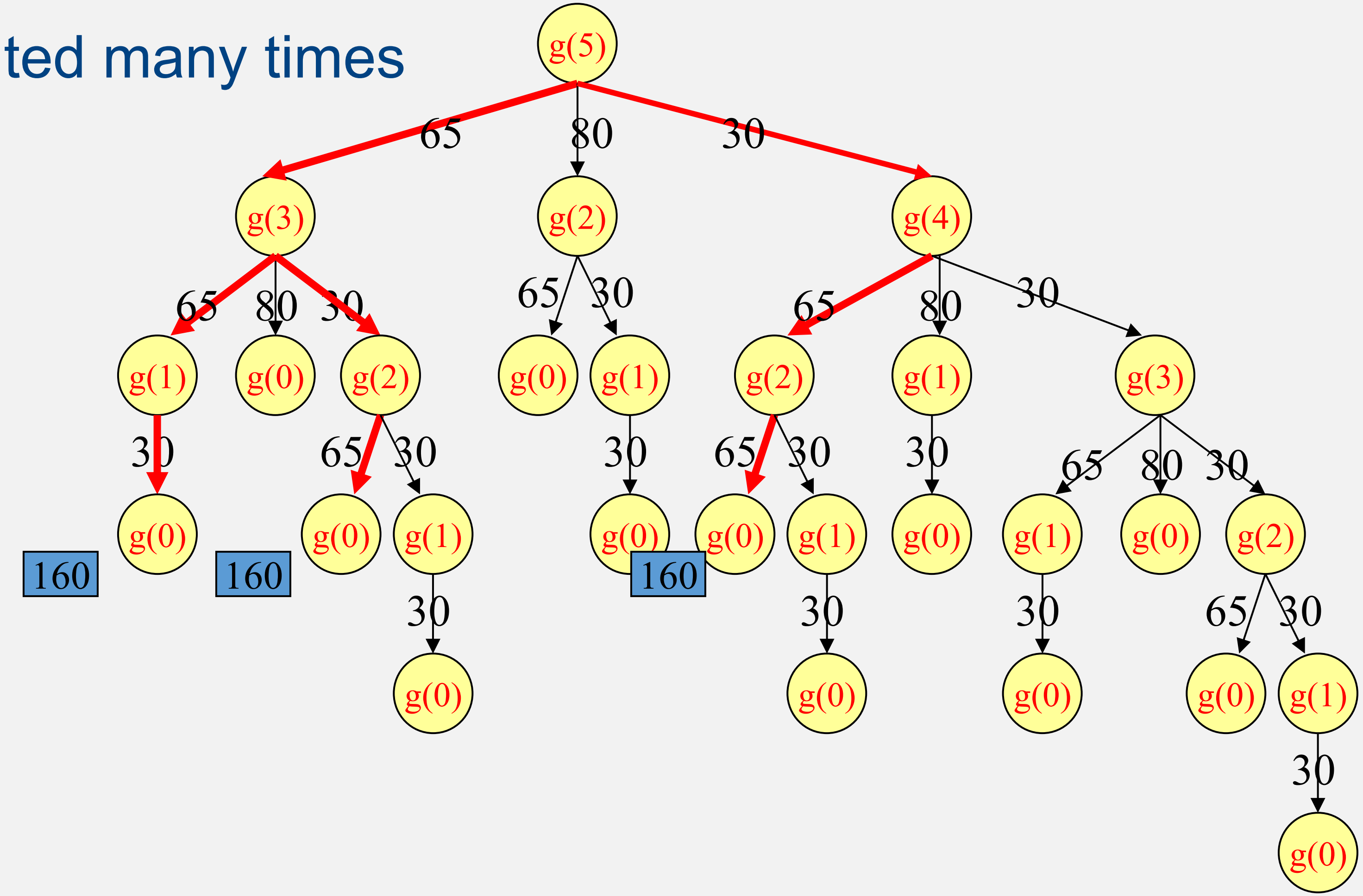
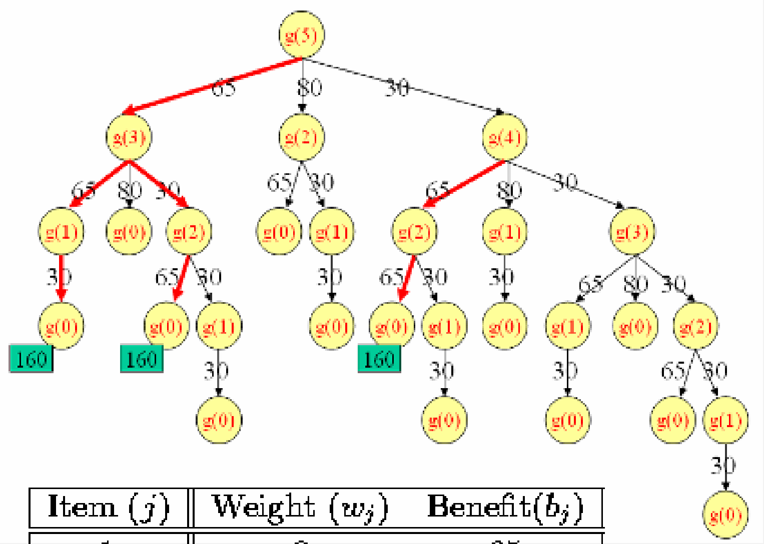


“Memoize” to avoid recomputation

$$g(w) = \max_j\{b_j + g(w - w_j)\}$$

int s[]; s[0] := 0;
g’(w) = if s[w] is defined
then return s[w];
else {
s[w] := max$_j${b$_j$ + g’(w – w$_j$)};
return s[w]; }



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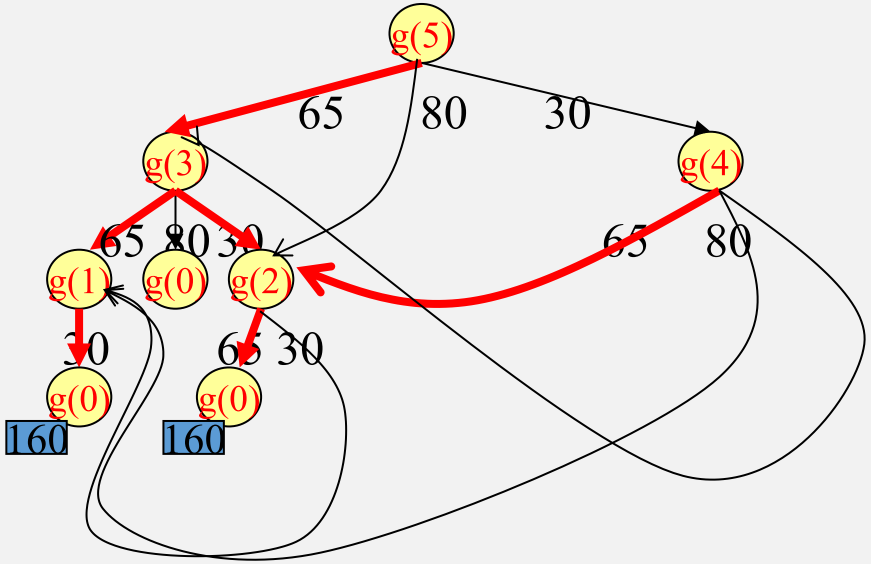

Exercise

What is the time and space complexity of the memoized solution?

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int s[]; s[0] := 0;
g'(w) = if s[w] is defined
          then return s[w];
         else {
              s[w] := max_j{b_j + g'(w – w_j)};
               return s[w]; }
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Exercise

In what order do s[0], s[1], … get defined?

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int s[]; s[0] := 0;
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Remove recursion: Dynamic programming

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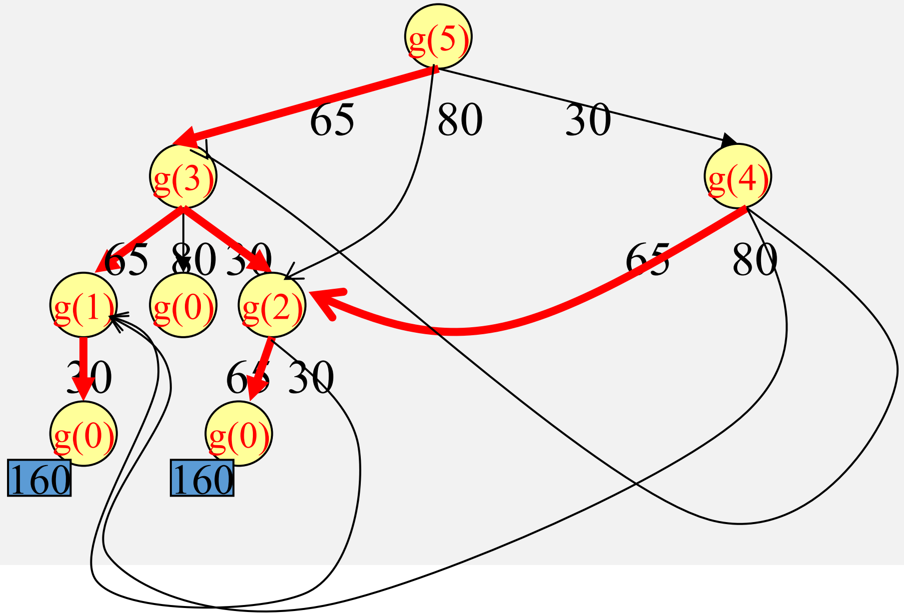
int s[]; s[0] := 0; s[1] := 30;
s[2] := 65; s[3] = 95;
for i := 4 .. w do
    s[i] := max_j{b_j + s[i – w_j]};
 return s[w];
```

g(0) = 0
g(1) = 30, item 3
g(2) = max{65 + g(0) =65, 30 + g(1) = 60} = 65, item 1
g(3) = max{65 + g(1) = 95, 80 + g(0) = 80, 30 + g(2) = 95} = 95, item 1/3
g(4) = max{65 + g(2) = 130, 80 + g(1) = 110, 30 + g(3) = 125} = 130, item 1/1
g(5) = max{65 + g(3) = 160, 80 + g(2) = 145, 30 + g(4) = 160} = 160, item 1/1/3



How to give change efficiently

Determine the fewest coins needed to make a given amount

Giving change

What algorithm would you propose to provide as few coins as possible when making change for a given set of denominations?

Roman Republic Denominations

(120, 40, 30, 24, 20, 10, 5, 4, 1)

A greedy solution

1. Given an amount *money*
2. Choose the largest *coin* with denomination less than or equal to *money*
3. Subtract *coin* from *money*
4. If *money* = 0, STOP
5. Set *money* = *money* – *coin* and return to step 2

Does this greedy solution always give a change with the fewest coins?

The greedy solution is suboptimal

Roman Republic Denominations

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When changing 48 Roman denarii, it would suggest five coins:

48 = 40 + 5 + 1 + 1 + 1

But we can make change with just two coins:

48 = 24 + 24

Looking for a better solution

Let MinNumCoins(*money*) denote the minimum number of coins needed to change an amount *money* for a collection of coin denominations

Is there anything that you can do to simplify the computation of MinNumCoins(76)?

Some observation and insight

Say that you need to change 76 denarii
you only have three denominations of coins: (5, 4, 1)

A minimum collection of coins totaling 76 denarii must be one of these:

A minimal collection of coins totaling 75 denarii, plus a 1-denarius coin

A minimal collection of coins totaling 72 denarii, plus a 4-denarius coin

A minimal collection of coins totaling 71 denarii, plus a 5-denarius coin

Intuitive and recursive definition of MinNumCoins

$$\textsc{MinNumCoins}(money) = \min \begin{cases} \textsc{MinNumCoins}(money - coin_1) + 1 \\ \vdots \\ \textsc{MinNumCoins}(money - coin_d) + 1 \end{cases}$$

Recurrence relation

An expression for a function $f(x)$ in terms of values of $f(y)$ where $y < x$

A recursive solution

MinNumCoins(*money*) =

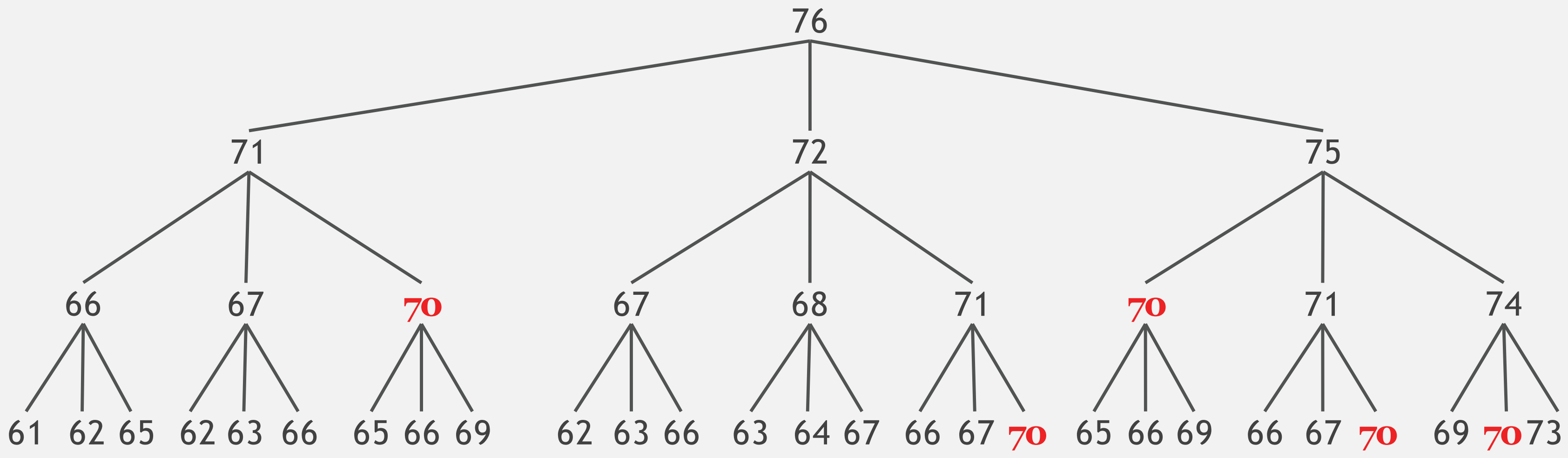
1. If *money* = 0, return 0
2. For each $coin_j \le money$,

   set n_j = MinNumCoins($money - coin_j$)
3. Return 1 + min { n_j }

Does this solution always give a change with the fewest coins?

Is it computationally efficient?

Recursive calls grow exponentially



For *money* = 76 and *coins* = { 5,4,1 }, MinNumCoins(70) is computed 6 times

How many times do you think MinNumCoins(30) is computed?

Exercise

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Provide a memoization-based and a tabulation-based implementation for MinNumCoins

Exercise

State the assumption that underpins the correctness of MinNumCoins

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   set n_j = MinNumCoins($money - coin_j$)
3. Return 1 + min { n_j }

Hint: Try it with coin denominations { 2, 3, 5 }

Exercise

Modify MinNumCoins''(*money*) to return also the coins to be given as change

MinNumCoins''(*money*) =

Set M(0) = 0

For m = 1 .. *money*

For each $coin_j \leq$ m,

Set n_j = M(m – $coin_j$)

Set M(m) = 1 + min { n_j }

Return M(money)

Fibonacci numbers

Dynamic programming with less space

Fibonacci numbers

F(0) = 0
F(1) = 1
F(n) = F(n – 1) + F(n – 2)

Memoized version:

C(0) = 0
C(1) = 1
F'(n) = If C(n) is undefined
    Then C(n) = F'(n – 1) + F'(n – 2)
    Return C(n)

Tabulation version:

C(0) = 0
C(1) = 1
F''(n) = For j = 2 .. n
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    Return C(n)

What space complexity do these implementations have?

O(n) space is needed in both implementations

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Can we do better?

When computing C(j)

C(j – 1) and C(j – 2) are needed

C(k) where k < j – 2 are not needed

Exploiting this gives:

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Prev = 0; Curr = 1
F'''(n) = For j = 2 .. n
              Prev, Curr = Curr, Curr + Prev
          Return Curr
```

Space complexity is now O(1)

Exercise

Provide a space-efficient dynamic programming-based implementation for the “giving change” problem

MinNumCoins”(*money*) =

1. Set M(0) = 0
2. For m = 1 .. *money*
   - For each $coin_j \leq$ m,
     - Set n_j = M(m – $coin_j$)
   - Set M(m) = 1 + min { n_j }
3. Return M(*money*)

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