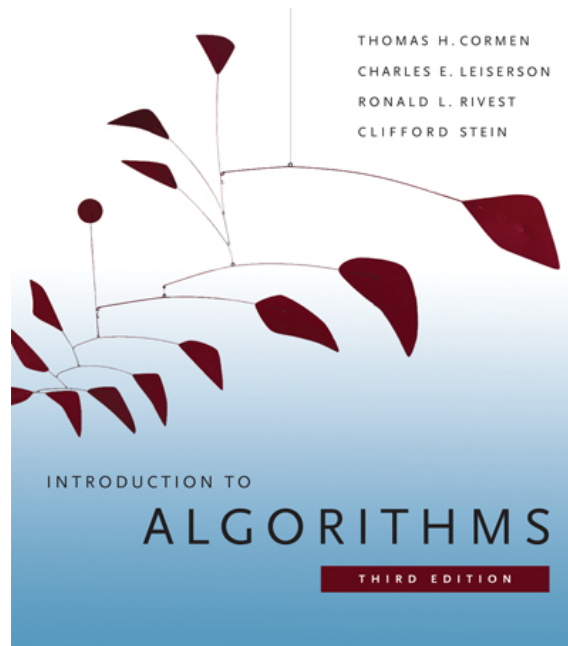


# 6.006- *Introduction to Algorithms*



## *Lecture 18*

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# Menu

- New technique: Dynamic Programming
  - Computing Fibonacci numbers – Warmup
  - “Definition” of DP
  - Crazy Eights Puzzle

# Fibonacci Numbers

- Fibonacci sequence:
  - $F_0=0$  ,  $F_1=1$
  - $F_n=F_{n-1}+F_{n-2}$
- How fast does  $F_n$  grow ?
  - $F_n=F_{n-1}+F_{n-2} \geq 2 F_{n-2} \Rightarrow F_n = 2^{\Omega(n)}$
- How quickly can we compute  $F_n$ ?  
(time measured in arithmetic operations)

$$\mathbf{F}_n = \mathbf{F}_{n-1} + \mathbf{F}_{n-2}$$

- Algorithm I: recursion

naive\_fibo(n):

if n=0: return 0

else if n=1: return 1

else:

return naive\_fibo(n-1) + naive\_fibo(n-2)

- Time ?  $O(F_n)$
- Better algorithm ?

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

- Algorithm II: memoization

memo = { }

fibonacci(*i*):

if *i* in memo: return memo[*i*]

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else if *i*=0: return 0

else if *i*=1: return 1

else:

f = fibonacci(*i*-1) + fibonacci(*i*-2)

memo[*i*]=f

return f

return fibonacci(*n*)

- Time?  $O(n)$



- in the whole recursive execution, I will only go beyond this point, *n* times  
(since every time I do this, I fill in another slot in memo[ ] )

- hence, all other calls to fibonacci( ) act as reading an entry of an array

# Dynamic Programming

- DP  $\approx$  Recursion + Memoization
  - DP works when:
    - the solution can be produced by combining solutions of subproblems;  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$
    - the solution of each subproblem can be produced by combining solutions of sub-subproblems, etc;
- moreover....
- $$F_{n-1} = F_{n-2} + F_{n-3} \quad F_{n-2} = F_{n-3} + F_{n-4}$$
- the total number of subproblems arising recursively is polynomial.

$$F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n$$

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## Optimal substructure

The solution to a problem can be obtained by solutions to subproblems.

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

moreover....

## Overlapping Subproblems

A recursive solution contains a “small” number of distinct subproblems (repeated many times)

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# Crazy 8s

- **Input:** a sequence of cards  $c[0] \dots c[n-1]$ .
- E.g.,  $7\clubsuit 7\heartsuit K\clubsuit K\spadesuit 8\heartsuit \dots$
- **Goal:** find the longest “trick subsequence”  $c[i_1] \dots c[i_k]$ , where  $i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k$ .
- For it to be a trick subsequence, it must be that:  
 $\forall j, c[i_j]$  and  $c[i_{j+1}]$  “match” i.e.
  - they either have the same rank,
  - or the same suit
  - or one of them is an 8
  - in this case, we write:  $c[i_j] \sim c[i_{j+1}]$
- E.g.,  $7\clubsuit K\clubsuit K\spadesuit 8\heartsuit$  is the longest such subsequence in the above example



# Algorithm

- Let  $\text{trick}(i)$  be the length of the longest trick subsequence that starts at card  $c[i]$
- **Question:** How can I relate value of  $\text{trick}(i)$  with the values of  $\text{trick}(i+1), \dots, \text{trick}(n)$ ?
- Recursive formula:

$$\text{trick}(i) = 1 + \max_{j>i, c[i] \sim c[j]} \text{trick}(j)$$

- Maximum trick length:

$$\max_i \text{trick}(i)$$

# Implementations

## Recursive

- $\text{memo} = \{ \}$
- $\text{trick}(i)$ :
  - if  $i$  in memo: return memo[ $i$ ]
  - else if  $i=n-1$ : return 1
  - else
    - $f := 1 + \max_{j>i, c[i] \sim c[j]} \text{trick}(j)$
    - memo[ $i$ ] :=  $f$
    - return  $f$
- call  $\text{trick}(0)$
- return maximum value in memo

# Implementations (cont.)

## Iterative

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memo = { }  
for  $i=n-1$  downto 0  
    memo[ $i$ ] = 1 + max $j>i, c[i] \sim c[j]$  memo[ $j$ ]  
return maximum value in memo
```

Runtime:  $O(n^2)$

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  - Next Time: **all-pairs shortest paths**

# All-pairs shortest paths

- **Input:** Digraph  $G = (V, E)$ , where  $|V| = n$ , with edge-weight function  $w : E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- **Output:**  $n \times n$  matrix of shortest-path lengths  $\delta(i, j)$  for all  $i, j \in V$ .

**Assumption:** No negative-weight cycles

# Dynamic Programming Approach

- Consider the  $n \times n$  matrix  $A = (a_{ij})$ , where  $a_{ij} = w(i,j)$  if  $(i,j) \in E$ , and define
  - $d_{ij}^{(m)}$  = weight of a shortest path from  $i$  to  $j$  that uses at most  $m$  edges

**Claim:** We have

$$d_{ij}^{(0)} = 0, \text{ if } i = j, \text{ and } \infty, \text{ if } i \neq j;$$

and for  $m = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,

$$d_{ij}^{(m)} = \min_k \{ d_{ik}^{(m-1)} + a_{kj} \}.$$

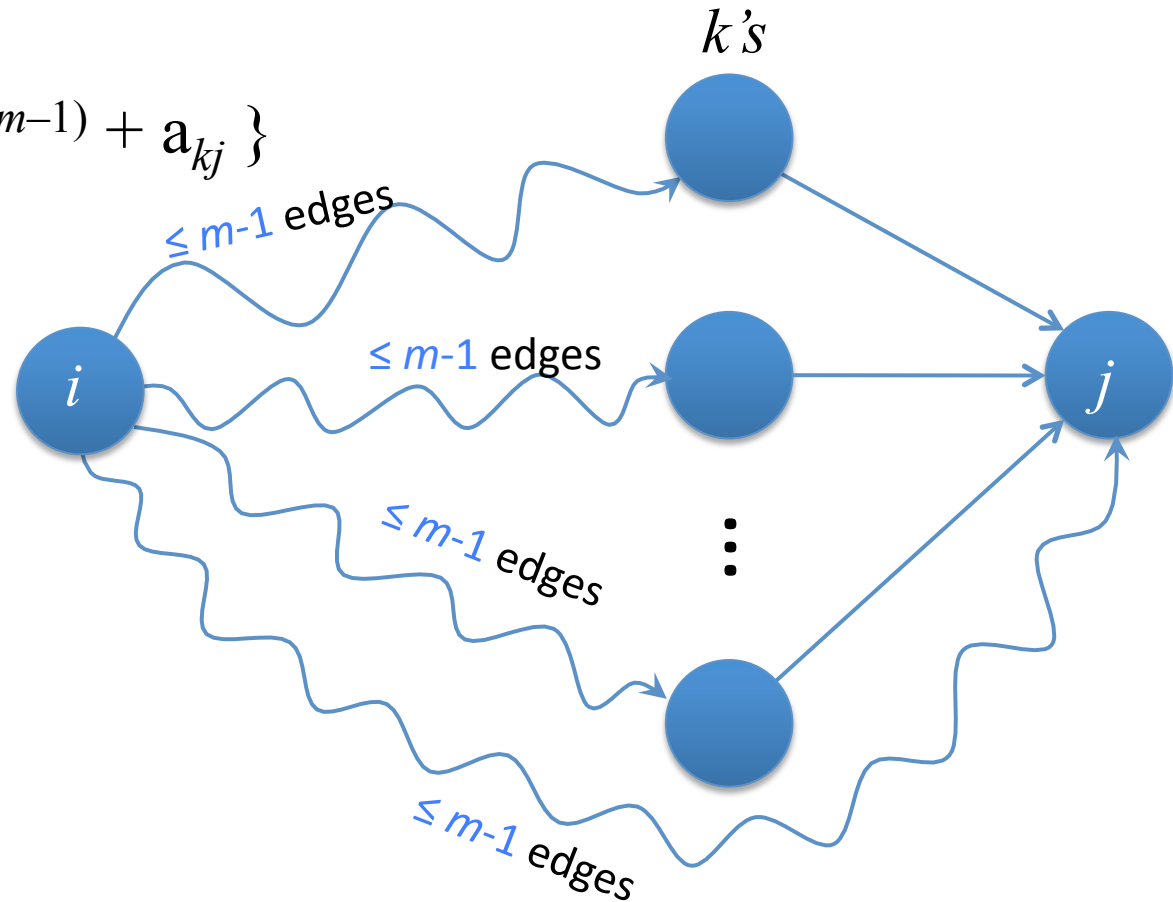
# Proof of Claim

$$d_{ij}^{(m)} = \min_k \{ d_{ik}^{(m-1)} + a_{kj} \}$$

for  $k \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$

if  $d_{ij} > d_{ik} + a_{kj}$

$d_{ij} \leftarrow d_{ik} + a_{kj}$



**Relaxation**



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Time?  $O(n^4)$  - similar to  $n$  runs of Bellman-Ford