# COMP3711: Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Tutorial 7

### Question 1

Suppose you want to make change for n (HK) dollars using the fewest number of coins. Assume that each coin's value is an integer.

Give an O(nk)-time dynamic programming algorithm that makes change for any set of k different coin denominations, assuming there is always the 1-dollar coin.

Let us define c[j] to be the minimum number of coins we need to make change for j dollars. Let the coin denominations be  $d_1, d_2, ..., d_k$ . Since one of the coins is a one-dollar, there is a way to make change for any amount j > 1.

Because of the optimal substructure, if we knew that an optimal solution for the problem of making change for j dollars used a coin of denomination  $d_i$ , we would have  $c[j] = 1 + c[j - d_i]$ . As base cases, we have that c[j] = 0 for all  $j \leq 0$ .

To develop a recursive formulation, we have to check all denominations, giving

$$c[j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j \leq 0, \\ 1 + \min_{1 \leq i \leq k} \{c[j - d_i]\} & \text{if } j > 1. \end{cases}$$

We can compute the c[j] values in order of increasing j by using a table. The following procedure does so, producing a table c[1..n]. It avoids even examining c[j] for  $j \leq 0$  by ensuring that  $j \geq d_i$  before looking up  $c[j-d_i]$ . The procedure also produces a table denom[1..n], where denom[j] is the denomination of a coin used in an optimal solution to the problem of making change for j dollars.

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COMPUTE-CHANGE(n, d, k)

for j \leftarrow 1 to n

c[j] \leftarrow \infty

for i \leftarrow 1 to k

if j \geq d_i and 1 + c[j - d_i] < c[j]

c[j] \leftarrow 1 + c[j - d_i]

denom[j] \leftarrow d_i
```

return c and denom

This procedure obviously runs in O(nk) time.

We use the following procedure to output the coins used in the optimal solution computed by COMPUTE-CHANGE:

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GIVE-CHANGE(j, denom)

if j > 0

give one coin of denomination denom[j]

GIVE-CHANGE(j - denom[j], denom)
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The initial call is GIVE-CHANGE(n, denom). Since the value of the first parameter decreases in each recursive call, this procedure runs in O(n) time.

### Question 2

KFCC is considering opening a series of restaurants along the Highway. The n possible locations are along a straight line, and the distances of these locations from the start of the Highway are, in miles and in increasing order:  $m_1, m_2, \ldots, m_n$ . The constraints are as follows:

- **1** At each location, KFCC may open at most one restaurant. The expected profit from opening a restaurant at location i is  $p_i$ , where  $p_i > 0$  and i = 1, 2, ..., n.
- ② Any two restaurants should be at least k miles apart, where k is a positive integer.

Give a dynamic programming algorithm that determines the locations to open restaurants which maximizes the total expected profit.

## Solution 2: Step 1: Space of Subproblems



We define T[i] to be the total profits from the best valid configuration using locations 1, 2, ..., i only.

We also store R[i] which is 1 if there is a restaurant at location i and 0 otherwise.

**Case 1: Base case.** If i = 0, then there is no location available to choose from to open a restaurant. So T[0] = 0.

## Solution 2: Step 2: Recursive Formulation

**Case 2: General case.** If i > 0, then we have two options.

- ① Do not open a restaurant at location i If we choose to not open a restaurant at location i, then the optimal value will come about by considering how to obtain total profits from the best valid configuration using the remaining location  $1, 2, \ldots, i-1$ . This is just T[i-1].
- ② Open a restaurant at location i If we open a restaurant at location i, then we gain the expected profit  $p_i$ . As we want to build a restaurant at location i, then the closest location to build another restaurant should be at  $c_i$ , where  $c_i$  denote the maximum j which  $m_j \leq m_i k$ . To obtain a maximum profit, we need to obtain the maximum profits from the remaining locations  $1, 2, \ldots, c_i$ . This is just  $p_i + T[c_i]$ .

## Solution 2: Step 2: Recursive Formulation

Since these are the only two possibilities, we can see that we have the following rule for constructing table T:

$$T[i] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ \max\{T[i-1], p_i + T[c_i]\}, & \text{if } i > 0 \end{cases}$$

If T[i] = T[i-1], then R[i] = 0; and R[i] = 1 otherwise.

Note: We can compute  $c_i = \max\{j : m_j \le m_i - k\}$  for every i. Note that for some values of i and  $c_i$  may not exist in which case, we assume that  $c_i = 0$ .

## Solution 2: Step 3: Bottom-up Computation

Recurrence:

$$T[i] = \max\{T[i-1], p_i + T[c_i]\}$$

We compute and save T[i] in such an order that: When it is time to compute T[i], the values of T[i-1] and  $T[c_i]$  are available. So we will fill the table in an order of increasing i.

Algorithm to compute  $c_i$  for every i

### Compute-ci $(m_1,\ldots,m_n,k)$

- 1: **for** j = 1 to n **do**
- $2: m_i' = m_j k$
- 3: end for
- 4: i = 1, j = 1
- 5: while i < n do
- 6: if  $m_i' < m_i$  then
- 7:  $c_i = j 1$
- 8: i++
- 9: **else**
- 10: j + +
- 11: end if
- 12: end while
- 13: **return**  $c_1, \ldots, c_n$

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Algorithm to find optimal profit and locations to open restaurants **Find-Optimal-Profit-And-Pos** $(m_1, \ldots, m_n, p_1, \ldots, p_n, c_1, \ldots, c_n)$ 

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1: T[0] = 0
2: for i = 0 to n do
      Not-Open-At-i = T[i-1]
     Open-At-i = p_i + T[c_i]
4:
     if Not-Open-At-i > Open-At-i then
5:
        T[i] = Not-Open-At-i
6:
       R[i] = 0
     else
8:
9:
        T[i] = Open-At-i
        R[i] = 1
10:
      end if
11:
12: end for
13: return T[n] and R;
```

1: j = n

Algorithm to report optimal locations to open restaurants

### **Report-Optimal-Locations**( $R, c_1, \ldots, c_n$ ,)

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2: S = \emptyset

3: while j \ge 1 do

4: if R[j] = 1 then

5: Insert m_j into S;

6: j = c_j

7: else

8: j - -

9: end if

10: end while

11: return S;
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## Solution 2: Running Time Analysis:

- The **Compute-ci** takes O(n) time to compute  $c_i$  for every i.
- The Find Optimal-Profit-And-Pos takes O(n) time to compute T and R.
- The **Report-Optimal-Locations** takes O(n) time to report the optimal locations for opening restaurants along the Highway.

Therefore, the overall running time is O(n).