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- 4. Dynamic programming
  - More powerful than greedy and divide-and-conquer strategies.
  - Implicitly explore space of all possible solutions.
  - Solve multiple sub-problems and build up correct solutions to larger and larger sub-problems.
  - Careful analysis needed to ensure number of sub-problems solved is polynomial in the size of the input.

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- The Secretary of Defense at that time was hostile to mathematical research.
- Bellman sought an impressive name to avoid confrontation.
  - "it's impossible to use dynamic in a pejorative sense"
  - "something not even a Congressman could object to" (Bellman, R. E., Eye of the Hurricane, An Autobiography).

# **Applications of Dynamic Programming**

- Computational biology: Smith-Waterman algorithm for sequence alignment.
- Operations research: Bellman-Ford algorithm for shortest path routing in networks.
- Control theory: Viterbi algorithm for hidden Markov models.
- Computer science (theory, graphics, AI, ...): Unix diff command for comparing two files.

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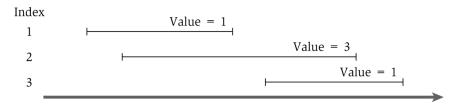


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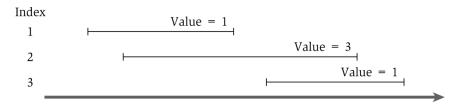
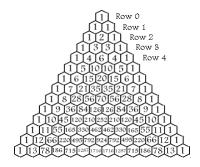
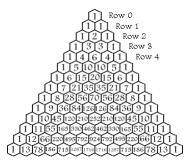


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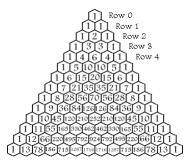
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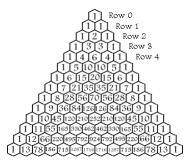
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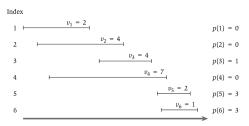
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▶ Proof: either we include the *n*th element in a subset or not ...

# Approach

- ▶ Sort jobs in increasing order of finish time and relabel:  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \ldots \leq f_n$ .
- Job *i* comes before job *j* if i < j.
- *p*(*j*) is the largest index *i* < *j* such that job *i* is compatible with job *j*.
   *p*(*j*) = 0 if there is no such job *i*.
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We will develop optimal algorithm from obvious statements about the problem.

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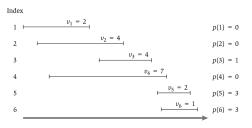
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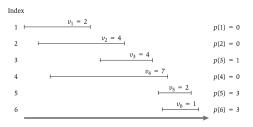
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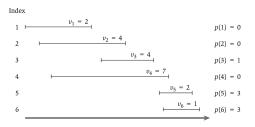
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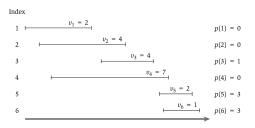
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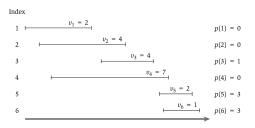
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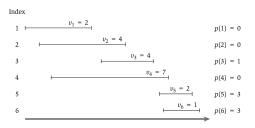
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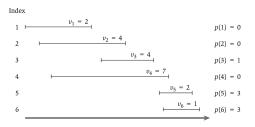
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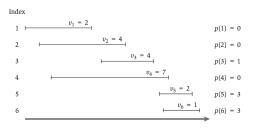
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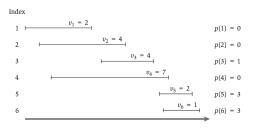
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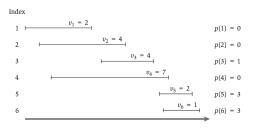
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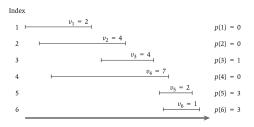
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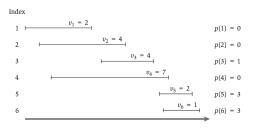
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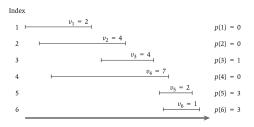
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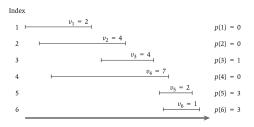
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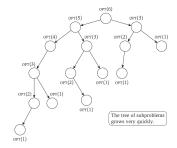


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## From Recursion to Iteration

- Unwind the recursion and convert it into iteration.
- Can compute values in M iteratively in O(n) time.
- Find-Solution works as before.

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# **Basic Outline of Dynamic Programming**

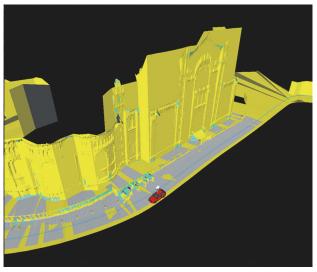
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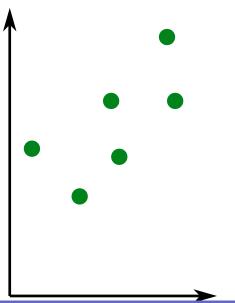




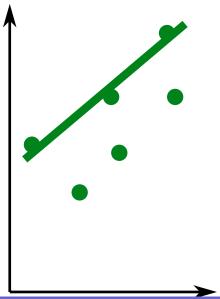


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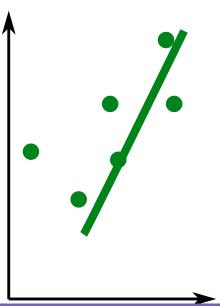




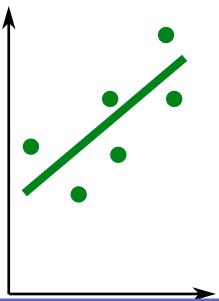




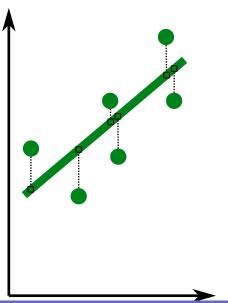












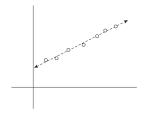


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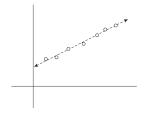


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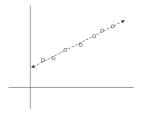


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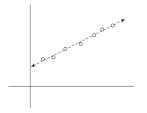


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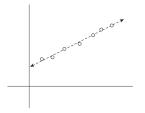


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- Solution is achieved by

$$a = \frac{n \sum_{i} x_{i} y_{i} - (\sum_{i} x_{i}) (\sum_{i} y_{i})}{n \sum_{i} x_{i}^{2} - (\sum_{i} x_{i})^{2}} \text{ and } b = \frac{\sum_{i} y_{i} - a \sum_{i} x_{i}}{n}$$

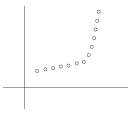


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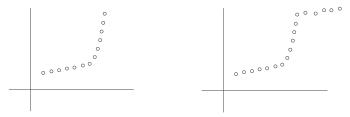


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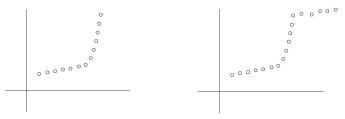
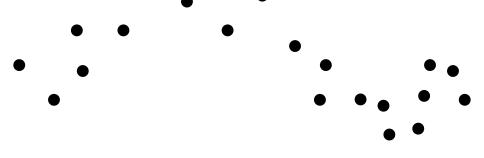


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- ▶ Want to fit multiple lines through *P*.
- Each line must fit contiguous set of *x*-coordinates.
- Lines must minimise total error.

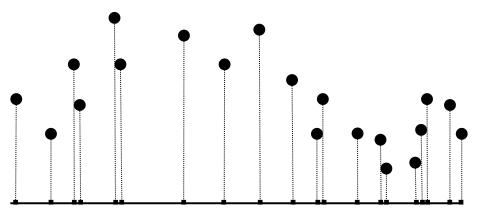
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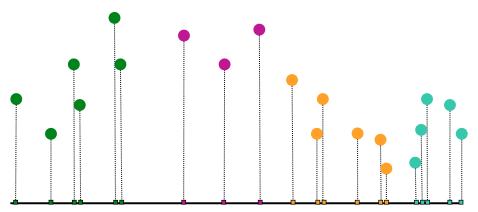
Input contains a set of two-dimensional points.

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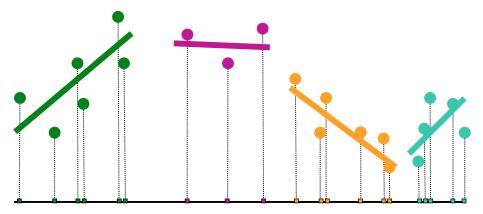
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Divide the points into segments; each segment contains consecutive points in the sorted order by *x*-coordinate.

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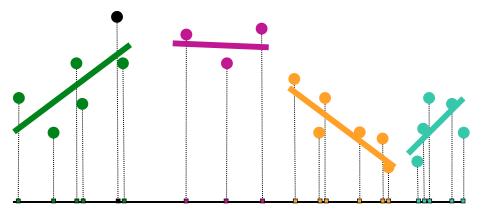
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Fit the best line for each segment.

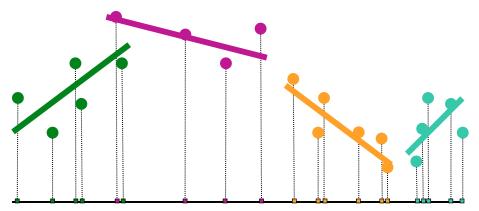
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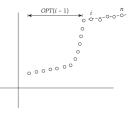
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- Observation: p<sub>n</sub> is part of some segment in the optimal solution. This segment starts at some point p<sub>i</sub>.
- Let OPT(i) be the optimal value for the points  $\{p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_i\}$ .
- Let  $e_{i,j}$  denote the minimum error of a (single) line that fits  $\{p_i, p_2, \ldots, p_j\}$ .
- ▶ We want to compute OPT(*n*).



**Figure 6.9** A possible solution: a single line segment fits points  $p_i, p_{i+1}, \ldots, p_n$ , and then an optimal solution is found for the remaining points  $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_{i-1}$ .

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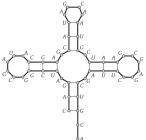


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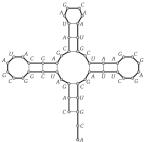


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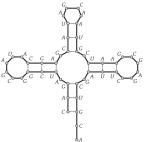


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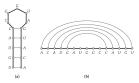


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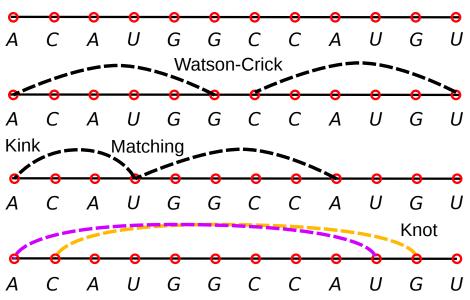
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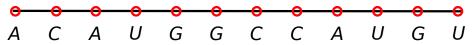
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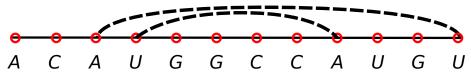
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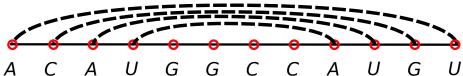
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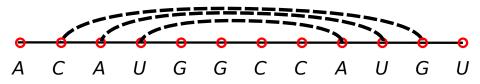












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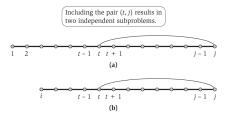
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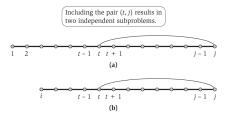
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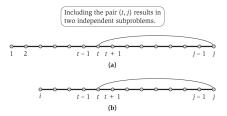
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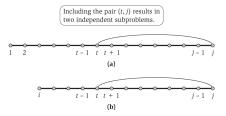
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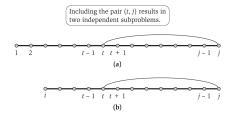


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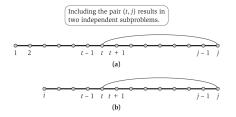


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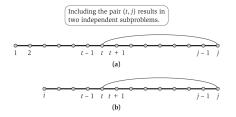
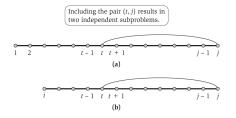


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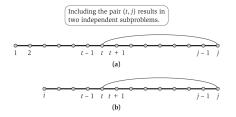
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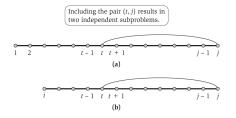
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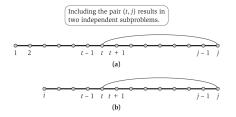
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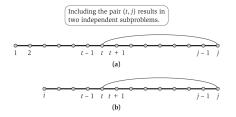


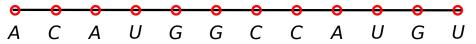
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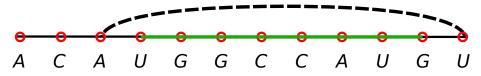
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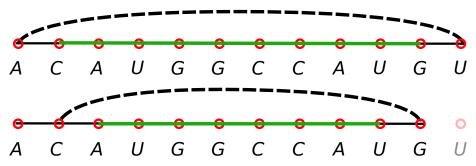
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Example of Dynamic Programming Algorithm







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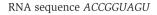
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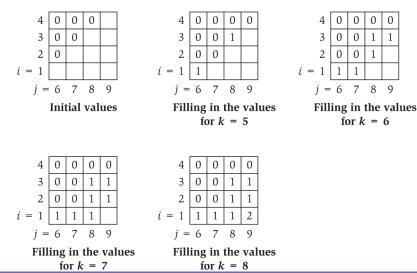
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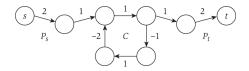
- Computational finance:
  - Each node is a financial agent.
  - The cost  $c_{uv}$  of an edge (u, v) is the cost of a transaction in which we buy from agent u and sell to agent v.
  - Negative cost corresponds to a profit.
- Internet routing protocols
  - Dijkstra's algorithm needs knowledge of the entire network.
  - Routers only know which other routers they are connected to.
  - Algorithm for shortest paths with negative edges is decentralised.
  - ▶ We will not study this algorithm in the class. See Chapter 6.9.

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**Figure 6.20** In this graph, one can find *s*-*t* paths of arbitrarily negative cost (by going around the cycle *C* many times).

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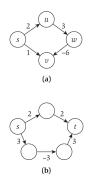


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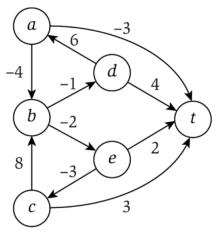
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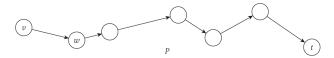
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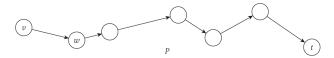
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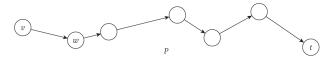
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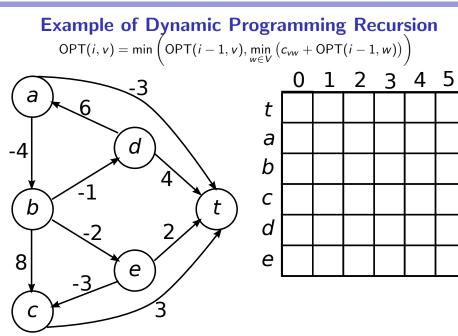
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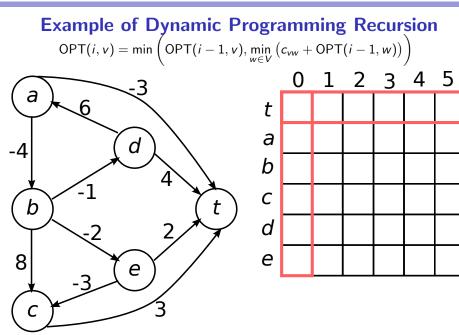


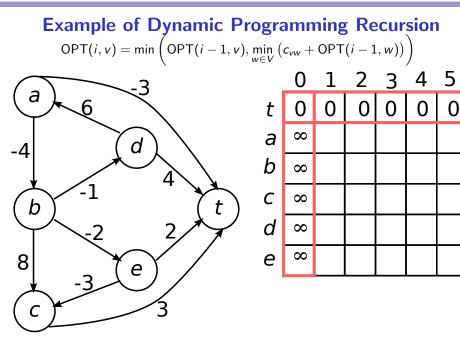
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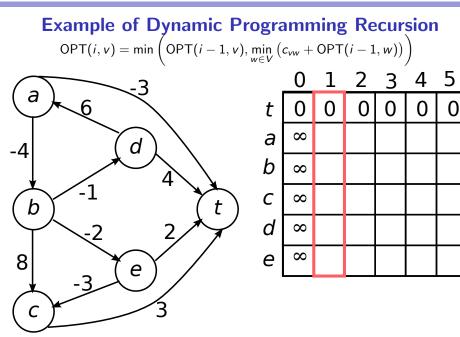
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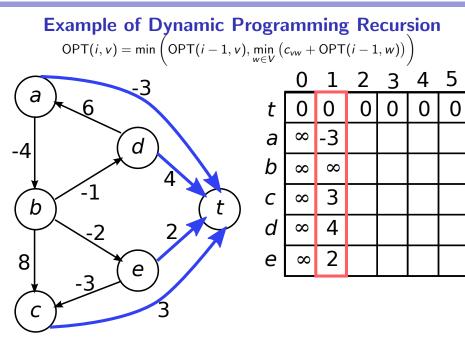
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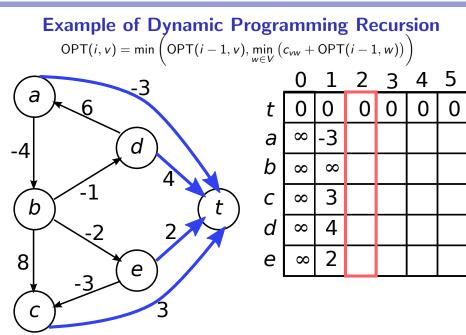


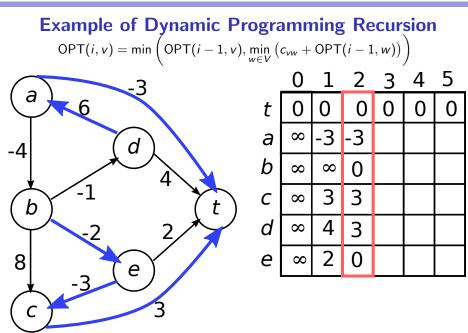


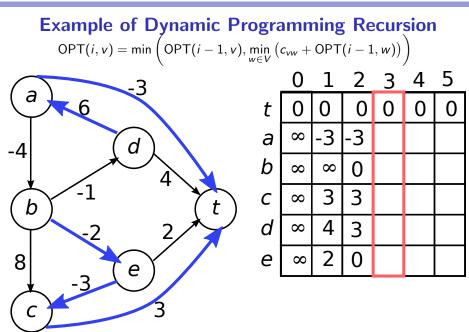


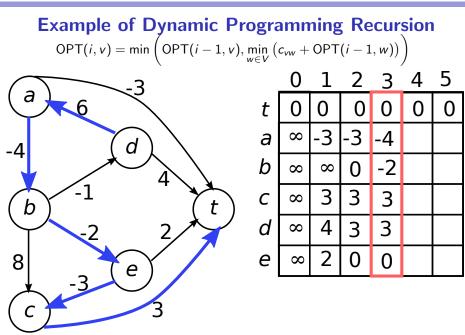


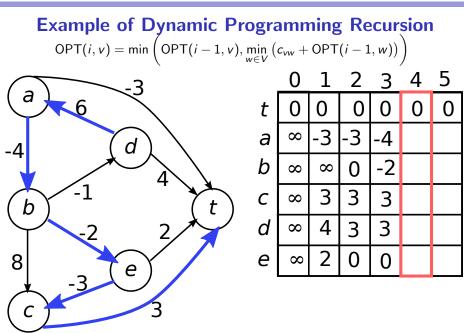


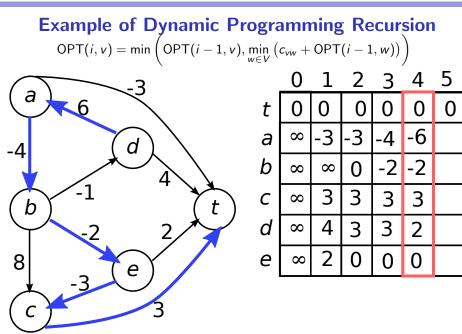


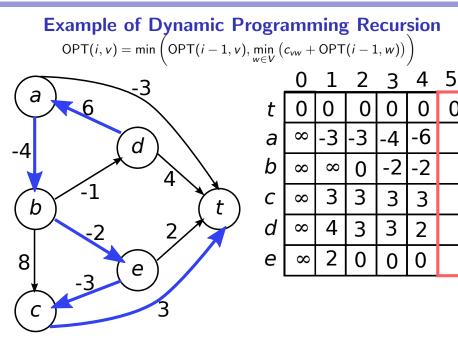


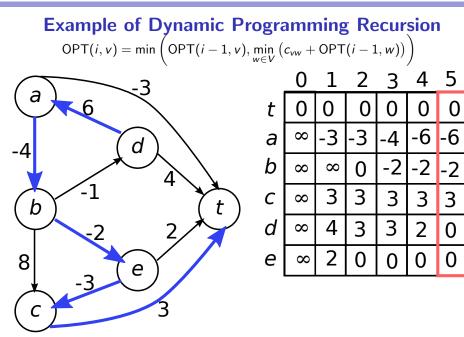


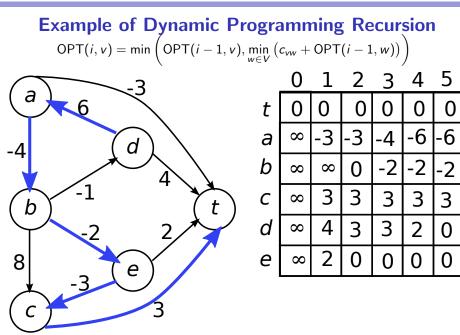












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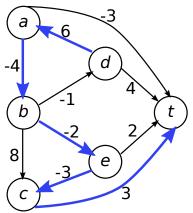
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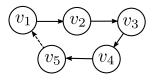
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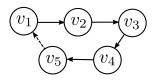


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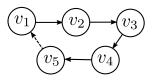


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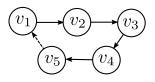
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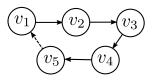
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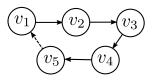
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#### Bellman-Ford Algorithm: One Array

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▶ We can prove algorithm's correctness in this case as well.

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