Fibonacci Revisited

Consider again the recursive function for computing the nth Fibonacci number.

Cost is Exponential. Why?

If we could eliminate redundancy, cost would be greatly reduced.

Keep a table

Cost?

We don't need table, only last 2 values.

Key is working bottom up.

Dynamic Programming

The issue of avoiding recomputation of subproblems comes up frequently.

- General solution: Store a table to avoid recomputation.
- Can work bottom up (fill table from smallest to largest)
- Can work top down (recursively), remembering any subproblems that happen to be solved (check table first).

This approach is called

Dynamic Programming

- Name comes from the field of dynamic control systems
- There, the act of storing precomputed values is referred to as "programming".

Dynamic Programming is an alternative to Divide and Conquer

- D&C: Split problem into subproblems, solve independently, and recombine.
- DP: Pay bookkeeping costs to remember solutions to shared subproblems.

A Knapsack Problem

Problem: Given an integer capacity K and n items such that item i has integer size k_i , find a subset of the n items whose sizes exactly sum to K, if possible.

Formally: Find $S \subset \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ such that

$$\sum_{i \in S} k_i = K.$$

Example:

- *K* = 163
- 10 items of sizes 4, 9, 15, 19, 27, 44, 54, 68, 73, 101.

What if K is 164?

Instead of parameterizing problem just by n, parameterize with n and K.

• P(n,K) is the problem with n items and capacity K.

Solving the Knapsack Problem

Think about divide and conquer (alternatively, induction).

What if we know how to solve P(n-1,K)?

- If P(n-1,K) has a solution, then it is a solution for P(n,K).
- Otherwise, P(n,K) has a solution \Leftrightarrow $P(n-1,K-k_n)$ has a solution.

What if we know how to solve P(n-1,k) for $0 \le k \le K$?

Cost: T(n) = 2T(n-1) + c.

 $T(n) = \Theta(2^n).$

BUT... there are only n(K+1) subproblems to solve!

Solution

Clearly, there are many subproblems being solved repeatedly.

Store a $n \times K + 1$ matrix to contain the solutions for all P(i,k).

Fill in the rows from i = 0 to n, left to right.

If P(n-1,K) has a solution, Then P(n,K) has a solution Else If $P(n-1,K-k_n)$ has a solution Then P(n,K) has a solution Else P(n,K) has no solution.

Cost: $\Theta(nK)$.

Knapsack Example

K = 10.

Five items: 9, 2, 7, 4, 1.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$k_1 = 9$	O	_		_	_	_	_		_	\overline{I}	_
$k_2 = 2$	O	_	I	_	_	_	_		_	O	_
$k_3 = 7$	O	_	O	_	_	_	_	I	_	I/O	
$k_4 = 4$	1										
$k_5 = 1$											

Key:

-: No solution for P(i,k).

O: Solution(s) for P(i,k) with i omitted.

I: Solution(s) for P(i,k) with i included.

I/O: Solutions for P(i,k) with i included AND omitted.

Example: M(3,9) contains O because P(2,9) has a solution. It contains I because P(2,2) = P(2,9-7) has a solution.

How can we find a solution to P(5,10)? How can we find ALL solutions to P(5,10)?

All Pairs Shortest Paths

For every vertex $u, v \in V$, calculate d(u, v). Define a **k-path** from u to v to be any path whose intermediate vertices all have indices less than k.

