

# Lecture 12: Dynamic Programming II

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# Introduction

Today: two more examples of dynamic programming

- ▶ *Longest Common Subsequence* (strings)
- ▶ *Optimal Binary Search Tree* (trees)

Important problems, but really: more examples of dynamic programming

Both in CLRS (unlike Weighted Interval Scheduling)

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$\implies (W, a)$  common subsequence of  $X_i, Y_j$  of length  $> k$

▶ Contradiction to  $Z$  being LCS of  $X_i$  and  $Y_j$



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**Case 3:** If  $x_i \neq y_j$  and  $z_k \neq y_j$  then  $Z = \text{OPT}(i, j - 1)$

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Symmetric to Case 2. □

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Gives obvious recursive algorithm

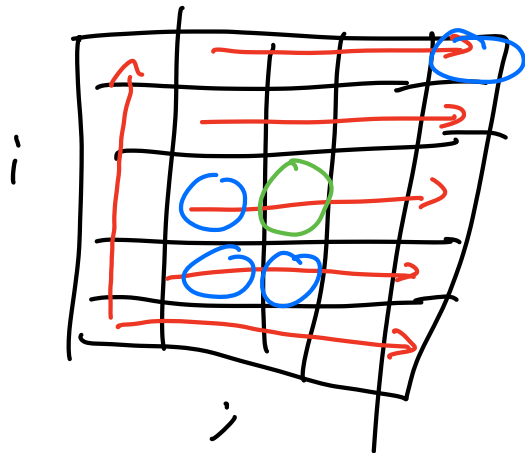
- ▶ Can take exponential time (good exercise at home!)

Dynamic Programming!

- ▶ Top-Down: are problems getting “smaller”? What does “smaller” mean?
- ▶ Bottom-Up: two-dimensional table! What order to fill it in?

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{M[i,j]} &= \max(\mathbf{M[i,j-1]}, \mathbf{M[i-1,j]}) && \text{(def of algorithm)} \\ &= \max(|\mathbf{OPT(i,j-1)}|, |\mathbf{OPT(i-1,j)}|) && \text{(induction)} \\ &= |\mathbf{OPT(i,j)}| && \text{(structure thm/corollary)} \end{aligned}$$

# Computing a Solution

Like we talked about last lecture: backtrack through dynamic programming table.

Details in CLRS 15.4

# Optimal Binary Search Trees

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Problem: Find search tree  $T$  minimizing cost.

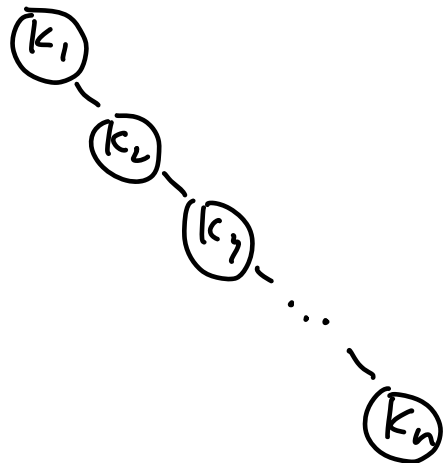
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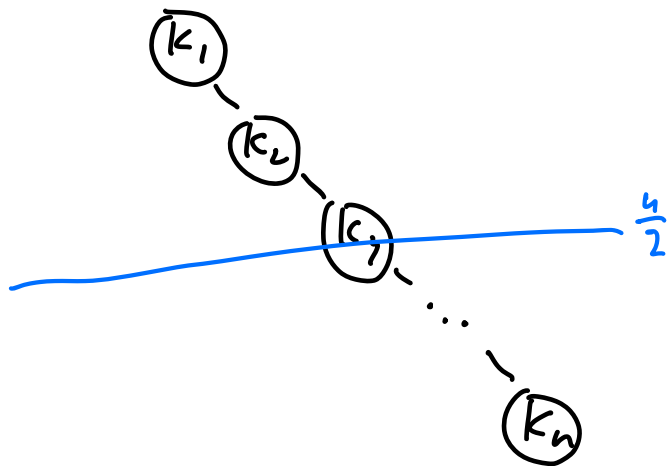
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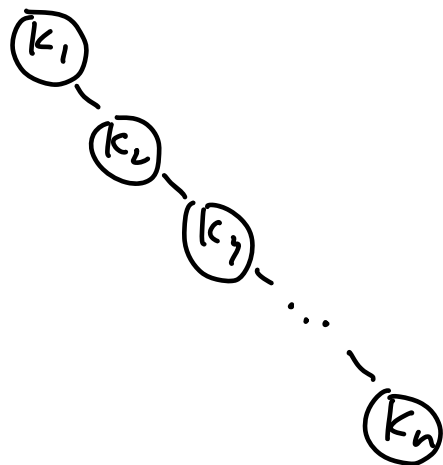


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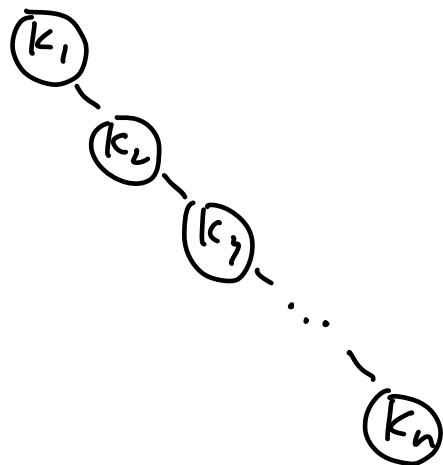


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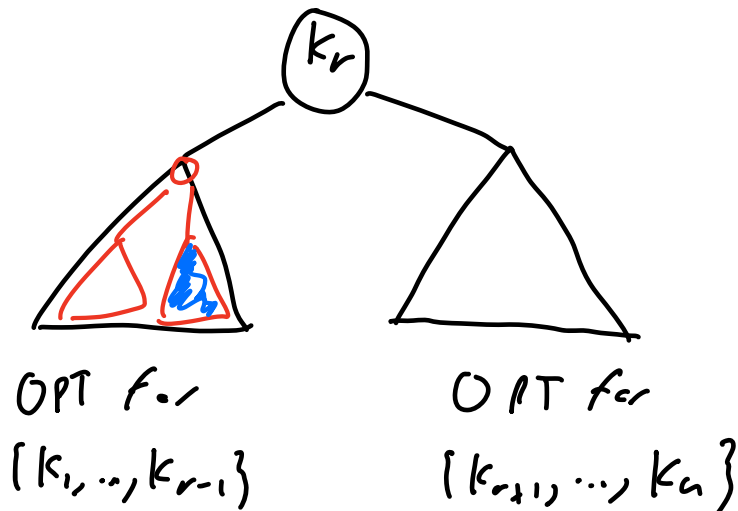
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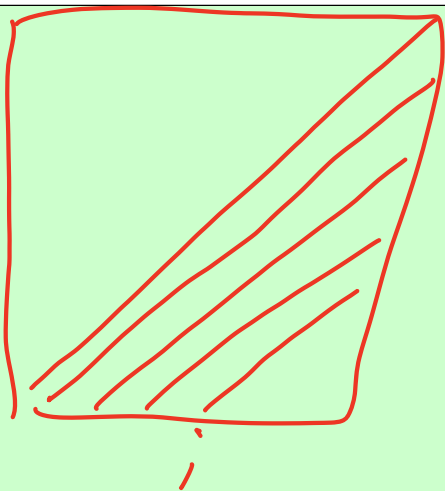
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