

Objectives

- Dynamic Programming
 - Segmented Least Squares
 - Subset Sums/Knapsacks

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Review: Weighted Interval Scheduling

- What was the key insight to solving the weighted interval scheduling problem?

Binary decision:

- Optimal solution for jobs 1 through j includes j or doesn't

- How do we pick the solution?

Choose the larger value of

- [choose j and the best solution of compatible jobs] OR
[best solution if don't pick j]

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Review: Iterative Solution to find the Optimal Value

- Build up solution from subproblems instead of breaking down

Input: $n, s_1, \dots, s_n, f_1, \dots, f_n, v_1, \dots, v_n$

Sort jobs by finish times so that $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$.

Compute $p(1), p(2), \dots, p(n)$

Iterative-Compute-Opt:

$M[0] = 0$

for $j = 1$ to n

$M[j] = \max(v_j + M[p(j)], M[j-1])$

- Typically, approach we'll take

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Review: Finding the Solution

- Dynamic programming algorithms compute optimal value.
- What if we want the **solution** itself (**not** simply the value)?
- Do some post-processing

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Run M-Compute-Opt(n)
Run Find-Solution(n)
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Find-Solution(j):
  if j = 0:
    output nothing
  elif  $v_j + M[p(j)] > M[j-1]$ :
    print j
    Find-Solution(p(j))
  else:
    Find-Solution(j-1)
```

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Review: Dynamic Programming Process

1. Determine the optimal substructure of the problem \rightarrow define the recurrence relation
2. Define the algorithm to find the **value** of the optimal solution
3. Optionally, change the algorithm to an iterative rather than recursive solution
4. Define algorithm to find the **optimal solution**
5. Analyze running time of algorithms

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Map to weighted interval scheduling problem

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SEGMENTED LEAST SQUARES

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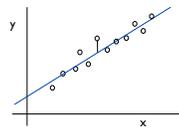
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Least Squares

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- Find a line $y = ax + b$ that minimizes the sum of the squared error
- "line of best fit"

Sum of squared error

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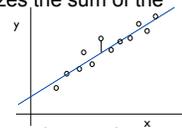
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- Closed form solution. Calculus \Rightarrow min error is achieved when

$$a = \frac{n \sum_i x_i y_i - (\sum_i x_i)(\sum_i y_i)}{n \sum_i x_i^2 - (\sum_i x_i)^2}, \quad b = \frac{\sum_i y_i - a \sum_i x_i}{n}$$

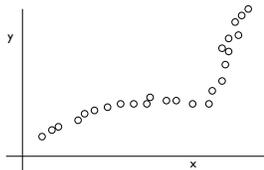
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Least Squares

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- What pattern does it seem like these points have?

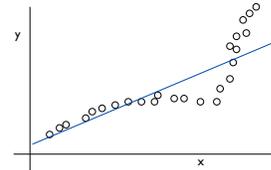
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Least Squares

- What happens to the error if we try to fit one line to these points?
- Large error



- Pattern: More like 3 lines

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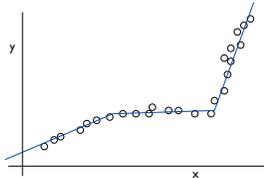
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Segmented Least Squares

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If I want the **best fit**, how many lines should I use?



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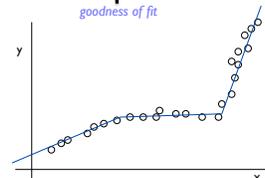
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What's a reasonable choice for $f(x)$ to balance **accuracy** and **parsimony**?

goodness of fit number of lines



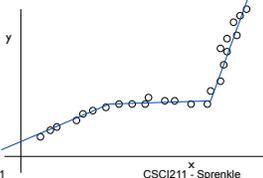
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Segmented Least Squares

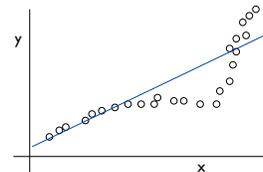
- Points lie roughly on a **sequence** of several line segments.
- Given n points in the plane $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$ with $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$, find a sequence of line segments that minimizes:
 - E : sum of the sums of the squared errors in each segment
 - L : the number of lines
- Tradeoff function:** $E + cL$, for some constant $c > 0$.



How should we define an optimal solution?

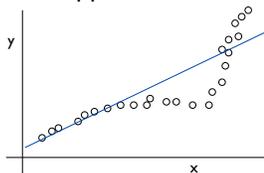
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- Error increased
- Looking for *change* in linear approximation
 - Where to partition points into line segments

Recall: Properties of Problems for DP

- Polynomial number of subproblems
- Solution to original problem can be easily computed from solutions to subproblems
- Natural ordering of subproblems, easy to compute recurrence

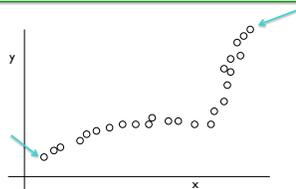
We need to:

- Figure out how to break the problem into subproblems
- Figure out how to compute solution from subproblems
- Define the recurrence relation between the problems

Toward a Solution

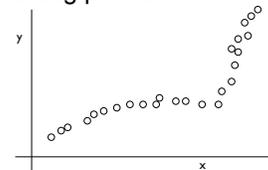
- Consider just the first or last point

What do we know about those points? their segments? cost of a segment?



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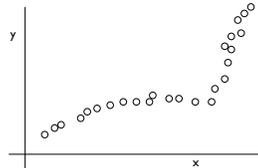
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 - Segment: p_i, \dots, p_n
 - Cost: c (cost for segment) + error of segment
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 - Solve for p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}

Next: Formulate as a recurrence



Dynamic Programming: Multiway Choice

- **Notation.**
 - **OPT(j)** = minimum cost for points p_1, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_j .
 - **e(i, j)** = minimum sum of squares for points p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_j .
- How do we compute OPT(j)?
 - Last problem: binary decision (include job or not)
 - This time: **multiway** decision
 - Which option do we choose?

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- To compute OPT(j):
 - Last segment contains points p_i, p_{i+1}, \dots, p_j for some i
 - Cost = $e(i, j) + c + OPT(i-1)$.

$$OPT(j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ \min_{1 \leq i \leq j} \{ e(i, j) + c + OPT(i-1) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Segmented Least Squares: Algorithm

```

INPUT: n, p1, ..., pn, c
Segmented-Least-Squares()
    M[0] = 0
    e[0][0] = 0
    for j = 1 to n
        for i = 1 to j
            e[i][j] = least square error for the
                       segment pi, ..., pj
        for j = 1 to n
            M[j] = min_{1 <= i <= j} (e[i][j] + c + M[i-1])
    return M[n]
    
```

Costs?

Segmented Least Squares: Algorithm Analysis

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can be improved to $O(n^2)$ by pre-computing various statistics

$O(n^3)$

$O(n^2)$

- Bottleneck: computing $e(i, j)$ for $O(n^2)$ pairs, $O(n)$ per pair using previous formula

How Do We Find the Solution?

Post-Processing: Finding the Solution

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FindSegments(j):
  if j = 0:
    output nothing
  else:
    Find an i that minimizes  $e_{i,j} + c + M[i-1]$ 
    Output the segment  $\{p_i, \dots, p_j\}$ 
    FindSegments(i-1)
    
```

Cost? $O(n^2)$

SUBSET SUMS and KNAPSACKS

The Price is Right

Or, shopping with someone else's money

- **Goal:** Spend as much money as possible without going over \$100
 - CD \$18
 - Jeans \$40
 - DVD \$35
 - Dinner \$15
 - Book \$8
 - Ice cream \$5
 - Shoes \$61
 - Pizza \$7

Possible solutions?

Knapsack Problem

- Given n objects and a "knapsack"
- Item i weighs $w_i > 0$ kilograms and has value $v_i > 0$
 - Alternative: jobs require w_i time
- Knapsack has capacity of W kilograms
 - Alternative: W is time interval that resource is available

Goal: fill knapsack so as to maximize total **value**

$W = 11$

Item	Value	Weight
1	1	1
2	6	2
3	18	5
4	22	6
5	28	7

Towards a Recurrence...

- What do we know about the knapsack with respect to item i ?

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- What do we know about the knapsack with respect to item i ?
 - Either select item i or not
 - If don't select
 - Pick optimum solution of remaining items
 - Otherwise
 - What happens?
 - How does problem change?

Dynamic Programming: False Start

- Def. $OPT(i) = \max$ profit subset of items $1, \dots, i$
 - Case 1: OPT does not select item i
 - OPT selects best of $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$
 - Case 2: OPT selects item i
 - Accepting item i does not immediately imply that we will have to reject other items
 - No known conflicts
 - Without knowing what other items were selected before i , we don't even know if we have enough room for i

➡ Need more sub-problems!

Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

- Def. $OPT(i, w) = \max$ profit subset of items $1, \dots, i$ with weight limit w
 - Case 1: OPT does not select item i
 - OPT selects best of $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$ using weight limit w
 - Case 2: OPT selects item i
 - new weight limit = $w - w_i$
 - OPT selects best of $\{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$ using new weight limit

$$OPT(i, w) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\ OPT(i-1, w) & \text{if } w_i > w \\ \max\{OPT(i-1, w), v_i + OPT(i-1, w-w_i)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Knapsack Problem: Bottom-Up

- Fill up an n -by- W array

```

Input: N, w1, ..., wn, v1, ..., vN
for w = 0 to W
    M[w] = 0
for i = 1 to N # for all items
    for w = 1 to W # for possible weights
        if wi > w: # item's weight is more than available
            M[i, w] = M[i-1, w]
        else
            M[i, w] = max{ M[i-1, w], vi + M[i-1, w-wi] }
return M[n, W]
    
```

Knapsack Algorithm

		← w + 1 →											
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
n + 1 ↓	ϕ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	{1}	0											
	{1, 2}	0											
	{1, 2, 3}	0											
	{1, 2, 3, 4}	0											
	{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}	0											

OPT:
Value=

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Assignments

- Continue reading Chapter 6
- Wiki for Wednesday
 - 5.5, 6 front matter, 6.1-6.4
- PS7 due Friday
- Next Wednesday, 4 p.m.: talk by Jan Cuny about broadening participation in computing
 - Last extra credit opportunity of the term