

## Objectives

- Dynamic Programming
  - Segmented Least Squares
  - Subset Sums

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## Review: Weighted Interval Scheduling

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

Map to weighted-interval scheduling

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## Review: Iterative Weighted Interval Scheduling Solution

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

```
M[0] = 0
for j = 1 to n
  M[j] = max(v_j + M[p(j)], M[j-1])
```

$O(n)$

- Typically, we'll take iterative approach

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## Review: Weighted Interval Scheduling: Finding a Solution

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

M-Compute-Opt(n)  
Find-Solution(n)

Runtime:  $O(n)$

```
def 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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## SEGMENTED LEAST SQUARES

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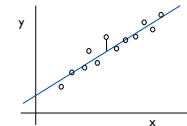
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## Least Squares

- Foundational problem in statistic and numerical analysis
- Given  $n$  points in the plane:  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
- Find a line  $y = ax + b$  that minimizes the sum of the squared error
  - "line of best fit"

Sum of squared error

$$SSE = \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ax_i - b)^2$$



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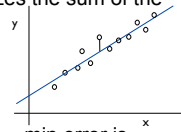
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- Closed form solution. Calculus  $\Rightarrow$  min error is achieved when

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



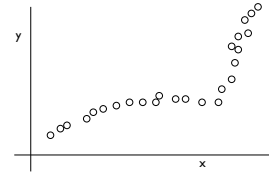
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## Least Squares

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



- What pattern does it seem like these points have?

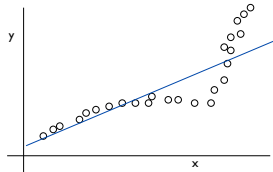
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## Least Squares

- 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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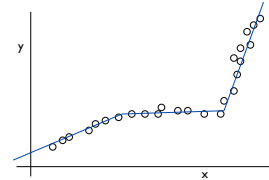
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## Our Problem: Segmented Least Squares

- Points lie roughly on a **sequence** of 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  $f(x)$**

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



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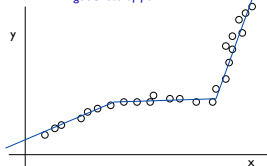
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What's a reasonable choice for  $f(x)$  to balance accuracy and parsimony?

goodness of fit

number of lines



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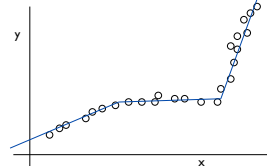
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## Segmented Least Squares

- Points lie roughly on a **sequence** of several line segments.
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  - $E$ : 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?



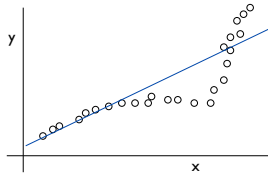
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## Segmented Least Squares

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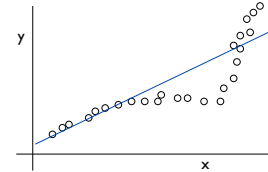
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## Segmented Least Squares

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

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## 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

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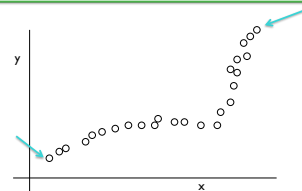
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## Toward a Solution

- Consider just the first or last point

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



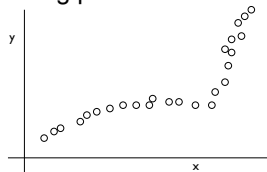
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## Toward a Solution

- $p_n$  can only belong to one segment
  - Segment:  $p_i, \dots, p_n$
  - Cost:  $c$  (cost for segment) + error of segment
- What is the remaining problem?



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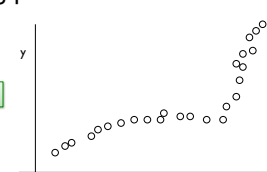
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- What is the remaining problem?
  - Solve for  $p_1, \dots, p_{i-1}$

**Next:** Formulate as a recurrence



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## 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 =  $e(i, j) + c + \text{OPT}(i-1)$ .

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

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## Segmented Least Squares: Algorithm

```

INPUT: n, p1, ..., pN, c
Segmented-Least-Squares()
  M[0] = 0
  e[0][0] = 0 # needed?
  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] = min1 ≤ i ≤ j (e[i][j] + c + M[i-1])
  return M[n]

```

Costs?

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## Segmented Least Squares: Algorithm Analysis

How do we find the solution?

```

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
      O(n3)

    for j = 1 to n
      M[j] = min1 ≤ i ≤ j (e[i][j] + c + M[i-1])
      O(n2)
  return M[n]

```

can be improved to O(n<sup>2</sup>) by pre-computing various statistics

- Bottleneck: computing e(i, j) for O(n<sup>2</sup>) pairs, O(n) per pair using previous formula

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## Post-Processing: Finding the Solution

```

FindSegments(j):
  if j = 0:
    output nothing
  else:
    Find an i that minimizes ei,j + c + M[i-1]
    Output the segment {pi, ..., pj}
    FindSegments(i-1)

```

Cost? O(n<sup>2</sup>)

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## SUBSET SUMS and KNAPSACKS

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## 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 \$62
  - Pizza \$7

Possible solutions?

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## 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

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## Towards a Recurrence...

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

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## Towards a Recurrence...

- 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?

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## Dynamic Programming: False Start

- **Def.**  $OPT(i)$  = max profit subset of items 1, ...,  $i$ 
  - 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!

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## Dynamic Programming: Adding a New Variable

- **Def.**  $OPT(i, w)$  = max profit subset of items 1, ...,  $i$  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

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

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## Looking Ahead

- Exam 2 due Friday
- Wednesday work period