

CS 170

# Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems

## Lecture 12

### Dynamic Programming II

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# Announcements

Midterm 1 grade are out!

→ Midterm regrade requests are open on Monday

Midsemester feedback form is open

→ Fill out by Monday and you'll get a free homework drop.

Discussions and OH resume as usual this week

→ As usual, my OH is after class today. Meet outside of the lecture hall.

# Recap of the Last Lecture

## Dynamic Programming!

### The recipe!

**Step 1.** Identify subproblems (aka optimal substructure)

**Step 2.** Find a recursive formulation for the subproblems

**Step 3.** Design the Dynamic Programming Algorithm

→ Memo-ize computation starting from smallest subproblems and building up.

We saw a lot of examples already

→ Fibonacci

→ Shortest Paths with negative edge-weights (in DAGs, Reliable Shortest path, Bellman-Ford)

# This lecture

See more dynamic programming examples!

- Shortest Path between all pairs
- Longest increasing subsequence
- Edit distance
- And even more next lecture

Best way to learn dynamic programming is by doing a lot of examples!

By doing more examples today, we will also develop intuition about how to choose subproblems (Recipe's step 1).

# Recap: Shortest Path with Negative Weights

- Input: A  $G = (V, E)$ , “source”  $S \in V$ , edge costs  $\ell(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}$ . No negative cycles.
- Output: For all  $u \in V$ ,  $dist(u) =$  cost of shortest path from  $s$  to  $u$ .

If there are no negative cycles, the shortest path from  $S$  to any node should use at most  $n - 1$  edges.

→ This is the same problem statement as “reliable” Shortest Path when the number of edges ( $k$ ) on the path can be as large as you want!

Just run reliable shortest path with  $k = n - 1$

This is called the Bellman-Ford algorithm.  
Runtime of  $O(nm)$ .

# Bellman-Ford Algorithm

The same implementation as “reliable” shortest path from last lecture

Discussion 6 material.

Summary of shortest path algs.

- Breadth First Search
  - Not for weighted graphs.
  - $O(n + m)$
- Dijkstra
  - Positive edge weights.
  - $O(m + n \log(n))$
- Bellman-Ford
  - Positive or negative edge weights, as long as no negative cycles.
  - $O(nm)$

Bellman-Ford1( $G = (V, E), s$ )

$dist[s] = 0$  and  $dist[u] = \infty$  for all other  $u \in V$ .

**For**  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ :

**For**  $u \in V$ :

$$dist[u] \leftarrow \min\{dist[u], \min_{(v,u) \in E} \{dist[v] + \ell(v,u)\}\}$$

Bellman-Ford2( $G = (V, E), s$ )

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**For**  $i = 1, \dots, n - 1$ :

Same as Dijkstra's "Update" Function

**For**  $(v, u) \in E$ :

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# All-Pair Shortest Path Problem

# All-Pair Shortest Path (APSP)

We want to know the shortest distance between any pair of nodes in a graph.

→ Not just from a special single source.

→ Another example of DP!

Input: Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , edge costs  $\ell(u, v)$  for  $(u, v) \in E$  (not necessarily positive)

Output: For all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $dist(u, v)$  = cost of shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$

Naïve algorithm:

→ Run Bellman-Ford starting from every  $s \in V$  as a source.

→ Bellman-Ford runs in time  $O(mn)$

→ Total runtime for APSP would be  $O(n^2m)$ . Could be as large as  $O(n^4)$  for dense graphs. We are aiming for  $O(n^3)$ .



# Dynamic Programming Recipe

- **Step 1:** Identify the subproblems (optimal substructure)
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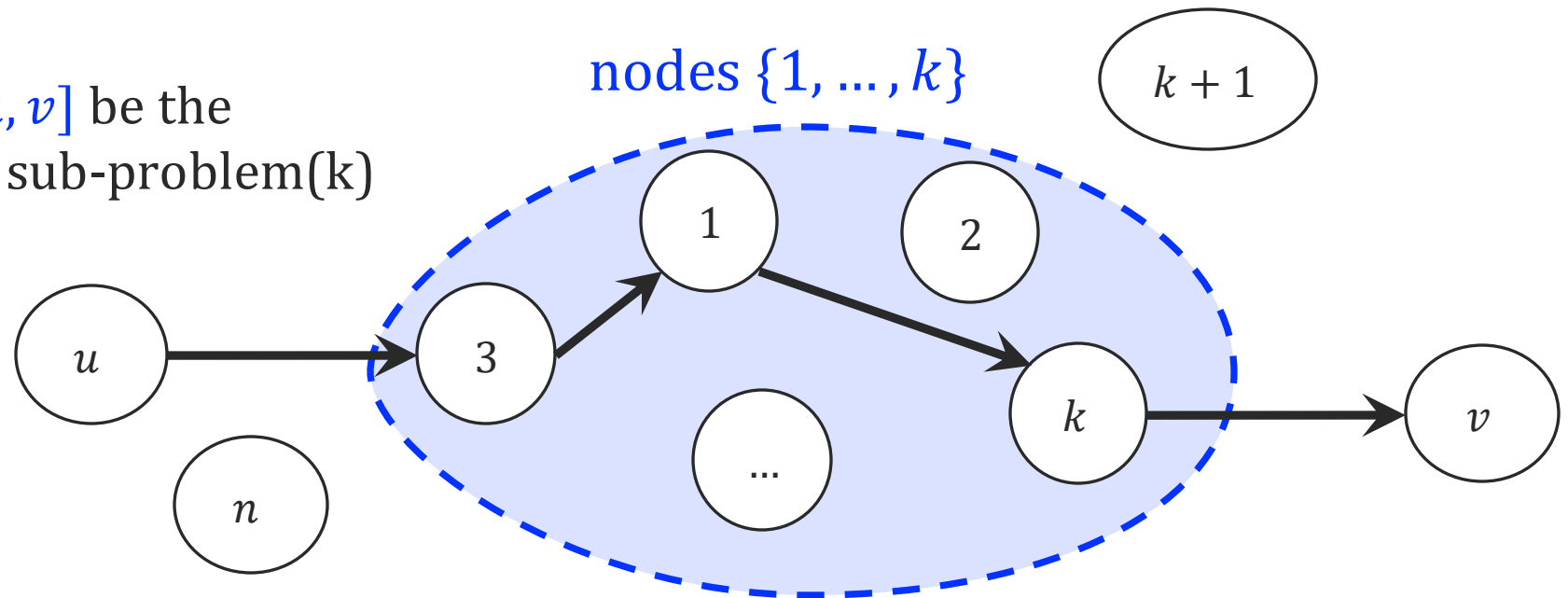
# Identify the subproblems (optimal substructure)

**Sub-problem(k):** For all pairs  $u, v \in V$ , find the shortest  $u$ - $v$  path whose internal vertices only use nodes  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ .

→ Sub-problem ( $n$ ) is the APSP we want to solve.

→ This may look unintuitive, but let's see why it's helpful!

Let  $dist_k[u, v]$  be the solution to sub-problem(k)



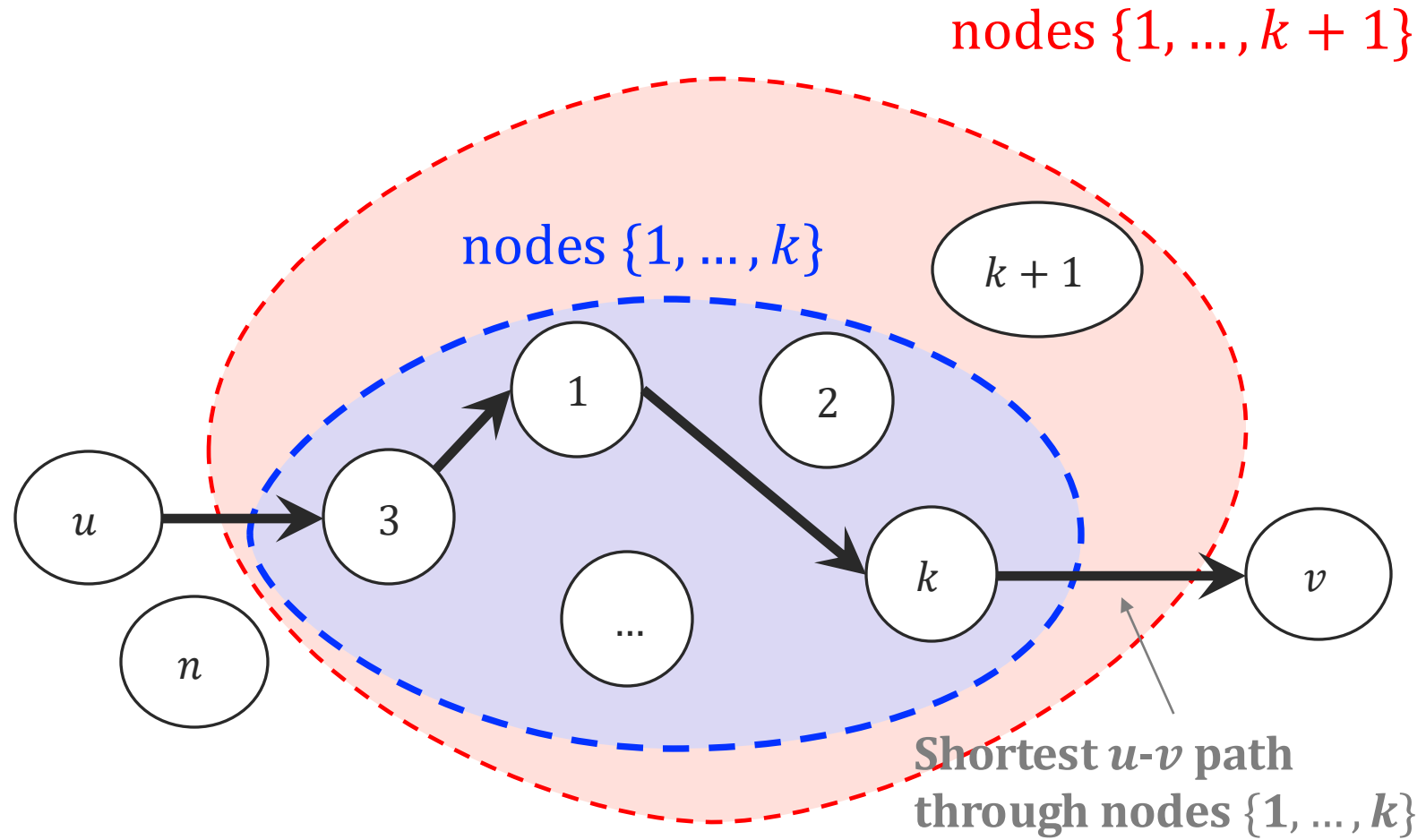
This is an overview picture, not all edges are shown.

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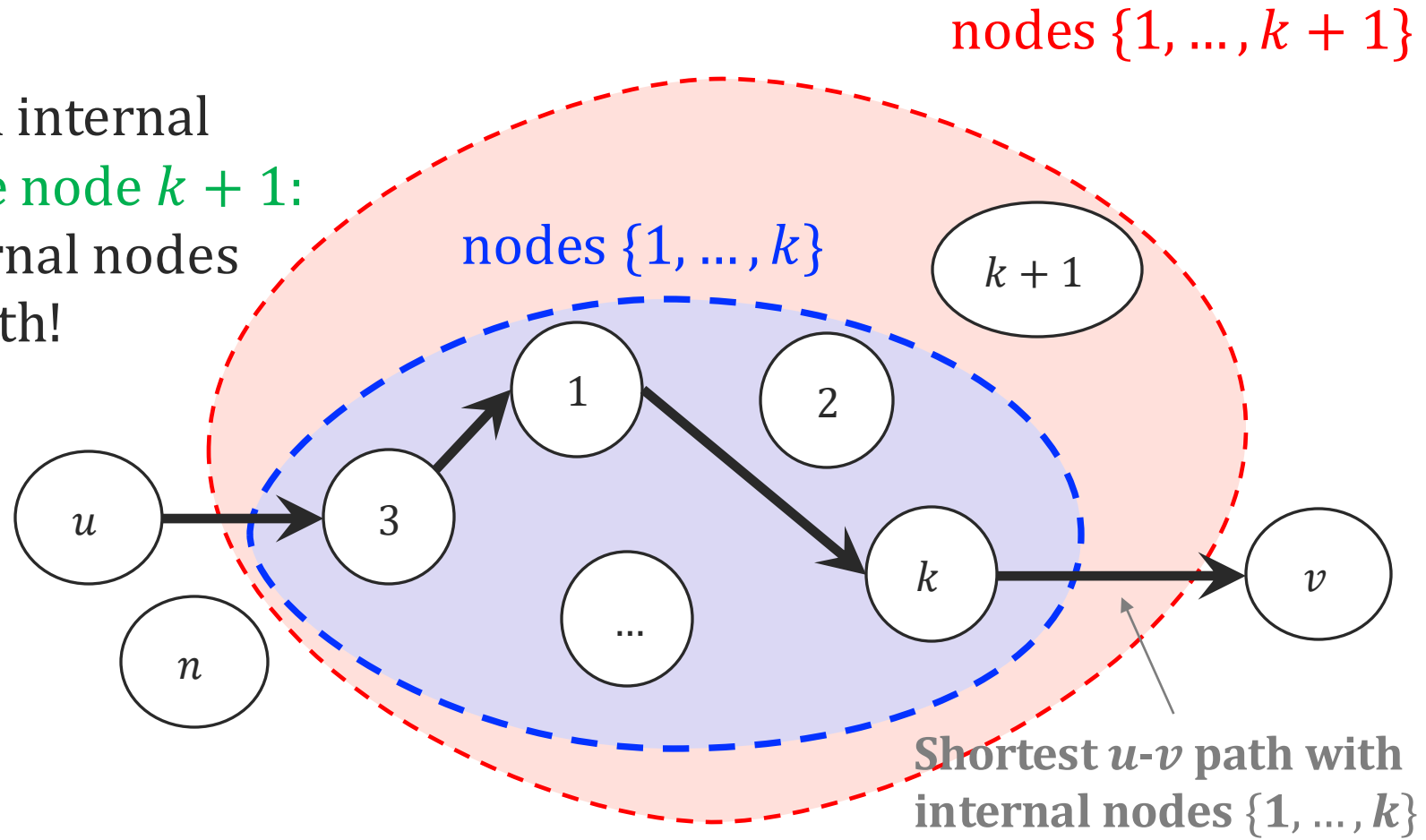


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**Case 1:** Shortest  $u-v$  path with internal nodes  $\{1, \dots, k+1\}$  **doesn't use node  $k+1$ :**  
→ Shortest  $u-v$  path with internal nodes  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  is still the shortest path!

$$dist_{k+1}(u, v) = dist_k(u, v)!$$



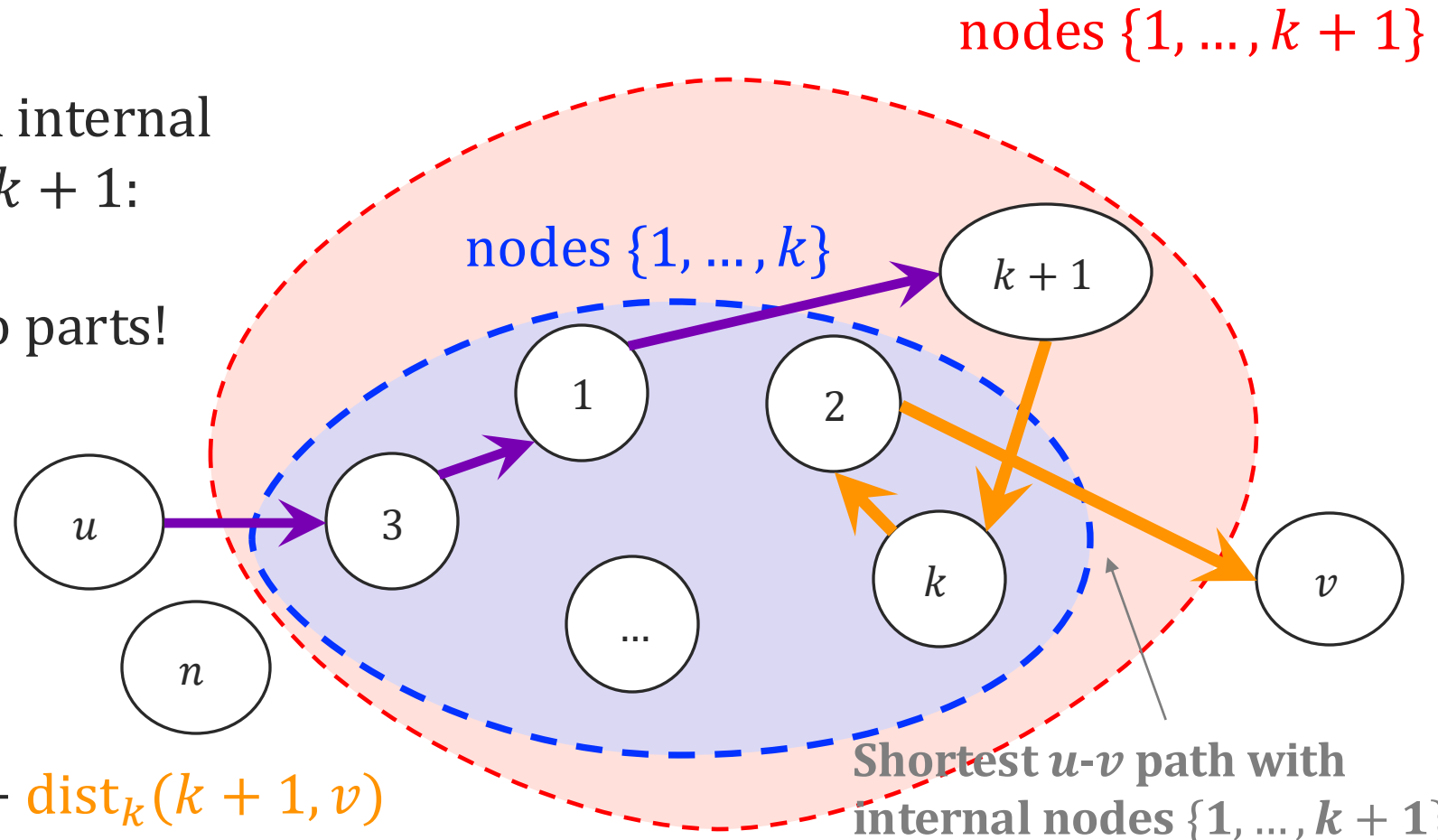
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**Case 2:** Shortest  $u-v$  path with internal nodes  $\{1, \dots, k+1\}$  uses node  $k+1$ :

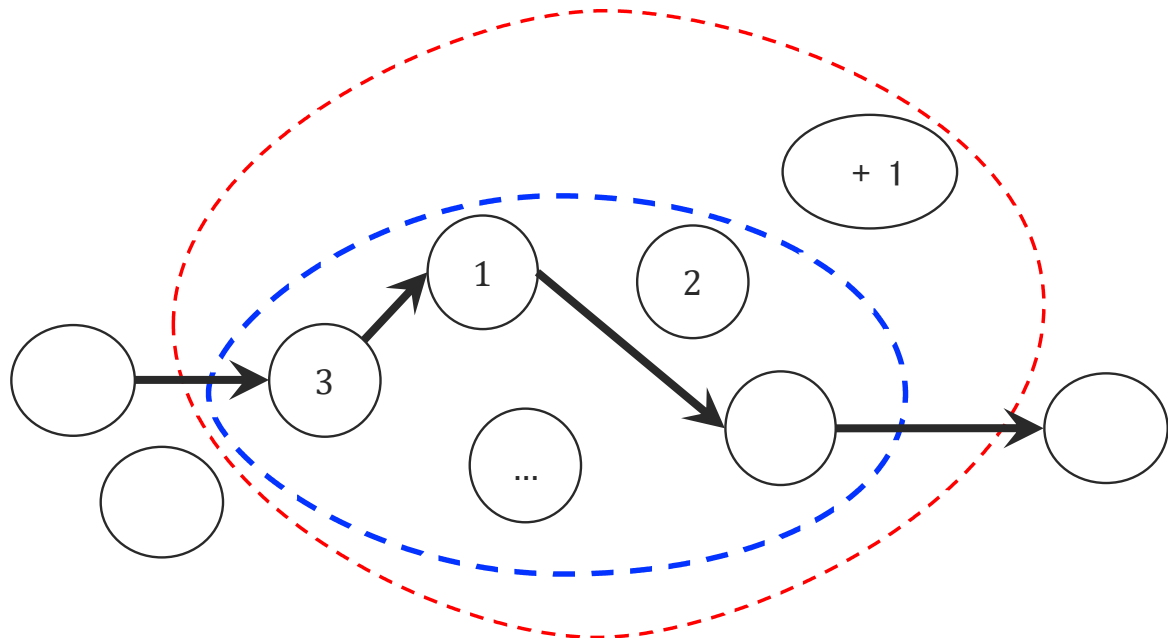
This path can be broken to two parts!

- Shortest  $u-(k+1)$  path
- Shortest  $(k+1)-v$  path
- Both using **internal nodes**  $\{1, \dots, k\}$  only.

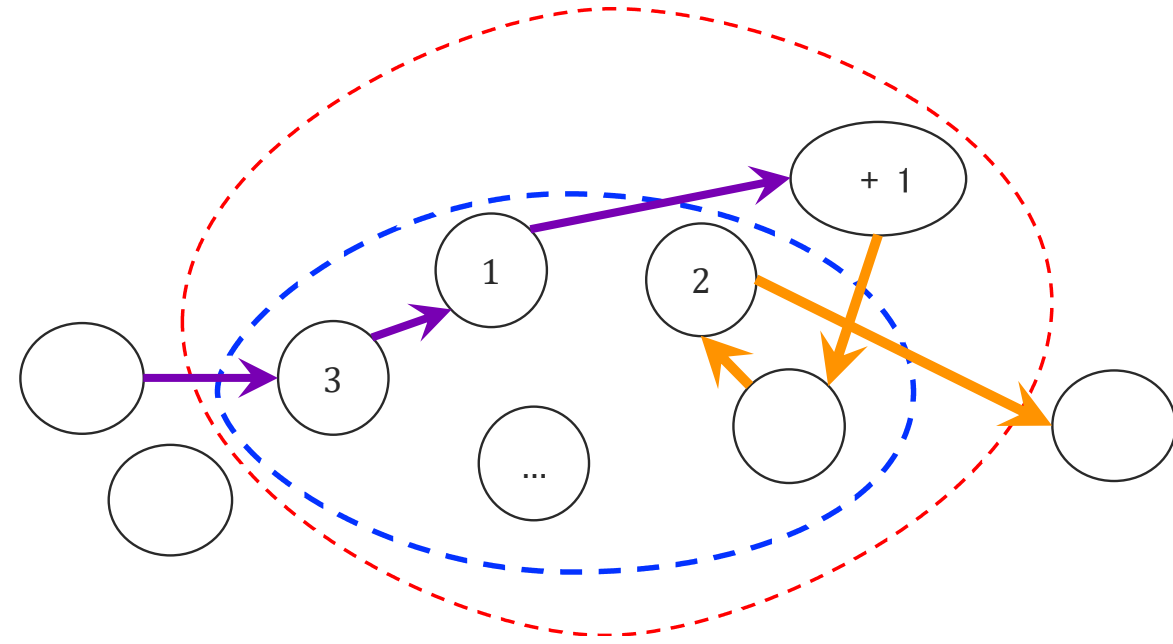


$$dist_{k+1}(u, v) = dist_k(u, k+1) + dist_k(k+1, v)$$

# Putting the two cases together



**Case 1:** Shortest  $u-v$  path with internal nodes  $\{1, \dots, k + 1\}$  **doesn't use node  $k + 1$ :**



**Case 2:** Shortest  $u-v$  path with internal nodes  $\{1, \dots, k + 1\}$  **uses node  $k + 1$ :**

The recursive solution for All-Pair Shortest Path

$$dist_{k+1}(u, v) = \min\{dist_k(u, v), dist_k(u, k + 1) + dist_k(k + 1, v)\}$$

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# The Floyd-Washall Algorithm for APSP

Input: Graph  $G = (V, E)$ , edge costs  $\ell(u, v)$  for  $(u, v) \in E$  (not necessarily positive)

Output: For all  $u, v \in V$ ,  $dist(u, v) =$  cost of shortest path from  $u$  to  $v$

Each update is just  $O(1)$ .

The loop over  $k$  and  $u, v$  repeats  $O(n^3)$  times.

Overall,  $O(n^3)$  runtime.

Floyd-Warshall ( $G = (V, E)$ )

$n \times n$  matrices  $dist_0, dist_1, \dots, dist_n$  initialized to  $\infty$

**For**  $(u, v) \in E$ ,  $dist_0[u, v] \leftarrow \ell(u, v)$

//  $dist_0$  paths have no internal nodes.

**For**  $k = 1, \dots, n$ :

**For**  $u, v \in V$ :

$dist_k[u, v] \leftarrow \min\{dist_{k-1}[u, v],$   
 $dist_{k-1}[u, k] + dist_{k-1}[k, v]\}$

# Longest Increasing Subsequences

# Longest Increasing Subsequences (LIS)

- Input: An array of  $n$  integers  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$
- Output: The length of the longest increasing subsequence of the input.

To be consistent with the book, we aren't using 0-indexing for the input.

$a = 5 \ 2 \ 8 \ 6 \ 3 \ 6 \ 9 \ 7$

“Subsequences” can be non-contiguous by definition.

# Longest Increasing Subsequence

Why care about this problem?

- An important algorithmic preprocessing step.
- Useful for understanding random processes.
- Shuffle cards and play the game of Solitaire (aka Patience Sorting), how many piles you need?
- Computations over random graphs, networks, social media.

The recipe!

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# Step 1: Subproblems of LIS

- Input: An array of  $n$  integers  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$
- Output: The length of the longest increasing subsequence (LIS) of the input.

## Discuss

Which of these two subproblems is more appropriate for designing a dynamic programming algorithm?

1.  $L[j] = \text{len. of LIS in array } [a_1, \dots, a_j], \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n$

2.  $L[j] = \text{len. of LIS in array } [a_1, \dots, a_j] \text{ that ends in } a_j, \text{ for } j = 1, \dots, n$

What makes for good subproblems?

- Not too many of them (the more subproblems the slower the DP algorithm)
- Must have enough information in it to compute subproblems recursively (needed for step 2).

# Step 1: Subproblems of LIS

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Subproblems:  $L[j] = \text{len. of LIS in array } [a_1, \dots, a_j] \text{ that ends in } a_j$ , for  $j = 1, \dots, n$

→ Because, if we don't keep track of the **last (largest) element of the LIS** we don't know **whether we can add a new element** to the subsequence, **recursively**.

→ Think of the subproblem's stored info as the only thing you observe about smaller instances!

**len. of LIS = 4**

$a = [5, 2, 8, 6, 3, 6, 9]$  7

Knowing only Len of LIS, we wouldn't know if we can add 7



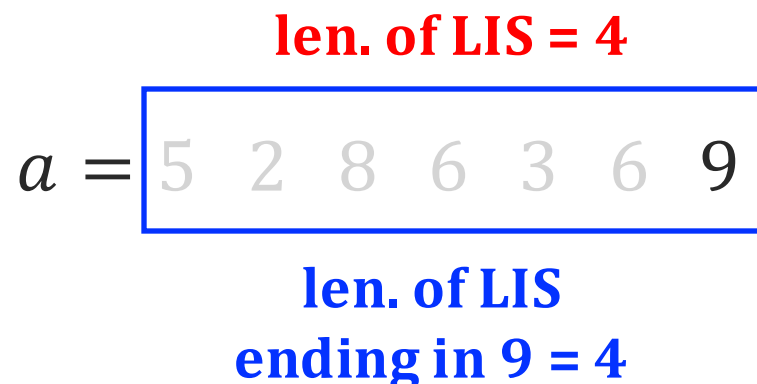
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We know for sure, we can't add 7



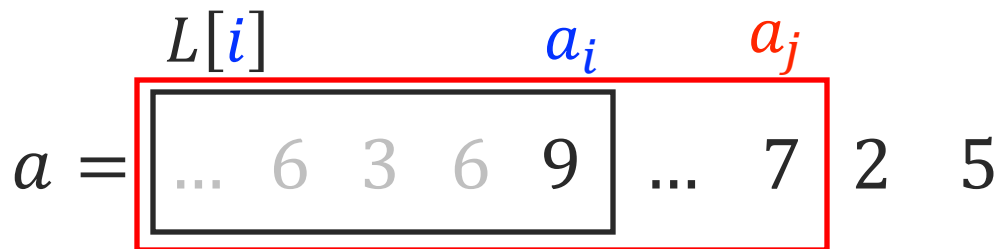
# Step 2: Recurrence of LIS subproblems

- Input: An array of  $n$  integers  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$
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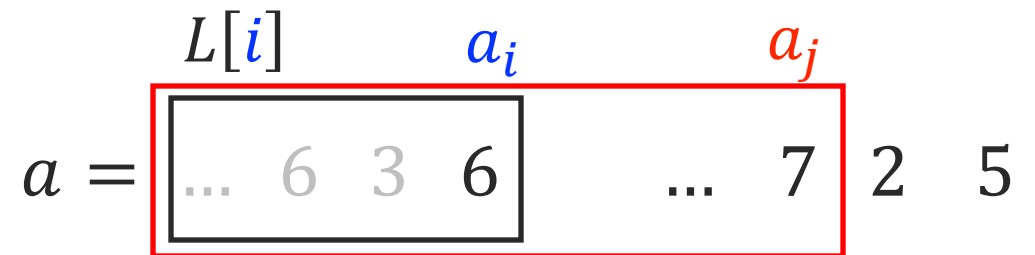
**Step 2:** Compute the recurrence:  $L[j]$  in terms of  $L[i]$  for  $i < j$ .

**Case 1:**  $a[j] \leq a[i]$



Can't add  $a[j]$  to  
lengthen  $L[i]$

**Case 2:**  $a[j] > a[i]$



$$L[j] = L[i] + 1$$



# Step 2: Recurrence of LIS subproblems

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# Step 3: Design the DP Algorithm

- Input: An array of  $n$  integers  $a = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$
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Runtime:

$O(n)$  subproblems

For each subproblem, we look at at most  $n$  smaller subproblems.

→  $O(n)$  time per subproblem.

**Total:**  $O(n^2)$  runtime.

LIS( $a_1, \dots, a_n$ )

array  $L$  of length  $n$

**for**  $j = 1, \dots, n$

**If exists**  $i < j$ , s.t.,  $a_i < a_j$

$L[j] \leftarrow 1 + \max_{i < j} \{ L[i] \mid a_i < a_j \}$

**Else**  $L[j] \leftarrow 1$

**return**  $\max_i L[i]$

# Edit Distance

# Computing the Edit Distance

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

Output: Compute the smallest number of edits to turn  $S$  into  $T$ .

Edits allowed:

1. Insert a character into  $S$
2. Delete character from  $S$
3. Change one character to another character.

Example:

What's the edit distance between  
 $S = \text{"SNOWY"}$  and  $T = \text{"SUNNY"}$ ?

S N O W Y

Add U

S U N O W Y

Change O to N

S U N N W Y

Delete W

S U N N Y

# Applications of Edit Distance

- Auto correct!
- Word suggestions in search engines
- DNA analysis of similarities.

# Edit Distance and Cost of Alignment

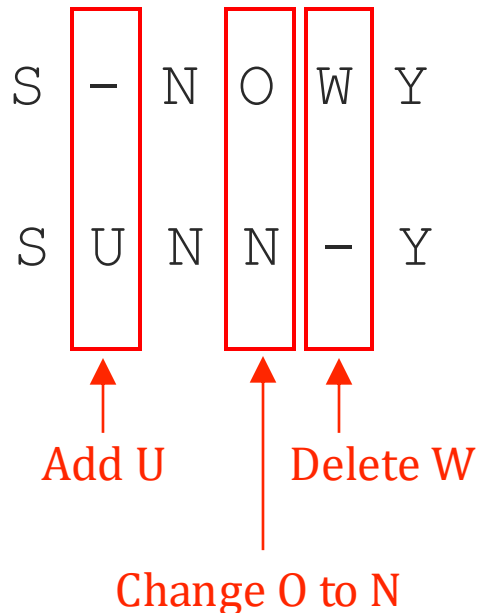
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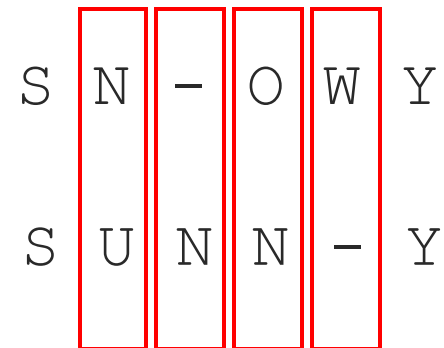
Edit Distance is the **minimal cost of alignment** between two strings.

→ **An alignment**: line up two words. **Cost of an alignment** = # columns that don't match

An alignment  
with cost 3



An alignment  
with cost 4



# Step 1: Subproblems of Edit Distance

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**Subproblems:** for all  $0 \leq i \leq m$  and  $0 \leq j \leq n$

$$E(i, j) = \text{EditDist}(S[1 \dots i], T[1 \dots j])$$

Cost of optimal alignment between  $S[1 \dots i], T[1 \dots j]$

# Step 2: Recurrence Relation of Edit Distance

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

Output: Compute the smallest number of edits to turn  $S$  into  $T$ .

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## Discuss

There are three ways of aligning  $S[1 \dots i]$  and  $T[1 \dots j]$ . What are their costs recursively?

### Case 1

$S[1 \dots i - 1]$	$S[i]$
$T[1 \dots j]$	—

### Case 2

$S[1 \dots i]$	—
$T[1 \dots j - 1]$	$T[j]$

### Case 3

$S[1 \dots i - 1]$	$S[i]$
$T[1 \dots j - 1]$	$T[j]$

$E(i, j) =$



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**Step 2:** The recurrence relation

$$E(i, j) = \min \{E(i-1, j) + 1, E(i, j-1) + 1, E(i-1, j-1) + 1(S[i] \neq T[j])\}$$

Base case:  $E(i, 0) = i$  and  $E(0, j) = j$

# Step 3: Design the Algorithm

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

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How do we memo-ize the subproblems in this recurrence relation?

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0					
$\vdots$					
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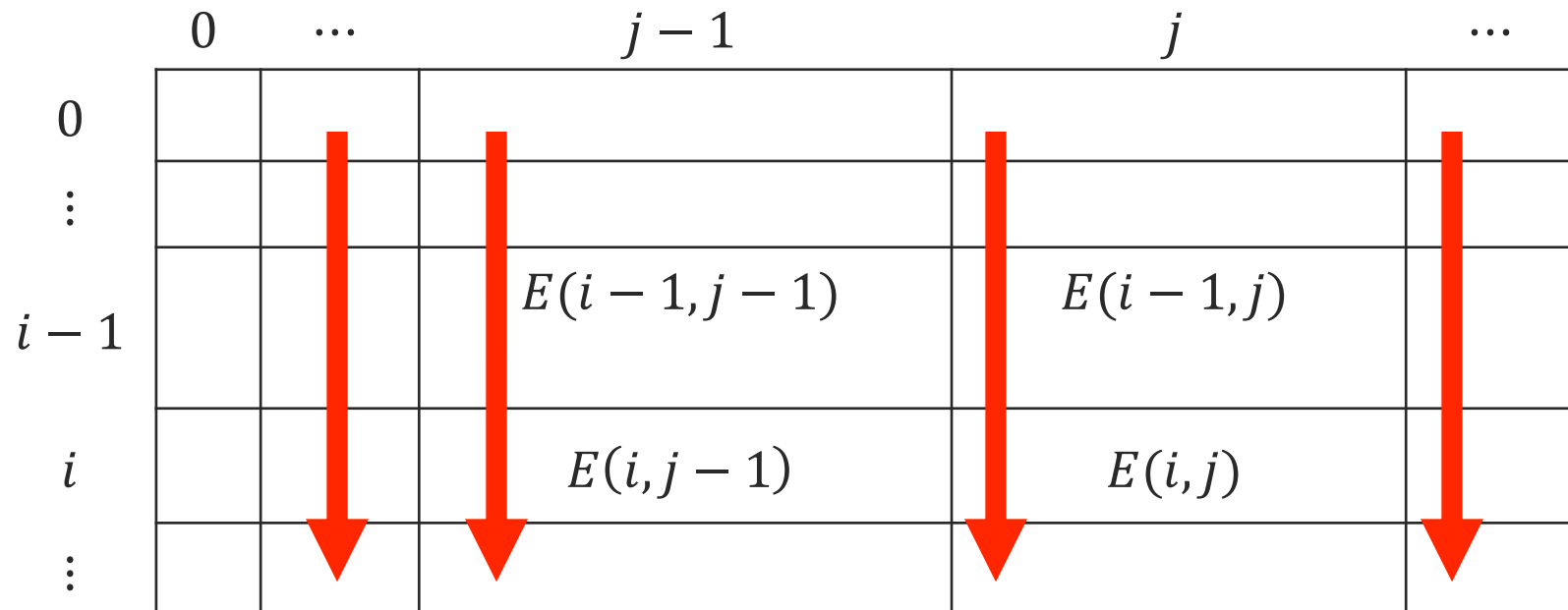
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$i$			$E(i, j) - 1$	$E(i, j)$	
$\vdots$					

A diagram of a dynamic programming table. The table has rows indexed by  $i$  and columns indexed by  $j$ . The top row is labeled  $0$  and the leftmost column is labeled  $0$ . The table contains several red arrows pointing from left to right, indicating dependencies between subproblems. One arrow starts at the cell  $(i-1, j-1)$  and points to the cell  $(i, j)$ . Another arrow starts at the cell  $(i-1, j)$  and points to the cell  $(i, j)$ . A third arrow starts at the cell  $(i, j-1)$  and points to the cell  $(i, j)$ . The cell  $(i, j)$  contains the value  $E(i, j)$ . The cell  $(i-1, j-1)$  contains the value  $E(i-1, j-1)$ . The cell  $(i-1, j)$  contains the value  $E(i-1, j)$ . The cell  $(i, j-1)$  contains the value  $E(i, j) - 1$ . The cell  $(i, j)$  also contains the value  $E(i, j)$ . The table is partially filled with these values and arrows, with ellipses indicating that the table continues in both directions.

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# Runtime of this algorithm

Input: Two strings  $S[1 \dots m]$  and  $T[1 \dots n]$

Output: Compute the smallest number of edits to turn  $S$  into  $T$ .

$O(mn)$  number of subproblems.

For each subproblem, we take minimum of 3 values.

→ Work per subproblem  $O(1)$

Total runtime:  $O(mn)$ .

Edit-Distance( $S[1 \dots m], T[1 \dots n]$ )

$(m + 1) \times (n + 1)$  array  $E$

**For**  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ ,  $E[i, 0] = i$

**For**  $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ,  $E[0, j] = j$

**For**  $i = 1, \dots, m$

**For**  $j = 1, \dots, n$

$E(i, j) \leftarrow \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E(i - 1, j) + 1, \\ E(i, j - 1) + 1, \\ E(i - 1, j - 1) + 1(S[i] \neq T[j]) \end{array} \right\}$

**return**  $E(m, n)$

# Wrap up

More examples of dynamic programming.

- Longest increasing subsequence
- Edit distance
- Knapsack (with repetition)

→ Also got more experience on how to choose subproblems.

**Next time:** More examples of DP  
Knapsack and other graph problems