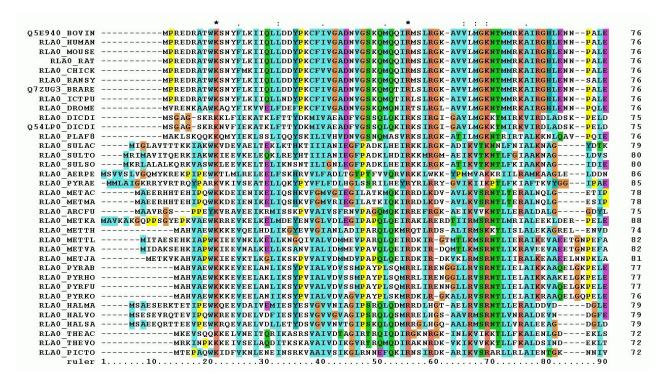
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- How well do our methods of mapping spectrums to sequences scale?
- How can we determine a peptide's sequence in the presence of errors or impurities?

Comparing Sequences

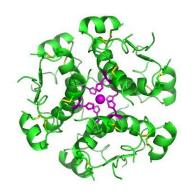
Sequence Similarity



A common problem in biology

| | Insulin Protein Sequence |
|-------|--|
| Human | MALWMRLLPLLALLALWGPDPAAAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKTRREAEDLQGSLQPLALEGSLQKRGIVEQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN |
| Dog | MALWMRLLPLLALLALWAPAPTRAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKARREVEDLQVRDVELAGAPGEGGLQPLALEGALQKRGIVEQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN |
| Cat | ${\tt MAPWTRLLPLLALLSLWIPAPTRAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKARREAEDLQGKDAELGEAPGAGGLQPSALEAPLQKRGIVEQCCASVCSLYQLEHYCN}$ |
| Pig | MALWTRLLPLLALLALWAPAPAQAFVNQHLCGSHLVEALYLVCGERGFFYTPKARREAENPQAGAVELGGGLGGLQALALEGPPQKRGIVEQCCTSICSLYQLENYCN |

- All similar, but how similar?
- How do you measure similarity?
- Does Hamming distance work here?
- Uses
 - To establish a phylogeny
 - To identify *functional* or *conserved* components of the sequence



Hand Alignments



Not that long ago, many alignments were done by hand

- Long conserved regions are shown below
- Solution strategy?
- Is this a well defined problem?
 - Is there an optimal or best solution?
 - O Did we find it?
- By the way, this is an easy case. Within vertebrates, the amino acid sequence of insulin is strongly conserved.

The Alignment Game



Let's consider only 2 sequences, and establish "alignment" rules as if it were a game.

- Rules:
 - You must remove all characters from both sequences
 - There are 3 possible moves at any point in the game.
 - Each move removes at least one character from one of the two given strings
 - Pressing [Match] removes one left-most character from both sequences
 - You get 1 point if the characters match, otherwise you get 0 points
 - Pressing [Del] removes the left-most character from the top sequence
 - You lose 1 point
 - Pressing [Ins] removes the left-most character from the bottom sequence
 - You lose 1 point
 - Your point total is allowed to go negative
- Objective: Get the most points

How do you get the highest possible score?



- The solution may not be unique
- How many presses?
 - Minimum moves = Max(len(top), len(bot))
 - Maximum moves = len(top) + len(bot)
- How many possible moves?
 - Less than 3^{len(top) + len(bot)}
- How big for our problem instance?
 - len(Human) = 98, len(dog) = 110
 - $3^{208} \approx 1.73 \times 10^{90}$, almost a googol (not a google)
- What algorithm solves this problem?
 - Make each move by considering only a short horizon following the current alignment thus far



There is an effcient solution



- It relies on a rather suprising idea
- The best score can be found for the len(top) and len(bot) strings by finding the best score for every pair of substrings len(top[0:n]) and len(bot[0:m]) for all values of n up to len(top) and m up to len(bot)
- Finding this solution requires only O(len(top)len(bot)) steps
- It also requires a table of size Max(len(top),len(bot))
- But before we solve this problem, let's look at another related related problem

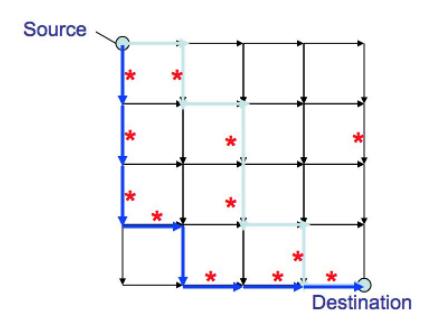
Finding a best city tour on a Manhattan grid



Manhattan Tourist Problem (MTP)



Imagine seeking a path from a given source to given destination in a Manhattan-like city grid that maximizes the number of attractions (*) passed. With the following caveat—at every step you must make progress towards the goal. We treat the city map as a graph, with a *vertices* at each intersection, and *weighted edges* along each block. The weights are the number of attractions along each block.



Manhattan Tourist Game

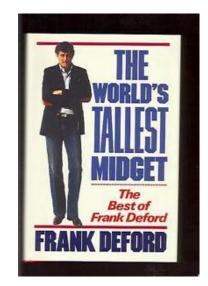


Goal: Find the maximum weighted shortest path in a grid.

Input: A weighted grid G with two distinct vertices, one labeled source and the other labeled destination

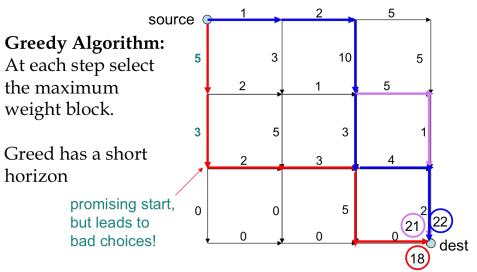
Output: A shortest path in G from source to destination with the greatest weight

- There are many shortest paths that go south 4 blocks and east 4 blocks
- Of those paths, which sees the most sites?



MTP: A Greedy Algorithm Is Not Optimal





Different types of *Greedy*

- Short horizon: At each block select the direction where the next block offers the most attractions
- Long horizon: Look ahead at all streets between your current position and the destination, and go towards the street with the most attractions

A New Solution Strategy



Dynamic Programming is a technique for computing recurrence relations efficiently by storing and reusing intermediate results

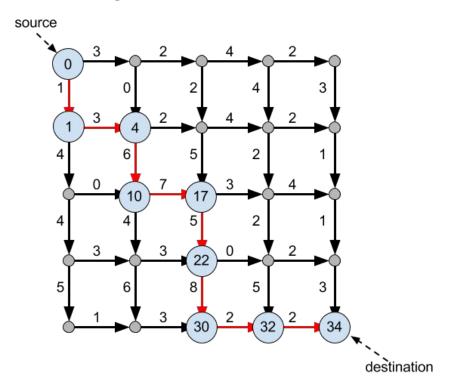
Three keys to constructing a dynamic programming solution:

- 1. Formulate the answer as a recurrence relation
- Consider all instances of the recurrence at each step (In our case this means all paths that lead to a vertex or intersection).
- 3. Order evaluations so you will always have precomputed the needed partial results

Irony: Often the most effcient approach to solving a specific problem involves solving **every** smaller subproblem.

MTP Dynamic Program Solution





The solution may not be unique, but it will have the best possible score

MTP Dynamic Program Strategy



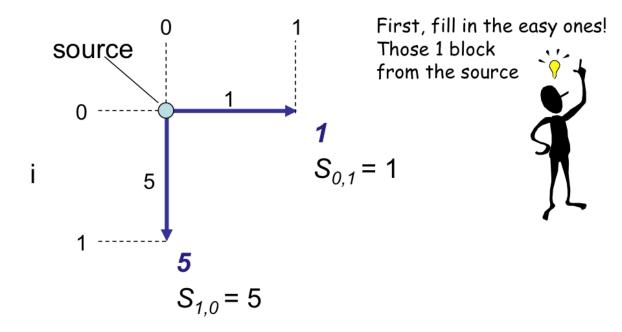
- Instead of solving the Manhattan Tourist problem directly, (i.e. the path from (0,0) to (n,m)) we will solve a more general problem: find the longest path from (0,0) to any arbitrary vertex (i,j).
- If the longest path from (0,0) to (n,m) passes through some vertex (i,j), then the path from (0,0) to (i,j) must be the longest. Otherwise, you could increase the weight along your path by changing it.



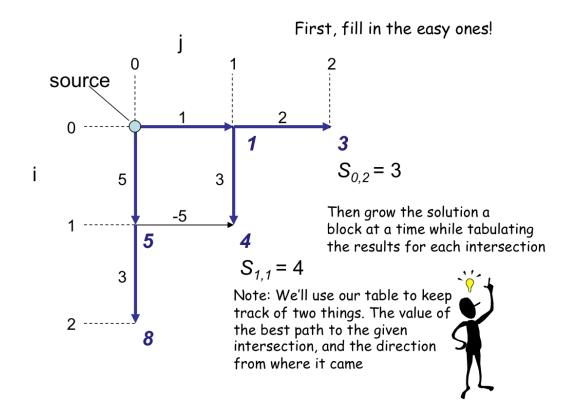
MTP: Dynamic Program



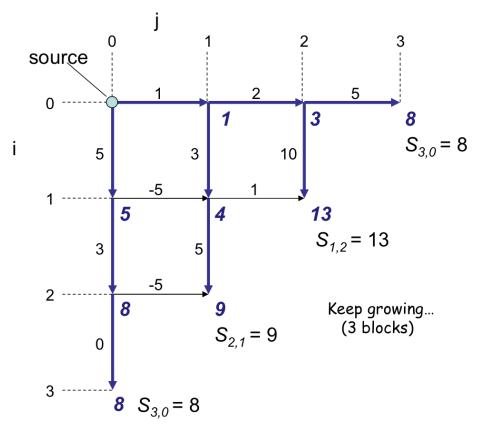
- Calculate optimal path score for every vertex in the graph between our source and destination
- Each vertex's score is the maximum of the prior vertices score plus the weight of the connecting edge in between



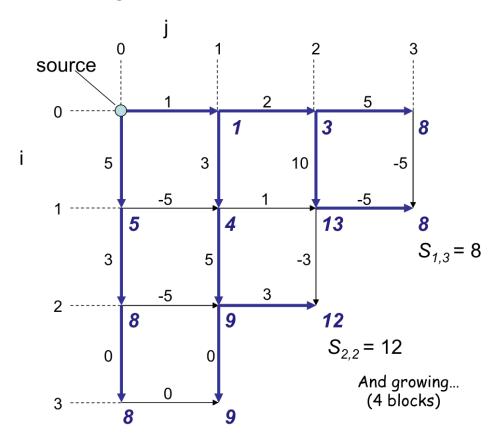




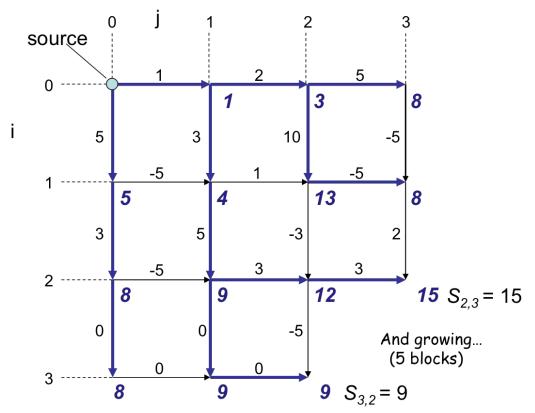




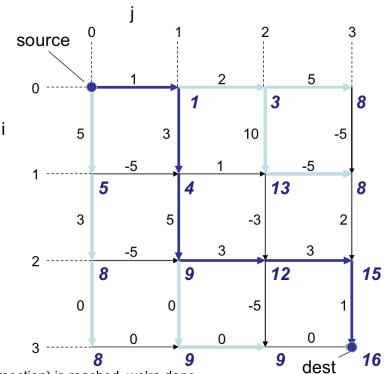












- Once the *destination* node (intersection) is reached, we're done.
- Our table will have the answer of the maximum number of attractions stored in the entry associated with the destination.
- We use the *links* back in the table to recover the path. (Backtracking)

MTP: Recurrence



Computing the score for a point (i,j) by the recurrence relation:

$$s_{i,j} = \max \begin{cases} s_{i-1,j} + \text{ weight of the edge between } (i-1,j) \text{ and } (i,j) \\ s_{i,j-1} + \text{ weight of the edge between } (i,j-1) \text{ and } (i,j) \end{cases}$$

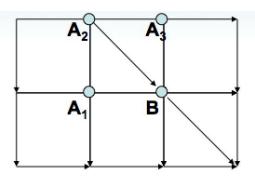
The running time is nm for a n × m grid

(You visit all intersections once, and perform 2 tests)

(n = # of rows, m = # of columns)

Manhattan Is Not A Perfect Grid





What about diagonals?

Broadway, Greenwich, etc.

- Easy to fix. Just adds more recursion cases.
- The score at point B is given by:

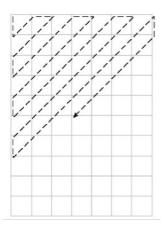
$$s_B = \frac{s_{A1} + \text{weight of the edge } (A_1, B)}{s_{A2} + \text{weight of the edge } (A_2, B)}$$

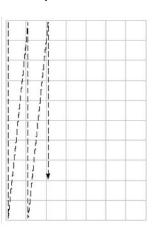
 $s_{A3} + \text{weight of the edge } (A_3, B)$

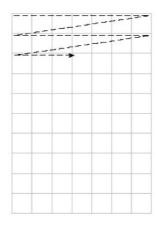
Other ways to safely explore the Manhattan



- We chose to evaluate our table in a particular order.
 Uniform distances from the source (all points one block away, then 2 blocks, etc.)
- Other strategies:
 - Column by column
 - Row by row
 - Radiate out along diagonals
- This choice can have performance implications







Next Time



- Return to sequence alignment
- Coding dynamic programs

