

# CS 341: ALGORITHMS

Lecture 7: dynamic programming I  
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## FINISHING UP GREEDY

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## INTERVAL COLOURING



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### PROBLEM: INTERVAL COLOURING

**Instance:** A set  $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  of intervals.  
For  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $A_i = [s_i, f_i)$ , where  $s_i$  is the start time of interval  $A_i$  and  $f_i$  is the finish time of  $A_i$ .

**Feasible solution:** A  $c$ -colouring is a mapping  $col : A \rightarrow \{1, \dots, c\}$  that assigns each interval a colour such that two intervals receiving the same colour are always disjoint.

**Find:** A  $c$ -colouring of  $A$  with the minimum number of colours.




Example



7 intervals,  
7 colours.  
Feasible, but  
not optimal

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### MORE EXAMPLES

Example		Not feasible!
Example		7 intervals, 6 colours. Feasible, but not optimal
Example		7 intervals, 2 colours. Optimal

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### Greedy Strategies for Interval Colouring

As usual, we consider the intervals one at a time.

At a given point in time, suppose we have coloured the first  $i < n$  intervals using  $d$  colours.

We will colour the  $(i + 1)$ st interval with **any permissible colour**. If it cannot be coloured using any of the existing  $d$  colours, then we introduce a **new colour** and  $d$  is increased by 1.

Question: In **what order** should we consider the intervals?

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**EXAMPLE: ORDER MATTERS!**

Consider intervals in the order they are given in the input:  $A_1 \dots A_{10}$

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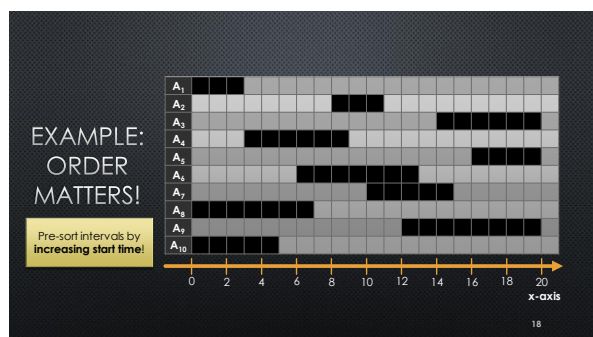
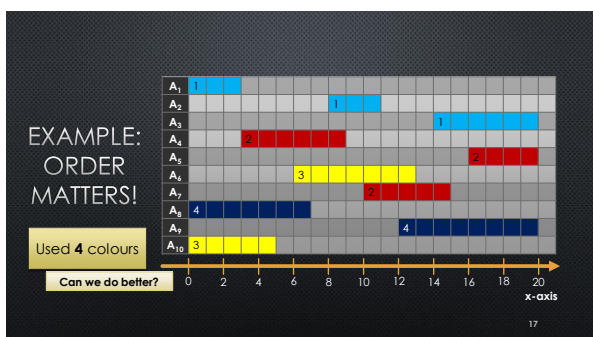
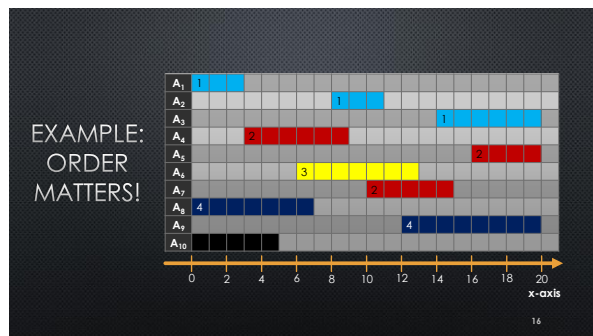
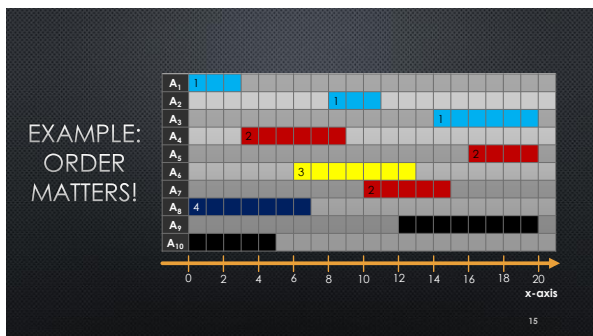
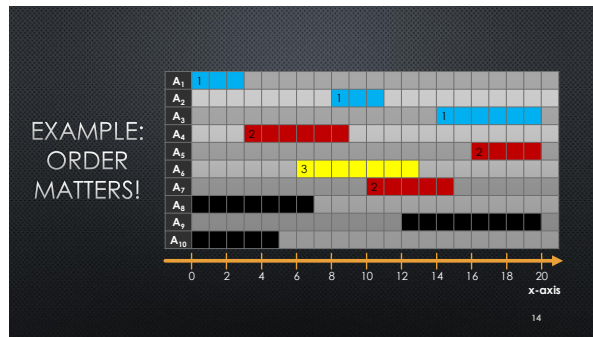
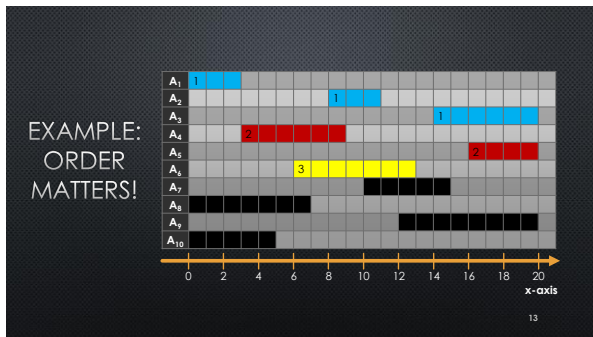
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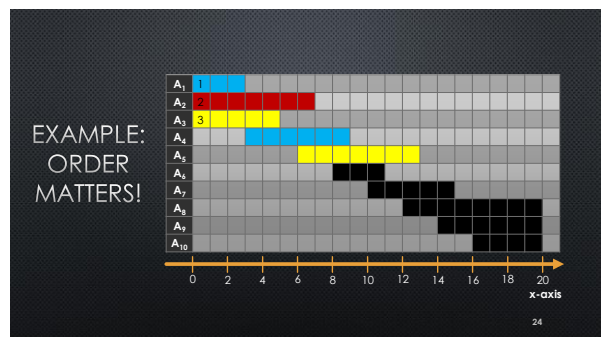
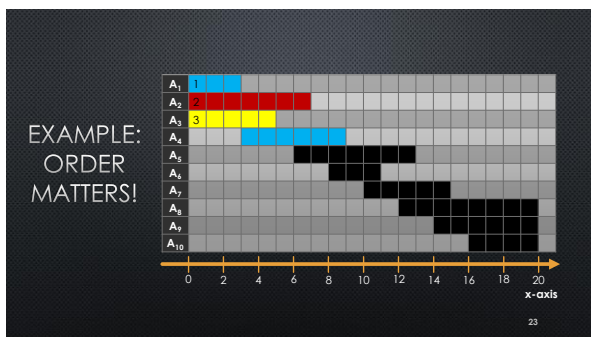
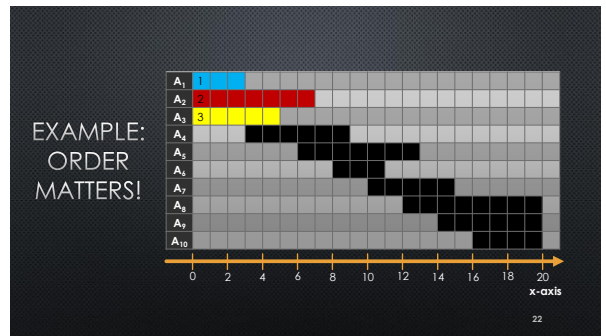
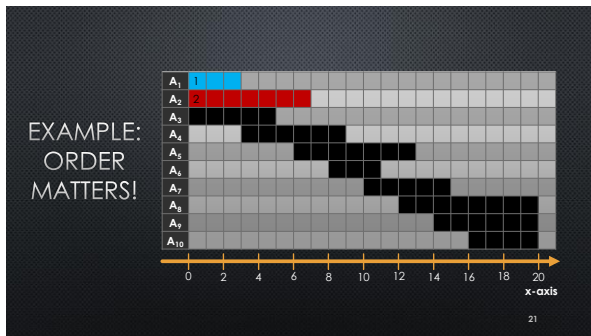
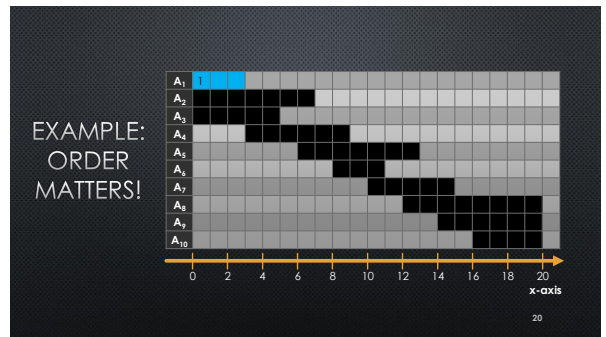
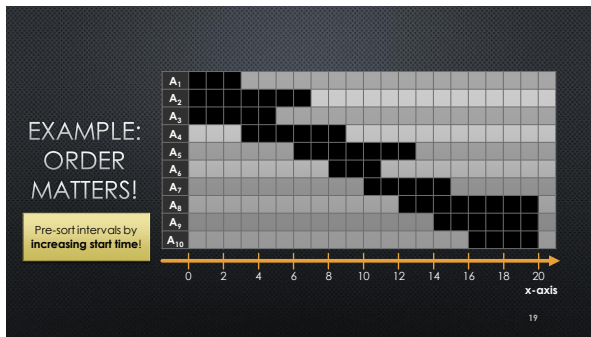
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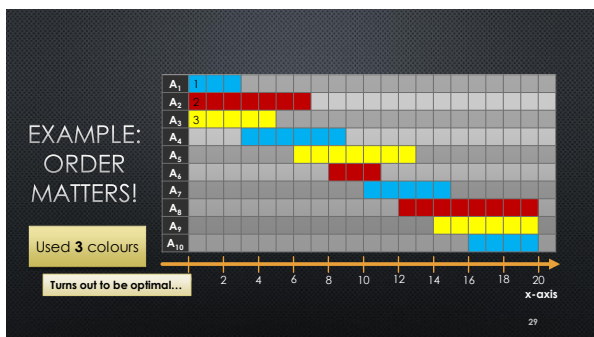
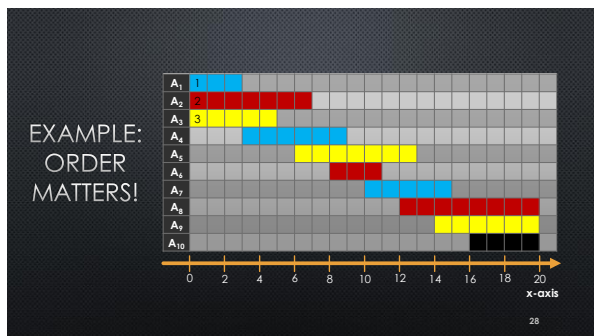
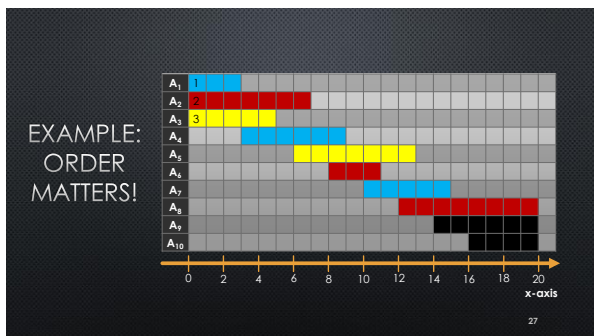
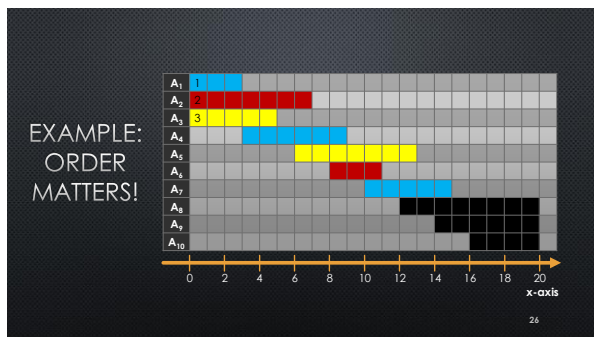
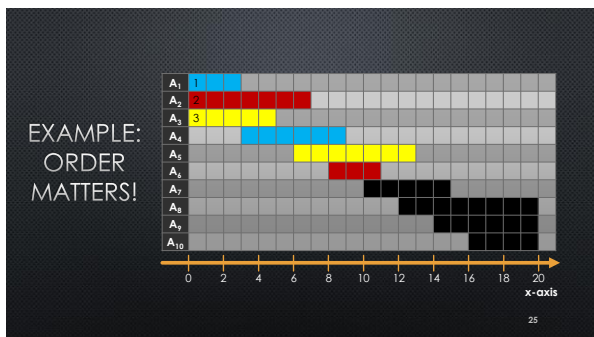
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**EXAMPLE: ORDER MATTERS!**

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2 used so far
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10  colour[1] = 1
11  finish[1] = f[1]
12  for i = 2..n
13    reused = false
14    for c = 1..d
15      if finish[c] <= s[i] then
16        colour[i] = c
17        finish[i] = f[i]
18        reused = true
19        break
20    if not reused then
21      d++
22      colour[d] = d
23      finish[d] = f[i]
24  return d

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$finish[c]$  = finish time of last interval to receive colour  $c$

Interval 1 gets colour 1

For each interval  $A_i$ , search for an appropriate colour  $c$

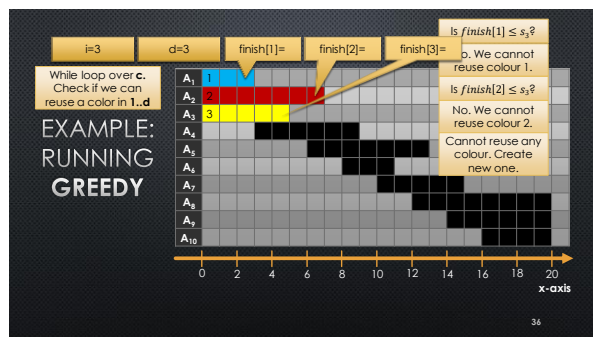
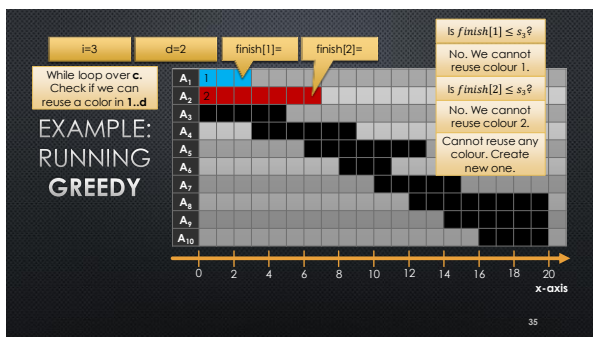
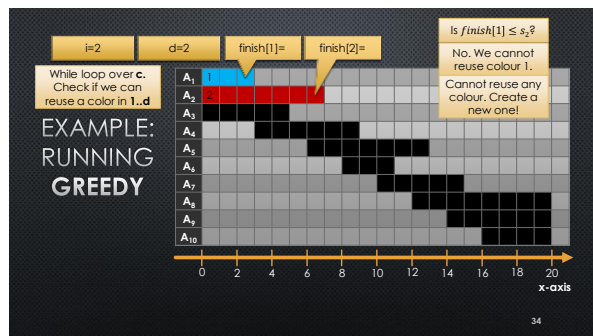
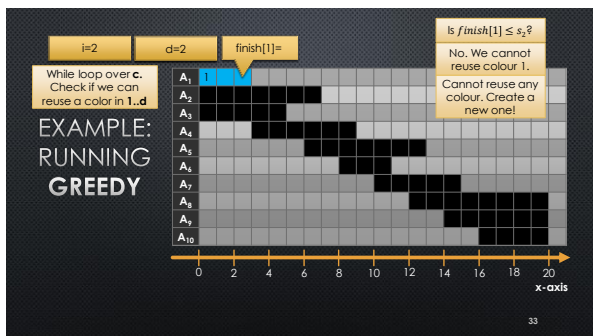
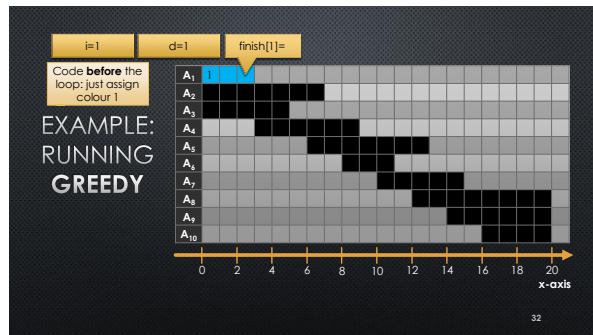
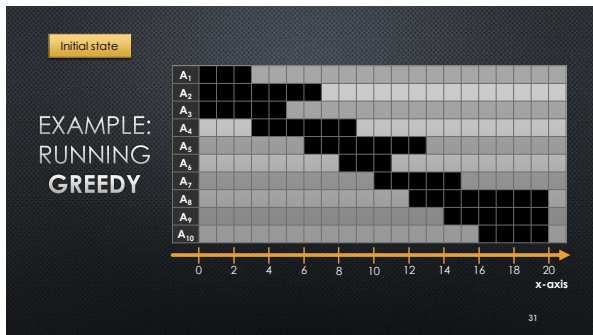
Check if we can reuse any colour  $c$  in  $1..d$

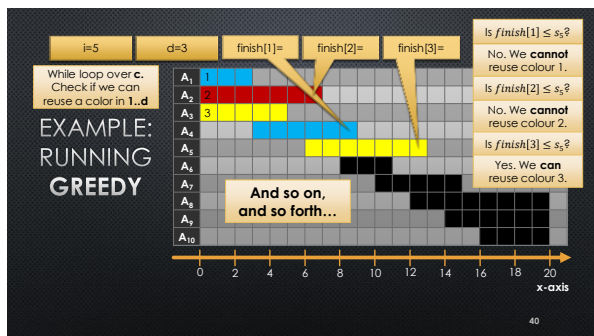
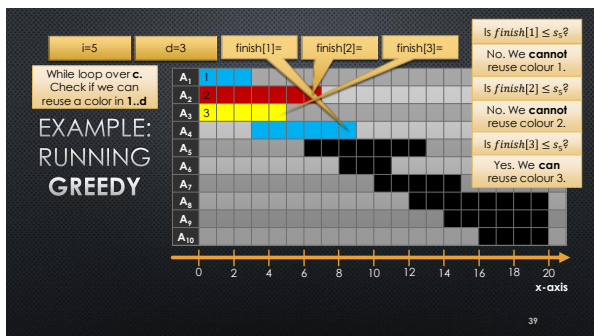
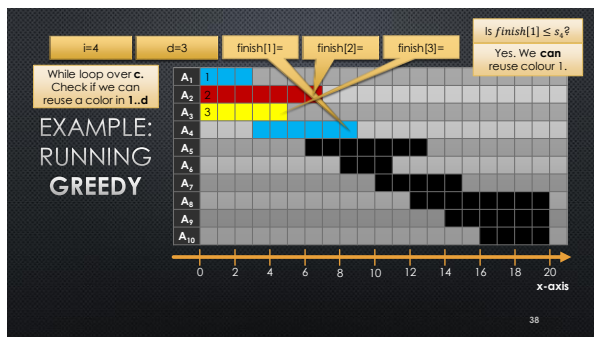
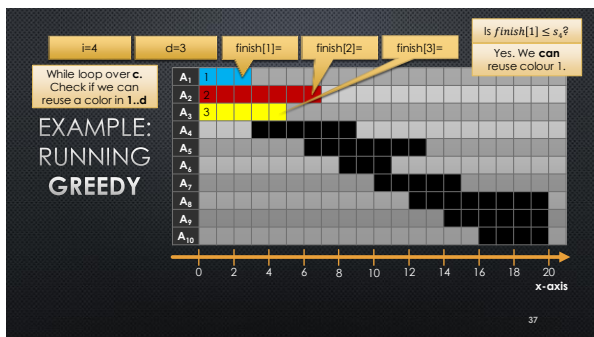
Consider interval  $A_i = (s_i, f_i)$ . If  $s_i \geq finish[c]$ , then we can give  $A_i$  colour  $c$  without breaking feasibility

we reused a colour

If we didn't reuse a colour, use a new colour

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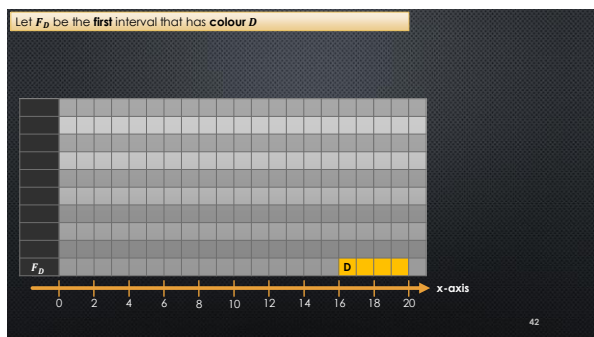


**Correctness of the Algorithm**

The correctness of this greedy algorithm can be proven inductively as well as by a "slick" method—we give the "slick" proof:

Let  $D$  denote the number of colours used by the algorithm.

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Let  $F_D$  be the first interval that has colour  $D$

We prove  $F_D$  overlaps  $D-1$  other intervals at a single point in time

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Let  $L_c$  be the last interval that has colour  $c$  and starts before  $F_D$

We prove  $F_D$  overlaps every interval  $L_c$  for all  $c < D$

Let's argue  $L_1$  overlaps  $F_D$

Note  $L_1$  must exist (otherwise greedy would just use colour 1 for  $F_D$ )

And  $finish[L_1]$  must be after  $F_D$  starts (same reason)

Same argument applies to  $L_2, \dots, L_{D-1}$

So,  $F_D$  overlaps  $D-1$  intervals!

Moreover, every interval in  $\{L_1, \dots, L_{D-1}\}$  contains the starting time of  $F_D$

So, we must use  $D$  colours!

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### TIME COMPLEXITY?

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Total  $O(n \log n + nd)$

Could be  $O(n \log n)$  if only a constant number of colours are needed (or even  $\log n$  colours!)

Could be  $O(n^2)$  if  $n$  colours are needed

Most accurate complexity statement is  $\theta(n \log n + nD)$  where  $D$  is # colours used

What inefficiencies exist in this algorithm? Could we make it faster with clever data structure usage?

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### IMPROVING THIS ALGORITHM

- Current greedy algorithm:
  - For each interval  $A_i$ , compare its start time  $s_i$  with the  $finish[c]$  times of **all colours** introduced so-far
  - Why? Looking for **some**  $finish[c]$  time that is earlier than  $s_i$
- We are doing **linear search**... Can we do better?
- Use a priority queue to keep track of the **earliest  $finish[c]$**  at all times in the algorithm
  - Then we only need to look at **minimum element**

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### EXAMPLE: HEAP-BASED ALGORITHM

Initial state

Min element: NULL

Heap

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### EXAMPLE: HEAP-BASED ALGORITHM

Iteration i=1

Check heap minimum

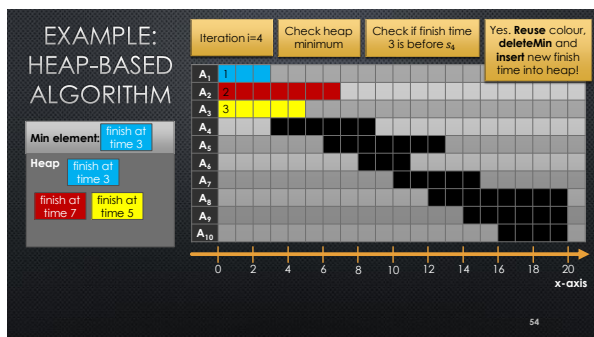
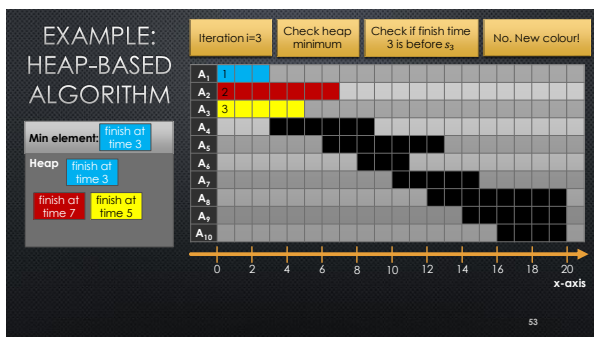
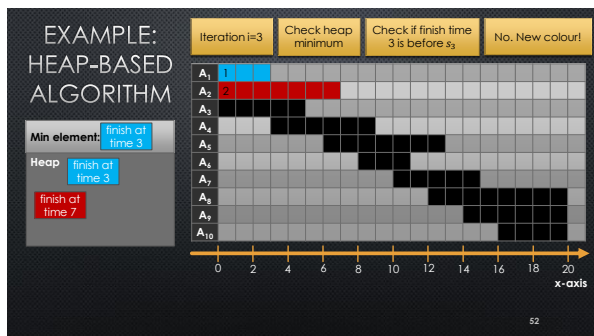
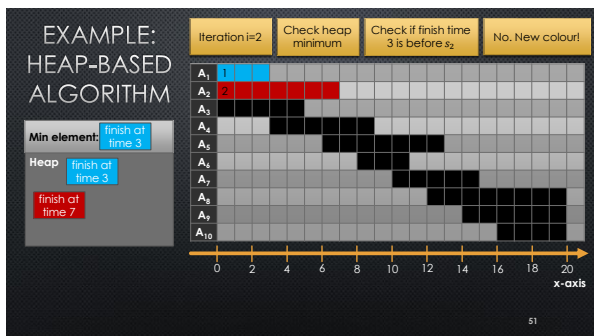
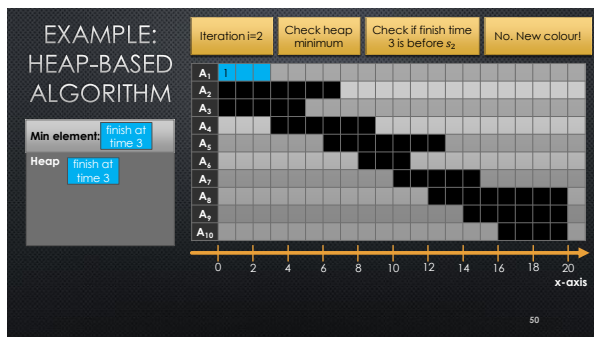
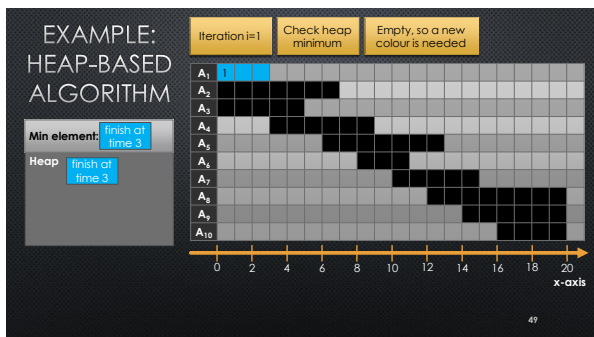
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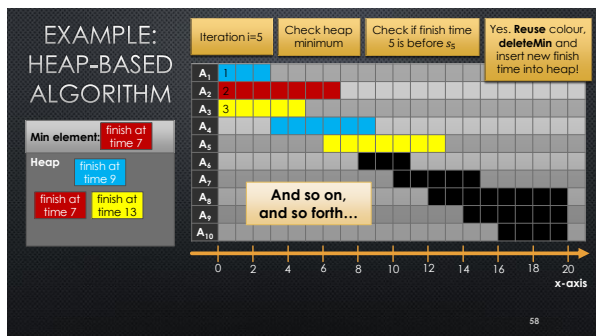
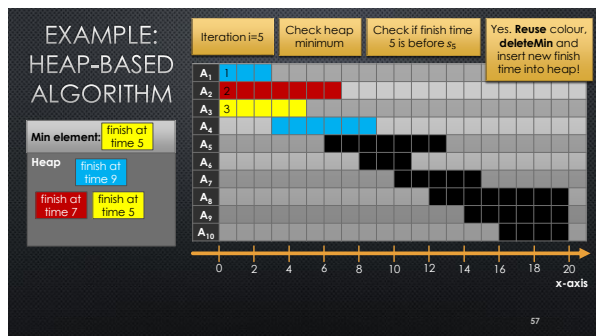
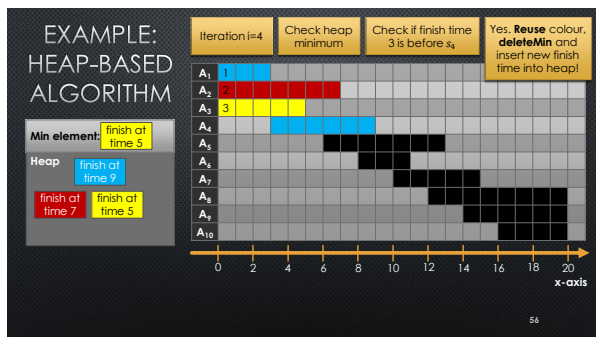
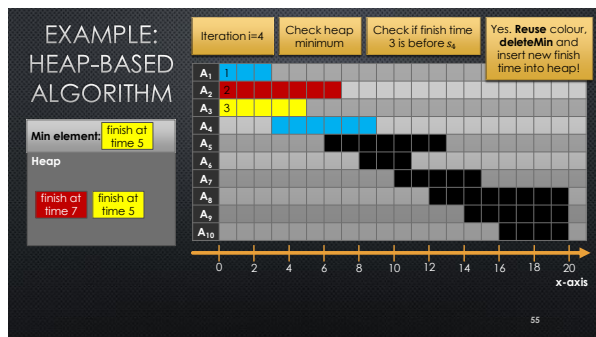
Min element: NULL

Heap

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7   d = 1
8   colour[1] = 1
9   h = new minPQ
10  h.insert((f[1], colour[1]))
11  for i = 2..n
12    (fc, c) = h.min()
13    if fc <= s[i] then
14      h.deleteMin()
15      colour[i] = c
16    else
17      d++
18      colour[i] = d
19      h.insert((f[i], colour[i]))
20  return d

```

$O(\log S)$  where  $S = \text{size}(\text{priority queue})$

$O(1)$

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$O(\log D)$

$O(\log D)$

Total  $\theta(n \log n) + \theta(n \log D)$   
Since  $n \geq D$ ,  $\theta(n \log n)$

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## DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

What?

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—Richard Bellman, *Eye of the Hurricane: An Autobiography* (1984, excerpts from page 159)

Where did the name, dynamic programming, come from? The 1950s were not good years for mathematical research.

We had a very interesting gentleman in Washington named Wilson. He was Secretary of Defense, and he actually had a pathological fear and hatred of the word "research". He would turn red, and he would get violent if people used the term research in his presence. You can imagine how he felt, then, about the term mathematical.

I felt I had to do something to shield Wilson ... from the fact that I was really doing mathematics. ... What title, what name, could I choose? In the first place I was interested in planning, in decision making, in thinking. But planning, in not a good word for various reasons. I decided therefore to use the word "programming." I wanted to get across the idea that this was "dynamic," this was multistage, this was time-varying. I thought, let's kill two birds with one stone.

I thought dynamic programming was a good name. It was something not even a Congressman could object to.




"Bottom-up recursion" might also be a reasonable name, as we'll see...

### COMPUTING FIBONACCI NUMBERS **INEFFICIENTLY**

A **TOY** EXAMPLE TO COMPARE D&C TO DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

```

1 BadFib(n)
2   if n == 0 or n == 1 then return n
3   return BadFib(n-1) + BadFib(n-2)
    
```



### RUNTIME

- In unit cost model
  - (UNREALISTIC!)**

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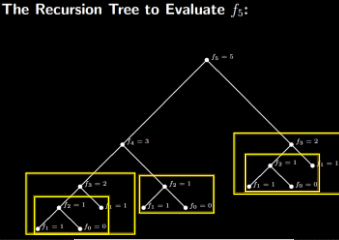
$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1)$  ← This  $O(1)$  would change in the bit complexity model

- $T(n) \geq 2T(n-2) + O(1)$
- $T(n) \leq 2T(n-1) + O(1)$
- $n/2$  levels of recursion for the first expression
- $n$  levels for the second expression
- Work doubles at each level
- $T(n)$  is certainly in  $\Omega(2^{n/2})$  and  $O(2^n)$

### WHY IS THIS SO SLOW?

- Subproblems have LOTS of overlap!
- Every subtree on the right appears on the left
- ... recursively ...
- Each subtree is computed **exponentially** often in its depth

The Recursion Tree to Evaluate  $f_5$ :



This **overlap** suggests dynamic programming may be able to help!

### Designing Dynamic Programming Algorithms for Optimization Problems

**(Optimal) Recursive Structure**

Examine the structure of an optimal solution to a problem instance  $I$ , and determine if an optimal solution for  $I$  can be expressed in terms of optimal solutions to certain **subproblems** of  $I$ .

**Define Subproblems**

Define a set of subproblems  $S(I)$  of the instance  $I$ , the solution of which enables the optimal solution of  $I$  to be computed.  $I$  will be the last or largest instance in the set  $S(I)$ .

### Designing Dynamic Programming Algorithms (cont.)

**Recurrence Relation**

Derive a **recurrence relation** on the optimal solutions to the instances in  $S(I)$ . This recurrence relation should be completely specified in terms of optimal solutions to (smaller) instances in  $S(I)$  and/or base cases.

**Compute Optimal Solutions**

Compute the optimal solutions to all the instances in  $S(I)$ . Compute these solutions using the recurrence relation in a **bottom-up** fashion, filling in a table of values containing these optimal solutions. Whenever a particular table entry is filled in using the recurrence relation, the optimal solutions of relevant subproblems can be looked up in the table (they have been computed already). The final table entry is the solution to  $I$ .


### SOLVING FIB USING DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

- (Optimal) Recursive Structure
  - Solution to  $n$ -th Fibonacci number  $f(n)$  can be expressed as the addition of smaller Fibonacci numbers
  - No notion of **optimality** for this particular problem
- Define Subproblems
  - The set subproblems that will be combined to obtain  $Fib(n)$  is  $\{Fib(n-1), Fib(n-2)\}$
  - $S(I) = \{Fib(0), Fib(1), \dots, Fib(n)\}$
- Recurrence Relation
 
$$f(n) = \begin{cases} f(n-1) + f(n-2) & : i \geq 2 \\ 1 & : i = 1 \\ 0 & : i = 0 \end{cases}$$
- Computing (Optimal) Solutions
  - Create **table f[1..n]** and compute its entries "**bottom-up**"

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### FILLING THE TABLE "BOTTOM-UP"

- Key idea:
  - When computing a table entry
    - Must have **already computed** the entries it depends on!
- Dependencies
  - Extract directly from recurrence
  - Entry  $n$  depends on  $n-1$  and  $n-2$
- Computing entries in order 1..n** guarantees  $n-1$  and  $n-2$  are already computed when we compute  $n$



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### DP SOLUTION

```

1 FibDP(n)
2   f = new array of size n
3   f[0] = 0
4   f[1] = 1
5   for i = 2..n
6     f[i] = f[i-1] + f[i-2]
7   return f[n]
    
```

```

1 FibDP(n)
2   f12 = 0
3   f11 = 1
4   for i = 2..n
5     temp = f1
6     f1 = f11 + f12
7     f12 = f11
8     f11 = temp
9   return f1
    
```

represents  $f[i-2]$

represents  $f[i-1]$

Save  $f[i]$  before overwriting it so its value can be stored in  $f[i-1]$  later!

Contains  $f[n]$

This is still considered to be dynamic programming... We've just optimized out the table.

- Space saving** optimization:
  - We never look at  $f[i-3]$  or earlier
  - Can make do with a few variables instead of a table

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### CORRECTNESS

- Step 1**
  - Order 0..n means  $i-1$  and  $i-2$  are already computed when we compute  $i$
  - Prove that when computing a table entry, dependent entries are **already computed**
- Step 2** (similar to D&C)
  - Suppose  $f[i-1]$  and  $f[i-2]$  are the  $(i-1)$ th and  $(i-2)$ th Fib #s
  - Then prove  $f[i]$  = the  $n$ -th Fib #
  - Suppose subproblems are solved correctly (optimally)
  - Prove these (optimal) subsolutions are combined into a(n optimal) solution

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### MODEL OF COMPUTATION FOR RUNTIME

- Unit cost model is **not very realistic** for this problem, because Fibonacci numbers grow quickly
  - $F[10]=55$
  - $F[100]=354224848179261915075$
  - $F[300]=222232244629420445529739893461909967206666939096499764990979600$
  - Value of  $F[n]$  is exponential in  $n$ :  $f_n \in \Theta(\phi^n)$  where  $\phi \cong 1.6$
  - $\phi^n$  needs  $\log(\phi^n)$  bits to store it
  - So  $F[n]$  needs  $\Theta(n)$  bits to store!

But let's use unit cost anyway for simplicity

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### RUNNING TIME (UNIT COST)

- $T(n) \in \Theta(n)$

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### A BRIEF ASIDE

- Is this **linear runtime**?
- NO! This is "a **linear function of n**"
- When we say "linear runtime" we mean "a **linear function of the input size**"
- What is the input size  $S$ ?
  - The input is the number  $n$ .
  - How many bits does it take to store  $n$ ?  $O(\log n)$
  - So  $S = \log n$  bits

Express  $T(n)$  as a function of the input size  $S$  (in bits)

$$T(n) \in \Theta(n)$$

$$2^S = 2^{\log n} = n$$

So  $T(n) \in \Theta(2^S)$

This algorithm is **exponential** in the input size!

... but still exponentially faster than  $2^{n^2}$

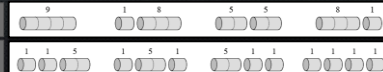
### ROD CUTTING

A "REAL" DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING EXAMPLE

- Input:
  - $n$ : length of rod
  - $p_1, \dots, p_n$ : price of a rod of length  $i$
- Output:
  - Max **income** possible by cutting the rod of length  $n$  into any number of **integer** pieces (maybe **no** cuts)

n = 4				
length $l$	1	2	3	4
price $p_l$	1	5	8	9

All ways of cutting a rod of length 4



Example output: 10



### DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING APPROACH

- High level idea (**can just think recursively to start**)
- Given a rod of length  $n$
- Either make no cuts, or make a cut and **recurse** on the remaining parts



- **Where should we cut?**

### DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING APPROACH

- Try **all ways** of making that cut
  - I.e., try a cut at positions  $1, 2, \dots, n - 1$
  - In each case, recurse on two rods  $[0, i]$  and  $[i, n]$
- Take the max income over **all possibilities** (each  $i$  / no cut)



Optimal substructure: Max income from two rods w/ sizes  $i$  and  $n - i$   
 ... is max income we can get from the rod size  $i$   
 + max income we can get from the rod size  $n - i$

WE STOPPED HERE

### RECURRENCE RELATION


Critical step! Must define what  $M(k)$  means, semantically!

- Define  $M(k)$  = maximum income for rod of length  $k$
- If we do **not** cut the rod, max income is  $p_k$
- If we **do** cut a rod **at**  $i$



- max income is  $M(i) + M(k - i)$
- Want to maximize this **over all**  $i$ 
  - $\max_i \{M(i) + M(k - i)\}$  (for  $0 < i < k$ )
- $M(k) = \max\{p_k, \max_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} \{M(i) + M(k - i)\}\}$

## COMPUTING SOLUTIONS BOTTOM-UP

- Recurrence:  $M(k) = \max\{p_k, \max_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} \{M(i) + M(k-i)\}\}$
  - Compute **table** of solutions:  $M[1..n]$
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- Dependencies: **entry  $k$**  depends on
    - $M[i] \rightarrow M[1..(k-1)]$
    - $M[k-i] \rightarrow M[1..(k-1)]$
  - All of these dependencies are  $< k$
  - So we can fill in the table entries in order  $1..n$

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Recall, semantically,  $M(k)$  = maximum income for rod of length  $k$ Recurrence:  $M(k) = \max\{p_k, \max_{1 \leq i \leq k-1} \{M(i) + M(k-i)\}\}$ 

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1 RodCutting(n, p[1..n])
2   M = new array[1..n]
3
4   // compute each entry M[k]
5   for k = 1..n
6     M[k] = p[k] // current best = no cuts
7
8     // try each cut in 1..(k-1)
9     for i = 1..(k-1)
10      M[k] = max(M[k], M[i] + M[k-i])
11
12  return M[n]

```

Time complexity  
(until cost)? $\Theta(n^2)$ 

Is this a "quadratic time" algorithm?

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## MISCELLANEOUS TIPS

- Building a table of results bottom-up is what makes an algorithm DP
- There is a similar concept called **memoization**
  - But, for the purposes of this course, we want to see bottom-up table filling!
- Base cases are **critical**
  - They often completely determine the answer
  - Try setting  $f[0]=f[1]=0$  in FibDP...

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