

# CS 341: ALGORITHMS

## Lecture 9: dynamic programming III

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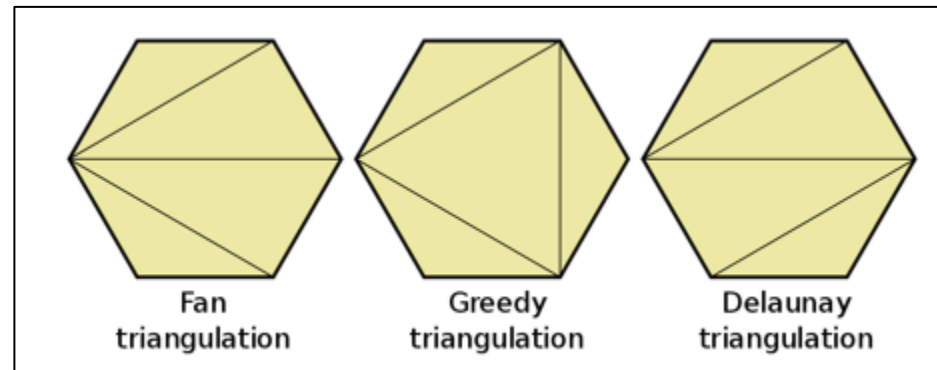
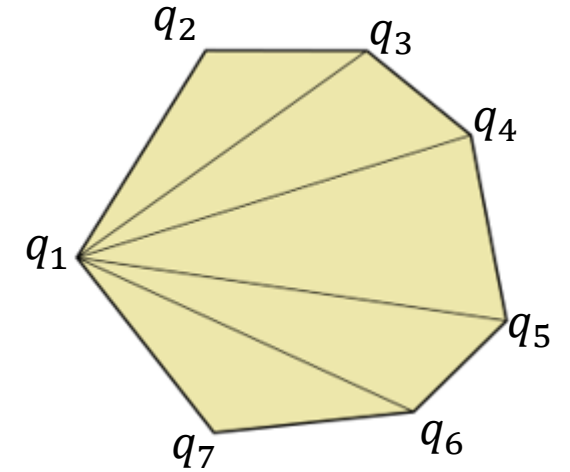
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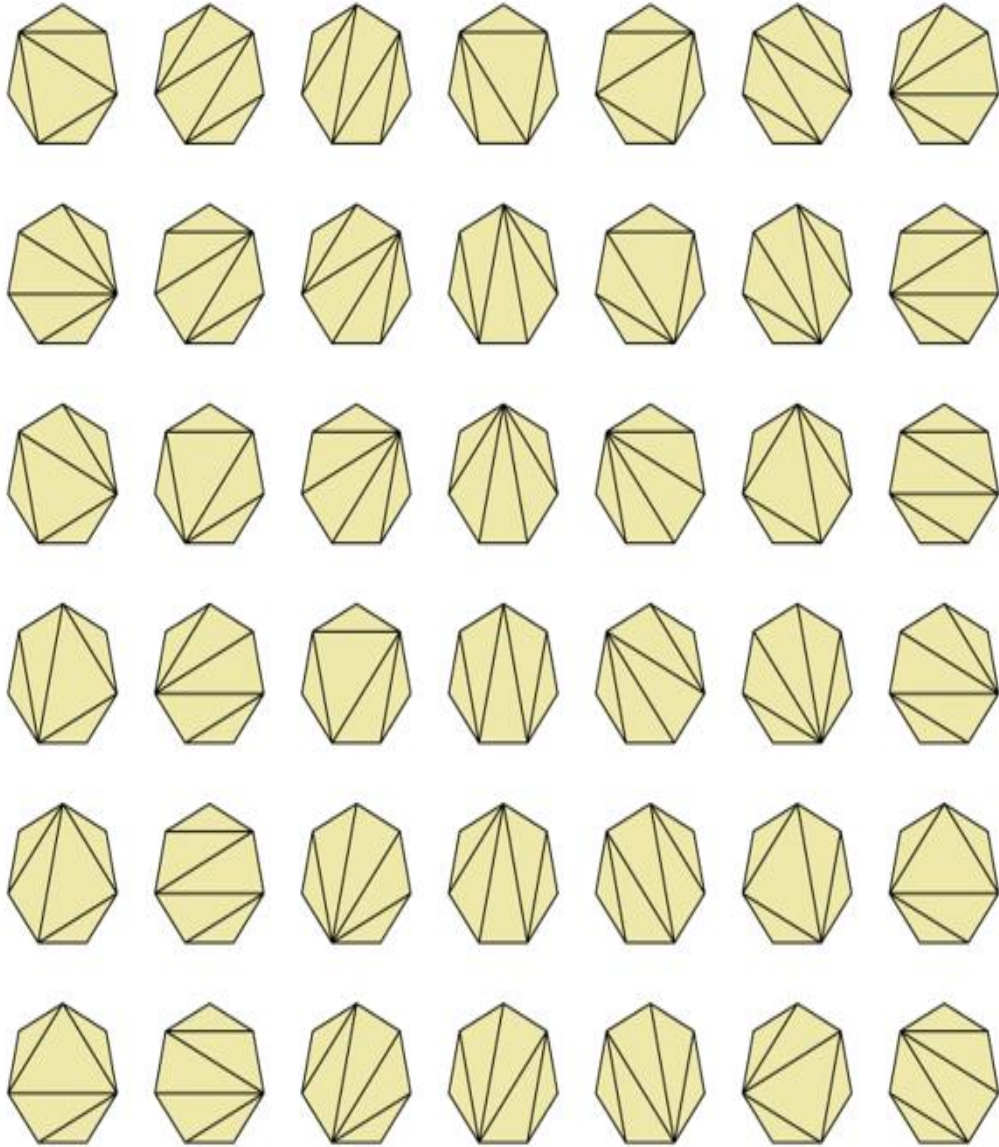
# PROBLEM: MINIMUM LENGTH TRIANGULATION

- **Input:**  $n$  points  $q_1, \dots, q_n$  in 2D space that form a **convex**  $n$ -gon  $P$ 
  - Assume points are **sorted clockwise** around the center of  $P$
- **Find:** a triangulation of  $P$  such that the sum of the perimeters of the  $n - 2$  triangles is minimized



- **Output:** the **sum** of the **perimeters** of the triangles in  $P$

# HOW HARD IS THIS PROBLEM?



How many triangulations are there?

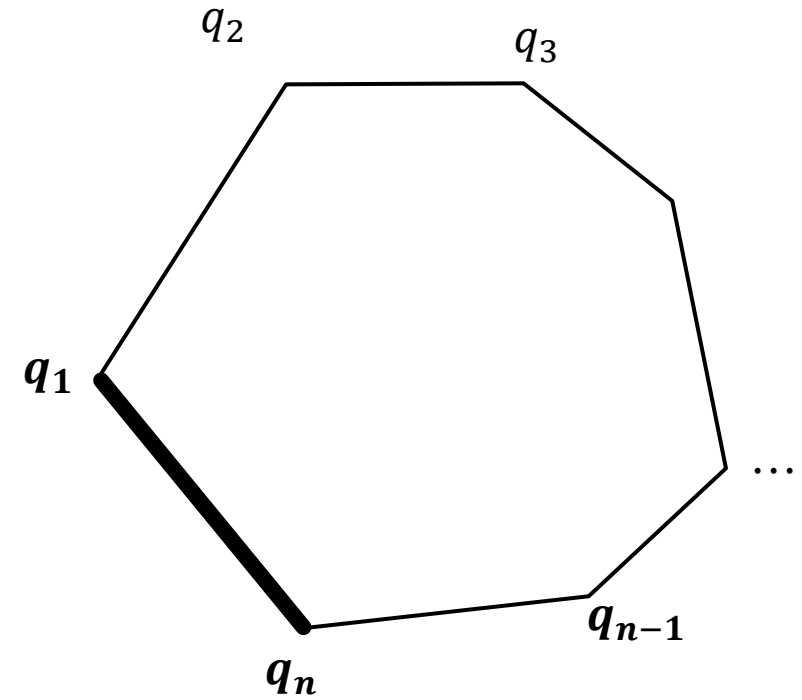
Number of triangulations of a convex  $n$ -gon = the  $(n - 2)$ nd **Catalan number**

$$\text{This is } C_{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \binom{2n-4}{n-2}$$

It can be shown that  
 $C_{n-2} \in \Theta(4^n / (n - 2)^{3/2})$

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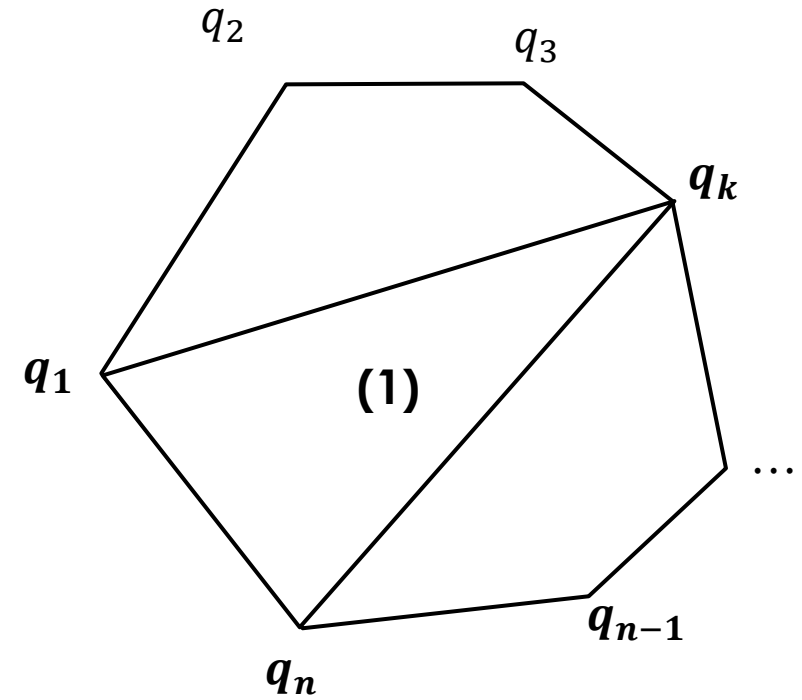


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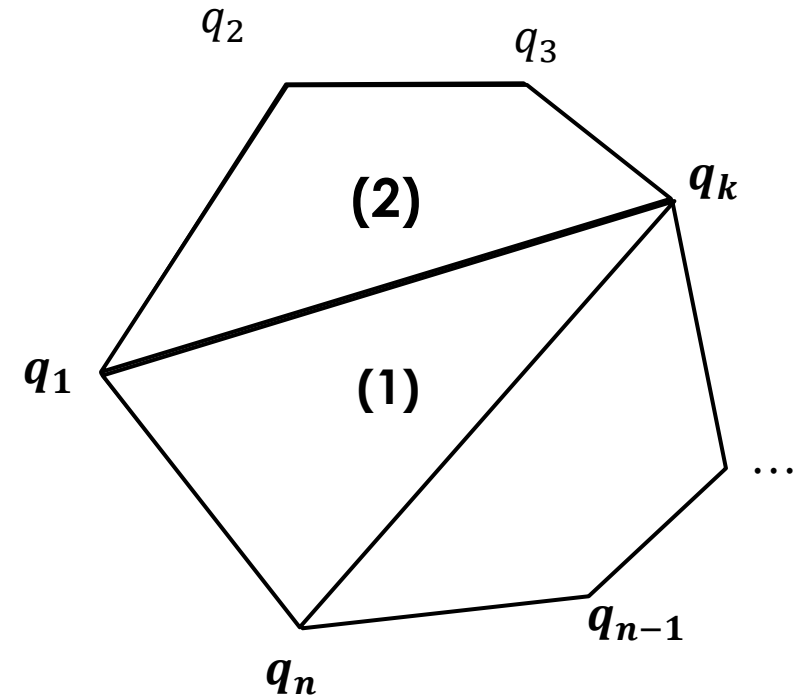
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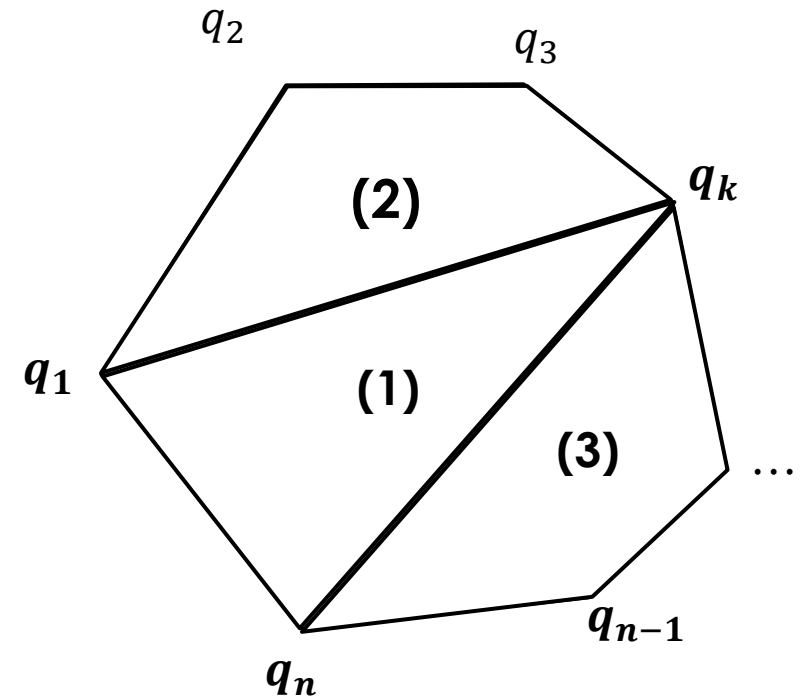
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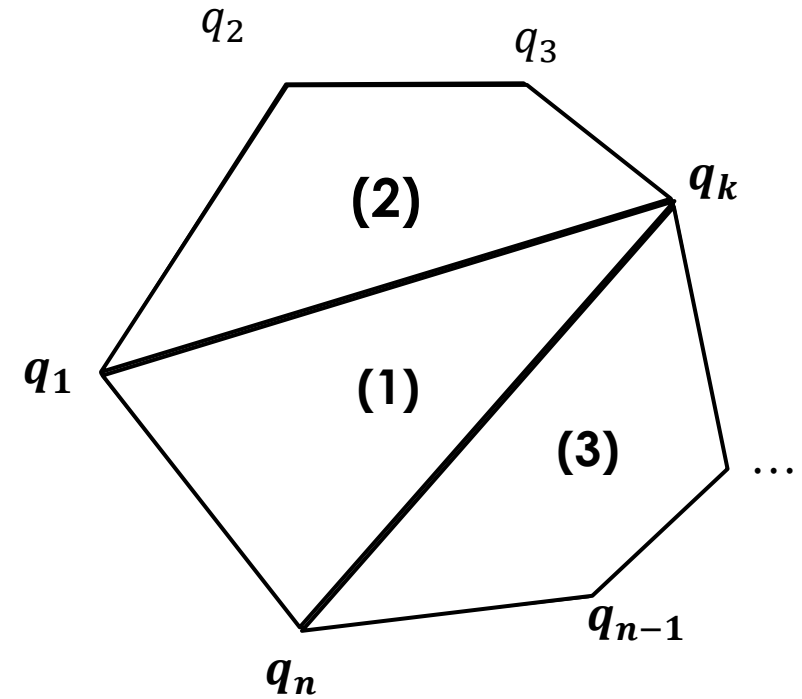
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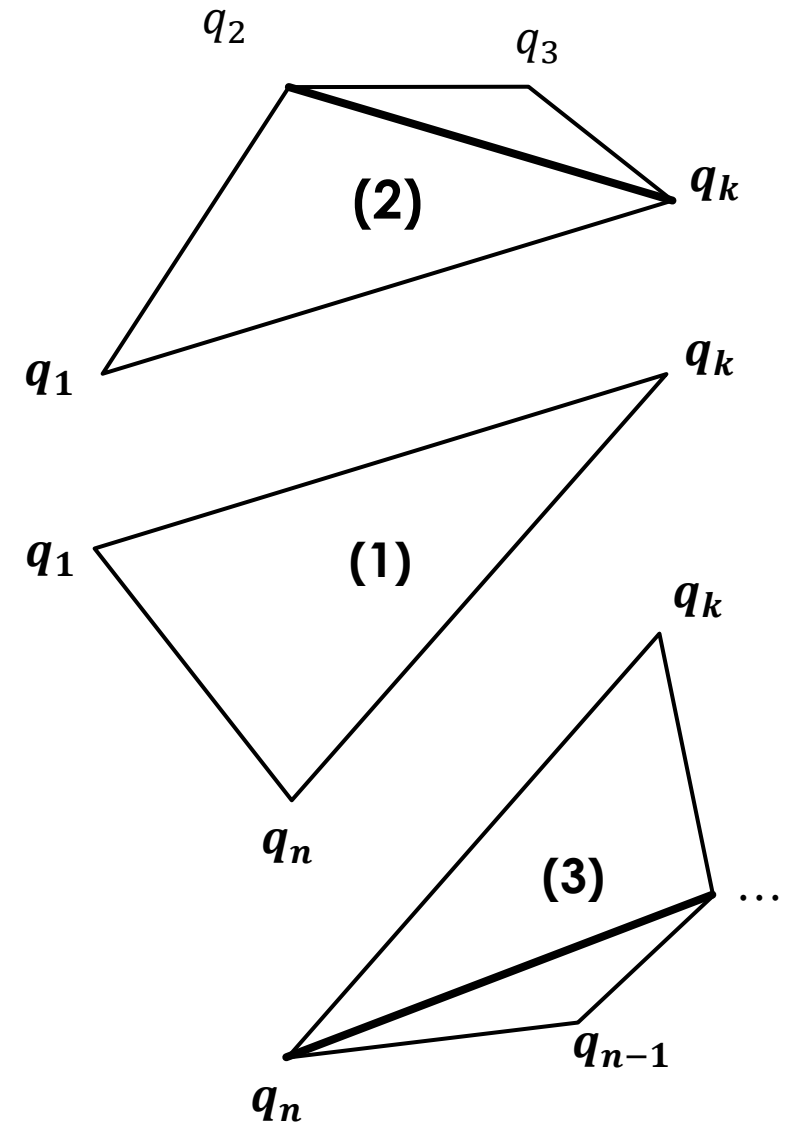
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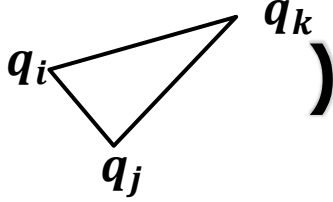
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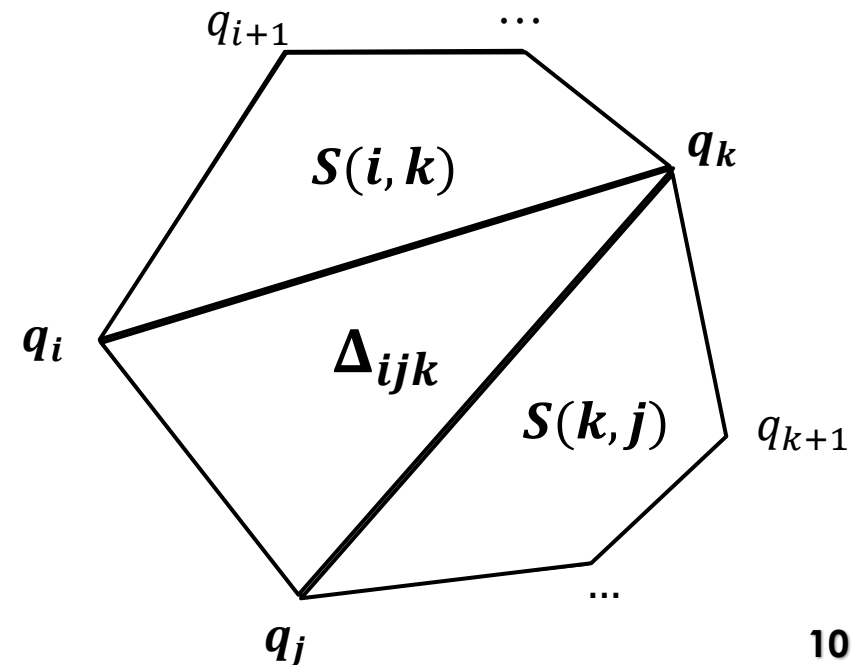
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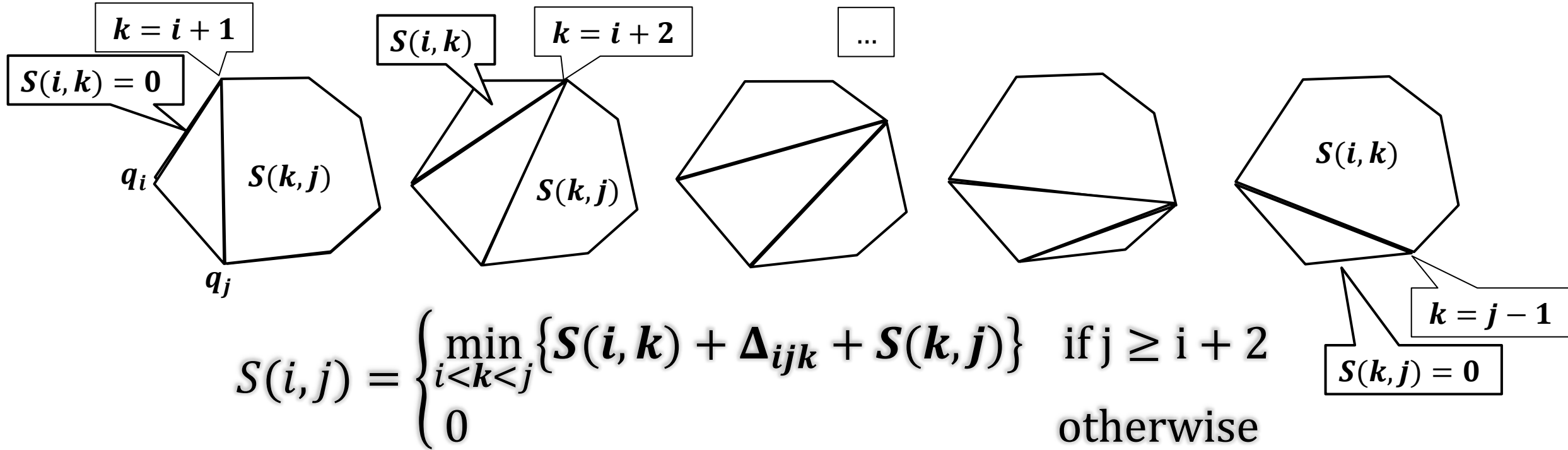
# RECURRENCE RELATION

- Let  $S(i, j)$  = optimal solution to the subproblem consisting of the polygon with vertices  $q_i \dots q_j$
- Let  $\Delta_{ijk}$  denote **perimeter**(  )
- **If** a given **triangle**  $q_i, q_j, q_k$  is in the **optimal** solution, then  $S(i, j) = S(i, k) + \Delta_{ijk} + S(k, j)$



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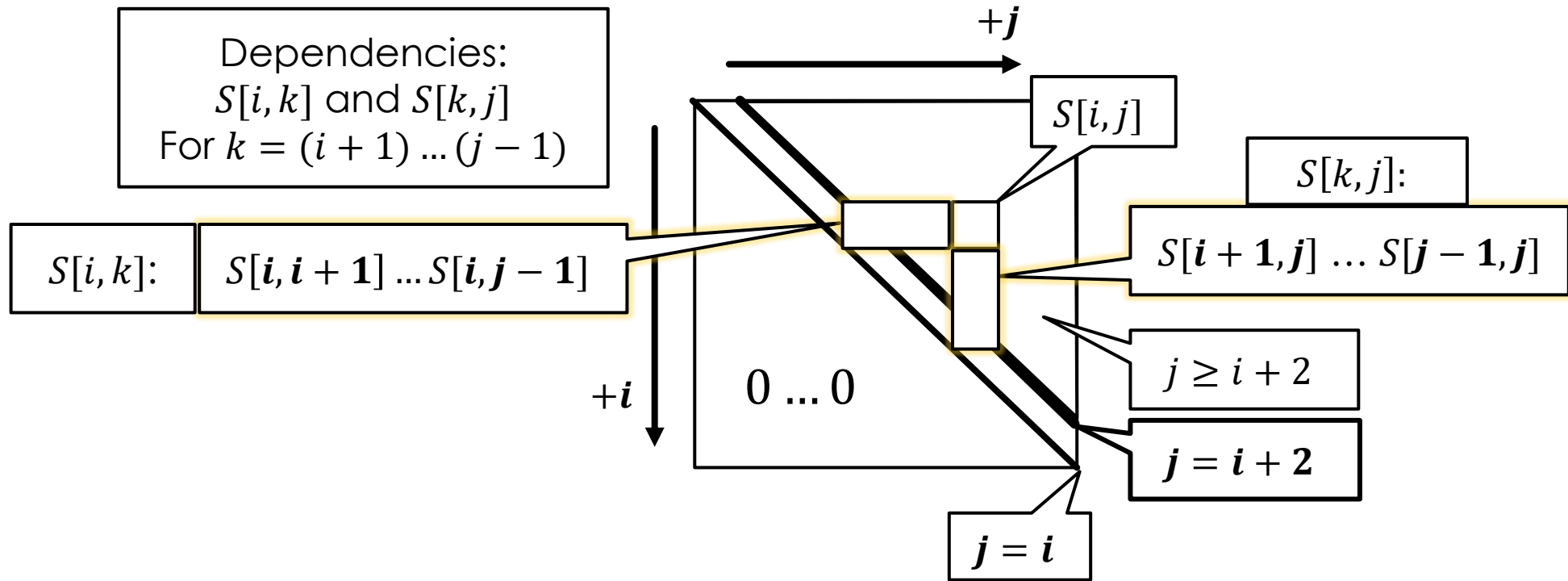
- But we don't know the optimal  $k$ 
  - Minimize over **all**  $k$  strictly between  $i$  and  $j$



# FILLING IN THE TABLE

$$S(i, j) = \begin{cases} \min_{i < k < j} \{S(i, k) + \Delta_{ijk} + S(k, j)\} & \text{if } j \geq i + 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Table  $S[1..n, 1..n]$  of solutions to  $S(i, j)$  for all  $i, j \in \{1..n\}$



We depend on **larger  $i$**   
 And **same  $i$  but smaller  $j$**

**What's a correct fill order?**  
 for  $i = n..1$ , for  $j = 1..n$

# RUNTIME

## WORD RAM MODEL

$$S(i, j) = \begin{cases} \min_{i < k < j} \{S(i, k) + \Delta_{ijk} + S(k, j)\} & \text{if } j \geq i + 2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Number of subproblems:  $n^2$
- Time to solve subproblem  $S(i, j)$ :  $O(j - i) \subseteq O(n)$
- So total runtime is in  $O(n^3)$ 
  - Some effort needed to show  $\Omega(n^3)$ , since so many subproblems are base cases, which take  $\Theta(1)$  steps
- **Incidentally**, this is polynomial time (in the input size)
  - But basic runtime analysis does **not** require such an argument

# PROBLEM: LONGEST COMMON SUBSEQUENCE (LCS)

## Problem 5.3

### Longest Common Subsequence

**Instance:** Two sequences  $X = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$  and  $Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  over some finite alphabet  $\Gamma$ .

**Find:** A maximum length sequence  $Z$  that is a subsequence of both  $X$  and  $Y$ .

$Z = (z_1, \dots, z_\ell)$  is a **subsequence** of  $X$  if there exist indices  $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_\ell \leq m$  such that  $z_j = x_{i_j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \ell$ .

Similarly,  $Z$  is a subsequence of  $Y$  if there exist (possibly different) indices  $1 \leq h_1 < \dots < h_\ell \leq n$  such that  $z_j = y_{h_j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq \ell$ .

Let's **first** solve for the **length** of the LCS

# EXAMPLES

- $X=aaaaa$                        $Y=bbbbbb$                        $Z=LCS(X,Y)=?$ 
  - $Z=\epsilon$  (empty sequence)
- $X=abcde$                        $Y=bcd$                        $Z=LCS(X,Y)=?$ 
  - $Z=bcd$
- $X=abcde$                        $Y=label$                        $Z=LCS(X,Y)=?$ 
  - $Z=abe$

# POSSIBLE GREEDY SOLUTIONS?

- Alg: for each  $x_i \in X$ , try to choose a **matching**  $y_j \in Y$  that is **to the right** of all previously chosen  $y_j$  values
  - $X=\underline{a}bcde$                        $Y=l\underline{a}bef$
  - $X=\underline{ab}cde$                        $Y=l\underline{ab}ef$
  - $X=\underline{abc}de$                        $Y=l\underline{abc}ef$  [no suitable  $y_j$  found]
  - $X=\underline{abcd}e$                        $Y=l\underline{abcd}ef$  [no suitable  $y_j$  found]
  - $X=\underline{abcde}$                        $Y=l\underline{abcde}f$
  - $Z=abe$                               Optimal?



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- $X = \underline{a}zbracadabra$       $Y = \underline{a}bracadabra$

- $X = a\underline{z}bracadabra$       $Y = abracadabra\underline{z}$

- $X = zbracadabra$       $Y = abracadabra$  [no  $y_j$  after **z**]

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Blindly taking z is bad.  
**How to decide** whether  
to take or leave z?

- $Z = a$      **Optimal?**

Try **both** possibilities!  
(Brute force / dynamic programming)

Similar greedy alg that goes  
right-to-left works for this input,  
but fails for other inputs.

# DEFINING SUBPROBLEMS

- **Full problem:**  $|\text{LCS}(X, Y)|$  (i.e., **length** of LCS)
  - Reduce size by taking **prefixes** of  $X$  or  $Y$
  - Let  $X_i = (x_1, \dots, x_i)$  and  $Y_i = (y_1, \dots, y_i)$

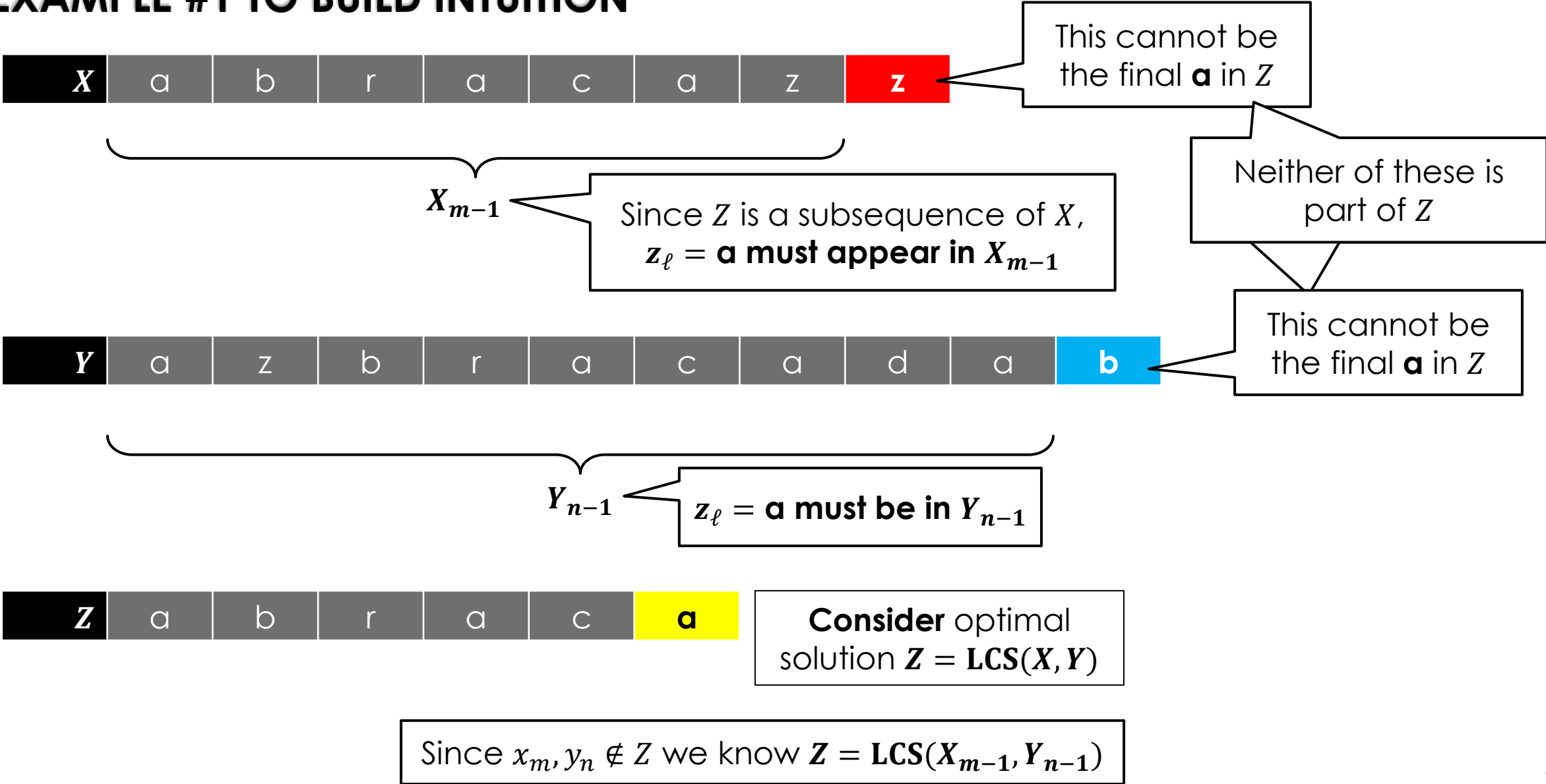
$X_m$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$	...					$x_{m-1}$	$x_m$
$X_4$	$x_1$	$x_2$	$x_3$	$x_4$							

Note  $X = X_m$  and  $Y = Y_n$

- **Subproblem:**  $|\text{LCS}(X_i, Y_j)|$
- **Shrinking the problem:** remove the **last letter** of  $X$  or  $Y$

# BUILDING SOLUTIONS FROM SUBPROBLEMS

## EXAMPLE #1 TO BUILD INTUITION



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## EXAMPLE #2

Or maybe this is

This might be the final **a** in Z



But this certainly is not :)



$Y_{n-1}$  Since Z is a subsequence of Y,  $z_\ell = \mathbf{a}$  must appear in  $Y_{n-1}$



Since  $y_n \notin Z$  we know  $Z = \text{LCS}(X, Y_{n-1})$

Case  $x_m \notin Z, y_n \in Z$  is symmetric

$Z = \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y)$

# BUILDING SOLUTIONS FROM SUBPROBLEMS

## EXAMPLE #3

Or maybe this is...

X a b r a c a z a

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Y a z b r a c a d a a

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Z a b r a c a a

Might as well match  $x_m$  and  $y_n$  with  $z_\ell$

Then we have  $Z = \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y_{n-1}) + z_\ell$

# SUMMARIZING CASES

- $z_\ell$  matches **neither**  $x_m$  nor  $y_n$        $Z = \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y_{n-1})$
- $z_\ell$  matches  $x_m$  but not  $y_n$        $Z = \text{LCS}(X_m, Y_{n-1})$
- $z_\ell$  matches  $y_n$  but not  $x_m$        $Z = \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y_n)$
- $z_\ell$  matches **both**       $Z = \text{LCS}(X_{m-1}, Y_{n-1}) + z_\ell$
- **... but we don't know  $z_\ell$** 
  - Try all cases and maximize
  - **Careful: last case is only valid if  $x_m = y_n$**
- Also note  **$x_m = y_n$  only holds in the last case**
  - Cases 2&3: trivial
  - Case 1: if  $x_m = y_n \neq z_\ell$  then we can improve  $Z$  (contra)

# DERIVING A RECURRENCE

Recall  $Z = \text{LCS}(X_m, Y_n)$

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- **Let**  $c(i, j) = |\text{LCS}(X_i, Y_j)|$
- Brainstorming sensible base cases
  - $i = 0$  one string is empty, so  $c(0, j) = 0$  (similarly for  $j = 0$ )
- General cases

$c(i, j) = c(i - 1, j - 1) + 1$	if $x_m = y_n$
$c(i, j) = \max\{c(i - 1, j - 1), c(i, j - 1), c(i - 1, j)\}$	if $x_m \neq y_n$

# RECURRENCE

- Combining expressions

$$c(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ c(i - 1, j - 1) + 1 & \text{if } i, j \geq 1 \text{ and } x_i = y_j \\ \max\{c(i, j - 1), c(i - 1, j), c(i - 1, j - 1)\} & \text{if } i, j \geq 1 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases}$$

- Can simplify!

- Observe  $c(i - 1, j - 1) \leq c(i - 1, j)$   
(former is a subproblem of the latter)

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		$X$							
		$i = 0$	g	d	v	e	g	t	a
$Y$			1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	$j = 0$	Question 1							
g	1	Q2	Q3	1	Q6	...			
v	2		Q4	1	Q7				
c	3		Q5						
e	4								
k	5			...	...				
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v	2	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	
c	3	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	
e	4	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	
k	5	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	
s	6	0	1	1	2	3	3	3	3	
t	7	0	1	1	2	3	3	4	4	

# PSEUDOCODE

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**Algorithm:**  $LCS1(X = (x_1, \dots, x_m), Y = (y_1, \dots, y_n))$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $m$

$c[i, 0] \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $j \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $n$

$c[0, j] \leftarrow 0$

**for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $m$

**for**  $j \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$

**if**  $x_i = y_j$

**then**  $c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1$

**else**  $c[i, j] \leftarrow \max\{c[i, j - 1], c[i - 1, j]\}$

**return**  $(c[m, n]);$

<b>Complexity: Space? Time? (word RAM model)</b>
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$\Theta(nm)$ for both
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# COMPUTING THE LCS

## NOT JUST ITS LENGTH

To make it easy to find the actual LCS (not just its length),

Consider **which table entry** was used to calculate  $c[i, j]$

$$= \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ c(i-1, j-1) + 1 & \text{if } i, j \geq 1 \text{ and } x_i = y_j \\ \max\{c(i, j-1), c(i-1, j)\} & \text{if } i, j \geq 1 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases}$$

We store the **direction** to that entry in an array  $\pi[i, j]$

**Case 1:**  $c(i, j) = c(i, j-1)$

We store "J" in  $\pi[i, j]$  to indicate **decrementing  $j$**  (to get  $i, j-1$ )

**Case 2:**  $c(i, j) = c(i-1, j)$

We store "I" in  $\pi[i, j]$  to indicate decrementing  $i$  (to get  $i-1, j$ )

In our example table we just **draw an arrow** to the entry...

**Case 3:**  $c(i, j) = c(i-1, j-1) + 1$

We store "IJ" in  $\pi[i, j]$  to indicate decrementing **both**  $i$  and  $j$

Recall in this case,  $x_i = y_j$  so we **include  $x_i$  in the LCS**

# SAVING THE DIRECTION TO THE PREDECESSOR SUBPROBLEM $\pi$

```
1 LCS2(X[1..m], Y[1..n])
2   c = new array[0..m][0..n]
3    $\pi$  = new array[0..m][0..n]
4
5   for i = 0..m do c[i][0] = 0
6   for j = 0..n do c[0][j] = 0
7
8   for i = 1..m
9     for j = 1..n
10      if X[i] = Y[j]
11        c[i][j] = c[i-1][j-1] + 1
12         $\pi$ [i][j] = "IJ"
13      else if c[i][j-1] > c[i-1][j]
14        c[i][j] = c[i][j-1]
15         $\pi$ [i][j] = "J"
16      else // c[i][j-1] <= c[i-1][j]
17        c[i][j] = c[i-1][j]
18         $\pi$ [i][j] = "I"
19
20   return c,  $\pi$ 
```

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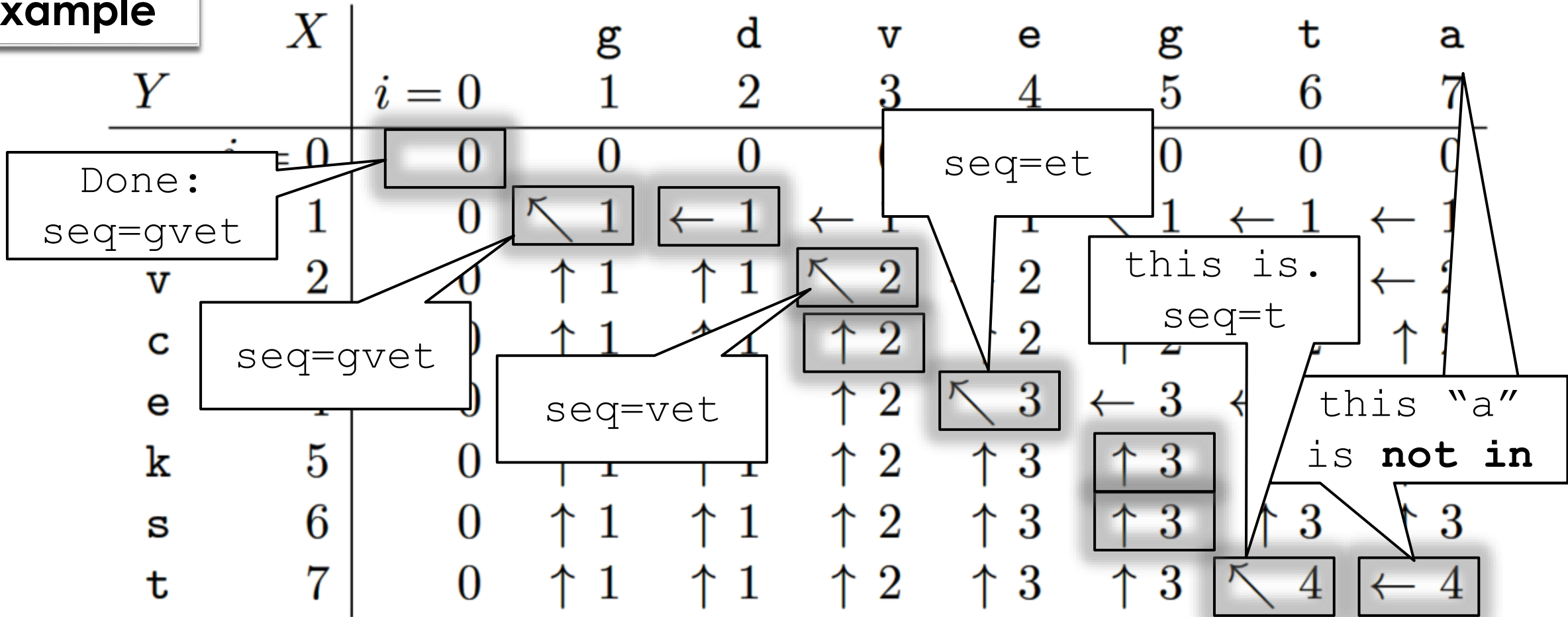
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Suppose  $X = \text{gdvegta}$  and  $Y = \text{gvcekst}$ .

How to obtain  $\text{LCS} = \text{gvet}$  from this table?

**Example**



# FOLLOWING PREDECESSORS TO COMPUTE THE LCS

```
1 FindLCS(c[0..m][0..n], π[0..m][0..n], X[0..m])
2   lcs = new string
3   i = m
4   j = n
5
6   while i>0 and j>0
7     if π[i][j] == "IJ"
8       lcs.append(X[i])
9       i--
10      j--
11     else if π[i][j] == "J"
12       j--
13     else // π[i][j] == "I"
14       i--
15
16   return reverse(lcs)
```

**Complexities of this  
trace-back algo:  
Space? Time?  
(word RAM model)**

**space:  $O(n+m)$  words**

**time:  $O(n+m)$**

# UNLIKELY TO GET THIS FAR

So this is likely just an exercise for you...





# COIN CHANGING

# Coin Changing

There **is** a denomination with **unit value!**

## Problem 5.2

### Coin Changing

**Instance:** A list of coin denominations,  $1 = d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ , and a positive integer  $T$ , which is called the **target sum**.

**Find:** An  $n$ -tuple of non-negative integers, say  $A = [a_1, \dots, a_n]$ , such that  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i d_i$  and such that  $N = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i$  is minimized.

What subproblems should be considered?

What table of values should we fill in?

In 0-1 knapsack, we only considered **two subproblems** in our recurrence: **taking an item, or not.**

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If we use  $j$  coins of denomination  $d_i$ , then the target sum is reduced to  $t - jd_i$ , which we must achieve using the first  $i - 1$  coin denominations.

Thus we have the following recurrence relation:

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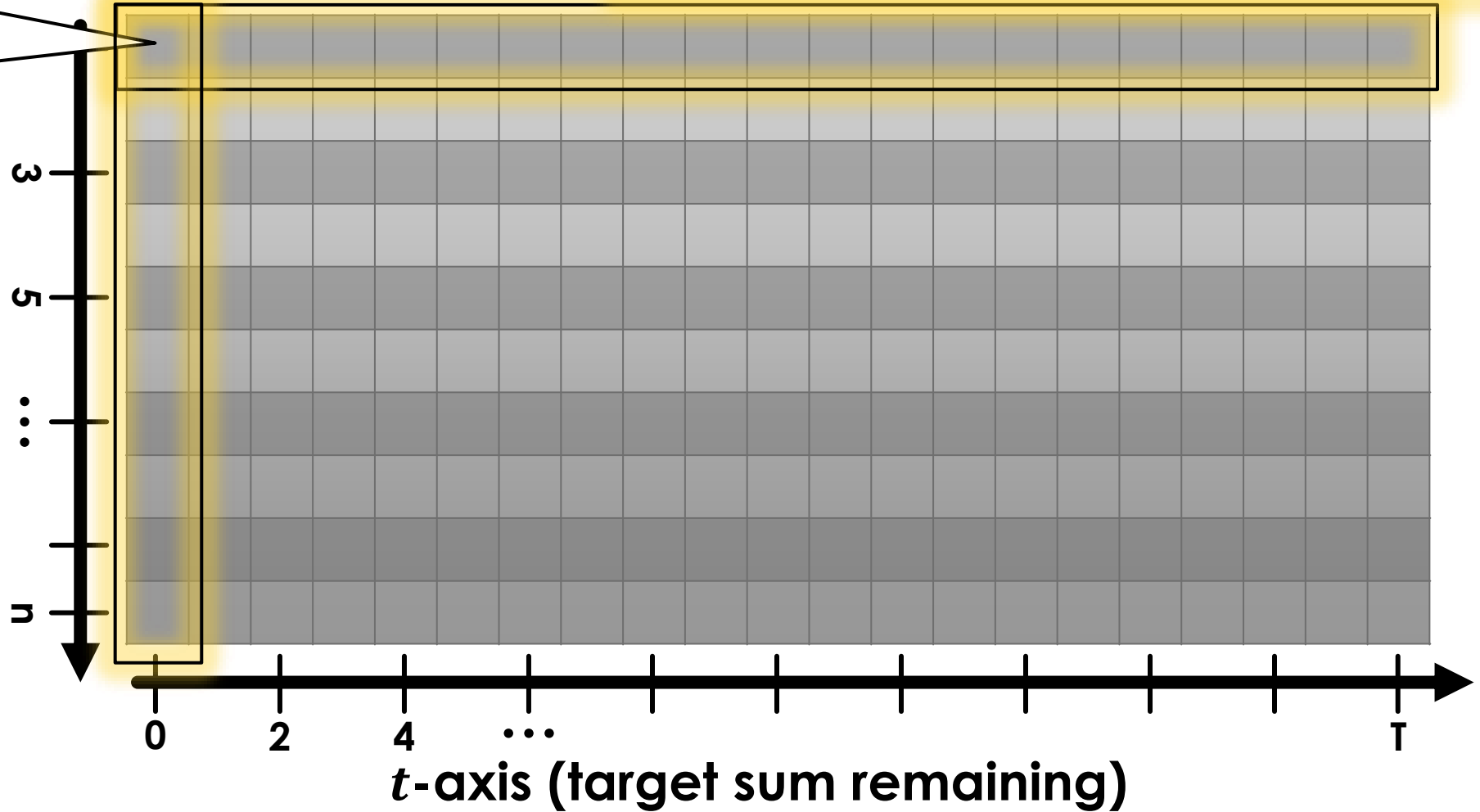
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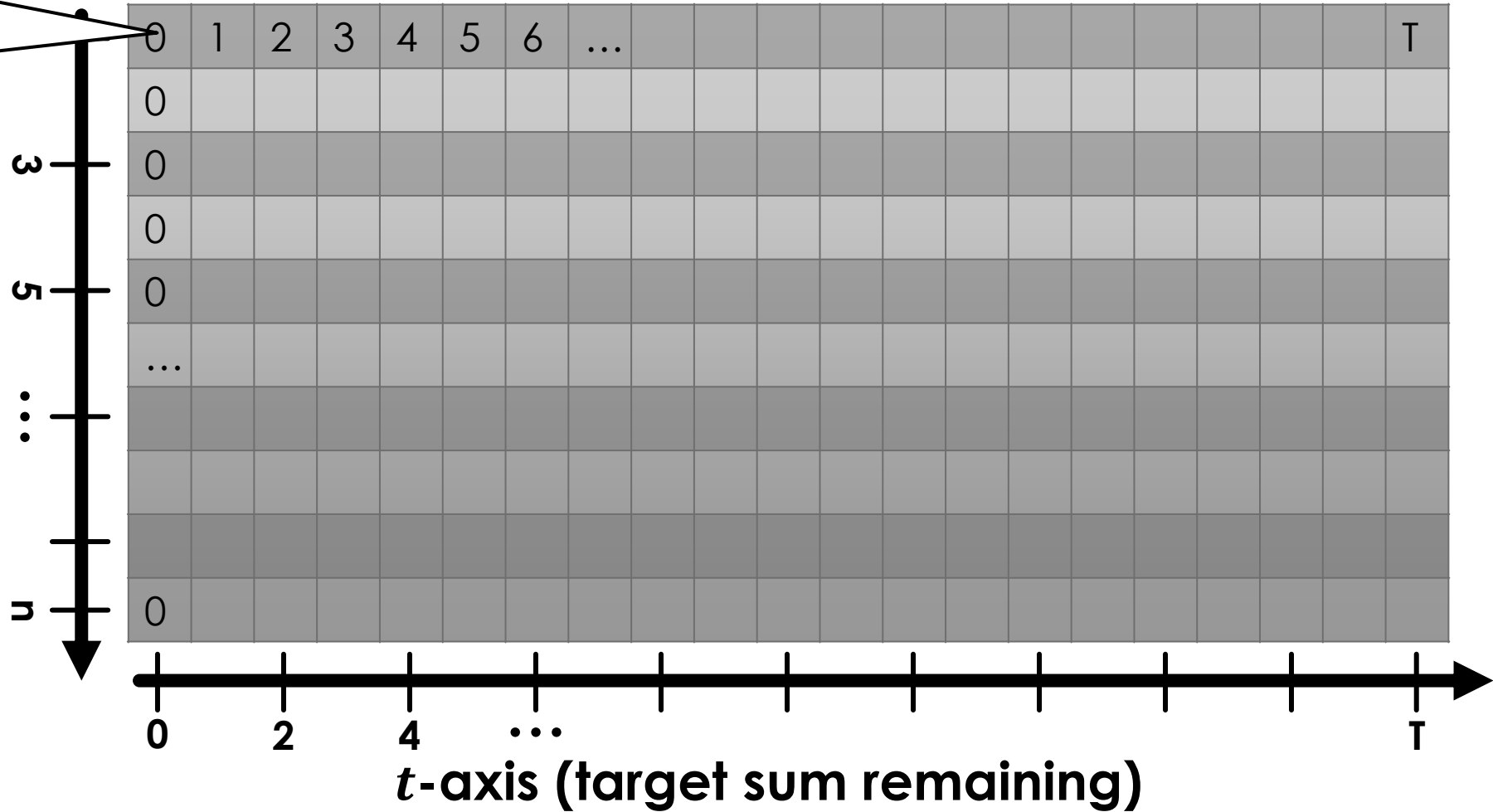
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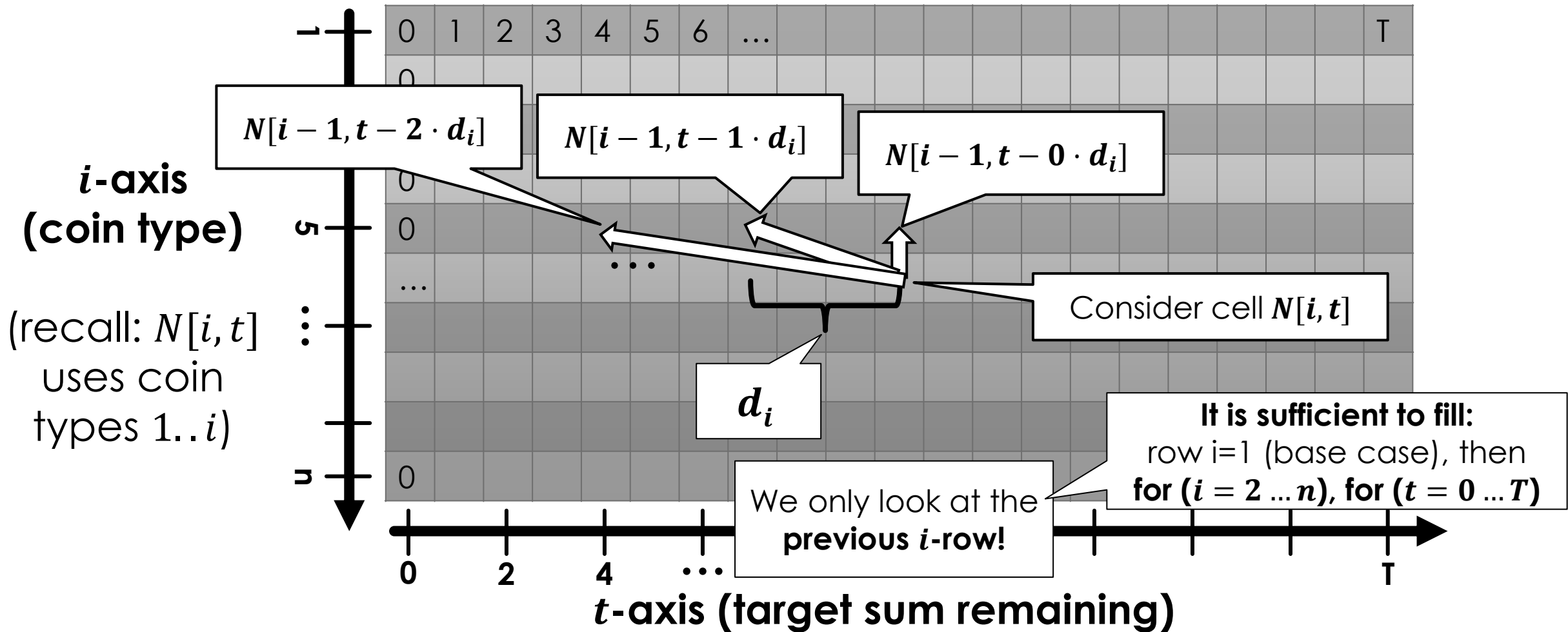
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i.e., using coin  $d_1 = 1$

$J[i, t]$  = # of coins of type  $d_i$  used in  $N[i, t]$

using other coin types

Compute  $\min\{\dots\}$  over  
 $j = 0 \dots \lfloor t/d_i \rfloor$

# OUTPUTTING OPTIMAL SET OF COINS

```
1 CoinChangingDP_coins(d[1..n], J[1..n][0..T])
2   counts = new array[1..n]
3   t = T
4   for i = n..1
5     counts[i] = J[i][t]
6     t = t - counts[i]*d[i]
7
8   return counts
```

Recall  $J[i, t] = \#$  of coins of type  $d_i$  used in  $N[i, t]$

We start at  $J[n][T] = \#$  of coins of type  $d_n$  used in the **optimal solution**

**Exercise for later:**  
compute the correct output  
**without** using  $J[i, t]$   
(i.e., using only  $N, d, T$ )

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## Time complexity?

**Unit cost** computational model is reasonable here

Consider instance  $I = (d, T)$

$$\text{Runtime } R(I) \in O\left(\sum_{i=2}^n \sum_{t=0}^T \left\lfloor \frac{t}{d_i} \right\rfloor\right)$$

$$R(I) \in O\left(\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{d_i} \sum_{t=0}^T t\right)$$

$$R(I) \in O\left(\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{d_i} \left(\frac{T(T+1)}{2}\right)\right)$$

$$R(I) \in O(DT^2)$$

$$\text{where } D = \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{d_i} < n.$$

**If T is small, this is much better than brute force**

# MEMOIZATION: AN ALTERNATIVE TO DP

Recall that the goal of dynamic programming is to eliminate solving subproblems more than once.

**Memoization** is another way to accomplish the same goal.

Memoization is a recursive algorithm based on same recurrence relation as would be used by a dynamic programming algorithm.

The idea is to remember which subproblems have been solved; if the same subproblem is encountered more than once during the recursion, the solution will be looked up in a table rather than being re-calculated.

This is easy to do if initialize a table of all possible subproblems having the value undefined in every entry.

Whenever a subproblem is solved, the table entry is updated.

# EXAMPLE: USING MEMOIZATION TO COMPUTE FIBONACCI NUMBERS EFFICIENTLY

**main**

```
for  $i \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$   
  do  $M[i] \leftarrow -1$   
return ( $RecFib(n)$ )
```

**procedure**  $RecFib(n)$

```
if  $n = 0$  then  $f \leftarrow 0$ 
```

```
else if  $n = 1$  then  $f \leftarrow 1$ 
```

```
else if  $M[n] \neq -1$  then  $f \leftarrow M[n]$ 
```

```
else  $\begin{cases} f_1 \leftarrow RecFib(n - 1) \\ f_2 \leftarrow RecFib(n - 2) \\ f \leftarrow f_1 + f_2 \\ M[n] \leftarrow f \end{cases}$ 
```

```
return ( $f$ );
```

If  $M[n]$  is already computed, **don't recurse!**

# VISUALIZING MEMOIZATION

If  $M[n]$  is already computed, **don't recurse!**

```
procedure RecFib(n)
  if n = 0 then f ← 0
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  else if M[n] ≠ -1 then f ← M[n]
  else {
    f1 ← RecFib(n - 1)
    f2 ← RecFib(n - 2)
    f ← f1 + f2
    M[n] ← f
  }
  return (f);
```

