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Dynamic programming and DAGs

DAG

Takeaway Points

1. Dynamic programming is based on finding a recursive way to solve the problem. Need a recursion that generates a small number of subproblems.
2. Given a recursive algorithm there is a natural DAG associated with the subproblems that are generated for given instance; this is the dependency graph. An iterative algorithm simply evaluates the subproblems in some topological sort of this DAG.
3. The space required to evaluate the answer can be reduced in some cases by a careful examination of that dependency DAG of the subproblems and keeping only a subset of the DAG at any time.

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