# Improving Dynamic Programming

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New speedups are still being found, still on ad-hoc basis. Crying need for a general theory of speedups, that can be referenced by application users.

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• An  $m \times n$  matrix M is Totally Monotone (TM) if every  $2 \times 2$  submatrix is Monotone.

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- SMAWK was culmination of decade(s) of work on similar problems; speedups using convexity and concavity.
   Has been used to speed up many DP problems, e.g., computational geometry, bioinformatics, k-center on a line, etc.

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Monge (or Total Monotonicity) seems an esoteric condition. In reality, it occurs *very* often.

Finding row minima can be used as a DP primitive.

⇒ the SMAWK algorithm can be used to speed up many DPs.

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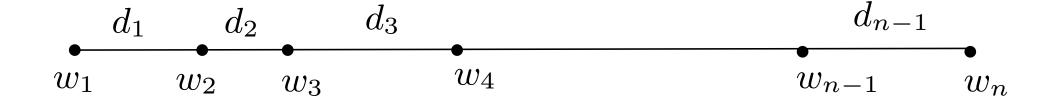
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$$p_1 \ge p_2 \ge \cdots \ge p_n \ge 0$$

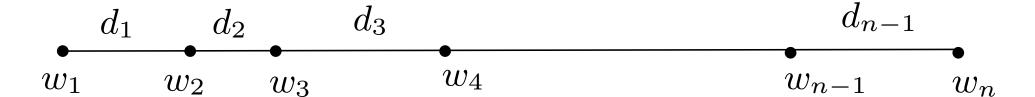
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H(n,D) is min expected bandwidth required to page all items using  $\leq D$  paging rounds

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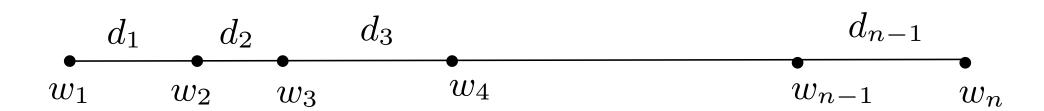
Identify D nodes as service centers.

Nodes can only be serviced by node to their left (or themselves) so node 1 must be a service center.

Cost of servicing request  $w_i$ , is  $w_i$  times distance from node i to nearest service center.

Problem is to find location of D service centers that minimize total service cost.

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Let H(i,d) be cost of servicing nodes [1,i] using exactly d servers.

$$H(i,d) = \begin{cases} 0 & n = d \\ w(0,i) & d = 0, i \ge 1 \\ \min_{d-1 \le j < i} (H(j,d-1) + w(j,i)), & 1 \le d < n \end{cases}$$

$$w(j,i) = \sum_{l=j+1}^{i} w_l (v_l - v_{j+1}), \quad v_k = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} d_j$$

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 $\Rightarrow H(n,D)$  can be calculated in O(nD) time

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Furthermore, calculation of  $H(\cdot,d)$  only requires knowledge of  $H(\cdot,d-1)$ . So, if H(n,D) is final goal, we can fill in table iteratively, for  $d=1,2,\ldots,D$ , using only O(n) space.

On the other hand, finding actual "solution path" of DP, corresponding to min-cost tree, median locations or paging schedule, requires backtracking through DP table. This implies storing entire table, using  $\Theta(nD)$  space.

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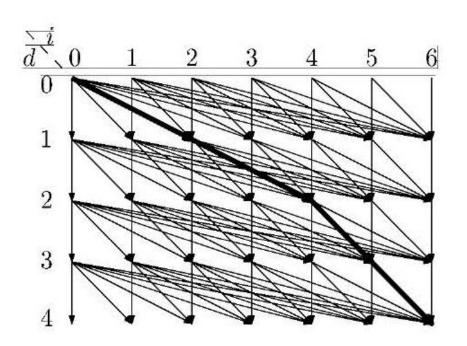
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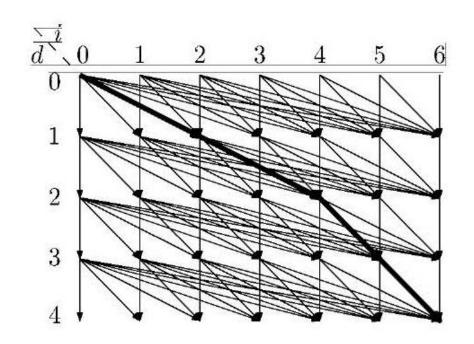
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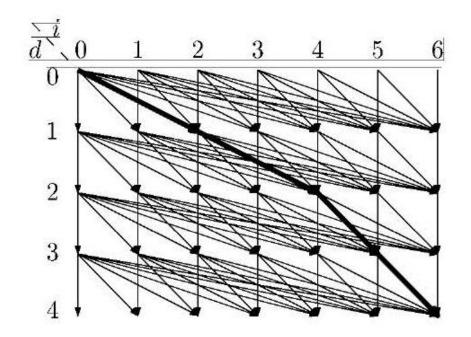
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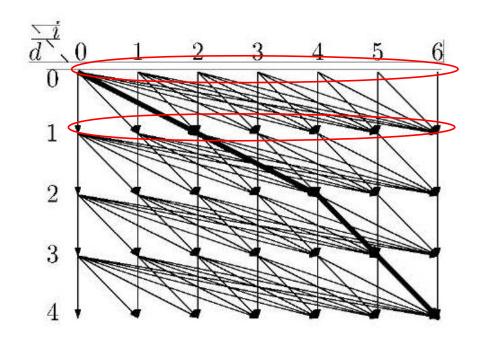
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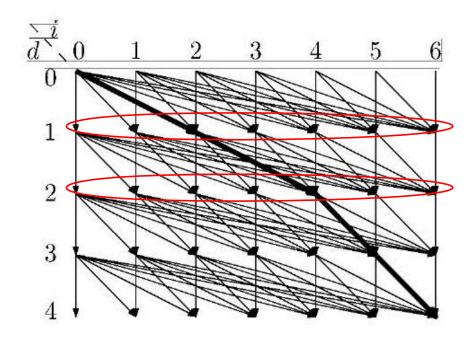
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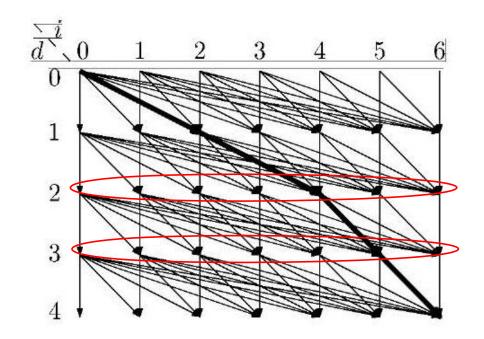
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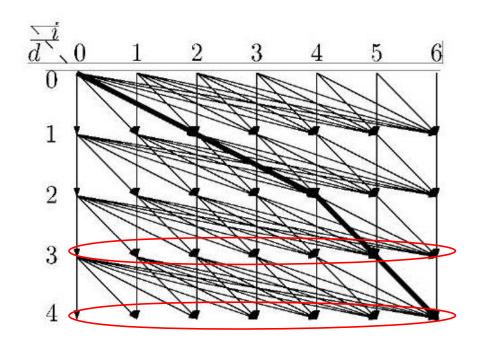
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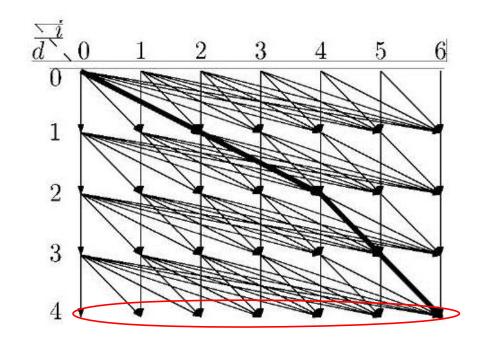
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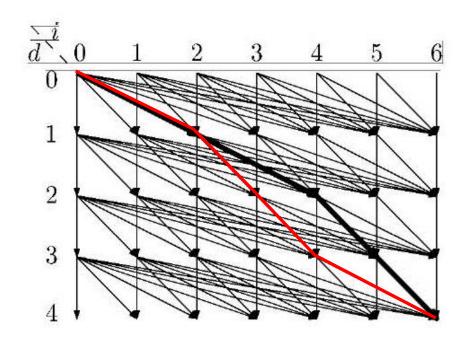
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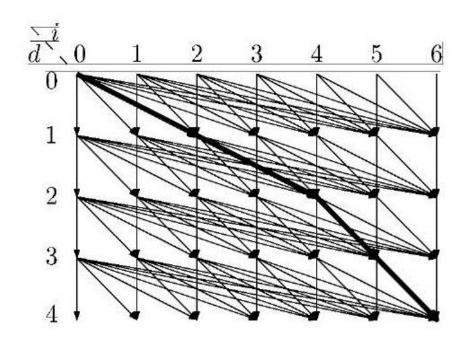
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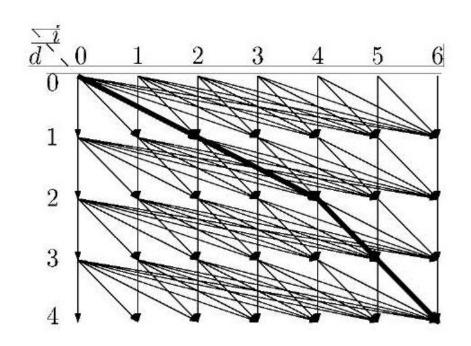
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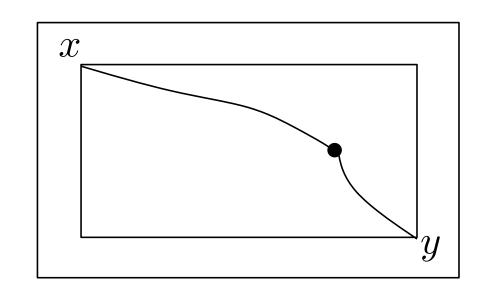
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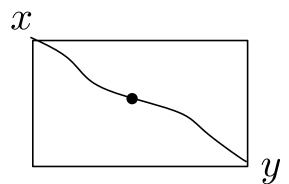
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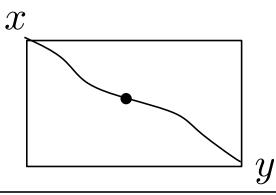
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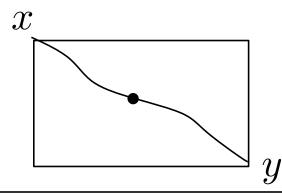
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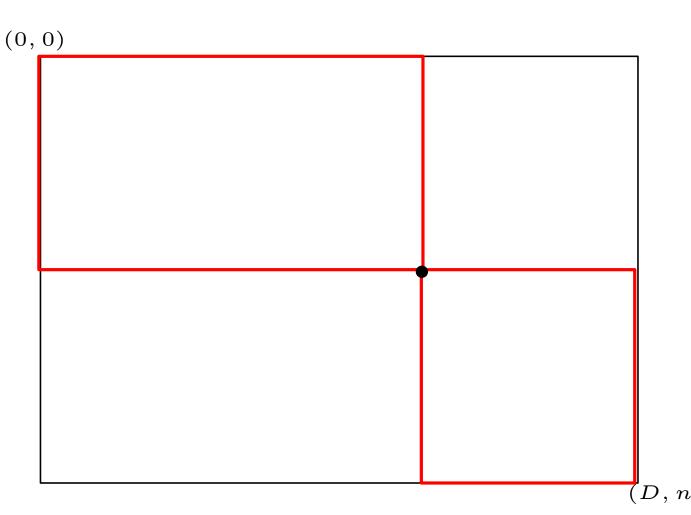
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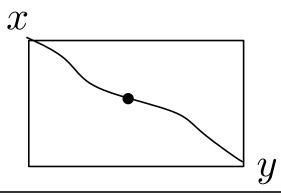
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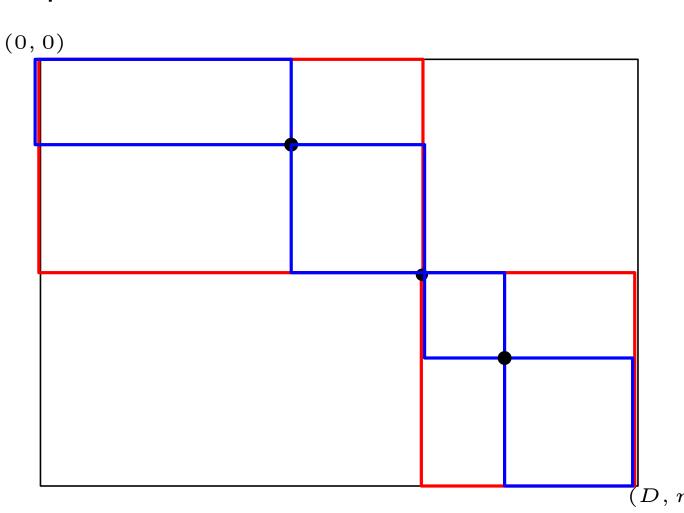
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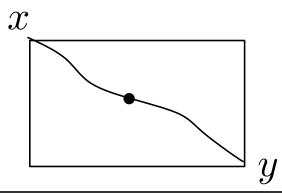
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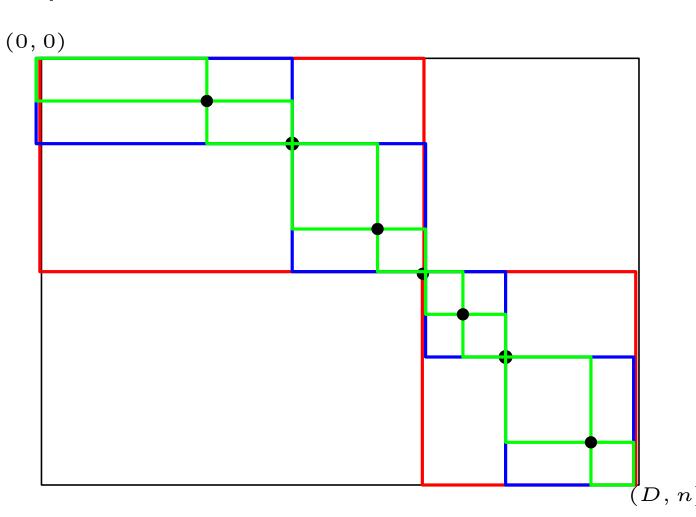
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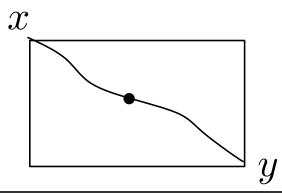
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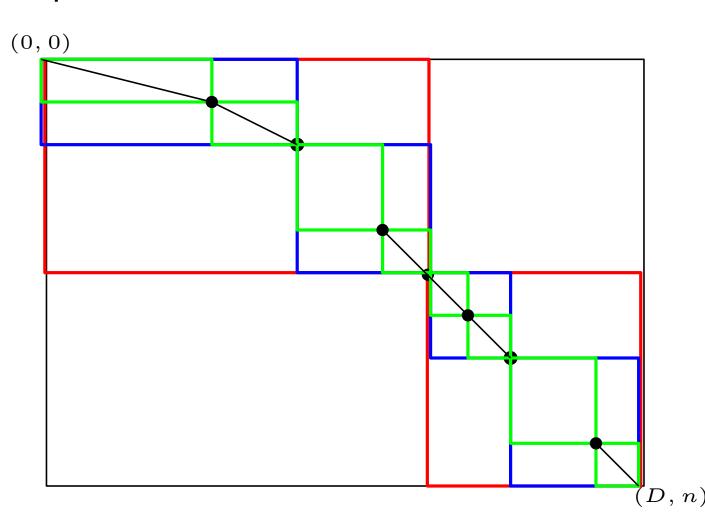
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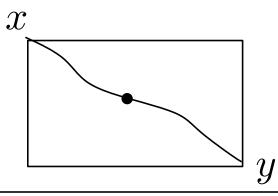
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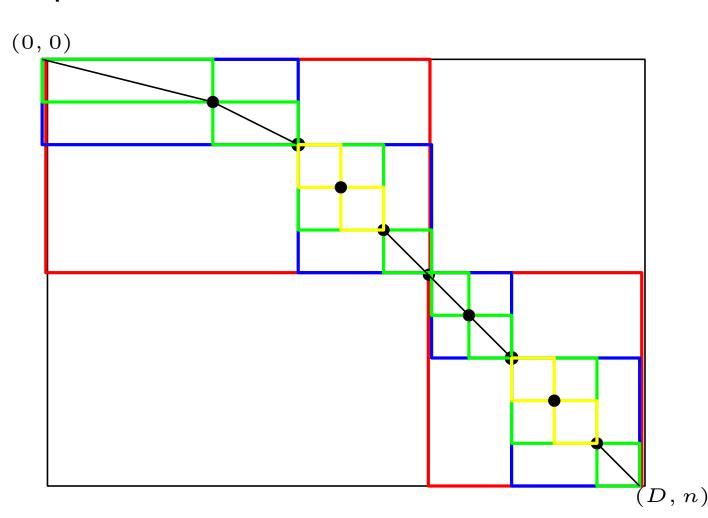
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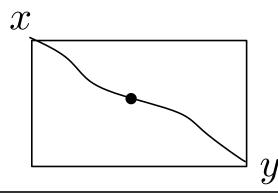
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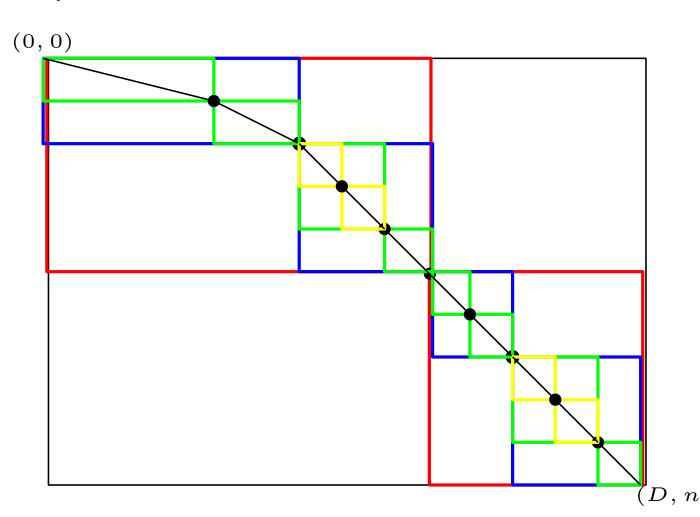
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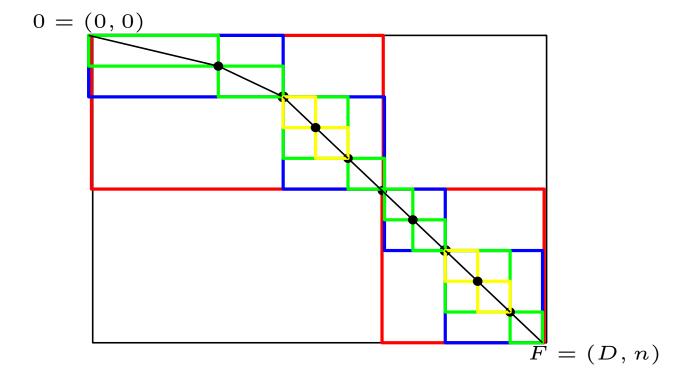
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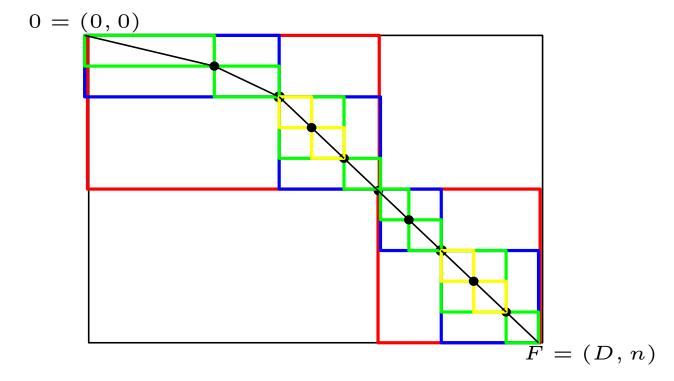
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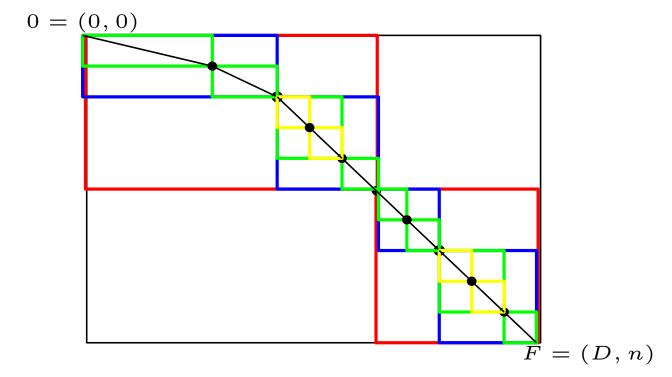
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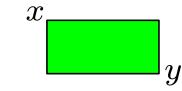
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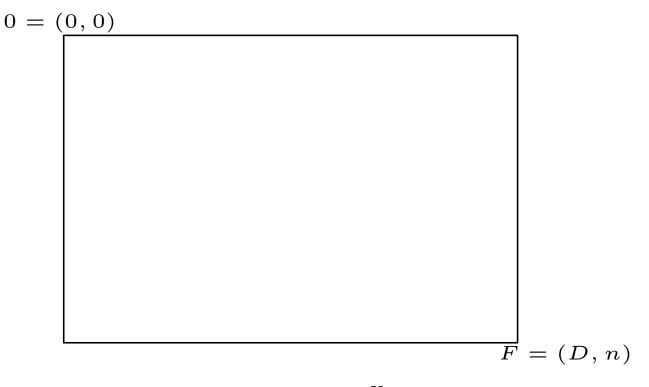
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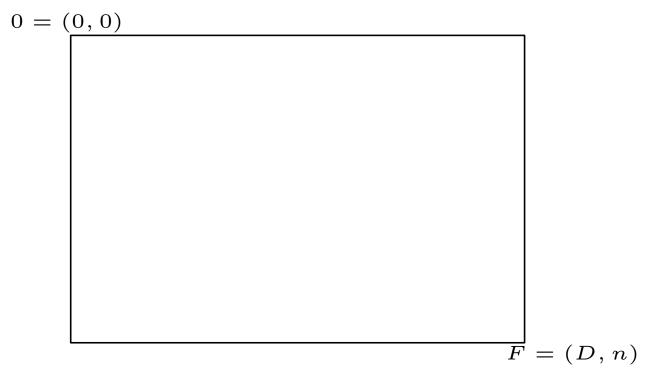
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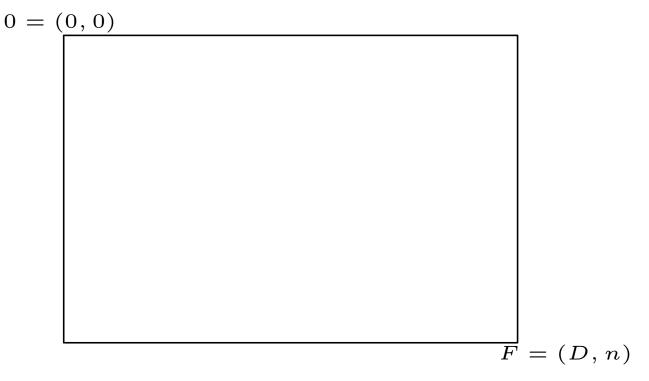
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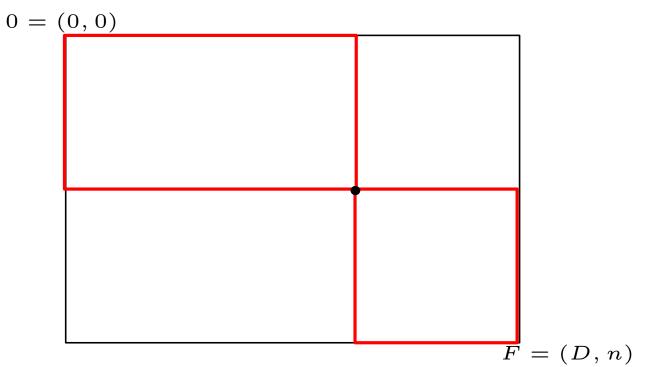
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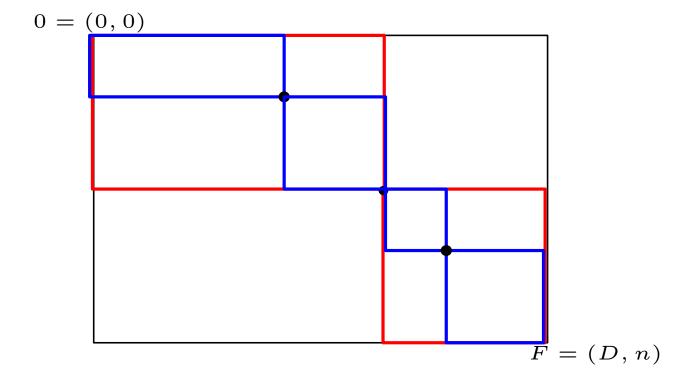
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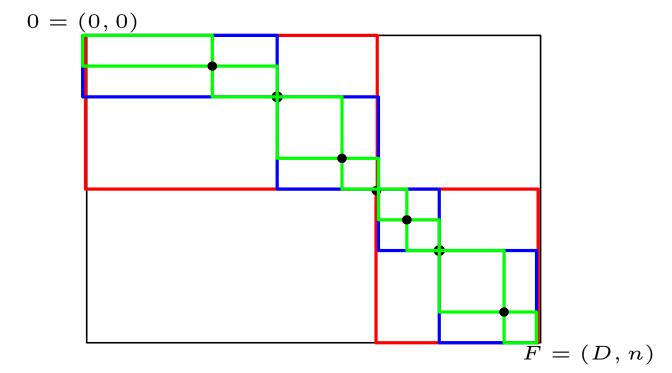
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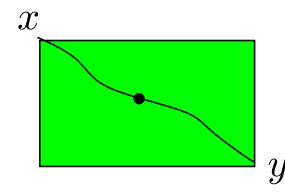
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Just saw that if Mid(x,y) can be implemented using O(D+n) space and Area(x,y) time, then path can be built using O(D+n) space and O(Dn) time.



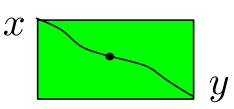
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For longest common subsequence problem. Runs two modified Dijkstra's that meet in "middle" Every vertex had constant outdegree ( $\leq 3$ ) Used extensively in bioinformatics.

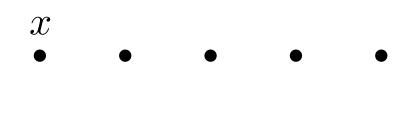
### (b) Munro & Ramirez ('82)

For graphs like our's Runs one modified Dijkstra Uses  $\Theta(Dn^2)$  time (we can improve to  $\Theta(Dn)$  with Monge)



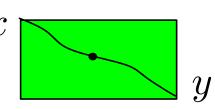
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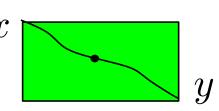
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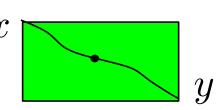
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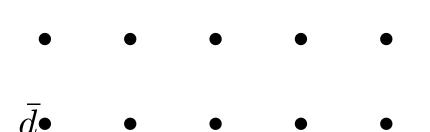
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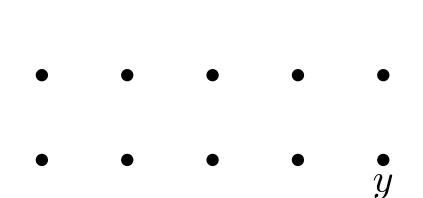


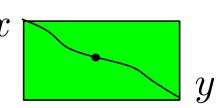
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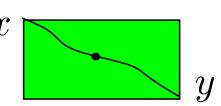
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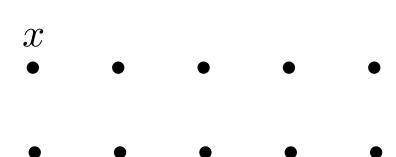
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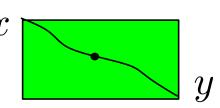
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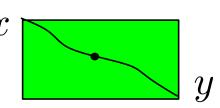
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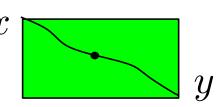
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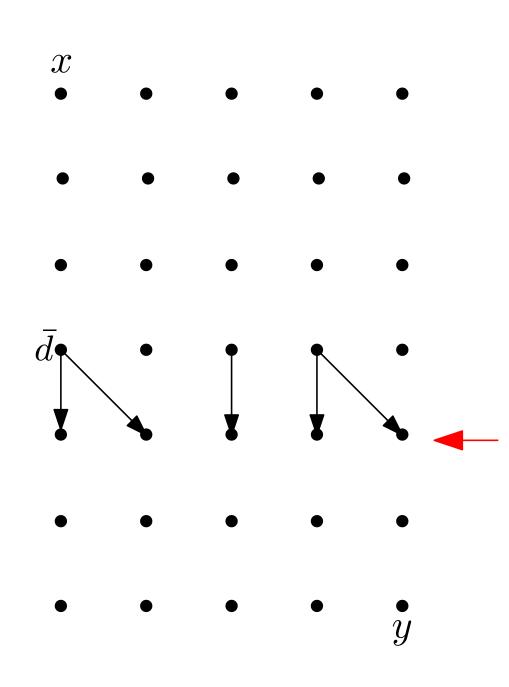
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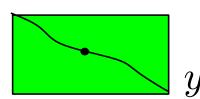


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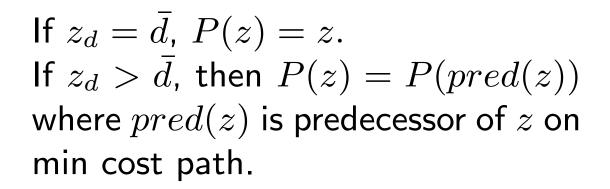
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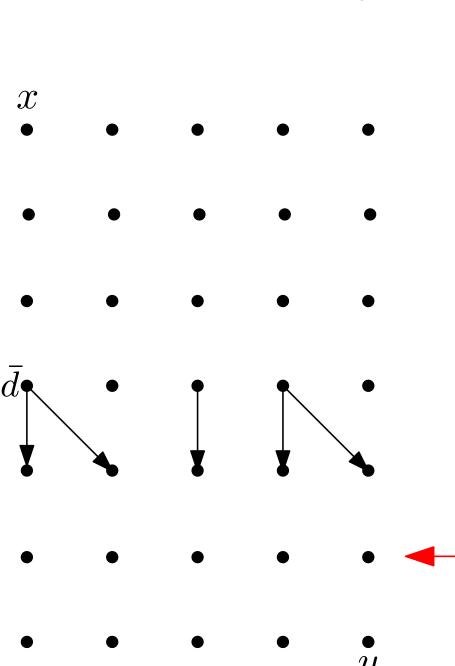


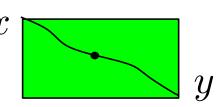


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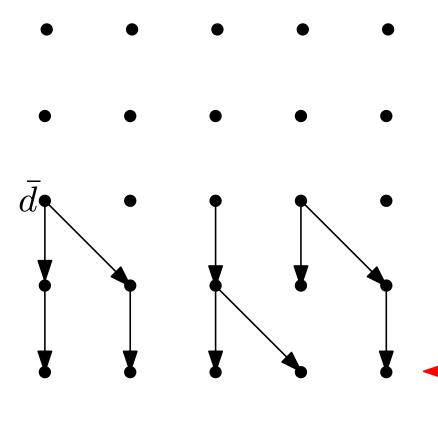


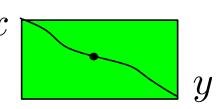


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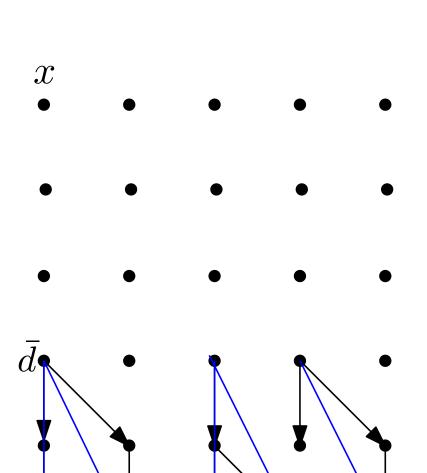




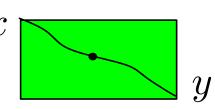
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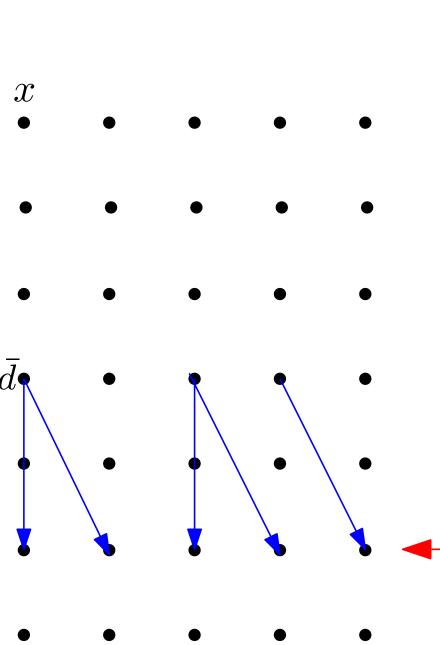


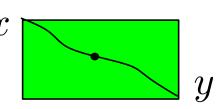


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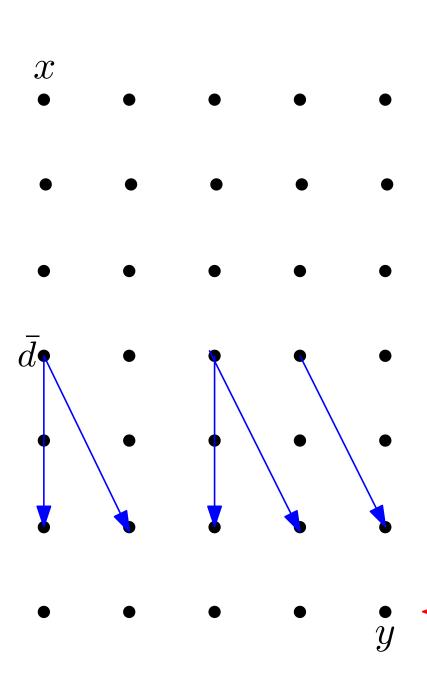


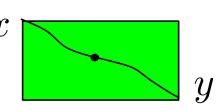


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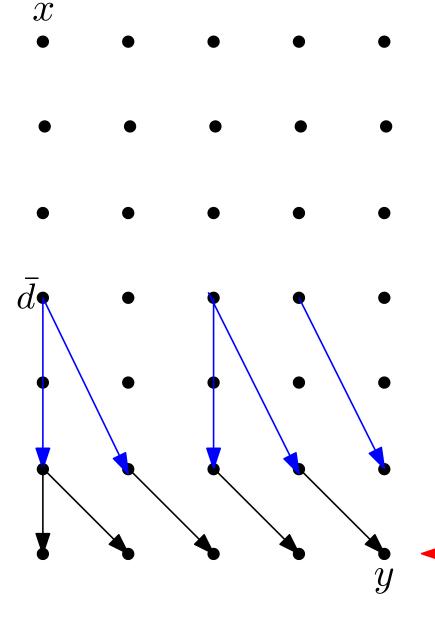


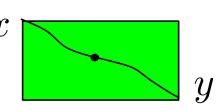


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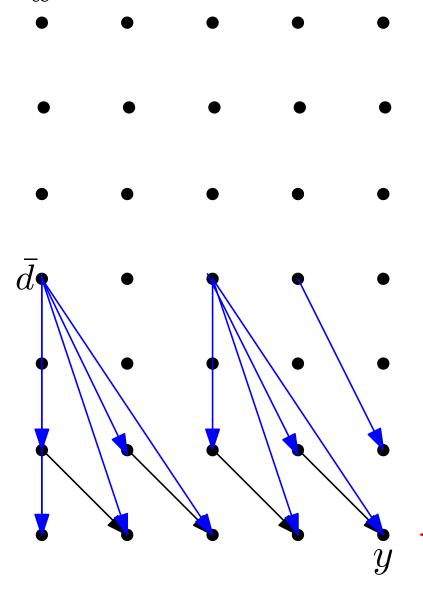


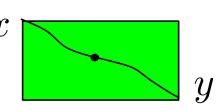


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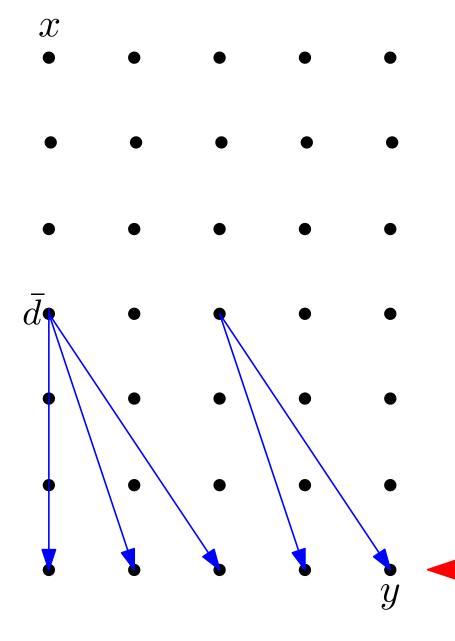


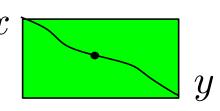


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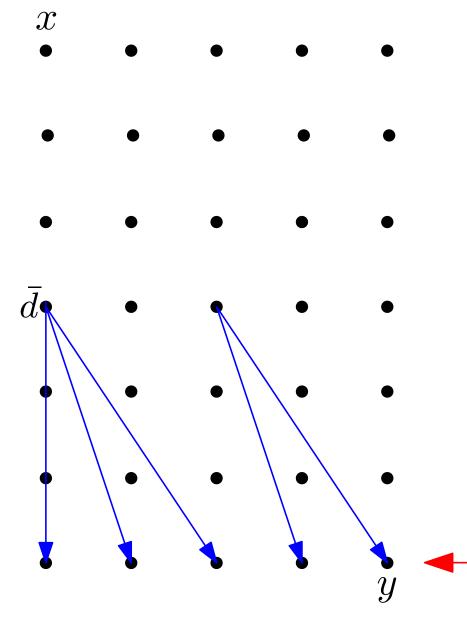




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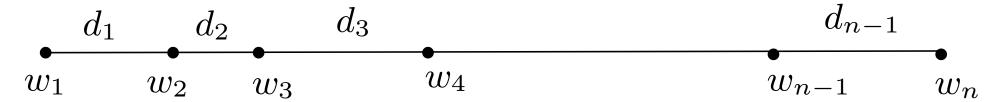
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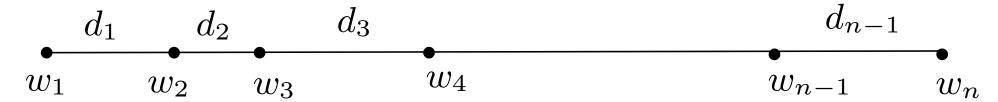
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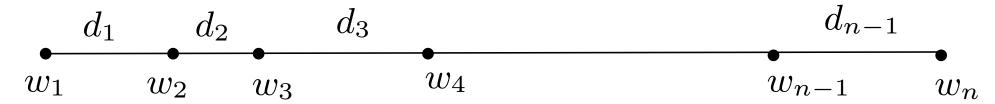


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