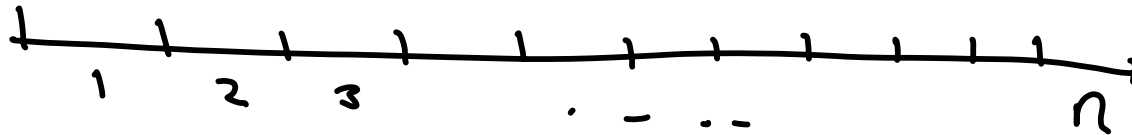


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Production Problem

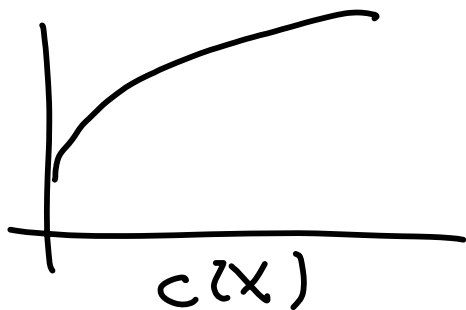


n periods

(i) Known demands $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$

Must supply d_i items in period i

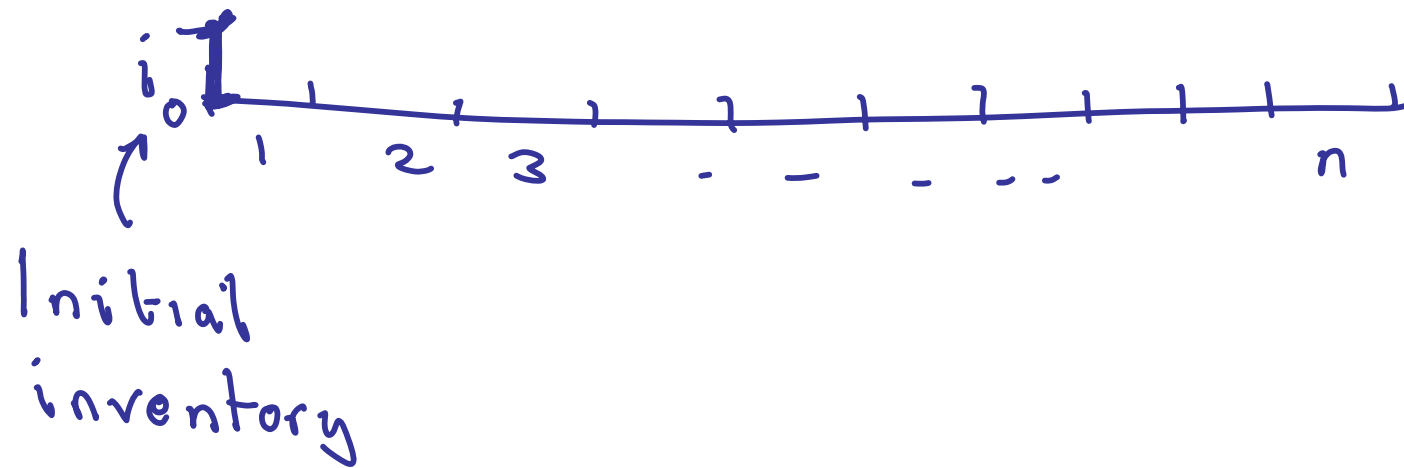
(ii) cost $c(x)$ to make x .



Answer: $c(d_1) + \dots + c(d_n)$

or
 $c(d_1 + \dots + d_n)$

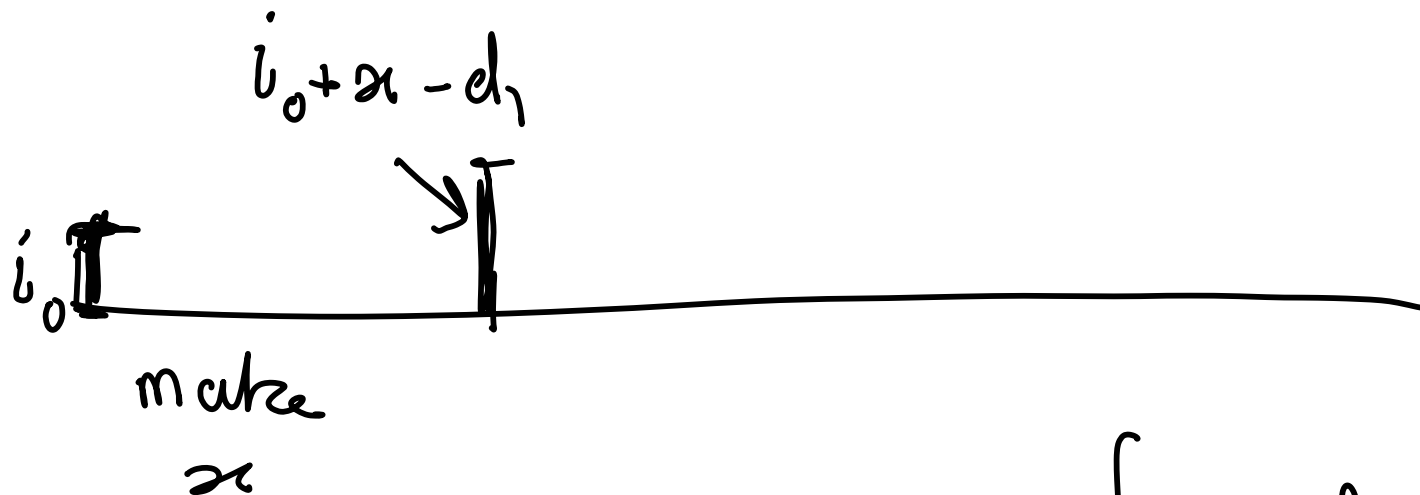
Assume you can store up to H items.



Dynamic Programming:

Think : (i) Answer = sequence of decisions
(ii) Having made first decision,
left with a smaller problem.

Decision $\equiv$ choose production quantity



$$f_1(i_0) = \min_x [c(x) + f_2(i_0 + x - d_1)]$$

$\nearrow$ min. cost from $1, 2, \dots, n$ starting with i_0

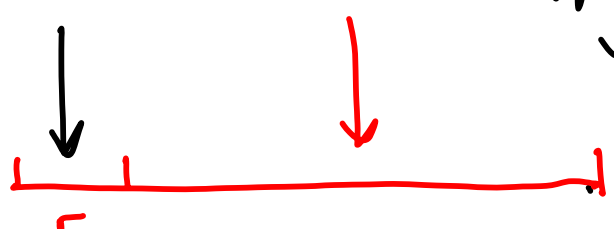
$\nearrow$ If I can compute f_{200} then I can compute

In general

functional equation

$$f_r(i) = \min_x \left[c(x) + f_{r+1}(i+x-d_r) \right]$$

min. cost periods
 $r, r+1, \dots, n$
starting with i



$x \geq 0$
 $i+x \geq d_r$
 $i+x-d_r \leq 1$

$$f_{n+1}(i) = 0$$

$$n=4 \quad d_1 \quad d_2 \quad d_3 \quad d_4$$

$$H=4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 4 \quad 7$$

$$c(x) = x(20 - x)$$

2	36	
3	51	
4	64	
5	75	191
6	84	190
7	91	187
8	96	182
9	99	175

i	$f_1(i)$	$x_1(i)$	$f_2(i)$	$x_2(i)$	$f_3(i)$	$x_3(i)$	$f_4(i)$	$x_4(i)$
0	266	5	191	10	147	8	91	7
1	255	4	190	9	142	³ ₇	84	6
2	242	3	187	8	127	2	75	5
3	227	2	182	7	110	1	64	4
4	210	1	175	6	91	0	51	3