

# Algorithms


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Dynamic  
Programming  
(part 2)

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# Notes

- Oral grading - make sure you have a spot!

Also: please avoid classmates after you present.

- HWO is graded. + in BB

#4: one part was extra credit (except for grad students)

Max: 50 (for ugrads)  
60 (for grads)

Min: 22

Max: 52

Average: 37.33

(Fairly low - but don't worry yet!)

# Recap: Backtracking

- Find a small choice that reduces the problem size
- For each answer to the choice, choose answer + recurse

(while considering only subsolutions consistent with that choice)

Next: Dynamic Programming

Dynamic programming  
is just smart recursion.

- Recurse - don't repeat

Often computed values are  
stored in some table  
for later lookups

- or -

Can rearrange to fill  
table from ground up.

Does assume  $f_n(i)$   
always returns same  
value.

Note: This takes up more  
space.

Last time: Fibonacci #5

FIB(n):

if  $n < 2$ :  
return  $n$

else  
return  $FIB(n-1) + FIB(n-2)$

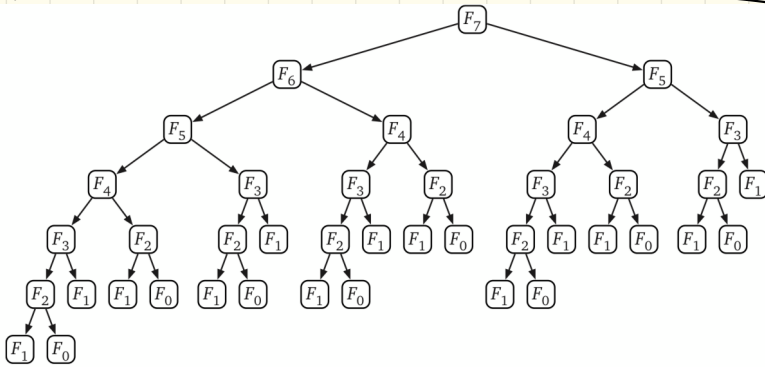


Figure 3.1. The recursion tree for computing  $F_7$ ; arrows represent recursive calls.

But this is dumb!

$F_4$  is always the same -  
why recompute?

Better:

MEMFIBO( $n$ ):

if ( $n < 2$ )

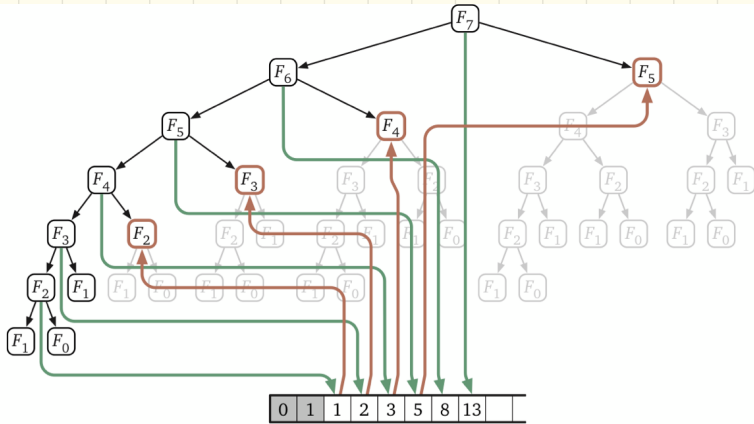
return  $n$

else

if  $F[n]$  is undefined

$F[n] \leftarrow \text{MEMFIBO}(n-1) + \text{MEMFIBO}(n-2)$

return  $F[n]$



**Figure 3.2.** The recursion tree for  $F_7$  trimmed by memoization. Downward green arrows indicate writing into the memoization array; upward red arrows indicate reading from the memoization array.

# Steps:

- ① Formulate the recursion
- ② Build solution from base case up.

- identify subproblems

identify dependencies:

ie:  $F(6)$  depends on  $F(5) + F(4)$

- choose data structure

ie: often array, 1d or 2d, or even a few variables

- choose evaluation order

- write pseudo code,  
then analyze time/space

Let's look at an old friend  
or two...

# Text Segmentation:

Idea: Given a string of "letters", break into "words".

Assume: Given  $ISWORD(w)$ , which takes a string & says true or false.  
 $O(1)$  time

Back tracking:

Starting at beginning,  
check every prefix:

if  $ISWORD(A[1])$ , recurse on  $A[2..n]$

if  $ISWORD(A[1,2])$ , try  $A[3..n]$

if  $ISWORD(A[1,2,3])$ , try  $A[4..n]$

if  $ISWORD(A[1..i])$ , try  $A[i+1, n]$

if  $ISWORD(A[1..n])$ , done

→ If any succeed, return true



Recursion: set up a function

Splittable( $i$ ): =

true if  $i > n$

OR  $\bigvee_{j=i}^n (\text{isWord}(i,j) \wedge \text{Splittable}(j+1))$

*(Note: Red arrows point from 'OR' to the  $\bigvee$  symbol, and from 'and' to the  $\wedge$  symbol in the recursive formula.)*

Code:

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SPLITTABLE(A[1..n]):  
  if  $n = 0$   
    return TRUE  
  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$   
    if ISWORD(A[1..i])  
      if SPLITTABLE(A[i+1..n])  
        return TRUE  
  return FALSE
```

Idea: to improve, think about calls:

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SPLITTABLE(A[1..n]):  
  if n = 0  
    return TRUE  
  for i ← 1 to n  
    if ISWORD(A[1..i])  
      if SPLITTABLE(A[i+1..n])  
        return TRUE  
  return FALSE
```

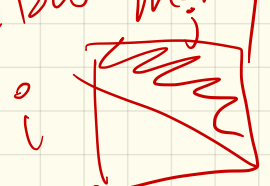
Each  $\text{SPLITTABLE}(i)$  is called many times.  
(Same for  $\text{ISWORD}(i, j)$ )

Just memorize them!

How many? (too many)

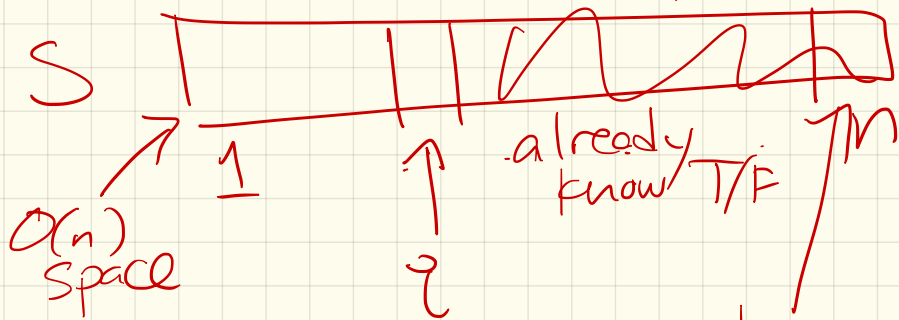
I need  $\text{SPLITTABLE}(i)$   
for every  $i$  from 1 to  $n$   
↳ remember them

How many  $\text{ISWORD}(i, j)$ 's?  
 $O(n^2)$



Translate to a loop:

I can fill in position  $n$  immediately



initialize  $S$  to false  $isWord(n, n)$   
for  $i \leftarrow n-1$  to 1

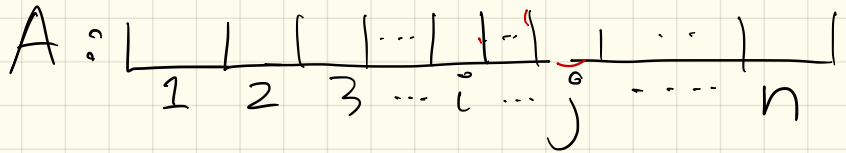
$O(n-i)$  { for  $j = i$  to  $n$   
 $O(1)$  { if  $isWord(i, j)$   
and  $S[j] == true$   
 $S[i] \leftarrow true$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (n-i) = O(n^2)$$

Back to LIS:

Some notation:

Let  $LIS(i, j) :=$  length of longest subsequence of  $A[j..n]$  with elements  $> A[i]$

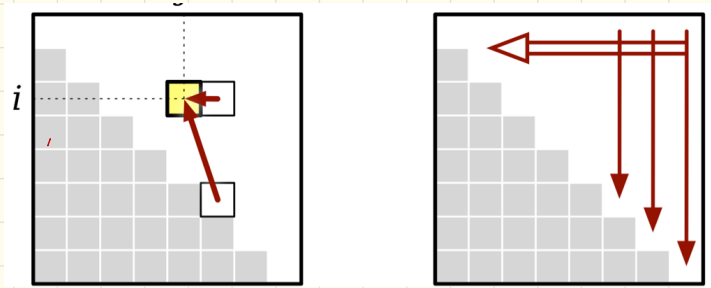


Then:

$$LIS(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j > n \\ LIS(i, j+1) & \text{if } A[i] \geq A[j] \\ \max\{LIS(i, j+1), 1 + LIS(j, j+1)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

What are my dependencies?

So, build a solution:



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# Algorithm:

LIS(A[1..n]):

$A[0] \leftarrow -\infty$

⟨⟨Add a sentinel⟩⟩

for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$

⟨⟨Base cases⟩⟩

$LIS[i, n+1] \leftarrow 0$

for  $j \leftarrow n$  downto 1

for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $j-1$

if  $A[i] \geq A[j]$

$LIS[i, j] \leftarrow LIS[i, j+1]$

else

$LIS[i, j] \leftarrow \max\{LIS[i, j+1], 1 + LIS[j, j+1]\}$

return  $LIS[0, 1]$

Time & Space :

