

Algorithms - Spring 2025

Dynamic
Programming



Recap

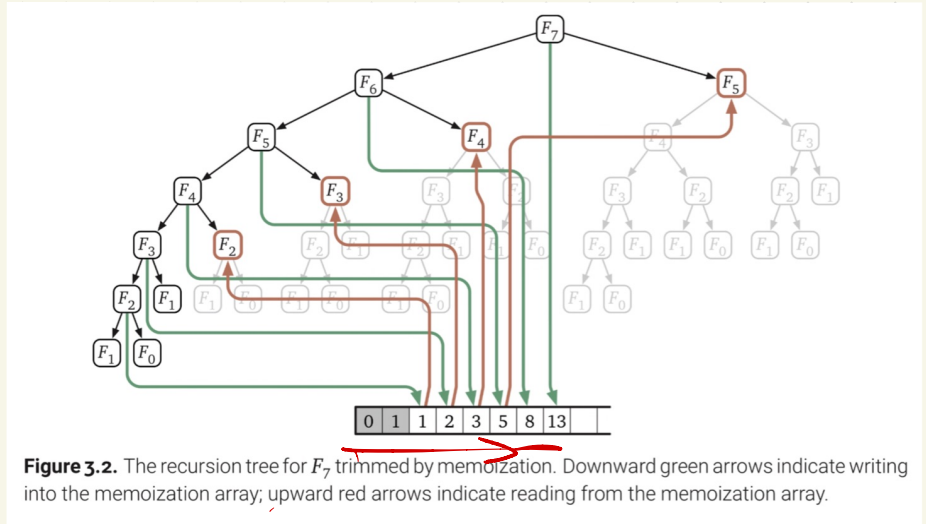
- HW2 - due Monday
- Readings posted through them
- For emails:
if I don't reply
w/in 24 hours, please
ping me again!

Fibonacci Computations

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MEMFIBO(n):
  if (n < 2)
    return n
  else
    if F[n] is undefined
      F[n] ← MEMFIBO(n - 1) + MEMFIBO(n - 2)
    return F[n]
    
```

"memoize" repeated calls



Reset our view:

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ITERFIBO(n):
  F[0] ← 0
  F[1] ← 1
  for i ← 2 to n
    F[i] ← F[i - 1] + F[i - 2]
  return F[n]
    
```

becomes a loop
cost: space $O(n)$

$O(1)$ space

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ITERFIBO2(n):
  prev ← 1
  curr ← 0
  for i ← 1 to n
    next ← curr + prev
    prev ← curr
    curr ← next
  return curr
    
```

His ♡ section: Can actually do better!

Fancy math tricks

$$\begin{aligned}
 \downarrow \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} F_0 \\ F_1 \end{matrix} \\
 \downarrow \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} F_1 \\ F_2 \end{matrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} F_2 \\ F_3 \end{matrix} \\
 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} F_3 \\ F_4 \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-1} \\ F_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof: induction

Base case: $n=1$ ✓

IH: Assume $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-2} \\ F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$

IS: Consider $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$
 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \left(\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) \stackrel{\text{by IH}}{=} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-2} \\ F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$
 $= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \cdot F_{n-2} + 1 \cdot F_{n-1} \\ 1 \cdot F_{n-2} + 1 \cdot F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-1} \\ F_n \end{bmatrix} \quad \square$

Runtime: time to compute $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$
So - back to chapter 1!

$$a^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (a^{n/2})^2 & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ (a^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor})^2 \cdot a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



PINGALAPOWER(a, n):

```
if n = 1
  return a
else
  x ← PINGALAPOWER(a, ⌊n/2⌋)
  if n is even
    return x · x
  else
    return x · x · a
```

Either way:
 $O(\log n)$??

or

$$a^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (a^2)^{n/2} & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ (a^2)^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \cdot a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

PEASANTPOWER(a, n):

```
if n = 1
  return a
else if n is even
  return PEASANTPOWER(a2, n/2)
else
  return PEASANTPOWER(a2, ⌊n/2⌋) · a
```

But wait - F_n is exponential!

Specifically,

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \phi^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\hat{\phi})^n$$

$$\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\hat{\phi} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

So... how many bits to write it down?

$$\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \rightarrow \log_2 \phi^n \text{ bits to write down}$$

Why? k digit number:

$$O(2^k)$$

0 or 1
in each

Clarification:

our earlier algorithms
use $O(n)$ additions or
subtractions

If a # ≤ 64 -bits - sure!

But larger?

Let $M(n)$ = time to
multiply 2 n -digit #s

Here: $T(n) = T(\frac{n}{2}) + M(n)$

Best known: $n \log n$

$$T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

Fibonacci Recap:

good/bad

- "Simple" yet interesting example
- Illustrates how powerful this concept can be.

Downside:

- Not always so obvious how to convert the recursion into an iterative structure!

↓
Key: data structure

Aduce

Start with the recursion!

Use it to prove correctness.

Then, for code:

Start at base cases. ←

Save them!

Build up "next" level:
the recursions that call
base cases

Try to formalize this in
a loop + data structure
format.

Finally: analyze both
space & time

Rant about greed:

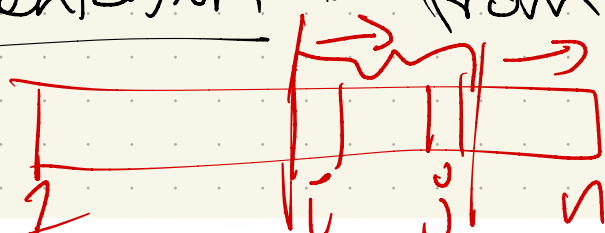
When they work, "greedy" strategies are very fast & effective!

But - often such intuitive strategies fail.

★ [Dynamic programming & backtracking will always work.

We'll study both, but better to start here.

Text segmentation : from Ch 2!

Text: 

Given an index i , find a segmentation of the suffix $A[i..n]$.

$$Splittable(i) = \begin{cases} \text{TRUE} & \text{if } i > n \\ \bigvee_{j=i}^n (\text{IsWORD}(i, j) \wedge \text{Splittable}(j+1)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

OR AND

«Is the suffix $A[i..n]$ Splittable?»

SPLITTABLE(i):

if $i > n$

return TRUE

for $j \leftarrow i$ to n

if IsWORD(i, j)

if SPLITTABLE(j+1)

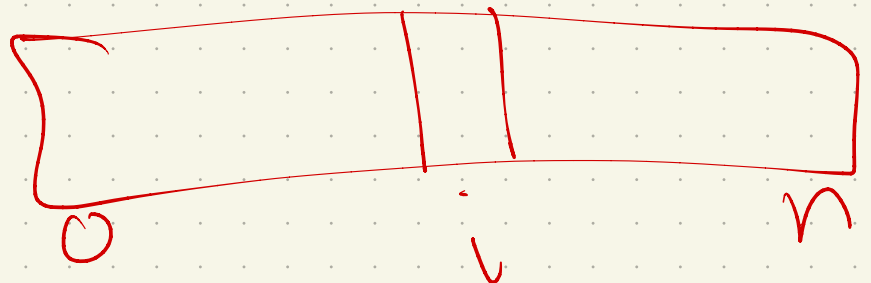
return TRUE

return FALSE

Can we try the same trick?

yes!

Text:



Memorization

Think about our recursion:
calling Splittable(i)
quite a bit.

After first time it's
computed, store the
answer.

Then, later calls just look
it up!

How many
calls?

once!
yes/no

How to store?

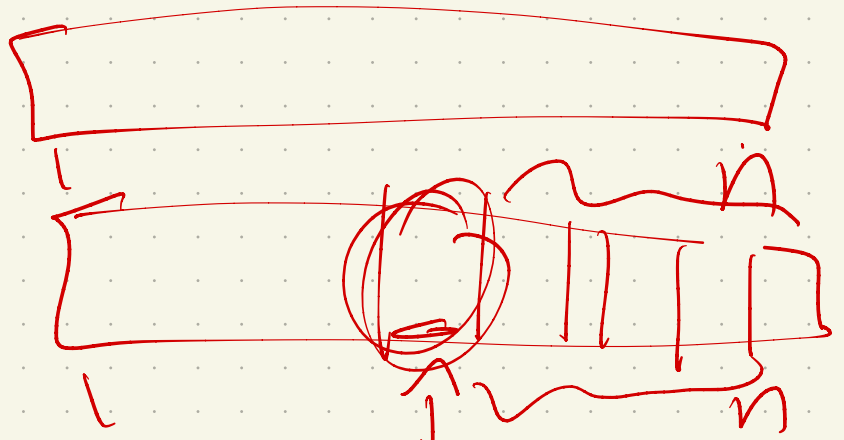
array!

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«Is the suffix A[i..n] Splittable?»  
SPLITTABLE(i):  
  if i > n  
    return TRUE  
  for j ← i to n  
    if ISWORD(i, j)  
      if SPLITTABLE(j + 1)  
        return TRUE  
  return FALSE
```


Splittable [i]

Text

Splittable



for $j \leftarrow n$ down to i

All Splittable(i)

for $j \leftarrow i$
 $\rightarrow n$

Run time / space:

Space: adding $O(n)$

for extra bool. array

$$\sum_{i=1}^n$$

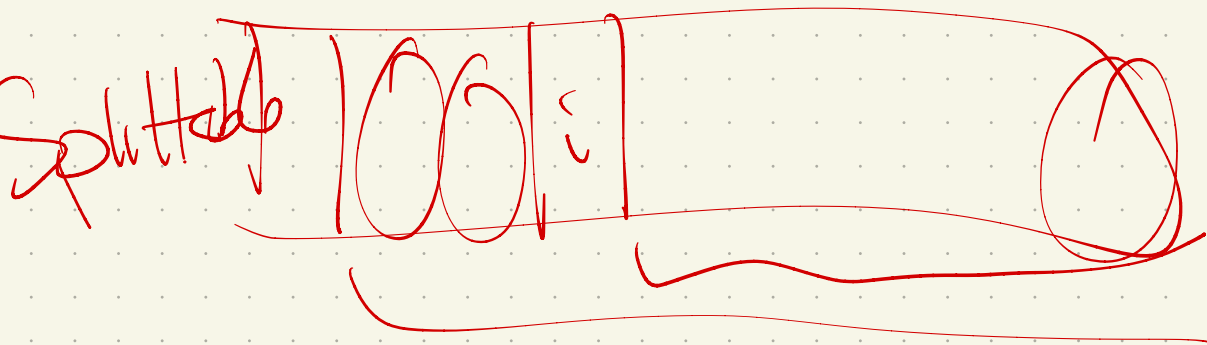
$$\left(\sum_{j=i}^n \right)$$

$$(n-i)$$

lowering each time

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-i} k \right)$$

$O(n)$ space



$$(n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) + \dots + 1$$

$$= \Theta(n^2)$$

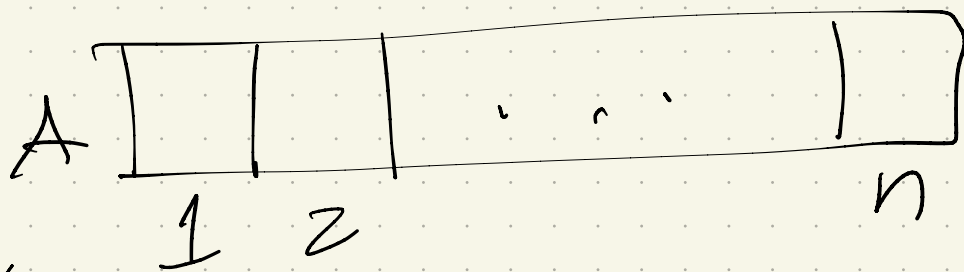
→ Compare with backtracking!

Recap: Longest Increasing Subsequence

Why "jump to the middle"?

Need a recursion!

First: how many subsequences?



↳ could use or skip each #,
so 2^n worst case

Backtracking approach:

At index i :

Result:

Given two indices i and j , where $i < j$, find the longest increasing subsequence of $A[j..n]$ in which every element is larger than $A[i]$.

- Store last "taken" index i .
- Consider including $A[j]$:
- if $A[i] \geq A[j]$
↳ must skip!
 - if $A[i]$ is less:
try both options

Recursion:

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

Code version: (helper function)

LISBIGGER(i, j):

if $j > n$

return 0

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

return LISBIGGER($i, j + 1$)

else

$skip \leftarrow$ LISBIGGER($i, j + 1$)

$take \leftarrow$ LISBIGGER($j, j + 1$) + 1

return $\max\{skip, take\}$

Problem — what did we want??

LIS($A[1..n]$)

So: don't forget our "main":

LIS($A[1..n]$):

$A[0] \leftarrow -\infty$

return LISBIGGER(0, 1)

Problem:

Next: memoize?

What sort of calls are we making often?

Can we save them, & avoid recomputing over and over?

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

LISBIGGER(i, j):

```
if j > n
  return 0
else if A[i] ≥ A[j]
  return LISBIGGER(i, j + 1)
else
  skip ← LISBIGGER(i, j + 1)
  take ← LISBIGGER(j, j + 1) + 1
  return max{skip, take}
```

Here:

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

This is a recursion, but think for a moment of it as a function.

After computing, store values!

How many values to store?

How long to compute each?

Result:

FASTLIS(A[1 .. n]):

$A[0] \leftarrow -\infty$

⟨⟨Add a sentinel⟩⟩

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to n

⟨⟨Base cases⟩⟩

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

for $j \leftarrow n$ down to 1

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $j - 1$ *⟨⟨...or whatever⟩⟩*

$keep \leftarrow 1 + LISbigger[j, j + 1]$

$skip \leftarrow LISbigger[i, j + 1]$

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

$LISbigger[i, j] \leftarrow skip$

else

$LISbigger[i, j] \leftarrow \max\{keep, skip\}$

return $LISbigger[0, 1]$

Picture:

