

# Introduction to Dynamic Programming

## Lecture 13

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# Recursion and Memoization

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## How many bits?

Consider the  $n$ th Fibonacci number  $F(n)$ . Writing the number  $F(n)$  in base 2 requires

- $\Theta(n^2)$  bits.
- $\Theta(n)$  bits.
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Roughly same as  $F(n)$ :  $T(n) = \Theta(\varphi^n)$ .

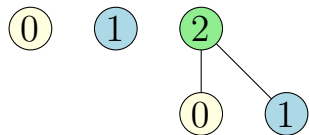
The number of additions is exponential in  $n$ . Can we do better?

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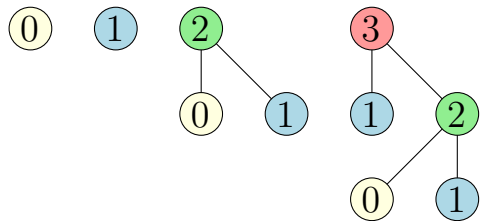
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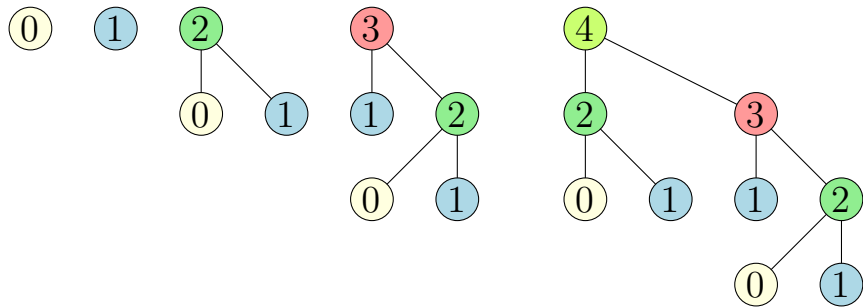
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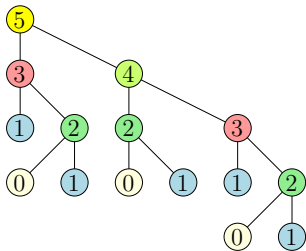
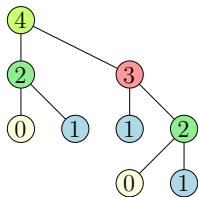
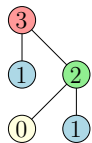
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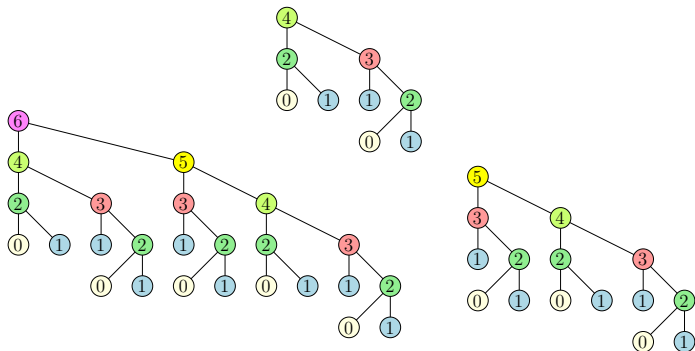
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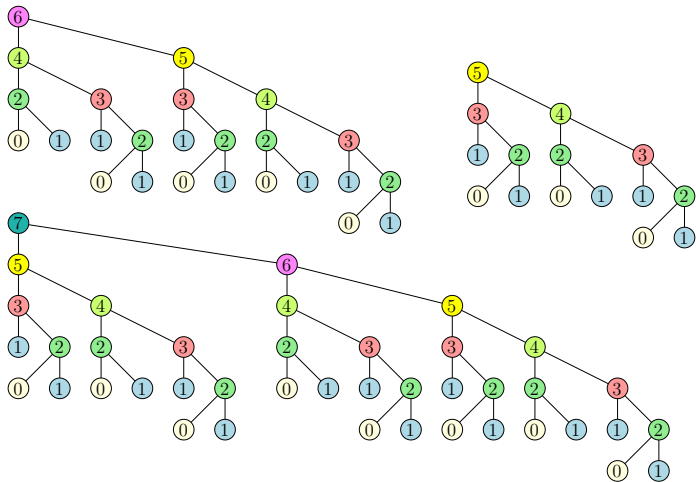


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Use hash-table or a map to remember which values were already computed.

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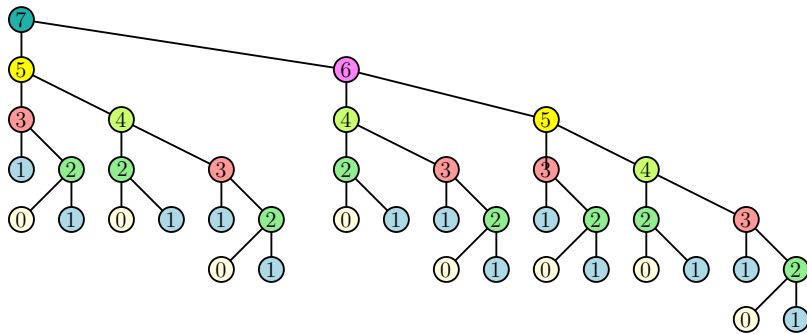
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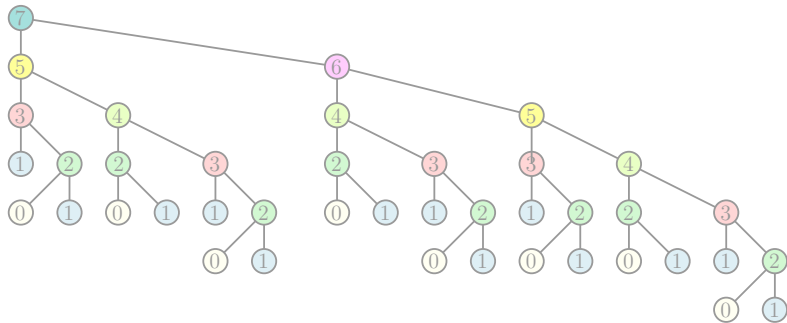
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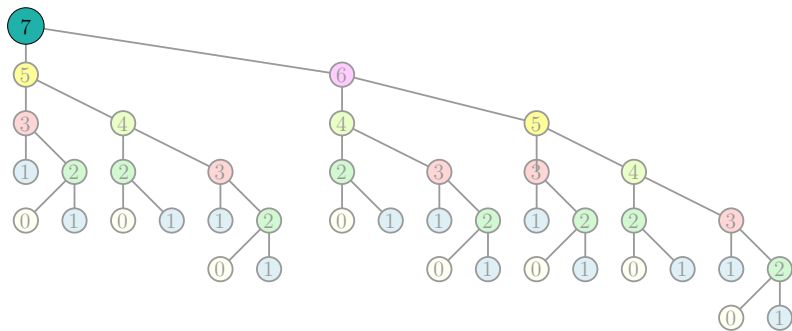
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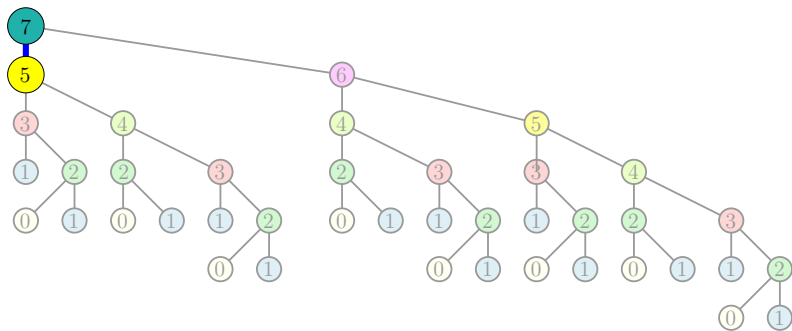
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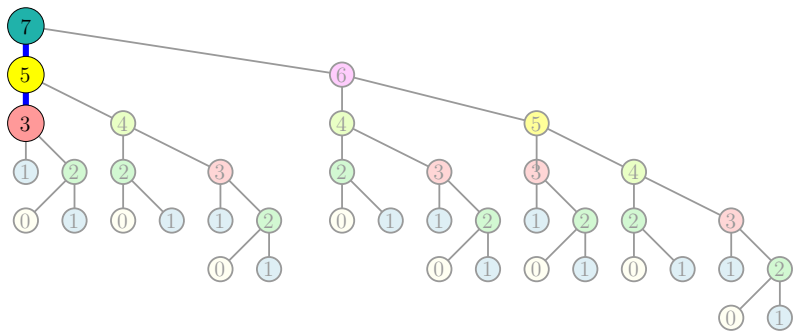
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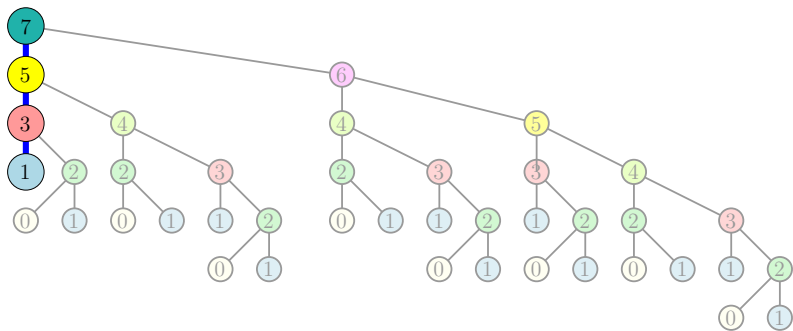
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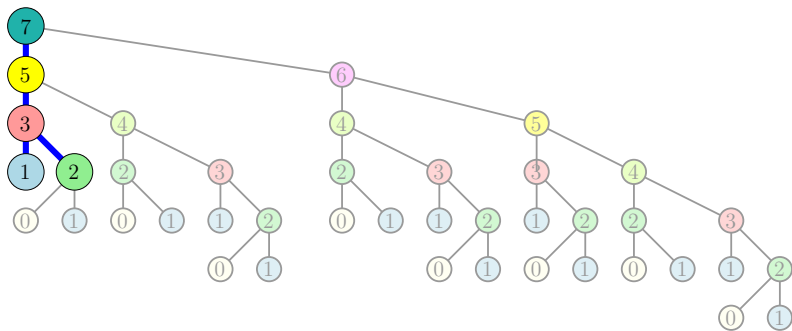
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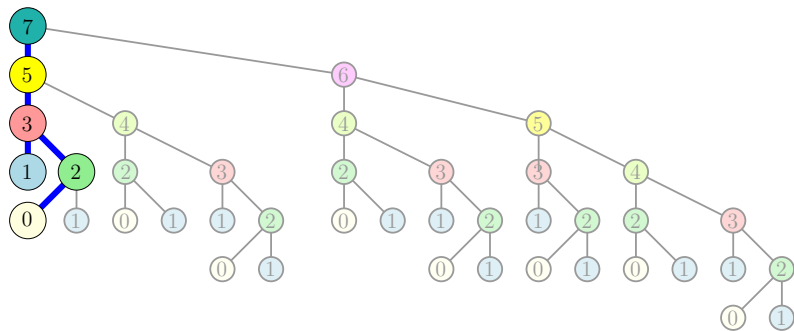


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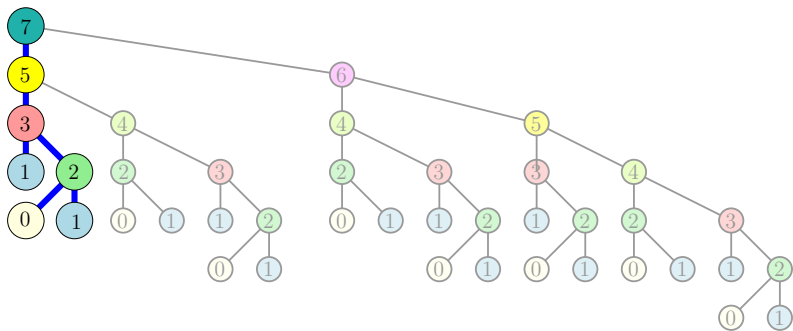




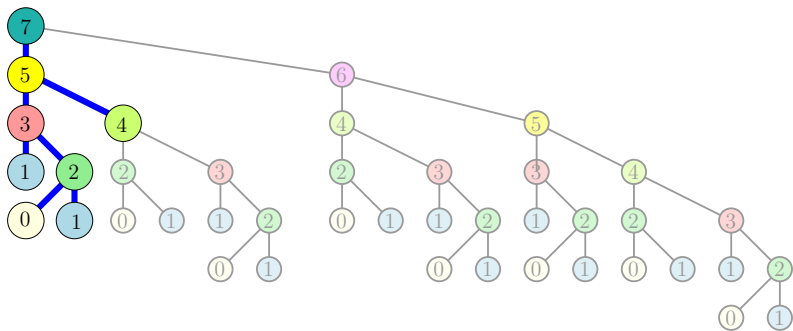
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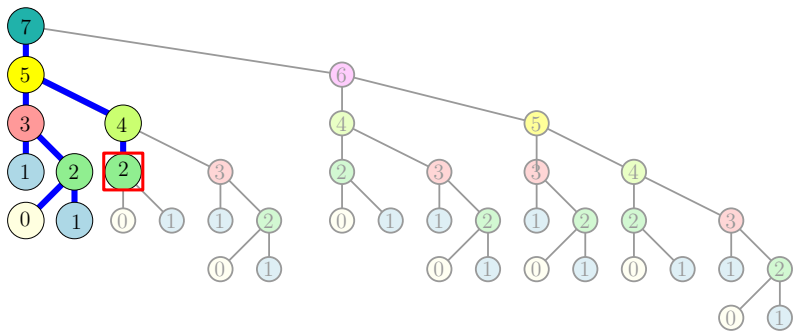
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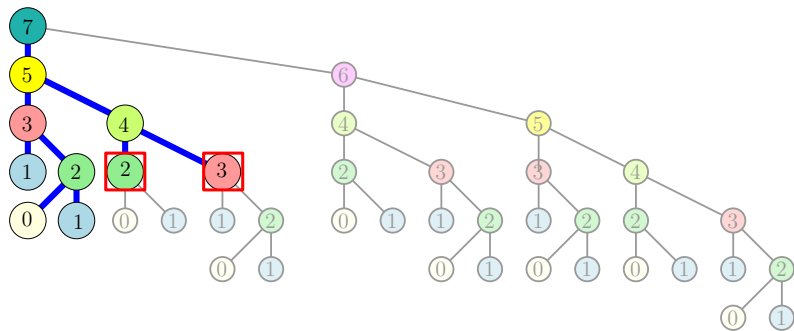
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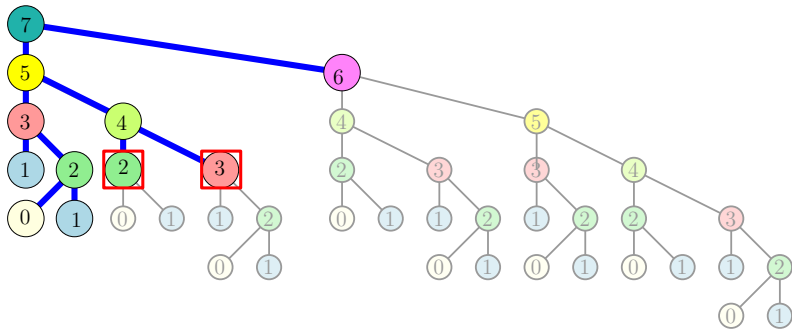
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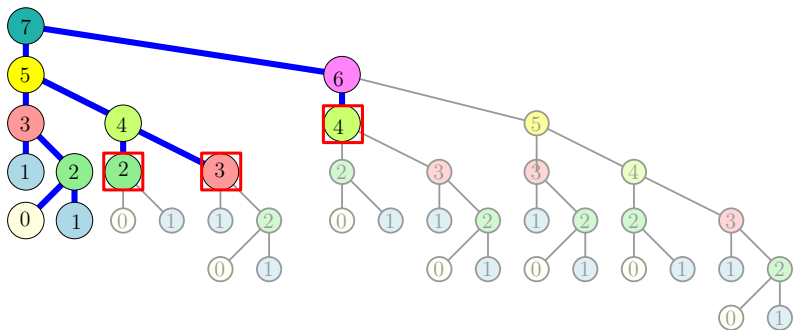
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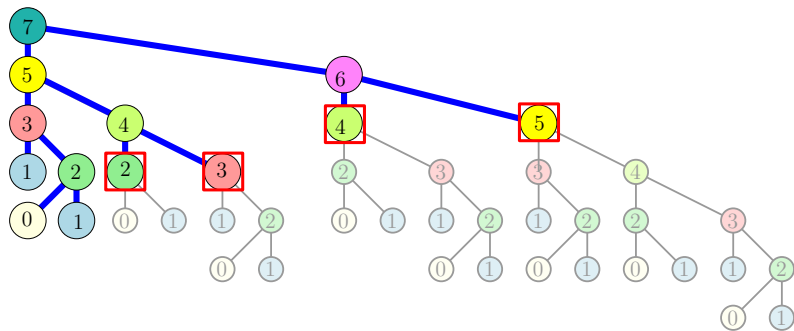
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Implicit memoization

## How many distinct calls?

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binom(t, b) // computes  $\binom{t}{b}$   
  if t = 0 then return 0  
  if b = t or b = 0 then return 1  
  return binom(t - 1, b - 1) + binom(t - 1, b).
```

How many distinct calls does **binom**(*n*,  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ ) makes during its recursive execution?

- $\Theta(1)$ .
- $\Theta(n)$ .
- $\Theta(n \log n)$ .
- $\Theta(n^2)$ .
- $\Theta\left(\binom{n}{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}\right)$ .

That is, if the algorithm calls recursively **binom**(17, 5) about 5000 times during the computation, we count this as a single distinct call.

## Running time of memoized binom?

```
D: Initially an empty dictionary.  
binomM(t, b) // computes  $\binom{t}{b}$   
  if b = t then return 1  
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  if D[t, b] is defined then return D[t, b]  
  D[t, b]  $\leftarrow$  binomM(t - 1, b - 1) + binomM(t - 1, b).  
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Assuming that every arithmetic operation takes  $O(1)$  time, What is the running time of **binomM**(*n*,  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ )?

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# Dynamic programming

# Removing the recursion by filling the table in the right order

“Dynamic programming”

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## Dynamic programming: Saving space!

Saving space. Do we need an array of  $n$  numbers? Not really.

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## 13.2.1

Fibonacci numbers are big – corrected  
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## Back to Fibonacci Numbers

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Is the iterative algorithm a polynomial time algorithm? Does it take  $O(n)$  time?

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- 3 Hence output size is exponential in input size so no polynomial time algorithm possible!
- 4 Running time of iterative algorithm:  $\Theta(n)$  additions but number sizes are  $O(n)$  bits long! Hence total time is  $O(n^2)$ , in fact  $\Theta(n^2)$ . Why?



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## 13.3

Checking if a string is in  $L^*$

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# Problem

**Input** A string  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and access to a language  $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$  via function **IsInL**(*string*  $x$ ) that decides whether  $x$  is in  $L$

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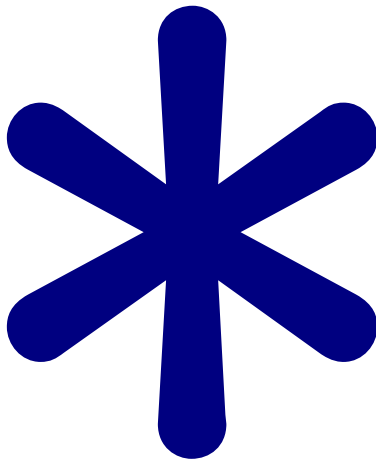


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## Example 13.1.

Suppose  $L$  is *English* and we have a procedure to check whether a string/word is in the *English* dictionary.

- Is the string “isthisanenglishsentence” in *English*?
- Is “stampstamp” in *English*?
- Is “zibzzzad” in *English*?

# Recursive Solution

When is  $w \in L^*$ ?

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## 13.4

# Longest Increasing Subsequence Revisited

## 13.4.1

# Longest Increasing Subsequence



# Sequences

## Definition 13.1.

**Sequence**: an ordered list  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . **Length** of a sequence is number of elements in the list.

## Definition 13.2.

$a_{i_1}, \dots, a_{i_k}$  is a **subsequence** of  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  if  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ .

## Definition 13.3.

A sequence is **increasing** if  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n$ . It is **non-decreasing** if  $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \leq a_n$ . Similarly **decreasing** and **non-increasing**.

# Sequences

Example...

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- ① Sequence: 6, 3, 5, 2, 7, 8, 1, 9
- ② Subsequence of above sequence: 5, 2, 1
- ③ Increasing sequence: 3, 5, 9, 17, 54
- ④ Decreasing sequence: 34, 21, 7, 5, 1
- ⑤ Increasing subsequence of the first sequence: 2, 7, 9.

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# How to order bottom up computation?

	1	2	3	4					n+1
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3									
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# Iterative algorithm

The dynamic program for longest increasing subsequence

```
LIS-Iterative( $A[1..n]$ ):  
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  int  $LIS[0..n, 1..n + 1]$   
  for  $j = 1 \dots n + 1$  do  $LIS[0, j] = 0$   
  
  for  $i = 1 \dots n$  do  
    for ( $j = i + 1 \dots n$  do  
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  Return  $LIS[n, n + 1]$ 
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Running time:  $O(n^2)$

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How to come up with dynamic programming algorithm: summary

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## 13.6

### Supplemental: Some experiments with memoization

## Edit distance: different memoizations

Input size $n$	Running time in seconds		
	DP	Partial	Implicit memoization
1,250	0.01	0.04	0.20
2,500	0.04	0.15	0.84
5,000	0.18	0.64	3.73
10,000	0.72	2.50	15.05
20,000	2.88	9.91	55.35
40,000	12.00	40.00	out of memory

For the input  $n$ , two random strings of length  $n$  were generated, and their distance computed using edit distance.

Note, that edit-distance is simple enough to that DP gets very good performance. For more complicated problems, the advantage of DP would probably be much smaller. The asymptotic running time here is  $\Theta(n^2)$ .

# Edit distance: different memoizations

## More details

- 1 The implementation was done in C++, using -O9 in compilation.
- 2 DP = Dynamic Programming = iterative implementation using arrays.
- 3 Partial memoization = Still uses recursive code, but remembers the results in tables that are managed directly by the code.
- 4 Implicit memoization = implemented using the standard `unordered_map`.

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## Conclusions

- 1 If you are in interview setup, you should probably solve the problem using DP. That's what you would be expected to do.
- 2 Otherwise, I would probably implement partial memoization – it still has the simplicity of the recursive solution, while having a decent performance. If I really care about performance I would implement the DP.
- 3 Using implicit memoization probably makes sense only if running time is not really an issue.

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## 13.7

### Tangential: Fibonacci and his numbers

# Fibonacci = Leonardo Bonacci

- ① CE 1170–1250.
- ② Italian. Spent time in Bugia, Algeria with his father (trader).
- ③ Traveled around the Mediterranean coast, learned the Hindu–Arabic numerals
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  - ① Developed before 400 CE by Hindu philosophers.
  - ② Arrived to the Arab world sometime before 825CE.
  - ③ Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi (Algorithm/Algebra) wrote a book in 825 CE explaining the new system. (Showed how to solve quadratic equations.)
- ⑤ 1202 CE: Fibonacci wrote a book “Liber Abaci” (book of calculations) that popularized the new system.
- ⑥ Brought and popularized the Hindu–Arabic system to Italy.

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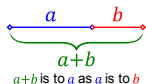
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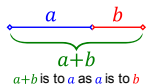
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## Fibonacci numbers really fast

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# More on fast Fibonacci numbers

Continued

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Which can be done in  $O(\log n)$  time (how?). What is wrong?