

The idea of dynamic programming is to compute all the sub-solutions in order to produce a final solution.

Binomial numbers. $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ requires $2k$ multiplications and 1 division.

To use dynamic programming, we'll use the obvious recursion for binomials:

$$\begin{aligned}\binom{n}{k} &= \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k} \\ \binom{n}{0} &= \binom{n}{n} = 1\end{aligned}$$

Partition numbers. $\mathcal{P}_{n,k}$ represents the number of ways we can partition an n -set into k non-empty subsets.

$$\mathcal{P}_{n,0} = 1 \text{ and } \mathcal{P}_{n,n} = 1. \quad \mathcal{P}_{n,k} = \mathcal{P}_{n-1,k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k} \mathcal{P}_{n-1,k}.$$

Travelling salesman problem (TSP). Given sites $1, \dots, n$ and a function $d(i, j)$ giving the distance between sites i and j .