

# Dynamic Programming

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- ▶ Solves problems by breaking into overlapping subproblems.
- ▶ Stores results to avoid redundant computation.
- ▶ Examples: Fibonacci, Coin Change, 0/1 Knapsack.

# Fibonacci Example

- ▶ **Problem:** Compute 6th Fibonacci number:  $F(0) = 0$ ,  $F(1) = 1$ ,  $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$ .
- ▶ **Result:**  $F(6) = 8$ .
- ▶ **Step-by-Step:** Use table to store values.
  1.  $F(2) = F(1) + F(0) = 1 + 0 = 1$
  2.  $F(3) = F(2) + F(1) = 1 + 1 = 2$
  3.  $F(6) = F(5) + F(4) = 5 + 3 = 8$

# Coin Change Example

- ▶ **Problem:** Minimum coins for amount 7 using coins [1, 2, 5].
- ▶ **Step-by-Step:**
  1. Amount 1: 1 coin (1).
  2. Amount 2: 1 coin (2).
  3. Amount 7:  $\text{Min}(1+\text{dp}[6], 1+\text{dp}[5], 1+\text{dp}[2]) = 2$  (coin 5 + coin 2).

# 0/1 Knapsack Example

- ▶ **Problem:** Items [(value=60, weight=10), (100, 20), (120, 30)], capacity 50.
- ▶ Maximize value without exceeding capacity.
- ▶ **Step-by-Step:** Use table to choose items.
  1. Take item 1 (60, 10), item 2 (100, 20): Total value 160.
  2. Add item 3 (120, 30): Exceeds capacity.
  3. Final: Value 220 (items 1 and 2).

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- ▶ **Fibonacci:**  $O(n)$  time,  $O(n)$  space.
- ▶ **Coin Change:**  $O(\text{amount} \times \text{coins})$  time.
- ▶ **Knapsack:**  $O(n \times \text{capacity})$  time.
- ▶ Stores subproblem solutions in tables.