

- (1) (5 Points) Consider Knapsack problem without repetition with  $n$  items with values  $v_i$  and weight  $w_i$ . We have following defined sub-problems:

$K[w, i, 1]$  = maximum value of a collection of items with total weight  $w$  that contains item  $i$

$K[w, i, 0]$  = maximum value of a collection of items with total weight  $w$  that does not contain item  $i$

Is it possible to define a recurrence relation to solve above sub-problems? If possible, give the recurrence formula; otherwise provide the reason why it is not possible.

Not possible. You need more information about the contained items in the sub-problems in order to compute  $K[w, i, \star]$ , as the knapsack is without repetition. This is why the knapsack problem uses the first  $i$  items rather than inclusion/exclusion of a particular item.

(2) (10 Points) In this problem, we want to figure out the number of structurally unique BSTs (binary search trees) that stores the given values.

- (5 Points) Given values 1, 2, 3, draw all the structurally unique BSTs that stores these values. How many structurally unique BSTs can you draw?
- (5 Points) Given values  $1, \dots, n$ , design an algorithm with dynamic programming that figures out how many structurally unique BSTs can you draw. Give the explanation of your algorithm and the time complexity.

(a) When  $n = 3$ , there are a total of 5 unique BSTs.

(b) Let  $A[n]$  be the number of such trees (where  $A[0] = 1$ ). Any binary search tree must have a root. Once we have chosen the (zero-indexed) root  $0 < k \leq n - 1$ , there are  $n - 1$  numbers left to place.  $k$  of those numbers must be in the left subtree, and  $n - k - 1$  numbers must be in the right subtree. Therefore, once we have chosen the root  $k$ , there are  $A[k]$  ways to arrange the left subtree, and  $A[n - 1 - k]$  ways to arrange the right subtree. Summing over all possible roots, we get

$$A[n] = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} A[k] \cdot A[n - 1 - k]$$

We use this recurrence relation to compute  $A[1], A[2], \dots$  in sequential order, saving the values as we go along until we reach  $A[n]$ .