

# Ch25-DynamicProgramming

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## 1 Dynamic Programming (DP)

- <https://www.cs.cmu.edu/~avrim/451f09/lectures/lect1001.pdf>
- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/overlapping-subproblems-property-in-dynamic-programming-dp-1/>
- powerful technique that allows one to solve many different types of problems in time  $O(n^2)$  or  $O(n^3)$  for which a naive approach would take exponential time
- two main properties of a problem that warrants DP solution:
  1. Overlapping Subproblems
  2. Optimal Substructures

### 1.1 Overlapping Subproblems

- problem combines solutions from many overlapping sub-problems
- DP is not useful when there are no common (overlapping) subproblems
- computed solutions to sub-problems are stored in a look-up table to avoid recomputation
- slightly different from **Divide and Conquer** technique
  - divide the problems into smaller non-overlapping subproblems and solve them independently
  - e.g.: merge sort and quick sort

### 1.2 Optimal Substructures

- optimal solution of the given problem can be obtained by using optimal solutions of its subproblems

### 1.3 2 Types of DP solutions

#### 1.4 1. Top-Down (Memoization)

- based on the Latin word memorandum, meaning “to be remembered”
- similar to word memorization, its a technique used in coding to improve program runtime by memorizing intermediate solutions
- using dict type lookup data structure, one can memorize intermediate results of subproblems
- typically recursion use top-down approach

##### 1.4.1 Process

- start solving the given problem by breaking it down
- first check to see if the given problem has been solved already

- if so, return the saved answer
- if not, solve it and save the answer

## 1.5 2. Bottom-Up (Tabulation)

- start solving from the trivial subproblem
- store the results in a table/list/array
- move up towards the given problem by using the results of subproblems
- typically iterative solutions uses bottom-up approach

### 1.5.1 simple recursive fib function

- recall, fibonacci definition is recursive and has many common/overlapping subproblems

```
[1]: count = 0
def fib(n):
    global count
    count += 1
    if n <= 1:
        return 1
    f = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
    return f

n=30 #40, 50? takes a while
print("fib at {}th position = {}".format(n, fib(n)))
print("fib function count = {}".format(count))
```

fib at 30th position = 1346269

fib function count = 2692537

### 1.5.2 theoretical computational complexity

- Time Complexity:  $T(n)$  = time to calculate  $\text{Fib}(n-1)$  +  $\text{Fib}(n-2)$  + time to add them:  $O(1)$
- using Big-Oh ( $O$ ) notation for upper-bound:
  - $T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1)$
  - $T(n) = O(2^{n-1}) + O(2^{n-2}) + O(1)$
  - $T(n) = O(2^n)$

precisely

- $T(n) = O(1.6)^n$ 
  - \* 1.6... is called golden ratio - <https://www.mathsisfun.com/numbers/golden-ratio.html>

- Space Complexity =  $O(n)$  due to call stack

```
[8]: #print(globals())
import timeit
print(timeit.timeit('fib(30)', number=1, globals=globals()))
# big difference between 30 and 40
```

0.35596761399983734

### 1.5.3 memoized recursive fib function

```
[9]: count = 0
def MemoizedFib(memo, n):
    global count
    count += 1
    if n <= 1:
        return 1
    if n in memo:
        return memo[n]
    memo[n] = MemoizedFib(memo, n-1) + MemoizedFib(memo, n-2)
    return memo[n]
```

```
[11]: memo = {}
n=1000 #try 40, 50, 60, 100, 500, 10000, ...
print("fib at {}th position = {}".format(n, MemoizedFib(memo, n)))
print("fib function called {} times.".format(count))
```

fib at 1000th position = 7033036771142281582183525487718354977018126983635873274  
26049050871545371181969335797422494945626117334877504492417659910881863632654502  
23647106012053374121273867339111198139373125598767690091902245245323403501  
fib function called 2118 times.

```
[21]: import timeit
memo = {}
n=1000
print(timeit.timeit('MemoizedFib(memo, n)', number=1, globals=globals()))
```

0.0009976609999284847

### 1.6 using function decorator @cache

- no need to write our own caching mechanism

```
[1]: # cache is new in Python 3.9
from functools import cache

count = 0
@cache
def cachedFib(n):
    global count
    count += 1
    if n <= 1:
        return 1
    f = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)
    return f
```

```

ImportError                                Traceback (most recent call last)
<ipython-input-1-c5a0643615f6> in <module>
----> 1 from functools import cache
      2
      3 count = 0
      4 @cache
      5 def fib(n):

ImportError: cannot import name 'cache' from 'functools' (/Users/rbasnet/
↳miniconda3/lib/python3.8/functools.py)

```

```

[ ]: import timeit
memo = {}
n=1000
print(timeit.timeit('CachedFib(n)', number=1, globals=globals()))

```

```

[1]: %%bash
conda update python

```

Collecting package metadata (current\_repodata.json): ...working... done  
Solving environment: ...working... done

# All requested packages already installed.

```

[2]: ! python --version

```

Python 3.8.5

### 1.6.1 computational complexity of memoized fib

- Time Complexity -  $O(n)$
- Space Complexity -  $O(n)$

### 1.6.2 normally large integer answers are reported in mod

- mod of a fairly large prime number e.g.  $(10^9 + 7)$
- need to know some modular arithmetic: <https://www.khanacademy.org/computing/computer-science/cryptography/modarithmetic/a/modular-addition-and-subtraction>
- $(A + B) \% C = (A \% C + B \% C) \% C$
- $(A - B) \% C = (A \% C - B \% C) \% C$

```

[15]: mod = 1000000007
def MemoizedModFib(memo, n):
    if n <= 1:
        return 1
    if n in memo:
        return memo[n]

```

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memo[n] = (MemoizedFib(memo, n-1)%mod + MemoizedFib(memo, n-2)%mod)%mod
return memo[n]
```

```
[17]: memo = {}
n=1000 #try 40, 50, 60, 100, 500, 10000, ...
print("fib at {}th position = {}".format(n, MemoizedModFib(memo, n)))
```

fib at 1000th position = 107579939

### 1.6.3 bottom-up (iterative) fibonacci solution

- first calculate fib(0) then fib(1), then fib(2), fib(3), and so on

```
[22]: def iterativeFib(n):
# fib array/list
fib = [1]*(n+1) # initialize 0..n list with 1
for i in range(2, n+1):
    fib[i] = fib[i-1] + fib[i-2]
return fib[i]
```

```
[24]: n=1000
print(timeit.timeit('iterativeFib(n)', number=1, globals=globals()))
# is faster than recursive counterpart
```

0.0001866370002971962

## 1.7 Coin Change Problem

- <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/understanding-the-coin-change-problem-with-dynamic-programming/>
- essential to understanding the paradigm of DP
- a variation of problem definition:
  - Given an infinite number of coins of various denominations such as 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), and 10 cents (dime), can you determine the total number of combinations (order doesn't matter) of the coins in the given list to make up some amount  $N$ ?
- Example 1:
  - Input: coins = [1, 5, 10],  $N = 8$
  - Output: 2
  - Combinations:
    1.  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 8$   
\*  $\$1 + 1 + 1 + 5 = 8 \$$
- Example 2:
  - Input: coins = [1, 5, 10],  $N = 10$
  - Output: 4
  - Combinations:
    1.  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 10$   
\*  $\$ 1+1+1+1+1+5 = 10\$$

\* \$ 5+5 = 10\$

\* 10 = 10

- Implementation:

- we use tabulation/list/array to store the number of ways for outcome  $N = 0$  to 12
- values of list represent the number of ways; indices represent the outcome/sum  $N$
- so ways = [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,...] initialized with 12 0s
- base case:
  - \* ways[0] = 1; there's 1 way to make sum  $N=0$  using 0 coin
- for each coin:
  - \* if the value of coin is less than the outcome/index  $N$ ,
    - update the ways[n] = ways[n-coin] + ways[n]

```
[3]: def countWays(coins, N):  
    # use ways table to store the results  
    # ways[i] will store the number of solutions for value i  
    ways = [0]*(N+1) # initialize all values 0-12 as 0  
    # base case  
    ways[0] = 1  
    # pick all coins one by one  
    # update the ways starting from the value of the picked coin  
    print('values:', list(range(N+1)))  
    for coin in coins:  
        for i in range(coin, N+1):  
            ways[i] += ways[i-coin]  
        print('ways: ', ways, coin)  
    return ways[N]
```

```
[4]: coins = [1, 5, 10]  
N = 8  
print('Number of Ways to get {} = {}'.format(N, countWays(coins, N)))
```

```
values: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8]  
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] 1  
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2] 5  
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2] 10  
Number of Ways to get 8 = 2
```

```
[5]: N = 10  
print('Number of Ways to get {} = {}'.format(N, countWays(coins, N)))
```

```
values: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]  
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] 1  
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2] 5  
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4] 10  
Number of Ways to get 10 = 4
```

```
[6]: N = 12
print('Number of Ways to get {} = {}'.format(N, countWays(coins, N)))
```

```
values: [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12]
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1] 1
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3] 5
ways:   [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 4, 4, 4] 10
Number of Ways to get 12 = 4
```

## 1.8 find minimum number of coins that make a given value/change

- Problem:
  - Input:  $coins = [5, 10, 25], N = 30$
  - Output: 2
  - Combinations:  $25 + 5 = 30$

```
[50]: import math

# DP solution for min coin count to make the change N
def minCoins(coins, N):
    # count list stores the minimum number of coins required for i value
    # all values 0-N are initialized to infinity
    count = [math.inf]*(N+1)
    # base case
    # no. of coin required to make 0 value is 0
    count[0] = 0
    # compute min coins for all values from 1 to N
    for i in range(1, N+1):
        for coin in coins:
            # for every coin smaller than value i
            if coin <= i:
                if count[i-coin]+1 < count[i]:
                    count[i] = count[i-coin]+1
    return count[N]
```

```
[51]: coins = [1, 3, 4]
N = 6
print('min coins required to give total of {} change = {}'.format(N,
↪minCoins(coins, N)))
```

min coins required to give total of 6 change = 2

## 1.9 Exercises

1. Ocean's Anti-11 - <https://open.kattis.com/problems/anti11>
  - Hint: count all possible  $n$  length binary integers (without 11) for the first few (2,3,4) positive integers and you'll see a Fibonacci like pattern that gives the total number of possible binaries without 11 in them

- Write a program that finds factorials of a bunch of positive integer numbers. Would memoization improve time complexity of the program?

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