

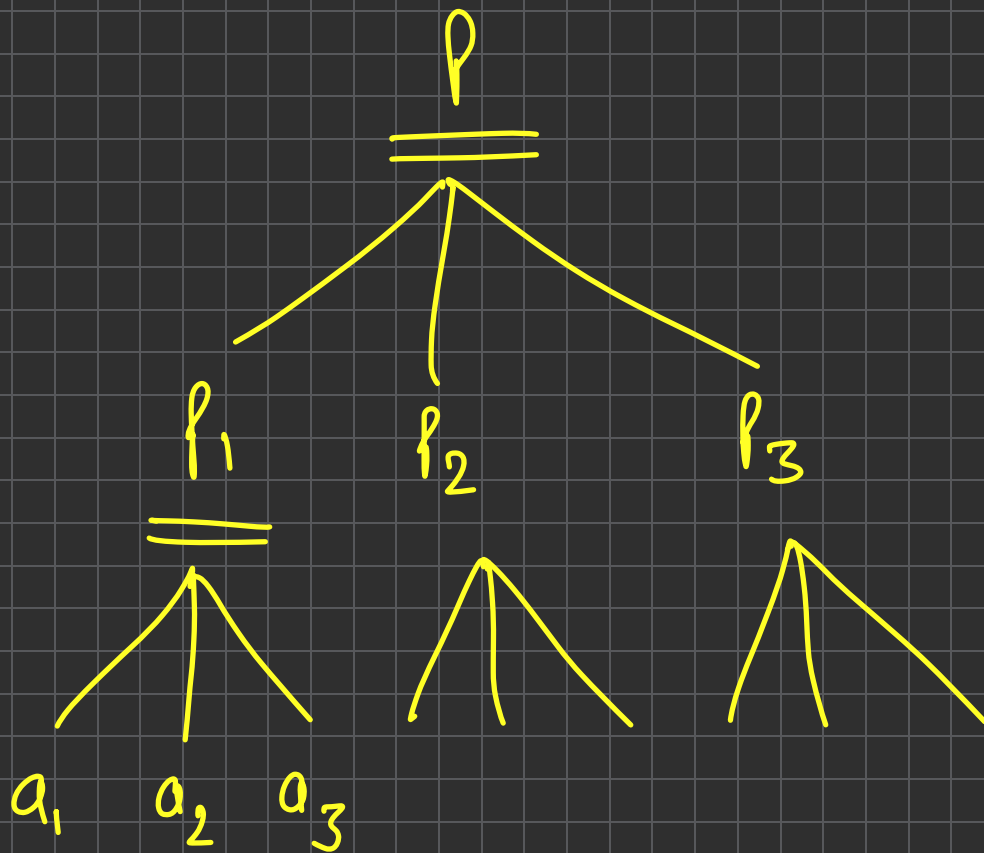
Welcome!

Introduction to Dynamic Programming

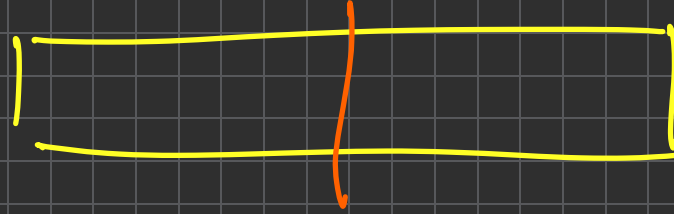
Mindset Building

Divide and conquer mindset

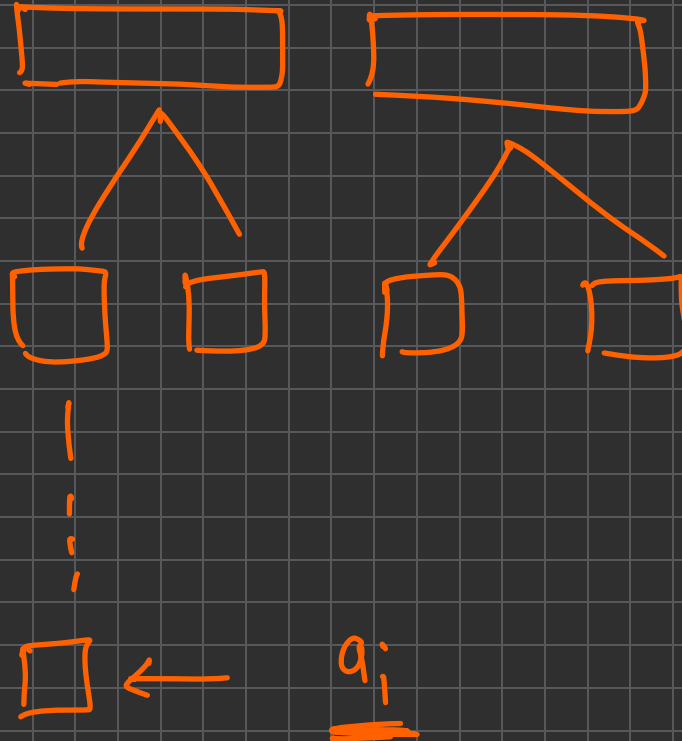
- ① Breaking a problem into smaller subproblems
- ② How to get answer for bigger problem from smaller subproblems
- ③ What is the smallest subproblem which is trivial to solve
- ④ What is the biggest subproblem

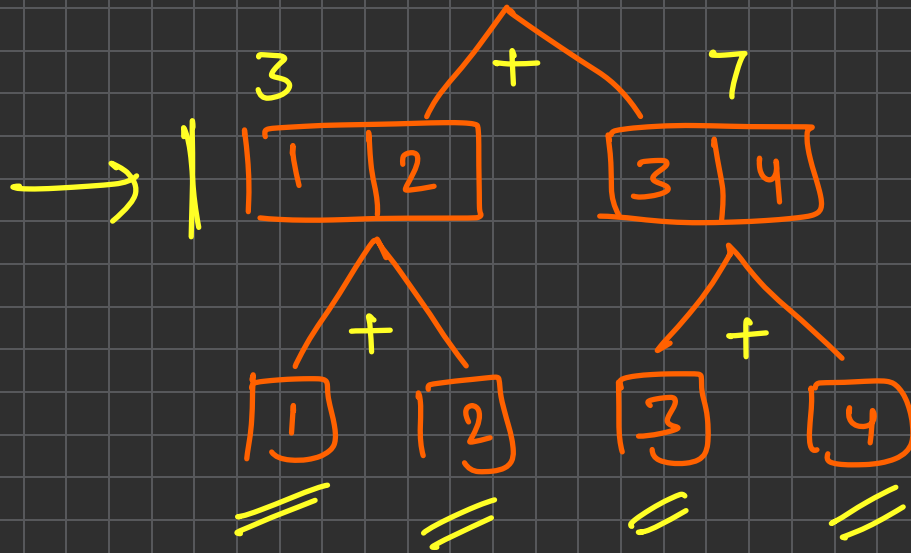
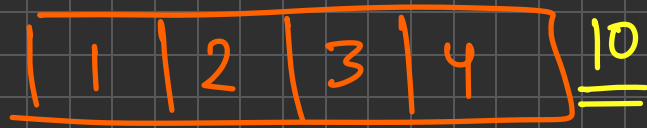


array :



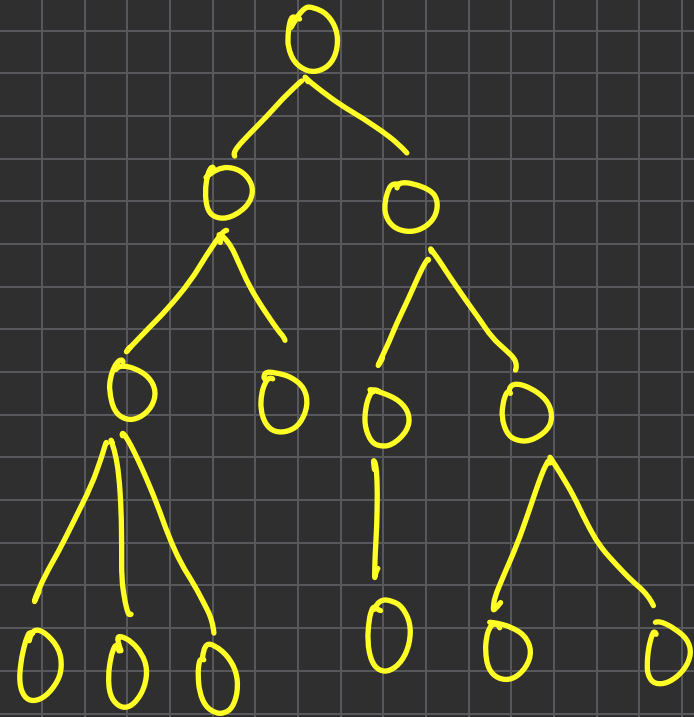
sum of
all
elements





Being clever enough

#storing answer of already calculated problems



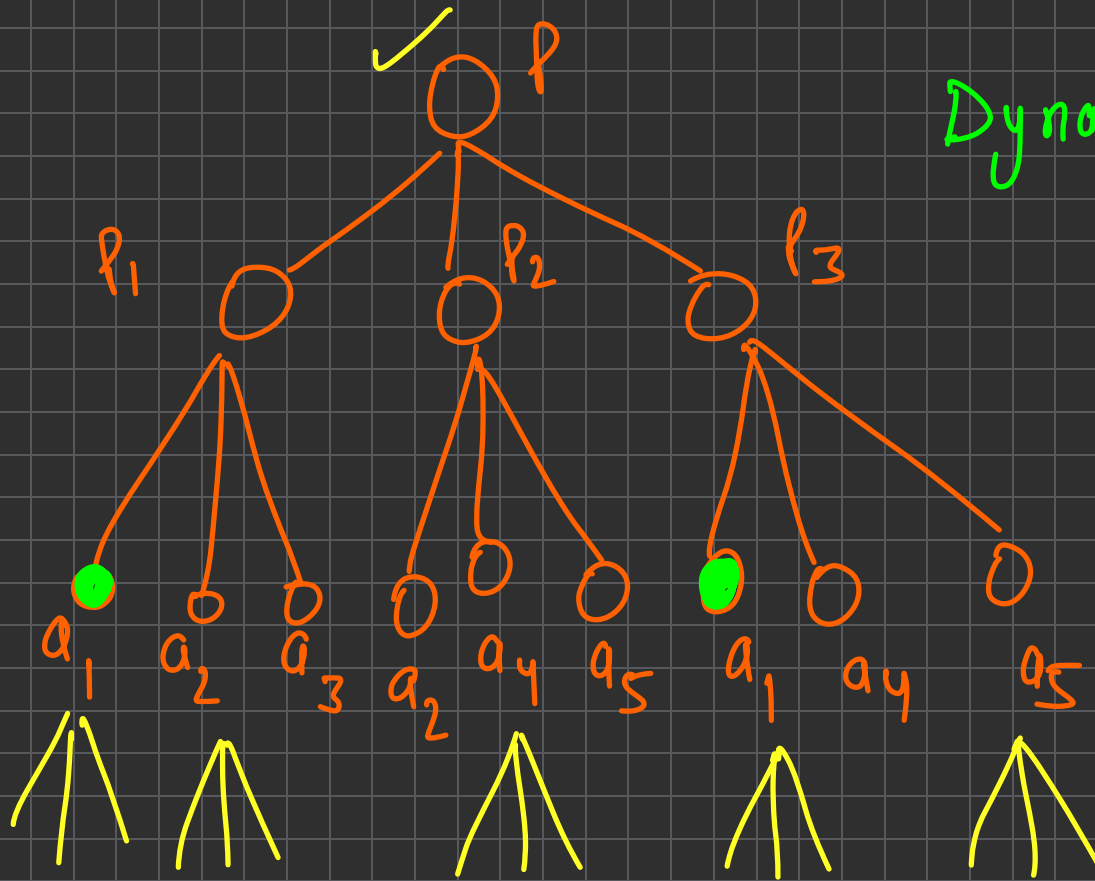
memoization

$a_1 \rightarrow$

$a_2 \rightarrow$

$a_3 \rightarrow$

Dynamic
programming



memoization

Example

fibonacci Numbers



$$f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$$

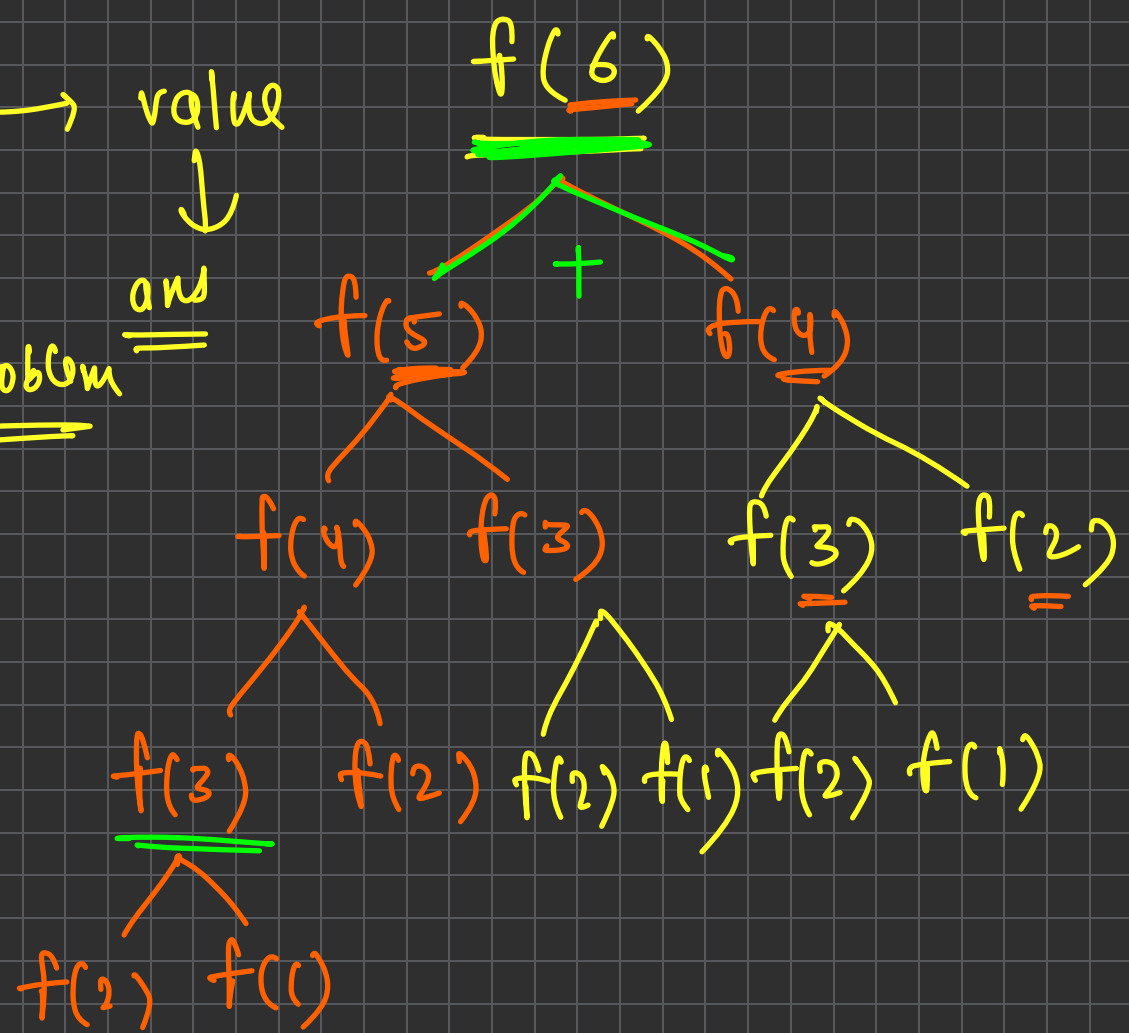
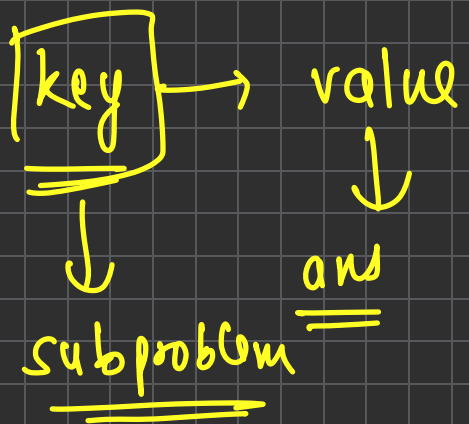
$$f(1) = 1, f(2) = 1$$

nth fibonacci number

$$10^5 \geq n \geq 1$$

$$f(3) = f(2) + f(1)$$

$$f(5) = f(4) + f(3)$$



subproblems

x	1	1	2	3	5	8
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0

1

2

3

4

5

6

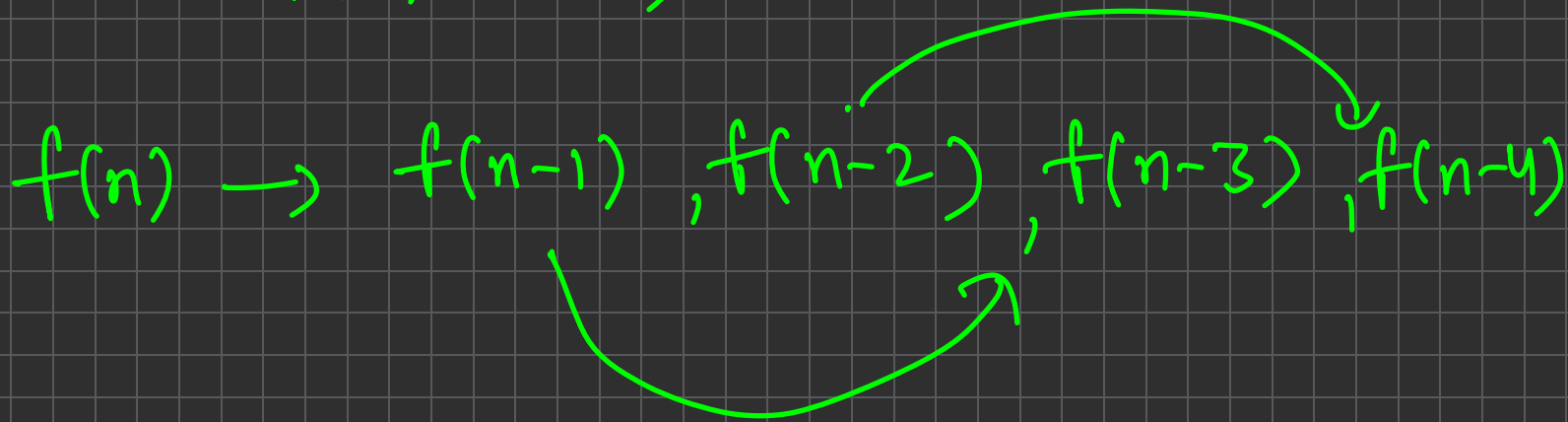
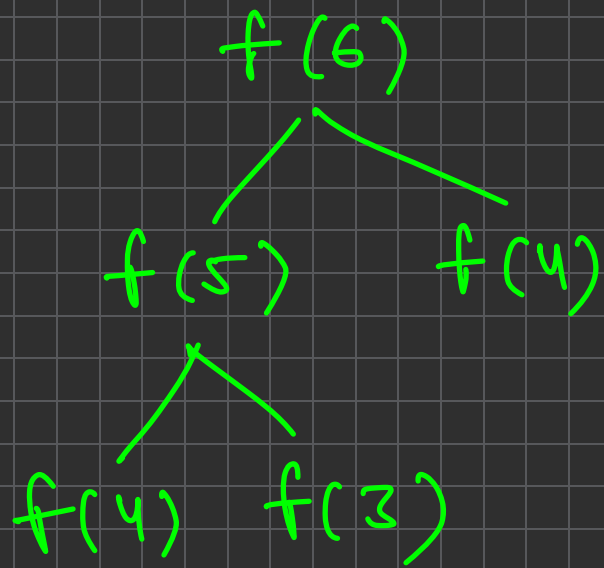
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default value

$$1 \leq f(x) \leq 10^{18}$$

① to check if this subproblem has been solved before

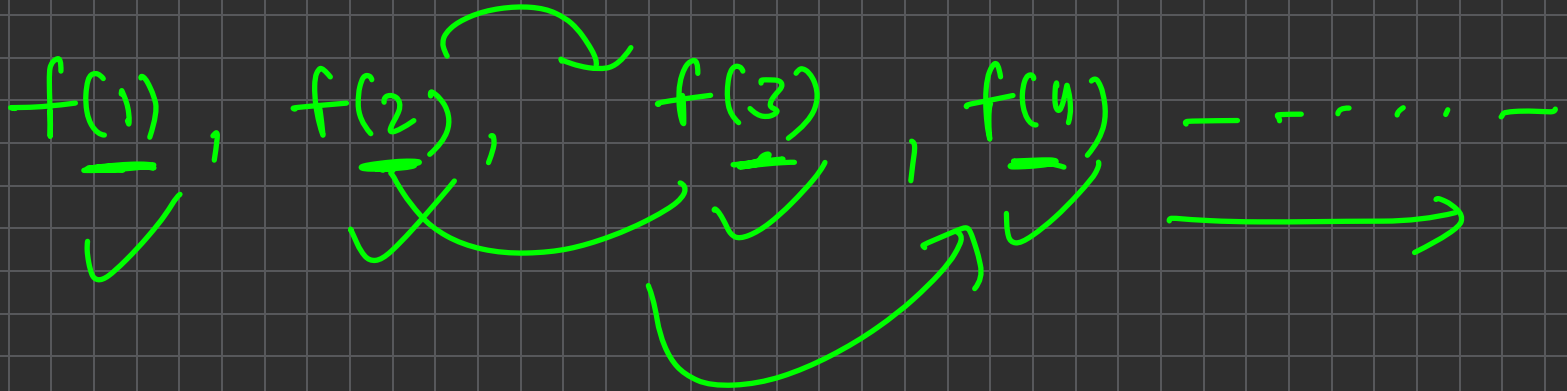
② to update | retrieve the value



$f(3)$

after

$f(6)$



```

int f(int n){
    if(n <= 2){
        return 1;
    }
    return f(n - 1) + f(n - 2);
}

void solve(){
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    cout << f(n);
}

```

n = 30

Brute *not optimal*

```

vector<int> dp(100, -1);
void solve(){
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    dp[1] = 1;
    dp[2] = 1;
    for(int i = 3; i <= n; i++){
        dp[i] = dp[i - 1] + dp[i - 2];
    }
    cout << dp[n];
}

```

Iterative DP

```

vector<int> dp(100, -1);
int f(int n){
    if(n <= 2){
        return 1;
    }
    if(dp[n] != -1){
        return dp[n];
    }
    dp[n] = f(n - 1) + f(n - 2);
    return dp[n];
}

void solve(){
    int n;
    cin >> n;
    cout << f(n);
}

```

Recursive DP

dp(i) → dp(i-1), dp(i-2)

How to solve a dp problem?

#Think about subproblem (state) ~~parameter~~

#Think about breaking it into smaller subproblems ✓

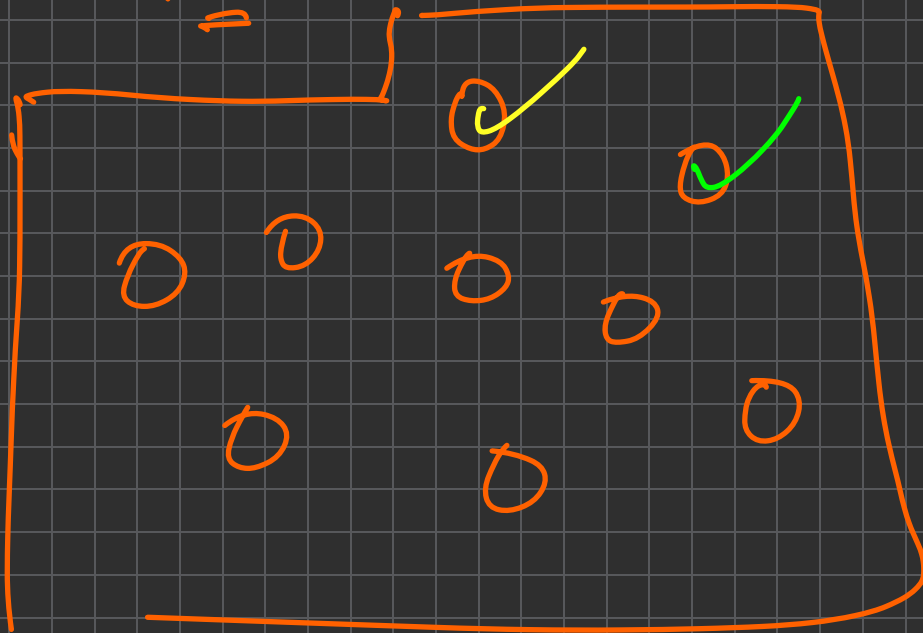
#Think about the relation b/w smaller subproblems to compute bigger subproblem (transition)

✓ #Where does the above relation not work (base case)

✓ #What is the biggest problem to solve (final subproblem)

dp(n) = nth fibonacci number

dp(1) different from dp(5)



Coding a DP problem

Recursive (top down)

Stack space ✓

Slower ✓

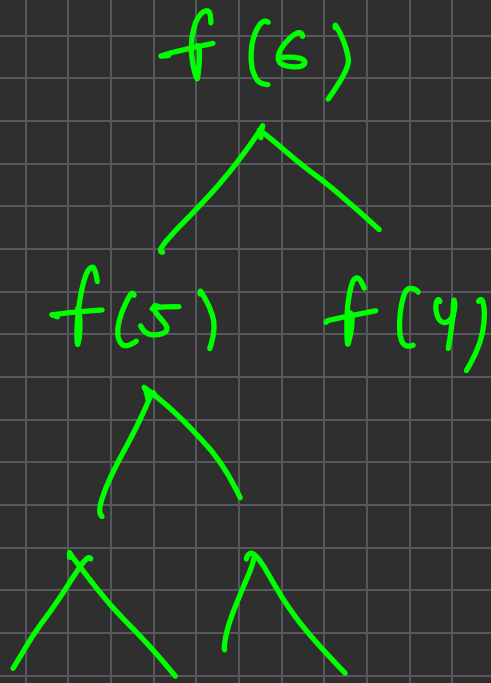
Flow is not important
(less thinking)

Iterative (bottom up)

No stack space

Faster

Flow is very important
(more thinking)

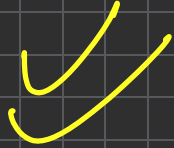


$f(1)$

$f(2)$

$f(3)$

..... $f(6)$



bottom up

Time and Space Complexity discussion

tight bound

loose bound

$O(\text{total transition time})$

$\sum_{i=1}^n$ transition time for
state;

$O(\text{no. of states})$

\times
avg transition
time per state)

not case transition
time

fibonacci problem

$f(1)$

$f(2)$

\vdots

$f(n)$



n states . $O(1)$

$O(n)$

$f(n)$

$+$

$f(n-1)$

$f(n-2)$

$$f(1) \rightarrow O(n)$$

$$f(2) \rightarrow O(n/2)$$

1

⋮

$$f(n) \rightarrow O(n/n)$$

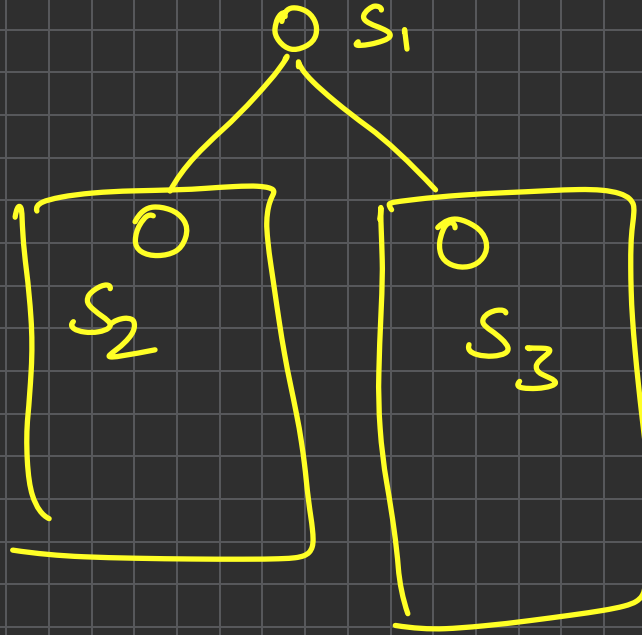
} n^2
 $n \log n$

s_1 0

s_2 0

s_3 0

s_4 0



$$s_1 = 2s_2 + 3s_3 \quad \} \underline{\underline{O(1)}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{S_n}} \rightarrow a \underline{\underline{S_1}} + b \underline{\underline{S_2}} + c \underline{\underline{S_3}} \dots x \underline{\underline{S_{n-1}}}$$

$O(n)$

L.H.S.

R.H.S



$S_1 \leftarrow \checkmark$
 $S_2 \leftarrow \checkmark$
 $S_3 \leftarrow \checkmark$

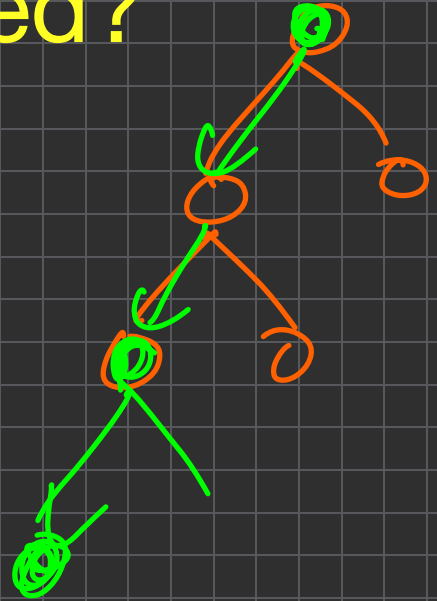
$S_4 \rightarrow$ $S_1 \quad S_2 \quad S_3$

states \times
 avg time required
 to calculate
 a state

Where can dp be applied?

- ① No. of ways ✓✓
- ② Min/max answer ✓✓
- ③ Checking for possibility

		
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✓ #optimized brute force

✓ #identifying overlapping subproblems