

CSE 221: Algorithms

Dynamic Programming

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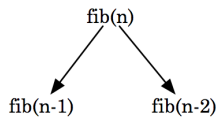
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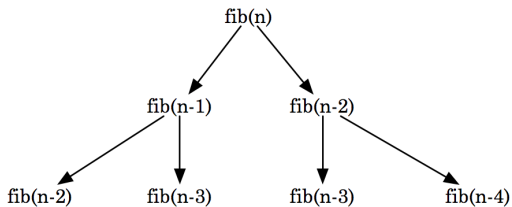
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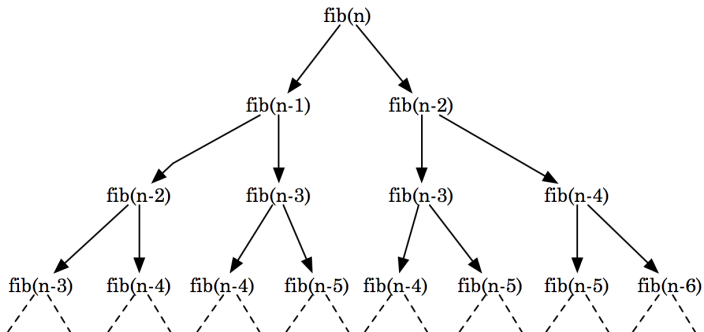
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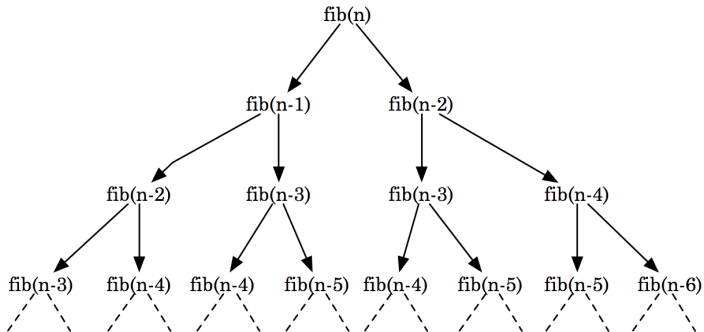
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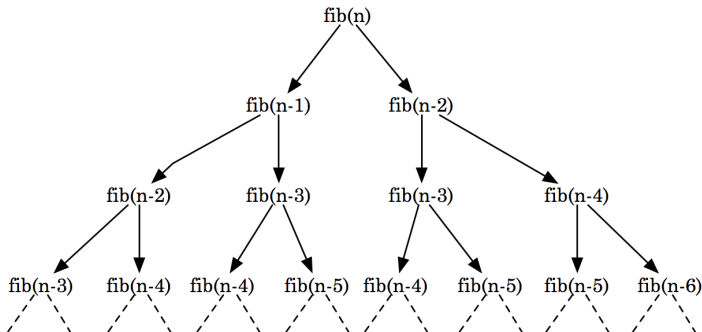
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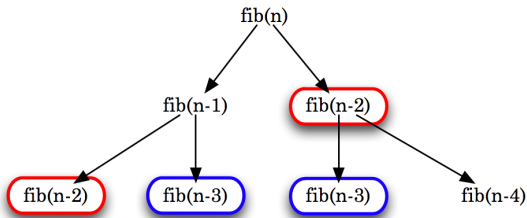


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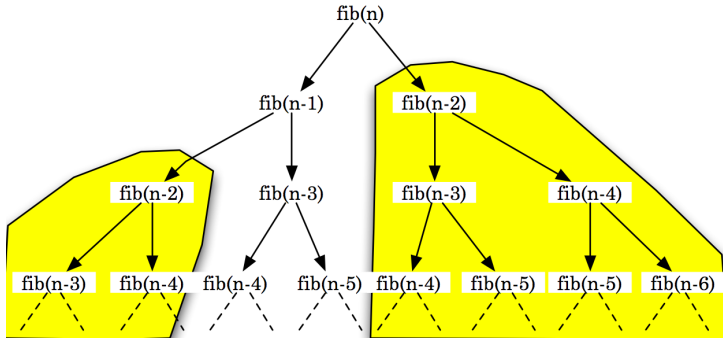
To be precise, $T(n) = O(\varphi^n)$, where $\varphi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ is the **golden ratio**.

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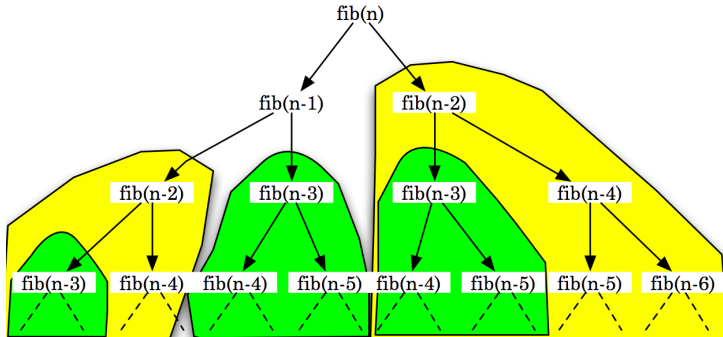
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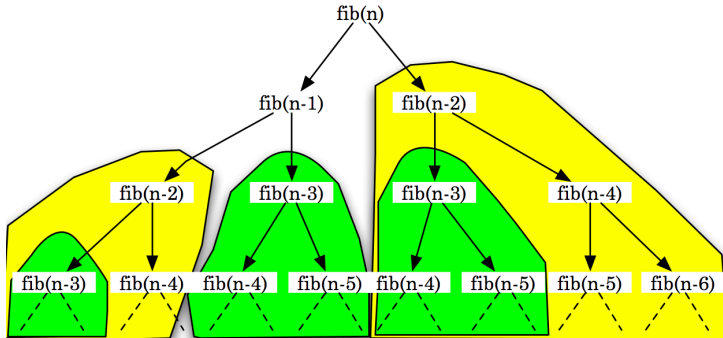
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▷ Likewise for computing $\text{FIB}(n - 3)$.

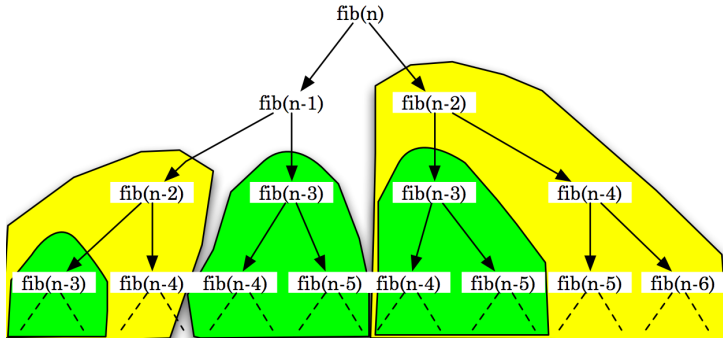
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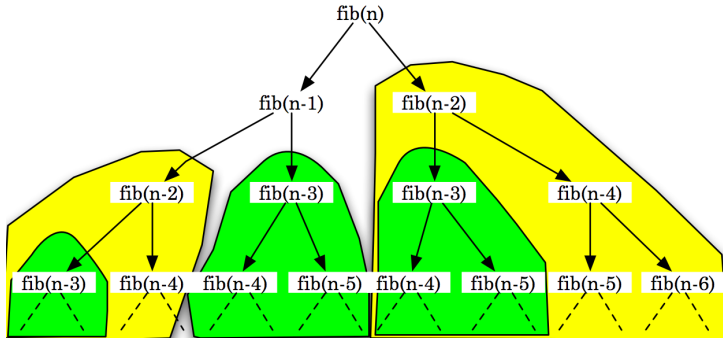
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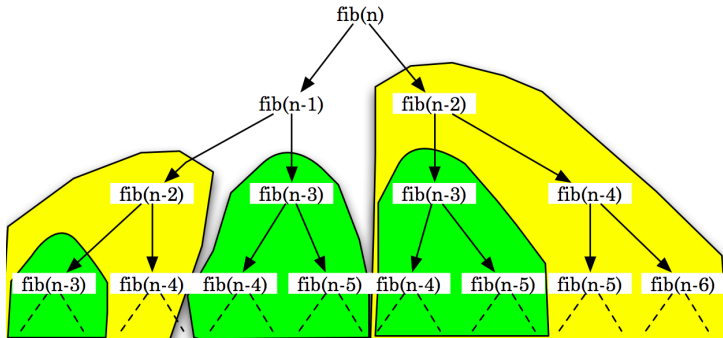
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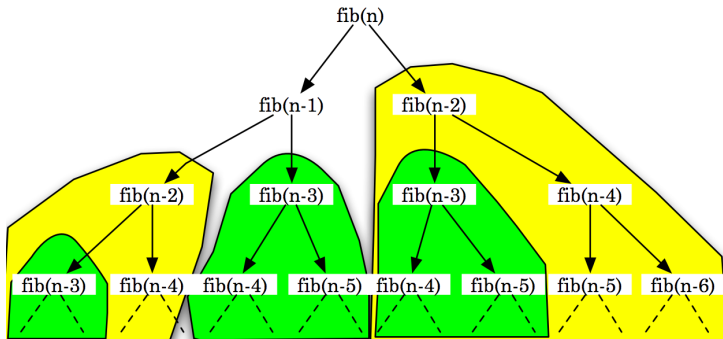
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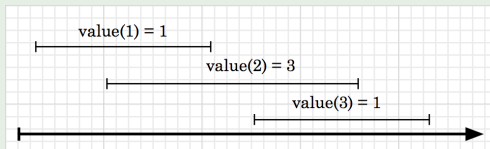
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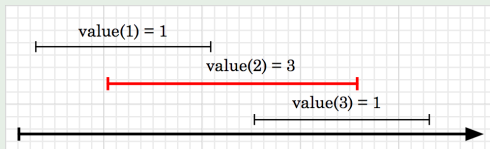


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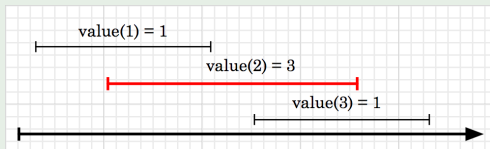
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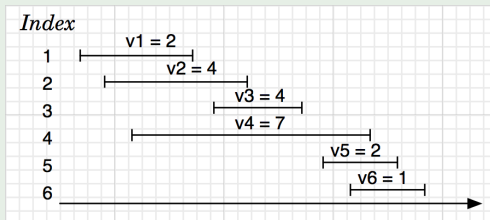
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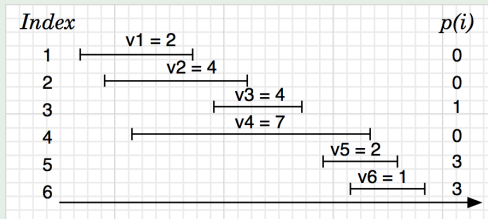
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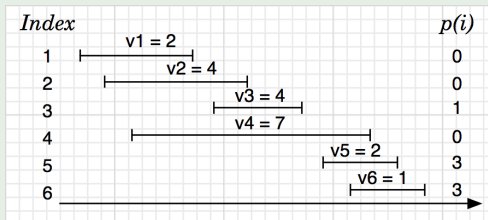
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- The memoized algorithm only computes the optimal value, but does not extract the intervals that make up the solution.
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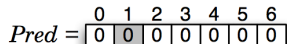
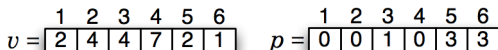
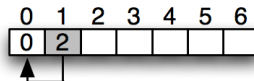
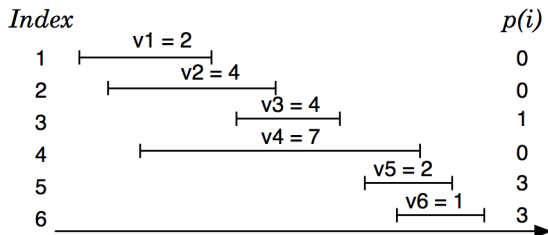
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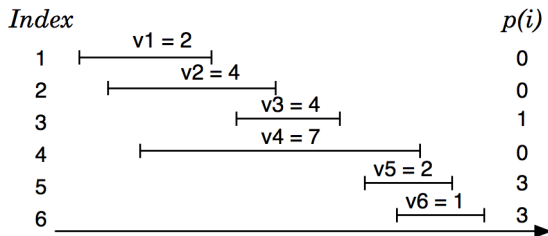
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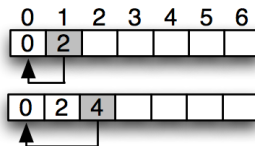
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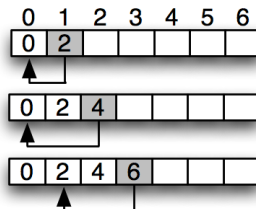
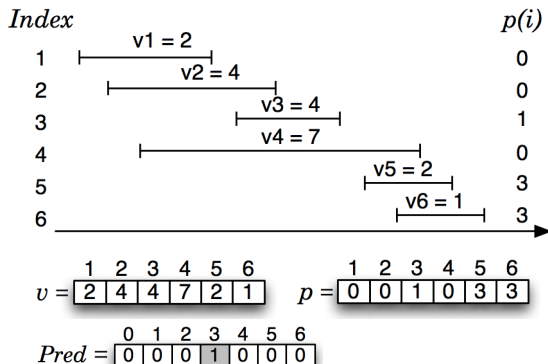
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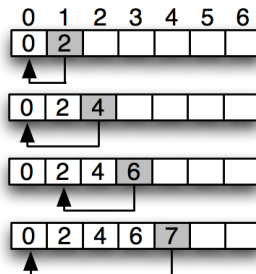
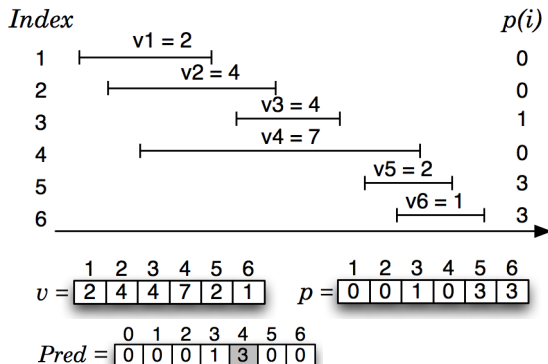
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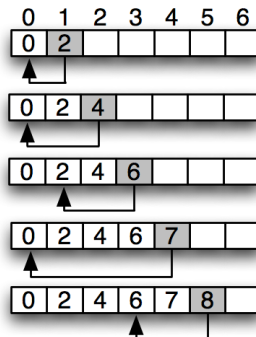
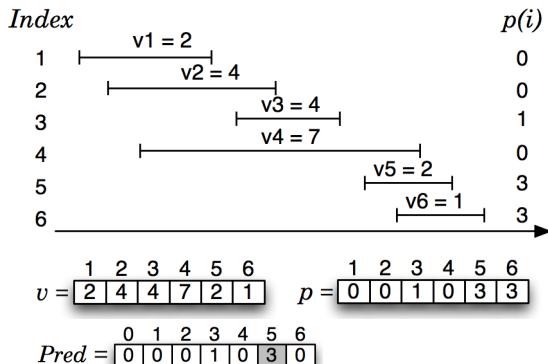
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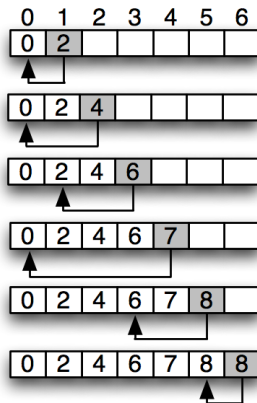
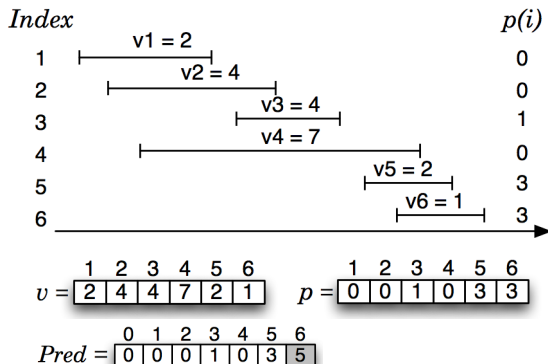
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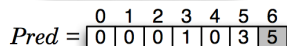
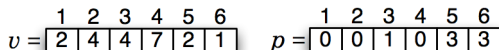
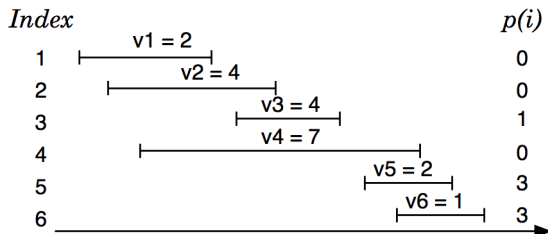
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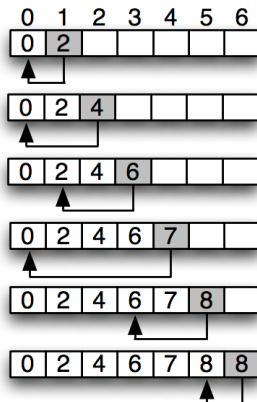


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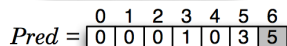
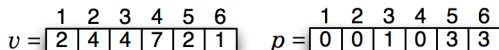
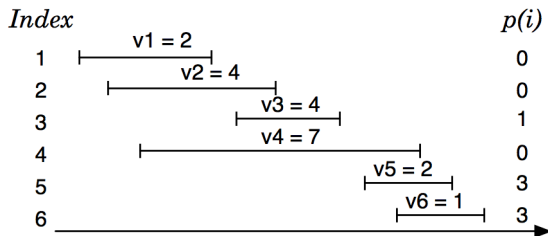


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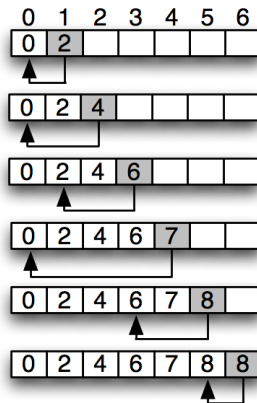


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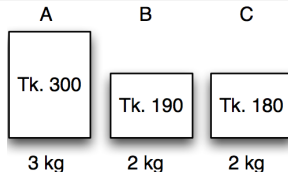
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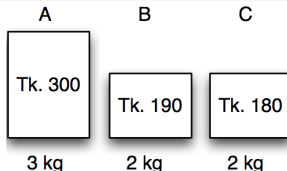


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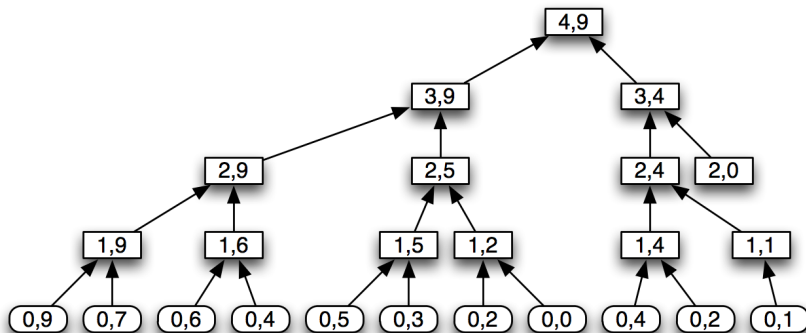
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- Since we don't know which coin would be chosen, we have to search all $|C|$ denominations and find the minimum.
- The number of coins for 0 amount is 0.

Recurrence

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Conclusion

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- The key to Dynamic programming is in “intelligent” recursion (the hard part), not in filling up the table (the easy part).
- Dynamic Programming has the potential to transform exponential-time brute-force solutions into polynomial-time algorithms.
- Greed does not pay, Dynamic Programming does!