

Dynamic Programming

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- A simple example:
Calculating the n-th Fibonacci number
$$Fib(n) = Fib(n - 1) + Fib(n - 2)$$

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Properties of Dynamic Programming

Such problems exhibit the following two properties:

- **Optimal Substructure**
- **Overlapping sub-problems**

Optimal Substructure

A problem is said to have optimal substructure if an optimal solution can be constructed from optimal solutions of its sub-problems.

e.g. in [Floyd-Warshall](#) algorithm, travelling from node i to j using node k , $\text{dist}[i][j] = \text{dist}[i][k] + \text{dist}[k][j]$

Overlapping sub-problems

A problem has overlapping sub-problems if finding its solution involves solving the same sub-problem multiple times.

Example: Calculating n -th Fibonacci number $F(n)$

Example of Overlapping sub-problems

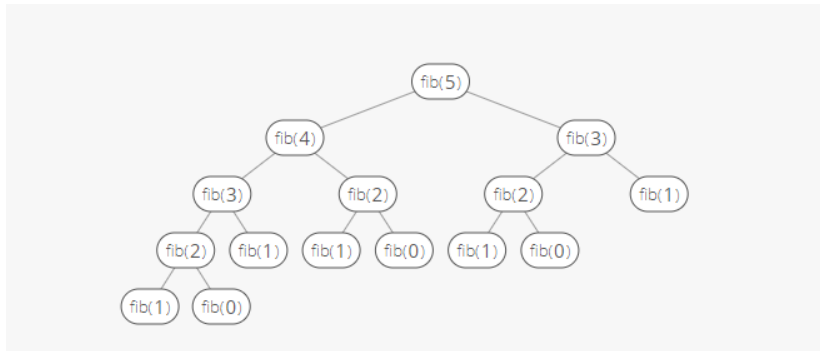


Figure: Overlapping Sub-problems in determination of Fibonacci series

Binomial Coefficient a.k.a $C(n,r)$

problem statement: **ways to select** r objects from n objects
regardless of the ordering

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Naive approach : calculating

$$\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

- Problem : overflow will be caused calculating factorials, unsigned long long wouldn't be enough. May be BigInteger would do but not efficient.
- Solution : using dynamic programming.

$C(n,r)$ having dynamic programming properties

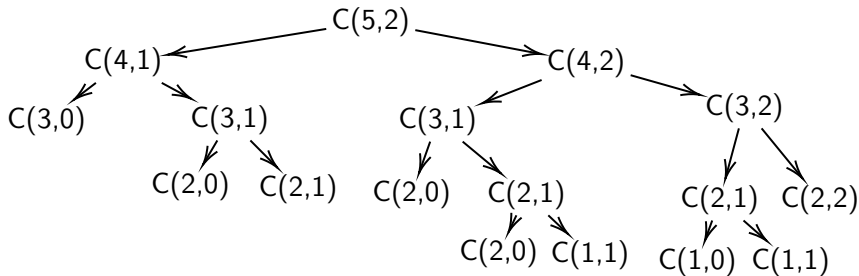
Optimal Substructure: $C(n,r)$ can be recursively calculated using the formula,

$$C(n, r) = C(n - 1, r - 1) + C(n - 1, r)$$

with base cases, $C(n, 0) = C(n, n) = 1$ and $C(n, 1) = n$

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Overlapping Sub-problems: let $n=5, r=2$



Algorithm List		
Algorithm Name	Time Complexity	Space Complexity
BFS	$O(V + E)$	$O(V)$
DFS	$O(V + E)$	$O(V)$
Dijkstra	$O(V + E \log V)$	$O(V + E)$
Bellman Ford	$O(V * E)$	$O(V)$
Floyd–Warshall	$O(V ^3)$	$O(V ^2)$
Edmonds–Karp	$O(V * E ^2)$	$O(V + E)$