

# Fall glass problem

- Shock proof landing mat that catch the fall of the glass at a height
  - Guarantee up to # of floor glass not break
  - find height floor  $x$  where glass will not break
- \* Restriction: Set amount of glass panes

If glass Survive  
use again in other trial

If Shatter  
remove

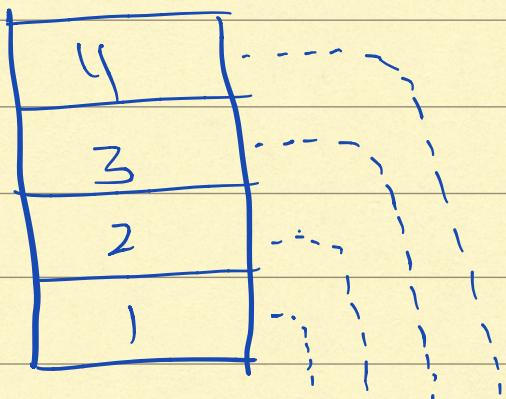
If Shatter at Set floor  
then Shatter  $>$  Set floor

If glass Survive at Set floor  
then Survive  $<$  Set floor

No guarantee if thrown from 1<sup>st</sup> floor glass will or will not break  
nor last n<sup>th</sup> floor

e.g. If only one glass must start

first and move up.  
worst case try all



Check all floors  
Since only 1

Actually trying decide floors which glass sheet should be dropped so total # of trials are minimized

Given  $n$  floors,  $m$  sheets

a) Describe optimal Substructure/recurrence that will lead to recursive Solution

We know for sure for base case

- if we have 0 floor we need 0 trials [No drop]
- if we have 1 floor we need to do 1 trial [1 drop]
- if we have 1 sheet we cannot min

So we must go thru all floors so we return # of floors

\* what if we have 1 floor and 0 Sheets

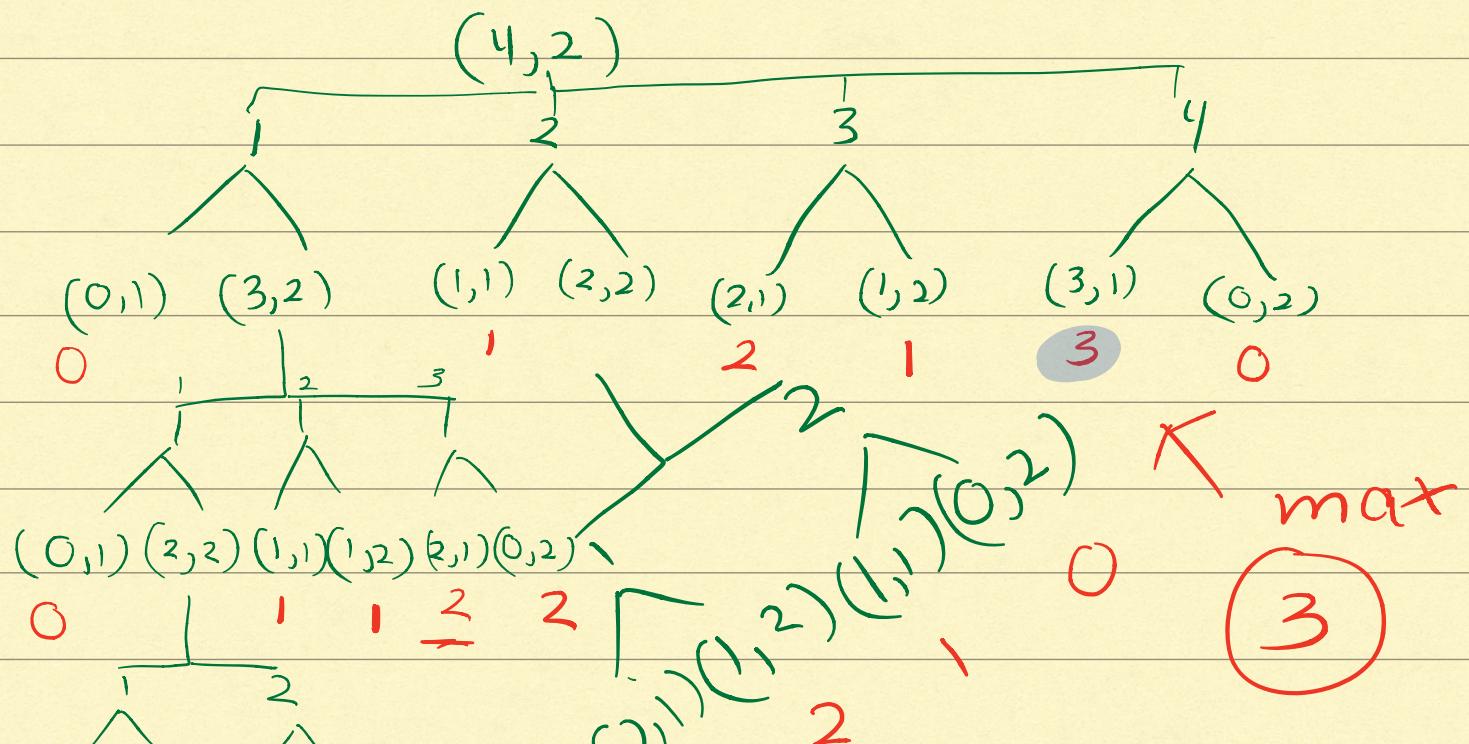
Recursion Part:

For every floor.

Case 1: Shatter at given floor  
So return 1 less Sheet  
and check next floor

Case 2: Does not Shatter at given floor  
return same # Sheet  
and check next floor

b) Recurrence Tree



(0,1)(1,2)(1,1)(0,2)

0 1 1 0

Each floor check both cases

- egg breaking
- egg not breaking

min  $\rightarrow (4,2) \circled{2} + 1 = 3 \checkmark$

0 2 1 2 2 1 3 0  
(0,1)(3,2) (1,1)(2,2) (2,1)(1,2) (3,1)(0,2)  
 $\circled{2}$   $\circled{2}$   $\circled{2}$   $\circled{3}$

min  $\rightarrow \circled{1} + 1$   
0 2 (3,2), 1 2 0  
(0,1) (2,2) (1,1)(1,2) (2,1)(0,2)  
 $\circled{2}$   $\circled{1}$   $\circled{2}$

takes min  
0 1 1 0  
(0,1) (1,2) (1,1) (0,2)  
 $\circled{1}$   $\circled{1}$

$\circled{1} \leftarrow \text{max at each}$

1 for each floor to consider  
drop

\* I noticed # of trial is

like geometric series.

$$\text{So } \frac{(t)(t-1)}{2} = \text{floors}$$

gives a good estimate

$$\sqrt{2.37} \approx 3$$

c) Coded

d) How many distinct subproblems?

$$\begin{array}{l} (3,2) (2,2) (1,2) (0,2) \\ (3,1) (2,1) (1,1) (0,1) \end{array}$$

8 distinct subproblems

e) How many distinct subproblems for  $n$  floors and  $m$  sheets

$$\# = n(n-1) \text{ distinct}$$

8) Since there is a lot of repeated Subproblems. I would use a 2D array so it would save on computing so many subproblems. This would save me computation time as I would save the result of each subproblem. So my program would check if prev sub was solved and return those to solve current subproblem and so on.

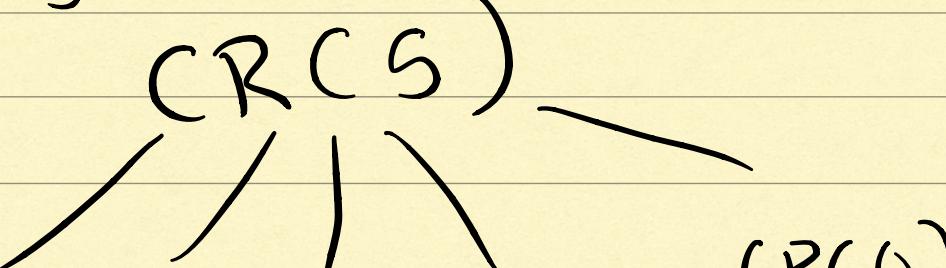
## Rod Cutting

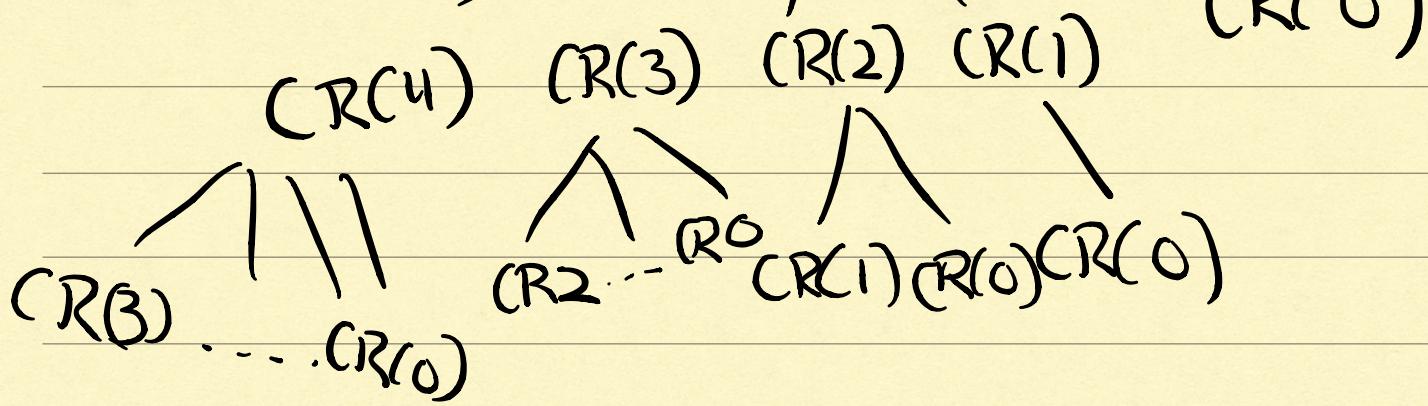
Given a rod length  $N$  and table of prices like so

length	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
price	1	5	8	9	10	17	17	20

a) Draw Recursion tree of rod of length 5

(R(5))





b) Counter example for 15.1-2

Situation that only DP work instead of greedy

\* Rod cutting with greed it will choose the cut that gives the largest value

Example	1	2	3	4	Length
	1	14	15	20	Price

Greedy would choose to cut the rod for maximum value which cut at length 3 for price of 15 and then leave rod of length 1 for price of 1. which gives price of 16. But the best way to cut the rod would be to cut it

of length 2 twice for  
total price of 28.