

# Dynamic Programming - I

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# Announcement

Mini-hw3 due on 10/11 (Thu.) 14:20

Where to find TA hours

- <https://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~hchsiao/courses/ada18.html>

General guidelines on homework

# 暖身運動： Hats with Consecutive Numbers

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/academic/class/15251-s09/Site/Materials/Lectures/lecture01.pdf>

# Agenda

What is dynamic programming?

Examples

- Rod cutting problem (鐵條切割)
- Weighted interval scheduling (加權區間調度)
- Knapsack Problem (背包問題)
- Sequence Alignment Problem (序列比對)

# Dynamic Programming (DP)

“Dynamic programming, like the divide-and-conquer method, solves problems by combining the solutions to subproblems.”

“In mathematics, computer science, economics, and bioinformatics, dynamic programming is a method for solving complex problems by breaking them down into simpler subproblems.” – Wikipedia



# Algorithm design paradigms

## Divide and Conquer (DC)

把一個問題分解成數個性質相同的小問題。

- Blindly recompute overlapping subproblems
- Work best when subproblems are **independent**, or **disjoint**



## Dynamic Programming (DP)

- Solve each subproblem at most once
- Applicable when subproblems are **dependent**, or **overlapping**
- Two equivalent ways to avoid recomputation
  - Top-down with memoization

Memo=備忘錄

- Bottom-up method

按部就班 由小到大逐一解決

# Why the name “dynamic programming”?



Richard Bellman coined this impressive yet distracting term

Bellman: “The 1950s were not good years for mathematical research. We had a very interesting gentleman in Washington named Wilson. He was secretary of Defense, and he actually had a pathological fear and hatred of the word ‘research’...”

硬是要解讀的話...

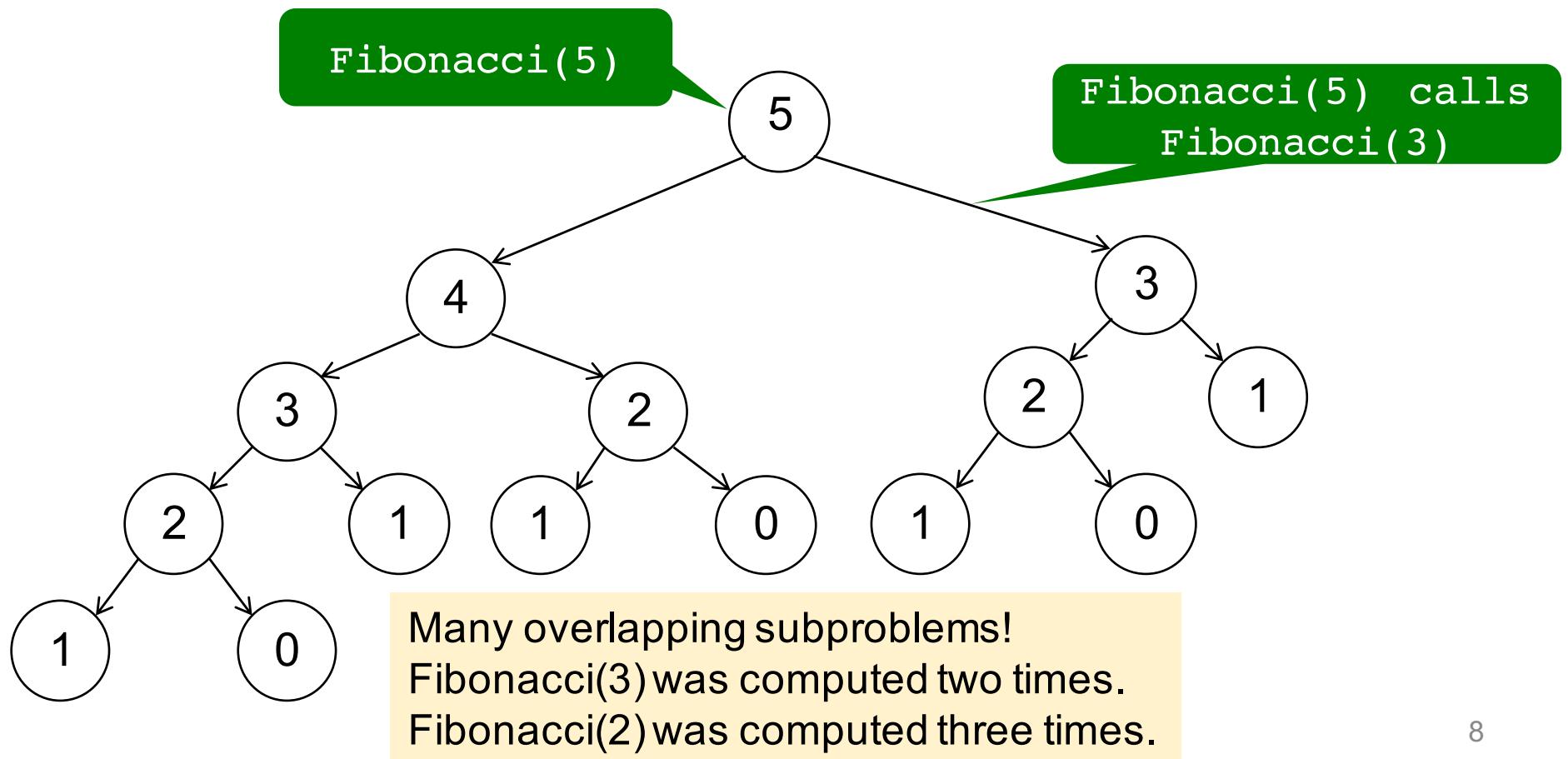
Dynamic = time-varying

Programming = “refers to a tabular method, not to writing computer code”

Dynamic programming = planning over time

# 還記得費波那契數列嗎

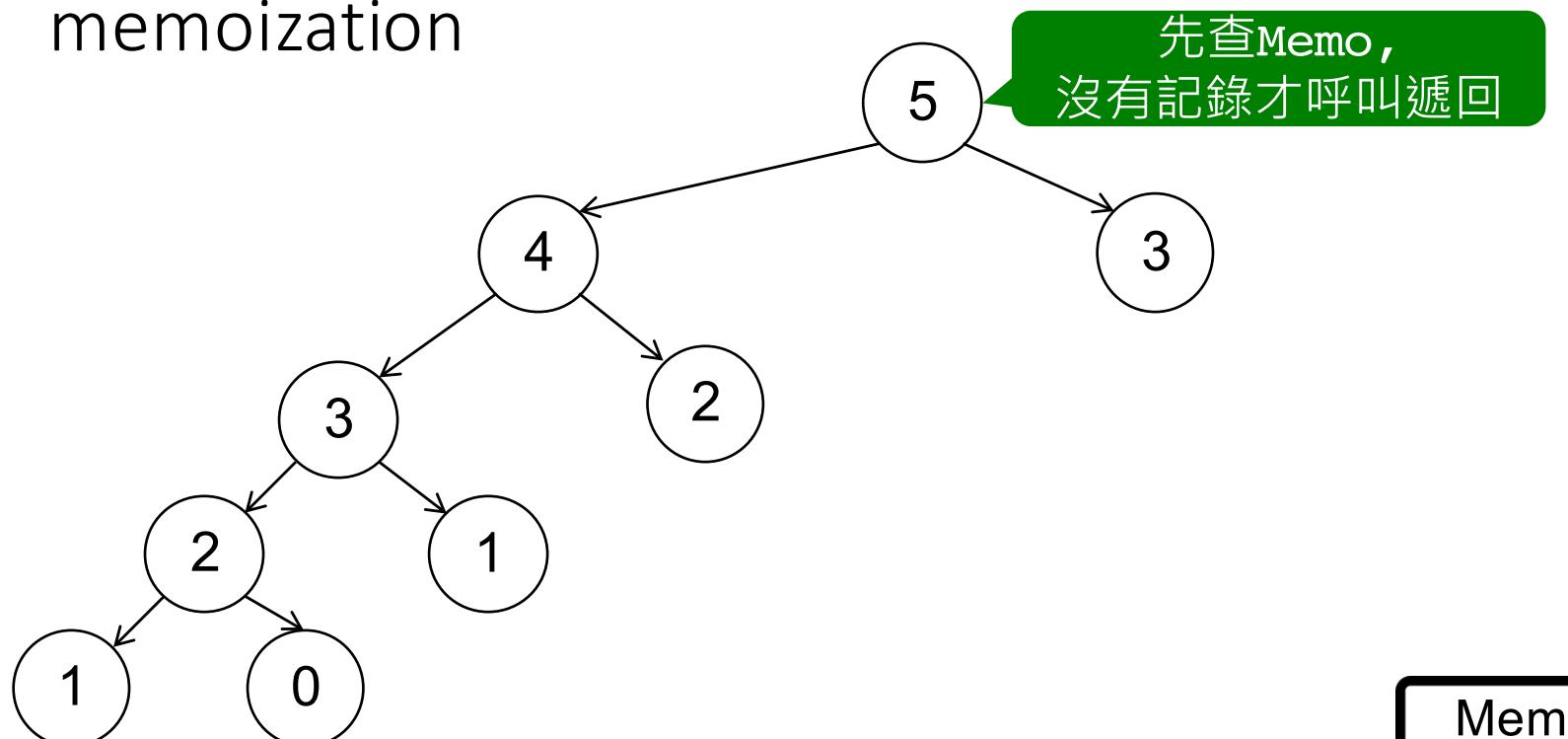
```
F(n):  
    if n < 2  
        return 1  
    return F(n-1) + F(n-2)
```



# Fibonacci sequence

## Top-down with memoization

Solve overlapping subproblems recursively with memoization



n	0	1	2	3	4	5
$F(n)$	1	1	2	3	5	8



# Fibonacci sequence

## Top-down with memoization



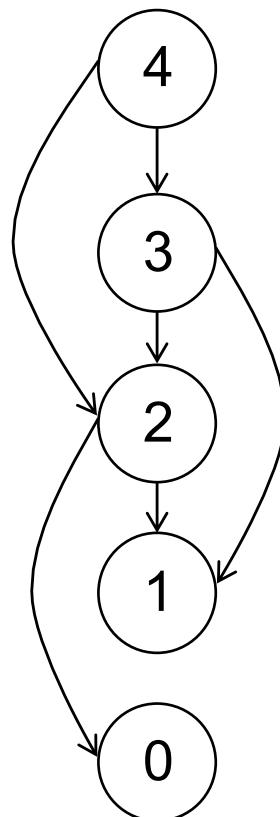
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Memo-Fibonacci(n):
    //initialize memo (array a[])
    a[0] <- 1
    a[1] <- 1
    for i = 2 to n
        a[i] ← 0
    return Memo-Fibonacci-Aux(n,a)

Memo-Fibonacci-Aux(n,a):
    if a[n] > 0
        return a[n]
    //save the result to avoid recomputation
    a[n] <- Memo-Fibonacci-Aux(n-1,a) + Memo-Fibonacci-Aux(n-2,a)
    return a[n]
```

# Fibonacci sequence

## Bottom-up method

Build up solutions to larger and larger subproblems  
(按部就班 由小到大逐一解決)



```
Bottom-Up-Fibonacci(n):
    if n < 2
        return 1
    a[0] <- 1
    a[1] <- 1
    for i = 2 ... n
        a[i] <- a[i-1] + a[i-2]
    return a[n]
```

# DP and optimization problems

Dynamic programming are often applied to solving optimization problems (最佳化問題)

- 從問題的多個解之中，選出 “最佳” 的
- 最佳的解可能有很多個，找出一個就好了

Examples of optimization problems

- 從兩個字串中，找出最長的共同子字串
- 紿一個背包和一堆物品，找出背包最多能裝多少物品
- ...



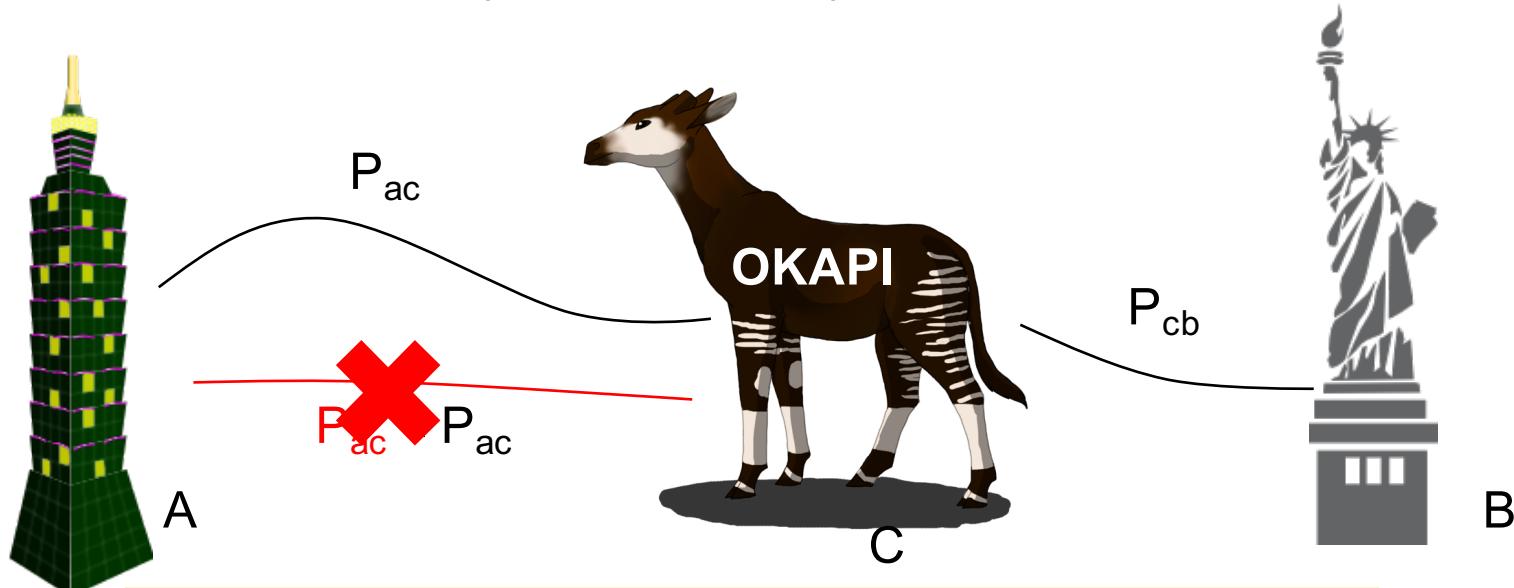
# DP and optimization problems

To apply DP, an optimization problem must exhibit two key properties:

- Overlapping subproblems
- Optimal substructure – an optimal solution can be constructed from optimal solutions to subproblems
  - Reduce search space, as we don't need to consider non-optimal solutions to a subproblem

# Optimal substructure

Shortest path problems (最短路徑問題) have optimal substructure



Path  $P_{ac} + P_{cb}$  is a **shortest** path between A and B  
⇒ Then  $P_{ac}$  must be a shortest path between A and C

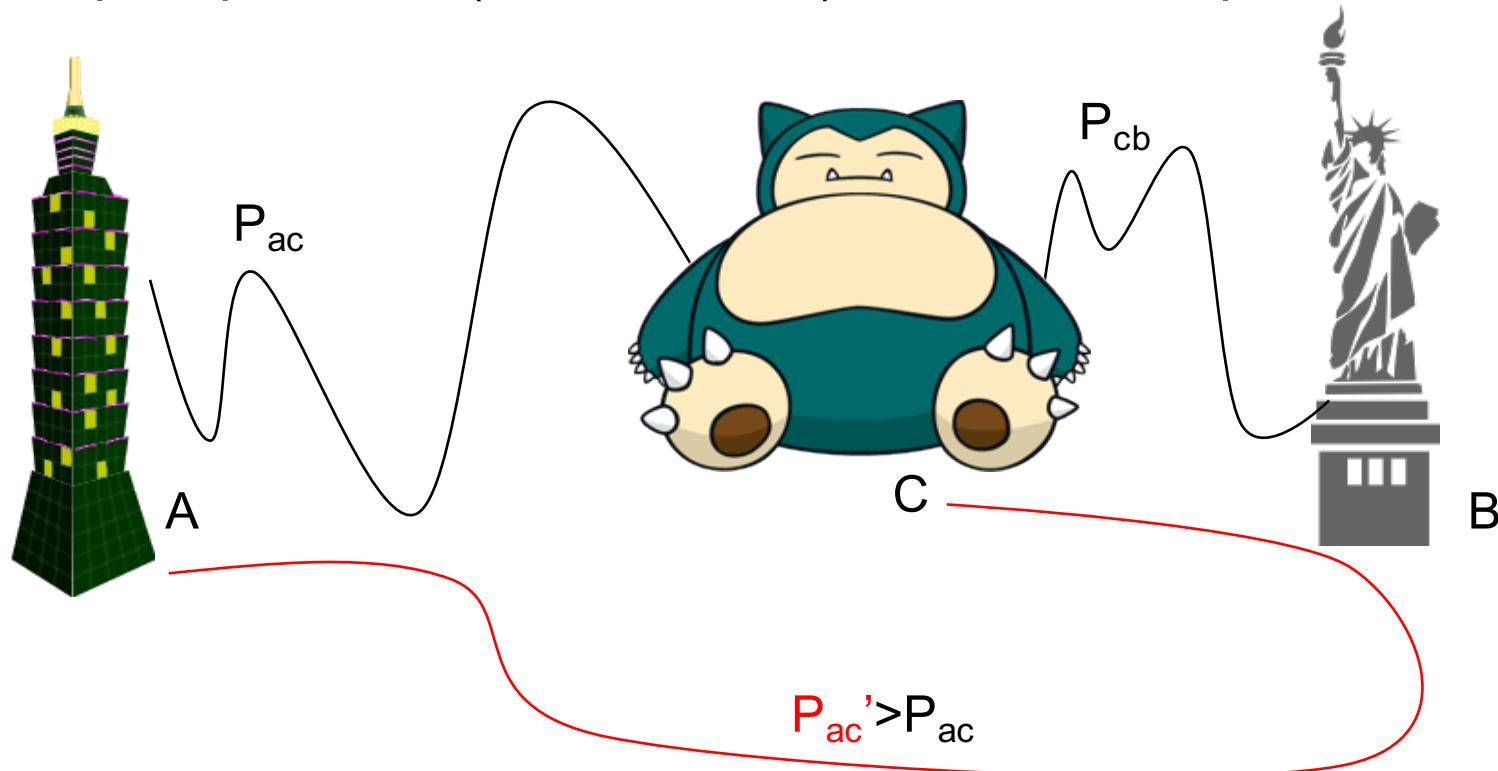
Proof by “**Cut-and-Paste**” argument (a sort of proof by contradiction):

Suppose there exists another path  $P_{ac'}$  that is shorter than  $P_{ac}$

We can “cut”  $P_{ac}$  and “paste”  $P_{ac'}$  to form a shorter path  $P_{ac'} + P_{cb}$  between A and B, which contradicts that  $P_{ac} + P_{cb}$  is a shortest path between A and B.

# Optimal substructure

Longest path problems (最長路徑問題) **do not have** optimal substructure



Path  $P_{ac} + P_{cb}$  is a **longest loop-free** path between A and B  
⇒  $P_{ac}$  may not be a longest loop-free path between A and C

# Rod cutting (鐵條切割問題)

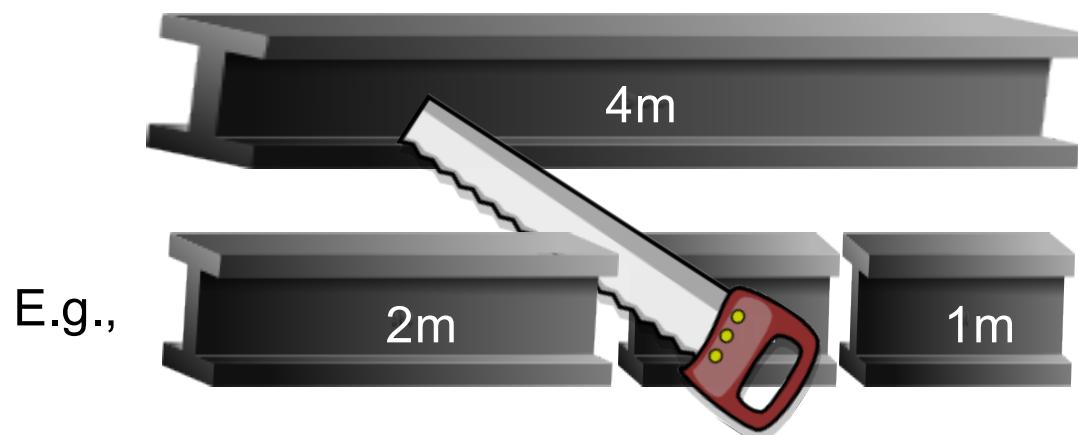
# 鐵條切割廠

笑話顧問最近回到老家經營鐵條切割廠，該工廠購買長度為4公尺的鐵條，希望能切割成小鐵條後售出

假設切割的成本可忽略，要如何切割才能最大化利潤？

目前的市場價格如下：

Length (m)	1	2	3	4
Price (k)	1	5	8	9



# 要如何切總賣價才最高？

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Price (k)	1	5	8	9



暴力解法：考慮所有 $2^{4-1}=8$ 種切法

切法	售價
4	9
1, 3	$1 + 8 = 9$
2, 2	$5 + 5 = 10$
3, 1	$8 + 1 = 9$
1, 1, 2	$1 + 1 + 5 = 7$
1, 2, 1	$1 + 5 + 1 = 7$
2, 1, 1	$5 + 1 + 1 = 7$
1, 1, 1, 1	$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$

切成2m, 2m賺最多

But brute-force =  $O(2^{n-1})$  ☹

# Rod cutting problem 鐵條切割問題

Given a rod of length  $n$

Given a price table  $p$ ,  $p_i$  = price of length- $i$  rod

Determine the maximum revenue  $M[n]$  obtainable by cutting up the rod and selling the pieces

Design an algorithm  $CR(p, n)$  to discover an optimal solution and its value  $M[n]$

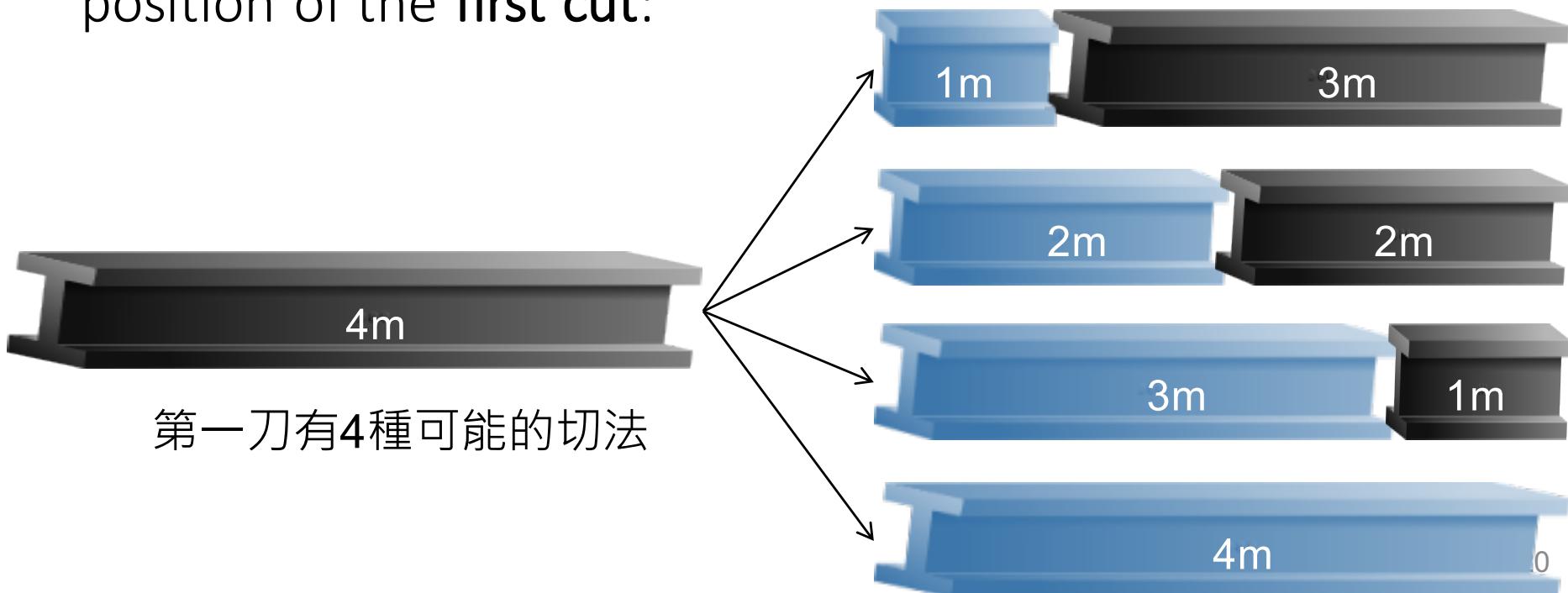
- For simplicity, let's use  $CR(n)$  instead of  $CR(p, n)$

# Recursive procedure: n choices for a cut

$M[i]$  = the value of an optimal solution to CR( $i$ )

- Let's define  $M[n]$  using recursive calls
- $n$  = the length of the rod
- $p$  = price array  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  ( $p_i$  = price of length- $i$  rod)

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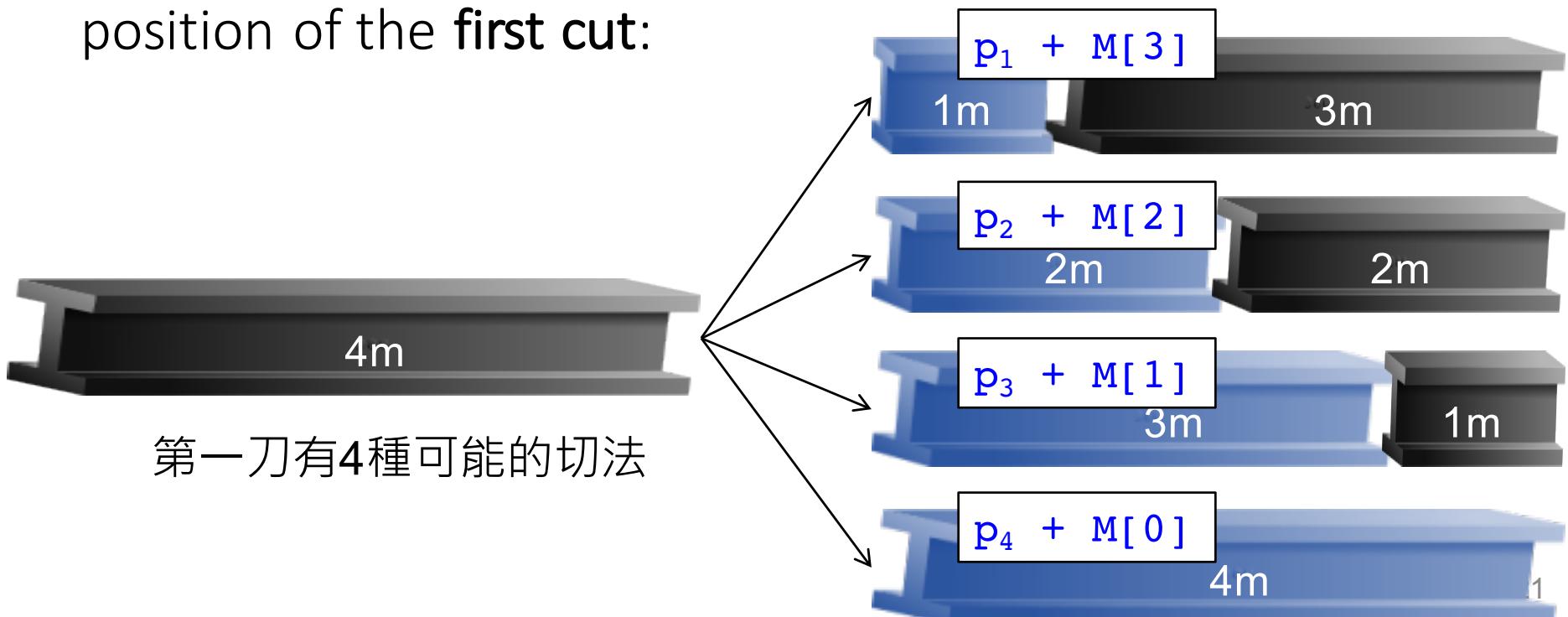


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Suppose rod cutting problem has optimal substructure (we will prove this later):

$$M[4] = \max\{p_1 + M[3], p_2 + M[2], p_3 + M[1], p_4 + M[0]\}$$

**Generalization to  $n$ :**

$$M[n] = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{p_i + M[n-i]\}$$

Optimal solution

Optimal solutions to subproblems

# Naïve recursion

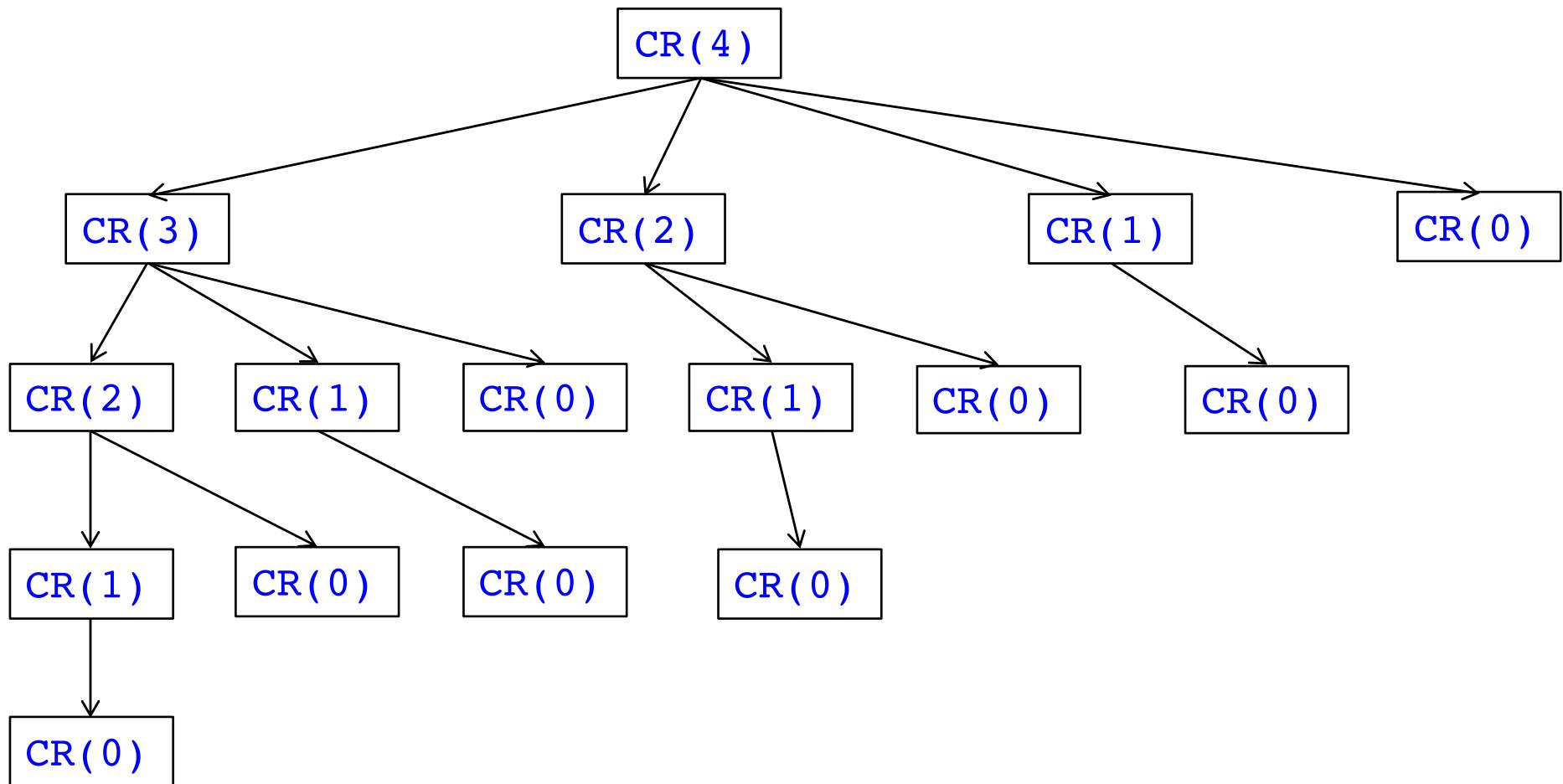
$M[i]$  = the value of an optimal solution to  $CR(i)$

$$M[n] = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \{ p_i + M[n-i] \}$$

```
CR(n):
    //base case
    if n = 0
        return 0
    //recursive case
    q ← -∞
    For i = 1 to n
        q ← max(q, pi + CR(n-i))
    return q
```

Running time:  $T(n) \approx \sum_i T(n-i) \rightarrow T(n) = O(2^n)$

# Rod cutting Naïve recursion



# Dynamic Programming

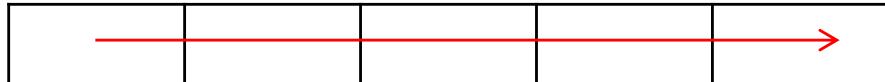
Rod cutting has **overlapping subproblems** and **optimal substructure** => can be solved by DP

Recall that there two equivalent ways to implement DP,  
both solve a subproblem at most once

- Top-down: solve overlapping subproblems recursively with memoization    Memo=備忘錄
- Bottom-up: build up solutions to larger and larger subproblems    按部就班 由小到大逐一解決

## Bottom-up with tabulation

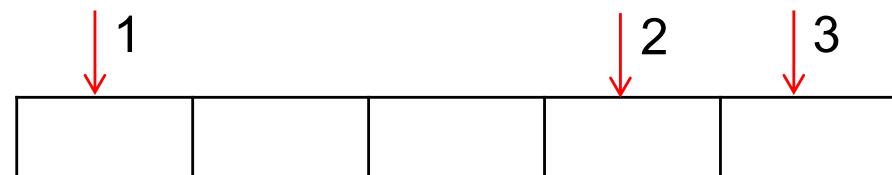
按問題大小順序填表  
(小問題要先解決)



適合用於每個小問題都得解決的情況

## Top-down with memoization

用遞迴解，把小問題的解答記在備忘錄裡  
可看成是跳著填表



適合用於不需要解決所有的小問題的情況

# Rod cutting

## Top-down with memorization

```
Memorized-CR(n):
```

```
//initialize memo (an array M[ ] to keep max revenue)
M[0] ← 0
for i = 1 to n
    M[i] ← -∞ //M[i] = max revenue for length-i rod
return Memorized-CR-Aux(n, M)
```

```
Memorized-CR-Aux(n, M):
```

```
if M[n] ≥ 0
    return M[n] //return the saved solution
q ← -∞
for i = 1 to n
    q ← max(q, pi + Memorized-CR-Aux(n-i, M))
M[n] ← q //update memo
return q
```

Running time:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

# Rod cutting

## Bottom-up method

- $M[j]$  = maximum revenue when cutting length- $j$  rod
- Because of the natural ordering of the subproblems, we can solve subproblems of sizes  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  in that order

```
Bottom-Up-CR(n) :
```

```
M[0] ← 0
for j = 1 to n //compute M[1], M[2], ... in order
    q ← -∞
    for i = 1 to j
        q ← max(q, pi + M[j-i])
    M[j] ← q
return M[n]
```

Running time:  $T(n) = \Theta(n^2)$

# Top-down vs. bottom-up

## Bottom-up method

- When all subproblems must be solved at least once 
- Typically outperforms top-down one by a constant factor
- No overhead for recursion and less overhead for maintaining the table

## Top-down with memoization

- When some subproblems in the subproblem space need not be solved at all 
- Solving only those subproblems that are required

# Reconstructing a solution

In addition to the maximum revenue, we also want to know a list of piece sizes

```
Extended-Bottom-Up-CR(n):
    M[0] ← 0
    for j = 1 to n //compute M[1], M[2], ... in order
        q ← -∞
        for i = 1 to j
            if q < pi + M[j-i]
                q ← pi + M[j-i]
                cut[j] ← i // the best first cut for len j rod
        M[j] ← q
    return M[n], cut

Print-CR-Solution(n):
    (m, cut) ← Extended-Bottom-up-CR(n)
    While n > 0
        print cut[n]
        n ← n - cut[n] //remove the first piece
```

# Informal running time analysis

Approach 1: approximate via (# of subproblems) \* (# of choices for each subproblems)

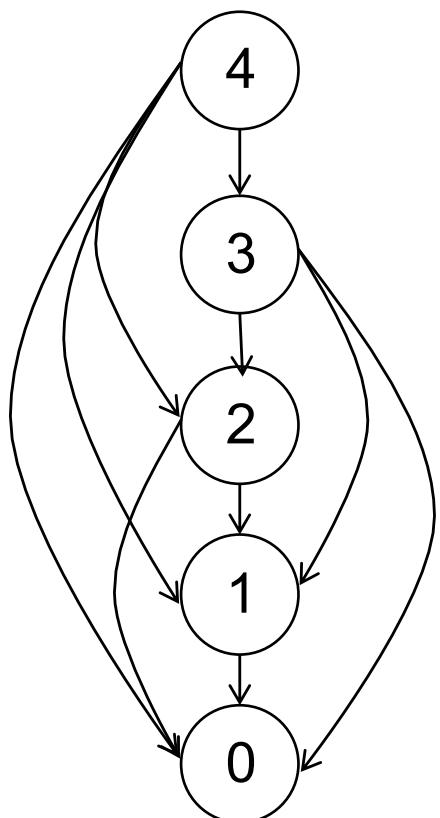
- In rod cutting,
  - # of subproblems = n
  - # of choices for each subproblem =  $O(n)$
  - $\Rightarrow T(n)$  is about  $O(n^2)$

Approach 2: approximate via subproblem graphs

# Subproblem graphs

A graph illustrates the set of subproblems involved and how subproblems depend on one another

E.g., in rod cutting with  $n = 4$ ,



## Running time estimation

- $|V| = \# \text{ of subproblems}$
- $|E| = \text{sum of } \# \text{ of choices for each subproblem}$
- $T(n)$  is about  $O(|V| + |E|)$

## DP and graph traversal strategies

Bottom-up method: Reverse Topological Ordering  
Top-down method: Depth First Search

# Dynamic programming: 4 steps

1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution
  - Overlapping subproblems: revisits same subproblem repeatedly
  - Optimal substructure: an optimal solution to the problem contains within it optimal solutions to subproblems
2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution
  - Express the solution of the original problem in terms of optimal solutions for smaller problems
3. Compute the value of an optimal solution
  - Typically in a bottom-up fashion
4. Construct an optimal solution from computed information
  - Step 3 and Step 4 may be combined

# Dynamic programming: 4 steps

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Let's revisit the rod cutting problem  
with these 4 steps in mind



# Step 1: Characterize an optimal solution

**Rod cutting problem (鐵條切割問題):** determine the **maximum revenue** obtainable by cutting up the rod and selling the pieces

- $n$  = length of the rod,  $p_i$  = price of length- $i$  rod

In this step, we need to answer two questions:

Step1-Q1: What can be the subproblems?

Step1-Q2: Does it exhibit optimal substructure?

- Can an optimal solution be represented by the optimal solutions to the subproblems?
- If we cannot find optimal substructure, either we have to go back to Step1-Q1 or there is no DP solution to this problem.

# Step 1: Characterize an optimal solution

**Rod cutting problem (鐵條切割問題):** determine the **maximum revenue** obtainable by cutting up the rod and selling the pieces

- $n$  = length of the rod,  $p_i$  = price of length- $i$  rod

Subproblems:  $CR(0), CR(1), \dots, CR(n-1)$

- $CR(i)$ : rod cutting problem with length- $i$  rod
- Our goal:  $CR(n)$

Suppose we know an optimal solution,  $OPT$ , to  $CR(i)$

There are  $i$  possibilities:

- Case 1: the first segment in  $OPT$  has length 1 Need to justify this
  - 從 $OPT$ 拿掉一段長度為1的鐵條，剩下的部分是 $CR(i-1)$ 的最佳解
- Case 2: the first segment in  $OPT$  has length 2
  - 從 $OPT$ 拿掉一段長度為2的鐵條，剩下的部分是 $CR(i-2)$ 的最佳解
- .....
- Case  $i$ : the first segment in  $OPT$  has length  $i$ 
  - 從 $OPT$ 拿掉一段長度為*i*的鐵條，剩下的部分是 $CR(0)$ 的最佳解

# Proof of optimal substructure

- **Optimal substructure:** an optimal solution can be constructed from optimal solutions to subproblems
  - Proof by contradiction (specifically, a “cut-and-paste” argument)

Proof of case x: the first segment in OPT has length x

Goal: 從OPT拿掉一段長度為x的鐵條，證明剩下的部分是CR(i-x)的最佳解

Suppose OPT is optimal to CR(i) but  $\text{OPT} \setminus \{x\}$  is not optimal to CR(i-x)

- => there exist an optimal solution  $\text{OPT}'$  to CR(i-x) such that the value of  $\text{OPT}'$  is higher than it of  $\text{OPT} \setminus \{x\}$
- =>  $\text{OPT}' \cup \{x\}$  is a better solution to CR(i) than OPT
- => Contradiction!

# Step 2: Recursively define the value of an optimal solution

Case 1: the first segment in OPT has length 1

$$M[i] = p_1 + M[i-1]$$

- 從OPT拿掉一段長度為1的鐵條，剩下的部分是CR(i-1)的最佳解

Case 2: the first segment in OPT has length 2

$$M[i] = p_2 + M[i-2]$$

- 從OPT拿掉一段長度為2的鐵條，剩下的部分是CR(i-2)的最佳解

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Case i: the first segment in OPT has length i

$$M[i] = p_i + M[0]$$

- 從OPT拿掉一段長度為i的鐵條，剩下的部分是CR(0)的最佳解

$M[i]$  = the value of an optimal solution to CR(i)

用遞迴表示最佳解的值：

$$M[i] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i=0 \text{ (base case)} \\ \max_{1 \leq j \leq i} \{p_j + M[i-j]\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Step 3: Compute value of an optimal solution

- $M[i]$  = the value of an optimal solution to  $CR(i)$

$$M[i] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i=0 \text{ (base case)} \\ \max_{1 \leq j \leq i} \{p_j + M[i-j]\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Let's try the bottom-up method
- Solve “smaller” subproblems first

i	0	1	2	3	4
M[i]	0	1	5	8	10
		$\max\{p_1+M[0]\}$			
			$\max\{p_1+M[1], p_2+M[0]\}$		
				$\max\{p_1+M[2], p_2+M[1], p_3+M[0]\}$	
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**Our goal**



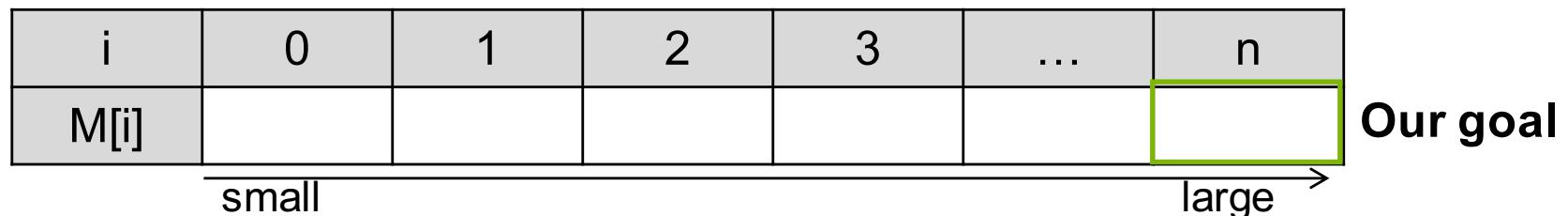
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**CR(n):**

```
for i = 1 to n
    M[i] ← 0
for i = 1 to n //compute M[1], M[2], ... in order
    for j = 1 to i
        M[i] ← max(M[i], pj + M[i-j])
return M[n]
```

Running time:  $\Theta(n^2)$

# Step 4: Construct an optimal solution

- $M[i]$  = the value of an optimal solution to  $CR(i)$

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- Keep one more array:

$cut[i]$  = first cut made to length- $i$  rod in  $CR(i)$

$i$	0	1	2	3	4
$M[i]$	0	1	5	8	10
$cut[i]$	0	1	2	3	2
	$\max\{p_1+M[0]\}$				
	$\max\{p_1+M[1], p_2+M[0]\}$				
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# Step 4: Construct an optimal solution

```
Input: p[1...n]
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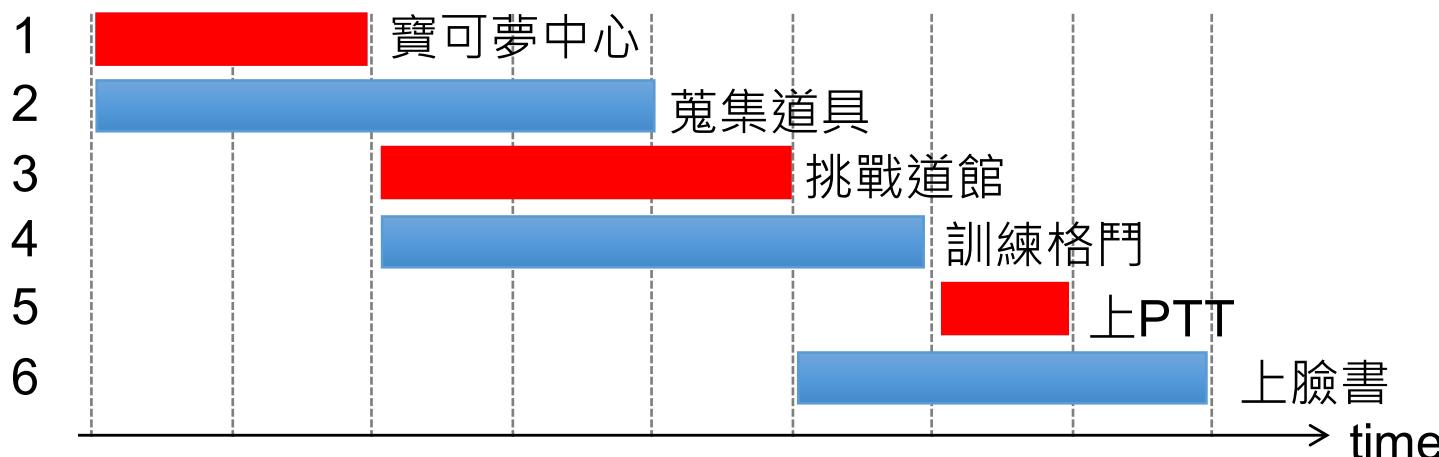
Given a set of job requests with start times and finish times, find the **maximum number of compatible jobs**

- E.g., 寶可夢訓練師也是很忙，一天到底可以做多少事情呢？

Interval scheduling can be solved using an earliest-finish-time-first **greedy** algorithm in  $O(n)$  time

- 短視近利有時也會走運！

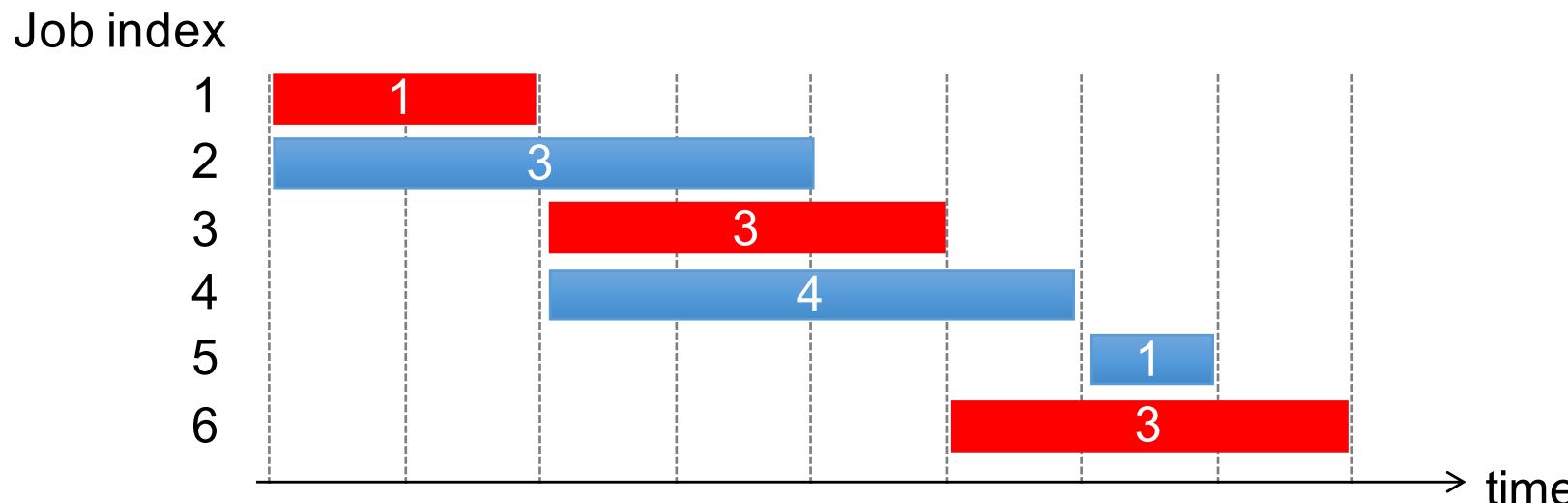
Job index



# Weighted interval scheduling (加權區間調度)

Given a set of job requests with start times, finish times and values, find a compatible subset of **maximum total value**

- E.g., 紿定每個行程的時間和經驗值，最多可以獲得多少經驗值？



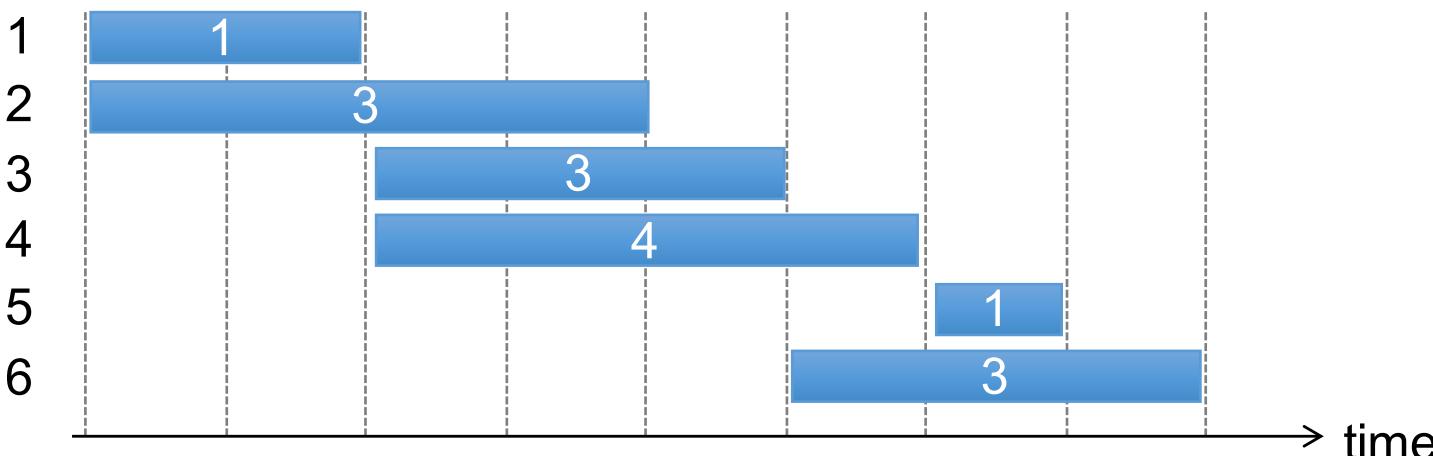
# Weighted interval scheduling

Given  $n$  job requests, find a compatible subset of **maximum total value**

- Suppose requests are sorted in order of nondecreasing finish time
- $v_i$  = values of job  $i$
- $f_i$  = finish time of job  $i$ ,  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$
- Let  $p(j) =$  largest index  $i < j$  such that job  $i$  and  $j$  are compatible
  - E.g.,  $p(5) = 4$ ,  $p(3) = 1$ ,  $p(1) = 0$

Brute-force =  $O(2^n)$  ☹

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# Dynamic programming: 4 steps

1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution
2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution
3. Compute the value of an optimal solution
4. Construct an optimal solution from computed information



# Step 1: Characterize an optimal solution

**Weighted Interval Scheduling (加權區間調度):** Given  $n$  job requests, find a compatible subset of **maximum total value**

- $v_i$  = values of job  $i$ ,  $f_i$  = finish time of job  $i$ ,  $f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$
- Let  $p(j) =$  largest index  $i < j$  such that job  $i$  and  $j$  are compatible

Subproblems:  $WIS(0), WIS(1), \dots, WIS(n-1)$

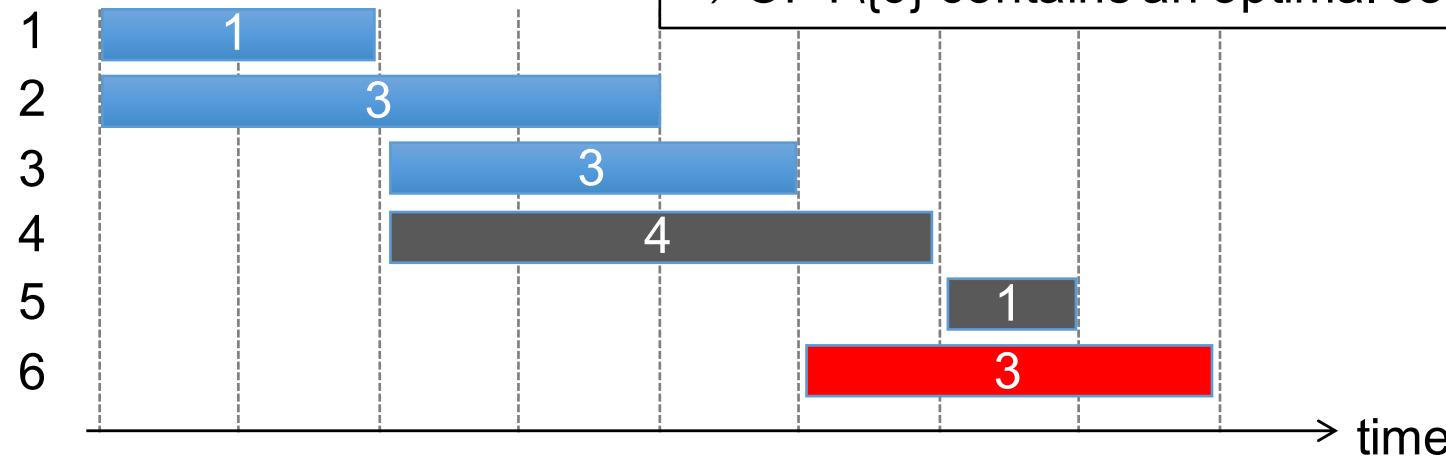
- $WIS(i)$ : weighted interval scheduling for the first  $i$  jobs
- Our goal:  $WIS(n)$

Suppose we know one optimal solution,  $OPT$ , to  $WIS(i)$

There are two possibilities:

- Case 1: job  $i$  in  $OPT$ 
  - $OPT \setminus \{i\}$  is an optimal solution to  $WIS(p(i))$
- Case 2: job  $i$  not in  $OPT$ 
  - $OPT$  is an optimal solution to  $WIS(i-1)$

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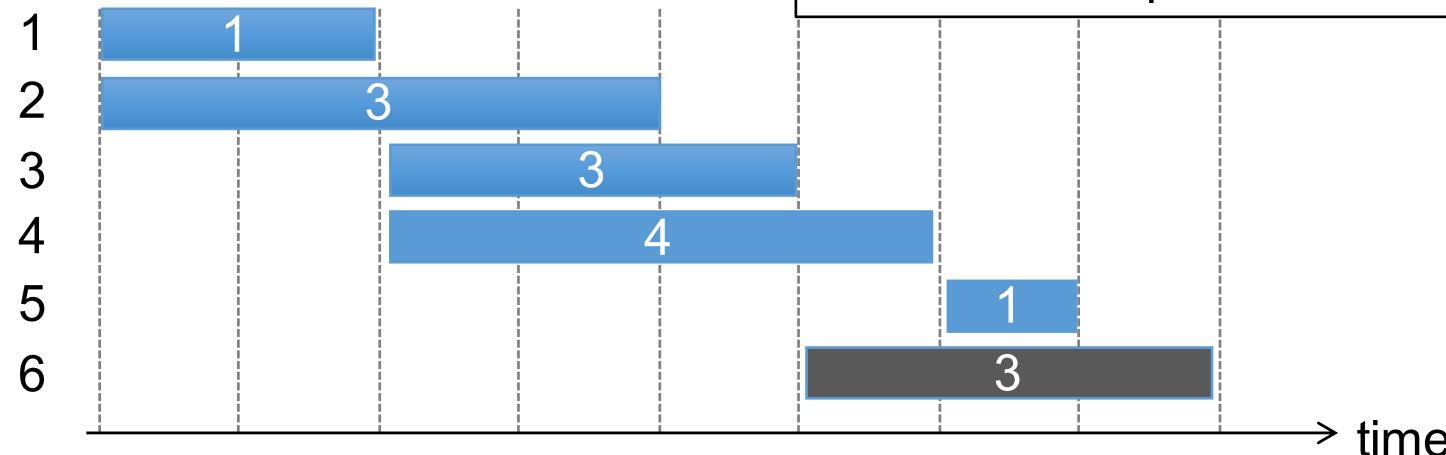


Case 1: job 6 in OPT

⇒ Job 4, 5 cannot be in OPT

⇒  $\text{OPT} \setminus \{6\}$  contains an optimal solution for Job 1, 2, 3

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Case 2: job 6 not in OPT

⇒ OPT is an optimal solution for Job 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

# Proof of optimal substructure

**Optimal substructure:** an optimal solution can be constructed from optimal solutions to subproblems

- Proof by contradiction (specifically, a “cut-and-paste” argument)

## Proof of case 1: job $i$ in $\text{OPT}$

Goal: 證明  $\text{OPT} \setminus \{i\}$  is an optimal solution to  $\text{WIS}(p(i))$

Suppose  $\text{OPT}$  is optimal to  $\text{WIS}(i)$  but  $\text{OPT} \setminus \{i\}$  is not optimal to  $\text{WIS}(p(i))$

- => there exist an optimal solution  $\text{OPT}'$  to  $\text{WIS}(p(i))$  such that the value of  $\text{OPT}'$  is higher than it of  $\text{OPT} \setminus \{i\}$
- =>  $\text{OPT}' \cup \{i\}$  is a better solution to  $\text{WIS}(i)$  than  $\text{OPT}$
- => Contradiction!

Prove case 2 by yourself

# Step 2: Recursively define the value of an optimal solution

Case 1: job i in OPT

$$M[i] = v_i + M[p(i)]$$

- $OPT \setminus \{i\}$  is an optimal solution to  $WIS(p(i))$

Case 2: job i not in OPT

$$M[i] = M[i-1]$$

- $OPT$  is an optimal solution to  $WIS(i-1)$

$M[i]$  = the value of an optimal solution to  $WIS(i)$

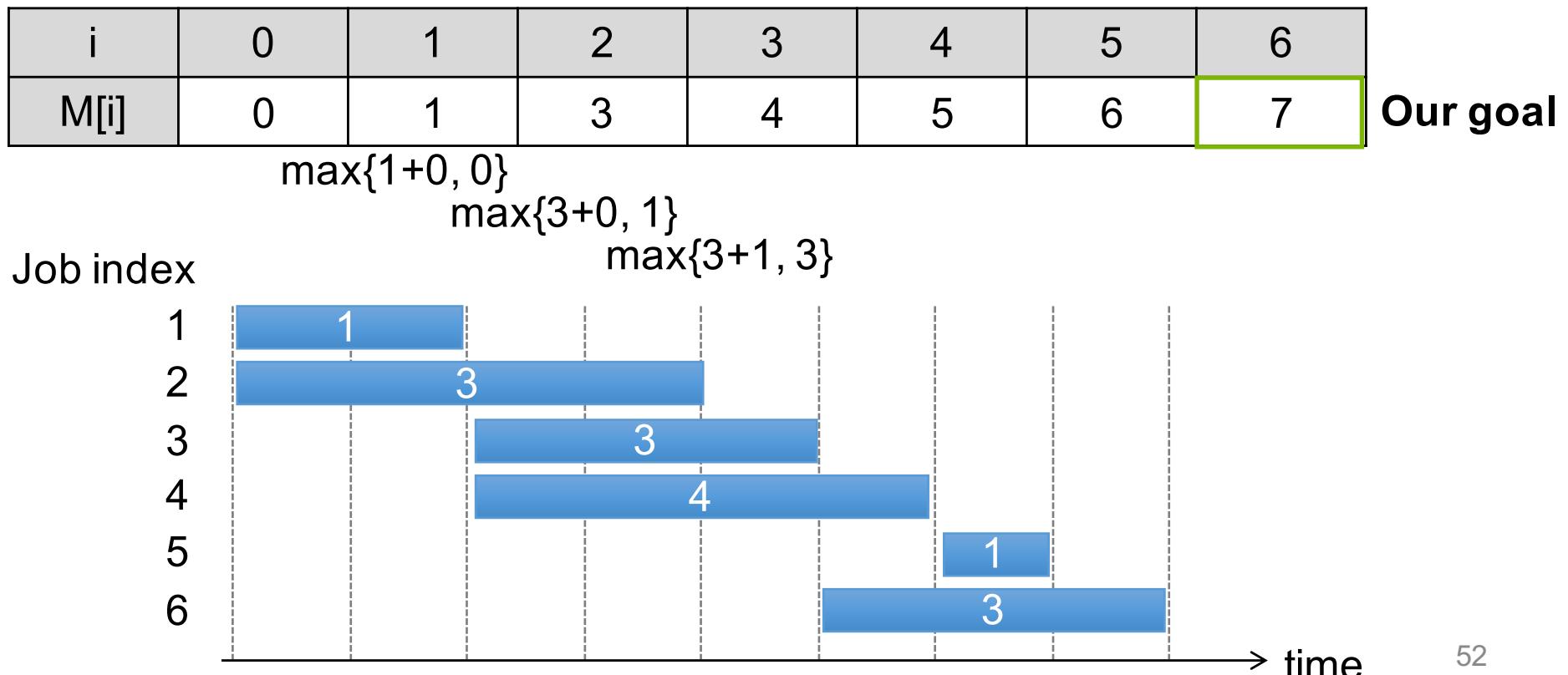
用遞迴表示最佳解的值：

$$M[i] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i=0 \text{ (base case)} \\ \max\{v_i + M[p(i)], M[i-1]\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Step 3: Compute value of an optimal solution

$M[i]$  = the value of an optimal solution to WIS( $i$ )

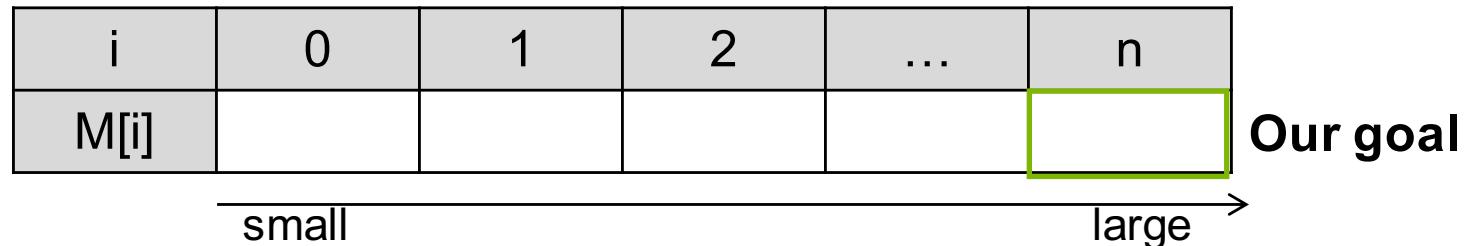
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Input:  $n, s[1..n], f[1..n], v[1..n], p[1..n], f_1 \leq f_2 \leq \dots \leq f_n$

**WIS(n):**

```
//M[i] = maximum value for scheduling jobs 1, 2, ..., i
M[0] <- 0
for i = 1 to n
    M[i] <- max(v[i] + M[p[i]], M[i-1])
Return M[n]
```

Running time =  $\Theta(n)$

# Step 4: Construct an optimal solution

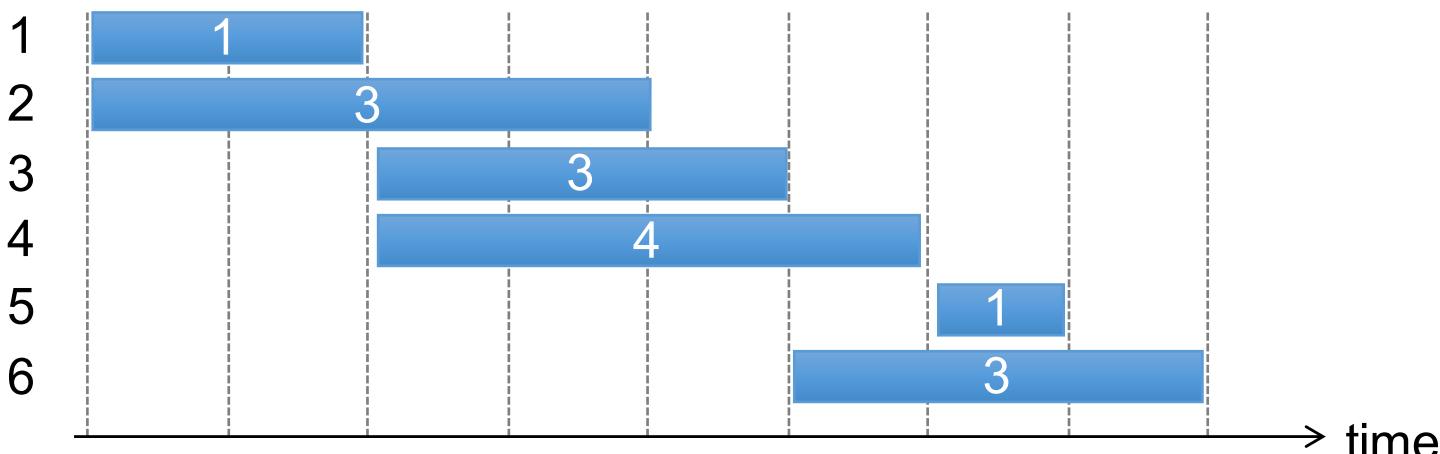
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$$M[i] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i=0 \text{ (base case)} \\ \max\{v_i + M[p(i)], M[i-1]\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$M[i]$	0	1	3	4	5	6	7

**Our goal**

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## Step 4: Construct an optimal solution from computed information

Make a second pass to find the solution

```
Input: n, s[1..n], f[1..n], v[1..n], p[1..n], f1 ≤ f2 ≤ ... ≤ fn
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WIS(n):
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    M[0] <- 0
    for i = 1 to n
        M[i] <- max(v[i] + M[p[i]], M[i-1])
    Return M[n]
```

```
Find-Solution(n):
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    if n = 0
        return {} //empty set
    else if (M[n] > M[n-1])
        return {n} U Find-Solution(p[n])
    else
        return Find-Solution(n-1)
```

Running time = O(n)  
Because # of recursive calls ≤ n

# Informal running time analysis

Approach 1: approximate via (# of subproblems) \* (# of choices for each subproblems)

- # of subproblems = n
- # of choices for each subproblem = 2
- =>  $T(n)$  is about  $O(n)$

Approach 2: approximate via subproblem graphs

- Practice: drawing a subproblem graph by yourself

# Defining subproblems

Arguably the most difficult step in dynamic programming  
Unlike divide and conquer, often time it's unclear how to define subproblems

Imagine intervals are not sorted by finished time in WIS

- Can the same definition of subproblems lead to optimal substructure?

