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# Dynamic Programming



Weighted  
Interval Scheduling

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Section 6.1

# Weighted Interval Scheduling

Input:  $\{I_j = (s_j, f_j, v_j)\} \quad 1 \leq j \leq n$

Call  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  compatible if  
 $j, k \in S$   $I_j$  doesn't overlap with  $I_k$ .

Output: Compatible  $S$  which maximizes  $\sum_{j \in S} v_j$



# Weighted Interval Scheduling

It's natural to order jobs by EFT

$$f_1 \leq f_2 \leq f_3 \leq \dots \leq f_n$$

Say that job  $i$  comes before job  $j$  if  $i < j$ .

Define  $p(j)$  to be the largest index  $i$  such that the intervals  $i$  and  $j$  don't overlap.  
Say  $p(j) = 0$  if no such  $i$  exist.

# Weighted Interval Scheduling

Let's think about an optimal solution  $\mathcal{O}$ .  
Specifically, is  $n \in \mathcal{O}$  or not?

Case 1:  $n \in \mathcal{O}$ .

Then we know  $p(n)+1, p(n)+2, \dots, n-1 \notin \mathcal{O}$ .

Because they overlap with  $n$ .

So which subset of  $\{1, \dots, p(n)\}$  is the rest of  $\mathcal{O}$ ?

Both reduce  
to smaller  
subproblems

Case 2:  $n \notin \mathcal{O}$ .

Then we know  $\mathcal{O}$  is an optimal solution on  
 $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$ .

# Weighted Interval Scheduling

Opt-val( $j$ )

If  $j=0$   
Return 0

Else

Return  $\text{Max}(\text{Opt-val}(p(j)) + v_j, \text{Opt-val}(j-1))$

the value of the  
// computes optimal compatible  
// subset on  $\{1, \dots, j\}$ .

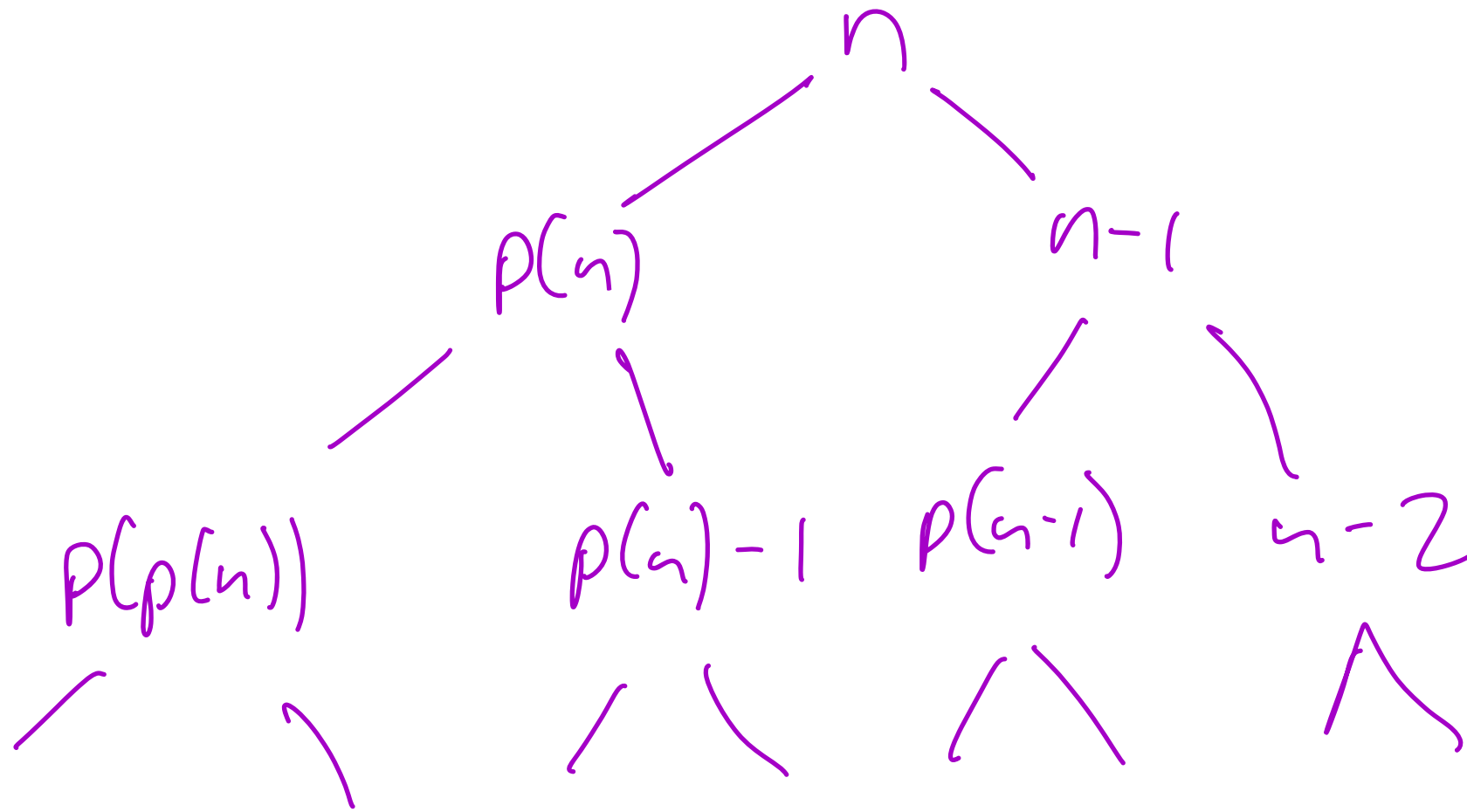
case 1



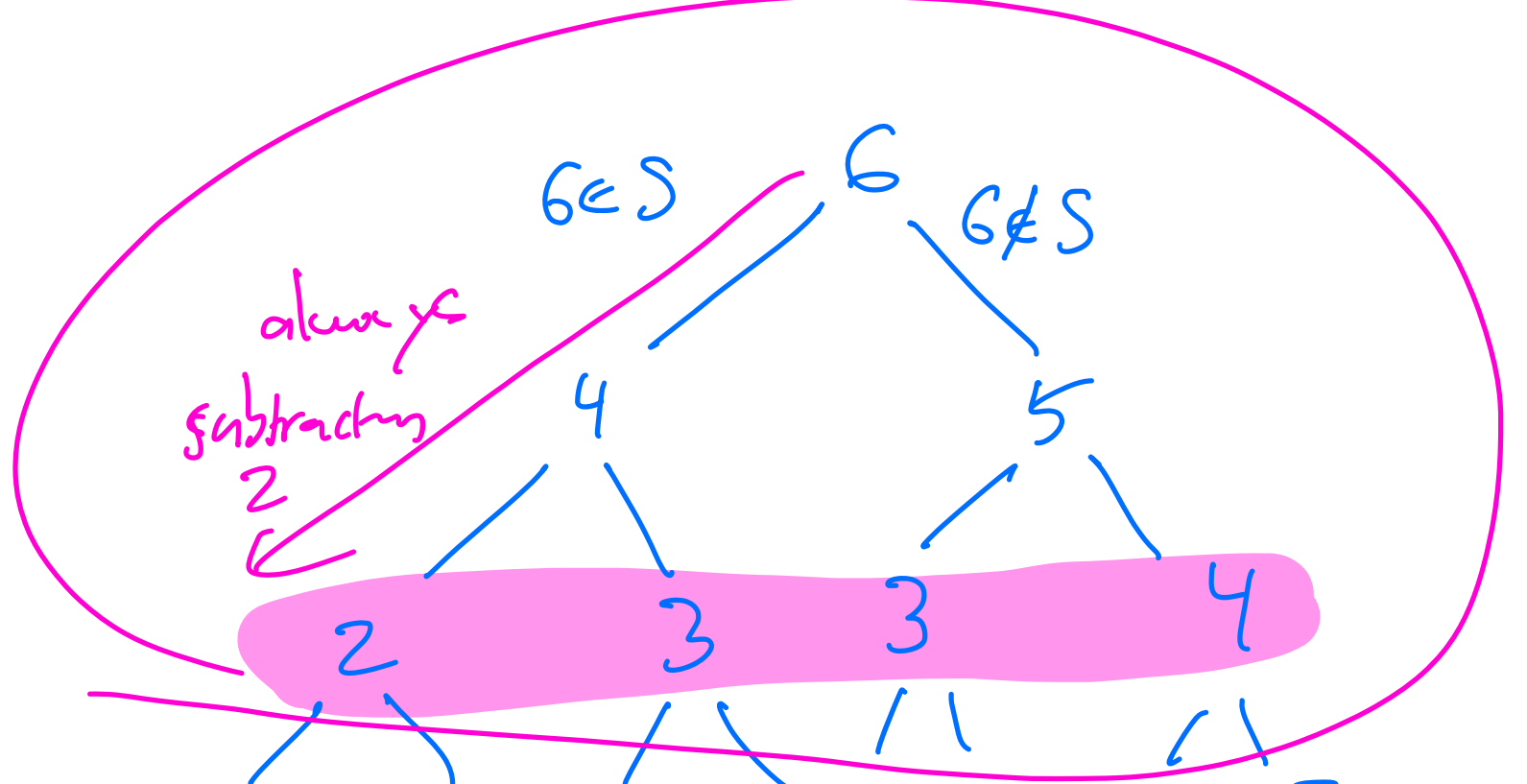
case 2



Running time?



tree is full  
for  $\frac{n}{2}$  levels



# of nodes  $\frac{n}{2}$  levels down  
is  $2^{n/2}$ .

$\geq 2^{n/2}$  recursive  
calls

1  
2  
3  
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# Memoization

Idea: Remember the results of recursive calls.

Initialize an array  $M[1, \dots, n]$   $M[i] = -1$   
 $1 \leq i \leq n$   $\uparrow$  empty

$M\text{-Opt-Val}(j)$   
If  $j = 0$   
Return 0  
Else if  $M[j] \neq -1$   
Return  $M[j]$

Once  
per  
 $j$

Else  
Set  $M[j] = \max(M\text{-Opt-Val}(p(j)) + v_j, M\text{-Opt-Val}(j-1))$   
Return  $M[j]$

Same output as Opt-Val

$2n$  calls,  $O(1)$  on each call  
 $\Rightarrow O(n)$  time



# Iteration vs Recursion

Could do the following algorithm:

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Set  $M[0] = 0$   
For  $i = 1; i \leq n; i++$   
    Set  $M[i] = \max(M[p(i)] + v_i, M[i-1])$ 
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Return  $M[n]$ 
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This is effectively the same algorithm.

# Subset Sum / Knapsack Problem

Input :  $\{w_i\} 1 \leq i \leq n$ , Threshold  $T$ .

Output :  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  such that

$$\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq T.$$

and we want this to be maximal.

Try a greedy algorithm:

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{100}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\} \quad T=1$$

$$\left\{ \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{100} \right\} \quad T=1$$