

# Dynamic Programming

→ Recursion + Storage : Approach 1 in DP  
↓  
Memoization

→ Method to solve complex problems when problems exhibit :

- 1) overlapping subproblems : So store
- 2) optimal substructure : optimal solution to a problem can be constructed from optimal solutions of its - sub-problem

Fibonacci Series : optimal substructure exist  
Tower of Hanoi : No optimal substructure

2 Approaches :

(1) Memoization      (2) Tabulation

Major Patterns:

- 1) Knapsack Based
- 2) Fibonacci based
- 3) Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)
- 4) Longest Increasing Subsequence (LIS)
- 5) Gap Strategy
- 6) Partition Strategy
- 7) Kadane's Algorithm

## \* Approach to solve DP Problems

STEP 1 : Write the Recursion solution

STEP 2 : Memoization / Topdown + few lines of code  
Recursive

STEP 3 : Tabulation / Bottom up / Iterative

STEP 4 : Space Optimisation

## \* Where to use Dynamic Programming

(1) You are asked to find the optimal solution  
(longest, maximum, minimum etc.)

2) Problem involves choices → Recursion

especially



→ 2 paths

↑ probability for overlapping subproblems.

## QUESTIONS :

509. Fibonacci Number

Input =  $n = 4$

Output = 3

Explanation :  $F(n) = F(3) + F(2) = 2+1=3$

We know that recursion solution :

def fibonacci(n) :

```
if n <= 1 :  
    return n
```

```
else :  
    return fibonaci(n-1) + fibonaci(n-2)
```

### 1) Memoization Approach :

We store the function in hash table to reduce the time complexity [overlapping function are stored in hashed table]

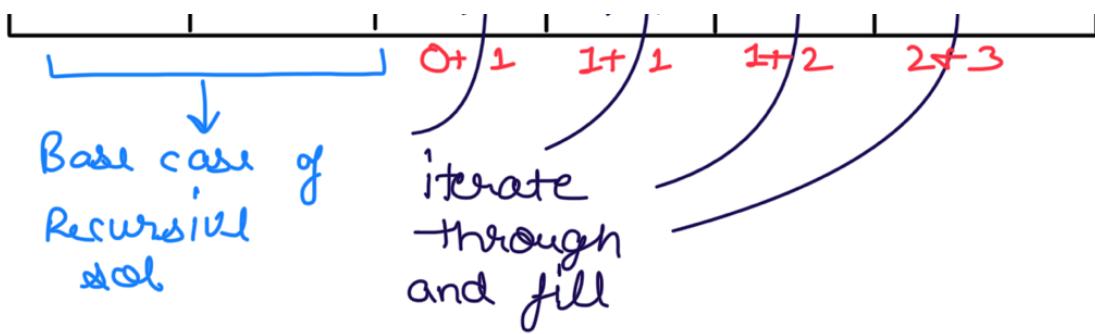
Memoization = Recursion + Storage.

```
def fib(n):  
    hash = {0:0, 1:1}  
  
    if n in hash:  
        return hash[n]  
  
    else:  
        hash[n] = fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)  
        return hash[n]
```

### Tabulation Approach :

Base case of recursive sol. = Initial condition of Tabulation

0	1	2	3	4	5
0	1	1 ↑	2 ↑	3 ↑	5 ↑



CODE :

```
def fib(n):
    dp = [0] * (n+1)
    if n > 0:
        dp[1] = 1
    count = 1
    while count < n:
        count += 1
        dp[count] = dp[count-1] + dp[count-2]
    return dp[n]
```

Space Optimised Tabulation Approach

CODE :

```
def fib(n):
    if n <= 1:
        return n
    prev = 0
    curr = 1
    counter = 1
```

```

while counter < n :
    next = prev + curr
    counter += 1

    prev = curr
    curr = next

return curr

```

## 70. Climbing Stairs:

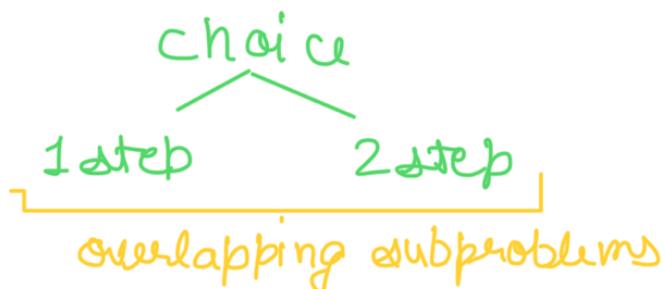
Input = 3                    # 3 stair case  
 Output = 3

Explanation :

1. 1 + 1 + 1                    # steps
2. 2 + 1
3. 1 + 2

3 ways to climb the stairs.

Since there are choices included in the question [1 step and 2 step] it indicates to use D.P.



It is an application of fibonacci series  
 where  $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$

# Same solution as fibonacci series

## 746. Min Cost Climbing Stairs

Input : cost = [10, 15, 20]



You can either start from index 0 or 1

Output = 15

We start from index 0 and climb two steps to reach the top.

Note: You can either climb 1 or 2 step at a time

Min Cost → Optimal Solution → Hint of Using D.P.

### Recursive Approach

```
def minCost(cost):  
    n = len(cost)  
  
    def costFrom(index):  
        if index > n - 1: return 0  
        onestep = cost[index] + costFrom(index + 1)  
        twostep = cost[index] + costFrom(index + 2)  
        return min(onestep, twostep)
```

```
        return min(onestep, twostep)
    return min(costFrom(0), costFrom(1))
```

## Memoization Approach :

```
def minCost(cost):
    n = len(cost)
    mincost = [-1]*n

    def costFrom(index):
        if index > n-1: return 0
        if mincost[index] != -1:
            return mincost[index]
        onestep = cost[index] + costFrom(index+1)
        twostep = cost[index] + costFrom(index+2)
        mincost[index] = min(onestep, twostep)
        return mincost[index]

    return min(costFrom(0), costFrom(1))
```

## TABULATION APPROACH :

$m \leftarrow \infty$

<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
1	2	1	3	4	2	1	1
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

destination

$n+1$  array

$$\min\text{cost}[i] \rightarrow \min \left[ \begin{array}{l} \min\text{cost}[i-1] + \text{cost}[i-1] \\ \min\text{cost}[i-2] + \text{cost}[i-2] \end{array} \right]$$

def min\_cost(cost):

$$n = \ln(\text{cost})$$

$$\min\text{cost} = [0] * (n+1)$$

for i in range(2, n+1)

$$\text{onestep} = \text{cost}[i-1] + \min\text{cost}[i-1]$$

$$\text{twostep} = \text{cost}[i-2] + \min\text{cost}[i-2]$$

$$\min\text{cost}[i] = \min(\text{onestep}, \text{twostep})$$

return min\_cost[n]

## Knapsack Type Questions

### 0-1 Knapsack ↗

You are given weights and values of  $N$  items, put these items in a knapsack of capacity  $W$  to get the maximum total value in the knapsack. Note that we have only **one quantity of each item**.

In other words, given two integer arrays  $\text{val}[0..N-1]$  and  $\text{wt}[0..N-1]$  which represent values and weights associated with  $N$  items respectively. Also given an integer  $W$  which represents knapsack capacity, find out the maximum value subset of  $\text{val}[]$  such that sum of the weights of this subset is smaller than or equal to  $W$ . You cannot break an item, either pick the complete item or dont pick it (0-1 property).

Example :  $N=3$ ,  $W=8$   
 Val  $\rightarrow [2, 3, 9]$   
 wt  $\rightarrow [8, 2, 5]$   
 Output =  $3+9 = 12$

- Identify DP choices  $\rightarrow$  Recursion  
 optimal solution  $\rightarrow$  Maximum value  
 $\downarrow$   
 DP.

### Recursion Approach ↗

```
def knapsack(W, wt, val, n):
    def helper(index, rem_weight):
        if index > n-1 or rem_weight == 0:
            return 0

        exclude = helper(index+1, rem_weight)
        include = 0
        if wt[index] <= rem_weight:
            include = val[index] +
                      helper(index+1, rem_weight -
                             wt[index])
        return max(include, exclude)

    return helper(0, W)
```

## MEMOIZATION APPROACH

In this we use a 2D array as the helper function (#Recursive function) has two inputs

```
def knapsack(W, wt, val, n):
```

$$dp = [E1] * (W+1) \text{ for } _- \text{ in range}(n)$$

```
def helper(index, rem_weight):
```

```
if index > n-1 or rem_weight == 0:  
    return 0
```

```
if dp[index][rem_weight] != -1:  
    return dp[index][rem_weight]
```

```
exclude = helper(index+1, rem_weight)
```

```
include = 0
```

```
if wt[index] <= rem_weight:
```

```
    include = val[index] +  
            helper(index+1, rem_weight -  
                  wt[index])
```

```
dp[index][rem_weight] = max(include, exclude)
```

```
return dp[index][rem_weight]
```

```
return helper(0, W)
```

## TABULATION APPROACH

We will use D.P. table for this approach :

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
I <sub>1</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
I <sub>2</sub>	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
I <sub>3</sub>	0	0	3	3	3	9	9	12	12	

Initial condition is base condition for recursive approach

dp[i][j]

exclude = dp[i-1][j]

include = val[i-1] + dp[i-1][  
j - wt[i-1]]

CODE:

```
def KnapSack (W, wt, val, n):
    dp = [[0] * (W+1) for _ in range (n+1)]
    for i in range (1, n+1):
        for j in range (1, W+1):
            exclude = dp[i-1][j]
            include = 0
            if wt[i-1] <= j:
                include = val[i-1] +
                          dp[i-1][j-wt[i-1]]
```

$dp[i][j] = \max(\text{include}, \text{exclude})$   
 return  $dp[n][w]$

## \* Space Optimized Tabulation Approach.

Observation based on Tabulation Approach:

- (i) We only need previous row values to calculate current row value.

```

def KnapSack (W, wt, val, n):
    prev = [0] * (W+1)
    curr = [0] * (W+1)

    for i in range(1, n+1):
        for j in range(1, W+1):
            exclude = prev[j]
            include = 0
            if wt[i-1] <= j:
                include = val[i-1] + prev[j - wt[i-1]]

            curr[j] = max(include, exclude)

    prev = curr[:]

return curr[W]
    
```

## \* Unbounded Knapsack

Given a set of  $N$  items, each with a weight and a value, represented by the array  $w$  and  $val$  respectively. Also, a knapsack with weight limit  $W$ .

The task is to fill the knapsack in such a way that we can get the maximum profit. Return the maximum profit.

**Note:** Each item can be taken any number of times.

$$val = [5, 10]$$

$$wt = [2, 2]$$

$$N = 2$$

$$W = 6$$

OUTPUT : 30

### Tabulation Approach:

$$val = [2, 4, 9]$$

$$N = 3$$

$$wt = [8, 2, 5]$$

$$W = 8$$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I <sub>1</sub>	0								
I <sub>2</sub>	0								
I <sub>3</sub>	0								

Similar to 0-1 knapsack problem

changes : in the include part instead of  $dp[i-1]$  we replace it with  $dp[i]$  as repetition is allowed

## 494. Target Sum

nums = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1], target = 3

Output = 5

$$\begin{array}{l} -1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \\ +1 - 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \\ +1 + 1 - 1 + 1 + 1 = 3 \\ +1 + 1 + 1 - 1 + 1 = 3 \\ +1 + 1 + 1 + 1 - 1 = 3 \end{array}$$

5 ways to assign symbols to nums array  
so that it can reach to target

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
-5	-4	-3	-2	1	0	1	2	3	4	5

1										
1										
1										
1										
1										

Since indices can't be negative, we did

$[sum\_nums + summation] = indices$

Let  $sum\_nums = -4$

then according to formula :

$$-4 + 5 = \boxed{1}$$

indices

- The sum ranges from  $-sum$  to  $+sum$ , so we build the dp table as

$[\text{None}] * (2 * \text{summation} + 1)$

```
class Solution:
    def findTargetSumWays(self, nums: List[int], target: int) -> int:
        n = len(nums)
        summation = sum(nums)
        dp = [[None] * (2 * summation + 1) for _ in range(n)]

        def helper(index, sum_nums):
            if index < 0:
                if sum_nums == target:
                    return 1
                else:
                    return 0

            if dp[index][sum_nums + summation] != None:
                return dp[index][sum_nums + summation]
```

## Question: Partition Equal Subset Sum

Input : [1, 5, 11, 15]

Output : True

Explanation : [1, 5, 5] and [11]

Input : [1, 2, 3, 5]

Output : False.

## Memoization Approach :

CODE :

```
def canPartition(nums):
```

```
    total_sum = sum(nums):
```

```
    if total_sum % 2 != 0
```

```
        return False
```

```
    target = total_sum // 2
```

```
    memo = {}
```

```
    def helper(index, current_sum):
```

```
#Base Case
```

```
    if current_sum == target:
```

```
        return True
```

```
    if index == n or current_sum > target:
```

```
        return False
```

```
    if (index, current_sum) in memo:
```

```
        return memo[(index, current_sum)]
```

```
# including the current number
```

```
    if helper(index+1, current_sum + nums[index]):
```

```
        memo[(index, current_sum)] = True
```

```
        return True
```

```
# Exclude the current number
```

```
    if helper(index+1, current_sum):
```

```
        memo[(index, current_sum)] = True
```

```
        return True
```

```

memo[(index, current_sum)] = False
return False

return helper(0, 0)

```

## TABULATION APPROACH

CODE :

```

def canPartition(nums):
    n = len(nums):
        total_sum = sum(nums)
        if total_sum % 2 != 0
            return False.
        target = total_sum // 2
        # initialising the DP table.
        dp = [[False] * (target + 1) for _ in range(n + 1)]

```

# base case ; it is always possible to make sum of 0

```

        for i in range(n + 1):
            dp[i][0] = True

```

# Filling the dp table

for i in range(1, n+1)

    for j in range(1, target+1):

        if j < nums[i-1]

            # if the current number is  
            greater than target, sum(j),  
            we can't include it.

            dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j]

        else :

            # two choice include or exclude

            dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j] or

            dp[i-1][j - nums[i-1]]

return dp[n][target]