

Week 13

Dynamic Programming!

Qn 1 - Fibonacci as Warmup

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As mentioned in tutorial one, the runtime is $O(\Phi^n)$ but a bound like 2^n is perfectly acceptable in CS2040S :)

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b) What is the runtime of fibVer2? What is the space complexity?

FibVer2[•]

```
int fibVer2Helper(int i, int[] arr) {  
    if (arr[i] != -1) {  
        return arr[i];  
    }  
    if (i == 0 || i == 1) {  
        arr[i] = 1;  
        return 1;  
    }  
    int answer = fibVer2Helper(i - 1, arr) + fibVer2Helper(i - 2, arr);  
    arr[i] = answer;  
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}  
  
int fibVer2(int i) {  
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Notice that although FibVer2 is recursive, we only recurse when i has not been set. After we recurse once, value has been set and we do not need to recurse again

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We need to ask ourselves:

1) To solve for input i , how many subproblems are we solving?

2) How much does it cost to solve each subproblem?

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c) What about an iterative version?

FibVer3[•]

Solution:

```
int fibVer3(int i) {  
    int[] memo_table = new int[i + 1];  
    memo_table[0] = 1;  
    memo_table[1] = 1;  
  
    for (int idx = 2; idx <= i; ++idx) {  
        memo_table[idx] = memo_table[idx - 1] + memo_table[idx - 2];  
    }  
  
    return memo_table[i];  
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Qn 2 - Fancy Paintings

Xenon has purchased **n paintings**, where the **i-th painting** has height **h_i** and width **w_i** . He now wishes to display his paintings in a building with multiple floors.

Each floor has one wall **k** metres long, and can fit as many paintings side-by-side so long as the total width does not exceed **k** metres.

We cannot reorder, and we cannot stack the paintings. Moreover, the height of each floor is determined by the **height of the tallest painting**, and he wants to **minimise the height of the building**.

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Simple Counter-Example: Suppose $k = 10$

Painting 1: $h = 1, w = 5$

Painting 2: $h = 10, w = 5$

Painting 3: $h = 10, w = 5$

Following the above algorithm, you would put painting 1 and 2 on the first floor, and painting 3 on the second, resulting in a total height of 20m. But you can see how if we were to put painting 1 on the first, 2 and 3 on the second, it would result in a min height of $1 + 10 = 11m$

Qn 2 - Fancy Paintings

2b) Let $dp(i)$ be the height of the building if we only consider the first i paintings. Write the recurrence relation and the initial condition for $dp(i)$. State additional variables clearly if necessary.

Paintings

First, we define $dp(0) = 0$. We need a building of 0 height if we do not have any paintings.

Next, to write a recurrence for $dp(i)$, we need to consider **all possible arrangements on the LAST floor**, since the **last painting on the last floor has to be the i-th painting**. Thus, we need to consider every other painting that should be on the same floor.

Let $j > 0$ be the one-based index of the painting such that $w_j + w_{j+1} + \dots + w_i = \sum_{r=j}^i w_r \leq k$. In other words, if painting i is the last painting for the floor, the most paintings we can include is $j, j+1, \dots, i-1, i$, as adding painting $j-1$ would result in the total width of the paintings exceeding k .

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This just means: We can choose the number of paintings that we can add onto the last floor with the last painting, but the maximum is reached when adding one more would exceed width k (and recall we have to go in sequence! based on restrictions given in the question)

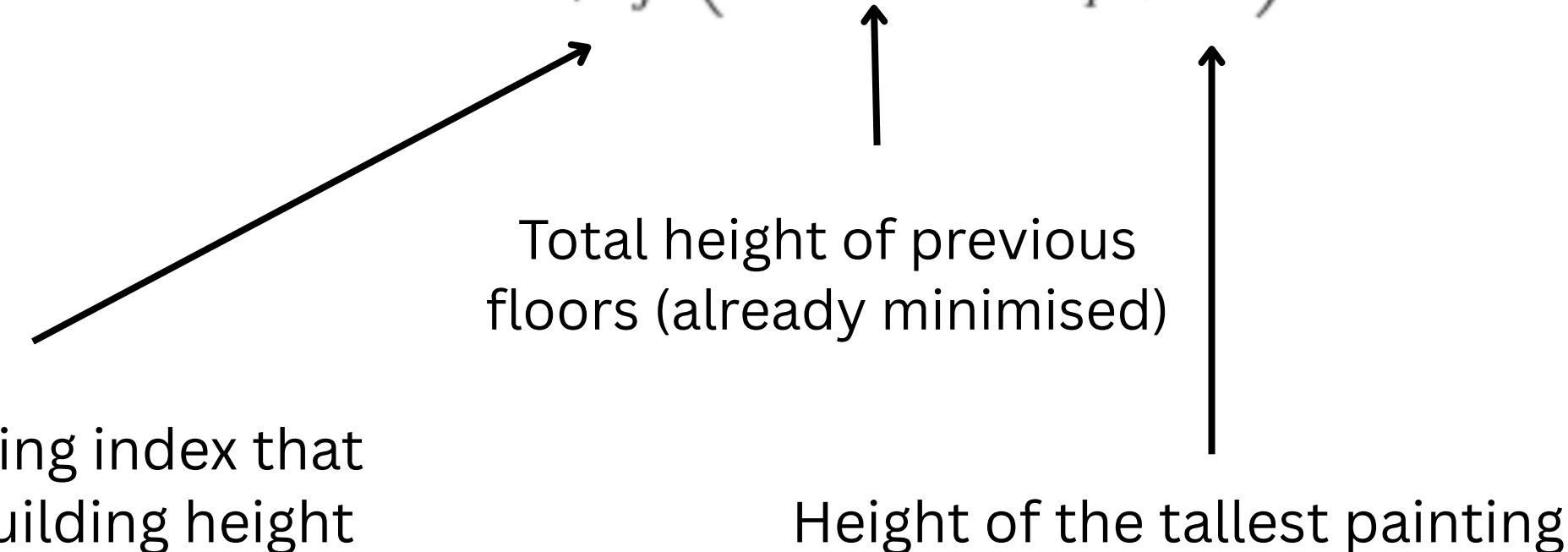
Say that the last floor began with painting r and ended with painting i . Then the height of the floor would be $\max_{q=r}^i h_q$. The total height of the previous floors would be $dp(r - 1)$. Thus, the recurrence relation can then be written as

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Finding the starting index that
minimises the building height

Height of the tallest painting

Qn 2 - Fancy Paintings

2c) Write pseudocode for the recurrence, and identify worst-case time and space complexity

Paintings

```
int dp(int i) {  
    if (i == 0) return 0;  
  
    int min_building_height = MAX_INT;  
    int total_width = 0;  
    int max_painting_height = 0;  
  
    for (int r = i; r >= 1; r--) {  
        total_width += w[r];  
        if (total_width > k) break;  
  
        max_painting_height = max(max_painting_height, h[r]);  
        min_building_height = min(min_building_height, dp(r - 1) + max_painting_height);  
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Note that this pseudocode is only for showcasing the recurrence! There is NO dynamic programming implemented YET, but you can see how you can either use memoisation (top-down) or table approach (bottom-up) to avoid recomputing repeated values of $dp(r - 1)$

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```

Space complexity: O(n)

Time complexity: O(n^2), when every painting can fit on the same floor
(why? because you need to test more values of r (starting index))

Qn 3 - Road Trip

Set of **n petrol stations** (including destination). Trip is complete when reached destination. Each petrol station has a **cost**, and a **distance**.

Tank has **L litres**. **Each km uses 1 litre**. Ensure that your car always has petrol (but you can reach a station with 0 petrol). Determine how much petrol to buy at each station to **minimise the cost of the trip**

First step: Identify what is the subproblem!

Qn 3 - Road Trip

Sub-problem: Compute $DP(s_j, k)$ i.e. the minimum cost to get from station j to station $n-1$ (destination) **for each station and for each value of k** .

Note that if you have already solved the problem for ALL $j' > j$, then it is not hard to compute $DP(s_j, k)$ because, suppose you have k liters left, and you know the distance (h) to the next station, then you just have to **lookup $DP(s_{j+1}, h - k + i)$ for all $i \leq L$** , add $c(s_j) \times i$ to it (which simulates buying petrol at the station) and select the **minimum cost**. Then the value of i is the amount of petrol you should buy at that station.

$$DP(s_j, k) = \min_{\max(0, h-k) \leq i \leq L-k} (DP(s_{j+1}, k - h + i) + c(s_j) \times i)$$

Run your DP backwards from destination to source to discover the cheapest way.

Qn 3 - Road Trip

Runtime: **$O(nL^2)$** , where n is the number of stations and L is the number of litres.

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Alternatively, define $DP(s_j, k)$ to be minimum cost to get from home to station s_j . To reach s_j with k litres remaining, can decide to go from s_{j-1} with $k + h$ litres or pump 1 litre of petrol at s_j with $k - 1$ litres remaining. In other words:

$$DP'(s_j, k) = \min(DP'(s_{j-1}, k - h), DP'(s_j, k - 1) + c(s_j))$$

The complexity of this solution is $O(nL)$, which still depends on L .

Why is it $O(nL)$? For each station (**n**), compute minimum cost for each possible amount of fuel **k** (**L**).

Qn 4 - Plagiarism

4a) Given two substrings A and B, come up with an algorithm to determine the length of the longest shared substring.

Let $f(i,j)$ be the length of the longest shared substring that ends at the i-th character of string A and the j-th character of string B.

Write the recurrence relation and base cases for $f(i, j)$. What is the answer to the original problem? Write pseudocode and identify time complexity of your code.

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If $A[i] \neq B[j]$, then $f(i, j) = 0$ since there is no way a shared substring can end at $A[i]$ and $B[j]$.

If $A[i] = B[j]$, there are three cases:

1. $i = 1, j \geq 1$, means $f(i, j) = 1$. This is a base case
2. $i \geq 1, j = 1$, means $f(i, j) = 1$. This is another base case.
3. $i > 1, j > 1$. If the shared substring has length at least 2, when we remove the last character, we have a shorter substring that ends at the $(i - 1)$ th character of A and $(j - 1)$ th character of B. Thus,
 $f(i, j) = f(i - 1, j - 1) + 1$ (recurrence!)

The answer is then the **maximum of $f(i, j)$** over all possible choices of i and j.

Plagiarism

Let n be the length of A and m be the length of B . Pseudocode (table method):

```
answer = 0
for each i from 1 to n:
    for each j from 1 to m:
        if A[i] != B[j]:
            f[i][j] = 0
        else if i == 1 or j == 1:
            f[i][j] = 1
        else:
            f[i][j] = f[i - 1][j - 1] + 1
    answer = max(answer, f[i][j])
```

You can also implement it recursively with memoization. Either way, the time complexity is $O(nm)$.

Qn 4 - Plagiarism

4b) Given two substrings A and B, come up with an algorithm to determine the length of the longest shared subsequence. (Subsequence = can remove some characters in between)

Let $g(i,j)$ be the length of the longest shared subsequence that ends at the i-th character of string A and the j-th character of string B.

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Similar to before,

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3. $i > 1, j > 1$. Since subsequences **do not need to be consecutive**, we don't know where previous characters are, so we need to consider all possible choices. **In other words, $g(i, j)$ is the maximum of $g(x, y) + 1$ over all x and y such that $x < i, y < j$ and $A[x] = B[y]$.**

$$g(i, j) = \max_{1 \leq x < i, 1 \leq y < j, A[x] = B[y]} (g(x, y) + 1)$$

The answer is the maximum of $g(i, j)$ over all possible choices of i and j .

Plagiarism

Pseudocode:

```
answer = 0
for each i from 1 to n:
    for each j from 1 to m:
        if A[i] != B[j]:
            g[i][j] = 0
        else:
            g[i][j] = 1
            for each x from 1 to i - 1:
                for each y from 1 to j - 1:
                    if A[x] == B[y]:
                        g[i][j] = max(g[i][j], g[x][y] + 1)
answer = max(answer, g[i][j])
```

The time complexity of the code is $O(n^2m^2)$.

Qn 4 - Plagiarism

4c) Let's use a different approach for this DP. Define $h(i,j)$ to be the length of the longest shared subsequence that ends before (or at) the i -th character of A and ends before(or at) the j -th character of B.

Write the recurrence relation and pseudocode for $h(i, j)$. What's the time complexity of the code?

Plagiarism

Define $h(i,j)$ to be the length of the longest shared subsequence that **ends before (or at) the i -th character of A** and **ends before(or at) the j -th character of B**.

Write the recurrence relation and pseudocode for $h(i, j)$. What's the time complexity of the code?

In this case, we will allow i and j to be equal to 0 (you can think of it as having a subsequence before the start of string A or B). This can only happen if the subsequence is empty, so $h(i, j) == 0$ if $i == 0$ or $j == 0$. These are our base cases.

To compute $h(i,j)$, there are two cases:

1. If $A[i] = B[j]$, the subsequence will end with this character. The previous character is somewhere before (or at) the $(i - 1)$ th character of A and before (or at) the $(j - 1)$ th character of B. Thus, $h(i, j) = h(i - 1, j - 1) + 1$
2. If $A[i] != B[j]$, then we must discard either the i -th character of A or the j -th character of B. Taking maximum of these two options, $h(i, j) = \max(h(i - 1, j), h(i, j - 1))$

Plagiarism

Pseudocode:

```
for each i from 0 to n:  
    h[i][0] = 0  
for each j from 0 to m:  
    h[0][j] = 0  
  
for each i from 1 to n:  
    for each j from 1 to m:  
        if A[i] == B[j]:  
            h[i][j] = h[i - 1][j - 1] + 1  
        else:  
            h[i][j] = max(h[i - 1][j], h[i][j - 1])  
  
answer = h[n][m]
```

The time complexity of the code is $O(nm)$.