

Rod cutting problem

Bottom-up approach.

Idea: It solves the subproblems from 0 to n iteratively.
and store them in a table / dictionary / hash table.

Bottom-up-rod-cut (P, n)

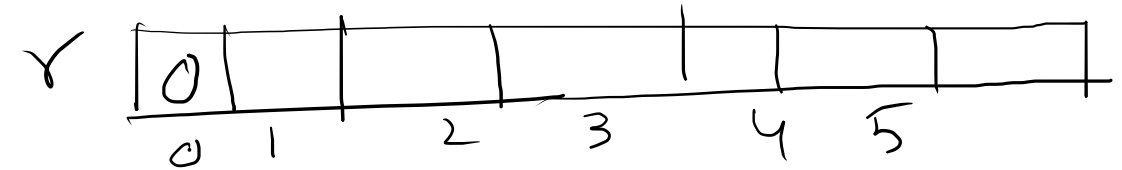
let $r[0, \dots, n]$ be a new array
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 $r[0] = 0$

for $j = 1$ to n
 $q = -\infty$

$q = \max_{1 \leq i \leq j} \{ q, p[i] + r[j-i] \}$
 $r[j] = q$ // \leftarrow this is the i which gives the maximum q

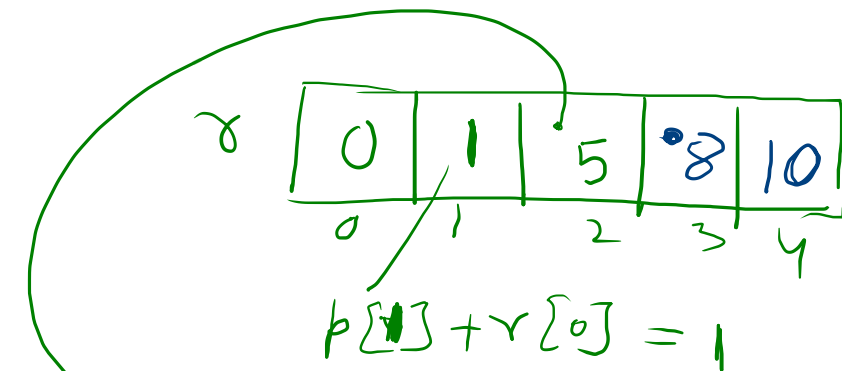
return $r[n]$

Running time: $O(n^2)$
two for loops



i	1	2	3	4
p_i	1	5	8	9

$n=4$



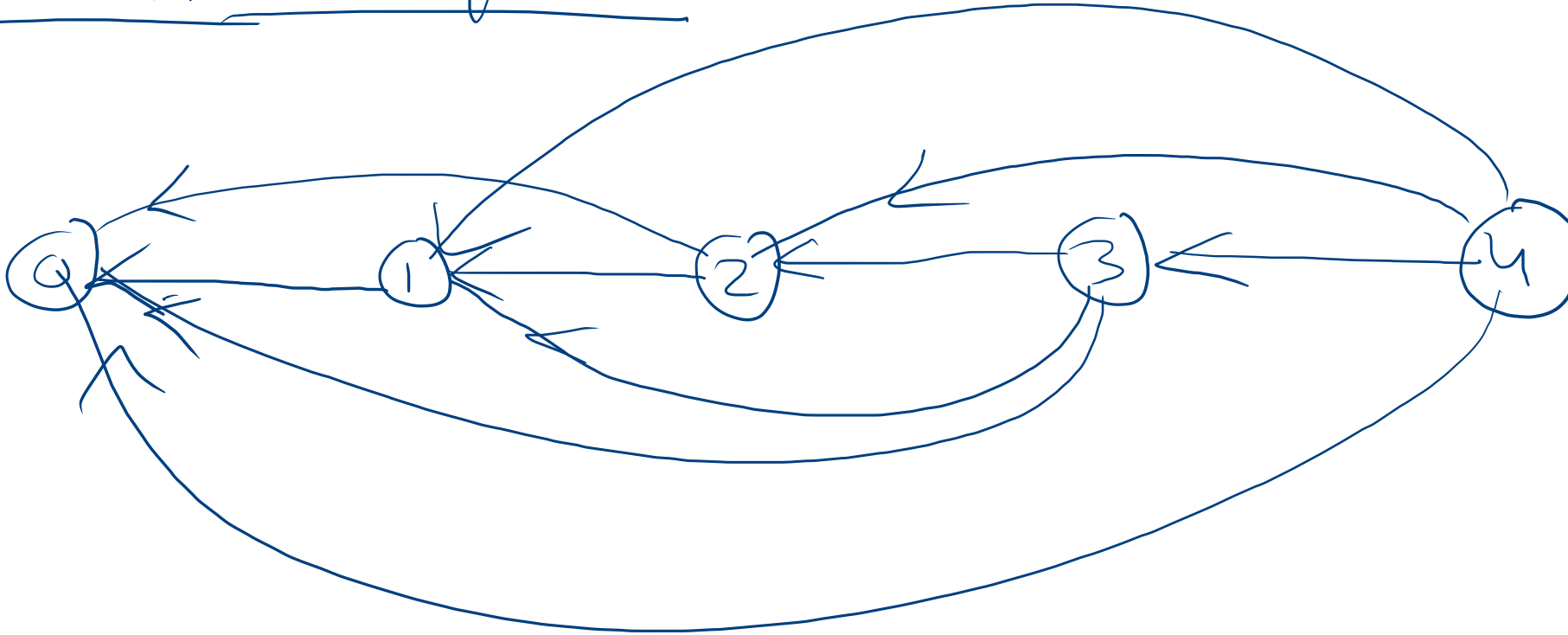
$j=2$ for $i=2$ \max $\begin{cases} p[1] + r[1] = 2 \\ p[2] + r[0] = 5 \end{cases}$

$j=3$ for $i=3$

$p[3] + r[0] = 8$

$j=4$ for $i=2$

The subproblem graph



construction of a solution

Print-rod-cut (P, n)

$(r, s) = \text{Bottom-up-rod-cut}(P, n)$

while $n > 0$

 Print $s[n]$

$n = n - s[n]$

For $n = 4$,

Print gives the solution as 2, 2

General outline of a DP problem

Step 1 :- Structure

Characterize the structure of an optimum solution.
by showing that it can be decomposed into
optimum subproblems.

Step 2 Recursive

Recursively define the value of an optimum
solution by expressing it in terms of optimum
solution for smaller subproblems.

Step 3: Optimum value computation

Two approaches

- i) Top-down with memoization
- ii) Bottom-up with tabulation.

Step 4: optimum solution computation

Step 4 only requires when one ask for finding an optimum solution.

Some time additional information is maintained during steps 1-3 to easily construct an optimum solution.

Fibonacci number

1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, . . .

Step 1 If optimally compute previous 2 terms then you can optimally compute that number by summing the previous two numbers.

Step 2.

$$F_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 2 \\ F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} & \text{if } n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

fibonacci(n)
let F be an array.
if n = 1
 return 1

if n = 2
 return 2

for i = 3 to n
 $F[i] = F[i-1] + F[i-2]$

return F[n]

fib (n)

if n = 1

return 1

if n = 2

return 2

for i = 3 to n

return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2)