

Survey !!!!

Java

Python ()

C++

Mock Interview ?

1. Someone ()
2. Feedback (In general good and bad)
3. Recorded (LMS)

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<https://leetcode.com/problems/min-cost-climbing-stairs> (<https://leetcode.com/problems/min-cost-climbing-stairs>)

## Brute force

TC:  $O(2^n)$

SC:  $O(n)$

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minCostClimbingStairs(vector<int>& cost) {
        return min(minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cost,0), minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cost,1));
    }

    int minCostClimbingStairsUtil(vector<int>& cost, int idx) {
        if (idx >= cost.size()) {
            return 0;
        }

        int step1 = minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cost, idx + 1);
        int step2 = minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cost, idx + 2);

        return cost[idx] + min(step1, step2);
    }
};
```

## DP: Memoization

TC:  $O(n)$

SC:  $O(n)$

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minCostClimbingStairs(vector<int>& cost) {
        std::unordered_map<int, int> cache;
        return min(minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cache, cost, 0), minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cache, cost, 1));
    }

    int minCostClimbingStairsUtil(std::unordered_map<int, int>& cache, vector<int>& cost, int idx) {
        if (idx >= cost.size()) {
            return 0;
        }
        if (cache.count(idx) != 0) {
            return cache[idx];
        }

        int step1 = minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cache, cost, idx + 1);
        int step2 = minCostClimbingStairsUtil(cache, cost, idx + 2);

        int ans = cost[idx] + min(step1, step2);
        cache[idx] = ans;
        return ans;
    }
};
```

## DP: Tabulation

TC:  $O(n)$

SC:  $O(n)$

```

class Solution {
    public int minCostClimbingStairs(int[] cost) {
        int n = cost.length;
        int[] dp = new int[n + 1];

        //base case
        dp[0] = cost[0];
        dp[1] = cost[1];

        for(int i = 2; i < n; i++){
            dp[i] = cost[i] + Math.min(dp[i - 1], dp[i - 2]);
            //stores the cost of each step
        }
    }
}

```

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## Recursion Problems

- Backtracking
- DP

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## Rethinking Climbing Stairs: Identify whether we use backtracking or DP

For

N=3 [1 1 1] [1 2] [2 1]

N=4 [1 1 1 1] [1 1 2] [1 2 1] [2 1 1] [2 2]

## Do I need the actual permutations ?

Yes: Backtracking

No:

## -> Do I need to count possible solutions ?

Yes:

Backtracking: BruteForce

DP: Optimal

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### DP-problem

- Look for keywords: min/max, count, unique, ways etc
- Think of a recurrence relation (draw on paper / board)
- Figure out base conditions
- Figure out number of state variables (the variables on which answer depends: 1D, 2D, .....)
- Write a top-down / bottom-up code

### DP problem top-down structure

- populate a (cache)/ (dp array/matrix or whatever)
- call utility function with cache
- Write a recursive utility function
  - // base conditions
  - // cache lookup
  - // recursion
  - // caching

### DP problem bottom-up structure

- populate the cache with solution for the trivial cases
- run loops which start from non-trivial cases
  - use recurrence relation to determine solution at current structure
- return last answer

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## 2D

<https://leetcode.com/problems/unique-paths/description/>  
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