

Q1, - Base case:

" "  $\rightarrow$  " " : numDecodings(" ") = 1

"3"  $\rightarrow$  "C" : numDecodings("3") = 1

"06"  $\rightarrow$  error : numDecodings("06") = 0

- Notice this problem is about the number of ways  
Think about breaking down this problem, u will  
have:

$$\bullet \text{ numDecodings("12345")} = \text{numDecodings("2345")} + \text{numDecodings("345")}$$

"1" + ["2345"]

"12" + ["345"]

$$\bullet \text{ numDecoding("27345")} = \text{numDecodings("7345")} \quad \text{since } 27 > 26$$

= 0

Date

$$\bullet \text{ numDecoding("20345")} = \text{numDecodings("0345")} + \text{numDecodings("345")}$$



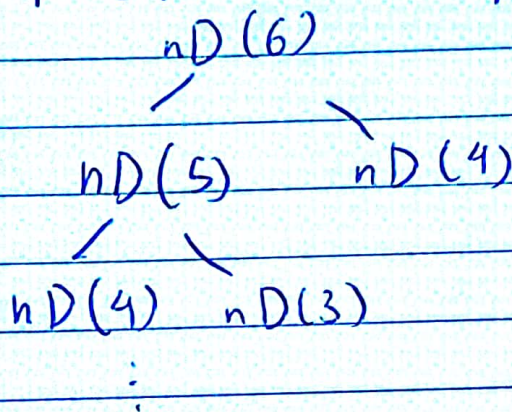
- To improve this solution:  
we notice

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{numDecodings}("12345") \\
 &= \text{numDecodings}("2345") + \text{numDecodings}("345") \\
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 &+ \text{numDecodings}("345")
 \end{aligned}$$

→ duplication → ~~remind~~ remind of Fibonacci optimization aka memoization.

→ Use an array to store previous result.

★ ~~Unimproved~~ Unimproved code time complexity:  $O(2^n)$



★ Improved code time complexity:  $O(n)$