



## Lecture 7

# Dynamic Programming I: Introduction, Memoization, Rod Cutting, Knapsack

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- **Similar** to divide-and-conquer: **recursion** (for solving sub-problems)
- Sub-problems **overlap**: solve them only **once**!

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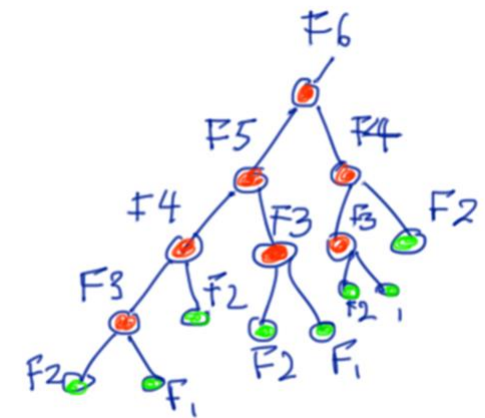
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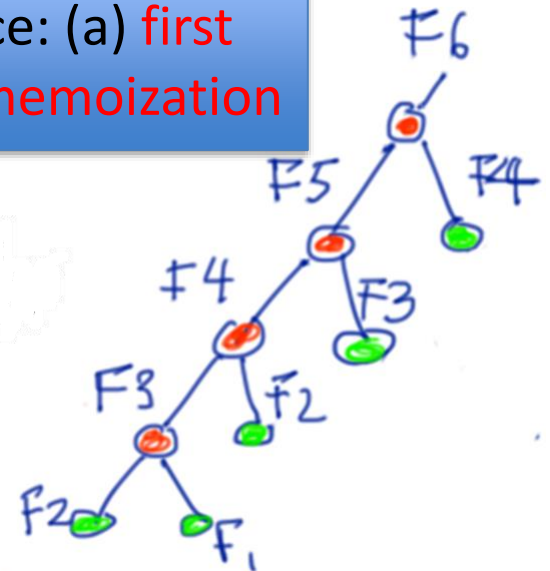
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Fib( $n$ ) will be invoked twice: (a) **first recursion** and (b) **second memoization**

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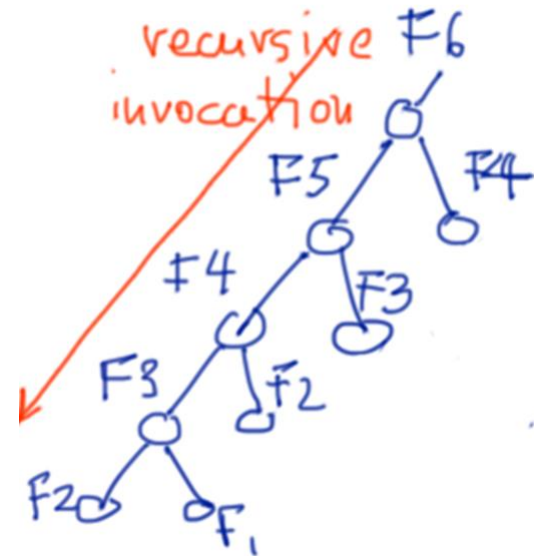
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1. Top-down approach:

If solution is **stored** in the array,  
return it (**memoization**).

Otherwise solves  
**subproblems recursively**



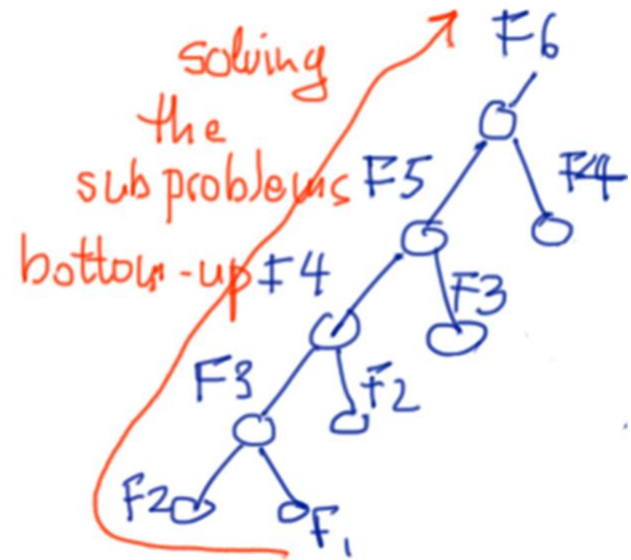
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2. Bottom-up approach:  
Solves subproblems **iteratively**  
in the order of **smallest**  
to **largest sub**problems.

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Array fib[]  
fib[1] ← 1, fib[2] ← 1  
For  $i = 3$  to  $n$  do  
     $\text{fib}[i] = \text{fib}(i - 1) + \text{fib}(i - 2)$   
return fib[n]
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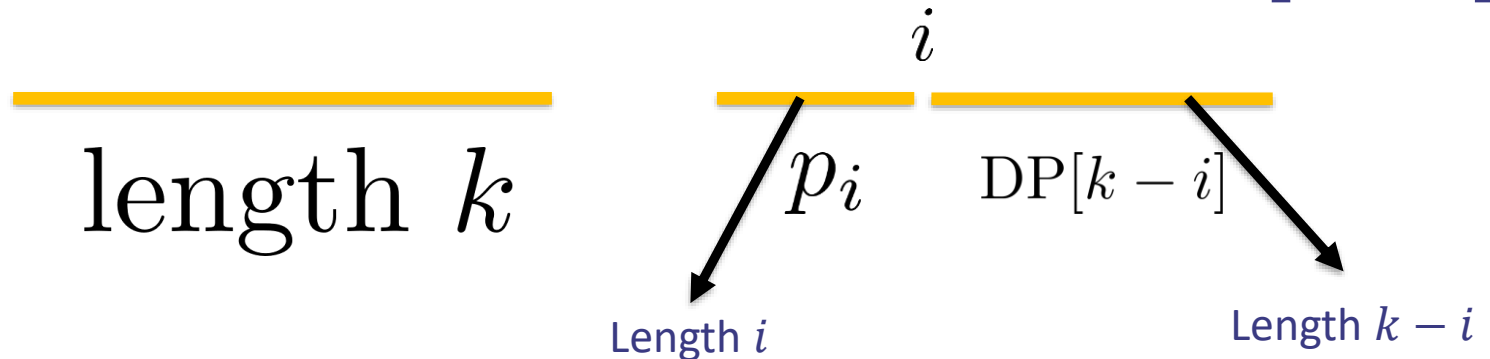
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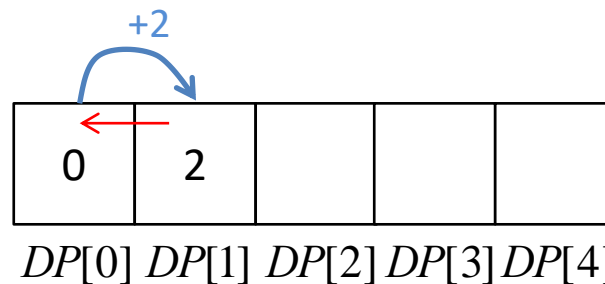
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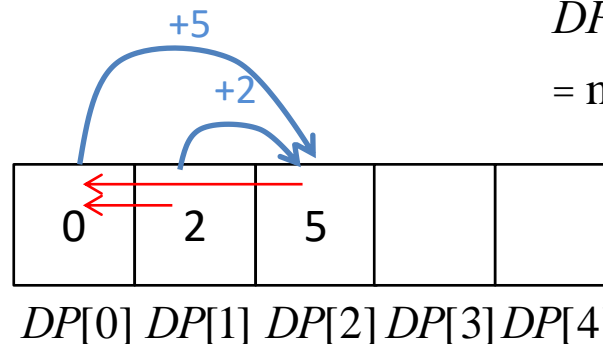
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$$\begin{aligned} DP[2] &= \max\{p_2 + DP[0], p_1 + DP[1]\} \\ &= \max\{5 + 0, 2 + 2\} \end{aligned}$$

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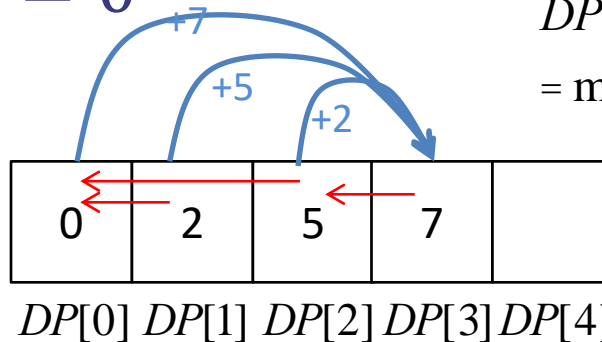
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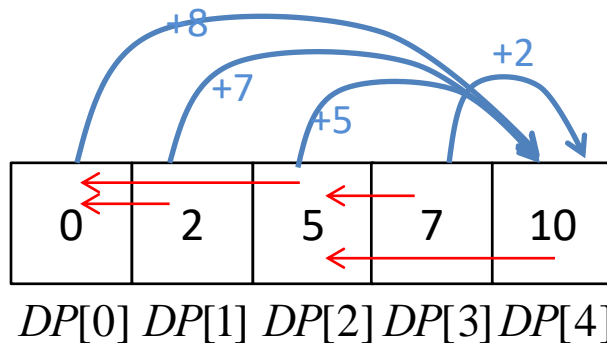
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**Answer:** Use pointer  $S$



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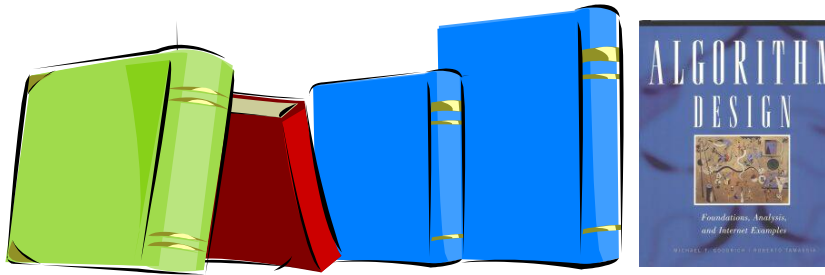
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# Case study II: 0/1 Knapsack

**Problem:** A set of  $n$  items, with each item  $i$  having positive weight  $w_i$  and positive benefit  $v_i$ . You are asked to choose items with **maximum total benefit** so that the **total weight** is **at most  $W$**

**Example:**

Items:



Weight:	4 lbs	2 lbs	2 lbs	6 lbs	2 lbs
Benefit:	\$20	\$3	\$6	\$25	\$80

“knapsack” with 9 lbs capacity



**Solution:**

- item 5 (\$80, 2 lbs)
- item 3 (\$6, 2lbs)
- item 1 (\$20, 4lbs)

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Item  $k$  will be used or not.

$$DP[k] = \max(DP[k-1], DP[k-1] + v_k)$$

But how do we know that  $DP[k-1]$  does **not exceed**  $W - w_k$  in weight so we can use  $k$ ?

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It is  $DP[0, j] = 0$  for all  $j$  and  $DP[i, 0] = 0$  for all  $i$ .

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$$DP[k][j] = \begin{cases} \text{if } w_k \leq j & \max(DP[k-1][j-w_k] + v_k, DP[k-1][j]) \\ \text{If } w_k > j & DP[k-1][j] \end{cases}$$

**Answer:** Add an if statement in the recurrence.

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**Example:** 3 items,  $W = 4$   
 $w_1 = 2, v_1 = 1, w_2 = 2, v_2 = 1, w_3 = 3, v_3 = 5$

**Initialization:**

	j=0	1	2	3	4
i=0	0	0	0	0	0
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2	0				
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i=0	0	0	0	0	0
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The table represents the dynamic programming table for the 0/1 Knapsack problem. The rows represent items (i) and the columns represent the knapsack capacity (j). The values in the table are the maximum value that can be achieved with a knapsack of capacity j, considering the first i items. The red arrow indicates the optimal solution for i=1, j=3, which is 0, achieved by not taking item 1. The green arrow indicates the optimal solution for i=1, j=2, which is 1, achieved by taking item 1.

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	j=0	1	2	3	4
i=0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	
2	0	0	1	$\max(1, v_2+0)$	
3	0	0	1		

# Case study II: 0/1 Knapsack

**Example:** 3 items,  $W = 4$   
 $w_1 = 2, v_1 = 1, w_2 = 2, v_2 = 1, w_3 = 3, v_3 = 5$

	j=0	1	2	3	4
i=0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	
2	0	0	1	1	
3	0	0	1	$\max(1, v_3+0)$	

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**Example:** 3 items,  $W = 4$   
 $w_1 = 2, v_1 = 1, w_2 = 2, v_2 = 1, w_3 = 3, v_3 = 5$

	j=0	1	2	3	4
i=0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	$\max(0, v_1+0)$
2	0	0	1	1	
3	0	0	1	5	

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**Example:** 3 items,  $W = 4$   
 $w_1 = 2, v_1 = 1, w_2 = 2, v_2 = 1, w_3 = 3, v_3 = 5$

	j=0	1	2	3	4
i=0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	1	$\max(1, v_2+1)$
3	0	0	1	5	

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	j=0	1	2	3	4
i=0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1	1	1
2	0	0	1	1	2
3	0	0	1	5	$\max(2, 0+v_3)$

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3	0	0	1	5	5

# Case study II: 0/1 Knapsack

## Pseudocode:

Array  $DP[][]$

**For**  $i = 0$  to  $n$  **do**

$DP[i, 0] \leftarrow 0$

**For**  $j = 1$  to  $W$  **do**

$DP[0, j] \leftarrow 0$

**For**  $i = 1$  to  $n$  **do**

**For**  $j = 1$  to  $W$  **do**

**If**  $j < w_i$  **then**

$DP[i][j] \leftarrow DP[i - 1][j]$

**else**  $DP[i][j] \leftarrow \max(DP[i - 1][j], DP[i - 1][j - w_i] + v_i)$

**return**  $DP[n][W]$

Initialization

Bottom up filling DP

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# Case study II: 0/1 Knapsack

## Pseudocode:

```
Array DP[][]  
For  $i = 0$  to  $n$  do  
     $DP[i, 0] \leftarrow 0$   
For  $j = 1$  to  $W$  do  
     $DP[0, j] \leftarrow 0$   
For  $i = 1$  to  $n$  do  
    For  $j = 1$  to  $W$  do  
        If  $j < w_i$  then  
             $DP[i][j] \leftarrow DP[i - 1][j]$   
        else  $DP[i][j] \leftarrow \max(DP[i - 1][j], DP[i - 1][j - w_i] + v_i)$   
return  $DP[n][W]$ 
```

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Running time:  $\Theta(nW)$