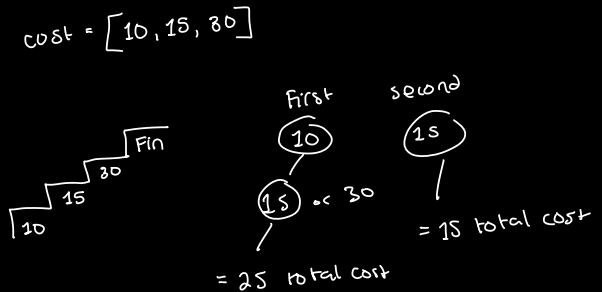
Problem: For staircase, the i-th step is assigned a non-negative cost indiccated by a cost array.

When pay cost for step -> climb ONE or TWO steps
Find minimum cost to reach top of stairase

first step can be FIRST or SECOND step



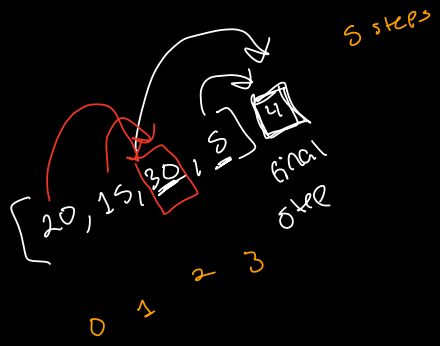
How to recognize dp problem?

optimization → min
→ max

1. Based in Recursion → base case
2. Recurrence relation

formula for basis of recursive soln

Generate all paths to pick minimum cost

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func():
# base case
func()
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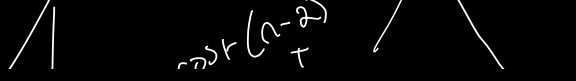
n=4

minCost(n) 30

cost(n) + min(minCost(n-1) 3, minCost(n-2) 2)

Top Down



cost[n-1] +

minCost(n-2)

| minCost(n-3)

min (minCost(n-3), minCost(n-1))

n = 0

recurrence relation

minCost(i) = cost[i] + min (minCost(i-1), minCost(i-2))

base case

- i < 0 : return 0
- i == 0 : return cost[0]
- i == 1 : return cost[1]

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const minCostClimbingStairs = function (cost) {
    const n = cost.length;
    return Math.min (minCost (n-1, cost),
                     minCost (n-2, cost));
};

const minCost = (i, cost) => {
    if i < 0: return 0
    if i == 0 or i == 1 : return cost[i]
    (minCost (i-1, cost),
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return cost[i] + min(...)

minCost(i-2, cost)

recurrence relation

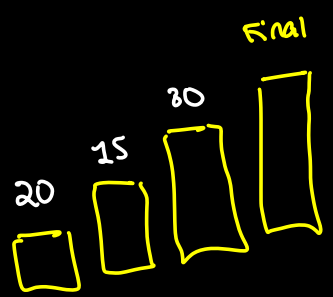
Time: 2^n

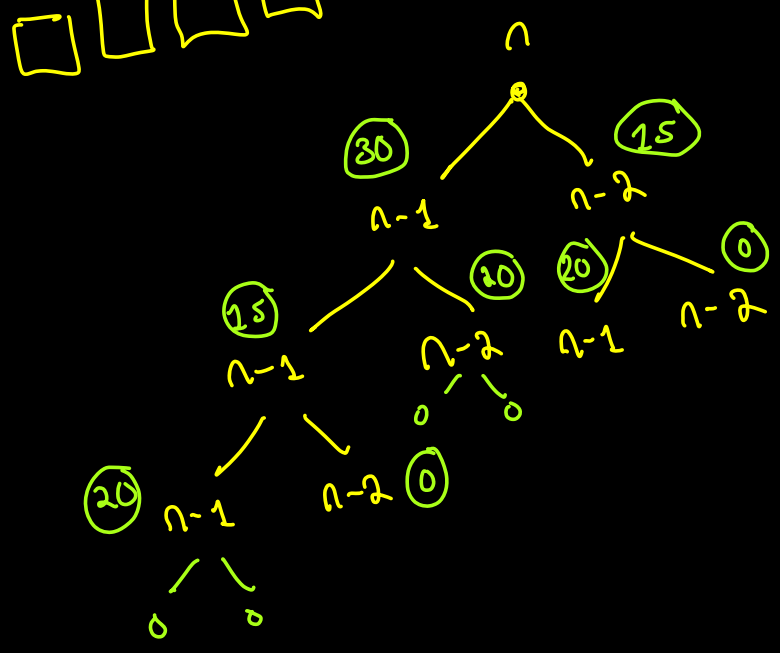
Space: n

call stack only contains of single branch down to bottom of binary tree AT WORST

- stack contains max height of tree

for every call, call (2) recursive functions





n

$2^0 = 1$

$2^1 = 2$

$2^2 = 4$

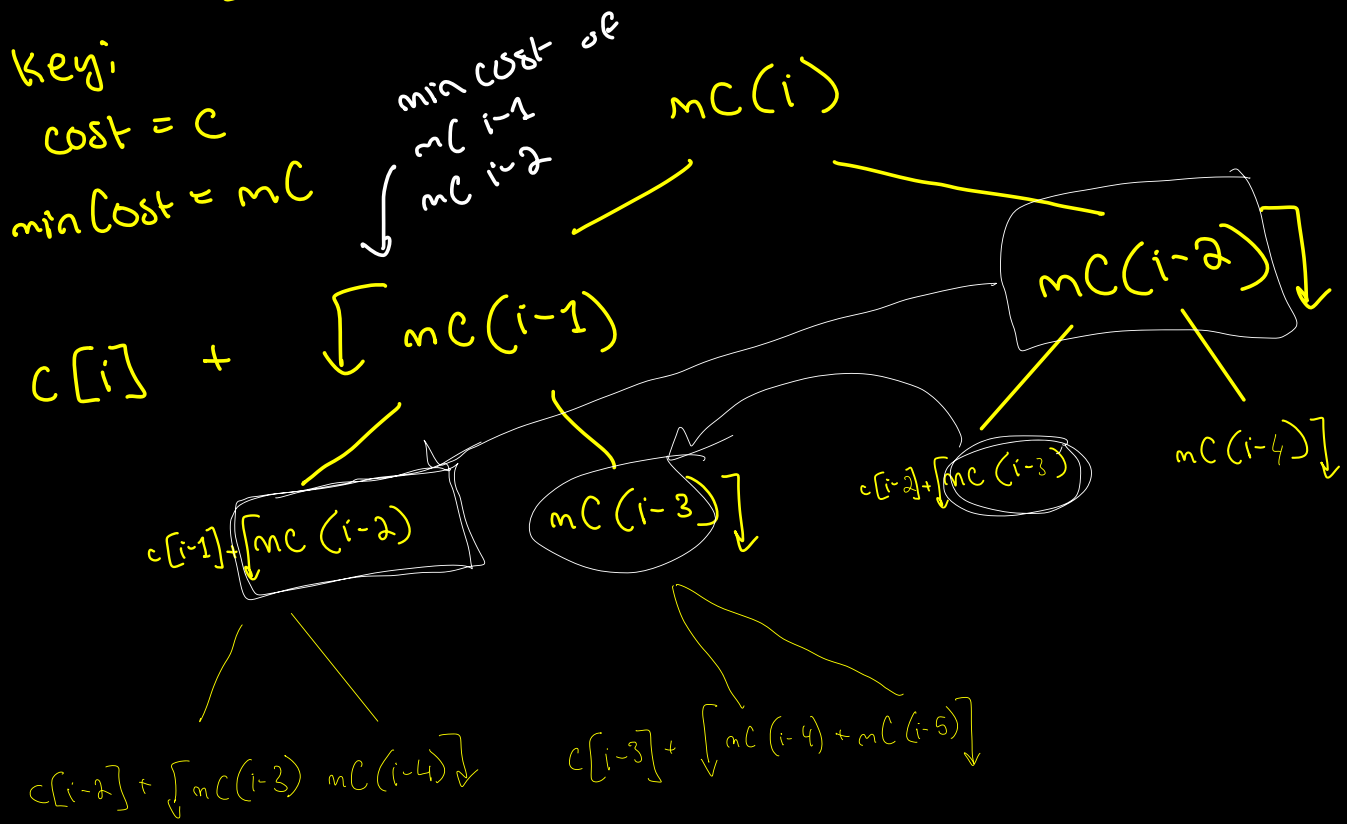
$2^3 = 8$

double the calls 6x

every value of n

1. define recurrence relation
2. create (brute force) recursive function
3. memoize — state based tree

key:
cost = c
minCost = mC



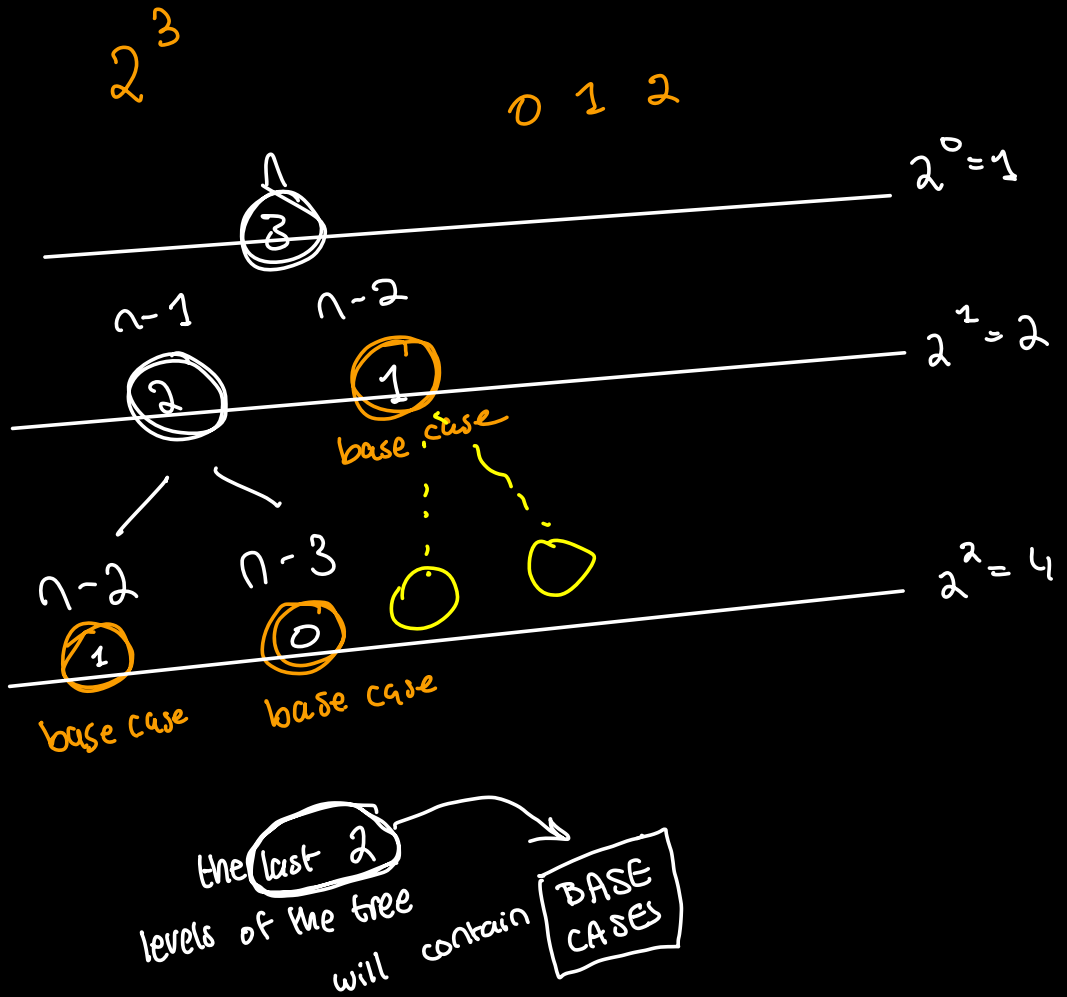
Note: Data structure used to memoize == Data structure iterated thru

(in this case: array)

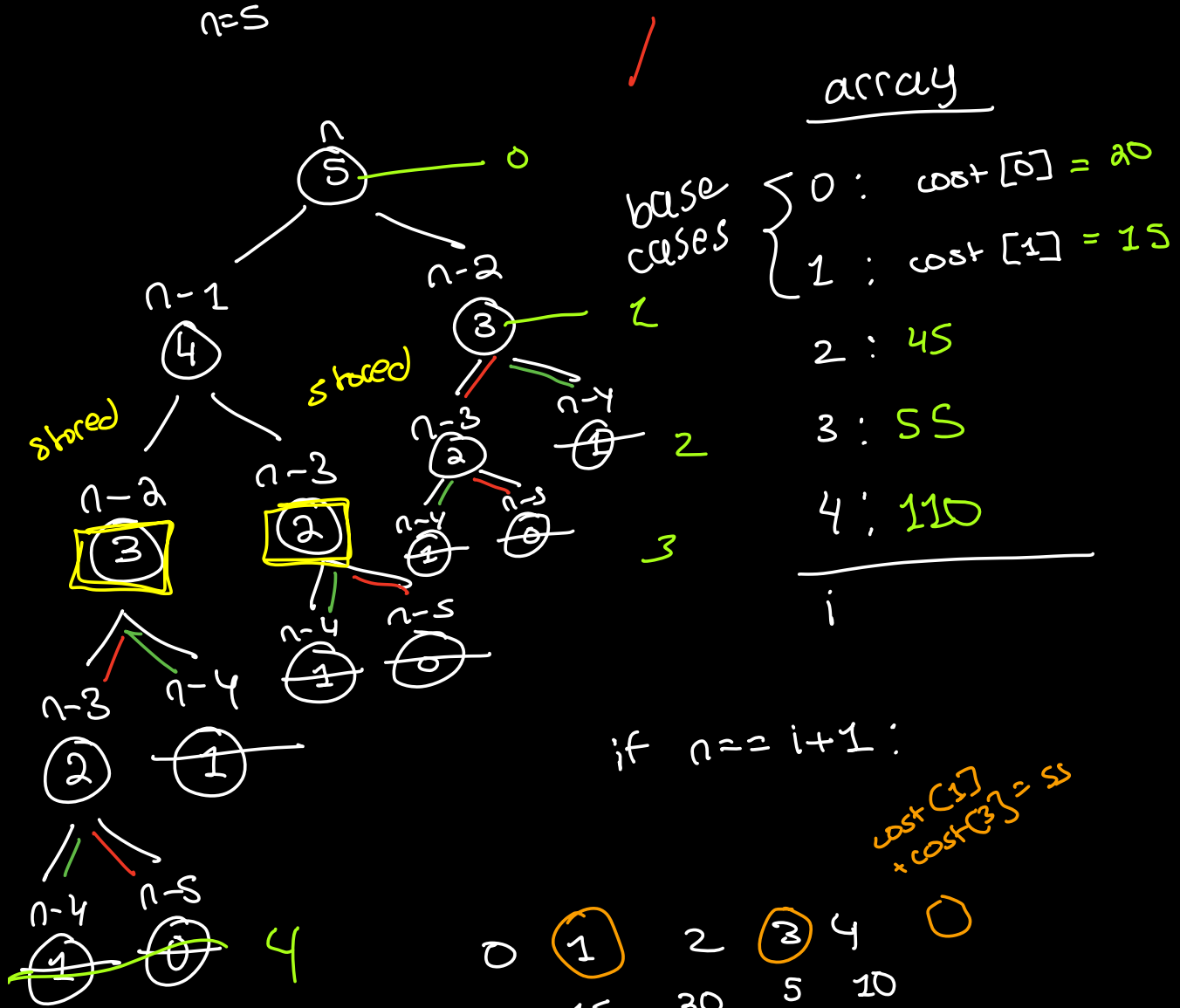
? which side will hit the base case first?

→ the right most branch

memoize the right most branch, then if traversing thru - if the value hasn't been seen before - include it in the array!



the last 2 levels of the tree will contain BASE CASES



array

base cases { 0 : cost[0] = 20
1 : cost[1] = 15

2 : 45

3 : 55

4 : 110

i

if n == i+1 :

cost[1] + cost[3] = 55

0 1 2 3 4 0

20 15 30 5 10

0 1 1→2

0 → 20

1 → 15

2 → min(20, 15) = 15

15 + cost[2] = 45

1 2

3 → min(15, 45) = 15 1→3

15 + cost[3] = 20

2 , 3

④ → min (45 , 20) = 20 1 → 2 → 4

20 + cost[4] = 30

⑤ → min (20 , 30) = 30+0
3 , 4

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const minCostClimbingStairs = function (cost) {

    const n = cost.length;

    let array = -1 * n

    array[0] = cost[0]
    array[1] = cost[1]

    return Math.min (minCost (n-1, cost),
                     minCost (n-2, cost)):
}

const minCost = (i, cost, array ) => {

    if i < 0: return 0

    if i == 0 or i == 1 : return cost[i]

    right = (array [i-1 ] == -1) ? minCost (i-1, cost)
                                 : array [i-1]

    left = (array [i-2] == -1) ? minCost (i-2, cost)
                               : array [i-2]

    array [i] = cost[i] + min (left, right)

    return array [i]
}
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initialize array size n w -1 values

}

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Bottom-Up (Iterative)

minCost (0) = cost[0]

minCost (1) = cost[1]

2: $\min\left(\overset{i-2}{mC(0)}, \overset{i-1}{mC(1)}\right) + cost[2]$

3: $\min\left(\overset{i-2}{mC(1)}, \overset{i-1}{mC(2)}\right) + cost[3]$

4: $\min\left(\overset{i-2}{mC(2)}, \overset{i-1}{mC(3)}\right) + cost[4]$

Intro:
- Verify Constraints
- Create Testcases

Brute Force:
- Brainstorming & Pattern Observations
- Pseudocode
- Write code
- Run through testcases
- Analyze time and space complexity

Optimal:
- Brainstorming & Pattern Observations
- Pseudocode
- Write code
- Run through testcases
- Analyze time and space complexity

1 → recurrence relation

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used to build recursive func

2 → recursive func

Top ↓ down

determine if optimization using memoization

convert

3 Top ↓ ⇒ ↑ Bottom

4 Derive iterative soln for ↑ Bottom

5 check for wasted space
minimize
space complexity