

Design and Analysis of Algorithms



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Lecture 6 Dynamic Programming

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Midterm

- Midterm next week (Mar 13)
- Today's lecture won't be covered on the midterm, but will be covered on the final exam.

Fibonacci Number $F(n)$

- $F(0) = 0$
- $F(1) = 1$
- $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$ for $n > 1$

Problem: Given n, m , compute $F(n) \bmod m$

- Recursive algorithm
- Iterative algorithm

Two algorithms for Fibonacci (mod m)

Recursive Algorithm

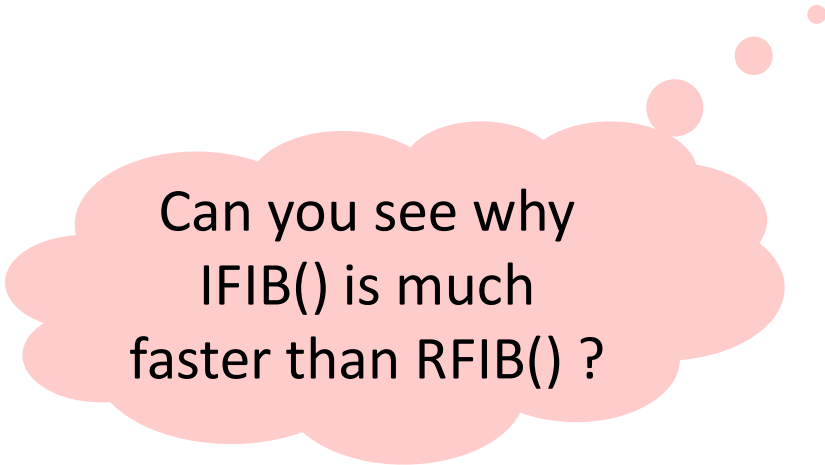
```
RFIB(n,m) {  
    if n=0 return 0;  
    else if n=1 return 1;  
    else return((RFIB(n-1) + RFIB(n-2)) mod m);  
}
```

Iterative Algorithm

```
IFIB(n,m) {  
    if n=0 return 0;  
    else if n=1 return 1;  
    else {  
        a ← 0; b ← 1;  
        For(i=2 to n) do  
        {  
            temp ← b;  
            b ← (a+b) mod m;  
            a ← temp; }  
    }  
    return b;}
```

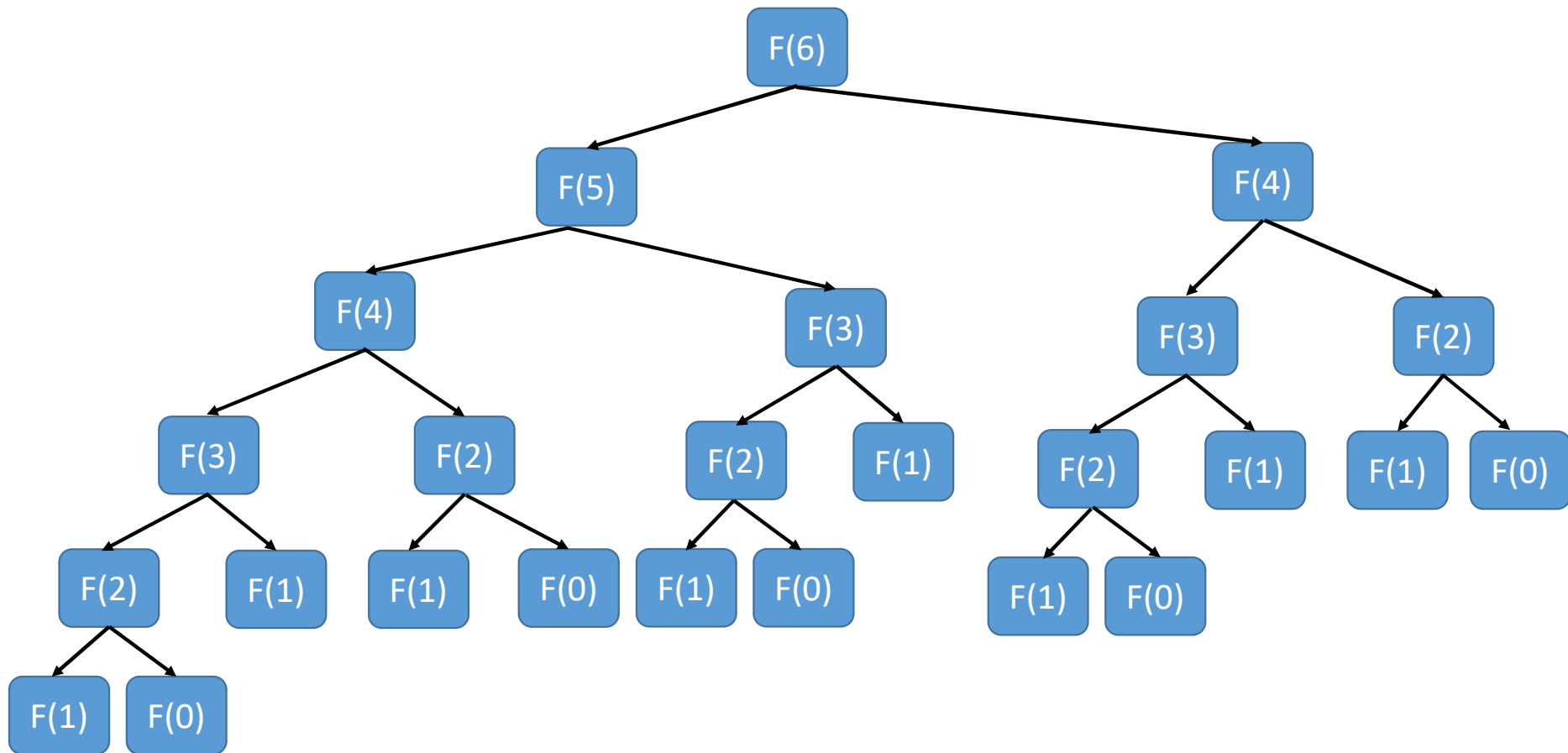
Compare two algorithms for $F(n) \bmod m$

- No. of instructions by recursive algorithm $\text{RFIB}(n,m)$ is $\geq 2^{(n-2)/2}$ (**exponential in n**)
- No. of instructions by iterative algorithm $\text{IFIB}(n,m)$ is $\approx 5n$ (**linear in n**)



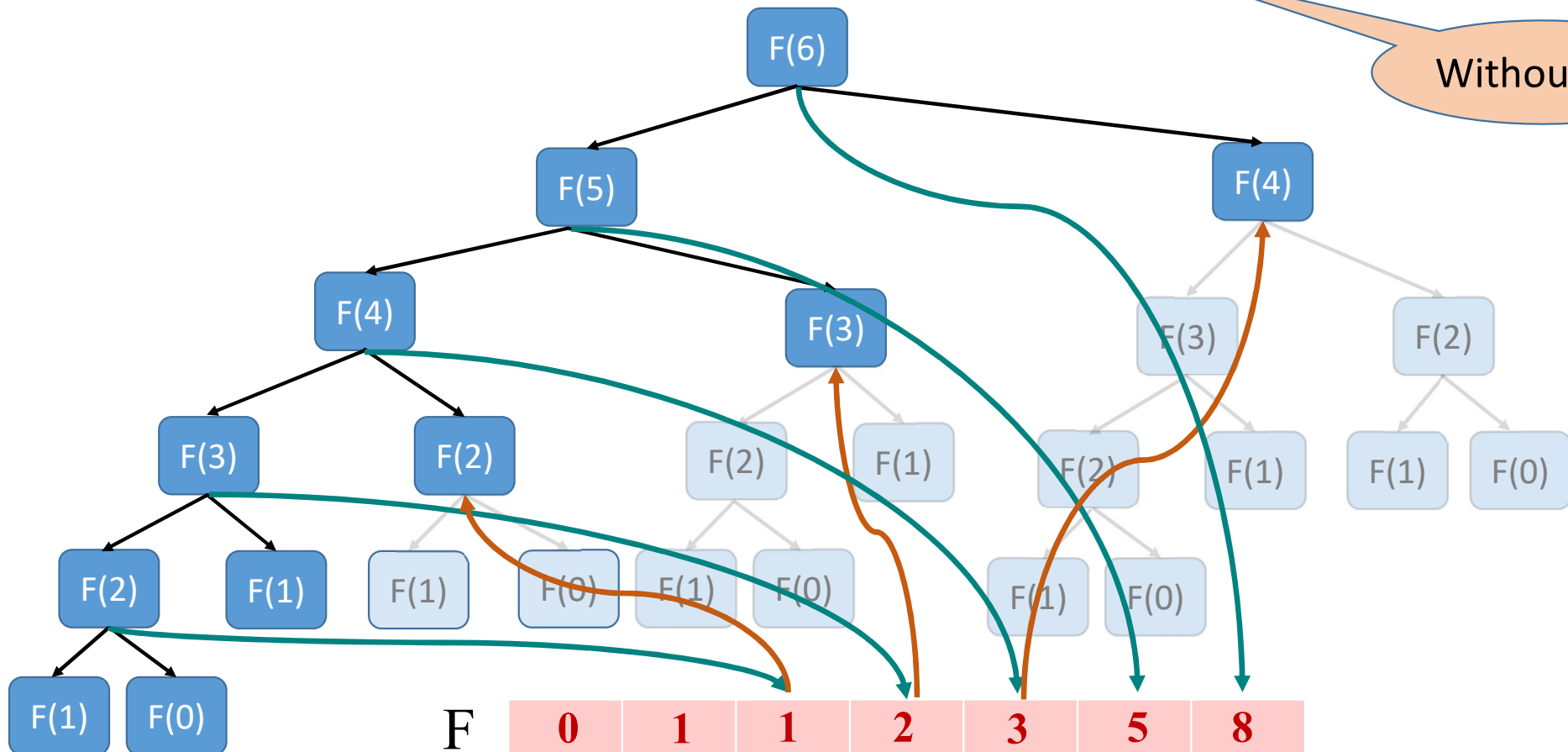
Can you see why
IFIB() is much
faster than RFIB() ?

Recursion tree for $F(n)$



Pruning recursion tree by **memoization**

Without "r"



Longest Common Subsequence

Applications in Computational Biology, Text Processing and many more

What is a **subsequence**?

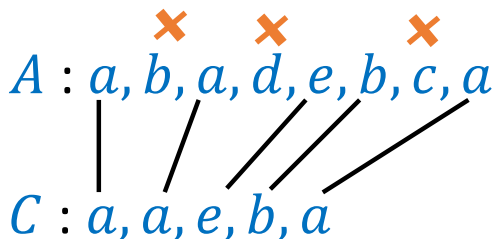
Sequence $A : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

Can be stored in an array $A[1..n]$, $A[j] : ? a_j$

$A[1..k] : ? a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$

Definition: C is said to be a **subsequence** of A if we can obtain C by removing zero or more elements from A .

Example: $A : a, b, a, d, e, b, c, a$
 $C : a, a, e, b, a$



A more formal definition:


C is a **subsequence** of A if there exist k integers $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ such that for all $1 \leq j \leq k$: $C[j] = A[i_j]$ (and C has length k)

Longest Common Subsequence - Definition

Given : Two sequences $A[1..n]$ and $B[1..m]$,

Aim : To compute a (not “the”) longest sequence C such that C is a subsequence of both A and B

Example: $A : a a s b d e s c b d$
 $B : a c b s d c d e b$



Answer: $a s d e b$

Question : How to compute a **LCS** of A and B efficiently.

Finding LCS: Trivial Brute-Force Solution

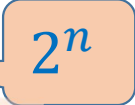
Given : Two sequences $A[1..n]$ and $B[1..m]$


$A : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

$B : b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$

- Check all the possible subsequences of A to see if it is also a subsequence of B , and then output a longest one.

Analysis:

- Checking whether a particular subsequence of A is a subsequence of B takes $O(m)$ time.
- How many possible subsequences of A are there? 
(Each bit-vector of length n determines a distinct subsequence)
- So total time = $O(m2^n)$



Can we do better?

Finding LCS: Recursive Formulation

Given : Two sequences $A[1..n]$ and $B[1..m]$

$A : a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$

$B : b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m$

Notation for recursive formulation:

$\text{LCS}(i, j)$: Longest common subsequence of $A[1..i]$ and $B[1..j]$

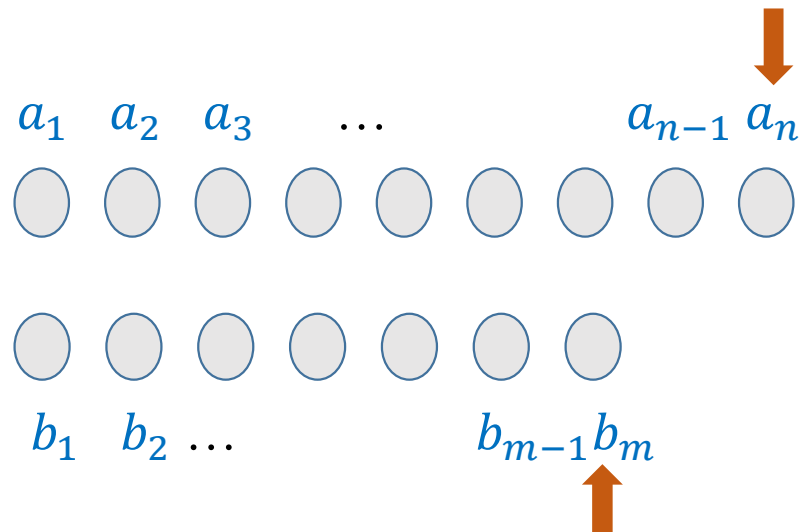
Aim : To express $\text{LCS}(i, j)$ recursively.

Base Cases:

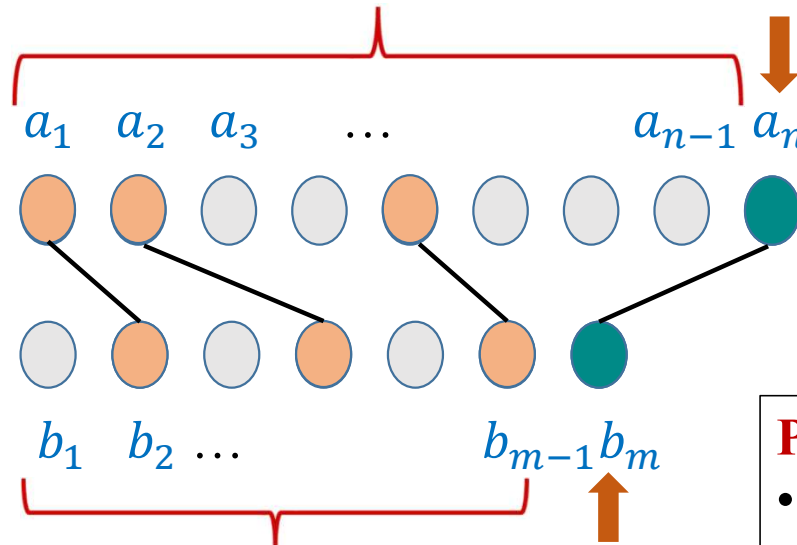
$\text{LCS}(i, 0) = \varepsilon$ (empty sequence) for all i
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Since one of the sequences is **empty**

Recursive Formulation of LCS(n, m)



How does $\text{LCS}(n, m)$ look like when $a_n = b_m$?



Intuition: $\text{LCS}(n, m)$ should terminate with a_n

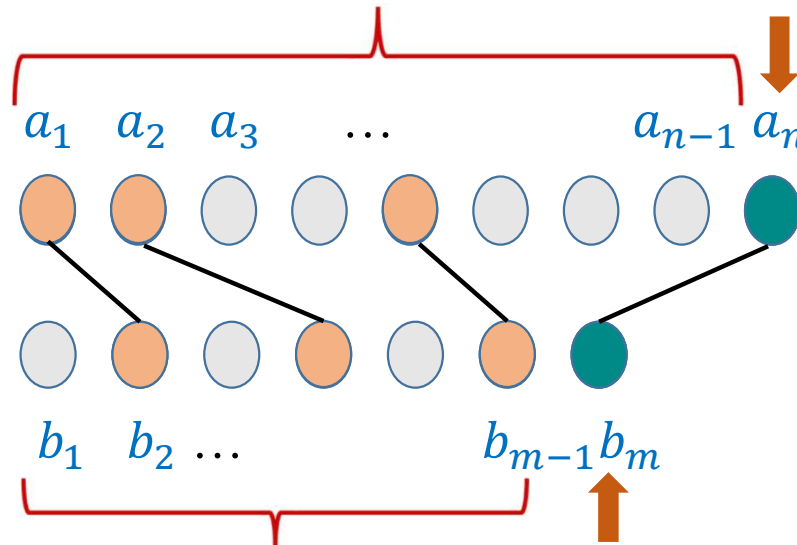
Lemma: If $a_n = b_m$ then

$$\text{LCS}(n, m) = \text{LCS}(n - 1, m - 1) :: a_n$$

Proof Idea:

- $\text{LCS}(n, m)$ must terminate with the same symbol as a_n ; otherwise we could extend the solution by concatenating a_n
- Observe, it is fine to match a_n with b_m

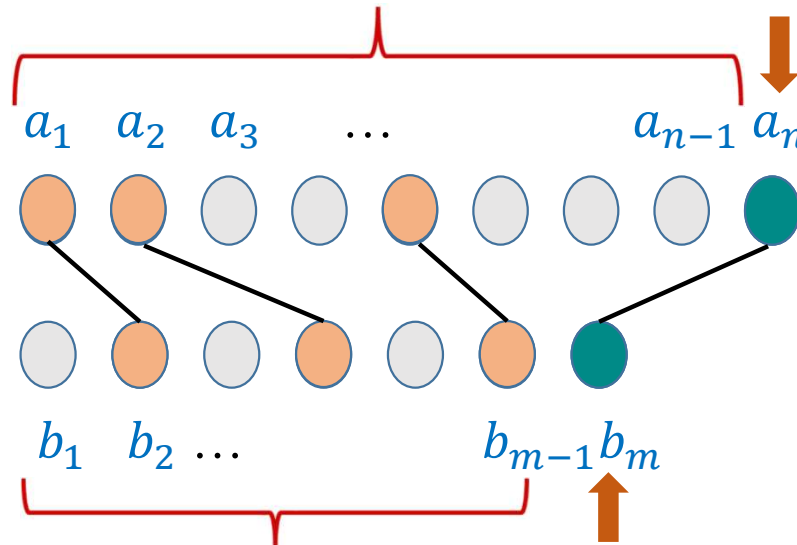
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Proof: (Proof by contradiction)

- If the last symbol in $S = \text{LCS}(n, m)$ is not the same as $a_n (= b_m)$, then that last symbol must be part of a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} and b_1, \dots, b_{m-1} .
- So, S is actually a subsequence of a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} and b_1, \dots, b_{m-1} .

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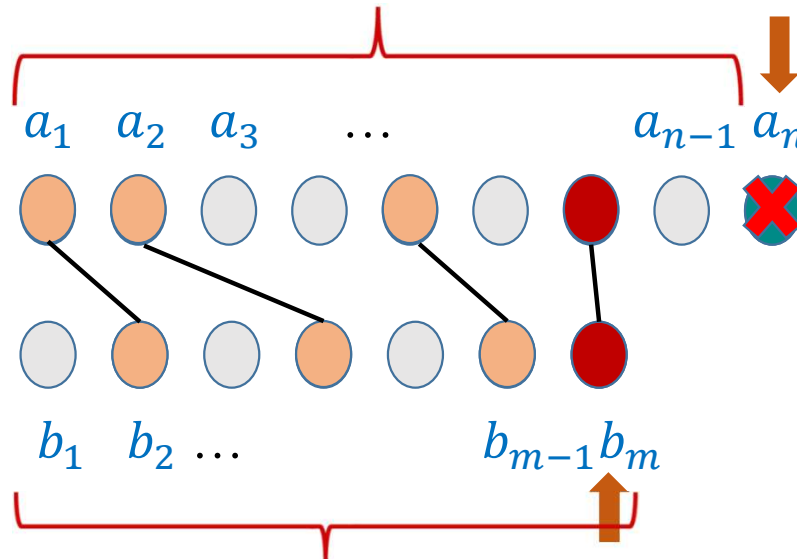


This type of argument is also referred to as **cut-and-paste** argument

Proof: (Proof by contradiction)

- Now we can append a_n with S (i.e., $S :: a_n$) and get a subsequence of length one more
- Observe, it is fine to **match** a_n with b_m
- Thus S cannot be the largest subsequence of a_1, \dots, a_n and b_1, \dots, b_m (Contradiction)
- So we conclude $\text{LCS}(n, m) = \text{LCS}(n - 1, m - 1) :: a_n$

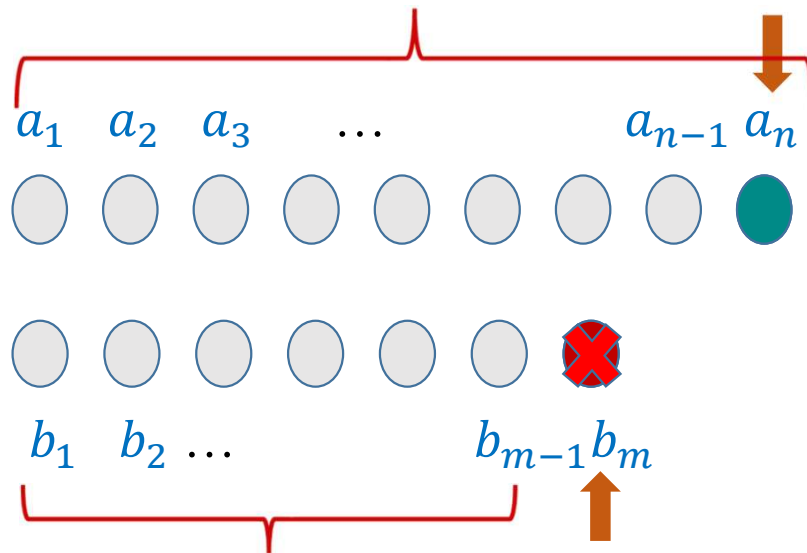
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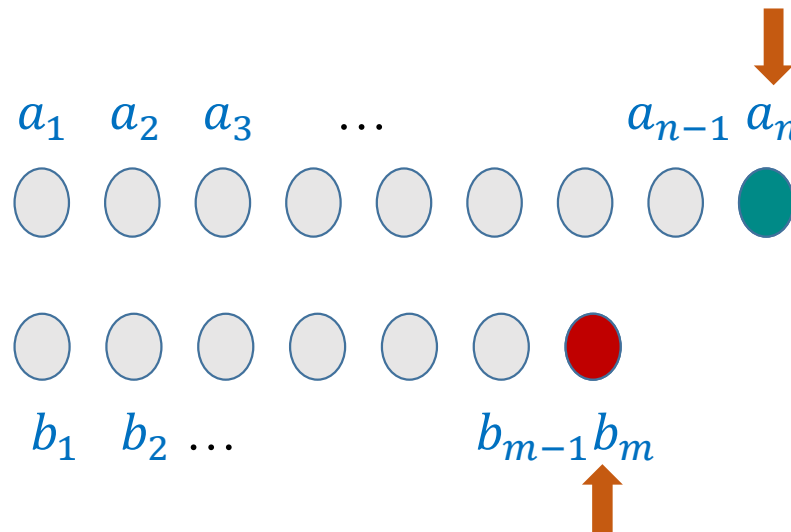


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Lemma: If $a_n \neq b_m$ then

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Finding LCS: Recursive Formulation

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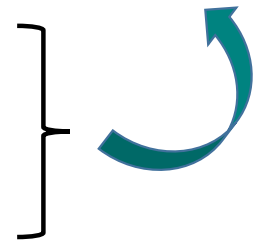
Simplified Problem: Find the length of LCS

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Optimal substructure

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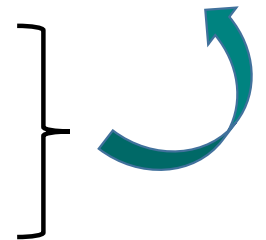
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Recursive algorithm for $L(n, m)$

$L(n, m)$

```
{  If ( $n = 0$  or  $m = 0$ )  
    return 0;  
  
Else  
{  If  $a_n = b_m$  then  
    return ( $L(n - 1, m - 1) + 1$ );  
Else  
{     $l_1 \leftarrow L(n - 1, m)$  ;  
     $l_2 \leftarrow L(n, m - 1)$  ;  
    return Max( $l_1, l_2$ );  
  }  
}  
}
```

$T(n, m)$: Worst case running time of $L(n, m)$

$$T(n, m) = T(n - 1, m) + T(n, m - 1)$$

An exercise from discrete math:

$$T(n, m) \geq \binom{n+m}{n} > 2^n \text{ (assuming } m \approx n)$$

Exponential !!



But why ?

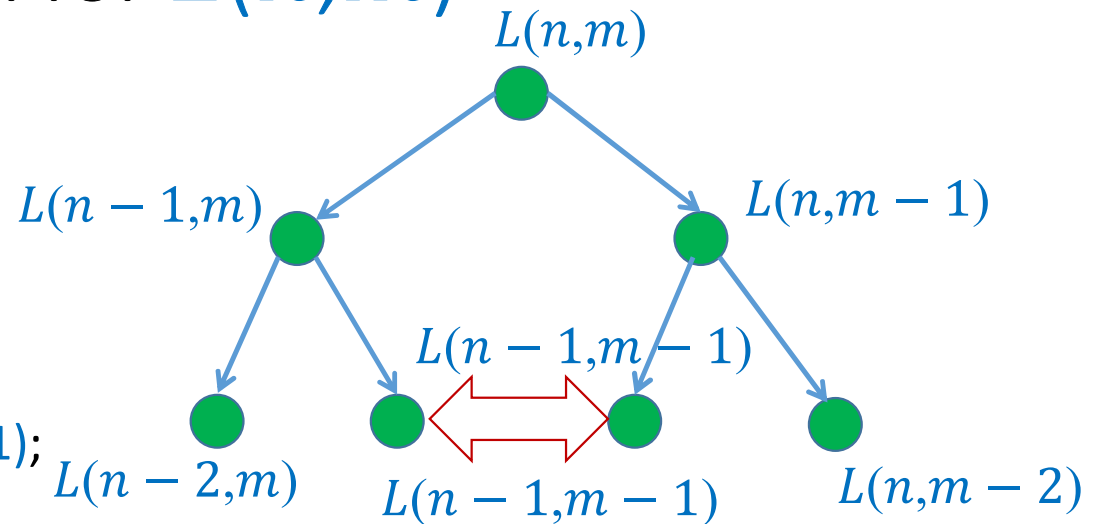
Let us explore

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   return Max( $l_1, l_2$ );
}
}

```



- Solving same sub-problem multiple times!!
- But how many **distinct** sub-problems are there?
- Only $(n + 1) \times (m + 1)$

Overlapping subproblems

A recursive solution contains a “small” number of distinct subproblems repeated many times

Recursive algorithm for $L(n, m)$

$L(n, m)$

{ If $(n = 0 \text{ or } m = 0)$

return 0;

Else

{ If $a_n = b_m$ then

return $(L(n - 1, m - 1) + 1)$;

Else

{ $l_1 \leftarrow L(n - 1, m)$;

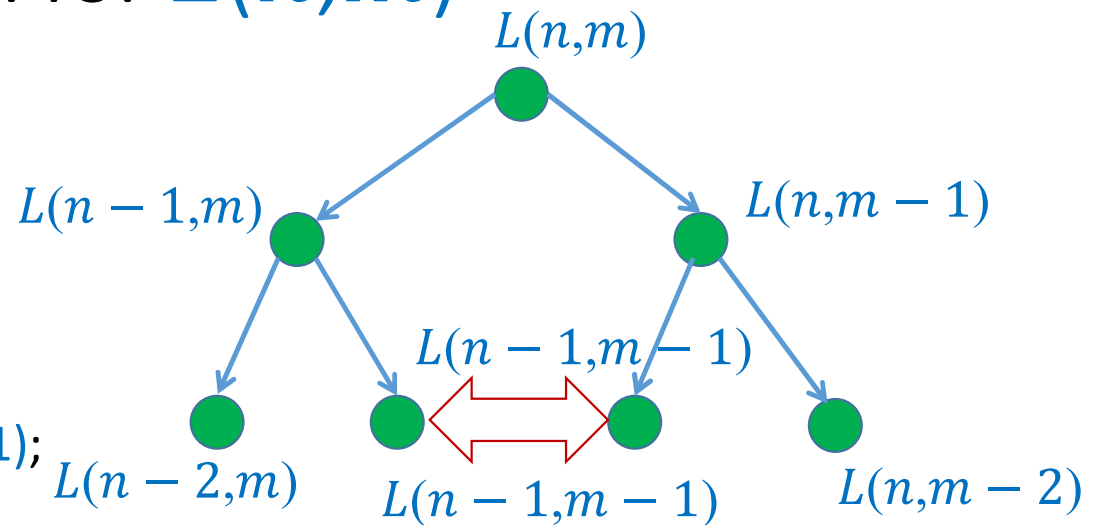
$l_2 \leftarrow L(n, m - 1)$;

return **Max**(l_1, l_2);

}

}

}



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- Can we compute them efficiently?
- Get inspiration from algorithm for Fibonacci number!

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        return Max( $l_1, l_2$ );
      }
    }
}

```

$T[i,j] = L(i,j)$

m	0						
	0						
	0						
	0						
\vdots	0						
1	0						
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	1	...				n

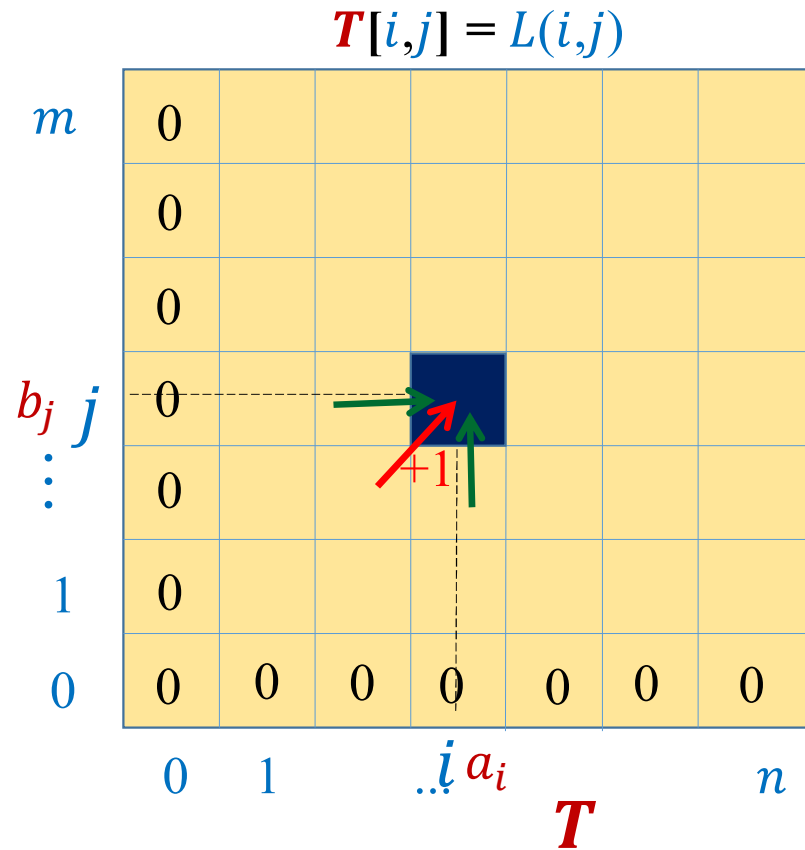
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Dynamic Programming algorithm for $L(n,m)$

$L(n,m)$

```

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    For ( $j = 0$  to  $m$ )  $T[0,j] \leftarrow 0$ ;
    For ( $i = 1$  to  $n$ ){
        For ( $j = 1$  to  $m$ ){
            If  $a_i = b_j$  then
                 $T[i,j] \leftarrow T[i-1,j-1] + 1$ ;
            Else {
                 $l_1 \leftarrow T[i-1,j]$ ;
                 $l_2 \leftarrow T[i,j-1]$ ;
                 $T[i,j] \leftarrow \text{Max}(l_1, l_2)$ ;
            }
        }
    }
}
    
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Dynamic Programming algorithm for $L(n,m)$

$L(n,m)$

{ For ($i = 0$ to n) $T[i,0] \leftarrow 0$;

For ($j = 0$ to m) $T[0,j] \leftarrow 0$;

For ($i = 1$ to n) {

For ($j = 1$ to m) {

If $a_i = b_j$ then

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Else {

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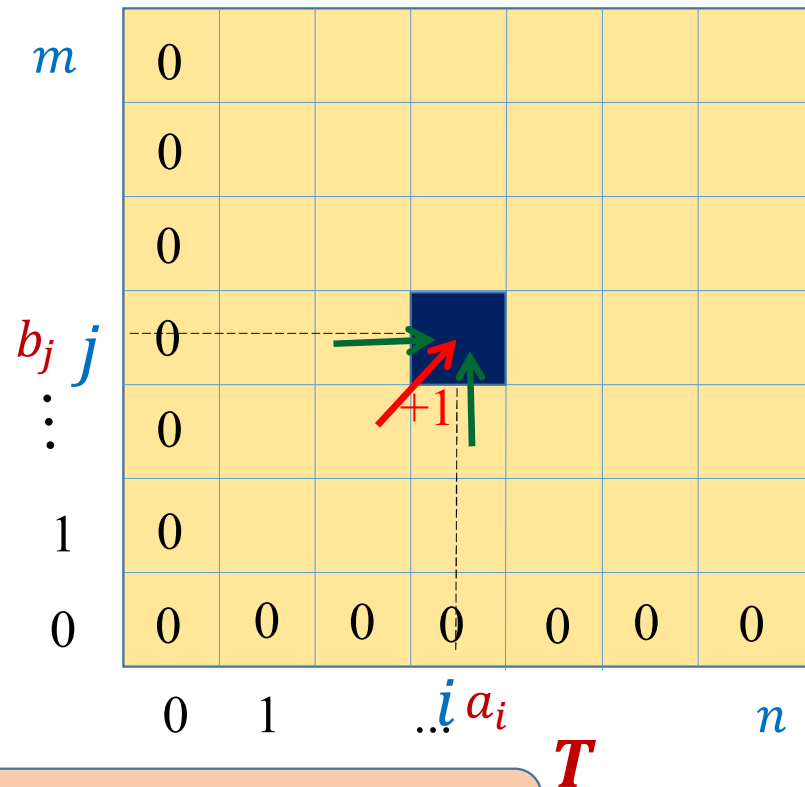
$l_2 \leftarrow T[i,j-1]$;

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} }

}

$T[i,j] = L(i,j)$



Time per table entry = $O(1)$

Total time = $O(nm)$

Dynamic Programming algorithm for $L(n,m)$

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            }
        }
    }
}
    
```

$T[i,j] = L(i,j)$

a	0	1	2	2	3	3	4
d	0	1	2	2	3	3	3
c	0	1	1	2	2	2	3
a	0	1	1	1	2	2	3
d	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
d	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		a	d	c	d	s	a

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      Else {  
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         $l_2 \leftarrow T[i,j-1]$  ;  
         $T[i,j] \leftarrow \text{Max}(l_1, l_2)$ ;  
      } } }  
}
```

Note, you need to store the table T .
So space requirement is $O(mn)$.

Exercise:

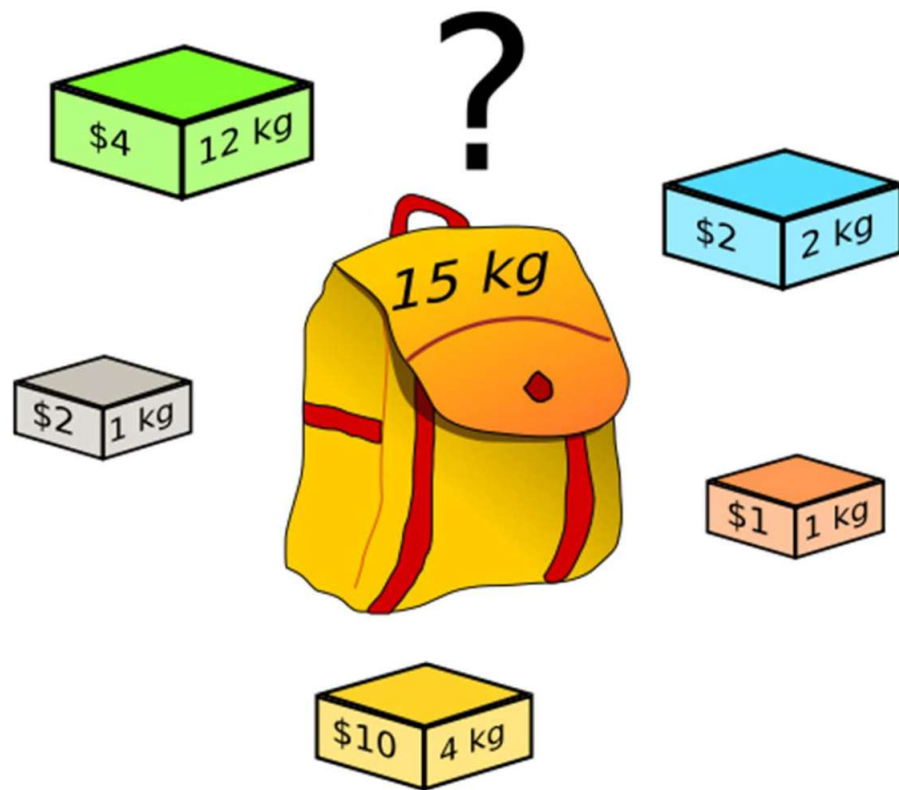
- How can you reduce the space requirement to $O(\min\{m, n\})$?
- Can you modify the algorithm so that you can output a LCS?

Dynamic Programming algorithm paradigm

- Expressing the solution recursively
- Overall there are only polynomial number of subproblems
- But there is a huge overlap among the subproblems. So the recursive algorithm takes exponential time (solving same subproblem multiple times)
- So we compute the recursive solution iteratively in a bottom-up fashion (like in the case of Fibonacci numbers). This avoids wastage of computation and leads to an efficient implementation

Knapsack Problem

Knapsack Problem



What is the maximum value you can get?

Formal Definition

KNAPSACK

Input:

$(w_1, v_1), (w_2, v_2), \dots, (w_n, v_n)$, and W

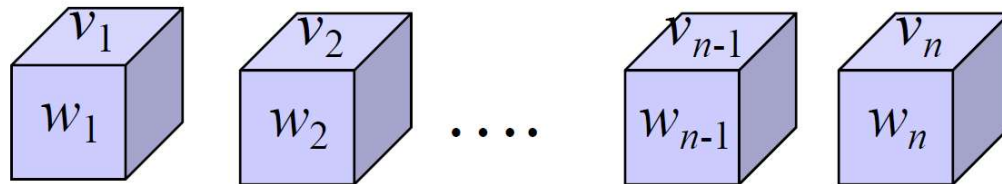
Output: A subset $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ that maximizes

$\sum_{i \in S} v_i$ such that $\sum_{i \in S} w_i \leq W$

2^n subsets, so
naïve algorithm is
too costly!

Dynamic Programming

Problem: $(w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_n, v_n), W$

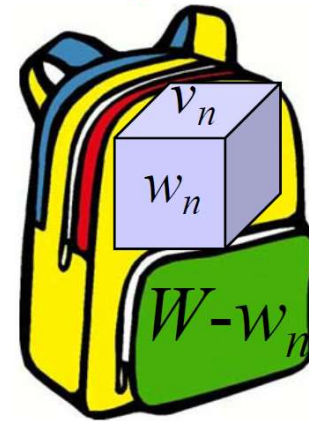
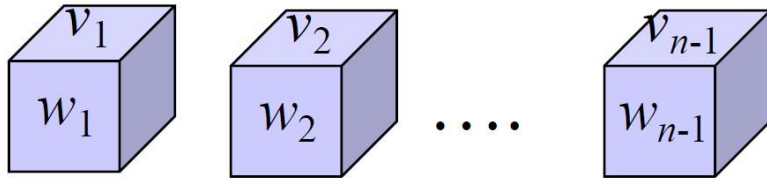


Is there optimal substructure?

Dynamic Programming

Case 1: Item n (the last one) is taken

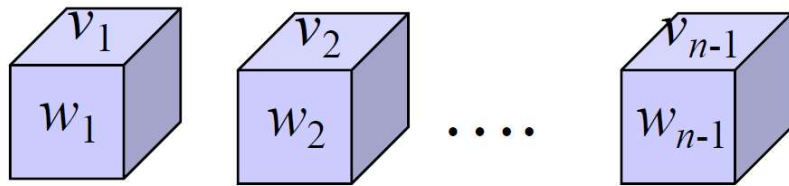
Have optimal solution to subproblem defined by $(w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_{n-1}, v_{n-1}), W-w_n$



Dynamic Programming

Case 2: Item n (the last one) is **not** taken

Have optimal solution to subproblem defined by $(w_1, v_1), \dots, (w_{n-1}, v_{n-1}), W$



Otherwise, by *cut and paste* argument, we can get a better solution

Recursive Solution

Let $m[i, j]$ be the maximum value that can be obtained using:

- a subset of items in $\{1, 2, \dots, i\}$
- with total weight no more than j

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0 \\ \max\{m[i-1, j-w_i] + v_i, m[i-1, j]\}, & \text{if } w_i \leq j \\ m[i-1, j], & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

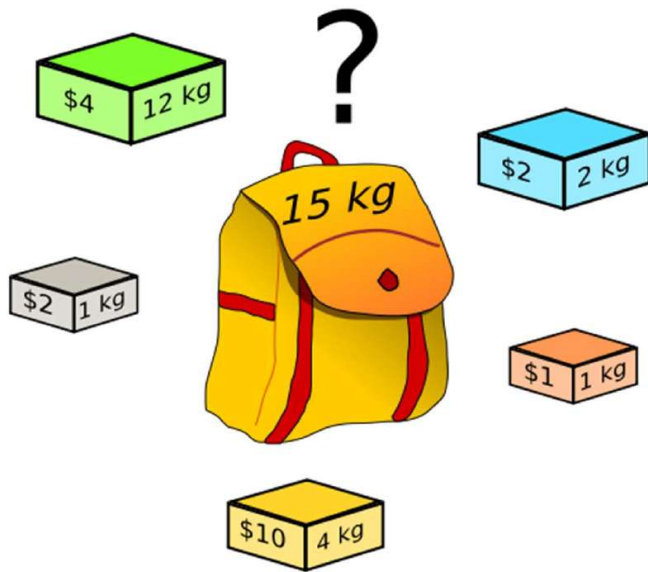
Pseudocode

```
KNAPSACK( $v, w, W$ ):  
    for  $j = 0, \dots, W$ :  
         $m[0, j] \leftarrow 0$   
    for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ :  
         $m[i, 0] \leftarrow 0$   
    ⟨Recursive cases⟩  
  
    return  $m[n, W]$ 
```

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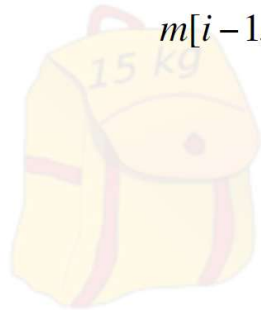
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        else:  
             $m[i, j] \leftarrow m[i - 1, j]$ 
```



$v[1..5] = \{4, 2, 10, 1, 2\}$
 $w[1..5] = \{12, 1, 4, 1, 2\}$
 $W = 15$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	j
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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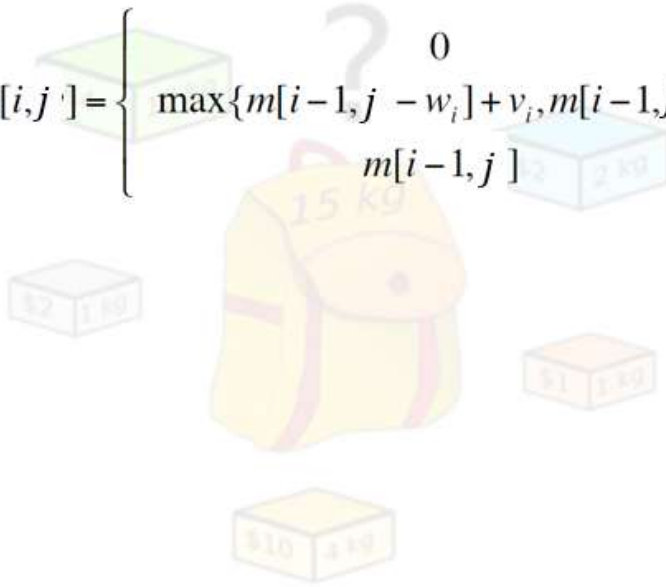
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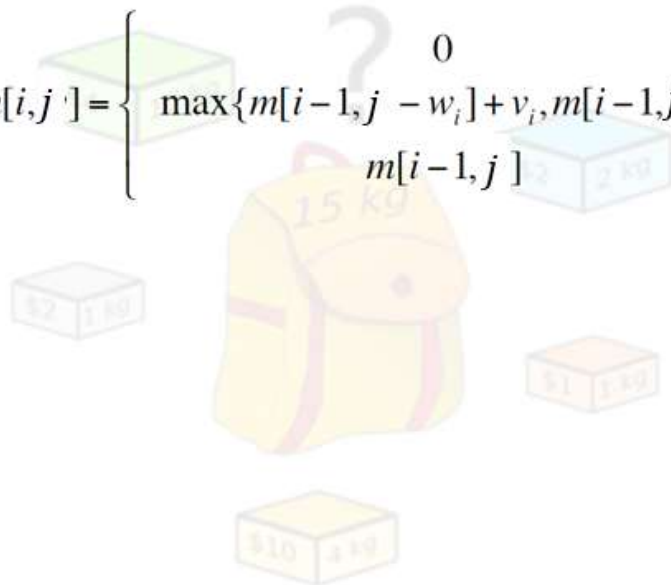
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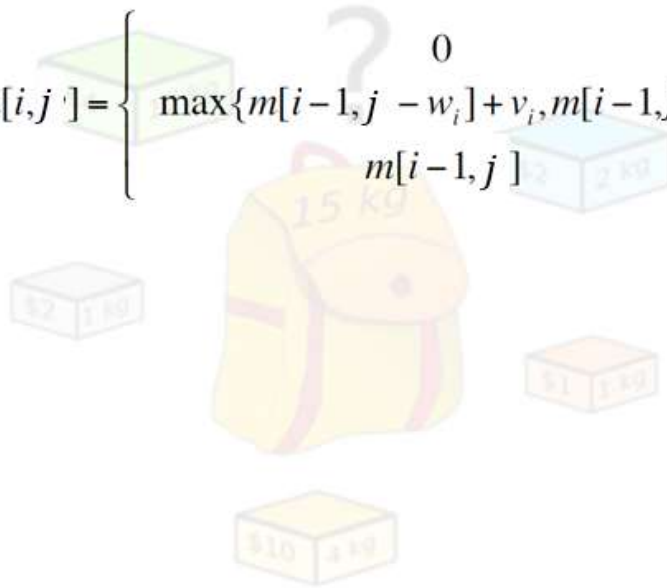
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Pseudocode

⟨Recursive cases⟩

for $i = 1, \dots, n$:

for $j = 0, \dots, W$:

if $j \geq w[i]$:

$m[i, j] \leftarrow \max(m[i - 1, j - w[i]] + v[i], m[i - 1, j])$

else:

$m[i, j] \leftarrow m[i - 1, j]$

Time per table entry = $O(1)$

Total time = $O(nW)$

Example: Changing Coins

We have n cents and need to get change in terms of denominations d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k . The goal is to use the fewest total number of coins.

Example: If denominations are 25c, 10c, and 1c, then solution for $n = 30c$ should be 10c+10c+10c.

Let $M[j]$ be the fewest number of coins needed to change j cents. Write a recursive formula for $M[j]$ in terms of $M[i]$ with $i < j$.

Example: Changing Coins

Optimal substructure: Suppose $M[j] = t$, meaning that

$$j = d_{i_1} + d_{i_2} + \cdots + d_{i_t}$$

for some $i_1, \dots, i_t \in \{1, \dots, k\}$. Then, if $j' = d_{i_1} + d_{i_2} + \cdots + d_{i_{t-1}}$, $M[j'] = t - 1$, because otherwise if $M[j'] < t - 1$, by **cut-and-paste** argument, $M[j] < t$.

$$M[j] = \begin{cases} 1 + \min_{i \in [k]} M[j - d_i], & j > 0 \\ 0, & j = 0 \\ \infty, & j < 0 \end{cases}$$

Example: Changing Coins

Using the above, derive a DP algorithm to compute the minimum number of coins of denomination d_1, \dots, d_k needed to change n cents.

Example: Changing Coins

NUM-COINTS-DP(n, d):

for $j = 0, \dots, n$:

$M[j] \leftarrow \infty$

$M[0] \leftarrow 0$

for $j = 1, \dots, n$:

for $i = 1, \dots, k$:

if $(j - d_i \geq 0) \wedge (M[j - d_i] + 1 < M[j])$:

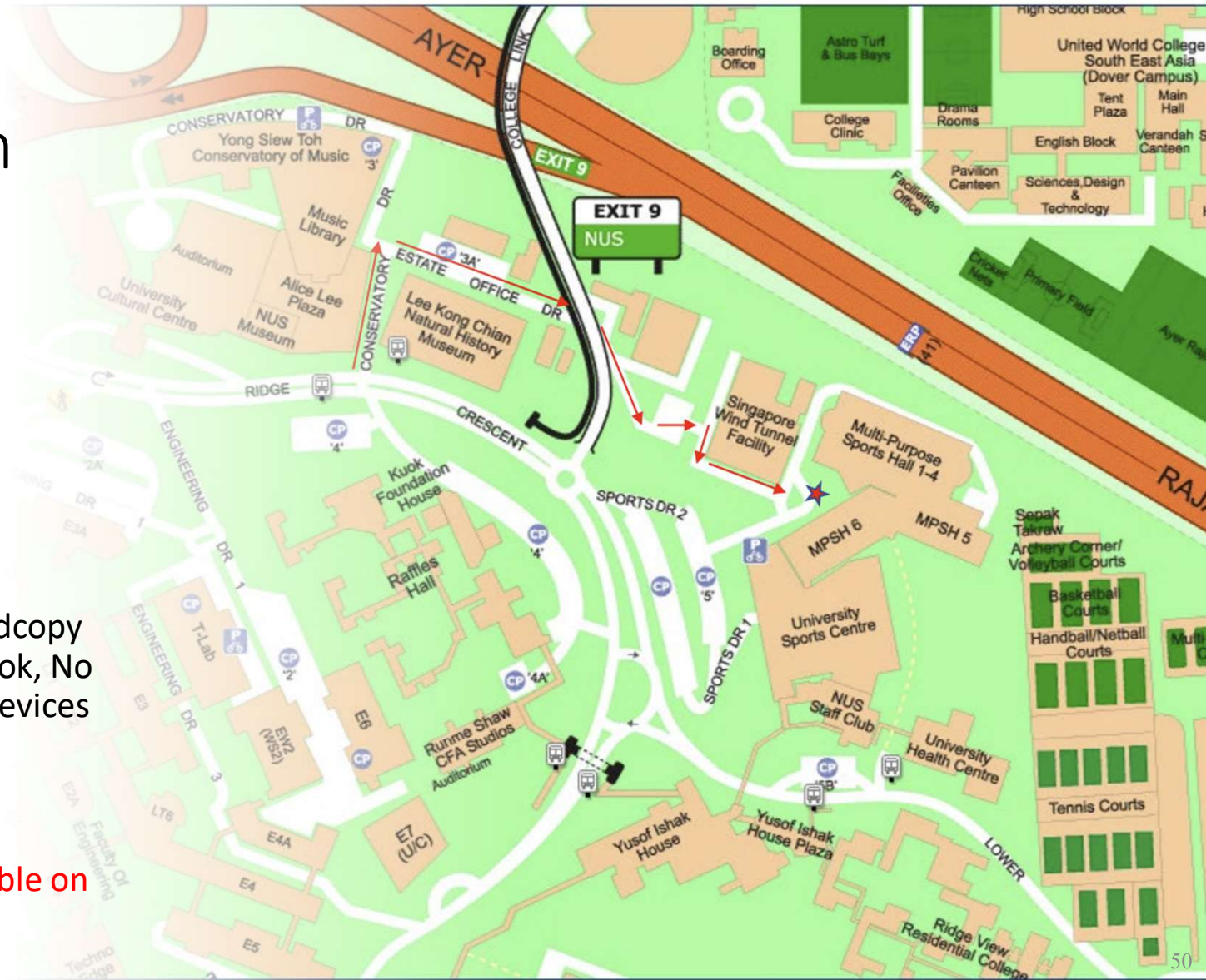
$M[j] \leftarrow M[j - d_i] + 1$

return $M[n]$

Running time = $O(nk)$

Midterm exam information

- 13/03/2025 (THU)
- MPSH 1B
- Arrive at venue by 14:00
Exam starts: ~14:10
Exam duration: 80 min
- Mode of assessment: Hardcopy (Pen and Paper), Open book, No calculators or electronic devices
- Bring 2B pencils
- Scratch paper
- Seating assignment available on Canvas



Some Information about Midterm Exam

- Covers all lectures before the recess week and the corresponding assignments and tutorials (including the one on March 3rd/4th).
- 10 MCQ (1.5 marks each) = 15 marks
- 3 proof questions (10 marks each) = 30 marks
- First proof question broken down into 2 related parts (5 marks each)
- Write only in the boxes/space provided for answers
- Second and third proof questions are single-part
- Leaving a proof question part blank will result in 1 mark (so leaving the whole exam blank will result in 4 marks)
- However, a totally wrong/irrelevant/nonsense answer will receive 0 marks

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