

Algorithms - Spring 2025

Dynamic  
Programming



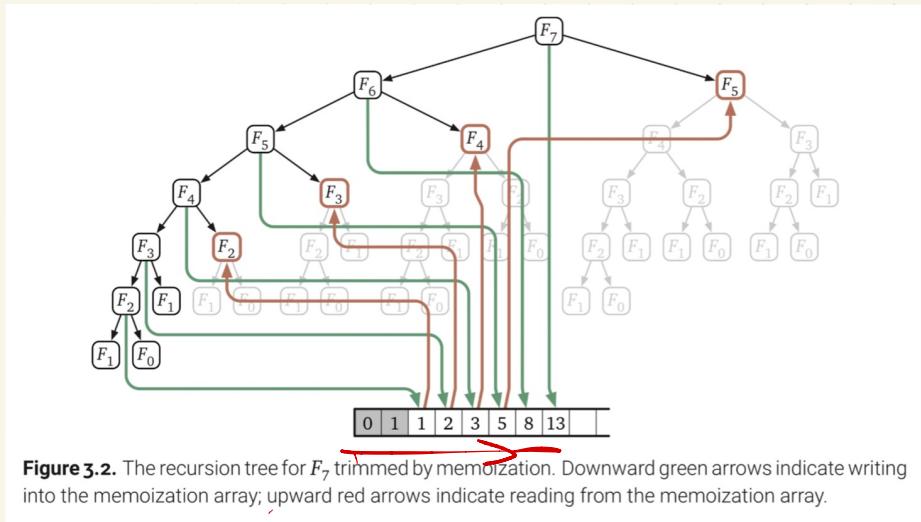
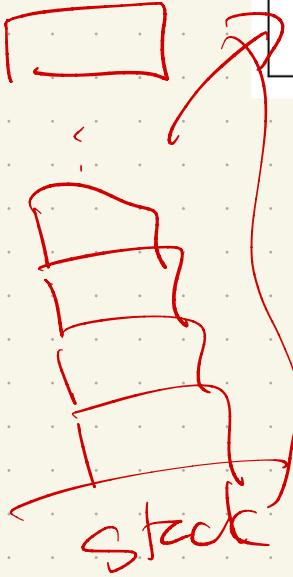
# Recap

- HW2 - due Monday
- Readings posted through the
- For emails:  
If I don't reply  
within 24 hours, please  
ping me again!

# Fibonacci Computations

"memorize  
repeated  
calls"

```
MEMFIBO(n):
    if (n < 2)
        return n
    else
        if F[n] is undefined
            F[n] ← MEMFIBO(n - 1) + MEMFIBO(n - 2)
        return F[n]
```



Reset our view:

```
ITERFIBO(n):
    F[0] ← 0
    F[1] ← 1
    for i ← 2 to n
        F[i] ← F[i - 1] + F[i - 2]
    return F[n]
```

becomes  
a loop  
Cost: space  $O(n)$

$O(1)$   
space

```
ITERFIBO2(n):
```

```
prev ← 1
curr ← 0
for i ← 1 to n
    next ← curr + prev
    prev ← curr
    curr ← next
return curr
```

Hs ♡ section: Can actually do better!

## Fancy math tricks

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_1}^{F_0}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_2}^{F_1}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}_{F_3}^{F_2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}_{F_4}^{F_3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_n}^{F_{n-1}} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-1} \\ F_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Proof: Induction

Base case:  $n=1$

IH: Assume  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_{n-1}}^{F_{n-2}} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-2} \\ F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$

IS: Consider  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_n}^n \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_n} \cdot \left( \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_{n-1}}^{n-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{F_n} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-2} \\ F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

by IH

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 \cdot F_{n-2} + 1 \cdot F_{n-1} \\ 1 \cdot F_{n-2} + 1 \cdot F_{n-1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} F_{n-1} \\ F_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Runtime: time to compute  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}^n$   
So - back to chapter 1!

$$a^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (a^{n/2})^2 & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ (a^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor})^2 \cdot a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

PINGALAPOWER( $a, n$ ):

```
if  $n = 1$ 
    return  $a$ 
else
     $x \leftarrow \text{PINGALAPOWER}(a, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor)$ 
    if  $n$  is even
        return  $x \cdot x$ 
    else
        return  $x \cdot x \cdot a$ 
```



Either way:  
 $O(\log n)$ ??

$$a^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (a^2)^{n/2} & \text{if } n > 0 \text{ and } n \text{ is even} \\ (a^2)^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \cdot a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

PEASANTPOWER( $a, n$ ):

```
if  $n = 1$ 
    return  $a$ 
else if  $n$  is even
    return PEASANTPOWER( $a^2, n/2$ )
else
    return PEASANTPOWER( $a^2, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ )  $\cdot a$ 
```

But wait —  $F_n$  is exponential!

Specifically,

$$F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \phi^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} (\bar{\phi})^n$$

$$\phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$\bar{\phi} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

So... how many bits to write it down?

$$\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \rightarrow \log_{\phi} n$$

bits to write down

Why?  $\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$  digit number: ---

$$\propto 2^k$$

0 or 1 in each

## Clarification:

our earlier algorithms  
use  $O(n)$  additions or  
subtractions

If a #  $\leq$  64-bits - sure!

But larger?

Let  $M(n)$  = time to  
multiply 2 n-digit #s

$$\text{Hence: } T(n) = T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) + M(n)$$

Best known:  $n \log n$

$$T(n) = O(n \log n)$$

# Fibonacci Recap

good / bad

- "Simple" yet interesting example
- Illustrates how powerful this concept can be.

Downside:

- Not always so obvious how to convert the recursion into an iterative structure!



Key: data structure

## Advice

Start with the recursion!  
Use it to prove correctness.

Then, for code:

Start at base cases. ↙

Save them!

Build up "next" level:  
the recursions that call  
base cases

Try to formalize this in  
a loop + data structure  
format.

Finally: analyze both  
Space + time

Rant about greed:

When they work, "greedy" strategies are very fast & effective!

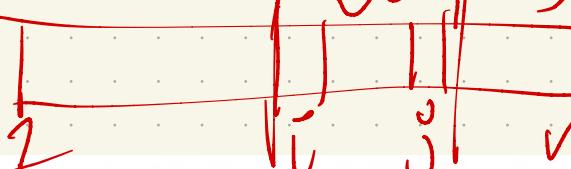
But - often such intuitive strategies fail.

~~X~~ Dynamic programming & backtracking will always work.

We'll study both, but better to start here.

# Text Segmentation

from Ch 2!

Text: 

Given an index  $i$ , find a segmentation of the suffix  $A[i..n]$ .

$$\text{Splittable}(i) = \begin{cases} \text{TRUE} & \text{if } i > n \\ \bigvee_{j=i}^n (\text{IsWORD}(i, j) \wedge \text{Splittable}(j+1)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

OR                    AND

«Is the suffix  $A[i..n]$  Splittable?»

SPLITTABLE( $i$ ):

if  $i > n$

return TRUE

for  $j \leftarrow i$  to  $n$

if IsWORD( $i, j$ )

if SPLITTABLE( $j+1$ )

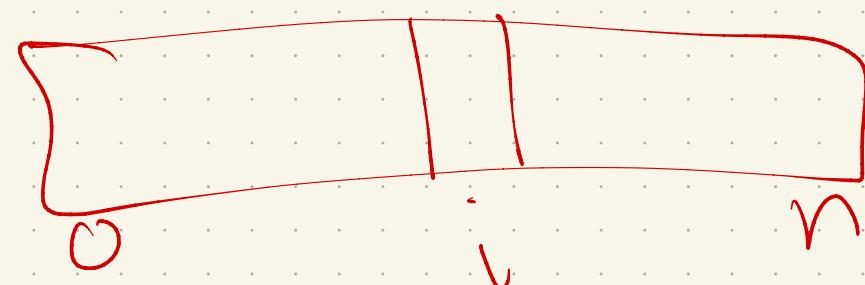
return TRUE

return FALSE

Can we try the same  
trick?

yes!

Text:



# Memoization

Think about our recursion?  
calling splittable ( $i$ )  
quite a bit.

After first time it's  
computed, store the  
answer.

Then, later calls just look  
it up!

How many  
calls?

Once!  
Yes/No

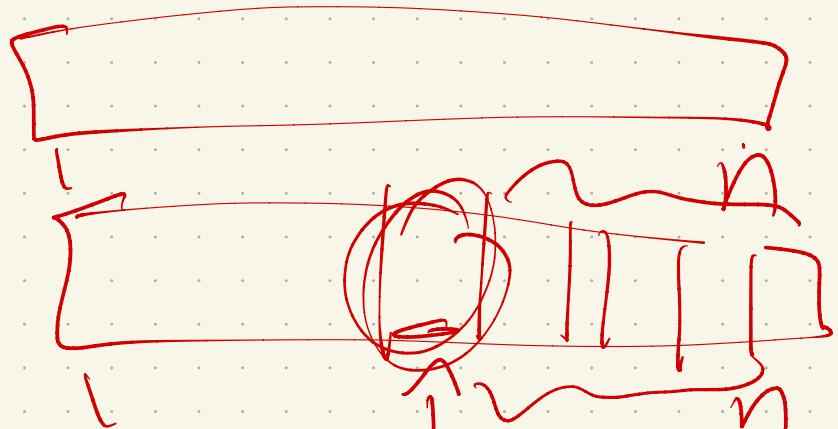
How to store?  
array!

```
«Is the suffix A[i..n] Splittable?»  
SPLITTABLE(i):  
    if  $i > n$   
        return TRUE  
    for  $j \leftarrow i$  to  $n$   
        if IsWORD( $i, j$ )  
            if SPLITTABLE( $j + 1$ )  
                return TRUE  
    return FALSE
```

# Splitable[i]

Text

Splitable



for  $i \in n$  down to  $i$   
if  $\text{Splitable}(i)$

Run time / space:

Space: adding  $O(n)$

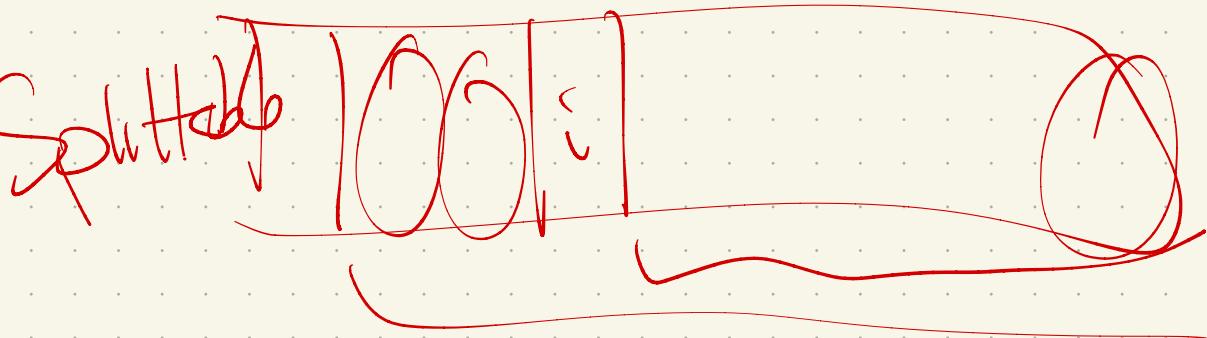
for extra bool. array

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=i}^n (n-j) \right)$$

lower bound each time

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-i} k \right)$$

$O(n)$  Space



$$(n-1) + (n-2) + (n-3) + \dots + 1$$

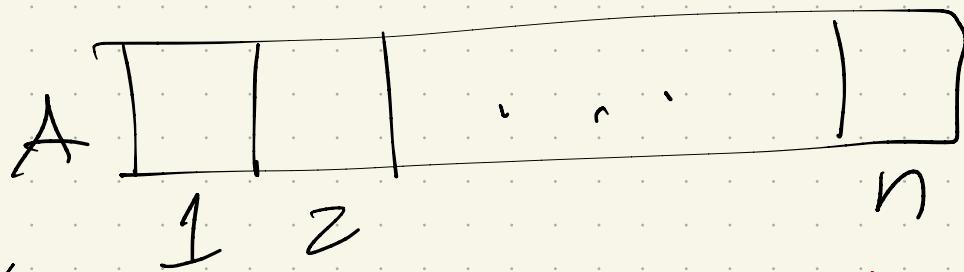
$$= O(n^2)$$

Compare with  
backtracking

# Recap: Longest Increasing Subsequence

Why "Jump to the middle"?  
Need a recursion!

First: how many subsequences?



→ Could use or skip each #,  
so  $2^n$  worst case

Backtracking approach:

At index  $i$ :

# Result:

Given two indices  $i$  and  $j$ , where  $i < j$ , find the longest increasing subsequence of  $A[j \dots n]$  in which every element is larger than  $A[i]$ .

Store last "taken" index  $i^*$ .

Consider including  $A[j]$ :

- If  $A[i] \geq A[j]$ ,

↳ must skip!

- If  $A[i]$  is less:

try both options

# Recursion:

$$LISbigger(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j > n \\ LISbigger(i, j+1) & \text{if } A[i] \geq A[j] \\ \max \left\{ LISbigger(i, j+1), 1 + LISbigger(j, j+1) \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Code version: (helper function)

```
LISBIGGER( $i, j$ ):  
    if  $j > n$   
        return 0  
    else if  $A[i] \geq A[j]$   
        return LISBIGGER( $i, j + 1$ )  
    else  
        skip  $\leftarrow$  LISBIGGER( $i, j + 1$ )  
        take  $\leftarrow$  LISBIGGER( $j, j + 1$ ) + 1  
        return max{skip, take}
```

Problem - what did we want??

LIS( $A[1..n]$ )

So: don't forget our "main":

```
LIS( $A[1..n]$ ):  
     $A[0] \leftarrow -\infty$   
    return LISBIGGER(0, 1)
```

Problem:

Next? memorize?

What sort of calls are we making often?

Can we save them, & avoid recomputing over and over?

$$LISbigger(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j > n \\ LISbigger(i, j + 1) & \text{if } A[i] \geq A[j] \\ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} LISbigger(i, j + 1) \\ 1 + LISbigger(j, j + 1) \end{array} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

```
LISBIGGER(i, j):  
    if j > n  
        return 0  
    else if A[i] ≥ A[j]  
        return LISBIGGER(i, j + 1)  
    else  
        skip ← LISBIGGER(i, j + 1)  
        take ← LISBIGGER(j, j + 1) + 1  
        return max{skip, take}
```

Here:

$$LISbigger(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j > n \\ LISbigger(i, j + 1) & \text{if } A[i] \geq A[j] \\ \max \left\{ \begin{array}{l} LISbigger(i, j + 1) \\ 1 + LISbigger(j, j + 1) \end{array} \right\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This is a recursion, but  
think for a moment of it  
as a function.

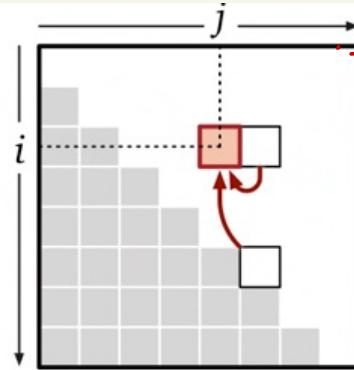
After computing, store values!  
How many values to store?

How long to compute each?

Now, can we do the same trick  
as Fibonacci memoization,  
& convert to something loop-based?

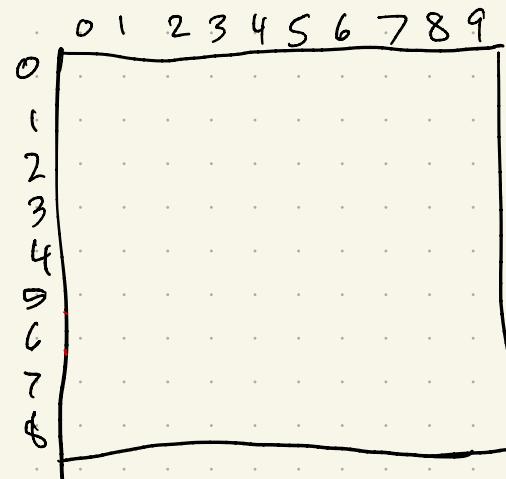
Rethink:

To fill in  $L[i][j]$ ,  
what do I need?



So, go in that order!

Ex:  $A = [10 \ 2 \ 4 \ 1 \ 6 \ 11 \ 7 \ 9]$



# Result:

FASTLIS( $A[1..n]$ ):

```
 $A[0] \leftarrow -\infty$            ⟨Add a sentinel⟩
for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$           ⟨Base cases⟩
     $LISbigger[i, n + 1] \leftarrow 0$ 
for  $j \leftarrow n$  down to 1
    for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $j - 1$       ⟨... or whatever⟩
         $keep \leftarrow 1 + LISbigger[j, j + 1]$ 
         $skip \leftarrow LISbigger[i, j + 1]$ 
        if  $A[i] \geq A[j]$ 
             $LISbigger[i, j] \leftarrow skip$ 
        else
             $LISbigger[i, j] \leftarrow \max\{keep, skip\}$ 
return  $LISbigger[0, 1]$ 
```

# Picture:

