

Dynamic Programming (I)

- Fibonacci Numbers
- Matrix chain multiplication
- Knapsack Problem
- RNA secondary structure

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- Definition

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- The first several numbers are:
 - 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89 , 144 ...
- Question: Given n, how to compute F(n)?
 - Recursion



Leonardo
Fibonacci

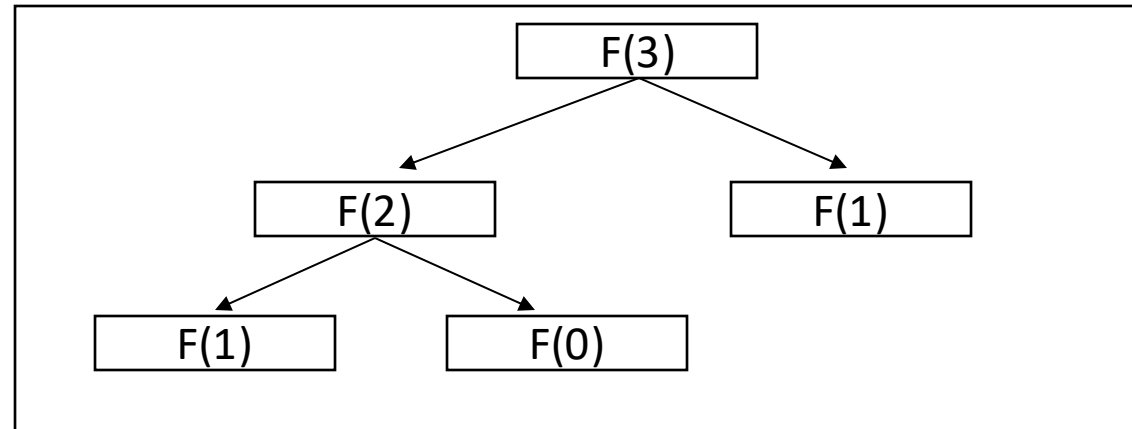
Fibonacci Numbers – Naïve Algorithm

- Computing the n^{th} Fibonacci number recursively:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ F(n-1) + F(n-2) & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

code ...

```
def Fib(n):  
    if (n <= 1)  
        return n;  
    else  
        return Fib(n - 1) + Fib(n - 2);
```



Fibonacci Numbers – Naïve Algorithm

- Running time

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + O(1)$$

➔ $T(n) \geq T(n-1) + T(n-2)$ for $n \geq 2$

➔ $T(n) \geq 2T(n-2)$

- What is the solution to this?

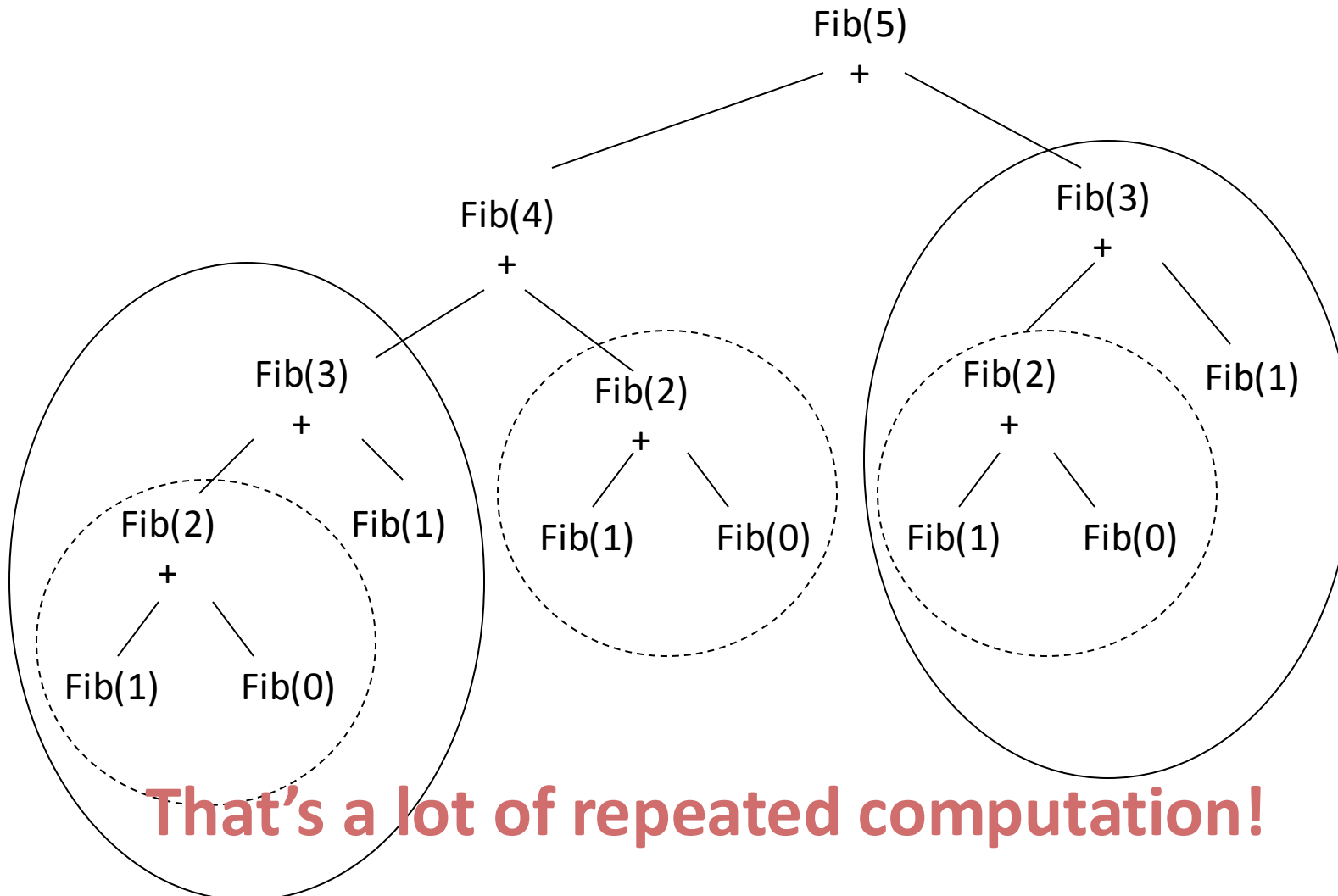
- Clearly it is $O(2^n)$, but this is not tight.

- A lower bound is $\Omega(2^{n/2})$.

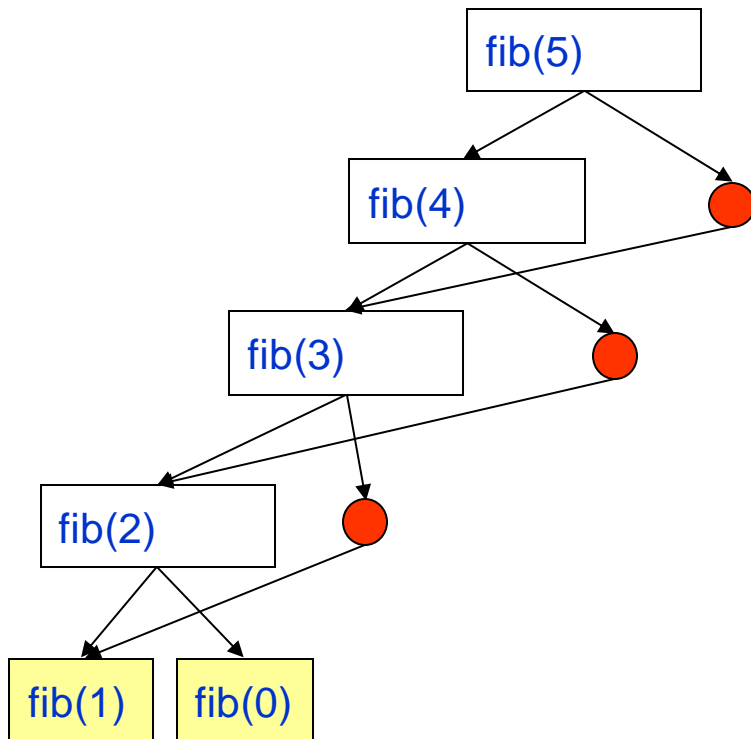
- You should notice that $T(n)$ grows as fast as the Fibonacci numbers $F(n)$, so in fact $T(n) = \Theta(F(n))$.

Fibonacci Numbers – Naïve Algorithm

- What's going on with this naïve approach?



- Memoization frees us from redundant calculations 😊
 - Remember solutions of all the sub-problems
 - Trade space for time



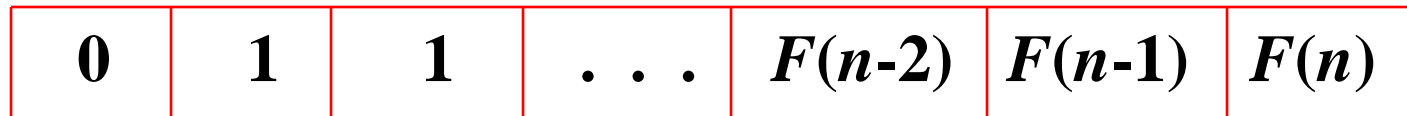
Sub-problem	Opt Solution
fib(0)	0
fib(1)	1
fib(2)	1
fib(3)	2
fib(4)	3

– Computing the n^{th} Fibonacci number using as follow:

- $F(0) = 0$
- $F(1) = 1$
- $F(2) = 1+0 = 1$
- ...
- $F(n-2) =$
- $F(n-1) =$
- $F(n) = F(n-1) + F(n-2)$



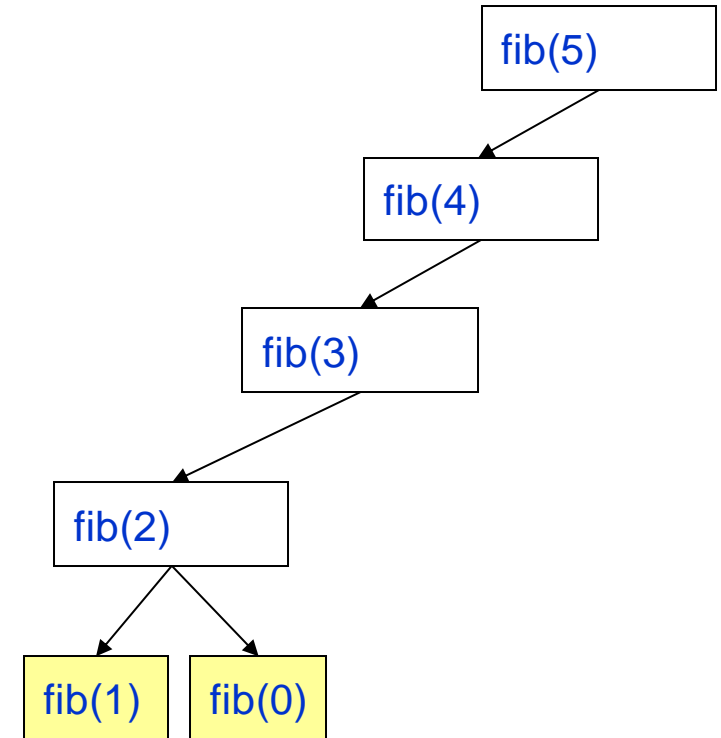
```
def fasterFibonacci(n):  
    F = [0, 1, None, None, ..., None ]  
        \\ F has length n + 1  
    for i = 2, ..., n:  
        F[i] = F[i-1] + F[i-2]  
    return F[n]
```



- Efficiency:
 - Time – $O(n)$
 - Space – $O(n)$ → can be improved to $O(1)$

This is an example of **dynamic programming** 😊

- Ideas
 - Ensure all needed recursive calls are already computed and memorized
 - ➔ a good schedule of computation
 - (Optional) Reused space to store previous recursive call results
 - ➔ Arrive at the same efficient (special) solution for Fib()



“ Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. ”

— Dynamic Programming

- Dynamic Programming is an algorithm design technique for *optimization problems*: often minimizing or maximizing.
- Like divide and conquer, DP solves problems by **combining solutions to sub-problems**.
- Unlike divide and conquer, sub-problems are **not independent**.
 - DP breaks up a problem into a series of **overlapping** sub-problems.
 - i.e, Both $F[i+1]$ and $F[i+2]$ directly use $F[i]$. And lots of different $F[i+x]$ indirectly use $F[i]$.

1. **Recursion**: Divide the problem into sub-problems, so that their solutions can be combined into a solution to the problem.
2. **Tabulation of sub-problems**: Solve each sub-problem just once and save its solution in a “look-up” table.

- The term Dynamic Programming comes from Control Theory, not computer science. Programming refers to the use of tables (arrays) to construct a solution.
- In Dynamic Programming, we usually reduce time by increasing the amount of **space**.
- We solve the problem by solving sub-problems of increasing size and saving each optimal solution in a table (usually).
- The table is then used for finding the optimal solution to larger problems.
- Time is saved since each sub-problem is solved only once.

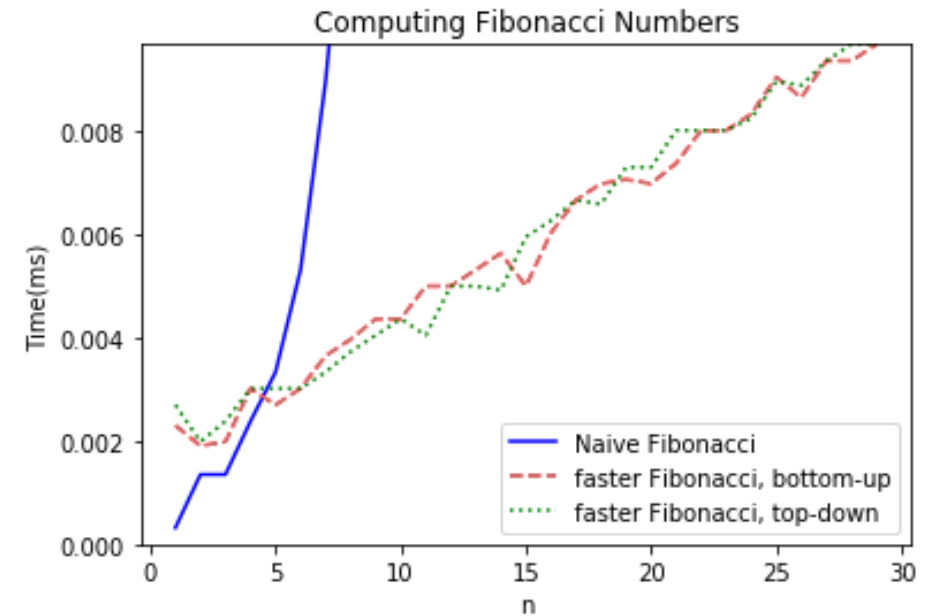
Two Ways to Think and Implement DP

- Top down:
- Think of it like a recursive algorithm.
- To solve the big problem:
 - Recurse to solve smaller problems
 - Those recurse to solve smaller problems
 - etc..
- The difference from divide and conquer:
 - Keep track of what small problems you've already solved to prevent re-solving the same problem twice.
 - Aka, "memoization"
- Bottom up:
- For Fibonacci:
 - Solve the small problems first
 - fill in $F[0], F[1]$
 - Then bigger problems
 - ...
 - Then bigger problems
 - fill in $F[n-1]$
 - Then finally solve the real problem.
 - fill in $F[n]$

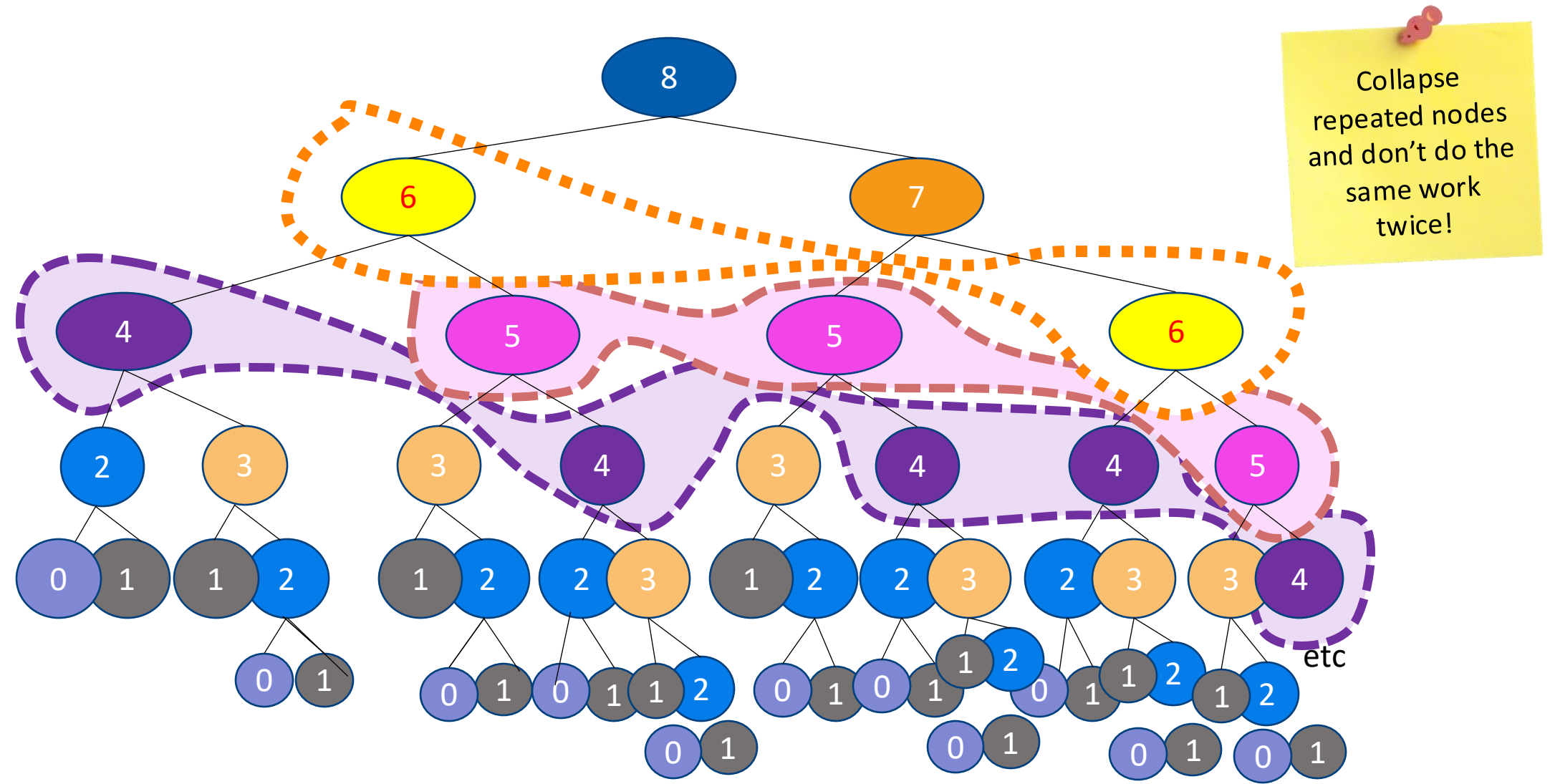
Example of Top-Down Fibonacci

```
define a global list F = [0,1,None, None, ..., None]
def Fibonacci(n):
    if F[n] != None:
        return F[n]
    else:
        F[n] = Fibonacci(n-1) + Fibonacci(n-2)
    return F[n]
```

Memoization: Keeps track (in F) of the stuff you've already done.



Memoization Visualization



- Underpins many optimization problems, e.g.,
 - Matrix Chaining optimization
 - Longest Common Subsequence
 - 0-1 Knapsack Problem
 - Shortest path
- Next we will give many example problems to help understand the basic idea of Dynamic Programming.

Recipe for Applying Dynamic Programming

- **Step 1:** Identify **optimal substructure**.
- **Step 2:** Find a **recursive formulation** for the value of the optimal solution.
- **Step 3:** Use **dynamic programming** to find the value of the optimal solution.
- **Step 4:** If needed, keep track of some additional info so that the algorithm from Step 3 can **find the actual solution**.
- **Step 5:** If needed, code this up.

Matrix Chain Multiplication

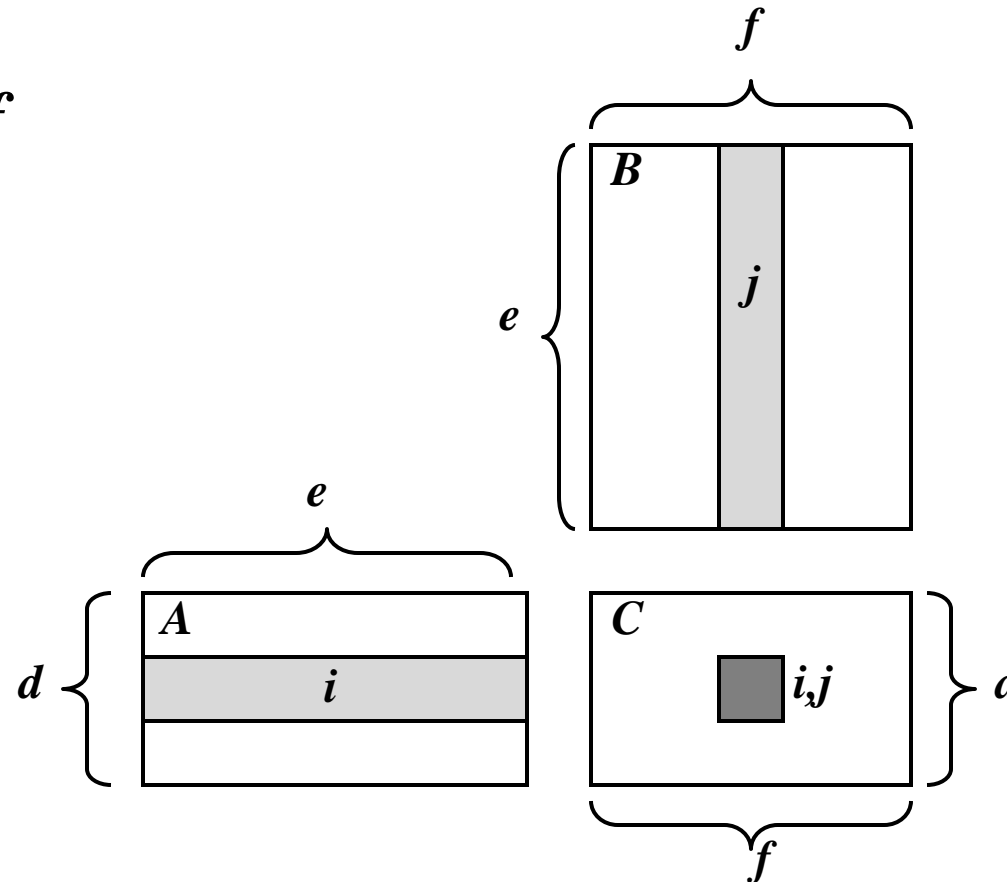
- Review: Matrix Multiplication.

- $C = A * B$

- A is $d \times e$ and B is $e \times f$

- $O(d \cdot e \cdot f)$ time

$$C[i, j] = \sum_{k=0}^{e-1} A[i, k] * B[k, j]$$



- **Matrix Chain Multiplication:**

- Compute $A = A_0 * A_1 * \dots * A_{n-1}$
- A_i is $d_i \times d_{i+1}$
- Problem: How to parenthesize?

- **Example**

- B is 3×100
- C is 100×5
- D is 5×5
- $(B * C) * D$ takes $1500 + 75 = 1575$ ops
 - $(3 \times 100 \times 5) + (3 \times 5 \times 5)$
- $B * (C * D)$ takes $1500 + 2500 = 4000$ ops

- **Matrix Chain Multiplication Alg.:**
 - Try all possible ways to parenthesize $A=A_0 * A_1 * \dots * A_{n-1}$
 - Calculate number of ops for each one
 - Pick the one that is best
- Running time:
 - The number of parenthesizations is equal to the number of binary trees with $n - 1$ nodes
 - This is **exponential!**
 - It is called the Catalan number, and it is almost 4^n .
 - This is a terrible algorithm!

Greedy Approach for MCM

- Idea #1: repeatedly select the product that uses the fewest operations.
- Counter-example:
 - A is 101×11
 - B is 11×9
 - C is 9×100
 - D is 100×99
 - Greedy idea #1 gives $A*((B*C)*D)$, which takes $109989+9900+108900=228789$ ops
 - $(A*B)*(C*D)$ takes $9999+89991+89100=189090$ ops
- The greedy approach is not giving us the optimal value.

Dynamic Programming Approach for MCM

- The optimal solution can be defined in terms of optimal sub-problems
 - There has to be a final multiplication (root of the expression tree) for the optimal solution.
 - Say, the final multiplication is at index k :
 $(A_0 * \dots * A_k) * (A_{k+1} * \dots * A_{n-1})$.
- Let us consider all possible places for that final multiplication:
 - There are $n-1$ possible **splits**. Assume we know the minimum cost of computing the matrix product of each combination $A_0 \dots A_i$ and $A_{i+1} \dots A_{n-1}$. Let's call these $N_{0,i}$ and $N_{i+1,n-1}$.
- Recall that A_i is a $d_i \times d_{i+1}$ dimensional matrix, and the final result will be a $d_0 \times d_n$.

Dynamic Programming Approach for MCM

- Define the following:

$$N_{0,n-1} = \min_{0 \leq k < n-1} \{N_{0,k} + N_{k+1,n-1} + d_0 d_{k+1} d_n\}$$

- Then the optimal solution $N_{0,n-1}$ is the sum of two optimal sub-problems, $N_{0,k}$ and $N_{k+1,n-1}$ plus the time for the last multiplication.

- Define **sub-problems**:

- Find the best parenthesization of an arbitrary set of consecutive products:

$$A_i * A_{i+1} * \dots * A_j.$$

- Let $N_{i,j}$ denote the **minimum** number of operations done by this sub-problem.

- Define $N_{k,k} = 0$ for all k .

- The optimal solution for the whole problem is then $N_{0,n-1}$.

Dynamic Programming Approach for MCM

- The characterizing equation for $N_{i,j}$ is:

$$N_{i,j} = \min_{i \leq k < j} \{N_{i,k} + N_{k+1,j} + d_i d_{k+1} d_{j+1}\}$$

- Note that, for example $N_{2,6}$ and $N_{3,7}$, both need solutions to $N_{3,6}$, $N_{4,6}$, $N_{5,6}$, and $N_{6,6}$. Solutions from the set of no matrix multiplies to four matrix multiplies.
 - This is an example of high sub-problem overlap, and clearly pre-computing these will significantly speed up the algorithm.

- We could implement the calculation of these $N_{i,j}$'s using a straightforward recursive implementation of the equation (aka not pre-compute them).

Algorithm *RecursiveMatrixChain*(S, i, j):

Input: sequence S of n matrices to be multiplied

Output: number of operations in an optimal parenthesization of S

if $i=j$

 then return 0

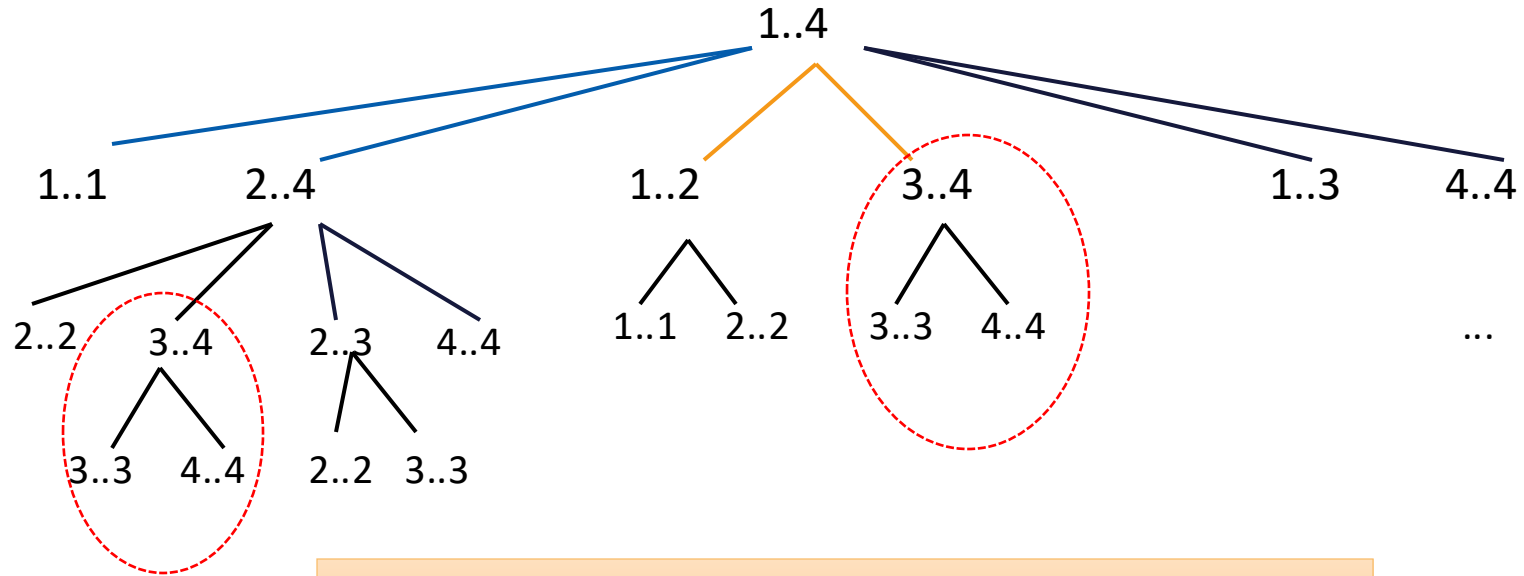
for $k \leftarrow i$ to j do

$N_{i,j} \leftarrow \min\{N_{i,j}, \text{RecursiveMatrixChain}(S, i, k)$
 $+ \text{RecursiveMatrixChain}(S, k+1, j) + d_i d_{k+1} d_{j+1}\}$

return $N_{i,j}$

Subproblem Overlap

$$N_{i,j} = \min_{i \leq k < j} \{N_{i,k} + N_{k+1,j} + \dots\}$$



How to schedule the sub-problems?

- High sub-problem overlap, with independent sub-problems indicate that a dynamic programming approach may work.
- Construct optimal sub-problems “bottom-up.” and remember them.
- $N_{i,i}$'s are easy, so start with them
- Then do problems of *length* 2,3,... sub-problems, and so on.
- Running time: $O(n^3)$

Dynamic Programming Algorithm

Algorithm *matrixChain*(*S*):

Input: sequence *S* of *n* matrices to be multiplied

Output: number of operations in an optimal parenthesization of *S*

for *i* ← 1 to *n* − 1 **do**

$N_{i,i} \leftarrow 0$

for *b* ← 1 to *n* − 1 **do**

 { *b* = *j* − *i* is the length of the problem }

for *i* ← 0 to *n* − *b* − 1 **do**

$j \leftarrow i + b$

$N_{i,j} \leftarrow +\infty$

for *k* ← *i* to *j* − 1 **do**

$N_{i,j} \leftarrow \min\{N_{i,j}, N_{i,k} + N_{k+1,j} + d_i d_{k+1} d_{j+1}\}$

return $N_{0,n-1}$

Algorithm Visualization

- $A_0: 30 \times 35$; $A_1: 35 \times 15$; $A_2: 15 \times 5$;
 $A_3: 5 \times 10$; $A_4: 10 \times 20$; $A_5: 20 \times 25$

	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	15,750	7,875	9,375	11,875	15,125
1		0	2,625	4,375	7,125	10,500
2			0	750	2,500	5,375
3				0	1,000	3,500
4					0	5,000
5						0

$$N_{i,j} = \min_{i \leq k < j} \{N_{i,k} + N_{k+1,j} + d_i d_{k+1} d_{j+1}\}$$

$$N_{1,4} = \min\{$$

$$N_{1,1} + N_{2,4} + d_1 d_2 d_5 = 0 + 2500 + 35 * 15 * 20 = 13000,$$

$$N_{1,2} + N_{3,4} + d_1 d_3 d_5 = 2625 + 1000 + 35 * 5 * 20 = 7125,$$

$$N_{1,3} + N_{4,4} + d_1 d_4 d_5 = 4375 + 0 + 35 * 10 * 20 = 11375$$

$$\}$$

$$= 7125$$

Algorithm Visualization

$$(A_0 * (A_1 * A_2)) * ((A_3 * A_4) * A_5)$$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	
0	0	15,750	7,875	9,375	11,875	15,125	0
1		0	2,625	4,375	7,125	10,500	1
2			0	750	2,500	5,375	2
3				0	1,000	3,500	3
4					0	5,000	4
5						0	5

	0	1	2	3	4	5	
0		0	0	2	2	2	0
1			1	2	2	2	1
2				2	2	2	2
3					3	4	3
4						4	4
5							5

- Some final thoughts
 - We ~~reduced~~ replaced a $\mathcal{O}(2^n)$ algorithm with a $\Theta(n^3)$ algorithm.
 - While the generic top-down recursive algorithm would have solved $\mathcal{O}(2^n)$ sub-problems, there are $\Theta(n^2)$ sub-problems.
 - Implies a high overlap of sub-problems.
 - The sub-problems are independent:
 - Solution to $A_0A_1\dots A_k$ is independent of the solution to $A_{k+1}\dots A_n$.

Matrix Chain Multiplication Summary

- Determine the cost of each pair-wise multiplication, then the **minimum** cost of multiplying three consecutive matrices (2 possible choices), using the pre-computed costs for two matrices.
- Repeat until we compute the minimum cost of all n matrices using the costs of the minimum $n-1$ matrix product costs.
 - $n-1$ possible choices.

The 0/1 Knapsack Problem

- Given: A set S of n items (**one piece each**), with each item i having
 - w_i - a positive weight
 - b_i - a positive benefit
- Goal: Choose items with maximum total benefit but with weight at most W .
- If we are **not** allowed to take fractional amounts, then this is the **0/1 knapsack problem**.

– In this case, we let T denote the set of items we take

– Objective: maximize $\sum_{i \in T} b_i$

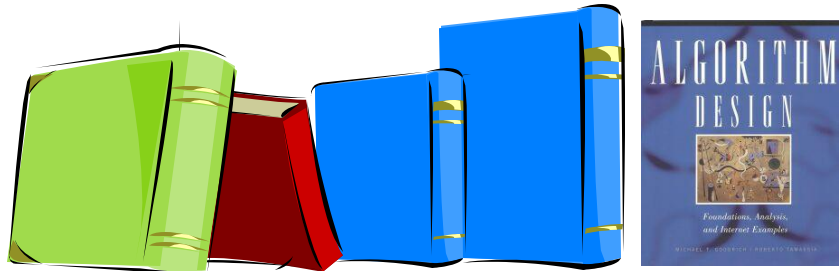
– Constraint: $\sum_{i \in T} w_i \leq W$

Linear Programming formulation

Example

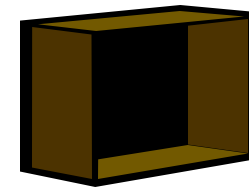
- Given: A set S of n items, with each item i having
 - b_i - a positive “benefit”
 - w_i - a positive “weight”
- Goal: Choose items with maximum total benefit but with weight at most W .

Items:



	1	2	3	4	5
Weight:	4 in	2 in	2 in	6 in	2 in
Benefit:	\$20	\$3	\$6	\$25	\$80

“knapsack”



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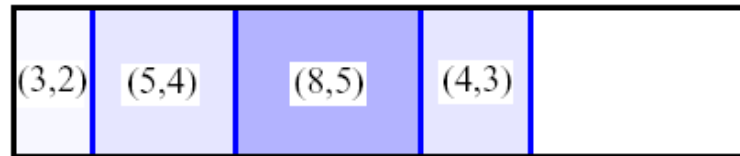
Solution:

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

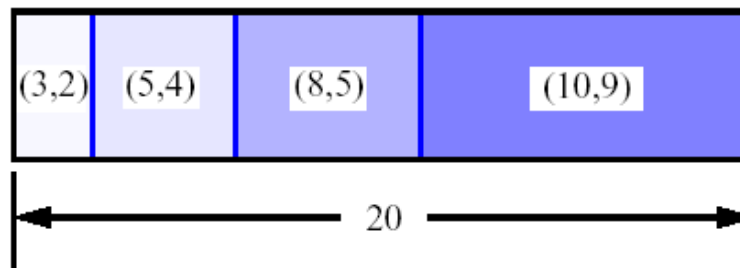
First Attempt

- S_k : Set of items numbered 1 to k .
- Define $B[k]$ = best selection from S_k .
- Problem: does not have sub-problem optimality:
 - Consider set $S = \{(3,2), (5,4), (8,5), (4,3), (10,9)\}$ of (benefit, weight) pairs and total weight $W = 20$

Best for S_4 :



Best for S_5 :



Second Attempt

- S_k : Set of items numbered 1 to k .
- Define $B[k,w]$ to be the best selection from S_k with weight at most w
- This does have sub-problem optimality.

$$B[k, w] = \begin{cases} B[k - 1, w] & \text{if } w_k > w \\ \max\{B[k - 1, w], B[k - 1, w - w_k] + b_k\} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- I.e., the best subset of S_k with weight at most w is either:
 - the best subset of S_{k-1} with weight at most w or
 - the best subset of S_{k-1} with weight at most $w - w_k$ plus item k

Knapsack Example

item	weight	value
1	2	\$12
2	1	\$10
3	3	\$20
4	2	\$15

Knapsack of capacity $W = 5$

$w_1 = 2, v_1 = 12$ $w_2 = 1, v_2 = 10$

$w_3 = 3, v_3 = 20$ $w_4 = 2, v_4 = 15$

Max item allowed	Max Weight					
	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	12	12	12	12
2	0	10	12	22	22	22
3	0	10	12	22	30	32
4	0	10	15	25	30	37

$$B[k, w] = \begin{cases} B[k - 1, w] & \text{if } w_k > w \\ \max\{B[k - 1, w], B[k - 1, w - w_k] + b_k\} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- Since $B[k,w]$ is defined in terms of $B[k-1,*]$, we can use two arrays of instead of a matrix.
- Running time is $O(nW)$.
- Not a polynomial-time algorithm since W may be large.
- Called a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm.

Algorithm

Input: set S of n items with benefit b_i and weight w_i ; maximum weight W

Output: benefit of best subset of S with weight at most W

let A and B be arrays of length $W + 1$

for $w \leftarrow 0$ to W do

$B[w] \leftarrow 0$

for $k \leftarrow 1$ to n do

copy array B into array A

for $w \leftarrow w_k$ to W do

if $A[w-w_k] + b_k > A[w]$

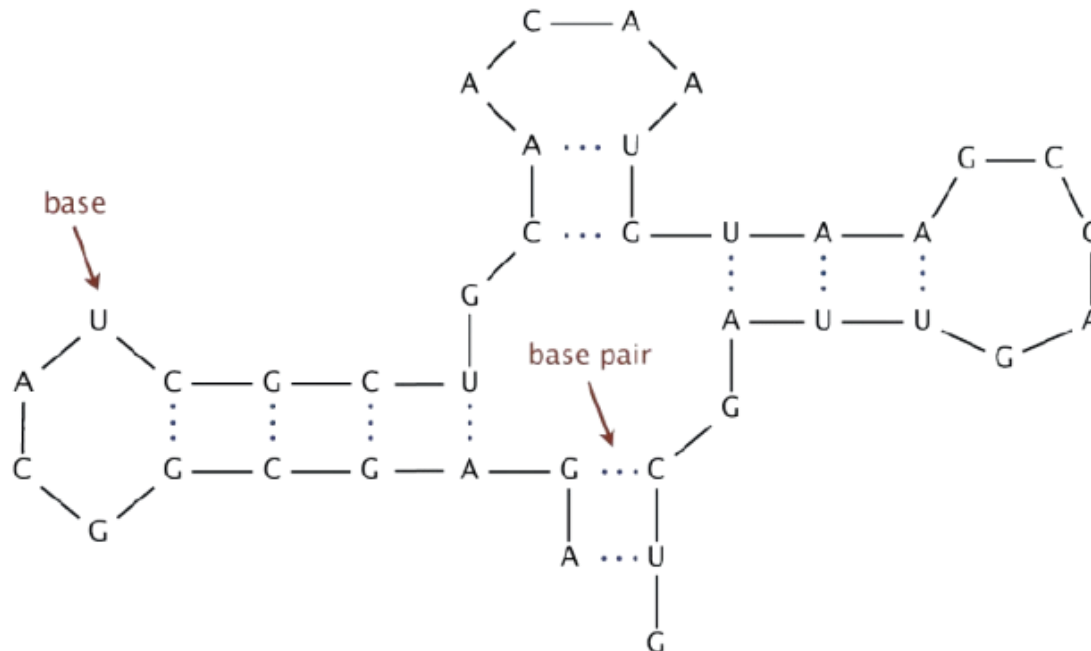
then

$B[w] \leftarrow A[w-w_k] + b_k$

return $B[W]$

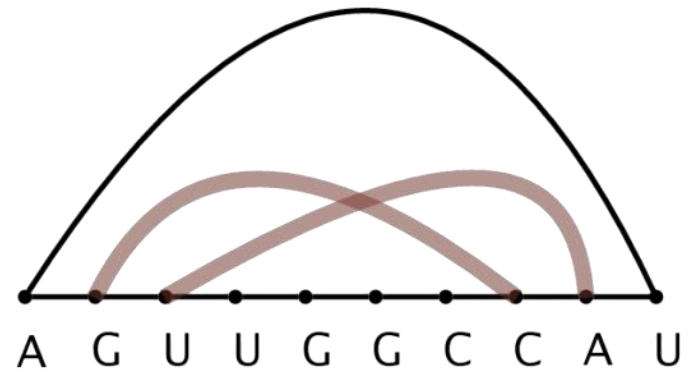
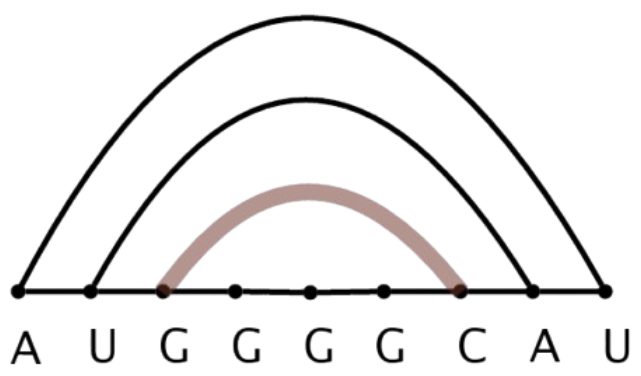
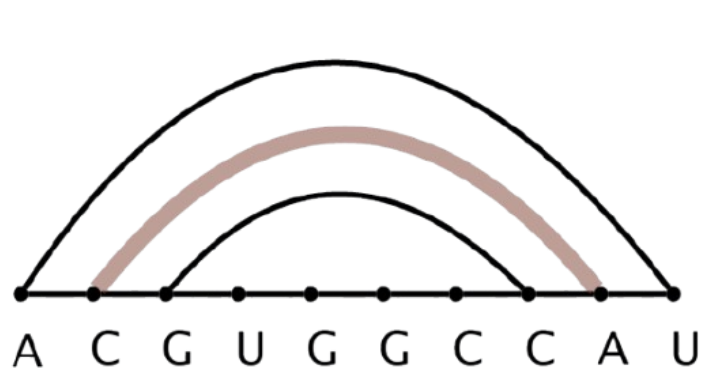
RNA secondary structure

- RNA: String $B = b_1b_2\dots b_n$ over alphabet $\{ A, C, G, U \}$.
 - e.g. GUCGAUUGAGCGAAUGUAACAACGUGGGCUACGGCGAGA
- Secondary structure: RNA is single-stranded so it tends to loop back and form **base pairs** with itself. This structure is essential for understanding behavior of molecule.



RNA secondary structure prediction

- For a given RNA sequences B, Finding a set of pairs $S=\{(b_i,b_j)\}$ that satisfy:
 - [Watson–Crick complement] $(b_i,b_j) \in \{A-U, U-A, C-G, G-C\}$.
 - [No sharp turns] If (b_i,b_j) , then $i < j - 4$.
 - [Non-crossing] If (b_i,b_j) and (b_k, b_l) are two pairs in S , then we cannot have $i < k < j < l$.



RNA secondary structure prediction

- RNA tends to form the secondary structure with more base pairs.