

***Algorithms M2 IF***  
***Dynamic Programming***

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So what is the difference with  
Divide&Conquer?

## An example: Fibonacci

Recall the Fibonacci sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

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

Recursive implementation:

```
int fibo(int n){  
    if (n<=2) return 1;  
    return fibo(n-1)+fibo(n-2); }
```

Implementation with loop:

```
int fibo(int n){  
    int a=1, b=1, c;  
    while (n--){  
        c=a+b;  
        b=a;  
        a=c;  
    }  
    return a; }
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- The recursive algorithm solves the same sub-instances many times.
- **Key idea** of Dynamic Programming (difference with D&C)  
Build solution bottom-up, store solutions to smaller sub-problems so that they don't need to be recomputed.

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Objective: a polynomial-time (in  $n$ ) algorithm that computes the length of the LIS.

Note: computing the length of the optimal solution is probably good enough...

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$$\begin{aligned} A &= [2, 5, 3, 9, 1, 4, 7, 6] \\ L(i) &= [1, 2, 2, 3, 1, 3, 4, 4] \end{aligned}$$



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- From DP table we can also deduce the actual LIS.
  - Can use secondary table  $L'(i)$  which stores that indices  $j$  used to maximize  $L(i)$

# Subset Sum

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- $45 + 47 = 92$  (Greedy algorithm, buy most expensive feasible item)
- $19 + 31 + 47 = 97$
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Explanation:

- I can either
  - Ignore last element
  - Or take it, gain  $A[n]$  in profit, but decrease budget accordingly.
  - (Note: clearly, if  $A[n] > W$  only first choice is feasible)

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Example:

$$A = [3, 4, 5, 6], B = 12$$

Item	Budget – Profit											
(3)	0	0	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
(4)	0	0	0	3	4	4	4	7	7	7	7	7
(5)	0	0	0	3	4	5	5	7	8	9	9	12
(6)	0	0	0	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12

# Matrix Chain Multiplication

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Example:

$$A_1 \quad : \quad 2 \times 100$$

$$A_2 \quad : \quad 100 \times 2$$

$$A_3 \quad : \quad 2 \times 2$$

Best order?



# Matrix Multiplication

Another example (from [DPV]):

$$A_1 : 50 \times 20$$

$$A_2 : 20 \times 1$$

$$A_3 : 1 \times 10$$

$$A_4 : 10 \times 100$$

Possible solutions:

Order	Cost Analysis	Cost
$A_1 \times ((A_2 \times A_3) \times A_4)$	$20 \cdot 10 + 20 \cdot 10 \cdot 100 + 50 \cdot 20 \cdot 100$	120,200
$(A_1 \times (A_2 \times A_3)) \times A_4$	$20 \cdot 10 + 50 \cdot 20 \cdot 10 + 50 \cdot 10 \cdot 100$	60,200
$(A_1 \times A_2) \times (A_3 \times A_4)$	$50 \cdot 20 + 10 \cdot 100 + 50 \cdot 100$	7,000

Note: greedy algorithm (make easy multiplication first), is **not** optimal.

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- Explanation: there will be several multiplications that will be done for the matrices  $A_i, \dots, A_j$ . The last multiplication will involve the product of matrices  $A_i, \dots, A_k$ , with the product of matrices  $A_{k+1}, \dots, A_j$ .
- If we are given  $k$  the best way to do this is to
  - Optimally do  $A_i \dots A_k$
  - Optimally do  $A_{k+1} \dots A_j$
  - Do the last multiplication (fixed cost)

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- As before, algorithm can be modified to output the optimal planning instead of just its cost.

# Summary

Important lessons to remember.



- Induction/Recursion are powerful techniques
  - Solve problem by solving sub-problems.
- Divide&Conquer:
  - Implement with recursion
  - Sub-problems usually much smaller
  - Analyze running time with Master Theorem/recurrence relations
- Dynamic Programming:
  - More efficient/powerful by making more clever use of memory.
  - Avoid recomputing the same subproblems.
  - Running time usually close to memory usage.