Recursion

Reduction:
Reduce one problem to another

Recursion
A special case of reduction

1. reduce problem to a smaller instance of itself
2. self-reduction

1. Problem instance of size \( n \) is reduced to one or more instances of size \( n - 1 \) or less.
2. For termination, problem instances of small size are solved by some other method as base cases.
Recursion in Algorithm Design

1. **Tail Recursion**: problem reduced to a *single* recursive call after some work. Easy to convert algorithm into iterative or greedy algorithms.

2. **Divide and Conquer**: Problem reduced to multiple *independent* sub-problems that are solved separately. Conquer step puts together solution for bigger problem.
   Examples: Merge/Quick Sort, FFT

3. **Backtracking**: Refinement of brute force search. Build solution incrementally by invoking recursion to try all possibilities for the decision in each step.

4. **Dynamic Programming**: problem reduced to multiple (typically) *dependent or overlapping* sub-problems. Use memoization to avoid recomputation of common solutions.
Part I

Recursion and Memoization
Recursion, Recursion Tree and dependency graph

\begin{codebox}
\textbf{foo} (instance \( X \))
\begin{itemize}
  \item If \( X \) is a base case then
    \begin{itemize}
      \item solve it and return solution
    \end{itemize}
  \item Else
    \begin{itemize}
      \item do some computation
      \item \textbf{foo}(X_1)
      \item do some computation
      \item \textbf{foo}(X_2)
      \item \textbf{foo}(X_3)
      \item more computation
    \end{itemize}
\end{itemize}
Output solution for \( X \)
\end{codebox}

Two objects of interest when analyzing \textbf{foo}(X)

- \textit{recursion tree} of the recursive implementation
- a \textit{DAG} representing the dependency graph of the distinct subproblems
Fibonacci Numbers

Fibonacci numbers defined by recurrence:

\[ F(n) = F(n - 1) + F(n - 2) \text{ and } F(0) = 0, F(1) = 1. \]

These numbers have many interesting and amazing properties.
A journal *The Fibonacci Quarterly*

1. \[ F(n) = \left( \frac{\phi^n - (1 - \phi)^n}{\sqrt{5}} \right) \] where \( \phi \) is the golden ratio \( \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.618 \).

2. \[ \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{F(n + 1)}{F(n)} = \phi \]
Recursive Algorithm for Fibonacci Numbers

Question: Given $n$, compute $F(n)$.

\[
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\]

Running time? Let $T(n)$ be the number of additions in Fib(n).

\[
T(n) = T(n - 1) + T(n - 2) + 1 \text{ and } T(0) = T(1) = 0
\]

Roughly same as $F(n)$

\[
T(n) = \Theta(\phi^n)
\]

The number of additions is exponential in $n$. 

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Recursion tree vs dependency graph

\texttt{Fib(5)}
An iterative algorithm for Fibonacci numbers

Algorithm 1: \texttt{FibIter}(n):

\begin{algorithmic}
  \State \textbf{if} \ (n = 0) \ \textbf{then}
  \State \hspace{1em} \textbf{return} 0
  \State \textbf{if} \ (n = 1) \ \textbf{then}
  \State \hspace{1em} \textbf{return} 1
  \State F[0] = 0
  \State F[1] = 1
  \For {i = 2 \ \textbf{to} \ n}
  \State \hspace{1em} F[i] = F[i - 1] + F[i - 2]
  \EndFor
  \State \textbf{return} F[n]
\end{algorithmic}

Running time: $O(n)$ additions.
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Every recursive algorithm can be memoized by working with the dependency graph.
Can we convert recursive algorithm into an efficient algorithm without explicitly doing an iterative algorithm?

\[
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\text{return 0} & \text{if } n = 0 \\
\text{return 1} & \text{if } n = 1 \\
\text{return stored value of Fib}(n) & \text{if Fib}(n) \text{ was previously computed} \\
\text{return Fib}(n-1) + \text{Fib}(n-2) & \text{else}
\end{cases}
\]

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    if (n == 0):
        return 0
    if (n == 1):
        return 1
    if (Fib(n) was previously computed):
        return stored value of Fib(n)
    else:
        return Fib(n - 1) + Fib(n - 2)
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- if ($n = 0$) return 0
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- if ($M[n] \neq -1$) (* $M[n]$ has stored value of Fib($n$) *)
  return $M[n]$
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\text{return } M[n]
$$

To allocate memory need to know upfront the number of subproblems for a given input size $n$
Automatic implicit memoization

Initialize a (dynamic) dictionary data structure $D$ to empty

\[
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\quad \quad \text{return } 0 \\
\quad \text{if } (n = 1) \\
\quad \quad \text{return } 1 \\
\quad \text{if } (n \text{ is already in } D) \\
\quad \quad \text{return value stored with } n \text{ in } D \\
\quad \quad \text{val } \leftarrow \text{Fib}(n - 1) + \text{Fib}(n - 2) \\
\text{Store } (n, \text{val}) \text{ in } D \\
\text{return } \text{val}
\]
Explicit vs Implicit Memoization

1. Explicit memoization or iterative algorithm preferred if one can analyze problem ahead of time. Allows for efficient memory allocation and access.

2. Implicit and automatic memoization used when problem structure or algorithm is either not well understood or in fact unknown to the underlying system.
   - Need to pay overhead of data-structure.
   - Functional languages such as LISP automatically do memoization, usually via hashing based dictionaries.
Saving space. Do we need an array of $n$ numbers? Not really.

```python
FibIter(n):
    if (n = 0) then
        return 0
    if (n = 1) then
        return 1
    prev2 = 0
    prev1 = 1
    for i = 2 to n do
        temp = prev1 + prev2
        prev2 = prev1
        prev1 = temp
    return prev1
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**Key Questions:**
- Given a recursive algorithm, how do we analyze the complexity when it is memoized?
- How do we recognize whether a problem admits a dynamic programming based efficient algorithm?
- How do we further optimize time and space of a dynamic programming based algorithm?
Part II

Edit Distance
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**Definition**

Edit distance between two words $X$ and $Y$ is the number of letter insertions, letter deletions and letter substitutions required to obtain $Y$ from $X$.

**Example**

The edit distance between FOOD and MONEY is at most 4:

$\text{FOOD} \rightarrow \text{MOOD} \rightarrow \text{MONOD} \rightarrow \text{MONED} \rightarrow \text{MONEY}$
Alignment

Place words one on top of the other, with gaps in the first word indicating insertions, and gaps in the second word indicating deletions.

F O O D
M O N E Y

Formally, an alignment is a set \( M \) of pairs \((i, j)\) such that each index appears at most once, and there is no "crossing": \( i < i' \) and \( i \) is matched to \( j \) implies \( i' \) is matched to \( j' \) > \( j \). In the above example, this is \( M = \{(1, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3), (4, 5)\} \).

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Edit Distance Problem

Problem

Given two words, find the edit distance between them, i.e., an alignment of smallest cost.
Edit Distance

Basic observation

Let \( X = \alpha x \) and \( Y = \beta y \)

\( \alpha, \beta \): strings. \( x \) and \( y \) single characters.

Possible alignments between \( X \) and \( Y \):

| \( \alpha \) | \( x \) | or | \( \alpha \) | \( x \) | or | \( \alpha x \) | \( \beta \) | \( y \) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| \( \beta \) | \( y \) | or | \( \beta y \) | | | | | |

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$$EDIST(X, Y) = \min \begin{cases} 
EDIST(\alpha, \beta) + [x = y] \\
1 + EDIST(\alpha, Y) \\
1 + EDIST(X, \beta)
\end{cases}$$
Recursive Algorithm

Assume $X$ is stored in array $A[1..m]$ and $Y$ is stored in $B[1..n]$

\[ \text{EDIST}(A[1..m], B[1..n]) \]

1. If \((m = 0)\) return \(n\)
2. If \((n = 0)\) return \(m\)
3. \(m_1 = 1 + \text{EDIST}(A[1..(m - 1)], B[1..n])\)
4. \(m_2 = 1 + \text{EDIST}(A[1..m], B[1..(n - 1)])\)
5. If \((A[m] = B[n])\) then
   \(m_3 = \text{EDIST}(A[1..(m - 1)], B[1..(n - 1)])\)
6. Else
   \(m_3 = 1 + \text{EDIST}(A[1..(m - 1)], B[1..(n - 1)])\)
7. return \(\min(m_1, m_2, m_3)\)
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Subproblems and Recurrence

Each subproblem corresponds to a prefix of \( X \) and a prefix of \( Y \).

**Optimal Costs**

Let \( \text{Opt}(i, j) \) be optimal cost of aligning \( x_1 \cdots x_i \) and \( y_1 \cdots y_j \). Then

\[
\text{Opt}(i, j) = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
[x_i = y_j] + \text{Opt}(i - 1, j - 1), \\
1 + \text{Opt}(i - 1, j), \\
1 + \text{Opt}(i, j - 1)
\end{array} \right. 
\]

Base Cases: \( \text{Opt}(i, 0) = i \) and \( \text{Opt}(0, j) = j \).
Memoizing the Recursive Algorithm

int \ M[0..m][0..n]

Initialize all entries of \( M[i][j] \) to \( \infty \)

return \( EDIST(A[1..m], B[1..n]) \)

\[
EDIST(A[1..m], B[1..n])
\]

If \( (M[i][j] < \infty) \) return \( M[i][j] \) (* return stored value *)

If \( (m = 0) \)

\[ M[i][j] = n \]

ElseIf \( (n = 0) \)

\[ M[i][j] = m \]

Else

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return \( M[i][j] \)
Removing Recursion to obtain Iterative Algorithm

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\[
\begin{align*}
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\text{for } i = 1 \text{ to } m \text{ do } & \quad M[i, 0] = i \\
\text{for } j = 1 \text{ to } n \text{ do } & \quad M[0, j] = j \\
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Analysis

1. Running time is \(O(mn)\).
2. Space used is \(O(mn)\).
Figure: Iterative algorithm in previous slide computes values in row order.
Finding an Optimum Solution

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**Exercise:** Show that one can find an optimum solution after computing the optimum value. Key idea is to store back pointers when computing $\text{Opt}(i,j)$ to know how we calculated it. See notes for more details.
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Problem: Given a sequence \(a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_n\) find the longest palindromic sub-sequence.

Examples:

- 1, 10, 11
- a, c, c, r, a
Dynamic Programming Template

1. Come up with a recursive algorithm to solve problem
2. Understand the structure/number of the subproblems generated by recursion
3. Memoize the recursion
   - set up compact notation for subproblems
   - set up a data structure for storing subproblems
4. Iterative algorithm
   - Understand dependency graph on subproblems
   - Pick an evaluation order (any topological sort of the dependency dag)
5. Analyze time and space
6. Optimize
Part III

Knapsack
Input: Given a Knapsack of capacity $W$ lbs. and $n$ objects with $i$th object having weight $w_i$ and value $v_i$; assume $W$, $w_i$, $v_i$ are all positive integers.

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Basic problem that arises in many applications as a sub-problem.
Knapsack Example

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If $W = 11$, the best is $\{I_3, I_4\}$ giving value 40.

Special Case

When $v_i = w_i$, the Knapsack problem is called the Subset Sum Problem.
For the following instance of Knapsack:

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and weight limit $W = 15$. The best solution has value:

(A) 22
(B) 28
(C) 38
(D) 50
(E) 56
Greedy Approach

1. Pick objects with greatest value
   - Let $W = 2$, $w_1 = w_2 = 1$, $w_3 = 2$, $v_1 = v_2 = 2$ and $v_3 = 3$; greedy strategy will pick $\{3\}$, but the optimal is $\{1, 2\}$

2. Pick objects with smallest weight
   - Let $W = 2$, $w_1 = 1$, $w_2 = 2$, $v_1 = 1$ and $v_2 = 3$; greedy strategy will pick $\{1\}$, but the optimal is $\{2\}$

3. Pick objects with largest $v_i/w_i$ ratio
   - Let $W = 4$, $w_1 = w_2 = 2$, $w_3 = 3$, $v_1 = v_2 = 3$ and $v_3 = 5$; greedy strategy will pick $\{3\}$, but the optimal is $\{1, 2\}$

   - Can show that a slight modification always gives half the optimum profit: pick the better of the output of this algorithm and the largest value item. Also, the algorithms gives better approximations when all item weights are small when compared to $W$. 

Towards a Recursive Algorithms

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Observation

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Case item $i \notin \mathcal{O}$ $\mathcal{O}$ is an optimal solution to items $1$ to $i - 1$

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\( \text{Opt}(i, w) \): optimum profit for items \( 1 \) to \( i \) in knapsack of size \( w \)

Goal: compute \( \text{Opt}(n, W) \)
Dynamic Programming Solution

Definition

Let $\text{Opt}(i, w)$ be the optimal way of picking items from 1 to $i$, with total weight not exceeding $w$.

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\text{Opt}(i, w) = \begin{cases} 
0 & \text{if } i = 0 \\
\text{Opt}(i - 1, w) & \text{if } wi > w \\
\max \left\{ \text{Opt}(i - 1, w), \text{Opt}(i - 1, w - wi) + vi \right\} & \text{otherwise}
\end{cases}
$$

Number of subproblem generated by $\text{Opt}(n, W)$ is $O(nW)$. 
An Iterative Algorithm

\begin{align*}
\text{for } w = 0 \text{ to } W \text{ do} \\
M[0, w] = 0 \\
\text{for } i = 1 \text{ to } n \text{ do} \\
\quad \text{for } w = 1 \text{ to } W \text{ do} \\
\quad \quad \text{if } (w_i > w) \text{ then} \\
\quad \quad \quad M[i, w] = M[i - 1, w] \\
\quad \quad \text{else} \\
\quad \quad \quad M[i, w] = \max(M[i - 1, w], M[i - 1, w - w_i] + v_i)
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1. Time taken is \( O(nW) \)
2. Input has size \( O(n + \log W + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\log v_i + \log w_i)) \); so running time not polynomial but “pseudo-polynomial”!
Introducing a Variable

For the Knapsack problem obtaining a recursive algorithm required introducing a new variable, namely the size of the knapsack.

This is a key idea that recurs in many dynamic programming problems.

How do we figure out when this is possible?

Heuristic answer that works for many problems: Try divide and conquer or obvious recursion: if problem is not decomposable then introduce the “information” required to decompose as new variable(s). Will see several examples to make this idea concrete.
Knapsack Algorithm and Polynomial time

1. Input size for Knapsack: $O(n) + \log W + \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\log w_i + \log v_i)$.
2. Running time of dynamic programming algorithm: $O(nW)$.
3. Not a polynomial time algorithm.
4. Example: $W = 2^n$ and $w_i, v_i \in [1..2^n]$. Input size is $O(n^2)$, running time is $O(n2^n)$ arithmetic/comparisons.
5. Algorithm is called a pseudo-polynomial time algorithm because running time is polynomial if numbers in input are of size polynomial in the combinatorial size of problem.
6. Knapsack is NP-Hard if numbers are not polynomial in $n$. 