

# Lecture 8: More Dynamic Programming

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# Business

Keep working on homework 2!

- Ask questions early if you are stuck!

Take home midterm 1 will be next Wednesday through Friday (more at the end)

# Today

Brief correction on yesterday's lecture

Dynamic Programming

Subset Sum

Edit Distance

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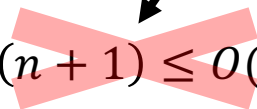
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The important point is that just counting to  $f_n$  would be twice as fast!

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- We know our algorithm is correct, but it is very slow
- Let's reformulate it with dynamic programming

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Let's see an example

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## What data structure can we use for memoization?

We can fill a 2 dimensional array with the following dimensions:  
 $S[1..n + 1, 0..T] = SubSum(i, t)$

## Which subproblems depend on each other, and what evaluation order does this imply?

$SubSum(i, t)$  can depend on  $SubSum(i + 1, t)$  and  $SubSum(i + 1, t - X[i])$ . So we can start at the bottom of the table and work up.

## What are the space/time requirements?

Space:  $O(nT)$   
Time:  $O(nT)$

**FastSubsetSum(X[1..n], T):**

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for  $t \leftarrow 1$  to  $T$ :

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for  $i \leftarrow n$  down to 1:

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Is FastSubsetSum *always* faster than the recursive version?

No! If  $T \gg 2^n$ , the recursive version is actually faster!

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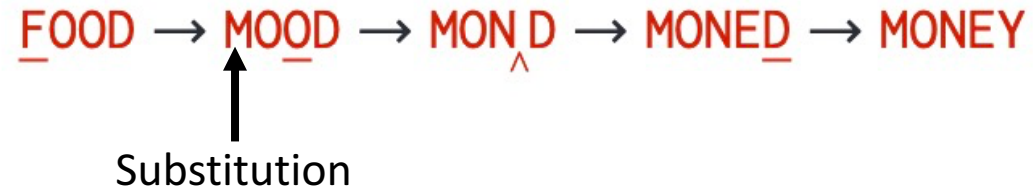
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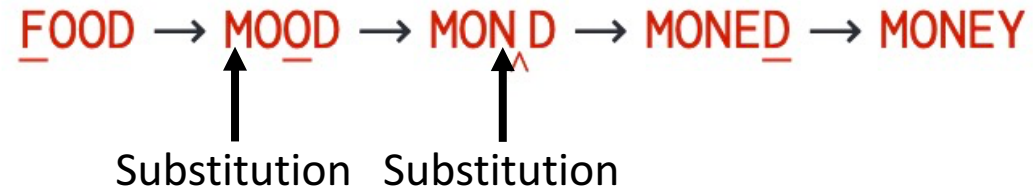
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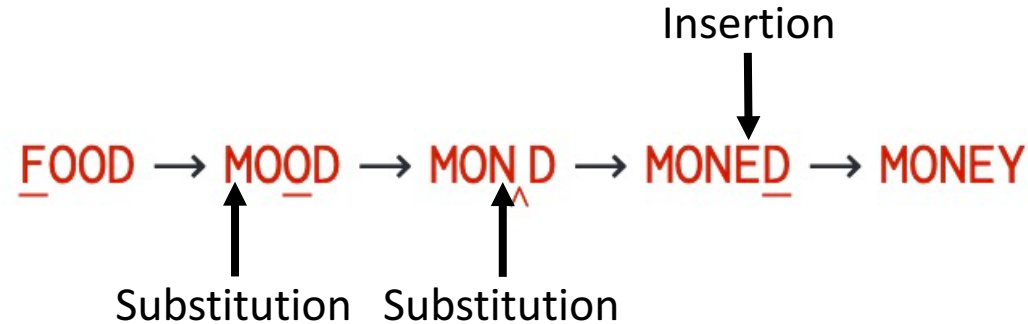
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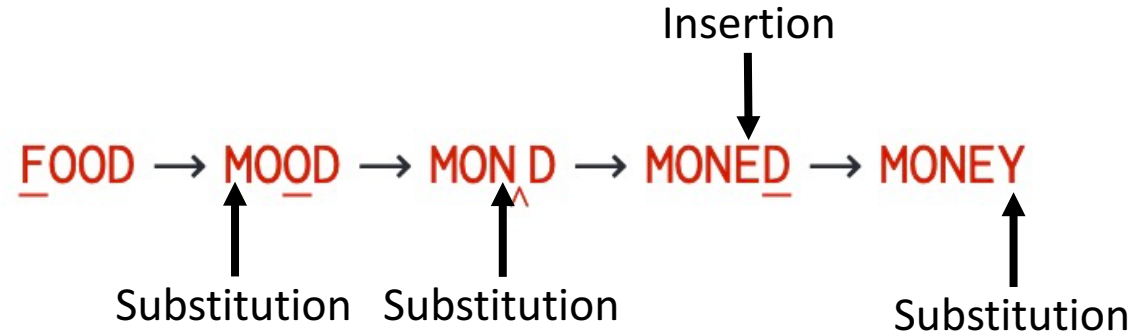
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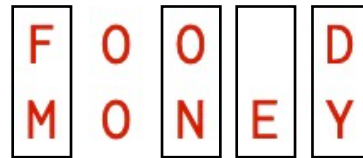
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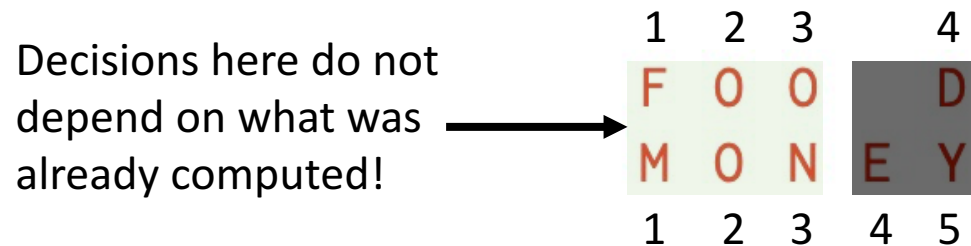
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# Next Time

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# Wrap up

No new reading assignment (still chapter 3 of Erickson)

- If you didn't follow our Edit Distance discussion, read 3.7 before Monday!

Work on homework 2! Ask questions on Piazza.

Midterm next Weds 8PM – Fri 8PM.

- Topics will be everything we have done so far:
  - Asymptotic analysis and Divide and Conquer (including recursion, backtracking, and dynamic programming)
- If there are things you have struggled with, strategize sooner rather than later about how you will review them before Wednesday!

Enjoy your weekend!