

CompSci 161  
Winter 2023 Lecture 10:  
Dynamic Programming:  
Interval Scheduling

# Warm-Up Question 1

Fib( $n$  : non-negative integer)

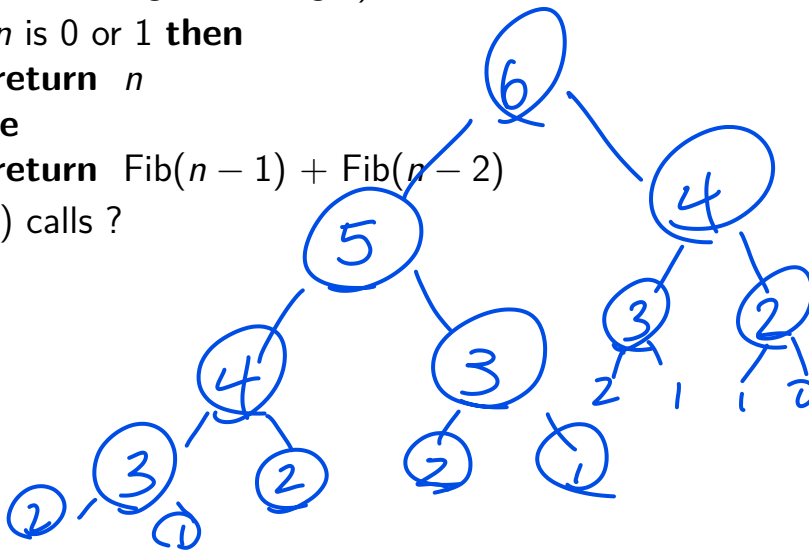
**if**  $n$  is 0 or 1 **then**

**return**  $n$

**else**

**return** Fib( $n - 1$ ) + Fib( $n - 2$ )

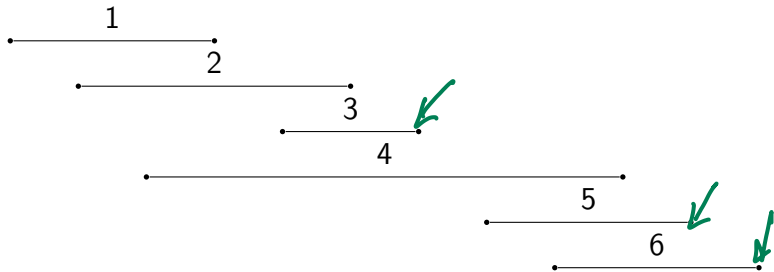
Fib(5) calls ?



## Warm-Up Question 2

- ▶ Given  $n$  intervals,  $1 \dots n$ ,
  - ▶ each has start time  $s_i$  and finish time  $f_i$ .
- ▶ For each interval, compute a value  $p[i]$ 
  - ▶  $p[i] = j$  means  $j$  is the *latest*  $f_j$  such that  $f_j \leq s_i$
  - ▶ If no intervals end before  $s_i$ , then  $f[i] = 0$ .
- ▶ Intervals are already sorted by finish time.

**Example:**

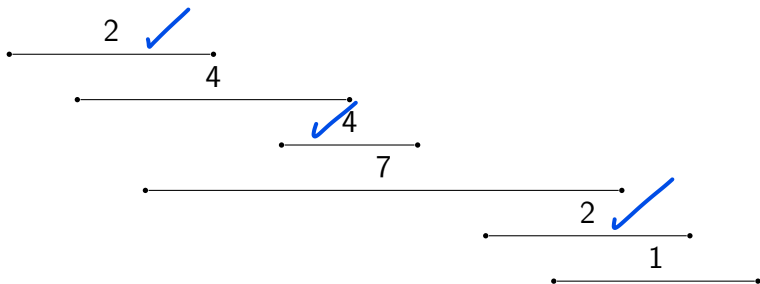


## Warm-Up Question 2

Warm-up(int  $n$ , intervals  $[s_1, f_1], [s_2, f_2], \dots [s_n, f_n]$ )  
Sort intervals by finish time (if not already)  
for each interval  $[s_i, f_i]$   
    binary search for latest  $f_j \leq s_i$

# Interval Scheduling Problem Statement

- ▶ Which classes should take next quarter?
- ▶ The classes all meet once a day,
  - ▶ at different times and lengths
  - ▶ are worth different amounts of credits.
- ▶ Maximize amount of credits earned in quarter
- ▶ Without having to skip any classes



## 6 Interval Scheduling: Recursive Solution

index of last ending interval under consideration

► Key: your friend will take class  $i$  or won't

$WIS(i)$  // opt # of credits, intervals  $1 \dots i$

// Base Case:

if  $(0 == i)$  return 0;

// If my friend doesn't take class  $i$ :

$a =$  value\_if\_not\_taken =  $WIS(i-1)$

// If my friend takes class  $i$ :

$b =$  value\_if\_taken =  $V_i + WIS(p[i])$

see warm up ↓

//return something:

return  $\max(a, b)$

WIS( $i$ )

**if**  $i$  is 0 **then**

**return** 0

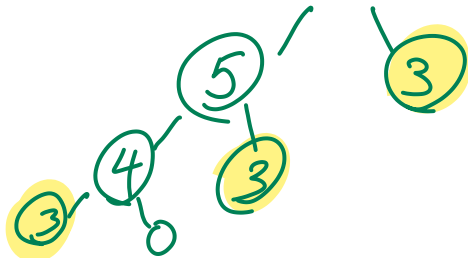
// value\_if\_not\_taken =  $\text{WIS}(i - 1)$

// value\_if\_taken =  $v_i + \text{WIS}(p[i])$

**return**  $\max(\text{WIS}(i - 1), v_i + \text{WIS}(p[i]))$

✓ recursive  
substructure

► To solve: call  $\text{WIS}(6)$  for this input.



Overlapping  
subproblems

# Interval Scheduling: Iterative Solution

►  $WIS[i]$  needs only info from  $WIS[0 \dots i - 1]$

► We can write an iterative solution.

declare  $WIS[0 \dots n]$

$WIS[0] = 0$

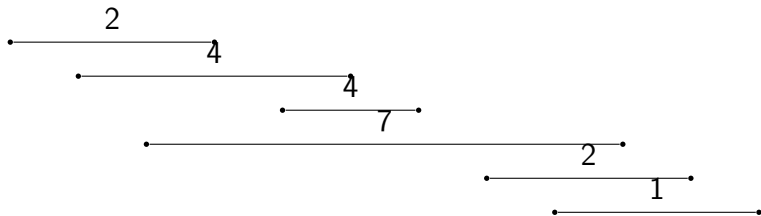
for  $i = 1$  to  $n$

$WIS[i] = \max(WIS[i-1],$   
 $V_i + WIS[p[i]])$



## Interval Scheduling: Table

$i$	$p[i]$	$WIS(p(i)) + v_i$	$WIS(i - 1)$	$WIS(i)$
0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0
1	0	0 + 2	0	2
2	0	0 + 4	2	4
3	1	2 + 4	4	6
4	0	0 + 7	6	7
5	3	6 + 2	7	8
6	3	6 + 1	8	8



# What classes to take?

- ▶ Now we have  $WIS[\dots]$  filled in.
- ▶ Instead of return  $WIS[n]$ , output courses.
- ▶ Hint: take course  $n$  or no?

$i \leftarrow n$

While  $i > 0$ :  
     if  $WIS[i] == WIS[i-1]$  :  
          $i--$

else:  
     output  $i$   
      $i = p[i]$

# Solving with Dynamic Programming

If asked for a dynamic programming solution:

- ▶ Describe *in English* the function
  - ▶ Not *how* it works (yet)
  - ▶ Yes *what it solves*.
  - ▶ Skipping this step = 0 on problem
  
- ▶ Give that function a meaningful variable name.
  - ▶ Not “OPT” or “DP” or “table”
  - ▶ Not a single letter either.
  
- ▶ Give recursive formulation.