

# CSCI 232:

# Data Structures and Algorithms

Dynamic Programming (Part 1)

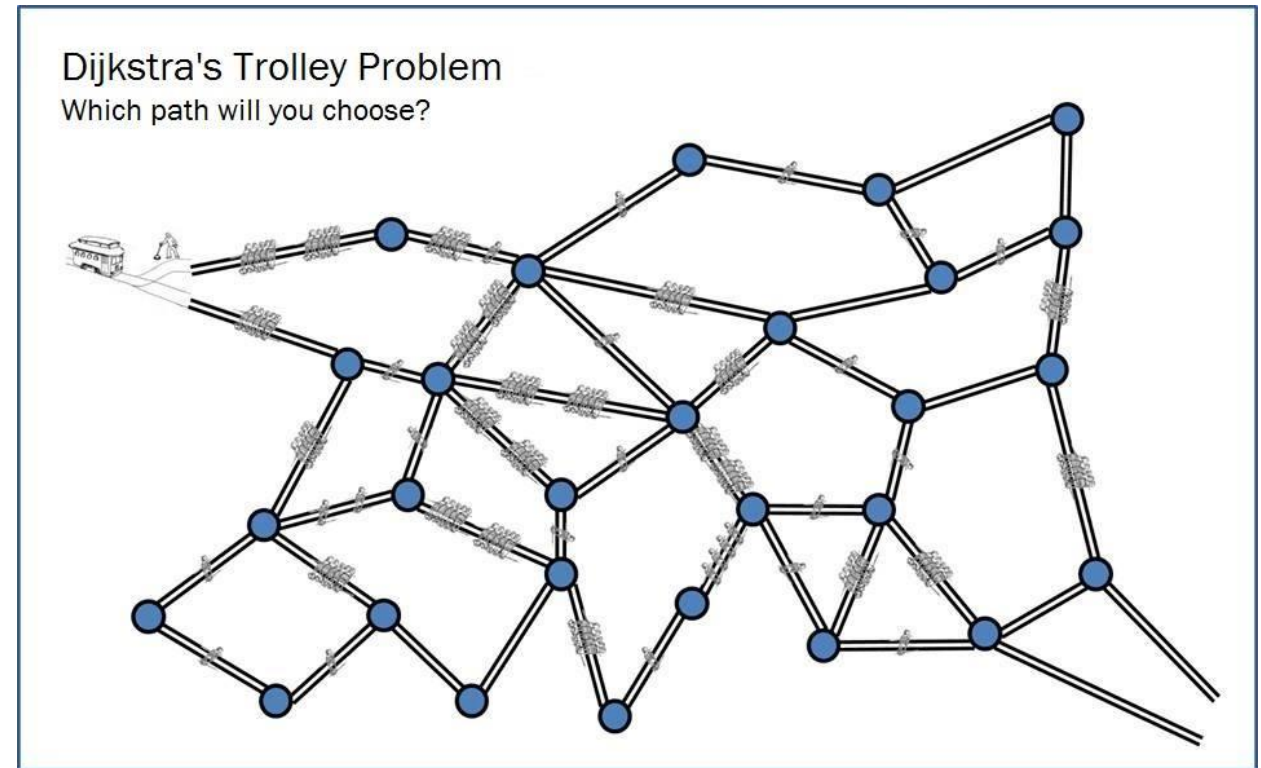
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## Program 3 Due one week from today (4/22)

Tuesday April 22 will be an optional help session for Program 3 in Banard Hall 257 (no lecture)

Thursday's class will be a recorded lecture (no in-person class)

No lab this week



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This is known as the **greedy** approach



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**Real Answer = 18, 18, 1 (3 coins)**

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Lesson Learned: The Greedy approach works for the United States denominations, but not for a general set of denominations

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(We will assume we have the standard US denominations [1, 5, 10, 25] (NO 50 CENT PIECE))

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What can you conclude?

Does this provide an answer to any other change making problems?

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This is the minimum coins needed to make 13 cents



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The image shows the visual representation of the equation above. On the left, there are three silver coins: two quarters and one dime. To their right, there are three copper pennies, which are enclosed in a red rectangular box. The coins are arranged horizontally below the mathematical equation.

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This is the minimum coins needed to make 1 cent

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The solution to the change making problems consists of solutions to smaller change making problems

We can use **recursion** to solve this problem

# Change Making Problem

In general, suppose a country has coins with denominations:

$$1 = d_1 < d_2 < \cdots < d_k \quad (\text{US coins: } d_1 = 1, d_2 = 5, d_3 = 10, d_4 = 25)$$

Algorithm: To make change for  $p$  cents, we are going to figure out change for every value  $x < p$ . We will build solution for  $p$  out of smaller solutions.

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$$C(37) = 1 + C(12)$$

We used one quarter

Now find the minimum number  
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$$C(12) = 1 + C(2)$$

Now find the minimum number of coins needed to make 2 cents



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$$C(12) = 1 + C(2) \img alt="Dime coin" data-bbox="555 660 602 745"/>$$

$$C(2) = 1 + C(1) \img alt="Penny coin" data-bbox="755 745 802 830"/>$$

$$C(1) = 1 + C(0) \img alt="Penny coin" data-bbox="955 855 1000 930"/>$$

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The minimum number of coins needed to make 37 cents is 4



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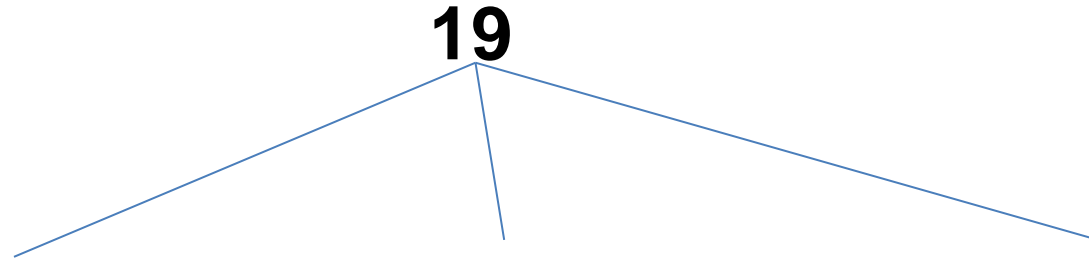
$$1 = d_1 < d_2 < \cdots < d_k \quad (\text{US coins: } d_1 = 1, d_2 = 5, d_3 = 10, d_4 = 25)$$

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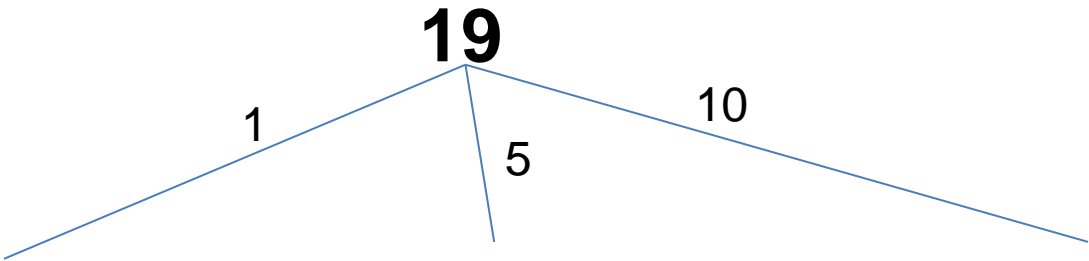
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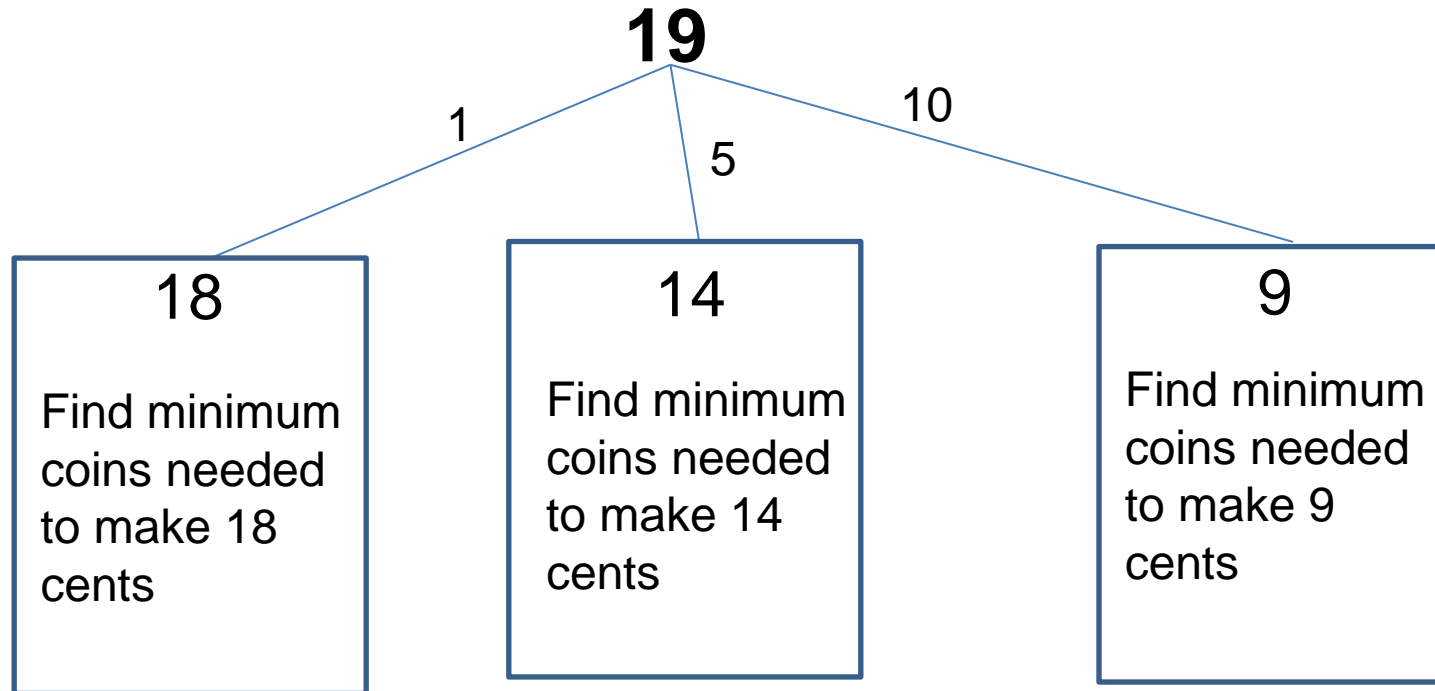
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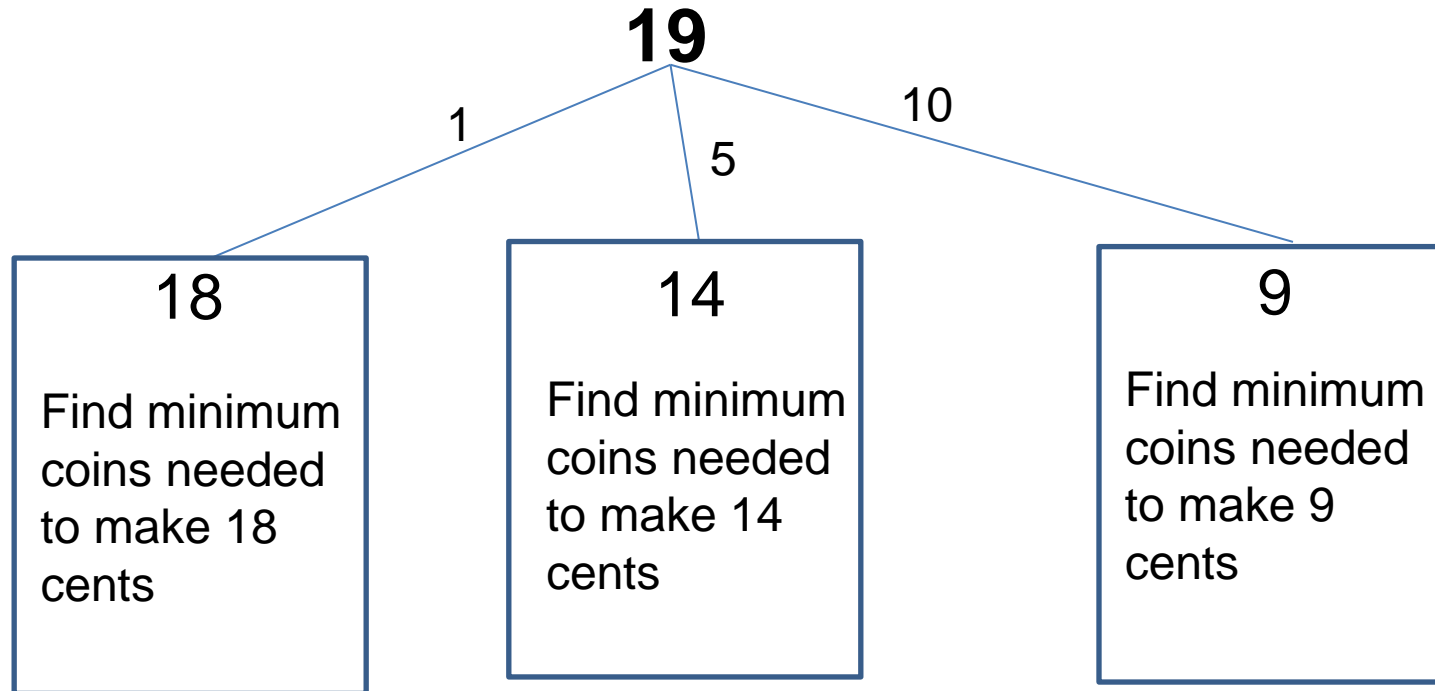


To find the minimum number of coins needed to create 19 cents, we generate  $k$  subproblems

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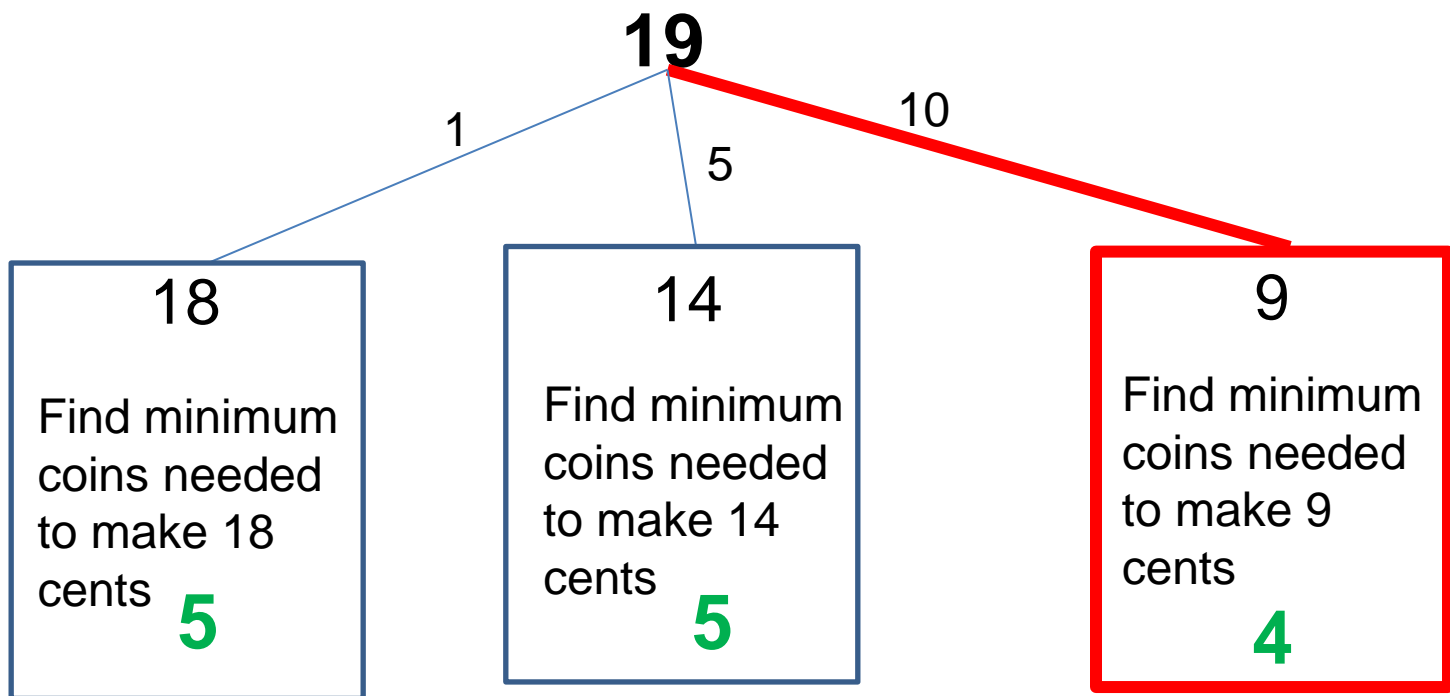


We want to select the **minimum** solution of these three subproblems

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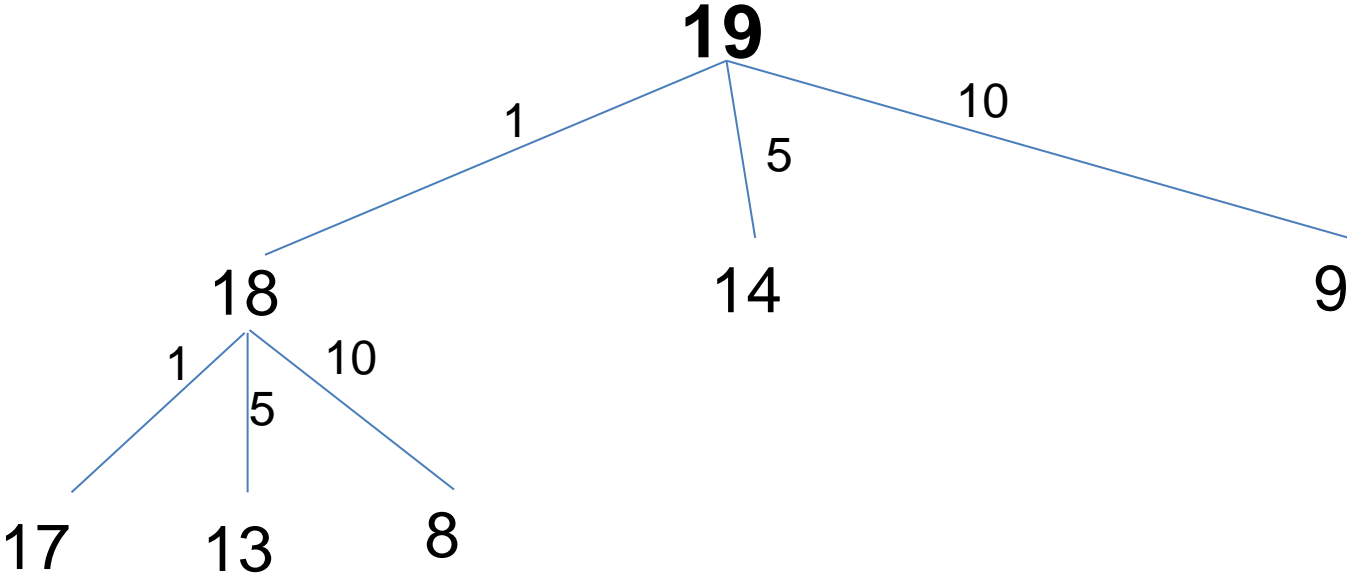


For the solution of our original problem (19), we want to select this branch (one dime used)

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Find minimum  
coins needed  
to make 17  
cents

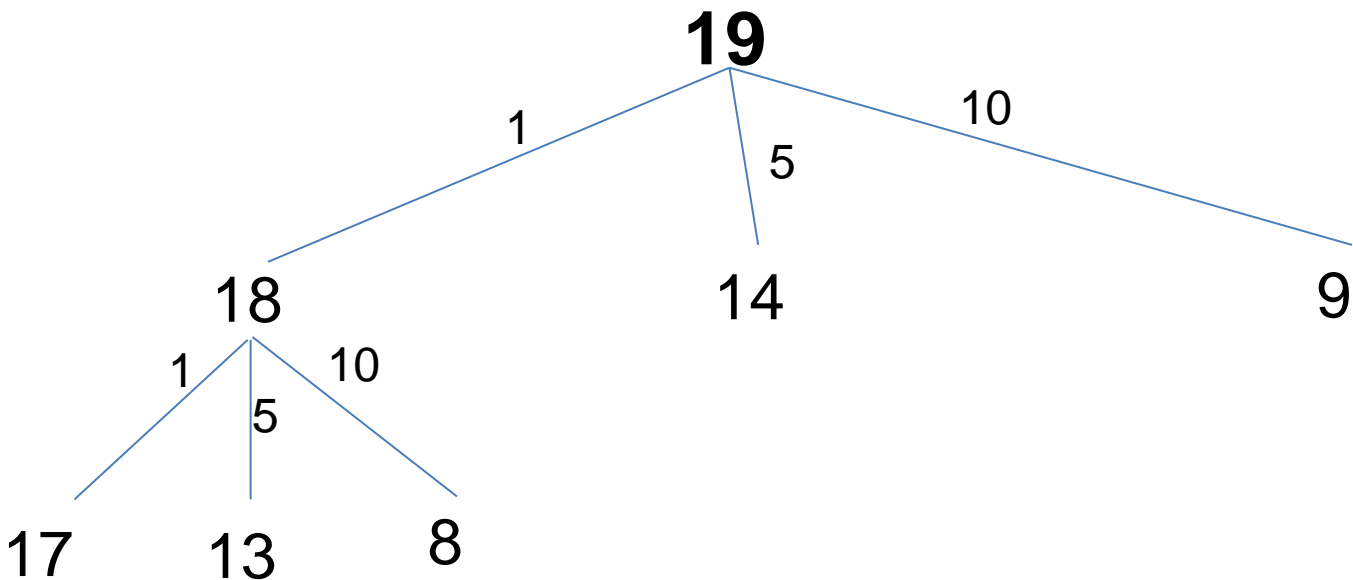
Find minimum  
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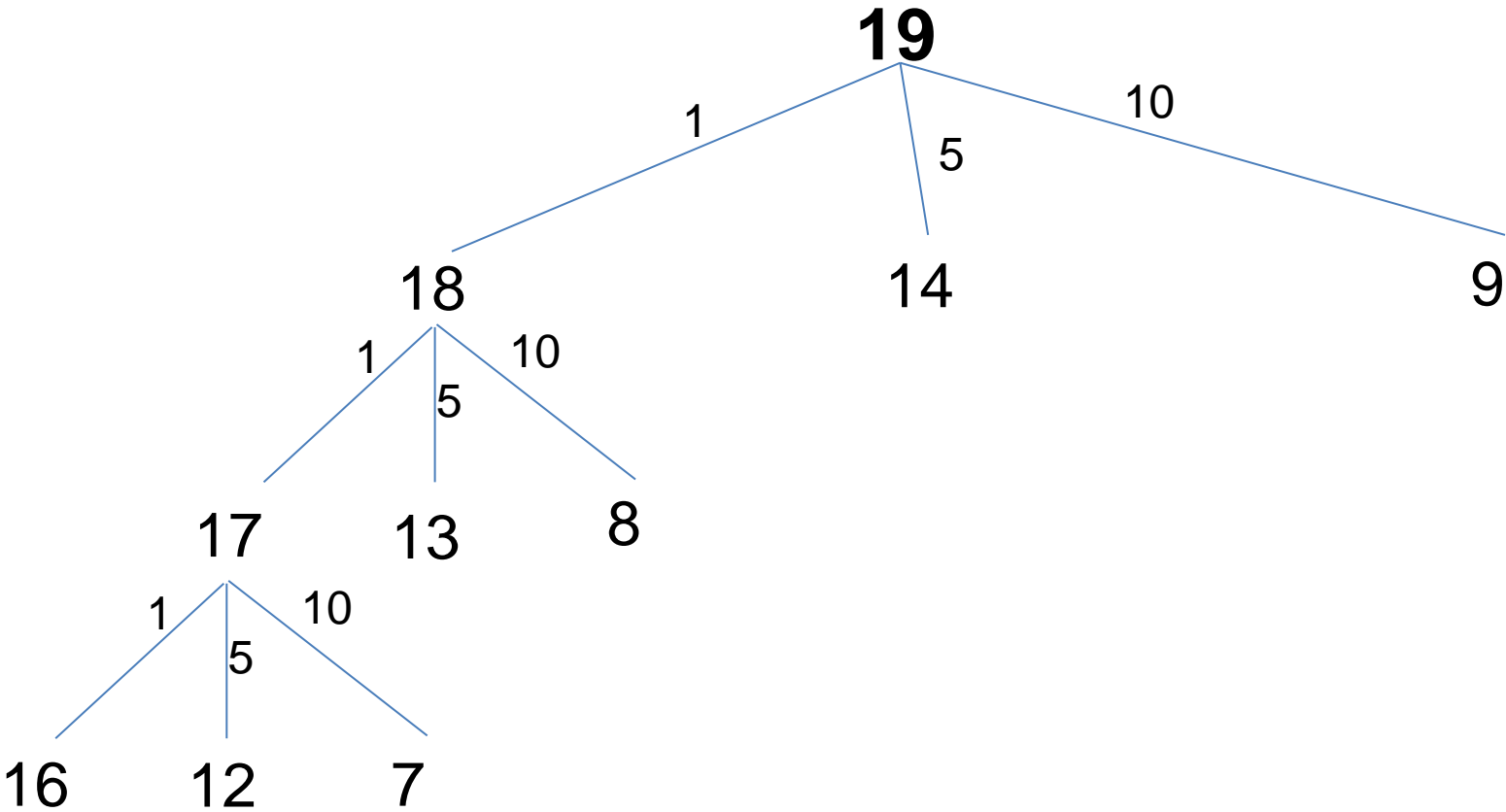




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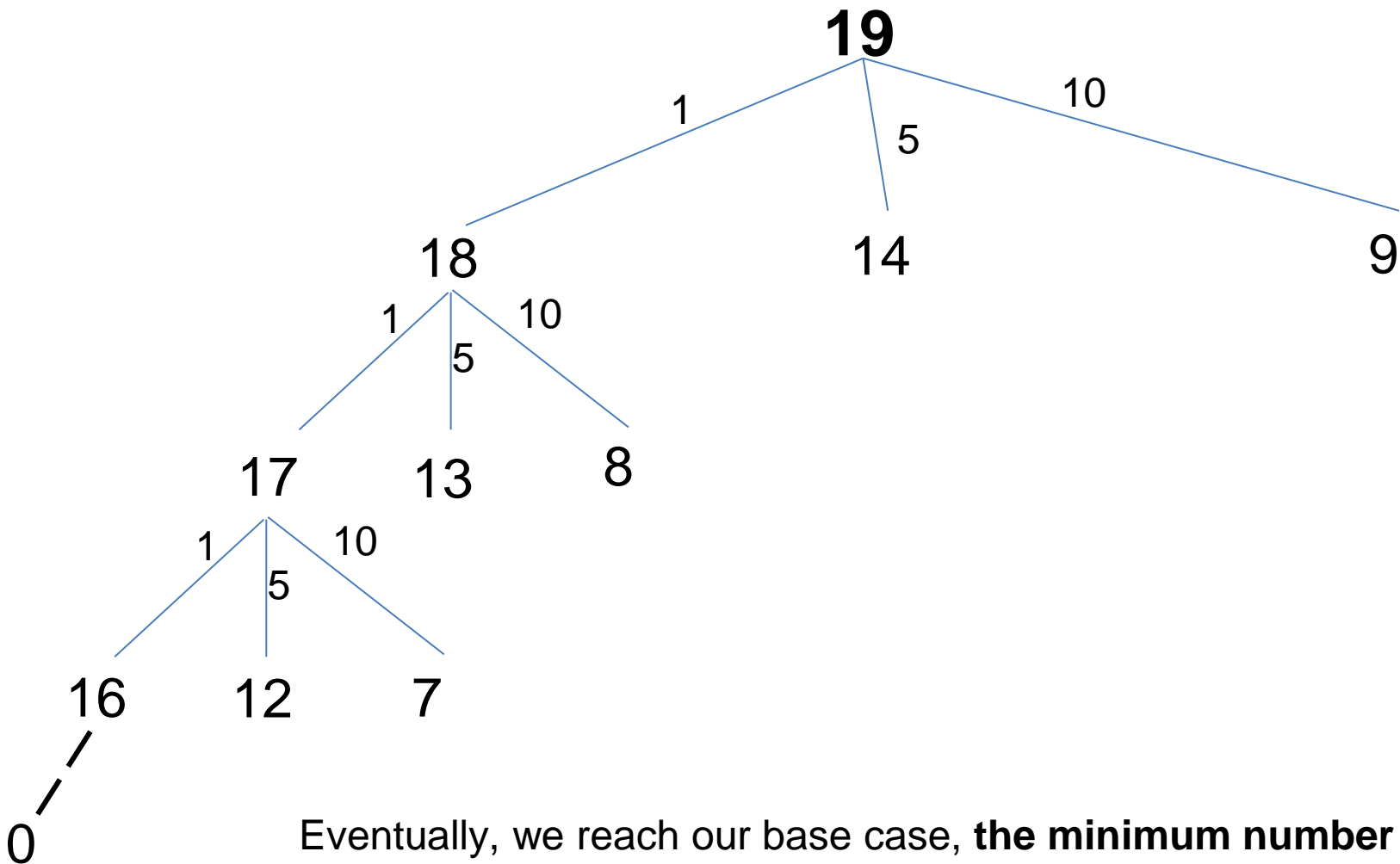
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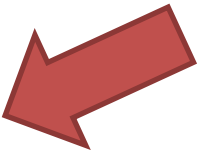
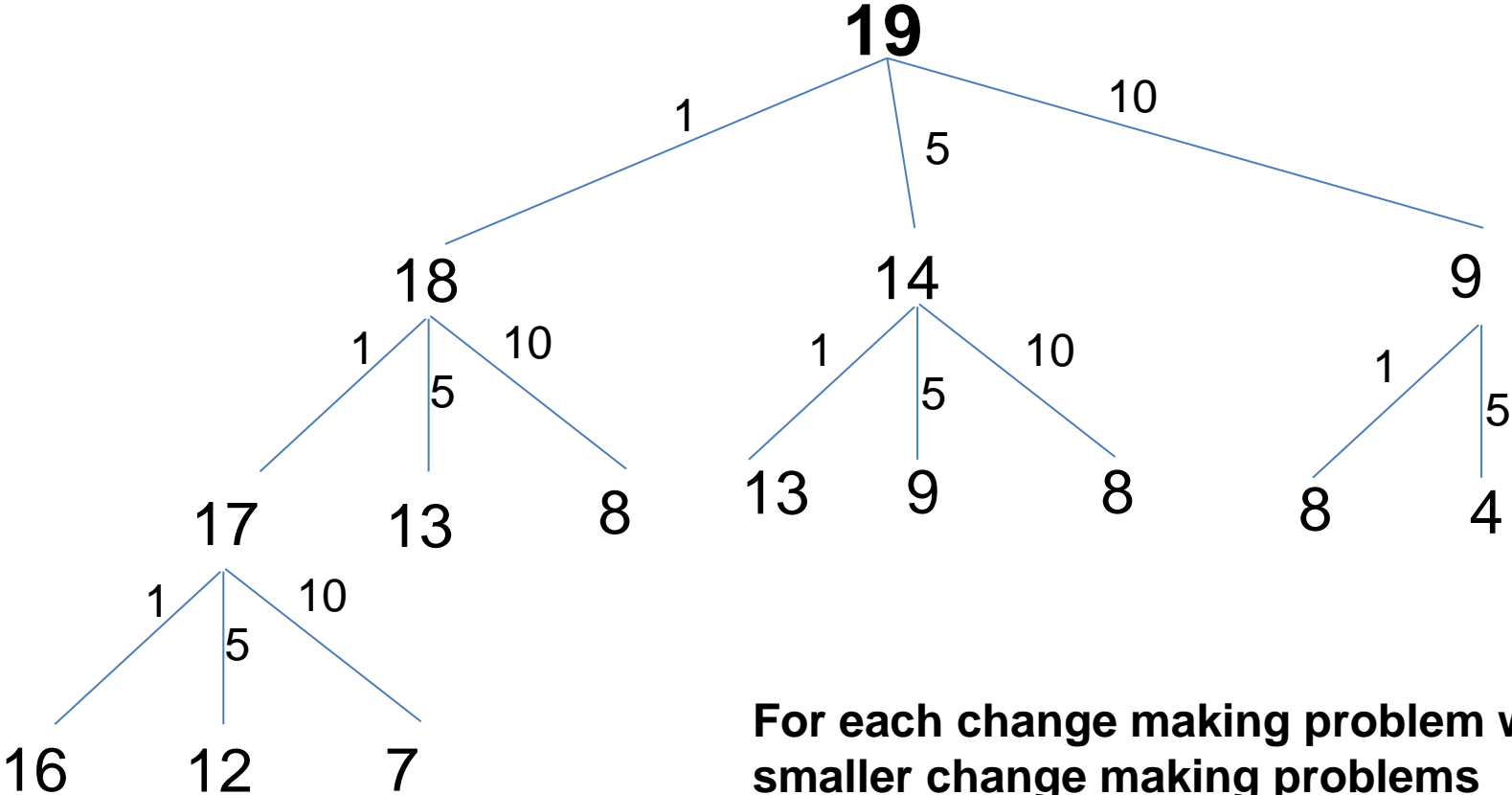


Eventually, we reach our base case, **the minimum number of coins needed to make 0 cents**

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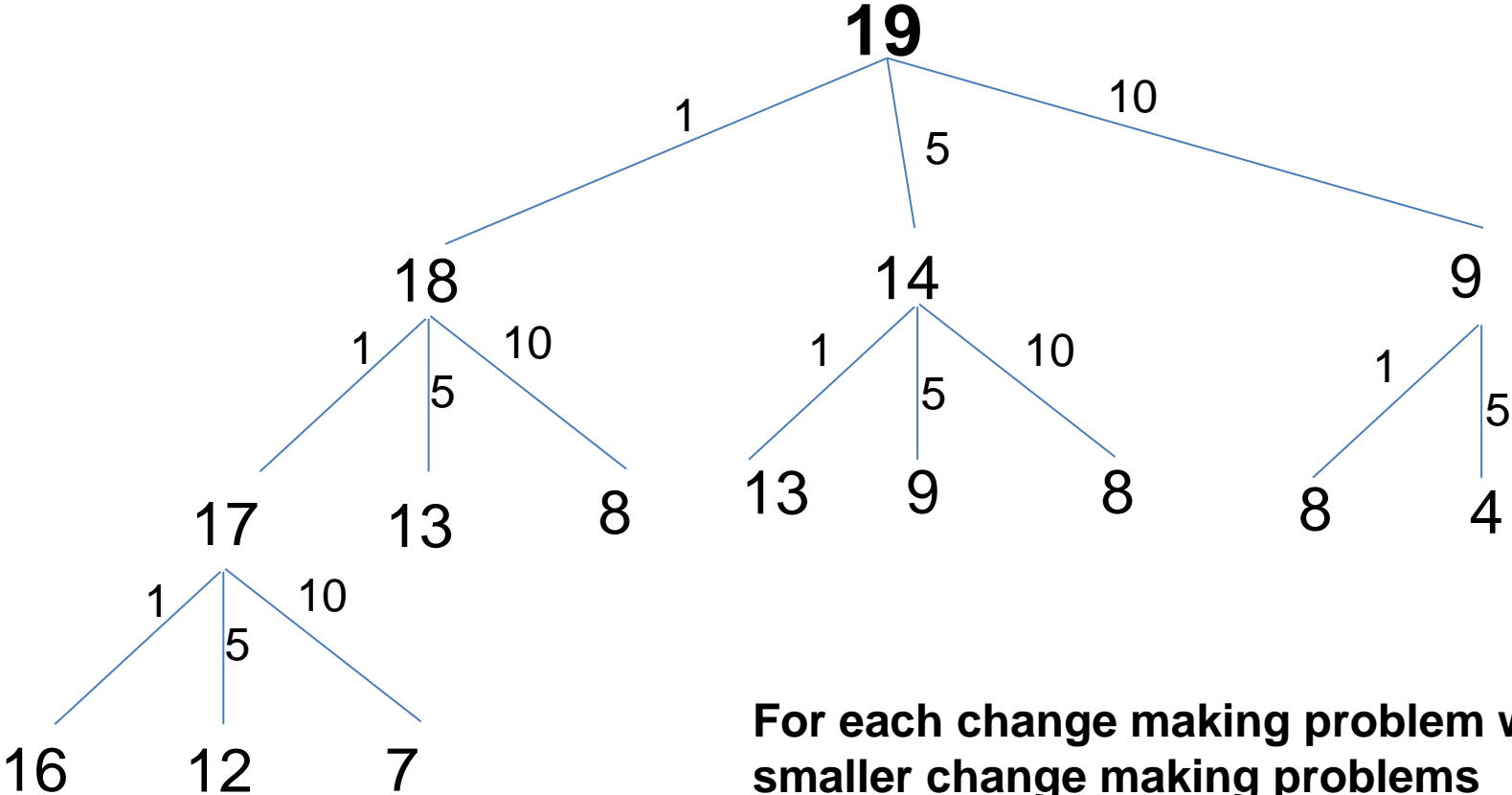
For each change making problem we solve, we must solve at most 3 smaller change making problems

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    if (p -  $d_i$ ) >= 0  
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            if a < min
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```
    return 1 + min
```

Once, our for loop finishes, we should know the branch that had the minimum, so return (1 + min), 1 because one coin was used in the current method call



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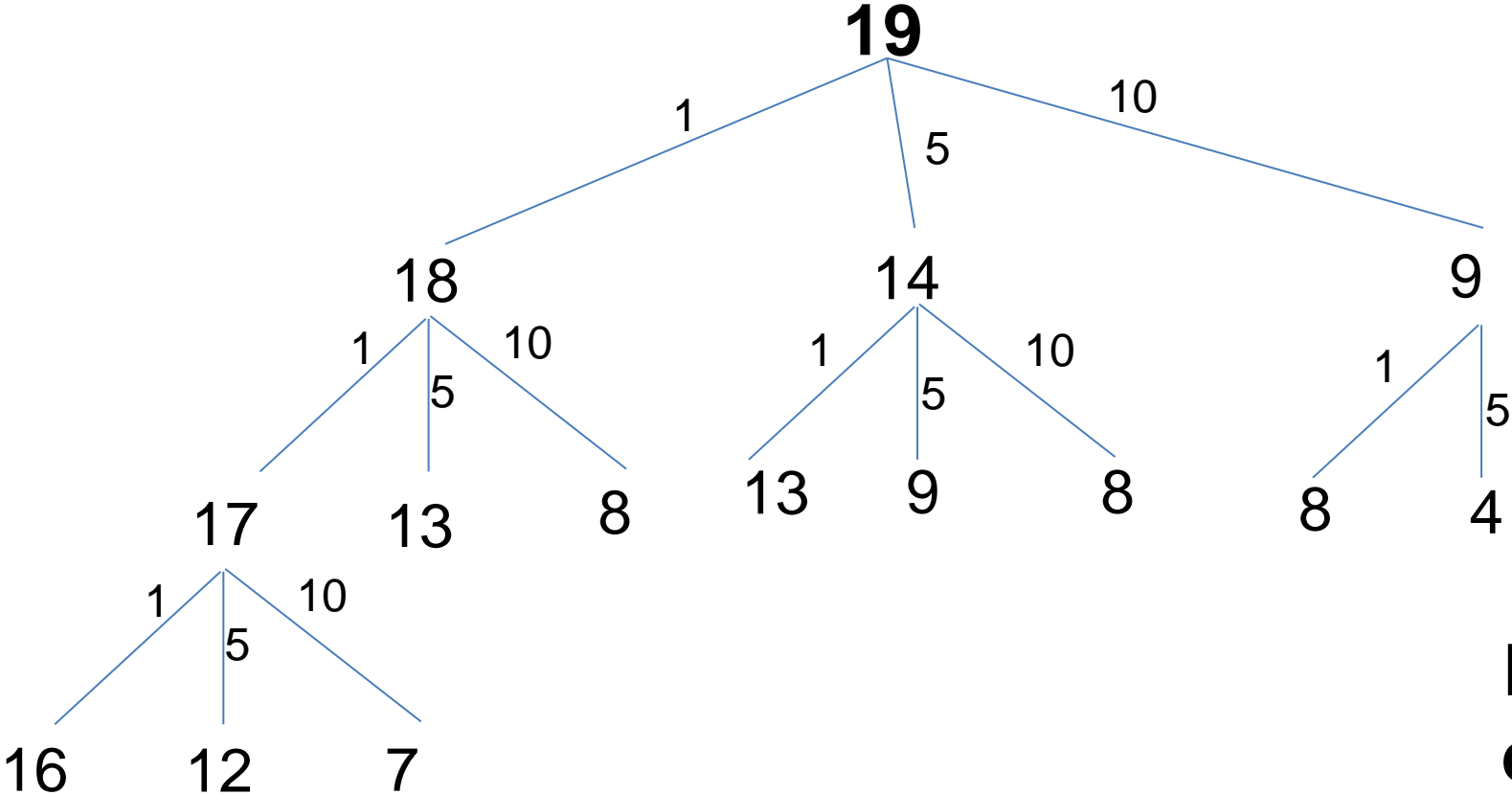
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**Running time?**

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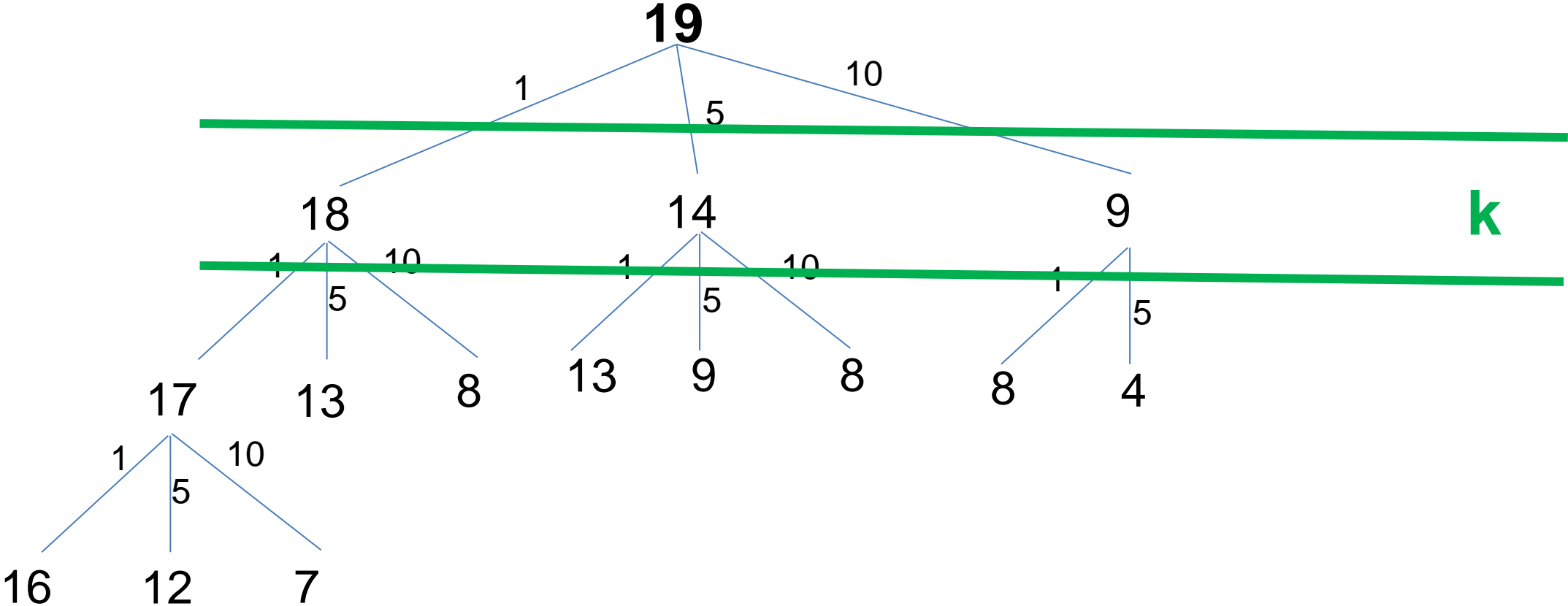


For sufficiently large p,  
**every permutation** of  
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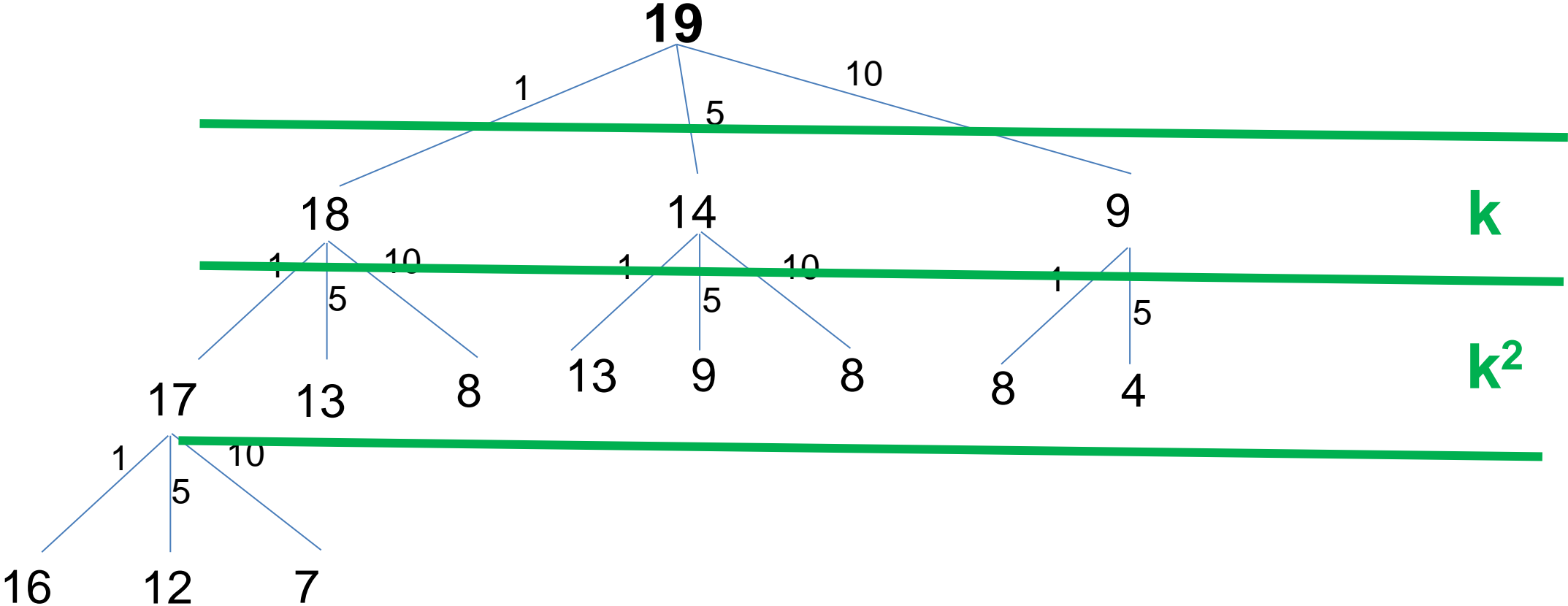
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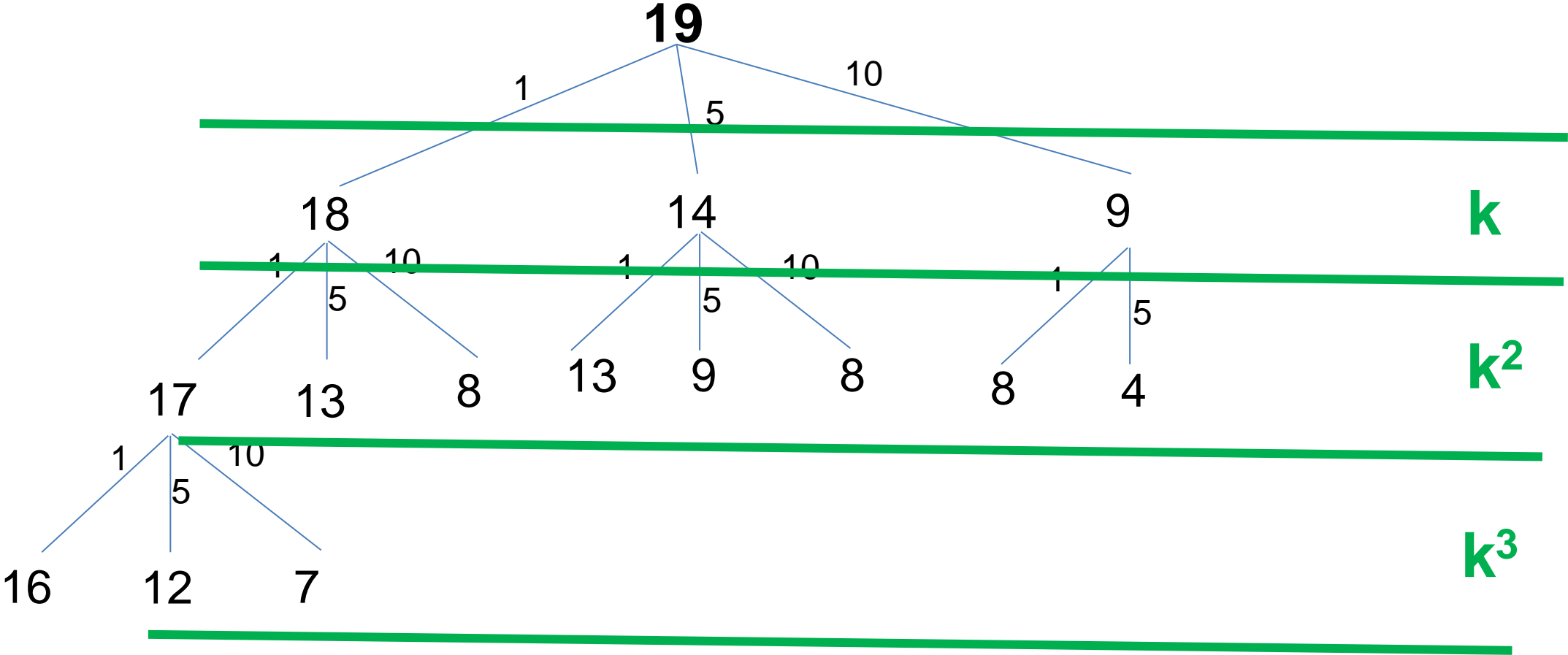
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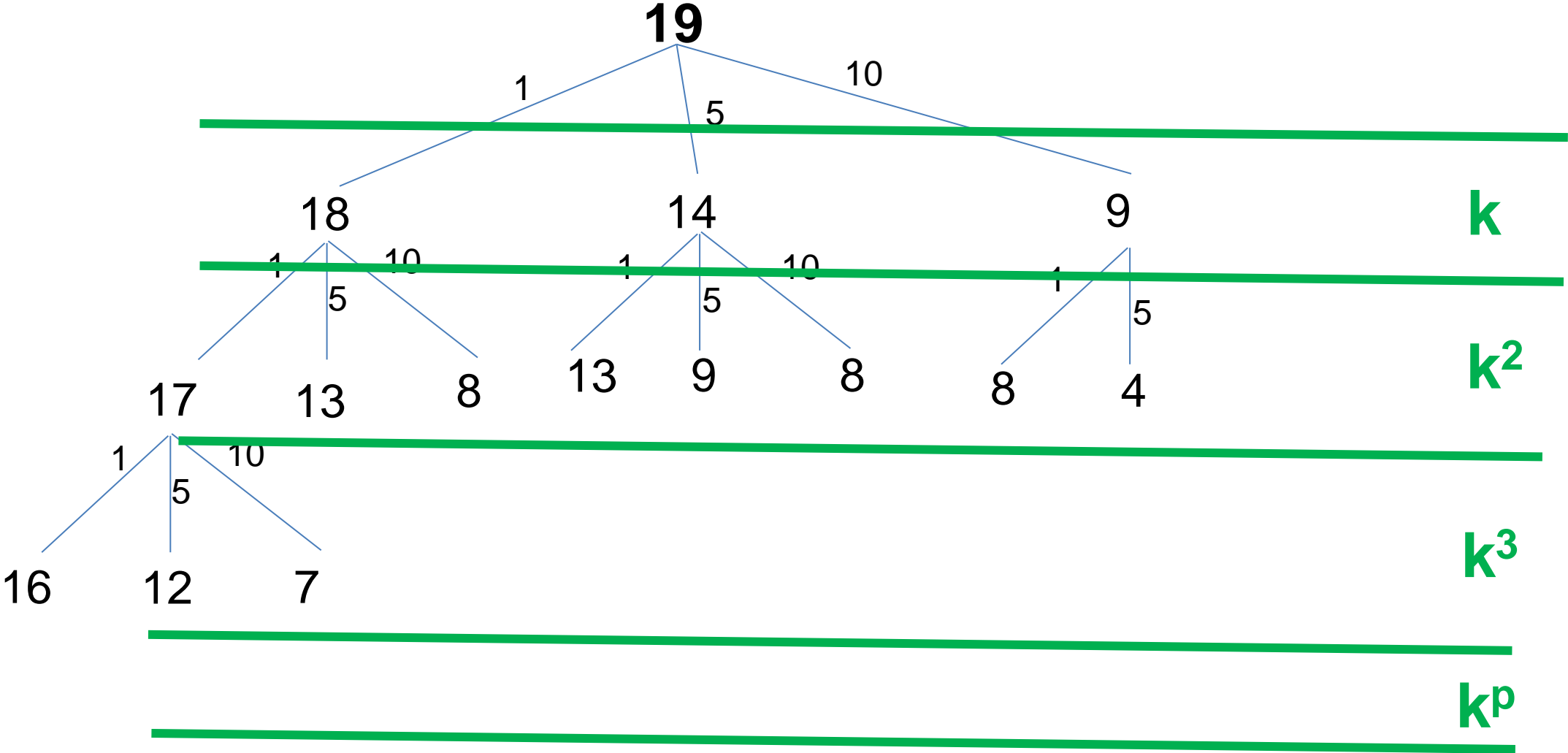
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As  $k$  and  $p$  both grow, the number of recursive calls being made will grow **exponentially**

If we have a lot of coin denominations, we will have **a lot** of branching

$k$

$k^2$

$k^3$

$k^p$



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**Running time: probably  $O(k^p)$  or  $O(k!)$**

For a large set of denominations, or a large  $p$ , this algorithm will take a long time to run

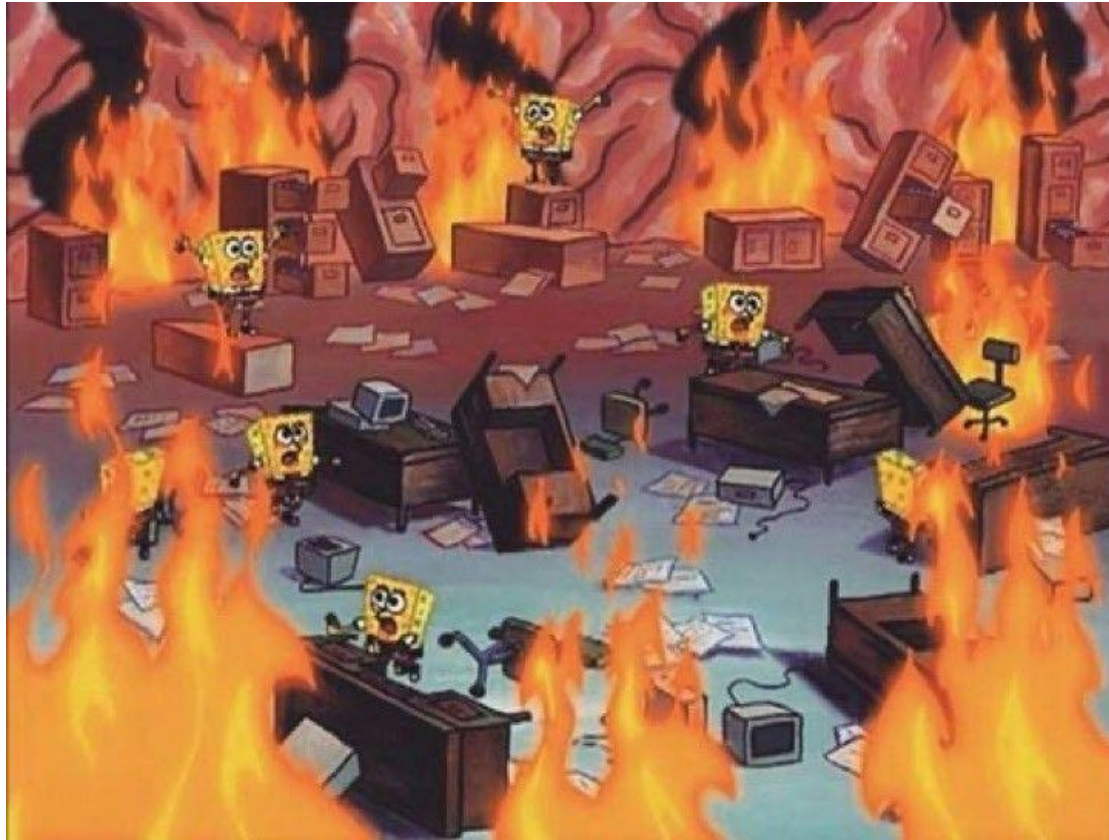
$k$

$k^2$

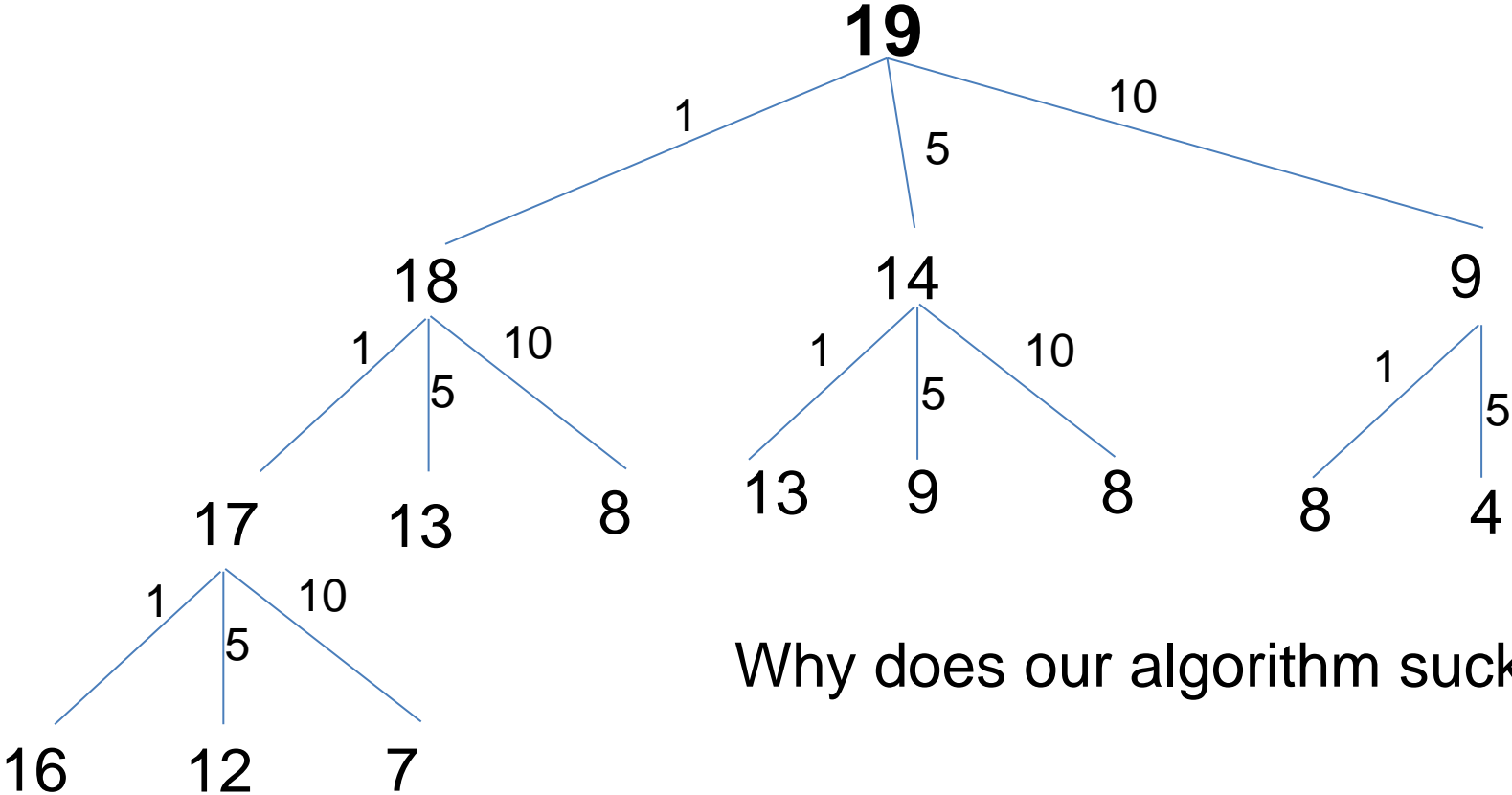
$k^3$

$k^p$

Let's try 81 cents!

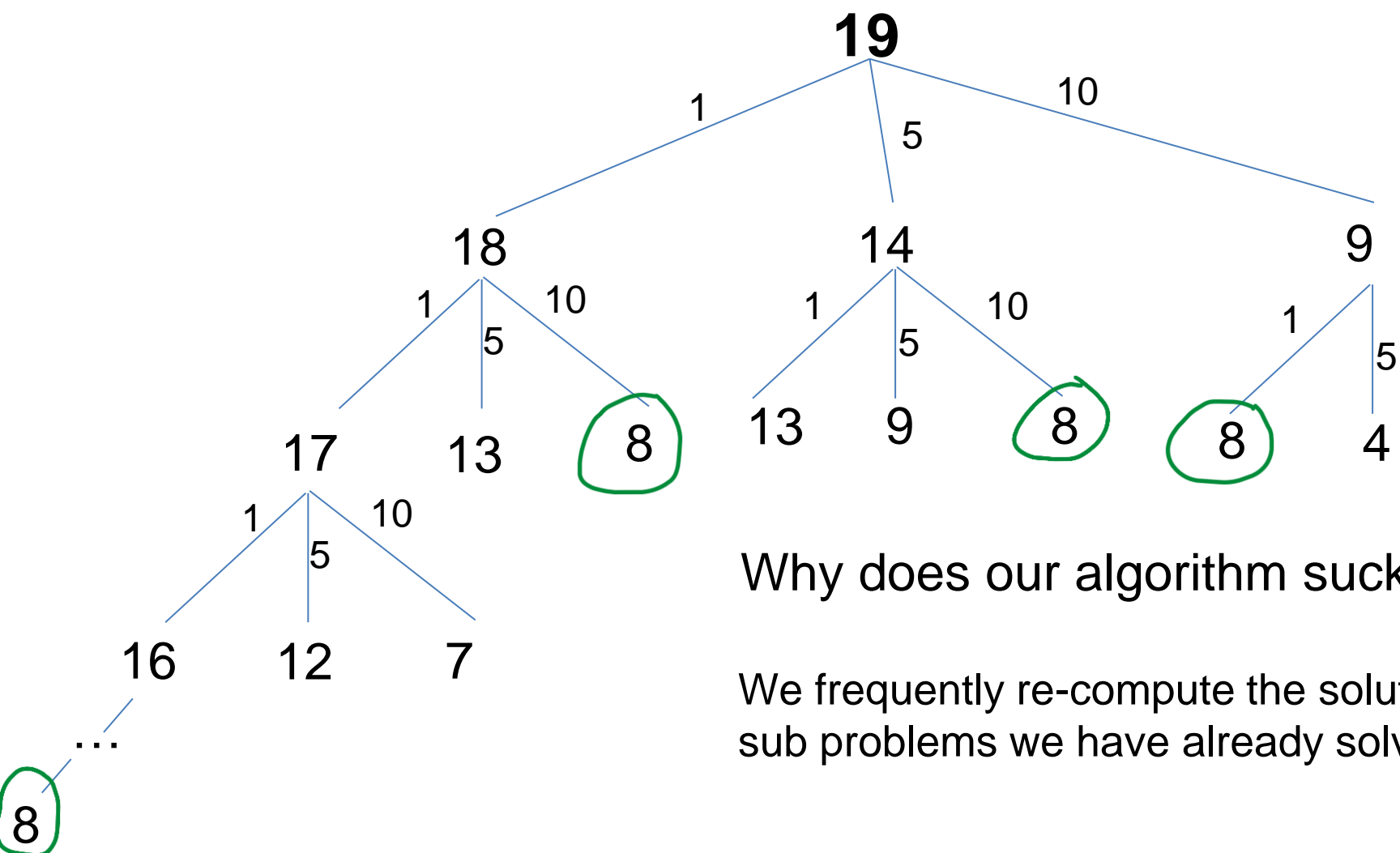


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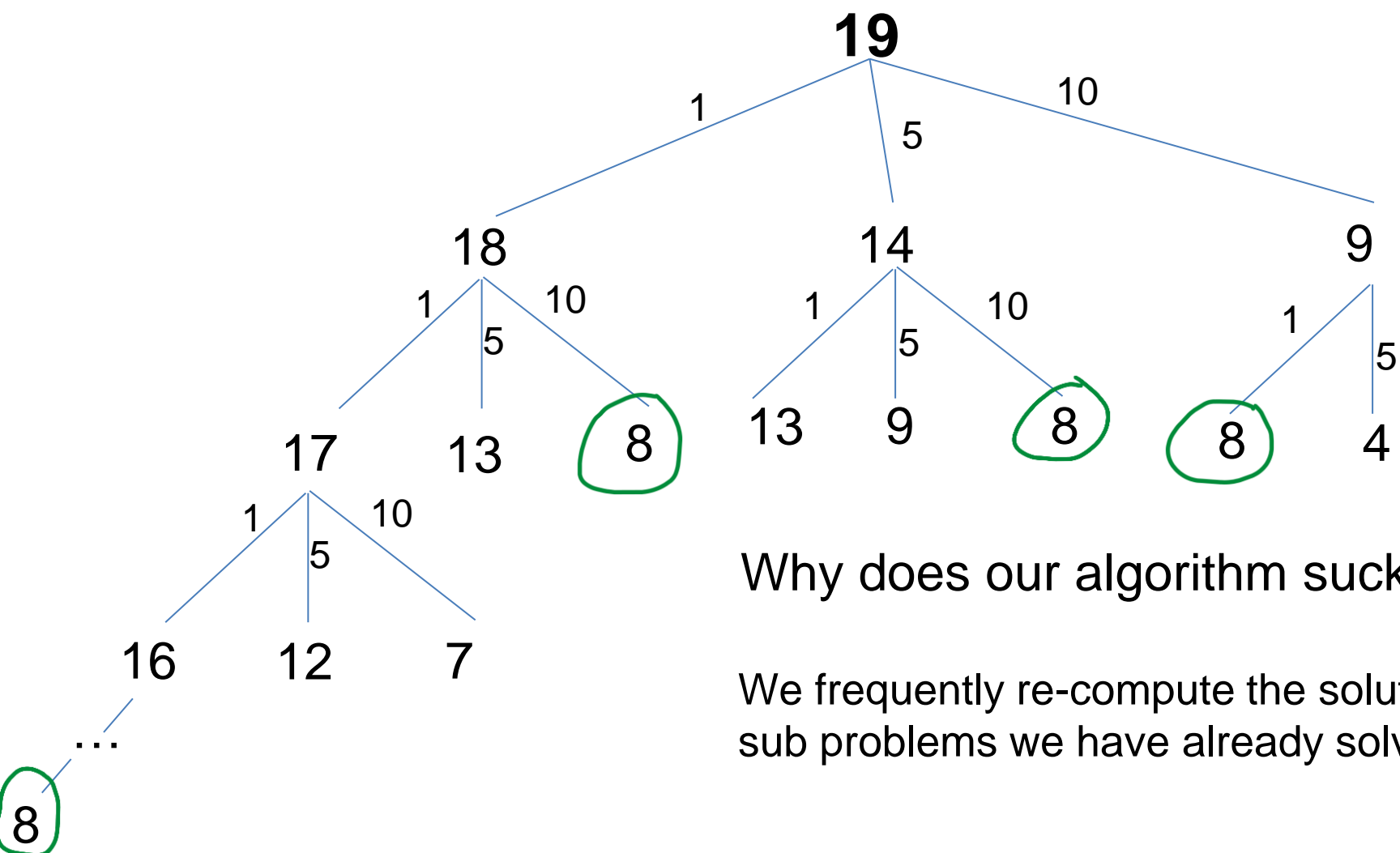
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The solution to the change making problem consists of solution to smaller change making problems



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We frequently recompute the same subproblem throughout the algorithm



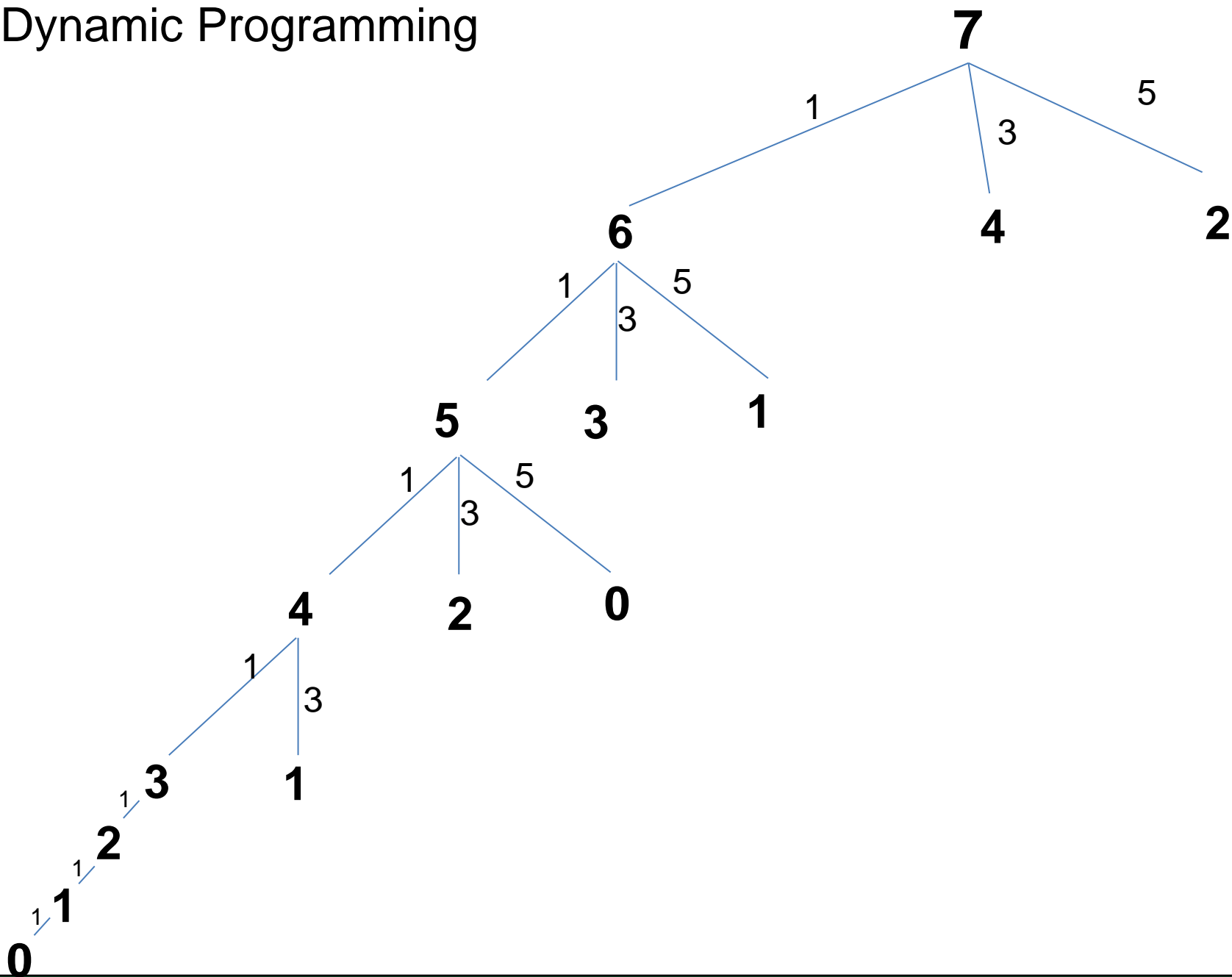
We satisfy these two conditions, which means we can leverage **Dynamic Programming**

Big idea of dynamic programming:  
Use **memoization** to store solutions of sub problems we have already solved, and don't re compute them

(Yes, it's "memoization" and not "memorization")



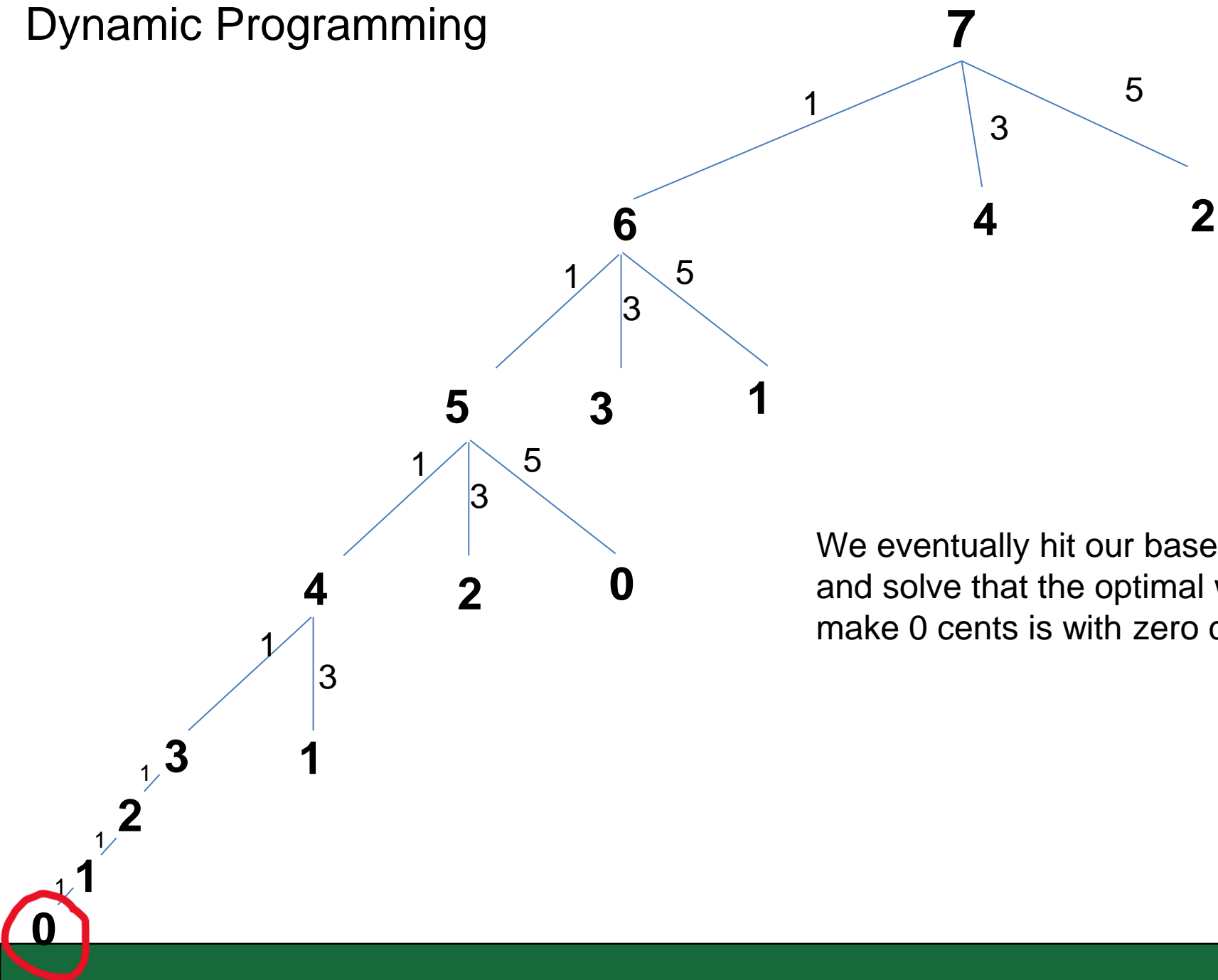
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Memoization Table

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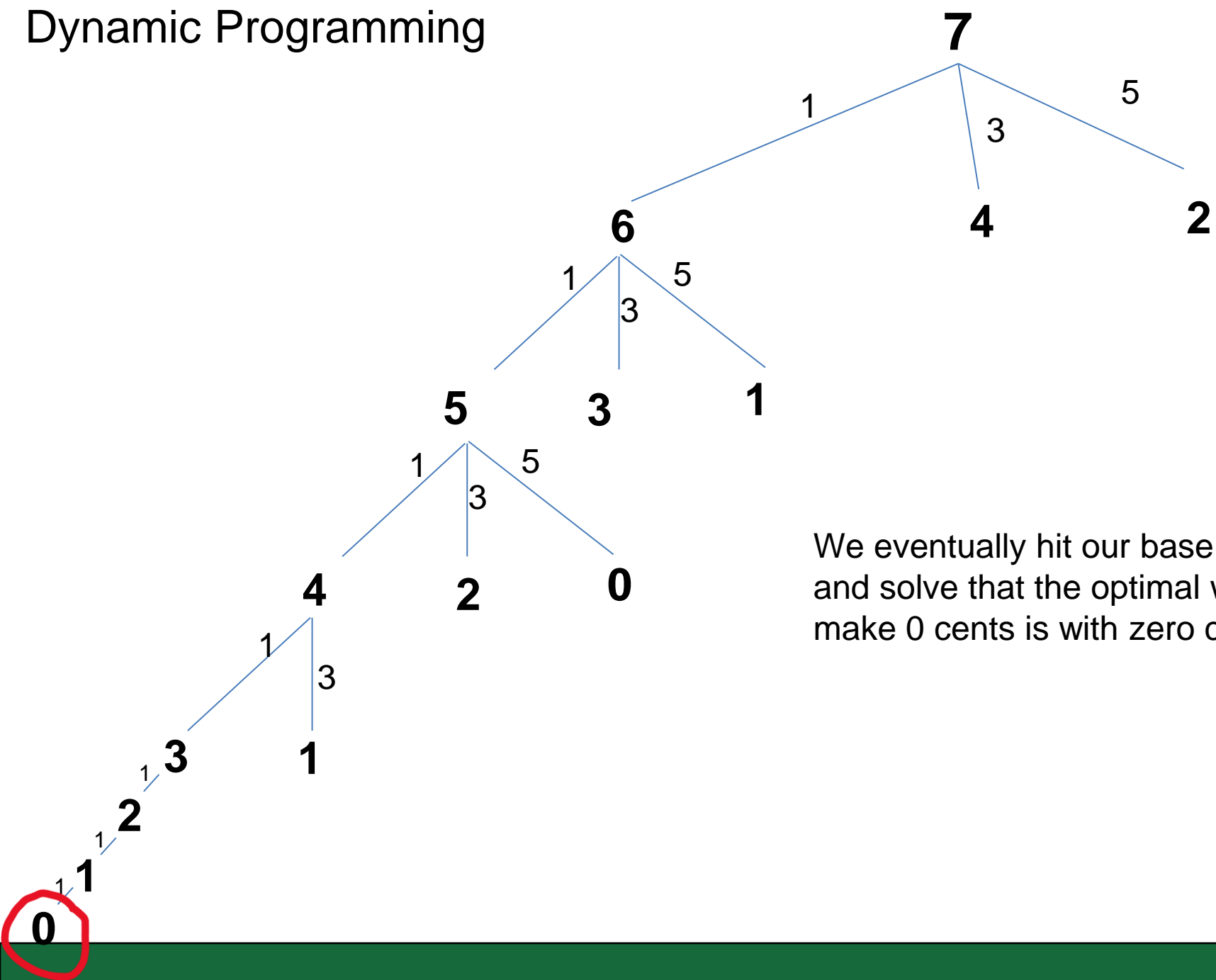


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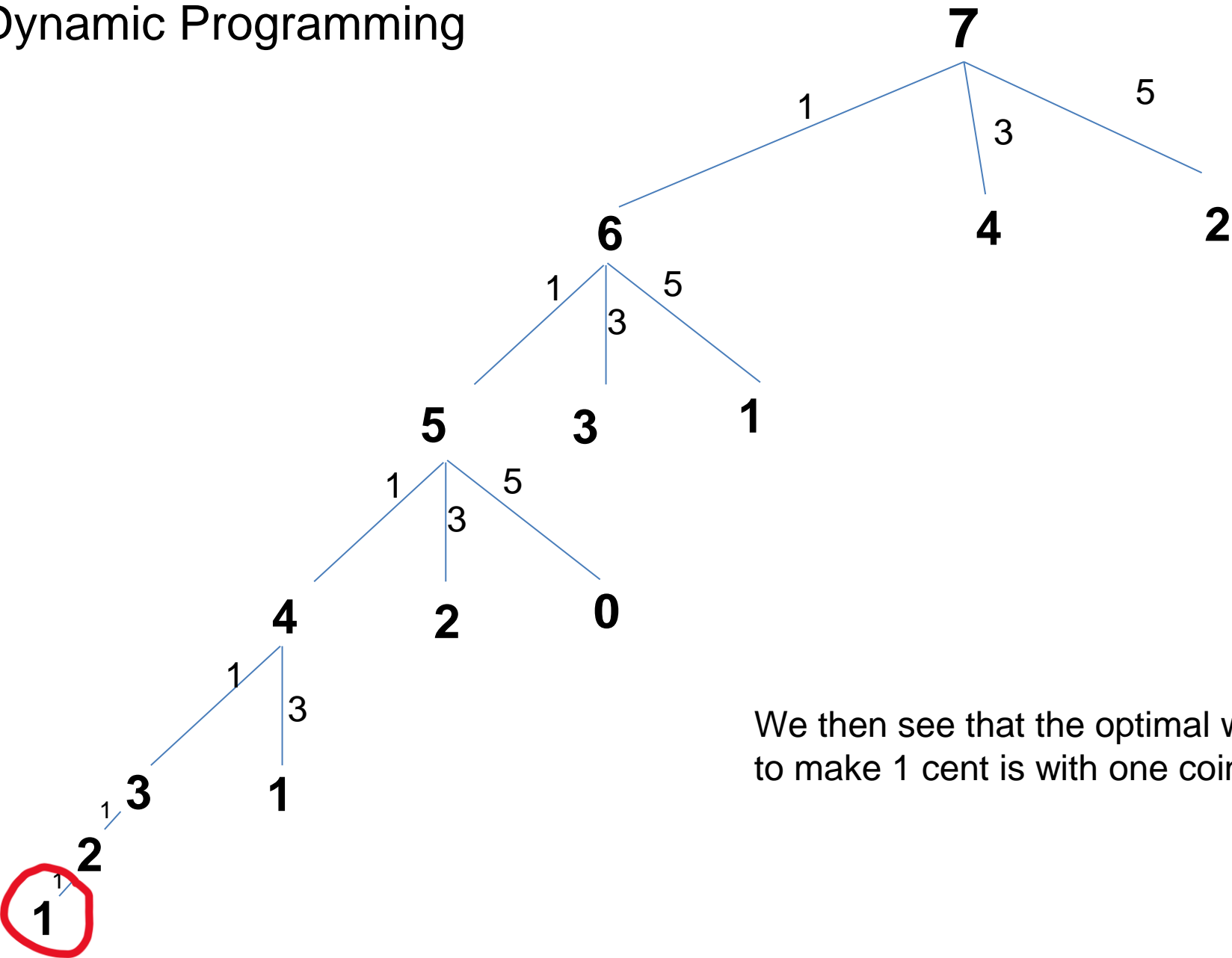


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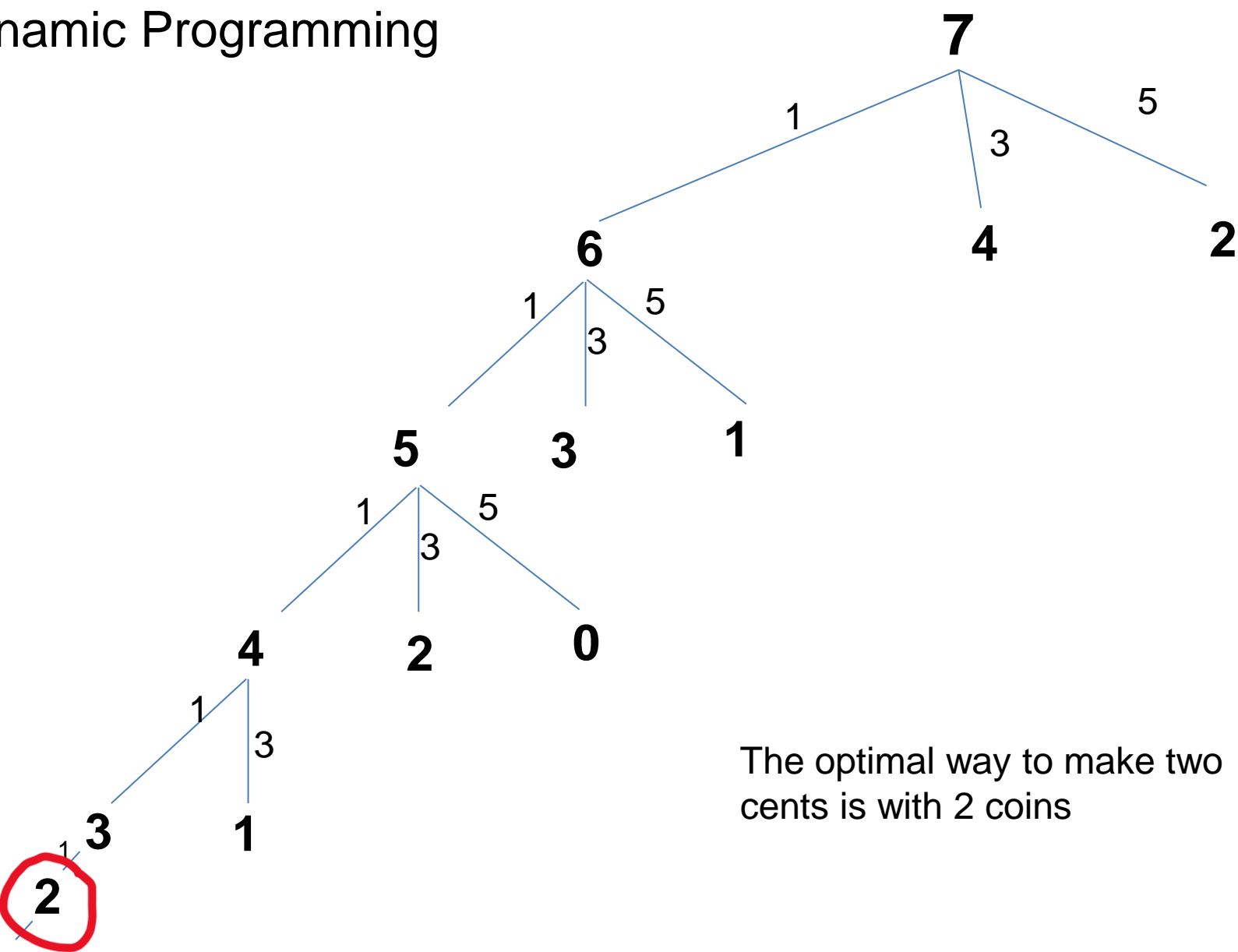
We then see that the optimal way to make 1 cent is with one coin

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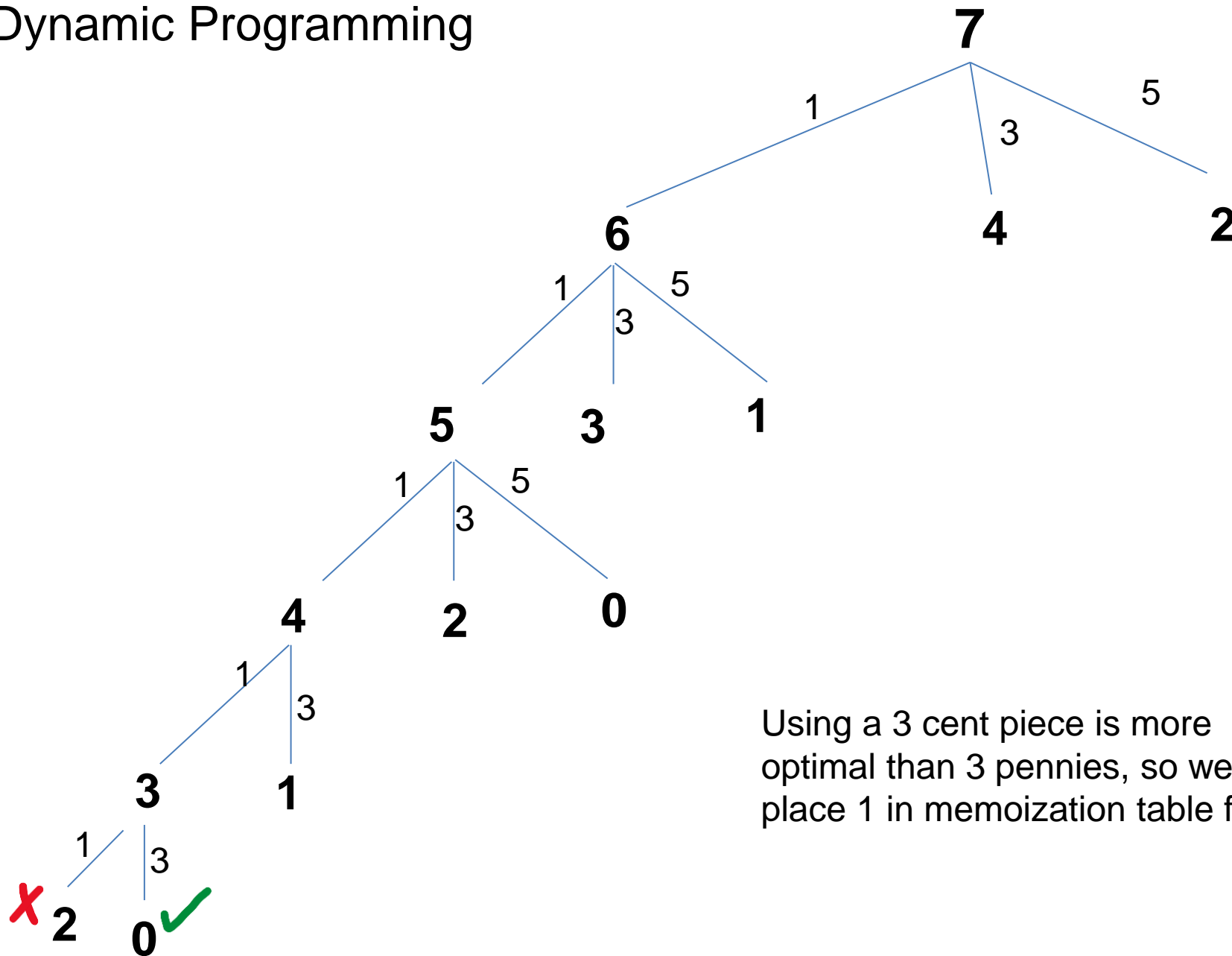


The optimal way to make two cents is with 2 coins

Memoization Table

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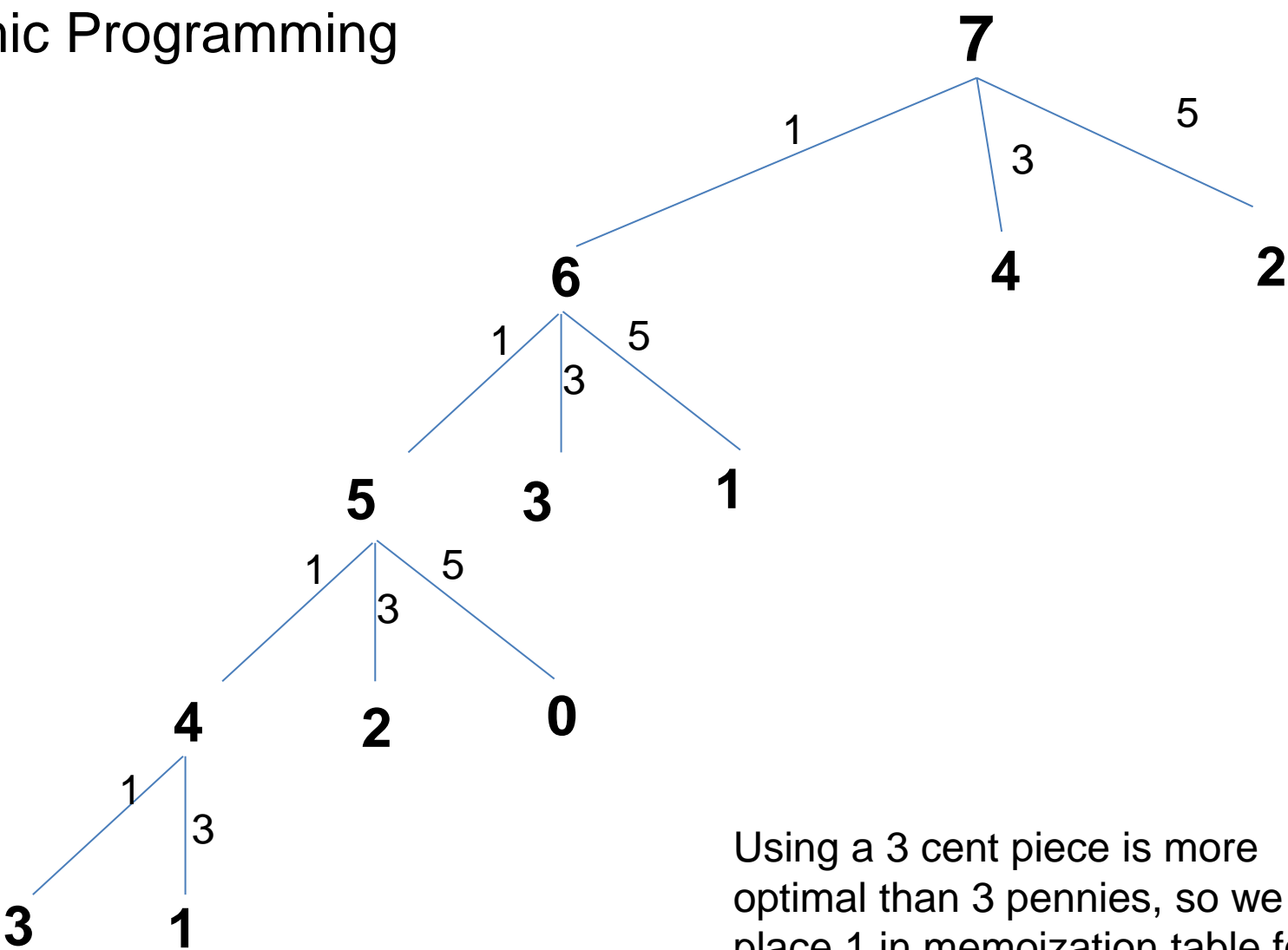


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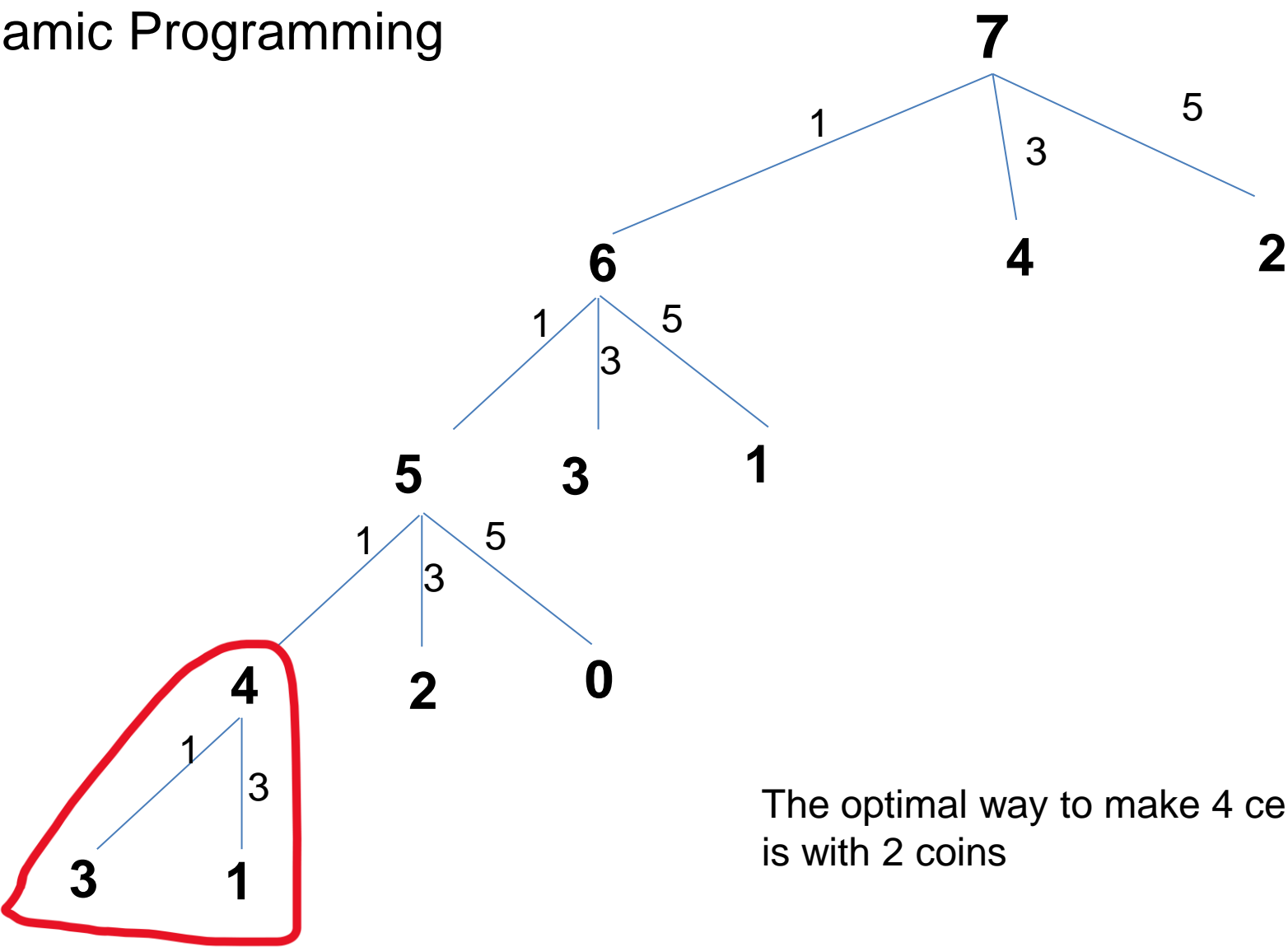


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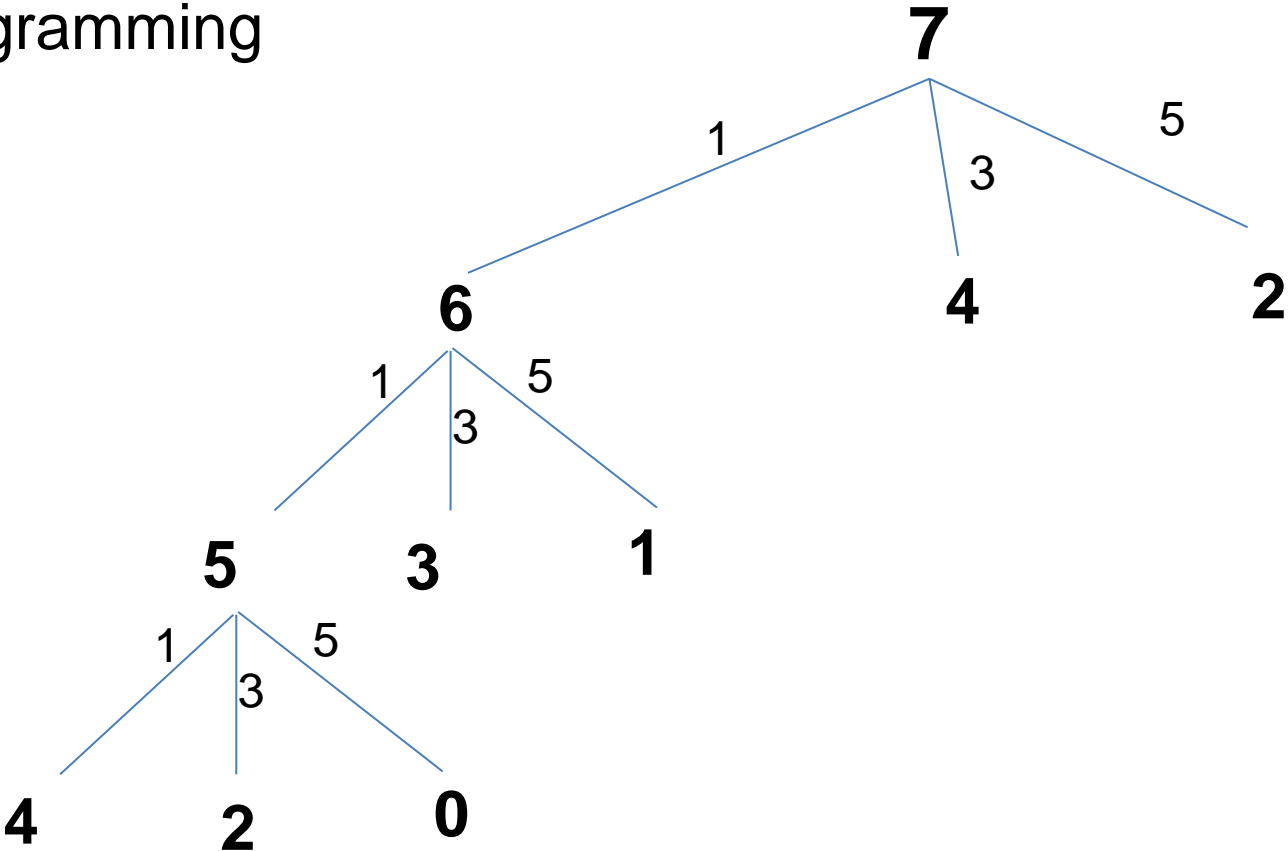


The optimal way to make 4 cents is with 2 coins

Memoization Table

0	0
1	1
2	2
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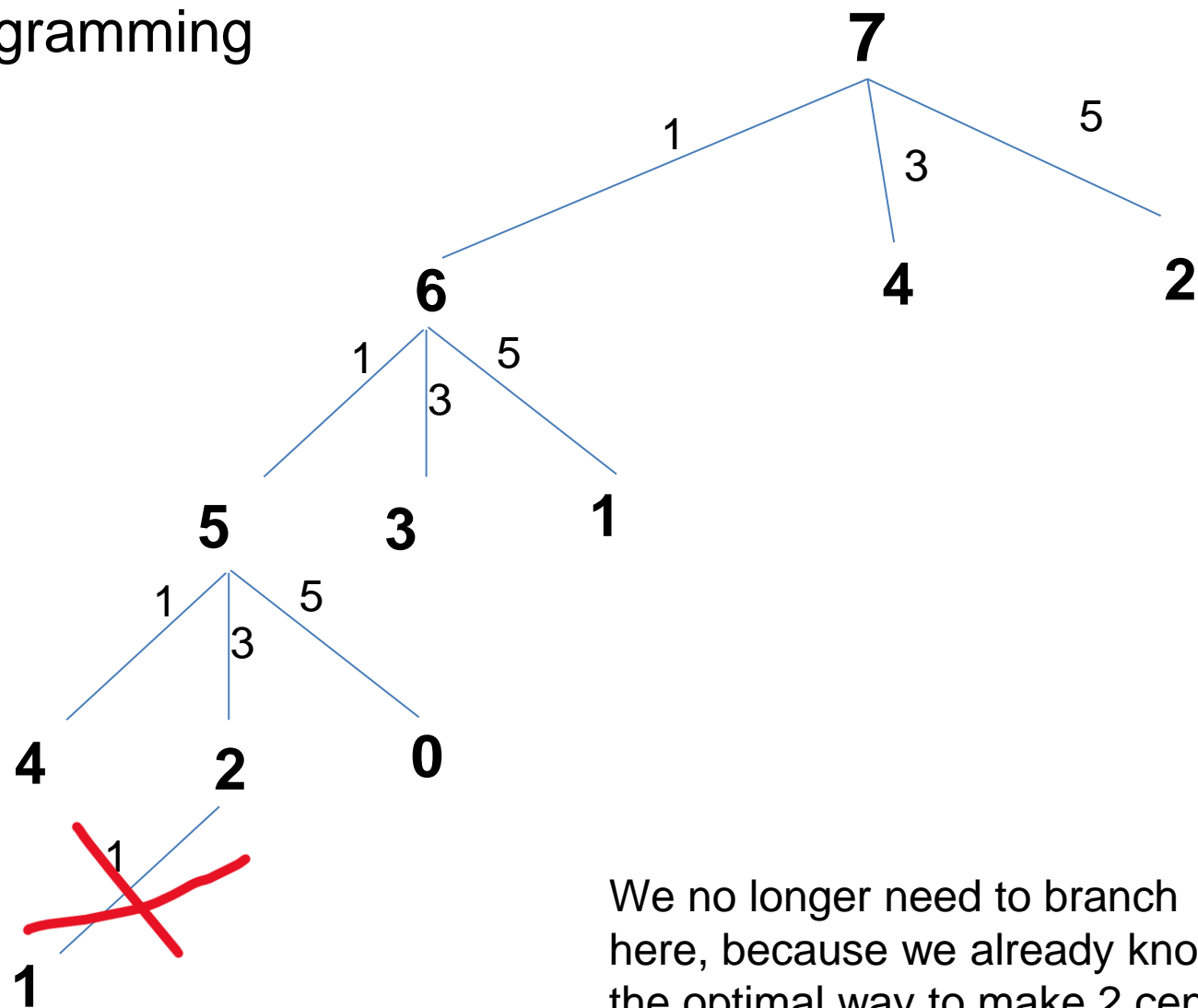
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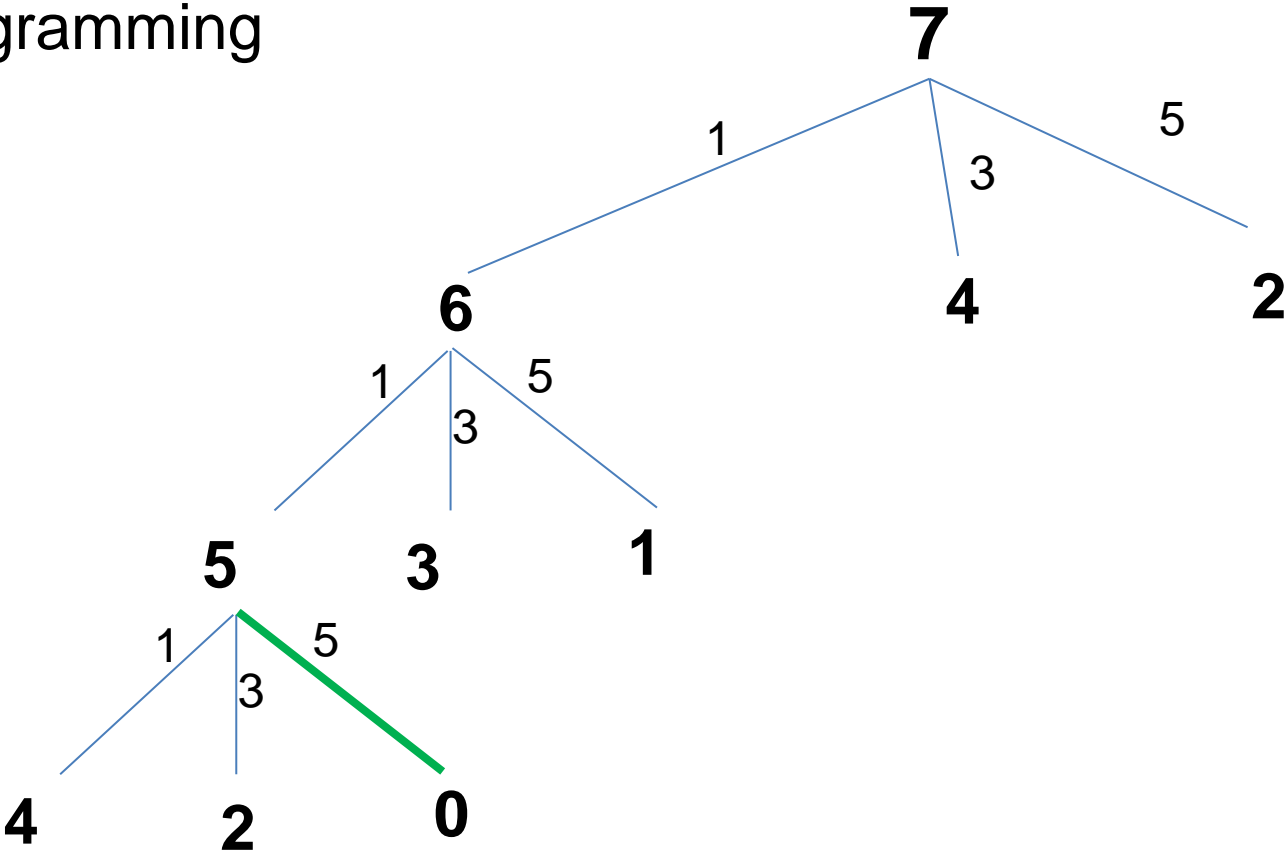


We no longer need to branch here, because we already know the optimal way to make 2 cents!

Memoization Table

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1	1
2	2
3	1
4	2
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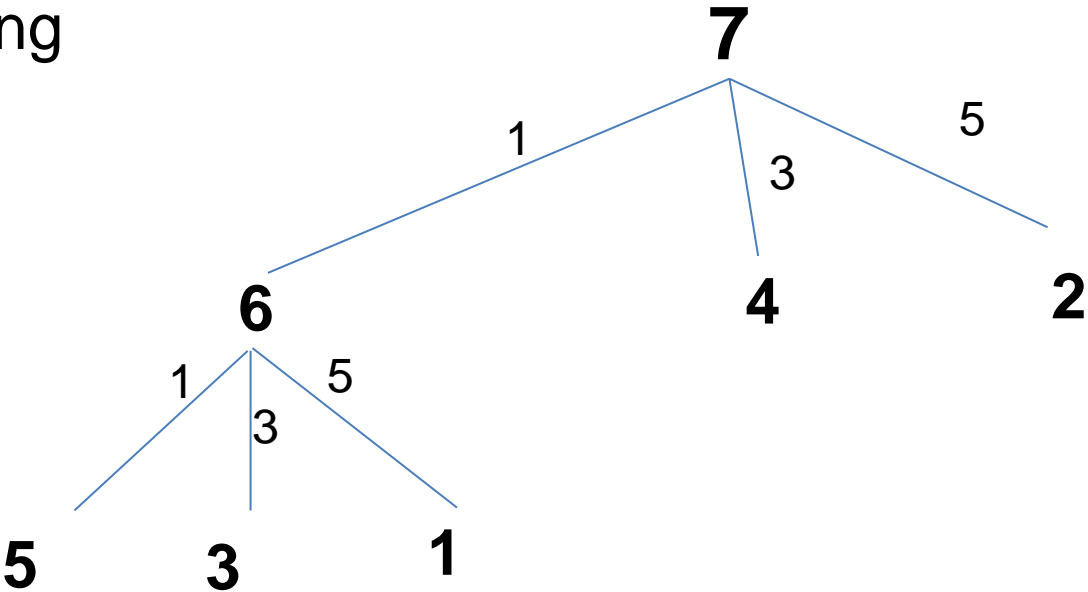


We learn the optimal way to make five cents is with one coin

Memoization Table

0	0
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	2
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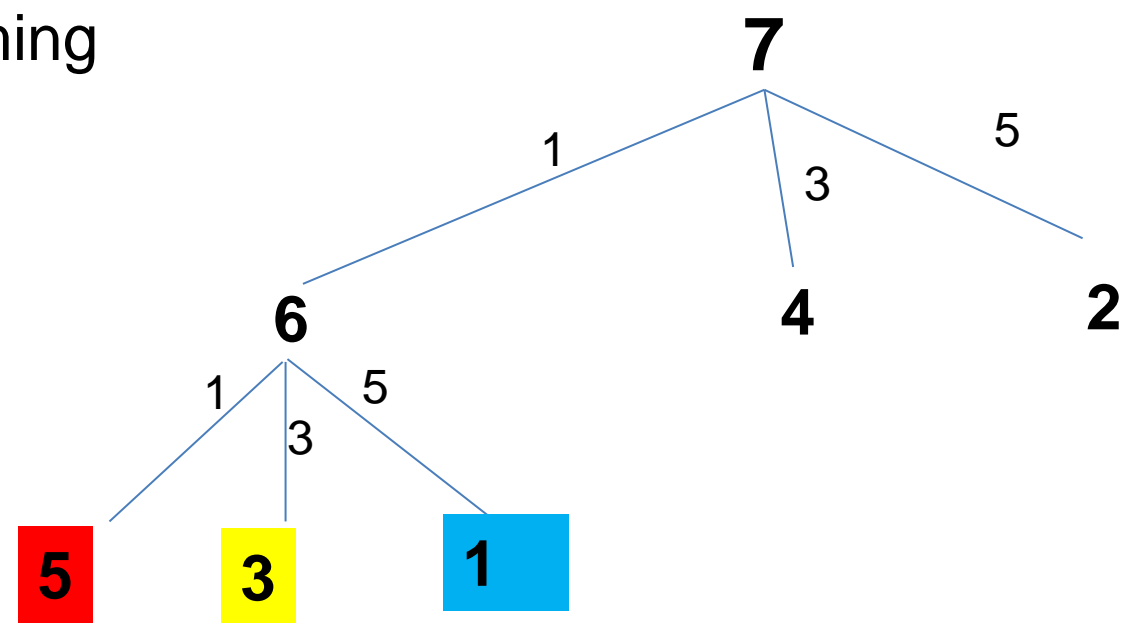


Memoization Table

0	0
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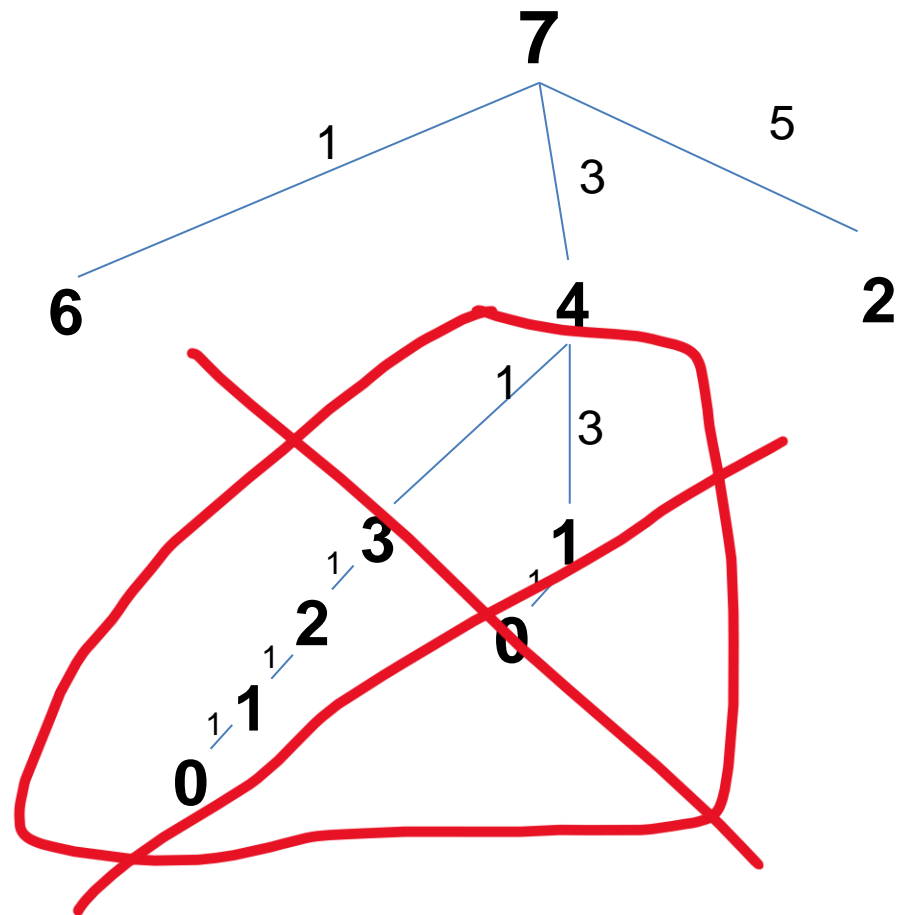


All three of these branches have the same cost, so making 6 cents requires 2 coin

Memoization Table

0	0
1	1
2	2
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4	2
5	1
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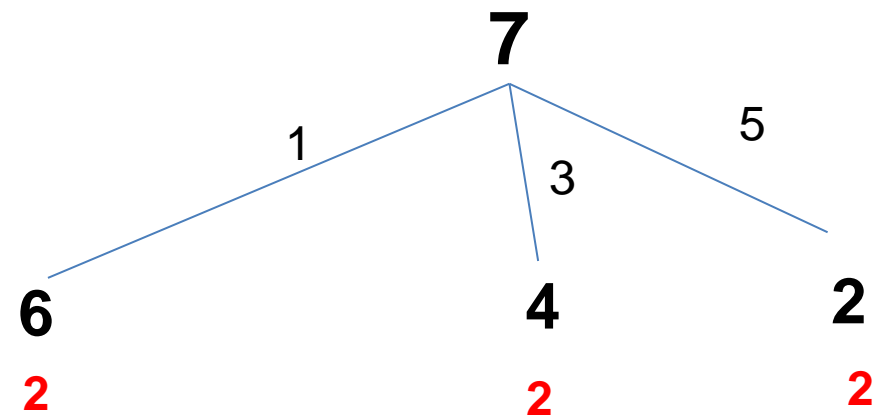


Memoization Table

0	0
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	2
5	1
6	2
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We no longer need to branch here, because we already know the optimal solution for 4, so just check our memoization table!

# Dynamic Programming



Memoization Table

0	0
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	2
5	1
6	2
7	

Memoization Table

0	0
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	2
5	1
6	2
7	3

The optimal way to make 7 cents is with 3 coins:

[1, 1, 5]

[3, 1, 3]

Code

Memoization Table

0	0
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	2
5	1
6	2
7	3

Top – Bottom Dynamic Programming (Memoization)  
(Use Recursion)

# Dynamic Programming (Bottom to Top)

If we don't want to use recursion, we can use a for loop to fill out this entire array (**tabulation**)



0	0
1	1
2	2
3	1
4	2
5	1
6	2
7	3

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0	0
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3	∞
4	∞
5	∞
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2	$\infty$
3	$\infty$
4	$\infty$
5	$\infty$
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7	$\infty$



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**Bottom-Up Dynamic Programming (Tabulation)**

Cache	
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2	2
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4	2
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6	2
7	3

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# Dynamic Programming

## Top to Bottom Dynamic Programming

→ Use recursion, and fill out a **memoization table** as you are making recursive calls

start

7
↓
6
↓
...
↓
0

## Bottom-Up Dynamic Programming

→ Use a for loop to fill out a table (**tabulation**), then query the table

Both have the same running time. But a computer can handle a for loop better than recursion

(I think recursion is easier to understand)

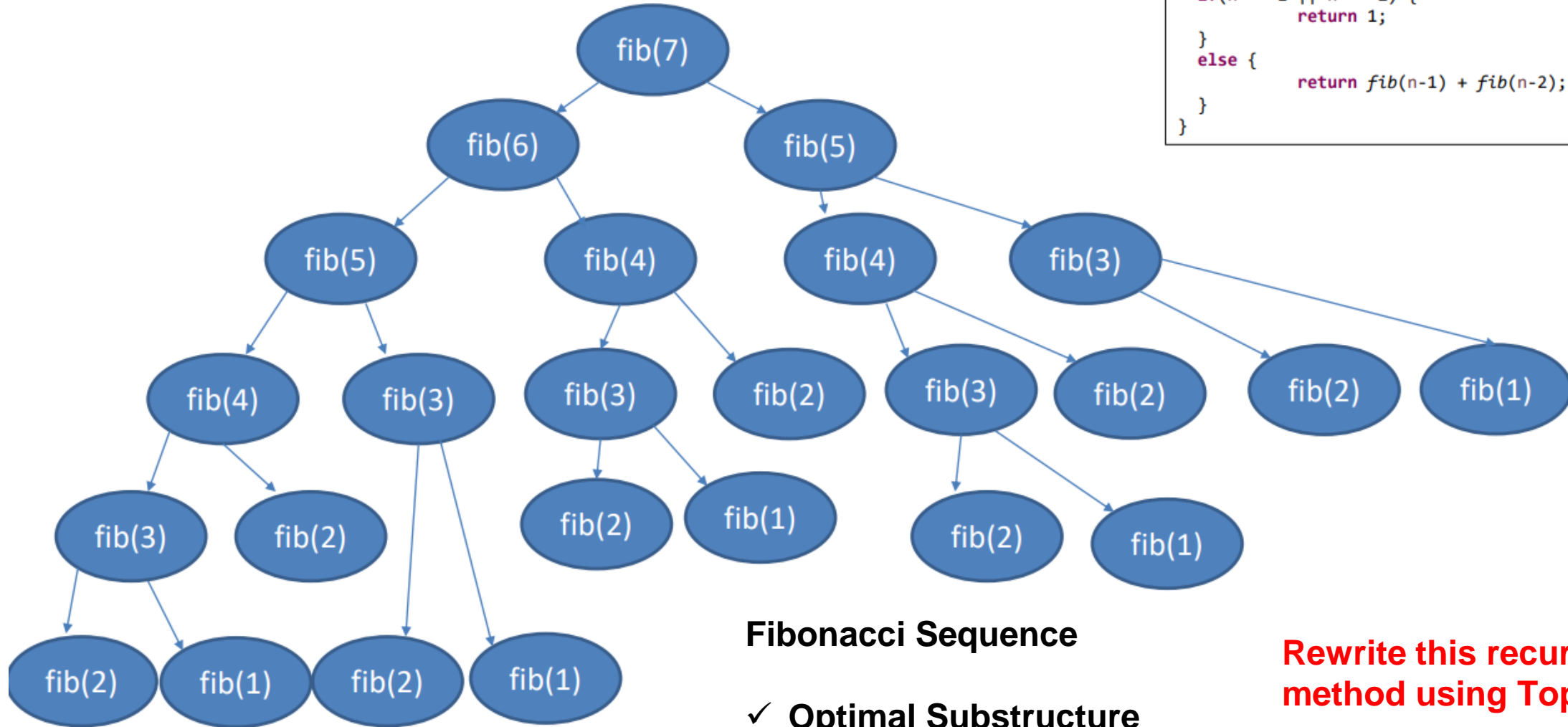
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↑
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...
↑
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DP improves running time from exponential to  **$O(\text{len}(D) * p)$**

Number of recursive calls = 24

```
private static int fib(int n) {  
    if(n == 1 || n == 2) {  
        return 1;  
    }  
    else {  
        return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);  
    }  
}
```



### Fibonacci Sequence

- ✓ Optimal Substructure
- ✓ Overlapping Subproblems

**Rewrite this recursive method using Top-Down DP**