

## QUESTION #15

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### LONGEST COMMON SUBSEQUENCE

To find the longest common subsequence from the two given strings, occurring in the same order in both the strings.

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DYNAMIC  
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## Solution

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Let  $x, y$  be two strings for which LCS is to be found.

Let  $m = \text{length}(x)$  and  $n = \text{length}(y)$

1. Declare a 2D matrix  $L[m+1][n+1]$ .

2. For  $i=0$  to  $m$ :

For  $j=0$  to  $n$ :

2.1. if  $(i=0 \text{ or } j=0)$ ,  
 $L[i][j]=0$

2.2. Else if  $(X[i-1]=Y[j-1])$ ,  
 $L[i][j] = L[i-1][j-1] + 1$

2.3. Else,  
 $L[i][j] = \max(L[i-1][j], L[i][j-1])$

3. length of LCS =  $L[m][n]$