

Lecture 13

Longest Common Subsequence

Given two sequences $A=(a_1, a_2 \dots a_n)$ and $B=(b_1, b_2 \dots b_m)$, find a Longest-Common-Subsequence (LCS) of A and B .

Eg. $A = (a, c, d, b, b, c)$
 $B = (c, b, d, a, c)$ } $LCS(A, B) = (c, d, c)$

Recursive algorithm

$LCS(A, B, n, m)$:

If $(A[n] = B[m])$: Return $LCS(A, B, n-1, m-1) \cdot A[n]$

Else:

$ans1 = LCS(A, B, n, m-1)$

$ans2 = LCS(A, B, n-1, m)$

If $LENGTH(ans1) > LENGTH(ans2)$: Return $ans1$

Else: Return $ans2$

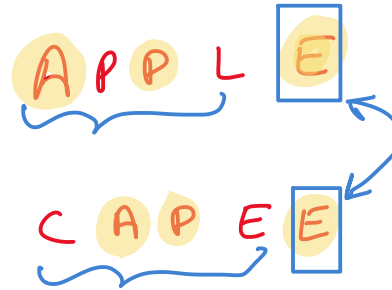
WILL INVOKE

$LCS(A, B, n-1, m-1)$

Large time complexity

$Time = O(2^{m+n})$

Claim If $A[n] = B[m]$ then each $LCS(A, B)$ should end with
(Prove by contradiction)



New Solution

- Create 2-D array **SIZE** of dim $(n+1) * (m+1)$
- $\forall i \in [0, n], j \in [0, m]$ if $i=0$ or $j=0$ **SIZE** $[i, j] = 0$
else **SIZE** $[i, j] = -1$

Goal: Store in $SIZE[i, j]$ length of $LCS(A[1, i])$

$LCS(A, B, n, m)$:

If $(A[n] = B[m])$:

If $SIZE[n-1, m-1] = -1$ then invoke $LCS(A, B, n-1, m-1)$

$SIZE[n, m] = SIZE[n-1, m-1] + 1$

Else:

If $SIZE[n-1, m] = -1$ then invoke $LCS(A, B, n-1, m)$

If $SIZE[n, m-1] = -1$ then invoke $LCS(A, B, n, m-1)$

$SIZE[n, m] = \max(SIZE[n-1, m], SIZE[n, m-1])$

Print-LCS(i, j)

If $(A[i] = B[j])$

 ? appended $A[i]$ to $LCS(i-1, j-1)$

Print - LCS(i-1, j-1) • A[i]

Back track

Else if $SIZE[i, j] = SIZE[i-1, j]$
Print - LCS(i-1, j)

Else
Print - LCS(i, j-1)

(Back-tracking to
find the LCS)

↑
Time = $O(m+n)$

Ques - If $SIZE[i, j] = 1 + SIZE[i-1, j-1]$ then $A[i] = B[j]$

No

a b c
a c b

$SIZE(3, 3) = 2$

EDIT DISTANCE PROBLEM

Given two strings $A = (a_1 \dots a_n)$ and $B = (b_1 \dots b_m)$, convert A to B by following o/p's:

- * Remove(i)
- * Insert(x, i)
- * Replace(x, i)

EditDistance(A, B) = minimum number of operations needed to go from A to B .

dist (BAT HAT) = 1

dist (BAT HATS) = 2

dist (BAN HAT) = 2

dist (BANK HAT) = 3

last is same

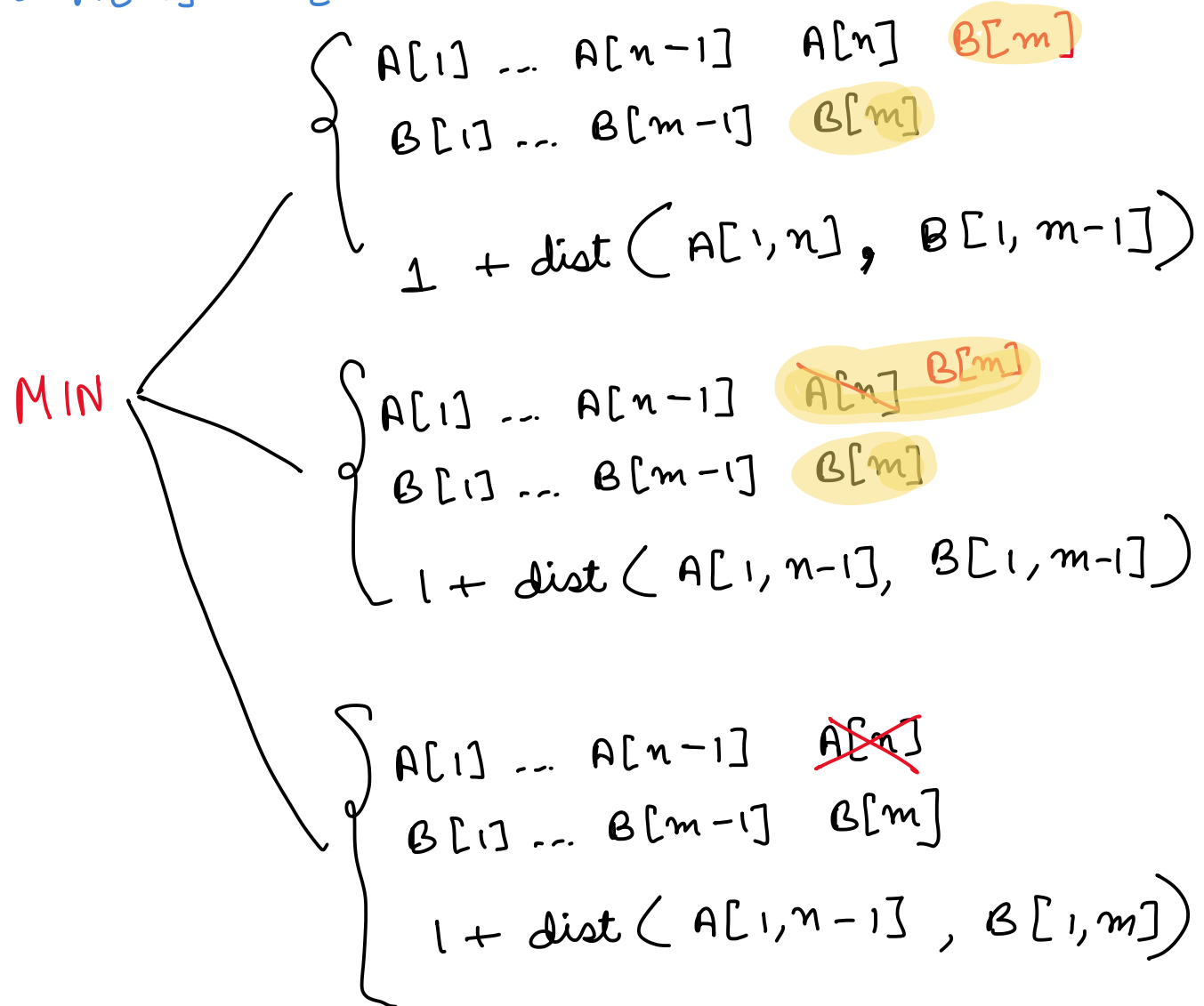
Append S $1 + \text{dist}(\text{BAT HAT})$

Replace N \rightarrow T $1 + \text{dist}(\text{BA HA})$

Delete last $1 + \text{dist}(\text{BAN HAT})$

subproblems

• $A[n] \neq B[m]$

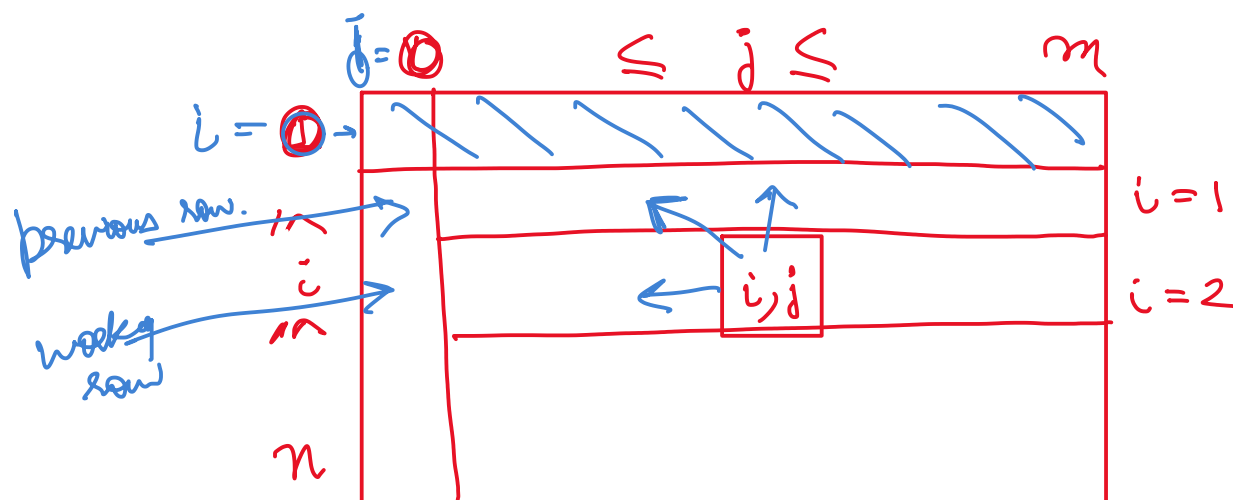


Algorithm

- ① Initialize 2-D array "dist" of size $(n+1) \times (m+1)$.
- ② For $i = 0$ to n $\text{dist}[i, 0] = i$
 For $j = 0$ to m $\text{dist}[0, j] = j$
- ③ For $i = 1$ to n :
 For $j = 1$ to m :
 If $(A[i] = B[j])$: $\text{dist}[i, j] = \text{dist}[i-1, j-1]$
 Else $\text{dist}[i, j] = 1 + \min \begin{cases} \text{dist}[i][j-1] & \# \text{ Insert } B[j] \\ \text{dist}[i-1][j-1] & \# \text{ Replace to } B \\ \text{dist}[i-1][j] & \# \text{ Remove } A \end{cases}$
- ④ Return $\text{dist}[n][m]$.

current solⁿ: space, time = $O(mn)$

CLAM Space can be reduced to $O(n)$ if we are interested in



How. If you require to know the complete sequence of operations then can you have an algo with $O(n+m)$ space

In $O(m+n)$ space
it is easy

$A[i]$

GOLDEN

MOLDEN

← ①

Replace $A[i]$ with $B[i]$
 $G \rightarrow M$

MODEN ← ② Remove A[3]

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MODERN ← ③ Insert R at locatⁿ 5

B[1]