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Lab Assessment 4 - Dynamic Programming

Aim

The aim of this program is to find the **Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)** between two given strings using the **Dynamic Programming** approach. The program will output:

1. The length of the LCS.
2. The LCS string itself.

Algorithm

1. Read two strings X and Y.
2. Let m = length of X, n = length of Y.
3. Create a 2D integer array $dp[m+1][n+1]$ to store lengths of LCS for substrings.
4. Initialize the first row and column to 0.
5. For each i from 1 to m:
 - For each j from 1 to n:
 - If $X[i-1] == Y[j-1]$, set $dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j-1] + 1$.

- Else, set $dp[i][j] = \max(dp[i-1][j], dp[i][j-1])$.
6. $dp[m][n]$ will contain the length of the LCS.
 7. Trace back from $dp[m][n]$ to build the LCS string:
 - If $X[i-1] == Y[j-1]$, add it to LCS and move diagonally.
 - Else move in the direction of the larger value.
 8. Reverse the built string (because it is constructed backwards).
 9. Output the LCS length and string.

Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

#define MAX 1000

int max(int a, int b) {
    if(a>b)
        return a;
    else
        return b;
}

void lcs(char X[], char Y[]) {
    int m = strlen(X);
    int n = strlen(Y);
    int dp[MAX][MAX];

    for (int i = 0; i <= m; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j <= n; j++) {
            if (i == 0 || j == 0)
                dp[i][j] = 0;
            else if (X[i - 1] == Y[j - 1])
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        dp[i][j] = dp[i - 1][j - 1] + 1;
    else
        dp[i][j] = max(dp[i - 1][j], dp[i][j - 1]);
    }
}

int len = dp[m][n];
char lcs_str[len + 1];
lcs_str[len] = '\0';

int i = m, j = n, index = len - 1;
while (i > 0 && j > 0) {
    if (X[i - 1] == Y[j - 1]) {
        lcs_str[index] = X[i - 1];
        i--;
        j--;
        index--;
    } else if (dp[i - 1][j] > dp[i][j - 1]) {
        i--;
    } else {
        j--;
    }
}

printf("Length of LCS: %d\n", len);
printf("LCS string: %s\n", lcs_str);
}

int main() {
    char X[MAX], Y[MAX];

    printf("Enter first string: ");
    scanf("%s", X);

    printf("Enter second string: ");
    scanf("%s", Y);

    lcs(X, Y);
}

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    return 0;  
}
```

Sample Input Output

```
Enter first string: designandanalysisofalgorithm  
Enter second string: signalog  
Length of LCS: 8  
LCS string: signalog
```

Time Complexity Analysis

- **DP table filling:**

There are m rows and n columns, and each cell computation takes $O(1)$ time.
→ $O(m \times n)$

- **LCS reconstruction:**

At most $m + n$ steps in the traceback.
→ $O(m + n)$

Overall Time Complexity: $O(m \times n)$

Space Complexity: $O(m \times n)$ (can be reduced to $O(\min(m, n))$ if only length is needed).