

Let  $n$  denote the length of the input string,  $m$  denote the number of strings in the dictionary, and  $L$  denote the total length of the dictionary.

1. DP.  $O(nm)$ .
2. let  $f[i]$  denote whether the prefix  $s[1..i]$  can be segmented into a sequence of dictionary words. use Aho-Corasick automation to compute  $f$ . at each position, we need to walk to the root according to the failure pointers, and there are at most  $O(\min\{m, \sqrt{L}\})$  steps.  $O(n \cdot \min\{m, \sqrt{L}\} + L)$ .
3.  $\tilde{O}(nL^{\frac{1}{3}} + L)$  [1], and there is also a matching conditional lower bound for combinatorial algorithms.

Remark. Algorithm 2 can be generalized to the min-cost version (with arbitrary weights) using the same running time. <https://chaoxuprime.com/posts/2019-09-19-word-break-with-cost.html>

Algorithm 3 can also be generalized to solve the minimum word break problem (with weight 1) using the same running time, by replacing FFT with an output-sensitive algorithm for a special case of (min, +)-convolution. see my paper [2].

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