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 the same running time. https://chaoxuprime.com/posts/2019-09-19-word-break-with-cost.html

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