5 Longest Common Subsequence of Three Sequences

Problem Introduction

Compute the length of a longest common subsequence of three sequences.

Problem Description

Task. Given three sequences $A = (a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n)$, $B = (b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_m)$, and $C = (c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_l)$, find the length of their longest common subsequence, i.e., the largest non-negative integer p such that there exist indices $1 \le i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_p \le n$, $1 \le j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_p \le m$, $1 \le k_1 < k_2 < \cdots < k_p \le l$ such that $a_{i_1} = b_{j_1} = c_{k_1}, \ldots, a_{i_p} = b_{j_p} = c_{k_p}$

Input Format. First line: n. Second line: $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$. Third line: m. Fourth line: $b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_m$. Fifth line: l. Sixth line: $c_1, c_2, \ldots, c_l$.

Constraints. $1 \le n, m, l \le 100$; $-10^9 < a_i, b_i, c_i < 10^9$.

Output Format. Output p.

Sample 1.

Input:

```
3
1 2 3
3
2 1 3
3
1 3 5
```

Output:

```
2
```

A common subsequence of length 2 is $(1, 3)$.

Sample 2.

Input:

```
5
8 3 2 1 7
7
8 2 1 3 8 10 7
6
6 8 3 1 4 7
```

Output:

```
3
```

One common subsequence of length 3 in this case is $(8, 3, 7)$. Another one is $(8, 1, 7)$.

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6 Appendix

6.1 Compiler Flags

C (`gcc 7.4.0`). File extensions: `.c`. Flags: