

# \* Longest Common Subsequence (LCS) problem

Ex 1:  $S_1$ : a b c d e f g h i j  
 $S_2$ : c d g i

∴ One subsequence is cdgi

— other subsequences could be dgi

— But the longest subseq = cdgi

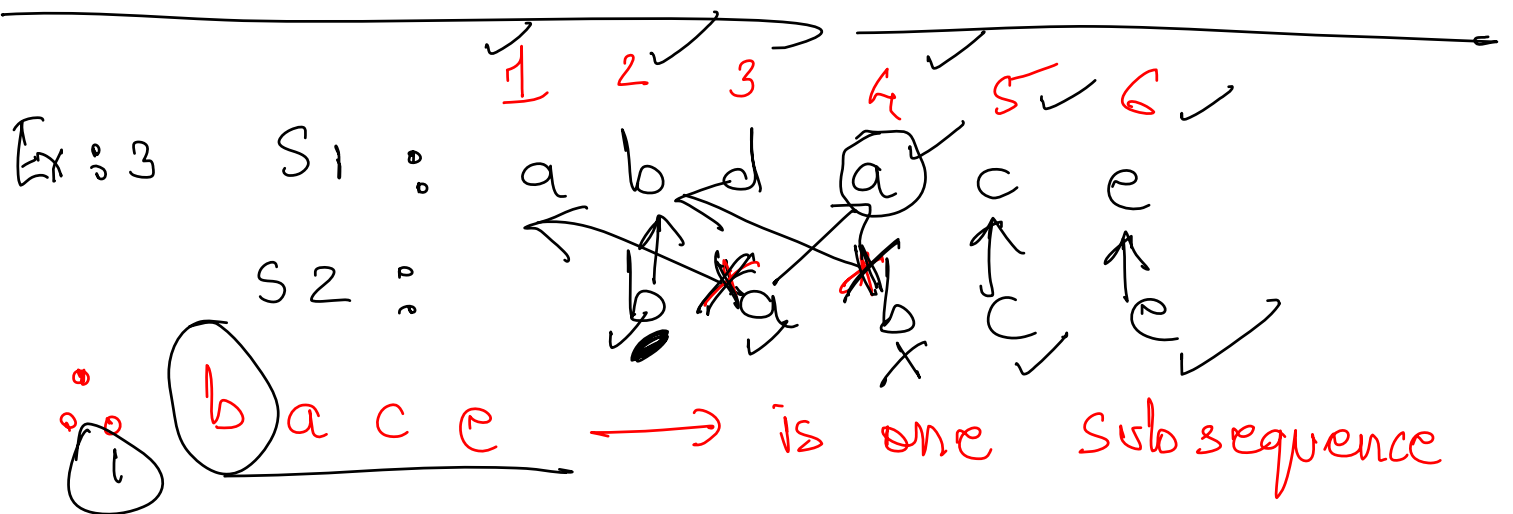
Ex 2:  $S_1$ : a b c d e f g h i j  
 $S_2$ : c d g i

Note: matching lines should not cross over

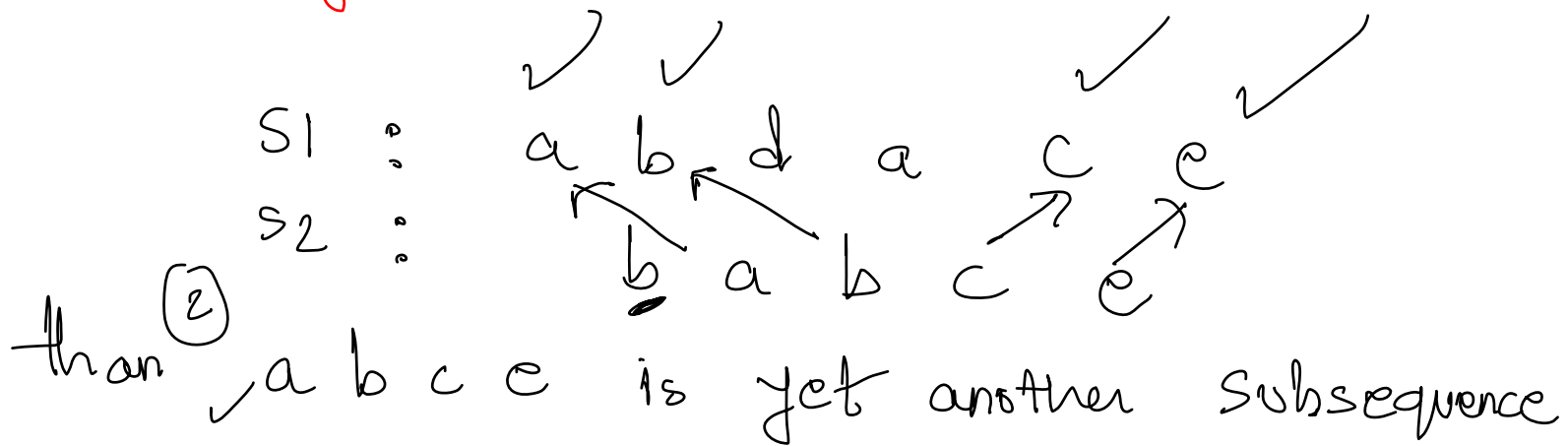
∴ cgi → is one subseq

✓ cdgi → could also be a subseq  
 dgi → " " " "

\* cdgi is the longest one



- If we start with a letter of S2 instead of b letter than



\* Note :- There can be multiple subsequences of same length obtained

→ x ← x →

\* Methods to solve LCS

① LCS using Recursion (Memoization)

② LCS using Dynamic Programming

✓ used to reduce recursive calls

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① LCS using Recursion → Exponential time ( $O(2^n)$ )  
→ top down approach

Algorithm

int LCS (i, j)

{

→ if (A[i] == '\0' || B[j] == '\0')

return 0 ; ✓

perfect match → else if (A[i] == B[j])

→ return 1 + LCS (i+1, j+1) ;

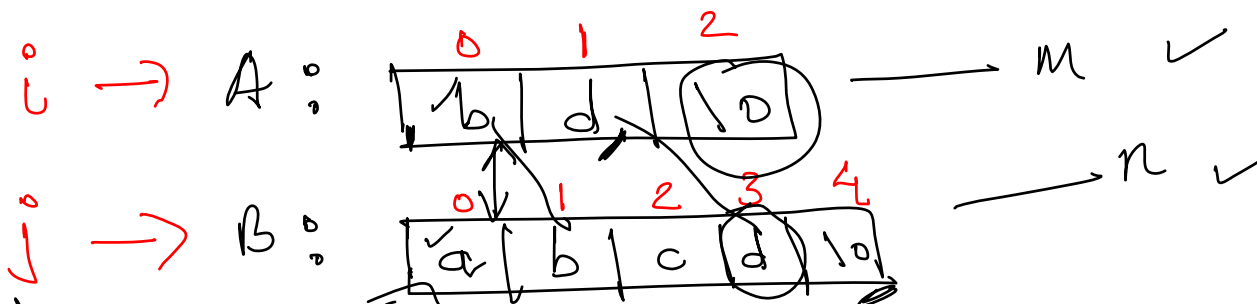
else

if not a match → return Max ( LCS (i+1, j) , LCS (i, j+1) )

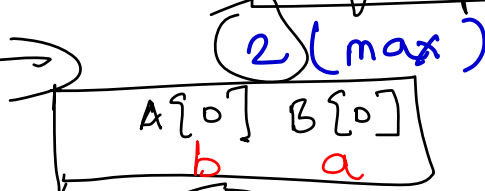
LC

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Problem  
 $bd = 2$



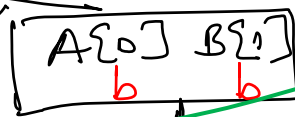
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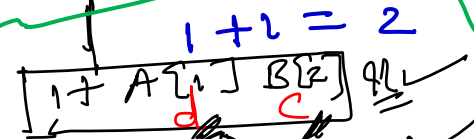
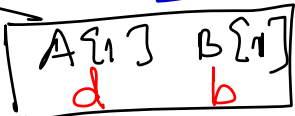
Same as previous recursive call

$i=0, j=1$

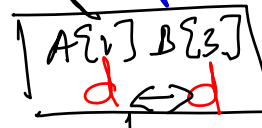
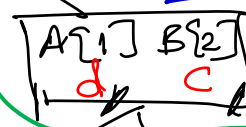
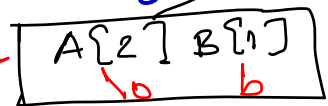
$i=1, j=0$



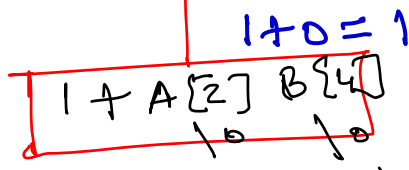
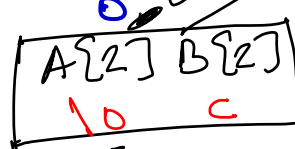
$i=2, j=0$



return

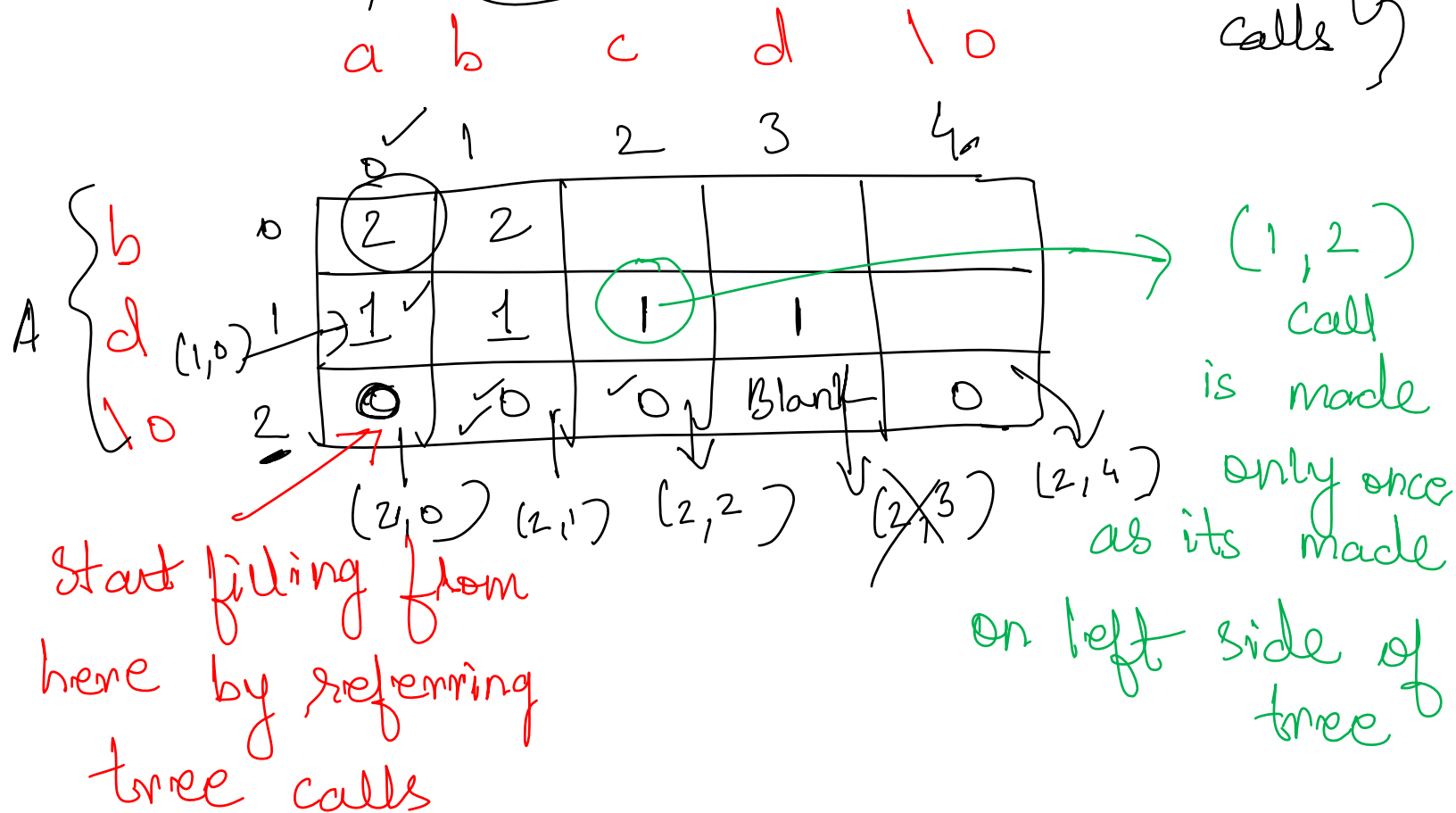


return



Could be reduced with Memoization

\* Memoization (to improve recursion & reduce time & fun<sup>n</sup> calls)



$O(mn)$   $\rightarrow$  time of memoization

## \* LCS Using Dynamic Programming

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

$$LCS[i, j] = 1 + LCS[i-1, j-1]$$

previous diagonal value

else

$$LCS[i, j] = \max(LCS[i-1, j], LCS[i, j-1])$$

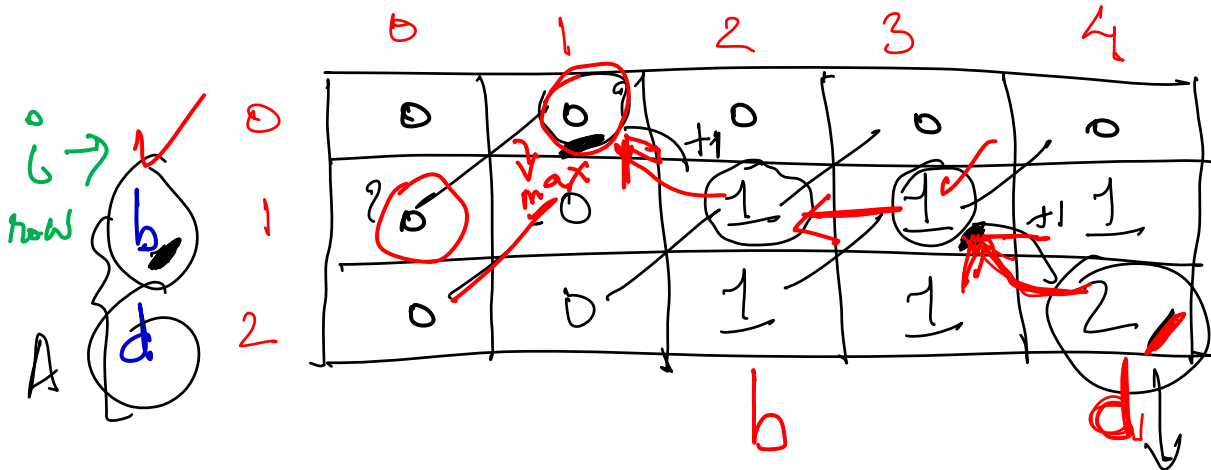
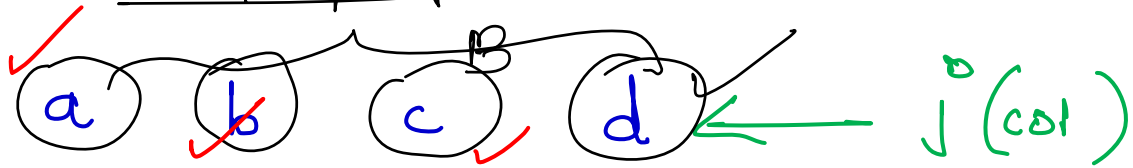
max of previous row or column entry

Eg ①

A :  $\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline b & d \\ \hline \end{array} \longrightarrow m$

B :  $\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & b & c & d \\ \hline \end{array} \longrightarrow n$

index starts with 1



$i^{\text{th}}$  row & col is added

longest len = 2

bd

which is that ?  
Subseq

\* Time :  $\Theta(mn)$



Ex: 2 s1: Stone

s2: longest

L o n g e s t

