

## The Longest-Common-Subsequence Problem (1/3)

- Given a sequence  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ , another sequence  $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$  is a **subsequence** of  $X$  if there exists a strictly increasing sequence  $\langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle$  of indices of  $X$  such that for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , we have  $x_{i_j} = z_j$ .
  - For example,  $Z = \langle B, C, D, B \rangle$  is a subsequence of  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$  with corresponding index sequence  $\langle 2, 3, 5, 7 \rangle$ .
- Given two sequences  $X$  and  $Y$ , we say that a sequence  $Z$  is a **common subsequence** of  $X$  and  $Y$  if  $Z$  is a subsequence of both  $X$  and  $Y$ .

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## The Longest-Common-Subsequence Problem (2/3)

- For example, if  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$  and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$ , the sequence  $\langle B, C, A \rangle$  is a common subsequence of both  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- The sequence  $\langle B, C, A \rangle$  is not a **longest common subsequence (LCS)** of  $X$  and  $Y$ , however, since it has length 3 and the sequence  $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$ , which is also common to both  $X$  and  $Y$ , has length 4.
- The sequence  $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$  is an LCS of  $X$  and  $Y$ , as is the sequence  $\langle B, D, A, B \rangle$ , since  $X$  and  $Y$  have no common subsequence of length 5 or greater.

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## The Longest-Common-Subsequence Problem (3/3)

- In the **longest-common-subsequence problem**, we are given two sequences  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$  and  $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$  and wish to find a maximum-length common subsequence of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- Example1:**  $S_1 = \text{AGCGTAG}$ ,  $S_2 = \text{GTCAGA}$ , please find a maximum-length common subsequence.

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## Step 1: Characterizing a Longest Common Subsequence (1/2)

- In a **brute-force approach** to solving the LCS problem, we would
  - enumerate all subsequences of  $X$  ( $2^m$  subsequences in total) and
  - check each subsequence to see whether it is also a subsequence of  $Y$ ,
  - keeping track of the longest subsequence we find.
- ➡ Requires **exponential time**, impractical for long sequences.

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## Step 1: Characterizing a Longest Common Subsequence (2/2)

- Given a sequence  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ , we define the  $i$ th **prefix** of  $X$ , for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$ , as  $X_i = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i \rangle$ .
  - For example, if  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ , then  $X_4 = \langle A, B, C, B \rangle$  and  $X_0$  is the empty sequence.

### Theorem 15.1 (Optimal substructure of an LCS)

Let  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$  and  $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$  be sequences, and let  $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$  be any LCS of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

- If  $x_m = y_n$ , then  $z_k = x_m = y_n$  and  $Z_{k-1}$  is an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ .
- If  $x_m \neq y_n$ , then  $z_k \neq x_m$  implies that  $Z$  is an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y$ .
- If  $x_m \neq y_n$ , then  $z_k \neq y_n$  implies that  $Z$  is an LCS of  $X$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ .

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## Step 2: A Recursive Solution (1/2)

- Theorem 15.1** implies that we should examine either one or two subproblems when finding an LCS of  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$  and  $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ .
  - If  $x_m = y_n$ , we must find an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ . Appending  $x_m = y_n$  to this LCS yields an LCS of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
  - If  $x_m \neq y_n$ , then we must solve two subproblems: finding an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y$  and finding an LCS of  $X$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ . Whichever of these two LCSs is longer is an LCS of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

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## Step 2: A Recursive Solution (2/2)

- Let us define  $c[i, j]$  to be the length of an LCS of the sequences  $X_i$  and  $Y_j$ .

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0, \\ c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_j, \\ \max(c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]) & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j. \end{cases} \quad (15.9)$$

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (1/10)

- Procedure **LCS-LENGTH** takes two sequences  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$  and  $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$  as inputs.
  - It stores the  $c[i, j]$  values in a table  $c[0..m, 0..n]$ , and it computes the entries in **row-major** order.
  - The procedure also maintains the table  $b[1..m, 1..n]$  to help us construct an optimal solution.
  - The procedure returns the  $b$  and  $c$  tables;  $c[m, n]$  contains the length of an LCS of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (2/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>		B	D	C	A	B	A	
	x <sub>i</sub>								
0			0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	A								
2	B								
3	C								
4	B								
5	D								
6	A								
7	B								

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (3/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>		B	D	C	A	B	A	
	x <sub>i</sub>								
0			0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	A								
2	B								
3	C								
4	B								
5	D								
6	A								
7	B								

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (4/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>		B	D	C	A	B	A	
	x <sub>i</sub>								
0			0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	A			↑	0	↑	1	←	1
2	B								
3	C								
4	B								
5	D								
6	A								
7	B								

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (5/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>		B	D	C	A	B	A	
	x <sub>i</sub>								
0			0	0	0	0	0	0	
1	A			↑	0	↑	1	←	1
2	B			↑	1	←	1	←	2
3	C								
4	B								
5	D								
6	A								
7	B								

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (6/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x <sub>i</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	←	←
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	←
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	↑	↑
4	B	0				↖	
5	D	0					
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (7/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x <sub>i</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	←	←
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	←
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	↑	↑
4	B	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	←
5	D	0					
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (8/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x <sub>i</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	←	←
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	←
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	↑	↑
4	B	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	←
5	D	0	↑	↖	↑	↑	↑
6	A	0					
7	B	0					

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (9/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5      c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7      c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9      for j = 1 to n
10         if xi == yj
11             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12             b[i, j] = "↖"
13         elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14             c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15             b[i, j] = "↑"
16         else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17             b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>	B	D	C	A	B	A
0	x <sub>i</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	←	←
2	B	0	↖	←	←	↑	←
3	C	0	↑	↑	↖	↑	↑
4	B	0	↑	↑	↑	↖	←
5	D	0	↑	↖	↑	↑	↑
6	A	0	↑	↑	↑	↑	↖
7	B	0					

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## Step 3: Computing the Length of an LCS (10/10)

LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )

```

1  m = X.length
2  n = Y.length
3  let b[1..m, 1..n] and c[0..m, 0..n] be new tables
4  for i = 1 to m
5    c[i, 0] = 0
6  for j = 0 to n
7    c[0, j] = 0
8  for i = 1 to m
9    for j = 1 to n
10     if xi == yj
11       c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
12       b[i, j] = "↖"
13     elseif c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
14       c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]
15       b[i, j] = "↑"
16     else c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]
17       b[i, j] = "←"
18  return c and b

```

Suppose  $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$   
and  $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

		j						
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>	B	D	C	A	B	A	
	x <sub>i</sub>							
0	x <sub>0</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	1	←	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2	←	2
3	C	0	↑	↑	↑	2	←	2
4	B	0	1	1	2	2	3	←
5	D	0	↑	2	↑	2	3	↑
6	A	0	↑	↑	↑	3	↑	4
7	B	0	1	2	2	3	4	↑

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## Step 4: Constructing an LCS

PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j$ )

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1  if i == 0 or j == 0
2    return
3  if b[i, j] == "↖"
4    PRINT-LCS(b, X, i - 1, j - 1)
5    print xi
6  elseif b[i, j] == "↑"
7    PRINT-LCS(b, X, i - 1, j)
8  else PRINT-LCS(b, X, i, j - 1)

```

		j						
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y <sub>j</sub>	B	D	C	A	B	A	
	x <sub>i</sub>							
0	x <sub>0</sub>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	↑	↑	↑	1	←	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2	←	2
3	C	0	↑	↑	↑	2	←	2
4	B	0	1	1	2	2	3	←
5	D	0	↑	2	↑	2	3	↑
6	A	0	↑	↑	↑	3	↑	4
7	B	0	1	2	2	3	4	↑

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## Outline

- Rod Cutting
- Matrix-Chain Multiplication
- Elements of Dynamic Programming
- Longest Common Subsequence
- **Optimal Binary Search Trees**

## Introduction (1/2)

- Suppose that we are designing a program to translate text from English to Chinese.
  - We could perform lookup operations by building a binary search tree with  $n$  English words as keys.
  - Since the number of nodes visited when searching for a key in a binary search tree equals one plus the depth of the node containing the key, we want words that occur frequently in the text to be placed nearer the root.



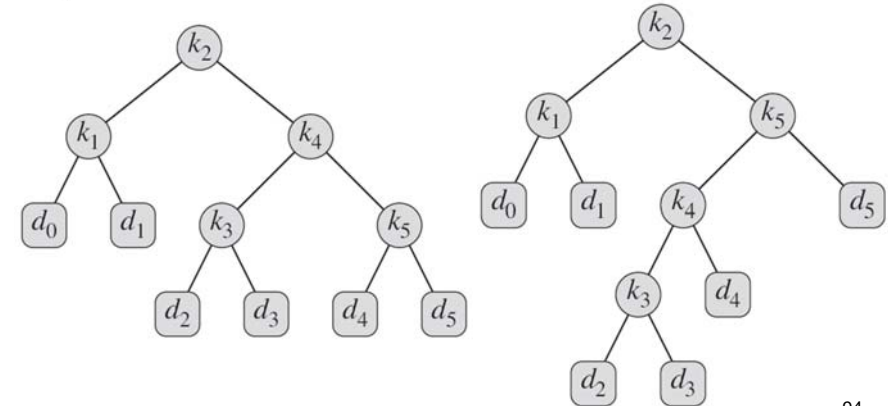
## Introduction (2/2)

- We are given a sequence  $K = \langle k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n \rangle$  of  $n$  distinct keys in sorted order ( $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n$ ), and we wish to build a binary search tree from these keys.
- For each key  $k_i$ , we have a probability  $p_i$  that a search will be for  $k_i$ .
- Some searches may be for values not in  $K$ , and so we also have  $n + 1$  “dummy keys”  $d_0, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  representing values not in  $K$ .
- For each dummy key  $d_i$ , we have a probability  $q_i$  that a search will correspond to  $d_i$ .

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## Two Binary Search Trees

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5	$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i + \sum_{i=0}^n q_i = 1$
$p_i$		0.15	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.20	
$q_i$	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.10	



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## Expected Cost of a Search in $T$ (1/2)

- Let us assume that the actual cost of a search equals the number of nodes examined, i.e., the depth of the node found by the search in  $T$ , plus 1. Then the expected cost of a search in  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[\text{search cost in } T] &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{depth}_T(k_i) + 1) \cdot p_i + \sum_{i=0}^n (\text{depth}_T(d_i) + 1) \cdot q_i \\
 &= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \text{depth}_T(k_i) \cdot p_i + \sum_{i=0}^n \text{depth}_T(d_i) \cdot q_i,
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{depth}_T$  denotes a node's depth in the tree  $T$ .

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## Expected Cost of a Search in $T$ (2/2)

	node	depth	probability	contribution
	$k_1$	1	0.15	0.30
	$k_2$	0	0.10	0.10
	$k_3$	2	0.05	0.15
	$k_4$	1	0.10	0.20
	$k_5$	2	0.20	0.60
	$d_0$	2	0.05	0.15
	$d_1$	2	0.10	0.30
	$d_2$	3	0.05	0.20
	$d_3$	3	0.05	0.20
	$d_4$	3	0.05	0.20
	$d_5$	3	0.10	0.40
	Total			2.80

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5
$p_i$		0.15	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.20
$q_i$	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.10

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