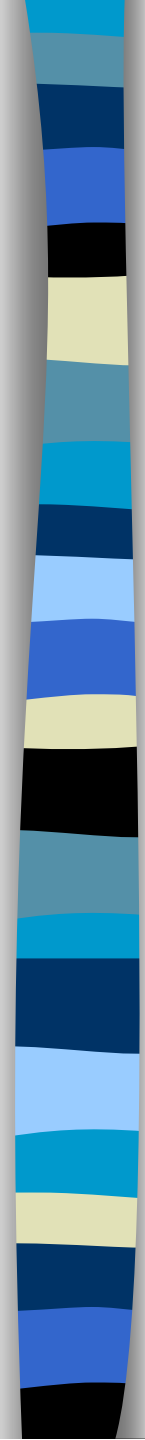


Dynamic programming

Longest Common Subsequence

Dynamic programming

- It is used, when the solution can be recursively described in terms of solutions to subproblems (*optimal substructure*)
- Algorithm finds solutions to subproblems and stores them in memory for later use
- More efficient than "*brute-force methods*", which solve the same subproblems over and over again

Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

Subsequence: Subset of letters in order from left to right.

Example: X= {A B C B D A B }, Y= {B D C A B A}.

Remember:

- "Subsequence" is different from "substring". Substring is continuous, no gap. But, subsequence can have gap.
- Example, CBD is a substring of X. BBA is a subsequence of X, but not a substring of X. DBBB is not a subsequence of X, because order violation.
- Example: BDAB is both substring and subsequence of X, But it is only a subsequence of Y
- Substrings are also subsequence, but a subsequence may not be a substring.

Longest Common Subsequence: Same subsequence of maximum length.

- Example: X = A **B C B** D **A** B, Y = **B** D **C** A **B A** = BCBA (4)
- Other examples: BCAB(4), BDAB (4). Maximum possible length = 4

Why LCS Algorithm (important)

- **Brute Force Algorithm:**
- if |X| = m, |Y| = n, then there are 2^m subsequences of x; we must compare each with each subsequence of Y (2^n)
- So the running time of brute-force algorithm is >= O(2^n 2^m)
- For example, X=AMP, Y=AP.
  - All possible subsequence of X are: ϕ, A, M, P, AM, AP, MP AMP = total 2^3=8
  - For Y, they are: ϕ, A, P, AP = total 2^2=4
  - Compare each of X with each of Y = total compare 2^3*2^2 = 32
- **But note that**: there are many repetitions. For example, A of X and A of Y are compared 4 times (in A, AM, AP, AMP of X)*2 times (in A, AP of Y) = 8 times.
- So we can save time, by saving this comparison into a table. This is called *optimal substructure property of dynamic programming*
- Actually, we will save LCS of prefixes of X and Y

LCS Algorithm

- First we'll find the length of LCS. Later we'll modify the algorithm to find LCS itself.
- Define X_i, Y_j to be the prefixes of X and Y of length i and j respectively
- Define $c[i,j]$ to be the length of LCS of X_i and Y_j
- Then the length of LCS of X and Y will be $c[m,n]$

$$c[i,j] = \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1]+1 & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max(c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

LCS recursive solution

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1]+1 & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max(c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- We start with $i = j = 0$ (empty substrings of x and y)
- Since X_0 and Y_0 are empty strings, their LCS is always empty (i.e. $c[0,0] = 0$)
- LCS of empty string and any other string is empty, so for every i and j: $c[0, j] = c[i,0] = 0$

LCS recursive solution

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1]+1 & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max(c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- When we calculate *c[i,j]*, we consider two cases:
- **First case:** *x[i]=y[j]*: one more symbol in strings X and Y matches, so the length of LCS X_i and Y_j equals to the length of LCS of smaller strings X_{i-1} and Y_{i-1} , plus 1

LCS recursive solution

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1]+1 & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max(c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- **Second case:** *x[i] != y[j]*
- As symbols don't match, our solution is not improved, and the length of LCS(X_i , Y_j) is the same as before (i.e. maximum of LCS(X_i, Y_{j-1}) and LCS(X_{i-1},Y_j)

Why not just take the length of LCS(X_{i-1}, Y_{j-1}) ?

LCS Length Algorithm

```
LCS-Length(X, Y)
1. m = length(X)  // get the # of symbols in X
2. n  = length(Y) // get the # of symbols in Y
3. for i = 1 to m  c[i,0] = 0   // special case: Y0
4. for j = 1 to n   c[0,j] = 0   // special case: X0
5. for i = 1 to m                // for all Xi
6.       for j = 1 to n                  // for all Yj
7.             if ( Xi == Yj )
8.                   c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
9.             else c[i,j] = max( c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1] )
10. return c
```

LCS Example

We'll see how LCS algorithm works on the following example:

- X = ABCB
- Y = BDCAB

What is the Longest Common Subsequence of X and Y?

LCS(X, Y) = BCB

X = A **B** **C** **B**

Y = **B** D **C** A **B**

LCS Example (0)

ABCB
BDCAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi						
1	**A**						
2	**B**						
3	**C**						
4	**B**						

X = ABCB; m = |X| = 4
Y = BDCAB; n = |Y| = 5
Allocate array c[5,4]

LCS Example (1)

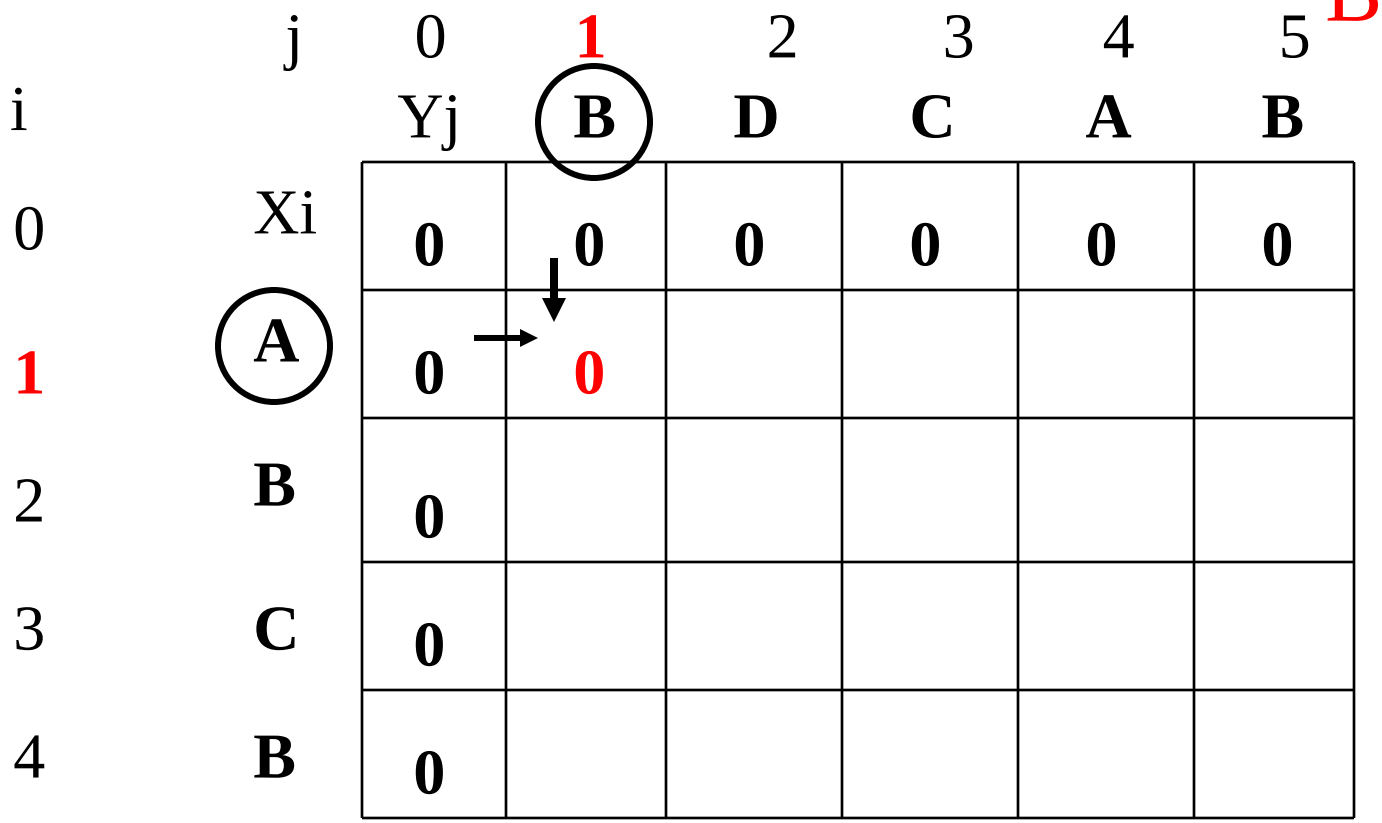
ABCB
BDCAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1	**A**	**0**					
2	**B**	**0**					
3	**C**	**0**					
4	**B**	**0**					

for i = 1 to m c[i,0] = 0
for j = 1 to n c[0,j] = 0

LCS Example (2)

ABCB
BDCAB



if ($X_i == Y_j$)
c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (3)

ABCB

BDCAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1	**A**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**		
2	**B**	**0**					
3	**C**	**0**					
4	**B**	**0**					

if ($X_i == Y_j$)

c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1

else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (4)

ABCB

BDCAB

i		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1	**A**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	
2	**B**		**0**					
3	**C**		**0**					
4	**B**		**0**					

if (X_i == Y_j)

c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1

else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (5)

ABCB

BDCAB

i		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1	**A**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
2	**B**		**0**					
3	**C**		**0**					
4	**B**		**0**					

if ($X_i == Y_j$)

c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1

else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (6)

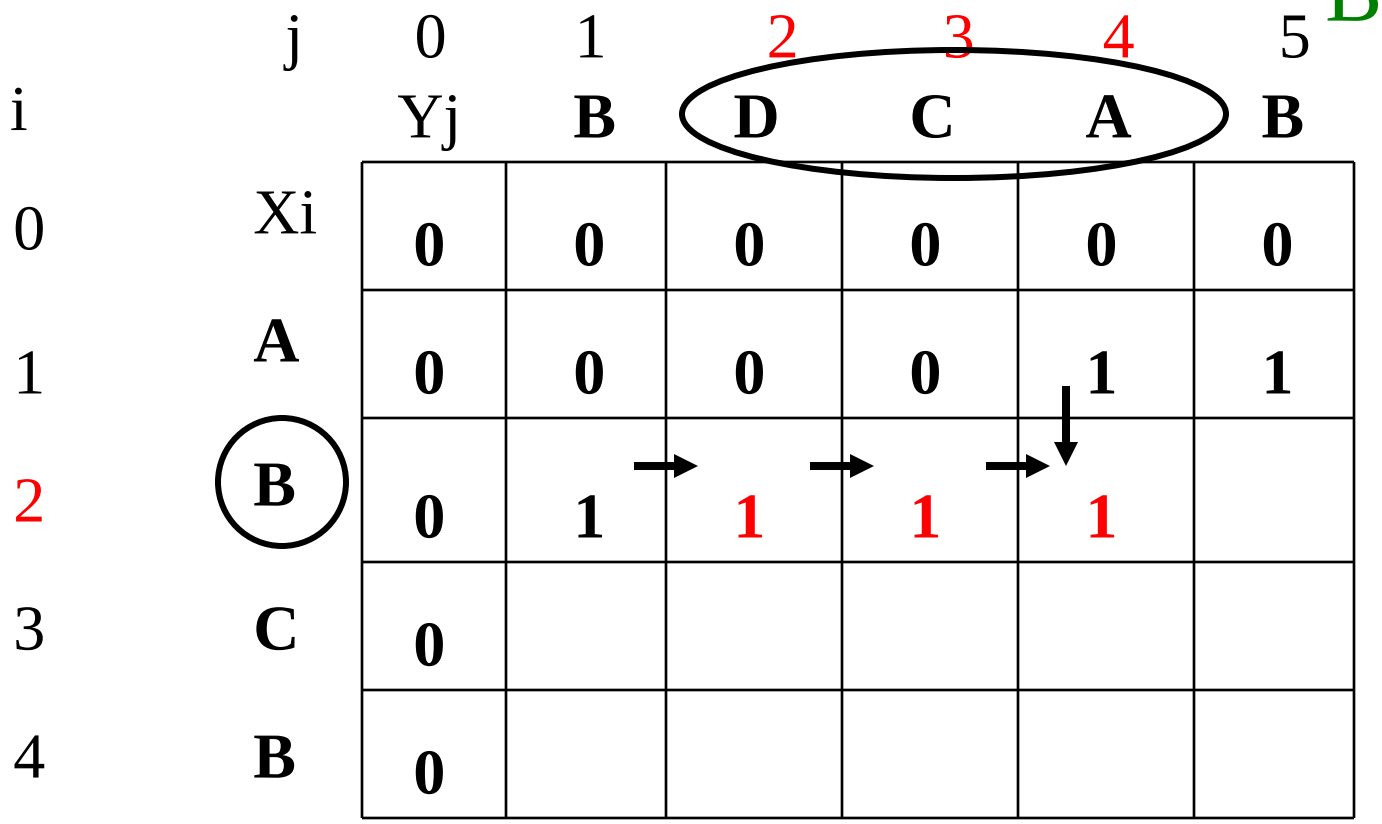
ABCB
BDCAB

i		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Yj	B	D	C	A	B
0	Xi		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	0	0	0	1	1
2	B		0	1				
3	C		0					
4	B		0					

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (7)

ABCB
BDCAB



if (X_i == Y_j)
c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (8)

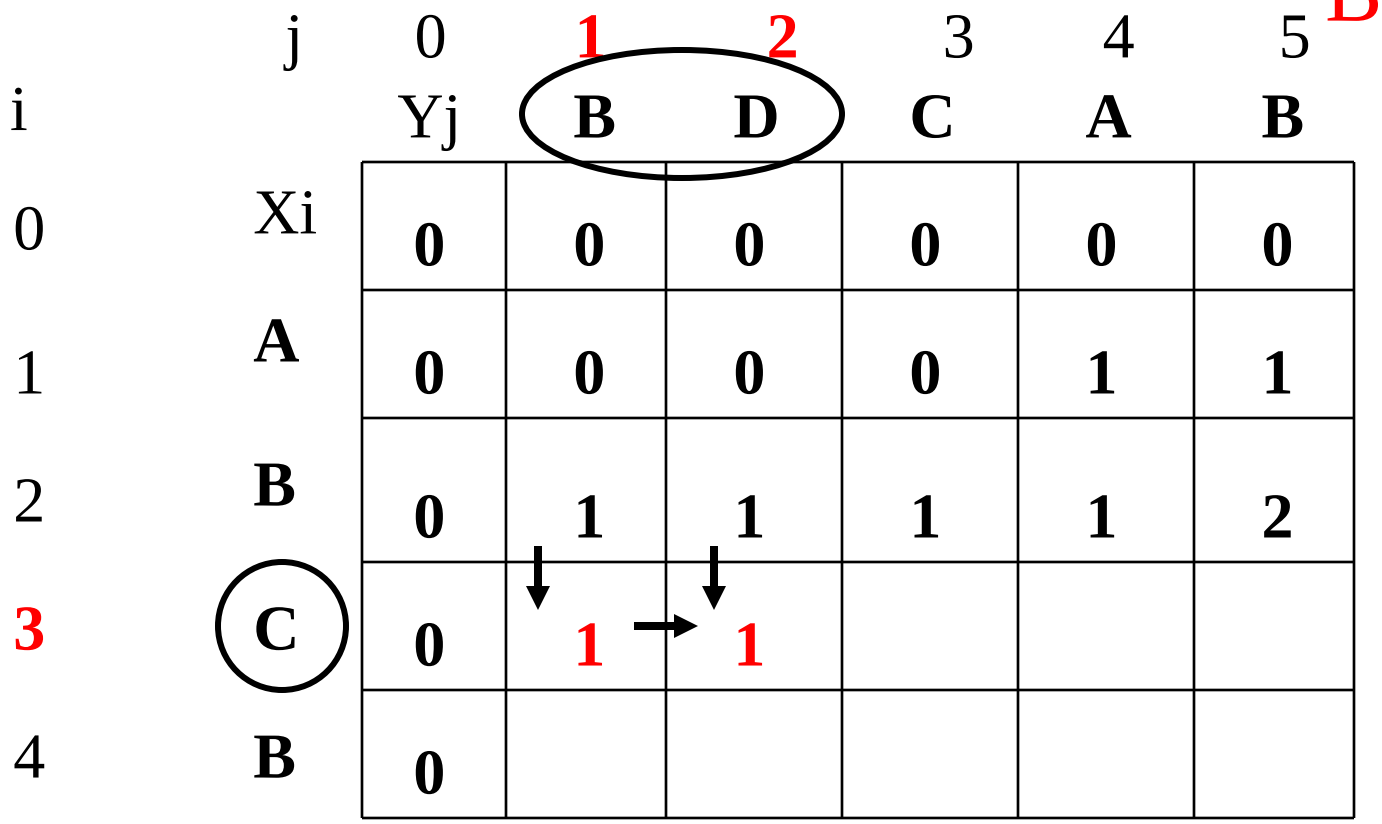
ABCB
BDCAB

i		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1	**A**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
2	**B**		**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**
3	**C**		**0**					
4	**B**		**0**					

if (X_i == Y_j)
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (10)

ABCB
BDCAB



if ($X_i == Y_j$)
c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (11)

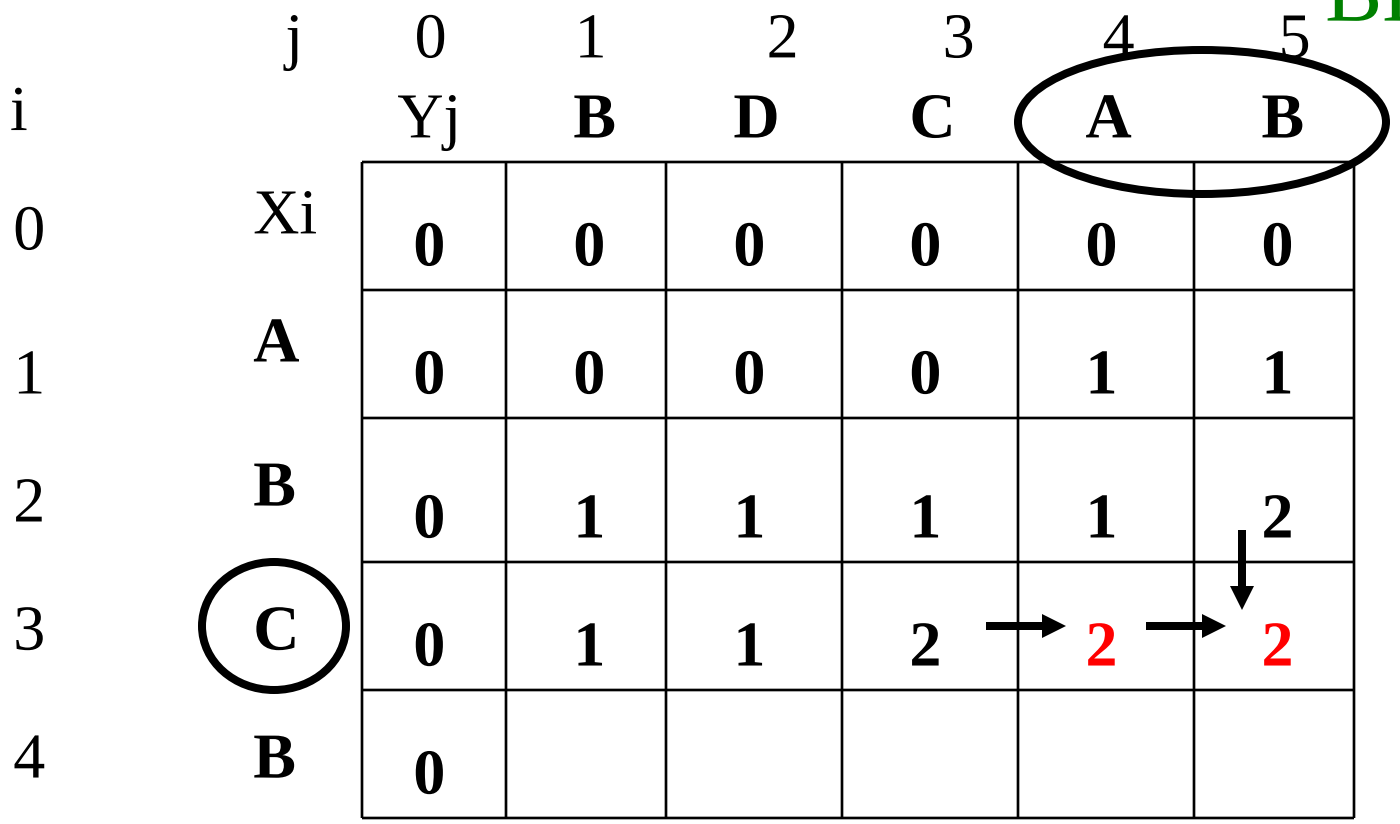
ABCB
BDCAB

i		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1	**A**		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
2	**B**		**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**
3	**C**		**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**		
4	**B**		**0**					

if (X_i == Y_j)
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (12)

ABCB
BDCAB



if (X_i == Y_j)
c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (13)

ABCB
BDCAB

i		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Yj	B	D	C	A	B
0	Xi		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	0	0	0	1	1
2	B		0	1	1	1	1	2
3	C		0	1	1	2	2	2
4	B		0	1				

if (X_i == Y_j)
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (14)

ABCB

BDCAB

i		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Yj		B	D	C	A	B
0	Xi		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	0	0	0	1	1
2	B		0	1	1	1	1	2
3	C		0	1	1	2	2	2
4	B		0	1	1	2	2	

if ($X_i == Y_j$)

c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1

else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Example (15)

ABCB
BDCAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Yj	**B**	**D**	**C**	**A**	**B**
0	Xi	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
1	**A**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**
2	**B**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**2**
3	**C**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**
4	**B**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**3**

if (X_i == Y_j)
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])

LCS Algorithm Running Time

- LCS algorithm calculates the values of each entry of the array c[m,n]
- So what is the running time?

O(m*n)

since each c[i,j] is calculated in constant time, and there are m*n elements in the array

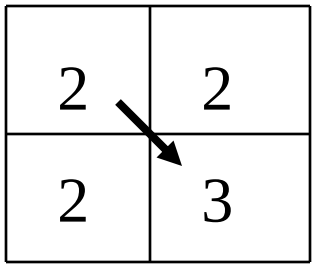
How to find actual LCS

- So far, we have just found the *length* of LCS, but not LCS itself.
- We want to modify this algorithm to make it output Longest Common Subsequence of X and Y

Each *c[i,j]* depends on *c[i-1,j]* and *c[i,j-1]*

or *c[i-1, j-1]*

For each c[i,j] we can say how it was acquired:



For example, here
c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] +1 = 2+1=3

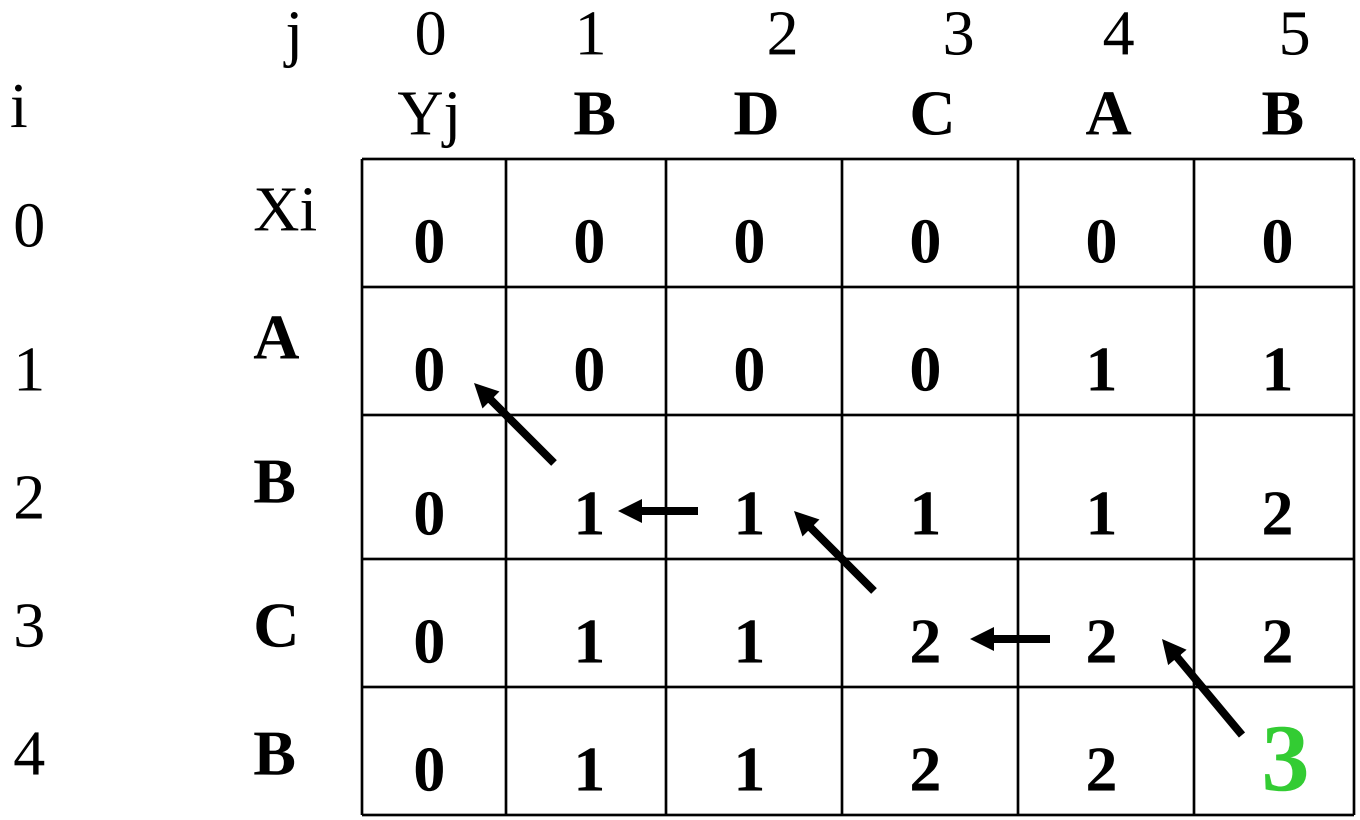
How to find actual LCS - continued

- Remember that

$$c[i,j] = \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1]+1 & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max(c[i, j-1], c[i-1, j]) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- So we can start from *c[m,n]* and go backwards by **following arrow in reverse order (Step 1)**
- **Whenever *c[i,j] = c[i-1, j-1]+1*, remember *x[i]*** **(Step 2)** (because *x[i]* is a part of LCS)
- When i=0 or j=0 (i.e. we reached the beginning), **output remembered letters in reverse order (Final step)**
- For each reverse path, there is one LCS. In this way all LCS of maximum length can be found.

Finding LCS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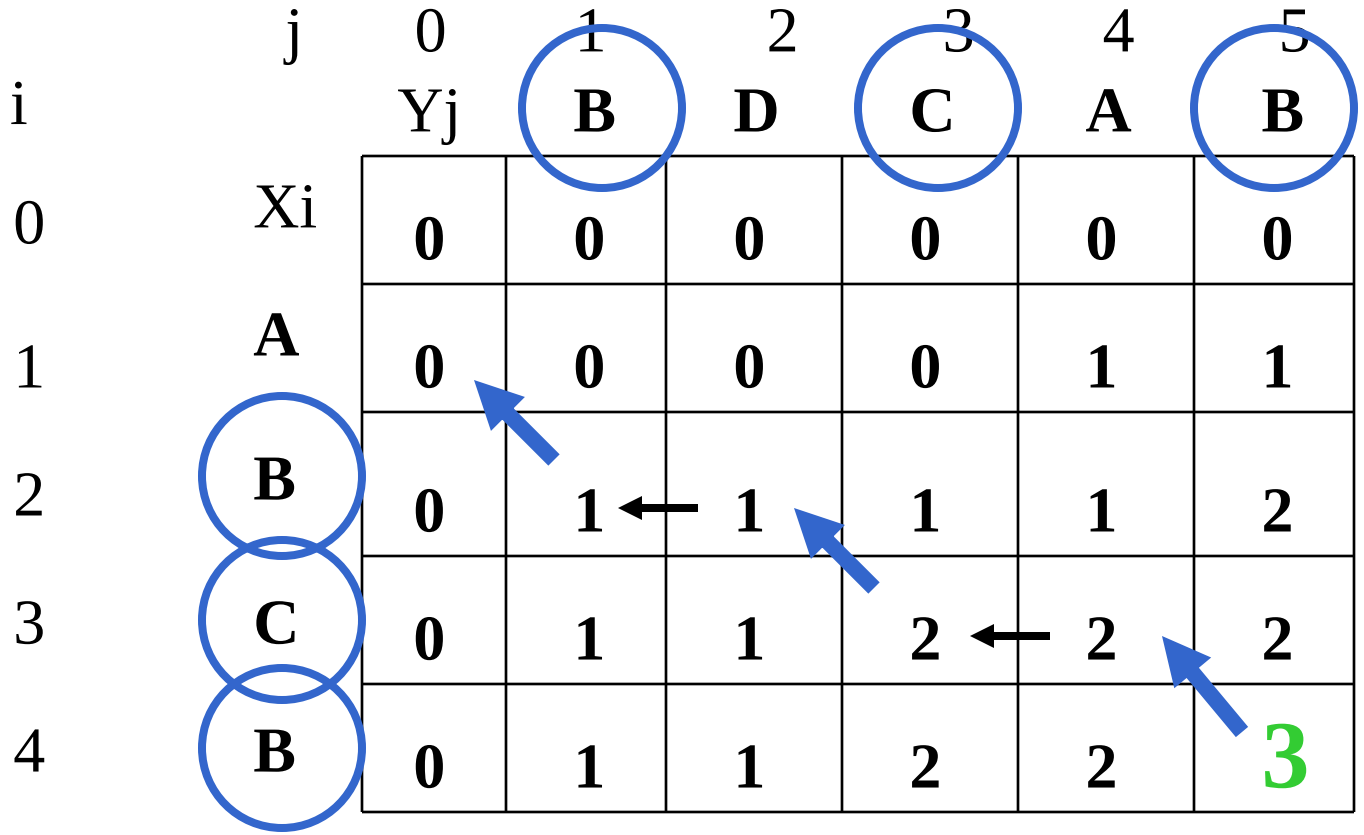
i
Yj B D C A B
0 Xi 0 0 0 0 0 0
1 A 0 0 0 0 1 1
2 B 0 1 1 1 1 2
3 C 0 1 1 2 2 2
4 B 0 1 1 2 2 3

Finding LCS (2)



LCS (reversed order): **B C B**

LCS (straight order): **B C B**

(this string turned out to be a palindrome)

LCS Example

We'll see how LCS algorithm works on the following example:

- X = PMDX
- Y = MPXD

What is the Longest Common Subsequence of X and Y?

LCS(X, Y) = MX, PD

See the video for this example.