

**Problem 1 (20 points).** Let  $S_1 = AGCCTG$  and  $S_2 = AGCT$  be two strings over alphabet  $\Sigma = \{A, C, G, T\}$ . Draw the dynamic programming table for computing the edit distance between  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ .

**Solution.**

|   | A | G | C | T |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| A | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| G | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| C | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| T | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| G | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |

**Problem 2 (20 points).** A subsequence is *palindromic* if it is the same whether read left to right or right to left. Given a string  $A$  of length  $n$ , design a dynamic programming algorithm to find the longest palindromic subsequence of  $A$ . Your algorithm should run in  $O(n^2)$  time. For example, the longest palindromic subsequence for string  $A = ACTCGCATA$  is  $ATCGCTA$ .

**Solution.** Define  $c[i, j]$  as the length of the *longest palindromic subsequences* within substring  $A[i \dots j]$ . For  $i + 1 \leq j$ , we have the *recursion* formula below (we define  $\delta(A[i] = A[j]) = 1$  if  $A[i] = A[j]$  and  $\delta(A[i] = A[j]) = 0$  if  $A[i] \neq A[j]$ ):

$$c[i, j] = \max \begin{cases} c[i + 1, j - 1] + 2 \cdot \delta(A[i] = A[j]) \\ c[i + 1, j] \\ c[i, j - 1] \end{cases}$$

The *pseudo-code*, which includes three steps, is as follows.

*Initialization:*

$$c[i, i - 1] = 0, \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$c[i, i] = 1, \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

*Iteration:*

for  $d = 1 \dots n - 1$  :

for  $i = 1 \dots n - d$  :

$$j = i + d$$

$$c[i, j] = \max\{c[i + 1, j - 1] + 2 \cdot \delta(A[i] = A[j]), c[i + 1, j], c[i, j - 1]\}$$

endfor

endfor

*Termination:*  $c[1, n]$  gives length of the *longest palindromic subsequences* in  $A$ . (The corresponding indices can be fetched through introducing backtracing pointers.)

*Running time:* The initialization of  $c[i, j]$  takes  $O(n)$  time. The iteration step takes  $O(n^2)$  time. The total running time of the algorithm is  $O(n^2)$ .

**Problem 3 (20 points).** Let  $A[1 \dots n]$  be an array with  $n$  integers (possibly with negative ones). Design a dynamic programming algorithm to compute indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $\sum_{k:i \leq k \leq j} A[k]$  is maximized. Your algorithm should run in  $O(n)$  time.

**Solution.** Let  $S(i, j) = \sum_{k:i \leq k \leq j} A[k]$ . Define  $c[j] = \max_{i:1 \leq i \leq j} S(i, j)$ , i.e.,  $c[j]$  equals to the maximum sum of the consecutive elements in  $A$  that ends at  $A[j]$ . We have the *recursion* formula below:

$$c[j] = \begin{cases} c[j-1] + A[j] & \text{if } c[j-1] > 0 \\ A[j] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The *pseudo-code*, which includes three steps, is as follows.

*Initialization:*  $c[0] = -\infty$

*Iteration:*

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for  $j = 1 \cdots n$  :
  if  $c[j-1] > 0$ 
     $c[j] = c[j-1] + A[j]$ 
  else
     $c[j] = A[j]$ 
  endif
endfor

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*Termination:*  $\max_{j:1 \leq j \leq n} c[j]$  gives the largest sum. (The corresponding indices can be fetched through introducing backtracing pointers.)

*Running time:* The iteration step takes  $O(n)$  time, which dominates the overall running time.

**Problem 4 (20 points).** Let  $A = a_1a_2 \cdots a_n$  and  $B = b_1b_2 \cdots b_m$  be two strings. Design a dynamic programming algorithm to compute the *longest common substrings* between  $A$  and  $B$ , i.e., to find the largest  $k$  and indices  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $A[i \cdots i+k-1] = B[j \cdots j+k-1]$ . Your algorithm should run in  $O(mn)$  time.

**Solution.** Define  $c[i, j]$  be the length of the longest common *suffix* of strings  $A[1 \cdots i]$  and  $B[1 \cdots j]$ , i.e.,  $c[i, j]$  equals to the largest integer  $k$  such that  $A[i-k+1 \cdots i] = B[j-k+1 \cdots j]$ .

*Recursion:*

$$c[i, j] = \min \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } A[i] = B[j] \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The dynamic programming algorithm is given below:

*Initialization:*

$c[i, 0] = 0$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n$   
 $c[0, j] = 0$ , for  $0 \leq j \leq m$

*Iteration:*

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for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  do
  for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$  do
    if  $(A[i-1] = B[j-1])$  then
       $c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i-1, j-1] + 1$ 
    else
       $c[i, j] \leftarrow 0$ 
    end if
  end for
end for

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*Termination:* compute  $k^* = \max_{i,j} c[i, j]$  and  $(i^*, j^*) = \arg \max_{i,j} c[i, j]$ .

*Running time:* It takes constant time to compute each entry of table  $c[\cdot, \cdot]$ . Therefore, the total running time is  $O(mn)$ .

**Problem 5 (20 points).** Let  $A = a_1a_2\cdots a_n$  and  $B = b_1b_2\cdots b_m$  be two strings. Design a dynamic programming algorithm to compute the *longest common subsequence* between  $A$  and  $B$ , i.e., to find the *largest*  $k$  and indices  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \cdots < i_k \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j_1 < j_2 < \cdots < j_k \leq m$  such that  $A[i_1] = B[j_1], A[i_2] = B[j_2], \dots, A[i_k] = B[j_k]$ . Your algorithm should run in  $O(mn)$  time.

**Solution.** Define  $LCS[i, j]$  as the length of the *longest common subsequences* between  $a_1a_2\cdots a_i$  and  $b_1b_2\cdots b_j$ . Then we have the *recursion* formula below:

$$LCS[i, j] = \begin{cases} LCS[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } a_i = b_j \\ \max\{LCS[i-1, j], LCS[i, j-1]\} & \text{if } a_i \neq b_j \end{cases}$$

The *pseudo-code*, which includes three steps, is as follows.

*Initialization:*

$LCS[i, 0] = 0$ , for all  $i$  in  $1, 2, \dots, n$

$LCS[0, j] = 0$ , for all  $j$  in  $1, 2, \dots, m$

*Iteration:*

for  $i = 1 \cdots n$ :

for  $j = 1 \cdots m$ :

if  $a_i = b_j$ :  $LCS[i, j] = LCS[i-1, j-1] + 1$

else:  $LCS[i, j] = \max\{LCS[i-1, j], LCS[i, j-1]\}$

endfor

endfor

*Termination:*  $LCS[n, m]$  gives the length of the *longest common subsequences* between  $A$  and  $B$ . (The corresponding indices can be fetched through introducing backtracing pointers.)

*Running time:* The initialization of  $LCS[i, j]$  takes  $O(m+n)$  time. The iteration step have two embedded *for* loops, and therefore takes  $O(mn)$  time. The total running time of the algorithm is  $O(mn)$ .