# **Homework: Dynamic Programming**

This document defines the homework assignments for the "Algortihms" course @ Software University. Please submit a single zip / rar / 7z archive holding the solutions (source code) of all below described problems.

## 1. Connecting Cables

We are in a rectangular room. On opposite sides of the room there are sets of n cables (n < 1000). The cables are indexed from 1 to n.

On each side of the room there is a permutation of the cables, e.g. on one side we always have ordered {1, 2, 3, 4, 5} and on the other side we have some permutation {5, 1, 3, 4, 2}. We are trying to connect each cable from one side with the corresponding cable on the other side – connect 1 with 1, 2 with 2, etc. Cables are straight and should not overlap!

The task is to find the maximum number of pairs we can connect given the restrictions above.

#### **Examples**

Input	Output	Comments
2 5 3 8 7 4 6 9 1	Maximum pairs connected: 5	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 * * * * * * * * * * 2 5 3 8 7 4 6 9 1
4 3 2 1	Maximum pairs connected: 1	Any other pair can be conntected as well.
1 2 3	Maximum pairs connected: 3	

#### 2. Minimum Edit Distance

We have two strings, **s1** and **s2**. The goal is to obtain **s2** from **s1** by applying the following operations:

- **replace(i, x)** in **s1**, replaces the symbol at index **i** with the character **x**
- insert(i, x) in s1, inserts the character x at index i
- **delete(i)** from **s1**, removes the character at index **i**

We are only allowed to modify s1, s2 stays unchanged at all times. Each of the three operations has a certain cost associated with it (positive integer number). Note: the cost of the replace(i, x) operation is 0 if it doesn't actually change the character.

The goal is to find the sequence of operations which will produce s2 from s1 with minimal cost.

## **Examples**

Input	Output	Comments
•	Minimum edit distance: 7	Indices refer to the original s1 string
cost-insert = 2	INSERT(0, m)	<ul><li>DELETE(3) deletes the symbol at index</li></ul>
cost-delete = 1	DELETE(3)	3 from abracadabra, not from the
s1 = abracadabra	DELETE(4)	modified string mabracadabra after the
s2 = mabragabra	REPLACE(6, g)	INSERT(0, m) operation.



















<pre>cost-replace = 5 cost-insert = 2 cost-delete = 1 s1 = nqma bira s2 = ima bira</pre>	Minimum edit distance: 4 DELETE(0) DELETE(1) INSERT(1, i)	We can obtain s2 with two operations - DELETE(0) + REPLACE(1, i), but the cost of the REPLACE operation is high, that's why the solution involves three operations, their total cost is smaller. The INSERT can be performed also at index 0 and index 2.
<pre>cost-replace = 3 cost-insert = 3 cost-delete = 3 s1 = equal s2 = equal</pre>	Minimum edit distance: 0	
<pre>cost-replace = 1 cost-insert = 1 cost-delete = 1 s1 = equal s2 = different</pre>	Minimum edit distance: 8 INSERT(0,d) INSERT(1,i) INSERT(2,f) INSERT(3,f) REPLACE(1,r) REPLACE(2,e) REPLACE(3,n) REPLACE(4,t)	

# 3. \* Symbol Multiplication

We have an alphabet of k symbols (a finite number) and a multiplication table showing the result of multiplying each two symbols of the alphabet. E.g., the alphabet is {a, b, c} and the multiplication table is:

	a	<b>b</b>	c
a	b	b	а
<b>b</b>	c	b	а
c	а	С	С

This shows that a\*a = b, a\*b = b, b\*a = c, etc. As shown in the example, multiplication is **not commutative or associative** – a\*b != b\*a, therefore, the order of multiplication is essential.

We have a string **S** comprised of characters from the alphabet. The task is to find whether we can obtain the symbol 'a' by inserting brackets in the string – all symbols in brackets are multiplied. If so, print the string with the brackets inserted. Print "No solution" otherwise. Assume 'a' will always be in the alphabet.

## **Examples**

Input	Output	Comments
<pre>Alphabet = {a,b,c} Table =   bba   cba   aac S = abc</pre>	((a*b)*c)	((a*b)*c) = (b*c) = a
<pre>Alphabet = {a,b,c} Table =   bba   cba   aac S = bacacbcabbbcacab</pre>	(((b*a)*(c*a))*(((c*(b*c))*a)*((b*((b*b)*(c*a)))*(c*(a*b)))))	
Alphabet = {a,b}	No solution	No combination of



















Table = two symbols produces 'a' after bb bb multiplication. S = abbbaaba















