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# Week 11 : Assignment 11

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Due date: 2025-04-09, 23:59 IST.

## Common Statement for Question 1 & 2

Your final End term exams are going to be over and you are catching up on Netflix. You have a schedule of interesting live shows during the next day. You hate to start or stop watching a show midway, so your aim is to watch as many complete shows as possible during the day.

Suppose there are  $n$  such shows  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$  available during the coming day. The shows are ordered by starting time, so for each  $i \in 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $M_i$  starts before  $M_{i+1}$ . However, show  $M_i$  may not end before  $M_{i+1}$  starts, so for each  $i \in 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $Next[i]$  is the smallest  $j > i$  such that  $M_j$  starts after  $M_i$  finishes if exist, otherwise  $-1$ .

Given the sequence  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$  and the values  $Next[i]$  for each  $i \in 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , your aim is to compute the maximum number of complete shows that can be watched.

1) Let  $Watch[i]$  denote the maximum number of complete shows that can be watched among  $M_i, M_{i+1}, \dots, M_n$ . Which of the following is a correct formulation of  $Watch[i]$  for  $i \in n-1, n-2, \dots, 2, 1$ ? Consider initially  $Watch[n] = 1$ . 1 point



$$Watch[i] = \begin{cases} Watch[i+1], & \text{if } Next[i] = -1 \\ \max(Watch[Next[i]], Watch[i+1]), & \text{if } Next[i] \neq -1 \end{cases}$$



$$Watch[i] = \begin{cases} Watch[i+1], & \text{if } Next[i] = -1 \\ \max(Watch[Next[i]], 1 + Watch[i+1]), & \text{if } Next[i] \neq -1 \end{cases}$$



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2) How much time given dynamic programming approach will take to compute the answer? Assume you have direct access to the \$Next\$ list as well and you don't have to worry about computing it on your own. **1 point**

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$O(n^2)$

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$O(n^3)$

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$O(n \log n)$

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$O(n)$

#### Common Statement for Question 3 and 4

**Longest strictly decreasing subsequence (continuous)** refers to a specific subset of elements within a larger sequence that meet the following criteria:

1. **Strictly Decreasing:** Each element in the subsequence must be strictly **larger** than the element that follows it. There can't be any equal values.
2. **Continuous:** The elements in the subsequence must appear consecutively in the original sequence without any gaps. They must be neighbors in the original order.
3. **Longest:** The subsequence should have the maximum possible length among all such decreasing subsequences within the original sequence.

3) Consider the input array  $A = [4, 3, 2, 6, 8, 7, 7, 5, 4, 2, 1]$   
What is the length of the longest strictly decreasing subsequence(continuous) of numbers in array  $A$ ?

**1 point**

4) Consider the following algorithm to find the length of the longest strictly decreasing subsequence(continuous) of numbers in array  $A_{0...n-1}$ : **1 point**

1.  $n = \text{length}(A)$
2. Initialize list  $L_{0...n-1} = 0$
3.  $L_0 = 1$
4. For all  $i$ , start from index 1 to  $n - 1$ :
5. **Inductive structure**
6. return  $\max(L)$

Note:-  $L_j$  is the length of the longest strictly decreasing sequences ending at  $A_j$ , where  $0 \leq j \leq n - 1$ .

Which of the following is the correct **inductive structure** to fill at step 5 to return the correct result?

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$$L_i = \begin{cases} 1 + L_{i+1}, & \text{if } A_i > A_{i+1} \\ 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$L_i = \begin{cases} 1 + L_{i-1}, & \text{if } A_i > A_{i-1} \\ 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$L_i = \begin{cases} 1 + L_{i-1}, & \text{if } A_i \geq A_{i-1} \\ 1, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

#### Common Statement for Question 5 and 6

Consider the following function `do_something(A,B)` , where  $A$  and  $B$  are two strings of length  $m$  and  $n$  respectively.

```
1 def do_something(A, B):
2     m = len(A)
3     n = len(B)
4     T = [[0] * (n + 2) for i in range(m + 2)]
5     for i in range(m + 1):
6         for j in range(n + 1):
7             if i == 0:
8                 T[i][j] = j
9             elif j == 0:
10                T[i][j] = i
11            elif (A[i - 1] == B[j - 1]):
12                T[i][j] = 1 + T[i - 1][j - 1]
13            else:
14                T[i][j] = 1 + min(T[i - 1][j], T[i][j - 1])
15    return T[m][n]
```

5) What does function `do_something(A, B)` return?

1 point

- ☐ Length of the shortest possible string  $s$  , where  $A$  and  $B$  are subsequence of  $s$  .
- ☐ Length of the longest common subsequence of  $A$  and  $B$
- ☐ Length of the longest continuous common sequence of  $A$  and  $B$
- ☐ Edit distance between  $A$  and  $B$

6) What is the time complexity of function `do_something(L, k)` ?

1 point

- ☐  $O(m + n)$
- ☐  $O(m \log n)$
- ☐  $O(mn)$
- ☐  $O(n \log m)$

7) Let you have a single positive integer  $x$ , which is initially equal to 1. You are given a positive integer  $n$  where  $n > x$ .

In each step, you can either increment  $x$  by 1 or double  $x$ . Your goal is to produce a target value  $n$  in minimum number of steps. For example, you can produce the integer  $n = 10$  in four steps as follows:

$$1(+1) \rightarrow 2(*2) \rightarrow 4(+1) \rightarrow 5(*2) \rightarrow 10$$

What is the minimum number of steps required if  $n = 1025$  ?

**1 point**

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