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# **Longest Common Subsequence**

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# Common Subsequence

- ▶ A subsequence of a string is the string with zero or more chars left out.
- ▶ A common subsequence of two strings:
  - A subsequence of both strings
  - Example :

$x = \{A\ B\ C\ B\ D\ A\ B\}$

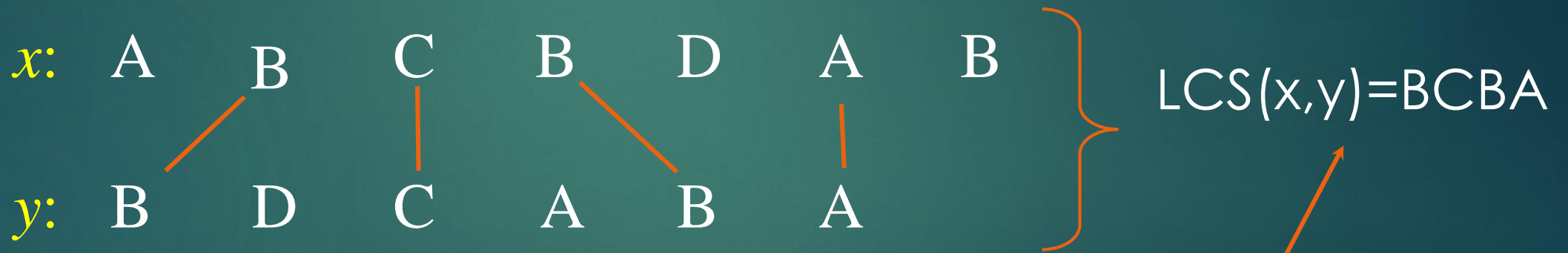
$y = \{B\ D\ C\ A\ B\ A\}$

Here,

$\{B\ C\}$  and  $\{A\ A\}$  are both common subsequences of  $x$  and  $y$ .

# Longest Common Subsequence

- ❖ Given two sequences  $x[1 \dots m]$  and  $y[1 \dots n]$ , find a longest subsequence common to them both.



functional notation,  
but not a function

# Brute-force LCS algorithm

- ❖ Check every subsequence of  $x[1 \dots m]$  to see if it is also a subsequence of  $y[1 \dots n]$ .

## Analysis

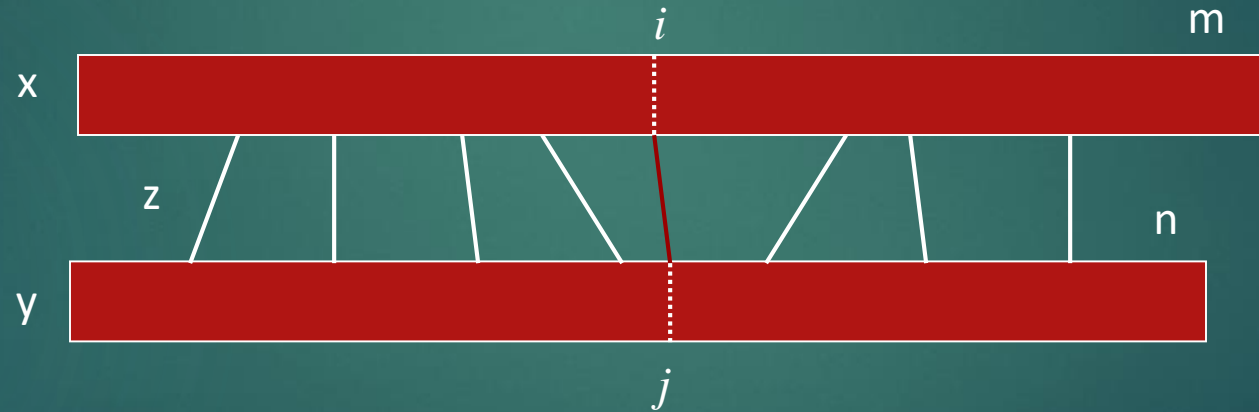
- $2^m$  subsequences of  $x$  (each bit-vector of length  $m$  determines a distinct subsequence of  $x$ ).
- Hence, the runtime would be exponential !

## Towards a better algorithm: a DP strategy

- Key: optimal substructure and overlapping sub-problems
- First we'll find the length of LCS. Later we'll modify the algorithm to find LCS itself.

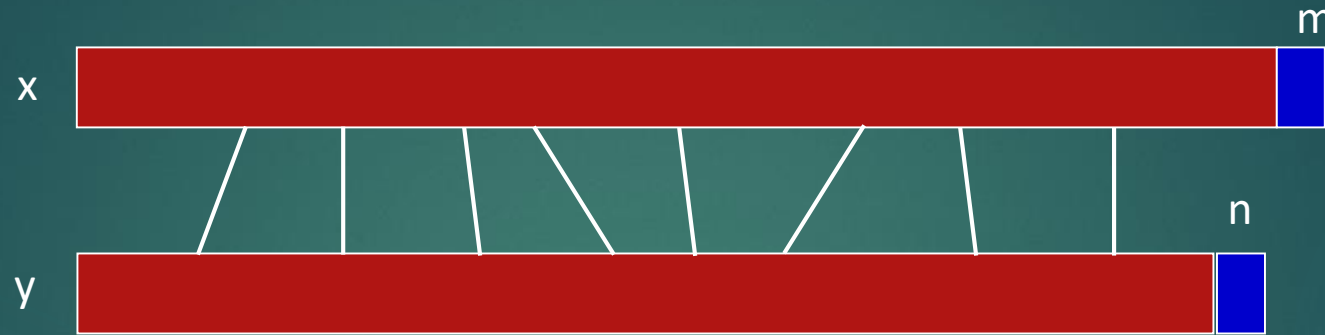
# Optimal Substructure

- Notice that the LCS problem has *optimal substructure*: parts of the final solution are solutions of subproblems.
  - If  $z = \text{LCS}(x, y)$ , then any prefix of  $z$  is an LCS of a prefix of  $x$  and a prefix of  $y$ .



- Subproblems: “find LCS of pairs of *prefixes* of  $x$  and  $y$ ”

# Recursive Thinking



- ▶ Case 1:  $x[m]=y[n]$ . There is **an** optimal LCS that matches  $x[m]$  with  $y[n]$ .
  - Find out LCS ( $x[1..m-1]$ ,  $y[1..n-1]$ )
- ▶ Case 2:  $x[m] \neq y[n]$ . At most one of them is in LCS.
  - Case 2.1:  $x[m]$  not in LCS → Find out LCS ( $x[1..m-1]$ ,  $y[1..n]$ )
  - Case 2.2:  $y[n]$  not in LCS → Find out LCS ( $x[1..m]$ ,  $y[1..n-1]$ )

# Recursive Thinking



► Case 1:  $x[m] = y[n]$

- $LCS(x, y) = LCS(x[1..m-1], y[1..n-1]) \parallel x[m]$

Reduce both sequences by 1 char

concatenate

► Case 2:  $x[m] \neq y[n]$

- $LCS(x, y) = LCS(x[1..m-1], y[1..n])$  or
- $LCS(x[1..m], y[1..n-1])$ , whichever is longer

Reduce either sequence by 1 char



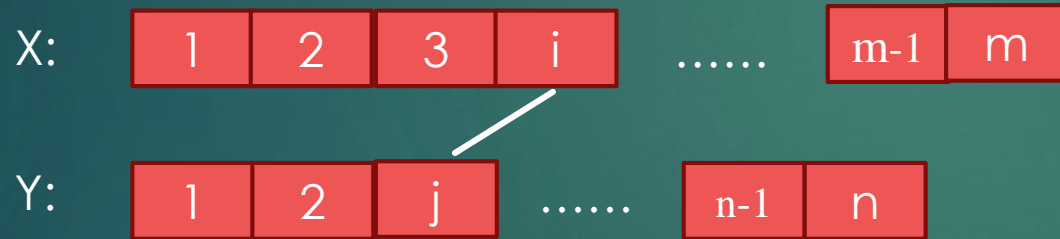
# Finding Length of LCS



- ▶ Let  $c[i, j]$  be the length of  $\text{LCS}(x[1..i], y[1..j])$   
 $\Rightarrow c[m, n]$  is the length of  $\text{LCS}(x, y)$
- ▶ If  $x[m] = y[n]$   
$$c[m, n] = c[m-1, n-1] + 1$$
- ▶ If  $x[m] \neq y[n]$   
$$c[m, n] = \max \{ c[m-1, n], c[m, n-1] \}$$

# Generalize: Recursive Formulation

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



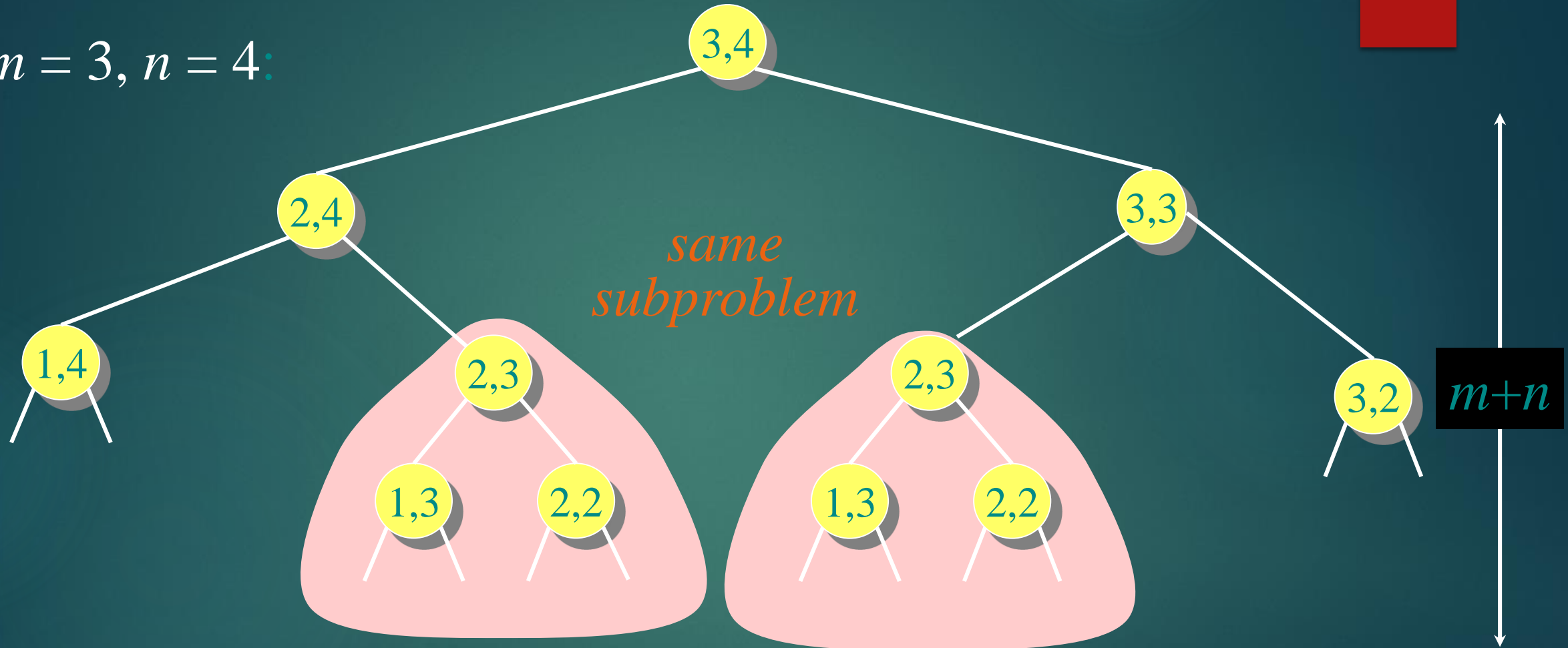
# Recursive algorithm for LCS

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LCS ( $x, y, i, j$ )  
  if  $x[i] = y[j]$   
    then  $c[i, j] \leftarrow \text{LCS}(x, y, i-1, j-1) + 1$   
    else  $c[i, j] \leftarrow \max \{ \text{LCS}(x, y, i-1, j), \text{LCS}(x, y, i, j-1) \}$ 
```

**Worst-Case:**  $x[i] \neq y[j]$ , in which case the algorithm evaluates two subproblems, each with only one parameter decremented.

# Recursion Tree

$m = 3, n = 4$ :

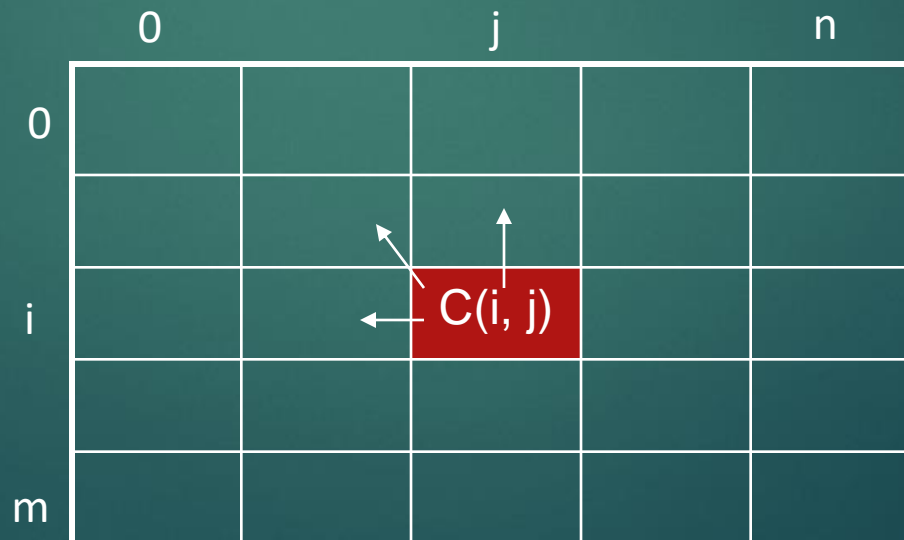


Height =  $m + n \Rightarrow$  work potentially exponential.  
but we're solving subproblems already solved!

# DP Algorithm

- ▶ Key: find out the correct order to solve the sub-problems
- ▶ Total number of sub-problems:  $m * n$

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



# DP Algorithm

```
LCS-Length(X, Y){
    m = length(X)           // get the # of symbols in X
    n = length(Y)           // get the # of symbols in Y
    for i = 1 to m  c[i,0] = 0 // special case: Y[0]
    for j = 1 to n  c[0,j] = 0 // special case: X[0]
    for i = 1 to m {         // for all X[i]
        for j = 1 to n {     // for all Y[j]
            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] )
        }
    }
    return c
}
```

# LCS Example

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

$X = \text{ABCB}$

$Y = \text{BDCAB}$

What is the LCS of X and Y?




$\text{LCS}(X, Y) = \text{BCB}$

$X = \text{A} \textcolor{red}{\text{B}} \textcolor{red}{\text{C}} \textcolor{red}{\text{B}}$

$Y = \textcolor{red}{\text{B}} \text{D} \textcolor{red}{\text{C}} \text{A} \textcolor{red}{\text{B}}$

# Computing the Length of the LCS

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

		0	1	2	3		n
		Y[j]	1	2	3		Y <sub>n</sub>
0	X[i]	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	0					
2	2	0					
3	3	0			.		
		0			.		
m	X <sub>m</sub>	0					



# LCS Example (0)

**X**=ABCB  
**Y**=BDCAB

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Y[j]	<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
i	X[i]							
0	<b>A</b>							
1	<b>B</b>							
2	<b>C</b>							
3	<b>B</b>							

$X = \text{ABCB}; \quad m = |X| = 4$

$Y = \text{BDCAB}; \quad n = |Y| = 5$

Allocate array  $c[5][6]$

# LCS Example (1)

**X**=ABCB

**Y**=BDCAB

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
i	X[i]	0	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)

**X**=**A**BCB

**Y**=**B**DCAB

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	3	4	5
				<b>B</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>
0	X[i]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>A</b>	0	0					
	<b>B</b>	0						
	<b>C</b>	0						
	<b>B</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 (3)

**X**=**A**BCB

**Y**=**B**DCAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]	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)

**X**=**A**BCB

**Y**=BDC**A**B

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	3	4	5
				B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	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)

X=ABCB

Y=BD CAB

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	3	4	5
				B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]		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)

X=ABCB

Y=BDCAB

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	3	4	5
				B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]		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)

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

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

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	3	4	5
			B	D	C	A	B	
0	X[i]		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	0	0	0	1	1
2	<b>B</b>		0	1	1	1	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 (8)

X=A<sup>B</sup>CB

Y=B<sup>D</sup>CAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]	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 (9)

$X = \text{A B C B}$   
 $Y = \text{B D C A B}$

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	3	4	5
			0	B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]		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			
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)

X=ABC<sup>B</sup>

Y=BD<sup>C</sup>AB

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	<sup>3</sup> C	4	5
			0	B	D		A	B
0	X[i]		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	0	0	0	1	1
2	B		0	1	1	1	1	2
<sup>3</sup>	<sup>C</sup>		0	1	1	<sup>2</sup>		
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 (11)

$X = \text{ABC}\text{B}$

$Y = \text{BDC}\text{AB}$

i	j	Y[j]	0	1	2	3	4	5
				B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]		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					

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)

$X = \text{A B C B}$

$Y = \text{B D C A B}$

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]	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 (13)

**X=**ABC**B**

**Y=**BDCAB

		j					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
		Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
i	X[i]						
0		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 (14)

$X = \text{A B C B}$

$Y = \text{B D C A B}$

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
		Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
0	X[i]	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

- ▶ The algorithm just found the *length* of LCS, but not LCS itself.
- ▶ How to find the actual LCS?
- ▶ For each  $c[i,j]$  we know how it was acquired:

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

- ▶ A match happens only when the first equation is taken
- ▶ So we can start from  $c[m,n]$  and go backwards, remember  $x[i]$  whenever  $c[i,j] = c[i-1, j-1] + 1$ .

2	2
2	3

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

# Finding LCS

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5
			Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
i	X[i]							
0			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

Time for trace back:  $O(m+n)$ .

# Finding LCS (2)

		j					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
		Y[j]	B	D	C	A	B
i	X[i]						
0		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

LCS (reversed order): B C B

LCS (straight order): B C B

(this string turned out to be a palindrome)

# Dynamic Programming Solution

```
1 LCS-Length(X, Y)
2   m = X.length()
3   n = Y.length()
4   for i = 1 to m do  $\rightarrow c[i,0] = 0$ 
5   for j = 0 to n do  $\rightarrow c[0,j] = 0$                                 O(nm)
6   for i = 1 to m do          // row
7       for j = 1 to n do      // column
8           if  $x_i = y_j$  then
9                $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$ 
10               $b[i,j] = "$  "
11          else if  $c[i-1, j] \geq c[i,j-1]$  then
12               $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j]$ 
13               $b[i,j] = ">"$ 
14          else
15               $c[i,j] = c[i,j-1]$ 
16               $b[i,j] = "<"$ 
```



Thank You