

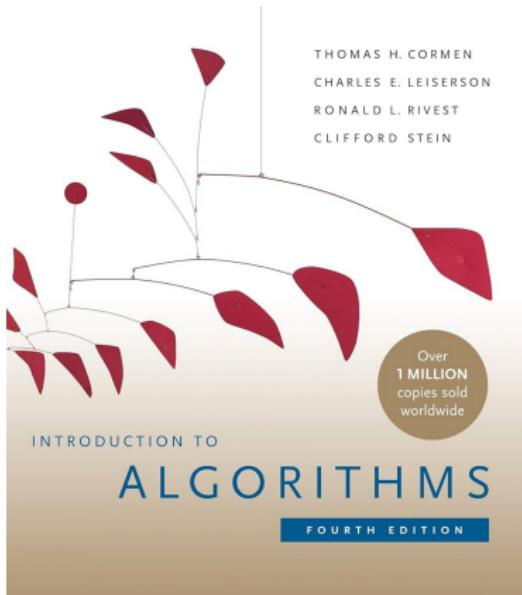
Introduction to Algorithms

Lecture 5: Dynamic Programming (DP)

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Dynamic Programming* (DP)

- ▶ Invented by Richard Bellman in 1950s.
- ▶ Design technique, like Divide & Conquer.
- ▶ Applies when the subproblems overlap –that is, when subproblems share subsubproblems.
- ▶ It solves each subsubproblem just once and then saves its answer in a table.
- ▶ DP typically applies to optimization problems:
 - ▶ have many possible solutions.
 - ▶ find a solution with the optimal (min or max) value.
 - ▶ *an* optimal solution, not *the* optimal solution.

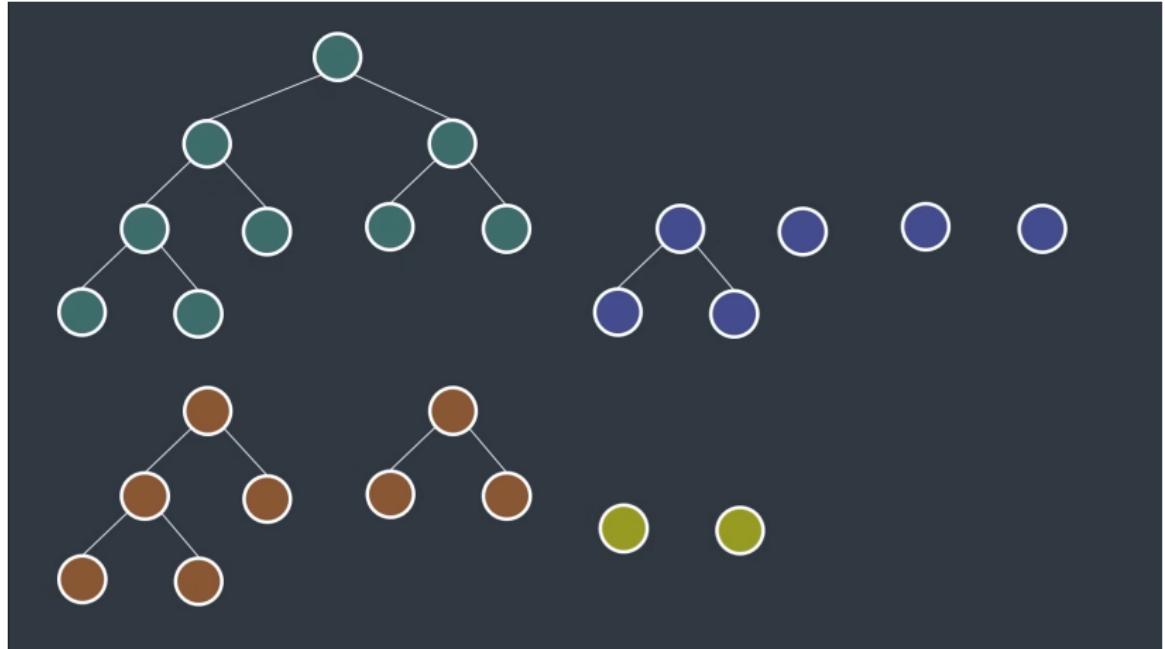
**Programming* in this context refers to a tabular method, not to writing computer code.

DP notions

1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution.
2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution based on optimal solutions of subproblems.
3. Compute the value of an optimal solution in bottom-up fashion (recursion & memoization).
4. Construct an optimal solution from the computed information.

DP = Recursion + Memoization

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N-th Fibonacci Number[†]

Write a function that returns the n-th Fibonacci number.

$$F_1 = F_2 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$$

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
F_n	1	1	2	3	5	8	13

[†]Mastering Dynamic Programming - How to solve any interview problem (Part 1). Tech With Nikola Channel, 2024. YouTube, available at <https://youtu.be/Hdr64lKQ3e4?si=yCTe-hoyfaICRWXt>

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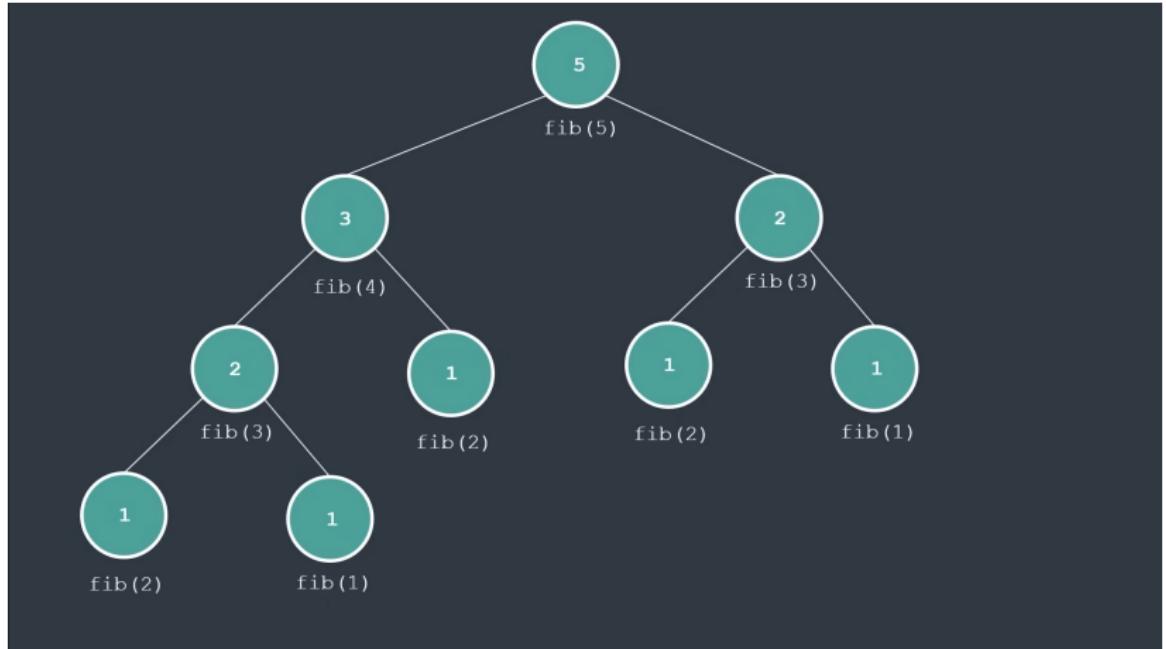
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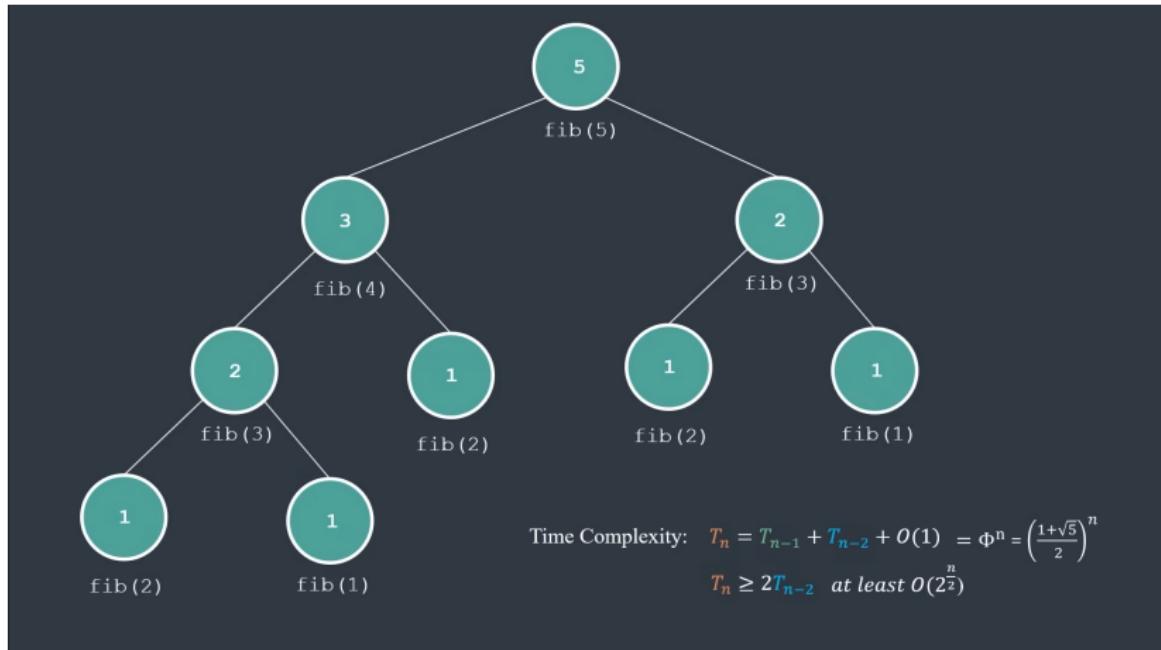
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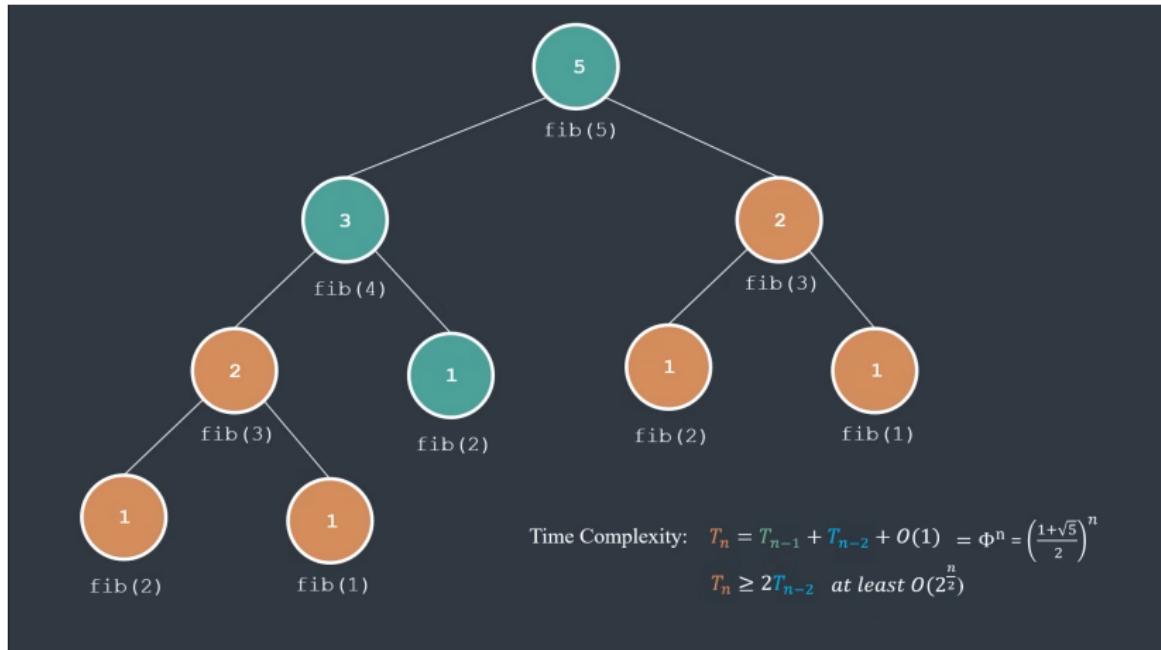
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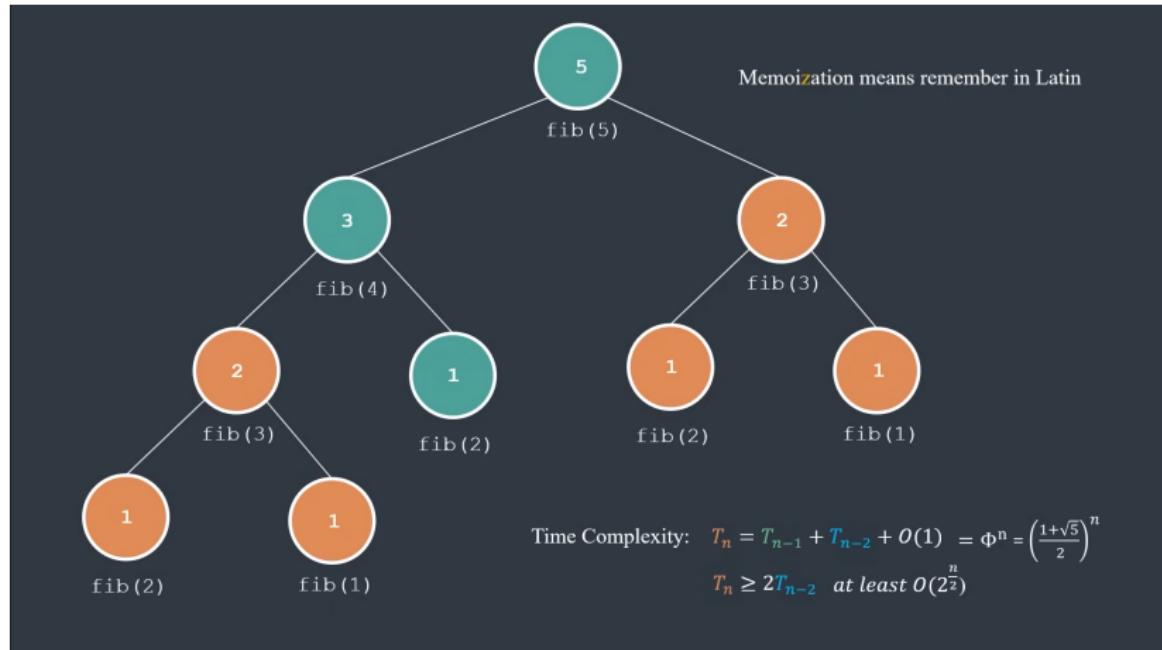
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Time Complexity: $O(n)$.

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Bottom-up Approach

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8              memo[i] = result
9  return memo[n]
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Topological sort order



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Definition:

A palindrome is a string that is unchanged when reversed.

- ▶ Examples: **radar, civic, t, bb, redder.**
- ▶ Given: A string $X[1 \dots n]$, $n \geq 1$.
- ▶ To find: Longest palindrome that is a subsequence.
- ▶ Example: Given “c h a r a c t e r”.
- ▶ Output: “c a r a c”.
- ▶ Answer will be ≥ 1 in length.

Strategy

$L(i, j)$: length of longest palindromic subsequence of $X[i \dots j]$ for $i \leq j$.

```
1     def L(i, j):
2         if i == j:
3             return 1
4         if X[i] == X[j]:
5             if i + 1 == j:
6                 return 2
7             else:
8                 return 2 + L(i + 1, j - 1)
9         else:
10            return max( L(i + 1, j), L(i, j - 1) )
```

Analysis

As written, program can run in exponential time: suppose all symbols $X[i]$ are distinct.

$T(n)$ = running time on input of length n

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 2T(n - 1) & n > 1 \end{cases}$$
$$= 2^{n-1}$$

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- ▶ Cache is missing!
- ▶ There is a single line of code that will fix it...

Understanding the Subproblems

The problem typically involves checking whether a substring of a given string is a palindrome. If the input string has a length of n , then the natural way to define subproblems is:

- ▶ Consider all possible substrings $s[i : j]$ of the string.
- ▶ For each substring, determine whether it is a palindrome.

Counting the Subproblems

A substring is defined by two indices, i (starting index) and j (ending index), where $0 \leq i \leq j < n$. This means:

- ▶ i can take values from 0 to $n - 1$.
- ▶ For each i , j can take values from i to $n - 1$.

Total Number of Subproblems

The total number of such (i, j) pairs (i.e., total subproblems) is given by the summation:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (n - i) = n + (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \cdots + 1$$

Using the formula for the sum of the first n natural numbers:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n + 1)}{2}$$

Thus, the number of subproblems is:

$$n^2$$

Formula for Computing the Complexity of a DP

of subproblems \times time to solve each subproblem

Given that smaller ones are already solved[‡].

So,

- ▶ Given n^2 distinct subproblems...
- ▶ By solving each subproblem only once...
- ▶ Running time reduces to:

$$\Theta(n^2) \cdot \Theta(1) = \Theta(n^2)$$

[‡]lookup is $\Theta(1)$

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Look at $L[i, j]$ and don't recurse if $L[i, j]$ is already computed.

Memoizing Vs. Iterating

1. Memoizing uses a dictionary for $L(i, j)$ where value of L is looked up by using i, j as a key. Could just use a 2-D array here where null entries signify that the problem has not yet been solved.
2. Can solve subproblems in order of increasing $j - i$ so smaller ones are solved first.

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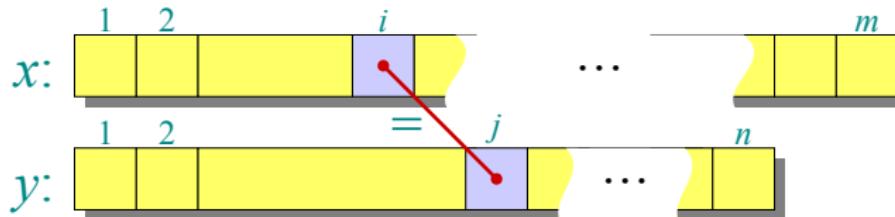
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- ▶ **Strategy:** Consider **prefixes** of x and y :
 - ▶ Define $c[i, j] = |LCS(x[1 \dots i], y[1 \dots j])|$.
 - ▶ Then, $c[m, n] = |LCS(x, y)|$.

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Theorem

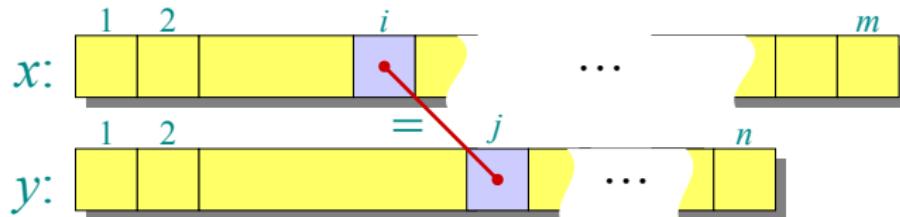
$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0, \\ c[i - 1, j - 1] & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max\{c[i, j - 1], c[i - 1, j]\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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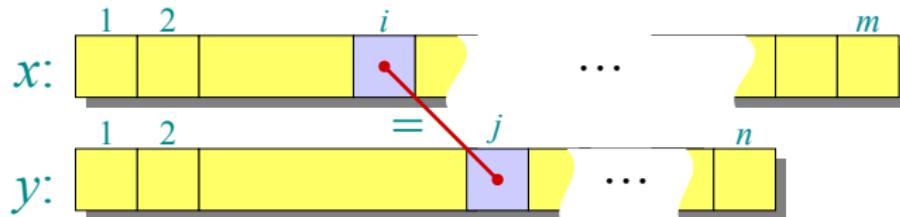
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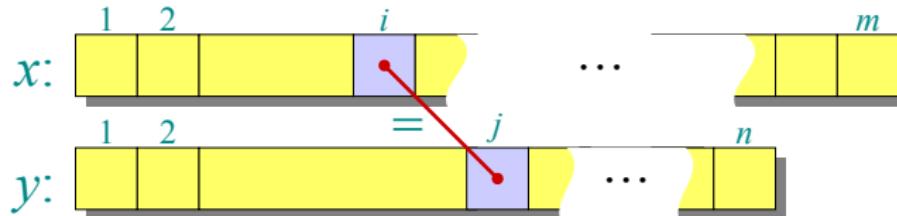
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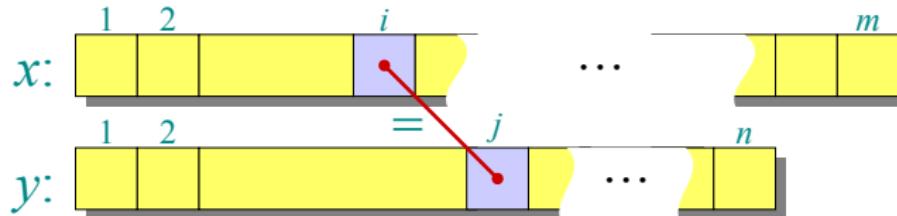
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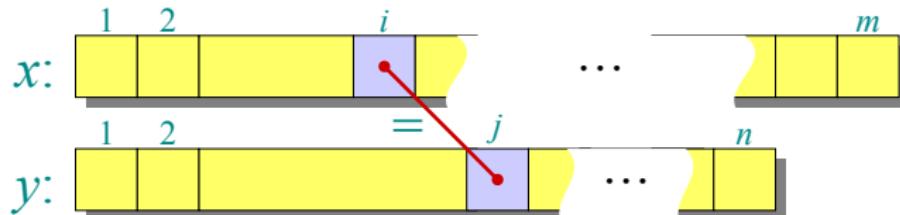
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- ▶ Thus, $z[1 \dots k-1]$ is CS of $x[1 \dots i-1]$ and $y[1 \dots j-1]$.

Step-by-Step Example of LCS Algorithm

We will use the dynamic programming (DP) approach to compute the LCS for the following strings:

X = “ACDBE”

Y = “ABCDE”

Step 1: Create a DP Table

- ▶ We construct a $(m + 1) \times (n + 1)$ table, where m and n are the lengths of X and Y , respectively. The table will store the LCS length at each step.
- ▶ **Initial Table (before computation):** We initialize the first row and first column with 0s (LCS of empty strings is 0).

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	\emptyset	A	B	C	D	E
\emptyset	0	0	0	0	0	0
A	0					
C	0					
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Step 2: Fill the DP Table Using Recurrence

We iterate over each character of X and Y and apply the recurrence:

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

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- ▶ Compare ‘A’ ($X[1]$) with each character in Y .
- ▶ ‘A’ matches ‘A’ $\rightarrow L[1, 1] = L[0, 0] + 1 = 1$.
- ▶ Other cells get the max of left or top.

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- ▶ Compare ‘C’ ($X[2]$) with each character in Y .
- ▶ ‘C’ matches ‘C’ $\rightarrow L[2, 3] = L[1, 2] + 1 = 2$.
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- ▶ Compare ‘D’ ($X[3]$) with each character in Y .
- ▶ ‘D’ matches ‘D’ $\rightarrow L[3, 4] = L[2, 3] + 1 = 3$.
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- ▶ Compare ‘B’ ($X[4]$) with each character in Y .
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- ▶ Compare ‘E’ ($X[5]$) with each character in Y .
- ▶ ‘E’ matches ‘E’ $\rightarrow L[5, 5] = L[4, 4] + 1 = 4$.
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D	0	1	1	2	3	3
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E	0	1	2	2	3	4

Step 3: Extract the LCS

- ▶ The **LCS** length is in the bottom-right cell, $L[5, 5] = 4$.
- ▶ To trace back the **LCS**, we start from $L[5, 5]$ and follow:
 - ▶ If $X[i] = Y[j]$, include it in the **LCS**.
 - ▶ Otherwise, move to the maximum value from the left or top.

Tracing Back from L[5,5]:

1. E ($X[5] = Y[5]$) → Add ‘E’
2. D ($X[3] = Y[4]$) → Add ‘D’
3. C ($X[2] = Y[3]$) → Add ‘C’
4. A ($X[1] = Y[1]$) → Add ‘A’

Thus, the LCS = “ACDE”.

Longest Common Subsequence – Formal Steps of DP

Step 1: Characterizing a longest common subsequence

- ▶ You can solve the LCS problem with a brute-force approach:
 1. Enumerate all subsequences of X.
 2. Check each subsequence to see whether it is also subsequence of Y.
 3. Keep track of the longest subsequence.
- ▶ Because X has 2^m possible subsequence, time is exponential and, ergo, impractical.

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Step 1: Characterizing a longest common subsequence

- ▶ The LCS problem has an optimal-substructure property.
- ▶ the natural classes of subproblems correspond to pairs of “*prefixes*” of the two input sequences:
 - ▶ Given the sequence $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$:
 - ▶ We can define the *i-th prefix* of X, for $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, as $X_i = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i \rangle$.
 - ▶ For instance, if $X = \langle ABCBDAB \rangle$, then $X_4 = \langle ABCB \rangle$ and X_0 in the empty sequence.

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Proof in CLRS page 395.

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Longest Common Subsequence – Formal Steps of DP

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Theorem 14.1 (Optimal substructure of an LCS)

Let $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ be sequences, and let $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ be any LCS of X and Y .

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- ▶ Theorem 14.1 says that an LCS of two sequences contains within it an LCS of prefixes of the two sequences.
- ▶ Thus, the LCS problem has an optimal-substructure property.
- ▶ A recursive solution also has the overlapping-subproblems property (as we'll see in a moment).

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Step 2: A recursive solution

- ▶ To find an LCS of X and Y , you might need to find the LCSs of X and Y_{n-1} and of X_{m-1} and Y (overlapping property).
- ▶ Each of these subproblems has the subsubproblem of finding an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} .
- ▶ Many other subproblems share subsubproblems.

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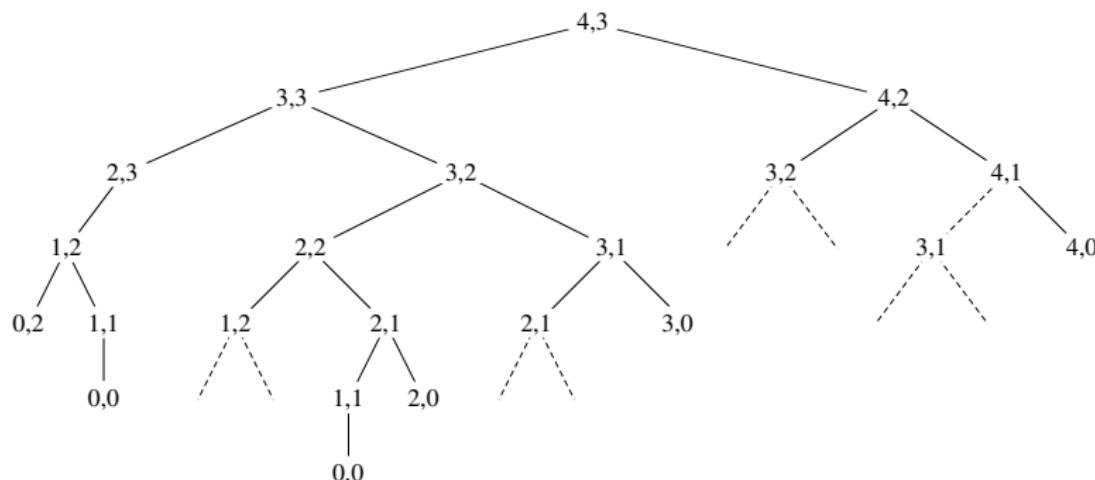
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- ▶ Again, could write a recursive algorithm based on this formulation, but...

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Step 2: A recursive solution

- ▶ Try with $X = \langle a, t, o, m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle a, n, t \rangle$.
- ▶ Numbers in nodes are values of i, j in each recursive call.
- ▶ Dashed lines indicate subproblems already computed.



Lots of repeated subproblems. Instead of recomputing, store in a table.

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Step 3: Computing the length of an LCS

LCS-LENGTH(X, Y, m, n)

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1  let  $b[1 : m, 1 : n]$  and  $c[0 : m, 0 : n]$  be new tables
2  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
3       $c[i, 0] = 0$ 
4  for  $j = 0$  to  $n$ 
5       $c[0, j] = 0$ 
6  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$           // compute table entries in row-major order
7      for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ 
8          if  $x_i == y_j$ 
9               $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1$ 
10              $b[i, j] = "\searrow"$ 
11         elseif  $c[i - 1, j] \geq c[i, j - 1]$ 
12              $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]$ 
13              $b[i, j] = "\uparrow"$ 
14         else  $c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]$ 
15              $b[i, j] = "\leftarrow"$ 
16 return  $c$  and  $b$ 
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PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j$ )
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2      return           // the LCS has length 0
3  if  $b[i, j] == \nwarrow$ 
4      PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i - 1, j - 1$ )
5      print  $x_i$            // same as  $y_j$ 
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Step 3: Computing the length of an LCS

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Step 4: Constructing an LCS

		j	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
i	y_j	B	D	C	A	B	A		
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	0	1	-1	1	
2	B	0	1	-1	-1	1	2	-2	
3	C	0	1	2	-2	2	2	2	
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Figure 14.8 The c and b tables computed by LCS-LENGTH on the sequences $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ and $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$. The square in row i and column j contains the value of $c[i, j]$ and the appropriate arrow for the value of $b[i, j]$. The entry 4 in $c[7, 6]$ —the lower right-hand corner of the table—is the length of an LCS $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$ of X and Y . For $i, j > 0$, entry $c[i, j]$ depends only on whether $x_i = y_j$ and the values in entries $c[i - 1, j]$, $c[i, j - 1]$, and $c[i - 1, j - 1]$, which are computed before $c[i, j]$. To reconstruct the elements of an LCS, follow the $b[i, j]$ arrows from the lower right-hand corner, as shown by the sequence shaded blue. Each “ \nwarrow ” on the shaded-blue sequence corresponds to an entry (highlighted) for which $x_i = y_j$ is a member of an LCS.

Exercise

Determine an LCS of $\langle 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1 \rangle$ and $\langle 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0 \rangle$.

End of Lecture 5.

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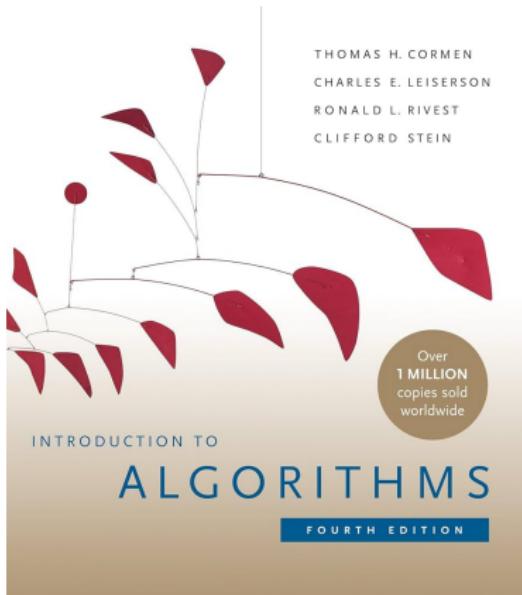
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