

# CS381 Homework 2 Problem 1

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## 1 Exercise 5.1.2

convex-subsequence( $i$ ): Given an array  $A[1, \dots, n]$  as global and parameter  $i \in [n]$ , returns the length of the longest convex subsequence in  $A[1, \dots, i]$ .

1. if  $i \leq 2$ , Return 0
2. Return  $\text{Max}(\{1 + \text{convex-subsequence}(j) : j, k \in [n], 2 \leq j < i - 1, 1 \leq k < j - 1, A[i] - A[j] \geq A[j] - A[k]\} \cup \{\text{convex-subsequence}(i - 1)\})$

To produce the length of the longest convex subsequence in  $A[1, \dots, n]$  call convex-subsequence( $n$ ). The function uses three indexes to track all possible pairs of line segments that share a node. The search space is  $n^3$  for an  $O(n^3)$  runtime.

## 2 Exercise 5.1.4

even( $i$ ): Given  $A[1, \dots, n]$  as a global and  $i \in [n]$ , returns the length of the longest subsequence of  $A[1, \dots, i]$  which has even sum.

1. If  $i$  is 1
  - A. If  $A[i]$  is even, Return 1
  - B. If  $A[i]$  is odd, Return 0
2. If  $A[i]$  is even
  - A. Return  $\text{Max}(\{\text{even}(i - 1)\} \cup \{\text{even}(j) + 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq j < i \text{ where } A[j] < A[i]\})$
3. If  $A[i]$  is odd
  - A. Return  $\text{Max}(\{\text{even}(i - 1)\} \cup \{\text{odd}(j) + 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq j < i \text{ where } A[j] < A[i]\})$

odd( $i$ ): Given  $A[1, \dots, n]$  as a global and  $i \in [n]$ , returns the length of the longest subsequence of  $A[1, \dots, i]$  which has odd sum.

1. If  $i$  is 1
  - A. If  $A[i]$  is even, Return 0
  - B. If  $A[i]$  is odd, Return 1
2. If  $A[i]$  is even
  - A. Return  $\text{Max}(\{\text{odd}(i - 1)\} \cup \{\text{odd}(j) + 1 : 1 \leq j < i, A[j] < A[i]\})$
3. If  $A[i]$  is odd

A. Return  $\text{Max}(\{\text{odd}(i - 1)\} \cup \{\text{even}(j) + 1 : 1 \leq j < i, A[j] < A[i]\})$

To produce the largest subsequence that sums to an odd or even number for an array  $A$  of size  $n$ , simply call  $\text{odd}(n)$  or  $\text{even}(n)$ , respectively. The runtime of the above functions is  $O(n^2)$ , it will go through all combinations of indices representing the last two values in the subsequence, of which there are  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$ . Repeated calls to the above functions are memoized, reducing the work performed to the parameter space of the functions.

### 3 Exercise 5.1.6

$\text{american}(i)$ : Given  $A[1, \dots, n]$  as a global and  $i \in [n]$ , returns the length of the longest subsequence of  $A[1, \dots, i]$  which has alternating colors red, white, blue, ... whose start is any of the colors.

1. If  $i$  is 1, Return 1
2. Return  $\text{Max}(\{\text{american}(i - 1)\} \cup \{\text{american}(j) + 1 : 1 \leq j < i, A[i] \text{ is next color after } A[j]\})$

To produce the largest subsequence of american colors in  $A$  of length  $n$ , simply call  $\text{american}(n)$ . Repeated calls to the function are cached based on the parameter  $i$ . The runtime is  $O(n)$ , there are  $n$  possible total different calls to the function even though the total number of function calls made is quadratic in the worst case.

### 4 Exercise 5.1.7

$\text{palindrome}(i, j)$ : Given  $A[1, \dots, n]$  as a global and  $i, j \in [n]$ , returns the length of the longest subsequence of in  $A$  that is a palindrome.

1. If  $j < i$  Return 0
2. If  $j = i$  Return 1
3. If  $A[j] = A[i]$  Return  $2 + \text{palindrome}(i + 1, j - 1)$
4. Return  $\text{Max}(\text{palindrome}(i + 1, j), \text{palindrome}(i, j - 1))$

To get the length of the longest palindromic subsequence of a string  $A$  of length  $n$ , call  $\text{palindrome}(1, n)$ . The runtime of this algorithm is  $O(n^2)$  when the function is memoized based on parameters  $i$  and  $j$ . There are two recursive calls that sweep right and left, respectively, producing all combinations of  $i$  and  $j$  in  $[n]$  where  $i < j$ . Constant work is performed within each call of the function.