

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

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

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

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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

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

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

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.