

# Efficient Algorithms

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# Lecture 7: Dynamic Programming

# Fibonacci Numbers

***Fibonacci numbers*** can be defined as a recurrence as follows:

$$F_0 = 0$$

$$F_1 = 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

# Fibonacci Numbers: Top-Down Approach

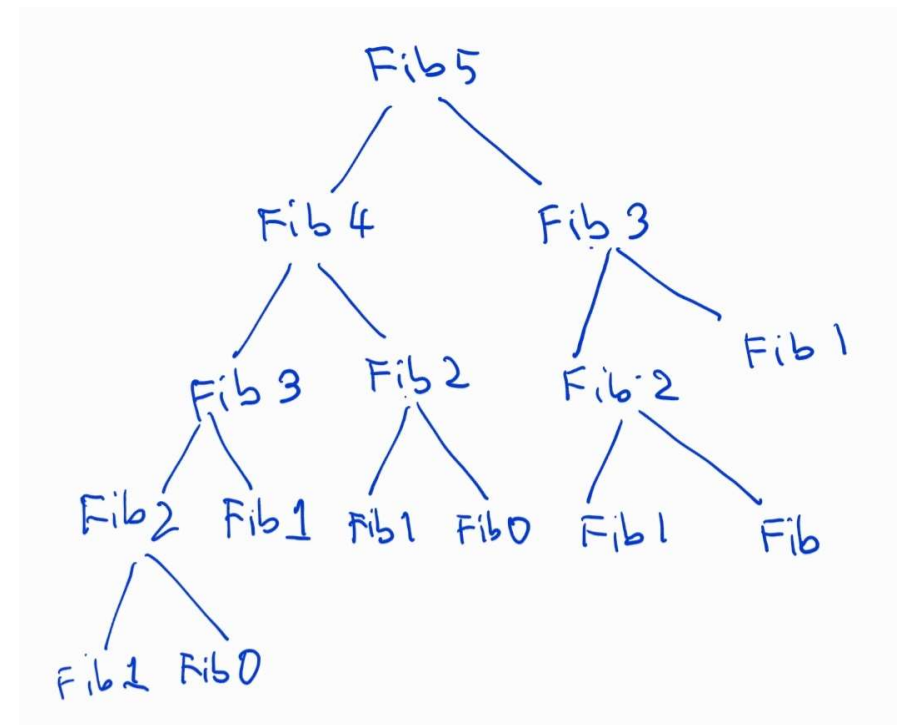
## Top-Down Approach

- implemented via recursion

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```
1: procedure FIB( $n$ )
2:   if  $n \leq 1$  then
3:     return  $n$ 
4:   else
5:     FIB( $n - 1$ ) + FIB( $n - 2$ )
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# Fibonacci Numbers: Top-Down Approach

Let  $N(n)$  be the number of recursive calls  $FIB(n)$  makes.

We can write  $N(n)$  as

$$N(n) = N(n-1) + N(n-2) + 1 \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

$$N(0) = 1 \text{ and } N(1) = 1$$

Solving the recurrence, we have

$$N(n) = 2F(n+1) - 1$$

,where  $F(n) = \frac{\phi^n - (1-\phi)^n}{\sqrt{5}}$ , where  $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.61803$

# Fibonacci Numbers: Top-Down Approach

We can express the running time as

$$T(n) = T(n-1) + T(n-2) + c$$

Because  $T(n)$  is a non-decreasing function,

$$T(n) \geq 2T(n-2) + c$$

Therefore, we have

$$T(n-2) \geq 2T(n-4) + c$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq 2\{2T(n-4) + c\} + c \\ &= 2^2T(n-4) + 2^1c + 2^0c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq 2^2\{2T(n-6) + c\} + 2^1c + 2^0c \\ &= 2^3T(n-6) + 2^2c + 2^1c + 2^0c \end{aligned}$$

Keep Expanding until the  $k^{th}$  term:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq 2^{k-1}\{2T(n-2k) + c\} + 2^{k-2}c + \dots + 2^0c \\ &= 2^kT(n-2k) + 2^{k-1}c + 2^{k-2}c + \dots + 2^0c \end{aligned}$$

# Fibonacci Numbers: Top-Down Approach

Recursion terminates when  $n - 2k = 0$ .

Therefore,  $n = 2k$  or  $k = \frac{n}{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &\geq 2^k T(0) + 2^{k-1}c + \dots + 2^0 c \\ &= 2^k c + 2^{k-1}c + \dots + 2^0 c \\ &= c \frac{1(2^{k+1}-1)}{2-1} = c(2 \cdot 2^{n/2} - 1) = c(2 \cdot \sqrt{2}^n - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$T(n) \in \Omega(\sqrt{2}^n)$$

This proves that the running time of the top-down approach is **at least** exponential in the value of  $n$ . ■

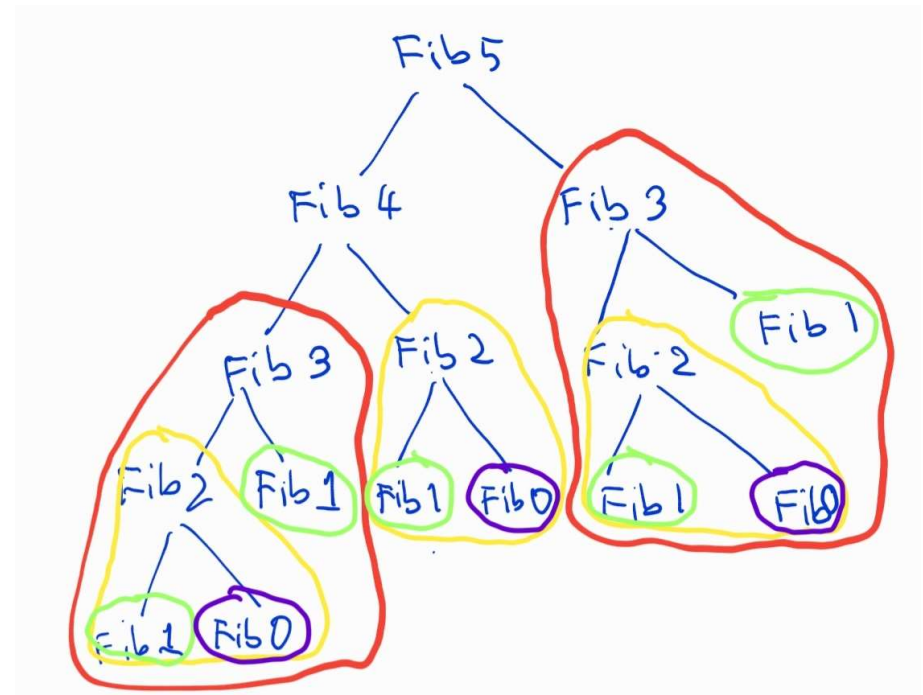
Space complexity is proportional to the depth of the recursion tree, i.e.,  $\Theta(n)$ . ■

# Fibonacci Numbers: Overlapping Subproblems

The recursion tree of  $FIB(n)$  exhibits a property known as **overlapping subproblems**.

As you can see in the recursion tree for  $FIB(5)$ ,

- $FIB(0)$  is called **3** times
- $FIB(1)$  is called **5** times
- $FIB(2)$  is called **3** times
- $FIB(3)$  is called **2** times
- $FIB(4)$  is called **1** time





# Fibonacci Numbers: Memoization

**Memoization** means “**to remember**” by storing values into a **table**.

All the entries of the table  $F$  are initially initialized to 0.

- The number of different subproblems is  $n + 1$ .
- The number of recursive calls (non-memoized) is  $\Theta(n)$ .

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```
1: procedure FIB( $n, F[1..n]$ )
2:   if  $n \leq 1$  then
3:     return  $n$ 
4:   else
5:     if  $F[n] > 0$  then
6:       return  $F[n]$ 
7:      $F[n] = \text{FIB}(n - 1, F) + \text{FIB}(n - 2, F)$ 
8:     return  $F[n]$ 
```

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# Fibonacci Numbers: Memoization

Therefore,  $T(n - 2) = \Theta(1)$  with **memoization**.

The total running time is composed of the time  $T(n - 1)$  for **recursive call**  $FIB(n - 1)$ , the time  $T(n - 2)$  for **memorized call**  $FIB(n - 2)$  and the time  $\Theta(1)$  for **non-recursive work** in each call.

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + \Theta(1) + \Theta(1)$$

, which can be simplified as

$$T(n) = T(n - 1) + \Theta(1)$$

Solving using the repeated substitution method, we have

$$T(n) = \Theta(n)$$

# Fibonacci Numbers: Bottom-Up Approach

## Bottom-Up Approach:

- Implemented via tabulation
- Smaller values -> Larger values
- Space complexity is  $\Theta(n)$
- Time complexity is  $\Theta(n)$

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```
1: procedure FIB( $n$ )
2:    $F = \text{NEW TABLE}[0 \dots n]$ 
3:    $F[0] = 0$ 
4:    $F[1] = 1$ 
5:   for  $i = 2 \rightarrow n$  do
6:      $F[i] = F[i - 1] + F[i - 2]$ 
7:   return  $F[n]$ 
```

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\*\*\*Space complexity can be further optimized. (See PS 5.1.2)

# Top-Down vs Bottom-Up

## **Top-Down Approach:**

- Divides the original problem into smaller subproblems
- Solves the subproblems
- Combines the solutions to subproblems
- Is implemented via recursion
- Minimizes the number of subproblems via memoization

## **Bottom-Up Approach:**

- Solves smaller subproblems first
- Generates solutions to larger subproblems from solutions to smaller ones
- Is implemented using loop iterations
- Solves each subproblem only once

# Dynamic Programming

**Dynamic programming (DP)** is an algorithm **design paradigm** where a problem is solved recursively by dividing into smaller subproblems like divide-and-conquer.

However, DP exploits the following **two properties** of the problem:

- **Overlapping subproblems**
  - Subproblems solving the same problems are repeated many times
  - Solve such repeated subproblems only once and reuse their solutions via
    - Memoization (top-down)
    - Tabulation (bottom-up)
- **Optimal Substructure**
  - An optimal solution to a problem contains optimal solutions to smaller subproblems

DP is usually used to solve **optimization problems** as we will see shortly.

- **Minimization**
- **Maximization**

# Matrix Chain Multiplication

## Recalling matrix multiplication:

1) The product  $C = AB$  of a  $p \times q$  matrix  $A$  and a  $q \times r$  matrix  $B$  is a  $p \times r$  matrix  $C$  computed by

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq p$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ .

2) Matrix multiplication is **associative**, i.e.,  $A(BC) = (AB)C$  so different **parenthesizations** do not alter the value.

# Matrix Chain Multiplication

$$C = A \times B$$

$$[p \times r] \quad [p \times q] \quad [q \times r]$$

To multiply  $A$  and  $B$ ,

$pqr$  multiplications are needed.

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Example

**Example:** Let  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  be matrices of the following dimensions  $10 \times 100$ ,  $100 \times 5$  and  $5 \times 50$ , respectively.

There are **2** different parenthesizations for a matrix chain of length **3**.

Case I:  $A_1(A_2 A_3)$

$A_2 A_3$  requires  $100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25000$  multiplications, whose result is a matrix  $A_{2,3}$  of dimension  $100 \times 50$ .

$A_1 A_{2,3}$  requires  $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50000$  multiplications, whose result is a matrix  $A_{1,3}$  of dimension  $10 \times 50$ .

Therefore, the total number of multiplications is  $25000 + 50000 = 75000$ .

Case II:  $(A_1 A_2) A_3$

$A_1 A_2$  requires  $10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 = 5000$  multiplications, whose result is a matrix  $A_{1,2}$  of dimension  $10 \times 5$ .

$A_{1,2} A_3$  requires  $10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 2500$  multiplications, whose result is a matrix  $A_{1,3}$  of dimension  $10 \times 50$ .

Therefore, the total number of multiplications is  $5000 + 2500 = 7500$ .



# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Brute Force

How many different ways can we parenthesize a matrix chain of length  $n$ ?

Let  $P(n)$  denote the number of ways of parenthesizations of a matrix chain of length  $n$ .

$$\text{Therefore, } P(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \leq 2 \\ \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} P(k) P(n-k), & n \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$P(n) = \Omega\left(\frac{4^n}{n^{1.5}}\right)$ , which is related to the Catalan numbers.

Since the number of ways of placing parentheses is **exponential** in the length of a matrix chain, a brute force approach is impractical.

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Notation

Given a matrix chain  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  of length  $n$ ,

$A_1$  has a dimension of  $p_0 \times p_1$ ,

$A_2$  has a dimension of  $p_1 \times p_2$ ,

...

$A_n$  has a dimension of  $p_{n-1} \times p_n$ .

$A_i \dots A_j$  is a matrix of size  $p_{i-1} \times p_j$ .

Let  $m(i, j)$  be the number of scalar multiplications needed for  $A_i \dots A_j$ .

Our goal is to find  $m(1, n)$ , which is the minimum number of scalar multiplications needed to evaluate the matrix chain  $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$  of length  $n$ .

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Optimal Substructure

Suppose we **split** a matrix chain  $A_i \dots A_j$  at some position  $i \leq k < j$ .

$$A_i \dots A_j = (A_i \dots A_k)(A_{k+1} \dots A_j)$$

$A_i \dots A_k$  evaluates to a  $p_{i-1} \times p_k$  matrix  $A_{i,k}$  whose number of multiplications is  $m(i, k)$ .

$A_{k+1} \dots A_j$  evaluates to a  $p_k \times p_j$  matrix  $A_{(k+1),j}$  whose number of multiplications is  $m(k + 1, j)$ .

Multiplying  $A_{i,k}$  and  $A_{(k+1),j}$  requires  $p_{i-1}p_kp_j$  multiplications.

Therefore, the total number of multiplications  $m(i, j)$  is  $m(i, k) + m(k + 1, j) + p_{i-1}p_kp_j$ .

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Optimal Substructure

If an optimal solution to  $A_i \dots A_j$  involves splitting into  $A_i \dots A_k$  and  $A_{k+1} \dots A_j$  at  $k$  at the final step, solutions to parenthesizations of  $A_i \dots A_k$  and  $A_{k+1} \dots A_j$  must also be optimal.

**Proof:** We will use a **Cut-and-Paste** argument.

It is given that  $m(i, j)$  is an optimal solution to  $A_i \dots A_j$ .

Suppose the solution  $m(i, k)$  to the prefix subchain  $A_i \dots A_k$  is **not optimal**. We can then replace this solution to  $A_i \dots A_k$  with a **better solution**  $m'(i, k) < m(i, k)$  to obtain a **better solution**  $m'(i, j)$  to  $A_i \dots A_j$ :

$$m'(i, j) = m'(i, k) + m(k + 1, j) + p_{i-1}p_kp_j < m(i, j)$$

,which contradicts the optimality of the solution  $m(i, j)$  to  $A_i \dots A_j$ .

An identical cut-and-paste argument can be used to show optimality of the suffix subchain  $A_{k+1} \dots A_j$ . ■

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Optimal Substructure

Having proved ***optimal substructure*** of the Matrix Chain Multiplication problem,

the next question is “***where*** do we split ?, i.e., what is the position  $k$  ?”.

**Answer:** Try them all !!!

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Recursive Formulation

**Recursive Formulation:** Let  $M(i, j)$  be the minimum number of multiplications for a matrix chain  $A_i \dots A_j$ .

$$M(i, j) = \begin{cases} 1, & i = j \\ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{M(i, k) + M(k + 1, j)\} + p_{i-1}p_kp_j & i < j \end{cases}$$

We do not know  $k$  so we try all the  $j - i$  possible values and find  $k$  that provides the **best (smallest)** solution.

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Top-Down

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```
1: procedure MCM( $i, j, p[0 \dots n]$ )
2:   if  $i == j$  then
3:     return 0
4:    $minMCM = \infty$ 
5:   for  $k = i \rightarrow j - 1$  do
6:      $minMCM = \min(minMCM,$ 
7:        $MCM(i, k, p) + MCM(k + 1, j, p) + p[i] * p[k] * p[j])$ 
8:   return  $minMCM$ 
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We can write the running time as the following recurrent

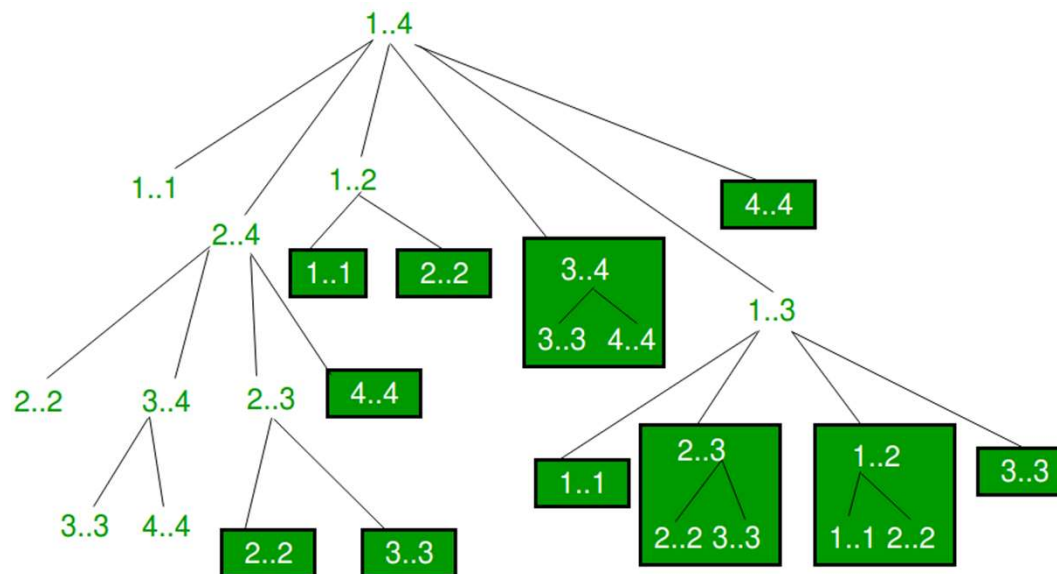
$$\begin{aligned} T(1) &= c && \text{if } j - i + 1 = 1 \\ T(j - i + 1) &= \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} (T(k - i + 1) + T(j - k)) + c && \text{if } j - i + 1 \geq 2 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $n = j - i + 1$ .

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=i}^{n-1} (T(i) + T(n - i)) + c \quad \text{if } n \geq 2$$

The running time is exponential in the chain length  $n = j - i + 1$ .

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Overlapping Subproblems



\*\*\*Illustration from <https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/>



## Matrix Chain Multiplication: Overlapping Subproblems

Additionally, the number of *distinct* subproblems is relatively *small* (i.e. *polynomial* in problem size).

The number of distinct subproblems is

$\Theta(n^2)$ , which is polynomial in the problem size  $n$ .

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Memoization

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```
1: procedure MCM( $i, j, p[0 \dots n], M[1 \dots n][1 \dots n]$ )
2:   if  $i == j$  then
3:     return 0
4:   if  $M[i][j] > 0$  then
5:     return  $M[i][j]$ 
6:    $M[i][j] = \infty$ 
7:   for  $k = i \rightarrow j - 1$  do
8:      $M[i][j] = \min(M[i][j],$ 
9:        $MCM(i, k, p, M) + MCM(k + 1, j, p, M) + p[i] * p[k] * p[j])$ 
10:  return  $M[i][j]$ 
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This **top-down memoized** algorithm remains similar to the **top-down non-memoized** algorithm, except that this memorized algorithm stores newly computed values into the table  $M$  as shown in lines 8 and 9 and reuses these values as shown in lines 4 and 5.

# Matrix Chain Multiplication: Bottom-Up

## Analysis (Rough Version):

There are  $\Theta(n^2)$  distinct subproblems (generated by the two outer for loops).

In each subproblem, there are  $\Theta(n)$  ways of choosing where to split the matrix chain (the innermost for loop in line 10).

Therefore, the total running time is  $\Theta(n^3)$ .

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```
1: procedure MCM( $p[0..n]$ )
2:    $M = \text{NEW TABLE}[0..n][0..n]$ 
3:    $P = \text{NEW TABLE}[1..n-1][2..n]$ 
4:   for  $i = 1 \rightarrow n$  do
5:      $M[i][i] = 0$ 
6:   for  $l = 2 \rightarrow n$  do
7:     for  $i = 1 \rightarrow n - l + 1$  do
8:        $j = i + l - 1$ 
9:        $M[i][j] = \infty$ 
10:      for  $k = i \rightarrow j - 1$  do
11:         $q = M[i][k] + M[k+1][j] + p[i] * p[k] * p[j]$ 
12:        if  $q < M[i][j]$  then
13:           $M[i][j] = q$ 
14:           $S[i][j] = k$ 
15:  return ( $M, S$ )
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## Matrix Chain Multiplication: Solution Reconstruction

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```
1: procedure PRINTOPTIMALPAREN( $i, j, S$ )
2:   if  $i == j$  then
3:     PRINT  $A_i$ 
4:   else
5:     PRINT (
6:       PRINTOPTIMALPAREN( $i, S[i][j], S$ )
7:       PRINTOPTIMALPAREN( $S[i][j] + 1, j, S$ )
8:     PRINT )
```

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# Longest Common Subsequence

**Definition:** The **Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)** problem is as follows. Given two strings  $X$  of length  $m$  and  $Y$  of length  $n$ , our goal is to determine the longest common subsequence, that is, the longest sequence of characters that do not necessarily appear contiguously in the two strings.

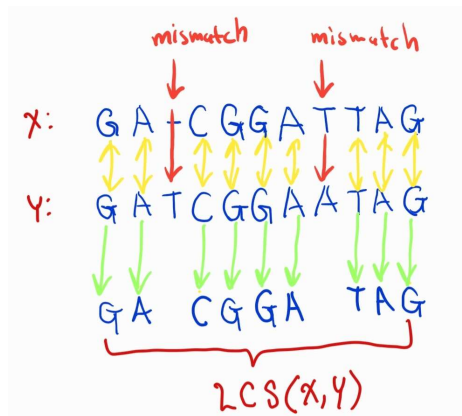
LCS finds its application in DNA sequence alignment

- used to compares similarity between two DNA sequences
- Longest Common Subsequence -> **Best Alignment**

# Longest Common Subsequence: Example

Consider the following DNA fragments  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$X$ : GACGGATTAG and  $Y$ : GATCGGAATAG



Therefore, the longest common subsequence is GACGGAATAG.

# Longest Common Subsequence: Notation

## Notation:

Given two strings  $X$  of length  $m$  and  $Y$  of length  $n$ ,

$$X = \langle x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m \rangle$$

$$Y = \langle y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_n \rangle$$

$$X_i = \langle x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_i \rangle$$

$$Y_j = \langle y_1, y_2, y_3, \dots, y_j \rangle$$

$LCS(X_i, Y_j)$ : longest common subsequence of  $X_i$  and  $Y_j$

$$LCS(X, Y) = LCS(X_m, Y_n)$$

$LCS(i, j)$ : **length of**  $LCS(X_i, Y_j)$

# Longest Common Subsequence: Optimal Substructure

## Theorem (Optimal Substructure):

Let  $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$  and  $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$  be sequences.

Let  $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$  be any LCS of  $X$  and  $Y$ .

1) If  $x_m = y_m$ , then  $z_k = x_m = y_m$  and  $Z_{k-1}$  is an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ .

2) If  $x_m \neq y_m$ , then  $z_k \neq x_m$  implies  $Z$  is an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_n$ .

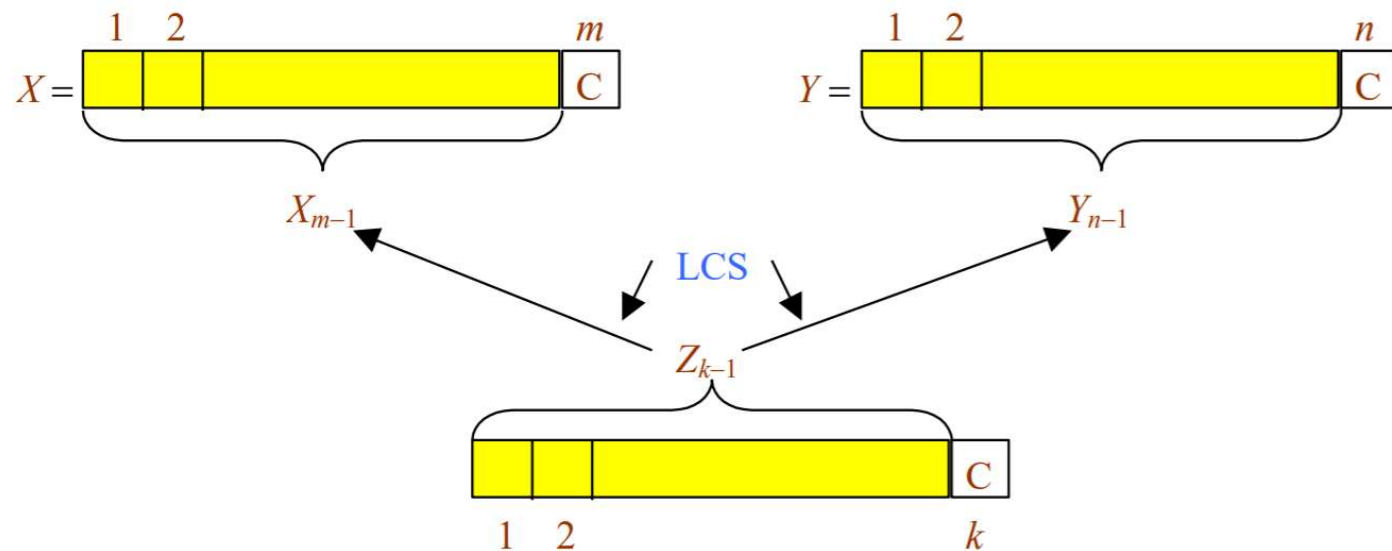
3) If  $x_m \neq y_m$ , then  $z_k \neq y_n$  implies  $Z$  is an LCS of  $X_m$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ .



# Longest Common Subsequence: Optimal Substructure

## CASE I:

If  $x_m = y_m$ , then  $z_k = x_m = y_m$  and  $Z_{k-1}$  is an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ .



# Longest Common Subsequence: Optimal Substructure

**Proof:** Assume  $z_k \neq x_m = y_m$ .

We can append  $x_m = y_m$  to  $Z$  to obtain a subsequence of length  $k + 1$ , which contradicts optimality of  $Z$ .

Therefore,  $z_k = x_m = y_m$ .

Hence, the prefix  $Z_{k-1}$  is a common subsequence (**CS**) of length  $k - 1$ .

We must show that  $Z_{k-1}$  is, in fact, a LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ .

We will prove using a **cut-and-paste argument** as follows:

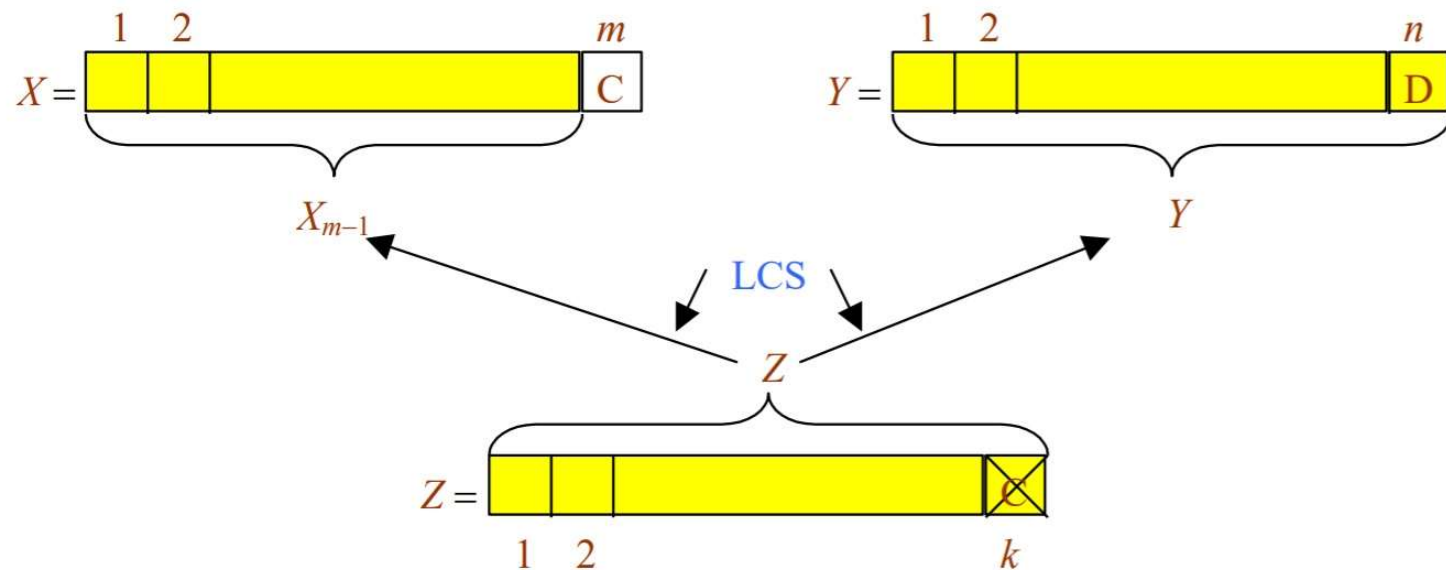
Assume there exists a CS  $W$  of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_{n-1}$  with  $|W| = k$ .

Appending  $x_m = y_n$  to  $W$  will produce a CS of length  $k + 1$ , contradicting optimality of  $Z$  whose length is  $k$ . ■

# Longest Common Subsequence: Optimal Substructure

## CASE II:

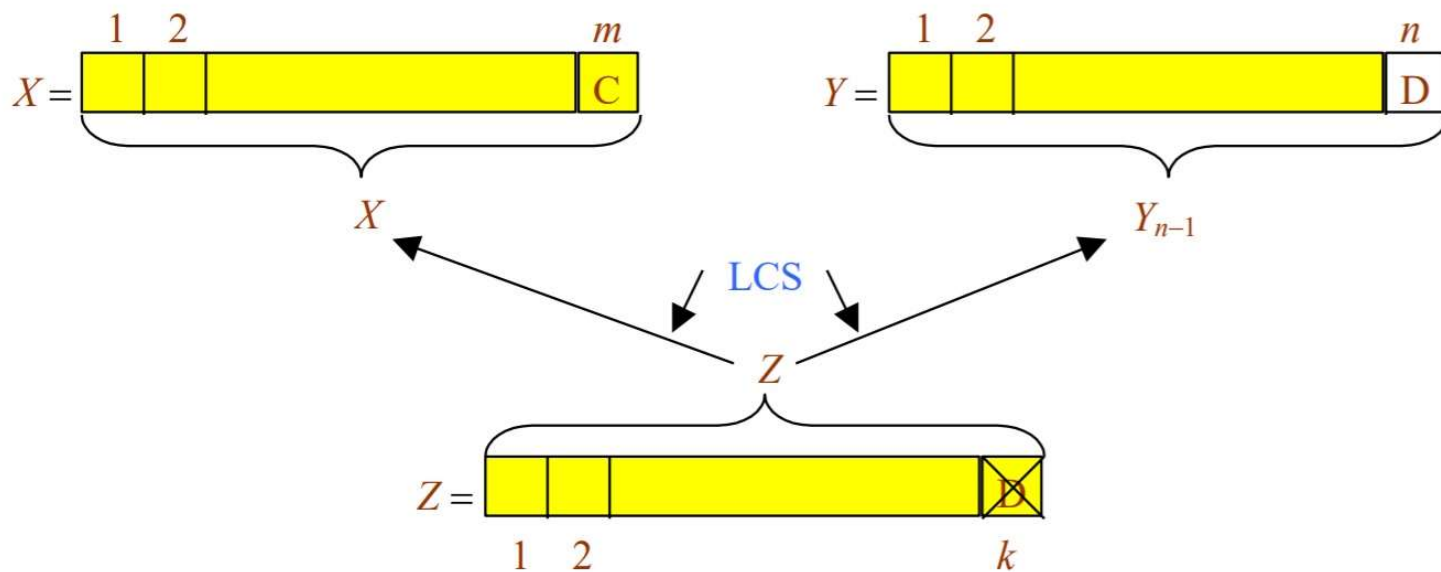
If  $x_m \neq y_m$ , then  $z_k \neq x_m$  implies  $Z$  is an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_n$ .



# Longest Common Subsequence: Optimal Substructure

## CASE III:

If  $x_m \neq y_n$ , then  $z_k \neq y_n$  implies  $Z$  is an LCS of  $X_m$  and  $Y_{n-1}$ .



## Longest Common Subsequence: Optimal Substructure

**Proof:** If  $z_k \neq x_m$  then  $Z$  is a CS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_n$ .

We have to show that  $Z$  is, in fact, an LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_n$ .

Assume that there exists a CS  $W$  of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_n$  with  $|W| > k$ .

Then,  $W$  would also be a CS of  $X_m$  and  $Y_n$ , hence contradicting optimality of  $Z$  whose length is  $k$ .

Therefore,  $Z$  is a LCS of  $X_{m-1}$  and  $Y_n$ . ■

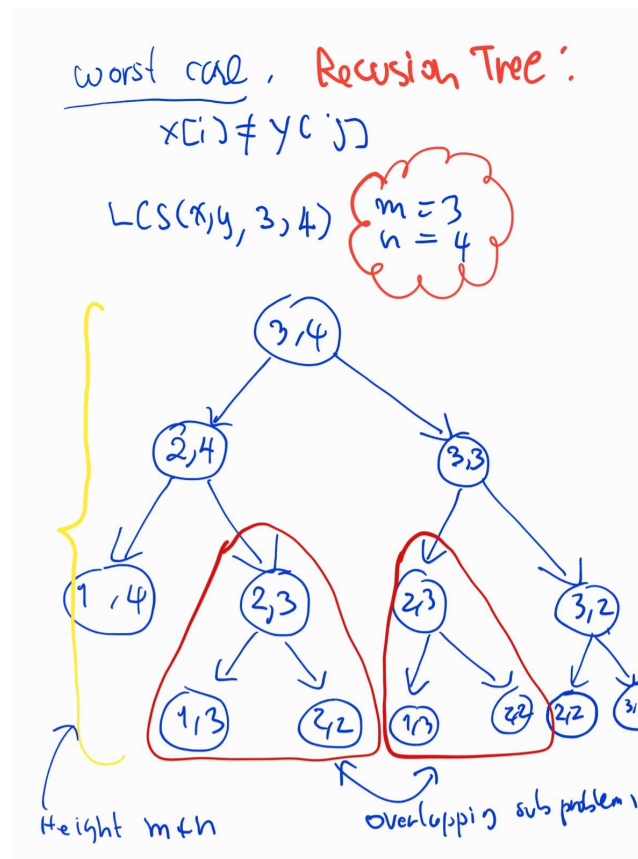
Proof for **Case III** is symmetric to the proof of **Case II**.

## Longest Common Subsequence: Recursive Formulation

### Recursive Formulation:

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

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Additionally, the number of *distinct* subproblems is relatively *small* (i.e. *polynomial* in problem size).

The number of distinct subproblems is

$\Theta(mn)$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are the lengths of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively .

Therefore, we can use *memoization* or *tabulation* to solve the LCS problem.



# Longest Common Subsequence: Bottom-Up

```
LCS-LENGTH( $X, Y$ )
1   $m = X.length$ 
2   $n = Y.length$ 
3  let  $b[1..m, 1..n]$  and  $c[0..m, 0..n]$  be new tables
4  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
5       $c[i, 0] = 0$ 
6  for  $j = 0$  to  $n$ 
7       $c[0, j] = 0$ 
8  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$ 
9      for  $j = 1$  to  $n$ 
10         if  $x_i == y_j$ 
11              $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1$ 
12              $b[i, j] = "\nwarrow"$ 
13         elseif  $c[i - 1, j] \geq c[i, j - 1]$ 
14              $c[i, j] = c[i - 1, j]$ 
15              $b[i, j] = "\uparrow"$ 
16         else  $c[i, j] = c[i, j - 1]$ 
17              $b[i, j] = "\leftarrow"$ 
18  return  $c$  and  $b$ 
```

## Longest Common Subsequence: Solution Reconstruction

		$j$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
		$y_j$		B	D	C	A	B	A
$i$	$x_i$								
0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A		0	↑	↑	↑	↖	←	↖
2	B		0	↖	←	←	↑	↖	←
3	C		0	↑	↑	↖	←	↑	↑
4	B		0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖	←
5	D		0	↑	↖	↑	↑	↑	↑
6	A		0	↑	↑	↑	↖	↑	↖
7	B		0	↖	↑	↑	↑	↖	↑

PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j$ )

```

1  if  $i == 0$  or  $j == 0$ 
2      return
3  if  $b[i, j] == \text{“}\nwarrow\text{”}$ 
4      PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i - 1, j - 1$ )
5      print  $x_i$ 
6  elseif  $b[i, j] == \text{“}\uparrow\text{”}$ 
7      PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i - 1, j$ )
8  else PRINT-LCS( $b, X, i, j - 1$ )
    
```

# Summary

We have covered the topic of **Dynamic Programming** using

- Fibonacci numbers
- Matrix Chain Multiplication (MCM)
- Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

as examples.

Central to DP, are **optimal substructure** and **overlapping subproblem** properties.

We will cover **Greedy Algorithms** next week.