

Dynamic Programming

CSE 301: Combinatorial Optimization

Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

Given two sequences

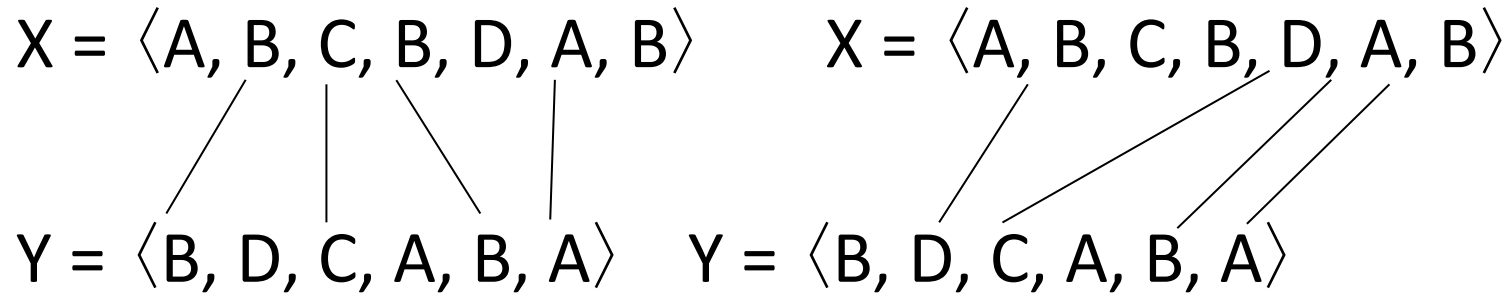
$$X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$$

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

find a maximum length common subsequence (LCS) of X and Y

Application: comparison of two DNA strings

Example



Both $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$ and $\langle B, D, A, B \rangle$ are longest common subsequences of X and Y (length = 4)

$\langle B, C, A \rangle$ is a common subsequence of X and Y, however it is not a LCS of X and Y

Brute-Force Solution

For every subsequence of X , check whether it's a subsequence of Y

There are 2^m subsequences of X to check

Each subsequence takes $\Theta(n)$ time to check

scan Y for first letter, from there scan for second, and so on

Running time: $\Theta(n2^m)$

LCS Recursive Solution

First we'll find the length of LCS. Later we'll modify the algorithm to find LCS itself.

Define X_i, Y_j to be the prefixes of X and Y of length i and j respectively

Define $c[i,j]$ to be the length of LCS of X_i and Y_j

Then the length of LCS of X and Y will be $c[m,n]$

LCS Recursive Solution

We start with $i = j = 0$ (empty substrings of x and y)

Since X_0 and Y_0 are empty strings, their LCS is always empty (i.e. $c[0,0] = 0$)

LCS of empty string and any other string is empty, so for every i and j : $c[0, j] = c[i, 0] = 0$

LCS Recursive Solution

When we calculate $c[i,j]$, we consider two cases:

First case: $x[i]=y[j]$:

one more symbol in strings X and Y matches, so the length of LCS X_i and Y_j equals to the length of LCS of smaller strings X_{i-1} and Y_{j-1} , plus 1

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

LCS Recursive Solution

Second case: $x[i] \neq y[j]$

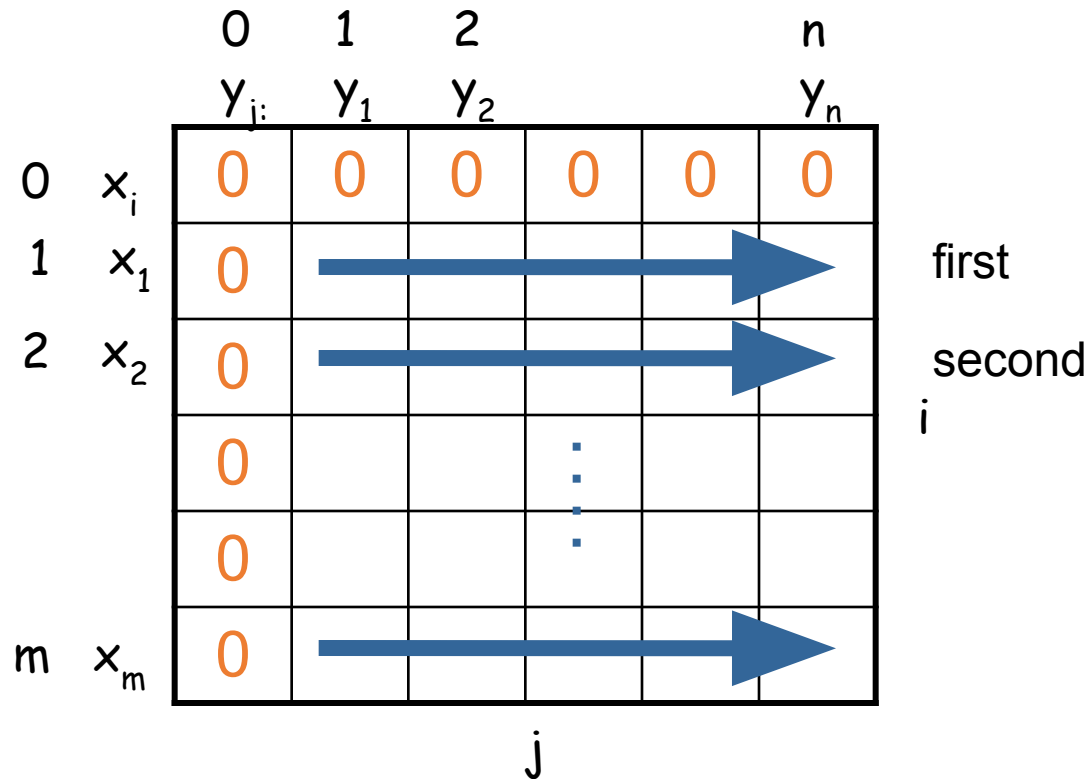
As symbols don't match, our solution is not improved, and the length of $\text{LCS}(X_i, Y_j)$ is the same as before, *i.e.*, maximum of $\text{LCS}(X_i, Y_{j-1})$ and $\text{LCS}(X_{i-1}, Y_j)$

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

Why not just take the length of $\text{LCS}(X_{i-1}, Y_{j-1})$?

Computing the Length of the LCS

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



Additional Information

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

b & c:

		0	1	2	3	n
	y_j :	A	C	D	F	
0	x_i	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0				
2	B	0			$c[i-1, j]$	
3	C	0		$c[i, j-1]$		
		0				
m	D	0				

j

i

A matrix $b[i, j]$:

- For a subproblem $[i, j]$ it tells us what choice was made to obtain the optimal value
- If $x_i = y_j$
 $b[i, j] = "$ "
- Else, if $c[i-1, j] \geq c[i, j-1]$
 $b[i, j] = "$ "
 else
 $b[i, j] = "$ "

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

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1.  for i ← 1 to m
2.      do c[i, 0] ← 0
3.  for j ← 0 to n
4.      do c[0, j] ← 0
5.  for i ← 1 to m
6.      do for j ← 1 to n
7.          do if  $x_i = y_j$ 
8.              then c[i, j] ← c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1
9.              b[i, j] ← " "
10.         else if c[i - 1, j] ≥ c[i, j - 1]
11.             then c[i, j] ← c[i - 1, j]
12.             b[i, j] ← "↑"
13.         else c[i, j] ← c[i, j - 1]
14.             b[i, j] ← "←"
15.  return c and b
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The length of the LCS if one of the sequences is empty is zero

Case 1: $x_i = y_j$

Case 2: $x_i \neq y_j$

Running time: Θ
(mn)

Example

$X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$

$Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$

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

$0 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6$
 $y_j \quad B \quad D \quad C \quad A \quad B \quad A$

If $x_i = y_j$

$b[i, j] = "$ ↖ "

Else if

$j] \geq c[i, j-1]$

$b[i, j] = "$ ↑ "

else

$b[i, j] = "$ ← "

$c[i-1, j]$

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

4. Constructing a LCS

Start at $b[m, n]$ and follow the arrows

When we encounter a “ \nwarrow ” in $b[i, j] \Rightarrow x_i = y_j$ is an element of the LCS

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

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

1. if $i = 0$ or $j = 0$
 2. then return
 3. if $b[i, j] = \nwarrow$
 4. then PRINT-LCS(b, X, $i - 1$, $j - 1$)
 5. print x_i
 6. elseif $b[i, j] = \uparrow$
 7. then PRINT-LCS(b, X, $i - 1$, j)
 8. else PRINT-LCS(b, X, i , $j - 1$)
- Running time: $\Theta(m + n)$

Initial call: PRINT-LCS(b, X, length[X], length[Y])

Compute Edit (Levenshtein) Distance : ED

Given two strings: X and Y, how can you convert X to Y via the minimum number of *edit operations* in X where an edit operation is: insert, substitute, or delete.

E.g. X = “**heater**”, Y = “**speak**”

Minimum sequence of edits required to convert X to Y:

- substitute **h** by **s**: hheater -> seater
- insert **p** after **s**: **s**eater -> **s**peater
(skip next two positions of X+Y, i.e., **e** and **a**, since they match)
- substitute **t** by **k**: **s**peater -> **s**peaker
- delete **e**: **s**peaker -> **s**peakr
- delete **r**: **s**peakr -> **s**peak

Total 5 edit operations are needed; so ED = 5

ED Recursive Solution

Define X_i, Y_j to be the prefixes of X and Y of length i and j respectively

Define $c[i,j]$ to be the edit distance between X_i and Y_j

Let $|X| = m$ and $|Y| = n$.

Then the ED of X and Y will be $c[m,n]$

ED Recursive Solution

We start with $i = j = 0$ (empty substrings of x and y).

Since X_0 and Y_0 are both empty strings, their ED is zero (i.e. $c[0,0] = 0$)

ED of any i -length string X_i and the empty string (“”), is i because we need i deletions to convert X_i to “”; so $c[i,0] = i$

ED of “” and any j -length string Y_j , is j because we need j insertions to convert “” to Y_j ; so $c[0,j] = j$

ED Recursive Solution

When we calculate $c[i,j]$, we consider two cases:

First case: $x[i]=y[j]$:

one more symbol in strings X and Y matches, so the ED of X_i and Y_j equals to the ED of smaller strings X_{i-1} and Y_{j-1}

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

ED Recursive Solution

Second case: $x[i] \neq y[j]$

As symbols don't match, we have to either (i) substitute $x[i]$ by $y[j]$, (ii) delete $x[i]$, or (iii) insert $y[j]$. Among these 3 operations, we will apply that operation which yield minimum value of $c[i][j]$.

Cost of operation:

(i) Substitute: $c[i][j] = c[i-1][j-1] + 1$

E.g. $ED(\text{heat}_i, \text{spea}_j) = ED(\text{hea}_{i-1}, \text{spea}_{j-1}) + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$

(ii) Delete $x[i]$: $c[i][j] = c[i-1][j] + 1$

E.g. $ED(\text{breathe}_i, \text{breadth}_j) = ED(\text{breath}_{i-1}, \text{breadth}_j) + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$

(iii) Insert $y[j]$: $c[i][j] = c[i][j-1] + 1$

E.g. $ED(\text{pot}_i, \text{yoke}_j) = ED(\text{pot}_i, \text{yok}_{j-1}) + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$

ED Recursive Solution

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Computing ED

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

		0	1	2			n
		y_j	y_1	y_2			y_n
0	x_i	0	1	2	...		n
1	x_1	1	→				
2	x_2	2	→				
		⋮			⋮		
		⋮			⋮		
m	x_m	m					

first

second

i

j

Simulation

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

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 y_j s p e a k

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2	e	↑ 2					
3	a	↑ 3					
4	t	↑ 4					
5	e	↑ 5					
6	r	↑ 6					

Legends:

← Insert y_j

↑ Delete x_i

↗ Substitute x_i by y_j

↖ no edit operation (done
when $x_i == y_j$)

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







































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Legends:


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Simulation

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1	h	 1	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5
2	e	 2	 2	 2	 2	 3	 4
3	a	 3	 3	 3	 3	 2	 3
4	t	 4	 4	 4	 4	 3	 3
5	e	 5	 5	 5	 4	 4	 4
6	r	 6	 6	 6	 5	 5	 5

Legends:

 Insert y_j in X at position i

 Delete x_i from X

 Replace x_i by y_j











































 no edit operation (done when $x_i == y_j$)

Sequence of edit operations needed to convert "heater" to "speak":





1. Insert 's': _heater -> sheater

Simulation

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0	x_i	0	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5
1	h	 1	 1	  2	 3	 4	 5
2	e	 2	 2	 2	 2	 3	 4
3	a	 3	 3	 3	 3	 2	 3
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5	e	 5	 5	 5	 4	 4	 4
6	r	 6	 6	 6	 5	 5	 5

Legends:













































-  Insert y_j in X at position i
-  Delete x_i from X
-  Replace x_i by y_j
-  no edit operation (done when $x_i == y_j$)

Sequence of edit operations needed to convert "heater" to "speak":


1. Insert 's': _heater -> sheater
2. Replace 'h' by 'p': shheater -> spheater

Simulation

0 1 2 3 4 5
 y_j s p e a k


0	x_i	0	 1	 2	 3	 4	 5
1	h	 1	 1	  2	 3	 4	 5
2	e	 2	 2	 2	  2	 3	 4
3	a	 3	 3	 3	 3	  2	 3
4	t	 4	 4	 4	 4	 3	 3
5	e	 5	 5	 5	 4	 4	 4
6	r	 6	 6	 6	 5	 5	 5

Legends:

 Insert y_j in X at position i

 Delete x_i from X

 Replace x_i by y_j

 no edit operation (done when $x_i == y_j$)

Sequence of edit operations needed to convert "heater" to "speak":

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Simulation

0 1 2 3 4 5
 y_j s p e a k

0	x_i	0	← 1	← 2	← 3	← 4	← 5
1	h	↑ 1	↖ 1	↗ 2	↖ 3	↖ 4	↖ 5
2	e	↑ 2	↖ 2	↖ 2	↖ 2	← 3	← 4
3	a	↑ 3	↖ 3	↖ 3	↖ 3	↖ 2	← 3
4	t	↑ 4	↖ 4	↖ 4	↖ 4	↑ 3	↖ 3
5	e	↑ 5	↖ 5	↖ 5	↖ 4	↑ 4	↖ 4
6	r	↑ 6	↖ 6	↖ 6	↑ 5	↖ 5	↖ 5

Legends:

- ← Insert y_j in X at position i
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- ↖ Replace x_i by y_j
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Sequence of edit operations needed to convert "heater" to "speak":

1. Insert 's': _heater -> s_heater
2. Replace 'h' by 'p': s_heater -> s_peater
3. Delete 't': s_peater -> s_peaer

Simulation

0 1 2 3 4 5
 y_j s p e a k

0	x_i	0	← 1	← 2	← 3	← 4	← 5
1	h	↑ 1	↖ 1	↗ 2	↖ 3	↖ 4	↖ 5
2	e	↑ 2	↖ 2	↖ 2	↖ 2	← 3	← 4
3	a	↑ 3	↖ 3	↖ 3	↖ 3	↖ 2	← 3
4	t	↑ 4	↖ 4	↖ 4	↖ 4	↑ 3	↖ 3
5	e	↑ 5	↖ 5	↖ 5	↖ 4	↑ 4	↖ 4
6	r	↑ 6	↖ 6	↖ 6	↑ 5	↖ 5	↗ 5

Legends:

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Sequence of edit operations needed to convert "heater" to "speak":

1. Insert 's': _heater -> s_heater
2. Replace 'h' by 'p': s_heater -> s_p_eater
3. Delete 't': s_p_ea_t_er -> s_p_ea_er
4. Delete 'e': s_p_ea_e_r -> s_p_ea_r

Simulation

0 1 2 3 4 5
 y_j s p e a k

0	x_i	0	← 1	← 2	← 3	← 4	← 5
1	h	↑ 1	↖ 1	↗ 2	↖ 3	↖ 4	↖ 5
2	e	↑ 2	↖ 2	↖ 2	↖ 2	← 3	← 4
3	a	↑ 3	↖ 3	↖ 3	↖ 3	↖ 2	← 3
4	t	↑ 4	↖ 4	↖ 4	↖ 4	↑ 3	↖ 3
5	e	↑ 5	↖ 5	↖ 5	↖ 4	↑ 4	↖ 4
6	r	↑ 6	↖ 6	↖ 6	↑ 5	↖ 5	↗ 5

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Sequence of edit operations needed to convert "heater" to "speak":

1. Insert 's': heater -> sheater
2. Replace 'h' by 'p': sheater -> speater
3. Delete 't': speater -> spear
4. Delete 'e': spear -> speak
5. Replace 'r' by 'k': spear -> speak