

Iterative solution

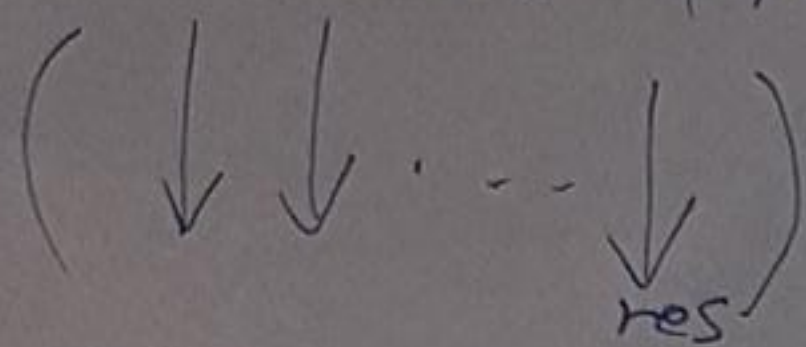
Assuming indices starts from 1.

We initialize an $(n+1) \times (m+1)$ matrix M .

Each entry (i, j) will contain the LCS

of (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i) and (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_j) .

We traverse M column by column, s.t. at each column we start from the highest entry and ending at the lowest entry



the result will be at $M(n+1, m+1)$

$LCS(a_n, b_m)$

1. init $M(n+1, m+1)$
2. first row \leftarrow first column $\leftarrow 0$ /* base case */
3. for $i \leftarrow 2$ to $m+1$

for $j \leftarrow 2$ to $n+1$

if $a_i = b_j$ then do

$$M(j, i) \leftarrow 1 + M(j-1, i-1)$$

else do

$$M(j, i) \leftarrow \max(M(j-1, i), M(j, i-1))$$