SWE2016-44

Given two strings string<sub>1</sub> and string<sub>2</sub> and below operations that can be performed on string<sub>1</sub>. Find minimum number of operations or edits required to convert string<sub>1</sub> to string<sub>2</sub>.

- 1. Insert
- 2. Delete
- 3. Modify

Assumption: All of the operations are of equal cost.

Example 1: Input: string<sub>1</sub> = "geek" and string<sub>2</sub> = "gesek"

**Output: 1** 

We can convert string<sub>1</sub> to string<sub>2</sub> by inserting 's' in string<sub>1</sub>.

Example 2: Input: string<sub>1</sub> = "cat" and string<sub>2</sub> = "cut"

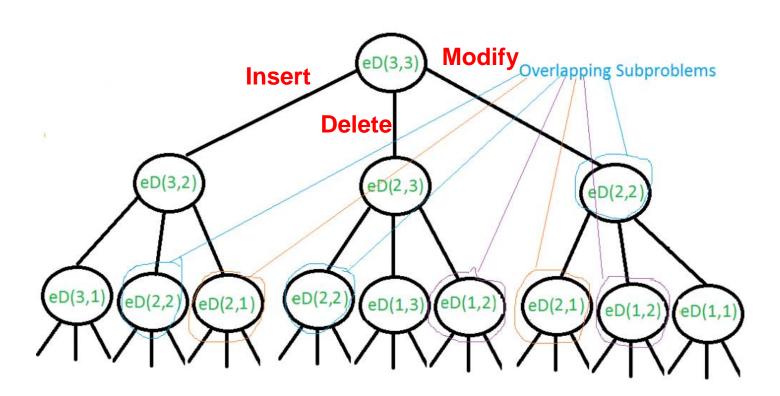
**Output: 1** 

We can convert string<sub>1</sub> to string<sub>2</sub> by modifying 'a' to 'u'.

Approach: Given two strings of length m and n

- 1. If the last characters of two strings match, we do not change anything and recur for length m-1 and n-1.
- 2. Else we compute minimum cost of all three operations (insert, delete and modify) and take minimum of these three values.
  - a. Insert: Recur for m and n-1
  - b. Delete: Recur for m-1 and n
  - c. Modify: Recur for m-1 and n-1

#### **Overlapping Subproblems Property**



Worst case recursion tree when m = 3, n = 3. Worst case example str1="abc" str2="xyz"

Given two strings "CART" and "MARCH" find its Edit Distance

To convert "CART" into "MARCH" we need to perform 3 operations on string "CART".

- 1. Modify 'c' to 'm'
- 2. Modify 't' to 'c'
- 3. Insert 'h'

| editDist | Ø | М | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| С        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 |   |   |   |   |   |
| С        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Т        |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| С        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 |   |   |   |
| С        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        |   |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |   |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 |   |   |   |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Т        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 |   |   |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |   |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Т        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С   | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|-----|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4   | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 ← |   |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |     |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |     |   |
| T        | 4 |   |   |   |     |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Α        | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Α        | 2 | 2 |   |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| Т        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Α        | 2 | 2 | 1 |   |   |   |
| R        | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |
| T        | 4 |   |   |   |   |   |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Α        | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| R        | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| T        | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

| editDist | Ø | M | Α | R | С | Н |
|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ø        | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| С        | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Α        | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| R        | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| T        | 4 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

#### **Recursive Implementation**

```
t editDist(string str1 , string str2 , int m ,int n)
 // If first string is empty, the only option is to
 // insert all characters of second string into first
 if (m == 0) return n;
 // If second string is empty, the only option is to
 // remove all characters of first string
 if (n == 0) return m;
 // If last characters of two strings are same, nothing
 // much to do. Ignore last characters and get count for
 // remaining strings.
 if (str1[m-1] == str2[n-1])
     return editDist(str1, str2, m-1, n-1);
 // If last characters are not same, consider all three
 // operations on last character of first string, recursively
 // compute minimum cost for all three operations and take
 // minimum of three values.
 return 1 + min ( editDist(str1, str2, m, n-1), // Insert
                  editDist(str1, str2, m-1, n), // Remove
                  editDist(str1, str2, m-1, n-1) // Replace
```

→ Time Complexity: O(3<sup>m</sup>)

```
int dp[m+1][n+1];
// Fill d[][] in bottom up manner
for (int i=0; i<=m; i++)</pre>
   for (int j=0; j<=n; j++)</pre>
       // If first string is empty, only option is to
       // insert all characters of second string
       if (i==0)
            dp[i][j] = j; // Min. operations = j
       // If second string is empty, only option is to
       // remove all characters of second string
        else if (j==0)
            dp[i][j] = i; // Min. operations = i
       // If last characters are same, ignore last char
       // and recur for remaining string
       else if (str1[i-1] == str2[j-1])
            dp[i][j] = dp[i-1][j-1];
       // If the last character is different, consider all
       // possibilities and find the minimum
        else
            dp[i][j] = 1 + min(dp[i][j-1], // Insert
                               dp[i-1][j], // Remove
                               dp[i-1][j-1]); // Replace
return dp[m][n];
```

→ Time Complexity: O(mn)

Given a sequence, find the length of the longest palindromic subsequence in it.

For example,

**Input: BBABCBCAB** 

Output: 7 ("BABCBAB")

Let's take the following string

**BABCBAB**0 1 2 3 4 5 6

Let's say L(i, j) represents the length of longest palindromic subsequence in a string from index i to j

Thus, L(0, 6) will present the length of 'LPS' for the above string (LPS: Longest Palindromic Subsequence)

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If characters at 0<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> index are same

$$L(0, 6) = L(1, 5) + 2$$

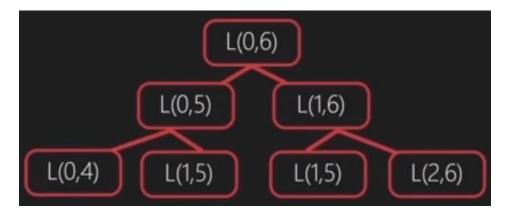
Otherwise,

$$L(0, 6) = max(L(0, 5), L(1, 6))$$

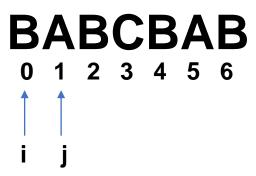
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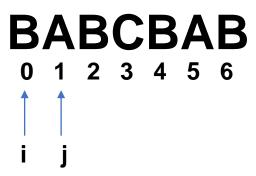
So, our solution will follow the following pattern when implemented recursively



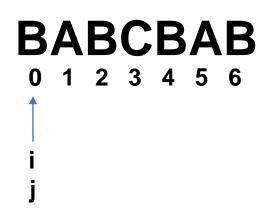
As apparent, there are overlapping subproblems which increase the time complexity of our solution



Now, for each value of i we will have a row and for each value of j we will have a column

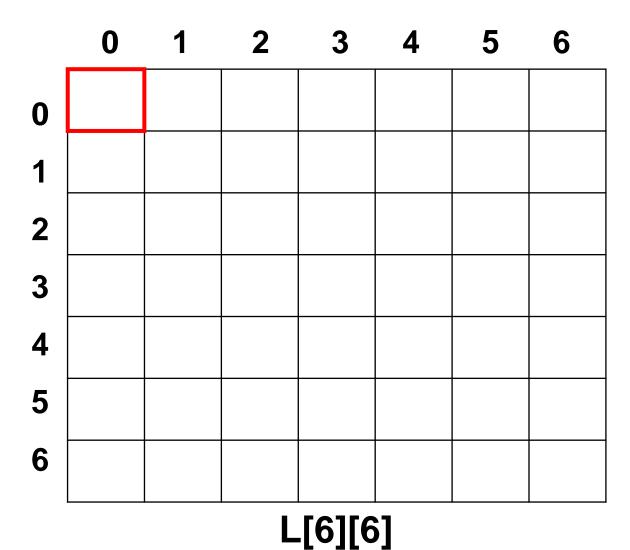


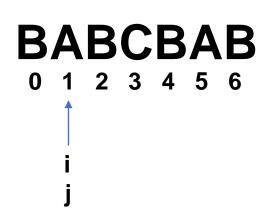
We will move i and j such that both stay at a constant distance while traversing the string



Characters covered by i and j: 1

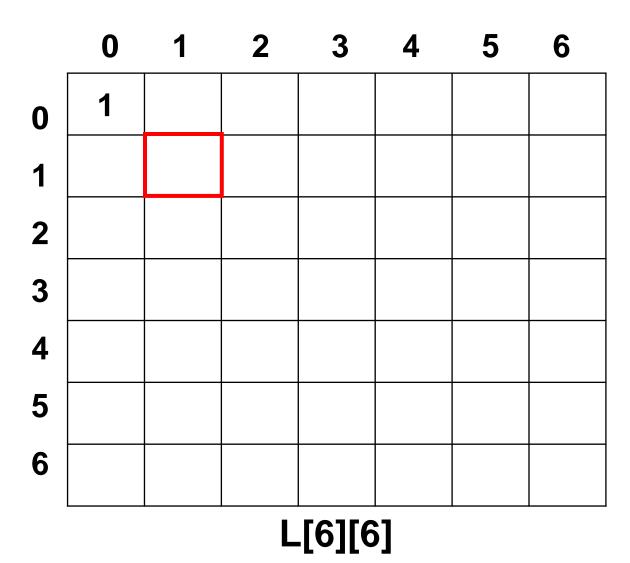
LPS for 1 character will be 1 thus, L[i][i]=1 for each i in [0, 6]

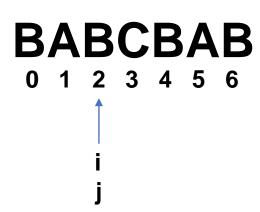




Characters covered by i and j: 1

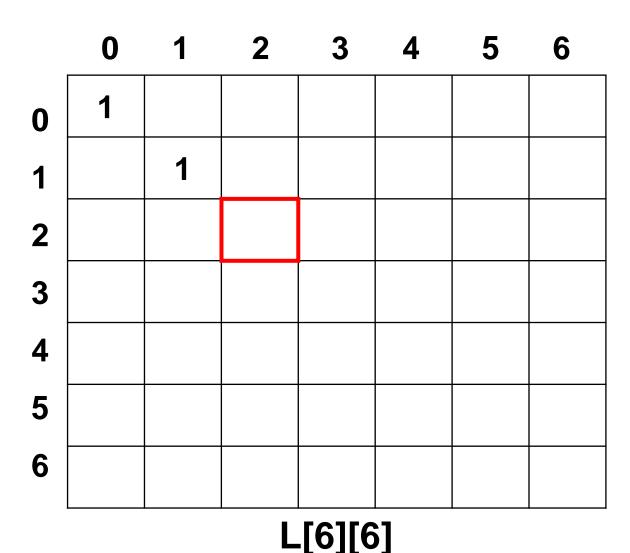
LPS for 1 character will be 1 thus, L[i][i]=1 for each i in [0, 6]





Characters covered by i and j: 1

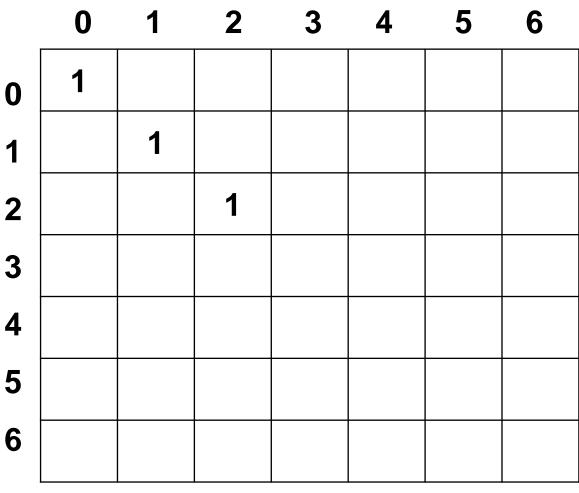
LPS for 1 character will be 1 thus, L[i][i]=1 for each i in [0, 6]





Characters covered by i and j: 1

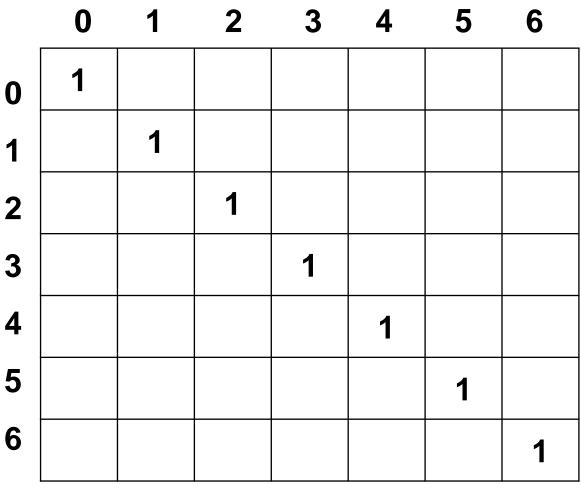
LPS for 1 character will be 1 thus, L[i][i]=1 for each i in [0, 6]

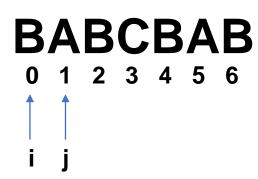




Characters covered by i and j: 1

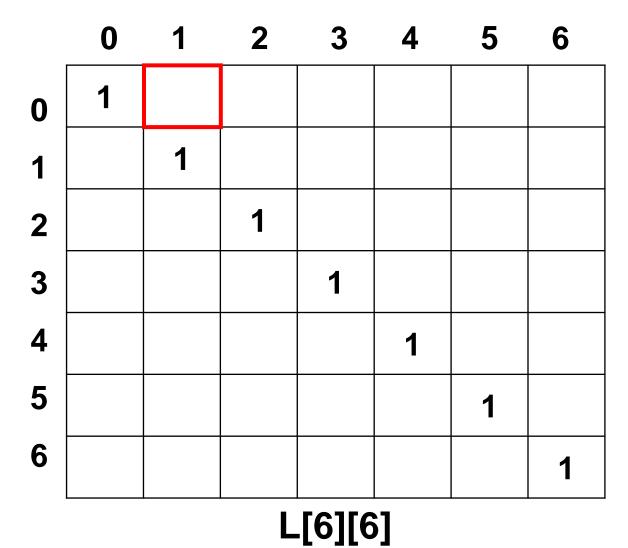
LPS for 1 character will be 1 thus, L[i][i]=1 for each i in [0, 6]

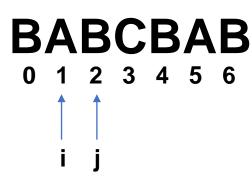




Characters covered by i and j: 2

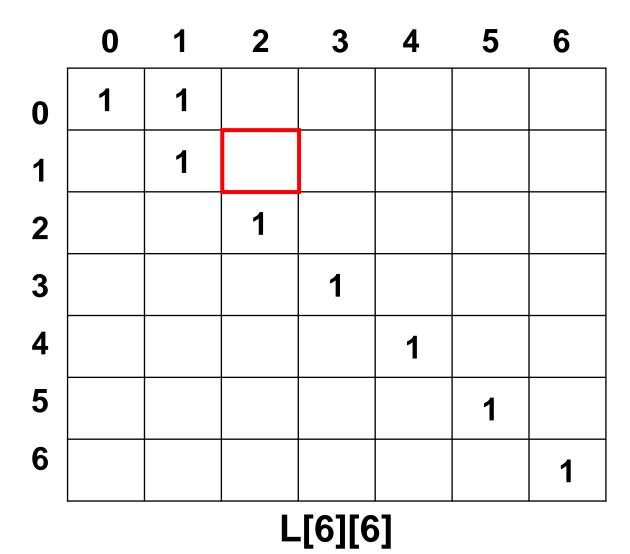
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2





Characters covered by i and j: 2

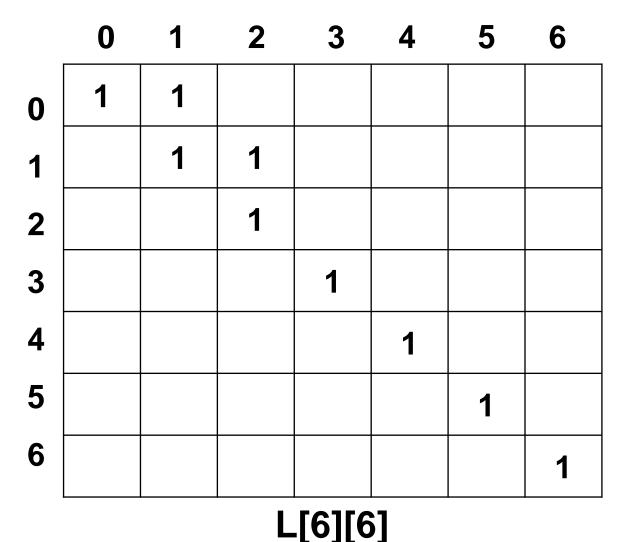
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2



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Characters covered by i and j: 2

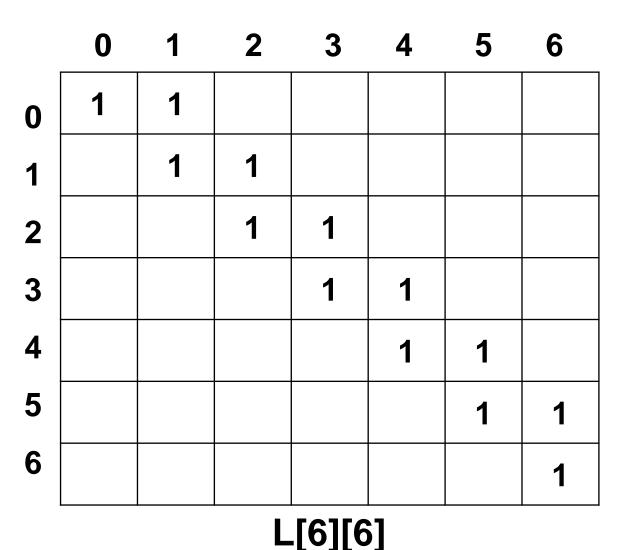
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

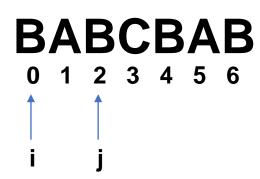


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Characters covered by i and j: 2

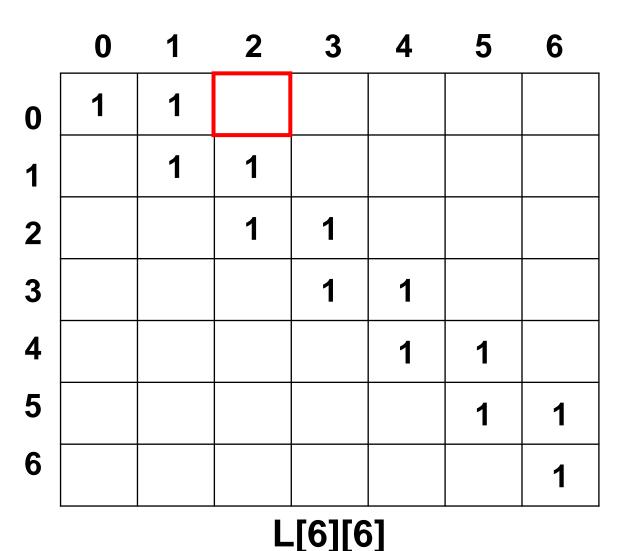
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

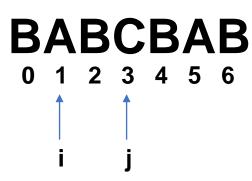




Characters covered by i and j: 3

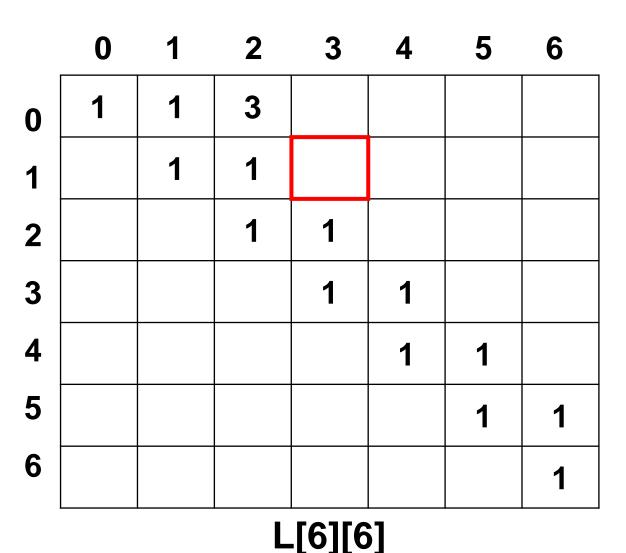
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

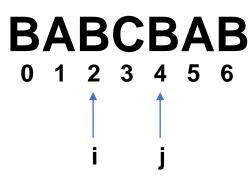




Characters covered by i and j: 3

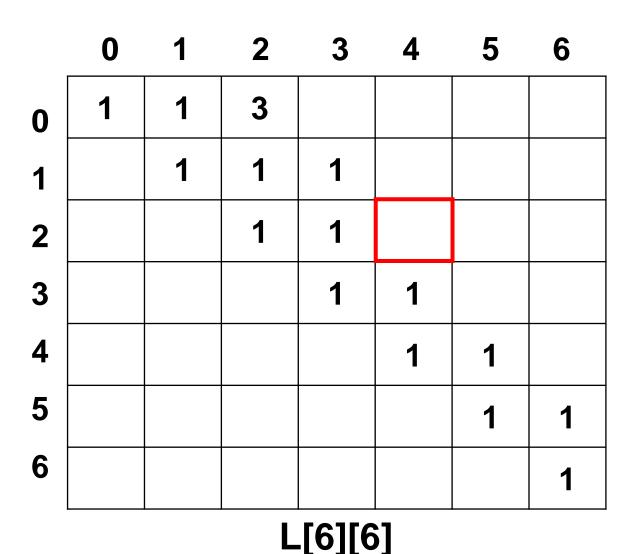
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

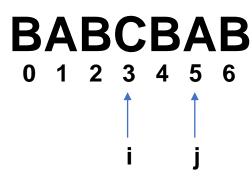




Characters covered by i and j: 3

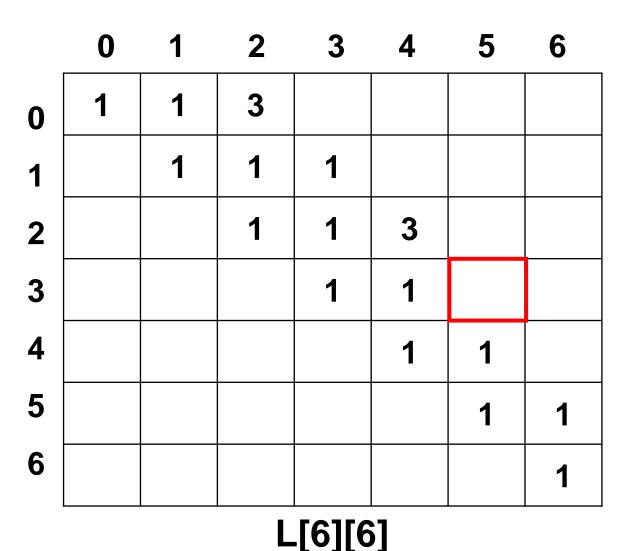
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

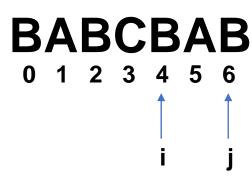




Characters covered by i and j: 3

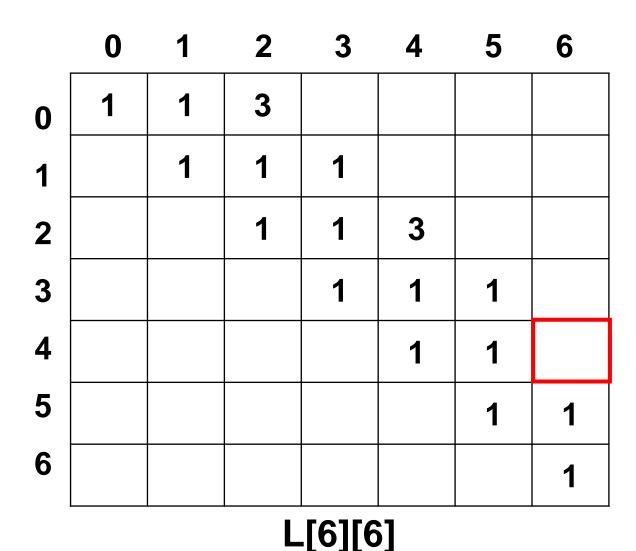
If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2





Characters covered by i and j: 3

If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2



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Characters covered by i and j: 3

If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

Otherwise, L[i][j]=max( L[i][j-1], L[i+1][j] )

| _ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 |   |   |   |   |
| 1 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |   |   |
| 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 |   |   |
| 3 |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 |   |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |

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Characters covered by i and j: 4

If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

Otherwise, L[i][j]=max( L[i][j-1], L[i+1][j] )

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |   |   |   |
| 1 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |   |   |
| 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |   |
| 3 |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |

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Characters covered by i and j: 5

If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

Otherwise, L[i][j]=max( L[i][j-1], L[i+1][j] )

| _ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |   |   |
| 1 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 |   |
| 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |

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Characters covered by i and j: 6

If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

Otherwise, L[i][j]=max( L[i][j-1], L[i+1][j] )

| _ | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 |   |
| 1 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |

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Characters covered by i and j: 7

If characters at i and j are same, then L[i][j]=L[i+1][j-1] + 2

Otherwise, L[i][j]=max( L[i][j-1], L[i+1][j] )

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 1 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |

#### **BABCBAB**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6

L[i][j] gives us 'LPS' for the string from index i to j

L[0][5] will give us 'LPS' for 'BABCBA'

L[0][5] = 5

|   | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 1 |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 2 |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 3 |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 5 |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| 6 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |

```
int lps(char *str)
  int n = strlen(str);
  int i, j, cl;
  int L[n][n]; // Create a table to store results of subproblems
  // Strings of length 1 are palindrome of lentgh 1
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
     L[i][i] = 1;
   // Build the table. Note that the lower diagonal values of table are
   // useless and not filled in the process. The values are filled in a
   // manner similar to Matrix Chain Multiplication DP solution (See
   // https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/matrix-chain-multiplication-dp-8/). cl is length of
   // substring
   for (cl=2; cl<=n; cl++)</pre>
        for (i=0; i<n-cl+1; i++)</pre>
            j = i+cl-1;
           if (str[i] == str[j] && cl == 2)
               L[i][j] = 2;
            else if (str[i] == str[j])
               L[i][j] = L[i+1][j-1] + 2;
            else
               L[i][j] = max(L[i][j-1], L[i+1][j]);
   return L[0][n-1];
```

→ Time Complexity: O(n²)

#### Reference

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https://www.geeksforgeeks.org