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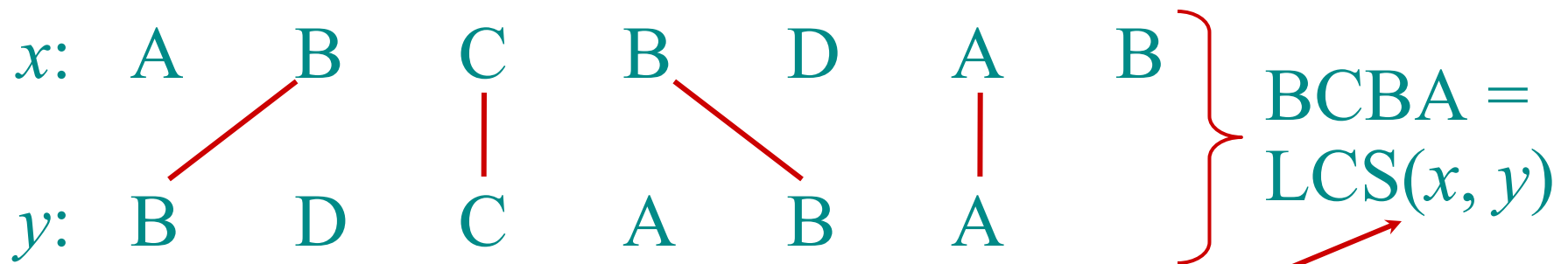
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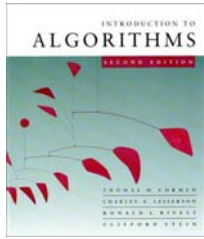
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- Checking = $O(n)$ time per subsequence.
- 2^m subsequences of x (each bit-vector of length m determines a distinct subsequence of x).

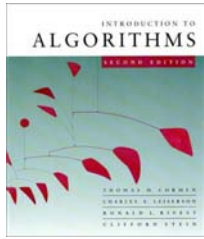
Worst-case running time = $O(n2^m)$
= exponential time.



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Strategy: Consider *prefixes* of x and y .

- Define $c[i, j] = |\text{LCS}(x[1 \dots i], y[1 \dots j])|$.
- Then, $c[m, n] = |\text{LCS}(x, y)|$.



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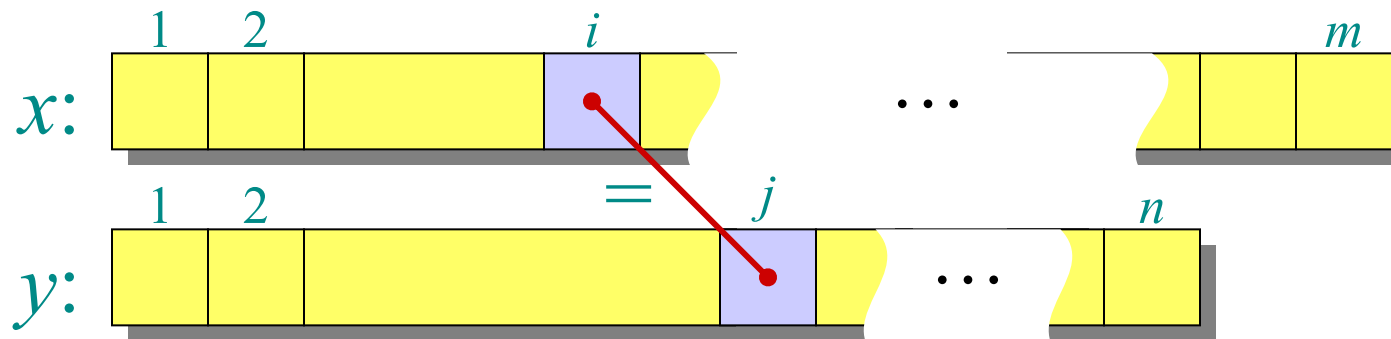


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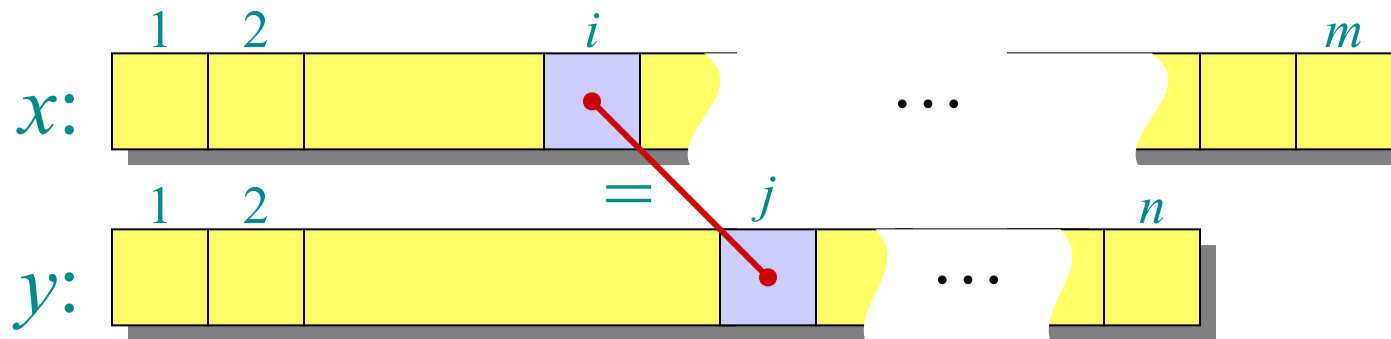


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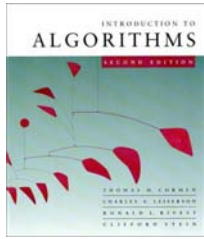
Let $z[1 \dots k] = \text{LCS}(x[1 \dots i], y[1 \dots j])$, where $c[i, j] = k$. Then, $z[k] = x[i]$, or else z could be extended. Thus, $z[1 \dots k-1]$ is CS of $x[1 \dots i-1]$ and $y[1 \dots j-1]$.



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Other cases are similar. □



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If $z = \text{LCS}(x, y)$, then any prefix of z is
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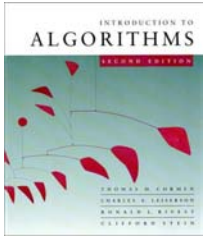
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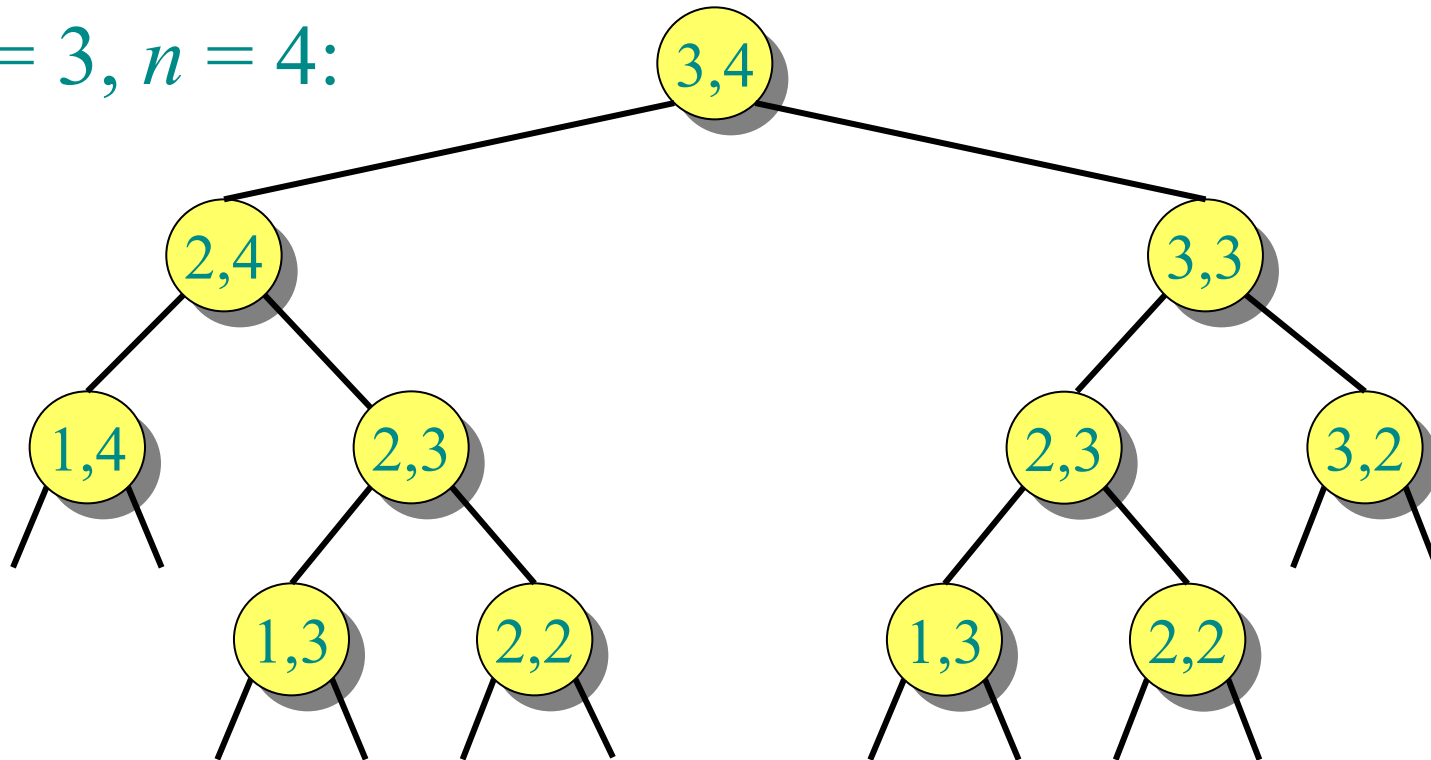
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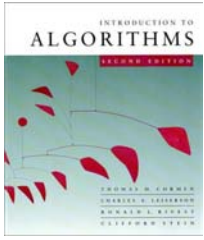
Worst-case: $x[i] \neq y[j]$, in which case the algorithm evaluates two subproblems, each with only one parameter decremented.



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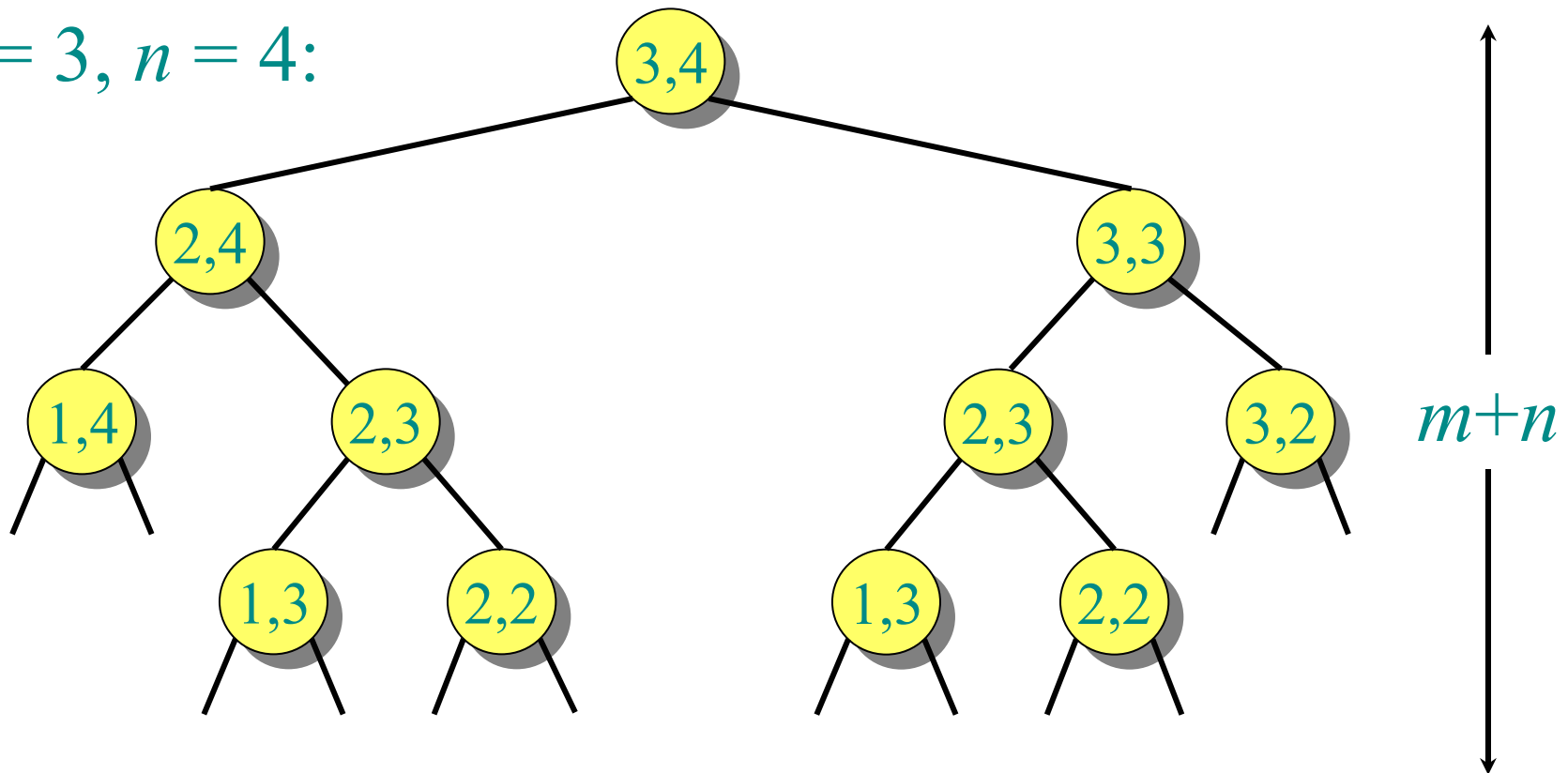
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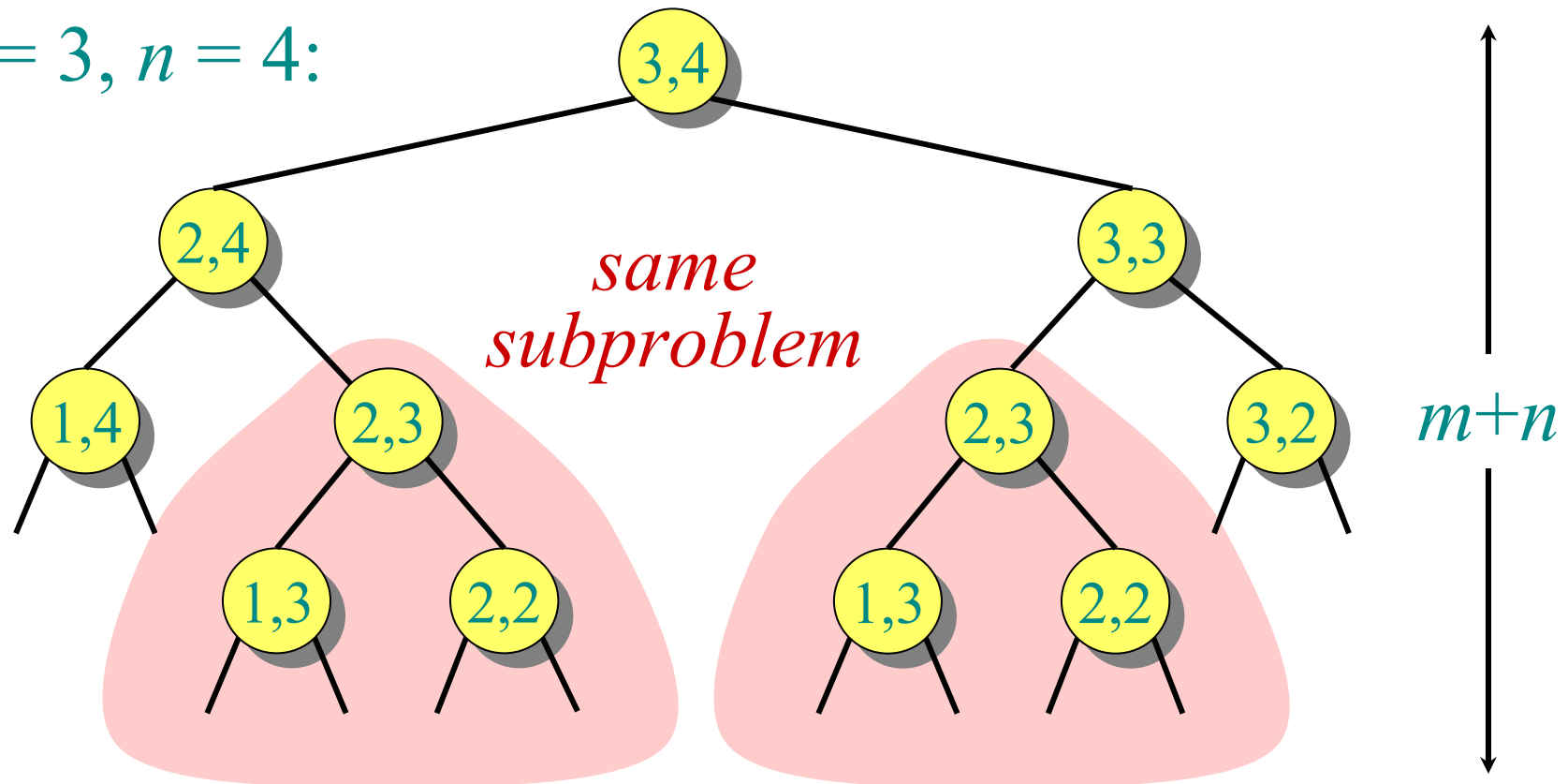


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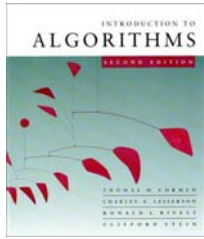
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Dynamic-programming hallmark #2

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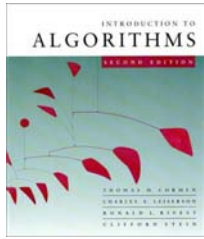


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The number of distinct LCS subproblems for two strings of lengths m and n is only mn .



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Space = $\Theta(mn)$.



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		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B		0	0	1	1	1	1	1
D		0	0	1	1	1	2	2
C		0	0	1	2	2	2	2
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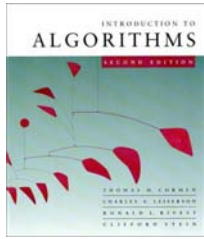
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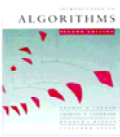
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Exercise:

$O(\min\{m, n\})$.

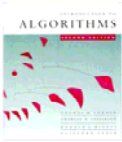
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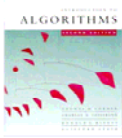
LCS-LENGTH(X,Y)

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m ← length[X]
n ← length[y]
for i ← 1 to m
    do c[i,0] ← 0
for j ← 0 to n
    do c[0,j] ← 0
for i ← 1 to m
    do for j ← 1 to n
        do if x[i] = y[j]
            then c[i, j] ← c[i-1, j-1] + 1
                b[i, j] ← “↖”
            else if c[i-1, j] ≥ c[i, j-1]
                then c[i, j] ← c[i-1, j]
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return c and b
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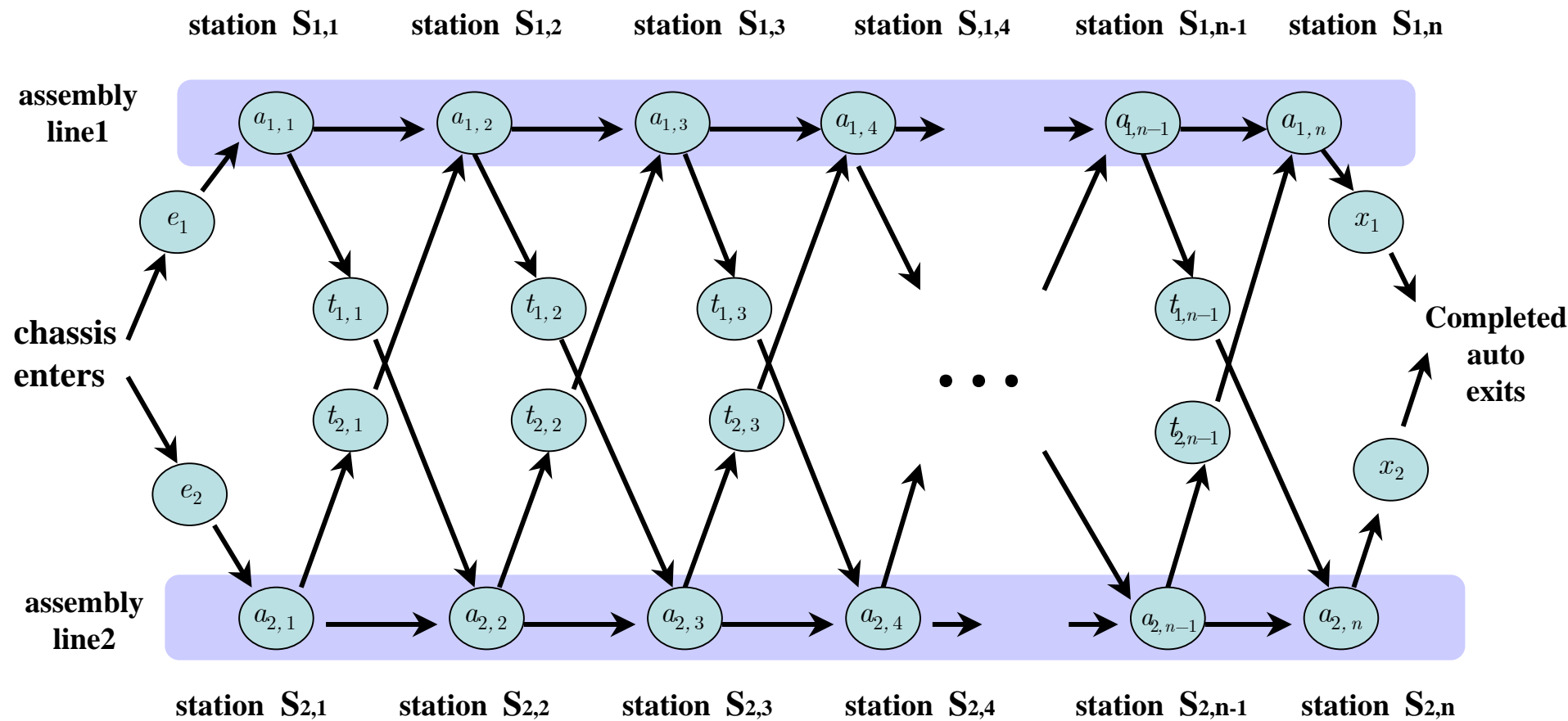
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PRINT-LCS(b, X, i, j)
  if i = 0 or j = 0
    then return
  if b[i, j] = “↖”
    then PRINT-LCS(b, X, i-1, j-1)
       print x[i]
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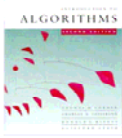


Assembly-line scheduling

Manufacturing problem to find the fastest way through a factory.

- Produces automobiles in a factory that has two assembly lines.
- An automobile chassis enters each assembly line and parts are added to it at the stations.
- Each assembly line: n stations, numbered $j = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
- Denote j th station on line i ($i = 1, 2$) by $S_{i,j}$.
- The j th station on line 1 ($S_{1,j}$) performs the same function as the j th station on line 2 ($S_{2,j}$).
- The time required at each station varies, even between stations at the same position on two different lines.
 - denote time required at $S_{i,j}$ by $a_{i,j}$
 - entry time e_i
 - exit time x_i
 - transfer time at $S_{i,j}$ is $t_{i,j}$.

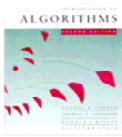




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Brute force way of minimizing the time through the factory.

- There are 2^n possible ways to choose stations.
- View the set of stations used in line 1 as a subset of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.
 - Number of all the subsets (power set) is 2^n .
 - Which is infeasible for large n .



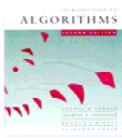
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of the fastest way through the factory.

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That is, the fastest way through station $S_{i,j}$ contains within it the fastest way through either $S_{1,j-1}$ or $S_{2,j-1}$).



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Recursive solution of the fastest way through the factory.

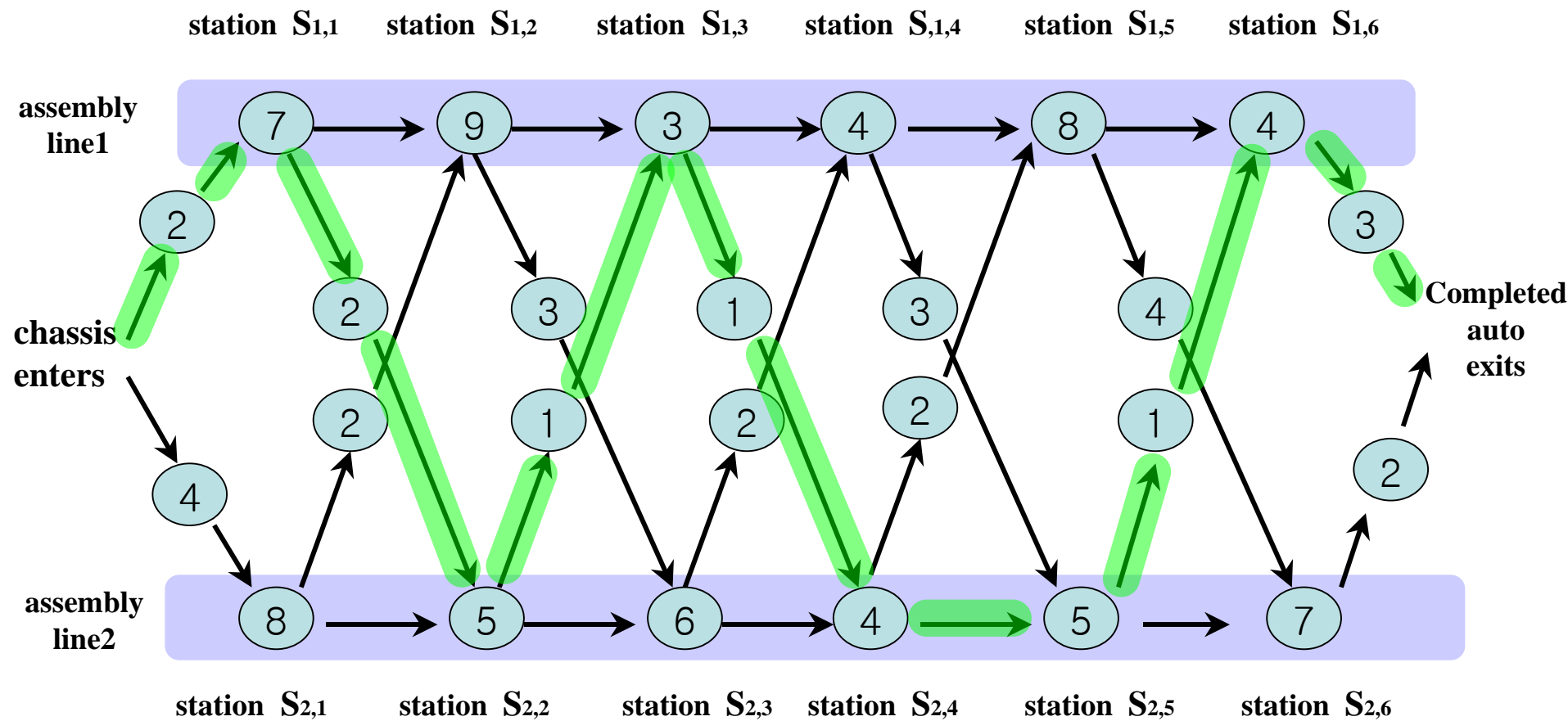
- Define the value of an optimal solution recursively in terms of the optimal solutions to subproblems.

$$f^* = \min(f_1[n] + x_1, f_2[n] + x_2) \quad \text{Fast time to get a chassis all the way through the factory.}$$

$$f_1[j] = \begin{cases} e_1 + a_{1,1} & \text{if } j = 1, \\ \min(f_1[j-1] + a_{1,j}, f_2[j-1] + t_{2,j-1} + a_{1,j}) & \text{if } j \geq 2 \end{cases}$$
$$f_2[j] = \begin{cases} e_2 + a_{2,1} & \text{if } j = 1 \\ \min(f_2[j-1] + a_{2,j}, f_1[j-1] + t_{1,j-1} + a_{2,j}) & \text{if } j \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$l_i[j]$: line number, 1 or 2, whose station $S_{i,j-1}$ is used in a fastest way through $S_{i,j}$.

l^* : line number whose station n is used.

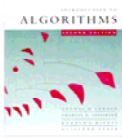


j	1	2	3	4	5	6
$f_1[j]$	9	18	20	24	32	35
$f_2[j]$	12	16	22	25	30	37

$f^* = 38$

j	1	2	3	4	5
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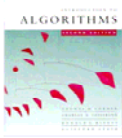
of recursive solution of the fastest way through the factory.

- *A recursive solution contains a “small” number of distinct subproblems repeated many times.*
- The recursive algorithm: running time is proportional to 2^n .
 - let $r_i(j)$: the number of references made to $f_i[j]$ in recursive algorithm.
$$r_1(n) = r_2(n) = 1$$
$$r_1(j) = r_2(j) = r_1(j + 1) + r_2(j + 1) \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$
$$r_i(j) = 2^{n-j}$$
 - Thus, $f_1[1]$ alone is referenced 2^{n-1} times.
 - The total number of references to all $f_i[j]$ values is $\Theta(2^n)$.



Assembly-line scheduling

- *Computing the fastest times.*
- We can do much better if we compute the $f_i[j]$ values in a different order from the recursive way.
 - $f_1[j]$ depends only on $f_1[j-1]$ and $f_2[j-1]$.
 - compute $f_i[j]$ in order of increasing station numbers j .
 - The time it takes is $\Theta(n)$.



Assembly-line scheduling

FASTEST-WAY (a, t, e, x, n)

$f_1[1] \leftarrow e_1 + a_{1,1}$

$f_2[1] \leftarrow e_2 + a_{2,1}$

for $j \leftarrow 2$ to n

do if $f_1[j-1] + a_{1,j} \leq f_2[j-1] + t_{2,j-1} + a_{1,j}$

then $f_1[j] \leftarrow f_1[j-1] + a_{1,j}$

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if $f_2[j-1] + a_{2,j} \leq f_1[j-1] + t_{1,j-1} + a_{2,j}$

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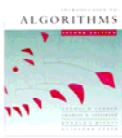
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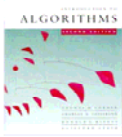


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 $i \leftarrow l^*$   
print "line "  $i$  ", station "  $n$   
  for  $j \leftarrow n$  downto 2  
    do  $i \leftarrow l_i[j]$   
    print "line "  $i$  ", station "  $j - 1$ 
```

PRINT-STATIONS procedure produce the output

line 1, station 6
line 2, station 5
line 2, station 4
line 1, station 3
line 2, station 2
line 1, station 1



Dynamic Programming

- *Divide-and-conquer* algorithms partition the problem into **independent** subproblems, solve the subproblems recursively, and then combine their solutions to solve the original problem.
- **Dynamic programming** is applicable when the subproblems are **not independent**, that is, when subproblems share subsubproblems.
- Applicable condition of dynamic programming
 - optimal substructure
 - overlapping subproblems