

Longest common subsequence (LCS)

Subsequence:

A B B C B A B

then

B C B B is a subsequence

- A sequence whose order is same as in the given sequence.
- They may not be consecutive.

Common subsequence:

X = B A A B C B A B C

Y = A B B C B A C

A B B B C

A B C B A C
longest.

A B C is a common subsequence.

A sequence that is subsequence to both X and Y.

Longest: A common subsequence whose length is largest possible.

A simple algorithm

X, Y

$$|Y| < |X|$$

$$|Y| = n$$

$$|X| = m$$

consider all possible subsequences of Y

compare with X whether any of the subsequence is common to X

return the largest one.

running time : $O(m \cdot 2^n)$

$$X = x_1 x_2 \dots x_m$$

$$Y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n$$

$$X_i = x_1 x_2 \dots x_i$$

$$Y_j = y_1 y_2 \dots y_j$$

Z_1 be a LCS of X and Y

$$Z_K = z_1 z_2 \dots z_K$$

$$x_m = y_n$$

Z_K is a member of LCS of X and Y

Z_{K-1} is a LCS of X_{m-1}
and Y_{n-1}

$$x_m \neq y_n$$

$$Z_K \neq x_m$$

Z_K is a LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_n

$$Z_K \neq y_n$$

Z_K is a LCS of X_m and Y_{n-1}

Recursive definition

$C[i, j] \leftarrow$ optimum length of an LCS for X_i and Y_j

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

compute the value of the optimum solution

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LCS-length(X, Y)
m ← length(X), n ← length(Y)
let C[0..m, 0..n] be a new table
let B[0..m, 0..n] be a new table.
for i = 1 to m
    C[i, 0] = 0
for j = 1 to n
    C[0, j] = 0
for i = 1 to m
    for j = 1 to n
        if xi = yj
            C[i, j] = C[i-1, j-1] + 1
            B[i, j] = "↖"
        else if C[i-1, j] ≥ C[i, j-1]
            C[i, j] = C[i-1, j]
            B[i, j] = "↑"
        else
            C[i, j] = C[i, j-1]
            B[i, j] = "←"
return C, B
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Running time:

$O(mn)$

Ex^m

X = A B C B D A B

Y = B D C A B A

$\downarrow X \backslash Y$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
		B	D	C	A	B	A
0		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2	2
3	C	0	1	1	2	2	2
4	B	0	1	1	2	3	3
5	D	0	1	2	2	3	3
6	A	0	1	2	3	3	4
7	B	0	1	2	3	4	4

BCBA