

A sequence T with k elements is called subadditive if the elements satisfy the following property: $\frac{T[1]}{1} \geq \frac{T[2]}{2} \geq \frac{T[3]}{3} \geq \dots \geq \frac{T[k]}{k}$. In this problem, you are given a sequence S of length n over positive integers and want to find the length of the longest possible subsequence of S that is subadditive.

For example, if S is $(1, 2, 4, 8, 10)$, then its longest subadditive subsequence is $(4, 8, 10)$ because $\frac{4}{1} \geq \frac{8}{2} \geq \frac{10}{3}$ and our answer should be the length of this subsequence, 3.

1. Let $L(i)$ denote the length of the longest subadditive subsequence of the suffix $S[i \dots n]$ of S that starts with the element $S[i]$. Consider the following recursive equations for computing $L(i)$. Here we assume $S[n+1]$ is 0 by default.

Base Case: $L(n+1) = 0$ (corresponding to the suffix of S of length 0).

Recursive equation: $L(i) = \max_{j > i; \frac{S[i]}{1} \geq \frac{S[j]}{2}} (1 + L(j))$

The intention is that if the first element of the optimal subsequence of $S[i \dots n]$ is $S[i]$ and the second element is $S[j]$, then we must ensure $\frac{S[i]}{1} \geq \frac{S[j]}{2}$. The above expression takes the maximum over all j that satisfy this property.

Unfortunately, this recursive equation is not correct. Find a counterexample where the above equation returns an incorrect answer for $L(i)$.

Question1: CounterExample: $S = \{ 10, 8, 15, 14 \}$

Using the recursive equation in the example algorithm:

$$(S[1]/1) = 10 \geq (S[2]/2) = 4;$$

$$(S[2]/1) = 8 \geq (S[3]/2) = 7.5;$$

$$(S[3]/1) = 15 \geq (S[4]/2) = 7;$$

HOWEVER, the proposition of $S[1]/1 \geq S[2]/2 \geq S[3]/3 \geq S[4]/4$ is false since $S[2]/2 < S[3]/3$. Therefore the example algorithm is problematic.

Question2:

Assume we have an array $S[]$ which contains a series of numbers.

Let $\text{SubA}[]$ denote an subarray that is subadditive, and let $L(i)$ denote the length of the longest subadditive sequence in the $\text{SubA}[]$ array.

If there exists a number x such that x belongs to the $S[]$ and doesn't belong to $\text{SubA}[]$, and if x satisfies the below condition:

If $\text{SubA}[\text{last_index}] / \text{SubA.size}() \geq x / \text{SubA.size}() + 1$, then $\text{SubA}[]$.append x . Recurse on the updated $\text{SubA}[]$ array with a new size of $(\text{SubA.size} + 1)$. Let curSize be the current size of the $\text{SubA}[]$ subarray, and $(i + \text{curSize})$ is the last index of the subarray. Then in this manner we can have a recursive equation that:

$$L(i) = \text{MAX}_{j > i+1} \frac{S[i+\text{curSize}]}{\text{curSize}} \geq \frac{S[j]}{\text{curSize}+1} (1 + L(i))$$

Question3:

Algo design:

Initiate S[] // the given array with a series of numbers

Initiate SubA[] // the subarray with longest subadditive sequence

SubAFinder(S[], SubA[]) {

For (i =0; i< SubA.size; i++) {

//initialize all the elements in SubA to 1 so we can update the number when we find a
//subadditive sequence

SubA[i] = 1;

}

For (i=0; i< S[].size -1; i++) {

For (j=0; j< i -1; j++) {

If $S[j] / \text{SubA}[j] \geq S[i] / \text{SubA}[j] + 1$ AND $\text{SubA}[j] + 1 \geq \text{SubA}[i]$ {

SubA[i] = SubA [i] + 1;

Find the max element in the SubA array \rightarrow max

Return max;

}

}

Running Time analysis:

Initializing SubA[] elements to 1 $\rightarrow O(n)$

2 for loops $\rightarrow O(n^2)$

Finding the max elements in the SubA[] array $\rightarrow O(n)$

$T(n) = O(n) + O(n^2) + O(n) \rightarrow O(n^2) \rightarrow \text{poly}(n)$

Proof:

Base case:

When The S[] array only contains a single element $\rightarrow \text{SubA}[] = \{ 1 \} \rightarrow$ this is true since no comparison is needed.

Inductive hypothesis:

Assume that when the S[] array contains $n = k$ elements, the algorithm would correctly find the longest subadditive array.

Inductive step:

When $n = k + 1$, let a = the $k+1$ th element in the array S[]

Let $\text{SubA}[i]$ be the length of the subadditive sequence at index i , and according to the inductive hypothesis, we already have the length of subadditive sequences at each index of array for a size $n = k$.

If $\text{SubA}[\text{length} - 1] / \text{SubA}.\text{length} \geq S[k+1] / \text{SubA}[i] + 1$, then we can increment the $\text{SubA}[i]$ by 1, updating the corresponding index value, in that manner, we will find the max element of the SubA array with a length of $n = k + 1$ eventually.