

A subsequence of a string is a new string generated from the original string with some characters (can be none) deleted without changing the relative order of the remaining characters (eg 'ace' is a subsequence of 'abcde ' while 'ace' is not). A common subsequence of two strings is a subsequence that is common in both strings

Ref : LeetCode 1143

Longest Common Subsequence

text 1 = "abcde"

text 2 = "ace"

$x_0 \rightarrow$ string starting
at 0
i.e. x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n

CASE 1

1st char of text 1 and text 2 match

$$\therefore \text{LCS}(x_0, y_0) = 1 + \text{LCS}(x_1, y_1)$$

CASE 2

1st char of text 1 and text 2 don't match

text 1 = "abcde"

text 2 = "bc"

text 1 = a**bcde**

text 2 = **bc**

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text 2 = **bc**

$$\text{LCS}(x_0, y_0) = \max \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{LCS}(x_1, y_0) \\ \text{LCS}(x_0, y_1) \end{array} \right)$$

| | a | c | e | |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| a | | | | 0 |
| b | | | | 0 |
| c | | | <div> <div>point 1</div> <div>*</div> <div>→</div> <div>↓</div> </div> | 0 |
| d | | | | 0 |
| e | | | <div> <div>* point 2</div> <div>↘</div> </div> | 0 |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

* point 1

test 1 = cde

test 2 = e

val at point 1

CASE 2

MAX (↓ →)

* point 2

CASE 1

1 + (↘) = 1 + 0 = 1

memo = [] []

for i = n to -1 dec -1

for j = m to -1 dec -1

if tent1[i] = tent2[j] :

memo[i][j] = 1 + memo[i+1][j+1]

else

memo[i][j] = max $\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{memo}[i+1][j], \\ \text{memo}[i][j+1] \end{array} \right]$