

# Experimental Project:

## Common Subsequence Algorithms

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# Abstract

I implement and compare side by side four algorithms that compute the length of and reconstruct a longest common subsequence (LCS) of two arbitrary strings. The asymptotic performance of the algorithms is compared to the actual execution times.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

In this report, I implement and investigate the performance of four algorithms that each calculate the length of and reconstruct a longest subsequences common to a pair of input strings. The algorithms are – in the order of increasing sophistication – the naive recursive, top-down memoized recursive, bottom-up dynamic iterative, and Hirschberg’s quadratic time linear space recursive algorithms. The implementation of all algorithms except Hirschberg’s quadratic-time linear-space algorithm is based on (Cormen & al. 2009). For Hirschberg’s Algorithm B and Algorithm C, see (Hirschberg 1975).

This is an empirical investigation of the actual runtime performance. The algorithms were implemented using the [Python](#) programming language. `Python` is a high-level interpreted language. The reason that I chose `Python` is that it offers a near pseudocode-level clarity of the implementation. The drawback is a comparatively long execution time. For this exercise where we merely com-



pare the algorithms among themselves – without worrying about putting them in production – `Python` proved to be an adequate choice, especially from the standpoint of rapidly coming up with a prototype implementation.

The algorithms were run in two batches remotely on a CS department lab machine (`gorgon.cs.rit.edu`) with the following characteristics:

```
$ cat /proc/cpuinfo
processor      : 0
vendor_id     : GenuineIntel
cpu family    : 6
model         : 42
model name    : Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2400 CPU @ 3.10GHz
stepping      : 7
microcode     : 0x1b
cpu MHz       : 1600.000
cache size    : 6144 KB
physical id   : 0
siblings      : 4
core id       : 0
cpu cores     : 4
...
```

```
$ cat /proc/meminfo
MemTotal:      16391732 kB
```

```
MemFree:      12982560 kB
Buffers:      485152 kB
Cached:       1695260 kB
SwapCached:   0 kB
...
SwapTotal:    15998972 kB
SwapFree:     15998972 kB
...
```

Prior to running the experiments, I set artificially high system limits on my stack size so as to prevent the program from failing prematurely in the case of a deep recursion and force any bottleneck into CPU or memory capacity instead:

```
$ ulimit -s 120000 # (kilobytes)
```

and from within the Python script:

```
sys.setrecursionlimit(100000)
```

The flowchart in fig. 1.1 shows the overall logic of the driver script (`driver.py`):

Two batches of experiments were run in sequence. The input strings were chosen from two alphabets: a binary alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  and a four-item alphabet representing a quasi DNA strand  $\{A, C, G, T\}$ . Input string length was varied depending on the algorithm to ensure a reasonable runtime and memory requirements. Strings up to length 20 were used for naive algorithm, up to

length 5,000 for the bottom-up dynamic and top-down memoized algorithms, and up to length 40,000 for the Hirschberg algorithm. All algorithms were run on the input strings from the same library randomly assembled for select string lengths using the `generate_string.py` module.

Each algorithm implements an essentially identical interface, so that they can all be run from the driver script with minimum variation. The `tabulate_lcs` function computes the matrix (or vector, as appropriate) of LCS lengths. The `reconstruct_lcs` function reconstructs an LCS.

The performance is measured separately for the tasks of

- 1) computing the length of an LCS, and
- 2) for reconstructing an LCS,

except for the *naive* algorithm, where the tasks are coupled.

Profiling the algorithms for time and memory usage is done by wrapping the above two functions in a `Python` decorator – a higher-order function that returns the original function, in addition to logging the time/memory resources. Similarly, to calculate the depth of recursion, I wrap the helper functions that are invoked recursively in a decorator that increments the recursion depth on each invocation. All of the profiling functions are defined in the `profilers.py` module. Here's a typical memory profiler output that my measurements are based on. Here I create a list of characters of length  $10^6$  with a footprint of approximately 8 MB:

```
$ python3 profilers.py
```

Filename: profilers.py

Line #	Mem usage	Increment	Line Contents
=====			
155	27.0 MiB	0.0 MiB	@time_and_space_profiler()
156			def mem_test():
157	27.0 MiB	0.0 MiB	a = 'a'
158	34.7 MiB	7.7 MiB	b = ['a'] * (10**6)
159	27.1 MiB	-7.6 MiB	del b
160	27.1 MiB	0.0 MiB	return a

For each algorithm, I ran a suite of tests against hand-computed results to ensure the program performs as expected, as in the following assertion statements for the *top-down memoized algorithm*:

```
219     print("[%0.7fs] %s(%d) -> %d recursive calls"
220           %(elapsed, name, lcs_length, \
221             registry['_reconstruct_lcs']))
222
223     # test reconstruction match
224     name, elapsed, memlog, lcs_table = \
225         tabulate_lcs("", "")
226     lcs_length = size_lcs(lcs_table)
227     waste, waste, memlog, lcs = \
228         reconstruct_lcs("", "",
229                          lcs_table, lcs_length)
230     assert lcs == ""
231     name, elapsed, memlog, lcs_table = \
232         tabulate_lcs("", "123")
233     lcs_length = size_lcs(lcs_table)
234     waste, waste, memlog, lcs = \
235         reconstruct_lcs("", "123",
236                          lcs_table, lcs_length)
237     assert lcs == ""
```

```

238     name, elapsed, memlog, lcs_table = \
239         tabulate_lcs("123","")
240     lcs_length = size_lcs(lcs_table)
241     waste, waste, memlog, lcs = \
242         reconstruct_lcs("123", "",
243             lcs_table, lcs_length)
244     assert lcs == ""
245     name, elapsed, memlog, lcs_table = \
246         tabulate_lcs("123","abc")
247     lcs_length = size_lcs(lcs_table)
248     waste, waste, memlog, lcs = \
249         reconstruct_lcs("123", "abc",
250             lcs_table, lcs_length)
251     assert lcs == ""
252     name, elapsed, memlog, lcs_table = \
253         tabulate_lcs("123","123")
254     lcs_length = size_lcs(lcs_table)
255     waste, waste, memlog, lcs = \
256         reconstruct_lcs("123", "123",
257             lcs_table, lcs_length)
258     assert lcs == "123"
259     name, elapsed, memlog, lcs_table = \
260         tabulate_lcs("bbcaba","cbbbaab")
261     lcs_length = size_lcs(lcs_table)

```

---

/home/max/classes/16\_spring/algorithms/project/pylib/memoized.py

Also for verification purposes – for all strings against which the algorithms were tested – I plot the lengths of the reconstructed LCS’s in fig. 1.2. This shows, as expected, two LCS matches for each input string length – consistent with two sets of inputs at each input string length (binary and DNA alphabet sets) – except where the two match strings have identical length or are indistinguishable on the plot scale for the shortest of inputs:

In addition to the Python Standard Library, I’ve used the Python [matplotlib](#) module for plotting and [memory\\_profiler](#) to track memory consumption. Both packages are under the BSD license.

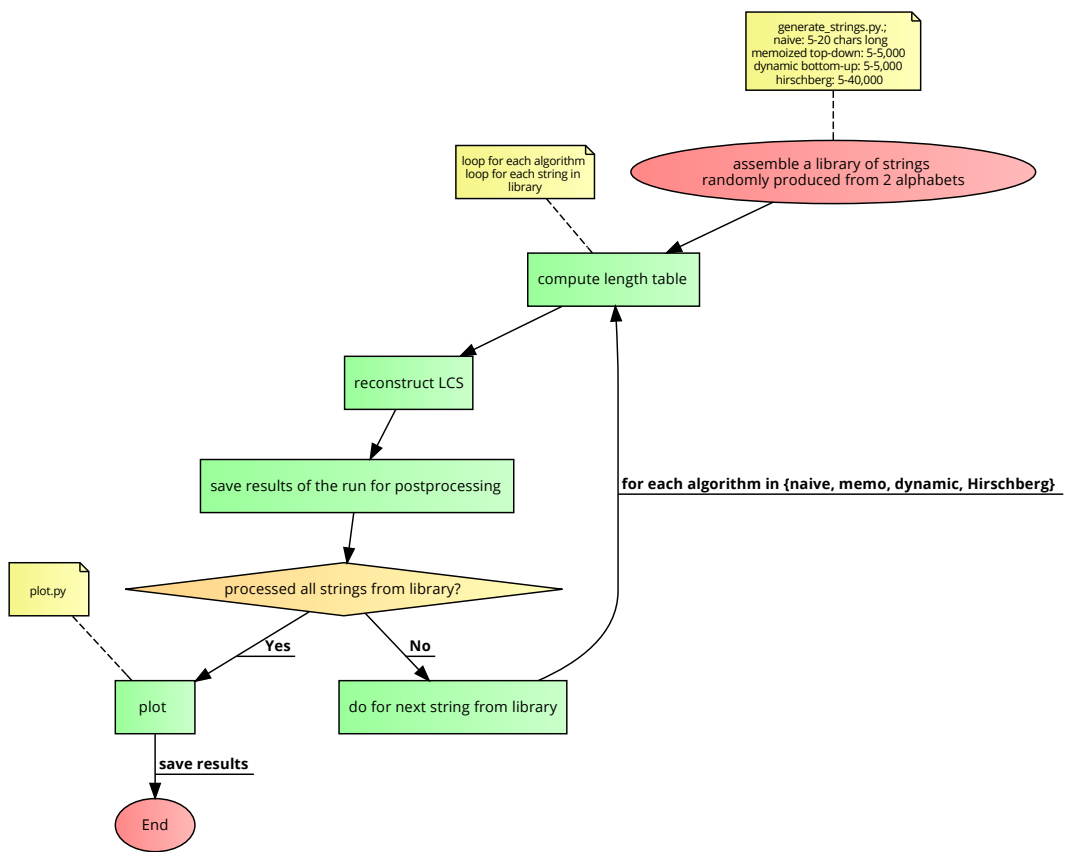


Figure 1.1: Logic of the batch script (driver.py)

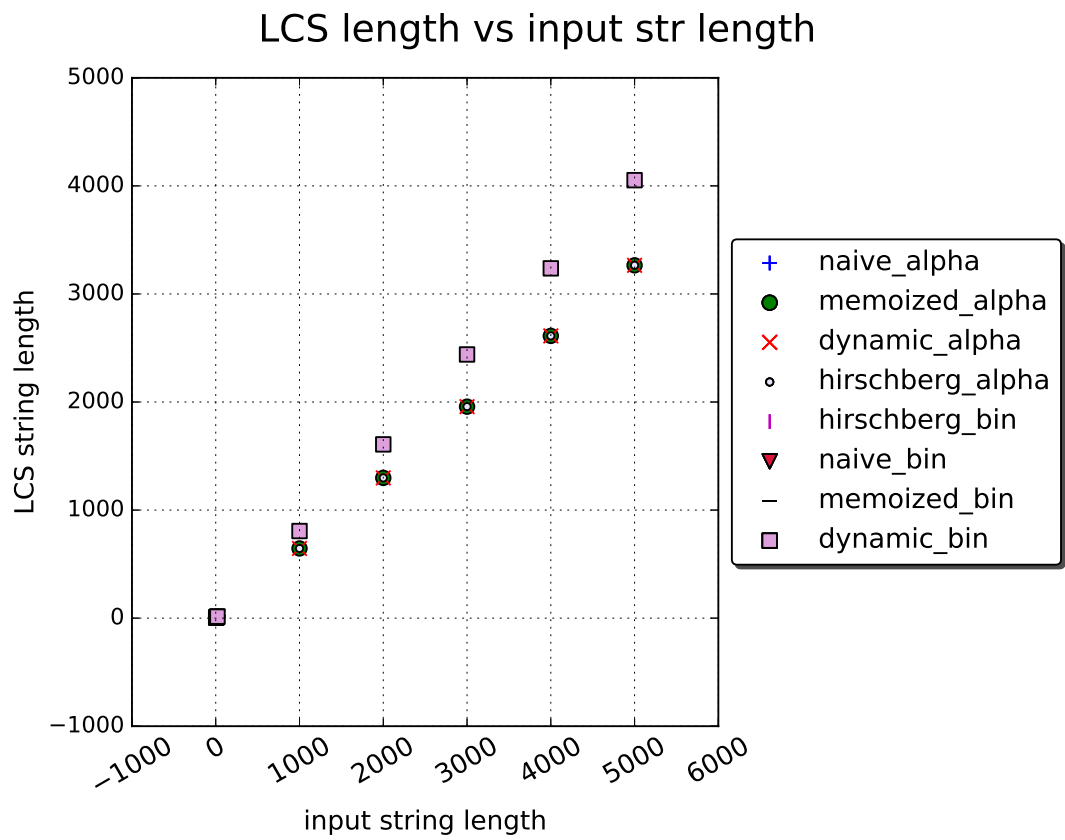


Figure 1.2: Sanity check: Verify all algorithms compute the same LCS length for a given pair of input strings

# Chapter 2

## Naive Algorithm

The naive recursive solution is based on recursion (15.9) in (Cormen & al. 2009). I repeat the recursion here as it is of fundamental importance for all the algorithms discussed in this report. For the `Python` implementation, see listing in sec. 7.

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } i = 0 \text{ or } j = 0, \\ c[i - 1, j - 1] + 1 & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i = y_i, \\ \max(c[i, j - 1], c[i - 1, j]) & \text{if } i, j > 0 \text{ and } x_i \neq y_j \end{cases} \quad (2.1)$$

strings of length up to 20 were tested. Asymptotic complexity of the *naive recursive algorithm* is exponential in the length of the input strings. Both the length and the actual LCS match are computed at once. The asymptotic time is confirmed by the experimental results shown in sec. 6, where the performance



of the *naive algorithm* is orders of magnitude worse than that of any of the quadratic/linear time algorithms.

The stark difference in performance is most clearly seen in set 2 plots (runtime vs input and recursion depth vs input) in sec. 6 and correlates strongly with the recursion depth, but is further compounded by the repeated re-calculation of the same quantities.

We could fit an exponential curve to the  $O(c^n)$  data distribution to approximate the constant  $c$ , under the assumption that all lower-order terms are negligible. However, the added precision is not very useful as the numbers will differ, sometimes dramatically, even between different batch runs, to say nothing about different machines. Compare the runtime for strings of size 20 (binary alphabet) for the two sets.

To illustrate, for set 1 we can approximate the distribution with:

- 1) for alphabetic strings:  $CPU\ time = 7.3 \times 10^{-5} e^{0.83n}$ ;
- 2) for binary strings:  $CPU\ time = 2.5 \times 10^{-3} e^{0.25n}$ ;

For set 2:

- 1) for alphabetic strings:  $CPU\ time = 1.8 \times 10^{-4} e^{0.80n}$ ;
- 2) for binary strings:  $CPU\ time = 1.5 \times 10^{-3} e^{0.29n}$ ;

With the above disclaimer about the approximate nature of any prediction (specific to machine and input characteristics), we can estimate that for 10 second

execution time, we can process at input strings of at most length 13 if using DNA alphabet.

## Chapter 3

# Top-Down Memoized Algorithm

The memoized implementation uses top-down recursion essentially identical to the naive approach in sec. 7, except that performed computations are saved in a table to eliminate repeated superfluous calculations. For the `Python` implementation, see listing in sec. 8.

We expect  $\Theta(mn)$  running time and memory requirements for the task of sizing an LCS. Also, we expect linear time  $\Theta(m + n)$  and quadratic space  $\Theta(mn)$  for reconstructing an LCS, given the table computed beforehand.

It will be seen in sec. 6 that the *memoized algorithm* has indeed quadratic execution time and memory performance for sizing an LCS, and linear time for reconstructing an LCS. See, in particular the runtime and memory plots from set 2 in sec. 6.

For set 2 we can approximate the distribution of CPU times for sizing an LCS

with:

- 1) for alphabetic strings:  $CPU\ time = 7.28 \times 10^{-5} x^2$ ;
- 2) for binary strings:  $CPU\ time = 1.75 \times 10^{-8} x^2$ ;

Correspondingly, for a 10 second runtime, we could process inputs up to about size 460 characters.

# Chapter 4

## Bottom-Up Dynamic Programming Algorithm

The DP implementation uses bottom-up iterative approach in Fig. 15.8 in (Cormen & al. 2009). For the `Python` implementation, see listing in sec. 9.

As with the *memoized algorithm*, we expect  $\Theta(mn)$  running time and memory requirements for the task of sizing an LCS. Also, we expect linear time  $\Theta(m + n)$  and quadratic space  $\Theta(mn)$  for reconstructing an LCS, given the table computed beforehand.

As the plots in sec. 6 demonstrate, the *dynamic algorithm* has indeed quadratic execution time and memory performance for sizing an LCS, and linear time for reconstructing an LCS.

It will be seen from the plots in sec. 6 that the *dynamic algorithm* implementa-

tion is more efficient than *memoized algorithm* because of the recursive overhead of the latter. However, my table storage implementation for the two algorithms is different (by accident). The table for the *dynamic algorithm* just happens to be less efficiently implemented. This results in the *dynamic algorithm* requiring significantly more memory for the same input length, compared to my implementation of the *memoized algorithm*. Again, this is a mere fluke of implementation and not in any way intrinsic in the algorithms themselves. I will comment on the particular plots that illustrate this fluke further in sec. 6.

For set 2 we can approximate the distribution of CPU times for sizing an LCS for both alphabetic and binary strings:  $CPU\ time = 5.79 \times 10^{-5} x^2$ ;

Correspondingly, for a 10 second runtime, we could process inputs up to about size 420 characters, which approximately matches the performance of the *memoized* algorithm.

# Chapter 5

## Hirschberg Linear Space

## Dynamic Programming

## Algorithm

The *Hirschberg algorithm* implementation follows the pseudo-code in (Hirschberg 1975). For the `Python` implementation, see listing in sec. 10.

Theoretically, we expect  $\Theta(mn)$  time complexity and  $\Theta(m + n)$  space. By distinction from the *memoized* and *dynamic* algorithms that require quadratic ( $\Theta(mn)$ ) space for recovery, not just sizing an LCS), *Hirschberg* algorithm allows one also to recover an LCS in  $\Theta(m + n)$  space. However, also by contrast to the *memoized* and *dynamic* algorithms, *Hirschberg* requires a  $\Theta(mn)$  time to recover an LCS, where the former two algorithms are linear  $\Theta(m + n)$ . I.e. in the tradeoff between time and memory consumption – the former two algorithms

excel in the time requirements (for recovering an LCS), while *Hirschberg* excels in the space requirements (similarly for recovering an LCS).

The linear space requirements and polynomial time requirements will indeed be evident in the plots in sec. 6.

For set 2 we can approximate the distribution of CPU times for sizing an LCS with:

- 1) for alphabetic strings:  $CPU\ time = 5.09 \times 10^{-6} x^2$ ;
- 2) for binary strings:  $CPU\ time = 5.15 \times 10^{-6} x^2$ ;

Correspondingly, for a 10 second runtime, we could process inputs up to about size 1350 characters, almost three times the performance of the *memoized* or *dynamic* algorithms.



# Chapter 6

## Summary of results

Two sets of experiments have been performed. They show the same tendencies, but the actual execution time and memory usage occasionally differs, which demonstrates the vagaries of attaching too much precision beyond the approximate asymptotic estimates. In this section, I compare experimental runs side by side.

### 6.1 Set 1

Note that I distinguish the tasks of sizing and reconstructing the LCS for all algorithms except the *naive algorithm*. From fig. 6.1 it can be seen that the execution time of the three algorithms for sizing LCS (excluding *naive*) is quadratic in the length of input string. What is truly remarkable is how much more efficient Hirschberg's *Algorithm B* is compared even to its very close cousin *dynamic*

*bottom-up algorithm*. Essentially, the only difference between the algorithms is that the *dynamic bottom-up algorithm* keeps an in-memory matrix of lengths that is the size of Hirschberg’s vector in-memory storage squared.

fig. 6.2 demonstrates vividly the inefficiency of the *naive algorithm* that takes longer than a Hirschberg’s algorithm on an input that is three orders of magnitude naive’s. One can also clearly see the quadratic nature of Hirschberg’s reconstruction scheme (for the CPU time, as opposed to memory usage). Compare this to linear time reconstruction algorithms (*dynamic* and *memoized*).

fig. 6.3 illustrates the difference between recursive and iterative algorithms. For the recursive *memoized algorithm* (*naive* not shown, as it performs reconstruction coupled with sizing the LCS), one can see the quadratic nature of recursion depth vs. input string length. This will become even clearer on set 2 plots below. By distinction, *dynamic* and *Hirschberg* algorithms are iterative.

Finally, fig. 6.4 shows the quadratic relationship between memory usage and input length for *dynamic* and *memoized* algorithms, as opposed to linear relationship for *Hirschberg*, which barely grows for its very low footprint.

## 6.2 Set 2

The second run has broadly comparable results. Remarkably, there are sometimes dramatic differences, which demonstrates the risk of estimating the run-time or memory consumption with more precision than can be justified. Com-

pare for example the tables in sec. 15 for the *dynamic* runs 1 and 2 for input of size 5000.

For better resolution, the plots for set 2 exclude the runs for inputs of size above 5,000 (see instead set 1 plots for *Hirschberg algorithm* inputs for sizes  $> 5,000$ ).

We observe from the plots that alphabetic input matching appears to be less efficient than binary. This is probably due to the fact that the longer length of matched strings (for the quasi-random algorithm I used in generating input strings) results in faster “convergence” for binary strings compared to DNA strings. Refer to fig. 6.9 and to fig. 1.2. It would be interesting to compare the efficiency if the length of match were controlled for.

*Memoized* scheme is less efficient than *dynamic*, which is probably due to the overhead from recursion (vs. iterative implementation of the *dynamic* algorithm). *Hirschberg’s* implementation (also iterative), trumps *dynamic* by far in virtue of its lean operations on vector storage of the LCS lengths (vs. 2D matrix in case of the *dynamic* algorithm). It should be mentioned that I used the rather inefficient storage scheme using  $m \times n$  sized lists from Python’s Standard Library instead of using arrays from the outside `numpy` library that are much more compact and efficient.

With reference to fig. 6.6: Reconstructing an LCS match using the naive algorithm is tremendously inefficient. The distinction between exponential and polynomial algorithm is evident in this plot, where maximum-length *naive* input is 20, evidently due to its wasteful recursive calls. Note the depth of recursion in fig. 6.7 even for such a small input size.

With reference to fig. 6.9: For recursive algorithms, the quadratic relationship between recursion vs input length mirrors that between CPU time vs input length. There's a linear relationship between recursion depth and CPU time for the recursive *memoized algorithm*.

It is interesting to note that it takes about twice as many recursive calls for an alphabetic string compared to binary string – for the same algorithm and string length input! Note that the DNA alphabet is also twice the size of the binary alphabet. Again, I suspect this is due to the longer match and correspondingly faster convergence, which is accidental, in the sense that it is not intrinsic to the alphabet representation in my case but is just a fluke of string generation.

With reference to fig. 6.10, the memory usage is also quadratic in the length of input for all algorithms, except *Hirschberg's*, which is linear as expected (barely noticeable footprint). This is expected for 2D tables. Also, one notes the difference between the *dynamic* and *memoized* memory usage for the **same** input strings! This is not due to anything intrinsic in the algorithms. One would expect that the two algorithms would have identical memory usage. The difference is explained by my implementation: I just happened to use very sparsely populated arrays (mostly filled by **None** pointers) for the *memoized* implementation. Whereas, all entries in the *dynamic* arrays are initialized to 0. I didn't put much thought into the difference of implementation, but it obviously led to some dramatic difference in memory usage.

Sizing LCS: CPU time vs input str length

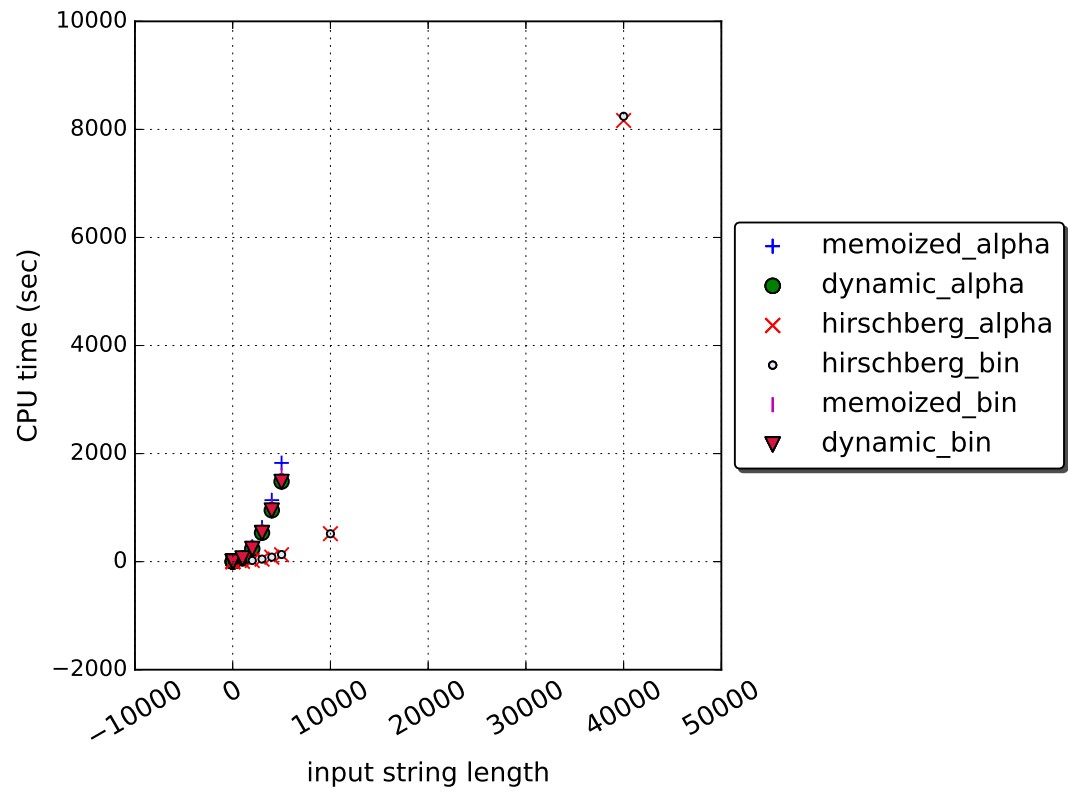


Figure 6.1: Set 1: Runtime vs input length – sizing LCS

## Reconstructing LCS: CPU time vs input str length

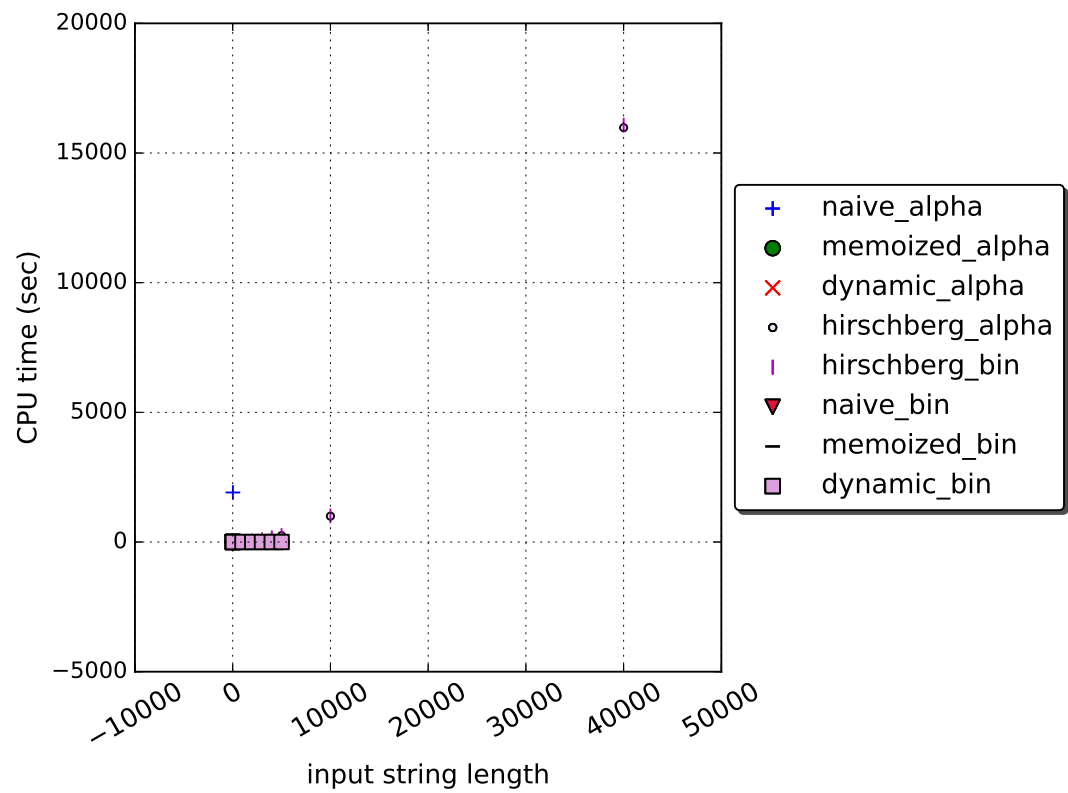


Figure 6.2: Set 1: Runtime vs input length – reconstructing LCS

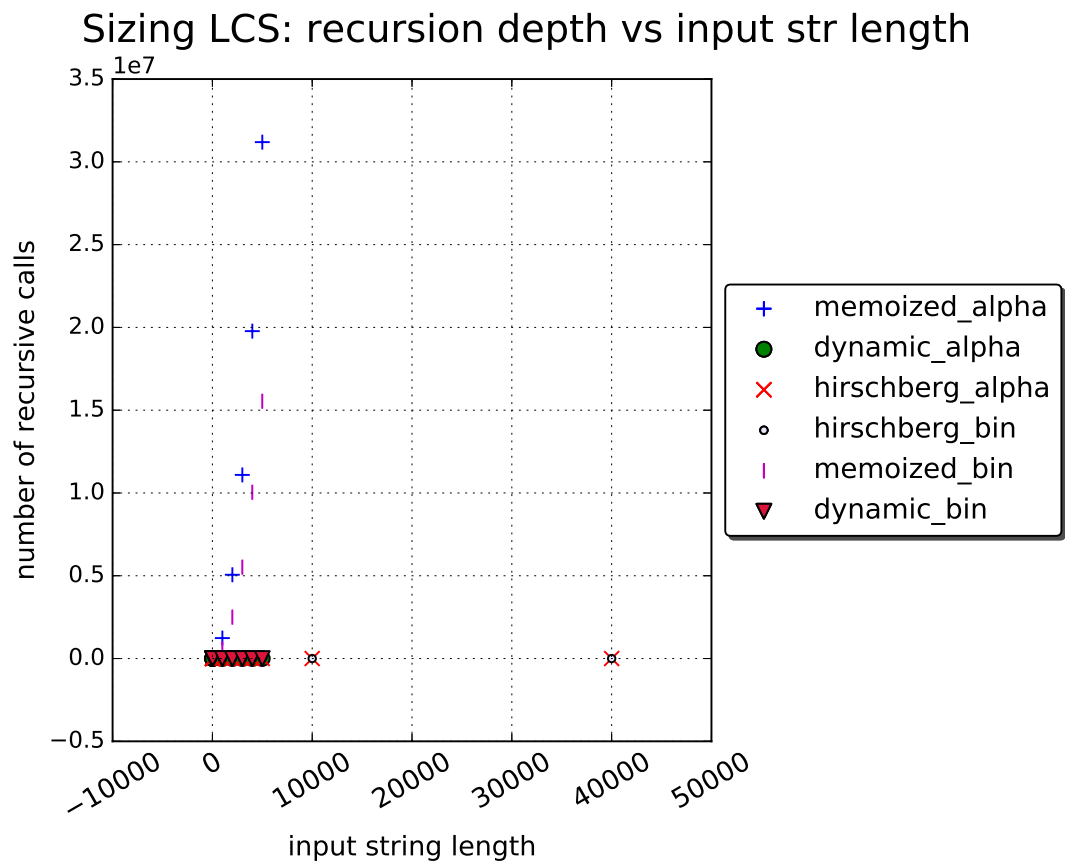


Figure 6.3: Set 1: Recursion depth vs input length – sizing LCS

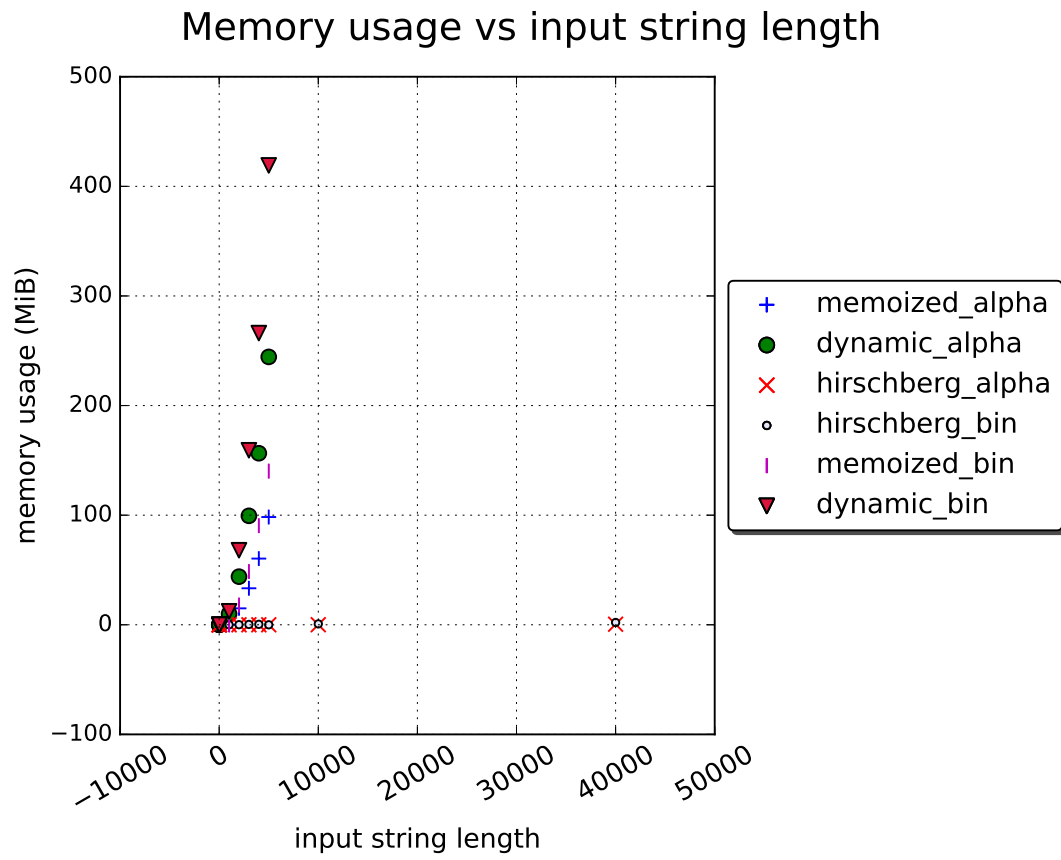


Figure 6.4: Set 1: Memory usage – sizing LCS



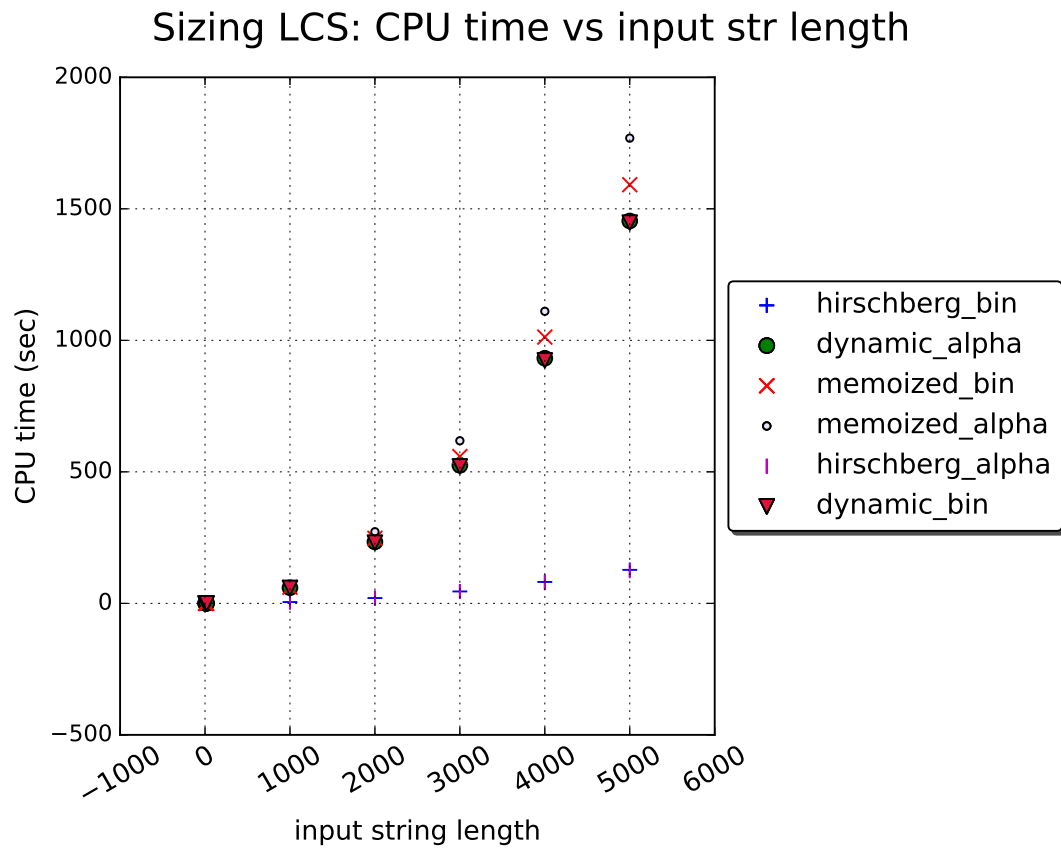


Figure 6.5: Set 2: Runtime vs input length – sizing LCS

## Reconstructing LCS: CPU time vs input str length

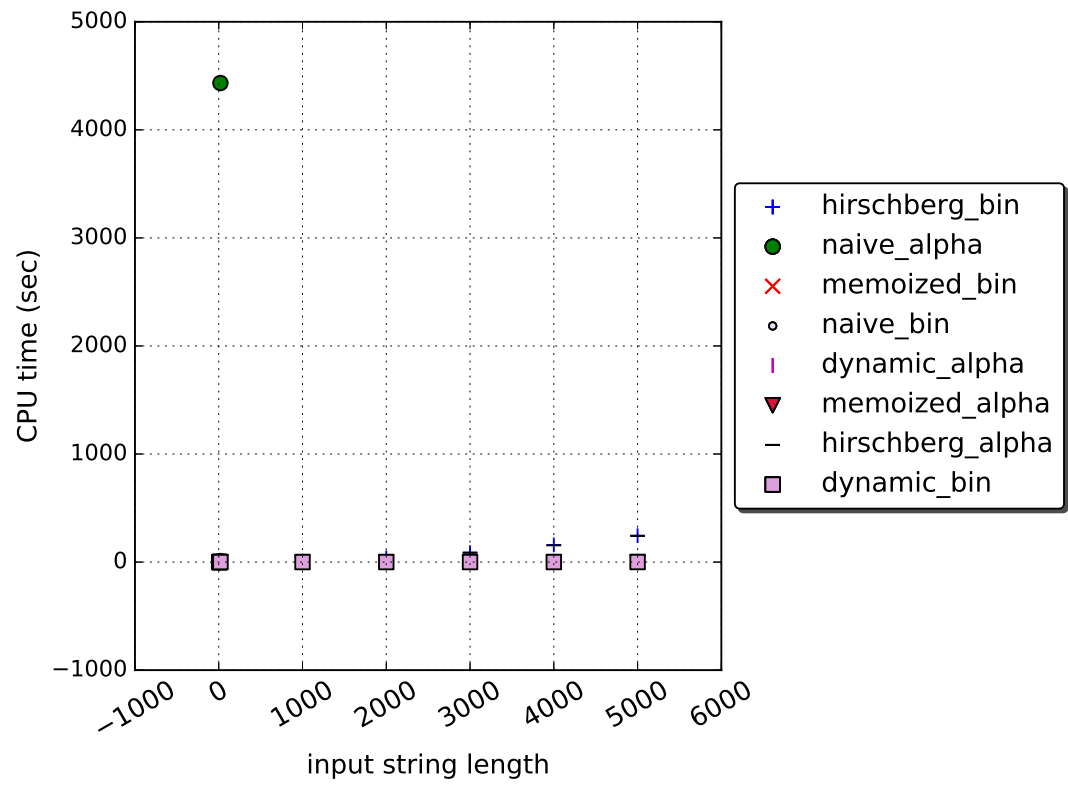


Figure 6.6: Set 2: Runtime vs input length – reconstructing LCS

## Reconstructing LCS: recursion depth vs input str length

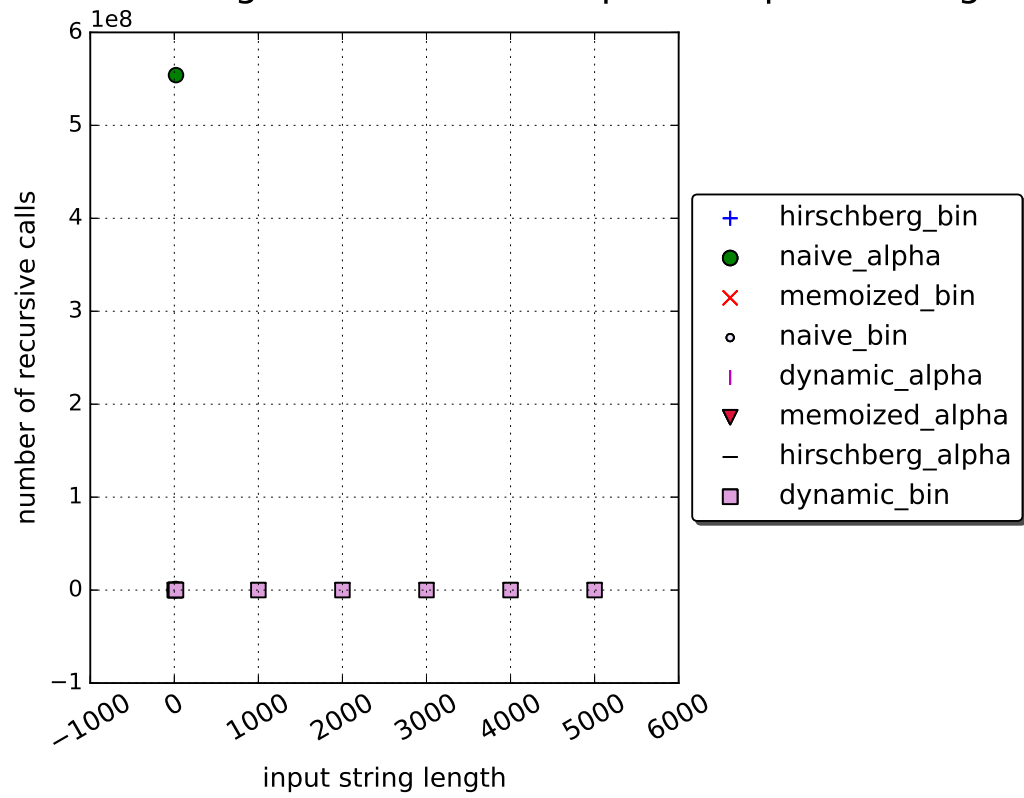


Figure 6.7: Set 2: Recursion depth vs input length – reconstructing LCS

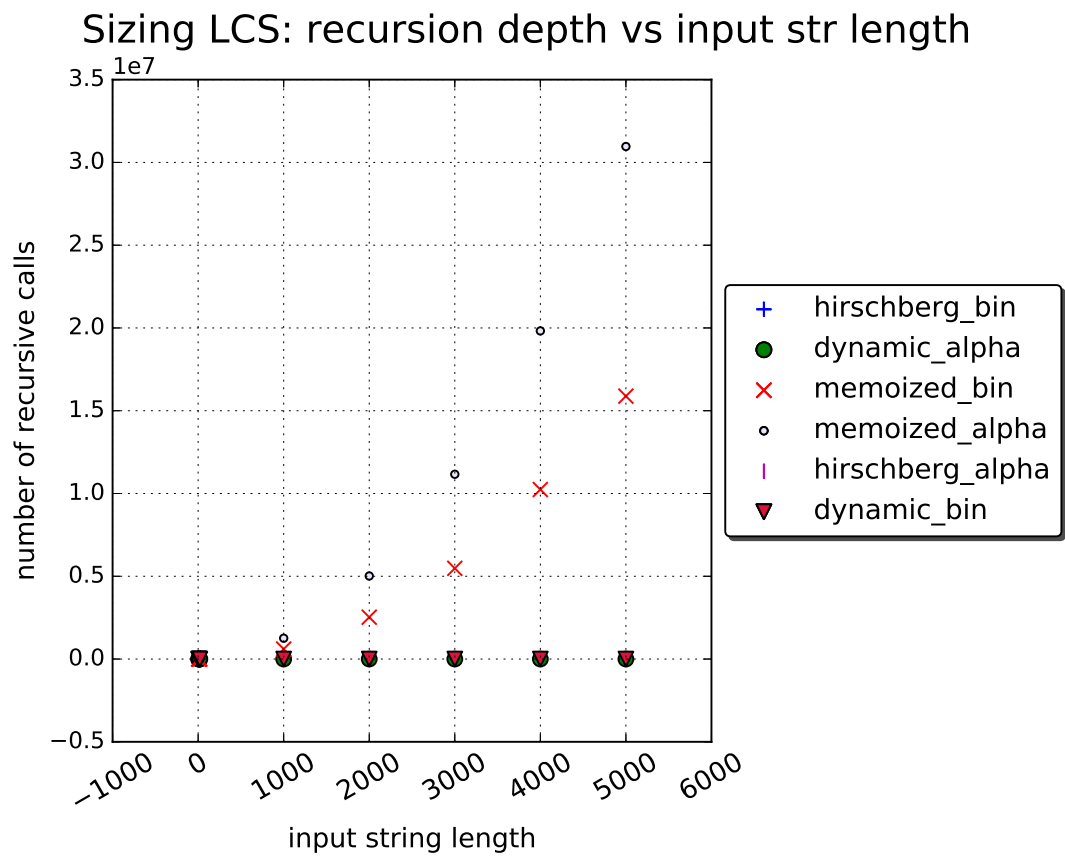


Figure 6.8: Set 2: Recursion depth vs input length – sizing LCS

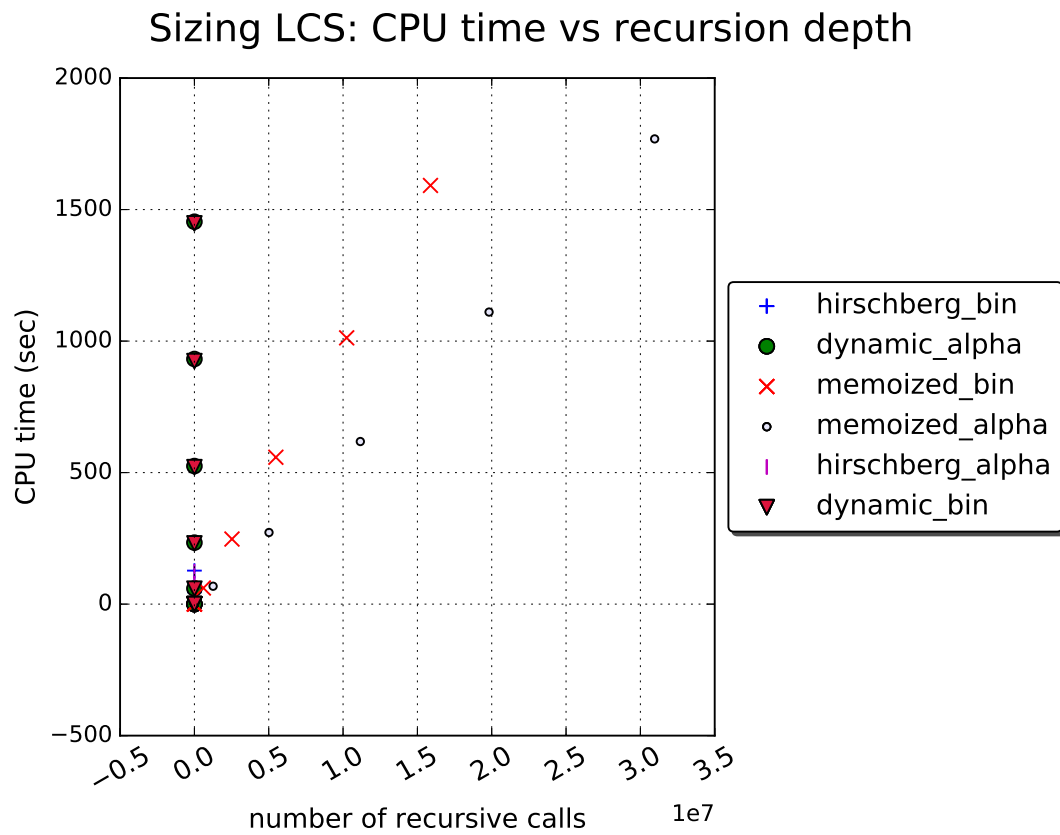


Figure 6.9: Set 2: Runtime vs recursion depth – sizing LCS

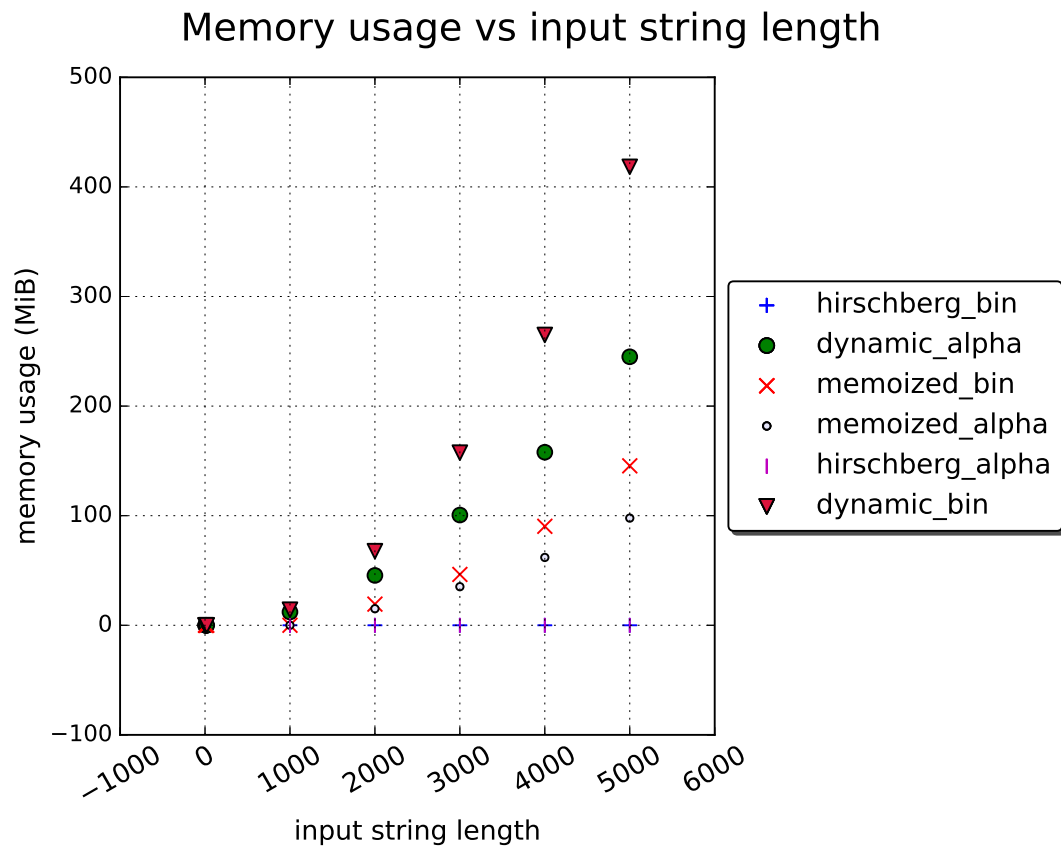


Figure 6.10: Set 2: Memory usage – sizing/reconstructing LCS

# Chapter 7

## Appendix 1: Naive Algorithm Implementation

Following is the implementation of the naive algorithm in sec. 2:

---

```
17 from profilers import log_recursion
18 from profilers import time_and_space_profiler
19 from profilers import registry
20 from generate_string import strgen
21 import sys
22
23 sys.setrecursionlimit(100000)
24
25
26 @time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1)
27 def reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, *args):
28     """Calls helper function to calculate an LCS.
29
30     Args:
31     *args: extra arguments that some algorithms
32     require
33     """
34     # reset registry
35     registry['_reconstruct_lcs'] = 0
36
37     return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, len(seq1)-1, \
38                             len(seq2)-1, "")
39
```

```

40 @log_recursion
41 def _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, i, j, lcs):
42     """Naive recursive solution to LCS problem.
43     See CLRS pp.392-393 for the recursive formula.
44
45     Args:
46         seq1 (string): a string sequence generated
47                        by generate_string.strgen()
48         seq2 (string): another random string
49                        sequence like seq1
46         i (int): index into seq1
47         j (int): index into seq2
48         lcs (string): an LCS string being built-up
49 Returns:
50     lcs: longest common subsequence (can be
51         empty string)
52     """
53
54     if i < 0 or j < 0:
55         return lcs
56     else:
57         if seq1[i] == seq2[j]:
58             return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, \
59                                     i-1, j-1, seq1[i] + lcs)
60         else:
61             return max(_reconstruct_lcs(seq1, \
62                                         seq2, i-1, j, lcs),
63                       _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, \
64                                         seq2, i, j-1, lcs), \
65                       key=len)
66

```

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/home/max/classes/16\_spring/algorithms/project/pylib/naive.py



# Chapter 8

## Appendix 2: Memoized Algorithm Implementation

Following is the implementation of the memoized dynamic programming algorithm in sec. 3:

---

```
15 from profilers import log_recursion
16 from profilers import time_and_space_profiler
17 from profilers import registry
18 from generate_string import strgen
19 import sys
20
21 # set system recursion limit
22 sys.setrecursionlimit(100000)
23
24
25 @time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1)
26 def tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, *args):
27     """Calls helper function to calculate an LCS.
28
29     Args:
30         seq1 (string): a random string sequence
31         generated by generate_string.strgen()
32         seq2 (string): another random string
33         sequence like seq1
34     Returns:
```

```

35         table of LCS lengths (int): so-called table
36         c in Figure 15.8 in CLRS
37
38         """
39         # reset registry
40         registry['_tabulate_lcs'] = 0
41
42         len1 = len(seq1)
43         len2 = len(seq2)
44
45         # store length of LCS[i,j] in lcs_table
46         lcs_table = [[None for j in range(len2)] \
47                      for i in range(len1)]
48         _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, len1-1, len2-1, \
49                      lcs_table)
50         #return lcs_table[len1-1][len2-1]
51         return lcs_table
52
53     @log_recursion
54     def _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, i, j, lcs_table):
55         """Recursive solution with memoization to LCS
56         problem. See CLRS ex. 15.4-3.
57
58         Args:
59         seq1 (string): a string sequence generated by
60         generate_string.strgen()
61         seq2 (string): another random string sequence
62         like seq1
63         i (int): index into seq1
64         j (int): index into seq2
65         lcs_table (2D list): a matrix of LCS length
66         for [i, j] prefix
67
68         Returns:
69         None: modifies in place LCS length table
70         """
71
72         if i < 0 or j < 0:
73             return 0
74         else:
75             if lcs_table[i][j] is not None:
76                 return lcs_table[i][j]
77             else:
78                 if seq1[i] == seq2[j]:
79                     val = 1 + \
80                         _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, i-1, \
81                                     j-1, lcs_table)
82                 else:
83                     val = max(_tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, \
84                                             i-1, j, lcs_table),
85                               _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, i, \
86                                             j-1, lcs_table))
87
88             lcs_table[i][j] = val

```

```

88         return val
89
90     def size_lcs(lcs_table):
91         """Returns length of maximum common subsequence.
92
93         Args:
94             lcs_table (2D list): a matrix of LCS length for
95                 [i, j] prefix
96
97         Returns:
98             length (int): LCS length
99         """
100         if len(lcs_table) > 0 and len(lcs_table[0]) > 0:
101             return lcs_table[-1][-1]
102         else:
103             return 0
104
105     @time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1)#, stream = MEMLOG)
106     def reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table, lcs_length):
107         """Calls helper function to reconstruct
108             one possible LCS based on saved LCS lengths table.
109
110         Args:
111             seq1 (string): a string sequence generated by
112                 generate_string.strgen()
113             seq2 (string): another random string sequence
114                 like seq1
115             lcs_length (int): length of LCS
116             lcs_table (2D list): a matrix of LCS length for
117                 [i, j] prefix
118
119         Returns:
120             lcs (string): an LCS
121         """
122
123         # reset registry
124         registry['_reconstruct_lcs'] = 0
125
126         i = len(lcs_table) - 1
127         if i < 0:
128             return ""
129         else:
130             j = len(lcs_table[0]) - 1
131             lcs_arr = _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table,
132                                     lcs_length-1, i, j, [None] * lcs_length)
133             lcs = "".join(lcs_arr)
134             return lcs
135
136     @log_recursion
137     def _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table, char, i, j,\
138                         lcs_arr):
139         # if already constructed LCS, return
140         if (char < 0 or i < 0 or j < 0):
141             return lcs_arr

```

```

141     # else if looking for first character of LCS...
142     elif (i == 0):
143         if (lcs_table[i][j] == 1):
144             if (seq1[i] == seq2[j]):
145                 lcs_arr[char] = seq1[i]
146                 return lcs_arr
147             else:
148                 return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, \
149                                         lcs_table, char, i, j-1, lcs_arr)
150         else:
151             return lcs_arr
152     elif (j == 0):
153         if (lcs_table[i][j] == 1):
154             if (seq1[i] == seq2[j]):
155                 lcs_arr[char] = seq1[i]
156                 return lcs_arr
157             else:
158                 return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, \
159                                         lcs_table, char, i-1, j, lcs_arr)
160         else:
161             return lcs_arr
162     # else consider general case
163     else:
164         prev, up, left = (lcs_table[i-1][j-1],
165                          lcs_table[i-1][j],
166                          lcs_table[i][j-1])
167
168         if (seq1[i] == seq2[j]):
169             lcs_arr[char] = seq1[i]
170             return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, \
171                                     lcs_table, char-1, i-1, j-1, lcs_arr)
172
173         elif (left is not None and up is not None):
174             if lcs_table[i-1][j] > lcs_table[i][j-1]:
175                 return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, \
176                                         lcs_table, char, i-1, j, lcs_arr)
177             else:
178                 return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, \
179                                         lcs_table, char, i, j-1, lcs_arr)
180         elif (left is not None):
181             return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table,
182                                     char, i, j-1, lcs_arr)
183         else:
184             return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table,
185                                     char, i-1, j, lcs_arr)

```

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## Chapter 9

# Appendix 3: Bottom-Up DP Algorithm Implementation

Following is the implementation of the bottom-up dynamic programming algorithm in sec. 4:

---

```
16 from profilers import log_recursion
17 from profilers import time_and_space_profiler
18 from profilers import registry
19 from generate_string import strgen
20 import sys
21
22 sys.setrecursionlimit(100000)
23
24 @time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1)
25 def tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, *args):
26     """Calls helper function to calculate an LCS.
27
28     Args:
29         seq1 (string): a random string sequence
30             generated by
31             generate_string.strgen()
32         seq2 (string): another random string
33             sequence like seq1
34
35     Returns:
36         LCS table
```

```

36
37     """
38     # reset registry
39     registry['_tabulate_lcs'] = 0
40
41     len1 = len(seq1)
42     len2 = len(seq2)
43
44     # store length of LCS[i,j] in lcs_table
45     lcs_table = [[0 for j in range(len2+1)] \
46                  for i in range(len1+1)]
47     _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, len1+1, len2+1,
48                  lcs_table)
49     return lcs_table
50
51 @log_recursion
52 def _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, i, j, lcs_table):
53     """Iterative bottom-up dynamic programming
54     solution to LCS problem. See CLRS p.394.
55
56     Args:
57         seq1 (string): a string sequence generated by
58                        generate_string.strgen()
59         seq2 (string): another random string sequence
60                        like seq1
61         i (int): number of rows in LCS table
62                 (=len(seq1) + 1)
63         j (int): number of columns in LCS table
64                 (=len(seq2) + 1)
65         lcs_table (2D list): a matrix of LCS length
66                               for [i-1, j-1] prefix
67
68     Returns:
69         None: modifies in place LCS length table
70     """
71
72     for row in range(1, i):
73         for col in range(1, j):
74             if seq1[row-1] == seq2[col-1]:
75                 lcs_table[row][col] = \
76                     lcs_table[row-1][col-1] + 1
77             elif lcs_table[row-1][col] \
78                  >= lcs_table[row][col-1]:
79                 lcs_table[row][col] = \
80                     lcs_table[row-1][col]
81             else:
82                 lcs_table[row][col] = \
83                     lcs_table[row][col-1]
84
85 def size_lcs(lcs_table):
86     """Returns length of maximum common subsequence.
87
88     Args:
89         lcs_table (2D list): a matrix of LCS length
90                               for [i, j] prefix

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```

89     Returns:
90         length (int): LCS length
91     """
92     return lcs_table[-1][-1]
93
94 @time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1) #, stream = MEMLOG)
95 def reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table, lcs_length):
96     """Calls helper function to reconstruct
97     one possible LCS based on saved LCS lengths table.
98
99     Args:
100         seq1 (string): a string sequence generated by
101             generate_string.strgen()
102         seq2 (string): another random string sequence
103             like seq1
104         lcs_length (int): length of LCS
105         lcs_table (2D list): a matrix of LCS length
106             for [i, j] prefix
107
108     Returns:
109         lcs (string): an LCS
110     """
111     # reset registry
112     registry['_reconstruct_lcs'] = 0
113
114     i = len(seq1)
115     if i < 1:
116         return ""
117     else:
118         j = len(seq2)
119         lcs_arr = _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table,
120             lcs_length-1, i, j, [None] * lcs_length)
121         lcs = "".join(lcs_arr)
122         return lcs
123
124 @log_recursion
125 def _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table, char, i, j,\
126     lcs_arr):
127
128     # if already done with LCS, return
129     if (char < 0 or i < 1 or j < 1):
130         return lcs_arr
131     # else consider general case
132     else:
133         prev, up, left = (lcs_table[i-1][j-1],
134             lcs_table[i-1][j],
135             lcs_table[i][j-1])
136
137         if (seq1[i-1] == seq2[j-1]):
138             lcs_arr[char] = seq1[i-1]
139             return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table,
140                 char-1, i-1, j-1, lcs_arr)
141         elif (up >= left):
142             return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table,

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```
142         char, i-1, j, lcs_arr)
143     else:
144         return _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, lcs_table,
145                                char, i, j-1, lcs_arr)
```

---

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# Chapter 10

## Appendix 4: Hirschberg DP Algorithm Implementation

Following is the implementation of the Hirschberg programming algorithm in sec. 5:

---

```
18 from profilers import log_recursion
19 from profilers import time_and_space_profiler
20 from profilers import registry
21 from generate_string import strgen
22 import sys
23
24 sys.setrecursionlimit(100000)
25
26 @time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1)
27 def tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, *args):
28     """Calls helper function to calculate an LCS.
29     ALG B in Hirschberg.
30
31     Args:
32         seq1 (string): a random string sequence
33                        generated by generate_string.strgen()
34         seq2 (string): another random string
35                        sequence like seq1
36     Returns:
37         LCS table
```

```

38
39     """
40     # reset registry
41     registry['_tabulate_lcs'] = 0
42
43     len1 = len(seq1)
44     len2 = len(seq2)
45
46     # for efficiency (see ALG B)
47     # select min(|seq1|, |seq2|) for vector
48     # storage
49     if len1 < len2:
50         seq1, seq2 = seq2, seq1
51         len1, len2 = len2, len1
52
53     # if only the length of the LCS is required,
54     # the matrix can be reduced to a min(m,n)+1
55     # vector as the dynamic programming approach
56     # only needs the
57     # current and previous columns of the matrix.
58     lcs_vector = [0 for j in range(len2+1)]
59     _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, len1+1, len2+1,
60                   lcs_vector)
61     return lcs_vector
62
63 @log_recursion
64 def _tabulate_lcs(seq1, seq2, i, j, lcs_vector):
65     """Iterative Hirschberg dynamic programming
66     solution to LCS problem. See Hirschberg's ALG B.
67
68     Args:
69         seq1 (string): a string sequence generated by
70                        generate_string.strgen()
71         seq2 (string): another random string sequence
72                        like seq1
73         i (int): number of rows in LCS table
74                 (=len(seq1) + 1)
75         j (int): number of columns in LCS table
76                 (=len(seq2) + 1)
77         lcs_vector (1D list): a vector of LCS length
78                               for [i-1, j-1] prefix, as in ALG B
79     Returns:
80         None: modifies in place LCS length table
81     """
82
83     for char in range(1, i):
84         prev = 0
85         for col in range(1, j):
86             if seq1[char-1] == seq2[col-1]:
87                 tmp = prev
88                 prev = lcs_vector[col-1] + 1
89                 lcs_vector[col-1] = tmp
90             elif lcs_vector[col] >= prev:

```

```

91         lcs_vector[col-1] = prev
92         prev = lcs_vector[col]
93     else:
94         lcs_vector[col-1] = prev
95         # prev = prev
96     if col == j - 1:
97         lcs_vector[col] = prev
98
99 @time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1)
100 def reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2):
101     """Calls helper function to construct LCS.
102     ALG C in Hirschberg."""
103     # reset registry
104     registry['_reconstruct_lcs'] = 0
105     registry['_tabulate_lcs'] = 0
106
107     m = len(seq1)
108     n = len(seq2)
109
110     if (m == 0 or n == 0):
111         return ""
112
113     # for efficiency (see ALG B)
114     # select min(|seq1|, |seq2|) for vector storage
115     if m < n:
116         seq1, seq2 = seq2, seq1
117         m, n = n, m
118
119     lcs_arr = _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, m, n)
120
121     lcs = "".join(lcs_arr)
122     return lcs
123
124 @log_recursion
125 def _reconstruct_lcs(seq1, seq2, m, n):
126     """Implements Algorithm C by Hirschberg.
127
128     Args:
129         seq1 (str): sequence 1
130         seq2 (str): sequence 2
131         m (int): length of seq1
132         n (int): length of seq2
133     """
134     if n == 0:
135         return []
136     elif m == 1:
137         if seq1[0] in seq2:
138             return [seq1[0]]
139         else:
140             return []
141     else:
142         mid = m // 2
143

```

```

144     lcs_vector_1 = [0 for j in range(n+1)]
145     lcs_vector_2 = [0 for j in range(n+1)]
146
147     _tabulate_lcs(seq1[:mid], seq2, \
148                 mid+1, n+1, lcs_vector_1)
149     _tabulate_lcs(seq1[mid-1:-1], seq2[:::-1],
150                 m-mid+1, n+1, lcs_vector_2)
151
152     sums = [lcs_vector_1[i] + lcs_vector_2[n-i] \
153            for i in range(len(lcs_vector_1))]
154
155     k = sums.index(max(sums))
156
157     C1 = _reconstruct_lcs(seq1[:mid], seq2[:k], \
158                     mid, min(k, n))
159     C2 = _reconstruct_lcs(seq1[mid:], seq2[k:], \
160                     m-mid, n-min(k, n))
161     C1.extend(C2)
162     return C1
163
164 def size_lcs(lcs_vector):
165     """Returns length of maximum common subsequence.
166
167     Args:
168         lcs_vector (1D list): a vector of LCS
169         length for [i, j] prefix
170     Returns:
171         length (int): LCS length
172     """
173     return lcs_vector[-1]

```

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# Chapter 11

## Appendix 5: Driver Program

Listing for the overall driver program:

---

```
28 import os, sys
29 from datetime import datetime
30 import importlib
31 from subprocess import call
32 from plot import plot_scatter
33 import csv
34 from generate_string import strgen
35
36 import naive
37 import memoized
38 import dynamic
39 import hirschberg
40
41
42 # increase recursion limit
43 sys.setrecursionlimit(100000)
44
45 # set up directory refs
46 CURDIR = os.path.abspath(os.path.curdir)
47 FIGDIR = os.path.join(os.path.dirname(CURDIR), \
48                       'docs/source/figures')
49 RESULTS = os.path.join(FIGDIR, 'results.csv')
50
51 # alphabets
52 ALPHAS = {'bin': ['0', '1'],
53           'alpha': ['A', 'C', 'G', 'T']}
54
```

```

55 # lengths of strings to consider
56 LENGTHS = {'naive': [5, 10, 15, 20],
57             'memoized': [5, 10, 15, 20, 1000, 2000, \
58                          3000, 4000, 5000],
59             'dynamic': [5, 10, 15, 20, 1000, 2000, \
60                          3000, 4000, 5000],
61             'hirschberg': [5, 10, 15, 20, 1000, 2000, \
62                             3000, 4000, 5000, 10000, \
63                             40000]
64         }
65
66
67 # key to memory log: line numbers to parse
68 LOG_LINES = {'memoized': {'size': ['43', '51']},
69              'dynamic': {'size': ['42', '49']},
70              'hirschberg': {'lcs': ['108', '122']}}
71
72
73 MODULES = {
74     'naive': naive,
75     'memoized': memoized,
76     'dynamic': dynamic,
77     'hirschberg': hirschberg}
78
79 def parse_log(memlog, algorithm, target):
80     start = LOG_LINES[algorithm][target][0]
81     end = LOG_LINES[algorithm][target][1]
82     missing_start = True
83     missing_end = True
84
85     for line in memlog.split('\n'):
86         toks = line.split()
87         if len(toks) > 1 and toks[0] == start and \
88             missing_start:
89             missing_start = False
90             start_val = float(toks[1])
91         elif len(toks) > 1 and toks[0] == end and \
92             missing_end:
93             missing_end = False
94             end_val = float(toks[1])
95
96     if (missing_start or missing_end):
97         print('tried parsing mem log for: ' + algorithm)
98         sys.exit('failed to parse memory log')
99     else:
100         return (end_val - start_val)
101
102 def echo(memo):
103     """Prints time stamped debugging message to std out.
104
105     Args:
106         memo (str): a message to be printed to screen
107     """

```

```

108     print("[%s] %s" \
109           %(datetime.now().strftime("%m/%d/%y %H:%M:%S"), \
110             memo))
111
112     def run_experiments():
113
114         # create a library of strings for each alphabet
115         # on which algos will be tested:
116         # dict(1='z', 3='yzx',...)
117         echo("Compiling a library of test strings...")
118         test_lengths = \
119             set([l for key in LENGTHS.keys() \
120                  for l in LENGTHS[key]])
121         strings_alpha = \
122             {l:[strgen(alphabet=ALPHAS['alpha'], size=l), \
123                  strgen(alphabet=ALPHAS['alpha'], \
124                        size=l)] for l in test_lengths}
125         strings_bin = {l:[strgen(alphabet=ALPHAS['bin'], \
126                                size=l), \
127                            strgen(alphabet=ALPHAS['bin'], size=l)] \
128                        for l in test_lengths}
129
130         # list of experimental results (list of dicts)
131         experiments = []
132
133         # run tests for each algo for either alphabet
134         echo("About to run each algorithm in turn "
135             "on each test string...")
136         for algorithm in LENGTHS.keys():
137             module = MODULES[algorithm]
138             echo("Running algorithm module " + \
139                 module.__name__)
140
141             for str_len in LENGTHS[algorithm]:
142                 echo("\_ for input string length " + \
143                     str(str_len))
144
145                 for alphabet in ALPHAS.keys():
146                     echo(" \_ for alphabet " + \
147                         alphabet)
148
149                     if alphabet == 'bin':
150                         strings = strings_bin
151                     else:
152                         strings = strings_alpha
153
154                     # build up a table of LCS lengths
155                     echo(" |--> calculating LCS length")
156                     sys.stdout.flush()
157                     if algorithm != 'naive':
158                         algo_size, time_size, memlog_size, \
159                             lcs_table = \
160                             module.tabulate_lcs(\


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```

161         strings[str_len][0],
162         strings[str_len][1])
163     match = module.size_lcs(lcs_table)
164     recursion_depth_size = \
165         module.registry['_tabulate_lcs']
166     if algorithm != 'hirschberg':
167         space_size = parse_log(memlog_size,
168                                 algorithm,
169                                 'size')
170     else: # algorithm == 'hirschberg'
171         # negligible for vector
172         space_size = None
173     else: # algorithm == 'naive'
174         time_size = None
175         space_size = None
176         recursion_depth_size = None
177
178     # reconstruct actual LCS
179     echo(" |--> reconstructing an LCS")
180     sys.stdout.flush()
181     if algorithm in ('naive', 'hirschberg'):
182         algo_lcs, time_lcs, memlog_lcs, \
183             lcs = \
184             module.reconstruct_lcs(\
185                 strings[str_len][0],
186                 strings[str_len][1])
187
188     else:
189         algo_lcs, time_lcs, \
190             memlog_lcs, lcs = \
191             module.reconstruct_lcs(\
192                 strings[str_len][0],
193                 strings[str_len][1],
194                 lcs_table,
195                 match)
196
197     recursion_depth_lcs = \
198         module.registry['_reconstruct_lcs']
199
200     if algorithm == 'naive':
201         # not tracking for short strings
202         space_lcs = None
203         match = len(lcs)
204     elif algorithm in ('memoized', 'dynamic'):
205         space_lcs = None
206     else:
207         space_lcs = parse_log(memlog_lcs,
208                                 algorithm,
209                                 'lcs')
210
211     echo(" |--> saving results of the run")
212     sys.stdout.flush()
213     experiments.append({ \

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```

214         'algo':algorithm,
215         'alphabet':alphabet,
216         'time_sizing':time_size,
217         'time_reconstruct':time_lcs,
218         'space_sizing':space_size,
219         'space_reconstruct':space_lcs,
220         'input_size':str_len,
221         'match_size':match,
222         'recursion_sizing':\
223             recursion_depth_size,
224         'recursion_reconstruct': \
225             recursion_depth_lcs})
226
227     return experiments
228
229 def plot_sanity_check(experiments, \
230     fname = "sanity_check.ps"):
231     """Plot input string length vs LCS length to verify
232     all algorithms agree on length of LCS for each input.
233
234     Args:
235         experiments (list of dicts): experiment data
236         fname (str): filename for plot
237     """
238
239     # compile a dict of dicts organized by algo + alphabet
240     # {'label': {'x':[...], 'y':[...]},...}
241     data = {}
242     input_lens = [5, 10, 15, 20, 1000, 2000, \
243         3000, 4000, 5000]
244     for experiment in experiments:
245         label = experiment['algo'] + "_" + \
246             experiment['alphabet']
247         if experiment['input_size'] in input_lens:
248             if label in data.keys():
249                 data[label]['x'].append(\
250                     experiment['input_size'])
251                 data[label]['y'].append(\
252                     experiment['match_size'])
253             else:
254                 data[label] = {}
255                 data[label]['x'] = \
256                     [experiment['input_size']]
257                 data[label]['y'] = \
258                     [experiment['match_size']]
259     plot_scatter(data, title = \
260         "LCS length vs input str length",
261         xlabel = "input string length",
262         ylabel = "LCS string length",
263         fname = fname)
264
265 def plot_all(experiments, attrx, attry,\
266     xlabel, ylabel, title, fname):

```

```

267 """Plot attrx vs attry for each algorithm
268 and alphabet.
269
270 Args:
271 experiments (list of dicts): experiment data
272 attrx (str): type (size LCS or reconstruct LCS)
273 attry (str): type (size LCS or reconstruct LCS)
274 title (str): plot title
275 fname (str): file name for plot
276 """
277
278 # compile a dict of dicts organized by algo + alphabet
279 # {'label': {'x':[...], 'y':[...]},...}
280 data = {}
281 for experiment in experiments:
282     label = experiment['algo'] + "_" + \
283         experiment['alphabet']
284     if experiment[attry]: # if we kept track
285         if label in data.keys():
286             data[label]['x'].append(experiment[attrx])
287             data[label]['y'].append(experiment[attry])
288         else:
289             data[label] = {}
290             data[label]['x'] = [experiment[attrx]]
291             data[label]['y'] = [experiment[attry]]
292 plot_scatter(data, title = title,
293             xlabel = xlabel,
294             ylabel = ylabel,
295             fname = fname)
296
297 def plot_memory_vs_input(experiments, attrx, attry,\
298     xlabel, ylabel, title, fname='mem_usage.ps'):
299     """Plot memory usage for the most memory expensive
300 operation (sizing LCS or reconstructing LCS) vs
301 input string length.
302
303 Args:
304 experiments (list of dicts): experiment data
305 attrx (str): type (size LCS or reconstruct LCS)
306 attry (list of str): type (size LCS or reconstruct
307 LCS)
308 title (str): plot title
309 fname (str): file name for plot
310 """
311 data = {}
312 for experiment in experiments:
313     label = experiment['algo'] + "_" + \
314         experiment['alphabet']
315     # if we kept track
316     if experiment[attry[0]] is not None:
317         attr = attry[0]
318     elif experiment[attry[1]] is not None:
319         attr = attry[1]

```

```

320         else:
321             attr = None
322
323         if attr is not None:
324             if label in data.keys():
325                 data[label]['x'].append(experiment[attrx])
326                 data[label]['y'].append(experiment[attr])
327             else:
328                 data[label] = {}
329                 data[label]['x'] = [experiment[attrx]]
330                 data[label]['y'] = [experiment[attr]]
331         plot_scatter(data, title = title,
332                     xlabel = xlabel,
333                     ylabel = ylabel,
334                     fname = fname)
335
336     if __name__ == "__main__":
337
338         experiments = run_experiments()
339
340         # write data to file
341         header = experiments[0].keys()
342         with open(RESULTS, 'w') as csvfile:
343             dict_writer = csv.DictWriter(csvfile, \
344                                         fieldnames=header)
345             dict_writer.writeheader()
346             dict_writer.writerows(experiments)
347
348         # plot data
349         echo("Done with algorithm runs. About to plot data...")
350
351         ## (1) as a sanity check, plot LCS length vs.
352         ## input str length
353         ## for all test strings of length 5 <= len <= 20
354         plot_sanity_check(experiments)
355
356         ## (2) plot input string length vs. CPU time for
357         ## each algorithm
358         plot_all(experiments, attrx = 'input_size',
359                 attry = 'time_sizing',
360                 xlabel = "input string length",
361                 ylabel = "CPU time (sec)",
362                 title = \
363                     "Sizing LCS: CPU time vs input str length",
364                 fname = 'cpu_input_sizing.ps')
365         plot_all(experiments, attrx = 'input_size',
366                 attry = 'time_reconstruct',
367                 xlabel = "input string length",
368                 ylabel = "CPU time (sec)",
369                 title = \
370                     "Reconstructing LCS: CPU time vs input str length",
371                 fname = 'cpu_input_reconstruct.ps')
372

```

```

373     ## (3) plot recursion depth vs. CPU time for each algorithm
374     plot_all(experiments, attrx = 'recursion_sizing',
375             attry = 'time_sizing',
376             xlabel = "number of recursive calls",
377             ylabel = "CPU time (sec)",
378             title = "Sizing LCS: CPU time vs recursion depth",
379             fname = 'cpu_recursion_sizing.ps')
380     plot_all(experiments, attrx = 'recursion_reconstruct',
381             attry = 'time_reconstruct',
382             xlabel = "number of recursive calls",
383             ylabel = "CPU time (sec)",
384             title = \
385                 "Reconstructing LCS: CPU time vs recursion depth",
386             fname = 'cpu_recursion_reconstruct.ps')
387
388     ## (4) plot recursion depth vs input string length for each algo
389     plot_all(experiments, attrx = 'input_size',
390             attry = 'recursion_sizing',
391             xlabel = "input string length",
392             ylabel = "number of recursive calls",
393             title = \
394                 "Sizing LCS: recursion depth vs input str length",
395             fname = 'recursion_input_sizing.ps')
396     plot_all(experiments, attrx = 'input_size',
397             attry = 'recursion_reconstruct',
398             xlabel = "input string length",
399             ylabel = "number of recursive calls",
400             title = \
401                 "Reconstructing LCS: recursion depth vs input str length",
402             fname = 'recursion_input_reconstruct.ps')
403
404     ## (5) plot input string length vs memory usage for each algo
405     plot_memory_vs_input(experiments, attrx = 'input_size',
406                         attry = ['space_sizing', 'space_reconstruct'],
407                         xlabel = "input string length",
408                         ylabel = "memory usage (MiB)",
409                         title = "Memory usage vs input string length")
410
411     echo("All done. Exiting...")

```

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# Chapter 12

## Appendix 6: Plotter Program

Listing for the plotting routine:

---

```
15 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
16 import os.path, itertools
17
18 CURDIR = os.path.abspath(os.path.curdir)
19 DOCDIR = os.path.join(os.path.dirname(CURDIR), \
20                       'docs/source/figures')
21
22 def plot_scatter(data, title, xlabel, ylabel, fname):
23     """Save 2D scatter plots of data.
24
25     Args:
26         data (dict of dicts): dict of x and y series;
27             data['algo_label'] =
28                 {'x':[list of x-coords],
29                   'y':[list of y-coords]}
30         title (string): plot title
31         xlabel, ylabel (string): axes' labels
32         fname (string): file name to save plot to
33     """
34
35     fig = plt.figure()
36     axes = plt.gca()
37
38     ax = plt.subplot(111)
39     box = ax.get_position()
40     ax.set_position([box.x0, box.y0, \
41                     box.width * 0.7, box.height])
```

```

42
43 fig.suptitle(title, fontsize=20)
44 plt.xlabel(xlabel, fontsize=14)
45 plt.ylabel(ylabel, fontsize=14)
46 labels = ax.get_xticklabels()
47 plt.setp(labels, rotation=30, fontsize = 14)
48
49 colors = itertools.cycle(['b', 'g', 'r', \
50     'lavender', 'm', 'crimson', 'k', 'plum'])
51 markers = itertools.cycle(['+', 'o', 'x', '.', \
52     '|', 'v', '_', 's', '*'])
53
54 for algo in data.keys():
55     color = next(colors)
56     marker = next(markers)
57
58     plt.scatter(data[algo]['x'], data[algo]['y'], \
59         s=60, c=color, marker=marker, label=algo)
60 plt.grid()
61 plt.legend(loc='center left', \
62     bbox_to_anchor=(1, 0.5),
63     ncol=1, fancybox=True, shadow=True,
64     scatterpoints = 1)
65 fig.savefig(os.path.join(DOCDIR, fname), \
66     bbox_inches = 'tight')
67 #plt.show()

```

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# Chapter 13

## Appendix 7: String Generator Program

Listing for the string generator routine:

---

```
14 from random import choice
15
16 def strgen(alphabet=['0', '1'], size=40000):
17     """Generates string of characters from
18     alphabet of given length."""
19     astring = ""
20     for i in range(size):
21         astring += choice(alphabet)
22     return astring
23
24 if __name__ == "__main__":
25     # functionality test
26     for i in range(5):
27         some_string = \
28             strgen(['A', 'C', 'G', 'T'], 3)
29         print("Generated: %s of length %d" \
30             %(some_string, len(some_string)))
```

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## Chapter 14

# Appendix 8: Performance Profiler Program

Listing for runtime, recursion depth and memory profilers:

---

```
22 import time, sys
23 from memory_profiler import LineProfiler, show_results
24 from collections import defaultdict
25 import os.path
26 import io
27
28 # keep track of recursive function calls
29 registry = defaultdict(int)
30
31 # keep track of memory usage
32 CURDIR = os.path.abspath(os.path.curdir)
33
34 def log_recursion(func):
35     """Decorator that counts the number of function
36     invocations.
37
38     Args:
39         func: function to be decorated
40     Returns:
41         decorated func
42     Caveats:
43         does not account for repeated runs!
44     """
```



```

45     # count number of invocations
46     def inner(*args, **kwargs):
47         """Increments invocations and returns the
48             callable unchanged."""
49
50         registry[func.__name__] += 1
51         return func(*args, **kwargs)
52     return inner
53
54
55 def time_and_space_profiler(repeat = 1):
56     """Decorator factory that times the function
57         invocation. A function is timed over 'repeat' times
58         and then runtime is averaged.
59
60     Args:
61         repeat (int): number of repeat runs to average
62                       runtime over.
63
64     Returns:
65         decorated func (in particular, runtime
66                       averaged over number of repeat runs)
67     """
68     def decorate(func):
69         """Decorator.
70
71     Args:
72         func: function to be decorated
73     """
74     def inner(*args, **kwargs):
75         """Sets timer and returns the elapsed time
76             and result of original function.
77
78     Returns:
79         func.__name__, elapsed_time,
80         original_return_value (tuple)
81     """
82     outstream = io.StringIO()
83     mem_profiler = LineProfiler()
84     start = time.perf_counter()
85     for i in range(repeat):
86         return_val = \
87             mem_profiler(func)(*args, **kwargs)
88     finish = time.perf_counter()
89     # log memory usage
90     show_results(mem_profiler, \
91                 stream=outstream, precision=1)
92     # return amortized average cost per run
93     elapsed = (finish - start) / repeat
94     memlog = outstream.getvalue()
95     outstream.close()
96
97     return (func.__name__, elapsed, \
98           memlog, return_val)

```

```
98         return inner
99     return decorate
```

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# Chapter 15

## Appendix 9: Tabulated Results

### 15.1 Legend

1. Algorithms: h = *Hirschberg* | d = *dynamic* | m = *memoized* | n = *naive*
2. alpha(bet): a = *alphabetic (DNA)* | b = *binary*
3. metric: rcnstr = *reconstruction of LCS* | size = *sizing LCS*
4. other: recur = *depth of recursion* | len = *length of string* | space = *memory usage (MiB)*

### 15.2 Test Set 1

Table 15.1: Test set 1 result summary

algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
	(len)		(len)	(rcnstr)	(size)	(size)	(rcnstr)	(rcnstr)	(size)
h	5	b	3	9	1	0.4424	0.0145	0	
h	5	a	4	9	1	0.0161	0.016	0	
h	10	b	9	19	1	0.0169	0.0177	0	
h	10	a	7	19	1	0.0162	0.019	0	
h	15	b	11	25	1	0.0196	0.0203	0	
h	15	a	8	27	1	0.0191	0.0221	0	
h	20	b	14	37	1	0.0212	0.0257	0	
h	20	a	13	37	1	0.0209	0.0256	0	
h	1000	b	806	1955	1	5.187	10.071	0	
h	1000	a	645	1865	1	5.1413	9.9765	0	
h	2000	b	1608	3853	1	20.7777	40.0546	0.1	
h	2000	a	1298	3727	1	20.384	40.1049	0	
h	3000	b	2440	5855	1	46.2451	90.5748	0.3	
h	3000	a	1957	5611	1	46.2217	89.3372	0	
h	4000	b	3237	7775	1	82.8076	162.1242	0.4	
h	4000	a	2612	7425	1	82.8802	160.251	0	
h	5000	b	4053	9709	1	131.3543	251.3526	0	
h	5000	a	3265	9239	1	127.6273	248.2184	0	
h	10000	b	8108	19455	1	516.3635	1006.5678	0.8	
h	10000	a	6509	18729	1	516.9911	997.1549	0.1	

algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
h	40000	b	32447	77833	1	8242.7208	16074.518	2.1	
h	40000	a	26180	74769	1	8164.5099	15977.7473	0.5	
d	5	b	3	8	1	0.0253	0.0147		0
d	5	a	4	6	1	0.0212	0.0144		0
d	10	b	9	11	1	0.0316	0.0144		0
d	10	a	7	13	1	0.0316	0.0137		0
d	15	b	11	19	1	0.0402	0.0142		0
d	15	a	8	19	1	0.0378	0.0147		0
d	20	b	14	26	1	0.0521	0.0148		0
d	20	a	13	27	1	0.0492	0.0155		0
d	1000	b	806	1193	1	59.2117	0.0462		12.3
d	1000	a	645	1356	1	59.824	0.0495		10
d	2000	b	1608	2393	1	236.2218	0.0835		68
d	2000	a	1298	2703	1	238.2887	0.1224		43.9
d	3000	b	2440	3561	1	531.2589	0.1262		159.2
d	3000	a	1957	4042	1	533.7933	0.1331		99.4
d	4000	b	3237	4759	1	945.8537	0.1338		266.1
d	4000	a	2612	5388	1	949.9255	0.1969		156.5
d	5000	b	4053	5935	1	1475.4208	0.2326		419.1
d	5000	a	3265	6727	1	1482.2772	0.3782		244.4
n	5	b	3	58			0.018		
n	5	a	4	39			0.0139		

algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
n	10	b	9	48			0.0139		
n	10	a	7	4320			0.0524		
n	15	b	11	4707			0.0584		
n	15	a	8	3164454			26.2239		
n	20	b	14	83572			0.7059		
n	20	a	13	230000000			1910.6828		
m	5	b	3	6	27	0.0246	0.0143		0
m	5	a	4	5	24	0.02	0.015		0
m	10	b	9	10	34	0.0294	0.0135		0
m	10	a	7	12	105	0.0272	0.0146		0
m	15	b	11	16	143	0.0382	0.0136		0
m	15	a	8	18	330	0.0376	0.0152		0
m	20	b	14	25	271	0.0513	0.0132		0
m	20	a	13	27	499	0.0504	0.0155		0
m	1000	b	806	1190	577240	62.1108	0.0413		0
m	1000	a	645	1355	1235391	69.2252	0.0393		0
m	2000	b	1608	2392	2501587	251.2945	0.1162		18
m	2000	a	1298	2700	5060499	278.9918	0.0658		15
m	3000	b	2440	3560	5520115	569.9373	0.0806		48.6
m	3000	a	1957	4041	11000000	634.1554	0.0914		33.3
m	4000	b	3237	4758	10000000	1017.0957	0.2871		90.4
m	4000	a	2612	5387	20000000	1138.6572	0.1141		60.4

algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
m	5000	b	4053	5942	16000000	1606.4914	0.3979		140.2
m	5000	a	3265	6726	31000000	1826.7663	0.4117		98.3

### 15.3 Test Set 2

Table 15.2: Test set 2 result summary

algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
	(len)		(len)	(rcnstr)	(size)	(size)	(rcnstr)	(rcnstr)	(size)
d	5	a	2	6	1	0.4485	0.0136		0
d	5	b	4	7	1	0.0218	0.0134		0
d	10	a	4	12	1	0.0285	0.0146		0
d	10	b	8	12	1	0.0303	0.0147		0
d	15	a	8	20	1	0.0398	0.0137		0
d	15	b	10	21	1	0.0369	0.0151		0
d	20	a	10	28	1	0.0464	0.0151		0
d	20	b	16	25	1	0.0514	0.0154		0
d	1000	a	643	1356	1	59.4236	0.0538		12.1
d	1000	b	808	1193	1	58.6192	0.0423		14.2
d	2000	a	1297	2702	1	233.6667	0.1309		45.5
d	2000	b	1611	2390	1	230.7633	0.0826		67.6
d	3000	a	1949	4050	1	524.8506	0.1325		100.6
d	3000	b	2446	3555	1	520.6707	0.0883		157.5

algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
d	4000	a	2611	5381	1	931.8733	0.2031		157.9
d	4000	b	3225	4772	1	923.8998	0.1830		264.9
d	5000	a	3255	6745	1	1453.7706	0.1652		245
d	5000	b	4061	5939	1	1447.4913	0.4058		418.3
n	5	a	2	227			0.0214		
n	5	b	4	30			0.0132		
n	10	a	4	37412			0.3186		
n	10	b	8	234			0.0144		
n	15	a	8	1207326			9.6630		
n	15	b	10	3151			0.0456		
n	20	a	10	554020891			4433.3023		
n	20	b	16	136317			1.1002		
m	5	a	2	8	41	0.0220	0.0135		0
m	5	b	4	6	27	0.0204	0.0149		0
m	10	a	4	14	136	0.0268	0.0145		0
m	10	b	8	11	61	0.0288	0.0143		0
m	15	a	8	17	270	0.0396	0.0141		0
m	15	b	10	19	167	0.0360	0.0134		0
m	20	a	10	28	620	0.0498	0.0148		0
m	20	b	16	24	371	0.0508	0.0135		0
m	1000	a	643	1355	1257162	67.9600	0.0452		0
m	1000	b	808	1192	603178	61.2487	0.0400		0



algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
m	2000	a	1297	2702	5017475	272.3344	0.0655		15.1
m	2000	b	1611	2389	2526915	247.3882	0.0619		19.3
m	3000	a	1949	4048	11161409	618.1745	0.0877		35.2
m	3000	b	2446	3554	5478036	558.2729	0.0837		46.4
m	4000	a	2611	5385	19821104	1110.3767	0.2876		61.9
m	4000	b	3225	4772	10239993	1012.3914	0.2972		90.3
m	5000	a	3255	6744	30960754	1768.7142	0.4066		97.8
m	5000	b	4061	5937	15880614	1591.7180	0.3978		145.5
h	5	a	2	9	1	0.0213	0.0139	0	
h	5	b	4	9	1	0.0163	0.0162	0	
h	10	a	4	13	1	0.0176	0.0191	0	
h	10	b	8	19	1	0.0166	0.0188	0	
h	15	a	8	23	1	0.0175	0.0216	0	
h	15	b	10	27	1	0.0153	0.0212	0	
h	20	a	10	37	1	0.0197	0.0261	0	
h	20	b	16	37	1	0.0179	0.0262	0	
h	1000	a	643	1877	1	5.0141	9.6747	0	
h	1000	b	808	1951	1	4.9947	9.8500	0	
h	2000	a	1297	3721	1	19.8064	38.6532	0	
h	2000	b	1611	3881	1	20.2065	39.1011	0	
h	3000	a	1949	5631	1	44.6806	86.9596	0	
h	3000	b	2446	5869	1	45.2797	87.8965	0	

algo	input	alpha	match	recur	recur	time	time	space	space
h	4000	a	2611	7471	1	79.1319	154.6820	0	
h	4000	b	3225	7741	1	81.3705	158.7095	0	
h	5000	a	3255	9279	1	123.8846	241.5663	0	
h	5000	b	4061	9731	1	127.3422	244.8492	0	

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