

1 Backtracking

1.1 Text Segmentation

From page 83-84:

$$Splittable(i) = \begin{cases} \text{TRUE} & \text{if } i > n \\ \bigvee_{j=i}^n (\text{ISWORD}(i, j) \wedge Splittable(j+1)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Suppose ISWORD is defined as:

$$\text{ISWORD}(i, j) := (A[i..j] = \text{reverse}(A[i..j]))$$

- Trace $Splittable(1)$ on the array, $A[1..9] = \text{"AABCCBAAZ"}$.

⟨⟨Is the suffix $A[i..n]$ Splittable?⟩⟩

SPLITTABLE(i):

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    if  $i > n$ 
        return TRUE
    for  $j \leftarrow i$  to  $n$ 
        if ISWORD( $i, j$ )
            if SPLITTABLE( $j + 1$ )
                return TRUE
    return FALSE
  
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- Suppose we want to know the *minimum number of splits* needs to split $A[1..n]$ into valid “words” (according to ISWORD). Let $MinSplits(i)$ be a function that computes the minimal number of splits needed to split $A[i..n]$ into valid “words”. Define $MinSplits(i)$.

2 Subset Sum

The SUBSETSUM problem: Given an array $A[1..n]$ of positive integers and a *target* integer T , is there a subset of the elements of A that add up to T ?

5	6	3	6	5	2	8	10
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- $T = 30$?
- $T = 100$?
- Write an English description of what you want to calculate. (Work backwards from $A[n]$. Decide whether to include it or not, ...)
- Write a recursive definition of SUBSETSUM().
- Give a couple sentences (in English) of why your recurrence should work.

3 Longest Increasing Subsequence

Given an integer array $A[1..n]$, compute the length of the longest possible sequence of indices (not necessarily contiguous), $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_l \leq n$, such that $A[i_k] < A[i_{k+1}]$ for all $1 \leq k < l$.

Example:

5	-6	3	6	-5	2	8	10
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- What is the optimal value for the array above?
- Develop a recursive algorithm going left-to-right through the array, thinking “do I include this element or not?” for each element. (Will need to keep track of previously largest element.)
- Time complexity?

Alternate way of thinking about LIS: Ask “What’s the longest subsequence starting from me?”.

- Let $LISStart(i)$ be the length of the longest increasing subsequence among indices $i..n$ that starts at index i . Develop a recurrence.