

Computer Algorithms

Segment 3

Dynamic Programming

Why Dynamic Programming?

- Divide-and-Conquer: a top-down approach. Many smaller instances are computed more than once.
- Dynamic programming: a bottom-up approach. Solutions for smaller instances are stored in a table for later use.
- It sometimes happens that the natural way of dividing an instance suggested by the structure of the problem leads us to consider several overlapping subinstances.
- If we solve each of these independently, they will in turn create a large number of identical subinstances.

Why Dynamic Programming?....

- If we pay no attention to this duplication, it is likely that we will end up with an inefficient algorithm.
- If, on the other hand, we take advantage of the duplication and solve each subinstance only once, saving the solution for later use, then a more efficient algorithm will result.
- The underlying idea of dynamic programming is thus quite simple: avoid calculating the same thing twice, usually by keeping a table of known results, which we fill up as subinstances are solved.
- Dynamic programming is a bottom-up technique.

What is Dynamic Programming?

- *Dynamic Programming* is a general algorithm design technique.
- Invented by American mathematician Richard Bellman in the 1950s to solve optimization problems.
- “Programming” here means “planning”.
- Main idea:
 - solve several smaller (overlapping) subproblems.
 - record solutions in a table so that each subproblem is only solved once.
 - final state of the table will be (or contain) solution.

What is Dynamic Programming?...

- Dynamic programming solves *optimization problems* by combining solutions to subproblems
- “Programming” refers to a tabular method with a series of choices, not “coding”
- A set of choices must be made to arrive at an optimal solution
- As choices are made, subproblems of the same form arise frequently
- The key is to *store* the solutions of subproblems to be *reused* in the future

What is Dynamic Programming? ...

- Recall the divide-and-conquer approach
 - Partition the problem into independent subproblems
 - Solve the subproblems recursively
 - Combine solutions of subproblems
- This contrasts with the dynamic programming approach
- Dynamic programming is applicable when *subproblems are not independent*
 - i.e., subproblems share subsubproblems
 - Solve every subsubproblem only once and store the answer for use when it reappears
- A divide-and-conquer approach will do more work than necessary

Elements of Dynamic Programming?

- Development of a dynamic programming solution to an optimization problem involves four steps
 1. Characterize the structure of an optimal solution
 - Optimal substructures, where an optimal solution consists of sub-solutions that are optimal.
 - Overlapping sub-problems where the space of sub-problems is small in the sense that the algorithm solves the same sub-problems over and over rather than generating new sub-problems.
 2. Recursively define the value of an optimal solution.
 - define the value of an optimal solution based on value of solutions to sub-problems.
 3. Compute the value of an optimal solution in a bottom-up manner.
 - compute in a bottom-up fashion and save the values along the way
 - later steps use the save values of pervious steps
 4. Construct an optimal solution from the computed optimal value

Matrix-chain Multiplication

- Suppose we have a sequence or chain A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n of n matrices to be multiplied
 - That is, we want to compute the product $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$
- There are many possible ways (parenthesizations) to compute the product
- Example: consider the chain A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4 of 4 matrices
 - Let us compute the product $A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4$
- There are 5 possible ways:
 1. $(A_1(A_2(A_3A_4)))$
 2. $(A_1((A_2A_3)A_4))$
 3. $((A_1A_2)(A_3A_4))$
 4. $((A_1(A_2A_3))A_4)$
 5. $((((A_1A_2)A_3)A_4))$

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

- To compute the number of scalar multiplications necessary, we must know:
 - Algorithm to multiply two matrices, matrix dimensions

Input: Matrices $A_{p \times q}$ and $B_{q \times r}$ (with dimensions $p \times q$ and $q \times r$)

Result: Matrix $C_{p \times r}$ resulting from the product $A \cdot B$

MATRIX-MULTIPLY($A_{p \times q}, B_{q \times r}$)

1. **for** $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** p
2. **for** $j \leftarrow 1$ **to** r
3. $C[i, j] \leftarrow 0$
4. **for** $k \leftarrow 1$ **to** q
5. $C[i, j] \leftarrow C[i, j] + A[i, k] \cdot B[k, j]$
6. **return** C

Scalar multiplication in line 5 dominates time to compute C
Number of scalar multiplications = pqr

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

- Example: Consider three matrices $A_{10 \times 100}$, $B_{100 \times 5}$, and $C_{5 \times 50}$
- There are 2 ways to parenthesize
 - $((AB)C) = D_{10 \times 5} \cdot C_{5 \times 50}$
 - $AB \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 5 = 5,000$ scalar multiplications
 - $DC \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 2,500$ scalar multiplications

} Total:
7,500
 - $(A(BC)) = A_{10 \times 100} \cdot E_{100 \times 50}$
 - $BC \Rightarrow 100 \cdot 5 \cdot 50 = 25,000$ scalar multiplications
 - $AE \Rightarrow 10 \cdot 100 \cdot 50 = 50,000$ scalar multiplications

} Total:
75,000

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

- Matrix-chain multiplication problem
 - Given a chain A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n of n matrices, where for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$, matrix A_i has dimension $p_{i-1} \times p_i$
 - Parenthesize the product $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ such that the total number of scalar multiplications is minimized

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

1. The structure of an optimal solution

- Let us use the notation $A_{i..j}$ for the matrix that results from the product $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$
- An optimal parenthesization of the product $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ splits the product between A_k and A_{k+1} for some integer k where $1 \leq k < n$
- First compute matrices $A_{1..k}$ and $A_{k+1..n}$; then multiply them to get the final matrix $A_{1..n}$
- **Key observation:** parenthesizations of the subchains $A_1 A_2 \dots A_k$ and $A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_n$ must also be optimal if the parenthesization of the chain $A_1 A_2 \dots A_n$ is optimal (why?)
- That is, the optimal solution to the problem contains within it the optimal solution to subproblems

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

2. Recursive definition of the value of an optimal solution

- Let $m[i, j]$ be the minimum number of scalar multiplications necessary to compute $A_{i..j}$
- Minimum cost to compute $A_{1..n}$ is $m[1, n]$
- Suppose the optimal parenthesization of $A_{i..j}$ splits the product between A_k and A_{k+1} for some integer k where $i \leq k < j$

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

- $A_{i..j} = (A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_k) \cdot (A_{k+1} A_{k+2} \dots A_j) = A_{i..k} \cdot A_{k+1..j}$
- Cost of computing $A_{i..j}$ = cost of computing $A_{i..k}$ + cost of computing $A_{k+1..j}$ + cost of multiplying $A_{i..k}$ and $A_{k+1..j}$
- Cost of multiplying $A_{i..k}$ and $A_{k+1..j}$ is $p_{i-1} p_k p_j$
- $m[i, j] = m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j$
for $i \leq k < j$
- $m[i, i] = 0$ for $i=1, 2, \dots, n$
- But... optimal parenthesization occurs at one value of k among all possible $i \leq k < j$
- Check all these and select the best one

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

$$m[i, j] = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i=j \\ \min_{i \leq k < j} \{ m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p_{i-1} p_k p_j \} & \text{if } i < j \end{cases}$$

- To keep track of how to construct an optimal solution, we use a table s
- $s[i, j] =$ value of k at which $A_i A_{i+1} \dots A_j$ is split for optimal parenthesization
- Algorithm: next slide
 - First computes costs for chains of length $l=1$
 - Then for chains of length $l=2, 3, \dots$ and so on
 - Computes the optimal cost bottom-up

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

3. Computing the optimal costs

Input: Array $p[0\dots n]$ containing matrix dimensions and n

Result: Minimum-cost table m and split table s

MATRIX-CHAIN-ORDER($p[], n$)

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** n

$m[i, i] \leftarrow 0$

for $l \leftarrow 2$ **to** n

for $i \leftarrow 1$ **to** $n-l+1$

$j \leftarrow i+l-1$

$m[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$

for $k \leftarrow i$ **to** $j-1$

$q \leftarrow m[i, k] + m[k+1, j] + p[i-1] p[k] p[j]$

if $q < m[i, j]$

$m[i, j] \leftarrow q$

$s[i, j] \leftarrow k$

return m and s

Takes $O(n^3)$ time

Requires $O(n^2)$ space

Matrix-chain Multiplication ...

4. Constructing an optimal solution

Print-Optimal-Parens(s, i, j)

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1.  {
2.    if  $i = j$ 
3.      then print “ $A_i$ ” :
4.    else
5.      { print “(” ;
6.        Print-Optimal-Parens( $s, i, s[i, j]$ );
7.        Print-Optimal-Parens( $s, s[i, j] + 1, j$ );
8.        print “)” ;
9.      }
10. }
```

Matrix-chain Multiplication Example

| Matrix | Dimension |
|--------|----------------|
| A_1 | 30×35 |
| A_2 | 35×15 |
| A_3 | 15×5 |
| A_4 | 5×10 |
| A_5 | 10×20 |
| A_6 | 20×25 |

| Assign |
|------------|
| $p_0 = 30$ |
| $p_1 = 35$ |
| $p_2 = 15$ |
| $p_3 = 5$ |
| $p_4 = 10$ |
| $p_5 = 20$ |
| $p_6 = 25$ |

| $m[i,i]$ |
|------------|
| $m[1,1]=0$ |
| $m[2,2]=0$ |
| $m[3,3]=0$ |
| $m[4,4]=0$ |
| $m[5,5]=0$ |
| $m[6,6]=0$ |

Matrix-chain Multiplication Example ...

$$m[1,2]=m[1,1] + m[2,2] + p_0p_1p_2 =0+0+30.35.15=15750$$

$$m[2,3]=m[2,2] + m[3,3] + p_1p_2p_3 =0+0+35.15.5=2625$$

$$m[3,4]=m[3,3] + m[4,4] + p_2p_3p_4 =0+0+15.5.10=750$$

$$m[4,5]=m[4,4] + m[5,5] + p_3p_4p_5 =0+0+5.10.20=1000$$

$$m[5,6]=m[5,5] + m[6,6] + p_4p_5p_6 =0+0+10.20.25=5000$$

| m | i | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|------|-----|------|------|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 6 | | | | | 5000 | 0 |
| | 5 | | | | 1000 | 0 | |
| | 4 | | | 750 | 0 | | |
| | 3 | | 2625 | 0 | | | |
| | 2 | 15750 | 0 | | | | |
| | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

| s | i (value of k) | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 6 | | | | | 5 |
| | 5 | | | | 4 | |
| | 4 | | | 3 | | |
| | 3 | | 2 | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | | | |

Matrix-chain Multiplication Example ...

$$m[1,3] = \min \begin{cases} m[1,1] + m[2,3] + p_0 p_1 p_3 = 7875 \\ m[1,2] + m[3,3] + p_0 p_2 p_3 = 18000 \end{cases}$$

$$m[2,4] = \min \left[? \quad m[3,5] = \min \left[? \quad m[4,6] = \min \left[? \right. \right. \right]$$

| m | i | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|------|------|------|------|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 6 | | | | 3500 | 5000 | 0 |
| | 5 | | | 2300 | 1000 | 0 | |
| | 4 | | 4375 | 750 | 0 | | |
| | 3 | 7875 | 2625 | 0 | | | |
| | 2 | 15750 | 0 | | | | |
| | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

| s | i (value of k) | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 6 | | | | 5 | 5 |
| | 5 | | | 3 | 4 | |
| | 4 | | 3 | 3 | | |
| | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | | | |

Matrix-chain Multiplication Example ...

$$m[1,4] = \min \begin{cases} m[1,1] + m[2,4] + p_0 p_1 p_4 = ? \\ m[1,2] + m[3,4] + p_0 p_2 p_4 = ? \\ m[1,3] + m[4,4] + p_0 p_3 p_4 = 9375 \end{cases}$$

$$m[2,5] = \min \left\{ ? \quad m[3,6] = \min \left\{ ? \right. \right.$$

| m | i | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|------|------|------|------|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 6 | | | 5375 | 3500 | 5000 | 0 |
| | 5 | | 7125 | 2300 | 1000 | 0 | |
| | 4 | 9375 | 4375 | 750 | 0 | | |
| | 3 | 7875 | 2625 | 0 | | | |
| | 2 | 15750 | 0 | | | | |
| | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

| s | i (value of k) | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 6 | | | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| | 5 | | 3 | 3 | 4 | |
| | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | | | |

Matrix-chain Multiplication Example ...

$$\begin{array}{l}
 m[1,5] = \min \left\{ \begin{array}{l} m[1,1] + m[2,5] + p_0 p_1 p_5 = ? \\ m[1,2] + m[3,5] + p_0 p_2 p_5 = ? \\ m[1,3] + m[4,5] + p_0 p_3 p_5 = 11875 \\ m[1,4] + m[5,5] + p_0 p_4 p_5 = ? \end{array} \right. \\
 \\
 m[2,6] = \min \left\{ ? \right.
 \end{array}$$

| m | i | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 6 | | 10500 | 5375 | 3500 | 5000 | 0 |
| | 5 | 11875 | 7125 | 2300 | 1000 | 0 | |
| | 4 | 9375 | 4375 | 750 | 0 | | |
| | 3 | 7875 | 2625 | 0 | | | |
| | 2 | 15750 | 0 | | | | |
| | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

| s | i (value of k) | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 6 | | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | |
| | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | | | |

Matrix-chain Multiplication Example ...

~~$m[1,6] = \min$~~

$$m[1,1] + m[2,6] + p_0 p_1 p_6 = ?$$

$$m[1,2] + m[3,6] + p_0 p_2 p_6 = ?$$

$$m[1,3] + m[4,6] + p_0 p_3 p_6 = 15125$$

$$m[1,4] + m[5,6] + p_0 p_4 p_6 = ?$$

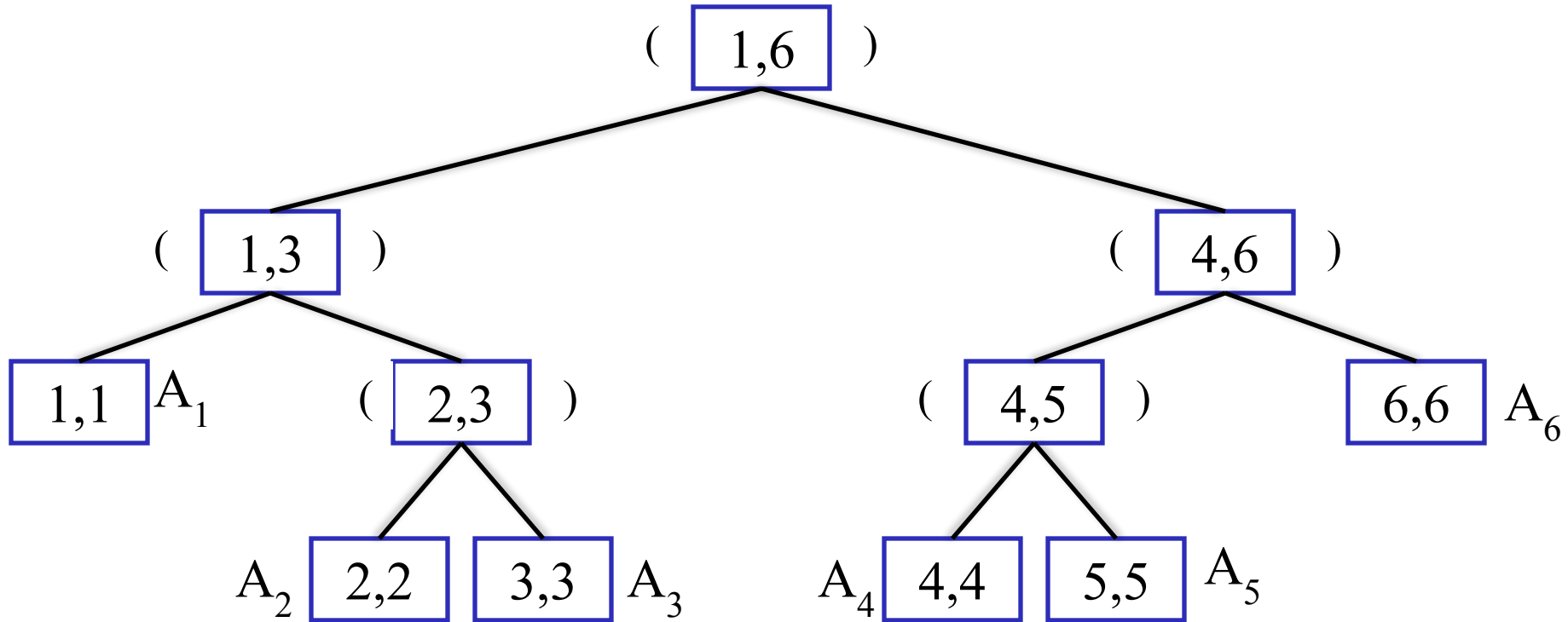
$$m[1,5] + m[6,6] + p_0 p_5 p_6 = ?$$

| m | i | | | | | | |
|---|---|-------|-------|------|------|------|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 6 | 15125 | 10500 | 5375 | 3500 | 5000 | 0 |
| | 5 | 11875 | 7125 | 2500 | 1000 | 0 | |
| | 4 | 9375 | 4375 | 750 | 0 | | |
| | 3 | 7875 | 2625 | 0 | | | |
| | 2 | 15750 | 0 | | | | |
| | 1 | 0 | | | | | |

| s | i (value of k) | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| j | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 |
| | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | |
| | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | |
| | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | | | | |

Matrix-chain Multiplication Example ...

- Constructing an optimal solution



$$((A_1(A_2 A_3))((A_4 A_5) A_6))$$

Longest common subsequence (LCS)

The problem we shall consider is the longest-common-subsequence problem. A subsequence of a given sequence is just the given sequence with some elements (possibly none) left out. Formally, given a sequence $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$, another sequence $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ is a **subsequence** of X if there exist a strictly increasing sequence $\langle i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \rangle$ of indices of X such that for all $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$, we have $x_{i_j} = z_j$. For example, $Z = \langle B, C, D, B \rangle$ is a subsequence of $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ with corresponding index sequence $\langle 2, 3, 5, 7 \rangle$

LCS...

Given two sequence X and Y , we say that a sequence Z is a **common subsequence** of X and Y if Z is a subsequence of both X and Y . For example, if $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ and $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$, the sequence $\langle B, C, A \rangle$ is a common subsequence of both X and Y . The sequence $\langle B, C, A \rangle$ is not a longest common subsequence (LCS) of X and Y , however, since it has length 3 and the sequence $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$, which is also common to both X and Y , has length 4. The sequence $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$ is an LCS of X and Y , as is the sequence $\langle B, D, A, B \rangle$, since there is no common subsequence of length 5 or greater.

LCS...

In the longest-common-subsequence problem, we are given two sequence $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ and wish to find a maximum-length common subsequence of X and Y . Now we show that the LCS problem can be solved efficiently using dynamic programming.

Characterizing a LCS

A brute-force approach to solving the LCS problem is to enumerate all subsequence of X and check each subsequence to see if it is also a subsequence of Y , keeping track of the longest subsequence found. Each subsequence of Y corresponds to a subset of the indices $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ of X . There are 2^m subsequences of X , so this approach requires exponential time, making it impractical for long sequences.

The LCS problem has an optimal-substructure property, however, the following theorem shows. As we shall see, the natural class of subproblems correspond to pairs of “prefixes” of the two input sequences. To be precise, given a sequence $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$, we define the i^{th} **prefix** of X , for $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, as $X_i = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_i \rangle$. For example, if $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$, then $X_4 = \langle A, B, C, B \rangle$ and X_0 is the empty sequence.

Characterizing a LCS...

Theorem 1 (Optimal substructure of an LCS)

Let $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$, and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ be sequences, and let $Z = \langle z_1, z_2, \dots, z_k \rangle$ be any LCS of X and Y .

1. If $x_m = y_n$, then $z_k = x_m = y_n$ and Z_{k-1} is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} .
2. If $x_m \neq y_n$, then $z_k \neq x_m$ implies that Z is an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y .
3. If $x_m \neq y_n$, then $z_k \neq y_n$ implies that Z is an LCS of X and Y_{n-1} .

Proof: (case 1: $x_m = y_n$)

Any sequence Z' that does not end in $x_m = y_n$ can be made longer by adding $x_m = y_n$ to the end. Therefore,

- (1) longest common subsequence (LCS) Z must end in $x_m = y_n$.
- (2) Z_{k-1} is a common subsequence of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} , and
- (3) there is no longer CS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} , or Z would not be an LCS.

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3. If $x_m \neq y_n$, then $z_k \neq y_n$ implies that Z is an LCS of X and Y_{n-1} .

Proof: (case 2: $x_m \neq y_n$, and $z_k \neq x_m$)

Since Z does not end in x_m ,

- (1) Z is a common subsequence of X_{m-1} and Y , and
- (2) there is no longer CS of X_{m-1} and Y , or Z would not be an LCS.

Proof: (case 3: $x_m \neq y_n$, and $z_k \neq y_n$)

Symmetric to (case 2)

A recursive solution to subproblems

The characterization of Theorem 1 shows that an LCS of two sequences contains within it an LCS of prefixes of the two sequences. Thus, the LCS problem has an optimal-substructure property. A recursive solution also has the overlapping-subproblems property, as we shall see in a moment.

Theorem 1 implies that there are either one or two subproblems to examine when finding an LCS of $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$. If $x_m = y_n$ we must find an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} . Appending $x_m = y_n$ to this LCS yields an LCS of X and Y . If $x_m \neq y_n$, then we must solve two subproblems: finding an LCS of X_{m-1} and Y and finding an LCS of X and Y_{n-1} . Whichever of these two LCS's is longer is an LCS of X and Y .

A recursive solution to subproblems ...

We can readily see the overlapping-subproblems property in the LCS problem. To find an LCS of X and Y , we may need to find the LCS's of X and Y_{n-1} and of X_{m-1} and Y . But each of these subproblems has the subsubproblem of finding the LCS of X_{m-1} and Y_{n-1} . Many other subproblems share subsubproblems.

A recursive solution to subproblems ...

Like the matrix-chain multiplication problem, our recursive solution to the LCS problem involves establishing a recurrence of the cost of an optimal solution. Let us define $c[i,j]$ to be the length of an LCS of the sequences X_i and Y_j . If either $i = 0$ or $j = 0$, one of the sequences has length 0, so the LCS has length 0. The optimal substructure of the LCS problem gives the recursive formula

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

Computing the length of an LCS

Based on recursive equation, we could easily write an exponential-time recursive algorithm to compute the length of an LCS of two sequences. Since there are only $\Theta(mn)$ distinct subproblems, however, we can use dynamic programming to compute the solutions bottom up.

Procedure LCS-LENGTH takes two sequences $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$ as inputs. It stores the $c[i,j]$ values in a table $c[0..m, 0..n]$ whose entries are computed in row-major order. (That is, the first row of c is filled in from left to right, then the second row, and so on.) It also maintains the table $b[1..m, 1..n]$ to simplify construction of an optimal solution. Intuitively, $b[i,j]$ points to the table entry corresponding to the optimal subproblem solution chosen when computing $b[i,j]$. The procedure returns the b and c tables: $c[m,n]$ contains the length of an LCS of X and Y .

Computing the length of an LCS

LCS-LENGTH (X, Y)

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1.   $m \leftarrow \text{length}[X]$ 
2.   $n \leftarrow \text{length}[Y]$ 
3.  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$ 
4.      do  $c[i, 0] \leftarrow 0$ 
5.  for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$ 
6.      do  $c[0, j] \leftarrow 0$ 
7.  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$ 
8.      do for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
9.          do if  $x_i = y_j$ 
10.             then  $c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i-1, j-1] + 1$ 
11.                  $b[i, j] \leftarrow \nwarrow$ 
12.             else if  $c[i-1, j] \geq c[i, j-1]$ 
13.                 then  $c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i-1, j]$ 
14.                      $b[i, j] \leftarrow \uparrow$ 
15.                 else  $c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i, j-1]$ 
16.                      $b[i, j] \leftarrow \leftarrow$ 
17.  return  $c$  and  $b$ 
```

$b[i, j]$ points to table entry whose subproblem we used in solving LCS of X_i and Y_j .

$c[m, n]$ contains the length of an LCS of X and Y .

Computing the length of an LCS

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|-------|-------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|-----|---|
| | | y_i | B | D | C | A | B | A | |
| i | x_i | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | x_0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1 | A | | 0 | 0 ↑ | 0 ↑ | 0 ↑ ↖ 1 | ← 1 | ↖ 1 | |
| 2 | B | | ↖ 1 | ← 1 | ← 1 | 1 ↑ | ↖ 2 | ← 2 | |
| 3 | C | | 0 | 1 ↑ | 1 ↑ | ↖ 2 | ← 2 | 2 ↑ | |
| 4 | B | | ↖ 1 | 1 ↑ | 2 ↑ | 2 ↑ | ↖ 3 | ← 3 | |
| 5 | D | | 0 | 1 ↑ ↖ 2 | 2 ↑ | 2 ↑ | 3 ↑ | 3 ↑ | |
| 6 | A | | 0 | 1 ↑ | 2 ↑ | 2 ↑ ↖ 3 | 3 ↑ | ↖ 4 | |
| 7 | B | | ↖ 1 | 2 ↑ | 2 ↑ | 3 ↑ | ↖ 4 | 4 ↑ | |

Figure 3.1 The c and b tables

Computing the length of an LCS

Figure 3.1 The c and b tables computed by LCS-LENGTH on the sequence $X=\langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ and $Y=\langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$. The square in row i and column j contains the value of $c[i,j]$ and the appropriate arrow for the value of $b[i,j]$. The entry 4 in $c[7,4]$ —the lower right-hand corner of the table—is the length of an LCS $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$ of X and Y . For $i,j > 0$, entry $c[i,j]$ depends only on whether $x_i = y_j$ and the values in entries $c[i-1,j]$, $c[i,j-1]$, and $c[i-1,j-1]$, which are computed before $c[i,j]$. To reconstruct the elements of an LCS, follow the $b[i,j]$ arrows from the lower right-hand corner; the path is shaded. Each “ \nwarrow ” on the path corresponds to an entry (highlighted) for which $x_i = y_j$ is a member of an LCS

Computing the length of an LCS

Figure 3.1 Shows the tables produced by LCS-LENGTH on the sequences $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ and $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$. The running time of the procedure is $O(mn)$, since each table entry $O(1)$ time to compute.

Construction an LCS

The b table returned by `LCS-LENGTH` can be to quickly construct an LCS of $X = \langle x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m \rangle$ and $Y = \langle y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n \rangle$. We simply begin at $b[m,n]$ and trace through the table following the arrows. Whenever we encounter a “ \nwarrow ” in entry $b[i,j]$, it implies that $x_i = y_j$ is an element of the LCS. The elements of the LCS are encountered in reverse order by this method. The following recursive procedure prints out an LCS of X and Y in the proper, forward order. The initial invocation is `PRINT-LCS(b, X, length[x], lentgh[Y])`.

Construction an LCS.....

PRINT-LCS (b, X, i, j)

1. **if** $i = 0$ or $j = 0$
2. **then return**
3. **if** $b[i, j] = "\diagdown"$
4. **then** PRINT-LCS($b, X, i-1, j-1$)
5. print x_i
6. **elseif** $b[i, j] = "\uparrow"$
7. **then** PRINT-LCS($b, X, i-1, j$)
8. **else** PRINT-LCS($b, X, i, j-1$)

- Initial call is PRINT-LCS (b, X, m, n).
- When $b[i, j] = \quad$, we have extended LCS by one character. So
LCS = entries with \quad in them.
- Time: $O(m+n)$

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----|----------|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | y_j B D C A B A | | | | | | |
| i | x_i | | | | | | | | |
| 0 | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | | 0 | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↖ | ← | ↖ |
| 2 | B | | 0 | ↖ | ← | ← | ↑ | ↖ | ← |
| 3 | C | | 0 | ↑ | ↑ | ↖ | ← | ↑ | ↑ |
| 4 | B | | 0 | ↖ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↖ | ← |
| 5 | D | | 0 | ↑ | ↖ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| 6 | A | | 0 | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↖ | ↑ | ↖ |
| 7 | B | | 0 | ↖ | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ | ↖ | ↑ |

Figure 15.6 The c and b tables computed by LCS-LENGTH on the sequences $X = \langle A, B, C, B, D, A, B \rangle$ and $Y = \langle B, D, C, A, B, A \rangle$. The square in row i and column j contains the value of $c[i, j]$ and the appropriate arrow for the value of $b[i, j]$. The entry 4 in $c[7, 6]$ —the lower right-hand corner of the table—is the length of an LCS $\langle B, C, B, A \rangle$ of X and Y . For $i, j > 0$, entry $c[i, j]$ depends only on whether $x_i = y_j$ and the values in entries $c[i - 1, j]$, $c[i, j - 1]$, and $c[i - 1, j - 1]$, which are computed before $c[i, j]$. To reconstruct the elements of an LCS, follow the $b[i, j]$ arrows from the lower right-hand corner; the path is shaded. Each “↖” on the path corresponds to an entry (highlighted) for which $x_i = y_j$ is a member of an LCS.

LCS Example

We'll see how LCS algorithm works on the following example:

- $X = \text{ABCB}$
- $Y = \text{BDCAB}$

What is the Longest Common Subsequence of X and Y ?

$\text{LCS}(X, Y) = \text{BCB}$

$X = \text{A } \mathbf{B} \quad \mathbf{C} \quad \mathbf{B}$

$Y = \quad \mathbf{B} \text{ D } \mathbf{C} \text{ A } \mathbf{B}$

LCS Example (0)

ABCB
BDCAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| i | 0 | X | j | | | | | |
| | 1 | A | | | | | | |
| | 2 | B | | | | | | |
| | 3 | C | | | | | | |
| | 4 | B | | | | | | |

$X = \text{ABCB}; \quad m = |X| = 4$

$Y = \text{BDCAB}; \quad n = |Y| = 5$

Allocate array $c[5,4]$

LCS Example (1)

ABCB
BDCAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| i | X | j | | | | | | |
| 0 | A | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| 1 | B | 0 | | | | | | |
| 2 | C | 0 | | | | | | |
| 3 | B | 0 | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | |

for i = 1 to m c[i,0] = 0

for j = 1 to n c[0,j] = 0

LCS Example (2)

ABCB
BDCAB

| | | j | | | | | |
|---|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i | Y | | B | D | C | A | B |
| | X | | | | | | |
| | 0 | j | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1 | A | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | 2 | B | 0 | | | | |
| | 3 | C | 0 | | | | |
| | 4 | B | 0 | | | | |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

LCS Example (3)

ABCB
BDCAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | i | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| 0 | X | j | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | i | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | |
| 2 | B | | 0 | | | | | |
| 3 | C | | 0 | | | | | |
| 4 | B | | 0 | | | | | |

```

if ( Xi == Yj )
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max( c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1] )
    
```

LCS Example (4)

ABCB
BDCAB

| i \ j | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| 0 | X | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| 2 | B | 0 | | | | | |
| 3 | C | 0 | | | | | |
| 4 | B | 0 | | | | | |

```

if ( Xi == Yj )
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max( c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1] )
    
```

LCS Example (5)

ABCB
BDCAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|----------|---|----------------|---|---|---|--------------|----------|
| | | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| i | X | 0 | j ₀ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 → 1 | |
| 2 | B | 0 | | | | | | |
| 3 | C | 0 | | | | | | |
| 4 | B | 0 | | | | | | |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

LCS Example (6)

ABCB
BDCAB

| | | j | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| i | Y | | B | D | C | A | B |
| | X | j | | | | | |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 2 | B | 0 | 1 | | | |
| | 3 | C | 0 | | | | |
| | 4 | B | 0 | | | | |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

LCS Example (7)

ABCB
BD CAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | i | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| 0 | X | j | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | i | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | B | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| 3 | C | | 0 | | | | | |
| 4 | B | | 0 | | | | | |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

LCS Example (8)

ABCB
BD CAB

| i | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| 0 | X | j ₀ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | C | 0 | | | | | |
| 4 | B | 0 | | | | | |

```

if ( Xi == Yj )
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max( c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1] )
    
```

LCS Example (10)

ABCB
BD CAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| i | Y | | B | D | C | A | B | |
| | X | j ₀ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | |
| | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | |
| | C | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| | B | 0 | | | | | | |

```

if ( Xi == Yj )
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max( c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1] )
    
```

LCS Example (11)

ABCB
BD CAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| i | X | | | | | | | |
| 0 | j ₀ | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | i ₁ A | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | B | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | C | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |
| 4 | B | | 0 | | | | | |

```

if ( Xi == Yj )
    c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1
else c[i,j] = max( c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1] )
    
```

LCS Example (12)

ABCB
BDCAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| i | | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| | 0 | X | j ₀ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 2 | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | 3 | C | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | 4 | B | 0 | | | | | |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

LCS Example (13)

ABC**B**

BDCAB

| | | j | | | | | |
|---|----------------|---|----------|---|---|---|----------|
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| i | X | | | | | | |
| 0 | j ₀ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | C | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | B | 0 | 1 | | | | |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)

$c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$

else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

LCS Example (14)

ABCB
BD CAB

| | | j | | | | | |
|---|------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| i | X | | | | | | |
| 0 | j ₀ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | i ₁ A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | C | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

LCS Example (15)

ABCB
BD CAB

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| i | 0 | X | j ₀ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | B | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | C | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | B | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

Finding LCS

| i | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|-------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| 0 | X | j_0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 | A | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | C | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 4 | B | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |

Finding LCS (2)

| | | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|----------|---|---|----------|---|----------|---|----------|
| i | | | Y | B | D | C | A | B |
| | X | j | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0 | A | i | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 1 | B | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | C | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | B | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | |

LCS (reversed order): **B C B**

LCS (straight order):

B C B

(this string turned out to be a palindrome)⁵⁹

