

# 1092. Shortest Common Supersequence

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Hint

Given two strings `str1` and `str2`, return the shortest string that has both `str1` and `str2` as **subsequences**. If there are multiple valid strings, return any of them.

A string `s` is a **subsequence** of string `t` if deleting some number of characters from `t` (possibly 0) results in the string `s`.

Example 1:

**Input:** `str1 = "abac", str2 = "cab"`

**Output:** `"cabac"`

**Explanation:**

`str1 = "abac"` is a subsequence of `"cabac"` because we can delete the first `"c"`.

`str2 = "cab"` is a subsequence of `"cabac"` because we can delete the last `"ac"`.

The answer provided is the shortest such string that satisfies these properties.

Example 2:

**Input:** `str1 = "aaaaaaaa", str2 = "aaaaaaaa"`

**Output:** `"aaaaaaaa"`

Constraints:

- `1 <= str1.length, str2.length <= 1000`
- `str1` and `str2` consist of lowercase English letters.

$S_1 = \text{"groot"}$

$S_2 = \text{"brute"}$

To get the shortest Supersequence, we should consider the same characters of  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  only once.

So first we get the LCS

$LCS = \text{"rt"}$

length of shortest Supersequence

$= m + n - LCS$

i.e. remove one occurrence of LCS characters bcoz they are counted twice in  $m$  and  $n$ .

To get the string, we can use the dp table constructed in finding LCS

constructed in finding LCS:

		0	1	2	3	4	5
			b	r	u	t	e
0		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	g	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	r	0	0	1	1	1	1
3	o	0	0	1	1	1	1
4	o	0	0	1	1	1	1
5	t	0	0	1	1	2	2

you are moving left means  
you are leaving a char  
of 'brute' so add it to  
ans.

ans = "gbrute"

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class Solution {
public:
    vector<vector<int>> longestCommonSubsequence(string text1, string text2) {
        int m = text1.length();
        int n = text2.length();
        vector<vector<int>> dp(m + 1, vector<int>(n + 1, 0));

        for (int i = 1; i <= m; i++) {
            for (int j = 1; j <= n; j++) {
                int curr;
                if (text1[i - 1] == text2[j - 1])
                    curr = 1 + dp[i - 1][j - 1];
                else
                    curr = max(dp[i - 1][j], dp[i][j - 1]);

                dp[i][j] = curr;
            }
        }

        return dp;
    }

    string shortestCommonSupersequence(string str1, string str2) {
        vector<vector<int>> dp = longestCommonSubsequence(str1, str2);

        string ans = "";
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string ans = "";
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int i = str1.length();
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int j = str2.length();
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while (i > 0 && j > 0) {
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    if (str1[i - 1] == str2[j - 1]) { ↖
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        ans = str1[i - 1] + ans;
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        i--, j--;
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    } else if (dp[i - 1][j] >= dp[i][j - 1]) { ↑
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        ans = str1[i - 1] + ans;
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```
        i--;
```

```
    } else { ←
```

```
        ans = str2[j - 1] + ans;
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```
        j--;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

```
while (i > 0) {
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```
    ans = str1[i - 1] + ans;
```

```
    i--;
```

```
}
```

```
while (j > 0) {
```

```
    ans = str2[j - 1] + ans;
```

```
    j--;
```

```
}
```

```
return ans;
```

```
}
```

```
};
```

$\hat{I}(n)$ :  $\hat{I}(n)$  of LCS +  
 $O(m+n)$

$\hat{S}(n)$ :  $\hat{S}(n)$  of LCS