CS170–Fall 2014 — Solutions to Homework 8

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1. Subsequence

Main idea. The main idea is to iterate through B, while keeping track of whether or not each letter in A has been hit yet.

Pseudocode.

```
def algorithm(A[1...n], B[1...m]):
    for i = 1, 2, ..., m
        if A[0] == B[i]:
            A = A[1:]
    if A is empty: return True
    else: return False
```

Proof of correctness.

Loop Invariant: At the beginning of every loop, the only letters in $A[1...n]$ that remain are those that have not been hit yet in order.

Base Case: Before the first iteration of the loop, no characters in $A[1...n]$ have been hit yet. Therefore, all the characters remain, and our loop invariant holds true.

Inductive Hypothesis: Before the i^{th} iteration of the loop, only the letters that haven't appeared in order from $A[1..i-1]$ remain in A.

Inductive Step: To prove our algorithm true, we need to examine our algorithm at iteration $i+1$. We know that at the beginning of the i^{th} loop, only the letters that haven't appeared in order from $A[1..i-1]$ remain in A appear due to the inductive hypothesis. Let the remaining string of A be $A[k...n]$ such that $1 \leq k \leq n$.

Case 1: $A[k]$ is equal to the next character in B

In this case, $A[k]$ is added to the set of characters we've seen, and is thus deleted from A. Then, only the characters which have been seen in order in A remain, and our loop invariant holds true.

Case 2: $A[k]$ is not equal to the next character in B

In this case, $A[k]$ is not added to the set of characters we've seen, and remains in A. A is still composed only of the characters we've seen in order so far, and our loop invariant holds true.

Thus, by proof by cases, we see that our loop invariant holds true.

By the loop invariant, only the characters from A that haven't been yet in B in order remain in A. Therefore, at the end of the i^{th} iteration, if all the characters in A have been seen, A will be empty and we will return True. If not all the characters in A have been seen, then we know that there does not exist a subsequence of A in B, and we return False since A will not be empty.

Running time. $O(m)$

Justification of running time. You complete m iterations through B, so our running time is $O(m)$.

2. Another scheduling problem

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3. Park Tours

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4. Optimal binary search trees

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5. Beat inference

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6. Optional Bonus Problem: Image re-sizing

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