

## Tutorial 4: Dynamic Programming

This tutorial helps you develop skills in the learning outcome of the course: “Able to design algorithms using suitable strategies (dynamic programming, etc) to solve a problem, able to analyse the efficiencies of different algorithms for problems like optimal sequencing for matrix multiplication, the longest common subsequence, etc”.

**Week 10 (Q1 – Q3)**

1. Find the length of the longest common subsequence and a longest common subsequence of CAGAG and ACTGG by the dynamic programming algorithm in the lecture notes.

2. The H-number  $H(n)$  is defined as follows:

$H(0) = 1$ , and for  $n > 0$ :

$H(n) = H(n-1) + H(n-3) + H(n-5) + \dots + H(0)$  when  $n$  is odd

$H(n) = H(n-2) + H(n-4) + H(n-6) + \dots + H(0)$  when  $n$  is even.

- a) Give a recursive algorithm to compute  $H(n)$  for an arbitrary  $n$  as suggested by the recurrence equation given for  $H(n)$ . Draw the tree that represents the recursive calls made when  $H(8)$  is computed.
- b) Draw the subproblem graph for  $H(8)$  and  $H(9)$ .
- c) Write an iterative algorithm using the dynamic programming approach (bottom-up). What are the time and space required?

3. The binomial coefficients can be defined by the recurrence equation:

$$C(n, k) = C(n-1, k-1) + C(n-1, k) \quad \text{for } n > 0 \text{ and } k > 0$$

$$C(n, 0) = 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 0$$

$$C(0, k) = 0 \quad \text{for } k > 0$$

$C(n, k)$  is also called “ $n$  choose  $k$ ”. This is the number of ways to choose  $k$  distinct objects from a set of  $n$  objects.

- (a) Give a recursive algorithm as suggested by the recurrence equation given for  $C(n, k)$ .
- (b) Draw the subproblem graph for  $C(5, 3)$ .
- (c) Write a recursive algorithm using the dynamic programming approach (top-down) stating the data structure used for the dictionary. What is the space and time complexity respectively?
- (d) Write an iterative algorithm using the dynamic programming approach (bottom-up). What is the space and time complexity respectively?