

**Solution:** (a) Let  $MinCost(i)$  be the value of the minimum cost L-split of the substring  $A[1...i]$  of string  $A[1...n]$ . If we know  $MinCost(k)$  for every  $k \in [1, i - 1]$ , then we can calculate  $MinCost(i)$  by first finding a non-empty suffix of length  $j$  that is in  $L$ . Then  $MinCost(i - j) + cost(j)$  is the minimum cost if we accept  $A[i - j...i]$  in the L-split. If no such suffix exists, then we let  $MinCost(i) = \infty$  because there is no valid L-split and any valid L-split will cost less. We then take the minimum cost of all possible splits to be  $MinCost(i)$ . The base case is when  $i = 0$  and  $A[1...0] = \epsilon \in L^*$ ,  $MinCost(i) = cost(|\epsilon|) = 0$ . We can write the following recurrences.

$$MinCost(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & i = 0 \\ \min(\{MinCost(i - j) + cost(j) \mid j \in [1, i], A[(i - j + 1)...i] \in L\} \cup \{\infty\}) & i > 0 \end{cases}$$

The result should be  $MinCost(n)$ . If  $MinCost(n) = \infty$ , then we know there is no valid L-split.

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MINLSPLITCOST(A[1...n]):
  integer MinCost[n + 1]
  MinCost[0] ← 0
  for i ← 1 to n
    currMin ← ∞
    for j ← 1 to i
      if IsStringInL(A[(i - j + 1)...i])
        if MinCost[i - j] + cost(j) < currMin
          currMin ← MinCost[i - j] + cost(j)
    MinCost[i] ← currMin
  if MinCost[n] = ∞
    return "w ∉ L*"
  return MinCost[n]

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Since there are  $\sum_{k=1}^n k = O(n^2)$  iterations, and in each iteration  $IsStringInL()$  takes  $O(n)$  time, the time complexity of this algorithm is  $O(n^3)$ .

(b) Consider the following induction steps of regular languages.

- If  $r = (s)^*$ , then we check if each non-empty suffix  $w_i$  of  $w$  matches  $s$ , by recursively calling the algorithm with  $(w_i, s)$ . If the suffix matches  $s$ , then we delete that suffix from  $w$  to get  $w_{trim}$  and recursively call the algorithm with  $(w_{trim}, r)$ . If any recursive call returns true, then the algorithm returns true.
- If  $r = r_1 + r_2$ , then we recursively call the algorithm with  $(w, r_1)$  and  $(w, r_2)$ . If  $w$  can be matched by any of  $r_1, r_2$ , then the algorithm should return true.
- If  $r = r_1 r_2$ , then we divide  $w$  into two sections,  $w_1, w_2$ , and recursively call with  $(w_1, r_1)$  and  $(w_2, r_2)$ . If both recursive calls return true, then the algorithm should return true. There are  $|w| + 1$  such divisions thus  $2|w| + 2$  recursive calls taking  $\epsilon$  into account.

Then consider the base cases:

- If  $w = \epsilon$  and  $r = (s)^*$ , then the algorithm returns true.
- If  $w = a$  where  $a \in \Sigma$  and  $r = a$ , then the algorithm returns true.

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IsSTRINGINREGEXP( $w, r$ ):
  if  $w = \epsilon$  and  $r = (s)^*$ 
    return TRUE
  if  $|w| = 1$  and  $w = r$ 
    return TRUE
   $inRegExp \leftarrow \text{FALSE}$ 
  if  $r = (s)^*$ 
    for each non-empty suffix  $w_i$  of  $w$ 
      if  $\text{IsSTRINGINREGEXP}(w_i, s)$ 
         $w_{trim} \leftarrow w$  without  $w_i$  at the end
         $inRegExp \leftarrow inRegExp \vee \text{IsSTRINGINREGEXP}(w_{trim}, r)$ 
  else if  $r = r_1 + r_2$ 
     $inRegExp \leftarrow \text{IsSTRINGINREGEXP}(w, r_1) \vee \text{IsSTRINGINREGEXP}(w, r_2)$ 
  else if  $r = r_1 r_2$ 
    for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $|w|$ 
       $w_1 \leftarrow w[1 : i]$  //  $w[1 : 0] = \epsilon$ 
       $w_2 \leftarrow w[i + 1 : |w|]$  //  $w[|w| + 1 : |w|] = \epsilon$ 
      if  $\text{IsSTRINGINREGEXP}(w_1, r_1)$  and  $\text{IsSTRINGINREGEXP}(w_2, r_2)$ 
         $inRegExp \leftarrow \text{TRUE}$ 
  return  $inRegExp$ 

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**Solution:** Suppose Mr.Fox is now at booth  $i$ . To account for the possibility that any future value in  $A[i + 1 \dots n]$  will change the optimal sequence of "Ring!" and "Ding!", we keep track of the number of consecutive "Ring!"s and "Ding!"s.

Let  $\text{maxChicken}(i, j, k)$  be the maximum number of chickens that Mr.Fox can get when he is at booth  $i$ , with  $j$  consecutive "Ring!"s and  $k$  consecutive "Ding!"s before Mr.Fox reaches booth  $i$ . Note that exactly one of  $j$  and  $k$  must be 0 because there cannot be consecutive "Ring!"s and "Ding!"s at the same time. The final result should be the maximum in the set  $\{\text{maxChicken}(n, j, k)\}$  since it contains all possible values when Mr.Fox reaches booth  $n$ . Consider the following cases:

- Mr.Fox is at booth 1. There can be at most one consecutive "Ring!" or "Ding!", and the maximum numbers of chickens are  $A[i]$  and  $-A[i]$  respectively.
- Mr.Fox is at booth  $i$  where  $i > 1$ , and he has shouted  $j$  consecutive "Ring!"s before he reaches booth  $i$ .
  - This time he shouts "Ding!". Since Mr.Fox could have shouted 1, 2, or 3 consecutive "Ring!"s before, the maximum number of chickens in this situation is the maximum of  $\{\text{maxChicken}(i - 1, m, 0) - A[i]\}$  where  $1 \leq m \leq 3$ .
  - This time he shouts "Ring!". By the rules,  $j \leq 2$  because otherwise the farmer would shoot Mr.Fox. Then the maximum number of chickens is just the maximum number of chickens at booth  $i - 1$  where Mr.Fox had shouted  $j - 1$  consecutive "Ring!"s plus  $A[i]$ .
- Mr.Fox is at booth  $i$  where  $i > 1$ , and he has shouted  $k$  consecutive "Ding!"s before he reaches booth  $i$ .
  - This time he shouts "Ring!". Since Mr.Fox could have shouted 1, 2, or 3 consecutive "Ding!"s before, the maximum number of chickens in this situation is the maximum of  $\{\text{maxChicken}(i - 1, 0, m) + A[i]\}$  where  $1 \leq m \leq 3$ .
  - This time he shouts "Ding!". By the rules,  $k \leq 2$  because otherwise the farmer would shoot Mr.Fox. Then the maximum number of chickens is just the maximum number of chickens at booth  $i - 1$  where Mr.Fox had shouted  $k - 1$  consecutive "Ding!"s minus  $A[i]$ .

The recurrences are as follows:

$$\text{maxChicken}(i, j, k) = \begin{cases} A[i] & i = 1, j = 1, k = 0 \\ -A[i] & i = 1, j = 0, k = 1 \\ \max(\{\text{maxChicken}(i - 1, 0, m) + A[i] \mid 1 \leq m \leq 3\}) & i > 1, j = 1, k = 0 \\ \max(\{\text{maxChicken}(i - 1, m, 0) - A[i] \mid 1 \leq m \leq 3\}) & i > 1, j = 0, k = 1 \\ \text{maxChicken}(i - 1, j - 1, 0) + A[i] & i > 1, j > 1, k = 0 \\ \text{maxChicken}(i - 1, 0, k - 1) - A[i] & i > 1, j = 0, k > 1 \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Note that only  $j$  and  $k$  confined to  $[0, 3]$  should be considered in the above recurrence relations according to the rules. Invalid values are initialized to  $-\infty$  because any valid value would be larger and would therefore be taken. Following is the pseudocode for the algorithm. *Note: To be consistent with the recurrence relation above, the array **maxChicken**'s first index is 1-based, while the second and third indices are 0-based.*

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LARGESTNUMOFCHICKENS( $A[1 \dots n]$ ):
    integer  $maxChicken[n][4][4]$ 
    initialize  $maxChicken$  with  $-\infty$ 
     $maxChicken[1][1][0] \leftarrow A[1]$ 
     $maxChicken[1][0][1] \leftarrow -A[1]$ 
    for  $i \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$ 
         $maxChicken[i][0][1] \leftarrow \max(maxChicken[i-1][m][0] \text{ for } m \leftarrow 1 \text{ to } 3) - A[i]$ 
         $maxChicken[i][1][0] \leftarrow \max(maxChicken[i-1][0][m] \text{ for } m \leftarrow 1 \text{ to } 3) + A[i]$ 
        for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $3$ 
             $maxChicken[i][j][0] \leftarrow maxChicken[i-1][j-1][0] + A[i]$ 
        for  $k \leftarrow 2$  to  $3$ 
             $maxChicken[i][0][k] \leftarrow maxChicken[i-1][0][k-1] - A[i]$ 
     $largestNumOfChickens \leftarrow$  largest element in the 2-d array  $maxChicken[n]$ 
    if  $largestNumOfChickens < 0$ 
        just shoot Mr.Fox before the obstable course since he would get shot anyway
    return  $largestNumOfChickens$ 

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Since only constant-time operations are involved in each iteration of  $i$  and there are  $n - 1$  such iterations, the time complexity of the algorithm is  $O(n)$ . ■