

CS 445

Dynamic Programming

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Example: Floyd Warshll Algorithm: Computing all pairs shortest paths



- Given $G(V,E)$, with weight $w(v_i, v_j)$ given on each of its edges (positive or negative), the output is a matrix $D[1..n, 1..n]$ such that (for every i,j) $D[i,j]$ is the length of the shortest path from v_i to v_j
- How to find the shortest paths (and not only their costs) will be discussed in in the homeworks. (analogous to Dijkstra)
- Assume no negative cycles exist in $G(V,E)$.
- In the homework: Finding such cycles.

Assume $V=(v_1, v_2 \dots v_n)$

Def $P_k(i,j)$ is the shortest path v_i to v_j avoiding any vertex from $\{v_{k+1}, \dots, v_n\}$ as intermediate vertex.

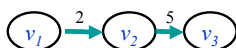
Example: $P_k(i,j)$ could not go through any vertex of V

Def $D_k[i,j]$ is its length of $P_k(i,j)$

So if the edge (v_i, v_j) is in G then

$$P_0(i,j) = \{v_i, v_j\}$$
$$D_0(i,j) = w(v_i, v_j)$$

If the edge (v_i, v_j) is not in E , then $D_0(i,j) = +\infty$ (since any path connecting them must use a vertex from $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$)



Floyd Warshll-Pairs Shortest Paths Computing $D_k[i,j]$ for every i,j,k .



Algorithm *AllPair(G)* for all vertex pairs (i,j)
 Use n tables D_0, \dots, D_n . Each is an $n \times n$
 if $i = j$ then $D_0[i,i] \leftarrow 0$
 else if (v_i, v_j) is an edge in G
 $D_0[i,j] \leftarrow w(v_i, v_j)$
 else
 $D_0[i,j] \leftarrow +\infty$
 for $k \leftarrow 1$ to n do
 for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n do
 for $j \leftarrow 1$ to n do
 $D_k[i,j] = \min \{ D_{k-1}[i,j], D_{k-1}[i,k] + D_{k-1}[k,j] \}$
 return D_n

Running time $O(n^3)$

Space ???

Dynamic Programming:

Example 2: Longest Common Subsequence

We look at sequences of characters (strings)

e.g. $x = "ABCA"$

Def: A **subsequence** of x is a sequence obtained from x by possibly deleting some of its characters (but without changing their order)

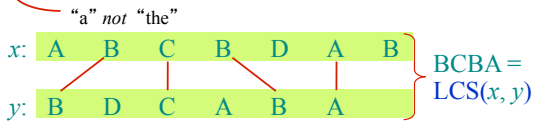
Examples: "ABC", "ACA", "AA", "ABCA"

Def A **prefix** of x , denoted $x[1..m]$, is the sequence of the first m characters of x

Examples:
 $x[1..4] = "ABCA"$ $x[1..3] = "ABC"$ $x[1..2] = "AB"$
 $x[1..1] = "A"$ $x[1..0] = ""$

Example 1: Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

Given two sequences $x[1..m]$ and $y[1..n]$, find a longest subsequence common to them both.



Different phrasing: Find a set of a maximum number of segments, such that

- Each segment connects a character of x to an identical character of y ,
- Each character is used at most once
- Segments do not intersect.

Brute-force LCS algorithm

Checking every subsequence of x whether it is also a subsequence of y .

Analysis

- Checking = $\Theta(m+n)$ time per subsequence.
- 2^m subsequences of x

Worst-case running time = $\Theta((m+n)2^m)$
= exponential time.

Towards a better algorithm

Simplification:

1. Look at the *length* of a longest-common subsequence.
2. Extend the algorithm to find the LCS itself.

Notation: Denote the length of a sequence s by $|s|$.

Strategy: Consider *prefixes* of x and y .

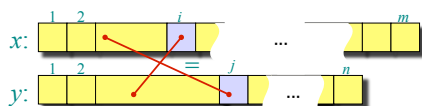
- Define $c[i, j] = |\text{LCS}(x[1..i], y[1..j])|$.
- Then, $c[m, n] = |\text{LCS}(x, y)|$.

Recursive formulation

Theorem.

$$c[i, j] = \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max\{c[i-1, j], c[i, j-1]\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

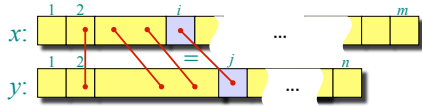
Proof: It is impossible that $x[i]$ is matched to an element in $y[1..j-1]$ and in addition $y[j]$ is matched to an element in $x[1..i-1]$



Recursive formulation-cont

Case (I): $x[i] = y[j]$. Claim: $c[i, j] = c[i-1, j-1] + 1$.

Proof.



We claim that there is a max matching that matches $x[i]$ to $y[j]$.

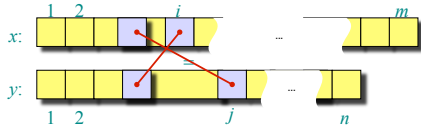
Indeed, if $x[i]$ is matched to $y[k]$ (for $k < j$) then $y[j]$ is unmatched (otherwise we have two crossing segments). Hence we can obtain another matching of the same cardinality by match $x[i]$ to $y[j]$.

This implies that we can match $x[1..i-1]$ to $y[1..j-1]$, and add the match $(x[i], y[j])$. So $c[i, j] = c[i-1, j-1] + 1$.

Recursive formulation-cont

Case (II): $x[i] \neq y[j]$ Claim: $c[i, j] = \max\{c[i-1, j], c[i, j-1]\}$

Recall - in $\text{LCS}(x[1..i], y[1..j])$ it cannot be that both $x[i]$ and $y[j]$ are both matched.



If $x[i]$ is unmatched then

$$\text{LCS}(x[1..i], y[1..j]) = \text{LCS}(x[1..i-1], y[1..j])$$

If $y[j]$ is unmatched then

$$\text{LCS}(x[1..i], y[1..j]) = \text{LCS}(x[1..i], y[1..j-1])$$

So $c[i, j] = \max\{c[i-1, j], c[i, j-1]\}$

Dynamic-programming hallmark #1

Optimal substructure

An optimal solution to a problem (instance) contains optimal solutions to subproblems.

If $z = \text{LCS}(x, y)$, then any prefix of z is an LCS of a prefix of x and a prefix of y .

Recursive algorithm for LCS

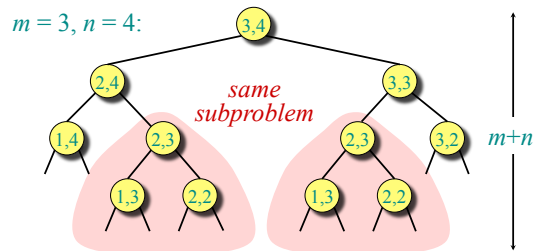
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LCS(x, y, i, j)
  if ( i==0 or j=0) return 0
  if x[i] = y[j]
    then return LCS(x, y, i-1, j-1) + 1
    else return max { LCS(x, y, i-1, j),
                     LCS(x, y, i, j-1) }
    
```

To call the function $LCS(x, y, m, n)$

Worst-case: $x[i] \neq y[j]$, for all i, j in which case the algorithm evaluates two subproblems, each with only one parameter decremented.

Recursion tree



Height = $m + n \Rightarrow$ work potentially 2^{m+n} exponential.
but we're solving subproblems already solved!

Dynamic-programming hallmark #2

Overlapping subproblems
A recursive solution contains a "small" number of distinct subproblems repeated many times.

The number of distinct LCS subproblems for two strings of lengths m and n is only mn .

Memoization algorithm

Memoization: After computing a solution to a subproblem, store it in a table. Subsequent calls check the table to avoid redoing work.

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LCS(x, y)
  for i=0 to m  c[i, 0] = 0
  for j=0 to n  c[0, j] = 0

  for i=1 to m
    for j=1 to n
      if (x[i] = y[j])
        then c[i, j] ← c[i-1, j-1] + 1
        else c[i, j] ← max{ c[i-1, j], c[i, j-1] }
  
```

Time = $\Theta(mn)$ = constant work per table entry.
Space = $\Theta(mn)$.

LCS: Dynamic-programming algorithm

LCS(X,Y) = "BCBA"

X \ Y	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	A	B	C	B	D	A	B
1B	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2D	0	0	1	1	1	2	2
3C	0	0	1	2	2	2	2
4A	0	1	1	2	2	2	3
5B	0	1	2	2	3	3	4
6A	0	1	2	2	3	3	4

X = B D C A B A
Y = A B C B D A B

Reconstruction $z = \text{LCS}(x, y)$

IDEA: Compute the table bottom-up. Fill z backward.

Observation: $c[i, j] \geq c[i-1, j]$ and $c[i, j] \geq c[i, j-1]$
Proof Sketch: We use a longer prefix, so there are more chars to be match.

LCS Reconstruction:

Set $i = m$; $j = n$; $k = c[i, j]$

While ($k > 0$) {

if ($c[i, j] > c[i-1, j]$ and $c[i, j] > c[i, j-1]$) {

$z[k] = x[i]$;

$i--$; $j--$; $k--$;

} else // $c[i, j] = c[i-1, j]$ or $c[i, j] = c[i, j-1]$

if ($c[i, j] == c[i, j-1]$) $j--$;

else $i--$;

}

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3C	0	0	1	2	2	2	2
4A	0	1	1	2	2	2	3
5B	0	1	2	2	3	3	4
6A	0	1	2	2	3	3	4

Reconstructing $z=LCS(X,Y)$

Another idea – While filling $c[i,j]$, add arrows to each cell $c[i,j]$ specifying which neighboring cell $c[i,j]$ it got its value.

- $c[i,j].flag = \backslash$ “ if $c[i,j]=c[i-1;j-1]+1$
- $c[i,j].flag = \uparrow$ “ if $c[i,j]=c[i-1;j]$
- $c[i,j].flag = \leftarrow$ “ if $c[i,j]=c[i;j-1]$

		A	B	C	B	D	A	B
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	\uparrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 1
D	0	\uparrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2
C	0	\uparrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2
A	0	\uparrow 1	\leftarrow 1	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 3	\leftarrow 3
B	0	\uparrow 1	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 3	\leftarrow 3	\leftarrow 3	\leftarrow 4
A	0	\uparrow 1	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 2	\leftarrow 3	\leftarrow 3	\leftarrow 4	\leftarrow 4

Example 3: Edit distance

Given strings x,y , the **edit distance** $ed(x,y)$ between x and y is defined as the minimum number of operations that we need to perform on x , in order to obtain y .

Definition: An Operations (in this context) Insertion/Deletion/Replacement of a **single** character.

Examples:

- $ed("aaba", "aaba") = 0$
- $ed("aaa", "aaba") = 1$
- $ed("aaaa", "abaa") = 1$
- $ed("baaa", "") = 4$
- $ed("baaa", "aab") = 2$

Example 3' : `Priced' Edit distance $ed(x,y)$

Assume also given

- $InsCost$ - the cost of a single **insertion** into x .
- $DelCost$ - the cost of a single **deletion** from x , and
- $RepCost$ - the cost of **replacing** one character of x by a different character.

Definition: Given strings x,y , the **edit distance** $ed(x,y)$ between x and y is the cheapest sequence of operations, starting on x and ending at y .

Problem: Compute $ed(x,y)$, and compute the sequence of operations.

Thm:

Let $c[i,j] = \text{ed}(x[1..i], y[1..j])$.

Assume $c[i-1,j-1], c[i-1,j-1], c[i-1,j]$ are already computed.

If $x[i]=y[j]$ then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1]$

Else // $x[i] \neq y[j]$

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 $c[i,j] = \min\{$   
     $c[i-1,j-1] + \text{RepCost}$ , //convert  $x[1..i-1] \rightarrow y[1..j-1]$ , and replace  
     $y[j]$  by  $x[i]$   
     $c[i-1,j] + \text{DelCost}$ , //delete  $x[i]$  and convert  $x[1..i-1] \rightarrow y[1..j]$   
     $c[i,j-1] + \text{InsCost}$  //convert  $x[1..i] \rightarrow y[1..j-1]$ , and insert  $y[j]$   
}
```

}

Algorithm

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ed(x,y)  
for  $i=0$  to  $m$   $c[i,0] = i \text{ DelCost}$   
for  $j=0$  to  $n$   $c[0,j] = j \text{ InsCost}$   
  
for  $i=1$  to  $m$   
for  $j=1$  to  $n$   
if  $(x[i] = y[j])$   
then  $c[i,j] \leftarrow c[i-1,j-1]$   
else  $c[i,j] \leftarrow \min\{$   
     $c[i-1,j] + \text{DelCost}$ ,  
     $c[i,j-1] + \text{InsCost}$ ,  
     $c[i-1,j-1] + \text{RepCost}$   
}
```

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