## CS 545

## Dynamic Programming

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Example 1: Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

- Given two sequences $x[1 \ldots m]$ and $y[1 \ldots n]$, find a longest subsequence common to them both
"a" not "the"


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

Check every subsequence of $x[1 \ldots m]$ to see if it is also a subsequence of $y[1 \ldots n]$.

Analysis

- Checking $=\Theta(m+n)$ time per subsequence.
- $2^{m}$ subsequences of $x$ (each bit-vector of length $m$ determines a distinct subsequence of $x$ ).
Worst-case running time $=\Theta\left((m+n) 2^{m}\right)$
= 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 $c[i, j]=|\operatorname{LCS}(x[1 \ldots i], y[1 \ldots j])|$.
- Then, $c[m, n]=|\operatorname{LCS}(x, y)|$.


## Recursive formulation-cont

Case (I): $x[i]=y[j] . \quad$ 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 $\mathrm{y}[1 . . j-1]$, and add the match $(x[i], y[j])$. So $c[i, j]=c[i-1, j-1]+1$


## Dynamic-programming hallmark \#1

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O Optimal substructure
An optimal solution to a problem
        (instance) contains optimal
        solutions to subproblems.
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If $z=\operatorname{LCS}(x, y)$, then any prefix of $z$ is an LCS of a prefix of $x$ and a prefix of $y$.

## Recursive algorithm for LCS

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

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\operatorname{LCS}(x, y, i, j-1)\}
$$

To call the function $\operatorname{LCS}(x, y, m, n)$
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.

## Dynamic-programming hallmark \#2



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

## Recursion tree



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

Memoization algorithm

| Memoization: After computing a solution to a |
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| subproblem, store it in a table. Subsequent calls check |
| the table to avoid redoing work. |
| $\begin{array}{l}\text { LCS }(x, y) \\ \text { for } i=0 \text { to } m \quad c[i, 0]=0 \\ \text { for } j=0 \text { to } n \quad c[0, j]=0 \\ \text { for } i=1 \text { to } m \\ \text { for } j=1 \text { to } n \\ \text { if }(x[i]=y[j]) \\ \text { then } c[i, j] \leftarrow c[i-1, j-1]+1 \\ \text { else } c[i, j] \leftarrow \max \{[i-1, j], c[i, j-1]\}\end{array}$ |

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

## LCS: Dynamic-programming algorithm



## Reconstructing $z=L C S(X, Y)$

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

- $c[i, j] . f l a g=$ " " if $c[i, j]=c[i-1 ; j-1]+1$
- $c[i, j]$.flag $=$ " $\uparrow$ " if $c[i, j]=c[i-1 ; j]$
$\bullet c[i, j] . f l a g=$ " $\leftarrow$ " if $c[i, j j=c[i-1 ; j]$


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

Example 2
of dynamic programming: Matrix Chain-Products


- Review: Matrix Multiplication.
$-C=A B$
$-\boldsymbol{A}$ is $\boldsymbol{d} \times \boldsymbol{e}, \boldsymbol{B}$ is $\boldsymbol{e} \times f$

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-O(d e f) \text { time }
$$



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## Matrix Chain-Products

- Matrix Chain-Product:
- Compute $A=A_{0} A_{1} \ldots A_{n-l}$
$-A_{\mathrm{i}}$ is $d_{i} \times d_{i+1}$

- Problem: How to parenthesize?
- Example 1. $\left(A_{1} A_{2}\right)\left(A_{3} A_{4}\right)=A_{1}\left(A_{2}\left(A_{3} A_{4}\right)\right)=$ $\left(A_{1}\left(A_{2} A_{3}\right)\right) A_{4}=A_{l}\left(\left(A_{2} A_{3}\right) A_{4}\right)=\ldots$
- Example 2
$-B$ is $3 \times 100$
$-C$ is $100 \times 7$
$-D$ is $7 \times 5$
$-(B C) D \quad 3 \times 100 \times 7+7 \times 5 \times 5=2275$ mults
$-B(C D) \quad 3 \times 100 \times 5+100 \times 7 \times 5=5000$ mults


## An Enumeration Approach

- Matrix Chain-Product Alg.:
- Try all possible ways to parenthesize $A=A_{0} A_{1} \ldots A_{n-1}$
- Calculate number of ops for each one
- Pick the one that is best
- Running time:
- \# of parenthesizations = \# of binary trees with $n$ nodes
- Exponential!
- Called the $\mathrm{n}^{\text {th }}$ Catalan number - it is almost $4^{\mathrm{n}}$.
- This is a terrible algorithm!


## A Greedy Approach

Repeatedly select the product that uses the fewest operations.

## Counter-example:

- A is $101 \times 11$
-B is $11 \times 9$
-C is $9 \times 100$
- D is $100 \times 99$
- Idea selects $\mathrm{A}((\mathrm{BC}) \mathrm{D}) \quad 109989+9900+108900=228789$ mults
- Best is (AB)(CD)
$9999+89991+89100=189090$ mults


## A "Recursive" Approach

Define subproblems:

- Find the best parenthesization of $A_{i} A_{i+1} \ldots A_{j}$
- Let $N_{i, j}=\#$ of operations done by this subproblem.
- The optimal solution for the whole problem is $N_{0, n-1}$

Subproblem optimality: Assume the last multiplication taken place is multiplying ( $A_{0} \ldots A_{i}$ ) by $\left(A_{i+1} \ldots A_{n-1}\right)$.

- Then the optimal solution $N_{0, n-1}$ is the sum of two optimal subproblems, $N_{0, i}+N_{i+1, n-1}$ plus the time for the last multiply.
- If the global optimum did not have these optimal subproblems, we could define an even better "optimal" solution.


## A Characterizing Equation

- Again assume the last multiplication is

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\left(A_{0} \ldots A_{i}\right)\left(A_{i+1} \ldots A_{n-1}\right) .
$$

- That is, we break at index $i$
- Consider all possible places for that final multiply (possible values of $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ ). That is..
$-\left(A_{0}\right)\left(A_{1} A_{2} \ldots A_{n-1}\right)$, and $\left(A_{0} A_{1}\right)\left(A_{2} \ldots A_{n-1}\right)$, and
- $\left(A_{0} A_{1} A_{2}\right)\left(A_{3} \ldots A_{n-1}\right),\left(A_{0} \ldots A_{3}\right)\left(A_{4} \ldots A_{n-1}\right)$ etc till
- $\left(A_{0} A_{n-2}\right)\left(A_{n-1}\right)$,
- Recall that $A_{i}$ is a $d_{i} \times d_{i+l}$ dimensional matrix.
- So, a characterizing equation for $N_{i, j}$ is the following:

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N_{i, j}=\min _{i \leq k<j}\left\{N_{i, k}+N_{k+1, j}+d_{i} d_{k+1} d_{j+1}\right\}
$$

I.e, $\operatorname{break}\left(A_{i} \ldots A_{j}\right)$, into $\left(A_{i} \ldots A_{k}\right)\left(A_{k+1} \ldots A_{j}\right)$,


| A Dynamic Programming Algorithm |  |
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| Since subproblems overlap, we don't use recursion. <br> Instead, we construct optimal subproblems "bottom-up." <br> $N_{i, i}$ 's are easy, so start with them <br> Then do length $2,3, \ldots$ subproblems, and so on. Running time: $O\left(n^{3}\right)$ | ```Algorithm matrixChain(S): Input: sequence \(\boldsymbol{S}\) of \(\boldsymbol{n}\) matrices to be multiplied Output: \# of multiplications in optimal parenthesization of \(S\) for \(i \leftarrow 1\) to \(n-1\) do \(N_{i, i} \leftarrow 0\) for \(b \leftarrow 1\) to \(n-1\) do \(\quad\) /llength of a run for \(i \leftarrow 0\) to \(n-b-1\) do //start of run \(j \leftarrow i+b \quad\) /lend of run \(N_{i, j} \leftarrow+\infty\) for \(\boldsymbol{k} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{i}\) to \(\boldsymbol{j}-1\) do //break pnt \(N_{i, j} \leftarrow \min \left\{N_{i, j}\right.\), \(\left.N_{i, k}+N_{k+1, j}+d_{i} d_{k+1} d_{j+1}\right\}\)``` |



## Recovering operations

Example: ABCD

- A is $10 \times 5$
- B is $5 \times 10$
-C is $10 \times 5$
- D is $5 \times 10$

// return expression for multiplying
// matrix chain $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{i}}$ through $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{j}}$
$\exp (i, j)$
if $(i=j)$ then
return ' $A_{i}$ '
else
$\boldsymbol{k}=\mathbf{O}[i, j] \quad / /$ see red values on left
$\mathbf{S} 1=\exp (i, k) \quad / / 2$ recursive calls
$\mathbf{S} 2=\exp (k+1, j)$
return '(' S1 S2 ')


## The General Dynamic Programming Technique

- Applies to a problem that at first seems to require a lot of time (often exponential), provided we have:
- Simple subproblems: the subproblems can be defined in terms of a few variables, such as $j, k, l, m$, and so on.
-Subproblem optimality: the global optimum value can be defined in terms of optimal subproblems

Example 3: All-Pairs Shortest Paths Floyd-Warshall alg

- Given a graph $G(V, E)$ with weights (positive and negative) assign to each edges. Assume $V=\left\{v_{1} \ldots v_{n}\right\}$.
- Compute a matrix $D$ such that $D[i, j]$ contains the length of the shortest path from $v_{i}$ to $v_{j}$.
- Define $P_{i j}{ }^{(k)}$ as the shortst path $v_{i} \rightarrow v_{j}$ that does not go through any of the vertices $\left\{v_{k+1 \ldots} v_{n}\right\}$. (that is, it is allowed to $g o$ through any of $\left\{v_{1 . .}, v_{k}\right\}$.


Allowed: $\left\{v_{1 . .} v_{k}\right\}$.

- $D_{k}[i, j]$ - the length of $P_{i, j}(k)$
- We compute $D_{0}$ first, then $D_{1}$, etc.

This example appears is in the shortest paths', chapter of CLRS (25.2)


- Assume $D_{k-1}[i, j]$ has been computed $(1<i, j<n)$.
-We now want to compute $\boldsymbol{D}_{k}[i, j]$. I.e. now we can (but don't have to) go through $v_{k}$ on the shortest path $v_{i} \rightarrow v_{j}$.
-Two possibilities:
$\bullet$ Going through $v_{k}$ is longer, and better stick to $P_{i, j}(k-1)$. (previous found shortest path $v_{i} \rightarrow v_{j}$ )
$\bullet$ Use $P_{i, k, k}{ }^{(k-1)}$, the shortest path $v_{i} \rightarrow v_{k}$ to reach $v_{k}$, and continue along $P_{i, k}(k-1)$ to $v_{j}$.
$\bullet D_{k}[i, j]=\min \left(D_{k-1}[i, j], \quad D_{k-1}[i, k]+D_{k-1}[k, j]\right)$

Floyd Warshll-Pairs Shortest Paths Computing $D_{k}[i, j]$ for every $i, j, k$.
$\operatorname{Algorithm} \operatorname{AllPair}(G)$ for all vertex pairs $(i, j)$ if $i=j$ then $D_{0}[i, i] \leftarrow 0$ else if $\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$ is an edge in $G$ $D_{0}[i, j] \leftarrow w\left(v_{i}, v_{j}\right)$
else

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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
$D_{k}[i, j]=\min \left\{D_{k-1}[i, j], D_{k-1}[i, k]+D_{k-1}[k, j]\right\}$ return $D_{n}$

Floyd's algorithm: example


## Example 4: Edit distance

Given strings $x, y$, the edit distance $\boldsymbol{e d}(x, y)$ between $x$ and $y$ is defined as the minimum number of operations that we need to perform on $x$, in order to obtain $y$.

Defintion: 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", "aaab") =2

## Example 4':

'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 $\boldsymbol{e d}(x, y)$ between $x$ and $y$ is the cheapest sequence of operations, starting on $x$ and ending at $y$.

Problem: Compute $\boldsymbol{e d}(x, y)$, and compute the sequence of operations.

## Theorem:

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Let c[i,j]=\operatorname{ed}(x[1..i],y[1..j]) then
If }x[i]=y[j]\quad\mathrm{ then }c[i,j]=c[i-1,j-1
If X[i]\not=Y[j] then c[i,j]=min}{c[i-1,j] + InsCost
    c[i,j-1] + DelCost,
    c[i-1,j-1] + RepCost,
    }
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## Algorithm

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it in a table. Subsequent calls check the table to avoid redoing work.
$\operatorname{ed}(x, y)$
for $i=0$ to $m \quad c[i, 0]=0$
for $j=0$ to $n \quad c[0, j]=0$
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 $c[i, j] \leftarrow \min \{\quad c[i-1, j]+\quad$ InsCost,
$\begin{array}{ll}c[i-1, j-j]+ & \text { InsCost }, \\ \text { RepCost },\end{array}$
$c[i, j-1]+$ DelCost

