



CS 372 - Algorithms

Dynamic programming and memoization

(Based on slides by Luebke, Lim, Wenbin)

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When to Use Dynamic Programming

- Usually used to solve **Optimization** problems
- Usually the problem can be formulated as recursion
- The solution of a problem is made up the solutions of its sub-problems and sub-problems **overlaps**

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E.g. Fibonacci Number

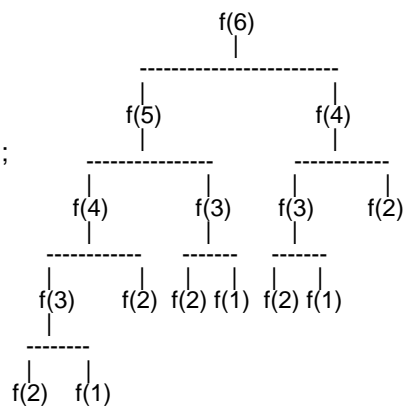
- The problem ([Background](#))
 - Every mature pair of rabbits give birth to a pair of rabbits in every month
 - Newly born rabbits become mature after one month
 - There is one mature pair of rabbits at beginning of a year, how many pairs are there after one year?
- Formulation:
 - $f(n) = f(n-1) + f(n-2)$;
 - $f(1) = 1, f(2) = 2$

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FN: Naïve Solution

```
int f (int n) {  
    int r;  
    if (n<=2)  
        then r = n;  
        else r = f(n-1) + f(n-2);  
    return r;  
}
```

Tree of recursive calls for f(6):



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Memoization

- Top-down approach
- Memorize whatever calculated, calculate only once

```
/* Memoization Method. Assume n is at most 100
 * long mem[101];  memset(mem, 0, sizeof(mem));
 */
int f (int n) {
    int r;
    if (mem[n] > 0) then return mem[n];
    if (n <= 2) then r = n;
    else r = f(n-1) + f(n-2);
    mem[n] = r;
    return r;
}
```

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Turn Recursion into Memoization

Initialize memory in main function

```
int f () {
    if already calculated return the result
    calculate the result using recursion
    save the result in memory
    return the result
}
```

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FN: Fill-in-the-table method

- Bottom-up approach
- Figure out the order in which the memory is filled in manually, fill in the table using loop

```
long mem[101];
int f (int n) {
    int i;
    mem[1] = 1; mem[2] = 2;
    for (i = 3; i <= n; i++)
        mem[i] = mem[i-1] + mem[i-2];
    return mem[n];
}
```

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FN: Save Memory

- Only previous two results are needed in every step, so just keep these two result

```
int f (int n) {
    int pre_2, pre_1, cur, i;
    if (n <= 2) then return n;
    pre_2 = 1; pre_1 = 2;
    for (i = 3; i <= n; i++) {
        cur = p_1 + p_2;  p_1 = cur;  p_2 = p_1;
    }
    return cur;
}
```

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Dynamic programming

- It is used, when the solution can be recursively described in terms of solutions to subproblems (*optimal substructure*)
- Algorithm finds solutions to subproblems and stores them in memory for later use
- More efficient than “*brute-force methods*”, which solve the same subproblems over and over again

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Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)

Application: comparison of two DNA strings

Ex: $X = \{A B C B D A B\}$, $Y = \{B D C A B A\}$

Longest Common Subsequence:

$X = A \mathbf{B C B D A B}$

$Y = \mathbf{B D C A B A}$

Brute force algorithm would compare each subsequence of X with the symbols in Y

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LCS Algorithm

- if $|X| = m$, $|Y| = n$, then there are 2^m subsequences of x ; we must compare each with Y (n comparisons)
- So the running time of the brute-force algorithm is $O(n 2^m)$
- Notice that the LCS problem has *optimal substructure*: solutions of subproblems are parts of the final solution.
- Subproblems: “find LCS of pairs of *prefixes* of X and Y ”

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LCS Algorithm

- First we'll find the length of LCS. Later we'll modify the algorithm to find LCS itself.
- Define X_i , Y_j to be the prefixes of X and Y of length i and j respectively
- Define $c[i,j]$ to be the length of LCS of X_i and Y_j
- Then the length of LCS of X and Y will be $c[m,n]$

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

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LCS recursive solution

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

- We start with $i = j = 0$ (empty substrings of x and y)
- Since X_0 and Y_0 are empty strings, their LCS is always empty (i.e. $c[0, 0] = 0$)
- LCS of empty string and any other string is empty, so for every i and j : $c[0, j] = c[i, 0] = 0$

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LCS recursive solution

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

- When we calculate $c[i, j]$, we consider two cases:
- **First case:** $x[i] = y[j]$: one more symbol in strings X and Y matches, so the length of LCS X_i and Y_j equals to the length of LCS of smaller strings X_{i-1} and Y_{j-1} , plus 1

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LCS recursive solution

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

- **Second case:** $x[i] \neq y[j]$
- As symbols don't match, our solution is not improved, and the length of $\text{LCS}(X_i, Y_j)$ is maximum of $\text{LCS}(X_i, Y_{j-1})$ and $\text{LCS}(X_{i-1}, Y_j)$

Why not just take the length of $\text{LCS}(X_{i-1}, Y_{j-1})$?

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LCS: recursive solution

```
char a[1001], b[10001]; /* the two sequence */
int c (int i, int j) {
    int r;
    if (i == 0 || j == 0) then r = 0;
    else if (a[i] == b[j]) then r = c (i-1, j-1) + 1;
    else r = max(c(i, j-1), c(i-1, j));

    return r;
}
```

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LCS Example

We'll see how LCS algorithm works on the following example:

- X = ABCB
- Y = BDCAB

What is the Longest Common Subsequence of X and Y?

LCS(X, Y) = BCB

X = A **B** **C** **B**

Y = **B** **D** **C** **A** **B**

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LCS Example (0)

ABCB
BDCAB

	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
i	Y _j	B	D	C	A	B	
0	X _i						
1	A						
2	B						
3	C						
4	B						


X = ABCB; m = |X| = 4

Y = BDCAB; n = |Y| = 5

Allocate array c[5,4]

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LCS Example (1)




ABCB
BDCAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Y _j		B	D	C	A	B
0	X _i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0					
2	B	0					
3	C	0					
4	B	0					

for i = 1 to m c[i,0] = 0
 for j = 1 to n c[0,j] = 0

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LCS Example (2)



ABCB
BDCAB

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Y _j		B	D	C	A	B
0	X _i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0				
2	B	0					
3	C	0					
4	B	0					

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])

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LCS Example (3)

A B C B
B D C A B

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Y _j	B	D	C	A	B	
0	X _i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	0		
2	B	0					
3	C	0					
4	B	0					

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])

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LCS Example (4)

A B C B
B D C A B

i	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
	Y _j	B	D	C	A	B	
0	X _i	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	0	1	
2	B	0					
3	C	0					
4	B	0					

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])

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LCS Example (5)

ABCB
BDCAB

i \ j	0	1	2	3	4	5
Y _j	B	D	C	A	B	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0					
3	0					
4	0					

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])

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LCS Example (6)

ABCB
BDCAB

i \ j	0	1	2	3	4	5
Y _j	B	D	C	A	B	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	1				
3	0					
4	0					

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])

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LCS Example (7)

ABCB
 BDCAB

	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
i	Yj	B	D	C	A	B	
0	Xi	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	1	
3	C	0					
4	B	0					

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if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Example (8)

ABCB
 BDCAB

	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
i	Yj	B	D	C	A	B	
0	Xi	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1	
2	B	0	1	1	1	1	2
3	C	0					
4	B	0					

↘

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Example (10)

ABCB
BDCAB

j	0	1	2	3	4	5
Yj		B	D	C	A	B
i	Xi	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2
3	C	0	1	1		
4	B	0				

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 \rightarrow

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Example (11)

ABCB
BDCAB

j	0	1	2	3	4	5
Yj		B	D	C	A	B
i	Xi	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2
3	C	0	1	1	2	
4	B	0				

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if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Example (12)

ABCB
BDCAB

j	0	1	2	3	4	5
Yj		B	D	C	A	B
Xi	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2
3	C	0	1	1	2	2
4	B	0				

→ ↓

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Example (13)

ABCB
BDCAB

j	0	1	2	3	4	5
Yj		B	D	C	A	B
Xi	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2
3	C	0	1	1	2	2
4	B	0	1			

↘

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Example (14)

ABCB
BDCAB

j	0	1	2	3	4	5
i	Yj	B	D	C	A	B
0	Xi	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2
3	C	0	1	2	2	2
4	B	0	1 → 1	↓ 2	↓ 2	↓ 2

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Example (15)

ABCB
BDCAB

j	0	1	2	3	4	5
i	Yj	B	D	C	A	B
0	Xi	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	2
3	C	0	1	2	2	2
4	B	0	1	1	2	3

if ($X_i == Y_j$)
 then $c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1$
 else $c[i,j] = \max(c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1])$

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LCS Algorithm Running Time

- LCS algorithm calculates the values of each entry of the array $c[m,n]$
- So what is the running time?

$O(m*n)$

since each $c[i,j]$ is calculated in constant time, and there are $m*n$ elements in the array

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How to find actual LCS

- So far, we have just found the *length* of LCS, but not LCS itself.
- We want to modify this algorithm to make it output Longest Common Subsequence of X and Y

Each $c[i,j]$ depends on $c[i-1,j]$ and $c[i,j-1]$ or $c[i-1,j-1]$

For each $c[i,j]$ we can say how it was acquired:

2	2
2	3

For example, here

$$c[i,j] = c[i-1,j-1] + 1 = 2+1=3$$

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How to find actual LCS - continued

- Remember that

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

- So we can start from $c[m, n]$ and go backwards
- Whenever $c[i, j] = c[i-1, j-1] + 1$, remember $x[i]$ (because $x[i]$ is a part of LCS)
- When $i=0$ or $j=0$ (i.e. we reached the beginning), output remembered letters in reverse order

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Finding LCS

		j					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
		Yj	B	D	C	A	B
i	Xi	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	A	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	B	0	1	1	1	1	2
3	C	0	1	1	2	2	2
4	B	0	1	1	2	2	3

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Finding LCS (2)

i \ j	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	1	1	1	1	2
3	0	1	1	2	2	2
4	0	1	1	2	2	3

LCS (reversed order): **B C B**

LCS (straight order): **B C B**
 (this string turned out to be a palindrome)

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Exercises

Determine an LCS of

- science, student
- springtime, pioneer
- heroically, scholarly

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