

Announcements

- HW 4 Due today

Today

- Dynamic Programming Introduction

Dynamic Programming (Ch 6)

- Background and past examples
- Longest Common Subsequence
- Knapsack
- Chain Matrix Multiplication
- All-Pairs Shortest Paths
- Independent Sets of Trees
- Travelling Salesman

Computing Fibonacci Numbers

Recall:

$$F_n = 1 \text{ if } n = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \text{ otherwise}$$

Naïve Algorithm

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Fib (n)
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  If  $n \leq 1$ 
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    Return 1
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  Else
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    Return Fib (n-1) + Fib (n-2)
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Far too slow!

Improved Algorithm

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Fib2 (n)
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  Initialize A[0..n]
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  A[0] = A[1] = 1
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  For k = 2 to n
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    A[k] = A[k-1] + A[k-2]
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  Return A[n]
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Tabulation of answers avoids runaway recursive calls.

Another Example

Something similar happens with our algorithm for shortest paths in DAGs.

This was based on the basic recursive formula

$$\text{dist}(w) = \min_{(v,w) \in E} \text{dist}(v) + \ell(v, w).$$

applied to vertices in topological order.

Simplify by Tabulating

Instead of computing these values recursively, compute them one at a time, recording them. Then in the future, you only need to do table lookups.

Dynamic Programming

Our final general algorithmic technique:

1. Break problem into smaller subproblems.
2. Find recursive formula solving one subproblem in terms of simpler ones.
3. Tabulate answers and solve all subproblems.

Question: Dynamic Program

Which of the following algorithms that we have covered so far involves a dynamic program?

- A) Bellman-Ford
- B) Optimal Caching
- C) Computing SCCs
- D) Closest Pair of Points
- E) Karatsuba Multiplication

$$\text{dist}_k(w) = \min_{(v,w) \in E} \text{dist}_{k-1}(v) + \ell(v, w).$$

Subsequences

Given a sequence, say $ABCBA$, a subsequence is the sequence obtained by deleting some letters and leaving the rest in the same order.

For example, $ABCBA$ would have a subsequence $\underline{A}\underline{B}CBA = ACB$.

Longest Common Subsequence

We say that a sequence is a common subsequence of two others, if it is a subsequence of both.

For example ABC is a common subsequence of $ADBCA$ and $AABBC$.

Problem: Given two sequences compute the longest common subsequence. That is the subsequence with as many letters as possible.

Question: LCSS

What is the length of the longest common subsequence of $ABCBA$ and $ABACA$?

A) 1

B) 2

C) 3

$ABCA = \underline{ABCBA} = \underline{ABACA}$

D) 4

E) 5

Case Analysis

How do we compute $\text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_n, B_1B_2\dots B_m)$?

Consider cases for the common subsequence:

1. It does not use A_n .
2. It does not use B_m .
3. It uses both A_n and B_m and these characters are the same.

Case 1

If the common subsequence does not use A_n , it is actually a common subsequence of

$$A_1A_2\dots A_{n-1}, \text{ and } B_1B_2\dots B_m$$

Therefore, in this case, the longest common subsequence would be

$$\text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_{n-1}, B_1B_2\dots B_m).$$

Case 2

If the common subsequence does not use B_m , it is actually a common subsequence of

$$A_1A_2\dots A_n, \text{ and } B_1B_2\dots B_{m-1}$$

Therefore, in this case, the longest common subsequence would be

$$\text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_n, B_1B_2\dots B_{m-1}).$$

Case 3

If a common subsequence uses both A_n and B_m ...

- These characters must be the same.
- Such a subsequence is obtained by taking a common subsequence of:

$A_1A_2\dots A_{n-1}$, and $B_1B_2\dots B_{m-1}$

and adding a copy of $A_n = B_m$ to the end.

- The longest length of such a subsequence is $\text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_{n-1}, B_1B_2\dots B_{m-1})+1$.

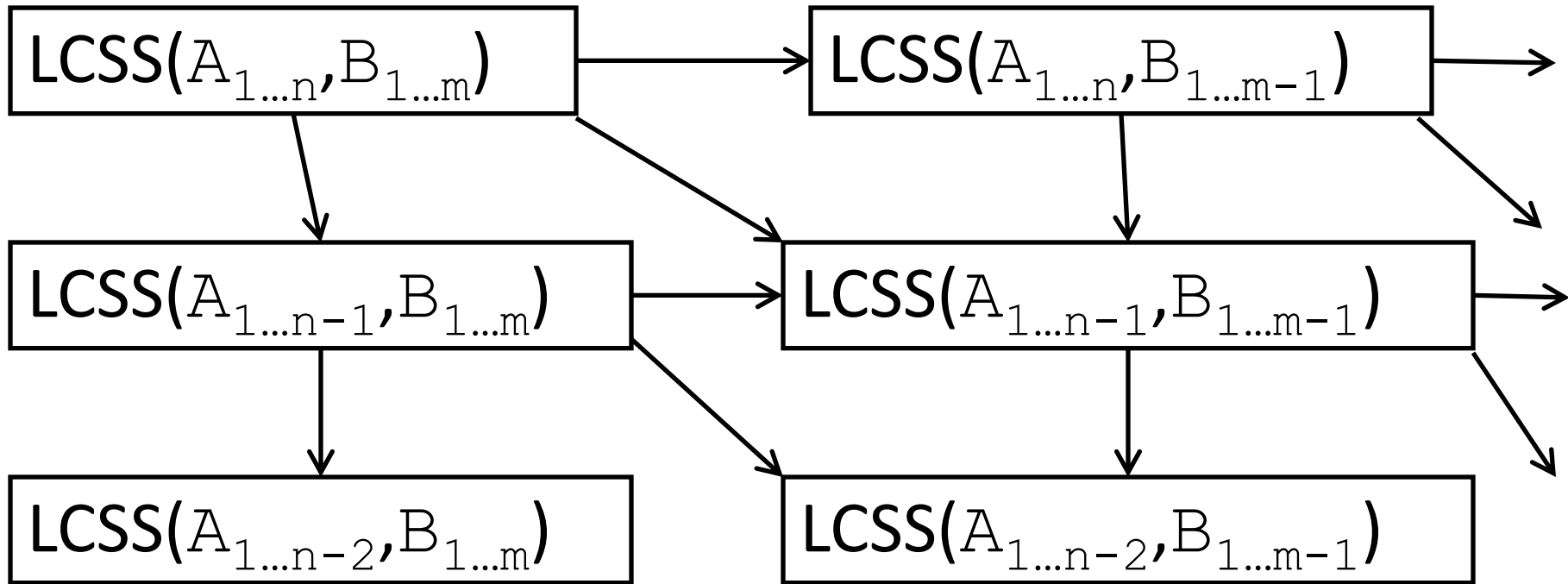
Recursion

On the other hand, the longest common subsequence must come from one of these cases. In particular, it will always be the one that gives the biggest result.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_n, B_1B_2\dots B_m) = \\ \text{Max}(\text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_{n-1}, B_1B_2\dots B_m), \\ \text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_n, B_1B_2\dots B_{m-1}), \\ [\text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_{n-1}, B_1B_2\dots B_{m-1})+1]) \end{aligned}$$

[where the last option is only allowed if $A_n = B_m$]

Recursion



Key Point: Subproblem reuse

Only ever see $LCSS(A_1 A_2 \dots A_k, B_1 B_2 \dots B_\ell)$

Base Case

Our recursion also needs a base case.

In this case we have:

$$\text{LCSS}(\emptyset, B_1 B_2 \dots B_m) = \text{LCSS}(A_1 A_2 \dots A_n, \emptyset) = 0.$$

Algorithm

LCSS ($A_1A_2\dots A_n, B_1B_2\dots B_m$)

Initialize Array $T[0\dots n, 0\dots m]$

$\backslash\backslash$ $T[i, j]$ will store LCSS ($A_1A_2\dots A_i, B_1B_2\dots B_j$)

For $i = 0$ to n

For $j = 0$ to m

$O(nm)$ iterations

If ($i = 0$) OR ($j = 0$)

$T[i, j] \leftarrow 0$

Else If $A_i = B_j$

$T[i, j] \leftarrow \max(T[i-1, j], T[i, j-1], T[i-1, j-1]+1)$

Else

$T[i, j] \leftarrow \max(T[i-1, j], T[i, j-1])$

Return $T[n, m]$

$O(1)$

Example

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|-------------|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | \emptyset | A | A | A | A | A |
| | | | B | B | B | B |
| | | | | A | A | A |
| | | | | | C | C |
| | | | | | | A |
| \emptyset | | | | | | |
| A | | | | | | |
| AB | | | | | | |
| ABC | | | | | | |
| ABCB | | | | | | |
| ABCBA | | | | | | |

String:
ABCBA

Proof of Correctness

Prove by induction that each value assigned to $T[i,j]$ is the correct value for $\text{LCSS}(A_1A_2\dots A_i, B_1B_2\dots B_j)$.

Base Case: When i or j is 0 we assign 0.

Inductive Step: Assuming that previous values are assigned correctly, $T[i,j]$ gets correct value because of recursion for LCSS and inductive hypothesis (and that we have previously filled in $T[i-1,j]$, $T[i,j-1]$ and $T[i-1,j-1]$).

Notes about DP

- General Correct Proof Outline:
 - Prove by induction that each table entry is filled out correctly
 - Use base-case and recursion
- Runtime of DP:
 - Usually
[Number of subproblems]x[Time per subproblem]

More Notes about DP

- Finding Recursion
 - Often look at first or last choice and see what things look like without that choice
- Key point: Picking right subproblem
 - Enough information stored to allow recursion
 - Not too many