

# CSE 417 Algorithms and Complexity

Autumn 2023

Lecture 22

Longest Common Subsequence

# Announcements

- Lecture plans
  - Monday: Longest Common Subsequence
  - Wednesday: Shortest Paths
  - Friday: No Class
  - After Thanksgiving: Network Flow + NP Completeness
- Homework plans
  - HW 8, Due Wednesday, November 29
  - HW 9, Due Friday, December 8

# Last week, subset sum

- Given integers  $\{w_1, \dots, w_n\}$  and an integer  $K$
- Find a subset that is as large as possible that does not exceed  $K$
- $\text{Opt}[j, K]$  the largest subset of  $\{w_1, \dots, w_j\}$  that sums to at most  $K$
- $\text{Opt}[j, K] = \max(\text{Opt}[j-1, K], \text{Opt}[j-1, K - w_j] + w_j)$

```
for j = 1 to n
  for k = 1 to W
     $\text{Opt}[j, k] = \max(\text{Opt}[j-1, k], \text{Opt}[j-1, k-w_j] + w_j)$ 
```

# Two dimensional dynamic programming

## Subset sum and knapsack

$$\text{Opt}[j, K] = \max(\text{Opt}[j - 1, K], \text{Opt}[j - 1, K - w_j] + w_j)$$

$$\text{Opt}[j, K] = \max(\text{Opt}[j - 1, K], \text{Opt}[j - 1, K - w_j] + v_j)$$

4	0																
3	0																
2	0																
1	0																
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# Reducing dimensions

- Computing values in the array only requires the previous row
  - Easy to reduce this to just tracking two rows
  - And sometimes can be implemented in a single row
- Space savings is significant in practice
- Reconstructing values is harder

# Longest Common Subsequence

- $C=c_1\dots c_g$  is a subsequence of  $A=a_1\dots a_m$  if  $C$  can be obtained by removing elements from  $A$  (but retaining order)
- $LCS(A, B)$ : A maximum length sequence that is a subsequence of both  $A$  and  $B$

**ocurranec**

**attacggct**

**occurrence**

**tacgacca**

Determine the LCS of the following strings

BARTHOLEMEWSIMPSON

KRUSTYTHECLOWN

# String Alignment Problem

- Align sequences with gaps

**CAT TGA AT**

**CAGAT AGGA**

- Charge  $\delta_x$  if character  $x$  is unmatched
- Charge  $\gamma_{xy}$  if character  $x$  is matched to character  $y$

Note: the problem is often expressed as a minimization problem,  
with  $\gamma_{xx} = 0$  and  $\delta_x > 0$



# Recursive Version

```
LCS(a1a2...am, b1b2...bn){  
  if (am == bn)  
    return LCS(a1a2...am-1, b1b2...bn-1) + 1;  
  else  
    return max(LCS(a1a2...am-1, b1b2...bn),  
              LCS(a1a2...am, b1b2...bn-1);  
}
```

# LCS Optimization

- $A = a_1a_2\dots a_m$
- $B = b_1b_2\dots b_n$
  
- $\text{Opt}[j, k]$  is the length of  $\text{LCS}(a_1a_2\dots a_j, b_1b_2\dots b_k)$

# Optimization recurrence

If  $a_j = b_k$ ,  $\text{Opt}[j,k] = 1 + \text{Opt}[j-1, k-1]$

If  $a_j \neq b_k$ ,  $\text{Opt}[j,k] = \max(\text{Opt}[j-1,k], \text{Opt}[j,k-1])$

# Give the Optimization Recurrence for the String Alignment Problem

- Charge  $\delta_x$  if character  $x$  is unmatched
- Charge  $\gamma_{xy}$  if character  $x$  is matched to character  $y$

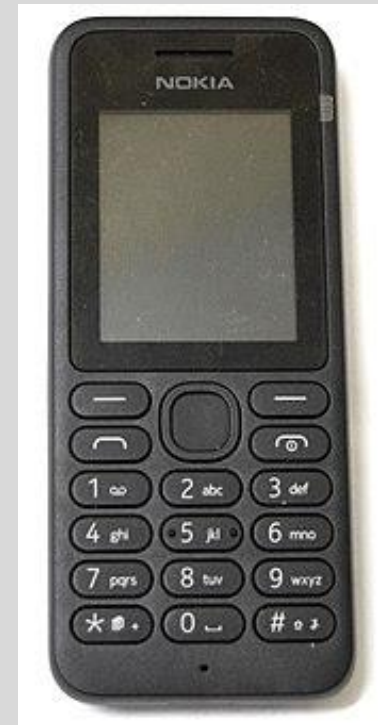
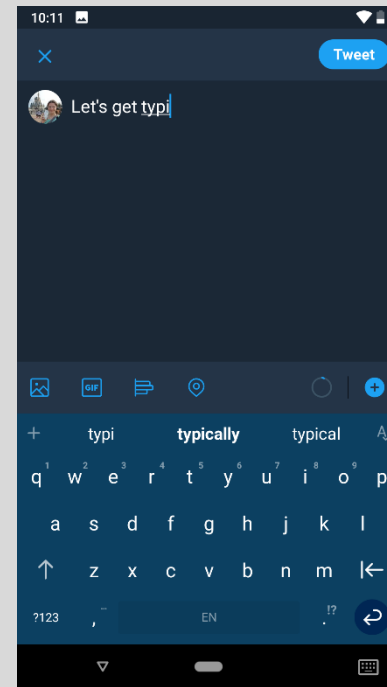
Opt[  $j$ ,  $k$  ] =

Let  $a_j = x$  and  $b_k = y$

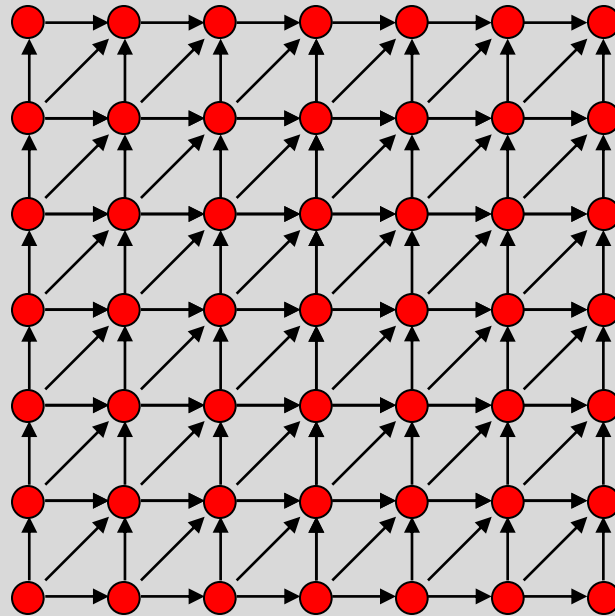
Express as minimization

# String edit with Typo Distance

- Find closest dictionary word to typed word
- $\text{Dist}('a', 's') = 1$
- $\text{Dist}('a', 'u') = 6$
- Capture the likelihood of mistyping characters



# Dynamic Programming Computation



# Code to compute $\text{Opt}[n, m]$

```
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
  for (int j = 0; j < m; j++)
    if (A[ i ] == B[ j ] )
      Opt[ i, j ] = Opt[ i-1, j-1 ] + 1;
    else if (Opt[ i-1, j ] >= Opt[ i, j-1 ])
      Opt[ i, j ] := Opt[ i-1, j ];
    else
      Opt[ i, j ] := Opt[ i, j-1];
```

# Storing the path information

$A[1..m]$ ,  $B[1..n]$

for  $i := 1$  to  $m$      $Opt[i, 0] := 0$ ;

for  $j := 1$  to  $n$      $Opt[0, j] := 0$ ;

$Opt[0, 0] := 0$ ;

for  $i := 1$  to  $m$

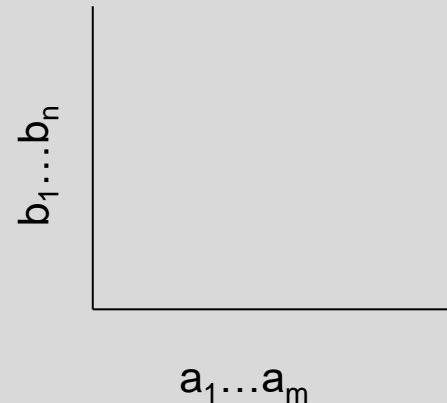
    for  $j := 1$  to  $n$

        if  $A[i] = B[j]$  {  $Opt[i, j] := 1 + Opt[i-1, j-1]$ ;  $Best[i, j] := \text{Diag}$ ; }

        else if  $Opt[i-1, j] \geq Opt[i, j-1]$

            {  $Opt[i, j] := Opt[i-1, j]$ ,  $Best[i, j] := \text{Left}$ ; }

        else      {  $Opt[i, j] := Opt[i, j-1]$ ,  $Best[i, j] := \text{Down}$ ; }





# Reconstructing Path from Distances



# How good is this algorithm?

- Is it feasible to compute the LCS of two strings of length 300,000 on a standard desktop PC? Why or why not.

# Implementation 1

```
public int ComputeLCS() {
    int n = str1.Length;
    int m = str2.Length;

    int[,] opt = new int[n + 1, m + 1];
    for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++)
        opt[i, 0] = 0;
    for (int j = 0; j <= m; j++)
        opt[0, j] = 0;

    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
        for (int j = 1; j <= m; j++)
            if (str1[i-1] == str2[j-1])
                opt[i, j] = opt[i - 1, j - 1] + 1;
            else if (opt[i - 1, j] >= opt[i, j - 1])
                opt[i, j] = opt[i - 1, j];
            else
                opt[i, j] = opt[i, j - 1];

    return opt[n,m];
}
```

# N = 17000

Runtime should be about 5 seconds\*

```
namespace LongestCommonSubsequence {
    class LcsAlgorithm {
        int[] str1;
        int[] str2;

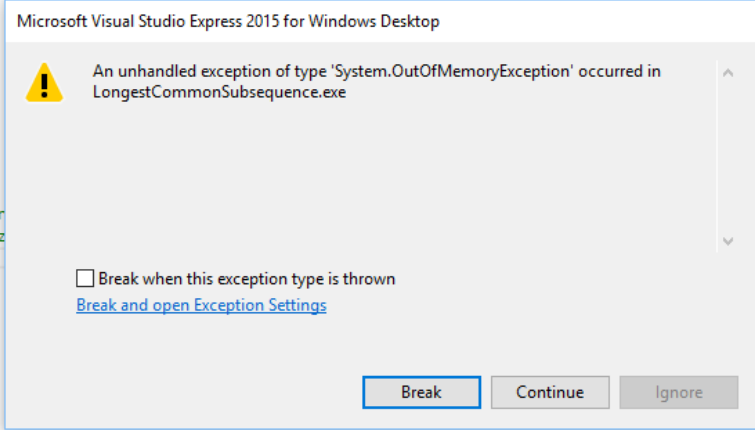
        int[,] opt;

        public LcsAlgorithm (int[] str1, int[] str2) {
            this.str1 = str1;
            this.str2 = str2;
        }

        public int ComputeLCS() {
            int n = str1.Length;
            int m = str2.Length;

            /* Adding an extra row and column to the array
             * This means the strings are indexed from 0 to n-1
             */
            opt = new int[n + 1, m + 1];
            for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++)
                opt[i, 0] = 0;
            for (int j = 0; j <= m; j++)
                opt[0, j] = 0;

            for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
                for (int j = 1; j <= m; j++)
                    if (str1[i-1] == str2[j-1])
                        opt[i, j] = opt[i - 1, j - 1] + 1;
                    else if (opt[i - 1, j] >= opt[i, j - 1])
                        opt[i, j] = opt[i - 1, j];
                    else
                        opt[i, j] = opt[i, j - 1];
        }
    }
}
```



\* Personal PC, 10 years old

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Manufacturer:	Dell
Model:	Optiplex 990
Processor:	Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-2400 CPU @ 3.10GHz 3.10 GHz
Installed memory (RAM):	8.00 GB (7.88 GB usable)
System type:	64-bit Operating System, x64-based processor

# Implementation 2

```
public int SpaceEfficientLCS() {
    int n = str1.Length;
    int m = str2.Length;
    int[] prevRow = new int[m + 1];
    int[] currRow = new int[m + 1];

    for (int j = 0; j <= m; j++)
        prevRow[j] = 0;

    for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
        currRow[0] = 0;
        for (int j = 1; j <= m; j++) {
            if (str1[i - 1] == str2[j - 1])
                currRow[j] = prevRow[j - 1] + 1;
            else if (prevRow[j] >= currRow[j - 1])
                currRow[j] = prevRow[j];
            else
                currRow[j] = currRow[j - 1];
        }
        for (int j = 1; j <= m; j++)
            prevRow[j] = currRow[j];
    }

    return currRow[m];
}
```

$$N = 300000$$

N: 10000	Base 2 Length: 8096	Gamma: 0.8096	Runtime:00:00:01.86
N: 20000	Base 2 Length: 16231	Gamma: 0.81155	Runtime:00:00:07.45
N: 30000	Base 2 Length: 24317	Gamma: 0.8105667	Runtime:00:00:16.82
N: 40000	Base 2 Length: 32510	Gamma: 0.81275	Runtime:00:00:29.84
N: 50000	Base 2 Length: 40563	Gamma: 0.81126	Runtime:00:00:46.78
N: 60000	Base 2 Length: 48700	Gamma: 0.8116667	Runtime:00:01:08.06
N: 70000	Base 2 Length: 56824	Gamma: 0.8117715	Runtime:00:01:33.36

N: 300000 Base 2 Length: 243605 Gamma: 0.8120167 Runtime:00:28:07.32

# Observations about the Algorithm

- The computation can be done in  $O(m+n)$  space if we only need one column of the Opt values or Best Values
- The computation requires  $O(nm)$  space if we store all of the string information

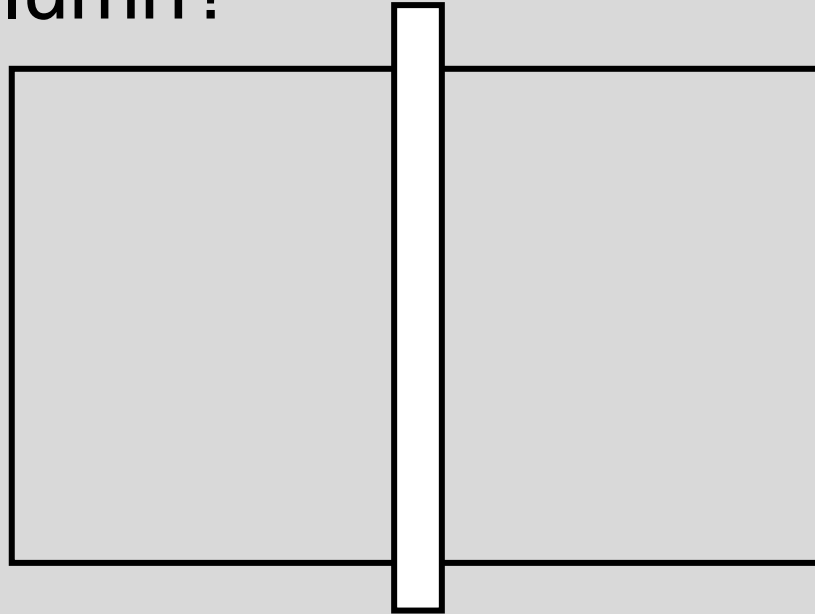
# Computing LCS in $O(nm)$ time and $O(n+m)$ space

- Divide and conquer algorithm
- Recomputing values used to save space
- Section 6.7 of the text, but we will not have time to cover in detail (so you are not responsible for section 6.7)



# Divide and Conquer Algorithm

- Where does the best path cross the middle column?



- For a fixed  $i$ , and for each  $j$ , compute the LCS that has  $a_i$  matched with  $b_j$

# Algorithm Analysis

- $T(m,n) = T(m/2, j) + T(m/2, n-j) + cnm$
- Solution:  $T(m,n) \leq 2cnm$

