

# CSE 421 Algorithms

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Memory Efficient Dynamic  
Programming / Shortest Paths

## 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  $B$

$LCS(\text{BARTHOLEMESIMPSON}, \text{KRUSTYTHECLOWN})$   
= RTHOWN

## LCS Optimization

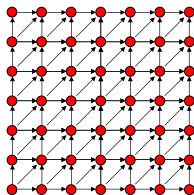
- $A = a_1a_2\dots a_m$
- $B = b_1b_2\dots b_n$
- $Opt[j, k]$  is the length of  $LCS(a_1a_2\dots a_j, b_1b_2\dots b_k)$

## Optimization recurrence

If  $a_j = b_k$ ,  $Opt[j, k] = 1 + Opt[j-1, k-1]$

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

## Dynamic Programming Computation



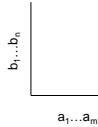
## Code to compute $Opt[n, m]$

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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

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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] := Diag; }
    else if Opt[i-1, j] >= Opt[i, j-1]
      { Opt[i, j] := Opt[i-1, j], Best[i,j] := Left; }
    else { Opt[i, j] := Opt[i, j-1], Best[i,j] := Down; }
  
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## 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.

## Observations about the Algorithm

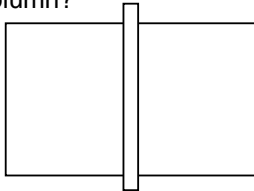
- The computation can be done in  $O(m+n)$  space if we only need one column of the Opt values or Best Values
- The algorithm can be run from either end of the strings

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

- Divide and conquer algorithm
- Recomputing values used to save space

## 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  $b_j$

## Constrained LCS

- $LCS_{i,j}(A,B)$ : The LCS such that
  - $a_1, \dots, a_i$  paired with elements of  $b_1, \dots, b_j$
  - $a_{i+1}, \dots, a_m$  paired with elements of  $b_{j+1}, \dots, b_n$
- $LCS_{4,3}(abbacbb, cbbaa)$

A = **RRSSRTTRTS**  
 B = **RTSRRSTST**

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j	left	right
0	0	4
1	1	4
2	1	3
3	2	3
4	3	3
5	3	2
6	3	2
7	3	1
8	4	1
9	4	0

### Computing the middle column

- From the left, compute  $LCS(a_1 \dots a_{m/2}, b_1 \dots b_j)$
- From the right, compute  $LCS(a_{m/2+1} \dots a_m, b_{j+1} \dots b_n)$
- Add values for corresponding j's



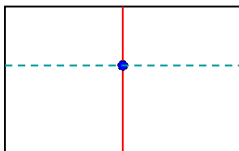
- Note – this is space efficient

### Divide and Conquer

- $A = a_1, \dots, a_m$        $B = b_1, \dots, b_n$
- Find j such that
  - $LCS(a_1 \dots a_{m/2}, b_1 \dots b_j)$  and
  - $LCS(a_{m/2+1} \dots a_m, b_{j+1} \dots b_n)$  yield optimal solution
- Recurse

### Algorithm Analysis

- $T(m,n) = T(m/2, j) + T(m/2, n-j) + cnm$



Prove by induction that  
 $T(m,n) \leq 2cmn$

## Memory Efficient LCS Summary

- We can afford  $O(nm)$  time, but we can't afford  $O(nm)$  space
- If we only want to compute the length of the LCS, we can easily reduce space to  $O(n+m)$
- Avoid storing the value by recomputing values
  - Divide and conquer used to reduce problem sizes

## Shortest Paths with Dynamic Programming

### Shortest Path Problem

- Dijkstra's Single Source Shortest Paths Algorithm
  - $O(m \log n)$  time, positive cost edges
- General case – handling negative edges
- If there exists a negative cost cycle, the shortest path is not defined
- Bellman-Ford Algorithm
  - $O(mn)$  time for graphs with negative cost edges

### Lemma

- If a graph has no negative cost cycles, then the **shortest** paths are **simple** paths
- Shortest paths have at most  $n-1$  edges

### Shortest paths with a fixed number of edges

- Find the shortest path from  $v$  to  $w$  with exactly  $k$  edges

### Express as a recurrence

- $\text{Opt}_k(w) = \min_x [\text{Opt}_{k-1}(x) + c_{xw}]$
- $\text{Opt}_0(w) = 0$  if  $v=w$  and infinity otherwise

## Algorithm, Version 1

```

foreach w
  M[0, w] = infinity;
M[0, v] = 0;
for i = 1 to n-1
  foreach w
    M[i, w] = min_x(M[i-1, x] + cost(x, w));
  
```

## Algorithm, Version 2

```

foreach w
  M[0, w] = infinity;
M[0, v] = 0;
for i = 1 to n-1
  foreach w
    M[i, w] = min(M[i-1, w], min_x(M[i-1, x] + cost(x, w)))
  
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## Algorithm, Version 3

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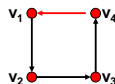
foreach w
  M[w] = infinity;
M[v] = 0;
for i = 1 to n-1
  foreach w
    M[w] = min(M[w], min_x(M[x] + cost(x, w)))
  
```

## Correctness Proof for Algorithm 3

- Key lemma – at the end of iteration  $i$ , for all  $w$ ,  $M[w] \leq M[i, w]$ ;
- Reconstructing the path:
  - Set  $P[w] = x$ , whenever  $M[w]$  is updated from vertex  $x$

If the pointer graph has a cycle, then the graph has a negative cost cycle

- If  $P[w] = x$  then  $M[w] \geq M[x] + \text{cost}(x, w)$ 
  - Equal when  $w$  is updated
  - $M[x]$  could be reduced after update
- Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k$  be a cycle in the pointer graph with  $(v_k, v_1)$  the last edge added
  - Just before the update
    - $M[v_j] \geq M[v_{j+1}] + \text{cost}(v_{j+1}, v_j)$  for  $j < k$
    - $M[v_k] > M[v_1] + \text{cost}(v_1, v_k)$
  - Adding everything up
    - $0 > \text{cost}(v_1, v_2) + \text{cost}(v_2, v_3) + \dots + \text{cost}(v_k, v_1)$

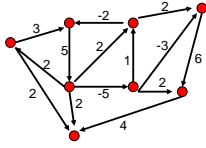


## Negative Cycles

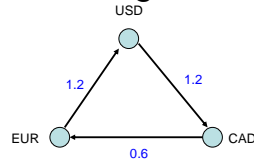
- If the pointer graph has a cycle, then the graph has a negative cycle
- Therefore: if the graph has no negative cycles, then the pointer graph has no negative cycles

## Finding negative cost cycles

- What if you want to find negative cost cycles?



## Foreign Exchange Arbitrage



	USD	EUR	CAD
USD	-----	0.8	1.2
EUR	1.2	-----	1.6
CAD	0.8	0.6	-----

