

## CSE 421 Algorithms

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Lecture 19  
Memory Efficient Dynamic  
Programming

## Announcements

- Guest lecturers
  - Wednesday, Nov 16, Shortest Paths
  - Friday, Nov 18, Network Flow
  - Monday, Nov 21, Network Flow

## 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  $B$

$LCS(BARTHOLEMEWSIMPSON, KRUSTYTHECLOWN)$   
= RTHOWN

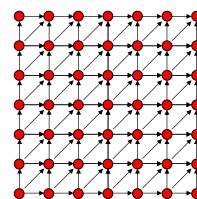
## LCS Optimization

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

## Optimization recurrence

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

## Dynamic Programming Computation



## Code to compute 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];

```

# Reconstructing Path from Distances

## 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];
}

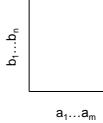
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Storing the path information

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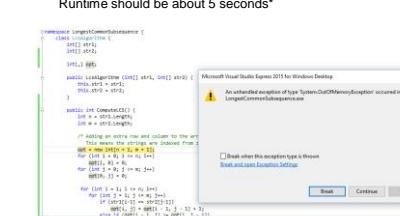
A[1..m], B[1..n]
for i := 1 to m    Opt[i, 0] := 0;
for j := 1 to n    Opt[0,j] := 0;
Opt[0,0] := 0;
for i := 1 to m
  for j := 1 to n
    if A[i] = B[j] then Opt[i,j] := 1 + Opt[i-1,j-1]; Best[i,j] := Diag;
    else if Opt[i-1,j] >= Opt[i, j-1]
      { Opt[i,j] := Opt[i-1,j], Best[i,j] := Left; }
    else
      { Opt[i,j] := Opt[i,j-1], Best[i,j] := Down; }

```



# 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.



\* Personal PC, 3 years old

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:0:00:01.86  
N: 20000 Base 2 Length: 16231 Gamma: 0.81155 Runtime:0:00:07.45  
N: 30000 Base 2 Length: 24317 Gamma: 0.8105667 Runtime:0:00:16.82  
N: 40000 Base 2 Length: 32510 Gamma: 0.81275 Runtime:0:00:29.84  
N: 50000 Base 2 Length: 40563 Gamma: 0.81126 Runtime:0:00:46.78  
N: 60000 Base 2 Length: 48700 Gamma: 0.8116667 Runtime:0:01:08.06  
N: 70000 Base 2 Length: 56824 Gamma: 0.8117715 Runtime:0:01:33.36

N: 300000 Base 2 Length: 243605 Gamma: 0.8120167 Runtime:0:28:07.32

## Observations about the Algorithm

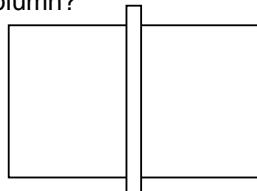
- The computation can be done in O(m+n) space if we only need one column of the Opt values or Best Values
- The algorithm can be run from either end of the strings

## 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

Compute  $LCS_{5,0}(A,B)$ ,  $LCS_{5,1}(A,B), \dots, LCS_{5,9}(A,B)$

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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



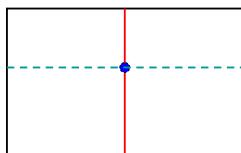
- Note – this is space efficient

### 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