

Design and Analysis of Algorithms V
Sequence Alignment

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In dynamic programming we are given a DAG implicitly.

## Longest Increasing Subsequences

The input of longest increasing subsequence problem, is a sequence of numbers $a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}$.
A subsequence is any subset of these numbers taken in order, of the form

$$
a_{i_{1}}, a_{i_{2}}, \ldots, a_{i_{k}}
$$

where $1 \leq i_{1}<i_{2}<\ldots<i_{k} \leq n$, and an increasing subsequence is one in which the numbers are getting strictly larger.

The task is to find the increasing subsequence of greatest length.


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- This graph $G=(V, E)$ is a DAG, since all edges $(i, j)$ have $i<j$
- There is a one-to-one correspondence between increasing subsequences and paths in this DAG.


## The Algorithm

```
for }j=1\mathrm{ to }n\mathrm{ do
    L(j)=1+\operatorname{max}{L(i)|(i,j)\inE};
end
return(max j L(j));
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\mathrm{C} T-\mathrm{G} & \mathrm{C} & \mathrm{C} & \mathrm{C} & \mathrm{C} & \mathrm{C} \boldsymbol{\mathrm { C }}=\delta+\alpha_{C G}+\alpha_{T A}
\end{array}
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Example.

| Spokesperson confirms |  | senior government | adviser was found |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Spokesperson | said | thesenior | adviser was found |



## Exercise

What is edit distance between these two strings?


Assume gap penalty $=2$ and mismatch penalty $=1$.
(A) 1
(B) 2
C. 3
(1) 4
(3) 5

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| $x_{1}$ | $x_{2}$ | $x_{3}$ | $x_{4}$ | $x_{5}$ |  | $x_{6}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | T | A | C | C | - | G |
| - | T | A | C | A | T | G |
|  | $y_{1}$ | $y_{2}$ | $y_{3}$ | $y_{4}$ | $y_{5}$ | $y_{6}$ |

an alignment of CTACCG and TACATG

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M=\left\{x_{2}-y_{1}, x_{3}-y_{2}, x_{4}-y_{3}, x_{5}-y_{4}, x_{6}-y_{6}\right\}
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Case 2b. $O P T(i, j)$ leaves $y_{j}$ unmatched.
Pay gap for $y_{j}+\min$ cost of aligning $x_{1} x_{2} \ldots x_{i}$ and $y_{1} y_{2} \ldots y_{j-1}$.

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Bellman equation.

$$
O P T(i, j)= \begin{cases}j \delta & \text { if } \mathrm{i}=0 \\ i \delta & \text { if } \mathrm{j}=0 \\ \min \begin{cases}\alpha_{x_{i} y_{j}}+O P T(i-1, j-1) \\ \delta+O P T(i-1, j) \\ \delta+O P T(i, j-1)\end{cases} & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

## Sequence Alignment: Algorithm

```
SEquenceAlignment \(\left(m, n, x_{1}, \ldots, x_{m}, y_{1}, \ldots, y_{n}, \delta, \alpha\right)\)
for \(i=0\) to \(m\) do
    \(\mid M[i, 0] \leftarrow i \delta ;\)
end
for \(j=0\) to \(n\) do
    \(M[0, j] \leftarrow j \delta ;\)
end
for \(i=1\) to \(m\) do
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    end
end
Return \(M[m, n]\);
```


## Sequence Alignment: Traceback

|  |  | $\mathbf{S}$ | $\mathbf{I}$ | $\mathbf{M}$ | $\mathbf{I}$ | $\mathbf{L}$ | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{R}$ | $\mathbf{I}$ | T | Y |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $0 \longleftarrow 2$ | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 |  |
| I | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 11 |
| D | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 11 |
| E | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 11 |
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- Algorithm computes edit distance.
- Can trace back to extract optimal alignment itself.

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- Clever combination of divide-and-conquer and dynamic programming.
- Inspired by idea of Savitch from complexity theory.


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- Let $g(i, j)$ denote length of shortest path from $(i, j)$ to $(m, n)$.
- Can compute $g(i, j)$ by reversing the edge orientations and inverting the roles of $(0,0)$ and $(m, n)$.



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Observation 1. The length of a shortest path that uses $(i, j)$ is $f(i, j)+g(i, j)$.


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Observation 2. let $q$ be an index that minimizes $f(q, n / 2)+g(q, n / 2)$. Then, there exists a shortest path from $(0,0)$ to $(m, n)$ that uses $(q, n / 2)$.


## Hirschberg's Algorithm

Divide. Find index $q$ that minimizes $f(q, n / 2)+g(q, n / 2)$; save node $i-j$ as part of solution. Conquer. Recursively compute optimal alignment in each piece.


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- Each recursive call uses $\Theta(m)$ space to compute $f(\cdot, n / 2)$ and $g(\cdot, n / 2)$.
- Only $\Theta(1)$ space needs to be maintained per recursive call.
- Number of recursive calls $\leq n$.


## Exercise

What is the worst-case running time of Hirschberg's algorithm?
(4) $O(m n)$
(3) $O(m n \log m)$
c. $O(m n \log n)$
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Remark. Analysis is not tight because two subproblems are of size $(q, n / 2)$ and ( $m-q, n / 2$ ). Next, we prove $T(m, n)=O(m n)$.

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- $O(m n)$ time to compute $f(\cdot, n / 2)$ and $g(\cdot, n / 2)$ and find index $q$.
- $T(q, n / 2)+T(m-q, n / 2)$ time for two recursive calls.
- Choose constant $c$ so that:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& T(m, 2) \leq c m \\
& T(2, n) \leq c n \\
& T(m, n) \leq c m n+T(q, n / 2)+T(m-q, n / 2)
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$$
\begin{aligned}
T(m, n) & \leq T(q, n / 2)+T(m-q, n / 2)+c m n \\
& \leq 2 c q n / 2+2 c(m-q) n / 2+c m n \\
& =c q n+c m n-c q n+c m n \\
& =2 c m n
\end{aligned}
$$

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Applications. Unix diff, git, bioinformatics.

## Quiz

How about the longest common string?

Referred Materials

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- Content of this lecture comes from Section 6.1 and 6.2 in [DPV07], Section 6.6 and 6.7 in [KT05].
- Suggest to read Section 6.2 in [KT05].

