

# CS 381 – FALL 2019

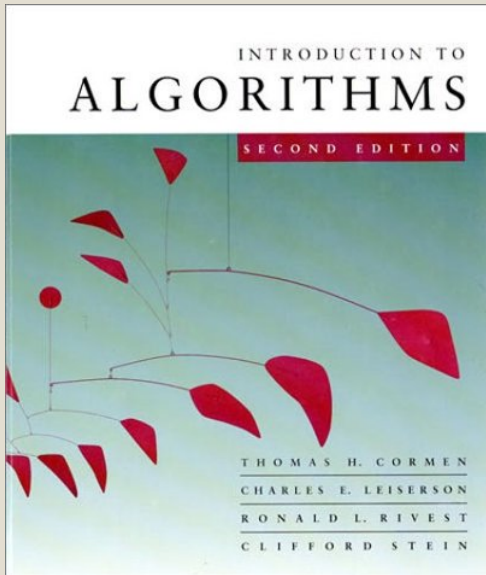
**Week 7.1, Monday, Sept 30**

Tentative Date for Final Exam: Thursday, December 12  
(7-9PM STEW 130)

# Announcements

- ▣ Midterm grading in progress...





## Dynamic Programming

- Longest Common Subsequence
- Optimal substructure
- Overlapping subproblems
- Sequence alignment (Edit Dist.)

Based on slides by Erik D. Demaine, Charles E.  
Leiserson and Kevin Wayne

## Problem 4: *Longest Common Subsequence (LCS)*

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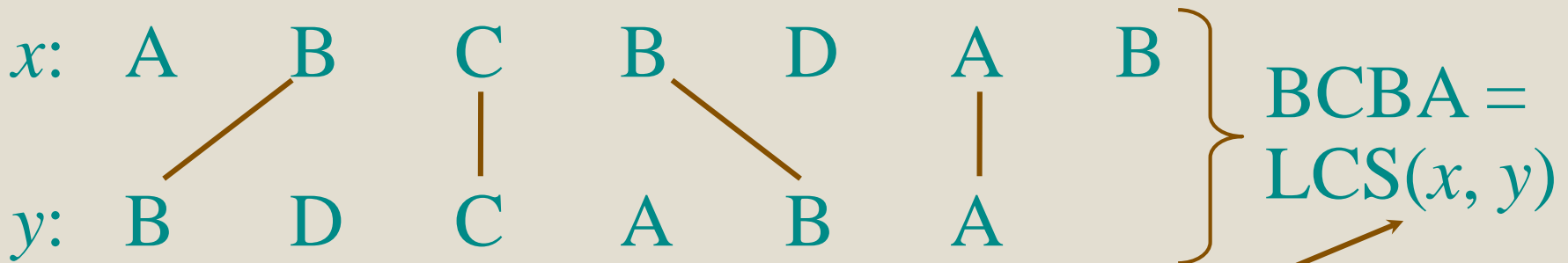
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## Analysis

- Checking =  $O(n)$  time per subsequence.
- $2^m$  subsequences of  $x$  (each bit-vector of length  $m$  determines a distinct subsequence of  $x$ ).

Worst-case running time =  $O(n2^m)$   
= exponential time.

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**Counterexample:**  $x = \text{"bb"}, y = \text{"bba"} \rightarrow OPT(2) = 2$  and  $OPT(1) = 1$   
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Let  $\text{OPT}(k)$  be (length of) longest subsequence common to both  $x[1 \dots k]$  and  $y[1 \dots n]$

We can try to develop a recurrence for  $\text{Opt}(k)$  but we will fail!

Why? There are not enough sub-problems to develop a recurrence...

(Sub-problems always try to match  $x[1 \dots i]$  with *all* of  $y[1 \dots n]$ )

**Solution:** Introduce more sub-problems!

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$$\rightarrow \text{OPT}(i,j) = 1 + \text{OPT}(i-1, j-1)$$

Case 2:  $x[i] \neq y[j]$

$$\rightarrow \text{OPT}(i,j) = \max\{\text{OPT}(i-1, j), \text{OPT}(i, j-1)\}$$

**Base Cases:**  $\text{OPT}(0, j) = 0$  and  $\text{OPT}(i, 0) = 0$



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**Strategy:** Consider *prefixes* of  $x$  and  $y$ .

- Define  $\text{OPT}[i, j] = |\text{LCS}(x[1 \dots i], y[1 \dots j])|$ .
- Then,  $\text{OPT}[m, n] = |\text{LCS}(x, y)|$ .

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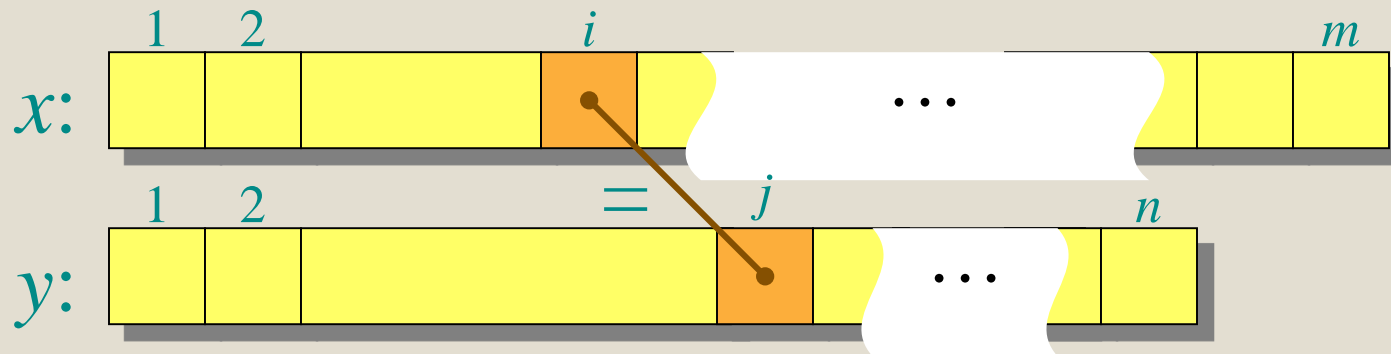
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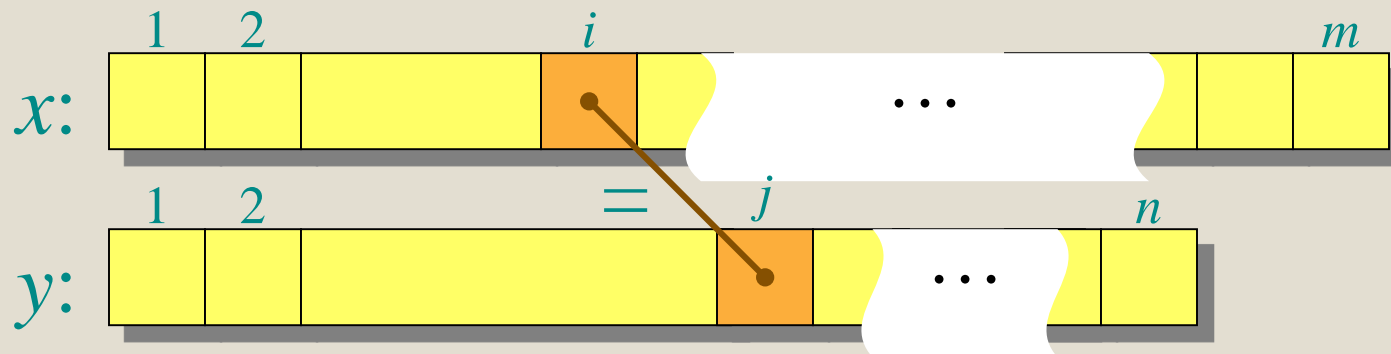


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Let  $z[1 \dots k] = \text{LCS}(x[1 \dots i], y[1 \dots j])$ . Then,  $z[k] = x[i]$ , or else  $z$  could be extended. Thus,  $z[1 \dots k-1]$  is Common Substring of  $x[1 \dots i-1]$  and  $y[1 \dots j-1]$ .

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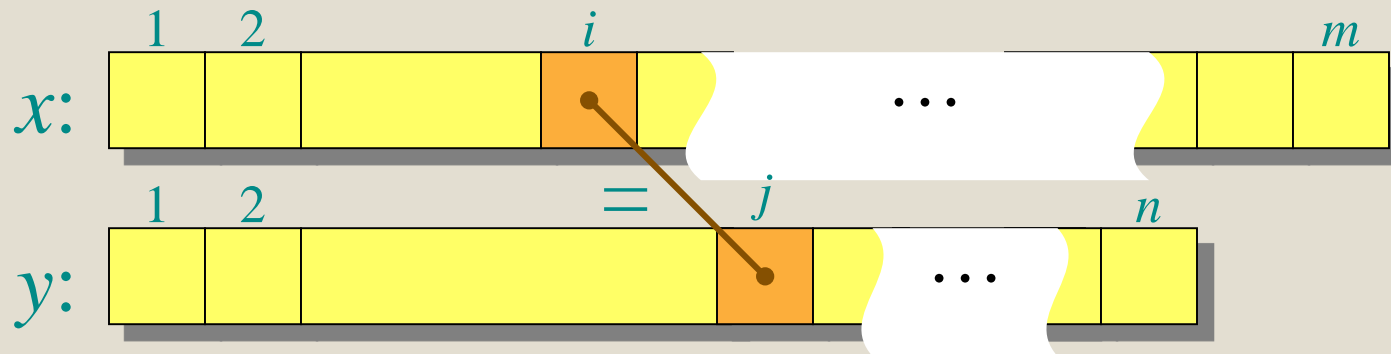
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Thus,  $\text{OPT}[i, j-1] = k$ , which implies that  $\text{OPT}[i, j] = \text{OPT}[i, j-1]$ . Similarly, if  $z[k] = y[j]$ , then  $z[k] \neq x[i]$  and

$z = \text{LCS}(x[1 \dots i-1], y[1 \dots j])$ . It follows that

$$\text{OPT}[i, j] = \max \{ \text{OPT}[i-1, j], \text{OPT}[i, j-1] \}$$
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# Finding the LCS

Base Case:  $\text{OPT}[0,j] = \text{OPT}[i,0] = 0$

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**Step 1:** Fill in the DP table and compute  $\text{OPT}[i, j]$  for all  $i \leq m$  and  $j \leq n$  using above recurrence

**Step 2:** Backtrack to construct a common subsequence  $z$  of length  $k = \text{OPT}[m, n]$

- If  $\text{OPT}[m, n] = \text{OPT}[m-1, n-1] + 1$  then set  $z[k] = x[m]$  and recurse with  $x[1, \dots, m-1]$ ,  $y[1, \dots, n-1]$
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# Dynamic Programming: False Start

**Def.**  $OPT(i)$  = max profit subset of items  $1, \dots, i$ .

- Case 1:  $OPT$  does not select item  $i$ .
  - $OPT$  selects best of  $\{ 1, 2, \dots, i-1 \}$
- Case 2:  $OPT$  selects item  $i$ .
  - accepting item  $i$  does not immediately imply that we will have to reject other items
  - without knowing what other items were selected before  $i$ , we don't even know if we have enough room for  $i$

**Conclusion.** Need more sub-problems!