

CSCI 3100

- Backtracking
(+ Recursion)
- Dynamic
Programming



Announcements

- A bit late to office hours tomorrow
- Here 1-2pm today (ish)
- HW due on Friday
 - written, by start of class
 - in general, I'll often give out HW solutions ~1 class later, so on time is appreciated!

Today: Recap of recursion / backtracking
(in Lecture Notes - 3)

- Find a small choice that reduces the problem size
- For each answer to the choice, choose answer + recurse

(while considering only subsolutions consistent with that choice)

Last time: subset sum

Also in notes: - queens
- NFA's

Longest Increasing Subsequence or (LIS)

Given: List of integers $A[1..n]$

Goal: Find longest subsequence
whose elements are
strictly increasing

Formally: $A[1..n]$

Example:

[12, 5, 1, 3, 4, 13, 6, 11, 2, 20]

Best?

& how to program?

Formalize :

The LIS of $A[1..n]$ is either:

- the LIS of $A[2..n]$
- $A[i]$ followed by LIS of $A[2..n]$

(or is it?)

Pseudo code

FILTER(A[1..n], x):

$j \leftarrow 1$

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n

if $A[i] > x$

$B[j] \leftarrow A[i]; j \leftarrow j + 1$

return $B[1..j]$

LIS(A[1..n]):

if $n = 0$

return 0

else

$max \leftarrow \text{LIS}(prev, A[2..n])$

$L \leftarrow 1 + \text{LIS}(A[1], \text{FILTER}(A[2..n], A[1]))$

if $L > max$

$max \leftarrow L$

return max

Runtime:

Correctness:

Dynamic Programming

- a fancy term for smarter recursion:

Memoization

- Developed by Richard Bellman
in mid-1950s

("programming" here actually
means planning or scheduling)

Key: When recursing, if
many recursive calls
to overlapping subcases,
remember prior results
and don't do extra
work!

Simple example:

Fibonacci Numbers

$$F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2} \\ \forall n \geq 2$$

Directly get an algorithm:

FIB(n):

if $n < 2$:
return n

else
return $FIB(n-1) + FIB(n-2)$

Runtime:

Applying memoization :

MEMFIBO(n):

if ($n < 2$)

return n

else

if $F[n]$ is undefined

$F[n] \leftarrow \text{MEMFIBO}(n-1) + \text{MEMFIBO}(n-2)$

return $F[n]$

Better yet:

ITERFIBO(n):

$F[0] \leftarrow 0$

$F[1] \leftarrow 1$

for $i \leftarrow 2$ to n

$F[i] \leftarrow F[i-1] + F[i-2]$

return $F[n]$

Correctness:

Run time & space:

Even better!

ITERFIBO2(n):

prev \leftarrow 1

curr \leftarrow 0

for $i \leftarrow 1$ to n

 next \leftarrow curr + prev

 prev \leftarrow curr

 curr \leftarrow next

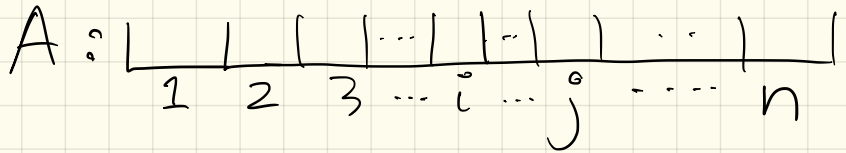
return curr

Run time / space:

Back to LIS:

Some notation:

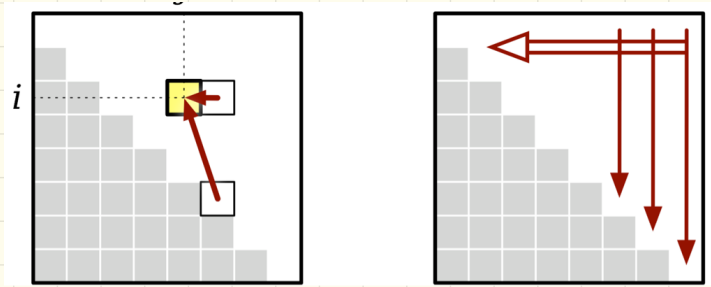
Let $LIS(i, j) :=$ length of longest subsequence of $A[j..n]$ with elements $> A[i]$



Then:

$$LIS(i, j) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j > n \\ LIS(i, j+1) & \text{if } A[i] \geq A[j] \\ \max\{LIS(i, j+1), 1 + LIS(j, j+1)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

So, build a solution:



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Algorithm:

LIS(A[1..n]):

$A[0] \leftarrow -\infty$

⟨⟨Add a sentinel⟩⟩

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to n

⟨⟨Base cases⟩⟩

$LIS[i, n+1] \leftarrow 0$

for $j \leftarrow n$ downto 1

for $i \leftarrow 0$ to $j-1$

if $A[i] \geq A[j]$

$LIS[i, j] \leftarrow LIS[i, j+1]$

else

$LIS[i, j] \leftarrow \max\{LIS[i, j+1], 1 + LIS[j, j+1]\}$

return $LIS[0, 1]$

Runtime & Space :

How to improve space?