

# CS 314 - Divide & Conquer

Note Title

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## Announcements

- HW2 up - will do oral grading  
(Please read website FAQ on this!)
- May still work in pairs

# Recursive Algorithms

What is recursion?

A function that calls itself.

Guidelines:

- induction →
- base case
  - recursive call has smaller input

# Subset Sum (in lecture notes)

Given a set  $X$  of positive integers and a target value  $T$ , is there a subset of  $X$  that adds up to  $T$ ?

Ex:  $X = \{8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}$

$T = 15$

true or false?

true

How to set it up recursively?

Base case: ①  $X = \{\}$  and  $T > 0$   
return false

②  $T = 0$   
return true

③  $T < 0$   
return false

Recursive case: (Assume  $x_i \leq T$ )

Consider  $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n\}$

Question: Is  $x_1 \in$  solution summing to  $T$ ?

- Yes: - Store  $x_1$

- Recurse on  $\{x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  with target  $\overbrace{T-x_1}^{\downarrow}$

- No: Recurse on  $\{x_2, \dots, x_n\}$  with target  $\underline{T}$

Pseudocode:

$X$  is an array of  $N$  items

SUBSETSUM( $X[1..N], T$ ):

IF  $T = 0$

return true

else if  $T < 0$  or  $N = 0$ :

return false

else

return ( SUBSETSUM( $X[2..N], T$ ) or  
SUBSETSUM( $X[2..N], T - X[1]$ ) )

$T = 15$   
 $X = \{8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}$

return  $\text{SUBSETSUM}(X[2..7], 15)$  or  $\text{SUBSETSUM}(X[2..7], 7)$

$\{6, 7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}, 15$

$\{7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}, 15$     $\{7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}, 9$

$\{6, 7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}, 7$

$\{7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}, 7$     $\{7, 5, 3, 10, 9\}, 1$

Proof of correctness: induction on  $N$  and  $T$

Base Cases:

- $T=0$  return true  $\emptyset$
- $T < 0$  return false  
(since  $X$  contains only pos. #s, can't make neg sums)
- $N=0$  (and  $T > 0$ )  
return false  
(nothing left in set)

IH: Alg works correctly for arrays of size  $< N$  or target values  $< T$

IS: Consider  $X = X[1], \dots, X[N]$  and target  $T$ .  
Consider  $X[i]$ .  $X[i]$  is either in subset or not in subset. We check both possibilities.  
By IH, those checks work.  $\rightarrow$



If either of those returns true,  
then  $X$  also has same subset

That subset gives me value  $T$   
(either by adding  $X[i]$  or not)!



Runtime: Recurrence

Let  $T(n)$  = running time on  $n$  element array

$$T(n) = 2T(n-1) + O(1) \leftarrow$$

$$T(0) = O(1) \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow T(n) = O(2^n)$$

## Longest Increasing Subsequence (LIS)

Input: an array  $A[1..n]$

Find longest possible indices  $i_1 \dots i_k$   
with  $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_k \leq n$  such that  
 $A[i_j] \leq A[i_{j+1}]$  for all  $j$ .

Example:  $A = [8, 6, 7, 5, 3, 10, 9]$

longest?

Define recursively again:

Either  $A[i]$  is part of LIS  
or it isn't!