CSL 356: Analysis and Design of Algorithms

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Techniques

- Greedy Algorithms
- Divide and Conquer
- Dynamic Programming
- Network Flows
- Computational Intractability

Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming: Main Ideas

- Break the given problem into a **few** sub-problems and combine the optimal solution of the smaller sub-problems to get optimal solutions to larger ones.
 - How is it different from Divide-and-Conquer?
 - Here you are allowed to have overlapping sub-problems.
- Suppose your recursive algorithm gives a recursion tree that has many common sub-problems (e.g., recursion for computing fibonacci numbers), then it helps to save the solution of sub-problems and use this solution whenever the same sub-problem is called.
 - Dynamic programming algorithms are also called **table-filling** algorithms.

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 - $T(n) = 2^{O(n)}$



• Lot of nodes are repeated.

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- For each number, we just note down the index of the number preceding this number in a longest increasing subsequence.





• So one of the longest increasing subsequence is (7, 8, 9, 10).

Longest Common Subsequence

- <u>Problem(longest common subsequence)</u>: Let S and T be strings of characters. S is of length n and T is of length m. Find the *longest common subsequence*. This is the longest sequence of characters that appear in both S and T. The characters are not necessarily contiguous.
- <u>Example</u>: S = XYXZPQ, T = YXQYXP.
 - The longest common subsequence is XYXP
 - S = XYXZPQ, T = YXQYXP

End

Problems to think about:

1. We saw an example where there were exponentially large number of increasing subsequences such that the length of these sequences was equal to the length of the longest increasing subsequence. Can you construct a similar example for the longest common subsequence problem?