

DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING:  
EVEN MORE FUN!

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### Admin

Assignment 5

- Out later today
- Due Sunday (extra credit for submitting by Friday)

Schedule changes this week soon

- Will post final schedule
- No group session for Elshiekh

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### Longest increasing subsequence

Given a sequence of numbers  $X = x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  find the longest increasing *subsequence*  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m)$ , i.e., a subsequence where numbers in the sequence increase.

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Recursive solution

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7

↑

Is 5 part of the LIS?

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Recursive solution

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7

↑

Two options:  
Either 5 is in the  
LIS or it's not

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Recursive solution

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7

include 5 ↑

5 + LIS(8 6 3 6 9 7)

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Recursive solution

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What is this function exactly?

longest increasing  
sequence of the  
numbers

longest increasing  
sequence of the  
numbers starting with 8

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Recursive solution

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7

include 5 ↑

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What is this function exactly?

~~longest increasing sequence of the numbers~~

This would allow for the option of sequences starting with 3 which are NOT valid!

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Recursive solution

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7

include 5 ↑

5 + LIS'(8 6 3 6 9 7)

longest increasing sequence of the numbers starting with 8

Do we need to consider anything else for subsequences starting at 5?

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Recursive solution

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7

include 5 ↑

5 + LIS'(8 6 3 6 9 7)

5 + LIS'(6 3 6 9 7)

5 + LIS'(6 9 7)

5 + LIS'(9 7)

5 + LIS'(7)

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Recursive solution

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7

don't include 5 ↑

LIS(2 8 6 3 6 9 7)

Anything else?

Technically, this is fine, but now we have LIS and LIS' to worry about.

Can we rewrite LIS in terms of LIS'?

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## Recursive solution

$$LIS(X) = \max_i \{LIS'(i)\}$$

Longest increasing sequence for X  
is the longest increasing sequence  
starting at any element

And what is LIS' defined as (recursively)?

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Longest increasing sequence starting at i

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## DP solution (bottom-up)

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LIS':  
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                        ↑

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LIS':  
5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7  
                        ↑      1

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LIS':

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↑

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2 1 1

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LIS':

			3	2	1	1			
5	2	8	6	3	6	9	7		
			↑						

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			↑						

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DP solution (bottom-up)

$$LIS'(i) = 1 + \max_{j: i < j \leq n \text{ and } x_j > x_i} LIS'(j)$$

LIS':

		4	2	2	3	2	1	1	
5	2	8	6	3	6	9	7		
			↑						

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LIS': 3 4 2 2 3 2 1 1  
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LIS(X) = max<sub>i</sub>{LIS'(i)}

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DP solution (bottom-up)

$$LIS'(i) = 1 + \max_{j: i < j \leq n \text{ and } x_j > x_i} LIS'(j)$$

What does the table for storing answers look like?

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DP solution (bottom-up)

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1-D array: only one thing changes for recursive calls

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What are the "smallest" possible subproblems?

To calculate  $LIS'(n)$ , what are all the subproblems we need to calculate? This is the "table".

How should we fill in the table?

Where will the answer be?

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## DP solution (bottom-up)

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What are the "smallest" possible subproblems?  
 $LIS'(n)$  and that is well-defined for this problem

To calculate  $LIS'(i)$ , what are all the subproblems we need to calculate?  
 This is the "table".  
 $LIS'(1) \dots LIS'(n)$

How should we fill in the table?  
 $n \rightarrow 1$

Where will the answer be?  
 $\max(LIS'(1) \dots LIS'(n))$

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## DP solution (bottom-up)

```

LIS(X)
1  n ← LENGTH(X)
2  create array lis with n entries
3  for i ← n to 1
4      max ← 1
5      for j ← i + 1 to n
6          if X[j] > X[i]
7              if 1 + lis[j] > max
8                  max ← 1 + lis[j]
9      lis[i] ← max
10 max ← 0
11 for i ← 1 to n
12     if lis[i] > max
13         max ← lis[i]
14 return max

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start from the end (bottom)

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$LIS'(i) = 1 + \max_{j: i < j \leq n \text{ and } X[j] > X[i]} LIS'(j)$

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$LIS(X) = \max_i \{LIS'(i)\}$

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## Analysis

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Space requirements?  
Running time?

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Space requirements:  $\Theta(n)$   
Running time:  $\Theta(n^2)$

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Another solution

Can we use LCS to solve this problem?

5 2 8 6 3 6 9 7  
 2 3 5 6 6 7 8 9

LCS

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LCS

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Edit distance  
 (aka Levenshtein distance)

Edit distance between two strings is the minimum number of insertions, deletions and substitutions required to transform string  $s_1$  into string  $s_2$

Insertion:

ABACED → ABACCED → DABACCED

Insert 'C'      Insert 'D'

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Deletion:

ABACED

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Deletion:

ABACED  $\Rightarrow$  BACED  
Delete  
'A'

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Deletion:

ABACED  $\Rightarrow$  BACED  $\Rightarrow$  BACE  
Delete  
'A'      Delete  
'D'

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Substitution:

ABACED  $\Rightarrow$  ABADED  $\Rightarrow$  ABADES  
Sub 'D' for 'C'      Sub 'S' for 'D'

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### Edit distance examples

$\text{Edit}(\text{Kitten}, \text{Mitten}) = 1$

Operations:

Sub 'M' for 'K'      Mitten

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## Edit distance examples

$$\text{Edit}(\text{Happy, Hilly}) = 3$$

Operations:

Sub 'a' for 'i' Hippy

Sub 'l' for 'p' Hilpy

Sub 'l' for 'p' Hilly

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## Edit distance examples

$$\text{Edit}(\text{Banana, Car}) = 5$$

Operations:

Delete 'B' anana

Delete 'a' nana

Delete 'n' naa

Sub 'C' for 'n' Caa

Sub 'a' for 'r' Car

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## Edit distance examples

$$\text{Edit}(\text{Simple, Apple}) = 3$$

Operations:

Delete 'S' imple

Sub 'A' for 'i' Ample

Sub 'm' for 'p' Apple

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## Edit distance

Why might this be useful?

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### Is edit distance symmetric?

that is, is  $Edit(s_1, s_2) = Edit(s_2, s_1)$ ?

$Edit(\text{Simple}, \text{Apple}) = ? Edit(\text{Apple}, \text{Simple})$

Why?

- sub 'i' for 'j' → sub 'j' for 'i'
- delete 'i' → insert 'i'
- insert 'i' → delete 'i'

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### Calculating edit distance

X = A B C B D A B



Y = B D C A B A

Ideas? How can we break this into subproblems?

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### Calculating edit distance

X = A B C B D A ?



Y = B D C A B ?

After all of the operations, X needs to equal Y

Start with the last two characters

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### Calculating edit distance

X = A B C B D A ?



Y = B D C A B ?

Operations:    Insert                    Assume they're different  
                   Delete                                How can we make them the same?  
                   Substitute

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Insert

X = ABCBDA?

↓

Y = BDCAB?

How can we use insert to transform X into Y?

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Insert

X = ABCBDA??

↓

Y = BDCAB?

insert the last character of Y to the end of X

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Insert

X = ABCBDA??

↓

Y = BDCAB?

How does this make the problem smaller?

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Insert

X = ABCBDA??


Edit

Y = BDCAB?

$Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1..n}, Y_{1..m-1})$

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Delete

X = ABCBDA? 

↓

Y = BDCAB?

How can we use delete to transform X into Y?

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Delete

X = ABCBDA


Edit

Y = BDCAB?

$Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1..n-1}, Y_{1..m})$

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Substitution


X = ABCBDA? 

Y = BDCAB?

How can we use substitution to transform X into Y?

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Substitution

X = ABCBDA? 

Edit

Y = BDCAB?

$Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1..n-1}, Y_{1..m-1})$

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Anything else?

X = A B C B D A ?

Y = B D C A B ?

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Equal

X = A B C B D A ?

Y = B D C A B ?

What if the last characters are equal?

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Equal

X = A B C B D A ?

Edit

Y = B D C A B ?

$$Edit(X, Y) = Edit(X_{1..n-1}, Y_{1..m-1})$$

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1 b: recursive solution - combining results

Insert:  $Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1..n}, Y_{1..m-1})$

Delete:  $Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1..n-1}, Y_{1..m})$

$X_n \neq Y_m$   
Substitute:  $Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1..n-1}, Y_{1..m-1})$

$X_n = Y_m$   
Equal:  $Edit(X, Y) = Edit(X_{1..n-1}, Y_{1..m-1})$

How do we decide between these?

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1b: recursive solution - combining results

$$Edit(X, Y) = \min \begin{cases} 1 + Edit(X_{1..m}, Y_{1..m-1}) & \text{insertion} \\ 1 + Edit(X_{1..m-1}, Y_{1..m}) & \text{deletion} \\ Diff(x_i, y_m) + Edit(X_{1..m-1}, Y_{1..m-1}) & \text{equal/substitution} \end{cases}$$

↑  
1: if they're different  
0: if they're the same

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2: DP solution (bottom-up)

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What does the table for storing answers look like?

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$$Edit(X_{1..i}, Y_{1..j})$$



$d[i, j]$ : edit distance between  $X_{1..i}$  and  $Y_{1..j}$

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To calculate  $d(n, m)$ , what are all the subproblems we need to calculate? This is the "table".

How should we fill in the table?

Where will the answer be?

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### 2: DP solution (bottom-up)

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What are the "smallest" possible subproblems?  
 $Edit(X, "") = \text{len}(X)$  and  $Edit("", Y) = \text{len}(Y)$

To calculate  $d(n, m)$ , what are all the subproblems we need to calculate? This is the "table".  
 $i < n$  and  $j < m$

How should we fill in the table?  
 $i = 1..n, j = 1..m$

Where will the answer be?  
 $d[n, m]$

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Edit(X, Y)
1  m ← length[X]
2  n ← length[Y]
3  for i ← 0 to m
4      d[i, 0] ← i
5  for j ← 0 to n
6      d[0, j] ← j
7  for i ← 1 to m
8      for j ← 1 to n
9          d[i, j] = min(1 + d[i - 1, j],
                      1 + d[i, j - 1],
                      DIFF(xi, yj) + d[i - 1, j - 1])
10 return d[m, n]

```

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### 3: analysis

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Space requirements?  
Running time?

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```

Space requirements:  $O(nm)$   
Running time:  $O(nm)$

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## Edit distance variants

- Only include insertions and deletions
  - What does this do to substitutions?
- Include swaps, i.e. swapping two adjacent characters counts as one edit
- Weight insertion, deletion and substitution differently
- Weight **specific** character insertion, deletion and substitutions differently
- Length normalize the edit distance

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## DP in practice

Simple English Wikipedia: A New Text Simplification Task

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**Abstract**

We present a new text simplification task, the Simple English Wikipedia. This task is designed to be a natural extension of the existing Simple English Wikipedia project, and to provide a natural testbed for research in text simplification. The task is to take a given paragraph of text and produce a simplified version of that paragraph, such that the simplified version is easier to understand for a given target audience. The target audience is defined by a set of demographic variables, including age, education level, and reading level. The task is to produce a simplified version of the paragraph that is as close as possible to the original paragraph, while also being easy to understand for the target audience. This task is a natural extension of the existing Simple English Wikipedia project, and provides a natural testbed for research in text simplification.

**1. Introduction**

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For each aligned paragraph pair (i.e. a simple paragraph and one or more normal paragraphs), we then used a dynamic programming approach to find that best global sentence alignment following Barzilay and Elhadad (2003). Specifically, given  $n$  normal sentences to align to  $m$  simple sentences, we find  $a(n, m)$  using the following recurrence:

$$a(i, j) = \max \begin{cases} a(i, j-1) - \text{skip\_penalty} \\ a(i-1, j) - \text{skip\_penalty} \\ a(i-1, j-1) + \text{sim}(i, j) \\ a(i-1, j-2) + \text{sim}(i, j) + \text{sim}(i, j-1) \\ a(i-2, j-1) + \text{sim}(i, j) + \text{sim}(i-1, j) \\ a(i-2, j-2) + \text{sim}(i, j-1) + \text{sim}(i-1, j) \end{cases}$$

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<https://leetcode.com/problems/house-robber/>

### 198. House Robber

**Complexity** 17.3K 2.2K

You are a professional robber planning to rob houses along a street. Each house has a certain amount of money stashed, the only constraint stopping you from robbing each of them is that adjacent houses have security systems connected and it will automatically contact the police if two adjacent houses were broken into on the same night.

Given an integer array `nums` representing the amount of money of each house, return the maximum amount of money you can rob tonight without alerting the police.

**Example 1:**

```
Input: nums = [1,2,3,1]
Output: 4
Explanation: Rob house 1 (money = 1) and then rob house 3 (money = 3).
Total amount you can rob = 1 + 3 = 4.
```

**Example 2:**

```
Input: nums = [2,7,9,3,1]
Output: 12
Explanation: Rob house 1 (money = 2), rob house 3 (money = 9) and rob house 5 (money = 1).
Total amount you can rob = 2 + 9 + 1 = 12.
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Given strings  $s_1$ ,  $s_2$ , and  $s_3$ , the whether  $s_3$  is formed by an interleaving of  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ . <https://leetcode.com/problems/interleaving-string/description/>

An interleaving of two strings  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  is a configuration where  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are divided into  $x$  and  $y$  substrings respectively, such that:

- $s_1 = s_{11} + s_{12} + \dots + s_{1x}$
- $s_2 = s_{21} + s_{22} + \dots + s_{2y}$
- $|x - y| \leq 1$

The interleaving is  $s_{21} + s_{11} + s_{22} + s_{12} + s_{23} + s_{13} + \dots$  or  $s_{11} + s_{21} + s_{12} + s_{22} + s_{13} + s_{23} + \dots$

Note:  $s_1 + s_2$  is the concatenation of strings  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ .

**Example 1:**

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Input: s1 = "abc", s2 = "dbbca", s3 = "adbcbca"
Output: true
Explanation: One way to obtain s3 is:
Split s1 into s11 = "ab" = "bc", and s2 into s21 = "dbbca" = "ca".
Interleaving the two splits, we get s21 + s11 = "adbcbca" = "s3" = "ca" + "adbcbca".
Since s3 can be obtained by interleaving s1 and s2, we return true.

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**Example 2:**

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Input: s1 = "abc", s2 = "dbbca", s3 = "adbcbccc"
Output: false
Explanation: Notice how it is impossible to interleave s2 with any other string to obtain s3.

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Memoization?

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