

Competitive Algorithm Design and Practice Longest Common Sub-sequence 2014/03/19

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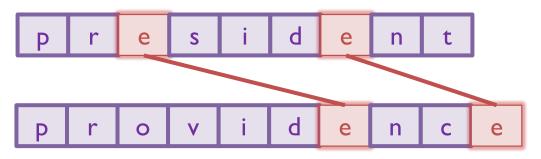


- Find a sub-sequence of 2 given sequences in which the sub-sequence`s elements are appear in both original sequences.
- And the sub-sequence is as long as possible.

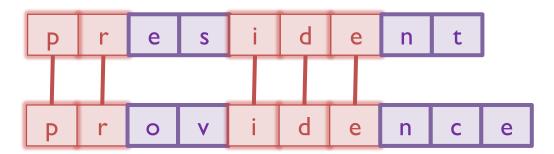




• Common sub-sequence



• Longest one









- Naïve solutions:
 - For every sub-sequence in S1, check if it is a sub-sequence of S2.
- Time-complexity:
 - Every sub-sequence, $O(2^N)$, N is length of S1
 - For each sub-sequence checking needs O(M),
 - M is length of S2
 - Total: O(M*2^N)





• Observation:



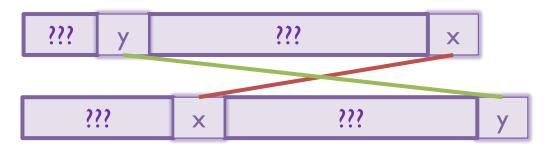
• If S1[N] = S2[M], why not include it to
LCS?







• Observation:



- If S1[N] ≠ S2[M], it is not possible that both S1[N] and S2[M] are in LCS, at most only one can be.
- As the result, we can exclude either S1[N] or S2[M].





- If S1[N] = S2[M], LCS(S1[1...N],S2[1...M]) = LCS(S1[1...N-1],S2[1...M-1])+1
- If S1[N] ≠ S2[M], LCS(S1[1...N],S2[1...M]) = max(LCS(S1[1...N-1],S2[1...M]), LCS(S1[1...N],S2[1...M]))





- What do we want to know?
 - The LCS of S1[1...i] and S2[1...j].
 - i.e. LCS[i][j]





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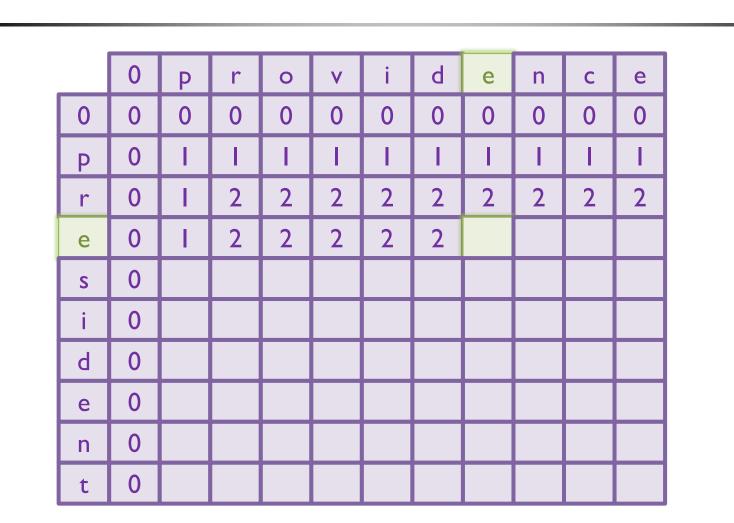




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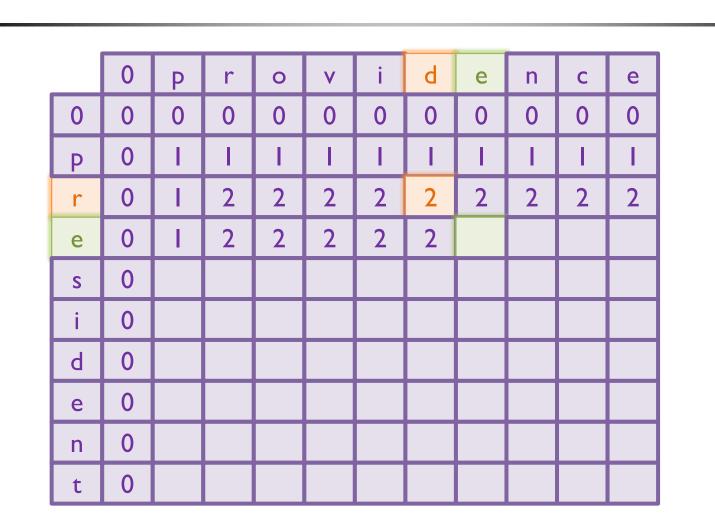






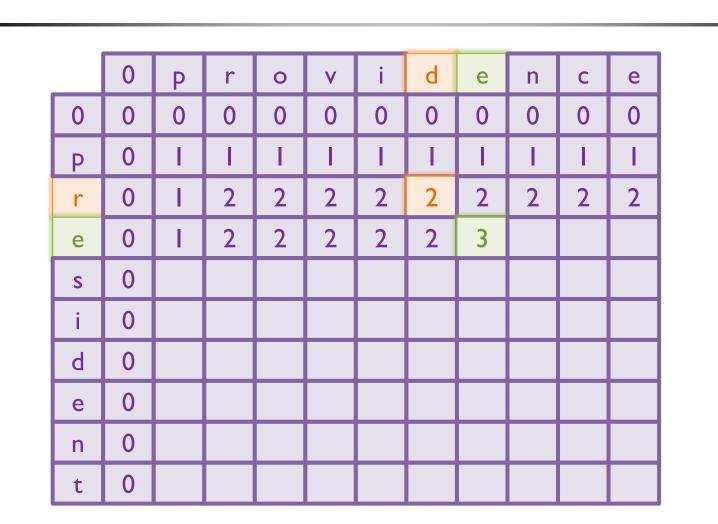






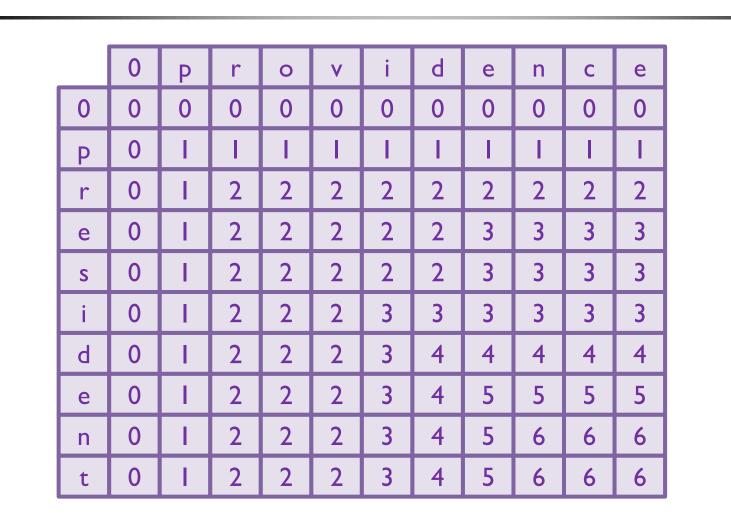
















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- Sometimes we need to output a solution too, but how?
- Additional array pre[][].





