# Algorithms & Models of Computation

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# Dynamic Programming

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## Dynamic Programming

Dynamic Programming is smart recursion plus memoization

**Question:** Suppose we have a recursive program $foo(x)$ that takes an input $x$.

- On input of size $n$ the number of *distinct* sub-problems that $foo(x)$ generates is at most $A(n)$
- $foo(x)$ spends at most $B(n)$ time *not counting* the time for its recursive calls.

Suppose we*memoize* the recursion.

**Assumption:** Storing and retrieving solutions to pre-computed problems takes $O(1)$ time.

**Question:** What is an upper bound on the running time of *memoized* version of $foo(x)$ if$|x| = n$? $O(A(n)B(n))$.



# Part I

## Checking if string is in $L^*$



## Problem

Input: A string $w \in \Sigma^*$ and access to a language $L \subseteq \Sigma^*$ via function **IsStrInL**$(string\ \ x)$ that decides whether $x$ is in $L$

Goal: Decide if $w \in L^*$ using **IsStrInL**$(string\ \ x)$ as a black box sub-routine

### Example

Suppose $L$ is ***English*** and we have a procedure to check whether a string/word is in the ***English*** dictionary.

- Is the string "isthisanenglishsentence" in $English^*$?
- Is "stampstamp" in $English^*$?
- Is "zibzzzad" in $English^*$?

## Recursive Solution

When is $w \in L^*$?

a $w \in L^*$ if $w \in L$ or if $w = uv$ where $u \in L$ and $v \in L^*$, $|u| \geq 1$

Assume $w$ is stored in array $A[1..n]$

```
IsStringinLstar(A[1..n]):
    If (n = 0) Output YES
    If (IsStrInL(A[1..n]))
        Output YES
    Else
        For (i = 1 to n − 1) do
            If (IsStrInL(A[1..i]) and IsStrInLstar(A[i + 1..n]))
                Output YES

    Output NO
```



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**Question:** How many distinct sub-problems does **IsStrInLstar**$(A[1..n])$ generate? $O(n)$



## Example

Consider string *samiam*



## Naming subproblems and recursive equation

After seeing that number of subproblems is $O(n)$ we name them to help us understand the structure better.

$\mathsf{ISL}(i)$: a boolean which is $1$ if $A[i..n]$ is in $L^*$, $0$ otherwise

**Base case:** $\mathsf{ISL}(n+1) = 1$ interpreting $A[n+1..n]$ as $\epsilon$
**Recursive relation:**

- $\mathsf{ISL}(i) = 1$ if $\exists i < j \leq n+1$ s.t $\mathsf{ISL}(j)$ and $\mathsf{IsStrInL}(A[i..(j-1)])$
- $\mathsf{ISL}(i) = 0$ otherwise

**Output:** $\mathsf{ISL}(1)$

## Removing recursion to obtain iterative algorithm

Typically, after finding a dynamic programming recursion, we often convert the recursive algorithm into an *iterative* algorithm via *explicit memoization* and *bottom up* computation.

Why? Mainly for further optimization of running time and space.

How?

- First, allocate a data structure (usually an array or a multi-dimensional array that can hold values for each of the subproblems)
- Figure out a way to order the computation of the sub-problems starting from the base case.

**Caveat: Dynamic programming is not about filling tables. It is about finding a smart recursion. First, find the correct recursion.**



## Iterative Algorithm

```
IsStringinLstar-Iterative(A[1..n]):
    boolean ISL[1..(n+1)]
    ISL[n+1] = TRUE
    for (i = n down to 1)
        ISL[i] = FALSE
        for (j = i+1 to n+1)
                If (ISL[j] and IsStrInL(A[i..j-1]))
                    ISL[i] = TRUE
                    Break

    If (ISL[1] = 1) Output YES
    Else Output NO
```

- **Running time:** $O(n^2)$ (assuming call to **IsStrInL** is $O(1)$ time)
- **Space:** $O(n)$



## Example

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# Part II

# Longest Increasing Subsequence

## Sequences

### Definition
**Sequence**: an ordered list $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$. **Length** of a sequence is number of elements in the list.

### Definition
$a_{i_1}, \ldots, a_{i_k}$ is a **subsequence** of $a_1, \ldots, a_n$ if $1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \ldots < i_k \leq n$.

### Definition
A sequence is **increasing** if $a_1 < a_2 < \ldots < a_n$. It is **non-decreasing** if $a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \ldots \leq a_n$. Similarly **decreasing** and **non-increasing**.



## Sequences

Example...

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1. Sequence: $6, 3, 5, 2, 7, 8, 1, 9$
2. Subsequence of above sequence: $5, 2, 1$
3. Increasing sequence: $3, 5, 9, 17, 54$
4. Decreasing sequence: $34, 21, 7, 5, 1$
5. Increasing subsequence of the first sequence: $2, 7, 9$.



## Longest Increasing Subsequence Problem

Input A sequence of numbers $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n$

Goal Find an **increasing subsequence** $a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \ldots, a_{i_k}$ of maximum length

### Example
1. Sequence: 6, 3, 5, 2, 7, 8, 1
2. Increasing subsequences: 6, 7, 8 and 3, 5, 7, 8 and 2, 7 etc
3. Longest increasing subsequence: 3, 5, 7, 8



## Recursive Approach: Take 1

: Longest increasing subsequence

Can we find a recursive algorithm for $\mathrm{LIS}$?

$\mathrm{LIS}(A[1..n])$:

1. Case 1: Does not contain $A[n]$ in which case $\mathrm{LIS}(A[1..n]) = \mathrm{LIS}(A[1..(n-1)])$
2. Case 2: contains $A[n]$ in which case $\mathrm{LIS}(A[1..n])$ is not so clear.

### Observation
*For second case we want to find a subsequence in $A[1..(n-1)]$ that is restricted to numbers less than $A[n]$. This suggests that a more general problem is* **LIS_smaller**$(A[1..n], x)$ *which gives the longest increasing subsequence in $A$ where each number in the sequence is less than $x$.*

## Recursive Approach

$LIS(A[1..n])$: the length of longest increasing subsequence in $A$

**LIS_smaller**$(A[1..n], x)$: length of longest increasing subsequence in $A[1..n]$ with all numbers in subsequence less than $x$

```
LIS_smaller(A[1..n], x):
    if (n = 0) then return 0
    m = LIS_smaller(A[1..(n − 1)], x)
    if (A[n] < x) then
        m = max(m, 1 + LIS_smaller(A[1..(n − 1)], A[n]))
    Output m
```

```
LIS(A[1..n]):
    return LIS_smaller(A[1..n], ∞)
```



## Example

Sequence: $A[1..7] = 6, 3, 5, 2, 7, 8, 1$



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- How many distinct sub-problems will **LIS_smaller**$(A[1..n], \infty)$ generate? $O(n^2)$
- What is the running time if we memoize recursion? $O(n^2)$ since each call takes $O(1)$ time to assemble the answers from to recursive calls and no other computation.
- How much space for memoization? $O(n^2)$



## Naming subproblems and recursive equation

After seeing that number of subproblems is $O(n^2)$ we name them to help us understand the structure better. For notational ease we add $\infty$ at end of array (in position $n + 1$)

$\mathrm{LIS}(i, j)$: length of longest increasing sequence in $A[1..i]$ among numbers less than $A[j]$ (defined only for $i < j$)

**Base case:** $\mathrm{LIS}(0, j) = 0$ for $1 \leq j \leq n + 1$
**Recursive relation:**

- $\mathrm{LIS}(i, j) = \mathrm{LIS}(i - 1, j)$ if $A[i] > A[j]$
- $\mathrm{LIS}(i, j) = \max\{LIS(i - 1, j), 1 + LIS(i - 1, i)\}$ if $A[i] \leq A[j]$

**Output:** $\mathrm{LIS}(n, n + 1)$

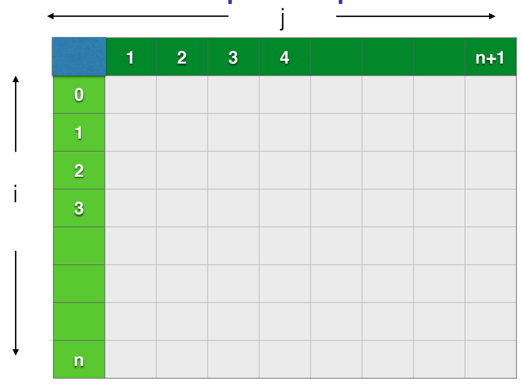
# Iterative algorithm

```
LIS-Iterative(A[1..n]):
    A[n+1] = ∞
    int LIS[0..n, 1..n+1]
    for (j = 1 to n+1) do
        LIS[0, j] = 0

    for (i = 1 to n) do
        for (j = i+1 to n)
            If (A[i] > A[j]) LIS[i, j] = LIS[i-1, j]
            Else LIS[i, j] = max{LIS[i-1, j], 1 + LIS[i-1, i]}

    Return LIS[n, n+1]
```

**Running time:** $O(n^2)$
**Space:** $O(n^2)$



# How to order bottom up computation?

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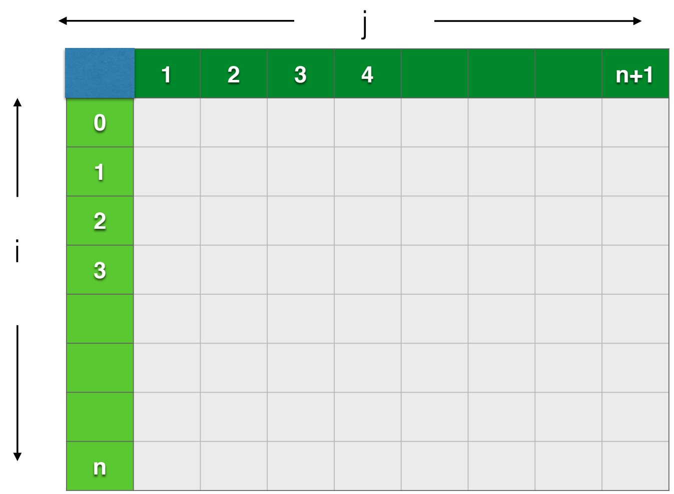




# Two comments

**Question:** Can we compute an optimum solution and not just its value?
Yes! See notes.

**Question:** Is there a faster algorithm for LIS? Yes! Using a different recursion and optimizing one can obtain an $O(n \log n)$ time and $O(n)$ space algorithm. $O(n \log n)$ time is not obvious. Depends on improving time by using data structures on top of dynamic programming.

# Dynamic Programming

1. Find a "smart" recursion for the problem in which the number of distinct subproblems is small; polynomial in the original problem size.
2. Estimate the number of subproblems, the time to evaluate each subproblem and the space needed to store the value. This gives an upper bound on the total running time if we use automatic memoization.
3. Eliminate recursion and find an iterative algorithm to compute the problems bottom up by storing the intermediate values in an appropriate data structure; need to find the right way or order the subproblem evaluation. This leads to an explicit algorithm.
4. Optimize the resulting algorithm further