

Lecture 6: Dynamic Programming 3

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1 Longest Common Subsequence(LCS)

Problem statement: A subsequence is a sequence that can be derived from another sequence by deleting some elements without changing the order of the remaining elements. Longest common subsequence (LCS) of 2 sequences is a subsequence, with maximal length, which is common to both the sequences. Given two sequences a and b , find the longest common subsequence.

State Description: Let $F[i, j]$ be length of the longest common sequence for $a[1...i]$ and $b[1...j]$.

Analysis: There are three possible cases.

1. Last character of $a[j]$ is not in LCS. e.q. $LCS = LCS('ababcd', 'abbedc')$.
2. Last character of $b[j]$ is not in LCS. e.q. $LCS = LCS('ababcde', 'abbec')$.
3. Last characters of both $a[j]$ and $b[j]$ are in LCS. The case only happens if the last characters are equal. e.q. for $a[] = 'ababcd', b[] = 'abbedc', LCS = LCS('ababc', 'abbec') + 'd'$

Transition Function

$$f[i, j] = \max \begin{cases} f[i-1, j] \\ f[i, j-1] \\ f[i-1, j-1] + 1 \text{ (if } a[i] == b[j]) \end{cases}$$

Base Case

$$\begin{cases} f[0, j] = 0 \forall 0 < j \leq \text{length}(b) \\ f[i, 0] = 0 \forall 0 < i \leq \text{length}(a) \end{cases}$$

Running Time:

$O(n * m)$ (number of possible states) * $O(1)$ (time to compute each state)

2 Voice Recognition

Problem statement: Given n segments of sounds, output the phonemes. Each sound might represent one of k phonemes. You are given a list of scores for all the k phonemes for each sound segment. For every pair of phonemes, a score for how likely one comes after the other is also given.

Input:

1. n : number of sound segments
2. k : number of phonemes
3. $a[i, j]$: score of assigning phoneme j to sound segment i , in which $\forall 1 \leq i \leq n, \forall 1 \leq j \leq k$.
4. $b[i, j]$: score of phoneme j appear immediately after phoneme i . $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k, \forall 1 \leq j \leq k$.

Goal: We want to obtain sequence $v[1..n]$, in which $v[i] \in 1, 2, \dots, k$. $v[i]$ is the phoneme assigned to sound segment i .

More specifically, we wish to obtain:

$$\operatorname{argmax}_v \sum_{i=1}^n a[i, v[i]] + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} b[v[i], v[i+1]]$$

State: $f[i, j]$ refers to the max score for the first i sound segments while sound segment i is phoneme j .

Transition Function:

$$f[i, j] = \max_{p=1,2,\dots,k} (f[i-1, p] + b[p, j]) + a[i, j]$$

Base Case $f[1, j] = a[1, j]$

Algorithm:

Algorithm 1 Viterbi Algorithm

$f[i, j] = a[i, j]$ for all j

for $i = 2$ to n :

for $j = 2$ to k :

 evaluate transition function $f[i, j]$

return $\max_{j=1,\dots,k} f[n, j]$

Running Time:

$$O(n * k)(\text{number of possible states}) * O(k)(\text{time to compute each state})$$