

Propose a Dynamic Programming algorithm that on input w, u, v checks whether $w = u \odot v$; that is, an array of subproblems, a recurrence, a pseudocode solution (**15 points**) and finally a Python 3 implementation (**5 points**).

Consider $u = u_1u_2u_3\dots u_m$, $v = v_1v_2v_3\dots v_n$, and $w = w_1w_2w_3\dots w_{m+n}$, $|w| = |u| + |v|$

(i) Define a class of subproblems.

Solution: Define $S(i, j)$ to be true if the first $i + j$ characters in w are a shuffle of the first i characters of u and the first j characters of v . False otherwise.

(ii) Give a recurrence based on solving each subproblem in terms of simpler subproblems.

Solution: For any $0 \leq i \leq m$ and $0 \leq j \leq n$ we have:

$$S(i, j) = \begin{cases} \text{True} & \text{if } i = j = 0 \\ \text{True} & \text{if } i > 0 \text{ and } u_i = w_{i+j} \text{ and } S(i-1, j) = \text{True} \\ \text{True} & \text{if } j > 0 \text{ and } v_j = w_{i+j} \text{ and } S(i, j-1) = \text{True} \\ \text{False} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(iii) Give a pseudocode algorithm for computing the recurrence.

Algorithm 1 Shuffle Algorithm

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1:  $S(0, 0) \leftarrow \text{True}$ 
2: for  $i : 0..m$  do
3:   for  $j : 0..n$  do
4:     if  $i > 0$  and  $u_i = w_{i+j}$  and  $S(i-1, j) = \text{True}$  then
5:        $S(i, j) \leftarrow \text{True}$ 
6:     else if  $j > 0$  and  $v_j = w_{i+j}$  and  $S(i, j-1) = \text{True}$  then
7:        $S(i, j) \leftarrow \text{True}$ 
8:     end if
9:   end for
10: end for
11: return  $S(m, n)$ 

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(iv) Implement the algorithm in Python 3.

Solution: An example Python 3 solution can be seen in `a3-sol-comp554-w18.py`