Programming in Haskell: Lecture 15

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- Final code:

fib = (!!) fibs
fibs = 0:1:z
 where z = 1:go (1:z) z
 go (x:xs) (y:ys) = x+y: go xs ys

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- To compute fib n we expand the tree to n levels

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• Can clean it further:

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- The final answer we want is f m n = last (last lcsTab)

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Putting it all together

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Computing the subsequence itself

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lcs as bs = last (last lcsTab)
    where
    1csTab
                    = firstList : zipWith nextList as lcsTab
    firstList
                    = replicate (length bs + 1) (0, "")
    nextList a l = (0, ""): zipWith (g a) bs
                           (zip3 l (tail l) (nextList a l))
    g a b (d,u,l) = if a == b
                      then (1 + fst d, snd d ++ \lceil b \rceil)
                      else
                          if fst u > fst l then u else l
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