Algorithm Problem Set 3

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1. A subsequence of a sequence (need not be consecutive) is palindromic if it is the same whether read left to right or right to left. For instance, the sequence A, C, G, T, G, T, C, A, A, A, A, T, C, G has many palindromic subsequences, including A, C, G, C, A and A, A, A, A. On the other hand, the subsequence A, C, T is not palindromic.

Give a high-level description of an algorithm that takes a sequence of n symbols and returns the length of a longest palindromic subsequence. Your algorithm should run in time quadratic in n.

Note: You should describe your solution in a high-level, pseudocode fashion. You are not supposed to submit any actual code

Due Wednesday October 10 at midnight.