

Long Contest Editorial

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In fact, we will find the longest prefix of the infinite string $(\text{easy})^*$ (infinite repeats of easy) which is a subsequence of the substring t : start with the empty prefix, iterate over characters of t and increase the length of the prefix whenever the current character of t matches the next character of $(\text{easy})^*$.

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Since $(\text{easy})^*$ is periodical, it suffices to know the next character of easy to match with. Thus, we precompute $a_{k,i,j}$ — how much the prefix can be extended inside the substring $s[i \dots i + 2^k)$ if the current character to match is $\text{easy}[j]$.

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This hints at the recursive approach: divide all numbers into two groups according to their k 'th digit, solve recursively for these groups, then add minimal possible edge between the groups.

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Each vertex of the trie is present in at most $k + 1$ subtrees, so total complexity is $O(k^2 n)$ since there are $O(kn)$ vertices in the trie.

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We are given $k \leq 4$ numbers l_i . Distribute numbers from 1 to $n = \sum l_i$ into circles of lengths l_1, \dots, l_k such that each pair of adjacent numbers is coprime.

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An unchecked conjecture: starting from trivial configuration (put smallest numbers into first circle, the next into the second circle, and so on) and performing local optimization/simulated annealing should work too.

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D. Drawing Hell

A set of n points is given in the plane. Two players play a game, a move is to connect two points with a segment if the segment does not contain other points and does not intersect previously drawn segments. Determine the winner of the game if the player who is unable to make a move loses and both players act optimally.

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The first case is obvious. For the second case, we notice that any final configuration is a triangulation of the initial set (that is, every face of the resulting planar graph is a triangle). Euler's formula $V - E + F = 2$ implies that any triangulation of a non-collinear set has $3n - 3 - c$ edges.

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Since there are many queries to answer, one should use matrix exponentiation to find the answer in $O(\log n)$ per query:

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G. Global Warming

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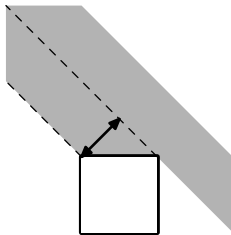
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We obtain a solution that does $O(\log n)$ m -degree polynomial multiplications.

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Of course, to speed up we should use FFT to multiply polynomials. Since the answer should be found modulo $10^6 + 3$, the double precision should be enough. The resulting complexity is $O(m \log m \log n)$.

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Proceeding this way, we conclude that the resulting probability is

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