

Homework #2

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Problem 1: Maximum Length Chain of Subwords**Problem Description**

Input: We are given a set of n distinct strings of length at most k over a finite alphabet σ .

Output: A sequence of strings that form a chain under the (consecutive) subword relation; i.e., if the output is w_1, w_2, \dots, w_t then we can write $w_{i+1} = uw_iv$ for some strings u, v .

Find a chain of maximum length.

Solution**(High-level description)**

We use dynamic programming to solve this problem.

Let $T(n)$ be the maximum length of chain containing w_n . Then we can have the state transition function as follows:

$$T(n) = \max(T(i) + 1), \text{ where } w_n = uw_iv, 1 \leq i < n$$

Since our algorithm should output a sequence of string chain. We need to store some additional values:

1. $maxIndex$: the tail string's index of the maximum length chain
2. $P(n)$: the index i that maximize $T(n)$

With $maxIndex$ and $P(n)$, we can backtrack our maximum length chain of subwords following the order

$$[w_{maxIndex}, w_{P(maxIndex)}, w_{P(P(maxIndex))}, \dots]$$

To find out whether $w_n = uw_iv$, we need to define a new algorithm called *isSubsequence*. We can choose a pattern matching algorithm to do the string comparison. Here, we choose KMP algorithm and the time complexity is proportional to the length of the string, which is $O(k)$.

(Pseudo Code)**(Correctness)****(Time complexity)**

The $T(n)$ loop will traverse n strings, which takes $O(n)$ time. At each $T(n)$, we will iterate through $i, 1 \leq i < n$ elements, takes $O(n)$ time. When at each w_i , we do a KMP algorithm to find out whether w_i is a subword of w_n , which will take $O(k)$ time, and finding $\max(T(i) + 1)$ will only take $O(1)$.

Overall, our algorithm takes $O(kn^2)$.

Problem 2: Business plan

Problem Description

Solution

(High-level description)

(Pseudo Code)

(Correctness)

(Time complexity)

Problem 3: Minimum Cost Sum

Problem Description

Solution

(High-level description)

(Pseudo Code)

(Correctness)

(Time complexity)

Problem 4: Speech recognition

Problem Description

Solution

(High-level description)

(Pseudo Code)

(Correctness)

(Time complexity)