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Copying a string of length O(N) costs O(N) time, so you cannot naively simulate the procedure specified by each query. One could use a data structure like a persistent array, but here we will introduce a solution with simpler implementation.

For simplicity, we call the server PC 0.

Let $f(t,i) \ (0 \leq t \leq Q, 0 \leq i \leq N)$ be the string held by PC i after processing the first t queries.

Then the operations for the queries of each kind can be translated using f as follows:

- For each t $(1 \le t \le Q)$, if the t-th query is
 - $\circ \ \mathtt{l} \ \mathtt{p} : f(t,p) = f(t-1,0), f(t,i) = f(t-1,i) \ (i \neq p)$
 - \circ 2 p s : f(t,p)=f(t-1,p)+s , f(t,i)=f(t-1,i) (i
 eq p) (where + denotes string concatenation)
 - \circ 3 p: $f(t,0)=f(t-1,p), f(t,i)=f(t-1,i) \ (i
 eq 0)$

What we want is f(Q,0), so we can apply the relations above repeatedly for $t=Q,Q-1,\ldots,1$ in order (in other words, by scanning the queries in reverse order), the problem is reduced to finding f(0,i) for a certain i. Since we know that this is nothing but an empty string, so the answer is found.

Specifically, the algorithm is described as follows:

1. Let
$$t=Q, i=0, \mathrm{ans}=\$$
 (an empty string).

2. If query_t = 1 p and i = p, set $i \leftarrow 0$.

3. If $\operatorname{query}_t = { ext{2 p s}}$ and i = p, set $\operatorname{ans} \leftarrow s + \operatorname{ans}$.

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- 4. If $\operatorname{query}_t = 3 \, \operatorname{\mathsf{p}} \, \operatorname{\mathsf{and}} i = 0, \operatorname{\mathsf{set}} i \leftarrow p$.
- 5. Set $t \leftarrow t 1$.
- 6. Terminate the algorithm if t=0, and go back to step 2. otherwise.

This algorithm runs in $O(Q+\sum |s|)$ time.

Implementation note: In many languages like C++ and Python, simply writing like ans = s + ans, will impose an additional cost of copying ans, worsening the time complexity. Instead of managing ans itself, one can manage the reversed string rev(ans) of ans (in this case, step 3. is achieved by rev(ans) += rev(s)), and finally reverse the string again to obtain ans.

Sample code (C++):

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1. #include <bits/stdc++.h>
 2.
 using namespace std;
 4.
 5. int main() {
 6.
        int n, q;
 7.
        cin >> n >> q;
 8.
        vector<int> op(q), p(q);
        vector<string> s(q);
        for (int i = 0; i < q; i++) {</pre>
10.
11.
             cin >> op[i] >> p[i];
             if (op[i] == 2) {
12.
13.
                 cin >> s[i];
14.
                 reverse(s[i].begin(), s[i].end());
15.
             }
16.
        }
17.
18.
        string ans;
19.
        int i = 0;
20.
        for (int t = q - 1; t >= 0; t--) {
21.
             if (op[t] == 1) {
22.
                 if (i == p[t]) {
                      i = 0;
23.
24.
             } else if (op[t] == 2) {
25.
26.
                 if (i == p[t]) {
27.
                      ans += s[t];
28.
                 }
29.
             } else {
                 if (i == 0) {
30.
                      i = p[t];
31.
32.
                 }
33.
             }
34.
35.
        reverse(ans.begin(), ans.end());
36.
        cout << ans << endl;</pre>
37. }
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