

1B Find the Most Frequent Words in a String

Frequent Words Problem

Find the most frequent words k -mers in a string.

Input: A DNA string $Text$ and an integer k .

Output: All most frequent k -mers in $Text$ (in any order).

AGAGACGTGAGAG
AGAGA AGA
GAG GAGAG

Formatting

Input: A DNA string $Text$ followed by an integer k .

Output: All most frequent k -mers in $Text$ (in any order).

Constraints

- The length of $Text$ will be between 1 and 10^4 .
- The integer k will be between 1 and 10^2 .
- $Text$ will be a DNA string.

Test Cases

Case 1

Description: The sample dataset is not actually run on your code.

Input:

ACGTTGCATGTCGCATGATGCATGAGAGCT

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Output:

CATG GCAT

Case 2

Description: This dataset just checks if you're counting the first k -mer in *Text* (TGG in this example). If you do not count the first k -mer (TGG), you will get the following "most frequent" k -mers in addition to TGG: ACT, CAC, CCA, CTT, GGT.

Input:

TGGTAGCGACGTTGGTCCCGCCGCTTGAGAATCTGGATGAACATAAGCTCCCACTTGGCTTATTCAGAG...
...AACTGGTCAACACTTGTCTCTCCCAGCCAGGTCTGACCACCGGGCAACTTTTAGAGCACTATCGTG...
...GTACAAATAATGCTGCCAC

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Output:

TGG

Case 3

Description: This dataset just checks if you're counting the last k -mer in *Text* (TTTT in this example). If you do not count the last k -mer (TTTT), you will get the following "most frequent" k -mers in addition to TTTT: AACG, AATA, ACAA, CAAC, CTGG, CTGG, CTTT, TTGC, TTG.

Input:

CAGTGGCAGATGACATTTTGCTGGTCGACTGGTTACAACAACGCCTGGGGCTTTTGAGCAACGAGACTTT...
...TCAATGTTGCACCGTTTGCTGCATGATATTGAAAACAATATCACCAAATAAATAACGCCTTAGTAAG...
...TAGCTTTT

4

Output:

TTTT

Case 4

Description: This dataset checks if your code correctly handles cases where there are overlapping occurrences of *Pattern* throughout *Text*. For example, AACAAACAA contains two occurrences of AACAA (**AACA**ACAA and AAC**AACA**), so if your code counts AACAAACAA as one occurrence of AACAA, your code will fail on this test case.

Input:

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ATACAATTACAGTCTGGAACCGGATGAACTGGCCGCAGGTTAACAACAGAGTTGCCAGGCACTGCCGCTG...
...ACCAGCAACAACAACAATGACTTTGACGCGAAGGGGATGGCATGAGCGAACTGATCGTCAGCCGTCA...
...GCAACGAGTATTGTTGCTGACCCTTAACAATCCCGCCGCACGTAATGCGCTAACTAATGCCCTGCTG
5
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Output:

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AACAA
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Case 5

Description: This test dataset checks if your code correctly handles ties (i.e. your code actually outputs ALL “most frequent” *k*-mers, and not just a single “most frequent” *k*-mer). For example, in the string ATATA, there are two “most frequent” *k*-mers: AT and TA. AT occurs twice (**AT**ATA), and TA occurs twice (A**TA**TA), so both of these should be output (separated by a space character).

Input:

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CCAGCGGGGGTTGATGCTCTGGGGGTCACAAGATTGCATTTTTATGGGGTTGCAAAAATGTTTTTTACGG...
...CAGATTCATTTAAAATGCCCCACTGGCTGGAGACATAGCCCGGATGCGCGTCTTTTACAACGTATTGC...
...GGGGTAAAATCGTAGATGTTTTAAAATAGGCGTAAC
5
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Output:

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AAAAT GGGGT TTTTA
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Case 6

Description: A larger dataset of the same size as that provided by the randomized autograder. Check input/output folders for this dataset.