

Algorithms HW 3

1. Problem: Find the location of all words in a matrix

- Input:
 - m: integer number of rows in a letter matrix
 - n: integer number of columns in a letter matrix
 - w: integer number of words in a list array
- Other assumed inputs:
 - lettersMatrix: m*n two dimensional array (matrix) of letters
 - wordsList: array of length w
 - solutionMatrix: w*2 matrix of coordinate word solutions
 - These coordinate
- Output: w x 2 word first letter location (matrix) in the same order as the words list provides
- Pseudocode:

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for (i=0; i<words; i++)
    //temp = length of current word wordsList[i]
    for (j=0; j<m; m++)
        for (k=0; k<n; k++)
            SearchRight for the current word[i]
            if SearchRight matches with the current word
                solutionMatrix[i][2] = {m,n}
            end
            SearchUp for the current word[i]
            if SearchUp matches with the current word
                solutionMatrix[i][2] = {m,n}
            end
            SearchLeft for the current word[i]
            if SearchUp matches with the current word
                solutionMatrix[i][2] = {m,n}
            end
            SearchDown for the current word[i]
            if SearchDown matches with the current
            word
                solutionMatrix[i][2] = {m,n}
            end
        end
    end
    if solutionMatrix is still empty
        solutionMatrix[i][2] = {-1,-1}
    end
end
return solutionMatrix
end
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2. Prove WordSearch algorithm is correct:

- My WordSearch algorithm contains a main for loop which iterates through each word in the wordsList we are searching for
- It also contains two nested for loops which iterate through each element of the lettersMatrix
- Once inside the double-nested for loop, the algorithm checks each direction (SearchRight/SearchUp/SearchLeft/SearchDown) and compares the string of letters with the word we are searching for
 - We use the length of w to make search specifically for a word of that length
- Once the double-nested for loop finishes iterating, one last check is performed to determine if we found the previous loops
 - If we could not find the word, we fill the solutionMatrix with garbage coordinates {-1,-1}
- Once the main loop finishes iterating, solutionMatrix is returned