



Competitive Programming

From Problem 2 Solution in $O(1)$

String Processing Algorithms

Suffix Arrays - Examples

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Applications

- Suffix arrays can be solved to solve a variety of problems
- We will list some examples.
- The proper way is to freeze the video and think seriously about the solution by yourself
- Then listen to me.
- Study properly :)

Src: https://sheridanmath.wikispaces.com/file/view/GEOMETRY_04.GIF/177066721/GEOMETRY_04.GIF

Sense of the algorithm

- If you are asked about something that consider every position in the string
- If there is explicit/implicit need to consider sorting among these positions
 - Resolving ties: lexicographically
- If there is a need to compare these positions together = LCP
 - E.g. substring relationships

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Searching a pattern

- [UVA 10679] Given a large text and Q queries, which string queries exist in the text
 - E.g. text: abracadabra,
 - Query 1: adabra => exist
 - Query 2: adabx => not exist
- Hint: Remember suffix array definition

Searching a pattern

- Given that suffix array is sorted, you can think of it as classical search for a number in a sorted array
- So do binary search
 - is the query string “prefix” of the middle suffix?
 - If no, either we are smaller than the middle or not
 - Based on that, search on left or right of the current suffix array

Searching a pattern

```
// Src: http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/suffix-array-set-1-introduction/
void find_patterns_queries() {
    cin >> str;
    buildSuffixArray();

    cin >> pat;
    int m = strlen(pat); // get length of pattern, needed for strncmp\(\)

    int l = 0, r = n - 1;
    while (l <= r) {
        // See if 'pat' is prefix of middle suffix in suffix array
        int mid = l + (r - l) / 2;
        int res = strncmp(pat, str + suf[mid], m);

        if (res == 0) {
            cout << "Pattern found at suffix: " << suf[mid] << "\n";
            return;
        }
        // Move to left or right based on string comparison results
        if (res < 0)
            r = mid - 1;
        else
            l = mid + 1;
    }
    // We reach here if return statement in loop is not executed
    cout << "Pattern not found\n";
}
```

Longest repeated substring

- [UVA 11512] Given a string, find the longest substring that repeats 2+ times. If **tie**, the smallest lexi
 - E.g. GATTACA \Rightarrow A 3
 - E.g. **GAGAGAG** \Rightarrow GAGAG 2
- In this type of problems you should be careful from the **overlap concern**
 - Substrings can be overlapped or not?
 - In this problem, YES, which is the direct case

Longest repeated substring

■ Solution

- We care about every position
- Repeated substring = common prefixes = LCP
- LCP array has all sorted suffixes with LCP between close ones
- So LCP array tells us the longest common substring = Just find max value in this array
- Then use this value to build the string
- Also use it to find how manytimes it repeats

Longest repeated substring

```
int max = -1, idx = n, lcpidx = n;

for (int i = 0; i < n+1; ++i) {
    if(lcp[i] > max)
        max = lcp[i], idx = suffix[i], lcpidx = i;
}

string ans = "";
for (int j = 0; j < max; ++j) {
    ans += str[j+idx];
}

int len = 1, i = lcpidx;
if(max)
    while(i < n+1 && lcp[i] >= max) i++, len++;

if(max == 0)
    cout<<"No repetitions found!\n";
else
    cout<<ans<<" " <<len<<"\n";
```

Longest common substring between 2 strings

- [SPOJ LONGCS]: Given 2 (or K) strings, find all the **longest common substrings** between them
 - E.g. atgc tga \Rightarrow tg

Longest common substring between K strings

- Given 2 strings, find all the **longest common substrings** between them
 - Suffix array process a single string and tell us common things
 - If we concatenate S_1S_2 , we can find all common substring, but we won't know which substring belong to what?
 - Concatenate $S_1\$S_2$, where $\$$ is a delimiter not in both
 - Find the max values of LCP array where $\text{suf}[i]$ is from S_1 and $\text{suf}[i-1]$ is from S_2 or vice versa.

Smallest lexicographic rotation

- Given a string, find which rotation makes it the smallest string
- Example string alabala ($n = 7$)
 - Has 7 rotations: alabala, labalaa, abalaal, balaala, alaabal, laalaba, **aalabal**
 - The smallest is aalabal
 - What about baabaa? There are 2 right rotations
 - In tie, find the smallest one in # of shifts

Smallest lexicographic rotation

■ Solution:

- Whenever asked for **rotations**, think about **concatenating** string to itself
- E.g. aalabal + aalabal = aalabalaalabal
- Compute suffix array on this string
- Now, your turn again, how to find the solution?

Smallest lexicographic rotation

■ Solution:

- All our generated suffixes of the first n letters has $n+1$ letters
- Among these ones we need to find the smallest suffix
- So iterate on **all** $2n+1$ suffixes
 - For **ONLY** the ones in the first string (e.g. $\text{sufix}[i] < n$), find the first one.
 - Now, if there are several correct ones, they will be consecutive in the array. So using LCP, get the one with **lowest** $\text{suf}[i]$
 - In fact, the **last** one in LCP array with common length $\geq n$ is the right one as *larger suffix has lower index*

Smallest lexicographic rotation

■ Solution:

- Easy idea? Yes. But tricky to code correctly
- 1) you should go through the $2n$ sorted suffixes NOT only the first N ones in the array
- Why? For string aa, the first string suffix will be in the end of the sorted suffix array: 4 3 2 1 0
- 2) Once you found the first instance, iterate carefully to get the smallest one or you will get WA
- Many Similar problems to solve(UVA [719, 1314], LIVEARCHIVE 2755, SPOJ [BEADS, WINMOVE])
- **SPOJ WINMOVE** seems the strongest test cases

Smallest lexicographic rotation

```
cin >> str;
int n = strlen(str);

for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i) // Concatenate
    str[i + n] = str[i];
str[2 * n] = 0;

buildSuffixArray();
buildLcp();

// cases: aa is tricky. Fail if used <= n NOT <= 2*n
// Ass the first string suffixes are all in 2nd part of array
for (int i = 0; i <= 2*n; ++i) {
    if (suf[i] < n) { // from suffixes of 1st string
        while (lcp[i + 1] >= n)
            ++i; // last one of common prefix will have smallest index
        cout << suf[i] << "\n";
        break;
    }
}
```


Smallest lexicographic rotation

- This problem has several algorithms specific for it that are $O(n)$
- One example is **minimum expression algo**
 - [Code](#). [Explantation](#). Feel free to ignore.
- One nice algorithm is based on **Lyndon Factorization Algorithm**
 - I like it. Looks like good utililty in your library
 - I never used in other things :(
 - So feel free to ignore too

Lyndon decomposition

- Given string S of length N it finds in $O(N)$ time and $O(1)$ memory its Lyndon decomposition:
 - A decomposition into substrings S_1, S_2, \dots, S_k such that:
 - $S_1 + \dots + S_k = S$ and $S_1 \geq S_2 \geq \dots \geq S_k$ and each S_i is a simple string
 - **Simple string** = Every suffix of S_i is lexicographically strictly smaller than S_i itself.
 - For every string S there exists a **unique** Lyndon decomposition.
 - $(ZAA \rightarrow Z, A, A)$, $(ZAB \rightarrow Z, AB)$, $(CBA \rightarrow CBA)$

Lyndon decomposition

- In short, the string S is called Lyndon word iff it's the smallest rotation of itself.
- For example, "ab" is a Lyndon word, but "ba" is not.
- "aa" also not a Lyndon word because there is a rotation which equals to the string.

Lyndon decomposition

```
void DuvalLyndonDecompse(string s) {  
    int n = sz(s), i = 0;  
    while (i < n) {  
        int j=i+1, k=i;  
        while (j < n && s[k] <= s[j]) {  
            if (s[k] < s[j])  
                k = i;  
            else  
                ++k;  
            ++j;  
        }  
        while (i <= k) {  
            cout << s.substr (i, j-k) << ' ';  
            i += j - k;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Smallest lexicographic rotation

```
//Modification of Lyndon decomposition:  
// The concatenation will have in between one of si  
//that is less than remainder  
int min_cyclic_shift(string &s) {  
    s += s;  
    int n = sz(s), i = 0, ans = 0;  
    while (i < n/2) {  
        ans = i;  
        int j=i+1, k=i;  
        while (j < n && s[k] <= s[j]) {  
            if (s[k] < s[j])  
                k = i;  
            else  
                ++k;  
            ++j;  
        }  
        while (i <= k) i += j - k;  
    }  
    //solution is in s.substr (ans, n/2)  
    return ans; //0-based idx of position where  
               //rotating string cause it lexico  
}
```

Finally

- There are many interesting problems to solve
- Here is one: [SPOJ SUBST1] Given a string, count how many distinct substrings exist?
 - Try and then See [problem 4 solution](#)
- More examples
 - Stanford doc with many [examples](#)
 - Topcoder Forum [suffix arrays](#)

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