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It's easy to come up with a brute force solution and to find that there will be a **repetitive pattern** when matching `S2` through `S1`. The only problem is how to use the repetitive pattern to save computation.

Fact:

If `s2` repeats in `S1` R times, then `S2` must repeats in `S1` $R / n2$ times.

Conclusion:

We can simply count the repetition of `s2` and then divide the count by $n2$.

How to denote repetition:

We need to scan `s1` $n1$ times. Denote each scanning of `s1` as an `s1` segment.

After each scanning of i -th `s1` segment, we will have

1. The accumulative count of `s2` repeated in this `s1` segment.
2. A `nextIndex` that `s2[nextIndex]` is the first letter you'll be looking for in the next `s1` segment.

Suppose `s1="abc"`, `s2="bac"`, `nextIndex` will be 1; `s1="abca"`, `s2="bac"`, `nextIndex` will be 2

It is the `nextIndex` that is the denotation of the repetitive pattern.

Example:

Input:

s1="abacb", n1=6

s2="bcaa", n2=1

Return:

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S1 -----> 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 0 1 2 3 0
abacb | abacb | abacb | abacb | abacb | abacb

repeatCount -----> 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3

Increment of
repeatCount -> 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1

nextIndex -----> 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1
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repetitive

pattern found here (we've met 2 before)!

The patter

n repeated 3 times

The nextIndex has s2.size() possible values, ranging from 0 to s2.size() - 1. Due to PigeonHole principle, you must find two same nextIndex after scanning s2.size() + 1 s1 segments.

Once you meet a nextIndex you've met before, you'll know that the following nextIndexes and increments of repeatCount will repeat a pattern.

So let's separate the s1 segments into 3 parts:

1. the prefix part before repetitive pattern
2. the repetitive part
3. the suffix part after repetitive pattern (incomplete repetitive pattern remnant)

All you have to do is add up the repeat counts of the 3 parts.

```
// OJ: https://leetcode.com/problems/count-the-repetitions/  
// Author: github.com/lzl124631x  
// Time: O(|s1| * n1) where |s1| is the length of s1  
// Space: O(n1)  
class Solution {  
public:  
    int getMaxRepetitions(string s1, int n1, string s2, int n2) {  
        vector<int> repeatCount(n1 + 1, 0);  
        vector<int> nextIndex(n1 + 1, 0);
```

```

int j = 0, cnt = 0;
for (int k = 1; k <= n1; ++k) {
    for (int i = 0; i < s1.size(); ++i) {
        if (s1[i] == s2[j]) {
            ++j;
            if (j == s2.size()) {
                j = 0;
                ++cnt;
            }
        }
    }
    repeatCount[k] = cnt;
    nextIndex[k] = j;
    for (int start = 0; start < k; ++start) {
        if (nextIndex[start] == j) { // see if you have met this nextIndex
before
            // if found, you can calculate the 3 parts
            int prefixCount = repeatCount[start]; // prefixCount is the sta
rt-th repeatCount
            // (repeatCount[k] - prefixCount) is the repeatCount of one occ
urrance of the pattern
            // There are (n1 - start) / (k - start) occurrences of the patt
ern
            // So (n1 - start) / (k - start) * (repeatCount[k] - prefixCoun
t) is the repeatCount of the repetitive part
            int patternCount = (n1 - start) / (k - start) * (repeatCount[k]
- prefixCount);
            // The suffix contains the incomplete repetitive remnant (if an
y)
            // Its length is (n1 - start) % (k - start)
            // So the suffix repeatCount should be repeatCount[start + (n1
- start) % (k - start)] - prefixCount
            int suffixCount = repeatCount[start + (n1 - start) % (k - start
)] - prefixCount;
            return (prefixCount + patternCount + suffixCount) / n2;
        }
    }
}
return repeatCount[n1] / n2;
};

```

- `int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) * (n1 - start) / (k - start);` to
`int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) * ((n1 - start) / (k - start));` since $a * b / c$ doesn't necessarily equal $a * (b / c)$. (the old test cases didn't cover this case)
- The size of `repeatCount` and `nextIndex` should be `n1 + 1`.
 Thanks for comments from @wxd_sjtu, @rjtsdl, @Rongch

Another version using `unordered_map` to save computation. Reduce runtime from ~80ms to ~4ms.

```
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// Time:  $O(|s1| * n1)$  where  $|s1|$  is the length of  $s1$ 
// Space:  $O(n1)$ 
class Solution {
public:
    int getMaxRepetitions(string s1, int n1, string s2, int n2) {
        unordered_map<int, int> kToRepeatCount;
        unordered_map<int, int> nextIndexToK;
        kToRepeatCount[0] = 0;
        nextIndexToK[0] = 0;
        int j = 0, cnt = 0;
        for (int k = 1; k <= n1; ++k) {
            for (int i = 0; i < s1.size(); ++i) {
                if (s1[i] == s2[j]) {
                    ++j;
                    if (j == s2.size()) {
                        j = 0;
                        ++cnt;
                    }
                }
            }
            if (nextIndexToK.find(j) != nextIndexToK.end()) {
                int start = nextIndexToK[j];
                int prefixCount = kToRepeatCount[start];
                int patternCount = (n1 - start) / (k - start) * (cnt - prefixCount);

                int suffixCount = kToRepeatCount[start + (n1 - start) % (k - start)] - prefixCount;

                return (prefixCount + patternCount + suffixCount) / n2;
            }
            kToRepeatCount[k] = cnt;
            nextIndexToK[j] = k;
        }
        return kToRepeatCount[n1] / n2;
    }
};
```

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}  
};
```

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@lzl124631x you get most of it right. Just this line

```
int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) *(n1 - start) / (k - start);
```

Correct to:

```
int patternCount = (n1 - start) / (k - start) * (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]);
```

for example

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There is an error in this line

```
int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) * (n1 - start) / (k - start);
```

It should calculate $(n1 - start) / (k - start)$ first

```
int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) * ((n1 - start) / (k - start));
```

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Great solution!

I have a minor optimization. In order to remove the inner loop to search for `nextIndex[start]`, which is $O(n^2)$

and n is `s2.size()`, we can use a hash table `visited[k]`. It is used to record how many passes of `s1` is required to get `nextIndex` of `k`. For example, `visited[2] = p` means after p passes of `s1`, the index in string `s2` is 2 . And the vector `nextIndex` is not necessary any more.

Also $\text{prefixCount} + \text{suffixCount} = \text{repeatCount}[\text{start} + (n1 - \text{start}) \% (k - \text{start})]$, which can be simplified.

```
class Solution {
public:
    int getMaxRepetitions(string s1, int n1, string s2, int n2) {
        int m1 = s1.size(), m2 = s2.size();
        vector<int> repeated(m2+1,0), visited(m2+1, -1);
        visited[0] = 0;
        int k = 0, cnt = 0;
        for (int i = 1; i <= n1; i++) {
            for (int j = 0; j < m1; j++) {
                if (s1[j] == s2[k]) {
```

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```
        k == m2) {
            k = 0;
            cnt++;
```

```
        if (visited[k] == -1) {
            repeated[i] = cnt;
            visited[k] = i;
        }
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```
    else {
        int start = visited[k], p = i-start, t = cnt-repeated[start];
        int ans = (n1-start)/p*t + repeated[(n1-start)%p+start];
        return ans/n2;
    }
```

Due to PigeonHole principle, you must find two same `nextIndex` after scanning `s2.size() + 1` `s1` segments.

Awesome! It's the key to take a good advantage of the repetitive pattern!

```
    return cnt/n2;
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};
```

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@lzl124631x That's a elegant solution! Actually, you can avoid the following loop by making nextIndex a map with (j, k) pair so that you can access the previous j directly. Remember to put(0, 0) in the beginning.

```

    for (int start = 0; start < k; ++start) {
        if (nextIndex[start] == j) {
            int prefixCount = repeatCount[start];
            int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) * (n1
- start) / (k - start);
            int suffixCount = repeatCount[start + (n1 - start) % (k - start
)] - repeatCount[start];
            ^
            return (prefixCount + patternCount + suffixCount) / n2;
1          }
        }
    }

```

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Same idea in Java (Better than 100 pct)

```
public int getMaxRepetitions(String s1, int n1, String s2, int n2) {
    int len1 = s1.length(), len2 = s2.length();
    int[] repeatCount = new int[len2 + 1];
    int[] nextIndex    = new int[len2 + 1];
    int j = 0, cnt = 0;
    for (int k = 1; k <= n1; k++){
        for (int i = 0; i < len1; i++){
            if (s1.charAt(i) == s2.charAt(j)){
                j++;
                if (j == len2){
                    j = 0;
                    cnt++;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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```
    k] = cnt;
    = j;
    rt = 0; start < k; start++){
    Index[start] == j) {
    prefixCount = repeatCount[start];
    patternCount = (n1 - start) / (k - start) * (repeatCount[k]
    suffixCount = repeatCount[start + (n1 - start) % (k-start)]
```

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```
        return (prefixCount + patternCount + suffixCount) / n2;  
    }  
}
```

Two errors in the solution, one of which is not mentioned in the comments before:

1. the size of repeatCount and nextIndex should be n1+1, rather than s2.size()+1
2.

```
int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) * (n1 - start) / (k - start);
```

 should be

```
int patternCount = (repeatCount[k] - repeatCount[start]) * ((n1 - start) / (k - start));
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So smart solution!

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I'm not understand that when you get the 'cnt', why not return cnt/n2 to finish?

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