Miscellaneous math

Fast pow, Fibonacci, tortoise and hare

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Powers

Definition:

- Chain multiplication
- ▶ "n-th power of b"
- b is the base, n is the exponent

$$b^n = \underbrace{b \times \cdots \times b}_{n \text{ times}}$$

Examples:

- $ightharpoonup 3^0 = 1$ (by definition)
- \rightarrow 3¹ = 3
- $3^2 = 3 \times 3 = 9$ (square)
- $3^3 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 27$ (cube)

Power computation: linear

Problem: compute the power the n-th power of b, for given b and n.

Solution 1: Simple loop

```
int nthPower(int b, int n)
{
    int power = 1;
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        power *= b;
    return power;
}</pre>
```

Complexity: O(n)

Power computation: logarithmic (1)

Can we do it faster? Yes, because associativity!

For example, to compute 3^{10} , we can compute 3^{5} then square it:

- ▶ $3^2 = 3 \times 3 = 9$
- $3^5 = 3^2 \times 3^2 \times 3 = 9 \times 9 \times 3 = 243$
- $3^{10} = 3^5 \times 3^5 = 243 \times 243 = 59049$

Only 4 multiplications instead of 9.

Power computation: logarithmic (2)

Solution 2: Recursive function

```
int nthPower(int b, int n)
   // Initial case
    if (n = 0)
        return 1:
    // Recursive case
    int power = powerOfThree(b, n/2);
    power *= power;
    if (n \% 2 = 1)
        power *= b:
    return power;
```

We divide n by 2 on every call $\Rightarrow O(\log n)$

Fast pow: usage

When to use it:

- When linear time is too slow
- Typically when computing a number of possibilities

Limits:

- ▶ Exponent $\leq 10^{18}$ if using long long (or more!)
- ► Many powers with the same base ⇒ store in an array
- Be careful with overflows! Often, the statement asks for the result *modulo* some number.

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Matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & a_{23} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} & a_{33} \\ a_{41} & a_{42} & a_{43} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 8 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ 4 × 3 matrix = table with 4 lines and 3 columns
- $ightharpoonup a_{ij} = a[i-1][j-1] = element at line i, column j$
- Index usually starts at 1, and we're stuck with that

Matrix product

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 8 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 7 \\ 8 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Take line on left, column on right
- Add the products (they must have the same length!)
- ▶ $0 \times 1 + 4 \times 2 + 1 \times 0 = 8$ (top left element)
- ▶ Dimensions: $n \times m \cdot m \times p = n \times p$
- Associative: (AB)C = A(BC)

Matrix power

$$A^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 8 & 2 \\ 4 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Only works on square matrices
- Associative, so we can use fast pow!
- ▶ Complexity for A^n : cost of product $\times O(\log n)$
- ▶ With $m \times m$ matrix: $O(m^3 \log n)$

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Definition of Fibonacci

0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55,...
$$F_0=0,\ F_1=1,\ F_2=1,...$$

- Modelling rabbit reproduction (terribly)
- ▶ At 2 months old, rabbits start having 1 child every month
- At month 1, we introduce one newborn rabbit
- $ightharpoonup F_n = \text{population at month } n$
- $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$
- ▶ Example: $F_2 = F_1 + F_0$, $F_3 = F_2 + F_1$, . . .

Fibonacci as a matrix product

- ▶ We want to compute Fibonacci as a matrix product
- ▶ We always need to know at least two numbers
- Which square matrix to choose?

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc}?&?\\?&?\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}F_n\\F_{n+1}\end{array}\right)=\left(\begin{array}{c}F_{n+1}\\F_{n+2}\end{array}\right)$$

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Logarithmic Fibonacci

From the formula, we deduce:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} F_n \\ F_{n+1} \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{array}\right)^n \left(\begin{array}{c} F_0 \\ F_1 \end{array}\right)$$

- ▶ So we can compute the power in $O(\log n)$
- \triangleright And then get F_n immediately
- Because of overflows, we often need the result modulo some number

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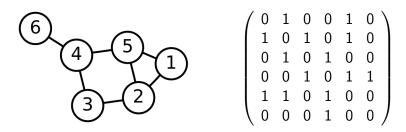
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Adjacency matrix

- Static two-dimensional array: int adj[MAXN] [MAXN]
- ▶ $adj[i][j] == true if edge i \rightarrow j$
- ▶ $adj_{ij} = number of paths of length 1 from i to j$



Number of paths of length 2

- Look at all possible intermediate nodes k
- ▶ $num_path2_{ij} = sum(adj_{ik} \times adj_{kj})$
- ▶ adj_{ik} is line i and adj_{kj} is column j

Example: number of paths from 2 to 4:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \mathbf{0} & 1 & 0 \\ \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \mathbf{0} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & \mathbf{2} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

This is just matrix multiplication: $num_path2 = adj^2$

Number of paths of length 3

- We look at all the intermediate nodes
- $\qquad \mathsf{num_path3}_{ij} = \mathsf{sum}(\mathsf{num_path2}_{ik} \times \mathsf{adj}_{kj}) \\$
- ▶ num_path2_{ik} is line i and adj_{kj} is column j

Example: number of paths from 1 to 4

$$\underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{0} \\ 1 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{num_path2}} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \mathbf{0} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & \mathbf{0} & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \mathbf{0} & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \mathbf{0} & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{\text{adj}} \rightarrow 2$$

So $num_path3 = num_path2 \times adj = adj^2 \times adj = adj^3$

Number of paths of any length

- ▶ In general, the number of paths of length n can be computed with adjⁿ
- ▶ So for V nodes, we can get it in $O(V^3 \log n)$

Remarks:

- This also works with directed graphs (one-way edges)
- This also works with multiple edges between two nodes (put the number in the matrix)
- ▶ If you only want to know if there is a path or not, you can do it in O(V + E) for one source, or O(V(V + E)) for all pairs. (Fun exercise!)

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Cycle finding problem

- ▶ Finite set of states S, for example $\{1, ..., n\}$
- ▶ Function $f: S \to S$ of transitions $x \mapsto f(x)$
- ▶ Starting value: $x_0 \in S$

What is the first value repeated in this sequence?

$$x_0, f(x_0), f(f(x_0)), f(f(f(x_0))), \ldots$$

Cycle finding example

Table of f:

Sequence for $x_0 = 9$:

$$\underbrace{9,\ 2,\ 6,\ 4,\ 7}_{\text{tail}},\ \underbrace{5,\ 1,\ 8}_{\text{cycle}},\ \underbrace{5,\ 1,\ 8}_{\text{cycle}},\ 5,\ 1,\ldots$$

Problem: find the tail size and the cycle size

Cycle finding with map

```
pair < int , int > findCycle(int x)
   map<int , int > pos;
    // While x is a new value
    int i:
    for (i = 0; pos.find(x) = pos.end(); i++)
        pos[x] = i; // Remember the position
        x = f(x); // Move one step
    return make_pair(pos[x], i - pos[x]);
```

- ▶ Time: $O(n \log n)$, or O(n) with hashmap
- ▶ Space: O(n), that's a lot...

Tortoise and hare 1: find match

Keep two pointers: tortoise (slow) and hare $(2 \times faster)$

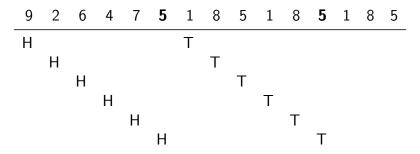
Iterate until match:

The gap is a multiple of the cycle length

Tortoise and hare 2: find tail

Hare jumps to beginning, then they move at the same speed (the hare is tired by the jump)

Iterate until match:



The number of steps is the tail length

Tortoise and hare 3: find cycle

Hare stops (really tired) and tortoise continues

Iterate until next match:

9	2	6	4	7	5	1	8	5	1	8	5	1	8	5
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The number of steps is the cycle length

Tortoise and hare: implementation

```
pair < int , int > find Cycle (int x0)
    int t = x0, h = x0, tail = 0, cycle = 0;
   // Part 1: find a match
   do { t = f(t); h = f(f(h)); } while (t != h);
   // Part 2: find tail
   h = x0; // Rabbit jump
   while (t != h) \{ t = f(t); h = f(h); tail ++; \}
   // Part 3: find cycle
   do { t = f(t); cycle++; } while (t != h);
    return make_pair(tail, cycle);
```