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(ns autocomplete.core
  "This remote coding interview states:
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You are given a list of keywords below. Write code that will offer up to 4 suggested "auto-complete" based on the letters typed (not case sensitive). Similar to Google Autocomplete, except that results must be in order vs. Google ranked keywords.

These few lines of codes are a proposal. They features two ways of achieving autocompletion: one first constructs a graph (called substrate) then queries it. The second one is dichotomy and sorting to achieve faster and more scalable results. The remaining lines of this file will elaborate on the algorithms and data structures used by both ways."

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(:use [clojure.test]
      [autocomplete tooling
                   configuration
                   projectors]))
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"Here is a simple substrate built with two words: paypal and paywall. Paypay has identifier :id 0 and paywal is 1."

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{\p '({:id 0, :index 0, :next \a}
      {:id 0, :index 3, :previous \y, :next \a}
      {:id 1, :index 0, :next \a})
 \a '({:id 0, :index 1, :previous \p, :next \y}
      {:id 0, :index 4, :previous \p, :next \l}
      {:id 1, :index 1, :previous \p, :next \y}
      {:id 1, :index 4, :previous \w, :next \l})
 \y '({:id 0, :index 2, :previous \a, :next \p}
      {:id 1, :index 2, :previous \a, :next \w})
 \l '({:id 0, :index 5, :previous \a}
      {:id 1, :index 5, :previous \a, :next \l}
      {:id 1, :index 6, :previous \l})
 \w '({:id 1, :index 3, :previous \y, :next \a}))}
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(defn autocomplete-graph
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"The autocompletion function with a graph. This is not scalable. Moreover, you can't do that much with the tooling but I found that way nice to be coded because it deals with a graph and double-linked lists.

The basic idea is to construct a graph whose vertices are letters. The edges of this graph are made with double-linked lists standing for each words in the list. Elements of these double-linked lists are called tuples. Tuples are stored besides a node. Once this graph is built (with function construct) it's called 'substrate'. The technical implementation has no redundancy. However, it is far from being minimal: I could have used Huffman tree for this.

The algorithm is thus pretty straightforward: for the first letter to be matched we just retrieve all tuples beneath the corresponding node (and they're filtered out to keep each word once or none). Then

we iterate over following letters of the sequence to be matched and filter out non-conform tuples. The output is finally sorted and printed out."

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([substrate letters]
 (autocomplete-graph substrate
                     autocomplete-default-settings
                     letters))
([substrate settings letters]
 (let [[sortf position case-mode limit]
       (map #(set-or-default %
                             settings
                             autocomplete-default-settings)
             [[:sort :position :case :limit]])]
  (->> [substrate position letters limit case-mode]
        (apply words-with-sequence)
        (map (partial full-word substrate))
        (sort sortf))))))
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(defn autocomplete-dicho

"The autocompletion function with dichotomy. This doesn't use a graph but a runs on a dichotomy-based interval search. It's highly more scalabe than the graph-based solution and the tooling is rather general, hence powerful.

Once more, the algorithm is not very far-fetched: first the word list is sorted (by dichotomy) according to some criterion. Then we find bounds of the sublist of all words which match the criterion (with a dichotomy-based threshold finding algorithm). We may iterate depending of what we want and once it's done the result is returned.

Whenever it's possible we try to take advantage of the tooling to avoid unnecesarry computations. For example, when we have to look for words containing some letters, we reduce data load by searching the rarest letters first.

One key concept throughout the code is `projector`. It's a function which returns a function. This letter one is used against a word to project it, that's to say to figure out it satisfy a criterion. For example, if the criterion is 'words of 5 letters' the list will sorted out such as shorter words are at the beginning then 5-letter words then longer words. Same tool is used inside the threshold-finding algorithm which is basically a dichotomy."

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([words letters]
 (autocomplete-dicho words
                     autocomplete-default-settings
                     letters))
([words settings letters]
 (let [[sortf position laxity case-mode limit]
       (map #(set-or-default %
                             settings
                             autocomplete-default-settings)
             [[:sort :position :laxity :case :limit]])]
  (->> [words position letters laxity case-mode]
        (apply words-contain-sequence-at-dicho)
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        (take limit)
        (sort sortf))))))

(let [substrate (construct list-of-words)]
  (println "\nLet's compare the two approaches")
  (print "graph: ")
  (time (autocomplete-graph substrate "Pro"))
  (print "dicho: ")
  (time (autocomplete-dicho list-of-words "Pro"))
  (str-print "I do perform better at LISt-Processing than at"
    "graph-processing :-).\n"))

(comment
  (time (autocomplete-dicho long-list-of-words "pro"))
  (time (autocomplete-dicho long-list-of-words
    {:position identity
     :limit 20
     :laxity :terse
     :sort (lexicographic)
     :case :relax}
    "pro")))
  (time (autocomplete-dicho long-list-of-words
    {:position 0
     :limit 20
     :laxity :lax
     :sort (lexicographic)
     :case :relax}
    "hire"))))

(def most-anagrams
  "Said to be the word with most anagrams, let's find them."
  (->> "spare"
    (words-anagrams-of-dicho long-list-of-words)
    time))

(def longest-english-word
  (->> long-list-of-words
    (sort #(vals-comparator (count %) (count %2)))
    last
    time))

(run-tests 'autocomplete.tooling
  'autocomplete.configuration
  'autocomplete.projectors)

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