

1625. Lexicographically Smallest String After Applying Operations

Medium

Topics

Companies

Hint

You are given a string `s` of **even length** consisting of digits from `0` to `9`, and two integers `a` and `b`.

You can apply either of the following two operations any number of times and in any order on `s`:

- Add `a` to all odd indices of `s` (**0-indexed**). Digits past `9` are cycled back to `0`. For example, if `s = "3456"` and `a = 5`, `s` becomes `"3951"`.
- Rotate `s` to the right by `b` positions. For example, if `s = "3456"` and `b = 1`, `s` becomes `"6345"`.

Return the **lexicographically smallest** string you can obtain by applying the above operations any number of times on `s`.

A string `a` is lexicographically smaller than a string `b` (of the same length) if in the first position where `a` and `b` differ, string `a` has a letter that appears earlier in the alphabet than the corresponding letter in `b`. For example, `"0158"` is lexicographically smaller than `"0190"` because the first position they differ is at the third letter, and `'5'` comes before `'9'`.

Example 1:

Input: `s = "5525"`, `a = 9`, `b = 2`

Output: `"2050"`

Explanation: We can apply the following operations:

Start: `"5525"`

Rotate: `"2555"`

Add: `"2454"`

Add: `"2353"`

Rotate: `"5323"`

Add: `"5222"`

Add: `"5121"`

Rotate: `"2151"`

Add: `"2050"`

There is no way to obtain a string that is lexicographically smaller than `"2050"`.

Example 2:

Input: `s = "74", a = 5, b = 1`

Output: `"24"`

Explanation: We can apply the following operations:

Start: `"74"`

Rotate: `"47"`

Add: `"42"`

Rotate: `"24"`

There is no way to obtain a string that is lexicographically smaller than `"24"`.

Example 3:

Input: `s = "0011", a = 4, b = 2`

Output: `"0011"`

Explanation: There are no sequence of operations that will give us a lexicographically smaller string than `"0011"`.

Constraints:

- `2 <= s.length <= 100`
- `s.length` is even.
- `s` consists of digits from `0` to `9` only.
- `1 <= a <= 9`
- `1 <= b <= s.length - 1`

Python:

```
class Solution:
```

```
    def findLexSmallestString(self, s: str, a: int, b: int) -> str:
```

```
        def dfs(s: str) -> str:
```

```
            if s in seen: return
```

```
            seen.add(s)
```

```
            res, odd = "", True
```

```
            for ch in s:
```

```
                odd ^= True
```

```
res+= d[ch] if odd else ch
```

```
dfs(res)  
dfs(s[b: ] + s[ :b])
```

```
d, seen = {ch:str((int(ch) + a) % 10  
                ) for ch in digits}, set()
```

```
dfs(s)
```

```
return min(seen)
```

JavaScript:

```
var findLexSmallestString = function(s, a, b) {  
    let set = new Set(), smallest = s;
```

```
    let reverse = (str, start, end) => {  
        while(start < end) {  
            [str[start], str[end]] = [str[end], str[start]];  
            start++;  
            end--;  
        }  
        return str;  
    };  
};
```

```
    let rotate = (str) => {  
        str = str.split("");  
        str = reverse(str, 0, str.length-1);  
        str = reverse(str, 0, b-1);  
        str = reverse(str, b, str.length-1);  
        return str.join("");  
    };  
};
```

```
    let add = (str) => {  
        str = str.split("");  
        for(let i=0; i<str.length; i++) {  
            if(i%2 === 1) {  
                str[i] = str[i]-"  
                str[i] += a;  
                str[i] %= 10;  
            }  
        }  
        return str.join("");  
    };  
};
```

```

};

let recursive = (str) => {
  if(set.has(str)) {
    return;
  }
  if((str+"") < (smallest+"")) {
    smallest = str;
  }
  set.add(str);
  recursive(rotate(str));
  recursive(add(str));
};

recursive(s);
return smallest;
};

```

Java:

```

class Solution {
  public String findLexSmallestString(String s, int a, int b) {
    int n = s.length();

    // Precompute minimal addition steps for each digit
    int[] bestAdd = new int[10];
    for (int d = 0; d < 10; d++) {
      int minVal = d, minStep = 0;
      for (int step = 1; step < 10; step++) {
        int newVal = (d + a * step) % 10;
        if (newVal < minVal) {
          minVal = newVal;
          minStep = step;
        }
      }
      bestAdd[d] = minStep;
    }

    // Determine reachable rotation starts
    boolean[] visited = new boolean[n];
    int idx = 0;
    while (!visited[idx]) {
      visited[idx] = true;
      idx = (idx + b) % n;
    }
  }
}

```

```

String answer = s;

// Try each reachable rotation
for (int start = 0; start < n; start++) {
    if (!visited[start]) continue;
    String rotated = s.substring(start) + s.substring(0, start);

    int evenAdd = 0, oddAdd = 0;
    if (n == 1) {
        evenAdd = bestAdd[rotated.charAt(0) - '0'];
    } else {
        evenAdd = (b % 2 == 1) ? bestAdd[rotated.charAt(0) - '0'] : 0;
        oddAdd = bestAdd[rotated.charAt(1) - '0'];
    }

    StringBuilder sb = new StringBuilder(rotated);
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        int d = sb.charAt(j) - '0';
        int times = (j % 2 == 0) ? evenAdd : oddAdd;
        d = (d + times * a) % 10;
        sb.setCharAt(j, (char)('0' + d));
    }

    String candidate = sb.toString();
    if (candidate.compareTo(answer) < 0) answer = candidate;
}

return answer;
}
}

```