Gotta Make You Understand Encoding



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1 Encoding Strings to Integers

There are many algorithms for uniquely mapping a string to an integer. One of them is described below:

- 1. This encoding scheme is for mapping a string containing all the 26 lower case alphabets and 1 SPACE character to a decimal integer. (It can easily be extended to support upper case alphabets and special characters.)
- 2. We start by assigning each of the 27 characters a decimal integer.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SPACE} &\rightarrow 0 \\ & a \rightarrow 1 \\ & b \rightarrow 2 \\ & c \rightarrow 3 \\ & \vdots \\ & y \rightarrow 25 \\ & z \rightarrow 26 \end{aligned}$$

3. Next we convert each of these decimal integers into binary integers.

 $\begin{array}{c} 0 \to 00000 \\ 1 \to 00001 \\ 2 \to 00010 \\ 3 \to 00011 \\ \vdots \\ 25 \to 11001 \\ 26 \to 11010 \end{array}$

Note: It is important to make sure that the binary integers have a length of 5, i.e., they are 5-bits long. This will be required during decoding.

- 4. Now we take the string that we want to encode, and replace each of its characters with the corresponding 5-bits long binary integers.
 - For example, the string "abc xyz" gets converted to 0000100010000110000110001100111010.
- 5. Finally, we convert the binary integer, obtained from the string, into a decimal integer. And thus, we have successfully mapped our string to an integer.
 - For example, the binary integer for "abc xyz" gets converted to the decimal integer 1144021818.

2 Problems

- 1. Implement a function (in any language) that converts a binary integer into a decimal integer.
- 2. Next, implement a function that does the opposite, i.e., converts a decimal integer into a binary integer. (The binary integer should be 5-bits long.)
- 3. Now, implement a function that encodes a string to a decimal integer according the algorithm explained above.
- 4. Finally, implement a function that decodes a decimal integer into a string, again, based on the algorithm explained above.

3 Test Cases

Verify that your program does the following encodings:

- 1. "skibidi toilet" \rightarrow 713985243691942719668
- 2. "crabs eat their own kids" \rightarrow 148024313451587615603237541074281619
- 3. "i do not wish to get suplexed please leave me alone" $\rightarrow 16291158928026096119317714853713517255121682109755230260311458413484587761093$

And to conclude, decode the following decimal integer into a string:

 $\frac{1064408538981792491565997553426674725180721596564998471444359808170979576147320253}{96866728584117125841505641632783294606893842227748116690492994223336683716130424058594843566478776113260668001303638081449130661471791966062796258472593068941005911583442888181$