

# Advent of Code 2021 - Day 14: Extended Polymerization

## Parsing

```
input = "NNCB"
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```
CH→B
```

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HH→N
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CB→H
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```
NH→C
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```
HB→C
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```
HC→B
```

```
HN→C
```

```
NN→C
```

```
BH→H
```

```
NC→B
```

```
NB→B
```

```
BN→B
```

```
BB→N
```

```
BC→B
```

```
CC→N
```

```
CN→C";
```

```
lines = StringSplit[input, "\n"]
```

{NNCB, , CH→B, HH→N, CB→H, NH→C, HB→C, HC→B, HN→C, NN→C, BH→H, NC→B, NB→B, BN→B,

**polymertemplate = Characters@lines[[1]]**

{N, N, C, B}

**stringrules = lines[[3;;]]**

{CH→B, HH→N, CB→H, NH→C, HB→C, HC→B, HN→C, NN→C, BH→H, NC→B, NB→B, BN→B, BB→N, B

**rules = Map[(Characters@StringTake[#, 2] → {{StringTake[#, {1}], StringTake[#, {4}]}, {StringTake[#, {4}], S**

{{B, B} → {{B, N}, {N, B}}, {B, C} → {{B, B}, {B, C}}, {B, H} → {{B, H}, {H, H}}, {B, N} →  
 {{B, B}, {B, N}}, {C, B} → {{C, H}, {H, B}}, {C, C} → {{C, N}, {N, C}}, {C, H} →  
 {{C, B}, {B, H}}, {C, N} → {{C, C}, {C, N}}, {H, B} → {{H, C}, {C, B}}, {H, C} →  
 {{H, B}, {B, C}}, {H, H} → {{H, N}, {N, H}}, {H, N} → {{H, C}, {C, N}}, {N, B} →  
 {{N, B}, {B, B}}, {N, C} → {{N, B}, {B, C}}, {N, H} → {{N, C}, {C, H}}, {N, N} →  
 {{N, C}, {C, N}}}

## Create Matrix of Pair Insertion

**intmapping = MapIndexed[#1 → First@#2&, rules[[All, 1]]]**

{{B, B} → 1, {B, C} → 2, {B, H} → 3, {B, N} → 4, {C, B} → 5, {C, C} →  
 6, {C, H} → 7, {C, N} → 8, {H, B} → 9, {H, C} → 10, {H, H} → 11, {H, N} →  
 12, {N, B} → 13, {N, C} → 14, {N, H} → 15, {N, N} → 16}

**{B, B} → {{B, N}, {N, B}}/.intmapping**

1 → {4, 13}

**transformations = Map[{{#[[2, 1]], #[[1]]}, {#[[2, 2]], #[[1]]}}&, rules]/.intmapping//Flatten[#, 1]&**

{{4, 1}, {13, 1}, {1, 2}, {2, 2}, {3, 3}, {11, 3}, {1, 4}, {4, 4}, {7, 5}, {9, 5}, {8, 6}, {14, 6}, {5, 7}, {3, 7}, {6, 8}, {8, 8},

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matrix = SparseArray[transformations → Table[1, Length@transformations], {Length@rules, Length@rules}]
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SparseArray [ ]
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```
MatrixForm[matrix]
```

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Initial Polymer

```
Rule@@#&/@('Tally@Partition[Characters[lines[[1]]], 2, 1]/.intmapping)
```

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{16 → 1, 14 → 1, 5 → 1}
```

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init = Table[0, Length@rules]//ReplacePart[Rule@@#&/@('Tally@Partition[polymertemplate, 2, 1]/.intmapping)
```

{0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1}

## Multiplication

**resultingpairs = MatrixPower[matrix, 10, init] \* rules[[All, 1]]**

**doubletotal = Total@Flatten@resultingpairs + First@polymertemplate + Last@polymertemplate**

{ {812B, 812B}, {120B, 120C}, {81B, 81H}, {735B, 735N}, {115C, 115B}, {60C, 60C}, {21C, 21H}, {102C, 102N},

3498B + 596C + 322H + 1730N

**#[[1]]/2&/@List@@doubletotal//MinMax//Differences//First**

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