
Algorithm 1 RoadRunner-like implementation

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1: Preprocess the wrapper and the sample
2: Call RoadRunner
3: procedure ROADRUNNER(wrapper, sample, idxwrapper, idxsample, result)
4:   if the end of the wrapper or the sample is reached then
5:     The recursion is finished, return the final result
6:   end if
7:   Get the current element from the wrapper and the sample
8:   if the elements are the same then
9:     Append the current element to the result
10:    Call RoadRunner from the next positions in the wrapper and in the sample
11:  else if the elements are not the same, but both of them are string then
12:    Append #text to the result
13:    Call RoadRunner from the next positions in the wrapper and in the sample
14:  else
15:    Search for potential loops begins
16:    Find the elements on the previous positions in both wrapper and sample
17:    Set is_optional to False
18:    if the previous tag in the wrapper is closing and the current tag in the wrapper is opening and they are of the
same nature then
19:      There is a loop detected in the wrapper
20:      Find the part of the HTML code in the wrapper that makes a square
21:      if the opening tag that needs closing in the sample loop is found then
22:        Call RoadRunner within the found squares
23:        if the previous statement returned some result then
24:          Call RoadRunner from the current position in the sample and from the position that comes after the
loop in the wrapper
25:          Append the result from the square to the main result
26:        else
27:          is_optional = True
28:        end if
29:      else
30:        is_optional = True
31:      end if
32:      else if the previous tag in the sample is closing and the current tag in the sample is opening and they are of the
same nature then
33:        There is a loop detected in the sample
34:        repeat steps 20-30 for the current element from the sample
35:      else
36:        is_optional = True
37:      end if
38:    end if
39:    if is_optional is True then
40:      if current elements in the wrapper and sample are tags then
41:        There are two tags on the same line, find which one is optional
42:        if the optional tag is in the sample then
43:          Append the optional tag to the result
44:          Call RoadRunner from the current position in the wrapper and from the position that comes after the
optional tag in the sample
45:        else the optional tag is in the wrapper
46:          Append the optional tag to the result
47:          Call RoadRunner from the current position in the sample and from the position that comes after the
optional tag in the wrapper
48:        end if
49:      else if only the current element in the wrapper is a tag then
50:        Find the match of the tag in the sample
51:        Append the optional elements to the result
52:        Call RoadRunner from the current position in the wrapper and from the position that comes after the optional
elements in the sample
53:      else if only the current element in the sample is a tag then
54:        Find the match of the tag in the wrapper
55:        Append the optional elements to the result
56:        Call RoadRunner from the current position in the sample and from the position that comes after the optional
elements in the wrapper
57:      else no optional elements were found
58:        Call RoadRunner from the next positions in the wrapper and in the sample
59:      end if
60:    end if
61: end procedure
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