

# DigitStringDiv1 - SRM 741, D1, 250-Pointer

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# Problem Intro

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# Statement and Constraints

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class DigitStringDiv1 {  
    public:  
        long long count(string s, int x);  
};
```

- Given: S, string containing characters from '0' through '9' and is at most 47 characters in length.
- Given: X, integer between 0 and 777,444,111.
- A subsequence of S is a string that results when you erase some subset of indices of S.
- A subsequence of S does not start with '0'.
- e.g. S is "12356", "13" and "256" are subsequences. "61" is not.
- **Count the number of subsequences of S that are greater than X.**

## Example 1

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- $11 > 9$
- $1 \leq 9$



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- $101 > 9$  Here!
- $10 > 9$  Here!
- $11 > 9$  Here!
- $1 \leq 9$

## Example 2

$$S = 471; X = 47 \rightarrow \textit{Answer} = 2$$

- $471 > 47$

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- $47 \leq 47$
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- $471 > 47$
- $47 \leq 47$
- $41 \leq 47$
- $71 > 47$
- $4 \leq 47$

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- $47 \leq 47$
- $41 \leq 47$
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- $7 \leq 47$

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- $471 > 47$  Here!
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- $41 \leq 47$
- $71 > 47$  Here!
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- $7 \leq 47$
- $1 \leq 47$

## Example 2

$$S = 471; X = 47 \rightarrow \text{Answer} = 2$$

- $471 > 47$  Here!
- $47 \leq 47$  *Notably Not* Here!
- $41 \leq 47$
- $71 > 47$  Here!
- $4 \leq 47$
- $7 \leq 47$
- $1 \leq 47$

## Some symbology

- Let  $i, j$  be a value 0-indexing into strings.
- Let  $X_i$  be the value of  $X$  at index  $i$ .
- Let  $S_i$  be the value of  $S$  at index  $i$ .
- Let  $X_D$  be the count of digits in  $X$ .
- Let  $S_D$  be the count of digits in  $S$ .
- Let  $X_S$  be stringified  $X$ .

## **Slow, Dumb Solution**

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## Power Set Enumeration

- Create the power set of the  $S$  string.
- Process sets, based on the digit counts of  $S_i$  and  $X$ .
  - Fewer digits than  $X$ , discard.
  - More digits than  $X$ , it must be greater.
  - The same number of digits as  $X$ , convert  $S_i$  to an integer and compare.
- Return count of greater substrings.

- Create the power set:  $O(S_D * 2^{S_D})$
- Process elements of power set:  $O(S_D) * O(2^{S_D})$ 
  - Fewer digits, discard:  $O(1)$
  - More digits, it must be greater:  $O(1)$
  - Same number of digits, convert  $S_i$  and compare:  $O(S_D)$
- Total:  
$$O(S_D * 2^{S_D}) + O(S_D * 2^{S_D}) = O(S_D * 2^{S_D})$$

## **Plank's Fast, Smart Solution**

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- Let  $i, j$  be a value 0-indexing into strings.
- Let  $X_i$  be the value of  $X$  at index  $i$ .
- Let  $S_i$  be the value of  $S$  at index  $i$ .
- Let  $X_D$  be the count of digits in  $X$ .
- Let  $S_D$  be the count of digits in  $S$ .
- Let  $X_S$  be stringified  $X$ .



- Count all substrings of  $S$  with more digits than  $X$ .
- Count all substrings of  $S$  with the same number of digits as  $X$ .

For each index in  $S$  s.t.  $S_i$  is non-zero, count all the substrings starting at that index with more digits than  $X$ .

- At all indices greater than the number of digits in  $X$  perform:

$$CountGreater(S_i) = \sum_{j=X_D}^i \binom{i}{j}$$

- The sum goes to  $i$  as  $S_i$  is fixed.
- Likewise, the sum starts at  $X_D$  - one digit is already chosen.

## Digits Greater: Running Time

- For all  $S_i$  s.t.  $i > X_D$ :  $O(S_D)$
- Look at all substring lengths from  $X_D$  to  $i$ :  $O(S_D)$
- i choose j:  $O(j) \rightarrow O(S_D)$
- Total:  $O(S_D) * O(S_D) * O(S_D) = O(S_D^3)$

## Digits Equal

For each index in  $S$ , look at all substrings equal in length to  $X$ .  
Recursively enumerate the rest of  $S$  to a depth of  $X_D$ .

Define a routine,  $CountEqual(i, j)$ , that will compare  $S_i$  and  $X_j$ .

- On success, spawn  $CountEqual(k, j + 1)$  for all  $k$  from  $i$  to  $S_D$ .
- Success of  $CountEqual(i, X_D)$  returns 1 as a valid substring has been found.
- Success is  $S_i \geq X_j$  for  $j \neq X_D$
- Success is  $S_i > X_j$  for  $j = X_D$

**Warning: Hand-waving  
Ahead!**

## Digits Equal: Running Time

Let  $T_0(d)$  be the time/work to run *CountEqual*( $i, 0$ ).  $T_0(0)$  is the exit condition.  $T_0(0)$  is  $O(1)$  multiplied by the levels that reach it.

$$\begin{aligned}T_0(X_D) &= S_D T(X_D - 1) \\&= S_D S_D T(X_D - 2) \\&= S_D^3 T(X_D - 3) \\&= S_D^{X_D} T(0) \\&= O(S_D^{X_D})\end{aligned}$$

Let  $T(S, X)$  be the time/work to run *CountEqual* for the full string. To get all the sums,  $S_D$  runs of  $T(X_D)$  are required, yielding:

$$T(S, X) = O(S_D^{X_D+1})$$

This calculation assumes all recursions reach the exit condition. Which would never happen.

# Speeding up Digits Equal

- Early Exit:

If in a call of  $CountEqual(i, j)$ ,  $S_i > X_j$  is found, return:

$$\binom{S_D - i}{X_D - j}$$

- Memoization:

$CountEqual(i, j)$  can be memoized on  $i$  and  $j$ . Making recurring recursion calls free.

## Total Running Time/Comparison

The total runtime for this algorithm is:

$$T(S, X) = O(S_D^{X_D+1} + S_D^3)$$

Great improvement over:

$$T(S, X) = O(S_D * 2^{S_D}) + O(S_D * 2^{S_D}) = O(S_D * 2^{S_D})$$



## Wrapping Up

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### MacBook Pro (15-inch, 2016)

- CPU: Intel i7-6700HQ (8) @ 2.60GHz
- GPU: AMD Radeon Pro 450
- Memory: 16384 MiB

## How did Topcoder Do?

- Problem Given in Topcoder: November, 2018
- Competitors who opened the problem: 99
- Competitors who submitted a solution: 82
- Number of correct solutions: 42
- Accuracy (percentage correct vs those who opened): 49.4%
- Average Correct Time: 24.59
- Best Time: 4:56

Thank You

Questions?