ASSIGNMENT 1 STAGE 2 REPORT

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1 Objective

An assembly program that merges two sorted lists of strings, maintaining the sorting order. It supports the two comparison modes - case-insensitive and case-sensitive and gives an option for removing the duplicates.

2 Assumptions

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3 Design Decisions

1. I have stored the merged list of pointers on the stack inside the merge function, thus I have done dynamic memory allocation and when I am returning the merged list, I dispose off the allocated space on the stack and I store the merged list in the space allocated to the original input lists, thereby reusing space and saving memory.

2. My code is able to handle corner cases and gives an appropriate error message before exiting the program, details of which are under error handling section.

4 Implementation details

NOTE: main.s is the program file that calls other functions, so it needs to be placed at the top while loading multiple files in ARMSIM.

4.1 Details of merge.s file

4.1.1 Algorithm

I keep two pointers, one at the starting of the first list and the other one at the starting of second list. Then I check which string is less than the other, accordingly I push the lesser one onto the stack. If duplicate removal option is 0, and I have equal strings, then I push the string from the first list onto the stack and carry on with the algorithm. Else if the duplicate removal option is 1, then I push the string from the first list onto the stack and increment the pointer of the second list so that duplicates are not included in my final list. Also I ensure that the strings themselves do not have duplicates beforehand so that my code does not give wrong outputs. Thus overall my algorithm is time efficient, since the time taken is of the order of sum of sizes of the 2 lists and also space efficient, since I store my merged list of pointers on the stack and dispose off the space.

4.2 Details of UsefulFunctions.s file

1. I have used UsefulFunctions.s for I/O handling, after making few corrections as suggested on piazza.

2. I used the atoi, itoa, strlen, fgets and prints routines from the UsefulFunctions.s file.

3. I have modified the atoi routine in UsefulFunctions.s file, such that now if the string is not an integer, then it prints Invalid Input and exits my program.

4.3 Details of main.s file

1. My main.s file calls merge routine and displays appropriate output based on the user input.

2. I have preserved register values in my main.s file before calling any function, mainly those which are used by callee and lie within r0-r3.

3. Since we have to take in so many inputs, I have assigned a memory space called auxiliaryinfo that stores the sizes of the 2 string lists, comparison mode and duplicate removal option.

4. To conserve as much space as possible, I have assigned a space for my string list and another space for my list of string pointer, each pointer can be assumed to be fit inside 4 bytes, since pointer stores address of my strings. Also, I am storing all the strings contiguously in one space, each taking space equivalent to just the length of the string and I have also given 2 extra bytes for each string to ensure smooth input/output handling.

4.4 Details of checkIfSorted.s file

This function checks if a string list is sorted or not, if it is not, it prints an error message,"Input is not sorted" and exits the program.

4.5 Details of checkIfDup.s file

This function is called only when the duplicate removal option is 1. It checks if we have duplicates in our string list or not. If there are duplicates, it prints an error message,"Input should not have duplicates when duplicate removal mode is 1" and exits the program.

4.6 Details of compare.s file

1. My function compare takes in 3 arguments - r0 has pointer to s1, r1 has pointer to s2, r2 has comparison mode. Finally it returns a value in [0,1,2] in r0, r0 = #0 means Both strings are equal, r0 = #1 means First string is less than second, r0 = #2 means First string is greater than second

2. The Body label checks if a character of one string is less or more than the other at the same position and if it is then returns the appropriate value in r0 back to main.

3. It has mainly 2 loops, Loop0 and Loop1, where Loop0 does the comparison in case-insensitive mode while Loop1 does the comparison in case-sensitive mode. In case-insensitive mode, I have converted all upper case characters to lower case characters.

4.7 Error Handling

1. I am checking if the input list of strings is sorted. If it is not sorted, I print an error message, "Input is not sorted" and exit my program.

2. I am checking if the duplicate removal option is 1, then the input list of strings should not have duplicates, in case they have duplicates, I print an error message, "Input should not have duplicates when duplicate removal mode is 1" and exit my program.

3. If the comparison mode entered is anything other than 0 or 1, I print Invalid Input and exit my program.

4. If the duplicate removal option entered is anything other than 0 or 1, I print Invalid Input and exit my program.

5. If user inputs sizes of a string as 0 or less than 0, I give an error, saying Invalid Input and exit my program.

6. If user inputs any symbol/character other than an integer value in case of size, I print Invalid Input and exit my program.

5 Results

Test Inputs:

1. The user gets a prompt for every input he/she has to make. The input prompt gives a "Enter the size of first list of strings:" prompt for entering the size of the first list of strings, "Enter the first list of strings:" prompt for entering the first list of strings, "Enter the size of second list of strings:" prompt for entering the size of the second list of strings, "Enter the second list of strings:" prompt for entering the second list of strings, "Enter comparison mode (0 for case-insensitive and 1 for case-sensitive):" prompt for entering comparison mode, "Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):" prompt for entering duplicate removal option.

2. Comparison mode has 0 as case-insensitive mode and 1 as case-sensitive mode.

3. Duplicate removal option takes in 0 if duplicates are not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed.

4. Input size of string list should not be 0.

Test Outputs:

1. First the size of the merged list of strings is printed.

2. The merged list of strings are printed one by one,each in a new line

6 TestCases

1. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   3
   Enter the first list of strings:
   A
   B
   C
   Enter the size of second list of strings:
   3
   Enter the second list of strings:
   a
   b
   c
   Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
   0
   Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
   0

The size of final list of strings:
6
The final list of strings:
A
a
B
b
C
c

2. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   3
   Enter the first list of strings:
   ABC
   pq
   Z12#
   Enter the size of second list of strings:
   2
   Enter the second list of strings:
   abc
   def
   Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
   0
   Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
   1
   The size of final list of strings:
   4
   The final list of strings:
   ABC
   def
   pq
   Z12#

3. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   2
   Enter the first list of strings:
   abc
   def
   Enter the size of second list of strings:
   3
   Enter the second list of strings:
   ABC
   pq
   Z67%666

Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
1
Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
0
The size of final list of strings:
5
The final list of strings:
ABC
abc
def
pq
Z67%666

4. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   4
   Enter the first list of strings:
   abc
   bgh
   jki
   poi
   Enter the size of second list of strings:
   1
   Enter the second list of strings:
   cfg
   Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
   0
   Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
   1
   The size of final list of strings:
   5
   The final list of strings:
   abc
   bgh
   cfg
   jki
   poi

5. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   3
   Enter the first list of strings:
   aaaaaaaaa
   aaaaaaaaab
   bgh12345

Enter the size of second list of strings:
2
Enter the second list of strings:
aaaaaaaaa
bbbbbbbbb
Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
1
Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
1
The size of final list of strings:
4
The final list of strings:
aaaaaaaaa
aaaaaaaaab
bbbbbbbbb
bgh12345

6. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   5
   Enter the first list of strings:
   abd
   ABE
   CDF
   efghi
   mpq
   Enter the size of second list of strings:
   2
   Enter the second list of strings:
   CDf
   MPQ
   Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
   0
   Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
   1
   The size of final list of strings:
   5
   The final list of strings:
   abd
   ABE
   CDF
   efghi
   mpq

7. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   2
   Enter the first list of strings:
   cDf
   MPq
   Enter the size of second list of strings:
   5
   Enter the second list of strings:
   abd
   ABE
   CDF
   efghi
   mpq
   Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
   0
   Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
   0
   The size of final list of strings:
   7
   The final list of strings:
   abd
   ABE
   cDf
   CDF
   efghi
   MPq
   mpq

8. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   h
   Invalid Input

9. Enter the size of first list of strings:
   3
   Enter the first list of strings:
   abc
   def
   ghi
   Enter the size of second list of strings:
   2
   Enter the second list of strings:
   ABC
   DEG
   Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):

0
Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
1
The size of final list of strings:
4
The final list of strings:
abc
def
DEG
ghi

10. Enter the size of first list of strings:
    3
    Enter the first list of strings:
    ABC
    abc
    Abc
    Enter the size of second list of strings:
    2
    Enter the second list of strings:
    ABC
    abc
    Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
    0
    Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
    1
    Input should not have duplicates when duplicate removal mode is 1.

11. Enter the size of first list of strings:
    3
    Enter the first list of strings:
    abc
    def
    abd
    Enter the size of second list of strings:
    1
    Enter the second list of strings:
    ab
    Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
    1
    Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
    1

Input is not sorted.

12. Enter the size of first list of strings:
    3
    Enter the first list of strings:
    win
    winner
    winning
    Enter the size of second list of strings:
    WIN
    Invalid Input

13. Enter the size of first list of strings:
    3
    Enter the first list of strings:
    win
    winner
    winning
    Enter the size of second list of strings:
    2
    Enter the second list of strings:
    WIN
    WINNER
    Enter the comparison mode(0 if case-insensitive and 1 if case-sensitive):
    1
    Enter the duplicate removal option (0 if duplicates not to be removed and 1 if duplicates are to be removed):
    1
    The size of final list of strings:
    5
    The final list of strings:
    WIN
    WINNER
    win
    winner
    winning