Competitive STL Extensions

Meeting C++ 2018

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- Solutions are compiled in a judging environment without any additional libraries, with just the stock compiler installation

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- ► GNU C++ specific: #include <bits/stdc++.h> includes everything!

popcount: number of set bits

```
int main(int argc, const char* argv[]) {
    static_assert(0 == __builtin_popcount(0)); // wow so constexpr
2
    static_assert(4 == __builtin_popcount(0b1111));
    static_assert(3 == __builtin_popcount(0b100101));
    return __builtin_popcount(argc);
  godbolts under x86 to
  main:
          xor eax, eax
2
          popcnt eax, edi
3
          ret
  Similarly, builtin clz and builtin ctz count leading/trailing zeros
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If multiplication is associative, this can be done in just $O(\log n)$ multiplications

```
#include <bits/extc++.h>
2
   constexpr int64_t Modulo = 1000000007; // a prime number
   auto multiply_modulo = [](int64_t a, int64_t b) {
    return a * b % Modulo;
6 }:
7 // this is required to fully define the operation
8 // will be called through ADL
  int64_t identity_element(decltype(multiply_modulo)) {
     return 1:
10
11 }
   bool fermat_little_theorem_holds(int64_t x) { // x^p \equiv x \pmod{p}
12
     return __gnu_cxx::power(x, Modulo, multiply_modulo) == x % Modulo;
13
14 }
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- Shipped with GNU C++ library as an extension within namespace __gnu_pbds

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- __gnu_pbds::tree_order_statistics_node_update is a tree update
 policy that does exactly that, and enables methods
 tree::iterator tree::find_by_order(size_t) const

```
and
size_t tree::order_of_key(const T&) const
```

PBDS: order statistics tree declaration

```
#include <bits/extc++.h>
   using namespace __gnu_pbds;
3
   template<typename K, typename V, class Earlier = std::less<K>>
   using OrderStatsMap = tree<</pre>
     K. V. Earlier.
     rb_tree_tag, // or splay_tree_tag
     tree_order_statistics_node_update // extension policy
  >;
10
   template<typename K, class Earlier = std::less<K>>
11
   using OrderStatsSet = OrderStatsMap<K, null_type, Earlier>;
```

PBDS: order statistics tree usage

```
OrderStatsSet<int> s:
15
     for (auto k: {12, 505, 30, 100}) {
16
       s.insert(k):
18
19
     // The order of the keys should be: 12, 30, 100, 505.
20
     assert(12 == *s.find_by_order(0));
21
     assert(100 == *s.find_by_order(2));
22
     assert(s.end() == s.find_by_order(4));
24
     assert(0 == s.order_of_key(10));
25
     assert(1 == s.order_of_key(30));
26
     assert(4 == s.order_of_key(1000));
27
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- Most notably, arbitrary precision arithmetics: sometimes it is pragmatic to switch to Python or Java just for big integers

kthxbye

- ► Thanks!
- ▶ More examples: https://github.com/moskupols/competitive-stl-extensions
- ► For more info on PBDS see GNU C++ library manual: https://goo.gl/PmR86Z