String Processing Algorithms 2015 - Week 3 Exercises

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Exercise 1

Describe how to modify the LSD radix sort algorithm to handle strings of varying length. The time complexity should be the one given in Theorem 1.27.

Solution

The time complexity mentioned in the Theorem 1.27 is $\mathcal{O}(||\mathcal{R}|| + m\sigma)$. All we need to do is to modify the Counting-Sort procedure:

Now, the desired LSD radix sort for variable-length strings is

Algorithm 1: COUNTING-SORT($\mathcal{R} = \{S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_n\}, \ell$)

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for i = 0 to σ − 1 do
    C[i] = 0
s = 0
for i = 1 to n do
    if |S_i| < ℓ then
        s = s + 1
    else
        C[S_i[ℓ]] = C[S_i[ℓ]] + 1
sum = s
for i = 0 to σ − 1 do
    tmp = C[i]
    C[i] = sum
    sum = sum + tmp
p = 0
for i = 1 to n do
    if |S_i| < ℓ then
        J[p] = S_i
        p = p + 1
    else
        J[C[S_i[ℓ]]] = S_i
        C[S_i[ℓ]] = C[S_i[ℓ]] + 1
R = J
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Algorithm 2: LSDRadixSort($\mathcal{R} = \{S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_n\}$)

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m = max_{i=1,2,...,n}{|S_i|}
for ℓ = m to 1 do
    COUNTING-SORT(R, ℓ)
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