CIS 315, Intermediate Algorithms Winter 2019

Assignment 6

due Friday, March 8, 2019

1 Description

We want to devise a dynamic programming solution to the following problem: there is a string of characters which might have been a sequence of words with all the spaces removed, and we want to find a way, if any, in which to insert spaces that separate valid English words. For example, theyouthevent could be from "the you the vent", "the youth event" or "they out he vent". If the input is theeaglehaslande, then there's no such way. Your task is to implement a dynamic programming solution in one of two separate ways (both ways for extra credit):

- iterative bottom-up version
- recursive memoized version

Assume that the original sequence of words had no other punctuation (such as periods), no capital letters, and no proper names - all the words will be available in a dictionary file that will be provided to you.

Let the input string be $x = x_1x_2...x_n$. We define the subproblem split(i) as that of determining whether it is possible to correctly add spaces to $x_ix_{i+1}...x_n$. Let dict(w) be the function that will look up a provided word in the dictionary, and return true iff the word w is in it. A recurrence relation for split is given below:

$$split(i) = \begin{cases} true & \text{if } i = n+1\\ \bigvee_{j=i}^{n} [dict(x_i x_{i+1} ... x_j) \land split(j+1)] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Obviously, split(i) only finds out whether there's a sequence of valid words or not. Your program must also find at least one such sequence.

The program will read a text file from standard input. For example, if you have a Java class named dynProg, the command java dynProg < inSample.txt is what you would use to run your program. The name of the dictionary file should be hardwired in the code. We will be testing your program on a file named "diction10k.txt", and your program will be tested in a directory containing that file. Testing will be much simpler if you can submit your program as a single file (and not a zipped directory).

2 Sample Input

The first line of input is an integer C. This is followed by C lines, each containing a single string, representing a phrase to be tested.

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theyouthevent
theeaglehaslande
lukelucklikeslakeslukeducklikeslakeslukelucklickslakesluckducklickslakes

3 Sample Output

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phrase number: 1
theyouthevent
iterative attempt:
YES, can be split
the you the vent
memoized attempt:
YES, can be split
the you the vent
phrase number: 2
theeaglehaslande
iterative attempt:
NO, cannot be split
memoized attempt:
NO, cannot be split
phrase number: 3
lukelucklikeslakeslukeducklikeslakeslukelucklickslakesluckducklickslakes
iterative attempt:
YES, can be split
luke luck likes lakes luke duck likes lakes luke luck licks lakes luck duck licks lakes
memoized attempt:
YES, can be split
luke luck likes lakes luke duck likes lakes luke luck licks lakes luck duck licks lakes
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4 Submission

Post a copy of your Java, Python, C, or C++ program to Canvas by midnight of the due date of Friday, March 8.