CMPT440 - Formal Languages and Computability Extra Credit Assignment



1. Webber Chap. 18 Exercise 10

Taking the alphabet to be $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, implement an enumerator class SigmaStar using pseudocode. Generate the strings in order of their length: first ϵ , then the strings of length 1, then the strings of length 2, and so on. Among strings of the same length, any fixed order is acceptable.

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class SigmaStar {
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        int n = 0
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        int[] alphabet = {a, b}
        String current
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        String next() {
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            // empty string condition
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            if (n == 0):
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                n++
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                return ""
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            // generate next string based on the last string
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            String result = current
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            // loop through string from right to left
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            for (int i = n-1; i >= 0; i--):
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                if (current[i] == 'b'):
                    // carry b over to next position
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                    current[i] = 'a'
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                else
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                     // increment current position and break
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                    current[i] = 'b'
24
                    break
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            // Check if length needs to be incremented
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            if current[0] == 'a':
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                // reset current string to all 'a's of length n
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                current = 'a' * n
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            return result
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            // E, a, b, aa, ab, ba, bb, aaa, aab, aba, abb, baa, bab, bba, bbb, aaaa...
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       }
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   }
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```