

Data Structures

Trie Homework 1

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Problem #1: Iterative version

- `void insert(string str)`
- `bool word_exist(string str)`
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- The recursive version of the lecture is slow when we have a lot of queries
- Rewrite an iterative version of these functions
- *Tip: for all programs assume trie is based on 26 letters unless otherwise mentioned*

Problem #2: minimal prefix

- `string first_word_prefix(const string &str)`
- Given a string, find the smallest trie (full) word that is a prefix for the given str
 - If there is no word, just return the original input
- E.g. Assume trie has words {xyz, xyzeA, a, bc}
- Input \Rightarrow output
 - `x` \Rightarrow `x` [no trie word is prefix for `x`]
 - `xyzabc` \Rightarrow `xyz` is the smallest prefix to `xyzabc`
- This is a sub-problem from this leetcode problem

Problem #3: Is suffix

- Write a trie that has 2 methods only
 - `void insert(string str)`
 - `bool suffix_exist(string str)`
- `Suffix_exist` returns true if any inserted word has such suffix

Problem #4: Memory Efficient

- Imagine that we need to use 256 (not just 26) letters. This means too much memory pointers that could be null
- Another efficient representation is using map<> so that we only store the existing nodes
 - In other words, we move from array of pointers to self-balancing trees of pointers
 - Better memory, but $\log 256$ to access element instead of $O(1)$, actually better!
- Change the data structure to have a map instead of the array!

Problem #5: OS Paths

- Assume for simplicity a system path represented as vector of strings
 - `/home/software/eclipse/bin` \Rightarrow `{"home", "software", "eclipse", "bin"}`
- Design a trie
 - `void insert(const vector<string> &path)` \Rightarrow adds a path to the trie
 - `bool subpath_exist(const vector<string> &path)` \Rightarrow True if such sub-path exists

Problem #5: OS Paths

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trie tree;
vector<string> path;

path = {"home", "software", "eclipse"};
tree.insert(path);
path = {"home", "software", "eclipse", "bin"};
tree.insert(path);
path = {"home", "installed", "gnu"};
tree.insert(path);
path = {"user", "mostafa", "tmp"};
tree.insert(path);

path = {"user", "mostafa", "tmp"};
cout << tree.subpath_exist(path) << "\n"; // 1
path = {"user", "mostafa"};
cout << tree.subpath_exist(path) << "\n"; // 1
path = {"user", "most"};
cout << tree.subpath_exist(path) << "\n"; // 0
path = {"user", "mostafa", "private"};
cout << tree.subpath_exist(path) << "\n"; // 0
```

“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”

“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”