

4.8 WORD BREAK PROBLEM USING DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

Question:

Given a string s and a dictionary of strings $wordDict$, return true if s can be segmented into a space-separated sequence of one or more dictionary words.

AIM

To implement a Python program that determines whether a string can be segmented into valid dictionary words using dynamic programming.

ALGORITHM

1. Convert $wordDict$ into a set for faster lookup.
2. Initialize a boolean array dp of size $len(s)+1$, where $dp[i]$ is True if the substring $s[0:i]$ can be segmented.
3. Set $dp[0] = \text{True}$ (empty string is segmentable).
4. For each index i from 1 to $len(s)$, check all $j < i$ such that:
 - $dp[j] == \text{True}$ and
 - $s[j:i]$ is in the dictionary
 - If both conditions are met, set $dp[i] = \text{True}$
5. Return $dp[len(s)]$ as the result.

PROGRAM

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def word_break(s, wordDict):
    word_set = set(wordDict)
    n = len(s)
    dp = [False] * (n + 1)
    dp[0] = True # Empty string is always segmentable

    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        for j in range(i):
            if dp[j] and s[j:i] in word_set:
                dp[i] = True
                break

    return dp[n]

# Example usage
s = input("Enter the string: ")
wordDict = input("Enter dictionary words separated by space: ").split()
result = word_break(s, wordDict)
print("Can the string be segmented?", result)
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Input:

Enter the string: leetcode

Enter dictionary words separated by space: leet code

Output:

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Enter the string: leetcode
Enter dictionary words separated by space: leet code
Can the string be segmented? True
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RESULT:

Thus the program is successfully executed and the output is verified.

PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS:

- Time Complexity: $O(n^2)$
- Space Complexity: $O(n)$