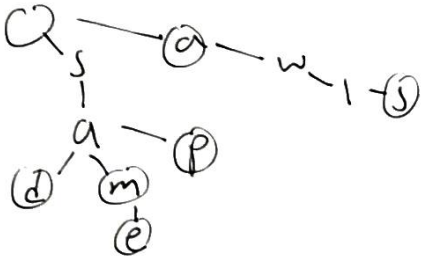
CS Lecture: Tries #37.

We have:
- Use Comparisons based sorting ← uses (compare/compare to).
  - Small-Alphabet (Integer) Sorting
  - Digit-by-Digit Sorting

Tries:
Suppose we insert sam, sad, say, same, a, and awls.



○ = end of a word (marked)

- A different type of data set.
  - we have BST, Hashsets, ... right now.
- Tries potentially save space because not each word needs to be stored.
- Short for retrieval tree

Given a Trie with N keys & a key w/ L digits: → entire word.

What is the

Worst case RT for insert:	$\Theta(L)$
Worst case search RT:	$\Theta(L)$
Best case search RT:	$\Theta(1)$

↳ first digit is a miss.

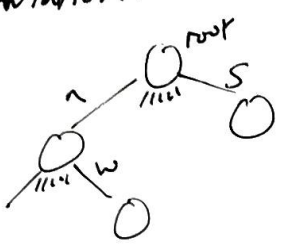
(Assume child can be found in constant time.)

Trie Worst case: $\Theta(L)$
Best case: $\Theta(1)$

- Comparison is done digit-by-digit, so we can skip some characters.

Uses of Tries!
- Support rapid prefix matching.
  - Finding keys with a particular prefix.
  - Finding longest prefix of: longest prefix of ("sample")
    → "sam" is longest prefix of sample.

Implementation:



"Broken" edges are just null.

Longest Prefix of:

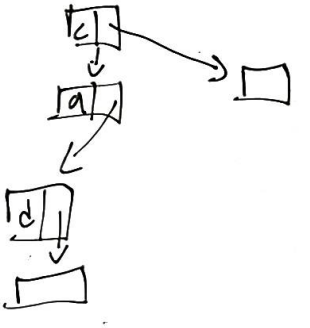
- Check each digit in turn, walk down the tree, keep track of most recent blue thing.
- If next is not there, return current word.

Tries:

- good performance character-based operations.
- Very memory hungry!

Child Link Optimizations:

- previously, all children were arrays.
- How about using a map?



Ternary Search Trees

Insert "sam", Insert "sad", Insert "sap", Insert "sam", Insert "a"

every node has exactly 3 links