

Experiment-3.2

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Aim- Backtracking: Implement the problems based on Backtracking.

Objectives- The objective of this experiment is to understand the concept of backtracking.

Problem1: https://www.hackerrank.com/challenges/crossword-puzzle/problem?isFullScreen=true&h_l=interview&playlist_slugs%5B%5D=interview-preparation-kit&playlist_slugs%5B%5D=recursion-backtracking

Problem2: https://www.hackerrank.com/challenges/ctci-recursive-staircase/problem?h_l=interview&isFullScreen=false&playlist_slugs%5B%5D=interview-preparation-kit&playlist_slugs%5B%5D=recursion-backtracking

Description-

Backtracking is a problem-solving algorithmic technique that involves finding a solution incrementally by trying **different options** and **undoing** them if they lead to a **dead end**. It is commonly used in situations where you need to explore multiple possibilities to solve a problem, like searching for a path in a maze or solving puzzles like Sudoku. When a dead end is reached, the algorithm backtracks to the previous decision point and explores a different path until a solution is found or all possibilities have been exhausted.

Types of Backtracking Problems

Problems associated with backtracking can be categorized into 3 categories:

- **Decision Problems:** Here, we search for a feasible solution.

- **Optimization Problems:** For this type, we search for the best solution.
- **Enumeration Problems:** We find set of all possible feasible solutions to the problems of this type.

Code:

1.

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1  #include <cassert>
2  #include <cmath>
3  #include <cstdio>
4  #include <vector>
5  #include <iostream>
6  #include <algorithm>
7  using namespace std;
8
9  struct Gap
10 {
11      Gap(int x, int y, int l, bool acr) : row(x), col(y), len(l), across(acr) {}
12
13      int row;
14      int col;
15      int len;
16      bool across;
17 };
18
19 bool operator==(const Gap& lhs, const Gap& rhs)
20 {
21     return ((lhs.row == rhs.row) &&
22             (lhs.col == rhs.col) &&
23             (lhs.len == rhs.len) &&
24             (lhs.across == rhs.across));
25 }
26
27 ostream& operator<<(ostream& os, const Gap& g)
28 {
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29     return os << "{" << g.row << ", " << g.col << ", " << g.len << ", " << g.across << "}";
30 }
31
32 pair<vector<vector<char>>, bool> solve(vector<vector<char>> M, vector<Gap> g,
vector<string> w)
33 {
34     if (w.empty())
35         return make_pair(M, true);
36
37     // Over all gaps
38     for (int i = 0; i < g.size(); ++i)
39     {
40         // Try every remaining word
41         for (int j = 0; j < w.size(); ++j)
42         {
43             Gap gg = g[i];
44             if (gg.len != w[j].size())
45                 continue;
46
47             // Make a copy of M
48             vector<vector<char>> MM = M;
49
50             // Every character of the gap
51             if (gg.across)
52             {
53                 bool success = true;
54                 for (int k = 0; k < gg.len; ++k)
55                 {

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238     assert(gaps[3] == Gap(0, 1, 3, false));
239     assert(gaps[4] == Gap(4, 1, 2, false));
240     assert(gaps[5] == Gap(0, 3, 3, false));
241 }
242
243 vector<vector<char>> M(10, vector<char>(10, ' '));
244 for (int i = 0; i < 10; ++i)
245     for (int j = 0; j < 10; ++j)
246         cin >> M[i][j];
247
248 vector<Gap> gaps = find_gaps(M);
249
250 string words;
251 cin >> words;
252 vector<string> w = vectorize(words);
253
254 pair<vector<vector<char>>, bool> x = solve(M, gaps, w);
255 if (x.second == true)
256 {
257     vector<vector<char>>& m = x.first;
258     for (auto v : m)
259     {
260         for (auto c : v)
261             cout << c;
262         cout << endl;
263     }
264 }
265 }
266

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Language

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1  #include <bits/stdc++.h>
2  #define MOD 10000000007
3  using namespace std;
4  int dp[100001], n;
5
6  int count_paths(int i) {
7
8      if(i == 0)
9          return 1;
10     if(i < 0)
11         return 0;
12     if(dp[i] != -1)
13         return dp[i];
14     dp[i] = count_paths(i - 1) % MOD;
15     dp[i] = (dp[i] + count_paths(i - 2)) % MOD;
16     dp[i] = (dp[i] + count_paths(i - 3)) % MOD;
17     return dp[i];
18 }
19
20 int main() {
21
22     int t;
23     cin >> t;
24     assert(t >= 1 and t <= 5);
25     for(int i = 0; i < t; i++) {
26
27         cin >> n;
28         assert(n >= 1 and n <= 100000);
29         memset(dp, -1, sizeof dp);
30         int ans = count_paths(n);
31         cout << ans << endl;
32     }
33     return 0;
34 }
35
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Outcome-

Problem 1 outcome

Congratulations!

You have passed the sample test cases. Click the submit button to run your code against all the test cases.

✓ **Sample Test case 0**

✓ Sample Test case 1

✓ Sample Test case 2

Input (stdin) Download

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2	+-----+
3	+-----+
4	+-----+
5	+-----+
6	+-----+
7	+-----+
8	+-----+
9	+-----+
10	+-----+
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Problem 2 Outcome

Congratulations!

You have passed the sample test cases. Click the submit button to run your code against all the test cases.

✓ **Sample Test case 0**

✓ Sample Test case 1

✓ Sample Test case 2

Input (stdin) Download

1	3
2	1
3	3
4	7

Your Output (stdout)

1	1
2	4
3	44

Expected Output Download

Learning Outcomes-

1. Learnt about the backtracking.
2. Learnt about staircase and crossword problems.