

COMP9101 Ass03

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1. Boolean operators NAND and NOR are defined as follows

NAND	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>
<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>

NOR	<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>

You are given a boolean expression consisting of a string of the symbols *true*, *false*, separated by operators AND, OR, NAND and NOR but without any parentheses. Count the number of ways one can put parentheses in the expression such that it will evaluate to *true*. (20 pts)

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In order to solve this problem, we may use dynamic programming to solve this problem.

Suppose we have $T(i, j)$, which means we have the number of ways to parenthesize the symbols from i to j to get TRUE result. The same for $F(i, j)$, we have the number of ways to parenthesize the symbols from i to j to get FALSE result.

For the base case, we use `cur_sym` to show the result of current symbol, therefore,

When `cur_sym[i] == True`, obviously $T[i][i] = 1$, $F[i][i] = 0$;

When `cur_sym[i] == False`, obviously $F[i][i] = 0$, $F[i][i] = 1$;

For $T(i, j)$, the problem can be divide into the sub-problem $T(i, k)$ and $T(k+1, j)$, $k \in [i, j]$;

For $F(i, j)$, the problem can be divide into the sub-problem $F(i, k)$ and $F(k+1, j)$, $k \in [i, j]$;

Suppose the symbol is "AND":

In order to get the TRUE result, the result of each sub-problem should be TRUE

Therefore the $T(i, j) = T(i, k) * T(k+1, j)$, which $k \in [i, j]$;

Suppose the symbol is "OR":

In order to get TRUE result, at least one of sub-problem should be TRUE is enough

Both TRUE: $T(i, j) \Rightarrow T(i, k) * T(k+1, j)$, which $k \in [i, j]$;

One TRUE: $T(i, j) \Rightarrow T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * T(k+1, j)$, which $k \in [i, j]$;

Therefore the $T(i, j) = T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) + T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * T(k+1, j)$, which $k \in [i, j]$;

Suppose the symbol is "NAND":

According to the definition, only TRUE NAND TRUE will get the False, all other situations will get the TRUE, therefore the result show below:

$T(i, j) = F(i, k) * T(k+1, j) + T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * F(k+1, j)$;

Suppose the symbol is "NOR":

According to the definition, only TRUE NAND TRUE will get the TRUE;

Therefore $T(i, j) = F(i, k) * F(k+1, j)$;

Therefore the recursion show below:

$$T(i, j) = \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \begin{cases} T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = AND \\ T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) + T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * T(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = OR \\ F(i, k) * T(k+1, j) + T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * F(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = NAND \\ F(i, k) * F(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = NOR \end{cases}$$

The same for $F(i, j)$, we can get the recursion show below:

$$F(i, j) = \sum_{k=i}^{j-1} \begin{cases} T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) + T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * F(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = AND \\ T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = OR \\ T(i, k) * F(k+1, j) + F(i, k) * T(k+1, j) + T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = NOR \\ T(i, k) * T(k+1, j) & cur_{sym[k]} = NAND \end{cases}$$

Therefore we can count the number of TRUE result by $T(i, j)$ show above.