
Competitive Training Camp

Lecture 7

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Overview: Strings

- String Hashing
- Rabin-Karp
- Longest Common Prefix (LCP)

String Hashing: Main Idea

$$\begin{aligned}\text{hash}(s) &= s[0] + s[1] \cdot p + s[2] \cdot p^2 + \dots + s[n-1] \cdot p^{n-1} \mod m \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} s[i] \cdot p^i \mod m,\end{aligned}$$

String Hashing: Implementation

```
long long compute_hash(string const& s) {  
    const int p = 31;  
    const int m = 1e9 + 9;  
    long long hash_value = 0;  
    long long p_pow = 1;  
    for (char c : s) {  
        hash_value = (hash_value + (c - 'a' + 1) * p_pow) % m;  
        p_pow = (p_pow * p) % m;  
    }  
    return hash_value;  
}
```

Example Problem

- Given a list of n strings s_i , each no longer than m characters, find all the duplicate strings and divide them into groups.

Solution

```
vector<vector<int>>
group_identical_strings(vector<string> const& s) {
    int n = s.size();
    vector<pair<long long, int>> hashes(n);
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
        hashes[i] = {compute_hash(s[i]), i};
    sort(hashes.begin(), hashes.end());
```

Solution

```
vector<vector<int>> groups;
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    if (i == 0 ||
        hashes[i].first != hashes[i-1].first)
        groups.emplace_back();
    groups.back().push_back(hashes[i].second);
}
return groups;
}
```

Fast hash calculation of substrings of given string

- Given a string s and indices i and j , find the hash of the substring $s[i \dots j]$.

Solution

$$\text{hash}(s[i \dots j]) = \sum_{k=i}^j s[k] \cdot p^{k-i} \mod m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hash}(s[i \dots j]) \cdot p^i &= \sum_{k=i}^j s[k] \cdot p^k \mod m \\ &= \text{hash}(s[0 \dots j]) - \text{hash}(s[0 \dots i-1]) \mod m \end{aligned}$$

Applications

- **Rabin-Karp** algorithm for pattern matching in a string in $O(n)$ time.
- Calculating the *number of different substrings* of a string in $O(n^2 \log n)$

Determine the number of different substrings in a string

- Given a string s of length n , consisting only of lowercase English letters, find the *number of different substrings* in this string.

Solution

```
int count_unique_substrings(string const& s) {  
    int n = s.size();  
    const int p = 31;  
    const int m = 1e9 + 9;  
    vector<long long> p_pow(n);  
    p_pow[0] = 1;  
    for (int i = 1; i < n; i++)  
        p_pow[i] = (p_pow[i-1] * p) % m;  
    vector<long long> h(n + 1, 0);  
    for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)  
        h[i+1] = (h[i] + (s[i] - 'a' + 1) * p_pow[i]) % m;  
}
```

Solution (con't)

```
int cnt = 0;
for (int l = 1; l <= n; l++) {
    set<long long> hs;
    for (int i = 0; i <= n - l; i++) {
        long long cur_h = (h[i + l] + m - h[i]) % m;
        cur_h = (cur_h * p_pow[n-i-1]) % m;
        hs.insert(cur_h);
    }
    cnt += hs.size();
}
return cnt;
}
```

Rabin-Karp (1987): Problem

- Given two strings - a pattern s and a text t , determine if the pattern appears in the text and if it does, enumerate all its occurrences in $O(|s| + |t|)$ time.

Rabin-Karp (1987): Main Idea

- Calculate the hash for the pattern s .
- Calculate hash values for all the prefixes of the text t .
- Now, we can compare a substring of length $|s|$ with s in constant time using the calculated hashes.
- So, compare each substring of length $|s|$ with the pattern.
- This will take a total of $O(|t|)$ time.
- Hence the final complexity of the algorithm is $O(|t| + |s|)$
 - $O(|s|)$ is required for calculating the hash of the pattern and;
 - $O(|t|)$ for comparing each substring of length $|s|$ with the pattern.

Rabin-Karp: Implementation

```
vector<int> rabin_karp(string const& s,  
                      string const& t) {  
    const int p = 31;  
    const int m = 1e9 + 9;  
    int S = s.size(), T = t.size();  
    vector<long long> p_pow(max(S, T));  
    p_pow[0] = 1;  
    for (int i = 1; i < (int)p_pow.size(); i++)  
        p_pow[i] = (p_pow[i-1] * p) % m;
```

Rabin-Karp: Implementation

```
vector<long long> h(T + 1, 0);  
for (int i = 0; i < T; i++)  
    h[i+1] = (h[i] + (t[i] - 'a' + 1) * p_pow[i]) % m;  
long long h_s = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < S; i++)  
    h_s = (h_s + (s[i] - 'a' + 1) * p_pow[i]) % m;
```

Rabin-Karp: Implementation

```
vector<int> occurrences;  
for (int i = 0; i + S - 1 < T; i++) {  
    long long cur_h = (h[i+S] + m - h[i]) % m;  
    if (cur_h == h_s * p_pow[i] % m)  
        occurrences.push_back(i);  
}  
return occurrences;  
}
```

Longest Common Prefix (LCP)

- For a given string s , we want to compute the longest common prefix (**LCP**) of two arbitrary suffixes with position i and j .
- We can use **suffix array** and **Kasai's algorithm** to compute this in **$O(n)$** .

Example Problems

- Finding a substring in a string.
- Comparing two substrings of a string.
- Number of different substrings.