

CS106X Practice Midterm Solution

Solution 1: Word Ladders, Take II

a.

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static Vector<string> reconstruct(const string& start, const string& finish,
                                const Map<string, string>& predecessors) {
    Stack<string> inverted; // could have been a Vector as well
    string rung = finish;

    while (true) {
        inverted.push(rung);
        if (rung == start) break;
        rung = predecessors[rung];
    }

    Vector<string> ladder;
    while (!inverted.isEmpty()) {
        ladder += inverted.pop();
    }
    return ladder;
}
```

b.

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static Vector<string> generateShortestWordLadder(const string& start,
                                                const string& finish,
                                                const Lexicon& english) {

    Map<string, string> predecessors;
    Queue<string> queue;
    queue.enqueue(start);
    predecessors[start] = "";
    while (!queue.isEmpty()) {
        string endpoint = queue.dequeue();
        if (endpoint == finish)
            return reconstruct(start, finish, predecessors);
        Vector<string> neighbors = generateAllNeighbors(endpoint, english);
        for (const string& neighbor: neighbors) {
            if (!predecessors.containsKey(neighbor)) {
                predecessors[neighbor] = endpoint;
                queue.enqueue(neighbor);
            }
        }
    }

    return Vector<string>();
}
```

Solution 2: Autocorrect

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static void ls(const string& prefix, const string& suffix,
              const Lexicon& english, const Map<char, string>& map, int max) {
    if (max < 0 || !english.containsPrefix(prefix)) return;
    if (suffix.empty()) {
        if (english.contains(prefix)) cout << prefix << endl;
        return;
    }

    string rest = suffix.substr(1);
    ls(prefix + suffix[0], rest, english, map, max);
    for (char ch: map[suffix[0]]) {
        ls(prefix + ch, rest, english, map, max - 1);
    }
}

static void ls(const string& str, const Lexicon& english,
              const Map<char, string>& alternatives, int maxChanges) {
    ls("", str, english, alternatives, maxChanges);
}

```

Solution 3: Valency

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static bool findCircle(const Grid<int>& valencies, int& row, int& col) {
    for (row = 0; row < valencies.numRows(); row++) {
        for (col = 0; col < valencies.numCols(); col++) {
            if (valencies[row][col] > 0) return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}

static bool solve(const Grid<int>& originals, Grid<int>& valencies,
                 Map<connection, int>& connections) {
    int row, col;
    if (!findCircle(valencies, row, col)) return true;

    coord location = {row, col};
    Set<coord> candidates = getCandidates(location, originals);
    valencies[row][col]--;
    for (const coord& candidate: candidates) {
        if (valencies[candidate.row][candidate.col] == 0) continue;
        valencies[candidate.row][candidate.col]--;
        if (solve(originals, valencies, connections)) {
            connection conn = { location, candidate };
            connections[conn]++;
            return true;
        }
        valencies[candidate.row][candidate.col]++;
    }
    valencies[row][col]++;
    return false;
}

static bool solve(Grid<int>& valencies, Map<connection, int>& connections) {
    Grid<int> originals = valencies;
    return solve(originals, valencies, connections);
}

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