CS35X: Competitive Programming

Lecture 4: Dictionaries

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Warmup Kattis Problem: reduplikation

Problem debrief: icoudlhavewon

Git repo configuration

STL pair class

- **maintain two things at once!**

```
#include <pair>                          // include pair library
pair<string,int> foo;                    // create pair object
foo.first = “hello!”;                    // set first item to “hello!”
foo.second = 17;                         // set second item to 17;
pair<int, string> bar(44,”science”);  // direct initialization
```

Dictionary ADT

- Maintain collection of (***key***, ***value***) pairs.
- Support the following operations:
  - Initialize an empty dictionary.
  - **Insert** a new (***key***, ***value***) pair.
  - Given a key, update its value.
  - Given a key, **get** and return its value.
  - Check to see if a key is present in the dictionary.
  - **Remove** a (***key***, ***value***) pair from dictionary.
- CS35 implementations: **BST** *(weeks 7-8)*, **Hash Table** *(week 10)*

Example Syntax

```
#include <map>
map<string,int> my_dict;          // create empty dictionary
my_dict[“a”] = 1;                 // insert (“a”,1) into my_dict
my_dict[“a”] = 2;                 // update value of “a” to 2
int a_val = my_dict[“a”];         // use array-like syntax to get values!
if(my_dict.count(“b”)) {          // returns 1 if “b” in dictionary; 0 otherwise.
    my_dict[“b”] +=2;
}
my_dict.erase(“a”);               // delete (key,value) pair associated with “a
for(const auto &mypair:my_dict) { // iterate over (key,value pairs)
   cout << my pair.first << end;
}
```

Implementation Details

- Definitely use the builtin dictionaries!
- Dictionaries can be implemented by a hash map or a binary search tree.
- **Hashmap** aka **hash table**:
  - Works by assigning each key to an array index based on a *hash function*.
  - **O(1)** time operations in practice.
  - C++ STL class: `unordered_map`
- Binary Search Tree aka BST:
  - Arranges keys in a tree according to some ordering.
  - **O(log n)** time operations for balanced BSTs.
  - C++ STL class: `map`
- BSTs support `predecessor` and `successor` ops.
- In practice both classes have fast ops. For ICPC problems map sometimes faster.

Exercise:
read fish from file,
maintain count of frequencies

Kattis Problem: oddmanout