

## Problem Tutorial: “Kilk”

WLOG assume  $x \leq y$ . It's not hard to compute the smallest possible length of the longest substring consisting of equal letters: in fact, it is  $k = l(x, y) = \left\lfloor \frac{x+y}{x+1} \right\rfloor$ .

Let's fix some value of  $k$  and find the required number of strings for all pairs  $(x, y)$  such that  $l(x, y) = k$ . Let  $a_k(x, y)$  be the number of strings that have  $x$  letters 'a' and  $y$  letters 'b', don't have substrings of equal letters of length more than  $k$ , and end with 'a'. Let  $b_k(x, y)$  be defined similarly, except that here we count strings ending with 'b'. Then, the answer for a pair  $(x, y)$  is  $a_{f(x,y)}(x, y) + b_{f(x,y)}(x, y)$ .

Trying all possible lengths of the substring of equal letters at the end of the string, we get the following formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad a_k(x, y) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\min(k, x)} b_k(x-i, y); \\ \bullet \quad b_k(x, y) &= \sum_{i=1}^{\min(k, y)} a_k(x, y-i). \end{aligned}$$

Computed in a straightforward way, we can compute the answers for all pairs  $(x, y)$  with  $x, y \leq n$  in  $O(n^4)$ .

We can use the following two optimizations to speed it up to  $O(n^2 \log n)$ :

- use prefix sums to find  $a_k(x, y)$  faster, or just notice that  $a_k(x, y) = a_k(x-1, y) + b_k(x-1, y) - b_k(x-1-k, y)$  (almost follows from the definition);
- note that we only need  $x \leq \frac{2n}{k}$ , therefore, the number of interesting DP states is about  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2n^2}{k} = O(n^2 \log n)$ .

Time limit is a bit (unnecessarily) strict, so one needs to be careful with implementation.