

- 194 (pattern search) Let *subject* and *pattern* be two texts. Write a program to do the following. If *pattern* occurs somewhere within *subject*, natural variable *h* is assigned to indicate the beginning of its first occurrence
- (a) using any string operators given in Section [2.2](#).
 - (b) using string indexing and string length, but no other string operators.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ It might be best to strengthen the specification to provide an indication if *pattern* does not occur anywhere in *subject* , but I'll stick with the question as asked.

(a) using any string operators given in Section 2.2.

§ Define specifications *P* and *Q* as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
P &= \quad \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} \leq \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} \\
&\quad \wedge (\exists i: 0, \dots, \#\text{subject} - \#\text{pattern} \cdot \text{subject}_{i, \dots, i + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern}) \\
&\Rightarrow \quad \text{subject}_{h', \dots, h' + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern} \\
&\quad \wedge \neg(\exists i: 0, \dots, h' \cdot \text{subject}_{i, \dots, i + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern}) \\
&\quad \wedge t' \leq t + \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} - \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}
\end{aligned}$$

P says if there is room for *pattern* in *subject* , and if *pattern* does occur somewhere in there, then make *h'* be the starting index of its first occurrence, and the time is bounded by the length of *subject* minus the length of *pattern* .

$$\begin{aligned}
Q &= \quad h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} \leq \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} \\
&\quad \wedge (\exists i: h, \dots, \#\text{subject} - \#\text{pattern} \cdot \text{subject}_{i, \dots, i + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern}) \\
&\Rightarrow \quad \text{subject}_{h', \dots, h' + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern} \\
&\quad \wedge \neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \cdot \text{subject}_{i, \dots, i + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern}) \\
&\quad \wedge t' \leq t + \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} - \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} - h
\end{aligned}$$

Q says if there is room for *pattern* in *subject* starting at index *h* , and if *pattern* does occur somewhere in there, then make *h'* be the starting index of its first occurrence, and the time is bounded by the length of *subject* minus the length of *pattern* minus *h* .

The refinements, including recursive time, are as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
P &\Leftarrow h := 0. Q \\
Q &\Leftarrow \text{if } h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} > \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} \text{ then ok} \\
&\quad \text{else if } \text{subject}_{h, \dots, h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern} \text{ then ok} \\
&\quad \text{else } h := h + 1. t := t + 1. Q \text{ fi fi}
\end{aligned}$$

The proofs are as follows. First the *P* refinement.

$$\begin{aligned}
&h := 0. Q && \text{expand } Q, \text{ substitution law} \\
= &P
\end{aligned}$$

Now the *Q* refinement by cases. There are three cases. First case:

$$\begin{aligned}
&Q \Leftarrow h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} > \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} \wedge \text{ok} && \text{replace } Q \text{ and } \text{ok} \\
= & \left(\begin{aligned} &h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} \leq \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} \\ &\wedge (\exists i: h, \dots, \#\text{subject} - \#\text{pattern} \cdot \text{subject}_{i, \dots, i + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern}) \\ &\Rightarrow \quad \text{subject}_{h', \dots, h' + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern} \\ &\quad \wedge \neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \cdot \text{subject}_{i, \dots, i + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern}) \\ &\quad \wedge t' \leq t + \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} - \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} - h \end{aligned} \right. \\
&\Leftarrow h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} > \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} \wedge h' = h \wedge t' = t && \text{use antecedent as context in consequent} \\
= & \left(\begin{aligned} &\perp \\ &\wedge (\exists i: h, \dots, \#\text{subject} - \#\text{pattern} \cdot \text{subject}_{i, \dots, i + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern}) \\ &\Rightarrow \quad \text{subject}_{h, \dots, h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern}} = \text{pattern} \\ &\quad \wedge \neg \perp \\ &\quad \wedge t \leq t + \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} - \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} - h \end{aligned} \right. \\
&\Leftarrow h + \Leftrightarrow \text{pattern} > \Leftrightarrow \text{subject} \wedge h' = h \wedge t' = t && \text{base}
\end{aligned}$$

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Middle case:

$Q \Leftarrow h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \wedge subject_{h;..h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern \wedge ok$
replace Q and ok

= ($h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$
 $\wedge (\exists i: h,.. \#subject - \#pattern \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\Rightarrow subject_{h';..h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern$
 $\wedge \neg(\exists i: h,..h' \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject - \leftrightarrow pattern - h)$
 $\Leftarrow h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \wedge subject_{h;..h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern \wedge h'=h \wedge t'=t$
use antecedent as context in consequent

= (\top
 $\wedge (\exists i: h,.. \#subject - \#pattern \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\Rightarrow \top$
 $\wedge \neg(\exists i: h,..h \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\wedge t \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject - \leftrightarrow pattern - h)$
 $\Leftarrow h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \wedge subject_{h;..h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern \wedge h'=h \wedge t'=t$
 $h,..h$ is null and $t \leq t +$ (nonnegative)

= (\top
 $\wedge (\exists i: h,.. \#subject - \#pattern \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\Rightarrow \top \wedge \top \wedge \top$
 $\Leftarrow h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \wedge subject_{h;..h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern \wedge h'=h \wedge t'=t$ base

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Last case:

$Q \Leftarrow h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \wedge subject_{h;..h+\leftrightarrow pattern} \neq pattern$
 $\wedge (h := h+1. t := t+1. Q)$

replace Q twice and substitution law twice

= ($h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$
 $\wedge (\exists i: h,.. \#subject - \#pattern \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\Rightarrow subject_{h';..h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern$
 $\wedge \neg(\exists i: h,..h' \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject - \leftrightarrow pattern - h)$
 $\Leftarrow h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$
 $\wedge subject_{h;..h+\leftrightarrow pattern} \neq pattern$
 $\wedge ($
 $h + 1 + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$
 $\wedge (\exists i: h+1,.. \#subject - \#pattern \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\Rightarrow subject_{h';..h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern$
 $\wedge \neg(\exists i: h+1,..h' \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$
 $\wedge t' \leq t + 1 + \leftrightarrow subject - \leftrightarrow pattern - h - 1)$

in last line simplify 1-1 ; portation

= $h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$ (0)
 $\wedge subject_{h;..h+\leftrightarrow pattern} \neq pattern$ (1)
 $\wedge ($
 $h + 1 + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$ (2)
 $\wedge (\exists i: h+1,.. \#subject - \#pattern \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$ (3)
 $\Rightarrow subject_{h';..h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern$ (4)
 $\wedge \neg(\exists i: h+1,..h' \cdot subject_{i;..i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$ (5)
 $\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject - \leftrightarrow pattern - h)$ (6)
 $\wedge h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$ (7)

$$\wedge (\exists i: h, \dots, \#subject\#pattern \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern) \quad (8)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h \quad (9)$$

$$\Rightarrow subject_{h', \dots, h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern \quad (10)$$

$$\wedge \neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern) \quad (11)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h \quad (12)$$

Line (1) is context for line (5) so line (5) can say $\neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \dots)$.

Line (1) is also context for line (8) so line (8) can say $(\exists i: h+1, \dots, \#subject\#pattern \dots)$.

Line (7) duplicates line (0).

$$= h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \quad (13)$$

$$\wedge subject_{h, \dots, h+\leftrightarrow pattern} \neq pattern \quad (14)$$

$$\wedge (h + 1 + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \quad (15)$$

$$\wedge (\exists i: h+1, \dots, \#subject\#pattern \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern) \quad (16)$$

$$\Rightarrow subject_{h', \dots, h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern \quad (17)$$

$$\wedge \neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern) \quad (18)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h) \quad (19)$$

$$\wedge (\exists i: h+1, \dots, \#subject\#pattern \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern) \quad (20)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h \quad (21)$$

$$\Rightarrow subject_{h', \dots, h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern \quad (22)$$

$$\wedge \neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern) \quad (23)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h \quad (24)$$

Line (20) is context for line (16).

The domain in line (20) also implies line (15).

$$= h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$$

$$\wedge subject_{h, \dots, h+\leftrightarrow pattern} \neq pattern$$

$$\wedge (\top$$

$$\wedge \top$$

$$\Rightarrow subject_{h', \dots, h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern$$

$$\wedge \neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h)$$

$$\wedge (\exists i: h+1, \dots, \#subject\#pattern \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h$$

$$\Rightarrow subject_{h', \dots, h'+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern$$

$$\wedge \neg(\exists i: h, \dots, h' \cdot subject_{i, \dots, i+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern)$$

$$\wedge t' \leq t + \leftrightarrow subject \leftrightarrow pattern - h$$

base and specialization

$$= \top$$

(b) using string indexing and string length, but no other string operators.

§ The program in part (a) has only one string comparison, namely

$$subject_{h, \dots, h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern$$

To replace it with string indexing, introduce binary variable m (for match), and natural variable n . We need two more specifications.

$$R = h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject \Rightarrow m' = (subject_{h, \dots, h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern) \wedge h' = h$$

$$S = h \leq n \leq h + \leftrightarrow pattern \leq \leftrightarrow subject$$

$$\Rightarrow m' = (subject_{n, \dots, h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern_{n-h, \dots, \leftrightarrow pattern}) \wedge h' = h$$

Now the refinements.

$$R \Leftarrow n := h. S$$

$$S \Leftarrow \mathbf{if} \ n = h + \leftrightarrow pattern \ \mathbf{then} \ m := \top$$

$$\quad \mathbf{else \ if} \ subject_{n, \dots, h+\leftrightarrow pattern} = pattern_{n-h} \ \mathbf{then} \ n := n+1. S$$

$$\quad \mathbf{else} \ m := \perp \ \mathbf{fi \ fi}$$

And the proofs. First the R refinement.

$$\begin{aligned} & n:=h. S \\ = & R \end{aligned}$$

expand S , substitution law, simplify

Now the S refinement.

NOT YET DONE

Finally, recursive time, which counts the time for the string comparison.

NOT YET DONE

Now we put it all together, as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} P & \Leftarrow h:=0. Q \\ Q & \Leftarrow \mathbf{if} \ h + \leftrightarrow \mathit{pattern} > \leftrightarrow \mathit{subject} \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathit{ok} \\ & \quad \mathbf{else} \ R. \ \mathbf{if} \ m \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathit{ok} \\ & \quad \quad \mathbf{else} \ h:=h+1. \ Q \ \mathbf{fi} \ \mathbf{fi} \end{aligned}$$

We can optimize a little, by redefining S , and re-refining as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} P & \Leftarrow h:=0. Q \\ Q & \Leftarrow \mathbf{if} \ h + \leftrightarrow \mathit{pattern} > \leftrightarrow \mathit{subject} \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathit{ok} \\ & \quad \mathbf{else} \ n:=h. \ S \ \mathbf{fi} \\ S & \Leftarrow \mathbf{if} \ n = h + \leftrightarrow \mathit{pattern} \ \mathbf{then} \ \mathit{ok} \\ & \quad \mathbf{else} \ \mathbf{if} \ \mathit{subject}_n = \mathit{pattern}_{n-h} \ \mathbf{then} \ n:=n+1. \ S \\ & \quad \quad \mathbf{else} \ h:=h+1. \ Q \ \mathbf{fi} \ \mathbf{fi} \end{aligned}$$