

202 (space-free subtext) Given a text, write a program to find the longest subtext that does not include a space character “ ”.

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

§ Let the text be T . Let i , j , k , and l be natural variables. We shall maintain $0 \leq i \leq j \leq k \leq l \leq \#T$. Define R , A , and Q as follows.

$R = (T_{i;..j}$ is a longest space-free subtext of T)

$A = (T_{i;..j}$ is a longest space-free subtext of $T_{0;..k}$)

$\wedge (k > 0 \Rightarrow T_{k-1} = \text{" "})$

$\wedge (T_{k;..l}$ is space-free)

$Q = (T_{i;..j}$ is a longest space-free subtext of $T_{0;..l}) \wedge l' = l$

Now we refine.

$R \Leftarrow i := 0. j := 0. k := 0. l := 0. A \Rightarrow R$

$A \Rightarrow R \Leftarrow \text{if } l = \#T \text{ then } A \Rightarrow Q$

else if $T_l = \text{" "}$ **then** $A \Rightarrow Q. l := l + 1. k := l. A \Rightarrow R$

else $l := l + 1. A \Rightarrow R$ **fi fi**

$A \Rightarrow Q \Leftarrow \text{if } j - i < l - k \text{ then } i := k. j := l \text{ else ok fi}$

The time for R is $\#T$. The time for $A \Rightarrow R$ is $\#T - l$. The time for $A \Rightarrow Q$ is 0.

Proof: NOT YET WRITTEN