CS 240 – Data Structures and Data Management

Module 9: String Matching

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 - Suffix Arrays
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Pattern Matching Definitions

- Search for a string (pattern) in a large body of text
- T[0...n-1] text (or haystack) being searched
- P[0...m-1] pattern (or needle) being searched for
- Strings over alphabet Σ
- Convention: return the first occurrence of P in T
- Example

$$T=$$
 Little piglets cooked for mother pig
$$P= pig$$
 $p=100$ $p=10$ $p=10$

return smallest i (leftmost occurrence) such that

$$T[i+j] = P[j]$$
 for $0 \le j \le m-1$

- If *P* does not occur in *T*, return FAIL
- Applications
 - information retrieval (text editors, search engines), bioinformatics, data mining

More Definitions

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- Substring T[i...j] $0 \le i \le j+1 \le n$ is a string T[i], T[i+1], ..., T[j]
 - length is j i + 1
 - empty string included: T[i...i-1]
- Prefix of T is a substring T[0...i-1] of T for some $0 \le i \le n$
 - empty prefix included: T[0 ... 1]
- Suffix of T is a substring T[i...n-1] of T for some $0 \le i \le n$
 - empty suffix included: T[n ... n 1]
- lacktriangle The empty substring is usually denoted by Λ

General Idea of Algorithms

```
guess at i=0 guess at i=1 ... guess at i=6 guess at i=7 abbbababbab abbab abbab
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- Pattern matching algorithms consist of guesses and checks
 - a guess is a position i such that P might start at T[i]
 - valid guesses (initially) are $0 \le i \le n m$
 - a **check** of a guess is a single position j with $0 \le j < m$ where we compare T[i + j] to P[j]
 - must perform m checks of a single correct guess
 - may make fewer checks of an incorrect guess

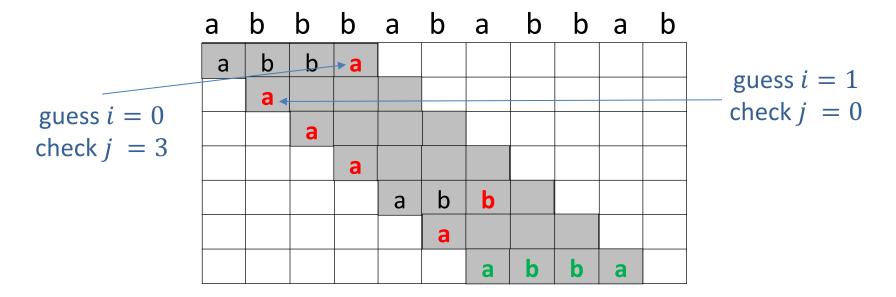
Diagrams for Matching

- Diagram single run of pattern matching algorithm by matrix of checks
 - each row represents a single guess
 - shaded in gray

a	b	b	b	a	b	a	b	b	a	b
а	b	b	а							

Brute-Force Algorithm: Example

Example: T = abbbababbab, P = abba



Brute-Force Algorithm: Running Time

a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a	a
а	а	а	b						
	а	а	а	p					
		а	а	а	q				
			а	а	а	b			
				a	а	а	q		
					а	а	а	q	
						а	а	а	b

- Worst possible input
 - $P = \underbrace{a \dots ab}_{m-1 \text{ times}}, T = \underbrace{aaaaaaaaa \dots aaaaaaa}_{m \text{ times}}$
- Perform (n-m+1)m checks, which is $\Theta((n-m)m)$
 - small m, say m = 5 runtime is $\Theta(n)$
 - medium m, say m=n/2: runtime is $\Theta(n^2)$
 - too slow!
 - large m, say m = n 5: runtime is $\Theta(n)$

Brute-force Algorithm

Checks every possible guess

```
Bruteforce::PatternMatching(T [0..n-1], P[0..m-1])
T: String of length n (text), P: String of length m (pattern)
for i \leftarrow 0 to n-m do

if strcmp(T, P, i, m) = 0

return "found at guess i"
return FAIL
```

• Note: strcmp takes $\Theta(m)$ time

```
strcmp(T, P, i \leftarrow 0, m \leftarrow P.size())
// compare m chars of T and P, starting at T[i]
for j \leftarrow 0 to m-1 do

if T[i+j] is before P[j] in \Sigma then return -1

if T[i+j] is after P[j] in \Sigma then return 1

return 0
```

Improvement via Preprocesing

- Preprocessing: do work on some parts of the input before pattern matching begins, so that pattern matching goes faster
- Two preprocessing options for pattern matching
 - Do preprocessing on pattern P
 - eliminate guesses based on preprocessing
 - Karp-Rabin
 - KMP
 - Boyer-Moore
 - 2. Do preprocessing on text T
 - create a data structure to find matches easily
 - Suffix-tree
 - Suffix-arrays

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Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm: Idea

- Idea: use hash values (called fingerprints) to eliminate guesses
 - function h: {strings of length m} \rightarrow {0, ..., M-1}
 - call these hash-function and table-size, but there is no dictionary here
 - insight: if $h(P) \neq h(guess)$ then guess **cannot** work
 - if h(P) = h(guess) verify with strcmp if pattern matches text
- Example: $\Sigma = \{0 9\}, P = 9\ 2\ 6\ 5\ 3, T = 3\ 1\ 4\ 1\ 5\ 9\ 2\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 5$
 - use standard hash-function for words with $R = |\Sigma|$ and M = 97
 - precompute $h(P) = h(9\ 2\ 6\ 5\ 3)$ = $(9 \cdot 10^4 + 2 \cdot 10^3 + 6 \cdot 10^2 + 5 \cdot 10^1 + 3)\ mod\ 97 = 18$

no strcmp fingerprint 84
no strcmp fingerprint 94
no strcmp fingerprint 76
do <i>strcmp</i> , false positive fingerprint 18
no strcmp fingerprint 95
do <i>strcmp</i> , found! fingerprint 18

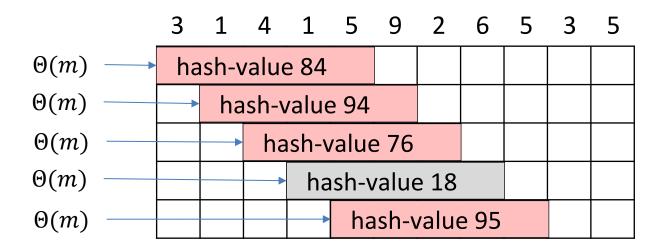
h(31415) = 84 h(14159) = 94 h(41592) = 76 h(15926) = 18 h(59265) = 95 h(9 2 6 5 3) = 18

Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – First Attempt

```
Karp-Rabin-Simple::patternMatching(T,P)
h_P \leftarrow h(P[0..m-1)])
for i \leftarrow 0 to n-m
h_T \leftarrow h(T[i...i+m-1])
if h_T = h_P
if strcmp(T,P,i,m) = 0
return "found at guess i"
return FAIL
```

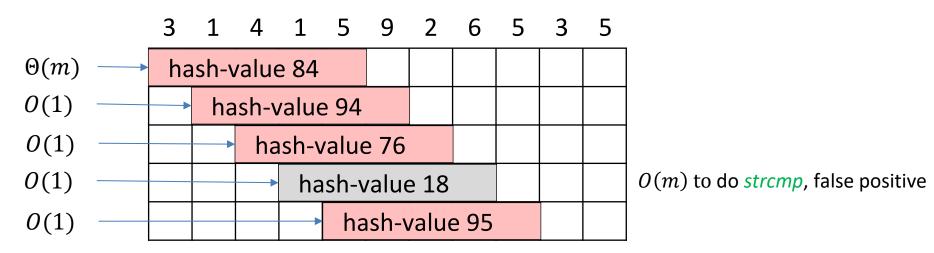
- Algorithm correctness: match is not missed
 - $h(T[i...i+m-1]) \neq h(P) \Rightarrow \text{guess } i \text{ is not } P$
- What about running time?

Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm: First Attempt



- For each guess, $\Theta(m)$ time to compute hash value
 - since h(T[i...i + m 1]) depends on all m characters
 - worse than brute-force!
 - it is possible for brute force matching to use less than $\Theta(m)$ per guess, as it stops at the first mismatched character
- n-m+1 guesses in text to check
- Total time is $\Theta(mn)$ if pattern not in text
 - how can we improve this?

Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm: Idea



- Idea: compute next hash from previous one in O(1) time
- O(n) guesses in text to check
- $\Theta(m)$ to compute the first hash value
- O(1) to compute all other hash values
 - consecutive guesses share m-1 characters
- $O(n + m + m \cdot \{\text{\#false positive}\})$ time
 - need to check if pattern matches text when hash values of text and pattern are equal
 - if hash function is good, whenever hash values are equal, pattern most likely matches text

Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Fast Rehash

- Can update fingerprint from previous one in O(1) time for some hash functions
- **Example:** T = 415926535
- Initialization of the algorithm
 - 1. compute first fingerprint: $h(41592) = 41592 \mod 97 = 76$
 - 2. also pre-compute $R^{m-1} \mod M$ (here $10000 \mod 97 = 9$)
- Main loop: repeatedly compute next hash from the previous one
- Example: from 41592 *mod* 97 compute 15926 *mod* 97
 - get rid of the old first digit and add new last digit

$$41592 \xrightarrow{-4 \cdot 10000} 1592 \xrightarrow{\times 10} 15920 \xrightarrow{+6} 15926$$

• Algebraically, $(41592 - (4 \cdot 10000)) \cdot 10 + 6 = 15926$

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Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Conclusion

```
Karp-Rabin-RollingHash::PatternMatching(T, P)
       M \leftarrow suitable prime number
       h_P \leftarrow h(P[0...m-1)])
        h_T \leftarrow h(T [0..m-1)])
       s \leftarrow R^{m-1} \mod M
        for i \leftarrow 0 to n-m
            if h_T = h_P
                 if strcmp(T, P, i, m) = 0
                         return "found at guess i"
            if i < n - m // compute fingerprint for next guess
                 h_T \leftarrow ((h_T - T[i] \cdot s) \cdot R + T[i + m]) \mod M
        return FAIL
```

- Choose "table size" M at random to be prime in $\{2, ..., mn^2\}$
- Analysis specific to the hash function in this pseudo-code
 - can show that expected running time is O(m+n)
 - ullet $\Theta(mn)$ worst-case, but this extremely is unlikely
 - improvement: reset M after false positive

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Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) Overview

KMP starts out similar to Brute-Force pattern matching

$$P = ababaca$$

T	С	а	b	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	
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		a	b	а	b	а	С				to the nex
	lo	ttor m	atcho	c that	tout n				- + - -		

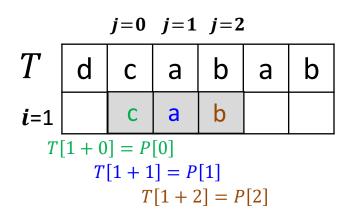
mismatch at the first pattern letter, discard current guess and move on to the next guess

letter matches the text, move on to the next check

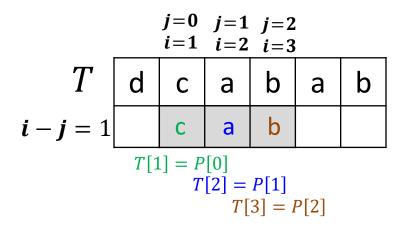
mismatch at pattern letter which is not the first pattern letter: do something smarter than brute-force

Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) Indexing

$$P = cab$$



- Brute-force indexing
 - indexes i and j
 - *j* is the position in the pattern
 - *i* is current guess
 - check: T[i+j] = P[j]



- KMP indexing
 - indexes i and j
 - *j* is the position in the pattern
 - *i* is text position where check happens
 - check: T[i] = P[j]
 - current guess is i j

Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) Derivation

$$P = ababaca$$

$$j=0$$
 $i=0$

T

С	а	b	а	b	а	а	b	а	b
а									

- KMP starts similar to brute force pattern matching
 - maintain variables i and j
 - *j* is the position in the pattern
 - i is the position in the text where we do the check
 - check is performed by determining if T[i] = P[j]
 - current guess is i j
- Begin matching with i = 0, j = 0
- If $T[i] \neq P[j]$ and j = 0, shift pattern by 1, same action as in brute-force
 - i = i + 1
 - *j* is unchanged
 - old guess: i j, new guess: i + 1 j
 - new guess increases by 1, i.e. pattern shifts by 1

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Motivation

$$P = ababaca$$

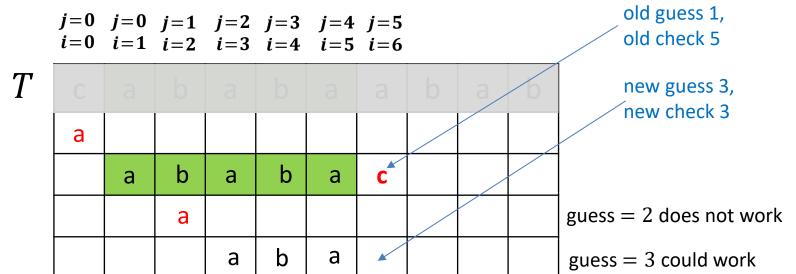
$$j=0$$
 $j=0$ $j=1$ $j=2$ $j=3$ $j=4$ $j=5$ $i=0$ $i=1$ $i=2$ $i=3$ $i=4$ $i=5$ $i=6$

T	С	а	b	а	b	а	а	b	а	b
	a									
		a	b	а	b	а	С			

- When T[i] = P[j], the action is to check the next letter, as in brute-force
 - i = i + 1
 - j = j + 1
 - guess was: i j, and it stays the same: (i + 1) (j + 1) = i j
 - pattern is not shifted
- Failure at text position i = 6, pattern position j = 5
- When failure is at pattern position j > 0, do something smarter than brute force

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Motivation

$$P = ababaca$$

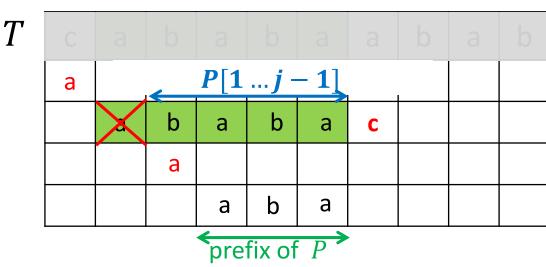


- When failure is at pattern position j > 0, do something smarter than brute force
- Prior to j = 5, pattern and text are equal
 - key observation: can find how to move pattern looking only at pattern
- If failure at j = 5, i stays the same, new j = 3
 - i stays the same because we will try to match the same text letter
 - old guess is i 5, new guess is i 3, so guess increased by 2
 - we skipped one guess and 3 character checks
 - can precompute the action of 'shift by 2 and skip 3 characters' before matching begins, from the pattern, do not need text for this computation

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Motivation

$$P = ababaca$$

$$j=0$$
 $j=0$ $j=1$ $j=2$ $j=3$ $j=4$ $j=5$ $i=0$ $i=1$ $i=2$ $i=3$ $i=4$ $i=5$ $i=6$

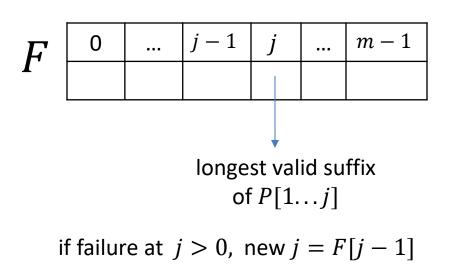


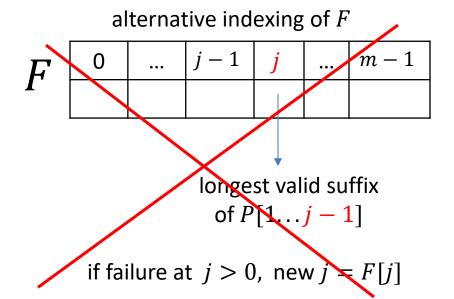
shift by 1 does not work shift by 2 could work

- If failure at j = 5: continue matching with the same i and new j = 3
 - precomputed from pattern before matching begins
- Rule for determining new j
 - find longest suffix of P[1 ... j 1] which is also prefix of P
 - call a suffix of P valid if it is a prefix of P
 - new j = length of the longest valid suffix of P[1 ... j 1]

KMP Failure Array Computation: Slow

- Rule: if failure at pattern index j > 0, continue matching with the same i and new j = the length of the longest valid suffix of P[1 ... j 1]
- Computed previously for j = 5, but need to compute for all j
- Store this information in array F[0...m-1], also called failure-function





KMP Failure Array Computation: Slow

- Rule: if failure at pattern index j > 0, continue matching with the same i and new j = the length of the longest valid suffix of P[1 ... j 1]
- Store the length of the longest valid suffix of P[1 ... j] in F[j]
- If failure at pattern index j > 0, new j = F[j-1]
- Important for efficiency: $F[j] \le j$
- P = ababaca

$_{m{F}}$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	0	1				

•
$$j = 0$$

- P[1...0] = "", P = ababaca, longest valid suffix is ""
 - F[0] = 0 for any pattern

- j = 1
 - P[1...1] = b, P = ababaca, longest valid suffix is ""
- j = 2
 - P[1...2] = ba, P = ababaca, longest valid suffix is a

KMP Failure Array Computation: Slow

• Store the length of the longest valid suffix of P[1 ... j] in F[j]

- P[1...3] = bab, P = ababaca, longest valid suffix is ab
- P[1 ... 4] = baba, P = ababaca, longest valid suffix is aba
- - P[1...5] = babac, P = ababaca, longest valid suffix is ""
- j = 6• P[1 ... 6] = babaca, P = ababaca, longest valid suffix is a
- Failure array is precomputed before matching starts
 - straightforward computation is $O(m^3)$ time

• j = 4

for
$$j=0$$
 to $m-1$ // go over all positions in the failure array for $i=1$ to j // go over all suffixes of $P[1...j]$ for $k=1$ to i // compare next suffix to prefix of P

String matching with KMP: Example

T = cabababcababaca, P = ababaca

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	0	1

F

i=0i=0

P:

	С	а	b	а	b	a	b	С	a	b	а	b	а	С	а
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rule 1

if T[i] = P[j]

- i = i + 1
- j = j + 1

rule 2

- i unchanged
- j = F[j-1]

rule 3

if $T[i] \neq P[j]$ and j > 0 if $T[i] \neq P[j]$ and j = 0

- i = i + 1
- *j* is unchanged

String matching with KMP: Example

T = cabababcababaca, P = ababaca

new j = 3

new i=2

new j=0

match!

F

$$j=0 \\
 j=3 - j=2$$

$$=0$$
 $j=0$ $j=1$ $j=2$ $j=3$ $j=4$ $\frac{j=5}{j=4}$ $j=5$

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<i>T</i> :	С	а	b	а	b	а	b	С	a	b	а	b	а	С	а	
<i>P</i> :	a															
		1	1	ı	1									1	1	1

):	a															
		а	b	а	b	а	С									
				(a)	(b)	(a)	b	a								
						(a)	(b)	а								
								a								
									а	b	а	b	а	С	а	
if	T[i]	=P[[j]			if <i>T</i> [i] \neq	P[j]	and	<i>j</i> >	0	if T	$[i] \neq$	P[j]	and	t

- i = i + 1
- j = j + 1

- If $T[i] \neq P[j]$ and j > 0
 - *i* unchanged
 - j = F[j-1]
- if $T|i| \neq P|j|$ and j=0
 - i = i + 1
 - *j* is unchanged

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm

```
KMP::pattern-matching(T, P)
      F \leftarrow compute-failure-array(P)
      i \leftarrow 0 // current character of T
      j \leftarrow 0 // current character of P
      while i < n do
            if P[j] = T[i]
                    if j = m - 1
                        return "found at guess i - m + 1"
                      // guess is equal to i - j
                    else // rule 1
                        i \leftarrow i + 1
                       j \leftarrow j + 1
            else // P[j] \neq T[i]
                    if j > 0
                           j \leftarrow F[j-1] // rule 2
                    else
                           i \leftarrow i + 1 // \text{ rule } 3
       return FAIL
```

KMP Running Time

j decreases

F	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
•						0	

$$j=0$$
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if
$$T[i] = P[j]$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[j]$$
 and $j > 0$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[j]$$
 and $j = 0$

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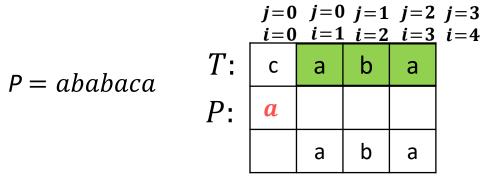
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$$j = j + 1$$

j decreases

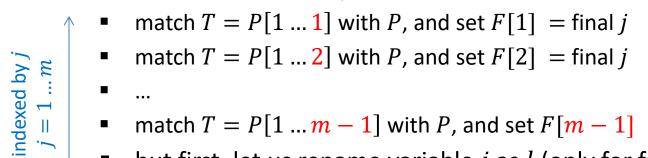
- For now, ignore the cost of computing failure array, will account for it later
- Have horizontal and vertical iterations
- At most n horizontal iterations
- i can increase at most n times $\rightarrow j$ can increase at most n times
- Total number of decreases of $j \le \text{total number of increases of } j \le n$
- At most n vertical iterations
- Each iteration is O(1), at most 2n iterations, total runtime is is O(n)

Fast Computation of F

- Failure array *F*
 - F[0] = 0, no need to compute
 - for j > 0, F[j] = length of the longest suffix of P[1...j] which is also prefix of P[i]
 - i.e. $F[j] = \text{longest valid suffix of } P[1 \dots j]$
- Crucial fact: after processing T, final value of j is longest valid suffix of T



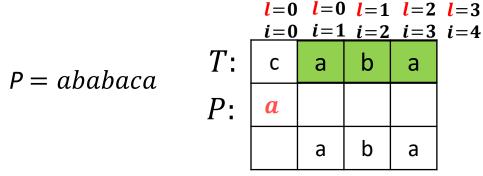
Use the crucial fact for computation of F



- match T = P[1 ... m 1] with P, and set F[m 1] = final j
- but first, let us rename variable j as l (only for failure array computation)
 - since j is already used for T = P[1 ... j]

Fast Computation of F

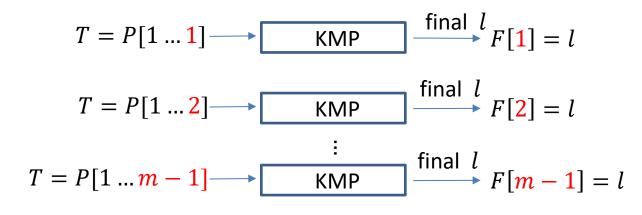
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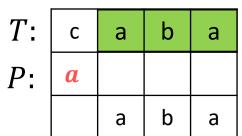
- Use the crucial fact for computation of F
 - match $T = P[1 \dots 1]$ with P, and set F[1] = final l
 - match $T = P[1 \dots 2]$ with P, and set F[2] = final l
 - **...**
 - match T = P[1 ... m 1] with P, and set F[m 1] = final l

Fast Computation of *F*

- \blacksquare P = ababaca
- Useful fact
 - after processing T, final value of l is longest valid suffix of T
- Failure array *F*
 - for j > 0, F[j] = length of the longest validsuffix of P[1...j]
- Big idea



$$l=0$$
 $l=0$ $l=1$ $l=2$ $l=3$ $i=0$ $i=1$ $i=2$ $i=3$ $i=4$



'chicken and egg' problem with big idea: need F to put text through KMP

Fast Computation of F: Big Idea Saved

if failure at l > 0, l = F[l - 1]

•
$$j = 1$$

$$T = P[1 \dots 1] \longrightarrow \text{KMP} \xrightarrow{\text{final } l} F[1] = l$$

- start with l=0
- text has one letter, KMP can reach at most l=1
- need at most F[0], and already have it as F[0] is always 0

•
$$j = 2$$

$$T = P[1 \dots 2] \longrightarrow \text{KMP} \xrightarrow{\text{final } l} F[2] = l$$

- start with l=0
- text has two letters, can reach at most l=2
- need at most F[0], F[1], already computed at previous iteration

•
$$j = m - 1$$
 $T = P[1 \dots m - 1]$ KMP final l $F[m - 1] = l$

- start with l=0
- text has m-1 letters, can reach at most l=m-1
- need at most F[0], F[1], ..., F[m-2], already computed at previous iterations

Fast Computation of F: Big Idea Made Bigger

• Cost of passing P[1 ... 1], P[1 ... 2], ..., P[1 ... m - 1] through KMP is equal to the cost of passing just P[1 ... m - 1] through KMP

- Process T = P[1 ... j], F[j] = final l
- P = ababaca
- Initialize F[0] = 0

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0						

\boldsymbol{F}	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0						

- Process $T = P[1 \dots j], F[j] = \text{final } l$
- P = ababaca
- j = 1, T = P[1 ... j] = b

$$\begin{array}{ll}
l=0 & l=0 \\
i=0 & i=1
\end{array}$$

T:	b					
<i>P</i> :	a					

if
$$T[i] = P[l]$$

$$i = i + 1$$

•
$$l = l + 1$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l > 0$

i unchanged

•
$$l = F[l-1]$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l = 0$

• i = i + 1

 $oldsymbol{l}$ is unchanged

3

- Process T = P[1 ... j], F[j] = final l
- P = ababaca
- j = 2, T = P[1 ... j] = ba

$$l=0$$
 $l=0$ $l=1$ $i=0$ $i=1$ $i=2$

T:	b	а					
<i>P</i> :	a						
		а					

if
$$T[i] = P[l]$$
• $i = i + 1$

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$$l = l + 1$$

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$$l = F[l-1]$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l = 0$

- i = i + 1
- l is unchanged

3

- Process $T = P[1 \dots j]$, F[j] = final l
- P = ababaca
- j = 3, T = P[1 ... j] = bab

$$l=0$$
 $l=0$ $l=1$ $l=2$ $i=0$ $i=1$ $i=2$ $i=3$

T:	b	а	b				
<i>P</i> :	a						
		а	b				

if
$$T[i] = P[l]$$
• $i = i + 1$

•
$$l = l + 1$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l > 0$

i unchanged

•
$$l = F[l-1]$$

if $T[i] \neq P[l]$ and l = 0

- i = i + 1
- l is unchanged

3

- Process T = P[1 ... j], F[j] = final l
- P = ababaca
- j = 4, T = P[1 ... j] = baba

$$l=0$$
 $l=0$ $l=1$ $l=2$ $l=3$ $i=0$ $i=1$ $i=2$ $i=3$ $i=4$

' :	b	а	b	а				
) . :	a							
		а	b	а				

if T[i] = P[l]• i = i + 1

P

• l = l + 1

if $T[i] \neq P[l]$ and l > 0

i unchanged

• l = F[l-1]

if $T[i] \neq P[l]$ and l = 0

• i = i + 1

 $oldsymbol{l}$ is unchanged

3

- Process $T = P[1 \dots j], F[j] = final l$
- \blacksquare P = ababaca
- j = 5, T = P[1 ... j] = babac

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if
$$T[i] = P[l]$$
• $i = i + 1$

•
$$l = l + 1$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l > 0$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l = 0$

F

- i = i + 1
- l is unchanged

3

5 | 6

- Process $T = P[1 \dots j], F[j] = final l$
- \blacksquare P = ababaca
- j = 6, T = P[1 ... j] = babaca l=0

$$l=0$$
 $l=0$ $l=1$ $l=2$ $l=3$ $l=0$ $l=1$ $i=0$ $i=1$ $i=2$ $i=3$ $i=4$ $i=5$ $i=6$

T:	b	a	b	a	С	а			
<i>P</i> :	a								
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						а			

if
$$T[i] = P[l]$$

$$i = i + 1$$

•
$$l = l + 1$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l > 0$

- i unchanged
- $\bullet \quad l = F[l-1]$

- if $T[i] \neq P[l]$ and l = 0
 - i = i + 1
 - lacktriangleright l is unchanged

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• Equivalent to matching T = P[1 ... m - 1] with P

l=0

 \blacksquare P = ababaca

T:

P:

if
$$T[i] = P[l]$$

• $i = i + 1$

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$$l = l + 1$$

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l > 0$

i unchanged

•
$$l = F[l-1]$$

 \boldsymbol{a}

if
$$T[i] \neq P[l]$$
 and $l = 0$

- i = i + 1
- l is unchanged

- Replace T by P and start i at 1
 - since T = P[1 ... m 1]
- Update F[i] = l after letter i is processed

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						а				

$$if P[i] = P[l]$$

- i = i + 1
- l = l + 1

- if $P[i] \neq P[l]$ and l > 0
 - i unchanged
 - l = F[l-1]

if $P[i] \neq P[l]$ and l = 0

F

- i = i + 1
- l is unchanged

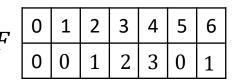
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Rename i into j

• j = j + 1

• l = l + 1



• j = j + 1

l is unchanged

makes it clear that we match text is P[1...j] at each iteration

j unchanged

• l = F[l-1]

KMP: Computing Failure Array

- Pseudocode is almost identical to KMP(T, P)
 - main difference: F[j] gets both used and updated
- Runtime $\Theta(m)$, same analysis as for KMP

```
compute-failure-array(P)
P: string of length m (pattern)
     F[0] \leftarrow 0
      j \leftarrow 1 // \text{ matching } P[1 ... j]
      l \leftarrow 0
      while i < m do
          if P[j] = P[l] // rule 1
                l \leftarrow l + 1
                F[i] \leftarrow l
               j \leftarrow j + 1
           else if l > 0 // rule 2
              l \leftarrow F[l-1]
           else
                        // rule 3
              F[j] \leftarrow 0 \quad // l = 0
              j \leftarrow j + 1
```

KMP: Main Function Runtime

```
KMP::pattern-matching(T, P)
    F \leftarrow compute-failure-array(P)
     i \leftarrow 0
    i \leftarrow 0
    while i < n do
            if P[j] = T[i]
                if j = m - 1
                    return "found at guess i - m + 1"
                else
                    i \leftarrow i + 1
                    j \leftarrow j + 1
            else // P[j] \neq T[i]
                if j > 0
                    j \leftarrow F[j-1]
                else
                    i \leftarrow i + 1
      return FAIL
```

KMP main function

- compute-failure-array is $\Theta(m)$ time
- The rest of KMP is $\Theta(n)$
- Running time KMP altogether: $\Theta(n+m)$
 - which is the same as $\Theta(n)$ as $m \le n$

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Boyer-Moore Algorithm Motivation

- Fastest pattern matching in practice on English Text
- Important components
 - Reverse-order searching
 - compare *P* with a guess moving *backwards*
 - When a mismatch occurs choose the better option among the two below
 - 1. Bad character heuristic
 - eliminate shifts based on mismatched character of T
 - Good suffix heuristic
 - eliminate shifts based on the matched part (i.e.) suffix of P
 - similar to the matched prefix in KMP, but now look at suffix as matching backwards

Reverse Searching

vs. Forward Searching

T= whereiswaldo, P = aldo

W	h	е	r	е	i	S	W	a		d	0
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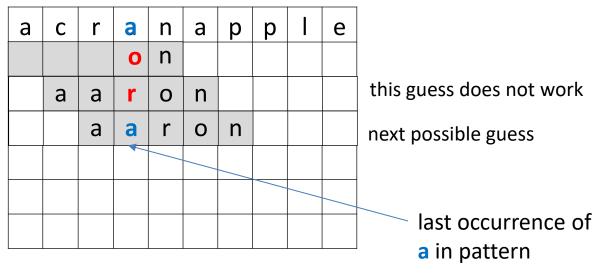
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- r does not occur in P = aldo
- move pattern past r
- w does not occur in P = aldo
- move pattern past w
- bad character heuristic can rule out many guesses with reverse searching

- w does not occur in P = aldo
- move pattern past w
- shift by 1 moves pattern past w
- no guesses are ruled out
- bad character heuristic does not rule out any guesses with forward searching when the first character of the pattern is mismatched

What if Mismatched Text Character Occurs in P?

T= acranapple, P = aaron



- Mismatched character in the text is a
- Find **last** occurrence of **a** in *P*
- Move the pattern to the right until **last a** in P aligns with **a** in text
 - all smaller shifts are impossible since they do not match a
- Precompute last occurrence of any letter before matching starts

Bad Character Heuristic: Side Note

T= acranapple, P = aaron

а	С	r	a	n	a	р	р	е
			0	n				
		а	a	r	0	n		
			а	а	r	0	n	

missed valid guess also a valid guess

- If we moved until the **first** a in P aligns with a in text
 - this would give a possible guess, but misses an earlier guess which is also possible, possibly leading to a missed pattern

Bad Character Heuristic: Full Version

Extends to the case when mismatched text character does occur in P

$$T$$
= acranapple, P = aaron

а	С	r	а	n	a	р	р	е
			0	n				
			[a]					

- Mismatched character in the text is a
- Move the pattern to the right so that the last a in P aligns with a in text
- Continue matching the pattern (in reverse)

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			0	n				
			[a]			n		

- Mismatched character in the text is a
- Move the pattern to the right so that the last a in P aligns with a in text
- Continue matching the pattern (in reverse)

- Compute the last occurrence array L(c) of any character in the alphabet
 - L(c) = -1 if character c does not occur in P, otherwise
 - L(c) = largest index j such that P[j] = c
- Example: P = aaron
 - initialization

char	a	n	0	r	all others
L(c)	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1

this means:

а	b	С	d	е	•••	Х	У	Z
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		-1	-1	-1

in actual implementation:

0	1	2	3	4	5	•••	24	25
-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1		-1	-1

- Compute the last occurrence array L(c) of any character in the alphabet
 - L(c) = -1 if character c does not occur in P, otherwise
 - L(c) = largest index j such that P[j] = c
- Example: P = aaron
 - computation

aaron

$$i = 0$$

char	a	n	0	r	all others
L(c)	0	-1	-1	-1	-1

L is valid for P = a

- Compute the last occurrence array L(c) of any character in the alphabet
 - L(c) = -1 if character c does not occur in P, otherwise
 - L(c) = largest index j such that P[j] = c
- Example: P = aaron
 - computation



$$i = 1$$

char	a	n	0	r	all others
L(c)	1	-1	-1	-1	-1

L is valid for P = aa

- Compute the last occurrence array L(c) of any character in the alphabet
 - L(c) = -1 if character c does not occur in P, otherwise
 - L(c) = largest index j such that P[j] = c
- Example: P = aaron
 - computation

aaron

$$i = 2$$

char	a	n	0	r	all others
L(c)	1	-1	-1	2	-1

L is valid for P = aar

- Compute the last occurrence array L(c) of any character in the alphabet
 - L(c) = -1 if character c does not occur in P, otherwise
 - L(c) = largest index j such that P[j] = c
- Example: P = aaron
 - computation



$$i = 3$$

char	a	n	0	r	all others
L(c)	1	-1	3	2	-1

L is valid for P = aaro

- Compute the last occurrence array L(c) of any character in the alphabet
 - L(c) = -1 if character c does not occur in P, otherwise
 - L(c) = largest index j such that P[j] = c
- Example: P = aaron
 - computation

aaron

$$i = 4$$

• Total time is $O(m + |\Sigma|)$

char	а	n	О	r	all others
L(c)	1	4	3	2	-1

L is valid for P = aaron

Boyer-More Indexing

- Same as in KMP
 - maintain variables i and j
 - *j* is the position in the pattern
 - i is the position in the text where we do the next check
 - check is performed by determining if T[i] = P[j]
 - current guess is i j

Bad Character Heuristic: Formula

char	а	n	0	r	all others
L(c)	1	4	3	2	-1

$$T$$
= acranapple, P = aaron

			j=3 $i=3$	3		j=2 $i=6$		
а	С	r	a	n	a	р	р	е
			0	n				
			[a]			n		

- Let L(c) be the last occurrence of character c in P
 - $L(\mathbf{a}) = 1$ in our example
- When mismatch occurs at text position i, pattern position j, update

•
$$j = m - 1$$

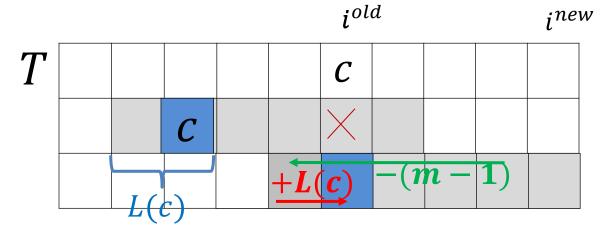
- start matching at the end of the pattern
- i = i + m 1 L(c)
- for our example

•
$$j = 5 - 1 = 4$$

•
$$i = 3 + 5 - 1 - 1 = 6$$

Bad Character Heuristic: Formula Explained

- Text character is c at the mismatch position i in the text
- i = i + m 1 L(c)



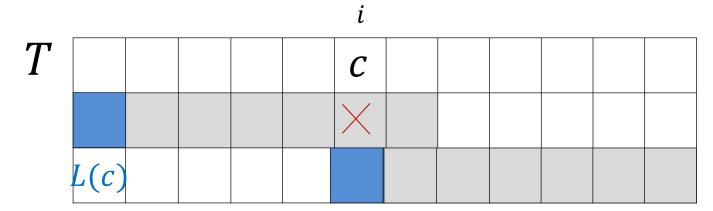
$$i^{new} - (m-1) + L(c) = i^{old}$$

$$i^{new} = i^{old} + m - 1 - L(c)$$

$$i = i + m - 1 - L(c)$$

Bad Character Heuristic: Formula Explained

- Text character is c at the mismatch position i in the text
- $\bullet \quad i = i + m 1 L(c)$
- Also works if L(c) = -1



moves pattern completely past mismatched text character *c*

Bad Character Heuristic: Important Use Condition

- Text character is c at the mismatch position i in the text
 - i = i + m 1 L(c), j = m 1
- Old guess: i j
- New guess: i + (m-1) L(c) (m-1) = i L(c)
- If L(c) > j, new guess < old guess and moves P in wrong direction, not useful
 - we already ruled that guess out, no point to come back to it

i=3

• Example: T= acranapple, P = reroa

					i=8								
С	a	С	r	W	а	а	р	a	а	e			
				а									
								0	а				
							0	а					

old guess:
$$i - j = 8 - 3 = 5$$

$$i^{new} = 8 + 5 - 1 - 4 = 8$$

$$j^{new} = 5 - 1 = 4$$
new guess: $i^{new} - j^{new} = 8 - 4 = 4$

L(a) = 4 > i = 3

- **b** bad character heuristic makes sense to use only if L(c) < j
 - note that $L(c) \neq j$ in case of a mismatch

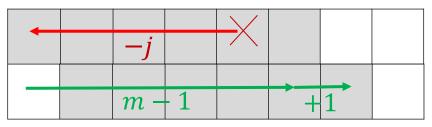
Bad Character Heuristic: Brute-Force Step

- If L(c) > j
 - pattern would move in wrong direction if used bad character heuristic
 - therefore, do brute-force step

•
$$j = m - 1$$

• i = i - j + m

j i^{old} i^{new}



$$i^{old} - j + m - 1 + 1 = i^{new}$$
 $i^{new} = i^{old} - j + m$
 $i = i - j + m$

Bad Character Heuristic: Unified Formula

- 1. If L(c) < j [bad character heuristic step]
 - j = m 1
 - $\bullet \quad i = i + m 1 L(c)$
- 2. If L(c) > j [brute-force step]
 - j = m 1
 - i = i j + m
- Unified formula for i that works in both cases

$$i = i + m - 1 - \min\{L(c), j - 1\}$$

Boyer-More Example

P = paper

				j=4 i=4				j=4 $i=7$	j=4 $i=9$		j i	=3 = 13	j=4 i=14	j=4 i=15	ı				
T	f	е	е	d	а		1	d	0	0	r	р	а	r	r	0	t	S	
					r														i=7
					[a]			r											i=9
								[p]		r									i = 14
														е	r				i = 15
																r			i = 20

not found!

Unified formula for i that works in all cases

$$i = i + m - 1 - \min\{L(c), j - 1\}$$

Boyer-Moore Algorithm

```
BoyerMoore(T, P)
     L \leftarrow last occurrence array computed from P
    i \leftarrow m-1
     i \leftarrow m-1
     while i < n and j \ge 0 do //current guess begins at index i - j
           if T[i] = P[j] then
                  i \leftarrow i - 1
                  j \leftarrow j-1
           else
                  i \leftarrow i + m - 1 - \min\{L(c), j - 1\}
                  j \leftarrow m-1
    if j = -1 return "found at guess i + 1"
    else return FAIL
```

Good Suffix Heuristic

Idea is similar to KMP, but applied to the suffix, since matching backwards

$$P = onobobo$$

$$j=3$$
 $i=3$

				$\iota - \upsilon$															
T	0	n	0	0	0	b	0	0	0	i	b	b	0	u	n	d	а	r	у
				b	0	b	0												
f		0	n	0	b	0	b	0											
			0	n	0	b	0	b	0										
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- Text has letters obo
- Do the smallest move so that obo fits
- Can precompute this from the pattern itself, before matching starts
 - 'if failure at j = 3, shift pattern by 2'
- Continue matching from the end of the new shift
- Will not study the precise way to do it

Boyer-Moore Summary

- Boyer-Moore performs very well, even when using only bad character heuristic
- Worst case run time is O(nm) with bad character heuristic only, but in practice much faster
- On typical English text, Boyer-Moore looks only at \approx 25% of text T
- With good suffix heuristic, can ensure $O(n+m+|\Sigma|)$ run time
 - no details

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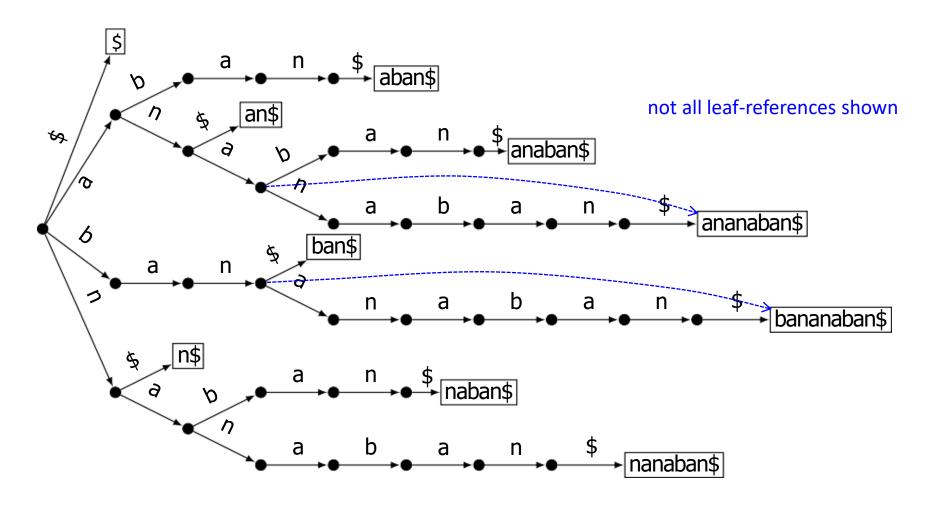
Suffix Tree: Trie of Suffixes

- What if we search for many patterns P within the same fixed text T?
- Idea: preprocess the text T rather than pattern P
- Observation: P is a substring of T if and only if P is a prefix of some suffix of T
- Example: P = ish T = establishmentsuffix
- Naïve idea: store all suffixes of T in a trie
 - if |T| = n, then n + 1 suffixes together have $0 + 1 + 2 + \cdots + n \in \Theta(n^2)$ characters
 - wastes space
- Suffix tree saves space in multiple ways
 - store suffixes implicitly via indices into T
 - use compressed trie
 - O(n) space since we store n+1 suffixes (words)

Trie of suffixes: Example

 \blacksquare T = bananaban

Convenient to order children alphabetically

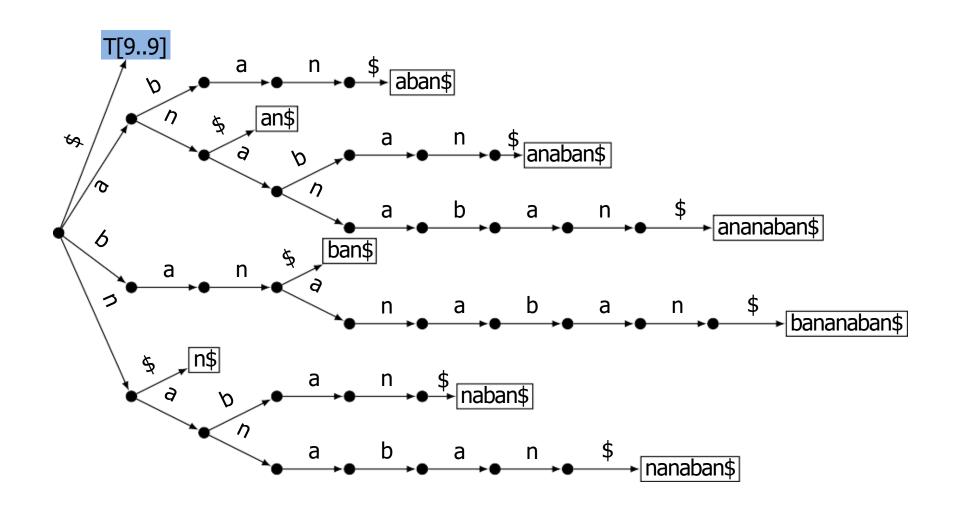


Trie of suffixes: Example

 0
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 T =
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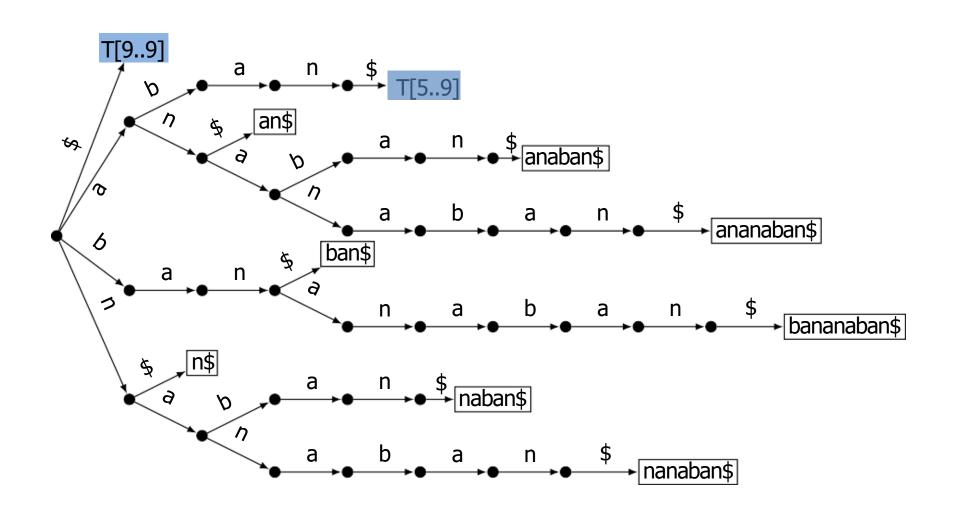
Store suffixes via indices



Trie of suffixes: Example

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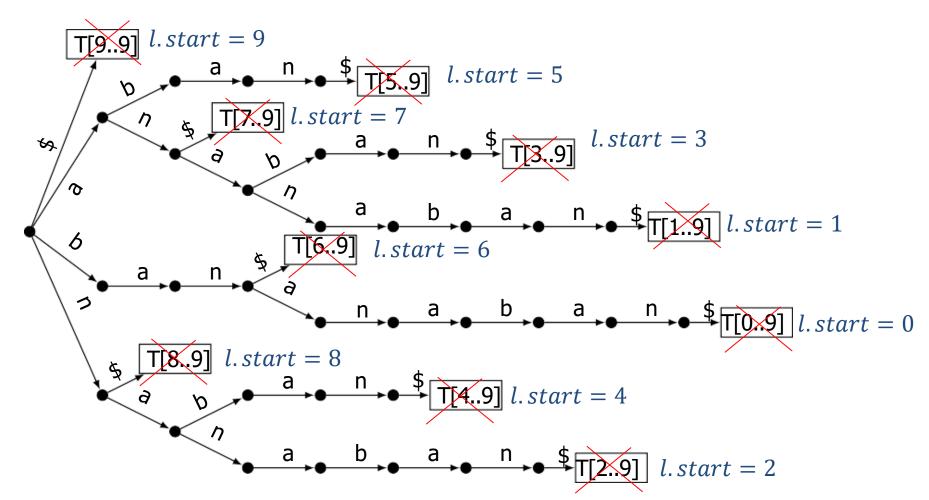
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Tries of suffixes

In actual implementation, each leaf l stores the start of its suffix in variable l. start

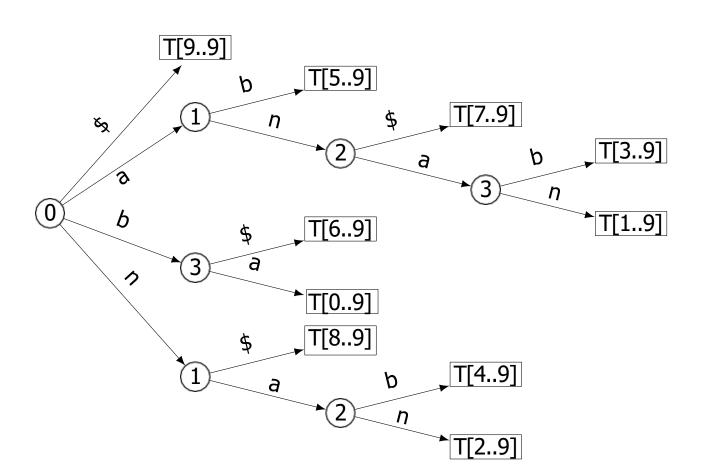




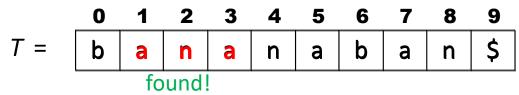
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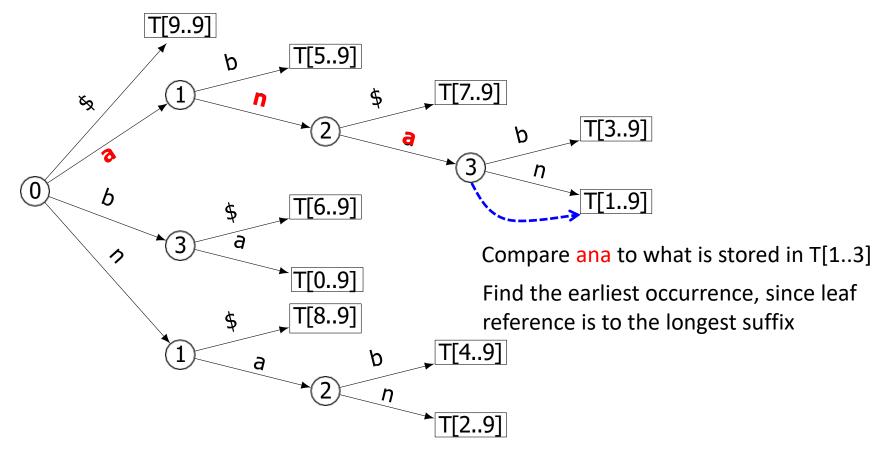
Compress trie of suffixes to get suffix tree



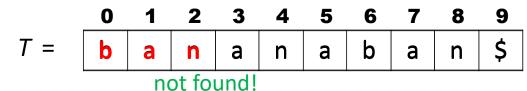
Suffix Tree Search



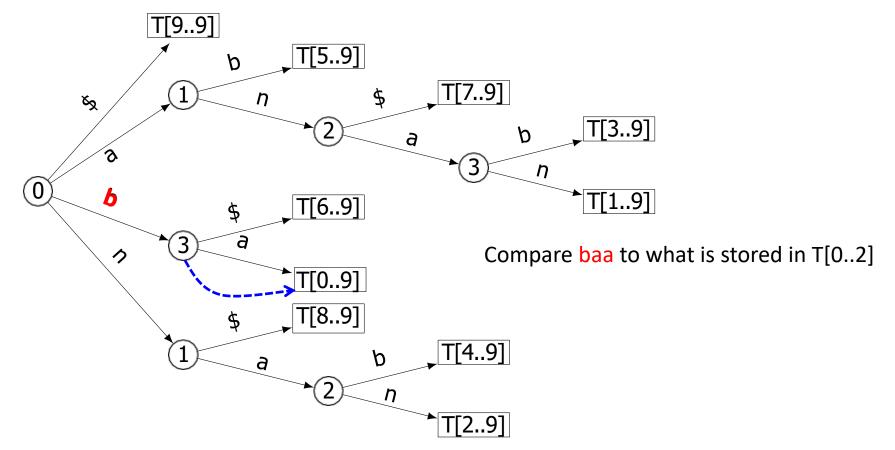
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- To search for a pattern, use prefix search on tries
- Example: search for ana



Suffix Tree Search



- If P occurs in the text, it is a prefix of one (or more) strings stored in the trie
- To search for a pattern, use prefix search on tries
- Example: search for baa



Building Suffix Tree

- Building
 - text T has n characters and n+1 suffixes
 - can build suffix tree by inserting each suffix of T into compressed trie
 - $\Theta(|\Sigma|n^2)$ time
 - there is a way to build a suffix tree of T in $\Theta(|\Sigma|n)$ time
 - beyond the course scope
- Pattern Matching
 - prefix-search for P in compressed trie
 - run-time is
 - $O(|\Sigma|m)$, assuming a node stores children in a linked list
 - O(m), assuming a node stores children in an array
- Summary
 - theoretically good, but construction is slow or complicated and lots of spaceoverhead
 - rarely used in practice

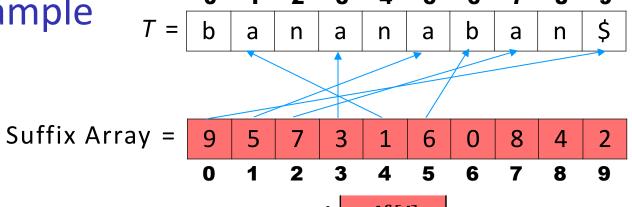
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Suffix Arrays

- Relatively recent development (popularized in the 1990s)
- Sacrifice some performance for simplicity
 - slightly slower (by a log-factor) than suffix trees
 - much easier to build
 - much simpler pattern matching
 - very little space, only one array
- Idea
 - store suffixes implicitly, by storing start indices
 - store sorting permutation of the suffixes of T

Suffix Array Example



i	$suffix\ T[i\\ n]$
0	bananaban\$
1	ananaban\$
2	nanaban\$
3	anaban\$
4	naban\$
5	aban\$
6	ban\$
7	an\$
8	n\$
9	\$

sort lexicographically

		0 1 0 3
j	$A^{s}[j]$	
0	9	\$
1	5	aban\$
2	7	an\$
3	3	anaban\$
4	1	ananaban\$
5	6	ban\$
6	0	bananaban\$
7	8	n\$
8	4	naban\$
9	2	nanaban\$
	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	0 9 1 5 2 7 3 3 4 1 5 6 6 0 7 8 8 4

Suffix Array Construction

nanaban\$**

Easy to construct using MSD-Radix-Sort (pad with any character to get the same length)

	round 1	round 2	• • •	round n
bananaban\$	\$*****	\$ *****		\$*****
ananaban\$*	ananaban\$	aban\$***		aban\$***
nanaban\$**	anaban\$***	ananaban\$		an\$*****
anaban\$***	aban\$****	anaban\$**		anaban\$***
naban\$***	an\$*****	an\$*****		ananaban\$*
aban\$****	bananaban\$	bananaban\$		ban\$*****
ban\$*****	ban\$*****	ban\$*****		bananaban\$
an\$*****	nanaban\$**	nanaban\$**		n\$******
n\$******	naban\$***	naban\$***		naban\$***
\$*****	n\$******	n ¢ ******		

- Fast in practice, suffixes are unlikely to share many leading characters
- But worst case run-time is $\Theta(n^2)$
 - recursion depth is n, $\Theta(n)$ time at n/2 recursion depths, example: $T = aa \dots a$ \$
 - $\Theta(|\Sigma|n^2)$ if accounting for alphabet size

Suffix Array Construction

- Idea: we do not need n rounds
 - $\Theta(\log n)$ rounds enough $\to \Theta(n \log n)$ run time
 - $\Theta((n + |\Sigma|) \log n)$ if accounting for alphabet size
- Construction-algorithm
 - MSD-radix sort plus some bookkeeping
 - needs only one extra array
 - easy to implement
 - details are covered in an algorithms course

Suffix array stores suffixes (implicitly) in sorted order

b

a

 $l \rightarrow$

 $\nu \rightarrow$

\$

n

Idea: apply binary search

a

n

ban > ana

n

a

a

n

a

b

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Idea: apply binary search

$$P = ban$$

ban < n

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- Suffix array stores suffixes (implicitly) in sorted order
- Idea: apply binary search

$$P = ban$$

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

 $T = b a n a n a b a n $$

b $a n $$

found! $v = l \rightarrow$

- ullet $\Theta(\log n)$ comparisons
- Each comparison is *strcmp* $(P, T, A^s[v], m)$
- $\Theta(m)$ per comparison \Longrightarrow run-time is $\Theta(m \log n)$

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SuffixArray-Search(T, P, A^s)
A^s: suffix array of T, P: pattern
      l \leftarrow 0, r \leftarrow \text{last index of } A^s
      while l < r
             v \leftarrow \left| \frac{l+r}{2} \right|
             i \leftarrow A^{s}[v]
              s \leftarrow strcmp(T, P, i, m)
                 // case i + m > n handled correctly if T ends with $
              if (s < 0) do l \leftarrow v + 1
              else (s > 0) do r \leftarrow v - 1
              else return 'found at guess i'
        return FAIL
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- Does not always find the leftmost occurrence
- Can find the leftmost occurrence and reduce runtime to $O(m + \log n)$ with further pre-computations

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String Matching Conclusion

	Brute Force	KR	ВМ	КМР	Suffix Trees	Suffix Array
preproc.		O(m)	$O(m + \Sigma)$	O(m)	$O(\Sigma n^2) \to O(\Sigma n)$	O(nlogn) $\rightarrow O(n)$
search time (preproc excluded)	O(nm)	O(n+m) expected	$O(n + \Sigma)$ with good suffix often better	O(n)	$O(m(\Sigma)$	O(mlogn) $\rightarrow O(m + logn)$
extra space	_	0(1)	$O(m + \Sigma)$	O(m)	O(n)	O(n)

- Algorithms stop once they found one occurrence
- Most of them can be adapted to find all occurrences within the same worst-case run-time