

# CS 240E – Data Structures and Data Management (Enriched)

## Module 9: String Matching

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# Pattern Matching Introduction

- Search for a string (pattern) in a large body of text. Useful for
  - ▶ Information Retrieval (text editors, search engines)
  - ▶ Bioinformatics
  - ▶ Data Mining

- $T[0..n-1]$  – The **text** (or **haystack**) being searched within

**Example:**  $T = \text{"Where is he?"}$

- $P[0..m-1]$  – The **pattern** (or **needle**) being searched for

**Example:**  $P_1 = \text{"he"}$        $P_2 = \text{"who"}$

- **occurrence:** index  $i$  such that  $T[i..i+m-1] = P$ , i.e.,

$$P[j] = T[i+j] \quad \text{for } 0 \leq j \leq m-1$$

- Convention: return smallest such  $i$  (leftmost occurrence)
- If  $P$  does not **occur** in  $T$ , return FAIL

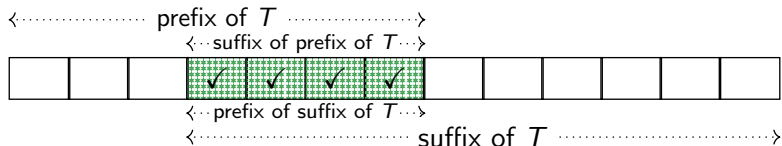
# Pattern Matching Observation

## Recall:

- **Substring**  $T[i..j]$  for  $0 \leq i \leq j+1 \leq n$ : a string of length  $j - i + 1$  which consists of characters  $T[i], \dots, T[j]$  in order.
- **Prefix** of  $T$ : a substring  $T[0..i-1]$  of  $T$  for some  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .
- **Suffix** of  $T$ : a substring  $T[i..n-1]$  of  $T$  for some  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .
- The **empty string**  $\Lambda$  is also considered a substring, prefix and suffix.

## Observe: $P$ occurs in $T$

- $\Leftrightarrow P$  is a substring of  $T$ .
- $\Leftrightarrow P$  is a suffix of some prefix of  $T$ .
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# General Idea of Algorithms

Pattern matching algorithms consist of **guesses** and **checks**:

- A **guess** is a position  $g$  such that  $P$  might start at  $T[g]$ .  
Valid guesses (initially) are  $0 \leq g \leq n - m$ .
- A **check** of a guess is a single position  $j$  with  $0 \leq j < m$  where we compare  $T[g + j]$  to  $P[j]$ .
- We do *strcmp* to compare a guess to  $P$ . This uses  $m$  checks in the worst-case, but may use (many) fewer checks if there is a **mismatch**.

We will diagram a single run of any pattern matching algorithm by a matrix of checks, where each row represents a single guess (shaded gray).

| a | b | b | b | a | b | a | b | b | a | b |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | b | b | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

**Brute-force** idea: Check every possible guess.

# Brute-Force Example

- Example:  $T = \text{abbbababbab}$ ,  $P = \text{aaab}$

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | a | b | a | a | a | a | a | a | b | b |
| a | a | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | a | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | a | a | a | b |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | a | a | a | b |   |   |   |
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- What is the worst possible input?

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| a | a | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | a | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   | a |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | a | a | a | b |   |   |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | a | a | a | b |   |   |   |
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|   |   |   |   |   |   | a | a | a | b |   |

- What is the worst possible input?  $P = a^{m-1}b$ ,  $T = a^n$
- Worst case performance  $\Theta((n - m + 1) \cdot m)$
- This is too slow (quadratic if  $m \approx n/2$ ).

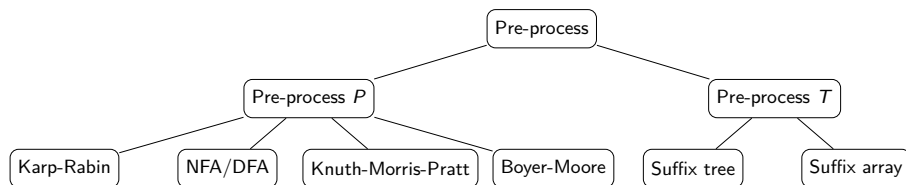


# How to improve?

General idea of **preprocessing**: Do work on some parts of input beforehand, so that the actual **query** (with rest of input) then goes faster.

For pattern matching, we have two options:

- Do preprocessing on the pattern  $P$ 
  - ▶ We **eliminate guesses** based on characters we have seen.
- Do preprocessing on the text  $T$ 
  - ▶ We **create a data structure** to find matches easily.



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# Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Idea

**Idea:** Use **fingerprints** to eliminate guesses

- Need function  $h : \{\text{strings of length } m\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, M-1\}$   
(Call these 'hash-function' and 'table-size', but there is no dictionary here)
- **Insight:** If  $h(P) \neq h(T[g..g+m-1])$  then guess  $g$  cannot work

**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  $M = 97$ :

$$h(x_0 \dots x_4) = (x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4)_{10} \bmod 97$$

- Pre-compute  $h(P) = 92653 \bmod 97 = 18$ .

|                |                |                |                |                |                |   |   |   |   |   |                         |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------|
| 3              | 1              | 4              | 1              | 5              | 9              | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 |                         |
| fingerprint 84 |                |                |                |                |                |   |   |   |   |   | no <i>strcmp</i> needed |
|                | fingerprint 94 |                |                |                |                |   |   |   |   |   | no <i>strcmp</i> needed |
|                |                | fingerprint 76 |                |                |                |   |   |   |   |   | no <i>strcmp</i> needed |
|                |                |                | fingerprint 18 |                |                |   |   |   |   |   | false positive          |
|                |                |                |                | fingerprint 95 |                |   |   |   |   |   | no <i>strcmp</i> needed |
|                |                |                |                |                | fingerprint 18 |   |   |   |   |   | found                   |

# Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – First Attempt

*Karp-Rabin-Simple::pattern-matching*( $T, P$ )

```
1.  $h_P \leftarrow h(P[0..m-1])$ 
2. for  $g \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - m$ 
3.    $h_T \leftarrow h(T[g..g+m-1])$     // not constant time
4.   if  $h_T = h_P$ 
5.     if strncmp( $T, P, g, m$ ) = 0
6.       return "found at guess  $g$ "
7. return FAIL
```

- Never misses a match:  $h(T[g..g+m-1]) \neq h(P) \Rightarrow$  guess  $g$  is not  $P$
- $h(T[g..g+m-1])$  depends on  $m$  characters, so naive computation takes  $\Theta(m)$  time per guess
- Running time is  $\Theta(mn)$  if  $P$  is not in  $T$ . Can we improve this?

# Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Fast Update

**Idea:** Consecutive guesses share  $m-1$  characters

⇒ for suitable hash-functions, can compute next fingerprint from previous

**Example:**  $15926 = (41592 - 4 \cdot 10\,000) \cdot 10 + 6$

$$\begin{aligned}\underbrace{15926 \bmod 97}_{h(15926)} &= \left( \underbrace{(41592 \bmod 97)}_{\text{previous fingerprint}} - 4 \cdot \underbrace{10000 \bmod 97}_9 \cdot 10 + 6 \right) \bmod 97 \\ &= ((76 - 4 \cdot 9) \cdot 10 + 6) \bmod 97 = 18\end{aligned}$$

- So pre-compute  $R^{m-1} \bmod M$  (here  $10000 \bmod 97 = 9$ )
- Compute leftmost fingerprint
- Use previous fingerprint to compute next fingerprint in  $O(1)$  time
- Run-time:  $O(m + n + m \cdot \#\{\text{false positives}\})$

# Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Conclusion

```
Karp-Rabin::pattern-matching( $T, P$ ) // rolling hash-function
1.  $M \leftarrow$  suitable prime number
2.  $h_P \leftarrow h(P[0..m-1])$ 
3.  $s \leftarrow R^{m-1} \bmod M$ 
4.  $h_T \leftarrow h(T[0..m-1])$ 
5. for  $g \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - m$ 
6.     if  $h_T = h_P$ 
7.         if strncmp( $T, P, g, m$ ) = 0 return “found at guess  $g$ ”
8.         if  $g < n - m$  // compute fingerprint for next guess
9.              $h_T \leftarrow ((h_T - T[g] \cdot s) \cdot R + T[g+m]) \bmod M$ 
10. return “FAIL”
```

- Choose “table size”  $M$  to be **random** prime in  $\{2, \dots, mn^2\}$
- Can show: Then  $P(\text{at least one false positive}) \in O(\frac{1}{n})$
- Expected time  $O(m+n)$ , worst-luck time  $O(m \cdot n)$  (extremely unlikely)
- Improvement: reset  $M$  after a false positive

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- Exploit information gained during *strncmp* to rule out guesses

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| a | b                       | a | b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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**No!** The pre-computation is too slow. (Course notes have details.)

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# Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm, incomplete

Surprisingly, using *only* the good-prefix heuristic works well enough.  
This is the idea for **Knuth-Morris-Pratt** (KMP) pattern matching.

*KMP::pattern-matching*( $T, P$ )

1.  $F \leftarrow$  compute and store **failure-array**, using only  $P$
2.  $i \leftarrow 0, j \leftarrow 0$  // currently compare  $T[i]$  to  $P[j]$
3. **while**  $i < n$  **do**
4. // inv:  $P[0..j-1]$  is a suffix of  $T[0..i-1]$
5.     **if**  $P[j] = T[i]$
6.         **if**  $j = m - 1$  **then return** “found at guess  $i - m + 1$ ”
7.         **else** // check next character
8.              $i \leftarrow i + 1, j \leftarrow j + 1$
9.     **else** // bad  $T$ -character is  $T[i]$
10.          $j \leftarrow [\dots]$  // read from  $F$  and old  $j$
11.          $i \leftarrow [\dots]$  // depends on  $j$ -update
12. **return** FAIL

**Observe:**  $j$  is always the number of matched characters of  $P$ .

# Knuth-Morris-Pratt example

**Example:** Search for  $P = \text{ababaca}$ . We first mismatch at  $j = 5$ .

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a | b | a | b | a | b | b | c | a | b | a | b | a | c | a |
| a | b | a | b | a | × |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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|   |   | (a) | (b) | (a) |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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But then we immediately mismatch with  $j = 2$ .



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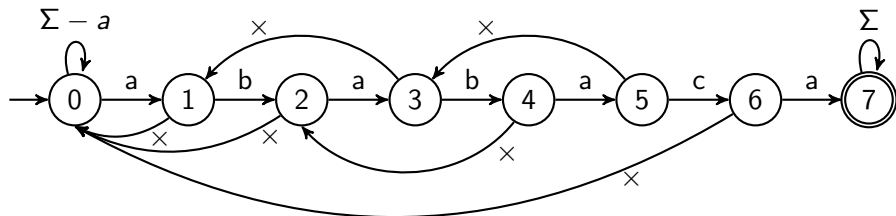
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7.           **else**                              // check next character
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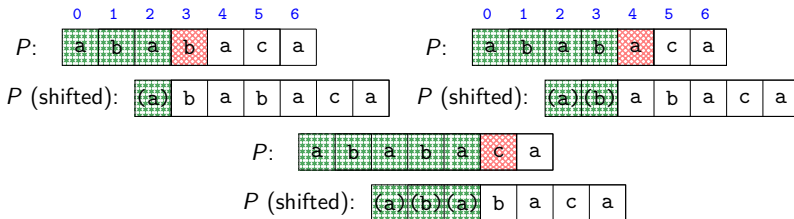


This uses an unusual type of transition  $\times$  ("*failure*"):

- Used only if no other transition fits.
- Does **not** consume a character.
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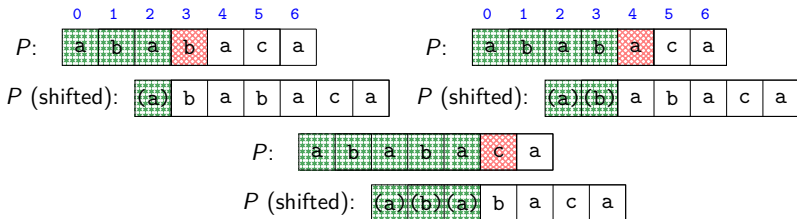
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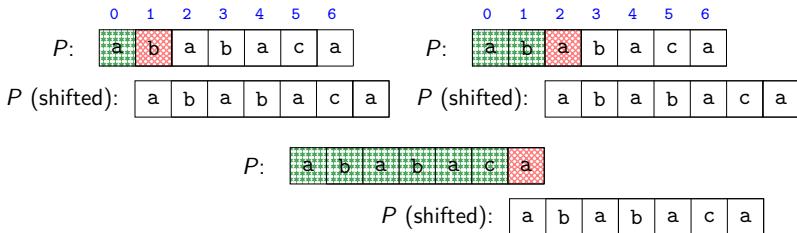


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- Store in  $F[\cdot]$  how many characters are re-used in new shift.

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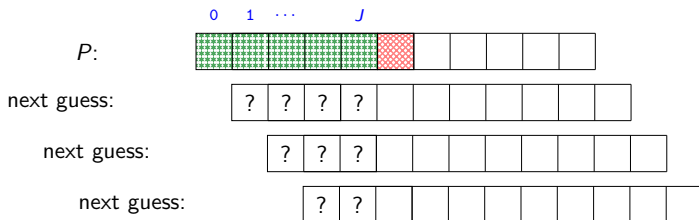
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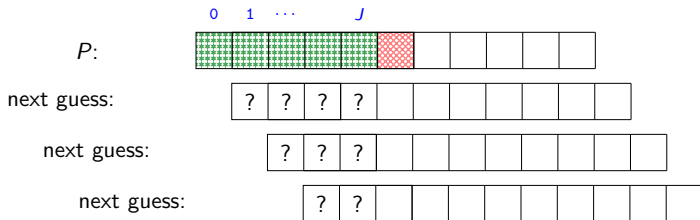
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Write down all prefixes (including empty word  $\Lambda$ ).

Then for  $J \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$  and each prefix of  $P$   
check whether the prefix is a suffix of  $P[1..J]$ .

| $J$ | $P[1..J]$ | Prefixes of $P$                           | longest   | $F[J]$ |
|-----|-----------|-------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| 0   | $\Lambda$ | $\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$ | $\Lambda$ | 0      |
| 1   | b         | $\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$ | $\Lambda$ | 0      |
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( $F[m-1]$  is not needed for KMP algorithm, but useful elsewhere)

This can clearly be computed in  $O(m^3)$  time, but we can do better!

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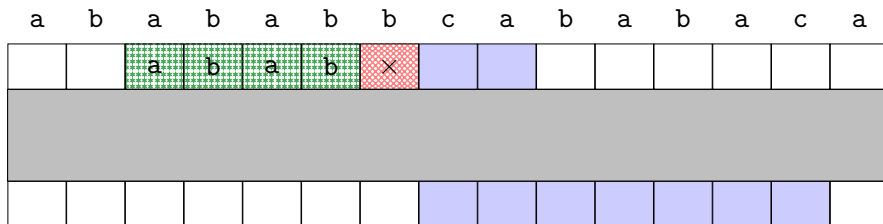
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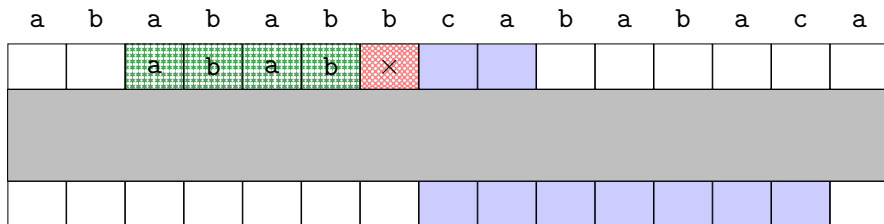
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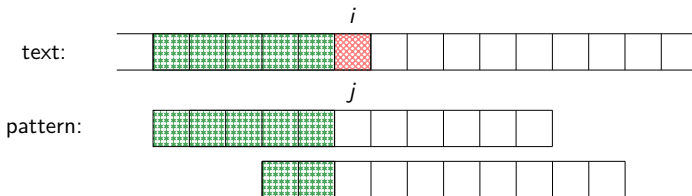
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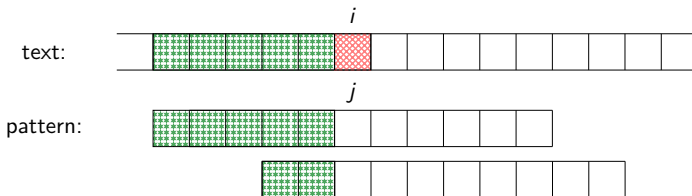
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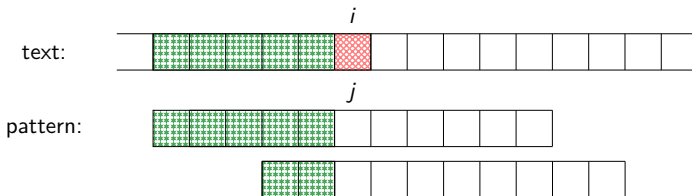


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|  |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     |     |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|-----|--|--|-----|-----|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  | r   |  |  |     |     |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | (a) |  |  | r   |     |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |     |  |  | (p) |     | r |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     | (o) |   |  |  |  | e | r |   |  |  |  |  |
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## Last-occurrence heuristic details

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|--|--|--|--|-----|--|--|-----|-----|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  | r   |  |  |     |     |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | (a) |  |  | r   |     |   |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |     |  |  | (p) |     | r |  |  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |     |  |  |     | (o) |   |  |  |  | e | r |   |  |  |  |  |
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# Boyer-Moore Algorithm – incomplete

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11. return FAIL
```

Two steps missing:

- Need to pre-compute for all characters where they are in  $P$ .
- Need to determine how to do update  $i$  after a mismatch.

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|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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| p | a | p | e | r |

Helper-array:

|            |     |     |     |     |            |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
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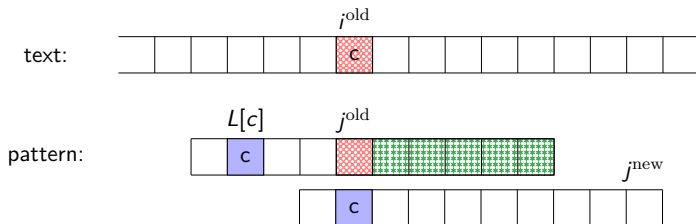
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*BoyerMoore::last-occurrence-array*( $P[0..m-1]$ )

1. initialize array  $L$  indexed by  $\Sigma$  with all  $-1$
2. **for**  $j \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $m-1$  **do**  $L[P[j]] \leftarrow j$
3. **return**  $L$

## Last-occurrence heuristic – update formula

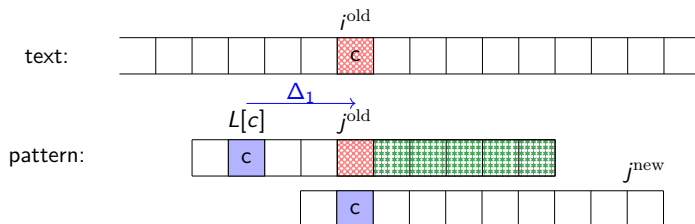
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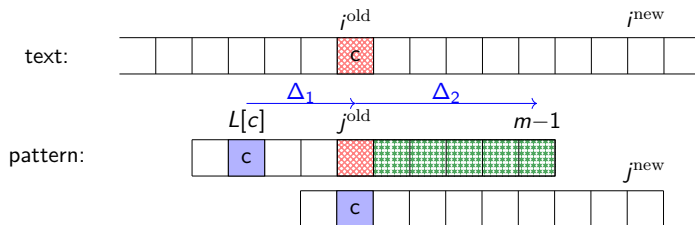


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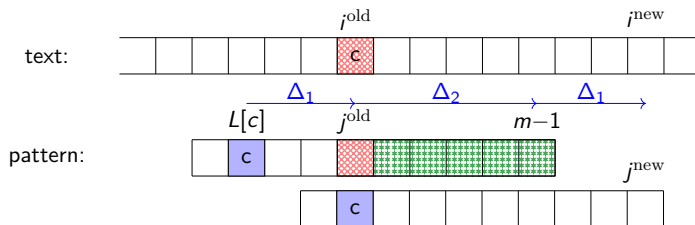
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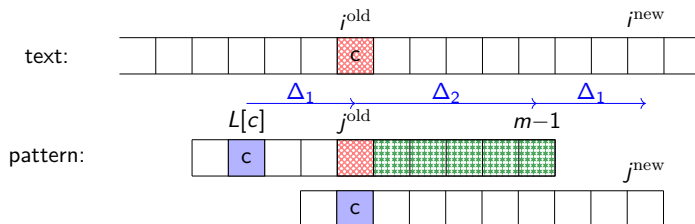
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Can show: The same formula also holds for the other cases.

# Boyer-Moore Algorithm

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11. return FAIL
```

For *full* Boyer-Moore algorithm:

- precompute helper-array  $G$  for good-suffix heuristic from  $P$
- update-formula becomes  $i \leftarrow i + m - 1 - \min\{L[T[i]], G[j]\}$

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|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  | n | a | b | a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | n | a   | b   | a   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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- What if we cannot match the entire good suffix?

## Good suffix array - if matched part doesn't repeat

$P$ : b a a b a b a

$T$ : a n a i n b a b a l a n d i n g

|  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  | a | b | a | b | a |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |   |   |   |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|---|---|-----|-----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  |  |  | a | b | a | b   | a   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |   |   |   | (b) | (a) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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- If nothing fits: Shift guess all the way past previous guess.

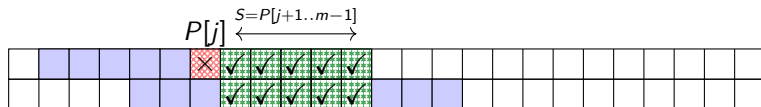
$P$ : c a a b a b a

$T$ : a n a i n b a b a l a n d i n g

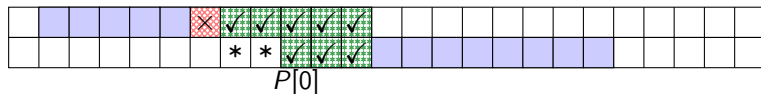
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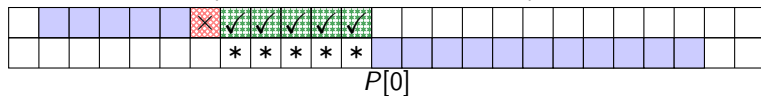
- Assume search failed at  $P[j]$ , but had matched  $P[j+1..m-1] =: S$
- Case 0:  $S$  empty: shift by 1
- Case 1:  $S$  appears as substring of  $P$  elsewhere



- Case 2: A suffix of  $Q$  is a prefix of  $P$ .



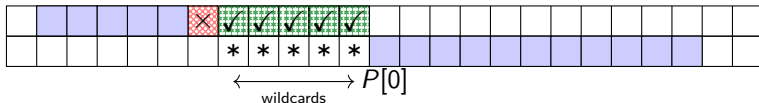
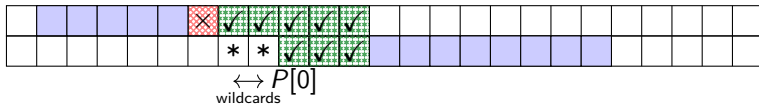
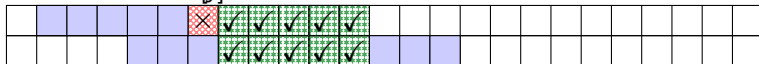
- Case 3: Neither (i.e., only empty suffix fits).



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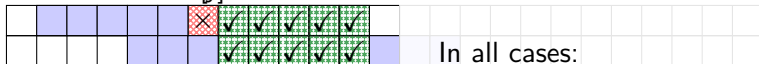
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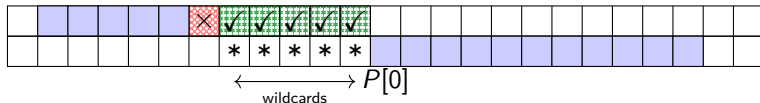
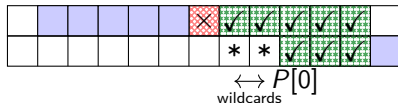
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In all cases:

- $S$  is a substring of  $P^*$
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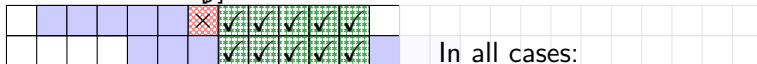




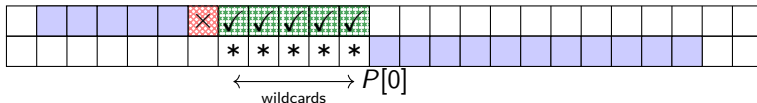
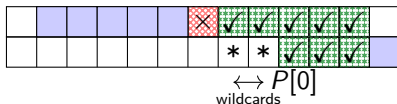
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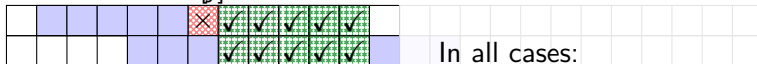
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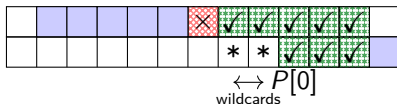
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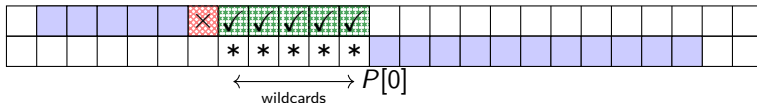


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| $P = \text{baababa}$ |                 | $P^*[-m..m-2]$ |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |            |        |
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| 0                    | aababa          |                |    |    | a  | a  | b  | a  | b | a |   |   |   |   | -4         | -5     |

- Easy to compute in polynomial time:
- Feels a lot like failure-array (with some prefix/suffix reversed)
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- Boyer-Moore performs very well (even the simplified version).
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[There are ways to ensure  $O(n)$  run-time. No details.]

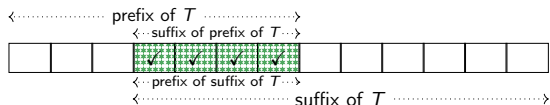
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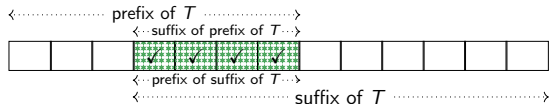
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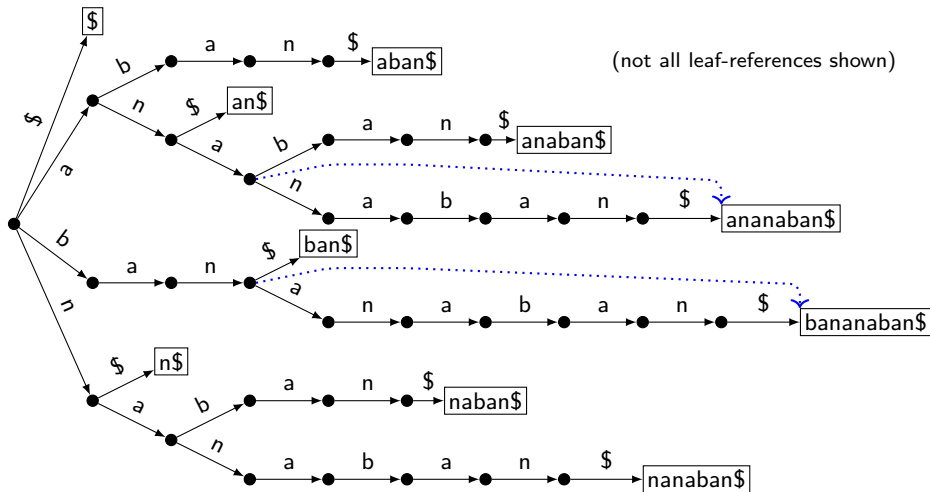
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  - ▶ Store suffixes implicitly via indices into  $T$ .
  - ▶ Use a compressed trie.
  - ▶ Then the space is  $O(n)$  since we store  $n+1$  words.



# Trie of suffixes: Example

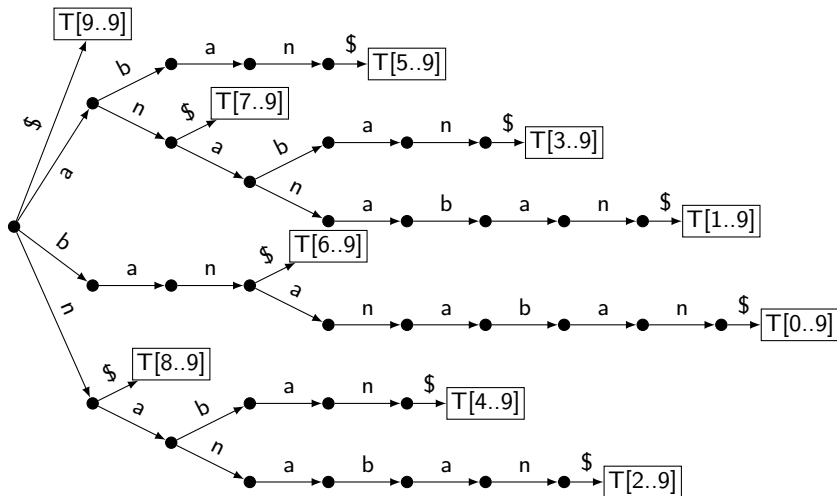
$T = \text{bananaban}$  has suffixes

$\{\text{bananaban}, \text{ananaban}, \text{nanaban}, \text{anaban}, \text{naban}, \text{aban}, \text{ban}, \text{an}, \text{n}, \Lambda\}$



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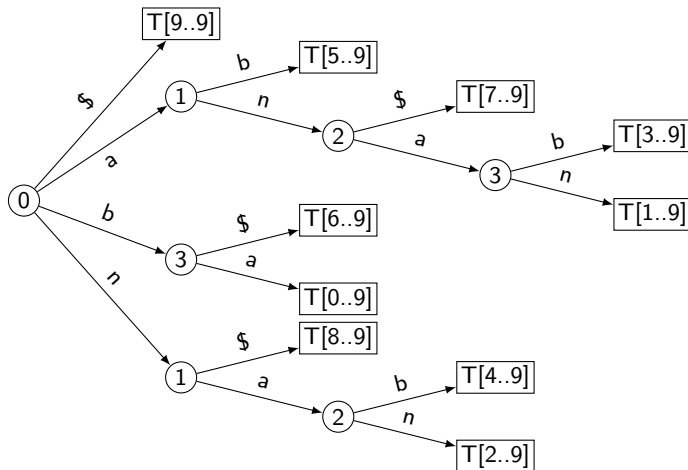
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# Suffix tree

**Suffix tree:** Compressed trie of suffixes where leaves store indices.

|       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
|       | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9  |
| $T =$ | b | a | n | a | n | a | b | a | n | \$ |



# More on Suffix Trees

## Pattern Matching:

- *prefix-search* for  $P$  in compressed trie.
- This returns longest word with prefix  $P$ , hence leftmost occurrence.
- Run-time:  $O(|\Sigma|m)$ .

## Building:

- Text  $T$  has  $n$  characters and  $n + 1$  suffixes
- We can build the suffix tree by inserting each suffix of  $T$  into a compressed trie. This takes time  $\Theta(|\Sigma|n^2)$ .
- There *is* a way to build a suffix tree of  $T$  in  $\Theta(|\Sigma|n)$  time.  
This is quite complicated and beyond the scope of the course.

**Summary:** Theoretically good, but construction is slow or complicated, and lots of space-overhead  $\rightsquigarrow$  rarely used.

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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  $T$ .

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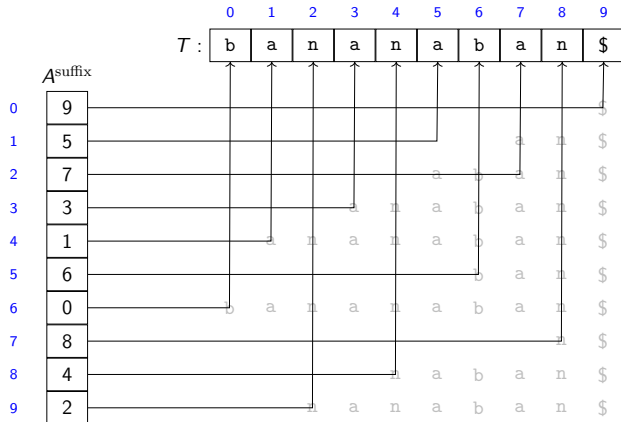
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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| b | a | n | a | n | a | b | a | n |

| $i$ | suffix $T[i..n]$ |
|-----|------------------|
| 0   | bananaban\$      |
| 1   | ananaban\$       |
| 2   | nanaban\$        |
| 3   | anaban\$         |
| 4   | naban\$          |
| 5   | aban\$           |
| 6   | ban\$            |
| 7   | an\$             |
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sort lexicographically

| $j$ | $A^{\text{suffix}}[j]$ |             |
|-----|------------------------|-------------|
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We do *not* store the suffixes, but they are easy to retrieve if needed.



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- ▶  $O(\log n)$  rounds enough  $\Rightarrow$   **$O(n \log n)$  run-time**
  - ▶ You do not need to know details ( $\rightsquigarrow$  cs482).
- Construction-algorithm: MSD-radix-sort plus some bookkeeping
  - ▶ A bit complicated to explain but easy to implement

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- $O(\log n)$  comparisons.
- Each comparison is a *strncmp* of  $P$  with a suffix
- $O(m)$  time per comparison  $\Rightarrow$  **run-time**  $O(m \log n)$

# Pattern matching in suffix arrays

*SuffixArray::pattern-matching*( $T, P, A^{\text{suffix}}$ )

1.  $\ell \leftarrow 0, r \leftarrow \text{last index of } A^{\text{suffix}}$
2. **while** ( $\ell \leq r$ )
3.      $\nu \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{\ell+r}{2} \rfloor$
4.      $g \leftarrow A^{\text{suffix}}[\nu]$      // suffix of middle index begins at  $T[g]$
5.      $s \leftarrow \text{strncmp}(T, P, g, m)$   
          // Case  $g + m > n$  is handled correctly if  $T$  has end-sentinel
6.     **if** ( $s < 0$ ) **do**  $\ell \leftarrow \nu + 1$
7.     **else if** ( $s > 0$ ) **do**  $r \leftarrow \nu - 1$
8.     **else return** “found at guess  $g$ ”
9. **return** FAIL

- Does not always return leftmost occurrence.
- Can find leftmost occurrence (and reduce run-time to  $O(m + \log n)$ ) with further pre-computations (no details).

# String Matching Conclusion

|                    |                    | Preprocess $P$       |                |                           |                     | Preprocess $T$                         |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                    | <b>Brute-Force</b> | <b>Karp-Rabin</b>    | <b>DFA</b>     | <b>Knuth-Morris-Pratt</b> | <b>Boyer-Moore</b>  | <b>Suffix Tree</b>                     | <b>Suffix Array</b>                  |
| <b>Preproc.</b>    | —                  | $O(m)$               | $O(m \Sigma )$ | $O(m)$                    | $O(m)$              | $O(n^2 \Sigma )$<br>[ $O(n \Sigma )$ ] | $O(n \log n)$<br>[ $O(n)$ ]          |
| <b>Search time</b> | $O(nm)$            | $O(n+m)$<br>expected | $O(n)$         | $O(n)$                    | $O(n)$ or<br>better | $O(m \Sigma )$                         | $O(m \log n)$<br>[ $O(m + \log n)$ ] |
| <b>Extra space</b> | —                  | $O(1)$               | $O(m \Sigma )$ | $O(m)$                    | $O(m+ \Sigma )$     | $O(n)$                                 | $O(n)$                               |

(Some additive  $|\Sigma|$ -terms are not shown.)

- Our algorithms stopped once they have found one occurrence.
- Most of them can be adapted to find *all* occurrences within the same worst-case run-time.