

CS 240 – Data Structures and Data Management

Module 9: String Matching

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Pattern Matching Definition [1]

- Search for a string (pattern) in a large body of text
- $T[0..n - 1]$ – The **text** (or **haystack**) being searched within
- $P[0..m - 1]$ – The **pattern** (or **needle**) being searched for
- Strings over **alphabet** Σ
- Return smallest i such that

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

- This is the first **occurrence** of P in T
- If P does not **occur** in T , return FAIL
- Applications:
 - ▶ Information Retrieval (text editors, search engines)
 - ▶ Bioinformatics
 - ▶ Data Mining

Pattern Matching Definition [2]

Example:

- $T = \text{"Where is he?"}$
- $P_1 = \text{"he"}$
- $P_2 = \text{"who"}$

Definitions:

- **Substring** $T[i..j]$ $0 \leq i \leq j < n$: a string of length $j - i + 1$ which consists of characters $T[i], \dots, T[j]$ in order
- A **prefix** of T :
a substring $T[0..i]$ of T for some $0 \leq i < n$
- A **suffix** of T :
a substring $T[i..n - 1]$ of T for some $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$

General Idea of Algorithms

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

- A **guess** or **shift** is a position i such that P might start at $T[i]$. Valid guesses (initially) are $0 \leq i \leq n - m$.
- A **check** of a guess is a single position j with $0 \leq j < m$ where we compare $T[i + j]$ to $P[j]$. We must perform m checks of a single **correct** guess, but may make (many) fewer checks of an **incorrect** guess.

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

Brute-force Algorithm

Idea: Check 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)  
1.   for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - m$  do  
2.       if strcmp( $T[i..i+m-1]$ ,  $P$ ) = 0  
3.           return "found at guess  $i$ "  
4.   return FAIL
```

Note: *strcmp* takes $\Theta(m)$ time.

```
strcmp( $T[i..i+m-1]$ ,  $P[0..m-1]$ )  
1.   for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $m - 1$  do  
2.       if  $T[i+j]$  is before  $P[j]$  in  $\Sigma$  then return -1  
3.       if  $T[i+j]$  is after  $P[j]$  in  $\Sigma$  then return 1  
4.   return 0
```

Brute-Force Example

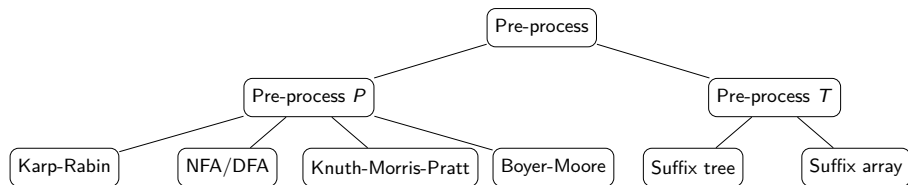
- Example: $T = \text{abbbababbab}$, $P = \text{abba}$

	a	b	b	b	a	b	a	b	b	a	b
a	b	b	a								
	a										
		a									
			a								
				a	b	b					
					a						
						a	b	b	a		

- What is the worst possible input?
 $P = a^{m-1}b$, $T = a^n$
- Worst case performance $\Theta((n - m) \cdot m)$
- This is $\Theta(mn)$ e.g. if $m \leq n/2$.

How to improve?

- Do extra **preprocessing** on the pattern P
 - ▶ **Karp-Rabin**
 - ▶ **Boyer-Moore**
 - ▶ Deterministic finite automata (**DFA**), **KMP**
 - ▶ We **eliminate guesses** based on completed matches and mismatches.
- Do extra **preprocessing** on the text T
 - ▶ **Suffix-trees**
 - ▶ **Suffix-arrays**
 - ▶ We **create a data structure** to find matches easily.



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Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Idea

Idea: use hashing to eliminate guesses

- Compute **fingerprint** (hash function) for each guess
- If different from P 's fingerprint, then the guess cannot be an occurrence \Rightarrow no need to do a string-compare.
- Example: $P = 5\ 9\ 2\ 6\ 5$, $T = 3\ 1\ 4\ 1\ 5\ 9\ 2\ 6\ 5\ 3\ 5$
 - ▶ Use standard hash-function: flattening + modular (radix $R = 10$):

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

- ▶ $h(P) = 59265 \bmod 97 = 95$.

3	1	4	1	5	9	2	6	5	3	5
hash-value 84										
	hash-value 94									
		hash-value 76								
			hash-value 18							
				hash-value 95						

- ▶ The first four guesses do not use any checks.

Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – First Attempt

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

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

Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Fast Update

Crucial insight: We can update the fingerprints in constant time.

- Use previous hash to compute next hash
- $O(1)$ time per hash, except first one

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

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

Karp-Rabin Fingerprint Algorithm – Conclusion

Karp-Rabin-RollingHash::patternMatching(T, P)

1. $M \leftarrow$ suitable prime number
2. $h_P \leftarrow h(P[0..m-1])$
3. $h_T \leftarrow h(T[0..m-1])$
4. $s \leftarrow 10^{m-1} \bmod M$
5. **for** $i \leftarrow 0$ to $n - m$
6. **if** $h_T = h_P$
7. **if** *strcmp*($T[i..i+m-1], P$) = 0
8. **return** “found at guess i ”
9. **if** $i < n - m$ // compute hash-value for next guess
10. $h_T \leftarrow ((h_T - T[i] \cdot s) \cdot 10 + T[i+m]) \bmod M$
11. **return** “FAIL”

- Choose “table size” M to be **random** prime in $\{2, \dots, mn^2\}$
- Expected time $O(m+n)$, worst-luck time $O(m \cdot n)$ (extremely unlikely)
- Improvement: reset M if no match at $h_T = h_P$

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Boyer-Moore Algorithm

Fastest pattern matching on English text.

Important components:

- **Reverse-order searching:** Compare P with a guess moving **backwards**

When a mismatch occurs, choose the better of the following two options:

- **Bad character jumps:** Eliminate guesses based on mismatched characters of T .
- **Good suffix jumps:** Eliminate guesses based on matched suffix of P .

Forward-searching vs. reverse-searching

P: aldo

T: whereiswaldo

Forward-searching:

w	h	e	r	e	i	s	w	a	l	d	o
█	█	█	█								

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With forward-searching, no guesses are ruled out.

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This *bad character heuristic* works well with reverse-searching.

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- Finding **r** does not help \Rightarrow shift by one unit.
 - ▶ Here the other strategy will do better.

Last-Occurrence Array

- Build the **last-occurrence array** L mapping Σ to integers
- $L[c]$ is the largest index i such that $P[i] = c$
- We will see soon: If c is not in P , then we should set $L[c] = -1$

Pattern:

0	1	2	3	4
p	a	p	e	r

Last-Occurrence Array:

char	p	a	e	r	all others
$L[\cdot]$	2	1	3	4	-1

- We can build this in time $O(m + |\Sigma|)$ with simple for-loop

```
BoyerMoore::lastOccurrenceArray( $P[0..m-1]$ )
```

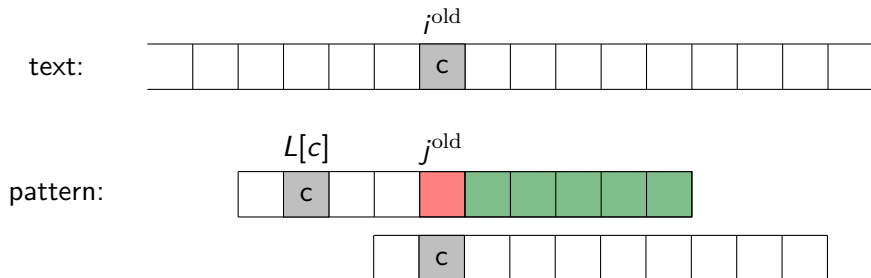
1. initialize array L indexed by Σ with all -1
2. **for** $j \leftarrow 0$ **to** $m-1$ **do** $L[P[j]] \leftarrow j$
3. **return** L

- But how should we do the update?

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We will always compare $T[i]$ and $P[j]$. How to update at a mismatch?

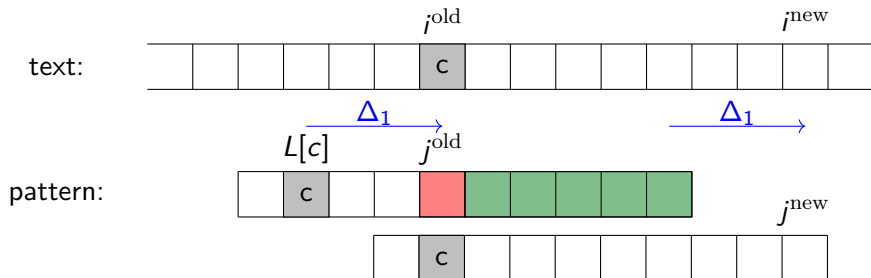
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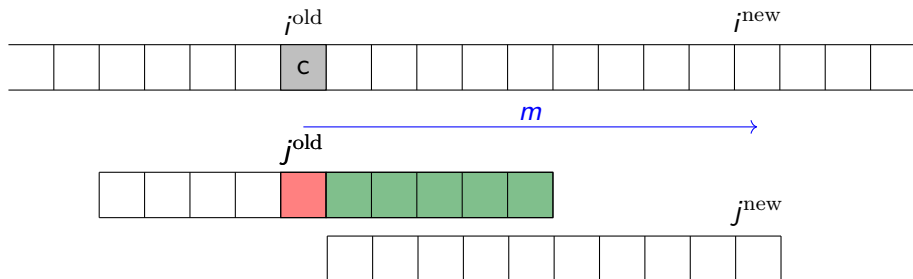
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- $j^{\text{new}} = m-1$ (we re-start the search from the right end)
- $j^{\text{new}} =$ corresponding index in T . What is it?
 - ▶ $\Delta_1 =$ amount that we should shift $= j^{\text{old}} - L[c]$

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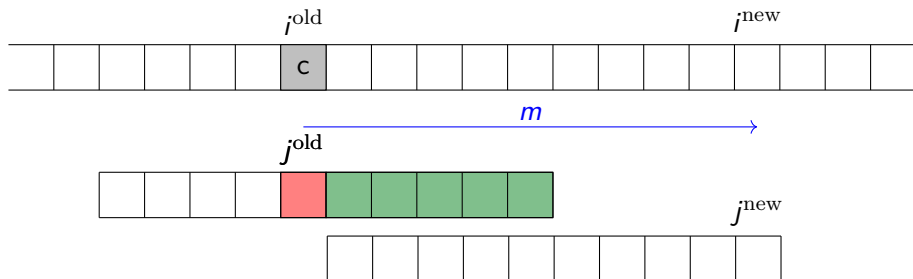
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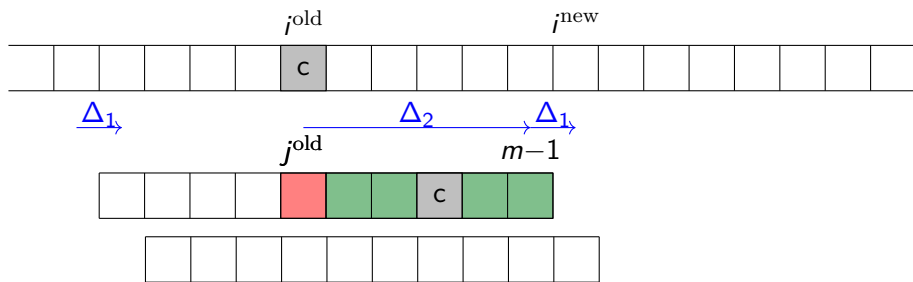
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 - ▶ formula was $i^{\text{new}} = i^{\text{old}} + (m-1) - L[c]$
 - ⇒ set $L[c] := -1$

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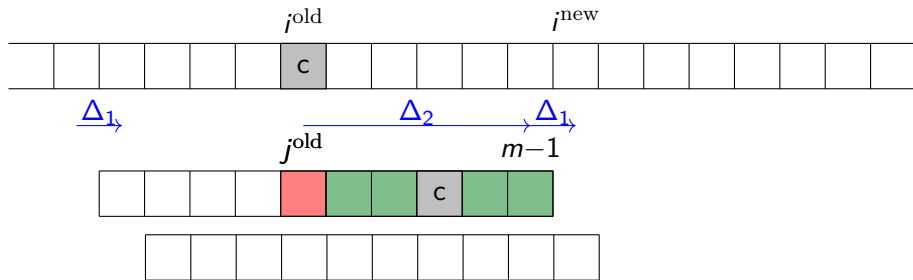
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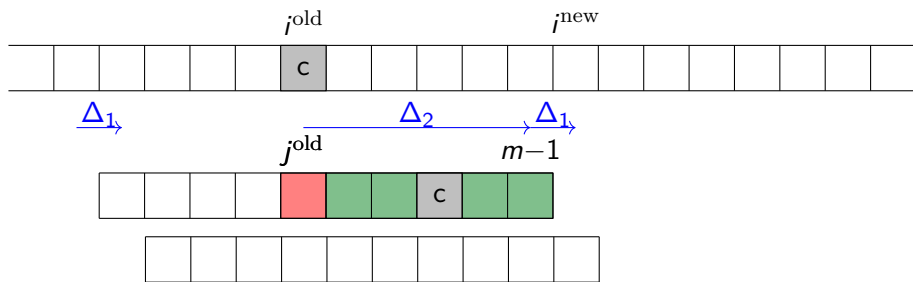


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Unified formula for all cases:

$$i^{\text{new}} = i^{\text{old}} + (m-1) - \min\{L[c], j^{\text{old}}-1\}$$

Boyer-Moore Algorithm

```
Boyer-Moore::patternMatching(T,P)
1.   $L \leftarrow \text{lastOccurrenceArray}(P)$ 
2.   $S \leftarrow$  good suffix array computed from  $P$ 
3.   $i \leftarrow m - 1, \quad j \leftarrow m - 1$ 
4.  while  $i < n$  and  $j \geq 0$  do
        // current guess begins at index  $i - j$ 
5.      if  $T[i] = P[j]$ 
6.           $i \leftarrow i - 1$ 
7.           $j \leftarrow j - 1$ 
8.      else
9.           $i \leftarrow i + m - 1 - \min\{L[T[i]], j - 1\}$ 
10.          $j \leftarrow m - 1$ 
11.     if  $j = -1$  return "found at  $T[i+1..i+m]$ "
12.     else return FAIL
```

If good suffix heuristic is used, then line 9 should be

$$i \leftarrow i + m - 1 - \min\{L[T[i]], S[j]\}$$

where S will be explained below.

Good Suffix Heuristic

$S[j]$ expresses

“since $P[j+1..m-1]$ was matched, how much should we shift?”

P : o n o b o b o

T : o n o o o b o o o i b b o u n d a r y

			b	o	b	o													
Do smallest shift so that obo fits in the new guess.																			
				(o)	(b)	(o)													

- Doing examples is easy, but the formula is complicated (no details)
- $S[\cdot]$ computable (similar to KMP failure function) in $\Theta(m)$ time.

Summary:

- Boyer-Moore performs very well (even without good suffix heuristic).
- On typical *English text* Boyer-Moore looks at only $\approx 25\%$ of T
- Worst-case run-time for is $O(mn)$, but in practice much faster.
[There are ways to ensure $O(n)$ run-time. No details.]

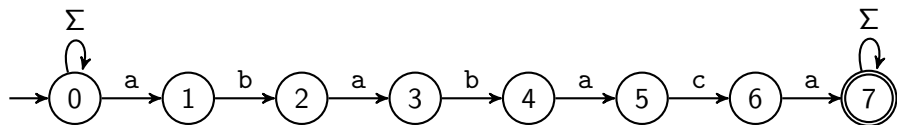
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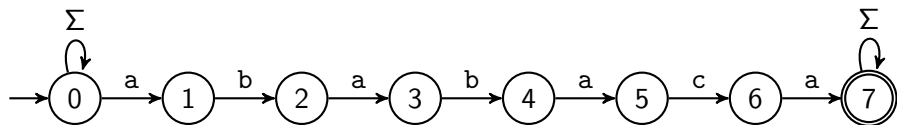


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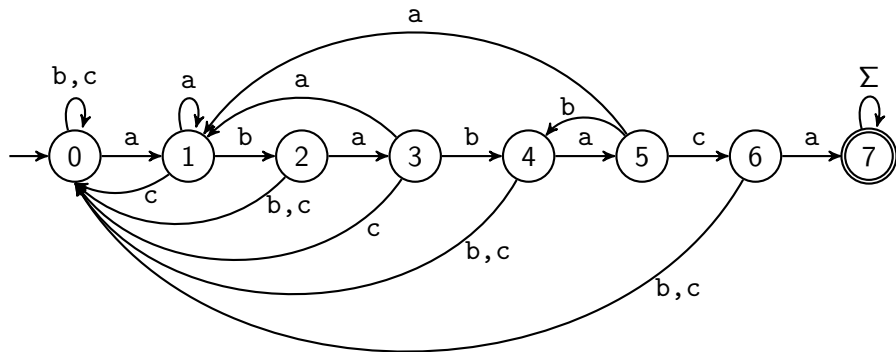
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- The above finite automation is an **NFA**
- State q expresses “we have seen $P[0..q-1]$ ”
 - ▶ NFA accepts T if and only if T contains $ababaca$
 - ▶ But evaluating NFAs is very slow.

String matching with DFA

Can show: There exists an equivalent small DFA ($\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$).



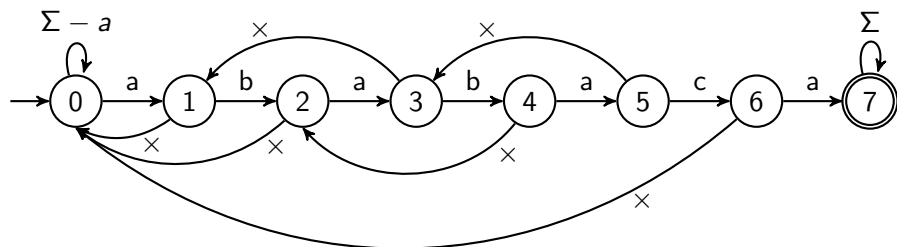
- Easy to test whether P is in T .
- But how do we find the arcs?
- We will not give the details of this since there is an even better automaton.

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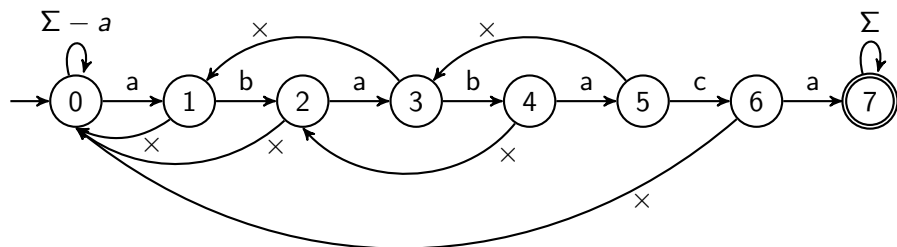
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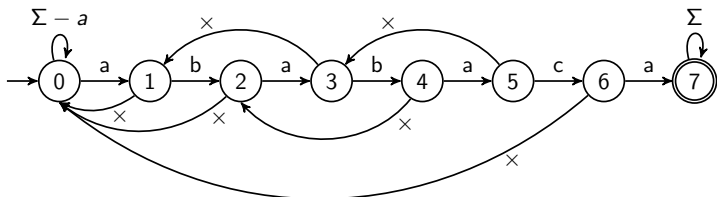
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- Can store **failure-function** in an array $F[0..m-1]$
 - ▶ The failure arc from state j leads to $F[j-1]$
- Given the failure-array, we can easily test whether P is in T : Automaton accepts T if and only if T contains $ababaca$

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm

```
KMP::patternMatching(T, P)
1.   F ← failureArray(P)
2.   i ← 0 // current character of T to parse
3.   j ← 0 // current state: we have seen P[0..j-1]
4.   while i < n do
5.       if P[j] = T[i]
6.           if j = m - 1
7.               return "found at guess i - m + 1"
8.           else
9.               i ← i + 1
10.            j ← j + 1
11.        else // i.e. P[j] ≠ T[i]
12.            if j > 0
13.                j ← F[j - 1]
14.            else
15.                i ← i + 1
16.    return FAIL
```

String matching with KMP – Example

Example: $T = \text{ababababaca}$, $P = \text{ababaca}$



T : a b a b a b b c a b a b a c a

a	b	a	b	a	x										
		(a)	(b)	(a)	b	x									
				(a)	(b)	x									
						x									
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									a	b	a	b	a	c	a

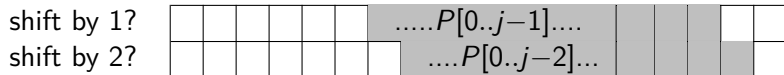
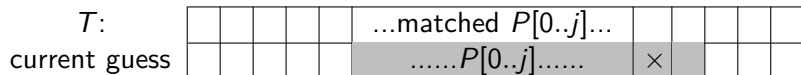
state:

1	2	3	4	5	3,4	2,0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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(after reading this character)

String matching with KMP – Failure-function

Assume we reach state $j+1$ and now have mismatch.



- Can eliminate “shift by 1” if $P[1..j] \neq P[0..j-1]$.
- Can eliminate “shift by 2” if $P[1..j]$ does not end with $P[0..j-2]$.
- Generally eliminate guess if that prefix of P is not a suffix of $P[1..j]$.
- So want longest prefix $P[0..\ell-1]$ that is a suffix of $P[1..j]$.
- The ℓ characters of this prefix are matched, so go to state ℓ .

$F[j]$ = head of failure-arc from state $j+1$
= length of the longest prefix of P that is a suffix of $P[1..j]$.

KMP Failure Array – Example

$F[j]$ is the length of the longest prefix of P that is a suffix of $P[1..j]$.

Consider $P = \text{ababaca}$

j	$P[1..j]$	Prefixes of P	longest	$F[j]$
0	Λ	$\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$	Λ	0
1	b	$\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$	Λ	0
2	ba	$\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$	a	1
3	bab	$\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$	ab	2
4	baba	$\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$	aba	3
5	babac	$\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$	Λ	0
6	babaca	$\Lambda, a, ab, aba, abab, ababa, \dots$	a	1

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

Computing the Failure Array

KMP::failureArray(P)

P: String of length *m* (pattern)

1. $F[0] \leftarrow 0$
2. $j \leftarrow 1$ // index within parsed text
3. $\ell \leftarrow 0$ // reached state
4. **while** $j < m$ **do**
5. **if** $P[j] = P[\ell]$
6. $\ell \leftarrow \ell + 1$
7. $F[j] \leftarrow \ell$
8. $j \leftarrow j + 1$
9. **else if** $\ell > 0$
10. $\ell \leftarrow F[\ell - 1]$
11. **else**
12. $F[j] \leftarrow 0$
13. $j \leftarrow j + 1$

Correctness-idea: $F[j]$ is defined via pattern matching of P in $P[1..j]$. So KMP uses itself! Already-built parts of $F[\cdot]$ are used to expand it.

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failureArray

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KMP main function

- failureArray can be computed in $\Theta(m)$ time
- Same analysis gives at most $2n$ iterations of the while loop since $2i - j \leq 2n$.
- Running time KMP altogether: $\Theta(n + m)$

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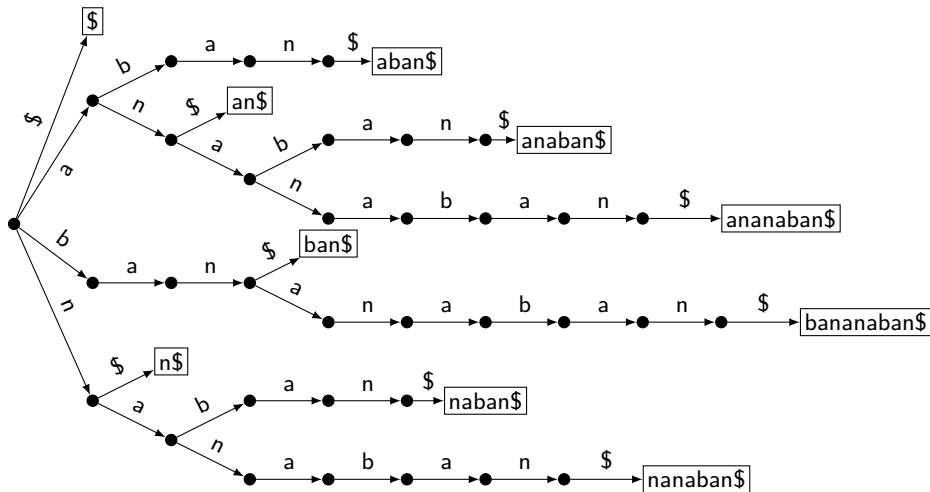
Tries of Suffixes and Suffix Trees

- What if we want to search for **many patterns** P within the same **fixed text** T ?
- **Idea**: Preprocess the text T rather than the pattern P
- **Observation**: P is a substring of T if and only if P is a prefix of some suffix of T .
- So want to store all suffixes of T in a trie.
- To save space:
 - ▶ Use a compressed trie.
 - ▶ Store suffixes implicitly via indices into T .
- This is called a **suffix tree**.

Trie of suffixes: Example

$T = \text{bananaban}$ has suffixes

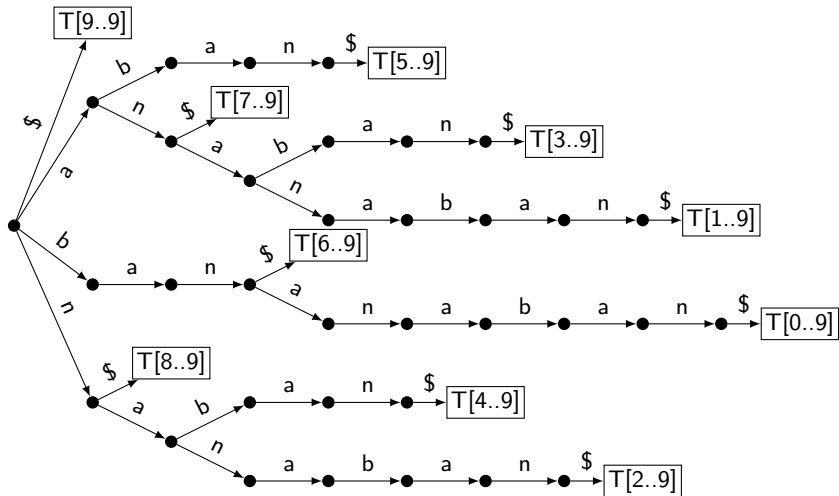
$\{\text{bananaban}, \text{ananaban}, \text{nanaban}, \text{anaban}, \text{naban}, \text{aban}, \text{ban}, \text{an}, \text{n}, \Lambda\}$



Tries of suffixes

Store suffixes via indices:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
b	a	n	a	n	a	b	a	n	\$



More on Suffix Trees

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 $\Theta(n^2|\Sigma|)$.
- There *is* a way to build a suffix tree of T in $\Theta(n|\Sigma|)$ time.
This is quite complicated and beyond the scope of the course.

Pattern Matching:

- Essentially *search* for P in compressed trie.
Some changes are needed, since P may only be prefix of stored word.
- Run-time: $O(|\Sigma|m)$.

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 .

Suffix Array Example

Text T :

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
b	a	n	a	n	a	b	a	n	\$

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

→
sort lexicographically

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\$

Suffix array:

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	5	7	3	1	6	0	8	4	2

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- ▶ Consider sub-array after one round.
- ▶ These have same leading char. Ties are broken by rest of words.
- ▶ But rest of words are also suffixes \rightsquigarrow sorted elsewhere
- ▶ We can double length of sorted part every round.

- ▶ $O(\log n)$ rounds enough \Rightarrow **$O(n \log n)$ run-time**
- Construction-algorithm: MSD-radix-sort plus some bookkeeping
 - ▶ needs only one extra array
 - ▶ easy to implement
- You do not need to know details (\rightsquigarrow cs482).

Pattern matching in suffix arrays

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

$P = \text{ban}$:

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	1	5	aban\$
	2	7	an\$
	3	3	anaban\$
$\nu \rightarrow$	4	1	ananaban\$
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- $O(\log n)$ comparisons.
- Each comparison is $\text{strcmp}(P, T[A^s[\nu]..A^s[\nu] + m - 1])$
- $O(m)$ time per comparison \Rightarrow **run-time** $O(m \log n)$

Pattern matching in suffix arrays

SuffixArray::patternMatching($T, P, A^s[0\dots n-1]$)

A^s : suffix array of T

1. $\ell \leftarrow 0, r \leftarrow n - 1$
2. **while** ($\ell < r$)
3. $\nu \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{\ell+r}{2} \rfloor$
4. $i \leftarrow A^s[\nu]$ // Suffix is $T[i..n-1]$
5. $s \leftarrow \text{strcmp}(P, T[i..i+m-1])$
6. // Assuming *strcmp* handles “out of bounds” suitably
7. **if** ($s > 0$) **do** $\ell \leftarrow \nu + 1$
8. **else if** ($s < 0$) **do** $r \leftarrow \nu - 1$
9. **else return** “found at guess $T[i..i+m-1]$ ”
10. **if** $\text{strcmp}(P, T[A^s[\ell]..A^s[\ell]+m-1]) = 0$
11. **return** “found at guess $T[A^s[\ell]..A^s[\ell]+m-1]$ ”
12. **return** FAIL

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String Matching Conclusion

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

- 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.