

Burrows-Wheeler Transform

Text transform that is useful for compression & search.

banana

banana\$
anana\$b
nana\$ba
ana\$ban
na\$bana
a\$banan
\$banana

sort



\$banana
a\$banan
ana\$ban
anana\$b
banana\$
nana\$ba
na\$bana

BWT(banana) =
annb\$aa

Tends to put runs of the
same character together.

Makes compression
work well.

“bzip” is based on this.