

# Algorithms: COMP3121/3821/9101/9801

Rabin - Karp Algorithm:

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String matching with finite automata (字符串匹配之有限自动机) :

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#### 9. STRING MATCHING ALGORITHMS



# String Matching algorithms

- Assume that you want to find out if a string  $B = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{m-1}$  appears as a (contiguous) substring of a much longer string  $A = a_0 a_1 \dots a_{n-1}$ .
- ullet The "naive" string matching algorithm does not work well if B is much longer than what can fit in a single register; we need something cleverer.
- We now show how hashing can be combined with recursion to produce an efficient string matching algorithm.

#### Rabin - Karp Algorithm

- We compute a hash value for the string  $B = b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_m$  in the following way.
- Assume that strings A and B are in an alphabet  $\mathcal A$  with d many symbols in total.
- Thus, we can identify each string with a sequence of integers by mapping each symbol  $s_i$  into a corresponding integer i:

$$\mathcal{A} = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{d-1}\} \longrightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, d-1\}$$

• To any string  $B = b_0 b_1 \dots b_{m-1}$  we can now associate an integer whose digits in base d are integers corresponding to each symbol in B: 变成相应的d进制

$$h(B) = h(b_0b_1b_2...b_m) = d^{m-1}b_0 + d^{m-2}b_1 + ... + d \cdot b_{m-2} + b_{m-1}$$

• This can be done efficiently using the Horner's rule:

$$h(B) = b_{m-1} + d(b_{m-2} + d(b_{m-3} + d(b_{m-4} + \dots + d(b_1 + d \cdot b_0))) \dots)$$

• Next we choose a large prime number p such that (d+1)p fits in a single register and define the hash value of B as  $H(B) = h(B) \mod p$ .



#### Rabin - Karp Algorithm

- Recall that  $A = a_0 a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_s a_{s+1} \dots a_{s+m-1} \dots a_{N-1}$  where N >> m.
- We want to find efficiently all s such that the string of length m of the form  $a_s a_{s+1} \dots a_{s+m-1}$  and string  $b_0 b_1 \dots b_{m-1}$  are equal.
- For each contiguous substring  $A_s = a_s a_{s+1} \dots a_{s+m-1}$  of string A we also compute its hash value as

$$H(A_s) = (d^{m-1}a_s + d^{m-2}a_{s+1} + \dots + d^1a_{s+m-2} + a_{s+m-1}) \mod p$$

- We can now compare the hash values H(B) and  $H(A_s)$  and do a symbol-by-symbol matching only if  $H(B) = H(A_s)$ .
- Clearly, such an algorithm would be faster than the naive symbol-by-symbol comparison only if we can compute the hash values of substrings  $A_s$  faster than what it takes to compare strings B and  $A_s$  character by character.
- This is where recursion comes into play: we do not have compute the hash value  $H(A_{s+1})$  of  $A_{s+1} = a_{s+1}a_{s+2} \dots a_{s+m}$  "from scratch", but we can compute it efficiently from the hash value  $H(A_s)$  of  $A_s = a_s a_{s+2} \dots a_{s+m-1}$  as follows.

#### Rabin - Karp Algorithm

Since

$$H(A_s) = (d^{m-1}a_s + d^{m-2}a_{s+1} + \dots d^1a_{s+m-2} + a_{s+m-1}) \mod p$$

by multiplying both sides by d we obtain

$$\begin{split} &(d \cdot H(A_s)) \bmod p = \\ &= (d^m a_s + d^{m-1} a_{s+1} + \dots d \cdot a_{s+m-1}) \bmod p \\ &= ((d^m a_s) \bmod p + (d^{m-1} a_{s+1} + \dots d^2 a_{s+m-2} + d a_{s+m-1} + a_{s+m}) \bmod p - a_{s+m}) \bmod p \\ &= ((d^m \bmod p) a_s + H(A_{s+1}) - a_{s+m}) \bmod p \end{split}$$

Consequently,  $H(A_{s+1}) = (d \cdot H(A_s) - (d^m \text{mod } p)a_s + a_{s+m}) \text{mod } p$ .

Note that in the expression

$$H(A_{s+1}) = (d \cdot H(A_s) - (d^m \bmod p)a_s + a_{s+m}) \bmod p$$

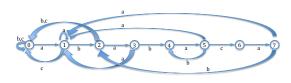
the value  $d^m \mod p$  can be precomputed and is smaller than p, while  $a_s, a_{s+m} < d < p$ .

- Since we chose p such that (d+1)p fits in a register, all the values and the intermediate results for the above expression also fit in a single register.
- The value of  $H(A_s)$  can be computed in constant time independent of the length of the strings A and B.

#### String matching finite automata

- A string matching finite automaton for a string S with k symbols has k+1 many states  $0,1,\ldots k$  which correspond to the number of characters matched thus far and a transition function  $\delta(s,c)$  where s is a state and c is a character, given by a table.
- To make things easier to describe, we consider the string S=ababaca. The table defining  $\delta(s,c)$  would then be

	input			
state	a	b	c	
0	1	0	0	a
1	1	2	0	b
2	3	0	0	a
3	1	4	0	b
4	5	0	0	a
5	1	4	6	С
6	7	0	0	a
7	1	2	0	



state transition diagram for string ababaca

## String matching with finite automata

- How do we compute the transition function  $\delta$ , i.e., how do we fill the table?
- Let  $B_k$  denote the prefix of the string B consisting of the first k characters of string B.
- If we are at a state k this means that so far we have matched the prefix  $B_k$ ; if we now see an input character a, then  $\delta(k,a)$  is the largest m such that the prefix  $B_m$  of string B is the suffix of the string  $B_k a$ .
- Thus, if a happens to be B[k+1], then m=k+1 and so  $\delta(k,a)=k+1$  and  $B_ka=B_{k+1}$ .

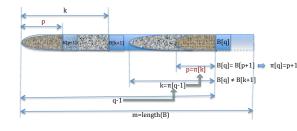
### String matching with finite automata

- We can get by without precomputing  $\delta(k,a)$  but instead compute it "on the fly".
- We do that by matching the string against itself: we can recursively compute a function  $\pi(k)$  which for each k returns the largest integer m such that the prefix  $B_m$  of B is a proper suffix of  $B_k$ .

#### The Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm

```
1: function
    Compute - Prefix - Function(B)
        m \leftarrow \operatorname{length}[B]
 3:
        let \pi[1..m] be a new
    array
       \pi[1] = 0
 5:
      k = 0
        for q=2 to m do
 7:
           while k > 0 and
               B[k+1] \neq B[q]
           k = \pi[k]
           if B[k+1] == B[q]
10:
               k = k + 1
           \pi[q] = k
11:
12:
        end for
13:
        return \pi
```

14: end function



Assume that length of B is m and that we have already found that  $\pi[q-1]=k$ ; to compute  $\pi[q]$  we check if B[q]=B[k+1]; if it is not; then  $\pi[q] \neq k+1$  and we find  $\pi[k]=p$ ; if now B[q]=B[k+1] then  $\pi[q]=p+1$ .

#### The Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm

• We can now do our search for string B in a longer string A:

```
1: function KMP – Matcher(A, B)
        n \leftarrow \operatorname{length}[A]
 3:
        m \leftarrow \operatorname{length}[B]
        \pi = \text{Compute} - \text{Prefix} - \text{Function}(B)
 5:
        q = 0
 6:
        for i = 2 to n do
 7:
            while q > 0 and B[q + 1] \neq A[i]
8:
            q = \pi[q]
9:
            if B[q+1] == A[i]
10:
                q = q + 1
11:
            if q == m
12:
             print pattern occurs with shift i-m
13:
             q = \pi[q]
14:
        end for
15: end function
```

#### Looking for imperfect matches

- Sometimes we are not interested in finding just the prefect matches, but also in matches that might have a few errors, such as a few insertions, deletions and replacements.
- So assume that we have a very long string  $A = a_0 a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_s a_{s+1} \dots a_{s+m-1} \dots a_{N-1}$ , a shorter string  $B = b_0 b_1 b_2 \dots b_{m-1}$  where m << N and an integer k << m. We are interested in finding all matches for B in A which allow up to k many errors.
- Idea: split B into k+1 consecutive subsequences of (approximately) equal length. Then any match in A with at most k errors must contain a subsequence which is a perfect match for a subsequence of B. Thus, we look for all perfect matches for all of k+1 subsequences of B and for every hit we test by brute force if the remaining parts of B have sufficient number of matches in the appropriate parts of A.