

Given an alphabet  $\alpha$  and a pattern  $P$ , we need to know where  $\alpha$  appears in  $P$ .

This information is contained in a vector  $\Sigma(\alpha)$  which is defined as follows:

$\Sigma(\alpha)[i]=1$  if  $p_i=\alpha$  .

$\Sigma(\alpha)[i]=0$  if otherwise.

**Example:**  $P : \text{aabac}$

$\Sigma(\text{a}) = ( 1, 1, 0, 1, 0 )$

$\Sigma(\text{b}) = ( 0, 0, 1, 0, 0 )$

$\Sigma(\text{c}) = ( 0, 0, 0, 0, 1 )$