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Malware detection system using suffix array

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1 Abstract

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I følgende opgave arbejdes der på binære træer med typen

5 Introduction

The string matching problem is found in various fields of study [4]. In biology, string matching algorithms significantly aid biologists in retrieving and comparing DNA strings, reconstructing DNA strings from overlapping string fragments and looking for new or presented patterns occurring in a DNA[1]. Text-editing applications also adopt string matching algorithms, whenever the application has to acquire an unambiguous occurrences of a user-given pattern, such as a word in some document[2, 1]. String matching is used in music equipment, AI (artificial intelligence) and in addition, various software applications like virus scanners (anti-virus) or intrusion detection systems, frequently adopt string matching algorithms as a practical tool, to secure data security over the internet [3]. Fundamentally, string matching is a method to find some pattern $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ in a given text $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$, over some finite alphabet Σ as illustrated in fig. 1 [3].

6 String Matching

String matching is both an algorithmic problem and data structure problem. The static data structure consist of preprocessing some predefined large text $T = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$, and query some smaller pattern $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ [4]. The objective is to preprocess text T and query pattern P in text T in linear time, $O(m), m \in |T|$ ¹ and $O(n), n \in |P|$, respectively [4].

Following the tradition of Gusfield et al. this discussion begins with the naive methoed of the exact string matching paradigm.

Problem:

Given a pattern P and a long text T , the problem consist of finding all occurrences of pattern P , if any, in text T [1].

The occurrences of pattern $P = \{ana\}$ in text $T = \{banana\}$ are found at $T[1, 3]$ and $T[3, 5]$, as illustrated in Figure 1. Note that pattern P may overlap.

¹See appendix A for a description of algorithmic time analysis

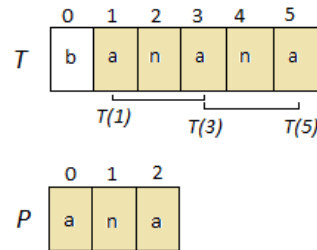


Figure 1: The text $T = \{\text{banana}\}$ and pattern $P = \{\text{ana}\}$ over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{\text{abn}\}$. The pattern P occurs in T in, at position $T[1]$ and $T[3]$. Notice that occurrences of P may overlap.

6.1 Suffix trees

The classic application for suffix tree is the substring problem [1, 5], which is both a data structure and an algorithmic problem [4]. That is, given a long text T over some alphabet Σ , and some pattern P , the substring problem consists of preprocessing T in linear time $O(m)$, and hereafter T should be able to take any unknown pattern P , and in linear time $O(n)$ determine occurrences of P , if any, in T [1]. The preprocessing time is here proportional to the length of text T , and the query is proportional to the length of pattern P [1].

This paper adopts the approach of Gusfield et al., by not applying the denotation of pattern P and text T , in respect to describing suffix trees. By using the general description and denotation of suffix trees, there will be less confusion, since input string can take different roles and vary for application to application [1].

Conceptually a suffix tree is a compressed trie [4].

Definition A trie contains all suffixes of string S , where each edge is labeled with a character from some alphabet Σ . Each path from root to leaf represents a suffix, and every suffix is represented with some path from root to leaf [4, 5].

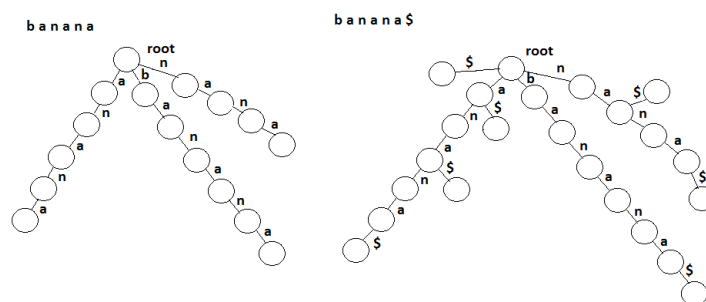


Figure 2: Left is a trie of the string *banana* and the right is a trie of the string *banana\$*.

Figure 2 illustrates two tries, left of the string *banana* and the right over the string *banana\$*. Note that right trie has the termination character $\$$ appended to the end. This is due to the fact that the definition of a trie dictates that every suffix is represented with

some path from root to leaf. Suffix *ana* in left trie does not have a path from root to leaf, but appending a termination character to *S* that exists nowhere else in the string, will eliminate the problem.

Creating a compressed trie, one takes each non-branching nodes and compress them, such that edge-labels from non-branching nodes concatenates into a new edge-label, as illustrated in Figure 3. Here node 1 is a non-branching node, one then concatenate *a* to *n*, to form a new edge-label *na*, deleting the non-branching node [4]. The number of non-branching nodes in a trie is at most the number of leaves. By compressing, we know have that the number of internal nodes is at most the number of leaves, having $O(k)$ nodes total.

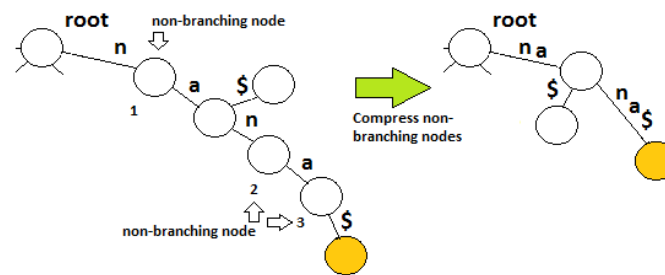


Figure 3: Compressing a trie.

Definition A Suffix tree, T , is a m -character string S concatenated with a termination character $\$$, that is represented as a directed rooted tree with exactly m leaves, numbered 1 to m . Except the root, each internal node contains at least two children, with each edge labeled with a nonempty substring of S . No two edges exiting a node can have labels beginning with the same character. The concatenation of edge-labels on the path from the root to leaf i , unerringly spells out the suffix of S that starts at position i , such that it spells out $S[i..m]$. The termination character $\$$ is assumed to appear nowhere else in S , such that no suffix of the consequential string can be a prefix of any other suffix[1].

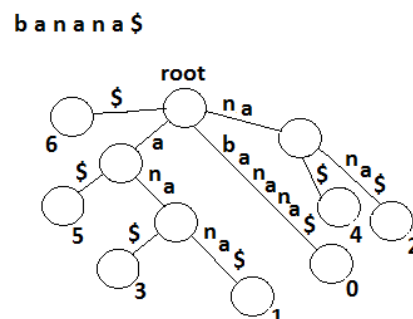


Figure 4: A suffix tree T for string *banana*\$.

The suffix tree for the string *banana*\$, in lexicographical order, is illustrated 4. Each path from the root to a leaf i , unerringly spells out a suffix of S , starting at position i in S . As

an example, leaf numbered 2 spells out *nana*\$, starting at position 2 in the S , such that $S[2..6] = \textit{nana}$ \$. Each node has at least two children, and no two edges exiting a node begins with the same character.

To dive into the substring problem using linear preprocessing time, $O(m)$, and linear search time, $O(n)$ we follow the tradition, and starts with a naive and straightforward algorithm to building suffix trees before venturing into the linear time preprocessing approach [1].

6.2 Knutt-Moris-Pratt Algorithm

6.3 Operations on suffix trees

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6.3.1 Insertion & Deletion

6.3.2 Lowest Common Ancestor

An interesting application of suffix trees is the *lca* (Lowest Common Ancestor) problem, that is, finding the lowest common ancestor of node i and j in tree T . Lowest common ancestor was first obtained by Harel and Tarjan (1984, published online 2006 [6]) and later on simplified by Schieber and Vishkin (1988, published online in 2006 [7])[1].

Lowest common ancestor is an interesting application given that it is used in application as exact matching with wild cards and the k -mismatch problem, amongst others [1]. More interesting is the fact that *lca* of leaves i and j identifies the longest common prefix of suffixes i and j , which will be discussed later on.

By consuming linear time amount of preprocessing a suffix tree, that is a rooted tree, any two nodes can be identified and their *lca* can be found in constant time, $O(1)$ [1, 8]. This paper will not dwell into the different linear time preprocessing algorithms for the *lca* predicament, but delivers an overview and clarification of the problem by introducing a simpler but slower algorithm. (maybe linear in the appendix?).

Definition In a rooted tree T a node u is an ancestor of node v , if u is an unique path from the root to v [1].

Definition In a rooted tree T , the lowest common ancestor of two node u and v , is the deepest node in tree T that is an ancestor of both u and v [1].

Let's suppose for simplification that an application is allowed preprocessing time of an upper bound of $\theta(n \lg n)$, which is an acceptable bound for most applications [1]. Then, in the preprocessing state of tree T , perform a depth-first traversal of tree T and create a list L of nodes in order as they are visited. Then locating the *lca* of node 2 and 8, $lca[2, 8]$, in fig. 5, one only have to find any occurrences of 2 and 8 in L . Then take the lowest value in interval between $L[1] = 2$ and $L[12] = 8$. This value is the lowest common ancestor for node 2 and 8 in T , $lca[2, 8] = 1$.

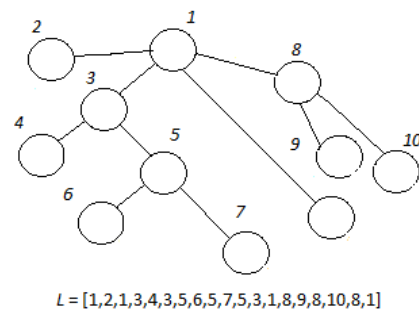


Figure 5: Rooted tree - deep-first traversal with $L = [1, 2, 1, 3, 4, 3, 5, 6, 5, 7, 5, 3, 1, 8, 9, 8, 10, 8, 1]$

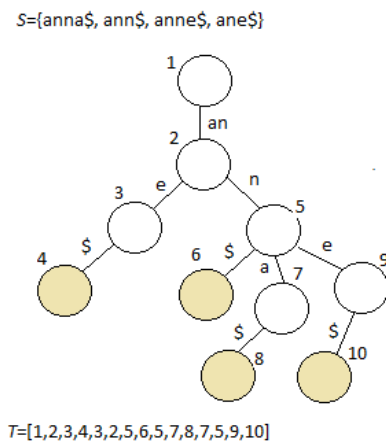


Figure 6: Rooted tree - deep-first traversal with $L = [1, 2, 1, 3, 4, 3, 5, 6, 5, 7, 5, 3, 1, 8, 9, 8, 10, 8, 1]$

6.3.3 Longest Common Prefix

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8 Evaluation and recommendations

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9 Discussion

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10 Future work

11 Conclusion

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13 Appendix

A One

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