CS22012: Data Structures and Algorithms II

Substring Search

Ivana.Dusparic@scss.tcd.ie

Outline of Substring search algorithms

- > Brute force
- > KMP (Knuth-Morris-Pratt)
- > Boyer-Moore
- > Rabin-Karp
- > Many many many others

- > Suffix arrays
- > LCP (longest common prefix) arrays

String matching algorithms

- > Handbook of Exact String Matching Algorithms
- http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1 .1.133.4896&rep=rep1&type=pdf
- > http://www-igm.univ-mlv.fr/~lecroq/string/

Java String implementation

Java library. The indexOf() method in Java's string library returns the index of the first occurrence of a given string, starting at a given offset.

- > Which algorithm does String.IndexOf(String) use?
 - Naïve loop (brute force)
 - Why?
- > String.contains()

Common interview questions

- > Implement a needle-in-a-haystack
 - public int Search(String haystack, String needle)
- > Implement strstr()
 - Find the first instance of a string in another string
- > Longest common substring between 2 files
- > Longest substring that's a palindrome
- > Longest repeated substring
- > Etc etc

Different to Pattern Matching

- > Find a pattern, i.e. one of the specified set of substrings in a text
- > Regular expression notation to specify a set of strings
- > For more info see 5.4 in Sedgewick and Wayne

Substring search - definition

Goal. Find pattern of length M in a text of length N. $pattern \longrightarrow N$ E E D L E $text \longrightarrow I$ N A H A Y S T A C K N E E D L E I N A match

Substring search – brute force

Check for pattern starting at each text position.

```
i j i+j 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

txt → A B A C A D A B R A C

0 2 2 A B R A pat

1 0 1 A B R A entries in red are mismatches

2 1 3 A B R A entries in gray are for reference only

4 1 5 entries in black match the text

5 0 5 match the text

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A

A B R A
```

Substring search – brute force

Check for pattern starting at each text position.

```
      i
      j
      i+j
      0
      1
      2
      3
      4
      5
      6
      7
      8
      9
      10

      A
      B
      A
      C
      A
      D
      A
      B
      R
      A
      C

      4
      3
      7
      A
      D
      A
      C
      R

      5
      0
      5
      A
      D
      A
      C
      R
```

```
public static int search(String pat, String txt)
{
   int M = pat.length();
   int N = txt.length();
   for (int i = 0; i <= N - M; i++)
   {
      int j;
      for (j = 0; j < M; j++)
        if (txt.charAt(i+j) != pat.charAt(j))
            break;
      if (j == M) return i;  index in text where pattern starts
   }
   return N;  not found
}</pre>
```

Substring search – brute force

Brute-force substring search: worst case

Brute-force algorithm can be slow if text and pattern are repetitive.

```
i j i+j 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

txt → A A A A A A A A A A B

0 4 4 A A A A B ← pat

1 4 5 A A A A B

2 4 6 A A A A B

3 4 7 A A A B

4 4 8 A A A B

5 5 10 A A A B

A A A A B

Match
```

Worst case. $\sim MN$ char compares.

Substring search – backup

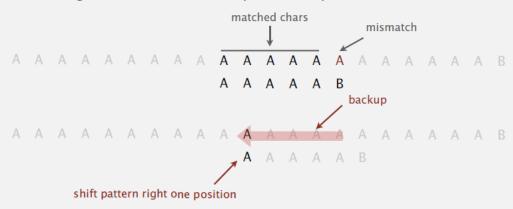
Backup

In many applications, we want to avoid backup in text stream.

- · Treat input as stream of data.
- · Abstract model: standard input.



Brute-force algorithm needs backup for every mismatch.



Approach 1. Maintain buffer of last M characters.

Approach 2. Stay tuned.

Substring search – explicit backup

Same sequence of char compares as previous implementation.

- i points to end of sequence of already-matched chars in text.
- j stores # of already-matched chars (end of sequence in pattern).

```
        i
        j
        0
        1
        2
        3
        4
        5
        6
        7
        8
        9
        10

        A
        B
        A
        C
        A
        D
        A
        B
        R
        A
        C

        7
        3
        A
        D
        A
        C
        R

        5
        0
        A
        D
        A
        C
        R
```

```
public static int search(String pat, String txt)
{
   int i, N = txt.length();
   int j, M = pat.length();
   for (i = 0, j = 0; i < N && j < M; i++)
   {
      if (txt.charAt(i) == pat.charAt(j)) j++;
      else { i -= j; j = 0; }
   }
   if (j == M) return i - M;
   else      return N;
}</pre>
```

Algorithmic challenges in substring search

Brute-force is not always good enough.

Theoretical challenge. Linear-time guarantee. ← fundamental algorithmic problem

Practical challenge. Avoid backup in text stream. ← often no room or time to save text

Now is the time for all people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for a lot of good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all of the good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for each good person to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Republicans to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many or all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for a lot of good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all of the good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their attack at dawn party. Now is the time for each person to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Republicans to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many or all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of their party.

Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP)

KMP

- > 1970 by Donald Knuth and Vaughan Pratt
- > + Independently by James H. Morris.

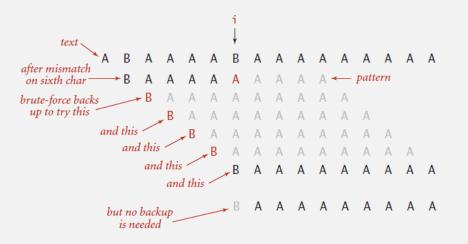
 (Donald Knuth - The Art of Computer Programming comprehensive monograph that covers many kinds of programming algorithms and their analysis - 4 volumes and counting)

KMP

Knuth-Morris-Pratt substring search

Intuition. Suppose we are searching in text for pattern BAAAAAAAA.

- Suppose we match 5 chars in pattern, with mismatch on 6th char.
- We know previous 6 chars in text are BAAAAB.
- Don't need to back up text pointer!

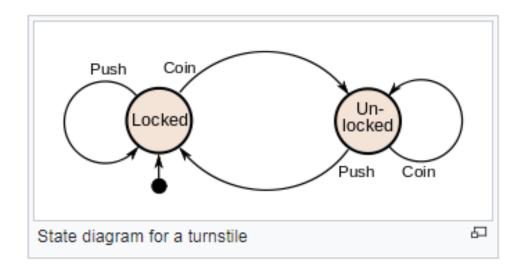


Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm. Clever method to always avoid backup. (!)

KMP – avoid back up how? DFA

- > DFA Deterministic Final State Automaton
- > Finite State Automaton/Finite State Machine
 - mathematical model of computation
 - an abstract machine that can be in exactly one of a finite number of states at any given time.
 - can change from one state to another in response to some external inputs
 - the change from one state to another is called a transition
 - defined by a list of its states, its initial state, and the conditions for each transition.
- > Deterministic produces a unique computation (or run) of the automaton for each input string
- > DFA finite-state machine that accepts and rejects strings of symbols

FSA – an example





Finite State Machine - more formally

A finite state automaton is a quintuple (Q, Σ, E, S, F) with

- Q a finite set of states
- Σ a finite set of symbols, the alphabet
- $S \subseteq Q$ the set of start states
- $F \subseteq Q$ the set of final states
- E a set of edges $Q \times (\Sigma \cup \{\epsilon\}) \times Q$

The transition function d can be defined as

$$d(q, a) = \{ q' \in Q | \exists (q, a, q') \in E \}$$

 Deterministic Finite Automata are always complete: they define a transition for each state and each input symbol.

DFA

DFA is abstract string-searching machine.

- · Finite number of states (including start and halt).
- Exactly one transition for each char in alphabet.
- · Accept if sequence of transitions leads to halt state.



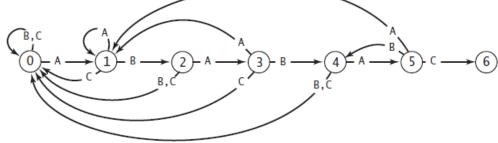
	j	0	1	2	3	4	5
pat.charAt(j)	Α	В	Α	В	Α	C
	Α	1	1	3	1	5	1
dfa[][j]	В	0	2	0	4	0	4
	C	0	0	0	0	0	6

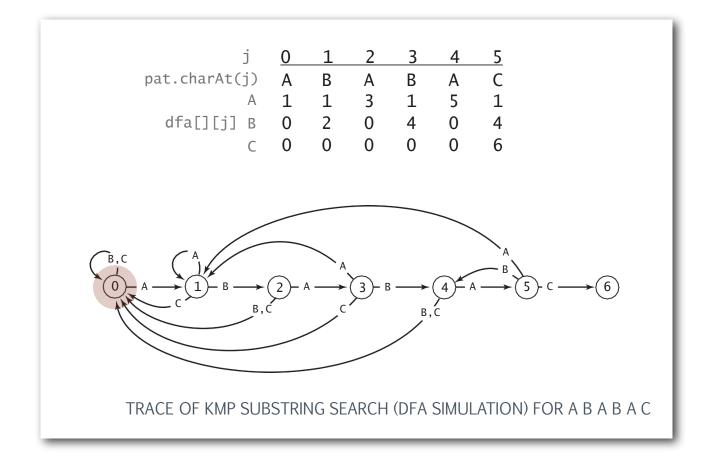
If in state j reading char c:

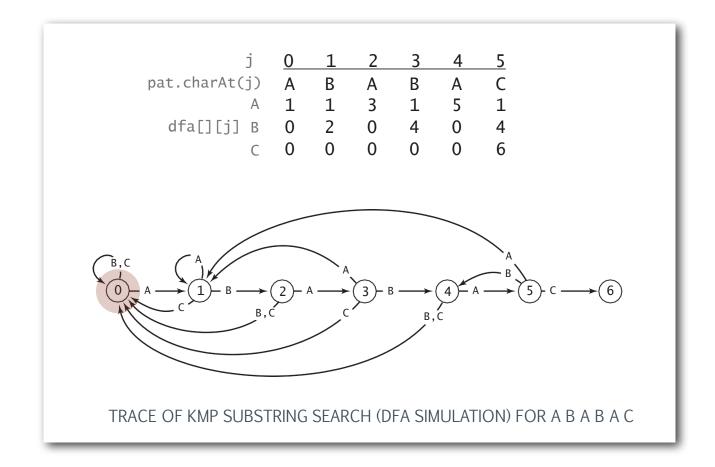
if j is 6 halt and accept

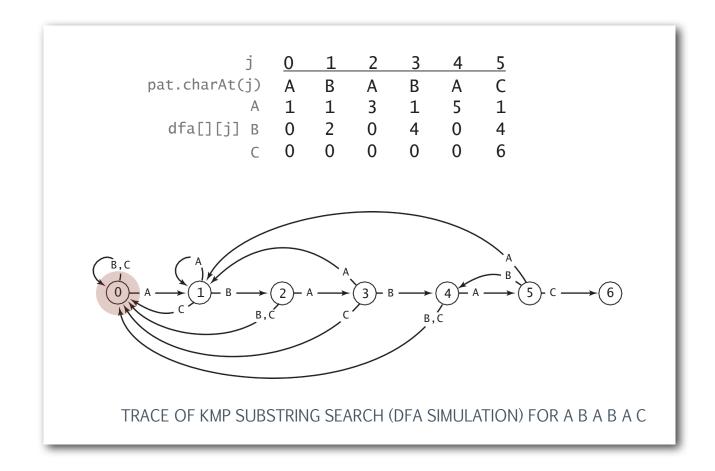
else move to state dfa[c][j]

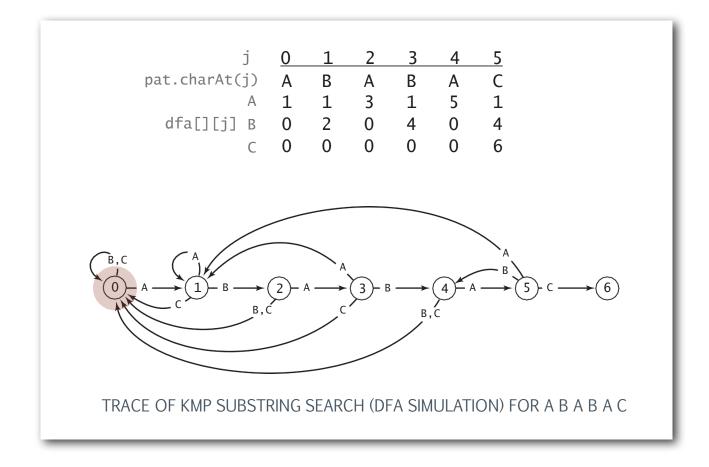


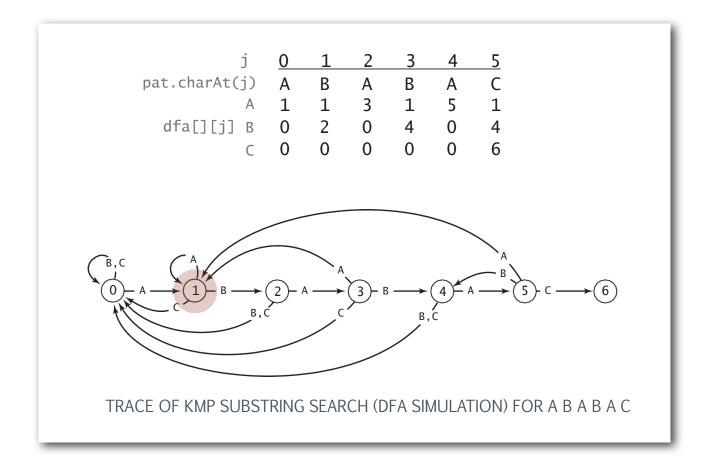




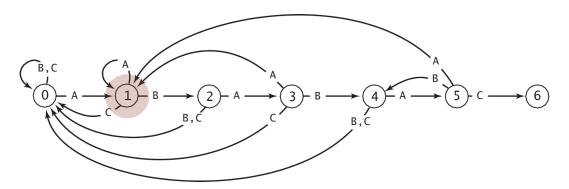




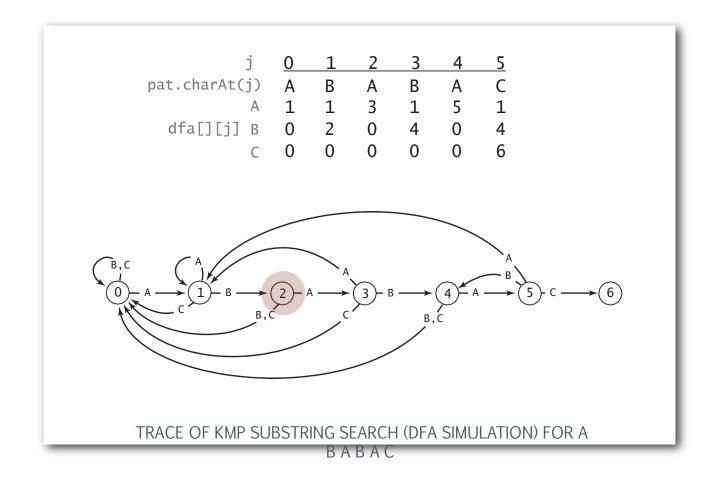


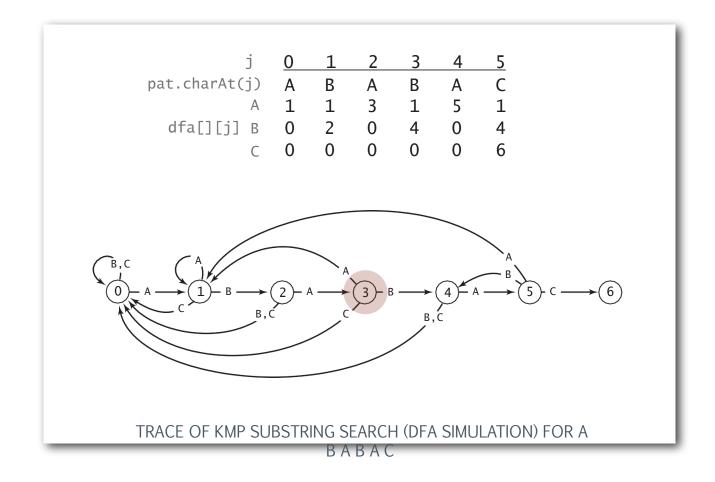


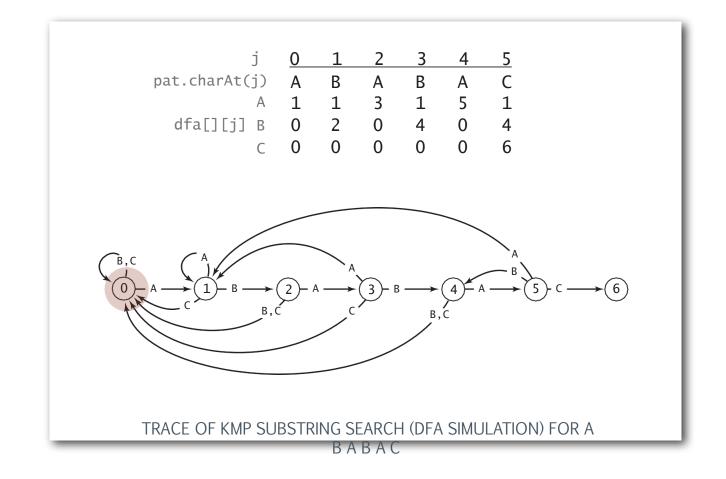
j	0	1	2	3	4	<u>5</u>
<pre>pat.charAt(j)</pre>	Α	В	Α	В	Α	C
Α	1	1	3	1	5	1
dfa[][j] B	0	2	0	4	0	4
С	0	0	0	0	0	6

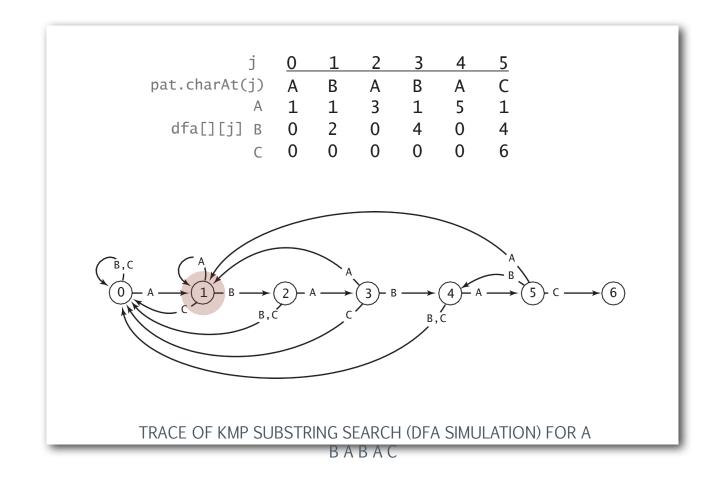


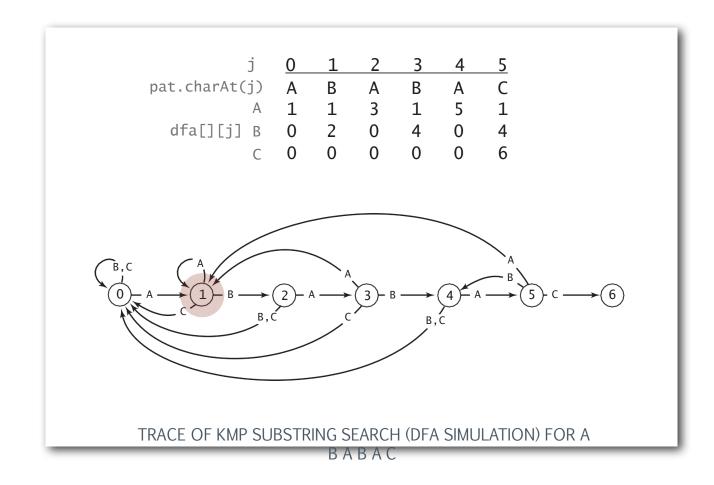
TRACE OF KMP SUBSTRING SEARCH (DFA SIMULATION) FOR A B A B A C

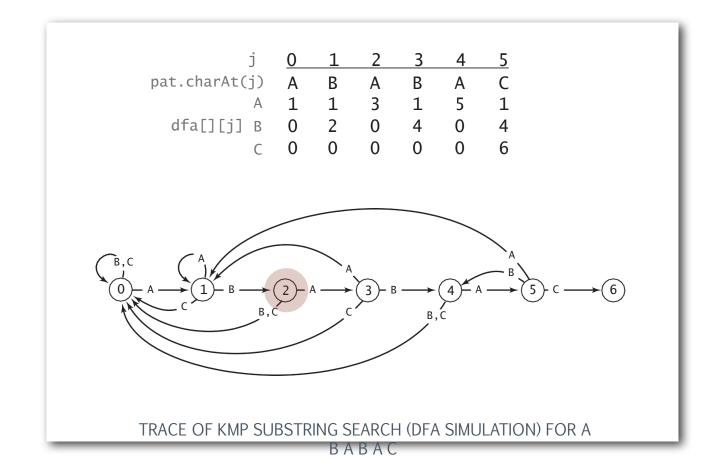


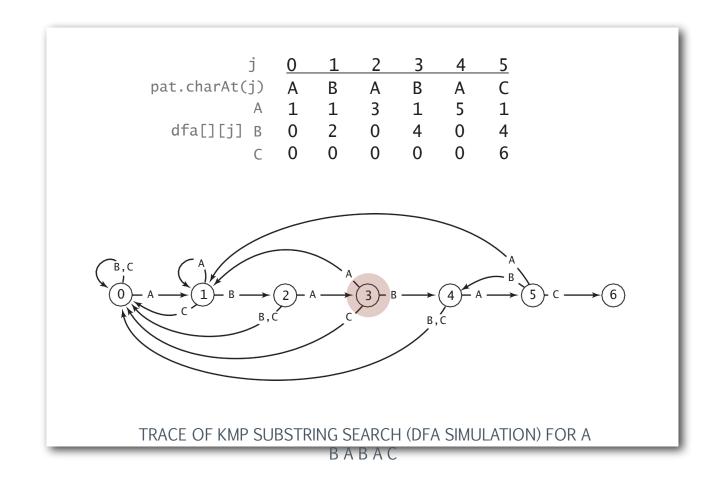


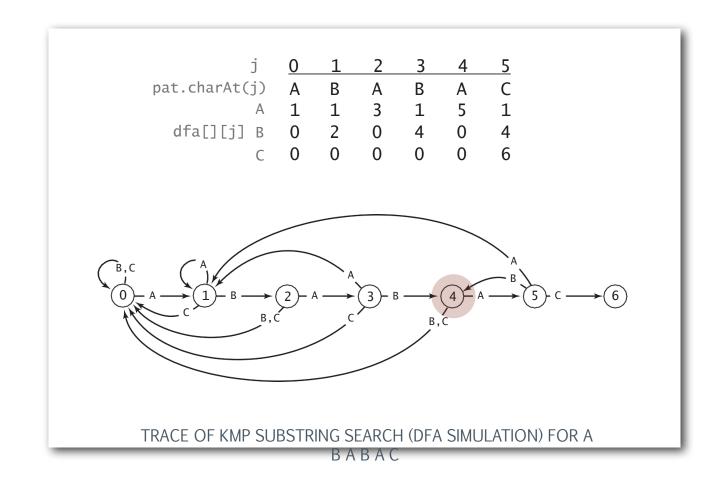


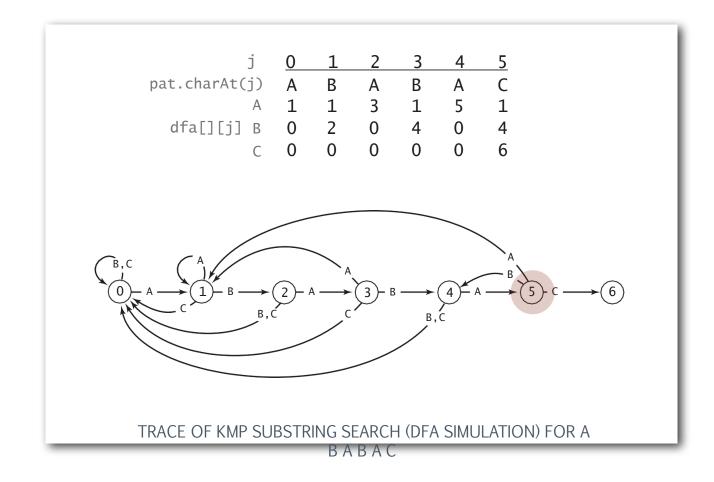




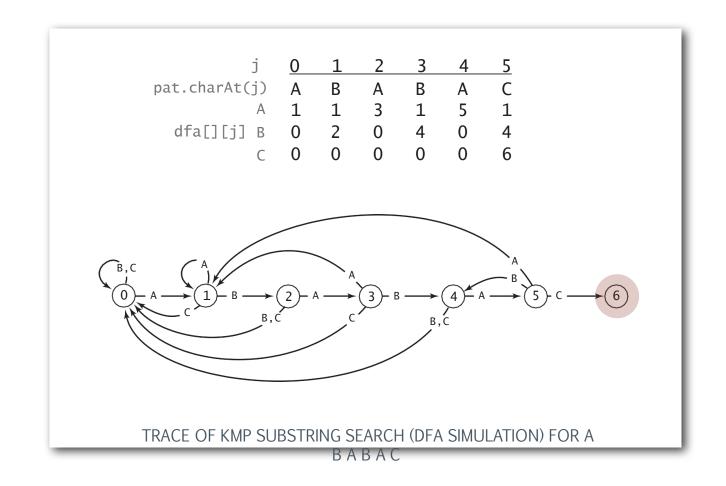








DFA simulation



DFA States - number of characters matched

Q. What is interpretation of DFA state after reading in txt[i]? A. State = number of characters in pattern that have been matched. length of longest prefix of pat[] that is a suffix of txt[0..i] Ex. DFA is in state 3 after reading in txt[0..6]. suffix of txt[0..6] prefix of pat[]

DFA simulation exercise

- Consider the following DFA for searching for a string "IVANA"
- > For simplicity, we assume the alphabet contains only letters A, I, N, V
- > DFA is therefore as follows

j		0	1	2	3	4
char?		I	V	А	N	А
	Α	0	0	3	0	5
	- 1	1	1	1	1	1
	Ν	0	0	0	4	0
	V	0	2	0	0	0

Exercise 1 Simulating DFA:

- > 1. Construct graphical representation of the DFA table
- > 2. Write the trace of states when searching for a string "IVANA" in input "ANVAIVAAIVANAAN"
- > 3. Vote on turning point for the correct trace

Exercise 1 Simulating DFA:

j		0	1	2	3	4
char?		I	V	А	N	Α
	Α	0	0	3	0	0
	I	1	1	1	1	1
	Ν	0	0	0	4	0
	V	0	2	0	0	5

Text ANVAIVAAIVANAAN
Search string IVANA

KMP Java Implementation

Key differences from brute-force implementation.

- Need to precompute dfa[][] from pattern.
- Text pointer i never decrements.

Running time.

- Simulate DFA on text: at most N character accesses.
- Build DFA: how to do efficiently? [warning: tricky algorithm ahead]

DFA construction

Include one state for each character in pattern (plus accept state).

(0)

1

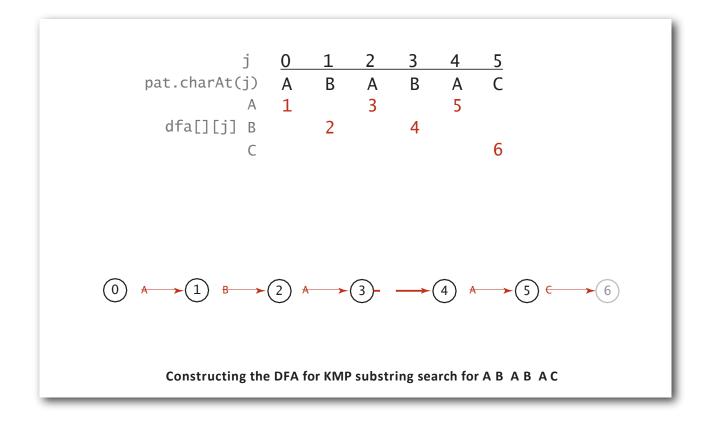
(2)

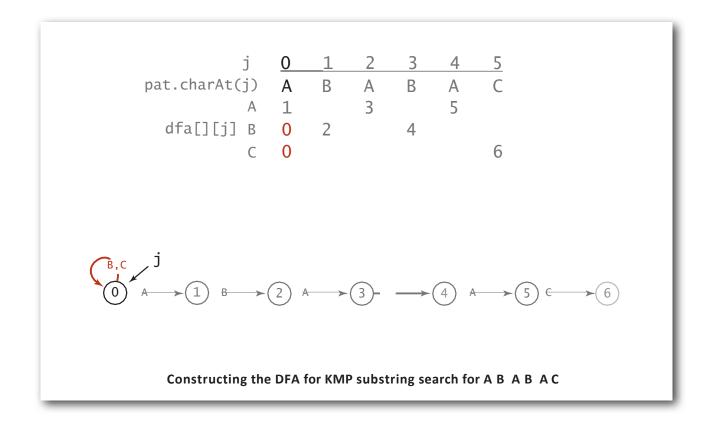
3

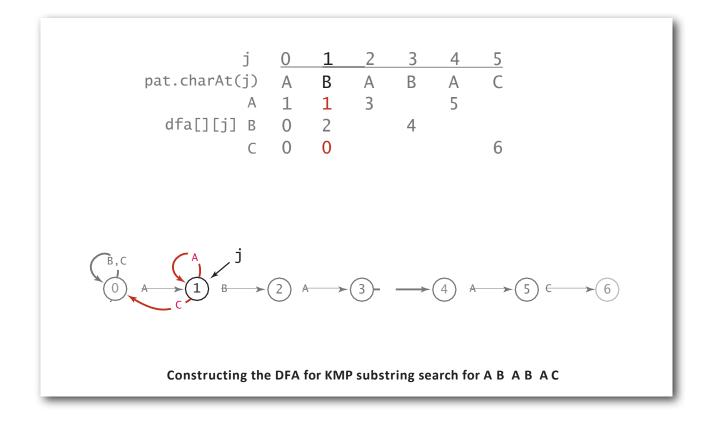
6

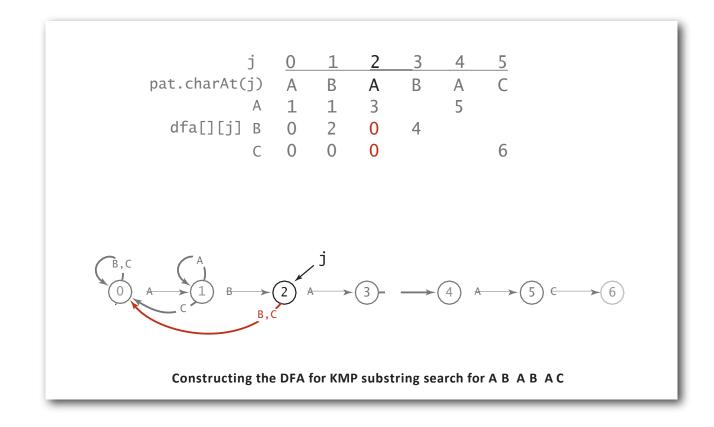
Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search for A B $\,$ A B $\,$ A C $\,$

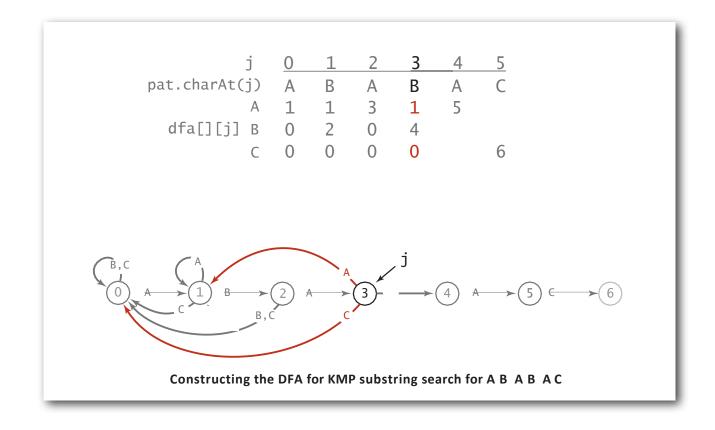
Match transition: advance to next state if c == pat.charAt(j).

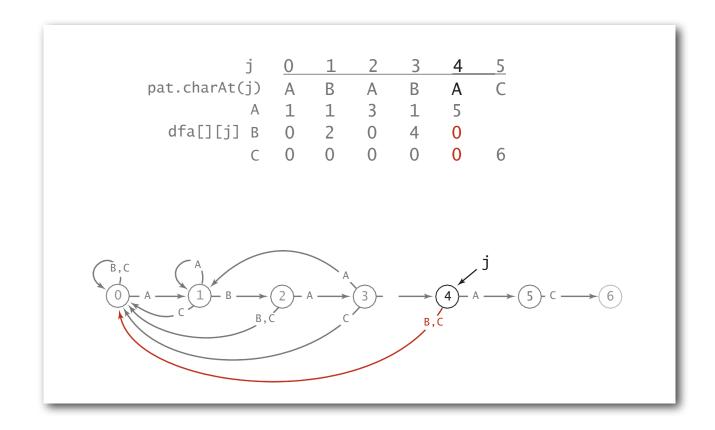


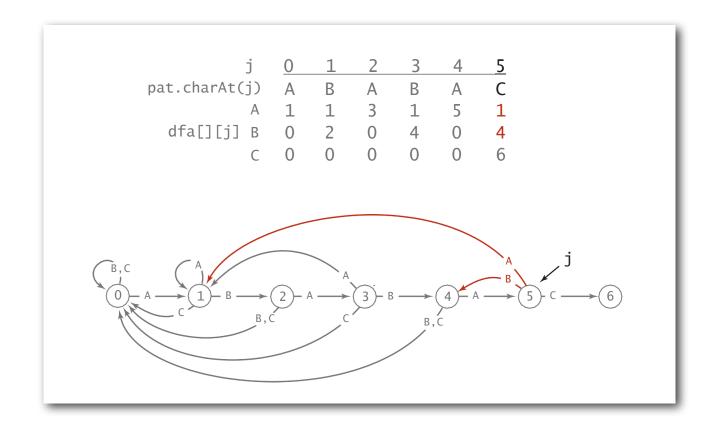


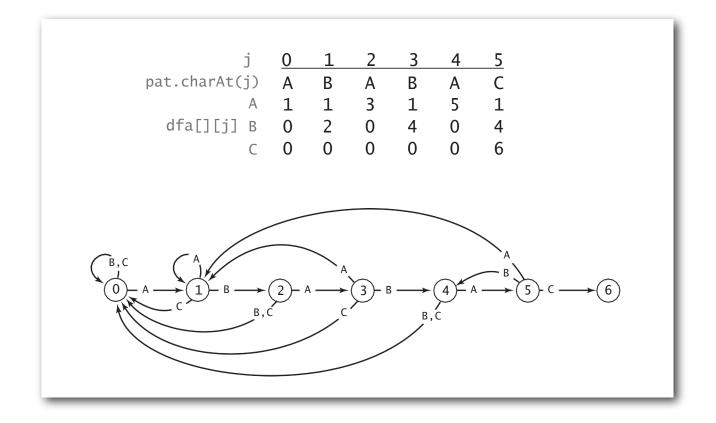










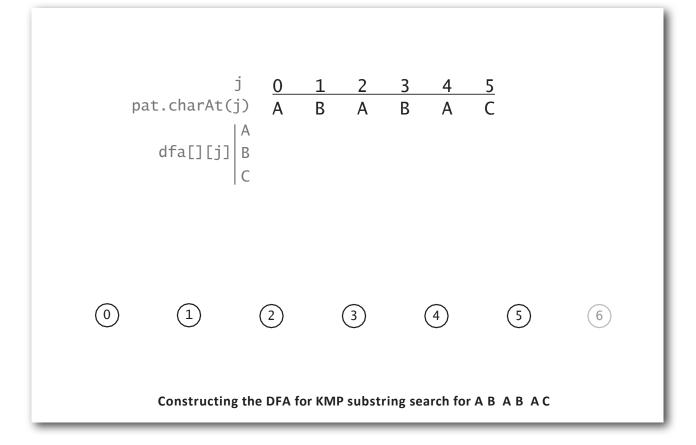


Exercise 2 constructing DFA:

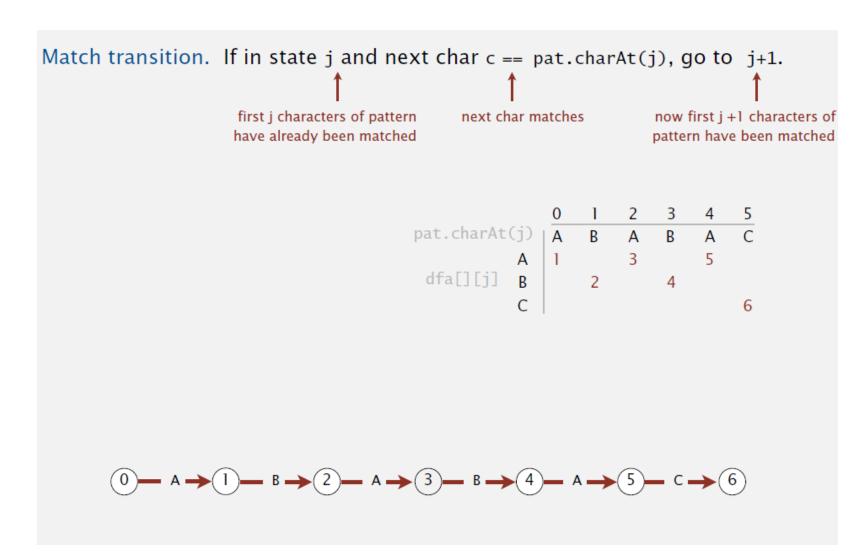
- Construct DFA table and graphical representation for a search word "banana"
- > Make up a 15-letter string in which you're going to search for the word, assuming the alphabet contains only letters.
 - You can decide whether you want the string to contain the search word or not, but if it does, do not have it too early into the string
- > Write out the trace of DFA states while searching for the word in the madeup string
- > Hand up the exercise

DFA construction - Java code

Include one state for each character in pattern (plus accept state).

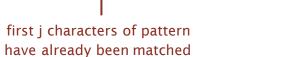


DFA Construction – Java code

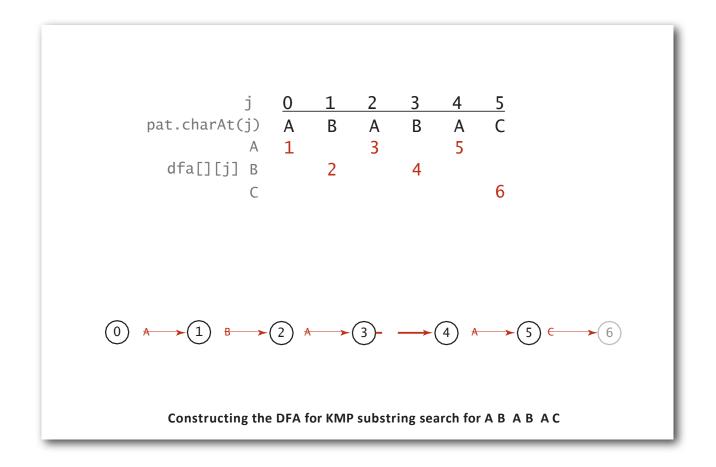


DFA construction - Java code

Match transition. For each State j, dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] = j+1.



now first j+1 characters of pattern have been matched



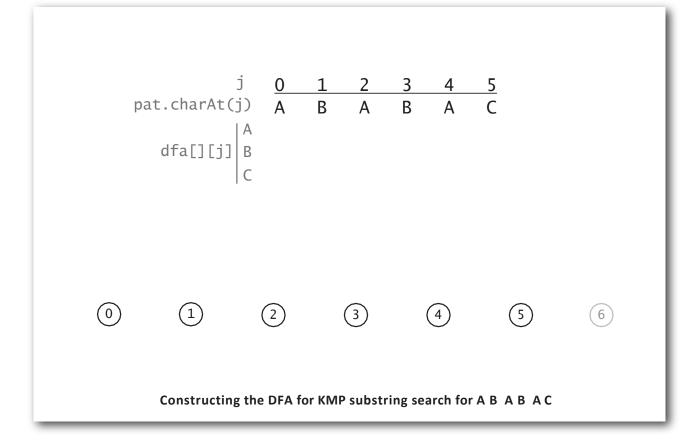
DFA Construction – Java code

Mismatch transition. If in state j and next char c != pat.charAt(j), then the last j-1 characters of input are pat[1..j-1], followed by c. To compute dfa[c][j]: Simulate pat[1..j-1] on DFA and take transition c. Running time. Seems to require j steps. still under construction (!) Ex. dfa['A'][5] = 1; dfa['B'][5] = 4simulate BABA; simulate BABA; take transition 'A' take transition 'B' pat.charAt(j) A B = dfa['A'][3]= dfa['B'][3]simulation of BABA

DFA construction

> So lets do this again, while maintaining state x

Include one state for each character in pattern (plus accept state).

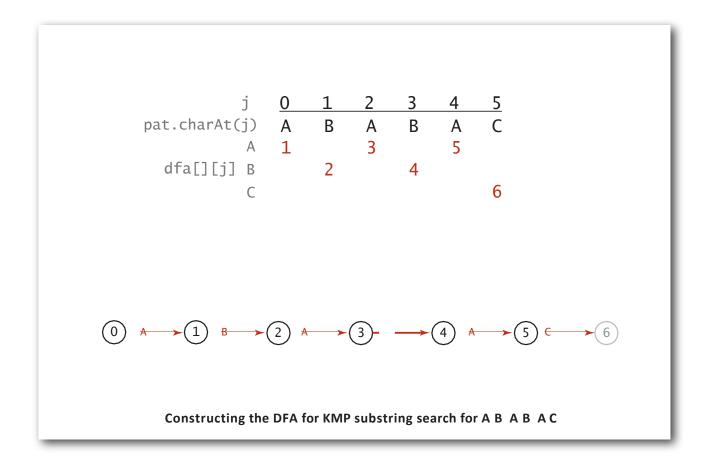


Match transition. For each State j, dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] = j+1.

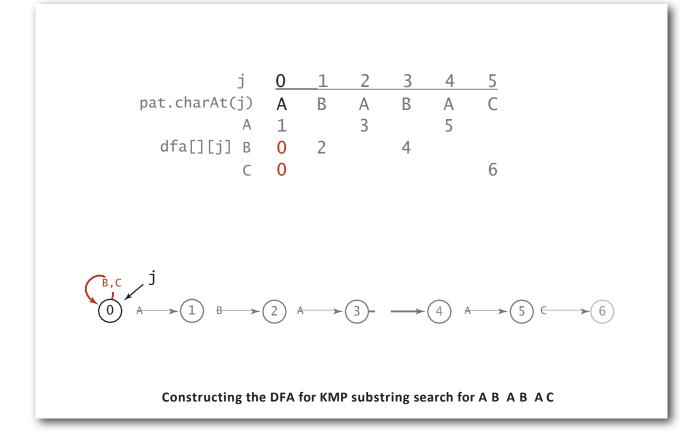


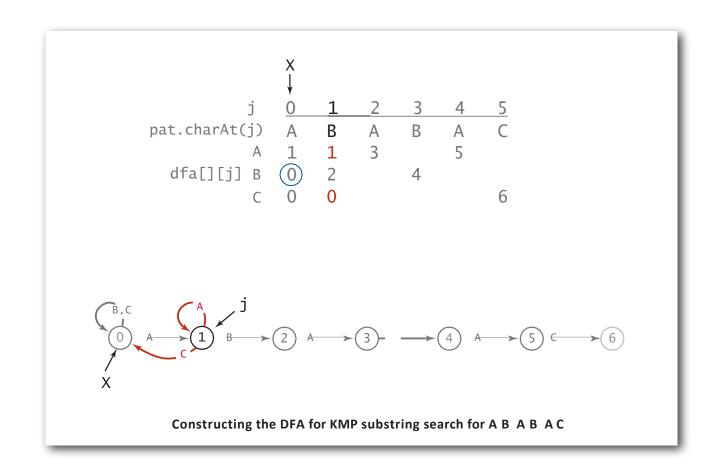
first j characters of pattern have already been matched

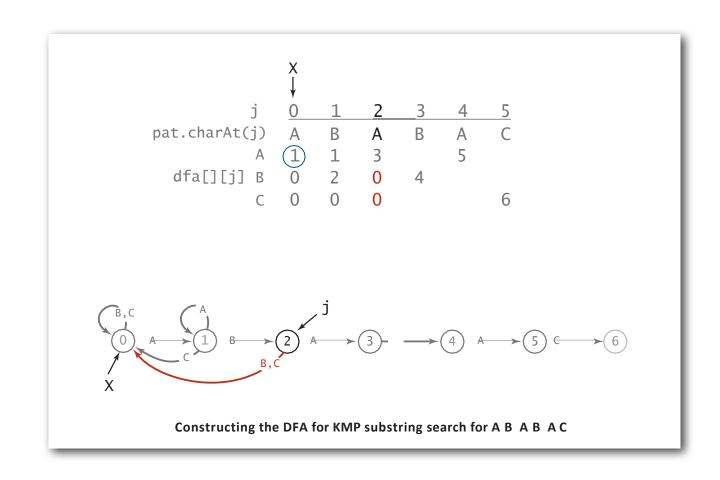
now first j+1 characters of pattern have been matched

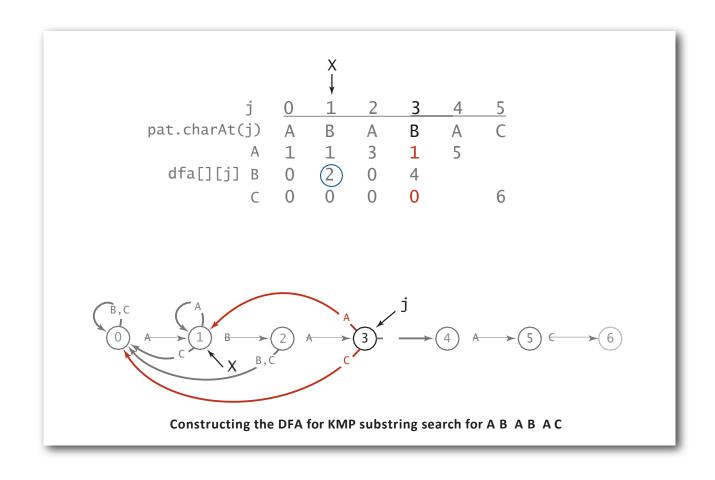


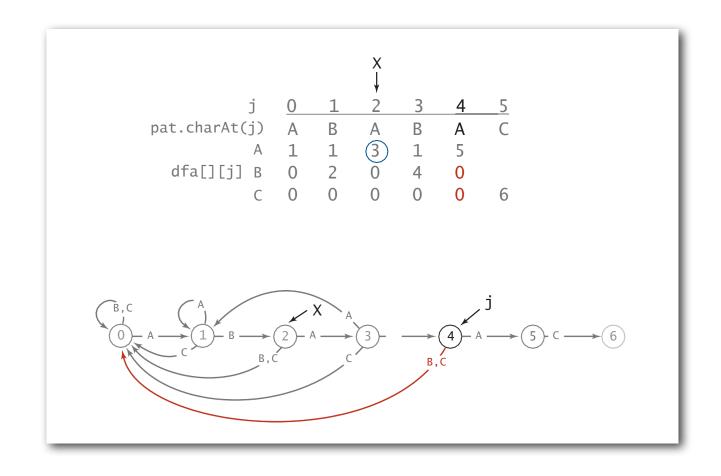
Mismatch transition.

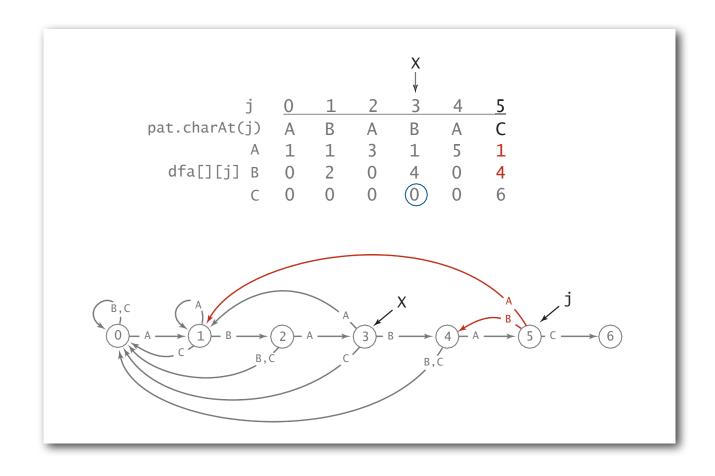


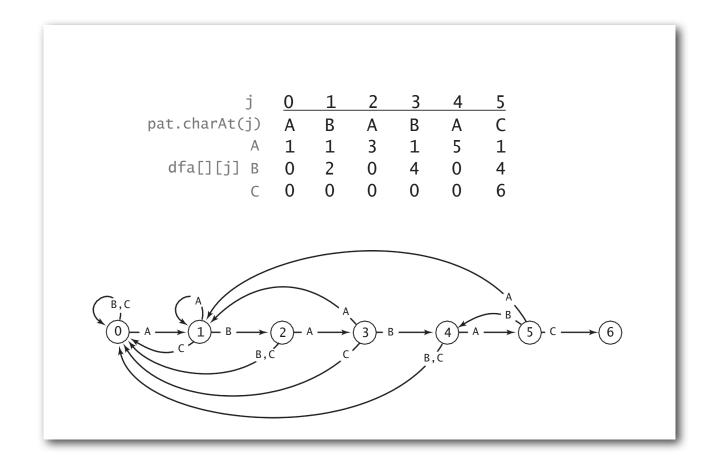












DFA Construction - Java code

For each state j:

- Copy dfa[][X] to dfa[][j] for mismatch case.
- Set dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] to j+1 for match case.
- Update X.

Running time. M character accesses (but space/time proportional to RM).

KMP search – Java code

```
for (i = 0, j = 0; i < n && j < m; i++) {
    j = dfa[txt.charAt(i)][j];
}
if (j == m) return i - m; // found
return n; // not found</pre>
```

KMP search performance

KMP substring search analysis

Proposition. KMP substring search accesses no more than M+N chars to search for a pattern of length M in a text of length N.

Pf. Each pattern char accessed once when constructing the DFA; each text char accessed once (in the worst case) when simulating the DFA.

Proposition. KMP constructs dfa[][] in time and space proportional to RM.

Larger alphabets. Improved version of KMP constructs nfa[] in time and space proportional to M.

