

Naive:  $O(n^2 \cdot k)$   $k = \text{max length}$   
of two words

Idea:

Let  $W = W_1 W_2 W_3 W_4 W_5 \dots W_m$

and we want to find  $r$  s.t.,

$W + r$  is a palin

The conditions for  $w+r$  to form a palin

Assume  $r = r_1 r_2 r_3 \dots r_n$

$W_1 W_2 W_3 W_4 W_5 \dots W_m r_1 r_2 r_3 \dots r_n$

① If  $n=0$ ,  $w$  must itself be a palin

② If  $n \leq m$ , then,  $\underbrace{w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_n}_{\text{can be merged}} = \underbrace{r_n r_{n-1} \dots r_1}$  and  $\underbrace{w_{n+1} \dots w_m}_{\text{is a palin}}$

Visualization

$w_1 w_2 w_3 w_4 \dots w_m$   $r_1 r_2 r_3 r_4 \dots r_n$

③ If  $n > m$ , then  $\frac{w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_m}{= r_n r_{n-1} r_{n-2} \dots r_{n-m+1}}$   
 and  $\frac{r_1 r_2 \dots r_{n-m}}$  is a palin

$\frac{w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_m}{\quad \quad \quad} \frac{r_1 r_2 r_3 r_4 r_5 \dots r_n}{\quad \quad \quad}$

Observe:

for ①, ②, we can use the standard Trie to handle: just build a suffix Trie and then traverse a tree, whenever we encounter a word, we check if  $w_{i+1} \dots w_m$  is a palin, if that is the case, add this pair

For ③, using the standard Trie gives us no information after we have

walked through  $w_1, w_2 \dots w_m$ ,  
that's why

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struct TrieNode {  
    TrieNode * child[26];  
    vector<int> prefix_palin_indices;  
    int word_idx;  
}
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Further observation ( using a hashmap)

For case ①, ②,

$w_1 w_2 w_3 w_4 \dots w_m$   $r_1 r_2 r_3 r_4 \dots r_n$

you can see that,  $r_1 r_2 r_3 \dots r_n$  is a whole word

For case ③,

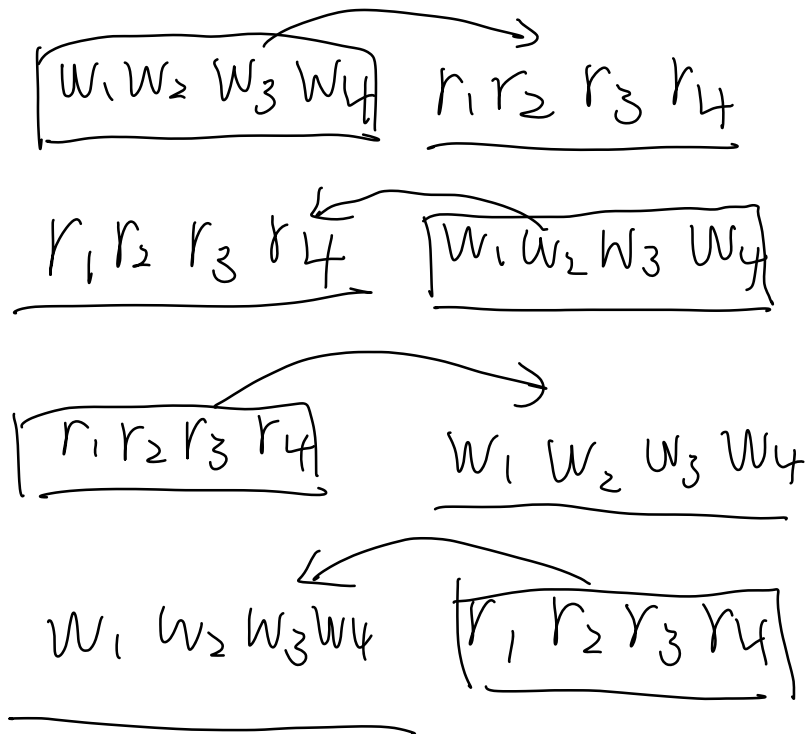
$w_1 w_2 w_3 \dots w_m$   $r_1 r_2 r_3 r_4 r_5 \dots r_n$

you can see that,  $w_1 w_2 \dots w_m$  is a whole word

⇒ Even if when we are finding  $w$ ,  
we can only find ①, ② cases,  
case ③ will be found if we let each  
word act as a left/right word.

Observe that this way to solve will cause duplicates at

Ex.



if  $w$ 's idx is  $i$ ,  $r$ 's idx is  $j$

We restrict  $i < j$  when  $\text{len}(w) = \text{len}(r)$

Using KMP:

Idea:

Let  $w = w_1 w_2 w_3 w_4 w_5$

Assume  $w$  is placed on the left,

$\Rightarrow w + \text{right}$  (and  $\text{len}(\text{right}) \leq \text{len}(w)$ )

We want  $w + \text{right}$  be a palindrome

i.e.

$w_1 w_2 w_3 w_4 w_5 \text{ right}$  is a palindrome

Observe that:

if  $\text{len}(\text{right}) = 0$ ,  $w_1 w_2 w_3 w_4 w_5$  must  
be a palindrome

if  $\text{len}(\text{right}) = 1$ ,  $\text{right} = w_1$  and  
 $w_2 w_3 w_4 w_5$  is a palin

if  $\text{len}(\text{right}) = 2$ ,  $\text{right} = w_2 w_1$  and  
 $w_3 w_4 w_5$  is a palin

⇒ This gives us an idea to solve it  
via KMP algorithm

Construct:  $\text{rev}(W) + \# + W$

$$= \underline{W_5 W_4 W_3 W_2 W_1} \# \overline{W_1 W_2 W_3 W_4 W_5}$$

by KMP, we know  $\text{lsp}[2 \cdot \text{len}(W)]$  (the longest proper prefix equals to the suffix for  $S[0:n]$ )  
represents the longest palindrome  
in the form of  $W_5 W_4 \dots W_i$

Once we know  $W_5 W_4 \dots W_i$  is a palin,  
we can construct  $\text{right} = W_{i-1} \dots W_2 W_1$

And because  $W_5 W_4 \dots W_i$  is the longest palin,  
we can keep finding shorter palin from

$\text{lsp}$   $[\text{len}(W_5 W_4 \dots W_i) - 1] \Rightarrow$  the shorter  
palindrome