

APPLICATION OF SEMI-LOCAL LCS TO STRING APPROXIMATE MATCHING*

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Abstract. We present an application of semi-local lcs to approximate string matching by developing a new algorithm and improving the existing one. Our result is based on the utilization of the underlying algebraic structure of semi-local lcs with the usage of the novel data structure for submatrix maximum queries in Monge matrices. This gives two algorithms with the following running time and space complexity. TODO. The improvement of the existing algorithm not only preserves all properties but also outperforms in practice.

In addition, we show that the algorithm for semi-local lcs based on sticky braid multiplication is not perform well with the current complex recursive structure.

Key words. semi-local lcs, monge matrix, range queries, approximate matching, near-duplicate detection

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1. Introduction. Approximate string matching is an important task in many fields such as computational biology, signal processing, text retrieval and etc. It also refers to a duplicate detection subtask.

In general form it formulates as follows: Given some pattern p and text t need to find all occurrences of pattern p in text t with some degree of similarity.

There are many algorithms that solve the above problem. Nonetheless, the number of algorithms sharply decreases when the algorithm needs to meet some specific requirements imposed by running time, space complexity or specific criterion for the algorithm itself. For example, recently there was developed an approach for interactive duplicate detection for software documentation [2]. The core of this approach is an algorithm that detects approximate clones of a given user pattern with a specified degree of similarity. The main advantage of the algorithm is that it meets a specific requirement of completeness. Nonetheless, it has an unpleasant time complexity.

The algorithm for approximate detection utilizes mainly algorithm for solving the longest commons subsequence (LCS) problem. The longest common subsequence is a well-known fundamental problem in computer science that also has many applications of its own. The major drawback of it that it shows only the global similarity for given input strings. For many tasks, it's simply not enough. The approximate matching is an example of it.

There exist generalization for LCS called *semi-local LCS* [] which overcome this constraint. The effective theoretical solutions for this generalized problem found applications to various algorithmic problems such as bla bla add cited. For example, there has been developed algorithm for approximate matching in the grammar-compresed strings[].

Although the algorithms for *semi-local LCS* have good theoretical properties, there is unclear how they would behave in practice for a specific task and domain.

To show the applicability of semi-local lcs on practice we developed several algorithms based mainly on it and the underlying algebraic structure. As well as devel-

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oping new algorithms we improve and significantly outperform the existing one for interactive duplicate detection for software documentation [1]. It should be noted that improvement preserves all properties of this algorithm. **Do we need to state that ant algo is slow for current strucute of algorithm**

The paper is organized as follows. Blablabla ??, our new algorithm is in ??, experimental results are in ??, and the conclusions follow in ??.

2. Preliminaries.

2.1. Approximate matching. Describe approximate matching formally

2.2. Semi-local lcs. Describe semi-local lcs (definition), algorithms that solves (steady and and braid reducing)

2.3. Monge matrix. Describe monge property

Say about range queries (about soda12, soda14 and new result that we will be used)

2.4. Near-duplicate detection algorithm. Describe luciv algo

3. Related work. ?????

could mention about approximation. Need discuss

4. Algorithm for near duplicate detection. We now describe an improved version of Luciv et.al. algorithm [2] by utilizing a *semi-local sa* solution. Then we present proof that improved version preserves completeness property. It is achieved by imitating all phases of the algorithm.

4.1. Algorithm description. The algorithm comprises three phases as in [2]. At phase one (Lines 1-3) *semi-local sa* problem is solved for the pattern p against the whole text t . This solution provides access to the string-substring matrix $H_{p,t}^{str-sub}$ which allows performing fast queries of *sa* score for pattern p against every substring of text t . We apply implicitly transposition and inverse operation on $H_{p,t}^{str-sub}$:

$$(4.1) \quad M[j, i] := -H_{p,t}^{str-sub}[i, j]$$

Note that, transposition operation preserves (*anti*) *Monge* property whereas inverse operation make *anti Monge* matrix *Monge* and vice versa. So, matrix M is *Monge* matrix.

The second phase comprises several steps (Lines 4-6). First, we want to get for each prefix of the text t the longest suffix that has the highest similarity with the given pattern p with the following constraint. The lengths of obtained suffixes should be in $|p| * k .. \frac{|p|}{k}$ interval where $k \in [\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1]$. It could be done in several ways. For example, direct pass through diagonal with width $w := \frac{|p|}{k} - |p| * k = |p|(\frac{1}{k} - k)$ in $H_{p,t}^{str-sub}$ (see fig) or in M (see fig). The other approach is the following. Note that in M is *Monge matrix* and indices are swapped. It allows us to descry this diagonal as approximately $|t|$ square windows of size $w \times w$ i.e a sliding window of step 1 that goes diagonally. Because of length constraint we only interesting in elements that lie in the main diagonal and below it (remember, transposition) in these submatrices $w \times w$. Each of these $W := w \times w$ matrix is *Monge matrix* by definition (as a submatrix of *Monge matrix*). This implies that W also totally monotone. If we set to $+\infty$ for elements that lie above the main diagonal that result matrix will remain totally monotone. Thus, we can apply *SMAWK* algorithm to this matrix to find a leftmost element that has a minimum in a given row with a corresponding column position.

87 For our case leftmost means that for each prefix algorithm will detect longest suffix
 88 (remember that M is transposed $H_{p,t}^{str-sub}$).

89 The second step, it is one-way pass through these suffixes with a sliding window
 90 of size $\frac{|p|}{t}$ to find for each window most similar suffix with the longest length. Then
 91 the resulting set is filtered out that remaining suffixes have a score greater or equal
 92 to given threshold $-k_{di}$.

93 The third phase is the same as in [2] (Lines 8-12).

Algorithm 4.1 PATTERN BASED NEAR DUPLICATE SEARCH ALGORITHM
 VIA SEMI-LOCAL SA

Input: pattern p , text t , similarity measure $k \in [\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1]$

Output: Set of non-intersected clones of pattern p in text t

$$(4.2) \quad k_{di} = |p| * (\frac{1}{k} + 1)(1 - k^2)$$

$$(4.3) \quad L_w = \frac{|p|}{k}$$

$$(4.4) \quad w = |p|(\frac{1}{k} - k)$$

Pseudocode:

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1:  $W = semilocalsa(p, t)$  {1st phase}
2:  $H_{p,t}^{str-sub} = semilocalsa(p, t).stringSubstringMatrix$ 
3:  $M[j, i] = -H_{p,t}^{str-sub}[i, j]$ 
4:  $sufixes = processDiagonal(M, L)$  {2d phase}
5:  $W_2 = SuffixMaxForEachWindow(sufixes, L_w)$ 
6:  $filter(W_2, k_{di})$ 
7:  $W_3 = UNIQUE(W_2)$  {3rd phase unchanged}
8: for  $w \in W_3$  do
9:   if  $\exists w' \in W_3 : w \subset w'$  then
10:     remove  $w$  from  $W_3$ 
11:   end if
12: end for
13: return  $W_3$ 
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94 **THEOREM 4.1.** *Algorithm 4.1 could be solved in $\max(O(|t| * |p|), O(|t| * \log |t|))$*
 95 *time with $O(|t| \log |t|)$ additional space where p is pattern, t is text when $|p| \leq |t|$,*
 96 *$v = O(1)$ where v is denominator of normalized mismatch score for semi-local sa*
 97 *$w_{normalized} = (1, \frac{\mu}{v}, 0)$.*

98 For each phases of algorithm we provide it's time and space bounds.

99 *First phase.* . We will store solution H of *semi-local sa* by decomposing it to
 100 permutation matrix P of size $O(v * |t| \times v * |t|)$ (Lines 1-3) (ref add). The permutation
 101 matrix can be stored via two permutations of size $v * |t|$ for column and rows. It is
 102 simply two lists of size $v * |t|$. Then, to random access query in specific position i, j of
 103 matrix H we need to check how many points dominated by i, j . It is just pass through
 104 permutations that requires $O(v * |t|)$. Thus, the total time and space complexity of

105 1st phase is $O(v * |p| * |t|)$ (time complexity for solving *semi-local sa*) and $O(v * |t|)$.
 106 Given $v = O(1)$ we have $O(|p| * |t|)$ and $O(|t|)$ respectively. Also random access query
 107 for our case is $O(|t|)$.

108 *Second phase.* We omit k factor in analysis because when $k \in [\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, 1]$ $O(k) = 1$

109 We will use the first approach described in the algorithm description for this
 110 phase. First, although the random access query to a matrix element requires $O(|t|)$.
 111 We only need one such query to step on the diagonal. Precisely, to the cell that
 112 represents substring $t_{0, |p| * k}$, starting at zero position and ending in $|p| * k$ position.
 113 Further we use **Theorem about adjacent cell query** that allows us to perform $O(1)$
 114 access to adjacent elements for given i, j cell in matrix M . Thus, we can visit each
 115 cell in the desired diagonal of size at most $O(|t|) * O(|p|)$ in $O(|t| * |p|)$ time in the
 116 following way. Process row i' with starting j' (recall it cell by $M[i', j']$) position (go
 117 right i.e increment j') until $i' - j' \geq |p| * k$. Then shift by one i' down and j' to right
 118 by one if needed (see picture **This about the top left corner**).

119 When we pass through a slice of the specific column, we also will find the longest
 120 suffix with the highest similarity simply by checking elements twice. First for detect
 121 maximum score, second for detect the longest suffix among those who have this score.
 122 Thus, for storing for each prefix its longest suffix we need additionally $O(|t|)$ space.
 123 Also for each substring of length $\frac{p}{k}$ we store similarity score by querying them during
 124 diagonal passage because they lie also on this diagonal. Let's denote it by C . At
 125 the end of *processDiagonal* we will have $O(t)$ suffixes that require $O(t)$ space for
 126 storing them. Then, *processDiagonal* requires $O(|t| + |t| * |p|) = O(|t| * |p|)$ time for
 127 processing diagonal with $O(|t| + |p|) = O(|t|)$ additional space.

128 Further (Line 5), we need to find longest suffix within $O(|p|)$ window with step
 129 one in list of size $|t|$ with additional condition that within each window of size $O(\frac{|p|}{k} -$
 130 $|p| * k) = O(|p|)$ the suffix with length $\frac{p}{k}$ have similarity score at least $-k_{di}$. It is
 131 simply a one-way pass-through list of suffixes where the processing of each window
 132 requires at most $O(|p| + 1) = O(|p|)$. More precisely, first, we check that for current
 133 window of size $O(|p|)$ associated suffix has similarity not less then given threshold
 134 k_{di} . It is simply lookup for a specific element in C with $O(1)$. If that true, then we
 135 need $O(p)$ lookups within *suffixes* to query the most similar and longest one. The
 136 total number of such windows at most $O(|t|)$. Thus, *SuffixMaxForEachWindow*
 137 requires $O(|t|) * O(|p|) = O(|t| * |p|)$ time with $O(|t|)$ space for storing suffix for each
 138 window.

139 The filtering process (Line 6) is a one-way pass through a list of suffixes W_2 . It
 140 requires at most $O(t)$ time.

141 As we see, the total running time and space complexity of the second phase is
 142 $O(|t| * |p|)$ and $O(|t|)$ respectively.

143 *Third phase.* The third phase remains unchanged, thus have the same time and
 144 space-bound. Note that it possible to perform this phase in-place during a second
 145 phase which make the algorithm even faster i.e decrease space and time complexity
 146 to $O(|t|)$ and $O(|t| * |p|)$. The third phase is $O(|t| \log |t|)$ at most both for space and
 147 running time complexity.

148 Thus, the total running time is $\max(O(tp), O(t \log t))$ and space complexity $t \log t$.
 149 **It be good if we also improve third phase)))**

150 **THEOREM 4.2.** *Algorithm 4.1 preserves completeness property of algorithm [2].*

151 Let be A_1 a set W_2 from algorithm ??. Let be A_2 a set W_2 from algorithm 4.1.
 152 We will show that $A_2 = A_1$.

153 At first algorithm ?? pass through text t with sliding window to detect those

fragments which has similarity above given threshold k_{di} with size $\frac{p}{k}$. Then within these fragments algorithm detects longest suffixes most similar to pattern p with size in $pk \dots \frac{p}{k}$ interval.

The second algorithm 4.1 proceed in similar way but it first detects longest suffixes with size in $pk \dots \frac{p}{k}$ interval for each prefix of text t . Then filtering is performed in that way that only for those windows of size $\frac{p}{k}$ the longest suffix is left.

Thus $A_1 = A_2$

Note that set A_1 contains only those fragments of size $\frac{p}{k}$ from text t that close enough to pattern p i.e

The fragment from W_1 then shrunked. It means that after second phase set W_2 will have size of W_1 .

5. CutMax a new approximate mathing algorithm. We now describe several algorithms that heavily based on semi-local lcs and it's underlying algebraic structure.

The first algorithm 5.2 refers to following constraint. There should be found all non-intersected clones τ_i of pattern p from text t that has the highest similarity score on the uncovered part of the text t i.e algorithm should perform greedy choice at each step. This is a more intuitive approach i.e like looking for the most similar one every time. **Formally:**

$$(5.1) \quad \tau_i = \arg \max_{l, r \in (t \cap (\cup_{j=1}^{i-1} \tau_j)), l < r, t_{l,r} \cap (\cup_{j=1}^{i-1} \tau_j) = \emptyset} sa(t_{l,r}, p)$$

The algorithm proceeds as follows. First, upon string-substring Monge matrix M of semi-local solution is built data structure for performing range queries on it denoted by *rmq2D* (Lines 1).

Second, algorithm make recursive call to subroutine *greedy*. The *greedy* routine perfoms greedy choice of τ_i with maximal alignment within the current uncovered part of the text $t_{i,j}$. More precisely, it refers to searching maximum value with corresponding position (row and column) in matrix M within $t_{i,j}$ (starting at i th position and ending at j th position of text t . It is solved via range queries. When detected *interval* has alignment score less then threshold it means that no clones of pattern p are presented in this part of text $t_{i,j}$, and further processing should be skipped. Otherwise, the founded clone is added to final result and the current part of the text splits on two smaller parts and processed in the same way. Finally, the algorithm outputs a set of the non-intersected intervals of clones of pattern p in text t .

Algorithm 5.1 Greedy subroutine

Input: $rmq2D$ — range maximum query data structure for performing range queries on monge matrix M , h — threshold value, i, j — start and end positions of current text $t_{i,j}$

Output: Set of non-intersected intervals from $t_{i,j}$

Pseudocode:

$greedy(rmq2D, h, i, j, t_{i,j}) :$

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1:  $interval = rmq2D.query(i, j, i, j)$ 
2:  $result = \emptyset$ 
3: if  $interval.score < h$  then
4:   return  $result$ 
5: end if
6: if  $interval.i - i \geq 1$  then
7:    $cl = greedy(rmq2D, h, t_{i,interval.i})$ 
8:    $result.add(cl)$ 
9: end if
10: if  $j - interval.j \geq 1$  then
11:    $cl = greedy(rmq2D, h, t_{j,interval.j})$ 
12:    $result.add(cl)$ 
13: end if
14: return  $result$ 
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Algorithm 5.2 GREEDY-PATTERN BASED NEAR DUPLICATE SEARCH ALGORITHM

Input: monge matrix M that correspond to string-substring matrix for pattern p and text t , threshold value h

Output: Set of non-intersected clones of pattern p in text t

Pseudocode:

$GreedyMatching(M, h, t)$

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1:  $rmq2D = buildRMQStructure(M)$ 
2:  $result = greedy(rmq2D, 0, |t|, t)$ 
3: return  $result$ 
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The second algorithm 5.3 uses a less sophisticated approach and a more lightweight one but found fewer duplicates of pattern p (see example ??). The algorithm also follows a greedy approach but instead of looking at the uncovered part of text t at each step it looks at the text t and chooses the first available substring with the highest score that doesn't intersect with already taken substrings. More formally, it approximates algorithm 5.2.

Algorithm description. First, the *semi-local sa* problem is solved (Line 1). Then we solve *complete approximate matching problem* (Line 3) i.e for each prefix of text t we find the shortest suffix that has the highest similarity score with pattern p (Line 3):

$$(5.2) \quad a[j] = \max_{i \in 0..j} sa(p, t[i, j]), j \in 0..|t|$$

Further, we remove suffixes whose similarity is below the given threshold h (Line 4). Then remaining suffixes are sorted in descending order (Line 5) and the interval

tree is built upon them (Lines 7-11). The building process comprises from checking that current substring *candidate* not intersected with already added substrings to *tree* and adding it to *tree*. Finally, algorithm output set of non-intersected substrings (clones) of pattern *p* in text *t*.

Algorithm 5.3 Greedy approximate

Input: pattern *p*, text *t*, threshold value *h*

Output: Set of non-intersected clones of pattern *p* in text *t*

Pseudocode:

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1: sa = semilocalsa(p, t)
2: matrix = sa.getStringSubstringMatrix()
3: colmax = smawk(matrix)
4: colmax = colmax.filter(it.score >= h)
5: colmax = colmax.sortedByDescending(it.score)
6: tree = buildIntervalTree()
7: for candidate ∈ colmax do
8:   if candidate ∩ tree = ∅ then
9:     tree.add(candidate)
10:  end if
11: end for
12: result = tree.toList()
13: return result

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THEOREM 5.1. *Algorithm 5.3 could be solved in $\max(O(|p|*|t|*|v|), O(|t|*\log^2 |t|v))$ time with $O(|t|*v*\log |t|*v)$ space when $|p| < |t|$ where *p* is pattern, *t* is text and *v* is denominator of normalized mismatch score for semi-local sequence alignment $w_{normalized} = (1, \frac{\mu}{v}, 0)$ assuming we are storing solution matrix implicitly.*

First phase. As shown in section 2 the time complexity of solving semi-local is $O(|p|*|t|*|v|)$. The space complexity of storing monge matrix of semi-local solution is $O(|t|*v*\log |t|*v)$ at most due to fact that *v* – subbistochasticmatrix has at most *v* non-zeros in each row and upon these $v*|t|$ points we build two dimensional range tree data structure with $|t|*v*\log |t|*v$ nodes that have report range sum queries in $O(\log^2 |t|v)$ time.

Second phase. SMAWK algorithm requires $O(|t|*q)$ time where *q* stands for time complexity of random access of monge matrix. Thus, the total time complexity of line 3 is $O(|t|*\log^2 |t|v)$. Filtering and sorting have at most $O(|t|)$ and $O(|t|*\log |t|)$ time complexity. In Line 6 simple initialization of interval tree is performed that requires $O(1)$.

Third phase *colmax* array has as worst case $O(|t|)$ elements when filtering does not eliminate any substrings. Thus, adding to interval tree (both operation at most require $O(\log |t|)$ time) as well as intersection in (Lines 8-9) will be performed at most $O(|t|)$. Thus, the total complexity of last phase is $O(|t|*\log t)$.

As we see, the third phase is dominated by the second phase in terms of running time and second phase is dominated by the space complexity of third phase. Thereby, the total time and space complexity is $\max(O(|p|*|t|*|v|), O(|t|*\log^2 |t|v))$ and $O(|t|*v*\log |t|*v)$ respectively.

COROLLARY 5.2. *Algorithm 5.3 could be solved in $\max(O(|p|*|t|), O(|t|*\log |t|))$ when $v = O(1)$.*

When $v = O(1)$ we will use simple range tree for orthogonal range queries with

$O(\log|t|)$ query time.

COROLLARY 5.3. Algorithm 5.3 could be solved in $O(|p| * |t|)$.

When amount of clones is relatively small and threshold value is set high then after filtering out t intervals (Line 4) sorting is performed on s small set of elements. Thus, this part is dominated by calculating semi-local sa solution.

THEOREM 5.4. Algorithm 5.2 could be solved in $\max(O(|p| * |t| * v), O(|t| * \log |t|))$ time with $O(|t| \log |t|)$ space when $|p| < |t|$ where p is pattern, t is text and v is denominator of normalized mismatch score for semi-local sequence alignment $w_{normalized} = (1, \frac{p}{v}, 0)$.

On the first phase of alg

The first phase of algorithm requires $O(|p| * |t| * v)$ with $O(|t| * v)$ additional space for storing monge matrix implicitly. We denote this matrix, specifically it's lower-left quadrant that refers to string-substring solution as M with size $|t| \times |t|$.

Theorema 3.4 First, note that

Building structure for rmq queries for staircase matrix requires Theorem 5.8. Given an $n \times n$ partial Monge matrix M , a data structure of size $O(n)$ can be constructed in $O(n \log n)$ time to answer submatrix maximum queries in $O(\log \log n)$ time.

Proof it

$$D = \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_n)$$

COROLLARY 5.5. Algorithm 5.2 could be solved in $\max(O(|p| * |t|), O(|t| * \log |t|))$ when $v = O(1)$.

6. Evaluation.

Semi-local algorithms. Show performance between lcs and semi-local lcs??? and poor performance of recursive algorithm based on steady ant?

Approximate matching algorithms. Show outperforming for different cases between luciv and our algorithm.

Show quality between our new algo and luciv algo (our should be better)

Show that sparse table bad when large?

7. Conclusion. Say may be successfully be applied on practice (showed by algorithm luciv updated)

Open problem. — >

Say that need to implement with monge2020 (what we not finished)

Improve algo based on recursive steady ant. Because it's critical for algos based on it.

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