Algorithmic Challenges: Suffix Array

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Algorithms on Strings Data Structures and Algorithms

Outline

- Suffix Array
- 2 General Construction Strategy
- 3 Initialization
- 4 Sort Doubled Cyclic Shifts
- 5 Updating Classes and Full Algorithm

Construct Suffix Array

Input: String S

Output: All suffixes of S in lexicographic order

Alphabet

We assume the alphabet is ordered, that is, for any two different characters in the alphabet one of them is considered smaller than another. For example, in English

$$a' < b' < c' < \cdots < z'$$

Definition

String S is lexicographically smaller than string T if $S \neq T$ and there exist such i that:

- $0 \le i \le |S|$
 - S[0..i-1] = T[0..i-1] (assume S[0..-1] is an empty string)
 - Either i = |S| (then S is a prefix of T) or S[i] < T[i]

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"ab" < "bc" (i = 0)
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"abc" < "abd" (i = 2)

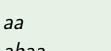
"abc" < "abcd" (i = 3)

Suffix Array Example

S = ababaaSuffixes in lexicographic order:

a

aa





ababaa

baa

babaa





Avoiding Prefix Rule

- Inconvenient rule: if S is a prefix of T, then S < T
- Append special character '\$' smaller than all other characters to the end of all strings
- If S is a prefix of T, then S\$ differs from T\$ in position i = |S|, and S < T[|S|], so S\$ < T\$

a\$

aa\$

abaa\$

baa\$

babaa\$

ababaa\$

S = "ababaa" $\Rightarrow S' =$ "ababaa\$" Suffixes in lexicographic order:





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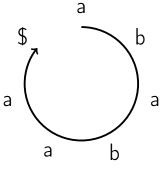
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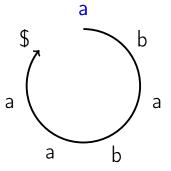
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 - But how to construct it?

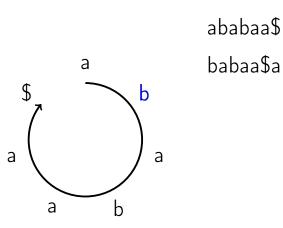
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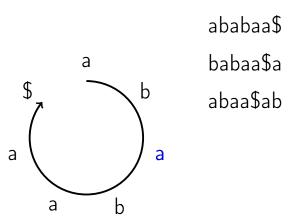
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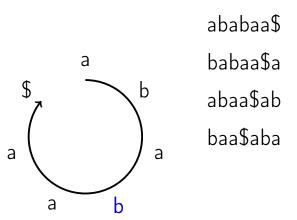


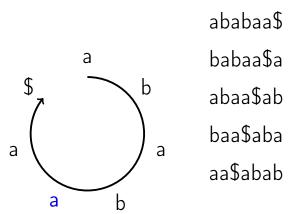
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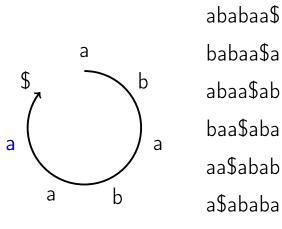


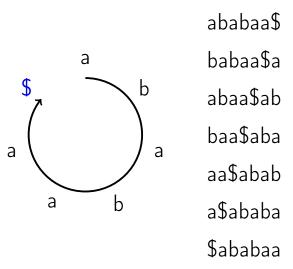












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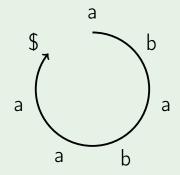
Lemma

After adding to the end of string S character S which is smaller than all other characters, sorting cyclic shifts of S and suffixes of S is equivalent.

Partial Cyclic Shifts

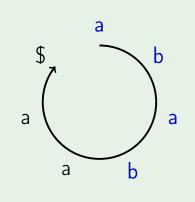
Definition

Substrings of cyclic string ${\cal S}$ are called partial cyclic shifts of ${\cal S}$

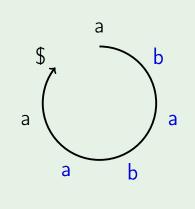


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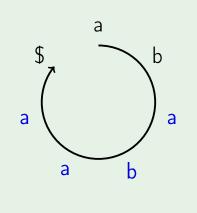


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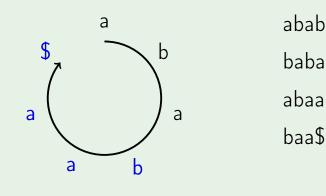
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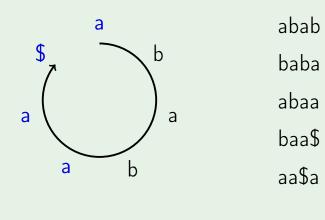


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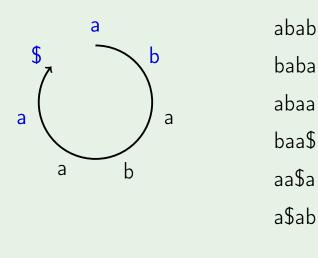
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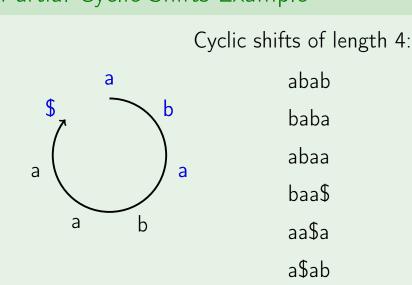


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- If $L \ge |S|$, cyclic shifts of length L sort the same way as cyclic shifts of length |S|

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 - 5 a\$
 - 4 *aa*
 - 0 *ab*

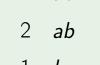
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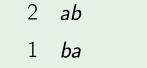
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0 ab 2 ab





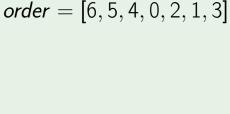












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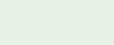
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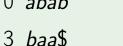
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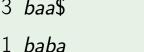














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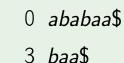
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- Use counting sort to compute order of characters

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count \leftarrow zero array of size |\Sigma|
for i from 0 to |S|-1:
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for *j* from 1 to $|\Sigma| - 1$:

 $count[c] \leftarrow count[c] - 1$

 $order[count[c]] \leftarrow i$

 $c \leftarrow S[i]$

return order

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Lemma

Running time of SortCharacters is $O(|S| + |\Sigma|)$.

Proof

We know this is the running time of the counting sort for |S| items that can take $|\Sigma|$ different values.

Equivalence classes

- C_i partial cyclic shift of length L starting in i
- C_i can be equal to C_j then they are in one equivalence class
- Compute class[i] number of different cyclic shifts of length L that are strictly smaller than C_i
- $lackbox{c}_i == C_j \Leftrightarrow class[i] == class[j]$

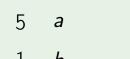
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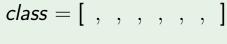








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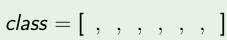








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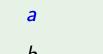
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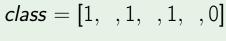




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Lemma

The running time of ComputeCharClasses is O(|S|).

Proof

One for loop with O(|S|) iterations.

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- To compare C'_i with C'_j , it's sufficient to compare C_i with C_j and C_{i+L} with C_{j+L}

$$S = ababaa$$
\$

$$L=2$$

$$i = 2$$

 $C_i = C_2 = ab$

 $C_{i+L} = C_{2+2} = C_4 = aa$

 $C_i' = C_2' = abaa = C_2C_4$

Sorting pairs

First sort by second element of pair

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- Then **stable** sort by first element of pair

Legample
$$C_{6} = \$a$$

$$C_{5} = a\$$$

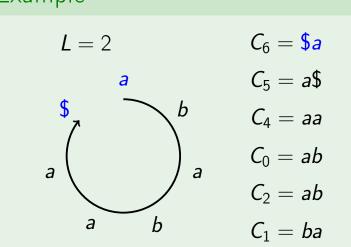
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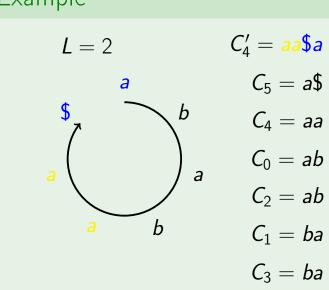
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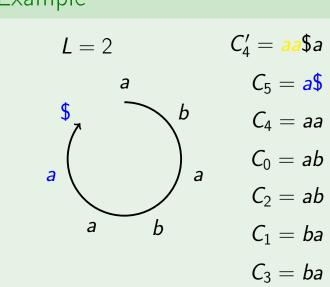
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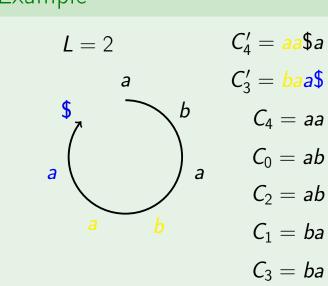
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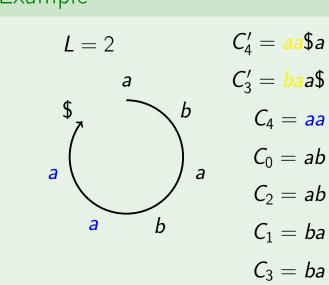


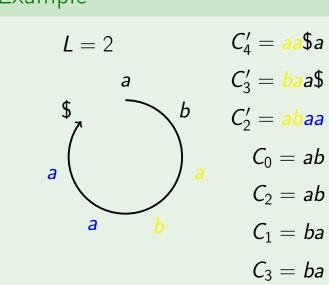
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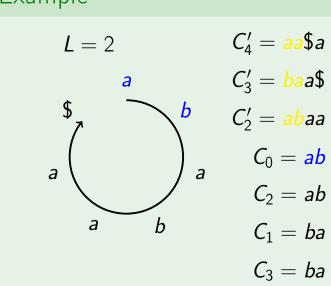


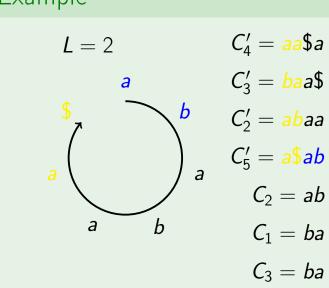


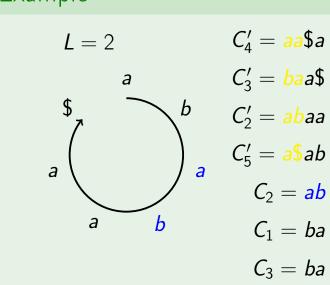


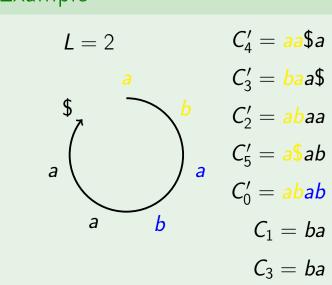


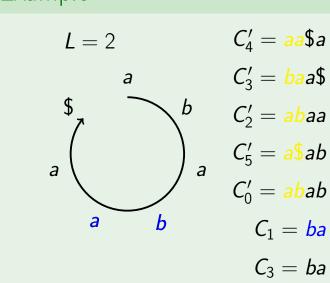


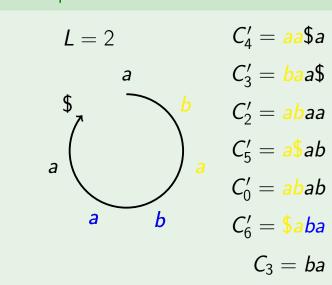


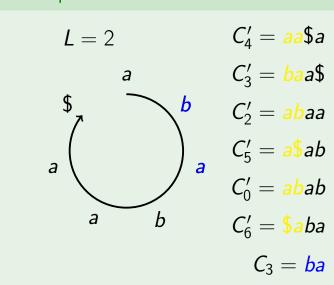


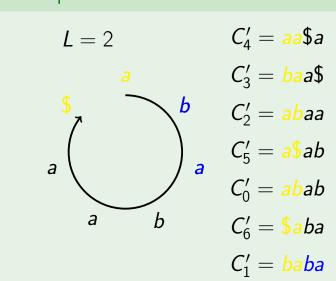


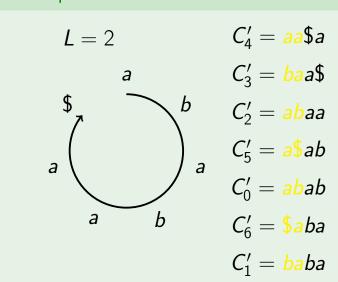


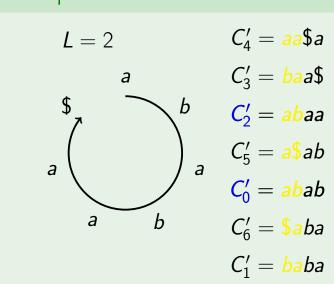


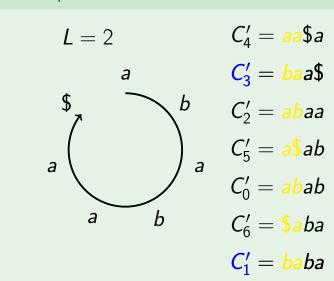


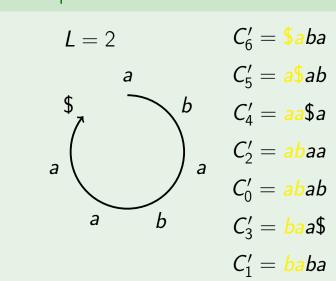


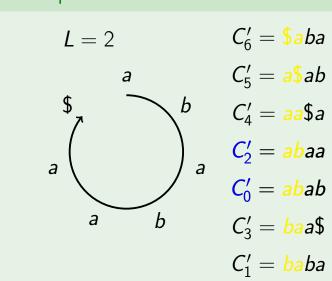


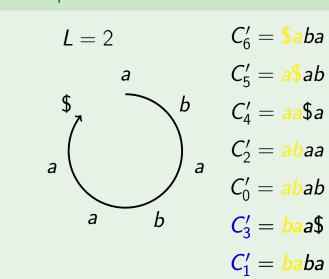












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The running time of SortDoubled is O(|S|).

Proof

Three for loops with O(|S|) iterations each.

Outline

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Updating classes

Pairs are sorted — go through them in order, if a pair is different from previous, put it into a new class, otherwise put it into previous class

$$(P_1,P_2)==(Q_1,Q_2)\Leftrightarrow$$
 $(P_1==Q_1) ext{ and } (P_2==Q_2)$

 We know equivalence classes of elements of pairs

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The running time of UpdateClasses is O(|S|).

Proof

One for loop with O(|S|) iterations.

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- Can also sort all cyclic shifts of a string S in $O(|S| \log |S|)$
- Suffix array enables many fast operations with the string
- Next lesson you will learn to construct suffix tree from suffix array in O(|S|) time, so you will be able to build suffix tree in total $O(|S| \log |S|)$ time!