

Boyer Moore String Matching

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This algorithm is better than NAIVE Algorithm.

Why?

P: word

T: There would have been a time for such word

word

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In naive algorithm the word is checked from left to right for matched patterns.

Since there's no "u" in the text word in P.

It will break out from the **inner loop** and check the next iteration from the **outer loop**.

Which means that it will skip the word **would** until it gets to the next "w".

This is effective but it has pointless steps, which results inefficacy.

Boyer Moore searches for strings from right to left (opposite).

Boyer Moore: Bad Character Rule:

Upon mismatch, two things will happen.

The mismatch becomes matched or the pattern P moves past along the mismatched character.

P: CCTT **T** **TGC**

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T: GCTT **TGC** TACCTTTTGC GCGCGCGCGGAA

T: GCTT **C** **TGC**

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 P:C C T T T T G C

Now for the C to match again the T has to look for the next C in the next word in P.

It seems that the P has to be shifted in **three positions** in order to get a **match** with the T.

T: T C T G C T A C
 P:C C T T T T G C
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What happens is that the is has to be matched, for that to occur, we have to match it with a character before the two C's and move the rest to the right to get the match.