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A new novel method in Signature Matching area

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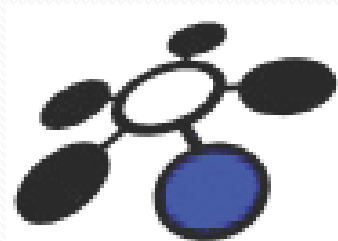
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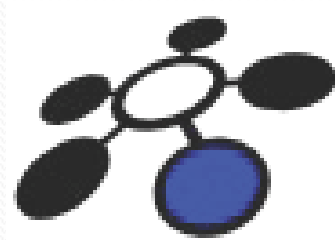
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O³FA: A Scalable Finite Automata-based Pattern-Matching Engine for Out-of-Order Deep Packet Inspection

Outline



❑ Introduction to Signature Matching

❑ O³FA Design

- Overview
- Example
- Optimization
- Components

❑ Evaluation

Introduction to SM

Signature Matching

- ☐ IDS
- ☐ IPS
- ☐ DPI
- ☐ ...

Pattern Matching



As Fast As Possible!



Regular Expressions



A.*B.{C+}

DFA vs NFA

☐ DFA Based

- Running → Fast
- Storage → Awful

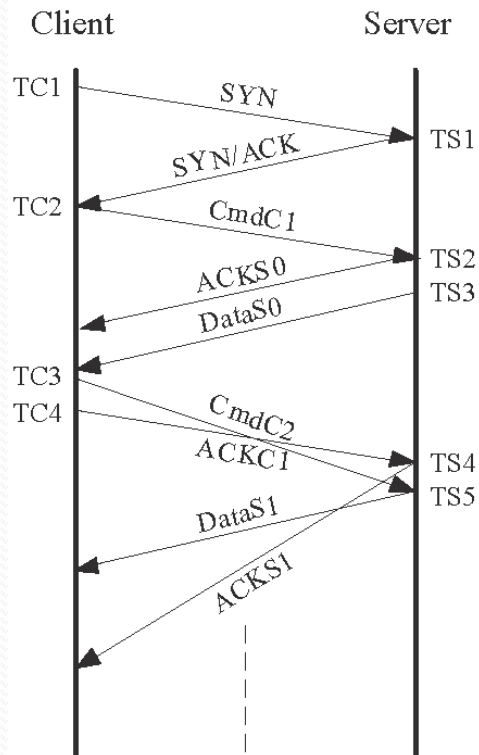
☐ NFA Based

- Running → Awful
- Storage → Compact

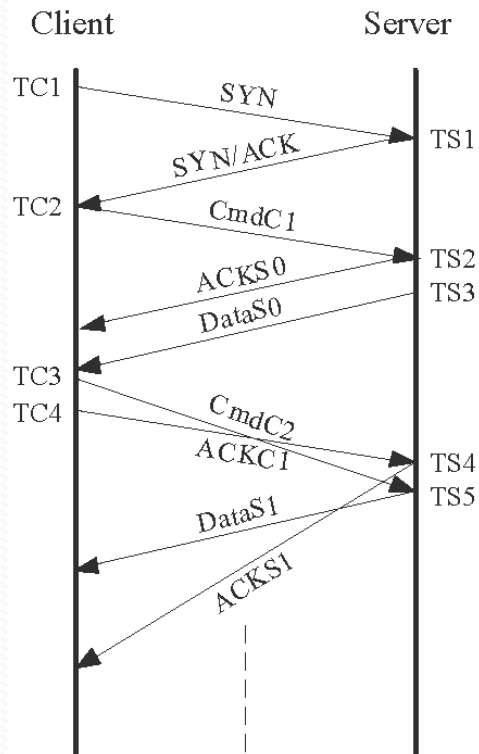
☐ Others



Re-ordering Packets



Re-ordering Packets



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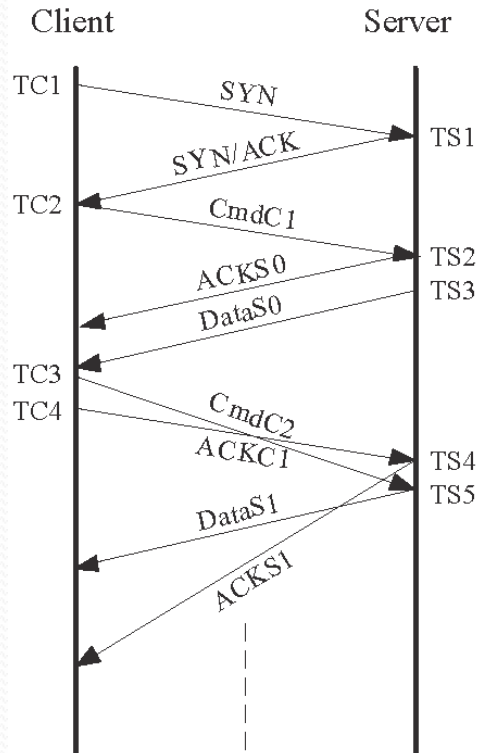
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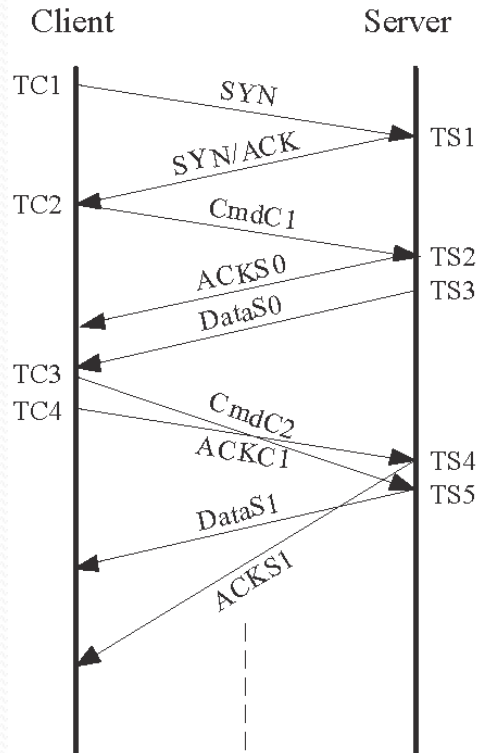


Flow re-assembly



$cabadcacdead$

Re-ordering Packets



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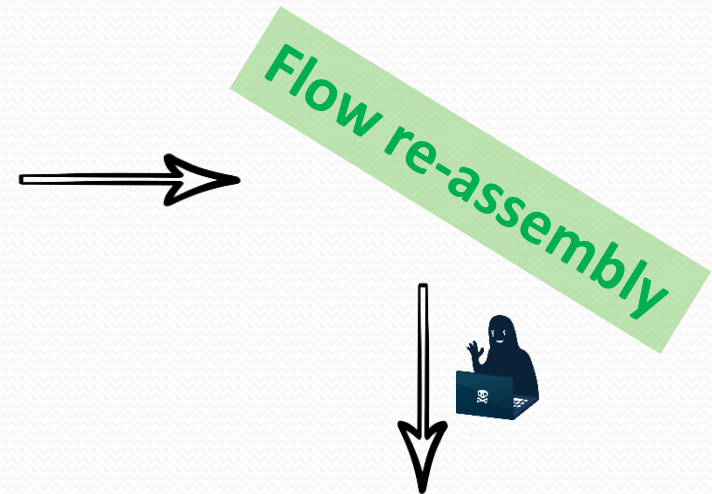
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O³FA Design

O³FA overview

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O³FA overview – Contd.

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- ✓ Detect suffix de in P_3 .
- ✓ Detect prefix ba in P_1 .
- ✓ Concatenate detected segments with P_2 .

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O³FA overview – Contd.

□ Observation 2

- Given a regular expression R in the form $sp1.*sp2$ and an input stream of the form $M1M^*M2$, where $M1$ matches $sp1$ and $M2$ matches $sp2$,
 - any modifications to $/$ that substitutes M^* with a shorter segment will not affect the match outcome.

O³FA overview – Contd.

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- $b.*cde$

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- $P_{10}: dead$
- $P_1: caba$
- $P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6, P_7, P_8, P_9$
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Suffix(P_1) | P_2 | prefix(P_{10})

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O³FA overview

- ❑ One or more DFAs
- ❑ Supporting FAs
 - Prefix FAs
 - Suffix FAs

O³FA example

*abc.*def, ghk*

1. *Creating sub-patterns*

- *.*abc.**

- *.*def.**

- *.*ghk*

O³FA example – contd.

2. *Creating prefix and suffix sets*

■ *. *abc.**

- prefix: { *. *abc.**, *. *abc*, *. *ab*, *. *a* }
- Suffix: { *. *abc.**, *abc.**, *bc.**, *c.** }

■ *. *def.**

- prefix: { *. *def.**, *. *def*, *. *de*, *. *d* }
- Suffix: { *. *def.**, *def.**, *ef.**, *f.** }

■ *. *ghk*

- prefix: { *. *ghk*, *. *gh*, *. *g* }
- Suffix: { *. *ghk*, *ghk*, *hk*, *k* }

O³FA example – contd.

3. *Simplifications in the prefix and suffix sets*

- Prefix Set: $\{.*abc.*, .*abc, .*ab, .*a, .*def.*, .*def, .*de, .*d, .*ghk, .*gh, .*g\}$
- Suffix Set: $\{.*abc.*, abc.*, bc.*, c.*, .*def.*, def.*, ef.*, f.*, .*ghk, ghk, hk, k\}$

O³FA example – contd.

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Removing similar elements



- Prefix Set: {.*abc.*, .*ab, .*a, .*def.*, .*de, .*d, .*gh, .*g}
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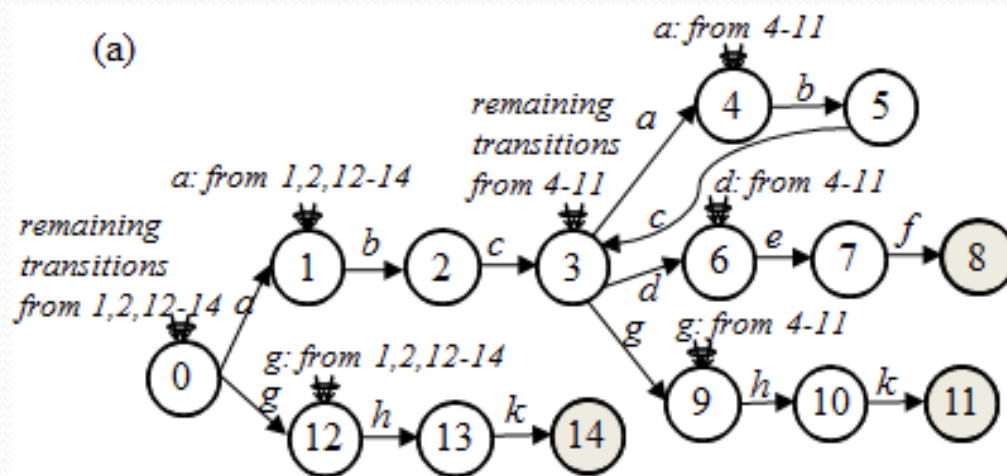
Removing elements that are covered by more general elements in the same set



- Prefix Set: {.*abc.*, .*ab, .*a, .*def.*, .*de, .*d, .*gh, .*g}
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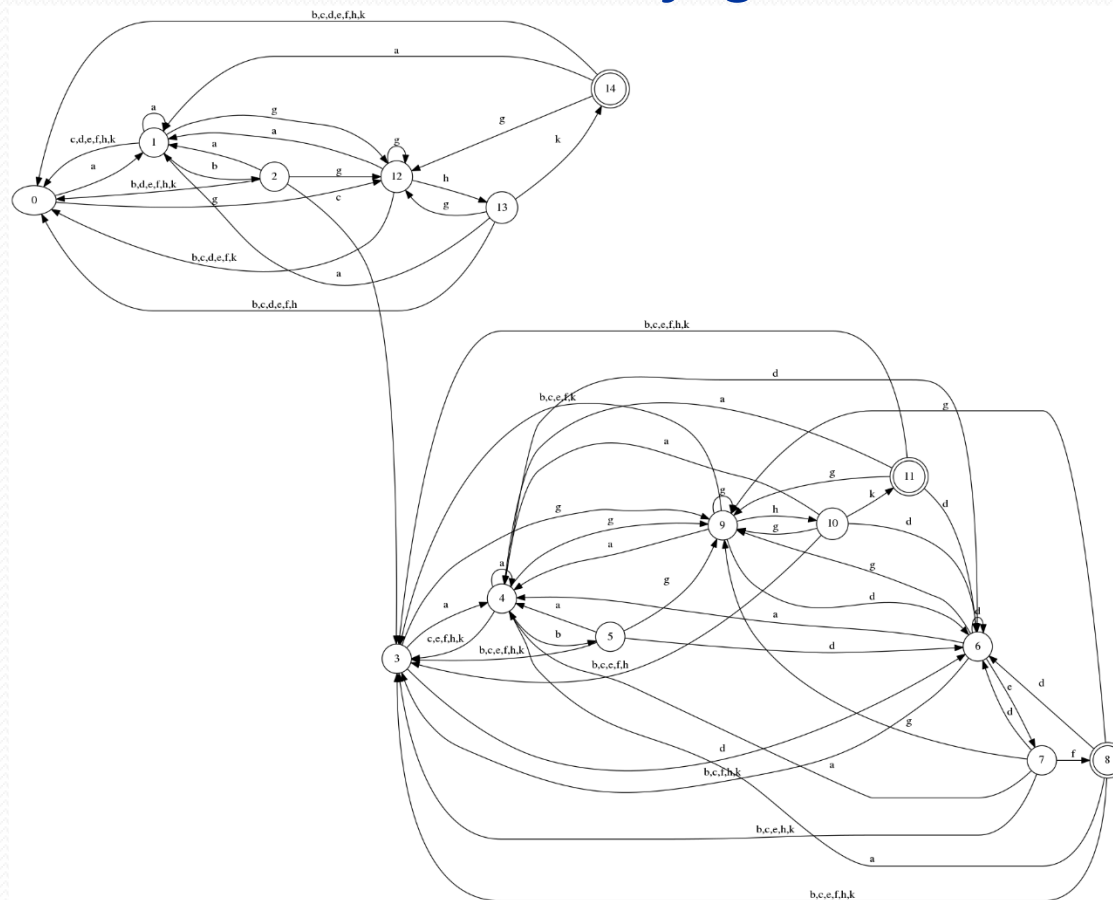
O³FA example – DFA

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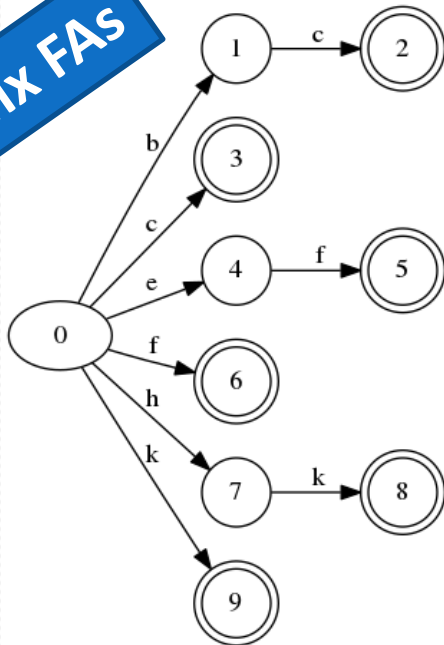
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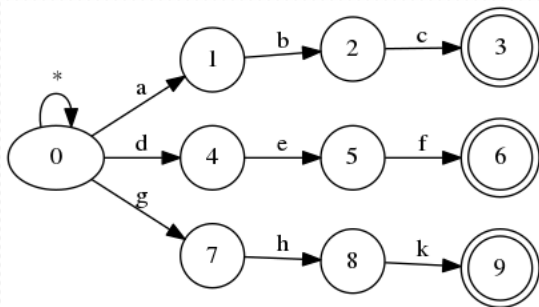
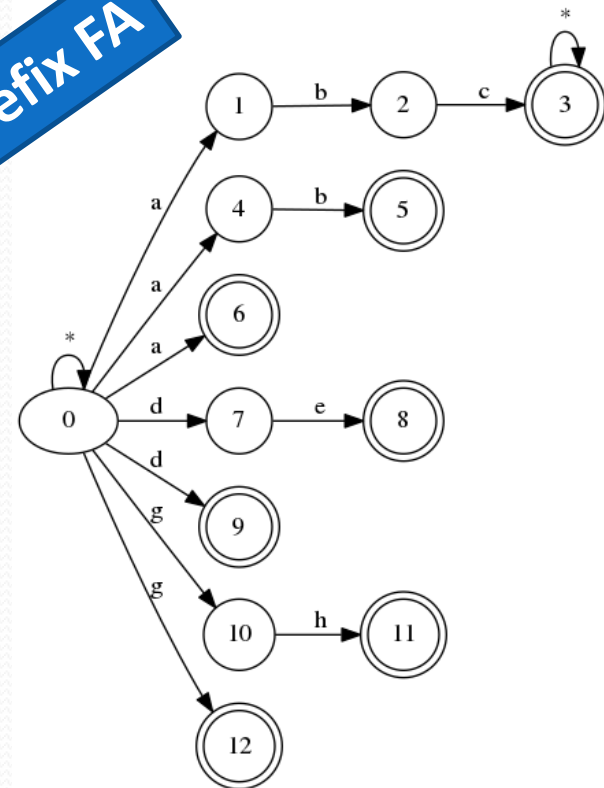
O³FA example – Prefix and Suffix FAs

Suffix FAs



$abc.*def, ghk$

Prefix FA

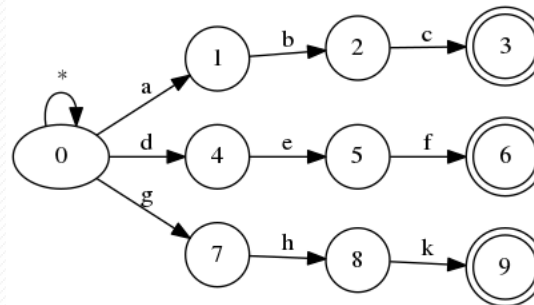
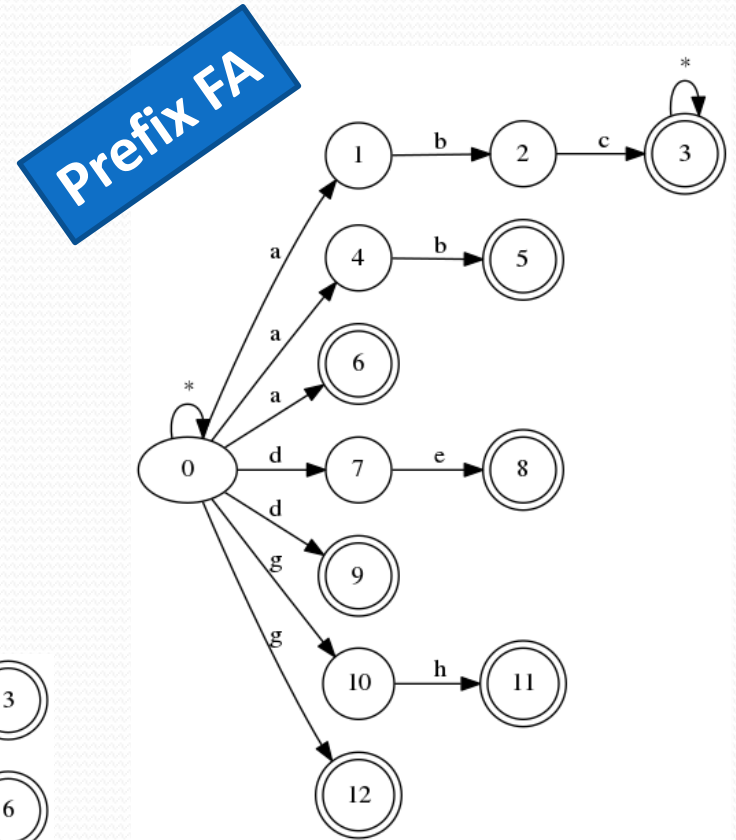
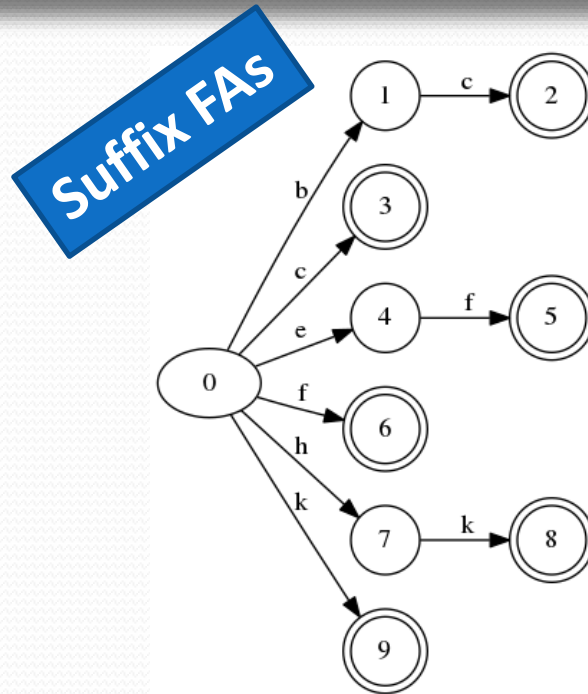


O³FA example – Suffix FAs

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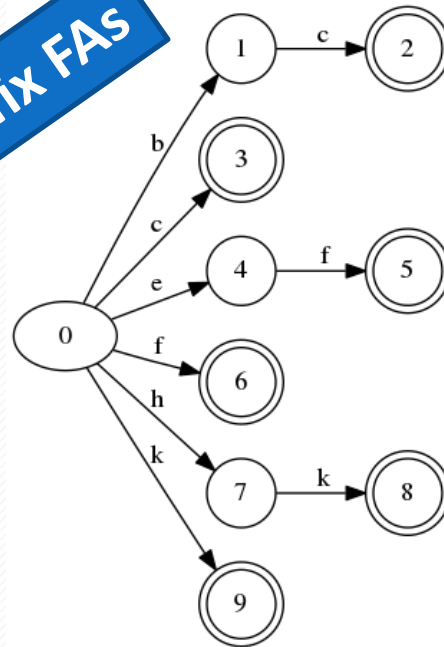
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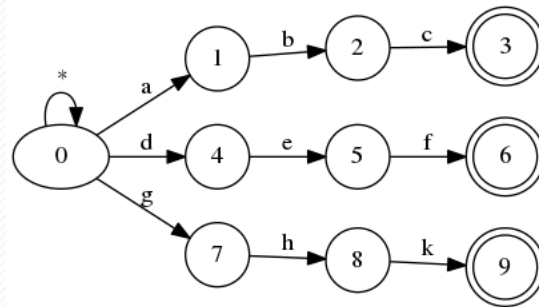
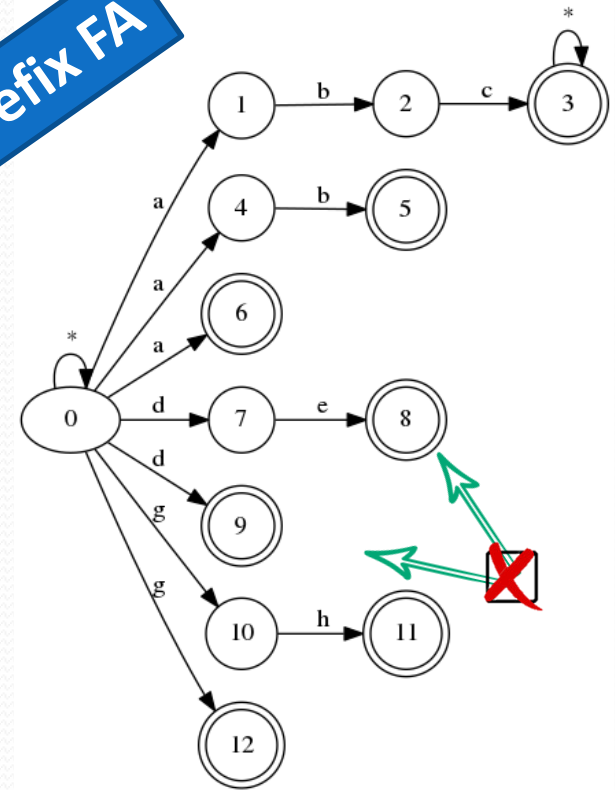
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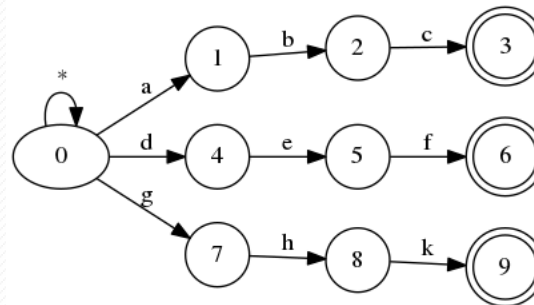
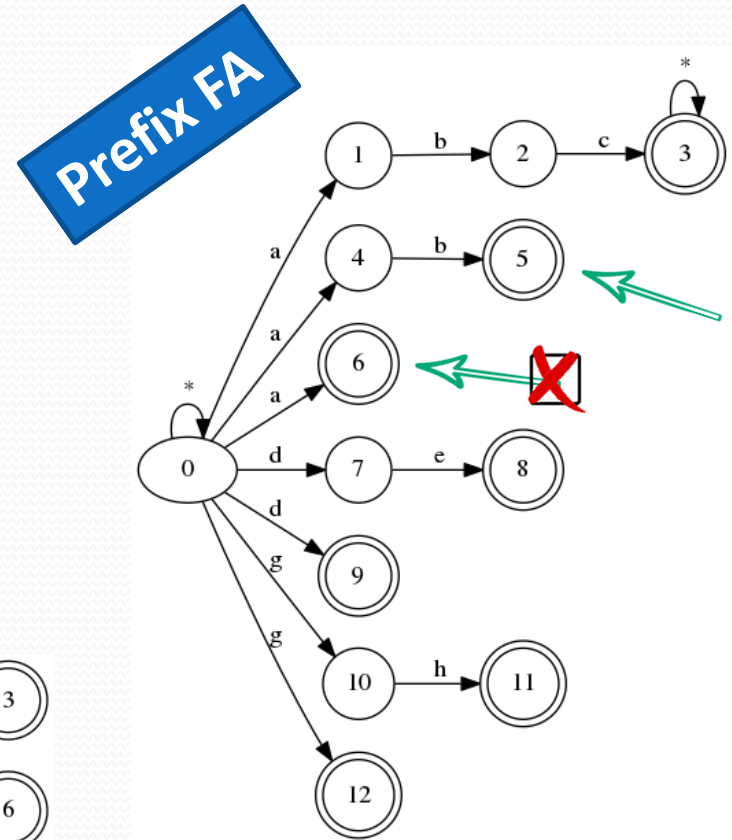
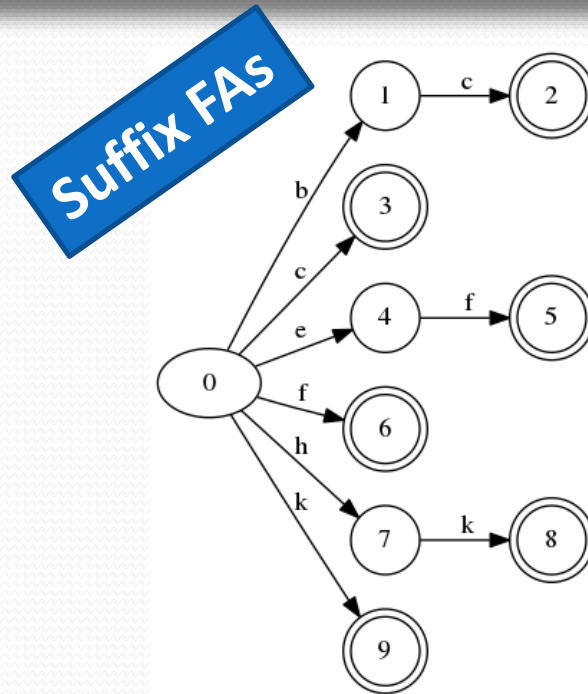


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abceghdef

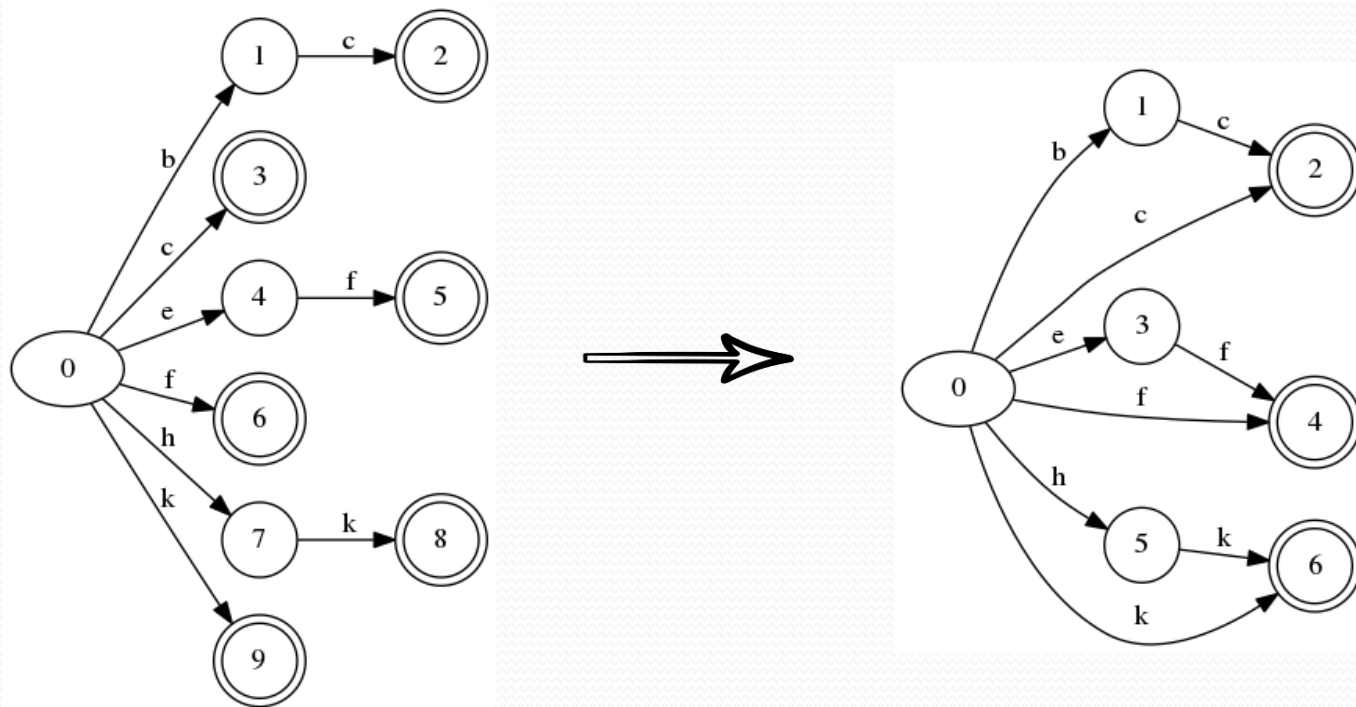


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- ❑ Using Index tags to avoid false positive
- ❑ Compressing Suffix FAs
- ❑ Creating DFA instead of NFA from suffix or prefix sets

Evaluation

Experimental Setup

- ☐ 176 backdoor rules
- ☐ 304 spyware rules
- ☐ 500 dot-star rules (5%, 10%, and 20%)
- ☐ 500 range-star rules (50% and 100%)
- ☐ 500 exact match rules

- ☐ 16 input streams
- ☐ Break 1MB input streams to 64KB packets
- ☐ Re-order packets

Analysis Aspects

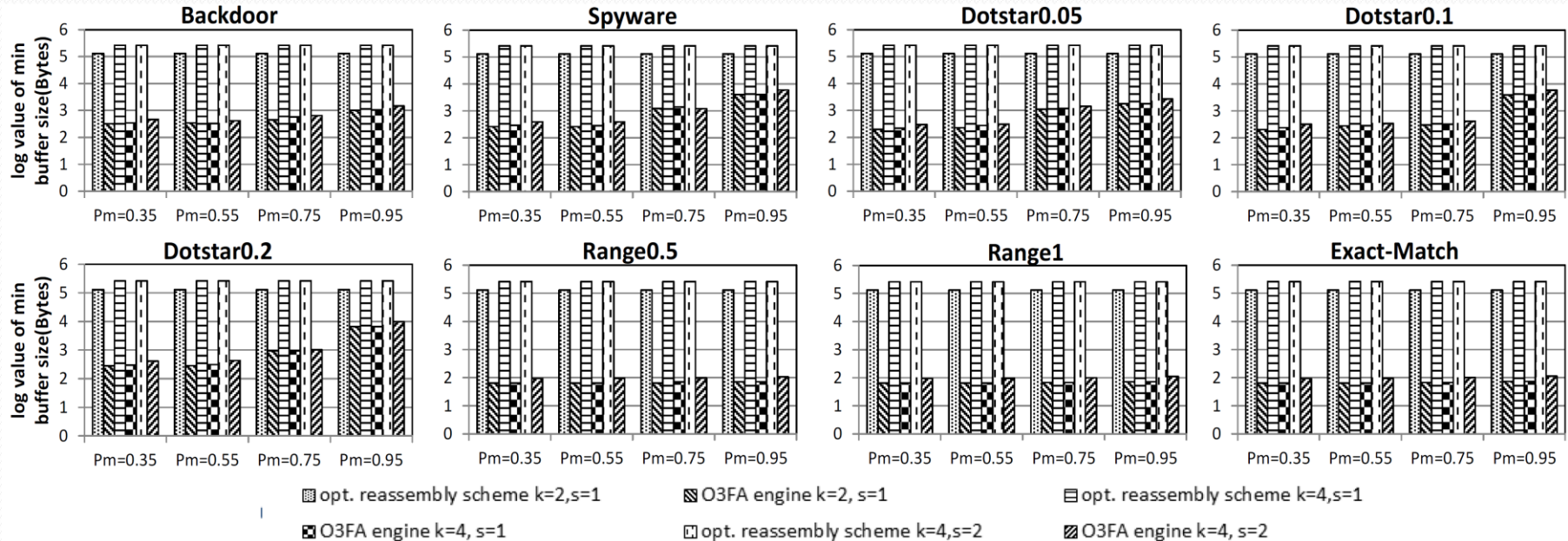
- ❑ *O^3FA Memory Footprint*
- ❑ *Buffer Size Savings*
- ❑ *Memory Bandwidth Overhead*
- ❑ *Traversal Overhead*

O³FA Memory Footprint

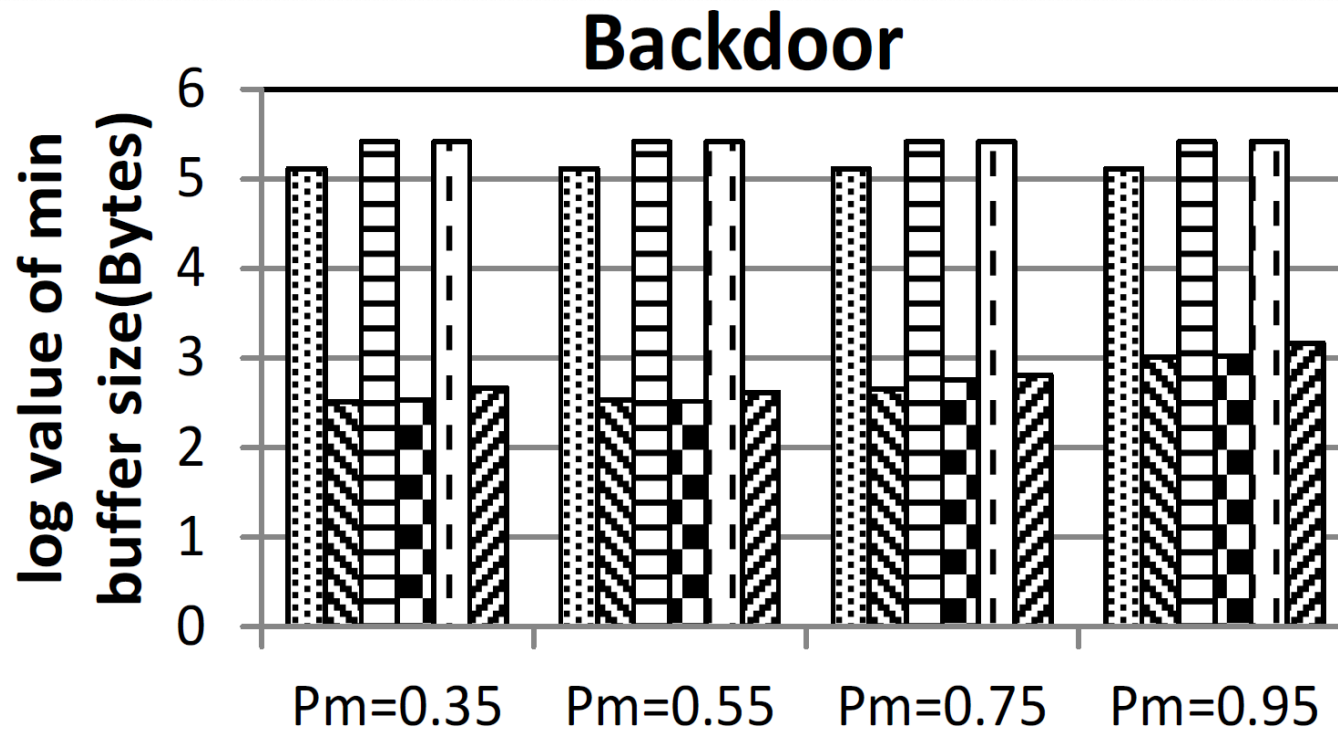


| Dataset | FA Kernel | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Regular multi-DFAs | | Supporting-FAs | |
| | # of DFA | Memory Footprint | # of FA States | Memory Footprint |
| <i>Backdoor</i> | 8 | 60 | 4k | 0.62 |
| <i>Spyware</i> | 10 | 56 | 12k | 1.35 |
| <i>Dotstar0.05</i> | 15 | 26 | 26k | 3.58 |
| <i>Dotstar0.1</i> | 8 | 60 | 25k | 3.12 |
| <i>Dotstar0.2</i> | 14 | 100 | 23k | 2.76 |
| <i>Range0.5</i> | 1 | 5.6 | 24k | 2.43 |
| <i>Range1</i> | 1 | 5.8 | 24k | 2.05 |
| <i>Exact-match</i> | 1 | 4.7 | 17k | 1.92 |

Buffer Size Savings



Buffer Size Savings – Contd.



opt. reassembly scheme k=2,s=1

O3FA engine k=2, s=1

opt. reassembly scheme k=4,s=1

O3FA engine k=4, s=1

opt. reassembly scheme k=4,s=2

O3FA engine k=4, s=2

Memory Bandwidth Overhead



Table 2. Ratio between the number of csNFA states traversed and the number of input characters processed (%)

| Dataset | k=2, s=1 | | | | k=4, s=1 | | | | k=4, s=2 | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | P _M =0.35 | P _M =0.55 | P _M =0.75 | P _M =0.95 | P _M =0.35 | P _M =0.55 | P _M =0.75 | P _M =0.95 | P _M =0.35 | P _M =0.55 | P _M =0.75 | P _M =0.95 |
| <i>Backdoor</i> | 0.0144 | 0.0202 | 0.0278 | 0.0349 | 0.0347 | 0.0337 | 0.0440 | 0.1010 | 0.0144 | 0.0202 | 0.0278 | 0.0349 |
| <i>Spyware</i> | 0.0590 | 0.1002 | 0.1163 | 0.1286 | 0.1158 | 0.1942 | 0.2188 | 0.1853 | 0.0590 | 0.1002 | 0.1163 | 0.1286 |
| <i>Dotstar0.05</i> | 0.0804 | 0.0838 | 0.1173 | 0.2595 | 0.1733 | 0.1394 | 0.1517 | 0.3927 | 0.0804 | 0.0838 | 0.1173 | 0.2595 |
| <i>Dotstar0.1</i> | 0.0526 | 0.0715 | 0.1054 | 0.2610 | 0.1129 | 0.1184 | 0.1701 | 0.3974 | 0.0526 | 0.0715 | 0.1054 | 0.2610 |
| <i>Dotstar0.2</i> | 0.0363 | 0.0611 | 0.1142 | 0.2977 | 0.0531 | 0.1112 | 0.1806 | 0.3622 | 0.0363 | 0.0611 | 0.1142 | 0.2977 |
| <i>Range0.5</i> | 0.0973 | 0.1015 | 0.2170 | 0.2238 | 0.1839 | 0.1865 | 0.3488 | 0.3831 | 0.0973 | 0.1015 | 0.2170 | 0.2238 |
| <i>Range1</i> | 0.0638 | 0.1180 | 0.2181 | 0.3927 | 0.1697 | 0.1910 | 0.3319 | 0.6929 | 0.0638 | 0.1180 | 0.2181 | 0.3927 |
| <i>E-M</i> | 0.0391 | 0.0627 | 0.1460 | 0.3140 | 0.1407 | 0.1395 | 0.1959 | 0.4374 | 0.0391 | 0.0627 | 0.1460 | 0.3140 |

Traversal Overhead



Ratio between Number of extra character processed and the size of the input stream

| Dataset | k=2, s=1 | | | | k=4, s=1 | | | | k=4, s=2 | | | |
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| <i>Backdoor</i> | 0.0114 | 0.0102 | 0.0346 | 0.3277 | 0.0211 | 0.0139 | 0.0732 | 0.5140 | 0.0119 | 0.0076 | 0.0288 | 0.3376 |
| <i>Spyware</i> | 0.0059 | 0.0058 | 0.1333 | 2.4362 | 0.0101 | 0.0090 | 0.2635 | 3.6701 | 0.0057 | 0.0049 | 0.0753 | 2.4427 |
| <i>Dotstar0.05</i> | 0.0103 | 0.0076 | 0.2645 | 1.0132 | 0.0220 | 0.0389 | 0.4492 | 1.5218 | 0.0134 | 0.0221 | 0.2679 | 1.0135 |
| <i>Dotstar0.1</i> | 0.0041 | 0.0129 | 0.0116 | 2.2671 | 0.0120 | 0.0304 | 0.0183 | 3.3866 | 0.0073 | 0.0136 | 0.0111 | 2.2464 |
| <i>Dotstar0.2</i> | 0.0083 | 0.0092 | 0.0160 | 3.4655 | 0.0164 | 0.0173 | 0.0225 | 5.2268 | 0.0098 | 0.0101 | 0.0112 | 3.4838 |
| <i>Range0.5</i> | 0.0007 | 0.0011 | 0.0032 | 0.0137 | 0.0017 | 0.0020 | 0.0054 | 0.0214 | 0.0009 | 0.0012 | 0.0033 | 0.0128 |
| <i>Range1</i> | 0.0006 | 0.0011 | 0.0033 | 0.0123 | 0.0014 | 0.0020 | 0.0051 | 0.0153 | 0.0008 | 0.0012 | 0.0033 | 0.0102 |
| <i>E-M</i> | 0.0006 | 0.0011 | 0.0033 | 0.0168 | 0.0014 | 0.0022 | 0.0054 | 0.0214 | 0.0008 | 0.0012 | 0.0033 | 0.0159 |

Summary & Discussion

- ❑ O^3FA memory footprint is less than 100MB
- ❑ O^3FA state buffers can be 20x - 4000x smaller
- ❑ O^3FA bandwidth is linear in the number of incoming characters
- ❑ O^3FA traversal efficiency is comparable to that of conventional flow reassembly methods
- ❑ Supports only variable length operators
 - $.^*, C^*, [C_i, C_j]^*, .+, C+, \dots$



Thanks for your attention!

