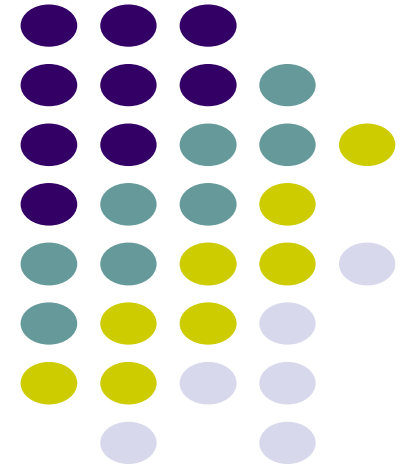


# String Matching

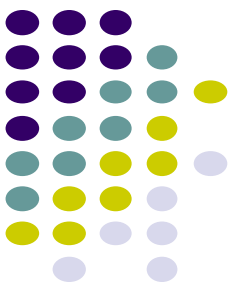
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# Strings



- Let  $\Sigma$  be an alphabet, e.g.  $\Sigma = ( , a, b, c, \dots, z)$
- A string is any member of  $\Sigma^*$ , i.e. any sequence of 0 or more members of  $\Sigma$ 
  - 'this is a string'  $\in \Sigma^*$
  - 'this is also a string'  $\in \Sigma^*$
  - '1234'  $\notin \Sigma^*$



# String operations

- Given strings  $s_1$  of length  $n$  and  $s_2$  of length  $m$
- Equality: is  $s_1 = s_2$ ? (case sensitive or insensitive)

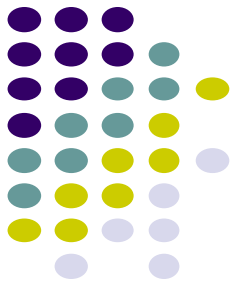
‘this is a string’ = ‘this is a string’

‘this is a string’  $\neq$  ‘this is another string’

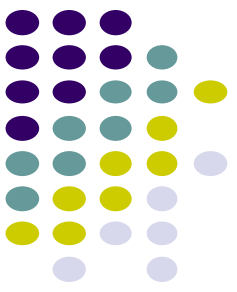
‘this is a string’ =? ‘THIS IS A STRING’

- Running time
  - $O(n)$  where  $n$  is length of shortest string

# String operations



- Concatenate (append): create string  $s_1s_2$   
`'this is a' . ' string' → 'this is a string'`
- Running time
  - $\Theta(n+m)$



# String operations

- Substitute: Exchange all occurrences of a particular character with another character

Substitute('this is a string', 'i', 'x') →  
'thxs xs a strxng'

Substitute('banana', 'a', 'o') → 'bonono'

- Running time
  - $\Theta(n)$



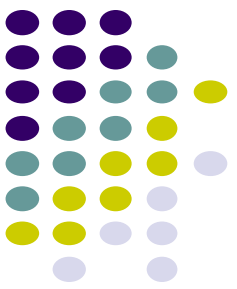
# String operations

- Length: return the number of characters/symbols in the string

Length('this is a string')  $\rightarrow$  16

Length('this is another string')  $\rightarrow$  24

- Running time
  - $O(1)$  or  $\Theta(n)$  depending on implementation



# String operations

- Prefix: Get the first  $j$  characters in the string

Prefix('this is a string', 4)  $\rightarrow$  'this'

- Running time
  - $\Theta(j)$
- Suffix: Get the last  $j$  characters in the string

Suffix('this is a string', 6)  $\rightarrow$  'string'

- Running time
  - $\Theta(j)$



# String operations

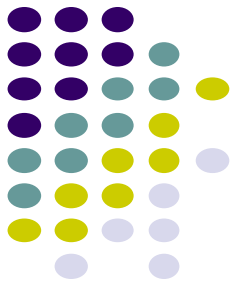
- Substring – Get the characters between i and j inclusive

Substring('this is a string', 4, 8) → 's is '

- Running time
  - $\Theta(j - i)$
- Prefix?
  - $\text{Prefix}(S, i) = \text{Substring}(S, 1, i)$
- Suffix?
  - $\text{Suffix}(S, i) = \text{Substring}(S, i+1, \text{length}(n))$



# Edit distance (aka Levenshtein distance)



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Deletion:

ABACED → BACED

Delete 'A'

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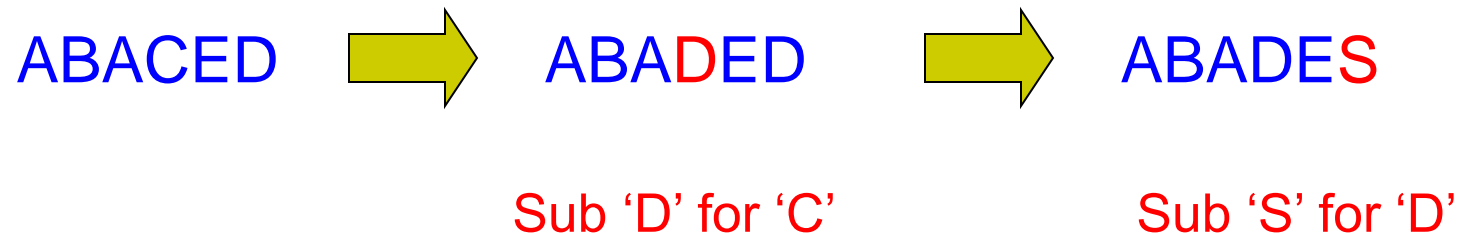


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Substitution:



# Edit distance examples

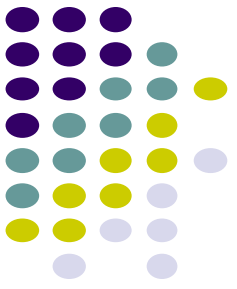


Edit(Kitten, Mitten) = 1

Operations:

Sub 'M' for 'K'      Mitten

# Edit distance examples



Edit(Happy, Hilly) = 3

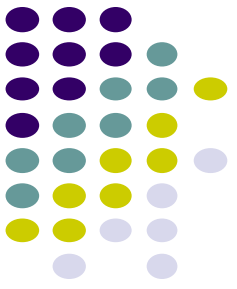
Operations:

Sub 'a' for 'i'      Hippy

Sub 'l' for 'p'      Hilpy

Sub 'l' for 'p'      Hilly

# Edit distance examples



Edit(Banana, Car) = 5

Operations:

Delete 'B'      anana

Delete 'a'      nana

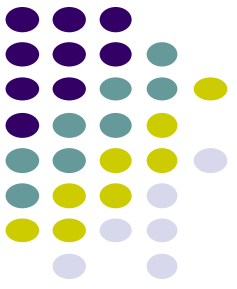
Delete 'n'      naa

Sub 'C' for 'n'      Caa

Sub 'a' for 'r'      Car



# Edit distance examples



$$\text{Edit}(\text{Simple}, \text{Apple}) = 3$$

Operations:

Delete 'S'      imple

Sub 'A' for 'i'      Ample

Sub 'm' for 'p'      Apple



# Is edit distance symmetric?

- that is, is  $\text{Edit}(s_1, s_2) = \text{Edit}(s_2, s_1)$ ?

$\text{Edit}(\text{Simple}, \text{Apple}) = ? \text{Edit}(\text{Apple}, \text{Simple})$

- Why?
  - sub 'i' for 'j'  $\rightarrow$  sub 'j' for 'i'
  - delete 'i'  $\rightarrow$  insert 'i'
  - insert 'i'  $\rightarrow$  delete 'i'

# Calculating edit distance



$X = A B C B D A B$

$Y = B D C A B A$

Ideas?



# Calculating edit distance

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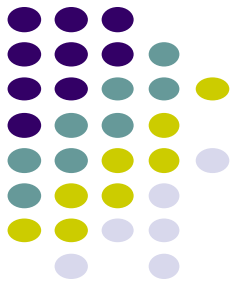


Y = B D C A B ?



After all of the operations, X needs  
to equal Y

# Calculating edit distance



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Operations:      Insert  
                     Delete  
                     Substitute

# Insert



$X = A B C B D A ?$



$Y = B D C A B ?$



# Insert



$X =$  A B C B D A ?

Edit

$Y =$  B D C A B ?

$$\textit{Edit}(X, Y) = 1 + \textit{Edit}(X_{1\dots n}, Y_{1\dots m-1})$$

# Delete



$X = A B C B D A ?$

$Y = B D C A B ?$



# Delete



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# Anything else?



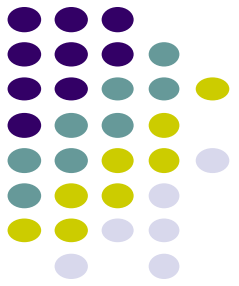
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$Y = B D C A B ?$



# Equal



$X = A B C B D A ?$



$Y = B D C A B ?$



# Equal



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Edit

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$$\textit{Edit}(X, Y) = \textit{Edit}(X_{1\dots n-1}, Y_{1\dots m-1})$$

# Combining results



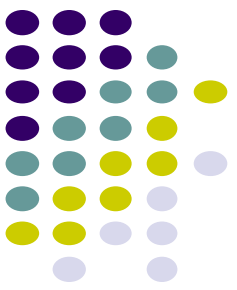
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Delete:  $Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1\dots n-1}, Y_{1\dots m})$

Substitute:  $Edit(X, Y) = 1 + Edit(X_{1\dots n-1}, Y_{1\dots m-1})$

Equal:  $Edit(X, Y) = Edit(X_{1\dots n-1}, Y_{1\dots m-1})$

# Combining results



$$Edit(X, Y) = \min \begin{cases} 1 + Edit(X_{1\dots n}, Y_{1\dots m-1}) & \text{insertion} \\ 1 + Edit(X_{1\dots n-1}, Y_{1\dots m}) & \text{deletion} \\ Diff(x_n, y_m) + Edit(X_{1\dots n-1}, Y_{1\dots m-1}) & \text{equal/subs titution} \end{cases}$$

EDIT( $X, Y$ )

```
1   $m \leftarrow \text{length}[X]$ 
2   $n \leftarrow \text{length}[Y]$ 
3  for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $m$ 
4       $d[i, 0] \leftarrow i$ 
5  for  $j \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$ 
6       $d[0, j] \leftarrow j$ 
7  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$ 
8      for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
9           $d[i, j] = \min(1 + d[i - 1, j],$ 
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10 return  $d[m, n]$ 
```



# Running time



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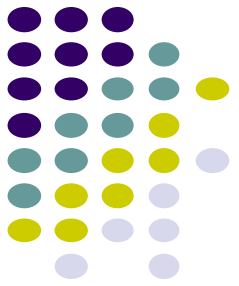
$\Theta(nm)$



# Variants

- Only include insertions and deletions
  - What does this do to substitutions?
- Include swaps, i.e. swapping two adjacent characters counts as one edit
- Weight insertion, deletion and substitution differently
- Weight **specific** character insertion, deletion and substitutions differently
- Length normalize the edit distance

# String matching

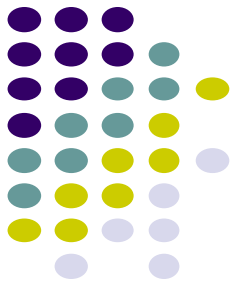


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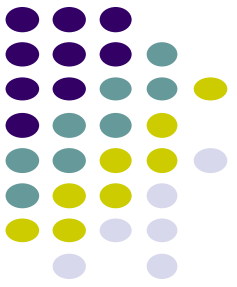
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# Uses

- grep/egrep
- search
- find
- `java.lang.String.contains()`



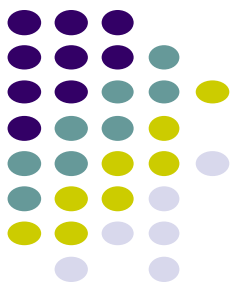
# Naive implementation



NAIVE-STRING-MATCHER( $S, P$ )

```
1   $n \leftarrow \text{length}[S]$ 
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3  for  $s \leftarrow 0$  to  $n - m$ 
4      if  $S[1..m] = T[s + 1..s + m]$ 
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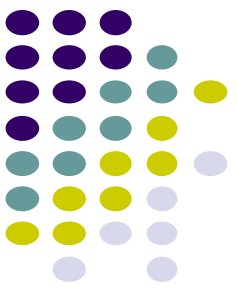
# Is it correct?



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- What is the cost of the equality check?
  - Best case:  $O(1)$
  - Worst case:  $O(m)$



# Running time?



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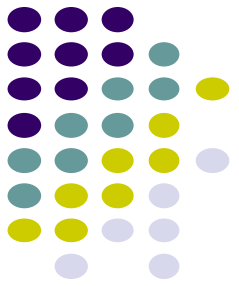
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- Best case
  - $\Theta(n)$  – when the first character of the pattern does **not** occur in the string
- Worst case
  - $O((n-m+1)m)$

# Worst case

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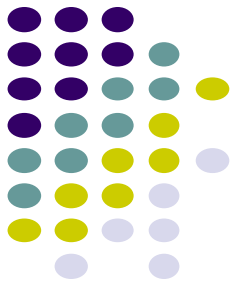
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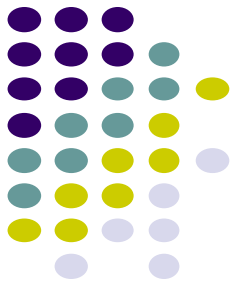
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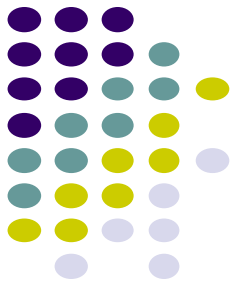
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repeated work!



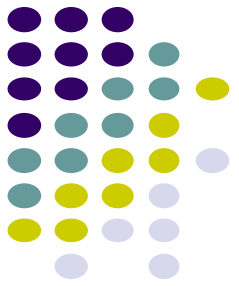
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Ideally, after the first match, we'd know to just check the next character to see if it is an 'A'



# Patterns



- Which of these patterns will have that problem?

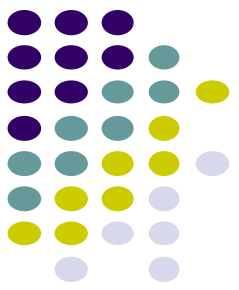
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# Patterns



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If the pattern has a suffix that is also a prefix then we will have this problem



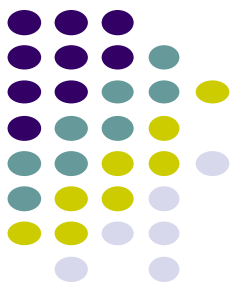
# Finite State Automata (FSA)



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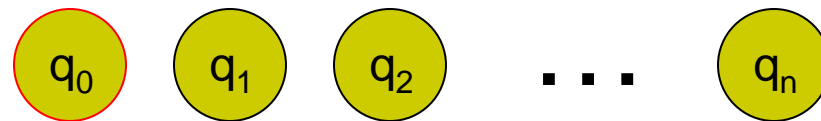


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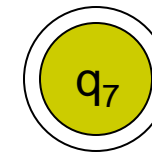


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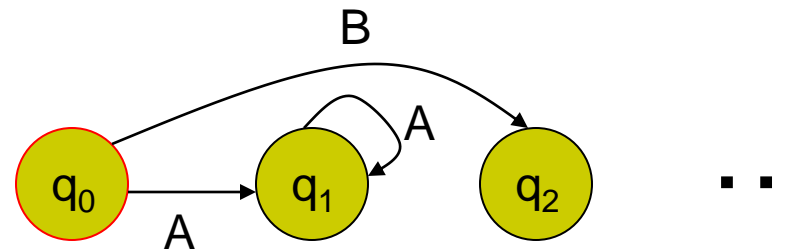
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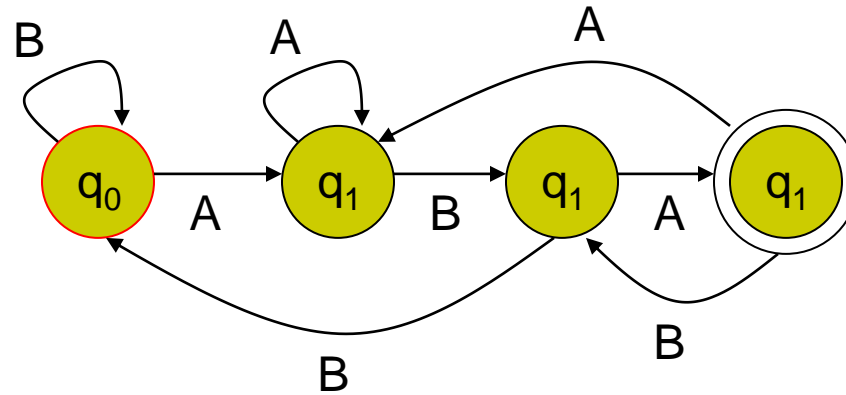
- $q_0$  is the start state
- $A \subseteq Q$ , is the set of accepting states where  $|A| > 0$
- $\Sigma$  is the alphabet (e.g.  $\{A, B\}$ )
- $\delta$  is the transition function from  $Q \times \Sigma$  to  $Q$



$Q$	$\Sigma$	$Q$
$q_0$	A	$q_1$
$q_0$	B	$q_2$
$q_1$	A	$q_1$
...		



# FSA operation



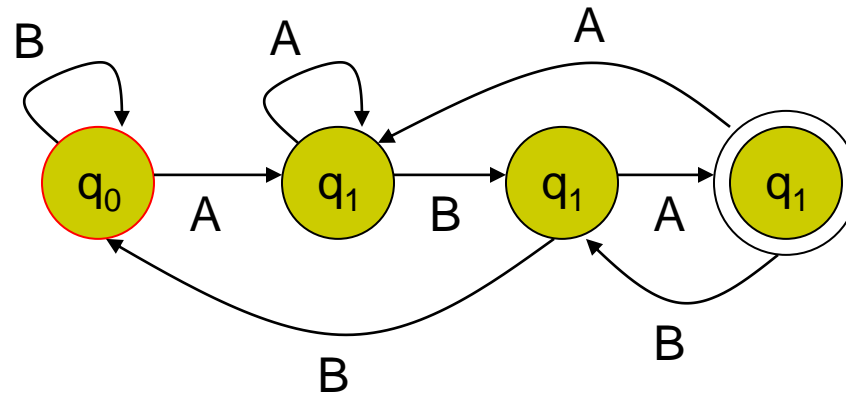
An FSA starts at state  $q_0$  and reads the characters of the input string one at a time.

If the automaton is in state  $q$  and reads character  $a$ , then it transitions to state  $\delta(q,a)$ .

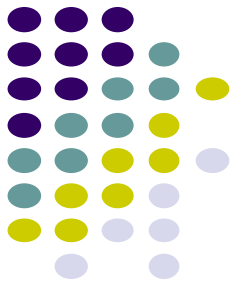
If the FSA reaches an accepting state ( $q \in A$ ), then the FSA has found a match.

# FSA operation

P = ABA

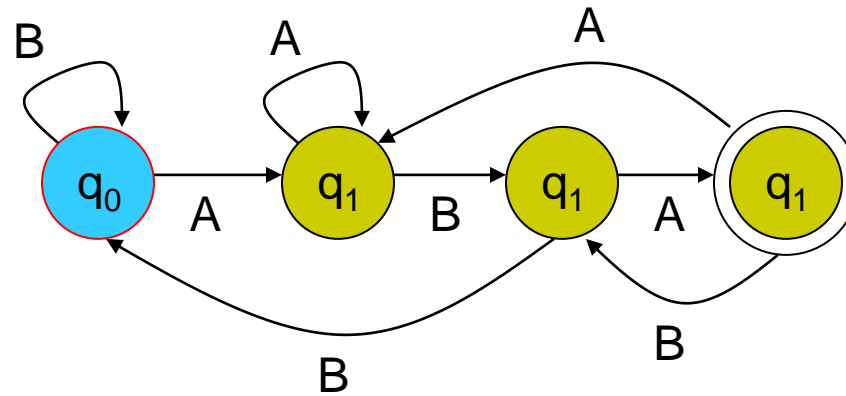


What pattern does this represent?

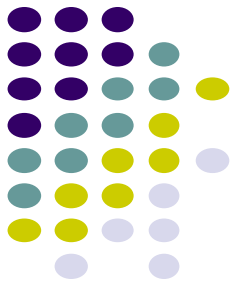


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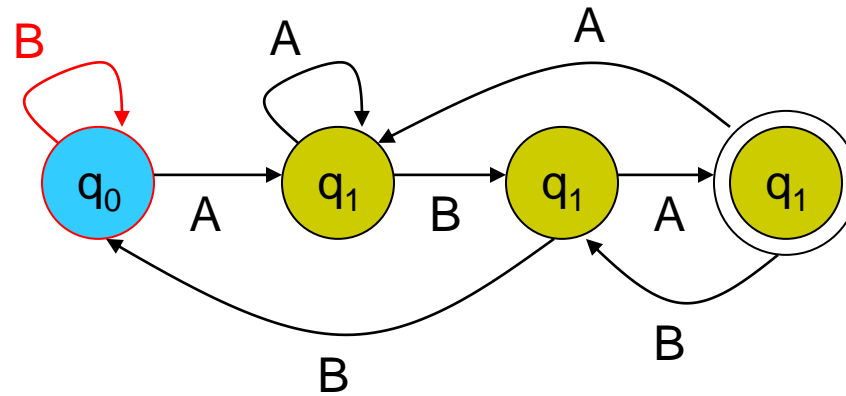


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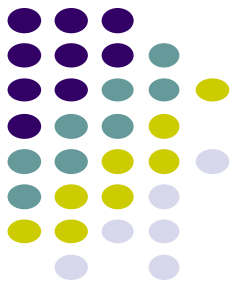


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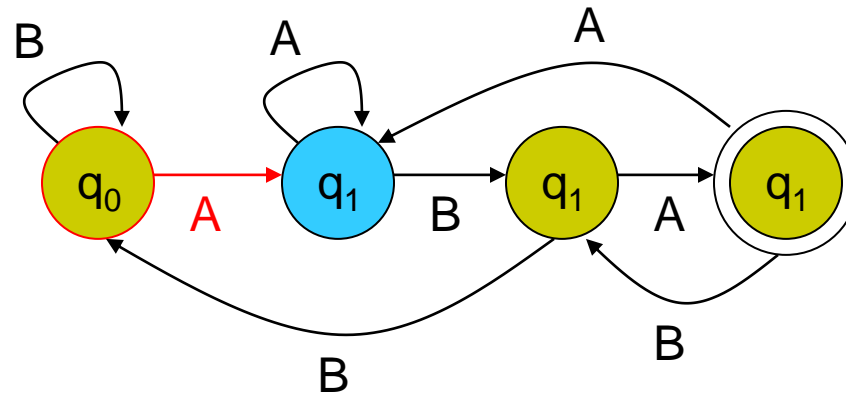


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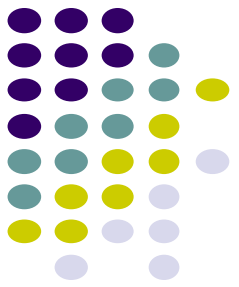


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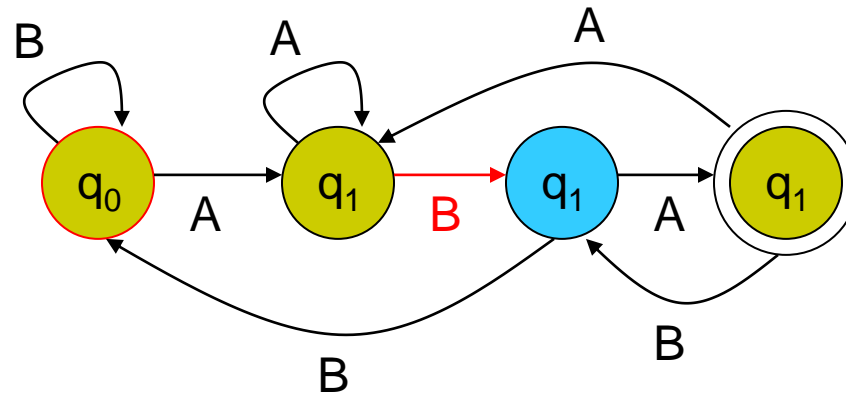


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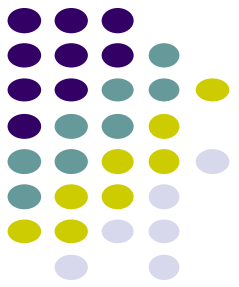


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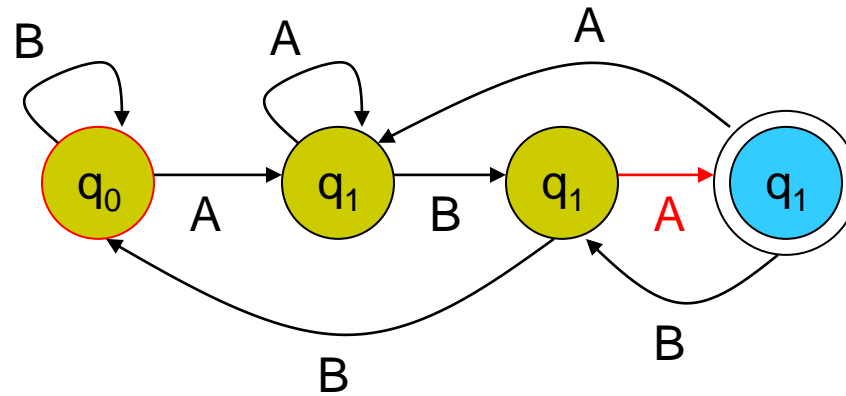
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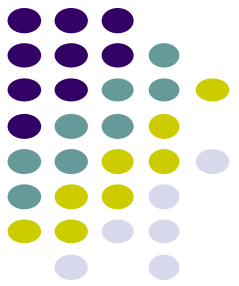


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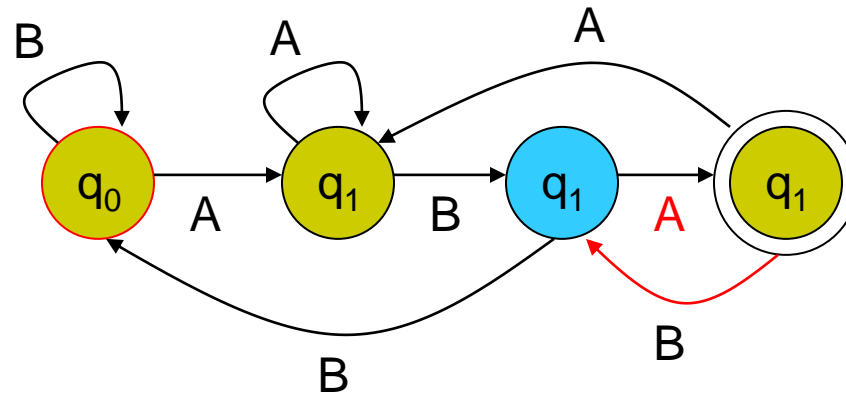


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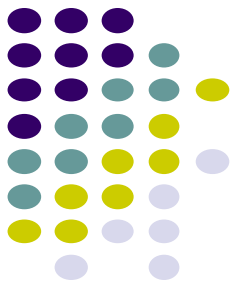


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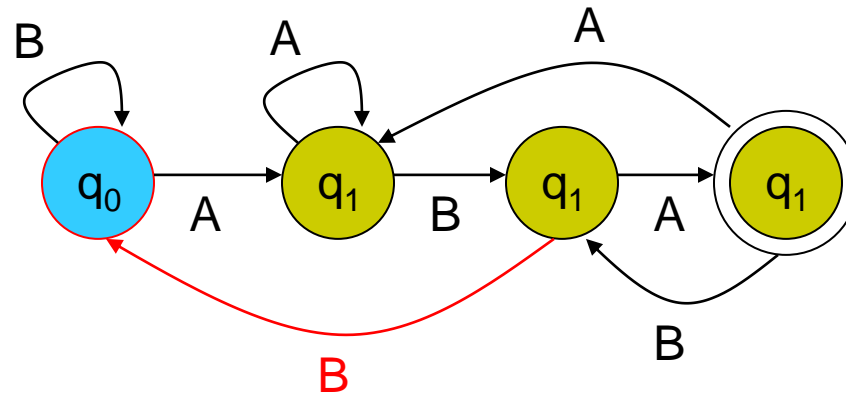


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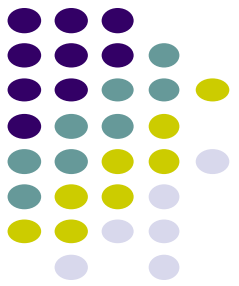


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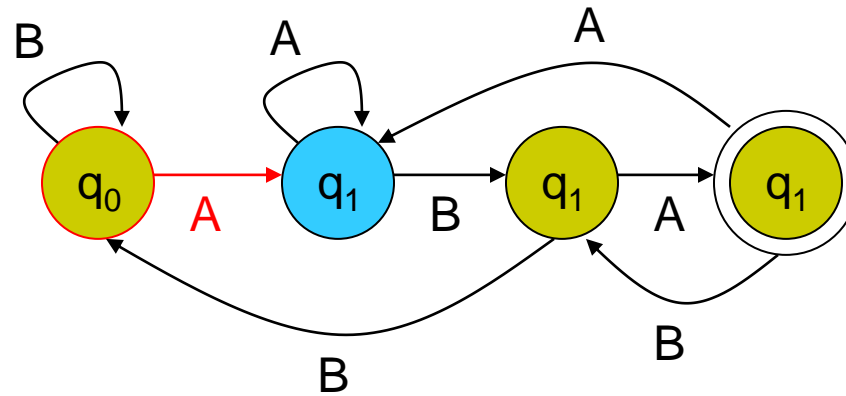


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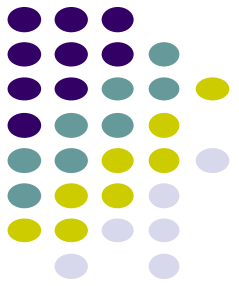


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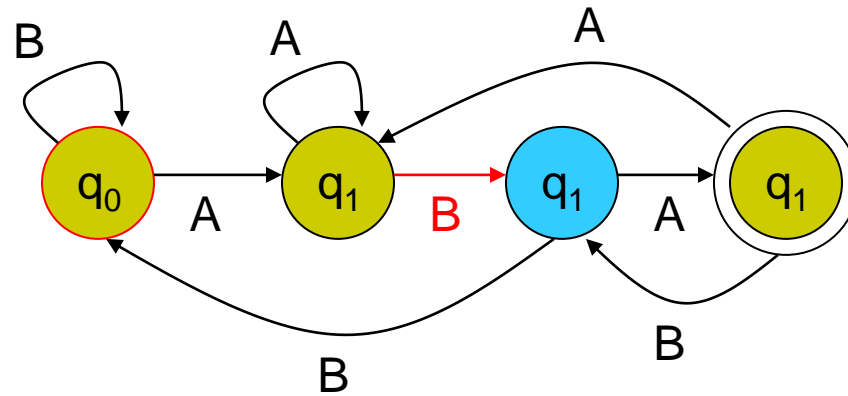


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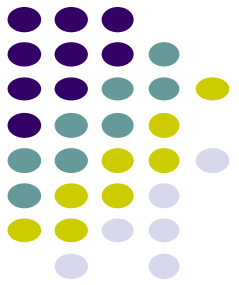


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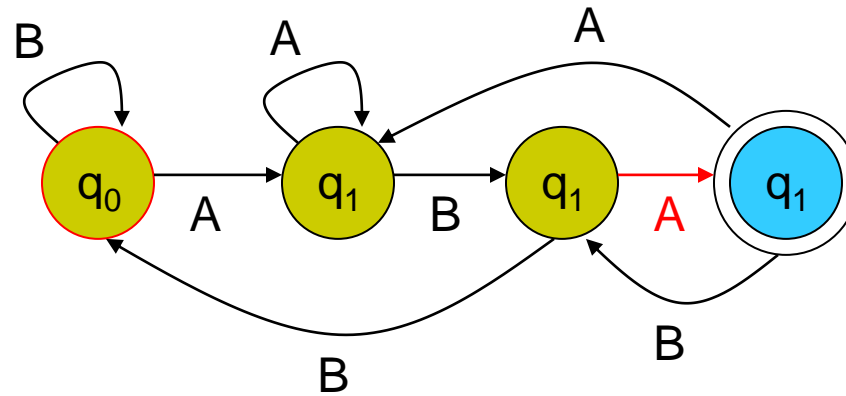


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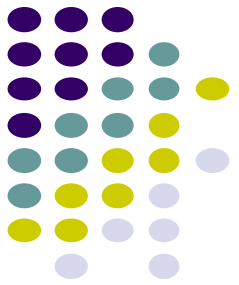


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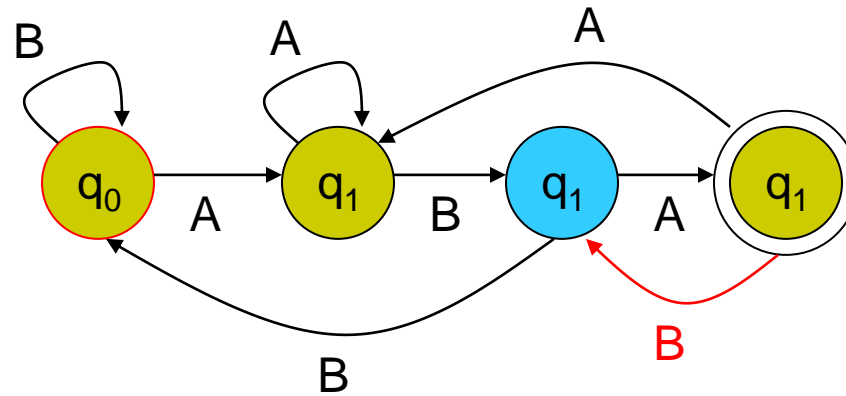


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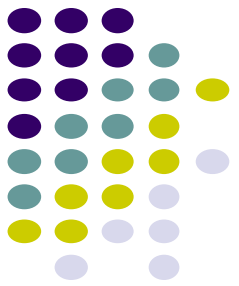


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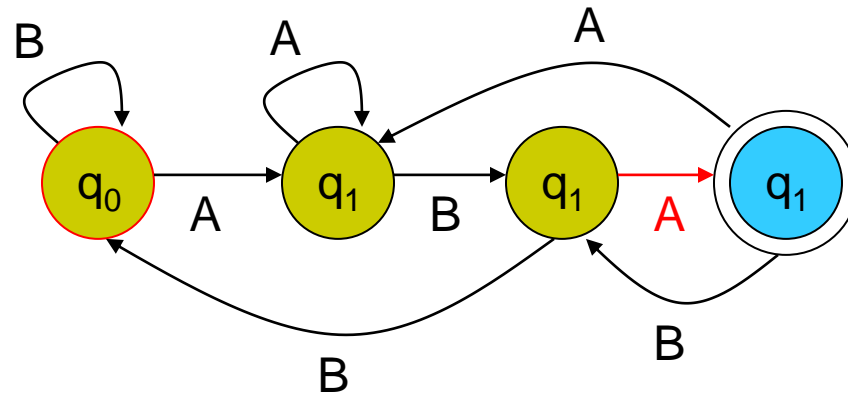


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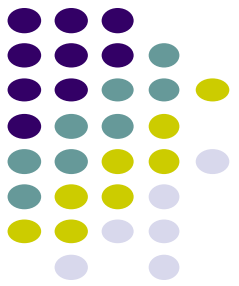


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$$\sigma(\text{daabac}, \text{abacac}) = ?$$



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$$\sigma(\text{daabac}, \text{abacac}) = 4$$



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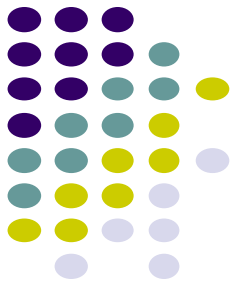


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# Building a string matching automata

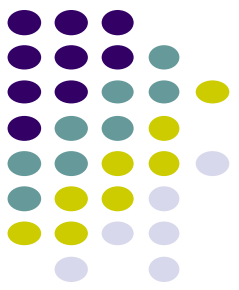
- Given a pattern  $P = p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m$ , we'd like to build an FSA that recognizes  $P$  in strings

$P = \text{ababaca}$

Ideas?

# Building a string matching automata

$P = \text{ababaca}$



- $Q = q_1, q_2, \dots, q_m$  corresponding to each symbol, plus a  $q_0$  starting state
- the set of accepting states,  $A = \{q_m\}$
- vocab  $\Sigma$  all symbols in  $P$ , plus one more representing all symbols not in  $P$
- The transition function for  $q \in Q$  and  $a \in \Sigma$  is defined as:
  - $\delta(q, a) = \sigma(p_{1\dots q}a, P)$



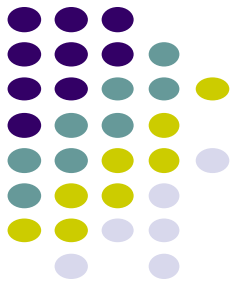
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$q_7$				

$\sigma(a, ababaca)$



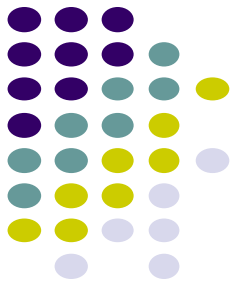
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$q_7$				

$\sigma(b, ababaca)$



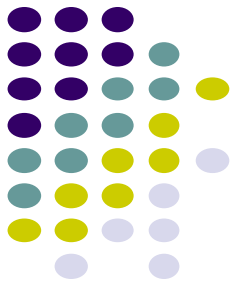
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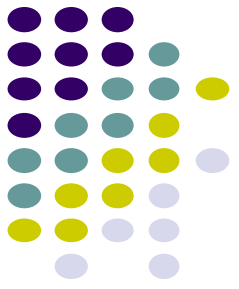
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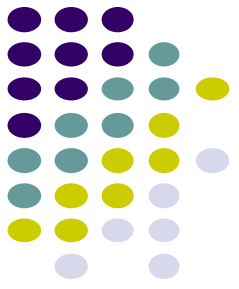
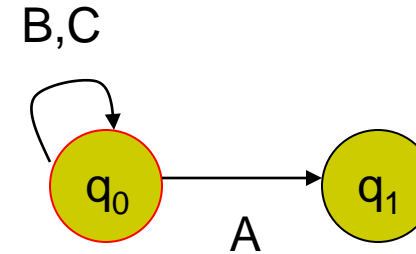


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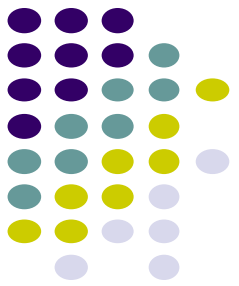
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We've seen 'aba' so far

$\sigma(\text{abaa}, \text{ababaca})$



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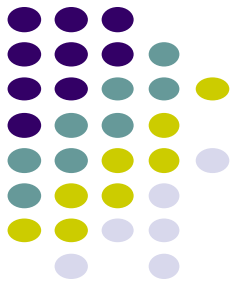
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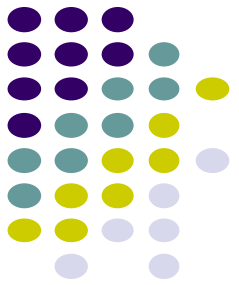
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$q_2$	3	0	0	a
$q_3$	1	4	0	b
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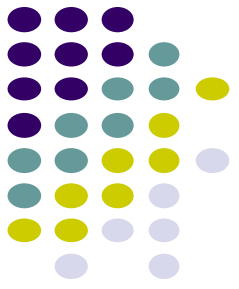
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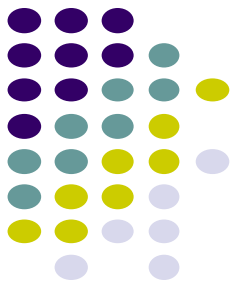
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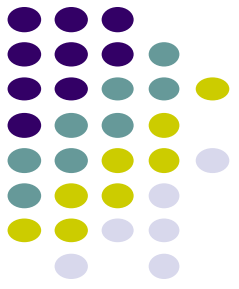


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$q_5$	1	4	6	c
$q_6$	7	0	0	a
$q_7$	1	2	0	





# Matching runtime

- Once we've built the FSA, what is the runtime?
  - $\Theta(n)$  - Each symbol causes a state transition and we only visit each character once
- What is the cost to build the FSA?
  - How many entries in the table?
    - $m|\Sigma|$  - Best case:  $\Omega(m|\Sigma|)$
  - How long does it take to calculate the suffix function at each entry?
    - Naïve:  $O(m^2)$
  - Overall naïve:  $O(m^3|\Sigma|)$
  - Overall fast implementation  $O(m|\Sigma|)$



# Rabin-Karp algorithm

- Use a function  $T$  that computes a numerical representation of  $P$
- Calculate  $T$  for all  $m$  symbol sequences of  $S$  and compare

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Hash  $P$

$T(P)$

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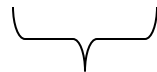


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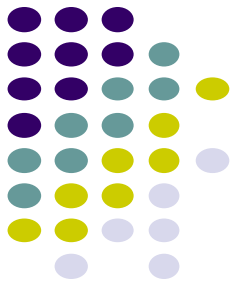
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      =  
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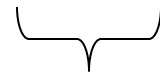


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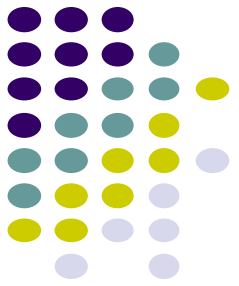
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$=$

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- Given  $T(s_{i \dots i+m-1})$  we must be able to efficiently calculate  $T(s_{i+1 \dots i+m})$



# Calculating the hash function

- For simplicity, assume  $\Sigma = (0, 1, 2, \dots, 9)$ . (in general we can use a base larger than 10).
- A string can then be viewed as a decimal number
- How do we efficiently calculate the numerical representation of a string?

$$T(\text{'9847261'}) = ?$$

# Horner's rule



$$T(p_{1\dots m}) = p_m + 10(p_{m-1} + 10(p_{m-2} + \dots + 10(p_2 + 10p_1)))$$

9847261

$$9 * 10 = 90$$

$$(90 + 8) * 10 = 980$$

$$(980 + 4) * 10 = 9840$$

$$(9840 + 7) * 10 = 98470$$

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Running time?

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$\Theta(m)$



# Calculating the hash on the string

- Given  $T(s_{i \dots i+m-1})$  how can we efficiently calculate  $T(s_{i+1 \dots i+m})$ ?

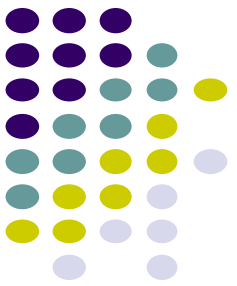
$m = 4$

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$T(s_{i \dots i+m-1})$

$$T(s_{i+1 \dots i+m}) = 10(T(s_{i \dots i+m-1}) - 10^{m-1} s_i) + s_{i+m}$$





# Calculating the hash on the string

- Given  $T(s_{i...i+m-1})$  how can we efficiently calculate  $T(s_{i+1...i+m})$ ?

$m = 4$

801

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$T(s_{i...i+m-1})$  subtract highest order digit

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$m = 4$

8010

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$T(s_{i \dots i+m-1})$

shift digits up

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$m = 4$

8015

963801572348267

$T(s_{i \dots i+m-1})$

add in the lowest digit

$$T(s_{i+1 \dots i+m}) = 10(T(s_{i \dots i+m-1}) - 10^{m-1} s_i) + s_{i+m}$$



# Calculating the hash on the string

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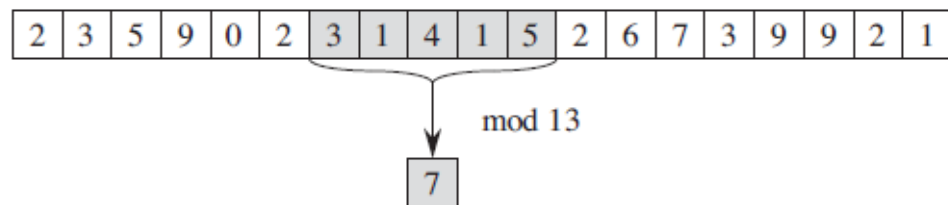
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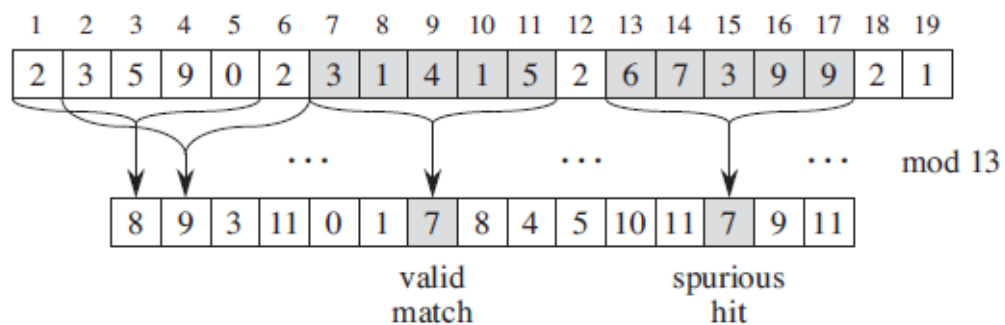
Running time?

- $\Theta(m)$  for  $s_{1 \dots m}$
- $O(1)$  for the rest

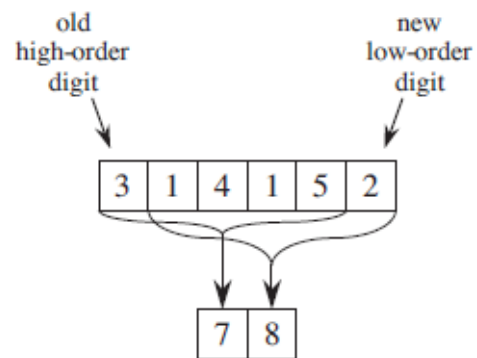
$$T(s_{i+1 \dots i+m}) = 10(T(s_{i \dots i+m-1}) - 10^{m-1} s_i) + s_{i+m}$$



(a)



(b)



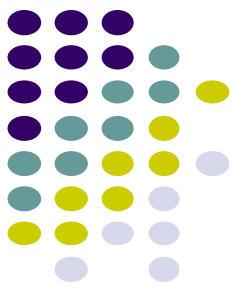
(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 14152 &\equiv (31415 - 3 \cdot 10000) \cdot 10 + 2 \pmod{13} \\
 &\equiv (7 - 3 \cdot 3) \cdot 10 + 2 \pmod{13} \\
 &\equiv 8 \pmod{13}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Figure 32.5** The Rabin-Karp algorithm. Each character is a decimal digit, and we compute values modulo 13. **(a)** A text string. A window of length 5 is shown shaded. The numerical value of the shaded number, computed modulo 13, yields the value 7. **(b)** The same text string with values computed modulo 13 for each possible position of a length-5 window. Assuming the pattern  $P = 31415$ , we look for windows whose value modulo 13 is 7, since  $31415 \equiv 7 \pmod{13}$ . The algorithm finds two such windows, shown shaded in the figure. The first, beginning at text position 7, is indeed an occurrence of the pattern, while the second, beginning at text position 13, is a spurious hit. **(c)** How to compute the value for a window in constant time, given the value for the previous window. The first window has value 31415. Dropping the high-order digit 3, shifting left (multiplying by 10), and then adding in the low-order digit 2 gives us the new value 14152. Because all computations are performed modulo 13, the value for the first window is 7, and the value for the new window is 8.

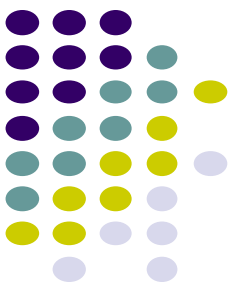


# Rabin-Karp algorithm



RABIN-KARP-MATCHER( $T, P, d, q$ )

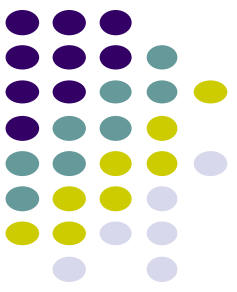
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1   $n = T.length$ 
2   $m = P.length$ 
3   $h = d^{m-1} \bmod q$ 
4   $p = 0$ 
5   $t_0 = 0$ 
6  for  $i = 1$  to  $m$                                 // preprocessing
7       $p = (dp + P[i]) \bmod q$ 
8       $t_0 = (dt_0 + T[i]) \bmod q$ 
9  for  $s = 0$  to  $n - m$                                 // matching
10     if  $p == t_s$ 
11         if  $P[1..m] == T[s + 1..s + m]$ 
12             print "Pattern occurs with shift"  $s$ 
13     if  $s < n - m$ 
14          $t_{s+1} = (d(t_s - T[s + 1]h) + T[s + m + 1]) \bmod q$ 
```



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- Is it correct?
  - Each string has a unique numerical value and we compare that with each value in the string
- Running time
  - Preprocessing:
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  - Matching
    - $\Theta(n-m+1)$

Is there any problem with this analysis?

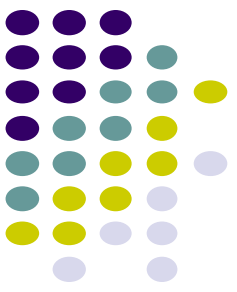


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How long does the check  $T(P) = T(s_{i \dots i+m-1})$  take?





# Modular arithmetics

- The run time assumptions we made were assuming arithmetic operations were constant time, which is not true for large numbers
- To keep the numbers small, we'll use modular arithmetics, i.e. all operations are performed mod  $q$ 
  - $a+b = (a+b) \bmod q$
  - $a*b = (a*b) \bmod q$
  - ...



# Modular arithmetics

- If  $T(A) = T(B)$ , then  $T(A) \bmod q = T(B) \bmod q$ 
  - In general, we can apply mods as many times as we want and we will not effect the result
- What is the downside to this modular approach?
  - Spurious hits: if  $T(A) \bmod q = T(B) \bmod q$  that does **not** necessarily mean that  $T(A) = T(B)$
  - If we find a hit, we must check that the actual string matches the pattern

# Runtime

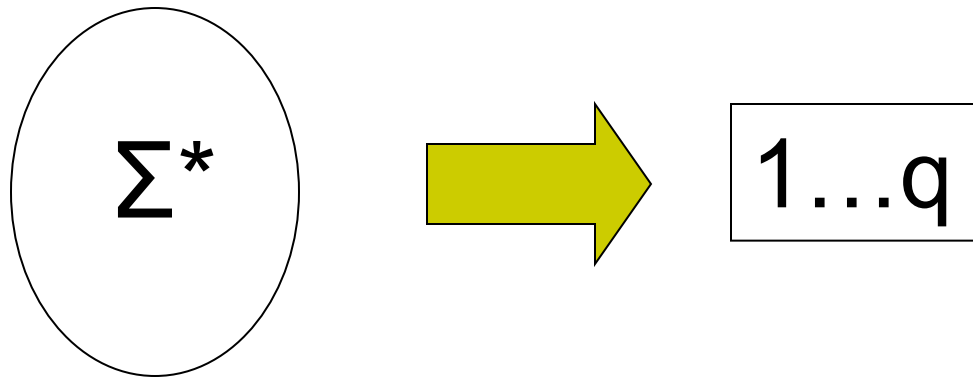


- Preprocessing
  - $\Theta(m)$
- Running time
  - Best case:
    - $\Theta(n-m+1)$  – No matches and no spurious hits
  - Worst case
    - $\Theta((n-m+1)m)$



# Average case running time

- Assume  $v$  valid matches in the string
- What is the probability of a spurious hit?
  - As with hashing, assume a uniform mapping onto values of  $q$ :

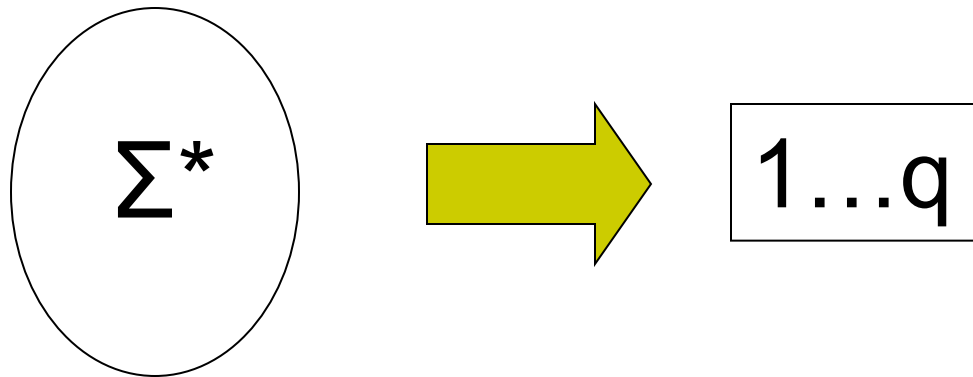


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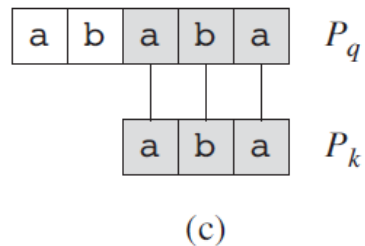
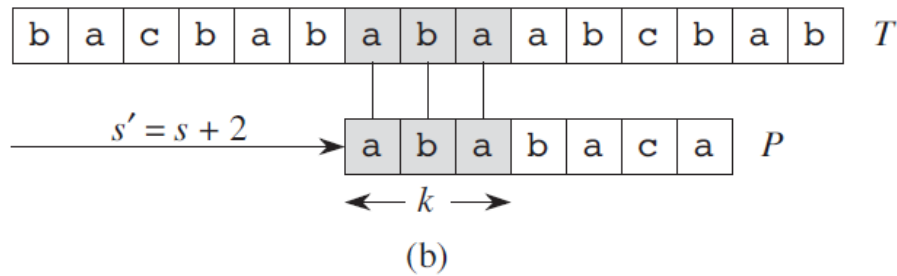
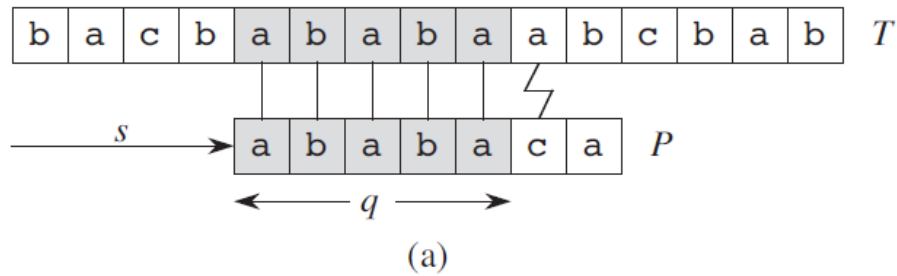
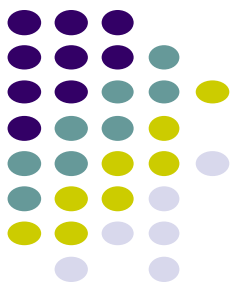
- How many spurious hits?
  - $n/q$
- Average case running time:

$$\underbrace{O(n-m+1)} + \underbrace{O(m(v+n/q))}$$

iterate over the  
positions

checking matches  
and spurious hits

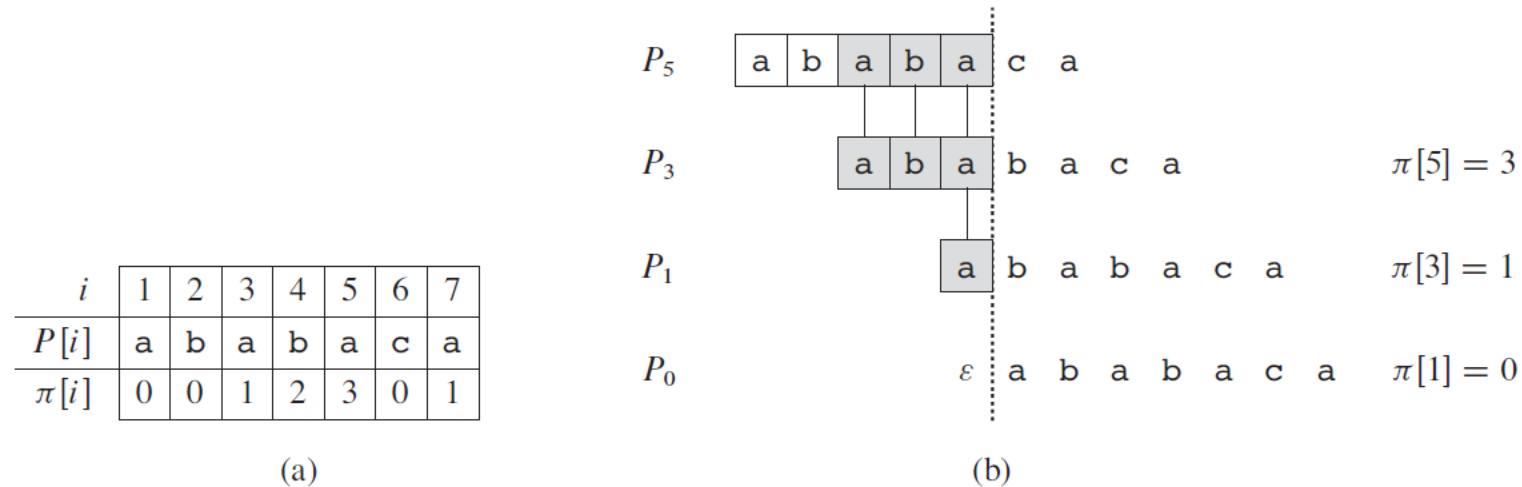
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**Figure 32.10** The prefix function  $\pi$ . (a) The pattern  $P = ababaca$  aligns with a text  $T$  so that the first  $q = 5$  characters match. Matching characters, shown shaded, are connected by vertical lines. (b) Using only our knowledge of the 5 matched characters, we can deduce that a shift of  $s + 1$  is invalid, but that a shift of  $s' = s + 2$  is consistent with everything we know about the text and therefore is potentially valid. (c) We can precompute useful information for such deductions by comparing the pattern with itself. Here, we see that the longest prefix of  $P$  that is also a proper suffix of  $P_5$  is  $P_3$ . We represent this precomputed information in the array  $\pi$ , so that  $\pi[5] = 3$ . Given that  $q$  characters have matched successfully at shift  $s$ , the next potentially valid shift is at  $s' = s + (q - \pi[q])$  as shown in part (b).



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**Figure 32.11** An illustration of Lemma 32.5 for the pattern  $P = \text{ababaca}$  and  $q = 5$ . **(a)** The  $\pi$  function for the given pattern. Since  $\pi[5] = 3$ ,  $\pi[3] = 1$ , and  $\pi[1] = 0$ , by iterating  $\pi$  we obtain  $\pi^*[5] = \{3, 1, 0\}$ . **(b)** We slide the template containing the pattern  $P$  to the right and note when some prefix  $P_k$  of  $P$  matches up with some proper suffix of  $P_5$ ; we get matches when  $k = 3, 1$ , and  $0$ . In the figure, the first row gives  $P$ , and the dotted vertical line is drawn just after  $P_5$ . Successive rows show all the shifts of  $P$  that cause some prefix  $P_k$  of  $P$  to match some suffix of  $P_5$ . Successfully matched characters are shown shaded. Vertical lines connect aligned matching characters. Thus,  $\{k : k < 5 \text{ and } P_k \sqsupset P_5\} = \{3, 1, 0\}$ . Lemma 32.5 claims that  $\pi^*[q] = \{k : k < q \text{ and } P_k \sqsupset P_q\}$  for all  $q$ .





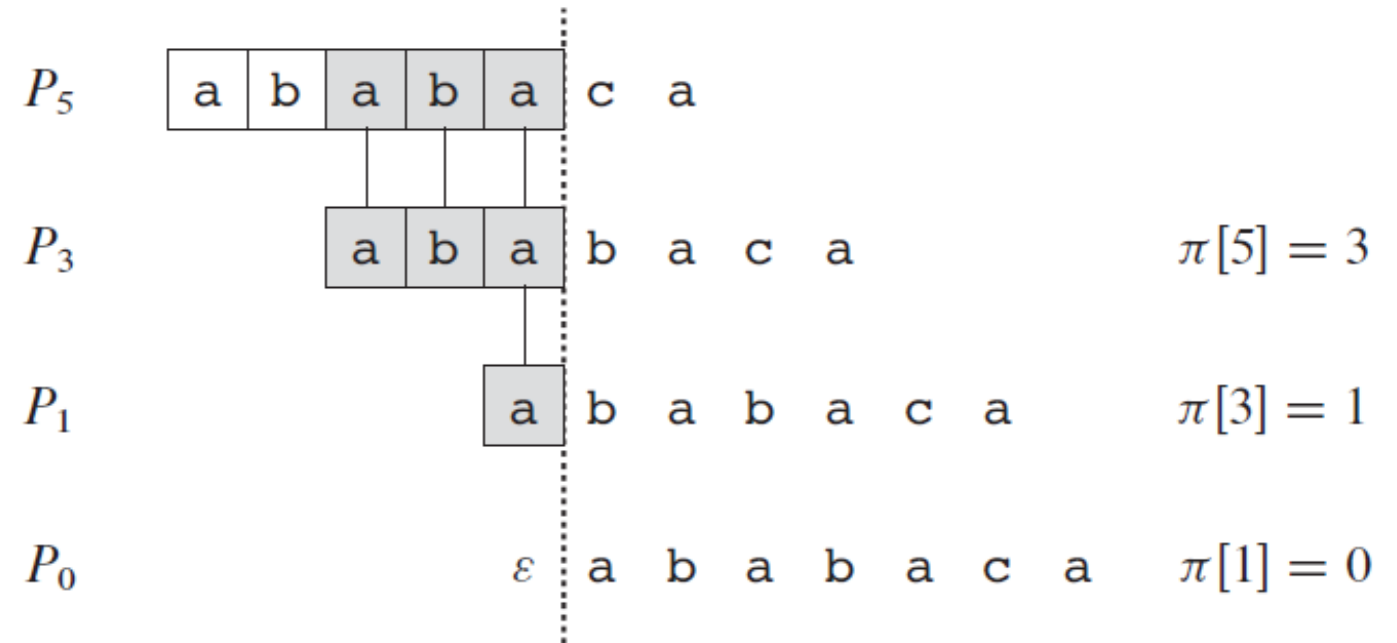
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## *Lemma 32.5 (Prefix-function iteration lemma)*

Let  $P$  be a pattern of length  $m$  with prefix function  $\pi$ . Then, for  $q = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , we have  $\pi^*[q] = \{k : k < q \text{ and } P_k \sqsupseteq P_q\}$ .

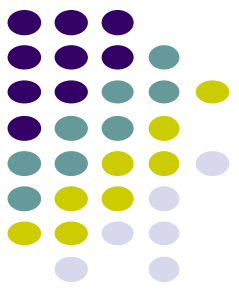
$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P[i]$	a	b	a	b	a	c	a
$\pi[i]$	0	0	1	2	3	0	1

(a)



(b)

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## KMP-MATCHER( $T, P$ )

```
1   $n = T.length$ 
2   $m = P.length$ 
3   $\pi = \text{COMPUTE-PREFIX-FUNCTION}(P)$ 
4   $q = 0$  // number of characters matched
5  for  $i = 1$  to  $n$  // scan the text from left to right
6      while  $q > 0$  and  $P[q + 1] \neq T[i]$ 
7           $q = \pi[q]$  // next character does not match
8      if  $P[q + 1] == T[i]$ 
9           $q = q + 1$  // next character matches
10     if  $q == m$  // is all of  $P$  matched?
11         print "Pattern occurs with shift"  $i - m$ 
12          $q = \pi[q]$  // look for the next match
```

## COMPUTE-PREFIX-FUNCTION( $P$ )

```
1   $m = P.length$ 
2  let  $\pi[1..m]$  be a new array
3   $\pi[1] = 0$ 
4   $k = 0$ 
5  for  $q = 2$  to  $m$ 
6      while  $k > 0$  and  $P[k + 1] \neq P[q]$ 
7           $k = \pi[k]$ 
8      if  $P[k + 1] == P[q]$ 
9           $k = k + 1$ 
10      $\pi[q] = k$ 
11  return  $\pi$ 
```

# Matching running times



Algorithm	Preprocessing time	Matching time
Naïve	0	$O((n-m+1)m)$
FSA	$\Theta(m \Sigma )$	$\Theta(n)$
Rabin-Karp	$\Theta(m)$	$O(n-m+1)m)$
Knuth-Morris-Pratt	$\Theta(m)$	$\Theta(n)$



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