

Searching for substrings (continued...)

S1

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S2

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Idea: try all possible starting points:

Say $n = s1.size()$, $m = s2.size()$

possible places where match could begin

$0, \dots, n-m$ (inclusive)

Sketch:

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for (i = 0; i <= n - m; i++) {  
    // check for match starting @ i in s1  
    for (j = 0; j < m; j++) {  
        if (s1[i+j] != s2[j])  
            break;  
    }  
    // match @ i? how to tell?  
    if (j == m) return i; // found it!  
}
```

return -1;

// See Knuth-Morris-Pratt for an elegant, efficient solution.

New Topic: Finite State Machines.

Problem: count words in a string.

hello_class → 2 words

hello__class → 2 words

Simply counting spaces will not work,

Idea: count word edges (transition from space → non-space)

Nice general solution via state machines.

Next time...

