

Lab Session 8

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BT3051 - DSA Biology Lab

1. Given a survey form that is being circulated, the first question asked to be input is the reader's email address. Check if the email address entered by a user is valid. You can use a Finite State Automata based-approach to do the above.

A typical email address is of the format `username@email_domain.com`.

The username can include alphabets and numbers.

Include test cases.

2. You are given two strings `a` and `b`. Your task is to determine the minimum number of times string `a` must be repeated such that string `b` becomes a substring of the repeated version of `a`. If it is impossible for `b` to become a substring of the repeated `a`, return `-1`. You are required to implement the solution using the Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) Algorithm to check if `b` is a substring of the repeated string `a`.

Input Format:

- String `a`: A non-empty string of lowercase English letters.
- String `b`: A non-empty string of lowercase English letters.

Output Format:

- An integer representing the minimum number of times `a` needs to be repeated for `b` to be a substring. Return `-1` if it is impossible.

Input: `a = "ATGC" b = "GCATGCAT"`

Output: `3`

Explanation: String ``a`` repeated 3 times is `"ATGCATGCATGC"`, which contains ``b`` as a substring.