Algorithms on Strings

Problems Set 1

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Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} |w| - p \text{ is a border } &\equiv w[1, |w| - p] = w[|w| - (|w| - p), |w|] \\ &\equiv w[1, |w| - p] = w[p, |w|] \\ &\equiv w[i] = w[i + p] \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, |w| - p\} \\ &\equiv \ p \text{ is a period of } w \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

□

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2.1

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} p \text{ is a period of } w &\equiv w \text{ is a subword of some } x^k \text{ with } |x| = p \text{ and } k > 0 \\ &\equiv w = ux^j v \text{ where } j \leq k, u \sqsubset x \text{ and } v \sqsupset x \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Since u and v - suffix and prefix of x, respectively, we can proceed as follows:

$$w = ux^j v = u(zu)^j v = (uz)^j uv \tag{3}$$

Hence, the period condition holds for i $\in \{1, 2, \dots, |w| - p - |v|\}$. On the other hand:

$$w = ux^j v = ux^{j-1} vyv \tag{4}$$

So the period condition holds for i $\in \{|w| - p - |v|, |w| - p - |v| + 1, \dots, |w| - p\}$. From 3 and 4 the proof is done. □

2.2

Proof. Assume $|w| = kp + l$. From the period condition we have:

$$w[1, p] = w[p + 1, 2p] = \cdots = w[(k - 1]p + 1, kp] \tag{5}$$

and

$$w[kp + 1, kp + l] = w[(k - 1)p + 1, (k - 1)p + l] \tag{6}$$

Basing on 5, we can write $w = y^k u$, such that $|y| = p$ and $|u| = l$. On the other hand, by 6, we have $w = xuvu$, where $|u| = l$, $|v| = p - l$, $|x| = |w| - p - l$. Combining these two conclusions, $y = uv$, so $w = (uv)^k u$. □

2.3

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} p \textit{ is a period of } w &\equiv |w| - p \textit{ is a border of } w \textit{ (1)} \\ &\equiv \exists_{x,\ y,\ z}(|y| = |w| - p \wedge xy = yz = w) \\ &\equiv \exists_{x,\ y,\ z}(|x| = |y| = p \wedge xy = yz = w) \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

□

Lemma 1 (uv periods)**.** *For any unempty u, v and some $k \in \mathbb{N}$, if $uv = vu$, then $|u|, |v|$ are periods of $(uv)^k$.*

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} |v| \textit{ is a period of } (uv)^k &\equiv |uv|^k - |v| \textit{ is a border of } (uv)^k(1) \\ &\equiv (uv)^{k-1}u \textit{ is both prefix and suffix of } (uv)^k \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Indeed, $(uv)^{k-1}u \sqsubset (uv)^k$ and $(uv)^{k-1}u \sqsupset (vu)^k = (uv)^k$ For $|u|$ the proof is simmilar. □

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Proof. The thesis is equivalent to the following implication:

$$p,\ q \textit{ are periods of } w \implies q \textit{ mod } p,\ p \textit{ are periods of } w$$

Let $w[1, p] = P$, $p < q$ ($p = q$ does not make any sense). We can write:

$$w = w[1, q]w[q + 1, |w|] = \underbrace{P^k u}_{w[1,q]} \ \underbrace{vP^k y}_{w[q+1,|w|]}$$

where $uv = P$, $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\begin{aligned} q \textit{ is a period of } w &\implies |w| - q \textit{ is a border of } w \\ &\implies w[q+1, |w|] \sqsubset w \\ &\equiv vP^k y \sqsubset w \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

As we know from the problem conditions, $p + q < |w|$, so $p < |w| - q$, implies, that $P \sqsubset vP^k y$, what is equivalent to $uv \sqsubset v(uv)^k y$, especially $uv \sqsubset vuv$, what gives us

$$uv = vu \tag{10}$$

Basing on uv periods lemma and that $|u| = q \ mod \ p$, enough to prove, that u period condition holds for $w[|w| - |y|, |w|$. As we know, that $y \sqsubset uv$, the proof is done. $\square$