Algorithms on Strings

Problems Set 2

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Proof. Since we know that $|t| \leq 2|p|$, each pair of the pattern occurrences has non-empty intersection. Assume q_1, q_2, \ldots, q_n - all the occurrences of p in t

1. |t| < 2|p|

Assume $q_1 = 0$. Consider two occurrences of p in $t - q_1, q_2$. By the above fact there is a subword w having a border |p|. By the lemma from the Problem Set 1, we conclude, that q_2 - periods of w, so, especially, q_1, q_2 - periods of p. Considering all possible pairs of q_i, q_j gives us q_1, \ldots, q_n - periods of p. By the another lemma from the Problem Set 1, $gcd(q_i, q_j)$ - period of p. So $gcd(q_2, \ldots, q_n) = d$ is also a period of p and hence

$$p = u^k v \tag{1}$$

where |d| = u and

$$q_i = \alpha d$$

for all $i \in \{1, ..., n\}$. Easy to prove, that $q_i = id$. Consider the first occurrence such that $q_i = (i + k)d$, k > 0. Then there should be a mismatch at id, what stays in contradiction to matches at q_{i-1}, q_i and the form 1.

For $q_1 \neq 0$ we need to subtract q_1 everywhere above.

2. |t| = 2|p|

Trivial, there are only at most two occurrences of p in t.

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Proof. Induction by n.

We can write the thesis in an equivalent way:

$$f_n f_{n+1} = c(f_{n+1} f_n)$$

Observation:

$$c(ab) = ac(b) \text{ if } |b| > 1 \tag{2}$$

Induction 1 (Base).

$$f_1 f_2 = c(f_2 f_1) f_2 f_3 = c(f_3 f_2)$$
(3)

Proof.

$$ba = c(ab)$$

$$bab = c(bba)$$
(4)

Induction 2 (Step).

$$f_n f_{n+1} = c(f_{n+1} f_n \implies f_{n+1} f_{n+1} = c(f_{n+2} f_{n+1})$$
 (5)

Proof.

$$f_{n+1}f_{n+2} = f_{n+1}f_{n+1}f_n$$

$$= f_{n+1}f_nf_{n-1}f_n$$

$$= f_{n+2}f_{n-1}f_n$$
induction
$$= f_{n+2}c(f_nf_{n-1})$$
observation 1
$$= f_{n+2}c(f_{n+1})$$

$$= c(f_{n+2}f_{n+1})$$
(6)

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