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# String Matching

Given:

a short string Pattern  $P$  of size  $m$   
 a long string Text  $T$  of size  $n$

Find: if  $P$  is a substring of  $T$   
 return index  $i$  if

$$P[0] == T[i] \ \& \ P[1] == T[i+1] \dots$$

Applications:

Simple nested loops algorithm  $O(\quad)$ ?

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# Knuth - Morris Pratt KMP Algorithm $O(n)$

avoid backtracking in T

P = "a b b b a b b b"

↓ failure

T = ..... a b b b a b b x  
 " " " " " " " "  
 P = a b b b a b b b

$O(nm)$  algorithm  
 would start?  
 ← draw?

Can we do better? what do we already know?

T = a b b b a b b x ← all match!  
 P = a b b b a b b

## ② Failure function

start again  $\leftarrow F(j)$  fail at  $j$

largest prefix of  $P[0 \dots j]$   
such that

$P[0 \dots F(j)]$  matches suffix of

$P[0 \dots j]$

$P =$  a b b b a b b  $\times$   
                  a b b  $\square$   
                   $\uparrow$   
                   $F(j)$

start matching at  $F(j)$  at failure  
i in Text  $T$

Complexity?

Best situation / problem

### ③ Boyer Moore

1 pre process characters in  $P$

1 match  $P$  "backwards" in  $T$

$P = \text{"r i t h m"}$

$T = \text{a u p a t t e r n m a t c h i n g a l g o r i t h m}$

$P = \text{r i t h m}$

start here  $\rightarrow$  r i t h m  $\leftarrow$  line up here

last

# ④ Last - Occurrence Function

$\Sigma$  alphabet = { a...z, , }

$\rho$  = "r i t h m"

$\Sigma$  alphabet = a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x

LO(j) -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 1 3 -1 -1 -1 0

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Complexity?

worst/best case

Best problem distribution?

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## Rabin Karp Algorithm

Revisit the simple nested loop alg.

for each substring length  $m$  in  $T$   
if  $\text{equal}(\text{substring}, P)$   
then found

Efficient equal function?

hashing  
function

Recompute rolling hash