Algorithm Design: Domain Specific Algorithms - Strings

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Alphabet, string

Alphabet = nonempty set A de characters

$$A_1 = \{A, a, B, b, C, c, \dots, Z, z\}$$

 $A_2 = \{0, 1\}$
 $A_3 = \mathbb{N}$

- ② string of characters: a finite sequence of characters in A formal: $s: \{0, 1, ..., n-1\} \rightarrow A$
- **3** empty string: $\varepsilon: \emptyset \to A$
- the length |s| of a string s (or length(s) or s.length()): the number of characters of the string

$$|arepsilon|=0$$
 if $s:\{0,1,\ldots,n-1\} o A$ then $|s|=n$

- **5** s[i] character on position i $(0 \le i \le |s|)$;
- **6** substring: $s[i..j] = s[i]s[i+1]...s[j] (i \le j)$



The set of strings A^*

- concatenation (product) of two strings s_1 and s_2 : is the string s_1 immediately followed by s_2 $s_1s_2=s_1[0]\dots s_1[|s_1|-1]s_2[0]\dots s_2[|s_2|-1]$ $|s_1s_2|=|s_1|+|s_2|$
- $s\varepsilon = \varepsilon s = s$
- A^* os the set of strings over alphabet A A^* the monoid freely generated by A if $A = \{a_1, \ldots, a_m\}$, then $A^* = L((a_1 + \cdots + a_m)^*)$ (we define later the regular expressions and their language)
- a language is a subset $L \subseteq A^*$

Factor, subsequence

- x is a factor of s iff there exists u, v. s.t. s = uxv factor and substring are equivalent x is a proper factor iff $x \neq s$ (equivalently, $uv \neq \epsilon$)
- x is a prefix of s iff there exists v. s.t. s = xv
 write x ≤_{pref} s
- x is a suffix of s if there exists u. s.t. s = ux write $x \leq_{suff} s$
- x is subsequence of s iff there exists |x|+1 strings $w_0, w_1, \ldots, w_{|x|}$ s.t. $s=w_0x[0]w_1x[1]\ldots x[|x|-1]w_{|x|}$ (i.e., x is obtained by erasing |y|-|x| characters in s); write $x\leq_{sseq} s$

Exercise

Are there \leq_{pref} and \leq_{suff} partial orders?



Lexicographic order

lexicographic order:

Assume a total order \leq on A. Extend \leq to $A^* \times A^*$ as follows: $s_1 \leq s_2$ iff $s_1 \leq_{pref} s_2$ or there exists $u, v, w \in A^*$ and $a, b \in A$ s.t. $s_1 = uav$, $s_2 = ubw$ and a < b.

Exercise. Write in Alk a function that decides the lexicographic order between two strings.

Occurrence

- x occurs in s if x is un factor of s
- x has an occurrence at start position i in s if $s[i] \dots s[i+|x|-1] = x$
- x has an occurrence at end position j in s if $s[j-|x|+1]\dots s[j]=x$
- first occurrence of x in s is the smallest start position (if there exists)

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Output A set M consisting of all the occurrences of pin s.



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            a position i, 0 \le i \le n
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             false, otherwise */
occAtPos(s, p, i) {
 n = s.size();
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  for (j = 0; j < m; ++j) {
    if (i + j \ge n || s[i + j] != p[j]) {
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Remains the algorithm correct if we replace i < n by i < n - m in the loop

for? What about the execution time?

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Question: are there algorithms requiring O(n) for the worst case?

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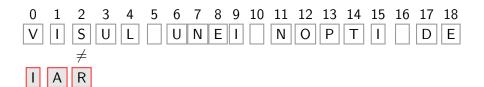
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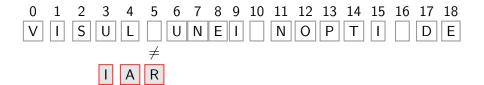
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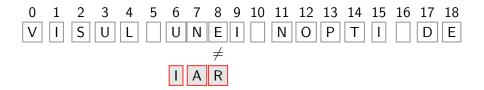
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- 1980: R.M. Karp and M.O. Rabin design an algorithm on a hashing-based idea (see the seminar)

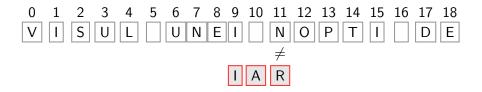
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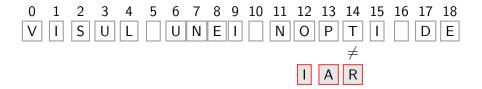
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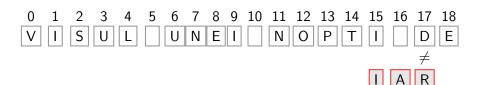


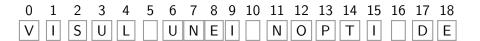












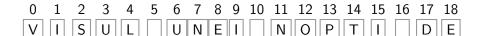
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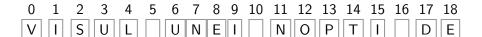
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Bad character shift rule 1/3

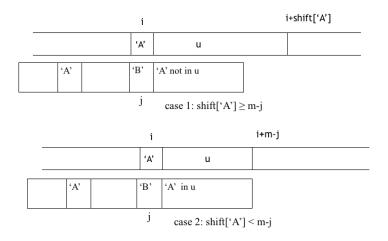
Avoids unsuccessful comparisons with characters from the subject that do not occur in the pattern or in a (maximal) suffix of it.

$$\begin{cases} (m-1) - \text{the last occurrence position} \\ \text{of } C \text{ in pattern} \end{cases}, \text{ if } C \text{ occurs in pattern} \\ m \qquad \qquad , \text{ otherwise}$$

(alternatively,
$$shift(C) = max(\{0\} \cup \{i < m \mid p[i] = C\}))$$



Bad character shift rule 2/3



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First case: i = i + shift[s[i]];
Second case: i = i + m - j;
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Bad character shift rule 3/3

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If p[j] \neq s[i] = C,
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- if the rightmost occurrence of C in p is k < j, p[k] and s[i] will be aligned (i = i + shift[s[i]])
- ② if the rightmost occurrence of C in p is k > j, p is sfifted to right with one position (i = i + m j)
- ③ if C does not occur in p, the pattern p is aligned with s[i+1..i+m] (i = i + m). Become a particular case of the first one if shift[s[i]] = m.

Boyer-Moore Algorithm (version 1)

```
BM(s, p, shift) {
 n = s.size();
 m = p.size();
  i = m-1; j = m-1;
  repeat
    if (s[i] == p[j]) {
      i = i-1;
      j = j-1;
    else {
      if ((m-j) > shift[s[i]]) i = i+m-j;
      else i = i+shift[s[i]]:
      j = m-1;
 until (j<0 or i>n-1);
  if (j<0) return i+1;
  else return -1;
```

Analysis

Worst case: $O(m \cdot n)$.

Expected time is much better.

We will see later that.

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Motivation

Bad character shift rule is inefficient if the alphabet is small (binary, for example).

In such cases the algorithm could be more efficient if uses the information gained from compared suffixes.

This case is called the good suffix rule.

The good suffix rule: case 1

 a
 a
 b
 a
 b
 c
 b
 a
 b

 0
 1
 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8
 9

 $i-1=j-1=7,\ m=10,\ s[i-1]\neq p[j-1],\ p[j..m-1]=s[i..i+m-j-1]$ $p[1..2]=p[8..9],\ p[0]\neq p[7]$ and p[1..2] is closest to p[8..9] having this property

The good suffix rule: case 1, formally

Case 1:

if p[j-1] does not match and p includes a copy of p[j..m-1] preceded by a character $\neq p[j-1]$, then shift to the closest copy from left with this property.

The good suffix rule: case 2

$$i-1 = j-1 = 5$$
, $m = 10$, $p[j..m-1] = s[i+m-j-1]$, $p[0..1] = s[8..9]$ is the longest prefix of p that is a suffix of $s[0..9]$

The good suffix rule: case 2, formally

Case 2:

- if Case 1 is not applicable, then do the smallest shift such that the suffix of s[0..i+m-j-1] is matched by a prefix of p
- if longest suffix of s[0..i+m-j-1] matched by a prefix of p is the empty string, then shift with m positions
- but "suffix of s[0..i+m-j-1] is matched by a prefix of p" is equivalent to "a suffix of p is matched by a prefix of p
- proper factor that is prefix and suffix is called border

goodSuff(j) - definition (Case 1)

goodSuff(j) = the end position of the occurrence of p[j..m-1] closest to j and and it is not preceded by p[j-1].

If such a copy does not exists, goodSuff(j) = 0.

We have $0 \leq goodSuff(j) < m - 1$.

Proposition

The values of goodSuff(j) can be computed inl O(m) time.

The proof at seminar.



Preprocessing in Case 2

lp(j) = the length of the longest prefix of p that is suffix of p[j..m-1].

We have

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Good Suffix Rule

Assume that p[j-1] does not match (aftert p[j..m-1] matched).

- if goodSuff(j) > 0, the shift with m goodSuff(j) positions (case 1)
- ② if goodSuff(j) = 0, the shift with m lp(j) (case 2)

If p[m-1] matches, then j=m and the shift is correct.

Boyer-Moore Algorithm (version 2)

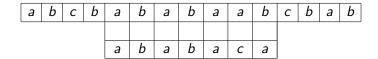
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BM(s, n, p, m, goodSuff, lp) {
  k = m-1;
  while (k < n) {
    i = k; j = m-1;
    while (j > 0 \&\& p[j] == s[i]) {
      i = i-1;
      j = j-1;
    if (j < 0) return i+1;
    otherwise p[j] does not match and shift with the maximum of the
  values returned but he bad character shift rule and the goof suffix rule
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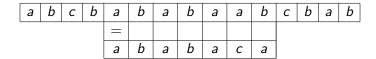
Boyer-Moore Algorithm: summary

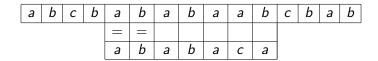
- O(n+m) time if the pattern p does not occur in the text; otherwise it remains $O(m \cdot n)$
- however, with a simple modification (Galil rule, 1979) O(n+m) time can be obtained in all the cases
- the original algorithm of Boyer-Moore (1977) uses a simplified form of the good suffix rule
- the first proof for O(n+m), when the pattern p does not occur in the text, was given by Knuth, Morris and Pratt (1977); a different proof was independently given by Guibas and Odlyzko (1980)
- Richard Colen (1991) established a limit of 4n (with a easier proof), then a limit of 3n (with a more complex proof)

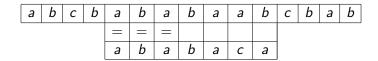
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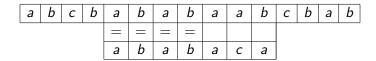
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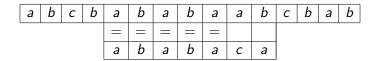


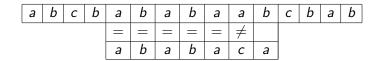




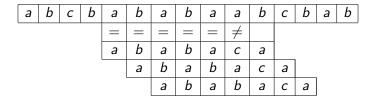




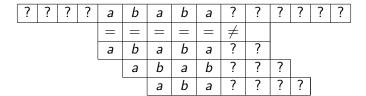




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For the pattern *ababaca*, if at position i exact the first 5 characters match, then there is no chance that the pattern match at position i + 1. But we have chance at i + 2. Why?

Ideea

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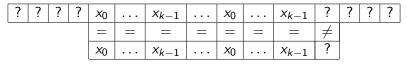
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Idea



We are interested to find the largest k s.t. $x_1 ldots x_k$ is both prefix and suffix of the matched prefix.

Notations

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| 5 | aba | 3 |
| 6 | ε | 0 |

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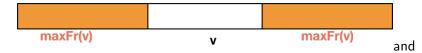
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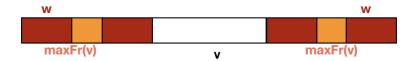
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Reasoning problem domain 1/4

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it follows that their lengths satisfy the relation

$$\cdots < f^{j+1}[k] < f^{j}[k] < \cdots < f[k] < f^{0}[k] = k$$

and the "shift" from $\max Fr^{j+1}(v)$ to $\max Fr^{j}(v)$ is equal to $f^{j+1}[k]-f^{j}[k]$



Example 1/6

Here is an example how f[i] is used for an efficient searching:

- failure at position i = k = 2
- f[k] = f[2] = 0
- shift with k f[k] = 2 0 = 2 positions
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Example 2/6

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- failure at i = 3, k = 0
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- failure at i = 9, k = 5
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- shift k f[k] = 5 f[5] = 2 positions
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Example 5/6

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• the first occurrence of the pattern matching

Rules

- if p[k] == s[i] and k = m 1, then we have an occurrence of the patterns at the start position i m + 1;
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- if k == -1 then increment both i and k;
- if p[k] == s[i] and k < m-1 then increment botht i and k;

KMP Algorithm in Alk

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KMP(s, p, f) {
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  i = 0:
  k = 0:
  while (i < n) {
    while ((k != -1) \&\& (p[k] != s[i]))
      k = f[k];
    // k == -1 \text{ or } p[k] == s[i]
    if (k == m-1)
      return i-m+1; /* gasit p in s */
    else {
      i = i+1;
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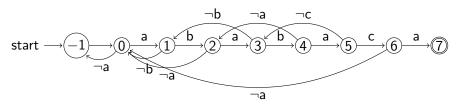
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Failure function as an automaton



An automaton consists of:

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- state (e.g., $-1, 0, 1, \ldots, 7$)
- initial state (-1) in the example
- accepting (final) state (7 in the example)
- ullet instantaneous transitions: (e.g., -1 o 0)
- labeled transitions: $(0 \xrightarrow{a} 1, 1 \xrightarrow{b} 2, 2 \xrightarrow{a} 3, \dots, 0 \rightarrow -1, 1 \rightarrow 0, \dots)$

Plan

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Motivation: patterns in many text editors (e.g., Emacs)

From documentation (Emacs):

| Pattern | Matches |
|-----------------|--|
| | Any single character except newline ("\n"). |
| \. | One period |
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Demo cu Emacs



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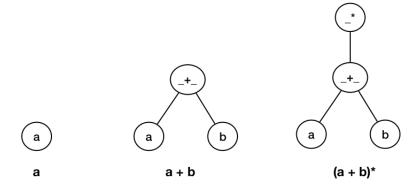
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Often we use parentheses to show how the above rules were applied; e.g., $(a + b)^*$

Abstract Syntactic Tree (AST)



Relationship with the package <regex> in C++, Emacs

| <regex></regex> | regular expression in math notation |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| [abc] | a + b + c |
| [0-9] | $0 + 1 + \cdots + 9$ |
| [0-9]* | $(0+1+\cdots+9)^*$ |
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