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# CS481/CS583: Bioinformatics Algorithms

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# Burrows-Wheeler Transformation

- Originally developed for data compression
- Reordering text -> Better locality = better compression
  - Used in bzip2
- Additional data structures for sequence search
  - Ferragina-Manzini index
  - “Summarized” suffix array

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# Burrows-Wheeler Transformation

1. Append to the input string a special char, \$, smaller than all alphabet.

**mississippi\$**

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# Burrows-Wheeler Transformation (cnt'd)

2. Generate all rotations.

m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$
i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m
s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i
s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s
i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s
s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i
s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s
i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s
p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i
p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p
i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p
\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i

# Burrows-Wheeler Transformation (cnt'd)

3. Sort rotations according to the alphabetical order.

\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i
i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p
i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s
i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s
i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m
m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$
p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p
p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i
s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s
s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s
s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i
s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i

# Burrows-Wheeler Transformation (cnt'd)

4. Output the last column.

\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i
i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p
i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s
i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s
i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m
m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$
p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p
p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i
s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s
s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s
s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i
s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i

# Burrows-Wheeler Transformation (cnt'd)

**mississippi\$**



**ipssm\$pissii**

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# Why does BWT boost locality?

**mississippi\$**



**ipssm\$pissii**

Doesn't really seem to help

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# Why does BWT boost locality?

sorted by right-context:

consists of everything that  
comes after it with  
a wrap around

final char (L)	sorted rotations
a	n to decompress. It achieves compression
o	n to perform only comparisons to a depth
o	n transformation} This section describes
o	n transformation} We use the example and
o	n treats the right-hand side as the most
a	n tree for each 16 kbyte input block, enc
a	n tree in the output stream, then encodes
i	n turn, set \$L[i]\$ to be the
i	n turn, set \$R[i]\$ to the
o	n unusual data. Like the algorithm of Man
a	n use a single set of probabilities table
e	n using the positions of the suffixes in
i	n value at a given point in the vector \$R
e	n we present modifications that improve t
e	n when the block size is quite large. Ho
i	n which codes that have not been seen in
i	n with \$ch\$ appear in the {\em same order
i	n with \$ch\$. In our exam
o	n with Huffman or arithmetic coding. Bri
o	n with figures given by Bell~\cite{bell}.

Figure 1: Example of sorted rotations. Twenty consecutive rotations from the sorted list of rotations of a version of this paper are shown, together with the final character of each rotation.

# BWT – right context

**T = a b a a b a**

**BWT**

\$	a	b	a	a	b	a
a	\$	a	b	a	a	b
a	a	b	a	\$	a	b
a	b	a	\$	a	b	a
a	b	a	a	b	a	\$
b	a	\$	a	b	a	a
b	a	a	b	a	\$	a

Right-context: aba\$ab

# BWT – right context

**T = a b a a b a**

**BWT**

\$ a b a a b a  
a \$ a b a a b  
a a b a \$ a b  
a b a \$ a b a  
a b a a b a \$  
b a \$ a b a a  
b a a b a \$ a

a \$ a b a a b  
a \$ a b a a  
a a b a \$ a  
a b a \$ a b  
a b a a b a  
b a \$ a b a  
b a a b a \$

Right-context

# BWT – alternative construction

$T = a b a a b a$

**BWT**

\$ a b a a b a  
a \$ a b a a b  
a a b a \$ a b  
a b a \$ a b a  
a b a a b a \$  
b a \$ a b a a  
b a a b a \$ a

**Suffix Array**

6 \$  
5 a \$  
2 a a b a \$  
3 a b a \$  
0 a b a a b a \$  
4 b a \$  
1 b a a b a \$

$$\text{BWT}[i] = \begin{cases} T[\text{SA}[i] - 1], & \text{if } \text{SA}[i] > 0 \\ \$, & \text{if } \text{SA}[i] = 0 \end{cases}$$

**BWT = characters just to the left of characters in SA**

# L to F map

First column: F

Last column: L

Let's make an  
L to F map.

Observation:

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  i in L is  
the  $n^{\text{th}}$  i in F.

\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i
i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p
i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s
i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s
i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m
m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$
p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p
p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i
s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s
s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s
s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i
s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i

# L to F map

Store/compute a two dimensional  $\text{Occ}(j, 'c')$  table of the number of occurrences of char 'c' up to position  $j$  (inclusive).

and one dimensional  $\text{Cnt}('c')$  and  $\text{Rank}('c')$  tables

	\$	i	m	p	s
i	0	1	0	0	0
p	0	1	0	1	0
s	0	1	0	1	1
s	0	1	0	1	2
m	0	1	1	1	2
\$	1	1	1	1	2
p	1	1	1	2	2
i	1	2	1	2	2
s	1	2	1	2	3
s	1	2	1	2	4
i	1	3	1	2	4
i	1	4	1	2	4

$\text{Occ}(j, 'c')$

$\text{Cnt}('c')$

\$	i	m	p	s
1	4	1	2	4

$\text{Rank}('c')$

\$	i	m	p	s
12	2	1	9	3

# L to F map

[Cnt('\$') +  
Cnt('i') +  
Cnt('m') +  
Cnt('p') = 8]  
+ [Occ(9, 's') = 3]  
= 11

before 's'

's' section

Cnt('c')

\$	i	m	p	s
1	4	1	2	4

1	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i
2	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p
3	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s
4	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s
5	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m
6	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$
7	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p
8	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i
9	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s
10	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s
11	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i
12	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i

# L to F map

(1) i  
(2) p  
(7) p  
(8) i  
(3) s  
(9) s  
(11) i  
(4) s  
(10) s  
(12) i  
(5) m  
(6) \$

1	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i
2	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p
3	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s
4	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s
5	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m
6	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$
7	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i	p
8	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s	s	i
9	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i	s
10	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s
11	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i	s	s	i
12	s	s	i	s	s	i	p	p	i	\$	m	i



# Search with BWT-FM: L to F map

Original sequence

gca

BWT

	S		
		\$agcagcagact	t
1	9	act\$agcagcag	g
2	7	agact\$agcagc	c
3	4	agcagact\$agc	c
4	1	agcagcagact\$	\$
5	6	cagact\$agcag	g
6	3	cagcagact\$ag	g
7	10	ct\$agcagcaga	a
8	8	gact\$agcagca	a
9	5	gcagact\$agca	a
10	2	gcagcagact\$a	a
11	11	t\$agcagcagac	c

# Search with BWT-FM: FM-index

Auxiliary data structures for efficient pattern matching:  
how to find the corresponding chars in the first column  
efficiently, in terms of both time and space.

	a	c	g	t
rank	1	5	8	11

Original sequence

BWT

SA

\$agcagcagact

t
g
c
c
\$
g
g
a
a
a
a
c

a	c	g	t
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	2	1
0	2	3	1
1	2	3	1
2	2	3	1
3	2	3	1
4	2	3	1
4	3	3	1

FM  
indices

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3	4	agcagact\$agc	c
4	1	agcagcagact\$	\$
5	6	cagact\$agcag	g
6	3	cagcagact\$ag	g
7	10	ct\$agcagcaga	a
8	8	gact\$agcagca	a
9	5	gcagact\$agca	a
10	2	gcagcagact\$a	a
11	11	t\$agcagcagac	c

a	c	g	t
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	2	1
0	2	3	1
1	2	3	1
2	2	3	1
3	2	3	1
4	2	3	1
4	3	3	1

FM indices

Next block:  
From  $1 + 0 = 1$   
to  $1 + (4-1) = 4$

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	a	c	g	T
rank	1	5	8	11

Original sequence

BWT

SA

	SA	Original sequence	BWT
		<b>gca</b>	
		\$agcagcagact	t
1	9	act\$agcagcag	g
2	7	agact\$agcagc	c
3	4	agcagact\$agc	c
4	1	agcagcagact\$	\$
5	6	cagact\$agcag	g
6	3	cagcagact\$ag	g
7	10	ct\$agcagcaga	a
8	8	gact\$agcagca	a
9	5	gcagact\$agca	a
10	2	gcagcagact\$a	a
11	11	t\$agcagcagac	c

a	c	g	t
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	2	1
0	2	3	1
1	2	3	1
2	2	3	1
3	2	3	1
4	2	3	1
4	3	3	1

FM indices

Next block:  
From  $5 + 0 = 5$   
to  $5 + (2-1) = 6$

# Search with BWT-FM: FM-index

Auxiliary data structures for efficient pattern matching: how to find the corresponding chars in the first column efficiently, in terms of both time and space.

	a	c	g	T
rank	1	5	8	11

Original sequence

SA

1  
2  
3  
4  
5  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10  
11

9  
7  
4  
1  
6  
3  
10  
8  
5  
2  
11

**gca**  
\$agcagcagact

act\$agcagcag  
agact\$agcagc  
agcagact\$agc  
agcagcagact\$  
cagact\$agcag  
cagcagact\$ag  
ct\$agcagcaga  
gact\$agcagca  
gcagact\$agca  
gcagcagact\$a  
t\$agcagcagac

BWT

t  
g  
c  
c  
\$  
g  
g  
a  
a  
a  
a  
c

a	c	g	t
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	1
0	1	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	1	1
0	2	2	1
0	2	3	1
1	2	3	1
2	2	3	1
3	2	3	1
4	2	3	1
4	3	3	1

FM  
indices

Next block:  
From  $8 - 1 = 9$   
to  $8 + (3 - 1) = 10$

# FM-index issues

Scanning is slow

\$ a b a a b a  
a \$ a b a a b  
a a b a \$ a b  
a b a \$ a b a  
a b a a b a \$  
b a \$ a b a a  
b a a b a \$ a

$O(m)$  scan

Occ table is big

a	b
1	0
1	1
1	2
2	2
2	2
3	2
4	2

$O(n)$  space for Suffix array

6  
5  
2  
3  
0  
4  
1

# Sparse Occ table

Pre-calculate only some rows; for example, every 5th row

\$ a b a a b a  
a \$ a b a a b  
a a b a \$ a b  
a b a \$ a b a  
a b a a b a \$  
b a \$ a b a a  
b a a b a \$ a

a	b	
1	0	checkpoint 1
3	2	checkpoint 2

# Sparse Occ table

Pre-calculate only some rows; for example, every 5th row

\$ a b a a b a  
a \$ a b a a b  
a a b a \$ a b  
a b a \$ a b a  
a b a a b a \$  
b a \$ a b a a  
b a a b a \$ a

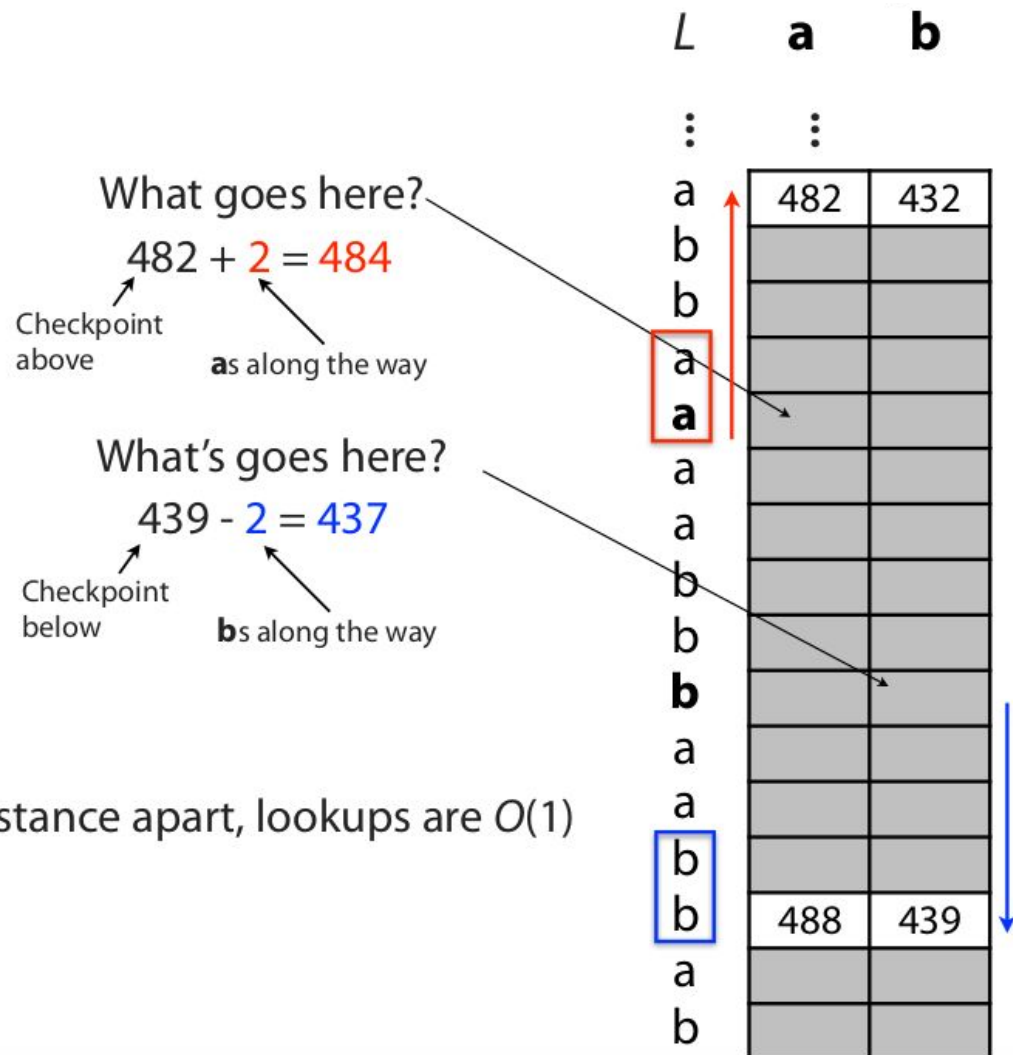
F	L	a	b
\$	a	1	0
a	b		
a	b		
a	a		
a	\$		
b	a	3	2
b	a		

successful lookup

failed lookup; but there is one close



# Sparse Occ table



If checkpoints are  $O(1)$  distance apart, lookups are  $O(1)$

# Sparse Suffix Array

Idea: store some suffix array elements, but not all

<i>F</i>		<i>L</i>		SA' (evens only)			
\$	a	b	a	a	b	a	6
a	\$	a	b	a	a	b	
a	a	b	a	\$	a	b	2
a	b	a	\$	a	b	a	
a	b	a	a	b	a	\$	0
b	a	\$	a	b	a	a	4
b	a	a	b	a	\$	a	

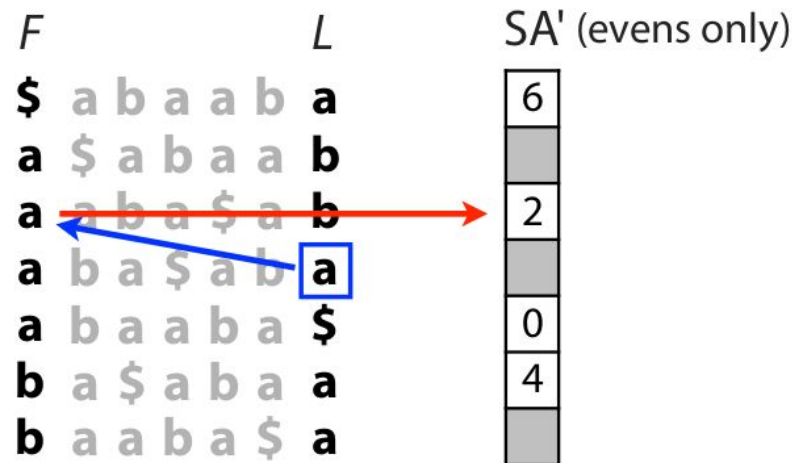
Diagram illustrating a Sparse Suffix Array (SA') structure. The table shows the original string (*F*) and its suffixes (*L*). The SA' column contains only even-indexed suffix array elements (6, 2, 0, 4). A red box highlights the first four rows of the original string, and red arrows indicate the mapping from these rows to the SA' column. The mapping for row 3 (index 2) is marked with a red 'X', indicating it was discarded.

Lookup for row 4 succeeds

Lookup for row 3 fails - SA entry was discarded

# Sparse Suffix Array

LF Mapping tells us that “a” at the end of row 3 corresponds to...  
... “a” at the beginning of row 2



Row 2 of suffix array = 2

Missing value in row 3 = 2 (row 2's SA val) + 1 (# steps to row 2) = 3

If saved SA values are  $O(1)$  positions apart in  $T$ , resolving offset is  $O(1)$  time

# FM Index

a: fraction of Suffix Array rows we keep

b: fraction of Occ rows we keep

Components of FM Index:

First column (F):  $\sim |\Sigma|$  integers

Last column (L): m characters

SA sample:  $m \cdot a$  integers, a is fraction of SA elements kept

Checkpoints:  $m \cdot |\Sigma| \cdot b$  integers, b is fraction of occ kept

For DNA alphabet (2 bits / nt), T = human genome,  $a = 1/32$ ,  $b = 1/128$  :

First column (F): 16 bytes

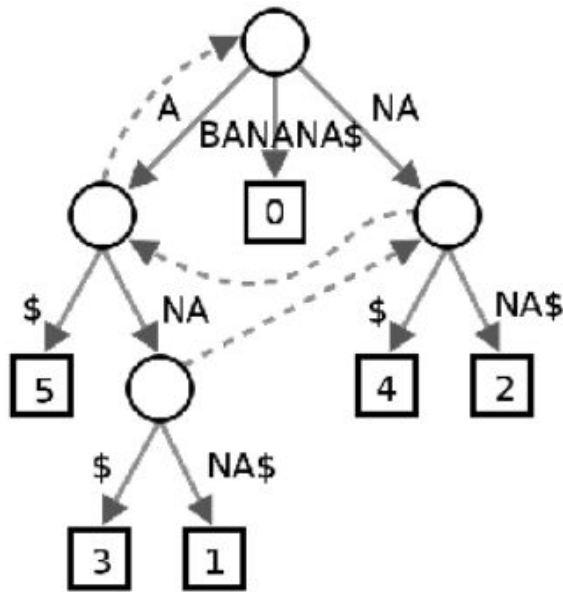
Last column (L): 2 bits \* 3 billion chars = 750 MB

SA sample: 3 billion chars \* 4 bytes / 32 = ~ 400 MB

Checkpoints: 3 billion \* 4 alphabet chars \* 4 bytes / 128 = ~ 400 MB

Total  $\approx$  1.5 GB  
~0.5 bytes per input char

# FM Index Memory Footprint



Suffix tree

≥ 45 GB

6	\$
5	A\$
3	ANA\$
1	ANANA\$
0	BANANA\$
4	NA\$
2	NANA\$

Suffix array

≥ 12 GB

**\$ BANANA**  
**A\$ BANAN**  
**ANA\$ BAN**  
**ANANA\$ B**  
**BANANA\$**  
**NA\$ BANA**  
**NANA\$ BA**

**FM Index**

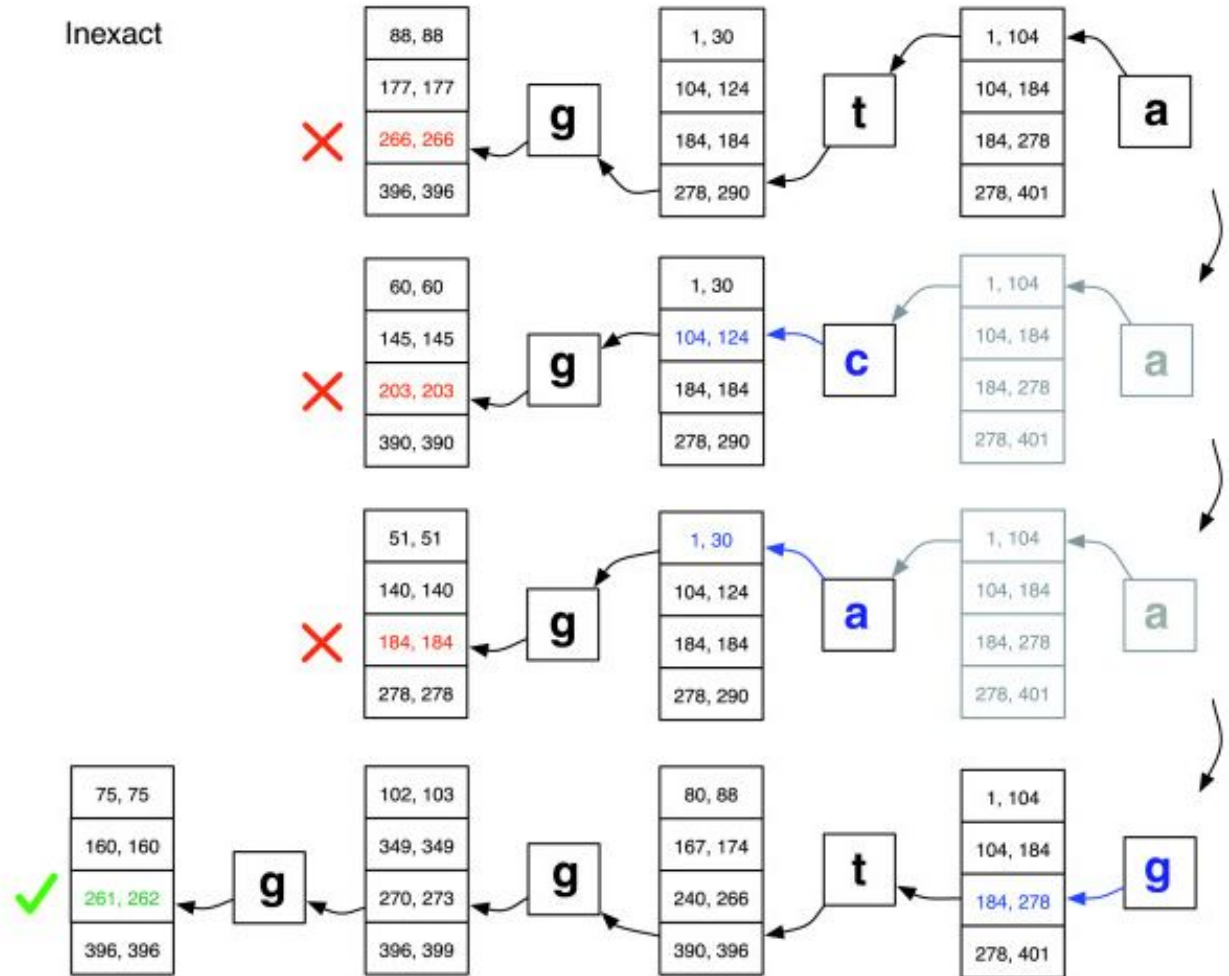
**~ 1.5 GB**

# Index bounds

	Suffix tree	Suffix array	FM Index
Time: Does $P$ occur?	$O(n)$	$O(n \log m)$	$O(n)$
Time: Count $k$ occurrences of $P$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n \log m)$	$O(n)$
Time: Report $k$ locations of $P$	$O(n + k)$	$O(n \log m + k)$	$O(n + k)$
Space	$O(m)$	$O(m)$	$O(m)$
Needs $T$ ?	yes	yes	no
Bytes per input character	$>15$	$\sim 4$	$\sim 0.5$

$$m = |T|, n = |P|, k = \# \text{ occurrences of } P \text{ in } T$$

# Inexact match



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# Videos

- BWT

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4n7NPk5lwbl>

- FM-index

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvVGj5V65io>

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