

Suffix trees (continued)

- Takes $O(n^2)$ time to construct a suffix tree for text X of length n
- after constructing a suffix tree for X , we can determine if a substring p is in X in optimal time
- Right now, our suffix tree takes quadratic space, but we can make it take linear space

$X = abcbaab$

suffixes(X): $a b c a a b \#$

$b c a a b \#$

$c a a b \#$

$a a b \#$

$a b \#$

$b \#$

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X	a	b	c	a	a	b	$\$$
i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

This bound comes from properties of branching trees

* now we have a $O(n)$ space tree:

• a tree w/ n leaves (1 for each of the n suffixes) has at most $n-1$ internal nodes $\rightarrow n + (n-1) = 2n-1$ total nodes

\rightarrow no more than $2n$ edges labeled w/ 2 numbers \rightarrow linear space

Suffix tree Summary

- a suffix tree T is a data structure that takes a string X of length n as input.
- It contains all suffixes of X in an efficient way such that:
 1. T stores the starting position of each suffix of X . (^{@ the leaves})
 2. T stores each substring of X . Edges have strings "as labels"
 3. each suffix can be identified as a path label from the root to some leaf of T and vice versa: each leaf has 1 suffix as path label from the root to the leaf.
 4. every internal node has at least 2 successor nodes
 5. every edge leaving some node is labeled with substrings that have different 1st characters
 6. every leaf is labeled w/ the starting position of the suffix of X it has as path label.

