String Match Algorithms

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Glossary

- Alphabet $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_A\}$
- String S: $s_1 s_2 \ldots s_k$
- Substring $S[i : j]$: $s_i s_{i+1} \ldots s_{j-1}$
- Prefix $S[: j]$: $s_1 s_2 \ldots s_j$
- Suffix $S[j :]$ $s_j s_{j+1} \ldots s_k$

Pattern Matching Task

Input:

- String T (target): $t_1 t_2 \ldots t_n$
- String P (pattern): $p_1 p_2 \ldots p_m$, $m \leq n$

Output:

- Substring $T[i:j]$: $T[i,j] = P$.

Pattern Matching Algorithms: Simple Approaches

- Naive Algorithm
- Boyer-Moore Algorithm
- Knuth-Morris-Prath (prefix function)
- Aho-Corasick algorithm
- Rabin-Karp algorithm (hashing)

Naive Algorithm

Idea

Try to check every substring for matching!

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Complexity: $O(T \cdot P)$

Boyer-Moore Algorithm

Idea

Learn from character comparisons to skip pointless alignments

T:	a	c	b	c	d	c	b	c	a	b	c	a	c	b
P:			b	c	a	c	b							

Alignments - left-to-right order
Comparisons - right-to-left order

Boyer-Moore Algorithm: Bad character rule

Upon mismatch, skip alignments until
a. Mismatch becomes a match

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b. P moves past mismatched character

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Boyer-Moore Algorithm: Good suffix rule

t - substring matched by the inner loop. Skip alignments until a.There are no mismatches between P and t

T:	a	c	b	c	d	c	b	a	a	b	c	a	c	b
P:			**c**	**b**	a	c	b							

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P:							**b**	c	a	c	b			

Boyer-Moore Algorithm

We can precalculate the number of alignments we can skip:

P:	b	b	a	d	c
a	1	2	-	1	2
b	-	-	1	2	3
c	1	2	3	4	-
d	1	2	3	-	1

Complexity (worst-case): $O(T \cdot P)$
Complexity (best-case): $O(T/P)$

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm

Definition

Prefix function for string S: max length n ($n < |S|$) of prefix $S[:n]$ that equals to suffix $S[-n:]$.

Example: what is prefix function for *abracadabra*?
PrefixFunction(*abra*cad*abra*) = 4: *abra* is the prefix and suffix

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm

We can calculate PrefixFunction for all prefixes:

Letter	**a**	**b**	**r**	**a**	c	a	d	a	b	r	a
PrefixFunction	1	0	0	**1**	0	1	0	1	2	3	4

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm: PrefixFunction calculation

abacab $\rightarrow$ abacab**a**

$PrefixFunction(\underline{ab}ac\underline{ab}) = 2$

How to calculate $PrefixFunction(abacaba)$?

$PrefixFunction(\underline{abac}\underline{aba}) = PrefixFunction(abacab) + 1$!

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm: PrefixFunction calculation

acaacbacaac $\rightarrow$ *acaacbacaac***a**
PrefixFunction($\underline{acaac}b\underline{acaac}$) $= 5$.
$S[6] = b \neq a = S[12]$
But: *PrefixFunction*($\underline{aca}acbaca\underline{aca}$) $= 3 =$ *PrefixFunction*($\underline{ac}a\underline{ac}$) $+ 1$

Idea

We can recalculate PrefixFunction recursively from prefixes!

Knuth-Morris-Pratt Algorithm

- Precalculate prefix function for prefixes of P.
- Calculate $PrefixFunction(P\$T)$ ($ is separator) iteratively for each character
- Find prefix U: $PrefixFunction(U) = Length(P)$

Example: $P = banana$, $T = ana$

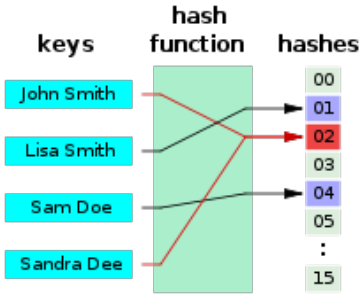
Letter	a	n	a	$	b	a	n	a	n	a
PrefixFunction	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	2	3

Complexity - $O(T + P)$.

Rabin-Karp algorithm: hashing

Idea

Translate string (k-mer) to hash!



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hash_function

Rabin-Karp algorithm: glossary

- Alphabet A: $\{a_1, \ldots a_A\}$.
- Number presentation: $\{\alpha_1, \ldots, \alpha_A\}$.
- String T: $s_1 \ldots s_k$, its number presentation: $\sigma_1 \ldots \sigma_k$
- String polynom $N(S) = (\sigma_1 A^{k-1} + \sigma_2 A^{k-2} + \cdots + \sigma_k)$
- String hash $H(i) = N(i) \mod M$, where A and M are coprime.

Rabin-Karp algorithm: pattern search

$$T : \ldots \overbrace{\sigma_i \underbrace{\sigma_{i+1} \ldots \sigma_{i+m}}_{H(T[i+1:i+m+1])} \sigma_{i+m+1}}^{H(T[i:i+m])} \ldots$$

Searching pattern P in T, $length(P) = m$
Pattern is found when $H(T[i : i + m]) = H(P)$

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- Complexity: $O(T + P)$ - best case, $O(T + P + kP)$ for k matches.
- Beware of hash collisions: for $T[i : i + m] \neq T[j : j + m]$ $H(T[i : i + m]) = H(T[j : j + m])$.

Rabin-Karp algorithm: hashing

$$T : \ldots \overbrace{\sigma_i \underbrace{\sigma_{i+1} \ldots \sigma_{i+m}}_{\mathbf{N(T[i+1:i+m+1])}} \sigma_{i+m+1}}^{N(T[i:i+m])} \ldots$$

$$N(T[i:i+m]) = (\sigma_i \cdot A^m + N(T[i+1:i+m]))$$

$$N(T[i+1:i+m]) = N(T[i:i+m]) - \sigma_i \cdot A^m$$

$$\mathbf{N(T[i+1:i+m+1])} = A \cdot N(T[i+1:i+m]) + \sigma_{i+m+1}$$

$$\mathbf{N(T[i+1:i+m+1])} = A \cdot (N(T[i:i+m]) - \sigma_i \cdot A^m) + \sigma_{i+m+1}$$

Rabin-Karp algorithm: example

Alphabet: a, b, c, d
Number presentation: $0, 1, 2, 3$
Pattern P: *adcca*
$H(P) = (\sigma_0 A^4 + \sigma_1 A^3 + \sigma_2 A^2 + \sigma_3 A^1 + \sigma_4) = 0 \cdot 4^4 + 3 \cdot 4^3 + 2 \cdot 4^2 + 2 \cdot 4^1 + 0 = 232$

Rabin-Karp algorithm: example

$H(P) = 232$

T:	**b**	**c**	**a**	**d**	**c**	c	a	a	a	b	c	a	c	b
P:	a	d	c	c	a									

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Rabin-Karp algorithm: example

$H(P) = 232$

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Rabin-Karp algorithm: example

$H(P) = 232$

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P:			a	d	c	c	a							

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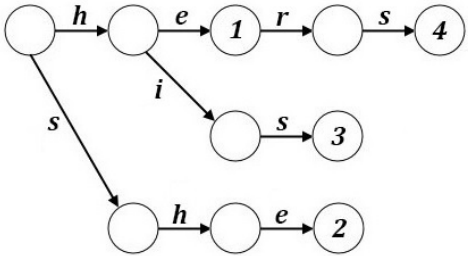

Words: he, she, his, hers
Adding a word, searching a word - $O(n)$

https://neerc.ifmo.ru/wiki/index.php?title=Алгоритм_

Aho-Corasick algorithm

Input:

- T - target
- m pattern strings: $P_1, \ldots P_m$

Output:

- All occurrences of $P_1, \ldots P_m$ in T.

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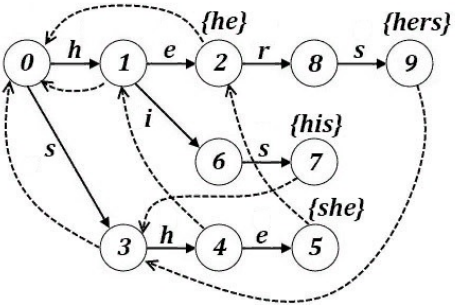
Idea

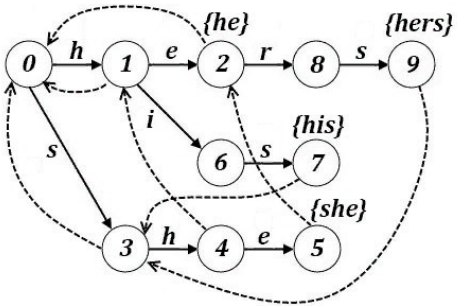
Build trie from $P_1, \ldots P_m$ with suffix links.
Extend *PrefixFunction* via links in tree.

Aho-Corasick algorithm: Suffix links



Adding **suffix links** to the trie:
Each node is assigned a pointer to the string that is the longest string suffix at that node.

Aho-Corasick algorithm



The main idea is to immediately display all patterns that end in the processed text character. All such patterns are suffixes of each other.

T:	s	h	e	r	s

Path for search :

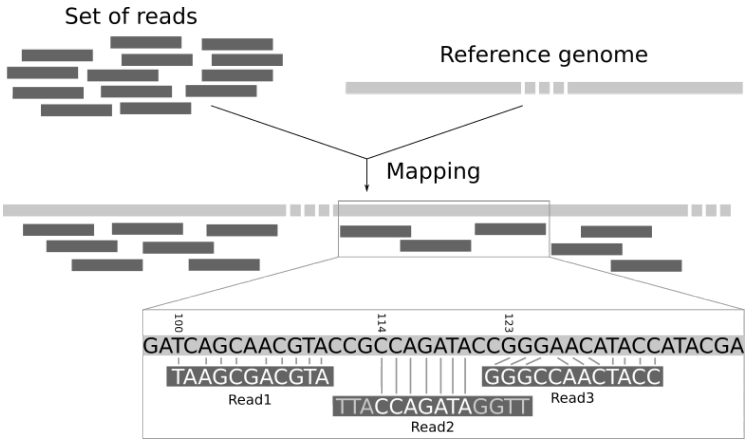
$\rightarrow s \rightarrow h \rightarrow e \rightarrow suffixlink \rightarrow r \rightarrow s$

Aho-Corasick algorithm Complexity

- $Length(T) = m$
- $\sum(Length(P_i)) = n$
- z - number of occurrences of patterns

Complexity: $O(n + m + z)$

Reads alignment



https://training.galaxyproject.org/training-material/topics/sequence-analysis/tutorials/mapping/tutorial.html

Pattern Matching Algorithms: Advanced Approaches

Idea

Time consuming text T preprocessing for fast pattern search

- Suffix Array
- Suffix Tree

Suffix Array

S : $ABAABA\$$ ($ - end of string)

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A	B	A	A	B	A	$
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Suffix Array

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2	$AABA\$$

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2	$AABA\$$
3	$ABA\$$

Suffix Array

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Sort

index	suffix
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Suffix Array

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$T = ABA$

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Binary search for lower bound!

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Suffix Array: upper bound

$S : ABAABA\$$

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$T = ABA$

Binary search for **upper** bound!

Complexity: $O(P\dot{l}ogT)$

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Suffix Array: mlr optimization

Searching for P: *bcacedc*

	a	v	d	v	a	c	d
l	**b**	**c**	**a**	a	d	v	w
	b	**c**	**a**	b	e	g	a
m	**b**	**c**	**a**	b	d	j	k
	b	**c**	**a**	c	a	b	c
r	**b**	**c**	**a**	c	e	d	c
	c	d	e	f	a	b	c

Best case complexity: $O(P + logT)$

Suffix Tree

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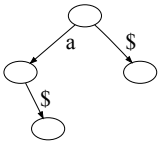

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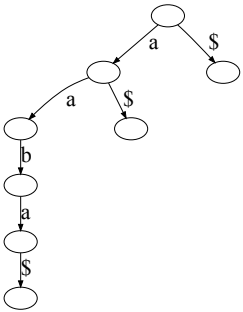

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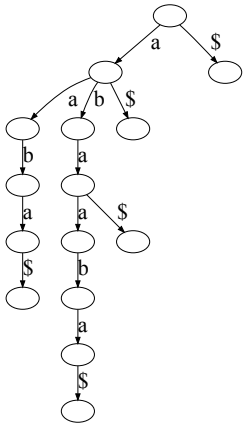

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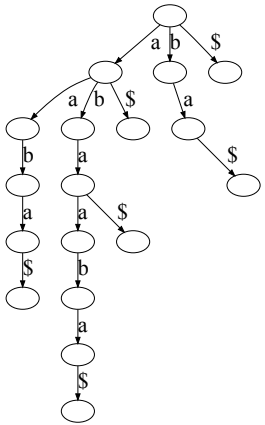

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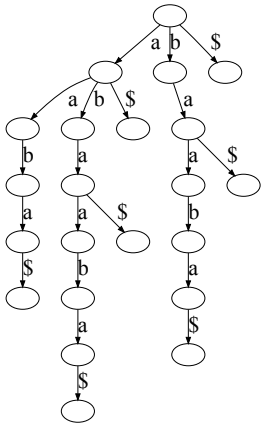

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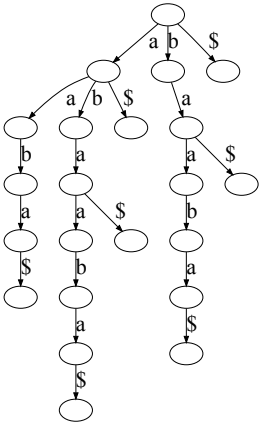
Suffix Tree: finding pattern



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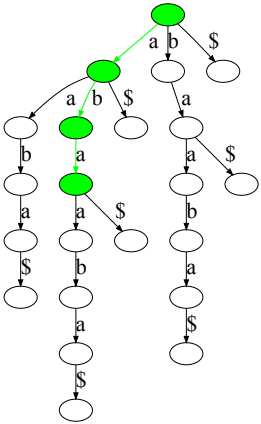

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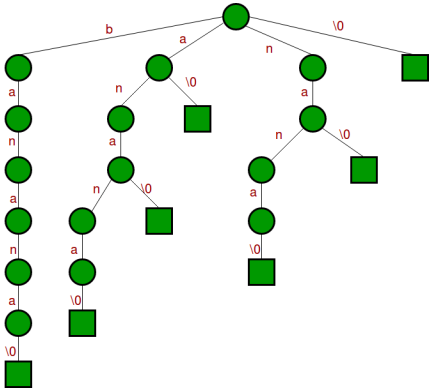
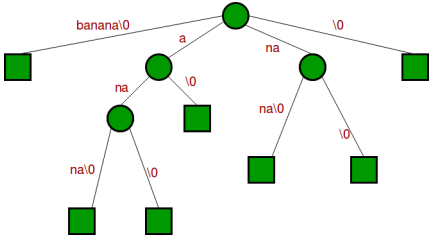
Suffix Tree: implicit suffix tree





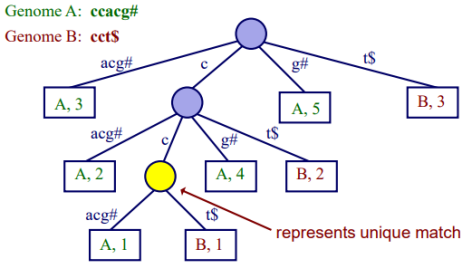
Ukkonen's algorithm for building an implicit suffix tree
Complexity : O(T)

https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/pattern-searching-using-suffix-tree/

Suffix Tree based algorithms

MUMmer

- Find Maximal Union Matching building united suffix tree from two genomes



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Suffix Tree based algorithms

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- Build Suffix Tree for finding maximal repeated pairs in genome using Gusfield algorithm