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Exposé

**Comparing Suffix Automata Against Suffix Arrays For
Longest Common Substring Queries**

A Proof-of-Concept Implementation Based On A Real Use Case

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Exposé

Problem Statement

The Longest Common Substring (LCS) problem is a fundamental problem in computer science, with applications in multiple domains, bioinformatics being one of the most prominent. This is due to the fact that DNA/RNA sequences are usually encoded as strings for bioinformatics workflows, in a format called FASTA, originally described by Pearson and Lipman in 1985¹.

Objectives

Methodology

Planned Structure

The paper will likely be structured as follows:

- Introduction
- Research Question and Objectives
- Literature Review
- Methodology
- Results and Discussion
- Limitations
- Conclusion and Future Work
- References
- AI Declaration
- Declaration of Authorship

¹Lipman and Pearson 1985.

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