

KMP Advanced Question

Naive Pattern Matching $O(m \times n)$

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KMP $O(m+n)$

① Failure Function Construction

Pattern: "ABABCA BAB"

A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B
-1	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	3

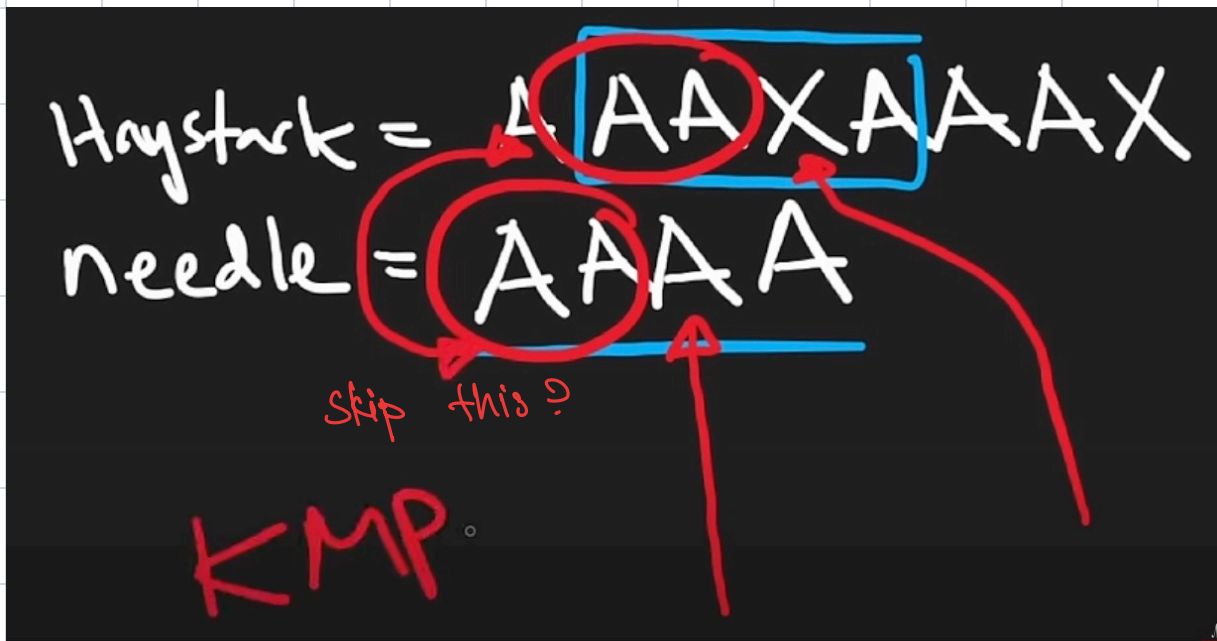
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② 2025 Sample Exam

a	p	p	l	e	'	s	_	a	p	p	_	s	t	o	r	e
-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0

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KMP algorithm recap:



"AA": longest prefix suffix (LPS) array ~ Failure function

if NoMatch:

if $j \neq 0$:

$j = \text{LPS}[j-1]$

else:

$i += 1$

$j = \text{LPS}[4-1]$
 $= \text{LPS}[3]$

LPS =

0	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	4
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A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

$j = 4$
 $i = 5$

B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Found at:

if Matched:

$i += 1$

$j += 1$

LPS =

0	0	1	2	0	1	2	3	4
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A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

$j = 4$
 $i = 14$

B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18

Found at: 5

so you fall back to the length of the longest proper prefix-suffix of $\text{pat}[0..j-1]$. In your COMP10002 "failure" style you have already built

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F[0] = -1;
F[1] = 0;
for (i = 2; i <= m; i++)
    F[i] = lps[i-1];
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(which is simply lps shifted by one cell, with a sentinel at $F[0]$). That means the exact analogue of $j = \text{lps}[j-1]$ becomes

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c
while (j >= 0 && text[i] != pat[j])
    j = F[j];
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because for any $j > 0$, $F[j] = \text{lps}[j-1]$, and when j hits zero you get $F[0] = -1$. The -1 then forces both $i++$ and $j++$ (to zero) on the next iteration, so you make progress just as you would with the separate $j > 0$ check in the lps version.

Q3: KMP Pattern Matching Trace

Text : A B A B A B C A B A B C A B A B

Pattern: A B A B C A B A B

(a) Construct the failure function F

(b) Trace through the KMP algorithm execution step by step

(a)

A	B	A	B	C	A	B	A	B
-1	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	3
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

} Match at 2 = 11 - 9 }

(b) * Trace through the KMP algorithm:

Text : A B **A** B A B C A B A B C A B A B

Pattern : A B A B C A B **A** B

Index: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Step 1: $i=0, j=0$: $A == A \checkmark \therefore i=1, j=1$

Step 2: $i=1, j=1$: $B == B \checkmark \therefore i=2, j=2$

Step 3: $i=2, j=2$: $A == A \checkmark \therefore i=3, j=3$

Step 4: $i=3, j=3$: $B == B \checkmark \therefore i=4, j=4$

Step 5: $i=4, j=4$: $A \neq C \times \therefore$ Use $F[4]=2, j=2$
 $F[i] = F[4] = 2$

No match: i const,

$j = F[i]$

$\therefore i=4, j=2$

Step 6: $i=4, j=2$: $A == A \checkmark \therefore i=5, j=3$

Step 7: $i=5, j=3$: $B == B \checkmark \therefore i=6, j=4$

Step 8: $i=6, j=4$: $C == C \checkmark \therefore i=7, j=5$

Step 9: $i=7, j=5$: $A == A \checkmark \therefore i=8, j=6$

Step 10: $i=8, j=6$:

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step 1d: $i=10, j=8 \therefore \boxed{B=b} \checkmark \therefore i=11, j=9$

\Rightarrow Match at position 2 ($i-j = 11-9$)