

**ALGORITHM 5.6** Knuth-Morris-Pratt substring search

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public class KMP
{
    private String pat;
    private int[][] dfa;

    public KMP(String pat)
    { // Build DFA from pattern.
        this.pat = pat;
        int M = pat.length();
        int R = 256;
        dfa = new int[R][M];
        dfa[pat.charAt(0)][0] = 1;
        for (int X = 0, j = 1; j < M; j++)
        { // Compute dfa[][j].
            for (int c = 0; c < R; c++)
                dfa[c][j] = dfa[c][X];           // Copy mismatch cases.
            dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] = j+1;         // Set match case.
            X = dfa[pat.charAt(j)][X];           // Update restart state.
        }
    }

    public int search(String txt)
    { // Simulate operation of DFA on txt.
        int i, j, N = txt.length(), M = pat.length();
        for (i = 0, j = 0; i < N && j < M; i++)
            j = dfa[txt.charAt(i)][j];
        if (j == M) return i - M; // found (hit end of pattern)
        else return N; // not found (hit end of text)
    }

    public static void main(String[] args)
    { // See page 769.
    }
}

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The constructor in this implementation of the Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm for substring search builds a DFA from a pattern string, to support a `search()` method that can find the pattern in a given text string. This program does the same job as the brute-force method, but it runs faster for patterns that are self-repetitive.

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% java KMP AACAA AABRAACADABRAACAADABRA
text:    AABRAACADABRAACAADABRA
pattern: AACAA

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