

*I'm getting lost in the research paper @ the good suffix rule. Thus I'm going to try and develop some intuition for it before re-attacking the white paper.

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requires a preprocessing table to be generated

Let t be a substring of text T which is matched w/ substring of pattern P . Shift pattern until:

NOTE: substring! not just a char

Case 1 Another occurrence of the substring t in P is matched w/ t in T

Ex. T | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
A B A A B
 P | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
C A B A B

↓ note bad suffix rule (b.s.r)
would usually just shift by 1

C A B ... →

To do this search through P of occurrence t ("AB").

⇒ Weak rule of original Boyer-Moore and not highly effective (Strong Good Suffix rule coming up)

Case 2 A prefix of P matches w/ suffix of t in T

Now we repeat case 1, but no occurrence of t in P

∴ We look for a suffix of t matching w/ a prefix of P and try to align them

i | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 T | A A B A B A B A C B A
 P | A B B A B

! t but note w/ b.s.r we'd only shift by 1

⇒ A B B A B
A B B A B

I understand what the algorithm is doing, however, I am not quite grasping how we don't skip past potential matches

Trying to break

purposefully changed pattern
 i | 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
 T | A A B A B A B A C B A
 P | A B A B A

↳ immediately failed trying to break. ugh.

⇒ I'm going to just accept that this works for the moment (or rather I'm going to stop trying to understand why it works, I don't doubt the algorithm's efficacy. Hopefully when I return to the paper I will get a better intuition for this)

Case 3 P moves past t

this happens if both c.1 and c.2 are not satisfied



Strong Good Suffix Heuristic

Substring $z = P[i \text{ to } n]$ gets matched w/ t in T and $c = P[i-1]$ is the mismatched character
 \Rightarrow Deviating from case 1 we'll search for t in P which is not preceded by the character c
The closest occurrence is then aligned w/ t in T by shifting the pattern P

Ex:

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

\Rightarrow

A A C C A C C A C

*the examples that have been chosen are interesting b/c they have small alphabets
 \Rightarrow this usually implies a use case for KMP
 \Rightarrow probably done this way for simplicity

Preprocessing For Good suffix heuristic