Longest Common Extensions via Fingerprinting

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The LCE Problem

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LCE value LCE_s(i,j) is the length of the longest common prefix of the two suffixes of a string s starting at index i and j
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LCE problem Efficiently query multiple LCE values on a static string s and varying pairs (i,j)

Example:

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input: s = abbababba, (i, j) = (4, 6)

suffix i of s = ababba

suffix j of s = abba

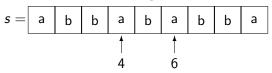
longest common prefix = ab

LCE_s(i, j) = 2
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Input

- ightharpoonup s = abbababba
- (i,j) = (4,6)

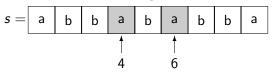
The DIRECTCOMP algorithm



Input

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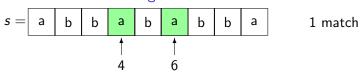
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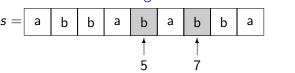
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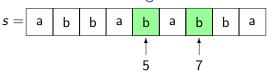


1 match

Input

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The DIRECTCOMP algorithm

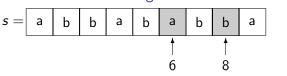


2 matches

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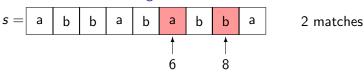


2 matches

Input

- ightharpoonup s = abbababba
- (i,j) = (4,6)

The DIRECTCOMP algorithm



Result

$$LCE_s(4,6) = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \mathsf{Space} & O(1) + |s| \\ \mathsf{Query} & O(\mathit{LCE}(i,j)) = O(n) \\ \mathsf{Average} \ \mathsf{query} & O(1) \end{array}$$

For a string length n and alphabet size σ , the average LCE value over all n^{σ} strings and n^2 query pairs is O(1).

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Existing Algorithms: SUFFIXNCA and LCPRMQ

Two algorithms with best known bounds:

> Space O(n)Query O(1)

Average query O(1)

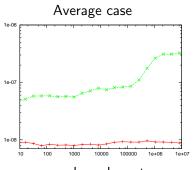
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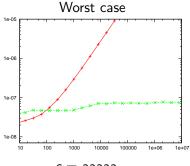
Existing Algorithms: Practical Results

Query times of DIRECTCOMP and LCPRMQ by string length



$$s = \text{random characters}$$

 $\sigma = 10$



The FINGERPRINT_k Algorithm: Data Structure

- For a string s[1..n], the t-length fingerprints $F_t[1..n]$ are natural numbers, such that $F_t[i] = F_t[j]$ if and only if s[i..i+t-1] = s[j..j+t-1].
- ▶ k levels, $1 \le k \le \lceil \log n \rceil$
- ▶ For each level, $\ell = 0..k 1$:
 - $t_{\ell} = \Theta(n^{\ell/k}), t_0 = 1$
 - $\blacktriangleright H_{\ell} = F_{t_{\ell}}$

Space
$$O(k \cdot n)$$

The FINGERPRINT_k Algorithm: Query

- 1. As long as $H_{\ell}[i+v] = H_{\ell}[j+v]$, increment v by t_{ℓ} , increment ℓ by one, and repeat this step unless and $\ell=k-1$.
- 2. As long as $H_{\ell}[i+v] = H_{\ell}[j+v]$, increment v by t_{ℓ} and repeat this step.
- 3. Stop and return v when $\ell=0$, otherwise decrement ℓ by one and go to step two.

$$LCE(3,12)=9$$

Query
$$O(k \cdot n^{1/k})$$

Average query $O(1)$

The FINGERPRINT_k Algorithm: Preprocessing

- ▶ For each level ℓ
 - ▶ For each t_{ℓ} -length substring in lexicographically sorted order
 - ▶ If the current substring $s[SA[i]...SA[i]+t_{\ell}-1]$ is equal to the previous substring, give it the same fingerprint as the previous substring, otherwise give it a new unused fingerprint. The two substrings are equal when $LCP[i] \ge t_{\ell}$.

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Subst. H_{\ell}] i a 1 9 aba 2 4 s=abbababba 3 6 abb 3 1 ba 5 8 bab 6 3 bab 6 5 bba 8 7 bba 8 2
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Preprocessing $O(k \cdot n + sort(n, \sigma))$

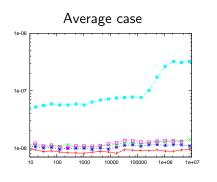
The FINGERPRINT_k Algorithm

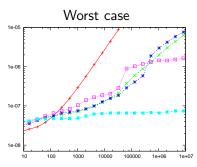
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1 \leq k \leq \lceil \log n \rceil Space O(k \cdot n) Query O(k \cdot n^{1/k}) Average query O(1) k = 1 \quad k = 2 \quad k = \lceil \log n \rceil Space O(n) \quad O(n) \quad O(n \log n) Query O(n) \quad O(\sqrt{n}) \quad O(\log n) Average query O(1) \quad O(1) \quad O(1)
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Space for FINGERPRINT_k is the same as for LCPRMQ when k = 6.

Practical Results

Query times of DIRECTCOMP, FINGERPRINT₂, FINGERPRINT₃, FINGERPRINT_{$\lceil \log n \rceil$} and LCPRMQ by string length





Cache Optimization of FINGERPRINT_k

- Original:
 - ▶ Data structure: $H_{\ell}[i] = F_{t_{\ell}}[i]$
 - Size: $|H_{\ell}| = n$
 - ► I/O: $O(k \cdot n^{1/k})$
- Cache optimized:
 - Data structure:

$$H_{\ell}[((i-1) \mod t_{\ell}) \cdot \lceil n/t_{\ell} \rceil + \lfloor (i-1)/t_{\ell} \rfloor + 1] = F_{t_{\ell}}[i]$$

- ▶ Size: $|H_{\ell}| = n + t_{\ell}$
- $I/O: O(k \cdot \left(\frac{n^{1/k}}{B} + 1\right))$
 - ▶ Best when k is small $\implies n^{1/k}$ is large.

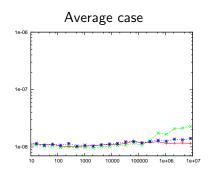
Cache Optimization, Practical Results

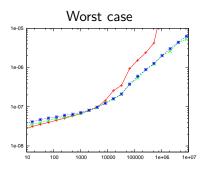
Is I/O optimization good in practice?

- Pro: better cache efficiency
 - ▶ Best for small k, no change for $k = \lceil \log n \rceil$
- Con: Calculating memory addresses is more complicated
 - $\qquad \qquad \bullet \ \, \left((i-1) \ \, \mathsf{mod} \ \, t_\ell \right) \cdot \left\lceil n/t_\ell \right\rceil + \left\lfloor (i-1)/t_\ell \right\rfloor + 1 \, \, \mathsf{vs.} \, \, i$

Cache Optimization, Practical Results

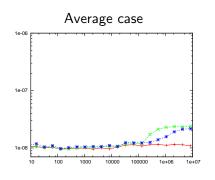
Query times of FINGERPRINT₂ without cache optimization and with cache optimization using shift operations vs. multiplication, division and modulo

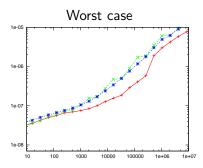




Cache Optimization, Practical Results

Query times of FINGERPRINT₃ without cache optimization and with cache optimization using shift operations vs. multiplication, division and modulo





Summary

	Direct-	LcpRmq /	
	Comp	SuffixNca	${\rm FINGERPRINT}_k$
Space	O(1)	O(n)	$O(k \cdot n)$
Query	O(n)	O(1)	$O(k \cdot n^{1/k})$
Average query	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
	fast	slow	fast
$Query\ I/O$	$O\left(\frac{n}{B}\right)$	O(1)	$O\left(k\cdot\left(\frac{n^{1/k}}{B}+1\right)\right)$
Code complexity	very simple	complex	simple

- ▶ Cache optimization of FINGERPRINT_k improves query times at k = 2 and worsens query times at $k \ge 3$
- ▶ Space for FINGERPRINT_k is the same as for LCPRMQ when k = 6.