

# Longest Common Extensions via Fingerprinting

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## Summary

# The LCE Problem

**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  $j$

**LCE problem** Efficiently query multiple LCE values on a static string  $s$  and varying pairs  $(i, j)$

Example:

**input:**  $s = \text{abbababba}$ ,  $(i, j) = (4, 6)$

**suffix  $i$  of  $s$**  =  $\text{ababba}$

**suffix  $j$  of  $s$**  =  $\text{abba}$

**longest common prefix** =  $\text{ab}$

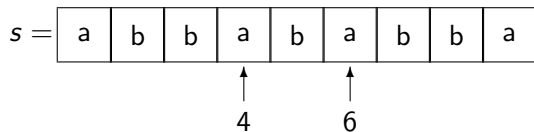
$LCE_s(i, j) = 2$

# Existing algorithm: DIRECTCOMP

## Input

- ▶  $s = abbababba$
- ▶  $(i, j) = (4, 6)$

## The DIRECTCOMP algorithm

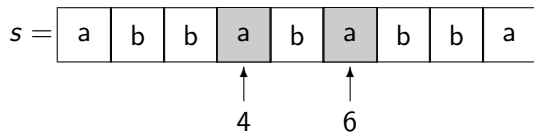


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- ▶  $(i, j) = (4, 6)$

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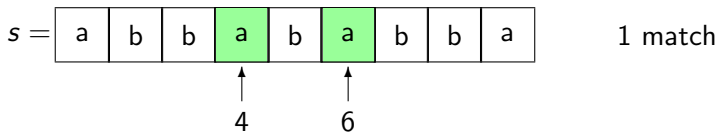


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### Input

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### The DIRECTCOMP algorithm



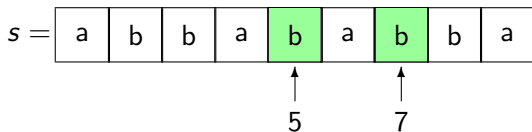


## Existing algorithm: DIRECTCOMP

### Input

- ▶  $s = abbababba$
- ▶  $(i, j) = (4, 6)$

### The DIRECTCOMP algorithm



2 matches



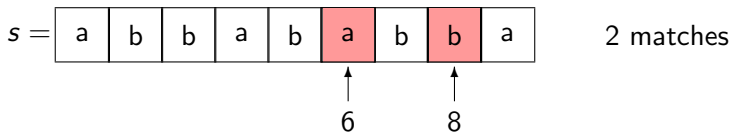


## Existing algorithm: DIRECTCOMP

### Input

- ▶  $s = abbababba$
- ▶  $(i, j) = (4, 6)$

### The DIRECTCOMP algorithm



### Result

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

## Existing Algorithm: DIRECTCOMP

Space	$O(1) +  s $
Query	$O(LCE(i, j)) = O(n)$
Average query	$O(1)$

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

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# Existing Algorithms: SUFFIXNCA and LCPRMQ

Two algorithms with best known bounds:

**SUFFIXNCA** Nearest common ancestor queries on a suffix tree

**LCPRMQ** Range minimum queries on a longest common prefix array

Space  $O(n)$

Query  $O(1)$

Average query  $O(1)$

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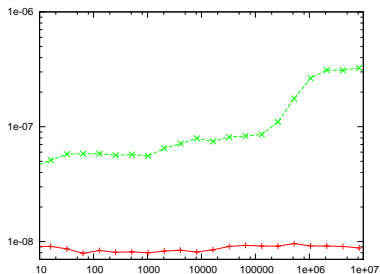
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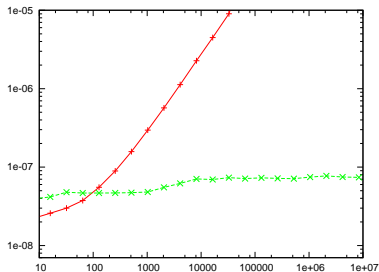
# Existing Algorithms: Practical Results

Query times of **DIRECTCOMP** and **LCPRMQ** by string length

Average case



Worst case



# The FINGERPRINT<sub>k</sub> 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,  $1 \leq k \leq \lceil \log n \rceil$
- ▶ For each level,  $\ell = 0..k-1$ :
  - ▶  $t_\ell = \Theta(n^{\ell/k})$ ,  $t_0 = 1$
  - ▶  $H_\ell = F_{t_\ell}$

$H_2[i]$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
$H_1[i]$	1	(2)	3	4	1	(2)	5	6	5	1	(2)	3	4	1	(2)	5	6	5	6	3	4	6	5	6	7	8	9
$s = H_0[i]$	a	(b b a)			a	(b b a)			b	a	(b b a)			a	(b b a)			b	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	\$
$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

Space  $O(k \cdot n)$

## The FINGERPRINT<sub>k</sub> Algorithm: Query

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

$H_2[i + v]$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
$H_1[i + v]$	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	6	3	4	6	5	6	7	8	9
$H_0[i + v]$	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	\$
$i + v$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

$H_2[j + v]$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
$H_1[j + v]$	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	6	3	4	6	5	6	7	8	9
$H_0[j + v]$	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	\$
$j + v$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

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

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

Average query  $O(1)$

# The FINGERPRINT<sub>k</sub> Algorithm

	$1 \leq k \leq \lceil \log n \rceil$
Space	$O(k \cdot n)$
Query	$O(k \cdot n^{1/k})$
Average query	$O(1)$

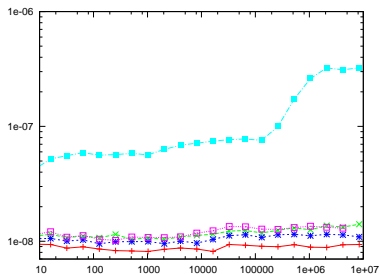
	$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = \lceil \log n \rceil$
Space	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(n \log n)$
Query	$O(n)$	$O(\sqrt{n})$	$O(\log n)$
Average query	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$



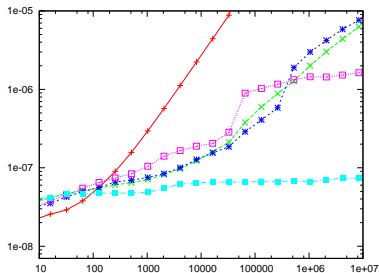
# Practical Results

Query times of **DIRECTCOMP**, **FINGERPRINT<sub>2</sub>**, **FINGERPRINT<sub>3</sub>**, **FINGERPRINT<sub>⌈log n⌋</sub>** and **LCPRMQ** by string length

Average case



Worst case



# Cache Optimization of $\text{FINGERPRINT}_k$

► 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:  

$$H_\ell[((i-1) \bmod t_\ell) \cdot \lceil n/t_\ell \rceil + \lfloor (i-1)/t_\ell \rfloor + 1] = F_{t_\ell}[i]$$
- Size:  $|H_\ell| = n + t_\ell$
- I/O:  $O\left(k \cdot \left(\frac{n^{1/k}}{B} + 1\right)\right)$ 
  - Best when  $k$  is small  $\implies n^{1/k}$  is large.

$H_2[i+v]$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
$H_1[i+v]$	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	6	3	4	6	5	6	7	8	9
$H_0[i+v]$	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	\$
$i+v$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

$H_2[j+v]$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
$H_1[j+v]$	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	1	2	3	4	1	2	5	6	5	6	3	4	6	5	6	7	8	9
$H_0[j+v]$	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	b	a	a	b	b	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	\$
$j+v$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27

# Cache Optimization, Practical Results

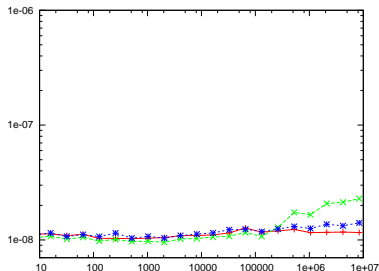
Is I/O optimization good in practice?

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

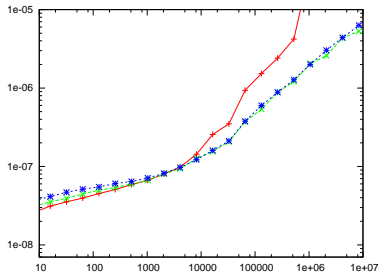
# Cache Optimization, Practical Results

Query times of FINGERPRINT<sub>2</sub> without cache optimization and with cache optimization using shift operations vs. multiplication, division and modulo

Average case



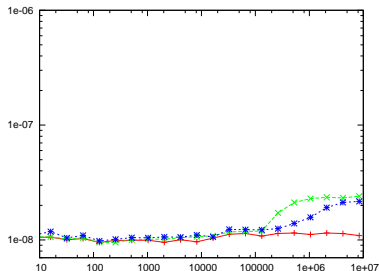
Worst case



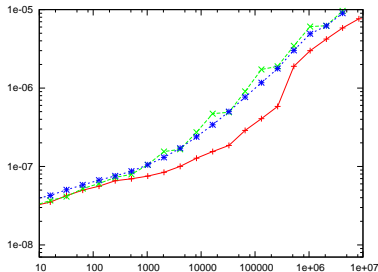
# Cache Optimization, Practical Results

Query times of FINGERPRINT<sub>3</sub> without cache optimization and with cache optimization using shift operations vs. multiplication, division and modulo

Average case



Worst case



## Summary

	DIRECT- COMP	LCPRMQ / SUFFIXNCA	FINGERPRINT <sub>k</sub>
Space	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(k \cdot n)$
Query	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(k \cdot n^{1/k})$
Average query	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Query I/O	$O(\frac{n}{B})$	$O(1)$	$O\left(k \cdot \left(\frac{n^{1/k}}{B} + 1\right)\right)$

- ▶ In practice, the FINGERPRINT<sub>k</sub> algorithm is...
  - ▶ ...almost as good as DIRECTCOMP and significantly better than LCPRMQ in average case
  - ▶ ...significantly better than DIRECTCOMP but worse than LCPRMQ in worst case
- ▶ Cache optimization of FINGERPRINT<sub>k</sub> improves query times at  $k = 2$  and worsens query times at  $k \geq 3$