

# Kmp Algo

(Knuth)  
Knuth - Morris - Pratt Algo

Naive was  $(n-m+1) \cdot m$

checking checks again & again

Now Kmp

Goal: Take advantage of successful comparison

Prefix & Suffix

we find this in the pattern

So e.g.   
 d s g w a d s g 2  
     ds             ds  
     prefix             suffix

⇒ pattern a b c d a b c

we need subset of pattern as  
prefix & suffix

so

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for

a b c d a b c

prefix examples a, or ab, <sup>abc</sup>~~abc~~

suffix example c, bc, abc, dabc

⇒ Goal of KMP? find prefix  
same as suffix in the pattern?

so for

abc d abc  
└──┘ └──┘  
~~abc~~ prefix suffix

This observation will be used  
in KMP to avoid comparisons

⇒ In KMP, we try to identify if beginning of a string appears again?

To find this, we need to make a pi table (π table) also called longest prefix which is same as some suffix (LPS)

e.g

abc dabe abf  
0 0 0 0 1 2 0      1 2 0

matching index

↓  
pi table

another ex

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a b c d e a b f a b c  
0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0 1 2 3

How it is made

working

a b c d a b c a  
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

table

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first is always zero, we need j & i  
a b c d a b c a

0							
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if  $i \neq j$

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put zero & increment  $i$

so

$j$        $i$   
a b c d a b c a

0	0	1	1			1	1	
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as  $i \neq j$  so zero & increment  $i$

a	b	c	d	a	b	c	a	
0	0	0	0					
$j$			$i$					

★ Now  $i = j$  so value of  $j+1$   
(so  $0+1=1$ ,  $i++$  &  $j++$ )

a	b	c	d	a	b	c	a	
0	0	0	0	1				
	$i$			$j$				

again so  $1+1=2$ ,  $i++$ ,  $j++$

a	b	c	d	a	b	c	a	
0	0	0	0	1	2			
					$i$			



Now

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a b c d a b e a

0	0	0	0	1	2	3	
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$i \neq j$

Go to  ~~$\lambda[j]$~~  so  $j = 0$ .

a b c d a b e a

0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1
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As  $i = j$  so  $j+1 = \lambda[i]$

Time  $O(n)$  & Space  $= O(m)$

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example

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a a b a a b a a a

j jumps 2

j jumps 1

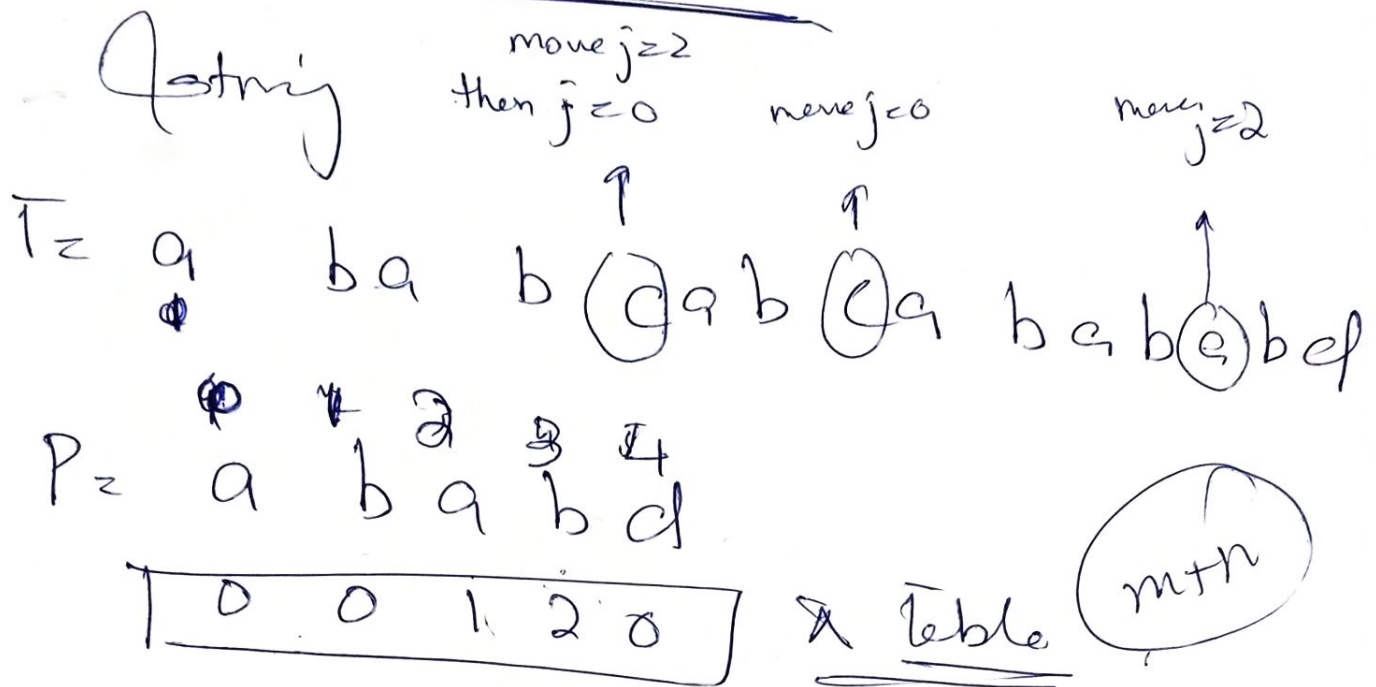
So

a a b a a b a a a

0	1	0	1	2	3	4	5	2
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# How KMP works

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start j from ~~zero~~ zero

So check.

If  $T[i] = P[j]$

if match, move  $i++$  &  $j++$

if mismatch, move  $j-1$  to the next

So ~~mismatch~~  $j=2$

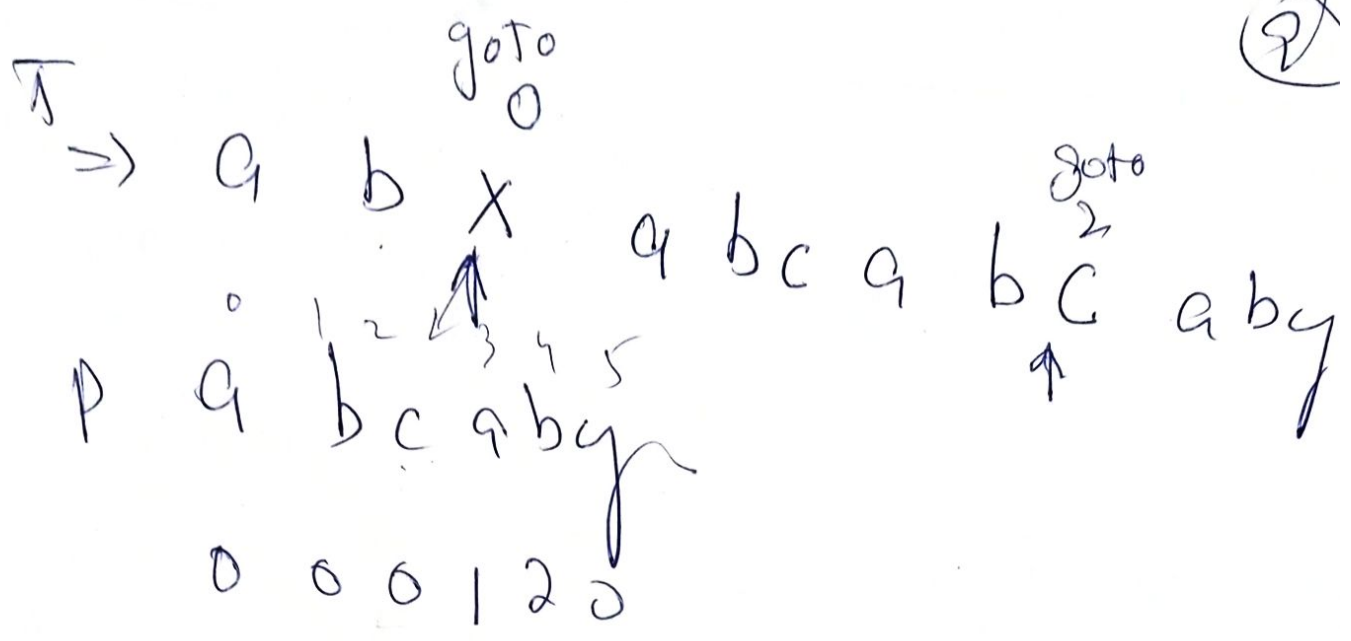
if again mismatch, move j

backward if  $j=0$ ,  $i++$ .

Complexity  $O(n)$



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