

STRINGS

- ➤ Each programming languages contains a character set that is used to communicate with the computer. The character set include the following:
 - Alphabet: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 - Digits: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
 - Special characters: + / * () , . \$ = ' _ (Blank space)
- > String: A finite sequence S of zero or more Characters is called string.
- Length: The number of characters in a string is called length of string.
- Empty or Null String: The string with zero characters.

Concatenation:

- Let S1 and S2 be the strings.
- The string consisting of the characters of S1 followed by the character S2 is called Concatenation of S1 and S2.
 - Ex: 'THE' || 'END' = 'THEEND'
 - 'THE' || ' '|| 'END' = 'THE END'
- Substring: A string Y is called substring of a string S if there exist string X and Z such that S = X | | Y | | Z
 - If X is an empty string, then Y is called an Initial substring of S, and
 Z is an empty string then Y is called a terminal substring of S.
 - Ex: 'BE OR NOT' is a substring of 'TO BE OR NOT TO BE'
 - 'THE' is an initial substring of 'THE END'

STRINGS IN C

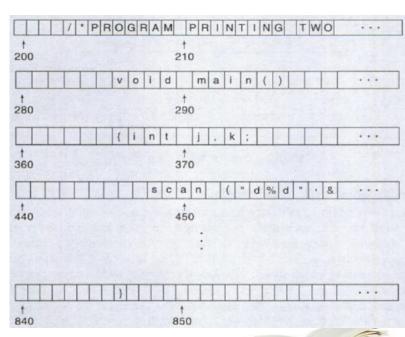
➤ In C, the strings are represented as character arrays terminated with the null character \0.

c[0]	c[1]	c[2]	c[3]	c[4]	c[5]
C	r	е	а	m	\0



STORING STRINGS

- Strings are stored in three types of structures
 - Fixed length structures
 - Variable length structures with fixed maximum
 - Linked structures
- Record Oriented Fixed length storage
 - In fixed length structures each line of print is viewed as a record, where all have the same length i.e., where each record accommodates the same number of characters
 - Ex: input is a program.

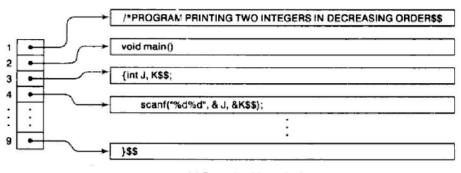


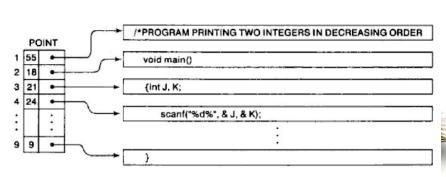
Advantages:

- 1. The ease of accessing data from any given record
- 2. The ease of updating data in ny given record (as long as the length of the new data does'nt exceed the record length)
- The main disadvantages are
 - 1. Time is wasted reading an entire record if most of the storage consists of inessential blank spaces.
 - 2. Certain records may require more space than available
 - 3. When the correction consists of more or fewer characters than the original text, changing a misspelled word requires record to be changed

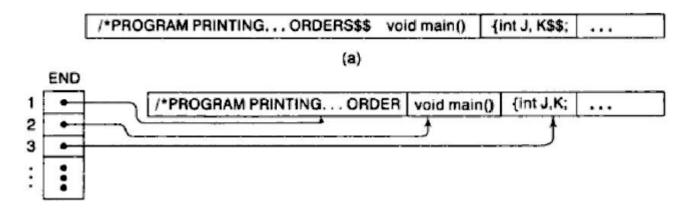
Variable length structures with fixed maximum

- The storage of variable-length strings in memory cells with fixed lengths can be done in two general ways
 - One can use a marker, such as two dollar signs (\$\$), to signal the end
 of the string
 - One can list the length of the string—as an additional item in the pointer array





In an other method strings can be stored one after another by using some separation marker, such as the two dollar sign (\$\$) or by using a pointer giving the location of the string.





> Advantages

 Saves space and are sometimes used in secondary memory when records are relatively permanent and require little changes.

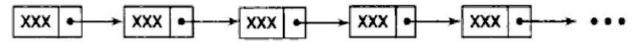
Disadvantages

 These methods are usually inefficient when the strings and their lengths are frequently being changed.



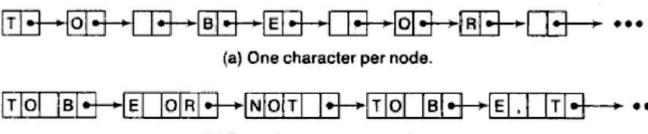
Linked Storage

- > In computers words are processed frequently.
 - Fixed length memory cells cannot be featsible for frequent processing of strings
- ➤ In most extensive word processing applications, strings are stored by means of linked lists.
- > An one way linked list is a linearly ordered sequence of memory cells called nodes,
 - each node contains an item called a link, which points to the next node in the list, i.e., which consists the address of the next node.



> Strings may be stored in linked list as follows:

 Each memory cell is assigned one character or a fixed number of characters and a link contained in the cell gives the address of the cell containing the next character or group of character in the string.



(b) Four characters per node.

String as ADT(Abstract data type)

- > A string data type should include operations to
 - Return nth character of a string
 - Set the nth character of a string
 - Find the length a string
 - Concatenate two strings
 - Copy two strings
 - Delete part of strings
 - Modify and compare the strings



GETCHAR(str,n)	Returns the n th character in the string
PUTCHAR(str,n,c)	Sets the n th character in the string to c
LENGTH(str)	Returns the number of characters in the string

POS(str1,str2)
Returns the position of the first occurrence of str2 found in str1, or 0 if no match

CONCAT(str1,str2)
Rerurns a new string consisting of characters in str1 followed by characters in str2

SUBSTRING(str1,i,m)

Returns a substring of length i starting at position i in string str

DELETE(str, i, ,m)

Deletes m characters from srr starting at position i

INSERT(strl, str2, i)

Changes str1into a new string with str2 inserted in position i

COMPARE(strl. str2)

Returns an integer indicating whether strl > str2

STRING OPERATIONS

- > Substrings
 - groups of consecutive elements in a string (such as words phrases and sentences), called substrings
- Accessing a substring from a given string requires :
 - The name of the string or the string itself
 - The position of the first character of the substring in the given string
 - The length of the substring or the position of the last character of the substring.
 - Syntax: SUBSTRING (string, initial, length)
 - Ex: SUBSTRING ('TO BE OR NOT TO BE', 4, 7) = 'BE OR N'
 - SUBSTRING ('THE END', 4, 4) = 'END'



implementation of SUBSTRING function in C

```
# include <stdio. h>
#include <conio.h>
void main ()
    char S(80]={"SAHYADRI COLLGE");
    char *SUBSTR(char* , int, int);
    clrscr();
    printf ( "STRING = %S", S);
    printf ("\NSUBSTRING (S, 4, 7) = %s",
       SUBSTR(S, 4,7));
    getch ();
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```
char *SUBSTR(char *str,int i,int j)
  int k,m=0;
  char resstr[80];
  for(k=i-1;k<=i+j-1-l;k++)
     resstr[m]=str[k];
     m=m+1;
  resstr[m]='\0';
  return resstr;
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Indexing

- ➤ Indexing also called pattern matching, refers to finding the position where a string pattern P first appears in a given string text T.
 - Syntax: INDEX (text, pattern)
 - If the pattern P does not appears in the text T, then INDEX is assigned the value 0.
 - The arguments "text" and "pattern" can be either string constant or string variable.
 - Let T= "THE HOUSE IS BEHIND THE PARK"
 - INDEX(T, "THE") returns 1
 - INDEX(T, "HORSE") returns 0
 - INDEX(T, "THE") returns 21



implementation of INDEX function in C

```
# include<stdio.h>
# include <conio.h>
# include <string.h>
void main()
     char T[100]={"THE HOUSE IS BEHIND THE PARK"};
    int INDEX ( char *,char * );
    printf ("T = is'" ,T);
    printf("\n INDEX(T, 'THE') = %d", INDEX(T, "THE"));
    printf ( "\n | NDEX (T, 'HORSE ') = %d", INDEX (T, "HORSE "));
    printf("\n INDEX(T, 'THE') = %d", INDEX(T, "THE"));
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```
int INDEX (char * str1, char * str2)
int m, n;
int idx , flag;
for(m=0;m<strlen(str1);m++)
    idx=m; flag=1;
    for(n=0;n<strlen(str2);n++)
         if(str1[m+n]!=str2[n])
         { flag=0; break;}
    if (flag==0) continue;
    else return(idx);
if (m==strlen(str1)
return(-1);
```

Concatenation

- Let S1 and S2 be string.
 - The concatenation of S1 and S2 which is denoted by S1 // S2, is the string consisting of the characters of S1 followed by the character of S2.
 - Let S1 = 'MARK' and S2 = 'TWAIN' then
 - S₁// S₂= 'MARKTWAIN'
 - Concatenation is performed in C language using streat function:

strcat (S1, S2);

- Concatenates string S1 and S2 and stores the result in S1
 - strcat () function is part of the string.h header file; hence it must be included at the time of pre- processing

Length

> The number of characters in a string is called its length.

Syntax: LENGTH (string)

- Ex: LENGTH ('computer') = 8
- > String length is determined in C language using the strlen() function:

X = strlen ("sunrise");

- strlen function returns an integer value 7 and assigns it to the variable X
- > strlen is also a part of string.h, hence the header file must be included at the time of pre-processing.

Pattern Matching Algorithm

- ▶ Pattern matching is the problem of deciding whether or not a given string pattern P appears in a string text T.
 - Two pattern matching algorithms
- First pattern matching Algorithm
 - This algorithm compares a given pattern P with each of the substrings of T, moving from left to right, until a match is found.

$W_K = SUBSTRING (T, K, LENGTH (P))$

Where, W_K denote the substring of T having the same length as P and beginning with the Kth character of T.

STEPS

- First compare P, character by character, with the first substring, W₁.
 - If all the characters are the same, then $P = W_1$ and so P appears in T and INDEX (T, P) = 1.
- \triangleright If that some character of P is not the same as the corresponding character of W₁. Then P ≠ W₁
- > Immediately move on to the next substring, W₂ That is, compare P with W2.
 - If $P \neq W_2$ then compare P with W_3 and so on.
- The process stops, When P is matched with some substring W_K and so P appears in T and INDEX(T,P) = K or When all the W_K 'S with no match and hence P does not appear in T.
- ➤ The maximum value MAX of the subscript K is equal to LENGTH(T)LENGTH(P) +1.

Ex: If P is 4 char string, T is 20 char string

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P = P[1]P[2]P[3]P[4]
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$$T = T[1]T[2]T[3]T[4]T[5]T[6]....T[18]T[19]T[20]$$

P is compared with each of the 4 character substrings of T

MAX= 20-4+1=17 ie total 17 substring of T

$$W1=T[1]T[2]T[3]T[4]$$



First pattern matching algorithm

P and T are strings with lengths R and S respectively and are stored as arrays with one character per element. This algorithm finds the INDEX of P in T

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Step 1. [Initialize] Set K:=1, MAX:=S-R+1
Step 2. Repeat Step 3 to 5 while K≤ MAX
Step 3. Repeat for L = 1 to R [Test each character of P]
      If P[L] \neq T[K+L-1], then Goto Step 5
       [End of inner loop]
Step 4. [Success] Set INDEX:= K and Exit
Step 5. Set K:=K+1
       [End of Step 2 outer loop]
Step 6. [Failure] Set INDEX :=0
Step 7. Exit
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- ➤ The complexity of this pattern matching algorithm is measured by the number C of comparisons between characters in the pattern P and characters of the text T.
- ightharpoonup Let N_K is the number of comparisons that takes place in the inner loop when P is compared with W_K . Then,
 - $C=N_1+N_2+...+N_L$
 - L is the position L in T where P first appears or L=MAX if P does not appear in T.
- ➤ Note: Characters denoted in lower case and exponents are used to denote repetition
 - Ex: a²b³ab² for aabbbabb
 - (cd)³ for cdcdcd



➤ Use slow pattern matching algorithm to find number of comparisons C and also find INDEX of P in text T.

c) P = aaab and T = aa....aaa =
$$a^{20}$$



- Let p is an r-character string
- T is an s-character string
- Total data size of the algorithm
 - n=r+s;
- ➤ The complexity of this pattern matching algorithm is O(n²)



Second Pattern Matching Algorithm

- ➤ The second pattern matching algorithm uses a table which is derived from a particular pattern P but is independent of the text T.
- For definiteness, suppose P = aaba
- This algorithm contains the table that is used for the pattern P = aaba.
- \rightarrow LET T=T₁T₂T₃....
 - Where T_i denotes the ith character of the text T
- Suppose T=aa.., then T has one of following forms
 - T=aab..., T=aaa..., T=aax...
 - Where x is any character different from a or b



- > The table is obtained as follows.
 - Let Q_i denote the initial substring of P of length I
 - hence $Q_0 = L$, $Q_1 = a$, $Q_2 = a2$, $Q_3 = aab$, $Q_4 = aaba = P$
 - Here $Q_0 = A$ is the empty string
 - The rows of the table are labeled by these initial substrings of P, excluding P itself.
 - The columns of the table are labeled a, b and x,
 - x represents any character that doesn't appear in the pattern P.



- \triangleright Let f be the function determined by the table let $f(Q_i, t)$ denote the entry in the table in row Q_i and column t (where t is any character).
 - This entry f(Q_i, t) is defined to be the largest Q that appears as a terminal substring in the string Q_it the concatenation of Q_i and t.

	a	b	X
Q_0	Q ₁	Q_0	Q_0
Q_1	Q_2	Q_0	Q_0
Q_2	Q_2	Q_3	Q_0
Q_3	Р	Q_0	Q_0



Ex:

- a^2 is the largest Q that is a terminal substring of $Q_2a = a^3$
 - so $f(Q_2, a) = Q_2$
- A is the largest Q that is a terminal substring of Q₁b = ab
 - so $f(Q_1, b) = Q_0$
- a is the largest Q that is a terminal substring of $Q_0a = a$
 - so $f(Q_0, a) = Q_1$
- A is the largest Q that is a terminal substring of $Q_3a = a^3bx$
 - so $f(Q_3, x) = Q_0$
- Although Q_1 = a is a terminal substring of Q_2 a = a^3 , $f(Q_2, a) = Q_2$ because Q_2 is also a terminal substring of Q_2 a = a^3 and Q_2 is larger than Q_1 .
- \triangleright We note that $f(Q_i, x) = Q_0$ for any Q, since x does not appear in the pattern P
- The column corresponding to x is usually omitted from the table.

Pattern matching Graph

- The graph is obtained with the table as follows.
 - First, a node in the graph corresponding to each initial substring Q_i of P.
 - The Q's are called the states of the system, and Q_0 is called the initial state.
- > Second, there is an arrow (a directed edge) in the graph corresponding to each entry in the table.
 - Specifically, if f(Qi, t) = Qj
 - then there is an arrow labeled by the character t from Qi to Qj
- > For example, f(Q2, b) = Q3 so there is an arrow labeled b from

b

Q2 to Q3



The second pattern matching algorithm for the pattern P = aaba

- ► Let $T = T_1 T_2 T_3 ... T_N$ denote the n-character-string text which is searched for the pattern P.
- \triangleright Beginning with the initial state Q_0 and using the text T, we will obtain a sequence of states S_1 , S_2 , S_3 , ... as follows.
 - Let $S_1 = Q_0$ and read the first character T_1 . The pair (S_1, T_1) yields a second state S_2 ; that is, $F(S_1, T_1) = S_2$, Read the next character T_2 , The pair (S_2, T_2) yields a state S_3 , and so on.
- > There are two possibilities:
 - Some state S_K = P, the desired pattern. In this case, P does appear in T and its index is K - LENGTH(P).
 - No state S_1 , S_2 , ..., S_{N+1} is equal to P. In this case, P does not appear in T.

Algorithm: (PATTERN MATCHING)

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The pattern matching table F(Q1, T) of a pattern P is in memory, and the input is
   an N-character string T = T_1 T_2 T_3 \dots T_N. The algorithm finds the INDEX of P
   in T.
         [Initialize] set K: =1 ans S_1 = Q_0
         Repeat steps 3 to 5 while S_{\kappa} \neq P and K \leq N
    3. Read T_{\kappa}
    4. Set S_{\kappa+1} := F(S_{\kappa}, T_{\kappa}) [finds next state]
    5. Set K: = K + 1 [Updates counter]
       [End of step 2 loop]
    6. [Successful?]
    If S_{\kappa} = P, then:
         INDEX = K - LENGTH(P)
     Else
         INDEX = 0
     [End of IF structure]
     7. Exit.
```

The complexity is O(n)



Abstract data type String

> ADT String is

Objects: a finite set of zero or more characters

Functions:

For all s, t∈String,I,j,m∈ non negative integers

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String Null(m)
                             return a string whose maximum length is m characters, but
                             initially set to NULL. We write NULL as "".
                             if s equals t return 0 else if s precedes t return -1 else return +1
Integer Compare(s, t) ::=
                            if (Compare(s, NULL)) return FALSE
Boolean IsNull(s)
                             else return TRUE
                             if (Compare(s, NULL)) return the number of characters in s
Integer Length(s)
                      ::=
                             else return 0
                             if (Compare(t, NULL)) return a string whose elements are those of
String Concat(s, t)
                      ::=
                             s followed by those of t else return s
                             if ((j>0) && (i+j-1)<Length(s)) return the string containing the
String Subset(s, i, j) ::=
                             characters of s at position i, i+1, ..., i+j-1.
                             else return NULL.
```

C String functions

Function	Description
char *strcat(char *dest, char *src)	concatenate dest and src strings; return result in dest
char *strncat(char *dest, char *src, int n)	concatenate dest and n characters from src; return result in dest
char *strcmp(char *str1, char *str2)	compare two strings; return < 0 if str1 < str2; 0 if str1 = str2; > 0 if str1 > str2
char *strncmp(char *str1, char *str2, int n)	compare first <i>n</i> characters return < 0 if $str1 < str2$; 0 if $str1 = str2$; > 1 if $str1 > str2$
char *strcpy(char *dest, char *src)	copy src into dest; return dest
char *strncpy(char *dest, char *src, int n)	copy n characters from src string into dest; return dest;
size_t strlen(char *s)	return the length of a s
char *strchr(char *s, int c)	return pointer to the first occurrence of c in s; return NULL if not present
char *strrchr(char *s, int c)	return pointer to last occurrence of c in s; return NULL if not present
char *strtok(char *s, char *delimiters)	return a token from s; token is surrounded by delimiters
char *strstr(char *s, char *pat)	return pointer to start of pat in s
size_t strspn(char *s, char *spanset)	scan s for characters in spanset; return length of span
size_t strcspn(char *s, char *spanset)	scan s for characters not in spanset; return length of span
char *strpbrk(char *s, char *spanset)	scan s for characters in spanset; return pointer to first occurrence of a character from spanset



Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm

- ➤ The algorithm was conceived in 1974 by Donald Knuth and Vaughan Pratt, and independently by James H. Morris. The three published it jointly in 1977
- Problem Defination
 - Given a string 'S', the problem of string matching deals with finding whether a pattern 'p' occurs in 'S' and if 'p' does occur then returning position in 'S' where 'p' occurs.

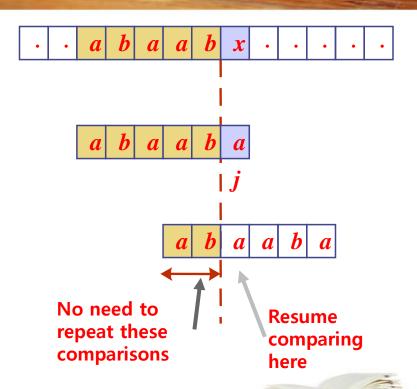


Drawbacks of the O(mn) Approach

- → if 'm' is the length of pattern 'p' and 'n' the length of string 'S',
 the matching time is of the order O(mn). This is a certainly a
 very slow running algorithm.
 - the elements of 'S' with which comparisons had been performed earlier are involved again and again in comparisons in some future iterations.
 - These repetitive comparisons lead to the runtime of O(mn).



- Knuth-Morris-Pratt's (KMP) algorithm compares the pattern to the text in leftto-right, but shifts the pattern more intelligently than the brute-force algorithm.
- A matching time of O(n) is achieved by avoiding comparisons with elements of 'S' that have previously been involved in comparison with some element of the pattern 'p' to be matched. i.e., backtracking on the string 'S' never occurs



- ➤ The Knuth-Morris-Pratt (KMP) string searching algorithm keeps track of information gained from previous comparisons.
- ➤ A failure function (f) is computed that indicates how much of the last comparison can be reused if it fails.
- > Specifically, f is defined to be the longest prefix of the pattern P[0,..,j] that is also a suffix of P[1,..,j]



Computing the Failure Function

```
void fail(char *P)
        int n=strlen(P);
       f[0]=-1;
        int i,j;
       for( j=1;j<n;j++)
               i=f[j-1];
               while((P[j]!=P[i+1])&&(i >= 0))
                 i = f[i];
               if(P[j] == P[i+1])
                 f[i] = i+1;
               else
                 f[j] = -1;
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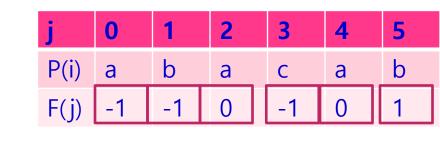
j	0	1	2	3	4	5
P(i)	a	b	a	С	a	b
F(j)	-1	-1	0	-1	0	1



```
Algorithm failureFunction(P)
    F[0] \leftarrow -1
    i \leftarrow 1
    i \leftarrow F[0]
     while j < m
    if P[j] = P[i+1]
          {we have matched i + 1 chars}
         F[i] \leftarrow i+1
         j \leftarrow j + 1
         i \leftarrow i + 1
     else if i > = 0 then
          {use failure function to shift P}
         i \leftarrow F[i]
     else
         F[j] \leftarrow -1 \{ \text{ no match } \}
         j \leftarrow j + 1
```

Steps to compute failure function

```
F[0]=-1
2. j=1, i=-1, P[j]=b, P[i+1]=a,
    - F[j]=F[1]=-1, j=j+1
3. j=2, i=-1, P[j]=a, P[i+1]=a,
    - F[j]=i+1=0, i=i+1=0, j=j+1=3
4. j=3, i=0, P[j]=c, P[i+1]=b,
    - i=F[i-1]=F[0]=-1
5. j=3, i=-1, P[j]=c, P[i+1]=a,
    - F[j]=F[3]=-1, j=j+1=4
6. j=4, i=-1, P[j]=a, P[i+1]=a,
    - F[j]=i+1=0, i=i+1=0, j=j+1=5
7. j=5, i=0, P[j]=b, P[i+1]=b,
    - F[i]=i+1=1, i=i+1=1, j=j+1=6
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KMP string matching algorithm

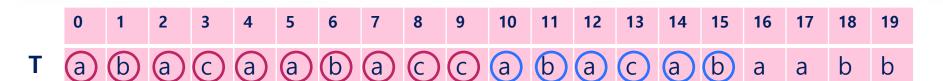
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int pmatch(char *string, char *pat) {
        int i = 0, j = 0;
        int lens = strlen(string);
        int lenp = strlen(pat);
        while (i < lens && j < lenp) {
                   if (string[i] == pat[j]) {
                              i++;
                              i++;
                   else if (j == 0)
                              i++:
                    else
                             i = failure[j - 1] + 1;
        return ((i == lenp) ? (i - lenp) : -1);
```



```
Algorithm KMPMatch(T, P)
    F \leftarrow failureFunction(P)
    i \leftarrow 0
   j \leftarrow 0
    while j < n
    if T[i] = P[j]
        if j = j - 1
             return i-j { match }
         else
             i \leftarrow i + 1
            j \leftarrow j + 1
    else
        if j > 0
            j \leftarrow F[j-1]+1
         else
             i \leftarrow i + 1
return -1 { no match }
```



Example



P a b a c a b

a b a c a b

abacab

a b a c a b

a b a c a b

