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EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

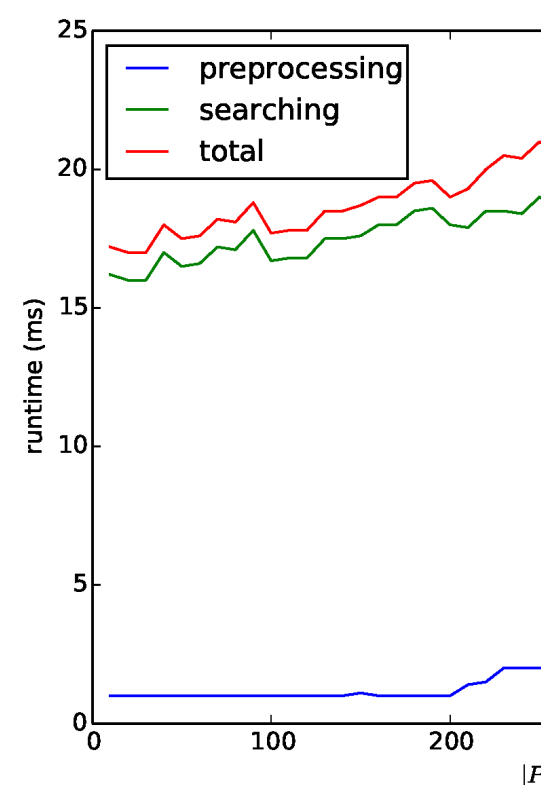
METHODOLOGY

Implementations. The algorithms introduced above were implemented with java version 1.7. The source code for the implementations can be viewed on github at <https://github.com/psaikko/string-algorithms-project>.

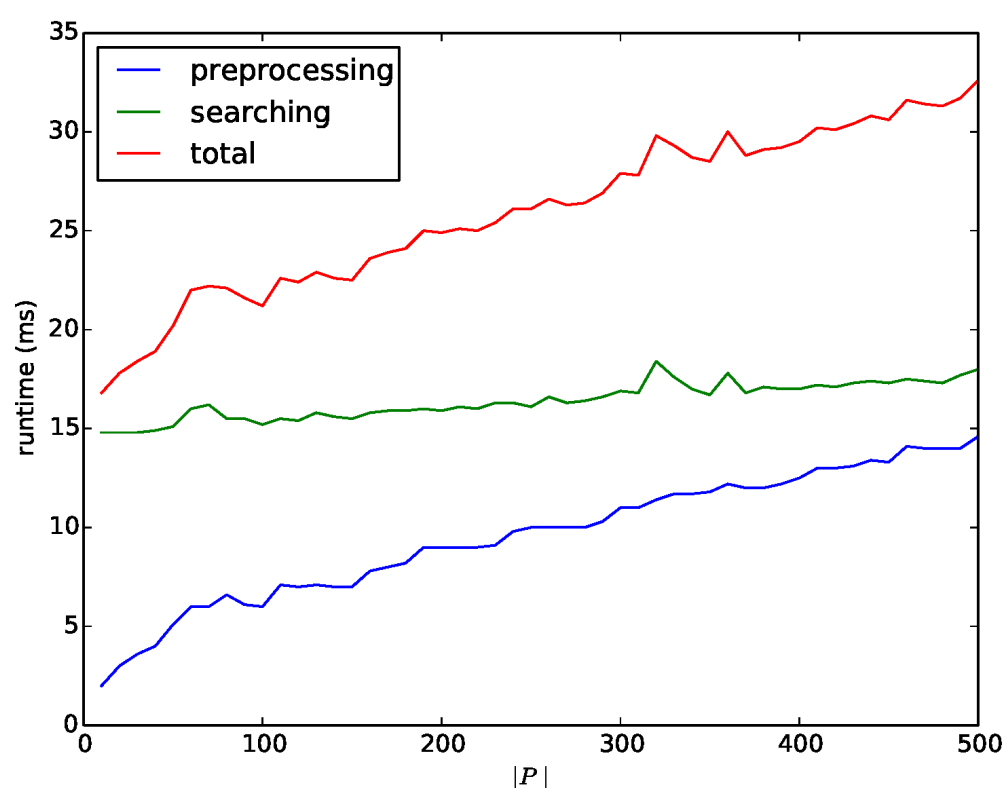
Experiments. The experiment data was gathered using python scripts to automate running the algorithms. Every plotted data point is an average of 10 runs of the algorithm.

COMPARISON WITH THEORETICAL PERFORMANCE

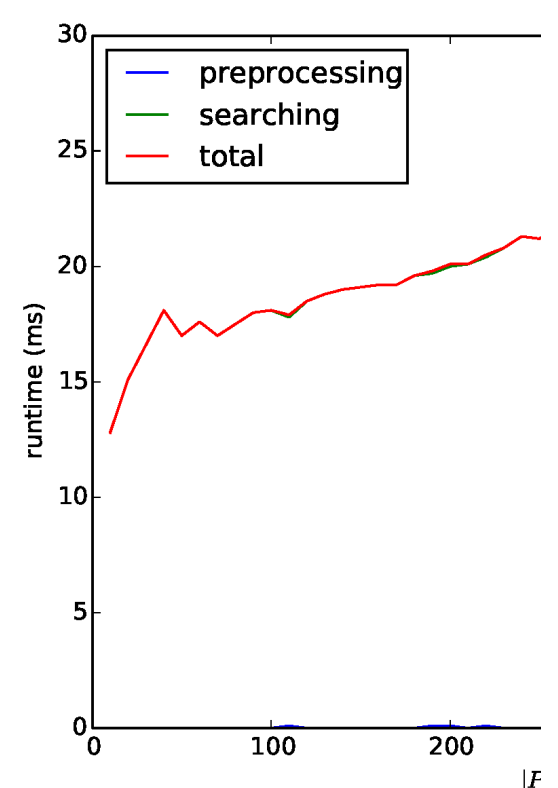
With constant text length. We plot the preprocessing and search times for each algorithm as the number of patterns to search for is increased.



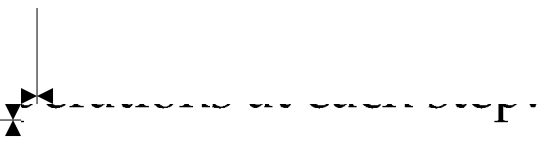
Karp-Rabin. The algorithm performs well despite poor worst-case preprocessing is quite fast



Aho-Corasick. We see search time staying roughly constant as expected, while preprocessing time increases linearly as we add more patterns.



Shift-And. The preprocessing is much shorter than the total runtime despite the same asymptotic complexity.



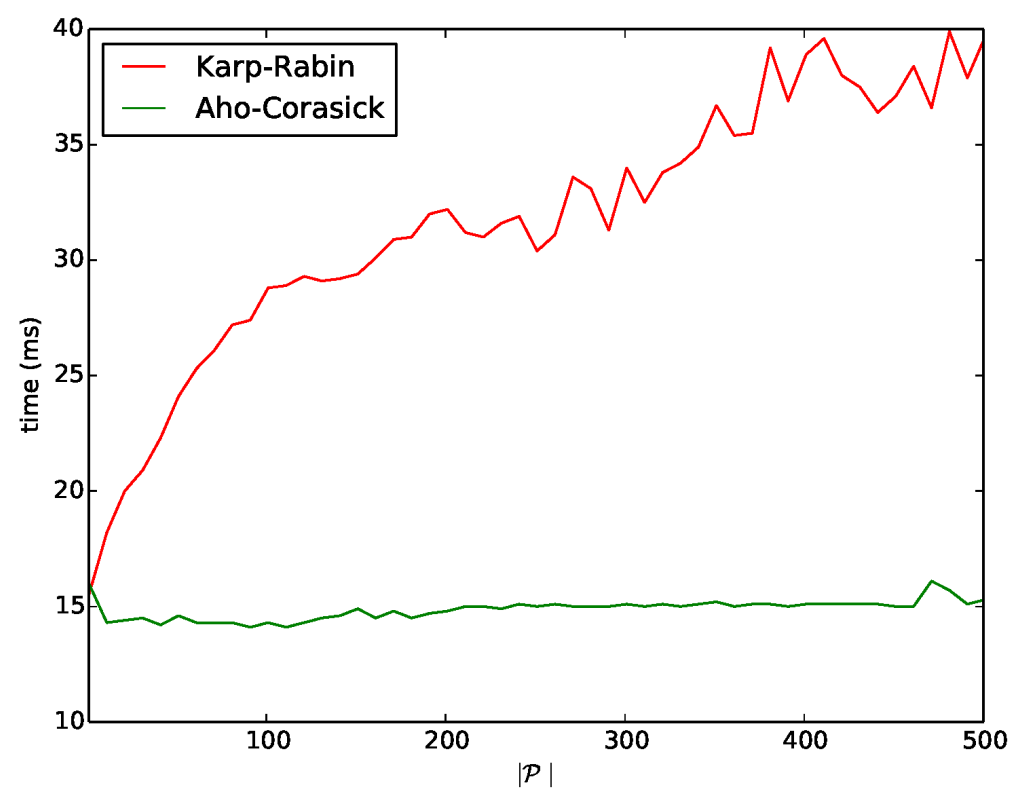
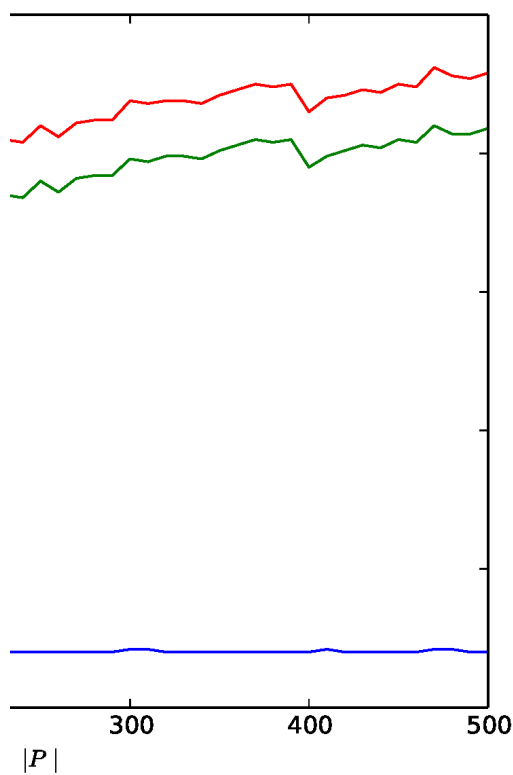
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must be checked, which leads to poor worst case behavior.

Average time complexity.

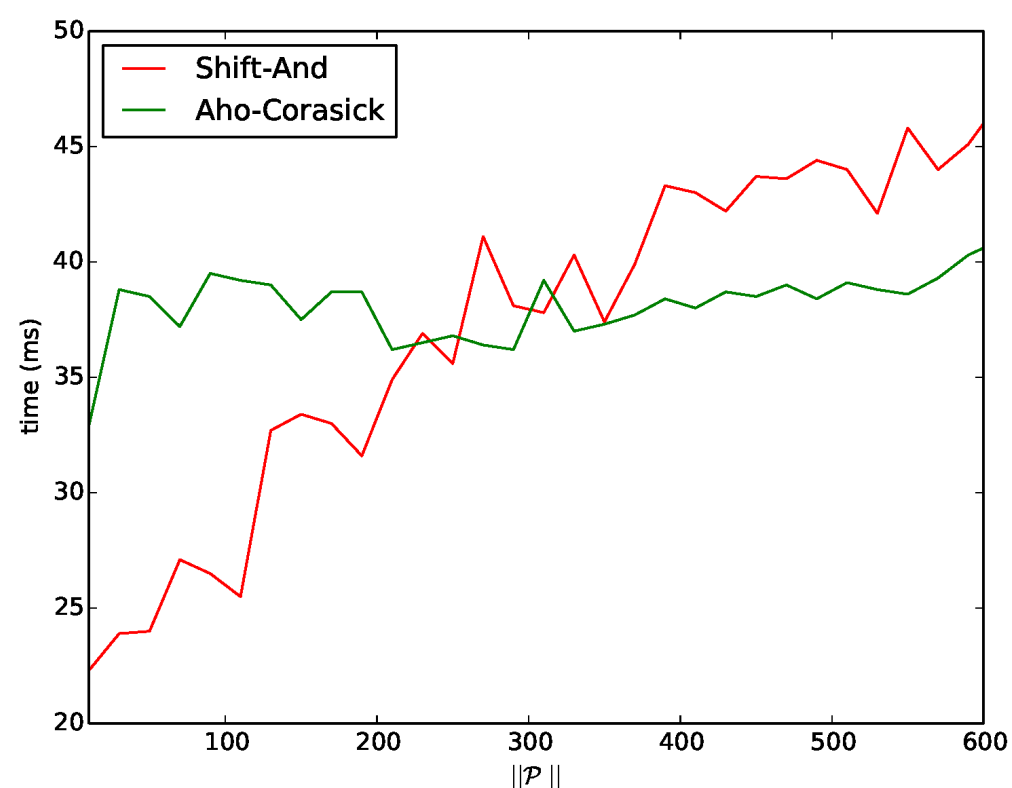
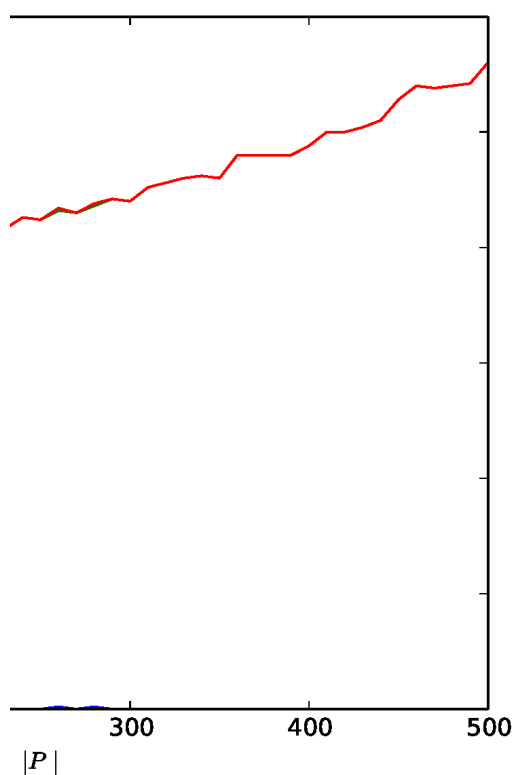
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EDGE CASES



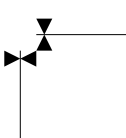
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-case behavior for search,
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Many short patterns. A combination of the Karp-Rabin algorithm's $O(n + m)$ time complexity and hash collisions leads it to perform poorly.



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he other algorithms, de-
tic time complexity.

Small total pattern length. Although Shift-And scales poorly with total pattern length, the bit-parallel algorithm is fast when $||P||$ is not large.





EXPERIMENTAL COMPARISON OF STRING MATCHING ALGORITHMS

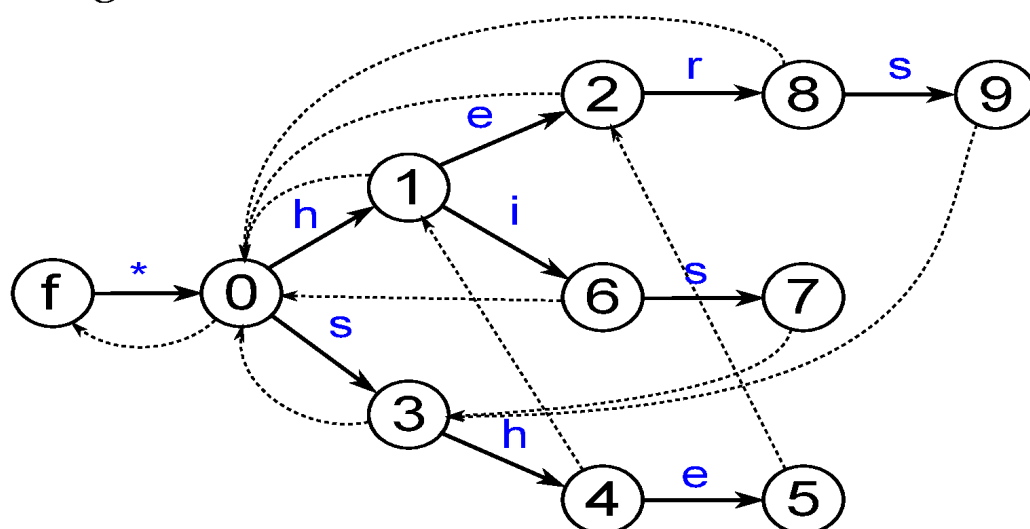
The *multiple exact string matching* problem asks us to search a text T for occurrences of each pattern in P . We could search the text for each pattern in P using some exact string matching algorithm. In this paper, we give an overview of three such algorithms: Aho-Corasick, Shift-And, and Bit-Parallel. We compare the theoretical performance of these algorithms to experimental results. We implement each approach, assuming a constant alphabet size of σ and equal-length patterns.

THE ALGORITHMS

AHO-CORASICK

The algorithm. We can construct a trie from the patterns \mathcal{P} , then for each node, add a link to the node that represents the longest proper suffix of the node and make note of pattern occurrences. The automaton can be then simulated with the text T as input to find occurrences.

Aho-Corasick automaton. For the patterns $\mathcal{P} = \{\text{he, she, his, hers}\}$ we can produce the following automaton:



SHIFT-AND

The algorithm. Shift-And maintains a bitvector D with the longest prefixes of patterns that match the text up to the current position.

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# preprocessing
for (i = 0; i < m; i++)
    B[P[i/l][i%l]] += 1
for (i = 0; i < m; i++)
    pBegin[i] = 1 << i
for (i = 1; i < m; i++)
    pEnd[i] = 1 << i
# search
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
    D = ((D << 1) | pBegin[i]) & pEnd[i]
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Bitparallelism. The bitvector D can be represented as an array of words. B can be stored in $\sigma \lceil m/w \rceil$ words. In $O(\lceil m/w \rceil)$ bitwise operations, we can compute $D = ((D \ll 1) \mid pBegin[i]) \& pEnd[i]$.

ON OF MULTIPLE EXACT THMS

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of length n for a set of patterns \mathcal{P} with total length $\|\mathcal{P}\| = m$. Obviously matching algorithm, but much better algorithms for this task exist. Here we d Karp-Rabin. Each provides a different approach to solving the problem. imental results and attempt to identify the strenghts and weaknesses of th patterns, $|P_j| = l$ for every $P_j \in \mathcal{P}$.

KARP-RABIN

nd scans the text, it main-
 which keeps track of the
 ernes it has encountered.

Karp-Rabin hash function. For some fixed positive integers r and q , the karp-rabin hash of a string $S = s_0s_1 \dots s_{m-1}$ is

```
; i++) :  
    = 2i  
; i += 1) :
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$$H(S) = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} (s_i r^{m-1-i}) \mod q.$$

This is an example of a rolling hash function – if we know the hash $H(T_{[i\dots i+m]})$, we can compute $H(T_{[i+1\dots i+1+m]})$ in constant time.

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< m; i += 1) :
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Multiple string matching. We can precompute the hash value for every pattern and store them in a data structure that supports constant-time lookups. Potential occurrences in the text can be found by computing $H(T_{[i\dots i+l]})$ for each $i \in [0 \dots n - l)$, and comparing them to the precomputed pattern hashes. Every potential occurrence must be checked, which leads to poor worst-case

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; i++) :  
    pBegin) & B[T[i]]  
: yield i
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ivectors D, pBegin, and
 d in $\lceil m/w \rceil$ machine words.
 w] and D can be updated
 perations at each step.