

ALGORITHMS OF BIOINFORMATICS

7 Googling Genomes

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Outline

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- 7.1 Range-Minimum Queries
- 7.2 RMQ – Sparse Table Solution
- 7.3 RMQ – Cartesian Trees
- 7.4 String Matching in Enhanced Suffix Array
- 7.5 The Burrows-Wheeler Transform
- 7.6 Inverting the BWT
- 7.7 Random Access in BWT
- 7.8 Searching in the BWT

Recall Unit 6

Application 4: Longest Common Extensions

- We implicitly used a special case of a more general, versatile idea:

The *longest common extension (LCE)* data structure:

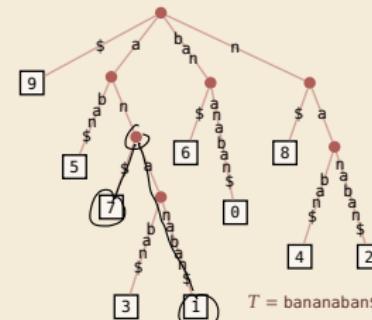
- Given: String $T[0..n]$
- Goal: Answer LCE queries, i.e.,
given positions i, j in T ,
how far can we read the same text from there?
formally: $\text{LCE}(i, j) = \max\{\ell : T[i..i + \ell] = T[j..j + \ell]\}$

↔ use suffix tree of T !

(length of) longest common prefix
of i th and j th suffix

- In T : $\text{LCE}(i, j) = \text{LCP}(T_i, T_j) \rightsquigarrow$ same thing, different name!
 $=$ string depth of
lowest common ancestor (LCA) of
leaves \boxed{i} and \boxed{j}

- in short: $\text{LCE}(i, j) = \text{LCP}(T_i, T_j) = \text{stringDepth}(\text{LCA}(\boxed{i}, \boxed{j}))$



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Efficient LCA

How to find lowest common ancestors?

- ▶ Could walk up the tree to find LCA $\rightsquigarrow \Theta(n)$ worst case 
- ▶ Could store all LCAs in big table $\rightsquigarrow \Theta(n^2)$ space and preprocessing 



Amazing result: Can compute data structure in $\Theta(n)$ time and space that finds any LCA in **constant(l)** time.

- ▶ a bit tricky to understand
- ▶ but a theoretical breakthrough
- ▶ and useful in practice

\rightsquigarrow for now, use $O(1)$ LCA as black box.



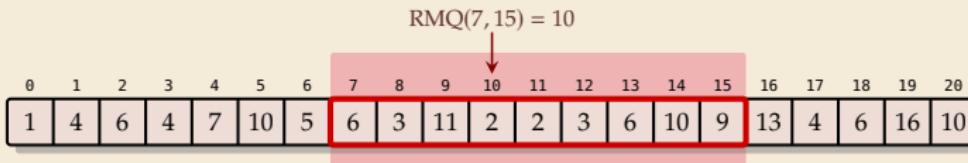
and suffix tree construction inside ...

\rightsquigarrow After linear preprocessing (time & space), we can find LCEs in $O(1)$ time.

7.1 Range-Minimum Queries

Range-minimum queries (RMQ)

- Given: Static array $A[0..n]$ of numbers
array/numbers don't change
- Goal: Find minimum in a range;
 A known in advance and can be preprocessed



- Nitpicks:
 - Report *index* of minimum, not its value
 - Report *leftmost* position in case of ties

Finally: Longest common extensions

- In Unit 6: Left question open how to compute LCA in suffix trees
- But: Enhanced Suffix Array makes life easier!

$$\text{LCE}(i, j) = \text{LCP}[\text{RMQ}_{\text{LCP}}(\min\{R[i], R[j]\} + 1, \max\{R[i], R[j]\})]$$

Inverse suffix array: going left & right

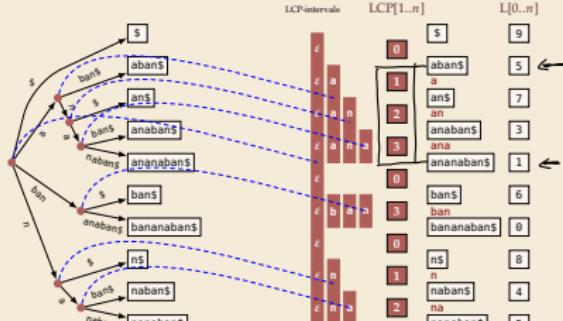
► to understand the fastest algorithm, it is helpful to define the *inverse suffix array*:

- $R[i] = r \iff L[r] = i$ L = leaf array
- \iff there are r suffixes that come before T_i in sorted order
- $\iff T_i$ has (0-based) **rank** r \rightsquigarrow call $R[0..n]$ the **rank array**

i	$R[i]$	T_i	r	$L[r]$	$T_{L[r]}$
0	6 th	bananaban\$	0	9	\$
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2	9 th	nanaban\$	2	7	an\$
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sort suffixes

LCP array and internal nodes



\rightsquigarrow Leaf array $L[0..n]$ plus LCP array $LCP[1..n]$ encode full tree!

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RMQ Implications for LCE

- ▶ Recall: Can compute (inverse) suffix array and LCP array in $O(n)$ time
- \rightsquigarrow $\langle P(n), Q(n) \rangle$ time RMQ data structure implies $\langle P(n) + O(n), Q(n) \rangle$ time LCE data structure

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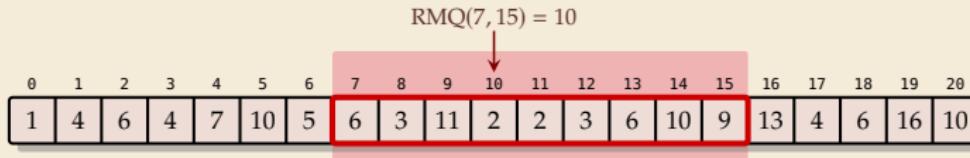
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$$\text{RMQ}(7, 15) = 10$$



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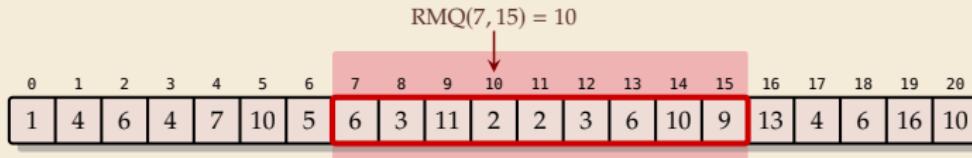


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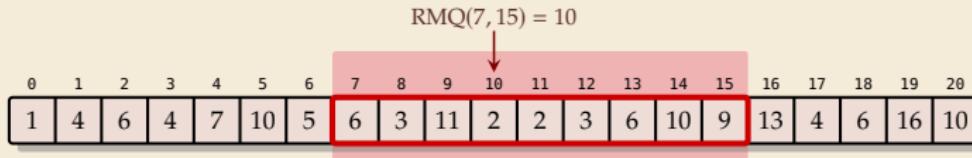
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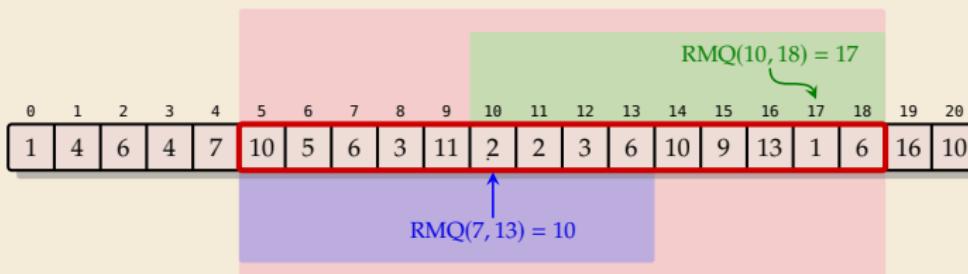
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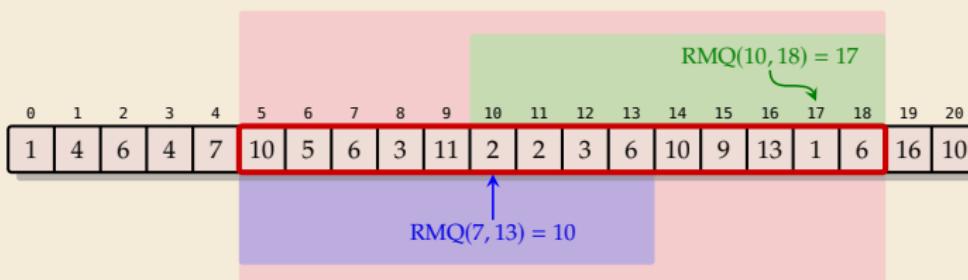
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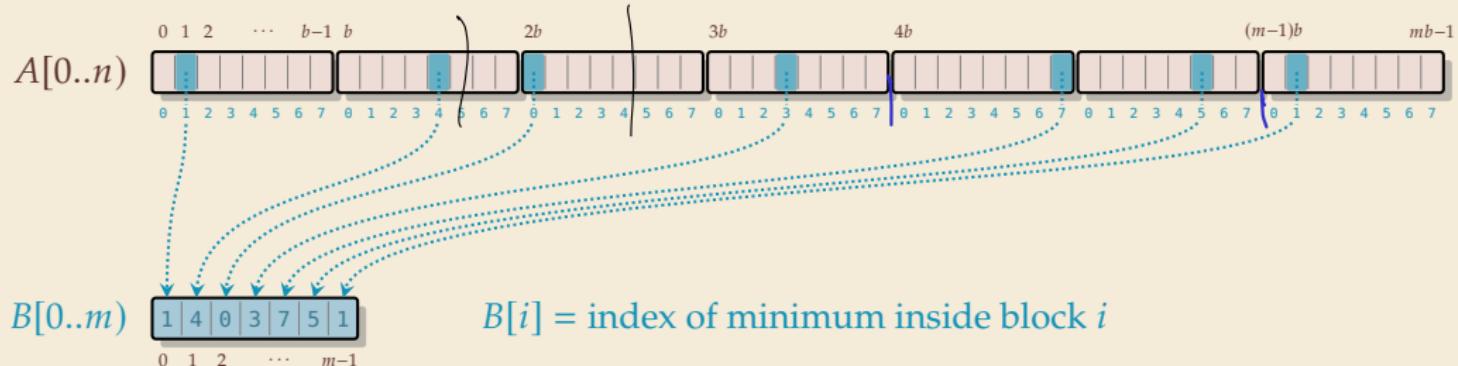
- Preprocessing can be done in $O(n \log n)$ times
 - ~ $\langle O(n \log n), O(1) \rangle$ time solution!

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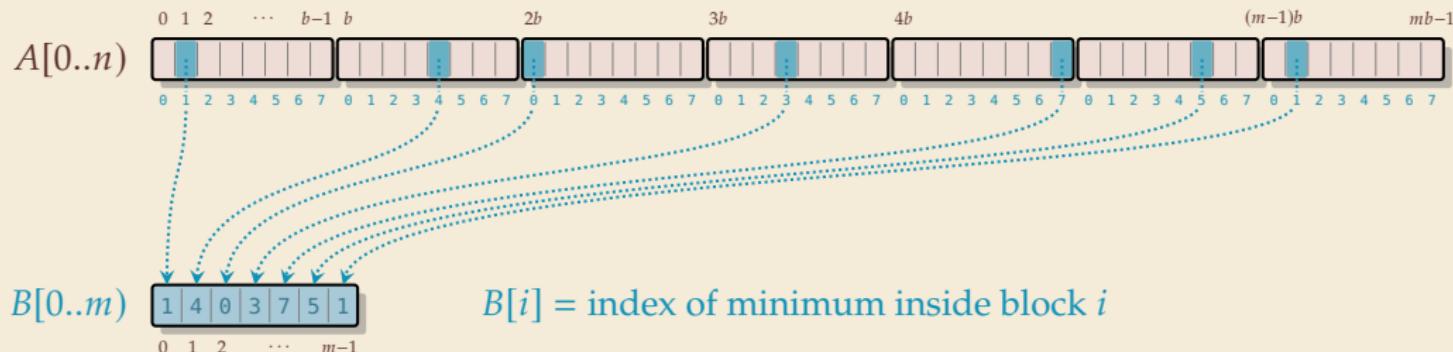
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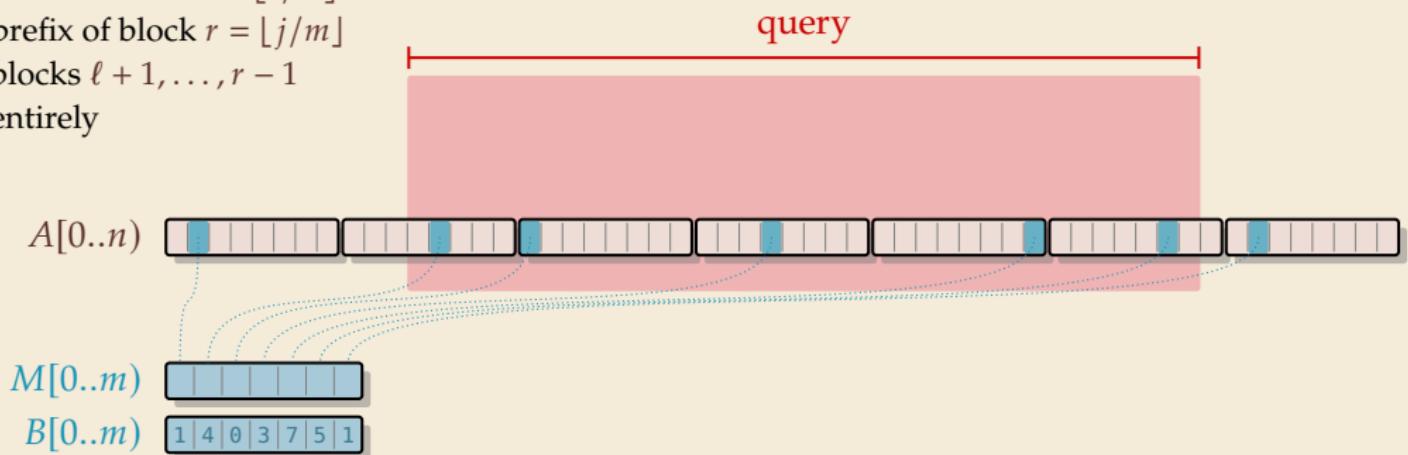
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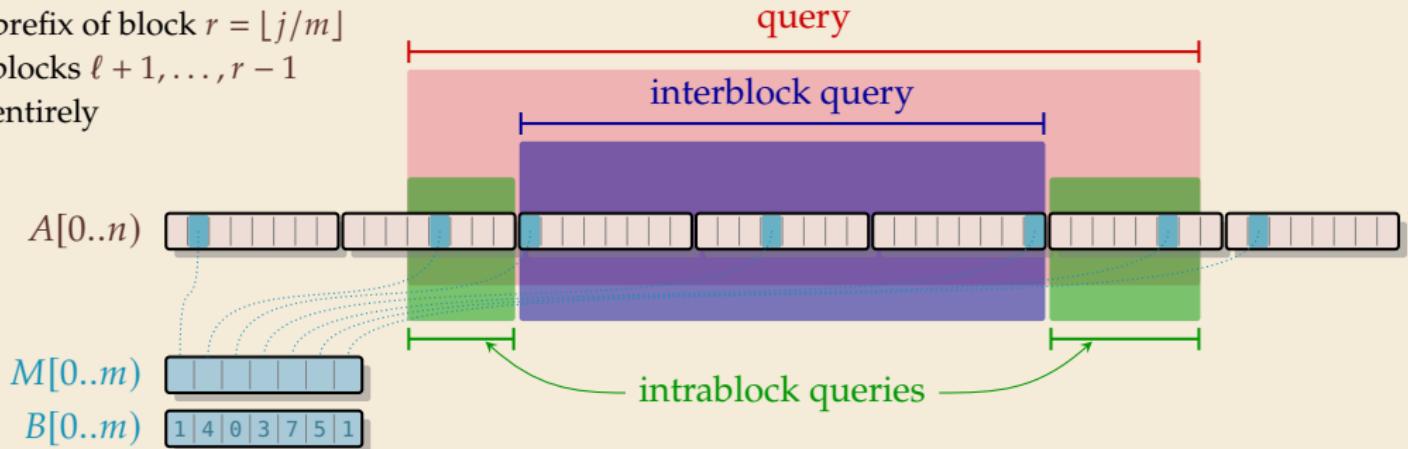
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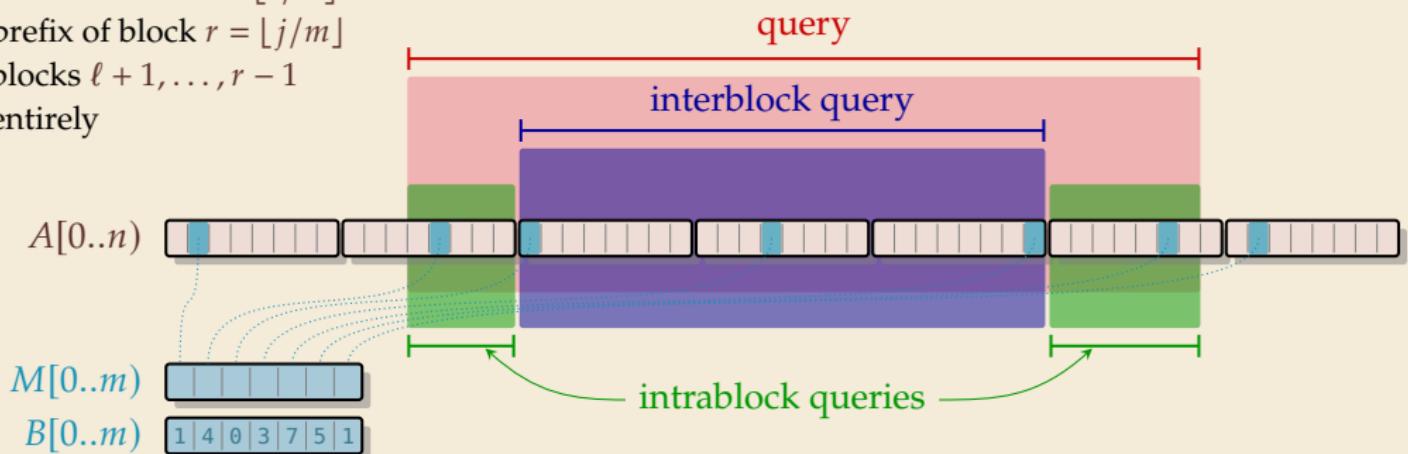
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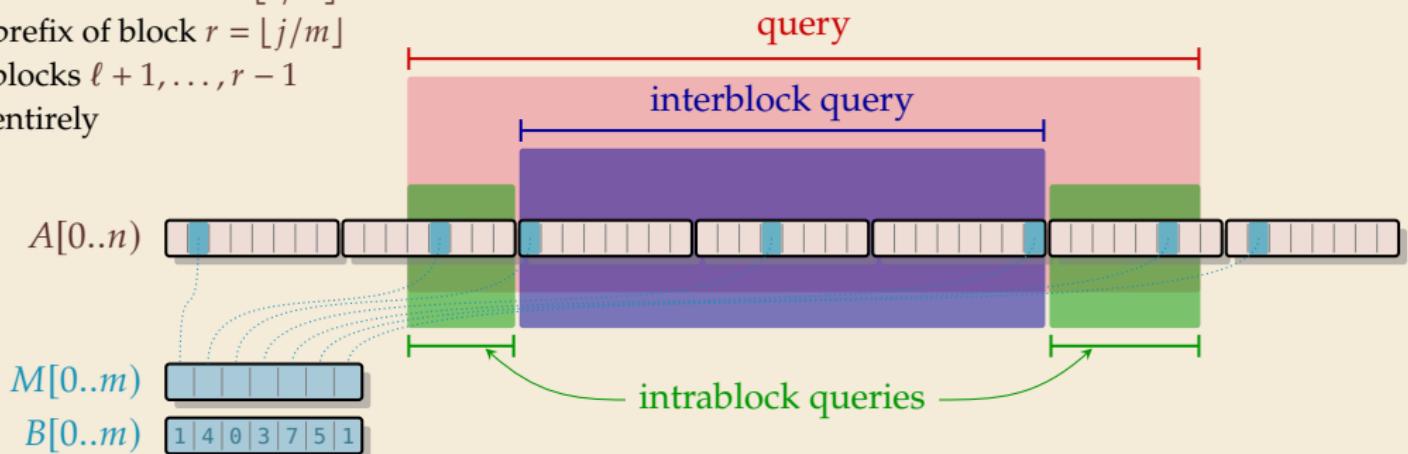
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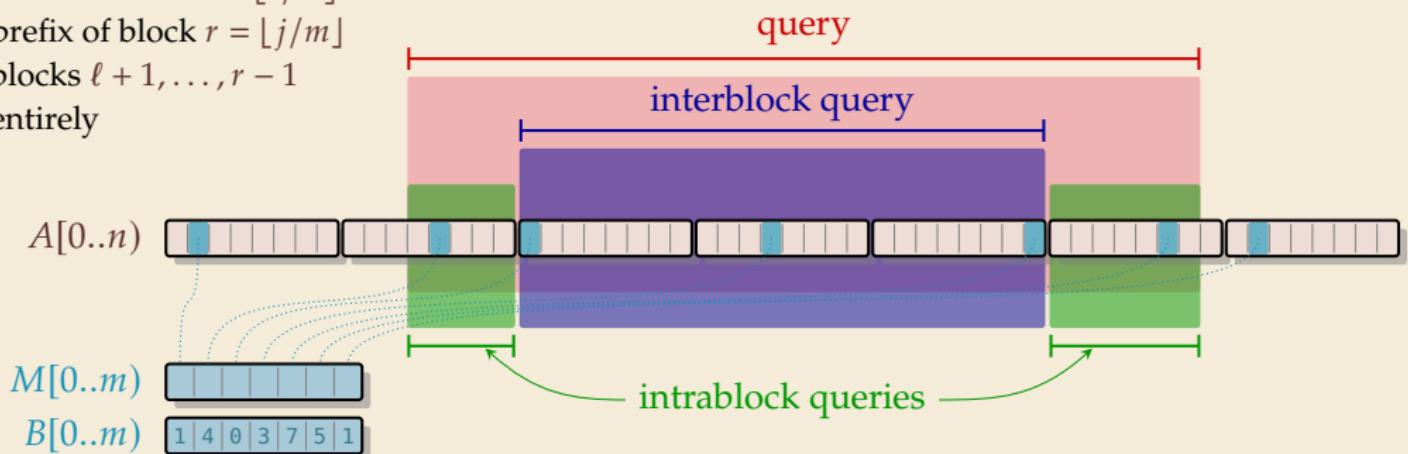
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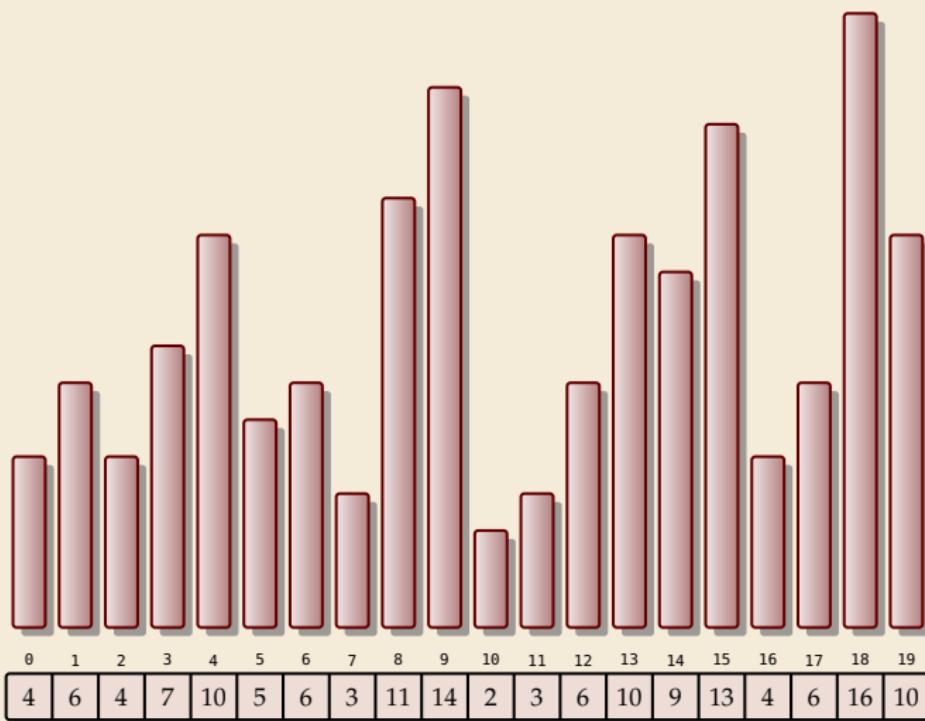
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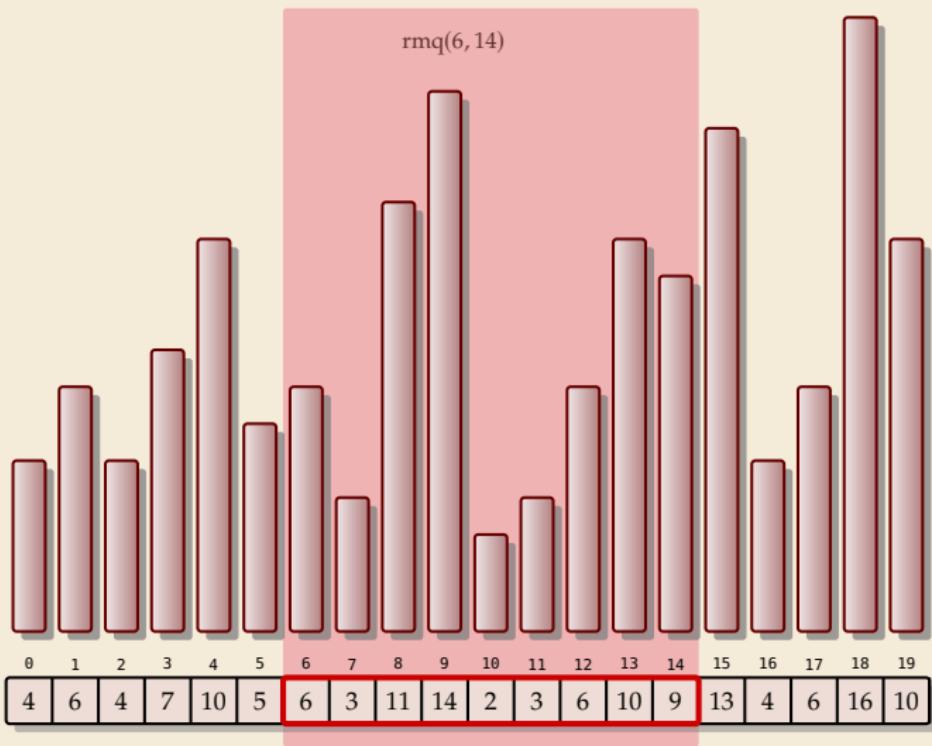
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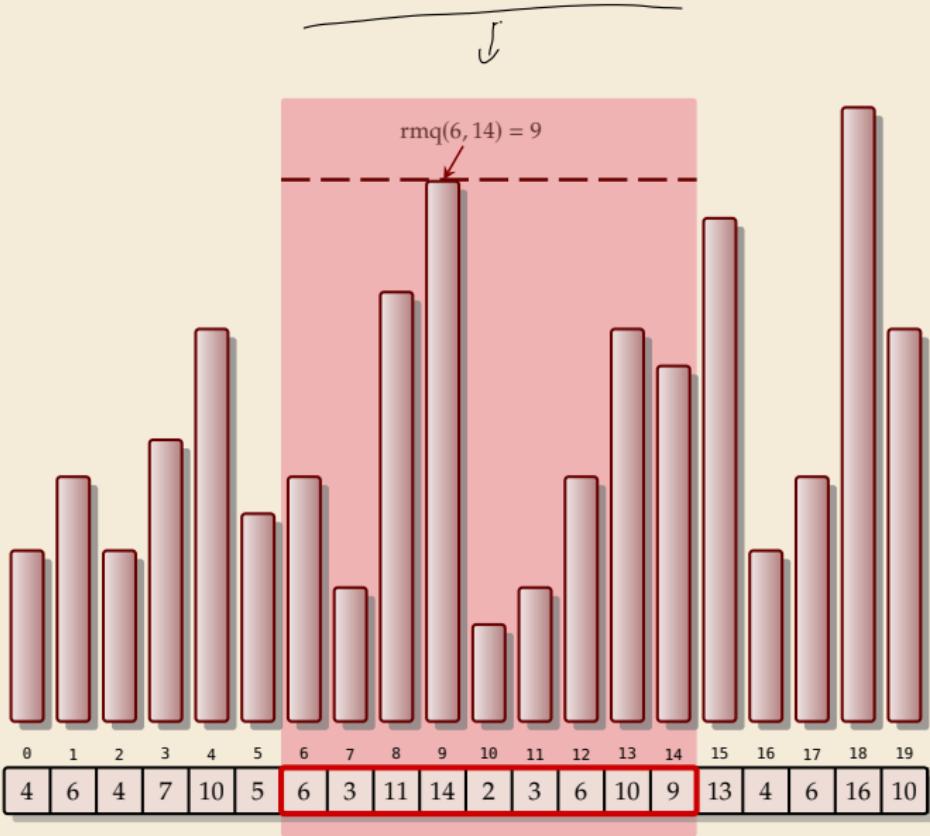


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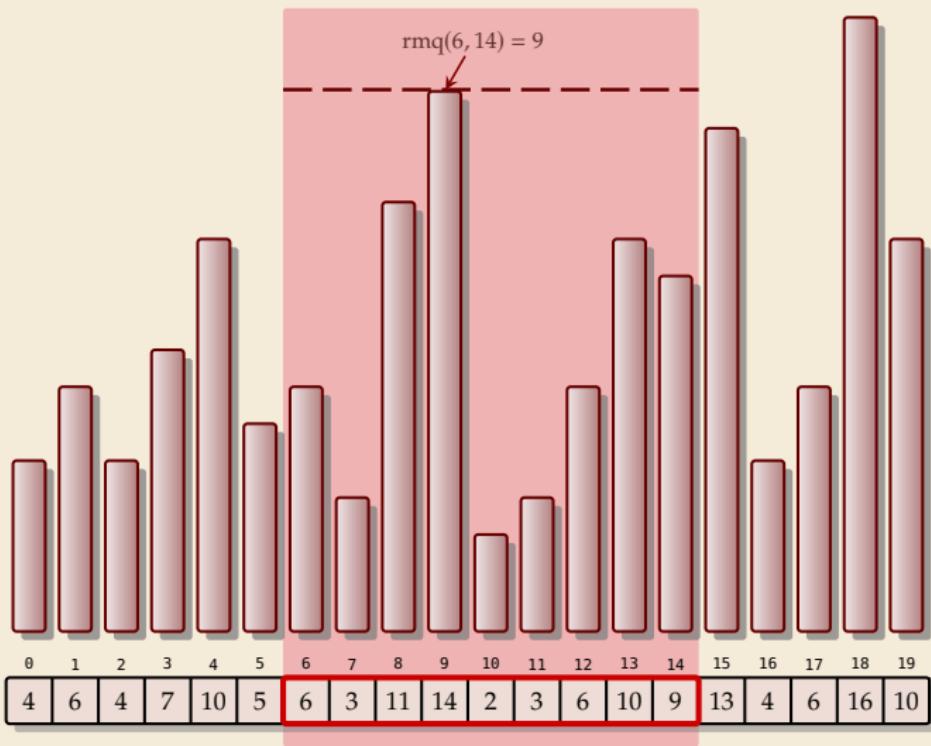
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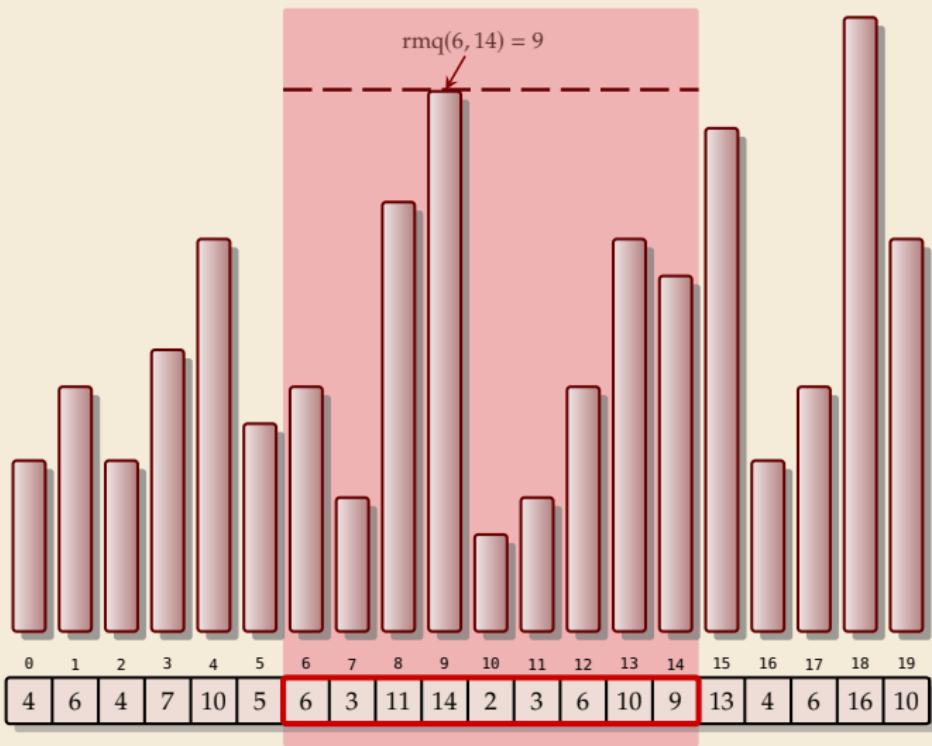
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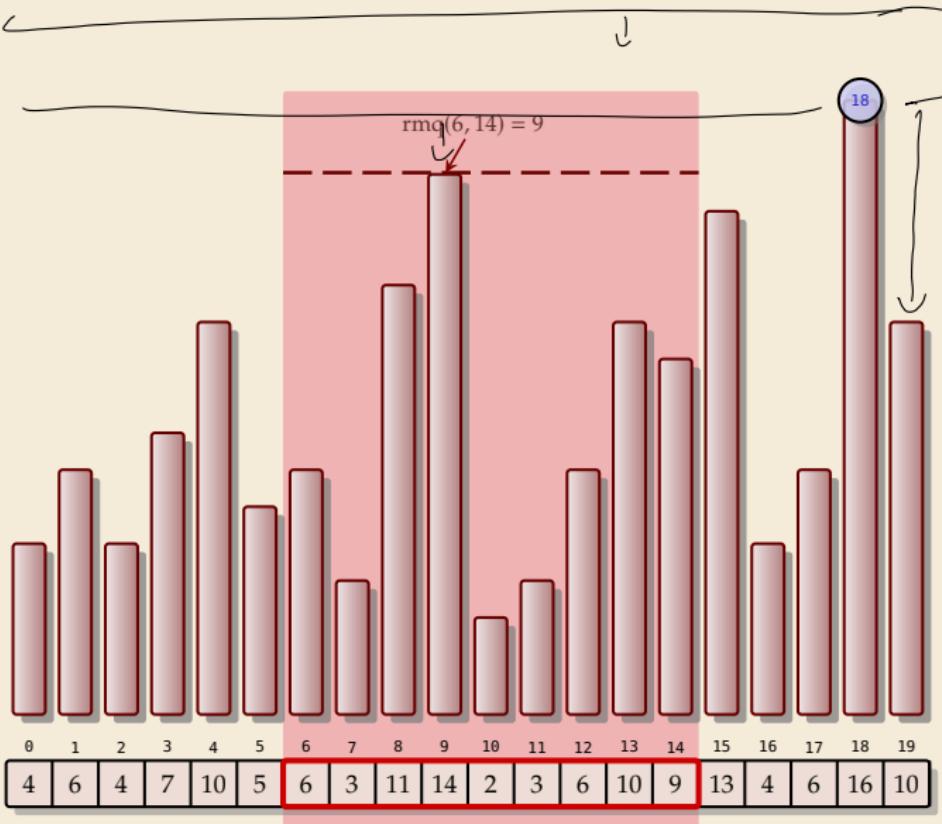
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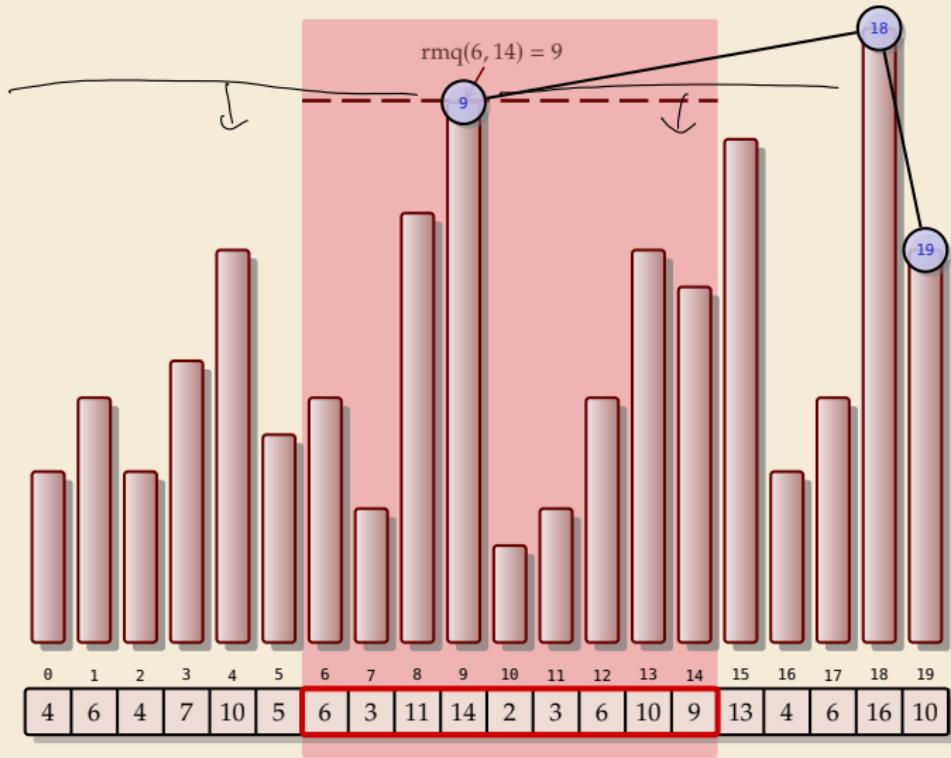
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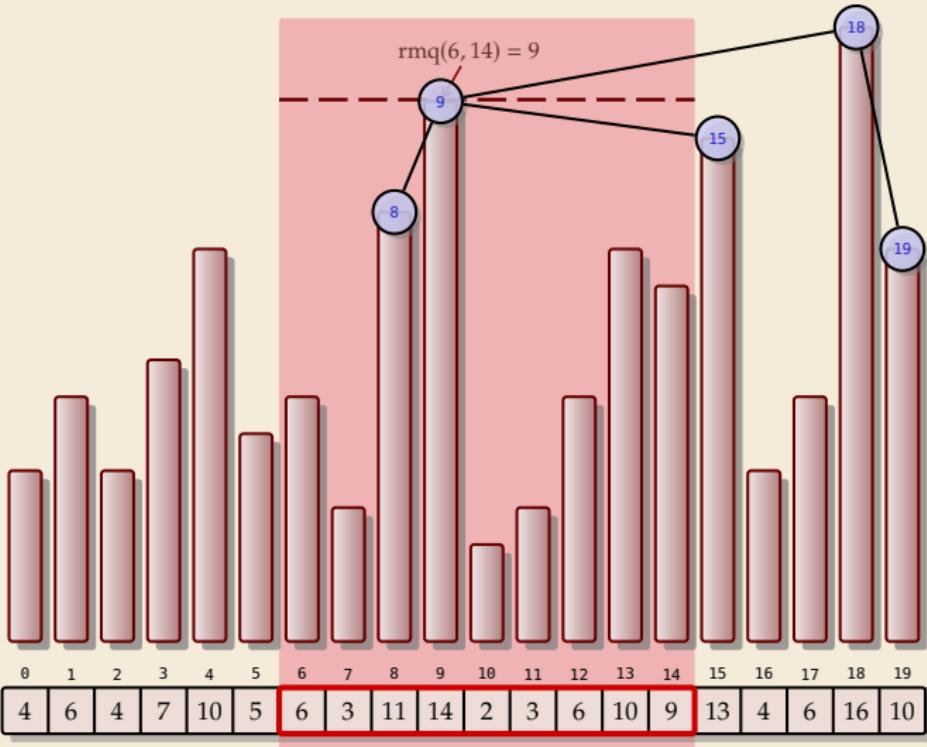
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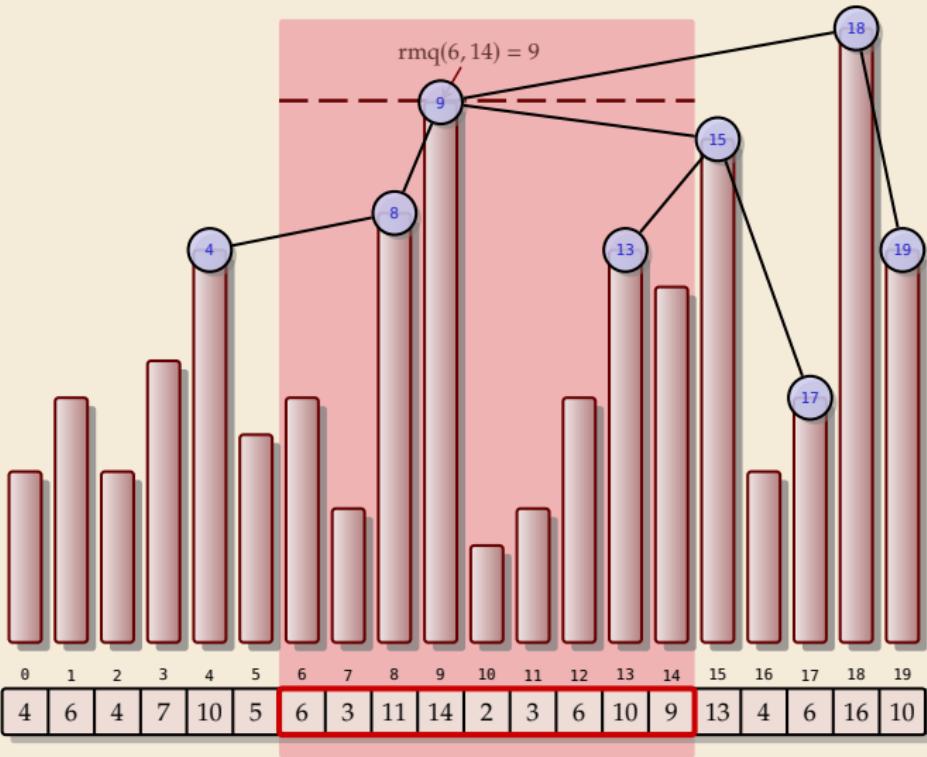
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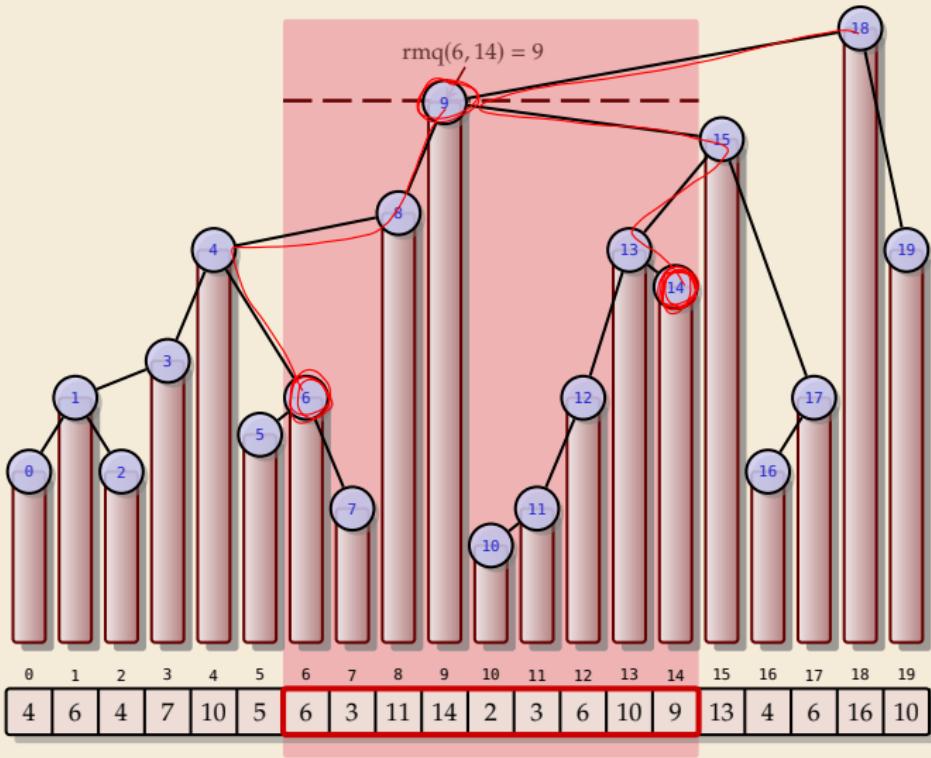
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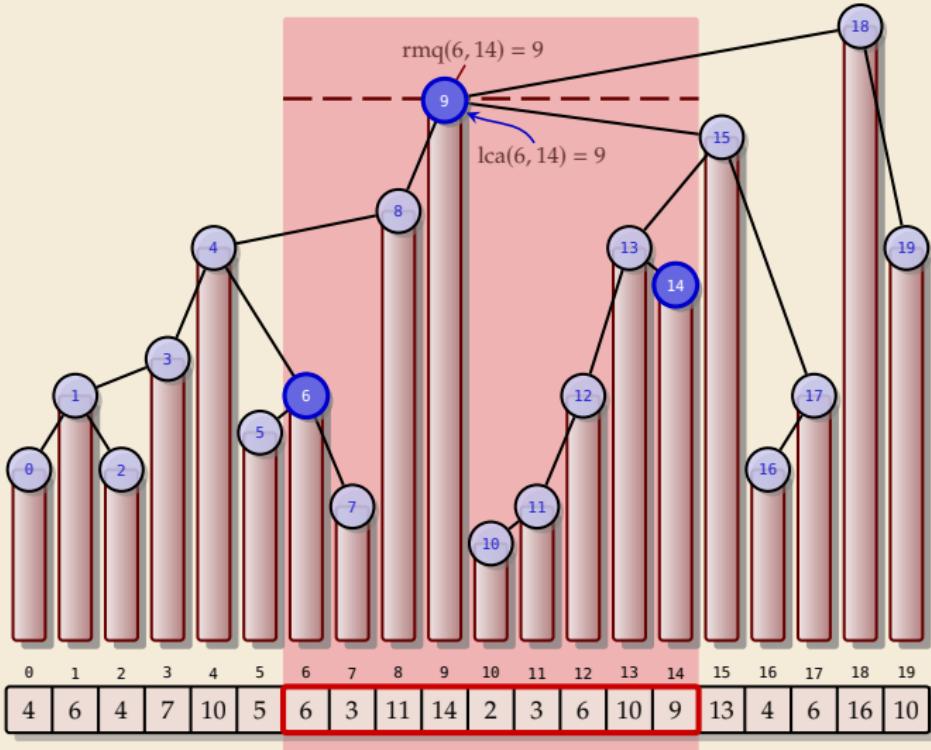
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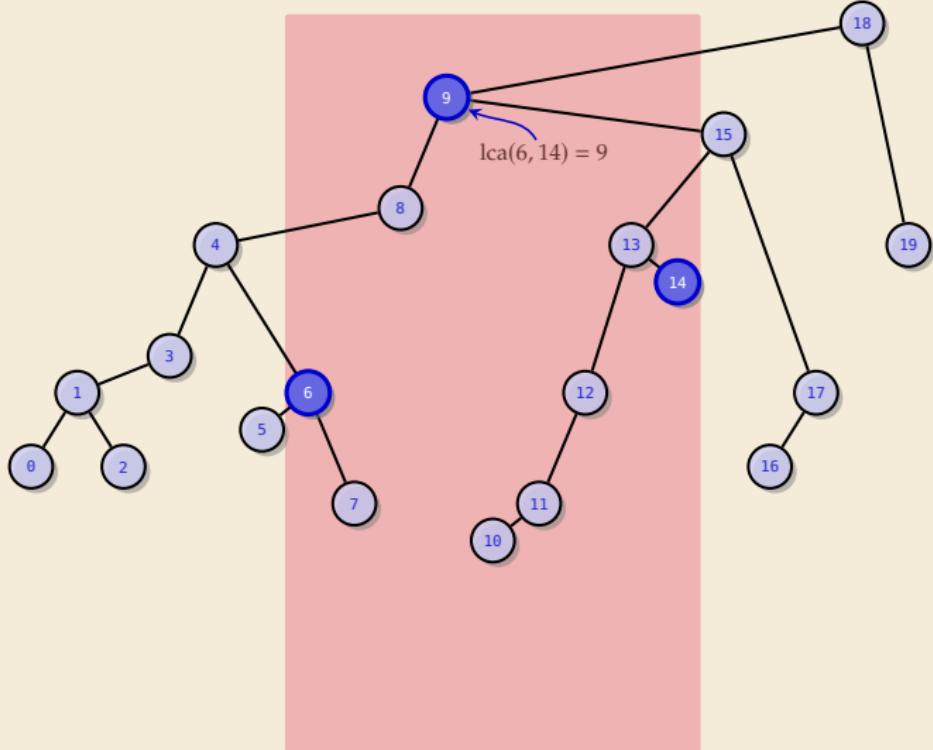
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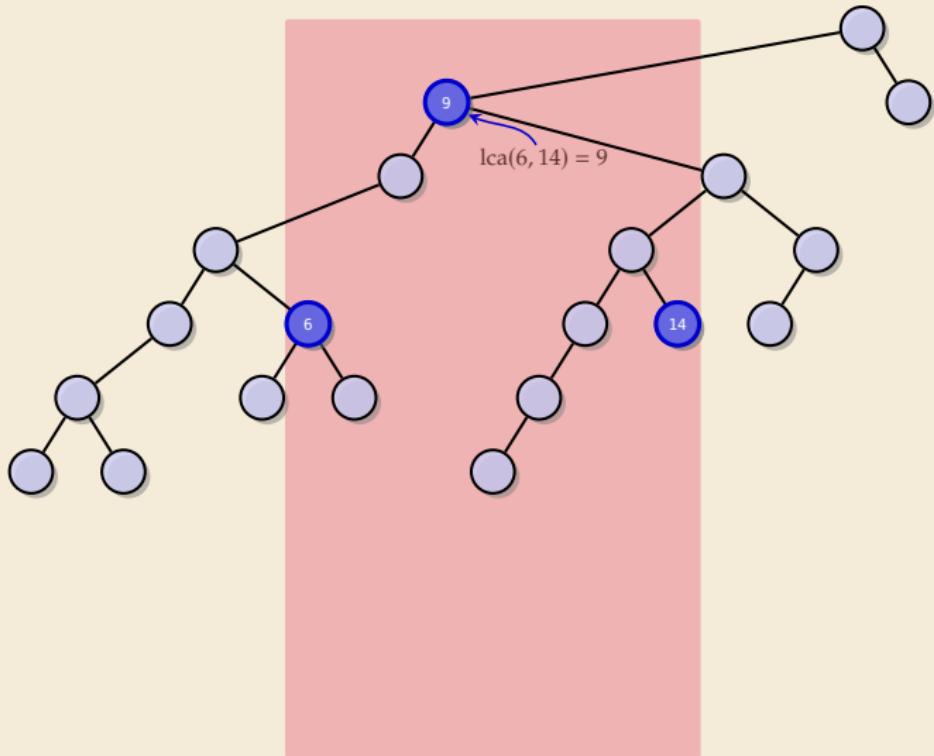
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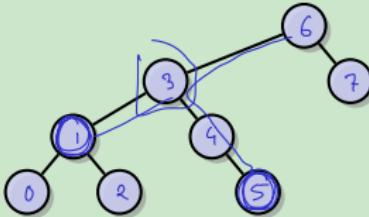
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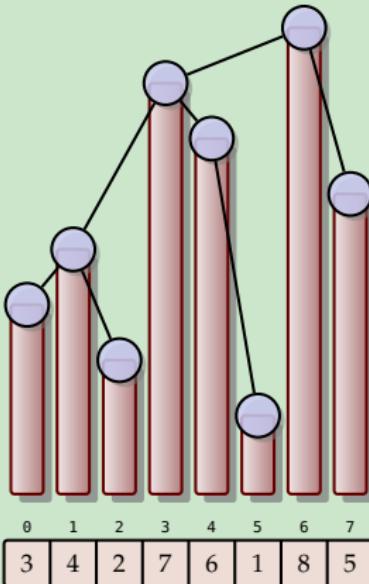
① Inorder traversal

Given the (max-oriented) Cartesian tree for A on the left, what is $\text{RMQ}_A(1, 5)$?



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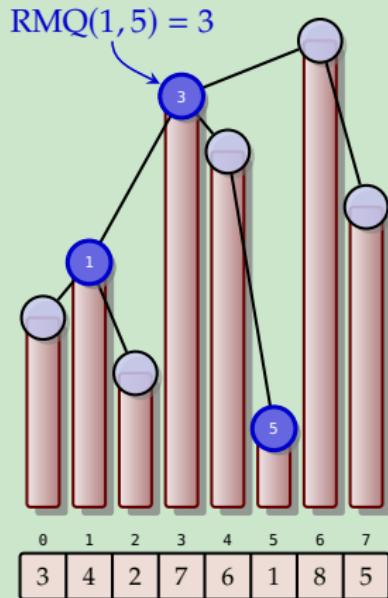


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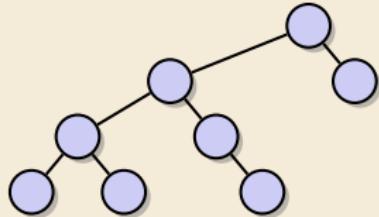


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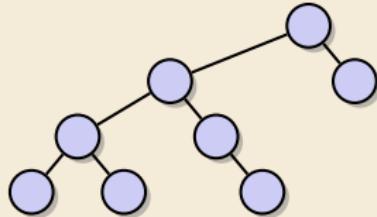
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- ▶ How many different Cartesian trees are there for arrays of length n ?

- ▶ known result: *Catalan numbers* $\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$

- ▶ easy to see: $\leq 2^{2n}$

↝ many arrays will give rise to the same Cartesian tree

Can we exploit that?

Encoding binary trees : in preorder traversal
write down (has left, has right)



$$\frac{1}{4} \cdot \binom{6}{3} = \frac{6!}{3!3!4!} = \frac{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4}{3!} = 5$$

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~~ Recall: *Exhaustive-Tabulation Technique*:

1. represent each subproblem by storing its *type* (here: encoding of Cartesian tree)
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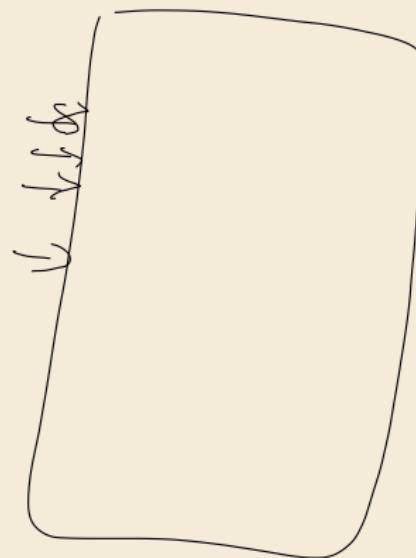
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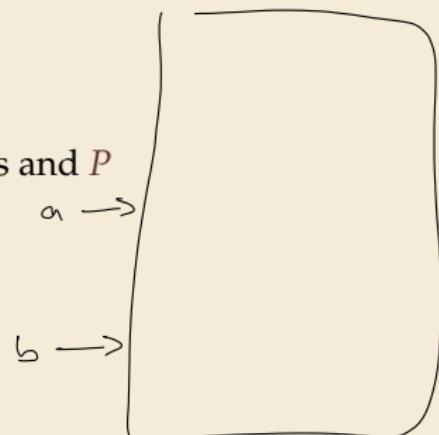
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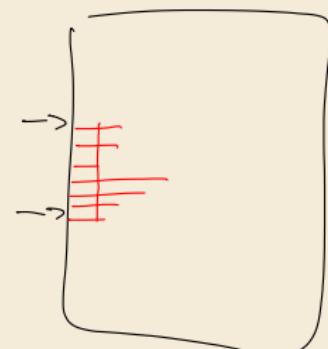
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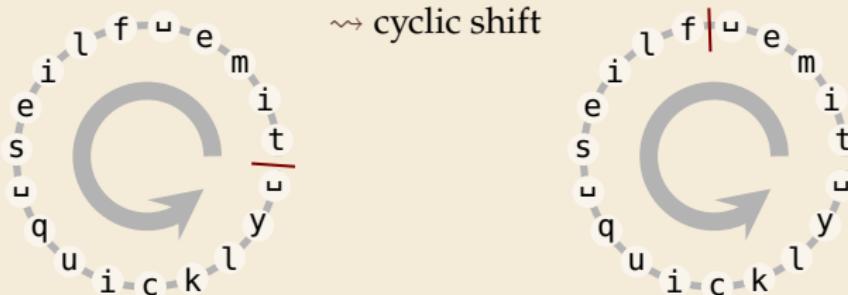
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- The Burrows-Wheeler Transform proceeds in three steps:

0. Append end-of-word character \$ to S .

1. Consider *all cyclic shifts* of S

2. Sort these strings lexicographically

3. B is the *list of trailing characters* (last column, top-down) of each string

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f_eats_alfalfa\$al
_eats_alfalfa\$alf
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eats_alfalfa\$alfl
f_eats_alfalfa\$al**l**
fa\$alf_eats_alfal**l**
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BWT
↓

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1	a lfalfa\$alf_eat s 8
2	e ats_alfalfa\$al f 3
3	a\$alf_eats_alfalfa f 15
4	alf_eats_alfalfa\$b 0
5	alfa\$alf_eats_alf f 12
6	alfalfa\$alf_eats_alf u 9
7	ats_alfalfa\$alf_e l 5
8	eats_alfalfa\$alf_e l 4
9	f_eats_alfalfa\$al l 2
10	fa\$alf_eats_alfal l 14
11	falfa\$alf_eats_alf a 11
12	lf_eats_alfalfa\$ a 1
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0	$\Rightarrow\$alf_eats_alfalfa\textcolor{red}{a}$	16
1	$\textcolor{blue}{a}lfalfa\$alf_eat\textcolor{red}{s}$	8
2	$\textcolor{blue}{e}ats_alfalfa\$al\textcolor{red}{f}$	3
3	$a\$alf_eats_alfal\textcolor{red}{f}$	15
4	$alf_eats_alfalfa\$$	0
5	$alfa\$alf_eats_al\textcolor{red}{f}$	12
6	$alfalfa\$alf_eats\textcolor{blue}{s}$	9
7	$ats_alfalfa\$al\textcolor{red}{f}\textcolor{blue}{e}$	5
8	$eats_alfalfa\$al\textcolor{red}{f}\textcolor{blue}{u}$	4
9	$f_eats_alfalfa\$al\textcolor{red}{l}$	2
10	$fa\$alf_eats_alfal$	14
11	$falfa\$al\textcolor{red}{f}_eats_al\textcolor{red}{l}$	11
12	$lf_eats_alfalfa\$a$	1
13	$lfa\$al\textcolor{red}{f}_eats_alf\textcolor{red}{a}$	13
14	$lfalfa\$al\textcolor{red}{f}_eats\textcolor{blue}{s}$	10
15	$s_alfalfa\$al\textcolor{red}{f}_eat\textcolor{blue}{t}$	7
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- ~~ Can compute B in $O(n)$ time from L
- ▶ more direct methods now also available ✓

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4	alf_eats_alfalfa\$	0
5	alfa\$alf_eats_alf\$f	12
6	alfalfa\$alf_eats_	9
7	ats_alfalfa\$alf_e	5
8	eats_alfalfa\$alf_e	4
9	f_eats_alfalfa\$al	2
10	fa\$alf_eats_alfal	14
11	falfa\$alf_eats_ala	11
12	lf_eats_alfalfa\$a	1
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(formally: low higher-order empirical entropy)

~ If S allows predicting symbols from context,
 B has locally low entropy of characters.

- that makes MTF (move-to-front) transformation effective!

~ use in compression pipeline for bzip2:
BTW → MTF → RLE → Huffman

A Bigger Example

T = have had hadnt hasnt havent has what

B = t e d t t t s h h h h h h h a a v v v v v v w \$ _ u e d s a a a n n n a a _

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Example:

$S = \text{alf_eats_alfalfa\$}$

$B = \text{asff\$f_e_lllaata}$

$RL(B) = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} s \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \$ \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} f \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} e \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} l \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

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↷ $r = |RL(B)| = 12; n = 17$

Larger Example:

$S = \text{have_had_hadnt_hasnt_havent_has_what\$}$

$B = \text{tedtttshhhhhhhaavv_w\$_edsaaannnaa_}$

↷ $r = 19; n = 36$

- ▶ Indeed: $r = O(z \log^2(n))$, z number of LZ77 phrases

proven in 2019 (!)



Kempa, Kociumaka: Resolution of the Burrows-Wheeler Transform Conjecture, CACM 2022

7.6 Inverting the BWT

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		char	next
0	(a, 0)	0	(\$, 3)
1	(r, 1)	1	(a, 0)
2	(d, 2)	2	(a, 6)
3	(\$, 3)	3	(a, 7)
4	(r, 4)	4	(a, 8)
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Example:

$B = \text{ard\$rcaaabb}$

$S = \text{a}$

D		sorted D	
		char	next
0	(a, 0)	0	(\$, 3)
1	(r, 1)	1	(a, 0)
2	(d, 2)	2	(a, 6)
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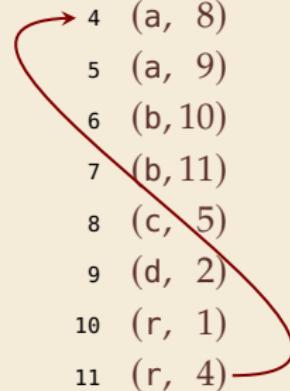
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Example:

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$S = \text{abraC}$

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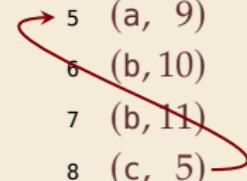
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$S = \text{abrac\alpha}$

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2	(d, 2)	2	(a, 6)
3	(\\$, 3)	3	(a, 7)
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$S = \text{abracad}$

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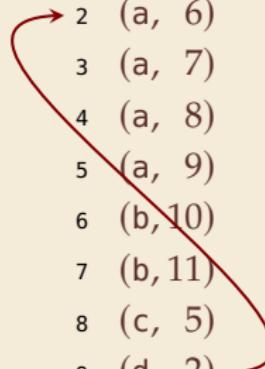
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$S = \text{abracada}$

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Example:

$B = ard\$rcaaaabb$

$S = abracadab$

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Example:

$B = \text{a}\text{r}\text{d}\$\text{r}\text{c}\text{a}\text{a}\text{a}\text{a}\text{b}\text{b}$

$S = \text{a}\text{b}\text{r}\text{a}\text{c}\text{a}\text{d}\text{a}\text{b}\text{r}$

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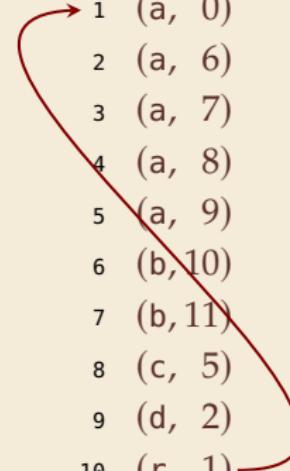
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- Great, can compute BWT efficiently and it helps compression. *But can we get T back?*

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1. Create array $D[0..n]$ of pairs:
 $D[r] = (B[r], r)$.

2. Sort D stably with respect to *first entry*.

3. Use D as linked list with *(char, next entry)*

Example:

$B = \text{ard\$rcaaaabb}$

$S = \text{abracadabra\$}$

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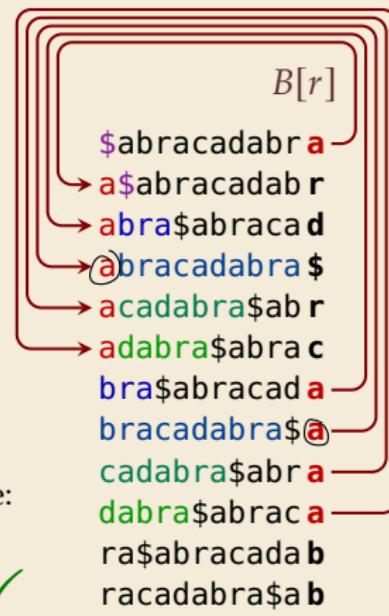
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Rank & Select on Sequences

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Both can be supported using
rank/select on sequences.

- $\text{rank}_c(T[0..n], i) = |T[0..i]|_c$
 $= \#c \text{ in first } i \text{ characters of } T$
- $\text{select}_c(T[0..n], r)$
 $= \min\{j : |T[0..j]|_c \geq r\} \cup \{n\}$
 $= \text{index of } r\text{th } c \text{ in } T, (r = 1, 2, \dots)$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
T[0..9)	b	a	n	a	n	a	b	a	n
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
rank _a (T, i)	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4
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sort(T)	a	a	a	a	b	b	n	n	n
O[0..σ]	[0, 4, 6, 9]								

Random Access in BWT

- store offsets $O[c] = \sum_{c'=0}^{c-1} |B|_{c'}$ for $c \in \Sigma$
- i th char of $\text{sort}(B)$ = unique c for which $O[c] \leq i < O[c + 1]$
- position of r th c in B = $\text{select}_c(B, r)$

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Backwards Search – Code

Recall total rank operation supported by wavelet trees

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FM-Index Discussion

- ▶ FM-Index is one of first *compressed self-indexes*
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 $\mathcal{H}_k(T) = k$ th order empirical entropy
- ▶ still widely used, e. g., as basis of *bowtie2* read alignment tool



Langmead, Salzberg: *Fast gapped-read alignment with Bowtie 2*, Nature Methods 2012

Ongoing research

- ▶ Reduce space for very repetitive strings (collection of genomes)
 - e. g., *r*-index
- ▶ full support of suffix tree functionality with little extra space?