

# 6 Text Indexing – Searching whole genomes

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## 6.1 Motivation

# Text indexing

- ▶ *Text indexing* (also: *offline text search*):
  - ▶ case of string matching: find  $P[0..m-1]$  in  $T[0..n-1]$
  - ▶ but with *fixed* text  $\rightsquigarrow$  preprocess  $T$  (instead of  $P$ )
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  expect many queries  $P$ , answer them without looking at all of  $T$
  - $\rightsquigarrow$  essentially a data structuring problem: “building an *index* of  $T$ ”
    - Latin: “one who points out”
- ▶ application areas
  - ▶ web search engines
  - ▶ online dictionaries
  - ▶ online encyclopedia
  - ▶ DNA/RNA data bases
  - ▶ ... searching in any collection of text documents (that grows only moderately)

# Inverted indices

- ▶ original indices<sup>same as "indexes"</sup> in books: list of (key) words  $\mapsto$  page numbers where they occur
- ▶ assumption: searches are only for **whole** (key) **words**
- $\rightsquigarrow$  often reasonable for natural language text

## Inverted index:

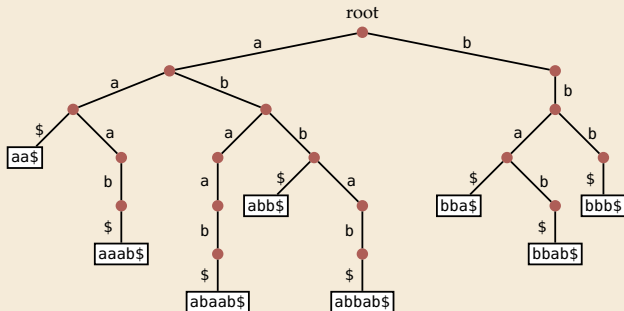
- ▶ collect all words in  $T$ 
  - ▶ can be as simple as splitting  $T$  at whitespace
  - ▶ actual implementations typically support *stemming* of words  
goes  $\rightarrow$  go, cats  $\rightarrow$  cat
- ▶ store mapping from words to a list of occurrences  $\rightsquigarrow$  *how?*

# Tries

- ▶ efficient dictionary data structure for strings
- ▶ name from retrieval, but pronounced “try”
- ▶ tree based on symbol comparisons
- ▶ **Assumption:** stored strings are *prefix-free* (no string is a prefix of another)
  - ▶ strings of same length ✓
  - ▶ strings have “end-of-string” marker \$ ✓

▶ **Example:**

{aa\$, aaab\$, abaab\$, abb\$,  
abbab\$, bba\$, bbab\$, bbb\$}

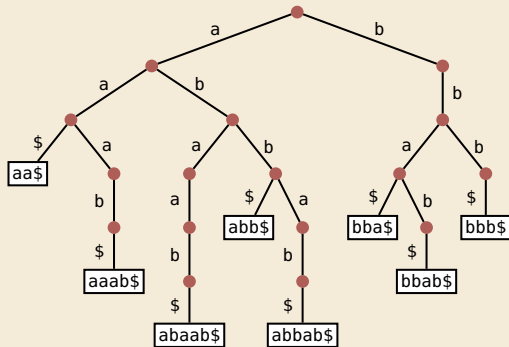


# Compact tries

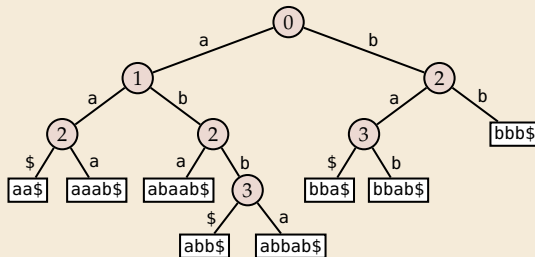
- ▶ compress paths of unary nodes into single edge
- ▶ nodes store index of next character

=1 child

standard trie




compact trie





↪ searching slightly trickier, but same time complexity as in trie

- ▶ all nodes  $\geq 2$  children  $\rightsquigarrow$   $\#nodes \leq \#leaves = \#strings \rightsquigarrow$  linear space


# Tries as inverted index

 simple


 fast lookup

 cannot handle more general queries:

- ▶ search part of a word
- ▶ search phrase (sequence of words)

 what if the 'text' does not even have words to begin with?!

- ▶ biological sequences
- ▶ binary streams

 need new ideas



## 6.2 Suffix Trees

# Suffix trees – A ‘magic’ data structure

**Appetizer:** Longest common substring problem

▶ Given: strings  $S_1, \dots, S_k$       **Example:**  $S_1 = \text{superiorcalifornialives}$ ,  $S_2 = \text{sealiver}$

▶ Goal: find the longest substring that occurs in all  $k$  strings       $\rightsquigarrow$  alive



Can we do this in time  $O(|S_1| + \dots + |S_k|)$ ? How??

Enter: *suffix trees*

- ▶ versatile data structure for index with full-text search
- ▶ linear time (for construction) and linear space
- ▶ allows efficient solutions for many advanced string problems



*“Although the longest common substring problem looks trivial now, given our knowledge of suffix trees, it is very interesting to note that in 1970 Don Knuth conjectured that a linear-time algorithm for this problem would be impossible.”*

*[Gusfield: Algorithms on Strings, Trees, and Sequences (1997)]*

# Suffix trees – Definition

- ▶ suffix tree for text  $T = T[0..n-1]$  = compact trie of all suffixes of  $T\$$
- ▶ except: in leaves, store *start index* (instead of actual string)

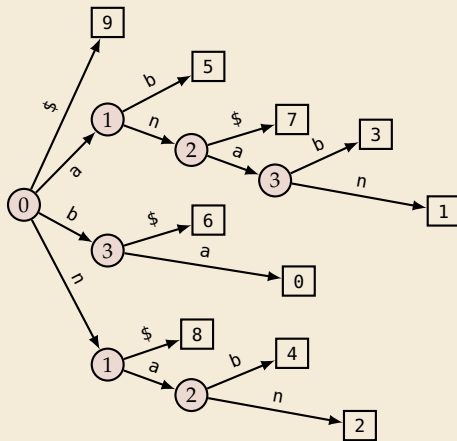
## Example:

$T = \text{bananaban\$}$

suffixes: { $\text{bananaban\$}$ ,  $\text{ananaban\$}$ ,  $\text{nanaban\$}$ ,  
 $\text{anaban\$}$ ,  $\text{naban\$}$ ,  $\text{aban\$}$ ,  $\text{ban\$}$ ,  $\text{an\$}$ ,  $\text{n\$}$ ,  $\text{\$}$ }

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
b	a	n	a	n	a	b	a	n	\$

- ▶ also: edge labels like in compact trie
- ▶ (more readable form on slides to explain algorithms)



# Suffix trees – Construction

- ▶  $T[0..n-1]$  has  $n+1$  suffixes (starting at character  $i \in [0..n]$ )
- ▶ We can build the suffix tree by inserting each suffix of  $T$  into a compressed trie. But that takes time  $\Theta(n^2)$ .  $\rightsquigarrow$  not interesting!



**Amazing result:** Can construct the suffix tree of  $T$  in  $\Theta(n)$  time!

- ▶ algorithms are a bit tricky to understand
- ▶ but were a theoretical breakthrough
- ▶ and they are efficient in practice (and heavily used)!

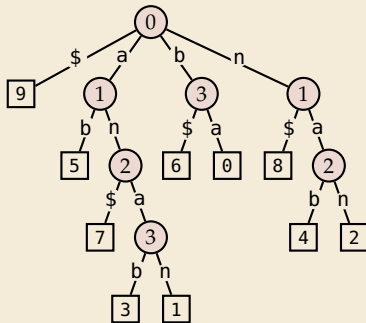
$\rightsquigarrow$  for now, take linear-time construction for granted. What can we do with them?

## 6.3 Applications

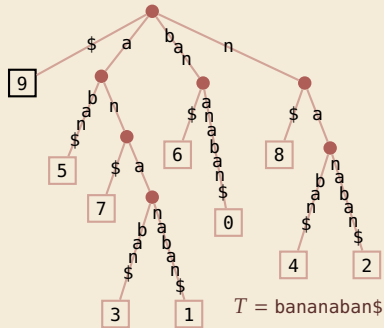
# Applications of suffix trees

- In this section, always assume suffix tree  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $T$  given.

**Recall:**  $\mathcal{T}$  stored like this:



but think about this:



- Moreover: assume internal nodes store pointer to leftmost leaf in subtree.
- Notation:  $T_i = T[i..n]$  (including \$)

# Application 1: String Matching

►  $P$  occurs in  $T \iff P$  is a prefix of a suffix of  $T$

► we have all suffixes in  $\mathcal{T}$ !

↪ (try to) follow path with label  $P$ , until

**1. we get stuck**

at *internal node* (no node with next character of  $P$ )  
or *inside edge* (mismatch of next characters)

↪  $P$  does not occur in  $T$

**2. we run out of pattern**

reach end of  $P$  at internal node  $v$  or inside edge towards  $v$

↪  $P$  occurs at all leaves in subtree of  $v$

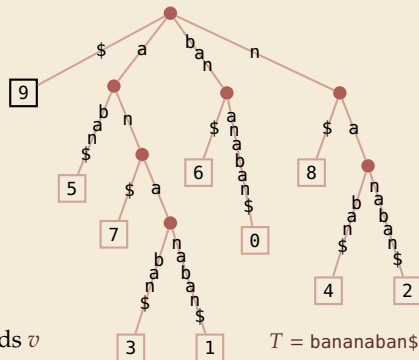
**3. we run out of tree**

we reach a leaf  $\ell$  with part of  $P$  left ↪  $P$  does not occur.



This cannot happen when testing edge labels since  $\$ \notin \Sigma$ ,  
but needs check(s) in compact trie implementation!

► Finding first match (or NO\_MATCH) takes  $O(|P|)$  time!



**Example:**

►  $P = \text{ann}$

►  $P = \text{ana}$

►  $P = \text{briar}$





# Generalized suffix trees

- ▶ longest *repeated* substring (of one string) feels very similar to longest *common* substring of several strings  $T^{(1)}, \dots, T^{(k)}$  with  $T^{(j)} \in \Sigma^{n_j}$
  - ▶ can we solve that in the same way?
  - ▶ could build the suffix tree for each  $T^{(j)}$  ... but doesn't seem to help
- $\rightsquigarrow$  need a *single/joint* suffix tree for *several* texts

Enter: *generalized suffix tree*

- ▶ Define  $T := T^{(1)}\$_1 T^{(2)}\$_2 \dots T^{(k)}\$_k$  for  $k$  new end-of-word symbols
- ▶ Construct suffix tree  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $T$

$\rightsquigarrow$   $\$_j$ -edges always leads to leaves  $\rightsquigarrow \exists \text{ leaf } (j, i) \text{ for each suffix } T_i^{(j)} = T^{(j)}[i..n_j]$



## Application 3: Longest common substring

- ▶ With that new idea, we can find longest common superstrings:
  1. Compute generalized suffix tree  $\mathcal{T}$ .
  2. Store with each node the *subset of strings* that contain its path label:
    - 2.1. Traverse  $\mathcal{T}$  bottom-up.
    - 2.2. For a leaf  $(j, i)$ , the subset is  $\{j\}$ .
    - 2.3. For an internal node, the subset is the union of its children.
  3. In top-down traversal, compute *string depths* of nodes. (as above)
  4. Report deepest node (by string depth) whose subset is  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ .
  
- ▶ Each step takes time  $\Theta(n)$  for  $n = n_1 + \dots + n_k$  the total length of all texts.

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# Longest common substring – Example

$$T^{(1)} = \text{bcabcac}, \quad T^{(2)} = \text{aabca}, \quad T^{(3)} = \text{bcaa}$$

## 6.4 Longest Common Extensions

## Application 4: Longest Common Extensions

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

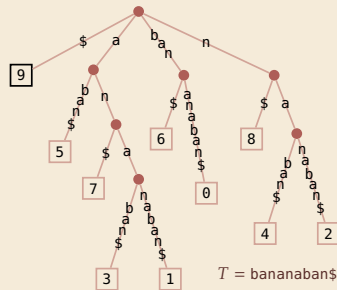
The *longest common extension (LCE)* data structure:

- ▶ **Given:** String  $T[0..n-1]$
- ▶ **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  $T$ !

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

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



# 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 is **constant(!) time**.

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

and suffix tree construction inside ...



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

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

## Application 5: Approximate matching

*k*-mismatch matching:

- ▶ **Input:** text  $T[0..n-1]$ , pattern  $P[0..m-1]$ ,  $k \in [0..m)$
- ▶ **Output:** “Hamming distance  $\leq k$ ”
  - ▶ smallest  $i$  so that  $T[i..i+m)$  and  $P$  differ in at most  $k$  characters
  - ▶ or NO\_MATCH if there is no such  $i$

↪ searching with typos

- ▶ Assume longest common extensions in  $T \$1 P \$2$  can be found in  $O(1)$ 
  - ↪ generalized suffix tree  $\mathcal{T}$  has been built
  - ↪ string depths of all internal nodes have been computed
  - ↪ constant-time LCA data structure for  $\mathcal{T}$  has been built

# Kangaroo Algorithm for approximate matching



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```
1 procedure kMismatch( $T[0..n-1], P[0..m-1]$ )
2   // build LCE data structure
3   for  $i := 0, \dots, n-m-1$  do
4     mismatches := 0;  $t := i$ ;  $p := 0$ 
5     while mismatches  $\leq k \wedge p < m$  do
6        $\ell := \text{LCE}(t, p)$  // jump over matching part
7        $t := t + \ell + 1$ ;  $p := p + \ell + 1$ 
8       mismatches := mismatches + 1
9     if  $p == m$  then
10      return  $i$ 
```

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► **Analysis:**  $\Theta(n + m)$  preprocessing +  $O(n \cdot k)$  matching

$\rightsquigarrow$  very efficient for small  $k$

► State of the art

- $O\left(n \frac{k^2 \log k}{m}\right)$  possible with complicated algorithms
- extensions for edit distance  $\leq k$  possible



## Application 6: Matching with wildcards

- ▶ Allow a wildcard character in pattern  
stands for arbitrary (single) character
- ▶ similar algorithm as for  $k$ -mismatch  $\rightsquigarrow O(n \cdot k + m)$  when  $P$  has  $k$  wildcards

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Many more applications, in particular for problems on biological sequences

20+ described in Gusfield, *Algorithms on strings, trees, and sequences* (1999)

# Suffix trees – Discussion

- ▶ Suffix trees were a threshold invention

- 👍 linear time and space
- 👍 suddenly many questions efficiently solvable in theory

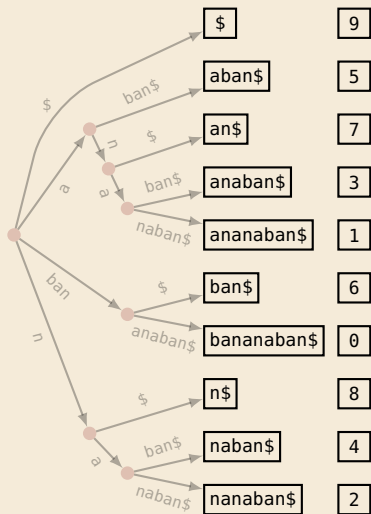
- 👎 construction of suffix trees:  
linear time, but significant overhead
- 👎 construction methods fairly complicated
- 👎 many pointers in tree incur large space overhead



## 6.5 Suffix Arrays

# Putting suffix trees on a diet

$L[0..n]$



► **Observation:** order of leaves in suffix tree  
= suffixes lexicographically *sorted*

- Idea: only store list of leaves  $L[0..n]$
- Enough to do efficient string matching!
  1. Use binary search for pattern  $P$
  2. check if  $P$  is prefix of suffix after found position

► **Example:**  $P = \text{ana}$

↪  $L[0..n]$  is called *suffix array*:

$L[r] = (\text{start index of } r\text{th suffix in sorted order})$

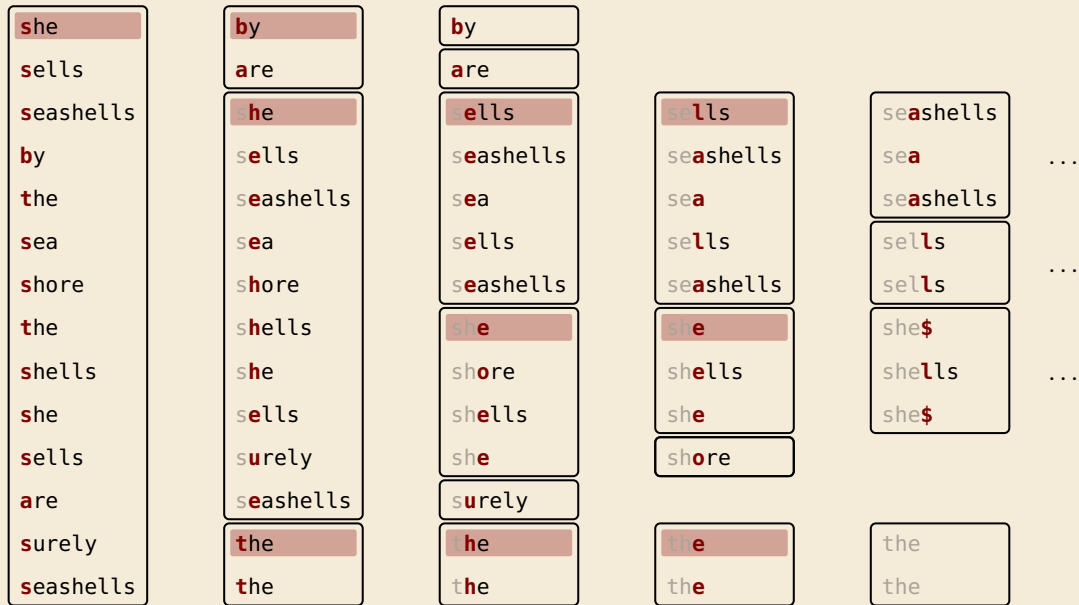
- using  $L$ , can do string matching with  
 $\leq (\lg n + 2) \cdot m$  character comparisons

# Suffix arrays – Construction

How to compute  $L[0..n]$ ?

- ▶ from suffix tree
  - ▶ possible with traversal . . .
  - 👎 but we are trying to avoid constructing suffix trees!
- ▶ sorting the suffixes of  $T$  using general purpose sort
  - 👍 trivial to code!
  - ▶ but: comparing two suffixes can take  $\Theta(n)$  character comparisons
  - 👎  $\Theta(n^2 \log n)$  time in worst case
- ▶ we do better!

# Fat-pivot radix quicksort – Example



# Fat-pivot radix quicksort

details in §5.1 of Sedgewick, Wayne *Algorithms 4th ed.* (2011), Pearson

► **partition** based on *d*th character only (initially  $d = 0$ )

↪ 3 segments: smaller, equal, or larger than *d*th symbol of pivot

► recurse on smaller and large with same *d*, on equal with  $d + 1$

↪ never compare equal prefixes twice

↪ can show:  $\sim 2 \ln(2) \cdot n \lg n \approx 1.39n \lg n$  character comparisons in expectation

👍 simple to code

👍 efficient for sorting many lists of strings

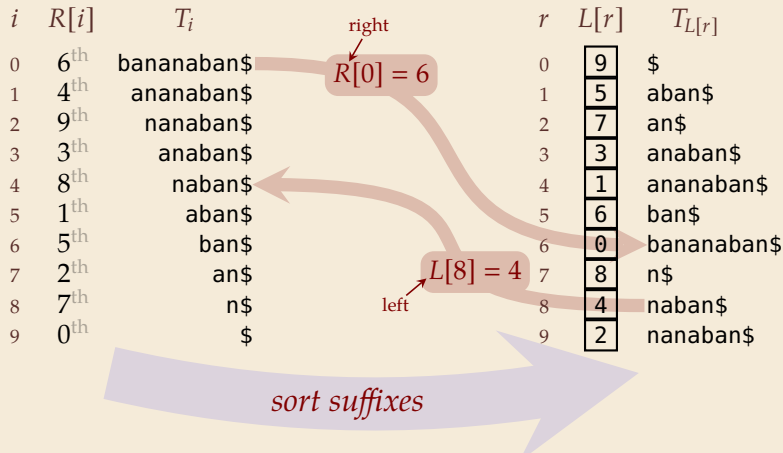
► fat-pivot radix quicksort finds suffix array in  $O(n \log n)$  expected time

*but we can do  $O(n)$  time!*

# Inverse suffix array: going left & right

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

- $R[i] = r \iff L[r] = i$        $L = \text{leaf array}$ 
  - $\iff$  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*





# Linear-time suffix sorting

## DC3 / Skew algorithm

not a multiple of 3

1. Compute rank array  $R_{1,2}$  for suffixes  $T_i$  starting at  $i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  recursively.
2. Induce rank array  $R_3$  for suffixes  $T_0, T_3, T_6, T_9, \dots$  from  $R_{1,2}$ .
3. Merge  $R_{1,2}$  and  $R_0$  using  $R_{1,2}$ .  
     $\rightsquigarrow$  rank array  $R$  for entire input

► We will show that steps 2. and 3. take  $\Theta(n)$  time

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{Total complexity is } n + \frac{2}{3}n + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 n + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 n + \dots \leq n \cdot \sum_{i \geq 0} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^i = 3n = \Theta(n)$$

► **Note:**  $L$  can easily be computed from  $R$  in one pass, and vice versa.

$\rightsquigarrow$  Can use whichever is more convenient.

## DC3 / Skew algorithm – Inducing ranks

- ▶ **Assume:** rank array  $R_{1,2}$  known:

$$\text{▶ } R_{1,2}[i] = \begin{cases} \text{rank of } T_i \text{ among } T_1, T_2, T_4, T_5, T_7, T_8, \dots & \text{for } i = 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, \dots \\ \text{undefined} & \text{for } i = 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots \end{cases}$$

- ▶ **Task:** sort the suffixes  $T_0, T_3, T_6, T_9, \dots$  in linear time (!)

- ▶ Suppose we want to compare  $T_0$  and  $T_3$ .

- ▶ Characterwise comparisons too expensive
- ▶ but: after removing first character, we obtain  $T_1$  and  $T_4$
- ▶ these two can be compared in *constant time* by comparing  $R_{1,2}[1]$  and  $R_{1,2}[4]$ !

~→  $T_0$  comes before  $T_3$  in lexicographic order  
iff pair  $(T[0], R_{1,2}[1])$  comes before pair  $(T[3], R_{1,2}[4])$  in lexicographic order

# DC3 / Skew algorithm – Inducing ranks example

$T = \text{hannahbansbananasman}\$ \$ \$$

(append 3 \$ markers)

$T_0$  hannahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_3$  nahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_6$  bansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_9$  sbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{12}$  nanasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{15}$  asman\$\$\$  
 $T_{18}$  an\$\$\$  
 $T_{21}$  \$\$

$\text{smans} = T_{16}$

$T_0$  h05  
 $T_3$  n02  
 $T_6$  b06  
 $T_9$  s07  
 $T_{12}$  n04  
 $T_{15}$  a14  
 $T_{18}$  a10  
 $T_{21}$  \$00

$R_{1,2}[16] = 14$

$T_1$	annahbansbananasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[22] = 0$	$T_{22}$	\$
$T_2$	nahbansbananasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[20] = 1$	$T_{20}$	\$\$\$
$T_4$	ahbansbananasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[4] = 2$	$T_4$	ahbansbananasman\$\$\$
$T_5$	hbansbananasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[11] = 3$	$T_{11}$	anasman\$\$\$
$T_7$	ansbananasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[13] = 4$	$T_{13}$	anasman\$\$\$
$T_8$	nsbananasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[1] = 5$	$T_1$	annahbansbananasman\$\$\$
$T_{10}$	bananasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[7] = 6$	$T_7$	ansbananasman\$\$\$
$T_{11}$	anasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[10] = 7$	$T_{10}$	bananasman\$\$\$
$T_{13}$	anasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[5] = 8$	$T_5$	hbansbananasman\$\$\$
$T_{14}$	nasman\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[17] = 9$	$T_{17}$	man\$\$\$
$T_{16}$	smans	$R_{1,2}[19] = 10$	$T_{19}$	n\$\$\$
$T_{17}$	man\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[14] = 11$	$T_{14}$	nasman\$\$\$
$T_{19}$	n\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[2] = 12$	$T_2$	nahbansbananasman\$\$\$
$T_{20}$	\$\$\$	$R_{1,2}[8] = 13$	$T_8$	nsbananasman\$\$\$
$T_{22}$	\$	$R_{1,2}[16] = 14$	$T_{16}$	smans

$R_{1,2}$  (known)

radix sort

$T_{21}$	\$00	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[21] = 0$
$T_{18}$	a10	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[18] = 1$
$T_{15}$	a14	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[15] = 2$
$T_6$	b06	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[6] = 3$
$T_0$	h05	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[0] = 4$
$T_3$	n02	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[3] = 5$
$T_{12}$	n04	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[12] = 6$
$T_9$	s07	$\rightsquigarrow$	$R_0[9] = 7$

$R_0$

► sorting of pairs doable in  $O(n)$  time by 2 iterations of counting sort

$\rightsquigarrow$  Obtain  $R_0$  in  $O(n)$  time

# DC3 / Skew algorithm – Merging

$T_{21}$  \$\$  
 $T_{18}$  an\$\$\$  
 $T_{15}$  asman\$\$\$  
 $T_6$  bansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_0$  hannahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_3$  nahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{12}$  nanasman\$\$\$  
 $T_9$  sbananasman\$\$\$

$T_{22}$  \$  
 $T_{20}$  \$\$\$  
 $T_4$  ahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{11}$  ananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{13}$  anasman\$\$\$  
 $T_1$  annahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_7$  ansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{10}$  bananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_5$  hbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{17}$  man\$\$\$  
 $T_{19}$  n\$\$\$  
 $T_{14}$  nasman\$\$\$  
 $T_2$  nnahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_8$  nsbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{16}$  sman\$\$\$

$T_{22}$  \$  
 $T_{21}$  \$\$  
 $T_{20}$  \$\$\$  
 $T_4$  ahbansbananasman\$\$\$  
 $T_{18}$  an\$\$\$

## ► Have:

- sorted 1,2-list:

$T_1, T_2, T_4, T_5, T_7, T_8, T_{10}, T_{11}, \dots$

- sorted 0-list:

$T_0, T_3, T_6, T_9, \dots$

## ► Task: Merge them!

- use standard merging method from Mergesort
- but speed up comparisons using  $R_{1,2}$

$\rightsquigarrow O(n)$  time for merge

Compare  $T_{15}$  to  $T_{11}$

Idea: try some trick as before

$T_{15} = \text{asman}$$$  
 $= \text{asman}$$$      can't compare  $T_{16}$   
 $= aT_{16}$       and  $T_{12}$  either!  
 $T_{11} = \text{ananasman}$$$  
 $= \text{ananasman}$$$  
 $= aT_{12}$$$$$

$\rightsquigarrow$  Compare  $T_{16}$  to  $T_{12}$

$T_{16} = \text{sman}$$$  
 $= \text{sman}$$$      always at most 2 steps  
 $= sT_{17}$       then can use  $R_{1,2}$ !  
 $T_{12} = \text{nanasman}$$$  
 $= \text{aanasman}$$$  
 $= aT_{13}$$$$$

## DC3 / Skew algorithm – Fix recursive call

- ▶ both step 2. and 3. doable in  $O(n)$  time!
  - ▶ But: we cheated in 1. step! “compute rank array  $R_{1,2}$  recursively”
    - ▶ Taking a *subset* of suffixes is *not* an instance of the same problem!
- ↪ Need a single *string*  $T'$  to recurse on, from which we can deduce  $R_{1,2}$ .



How can we make  $T'$  “skip” some suffixes?



redefine alphabet to be *triples of characters*  $\boxed{abc}$

↪ suffixes of  $T^\square \iff T_0, T_3, T_6, T_9, \dots$

▶  $T' = T[1..n]^\square \boxed{\$ \$ \$} T[2..n]^\square \boxed{\$ \$ \$} \iff T_i$  with  $i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .

↪ Can call suffix sorting recursively on  $T'$  and map result to  $R_{1,2}$

$T = \text{bananaban} \$ \$ \$$   
↪  $T^\square = \boxed{\text{ban}} \boxed{\text{ana}} \boxed{\text{ban}} \boxed{\$ \$ \$}$   
 $\boxed{\text{ana}} \boxed{\text{ban}} \boxed{\$ \$ \$}$   
 $\boxed{\text{ban}} \boxed{\$ \$ \$}$   
 $\boxed{\$ \$ \$}$

## DC3 / Skew algorithm – Fix alphabet explosion

► Still does not quite work!

► Each recursive step *cubes*  $\sigma$  by using triples!

↪ (Eventually) cannot use linear-time sorting anymore!

► But: Have at most  $\frac{2}{3}n$  different triples  $\boxed{abc}$  in  $T'$ !

↪ Before recursion:

1. Sort all occurring triples. (using counting sort in  $O(n)$ )
2. Replace them by their *rank* (in  $\Sigma$ ).

↪ Maintains  $\sigma \leq n$  without affecting order of suffixes.

# DC3 / Skew algorithm – Step 3. Example

$$T' = T[1..n) \square \square \square \square T[2..n) \square \square \square \square$$

►  $T = \text{hannahbansbananasman\$}$      $T_2 = \text{nnahbansbananasman\$}$   
 $T' = \text{annahbansbananasman\$ \$ \$ \$ nna hba nsb ana nas man \$ \$ \$}$

► Occurring triples:  
 $\text{annahbansbananasman\$ \$ \$ \$ nna hba nsb ana nas man}$

► Sorted triples with ranks:

Rank	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Triple	$\square \square \square$	$\text{ahb}$	$\text{ana}$	$\text{ann}$	$\text{ans}$	$\text{ban}$	$\text{hba}$	$\text{man}$	$\text{n\$ \$}$	$\text{nas}$	$\text{nna}$	$\text{nsb}$	$\text{sma}$

►  $T' = \text{annahbansbananasman\$ \$ \$ \$ nna hba nsb ana nas man \$ \$ \$}$   
 $T'' = \text{03 01 04 05 02 12 08 00 10 06 11 02 09 07 00}$

# Suffix array – Discussion

- 👍 sleek data structure compared to suffix tree
- 👍 simple and fast  $O(n \log n)$  construction
- 👍 more involved but fast  $O(n)$  construction
- 👍 supports efficient string matching
- 👎 string matching takes  $O(m \log n)$ , not optimal  $O(m)$
- 👎 Cannot use more advanced suffix tree features  
e. g., for longest repeated substrings





## 6.6 The LCP Array

# String depths of internal nodes

- Recall algorithm for longest repeated substring in **suffix tree**

1. Compute *string depth* of nodes
2. Find *path label* to node with maximal string depth

- Can we do this using **suffix arrays**?

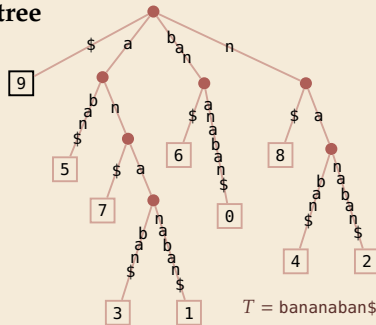
- Yes, by **enhancing** the suffix array with the **LCP array**!

$LCP[1..n]$

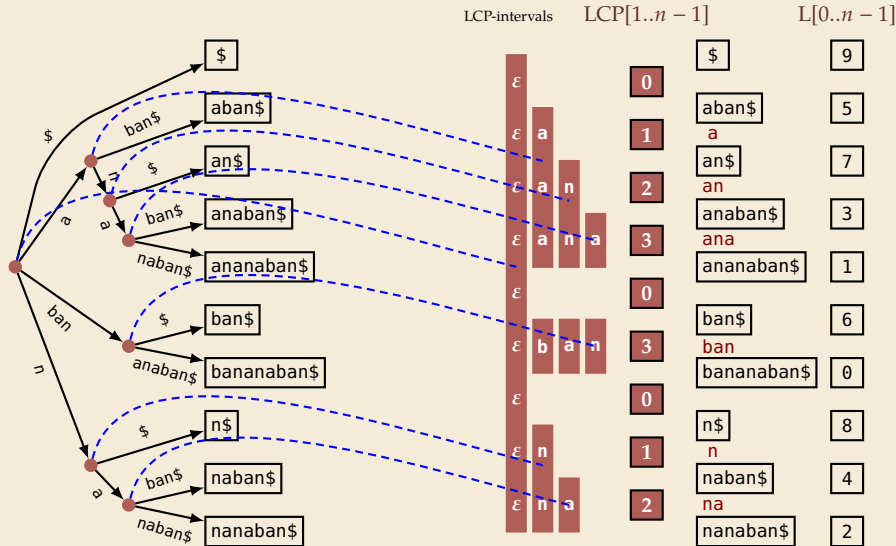
$$LCP[r] = LCP(T_{L[r]}, T_{L[r-1]})$$

longest common prefix of suffixes of rank  $r$  and  $r - 1$

$\rightsquigarrow$  longest repeated substring = find maximum in  $LCP[1..n]$



# LCP array and internal nodes



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

# LCP array construction

- ▶ computing  $\text{LCP}[1..n]$  naively too expensive

- ▶ each value could take  $\Theta(n)$  time

- 🗨  $\Theta(n^2)$  in total

- ▶ but: seeing one large (= costly) LCP value  $\rightsquigarrow$  can find another large one!

- ▶ Example:  $T = \text{Buffalo\_buffalo\_buffalo\_buffalo\$}$

- ▶ first few suffixes in sorted order:

$T_L[0] = \$$

$T_L[1] = \text{alo\_buffalo\$}$

$T_L[2] = \text{alo\_buffalo\_buffalo\$}$

**alo\\_buffalo\\_buffalo**  $\rightsquigarrow \text{LCP}[3] = 19$

$T_L[3] = \text{alo\_buffalo\_buffalo\_buffalo\$}$

$\rightsquigarrow$  **Removing first character** from  $T_L[2]$  and  $T_L[3]$  gives two new suffixes:

$T_L[?] = \text{lo\_buffalo\_buffalo\$}$

**lo\\_buffalo\\_buffalo**  $\rightsquigarrow \text{LCP}[?] = 18$

$T_L[?] = \text{lo\_buffalo\_buffalo\_buffalo\$}$

↑  
unclear where...



Shortened suffixes might *not* be *adjacent* in sorted order!

$\rightsquigarrow$  no LCP entry for them!

## Kasai's algorithm – Example

- ▶ Kasai et al. used above observation systematically
- ▶ Key idea: *compute* LCP values in *text order*
- ▶ Dropping first character of adjacent suffixes might not lead to *adjacent* shorter suffixes, but LCP entry can only be *longer*.

$i$	$R[i]$	$T_i$	$r$	$L[r]$	$T_{L[r]}$	LCP[ $r$ ]
0	6 <sup>th</sup>	bananaban\$	0	9	\$	–
1	4 <sup>th</sup>	ananaban\$	1	5	aban\$	0
2	9 <sup>th</sup>	nanaban\$	2	7	an\$	1
3	3 <sup>th</sup>	anaban\$	3	3	anaban\$	2
4	8 <sup>th</sup>	naban\$	4	1	ananaban\$	3
5	1 <sup>th</sup>	aban\$	5	6	ban\$	0
6	5 <sup>th</sup>	ban\$	6	0	bananaban\$	3
7	2 <sup>th</sup>	an\$	7	8	n\$	0
8	7 <sup>th</sup>	n\$	8	4	naban\$	1
9	0 <sup>th</sup>	\$	9	2	nanaban\$	2

# Kasai's algorithm – Code

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```
1 procedure computeLCP( $T[0..n]$ ,  $L[0..n]$ ,  $R[0..n]$ )
2   // Assume  $T[n] = \$$ ,  $L$  and  $R$  are suffix array and inverse
3    $\ell := 0$ 
4   for  $i := 0, \dots, n - 1$ 
5      $r := R[i]$ 
6     // compute  $\text{LCP}[r]$ ; note that  $r > 0$  since  $R[n] = 0$ 
7      $i_{-1} := L[r - 1]$ 
8     while  $T[i + \ell] == T[i_{-1} + \ell]$  do
9        $\ell := \ell + 1$ 
10     $\text{LCP}[r] := \ell$ 
11     $\ell := \max\{\ell - 1, 0\}$ 
12  return  $\text{LCP}[1..n]$ 
```

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- ▶ remember length  $\ell$  of induced common prefix
- ▶ use  $L$  to get start index of suffixes

## Analysis:

- ▶ dominant operation:  
character comparisons
- ▶ separately count those with  
outcomes “=” resp. “≠”
- ▶ each  $\neq$  ends iteration of for-loop  
     $\rightsquigarrow \leq n$  cmps
- ▶ each = implies increment of  $\ell$ ,  
but  $\ell \leq n$  and  
decremented  $\leq n$  times  
     $\rightsquigarrow \leq 2n$  cmps

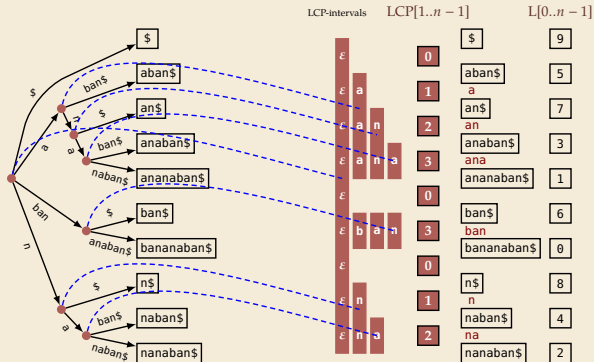
$\rightsquigarrow \Theta(n)$  overall time

# Back to suffix trees

We can finally look into the black box of linear-time suffix-array construction!



1. Compute suffix array for  $T$ .
2. Compute LCP array for  $T$ .
3. Construct  $\mathcal{T}$  from suffix array and LCP array.



# Conclusion

► *(Enhanced) Suffix Arrays* are the modern version of suffix trees

👎 can be harder to reason about

👍 can support same algorithms as suffix trees

👍 but use much less space

👍 simpler linear-time construction