



# Algorithms for matching

*Introduction to Computational Linguistics*

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# Today's lecture

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  - Applications of pattern matching in *search* (web search for IR, IE, Q/A), *tagging* (named entity recognition), *shallow processing* (parsing)
  - Efficiency pays off when dealing with large amounts of data!
  - Furthermore: preliminaries for finite-state automata, dynamic programming/memoization techniques in parsing

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- This week points 1-3 up to Boyer-Moore, next week KMP and trees.

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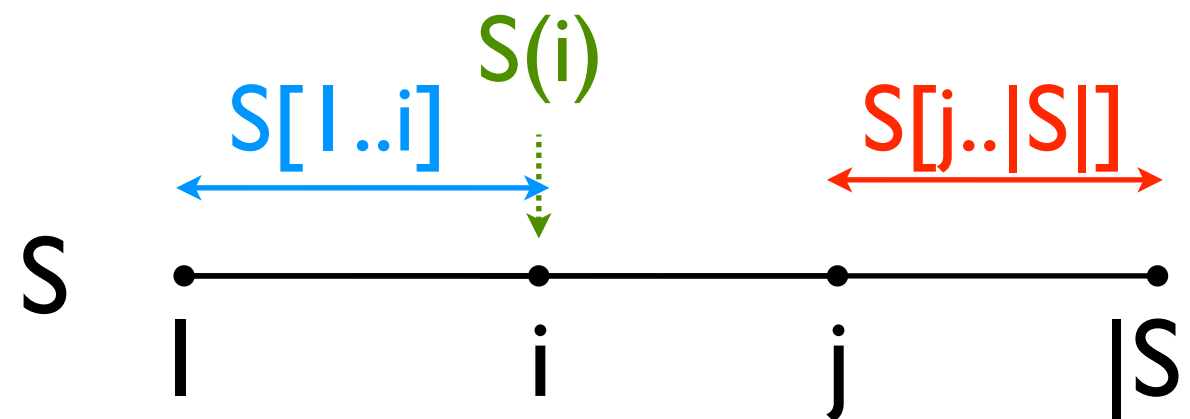
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- Given
  - a **pattern**  $P$ , and a text  $T$  in which we are looking for matches of  $P$
  - **Pointers:**  $p$  to position in  $P$ ;  $t$  to position in  $T$ ;  $s$  to start of matching  $P$  in  $T$
- Algorithm

[Start:  $p=1, t=1, s=1$ ]

1. Align the left of  $P$  with the left of  $T$ : set position in  $P$ ,  $p=1$ ; set position in  $T$ ,  $t=1$
2. Set the current left-alignment position in  $T$  to  $s=1$

[Loop]

2. Compare the character at  $P(p)$  with the character at  $T(t)$
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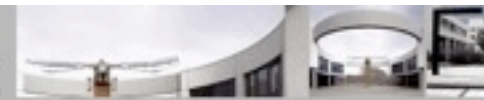
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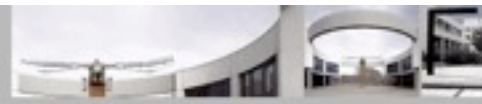
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13  
T= X A B X Y A B X Y A B X Z

P= A B X Y A B X Z

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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5
t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6
s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2

A B X Y A B X Z

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6
t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7
s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2

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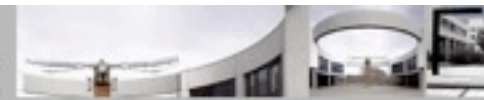
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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6
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s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2

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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6	p=7	
t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7	t=8	
s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	
A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6	p=7	
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s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	
A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

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P= A B X Y A B X Z

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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6	p=7	
t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7	t=8	
s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	
A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

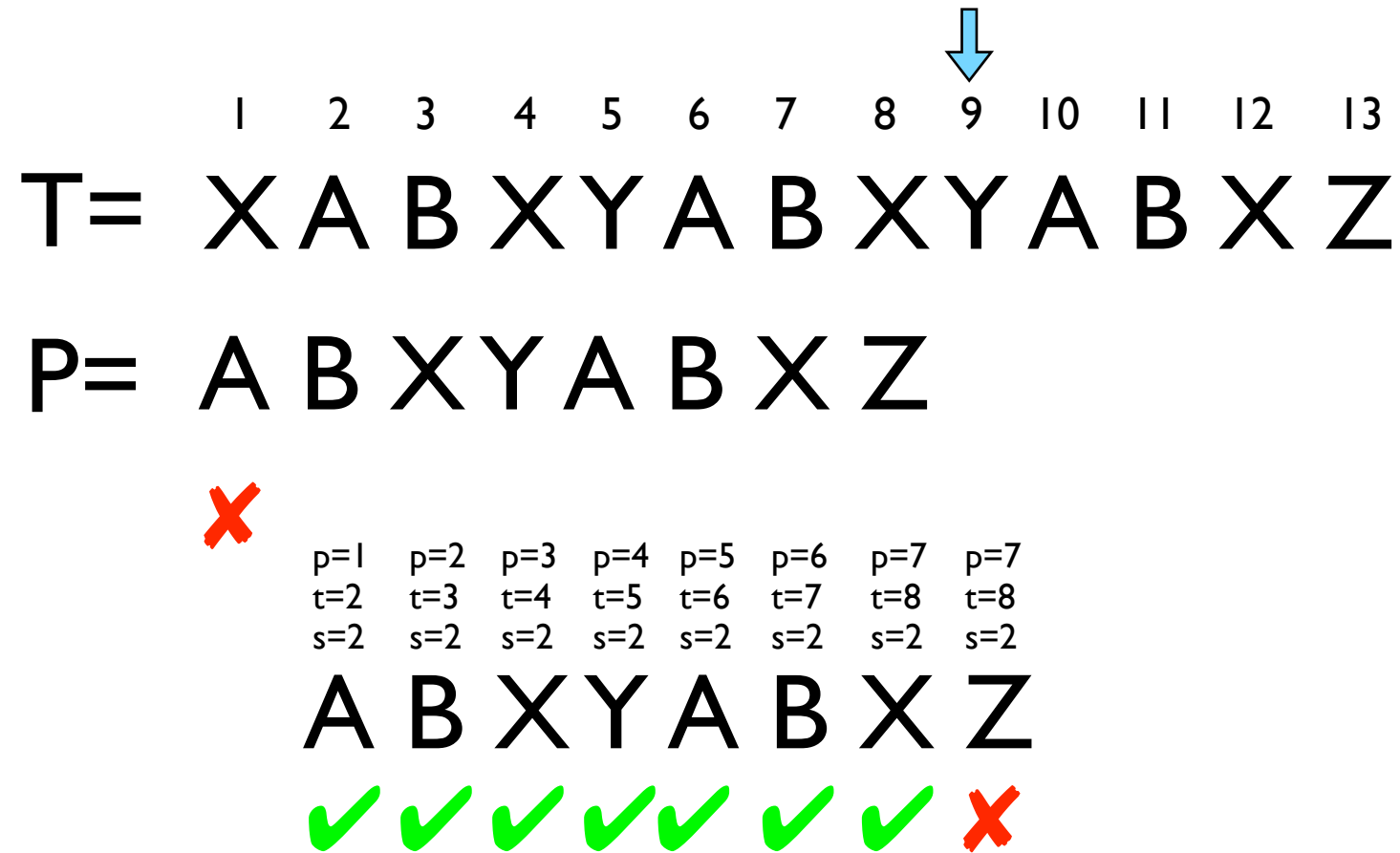
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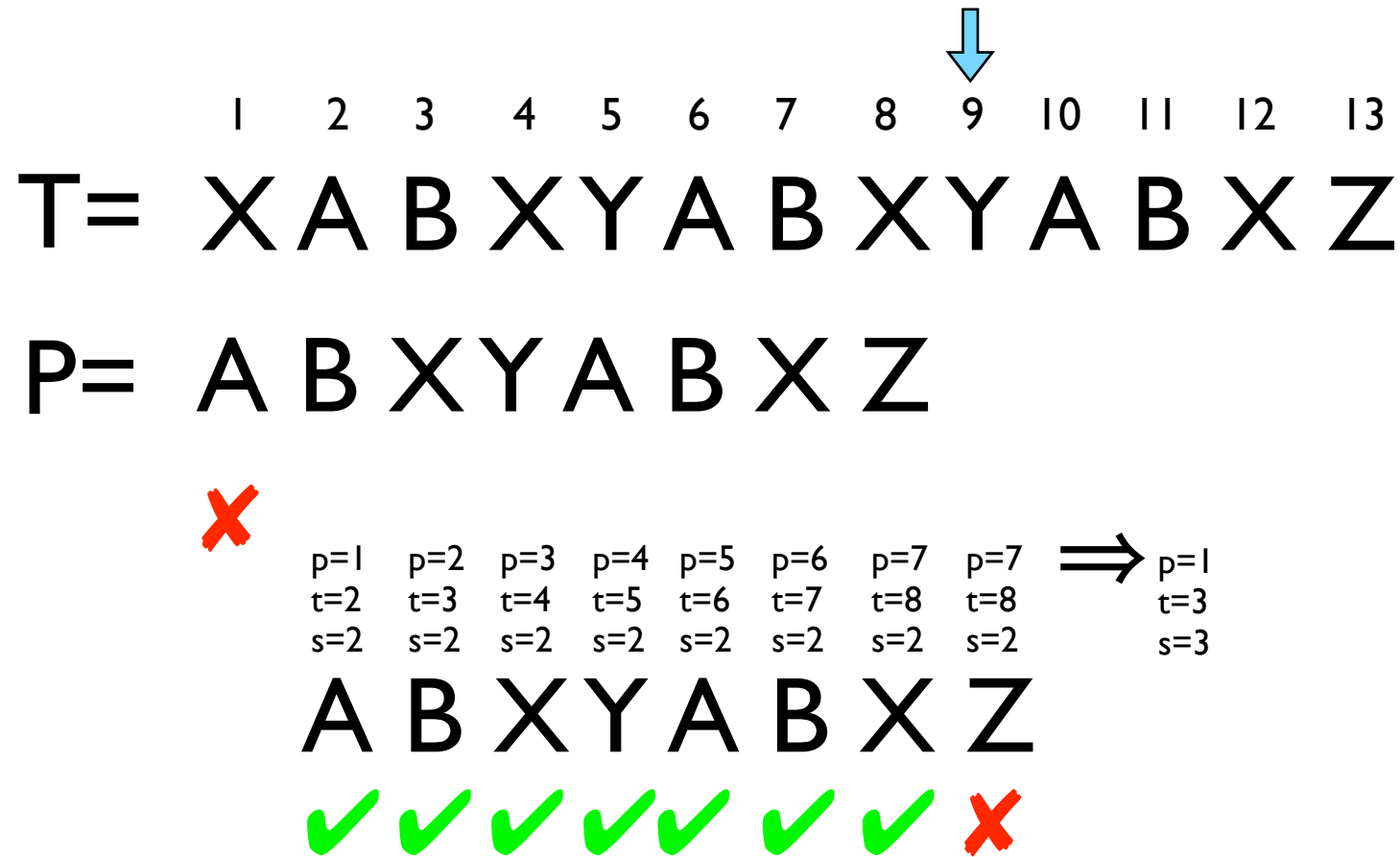
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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6	p=7	p=7	⇒	p=1
t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7	t=8	t=8		t=3
s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

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✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✗

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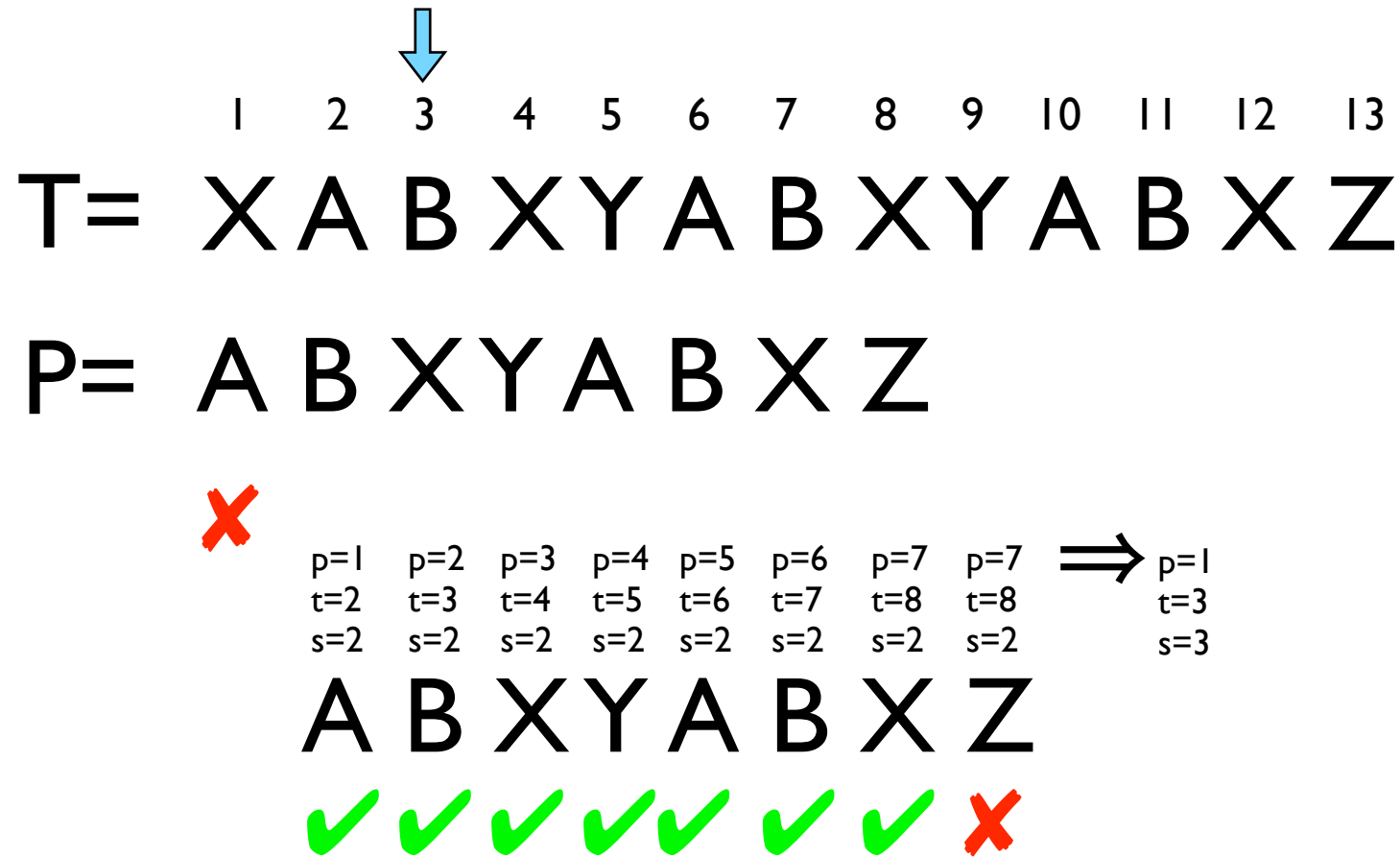
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# The naive method for matching



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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
T=	X	A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z

P= A B X Y A B X Z

X	p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6	p=7	p=7	⇒	p=1
	t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7	t=8	t=8		t=3
	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z
✗							

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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6	p=7	p=7	⇒	p=1
t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7	t=8	t=8		t=3
s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

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p=1	p=2	p=3	p=4	p=5	p=6	p=7	p=7	⇒	p=1
t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7	t=8	t=8		t=3
s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

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t=2	t=3	t=4	t=5	t=6	t=7	t=8	t=8		t=3
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s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

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s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

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s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

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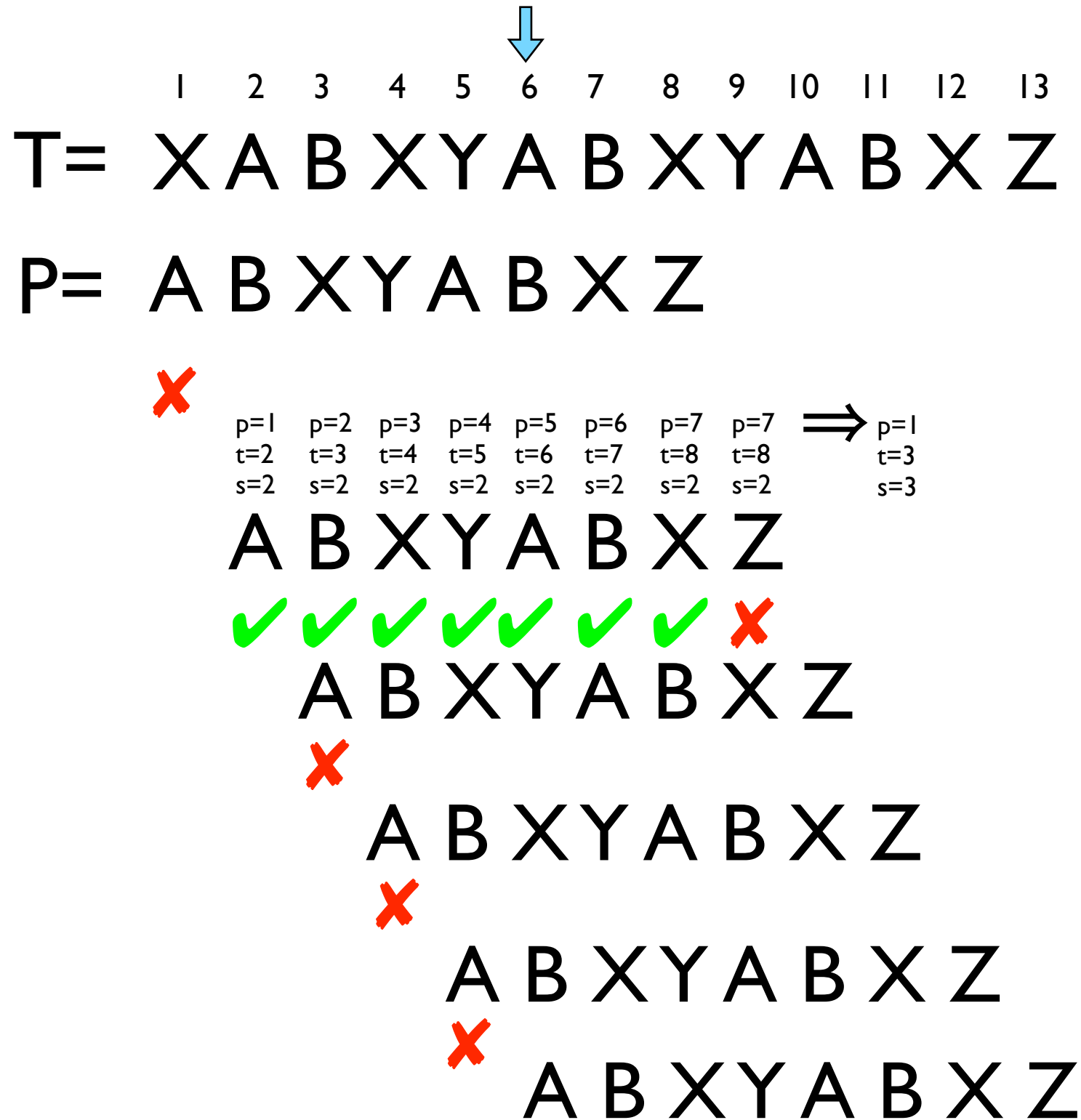
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s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2	s=2		s=3

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# The naive method for matching



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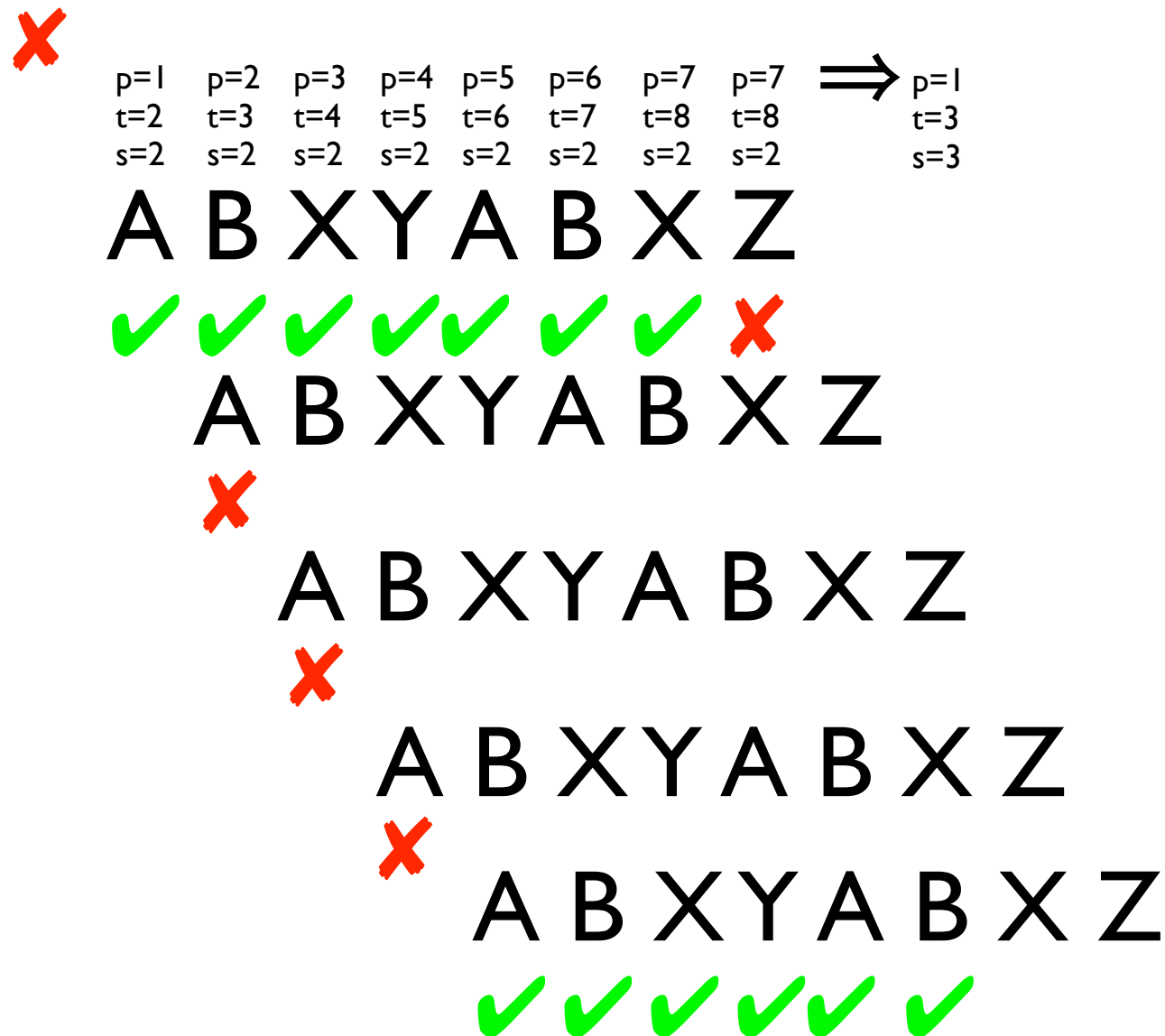
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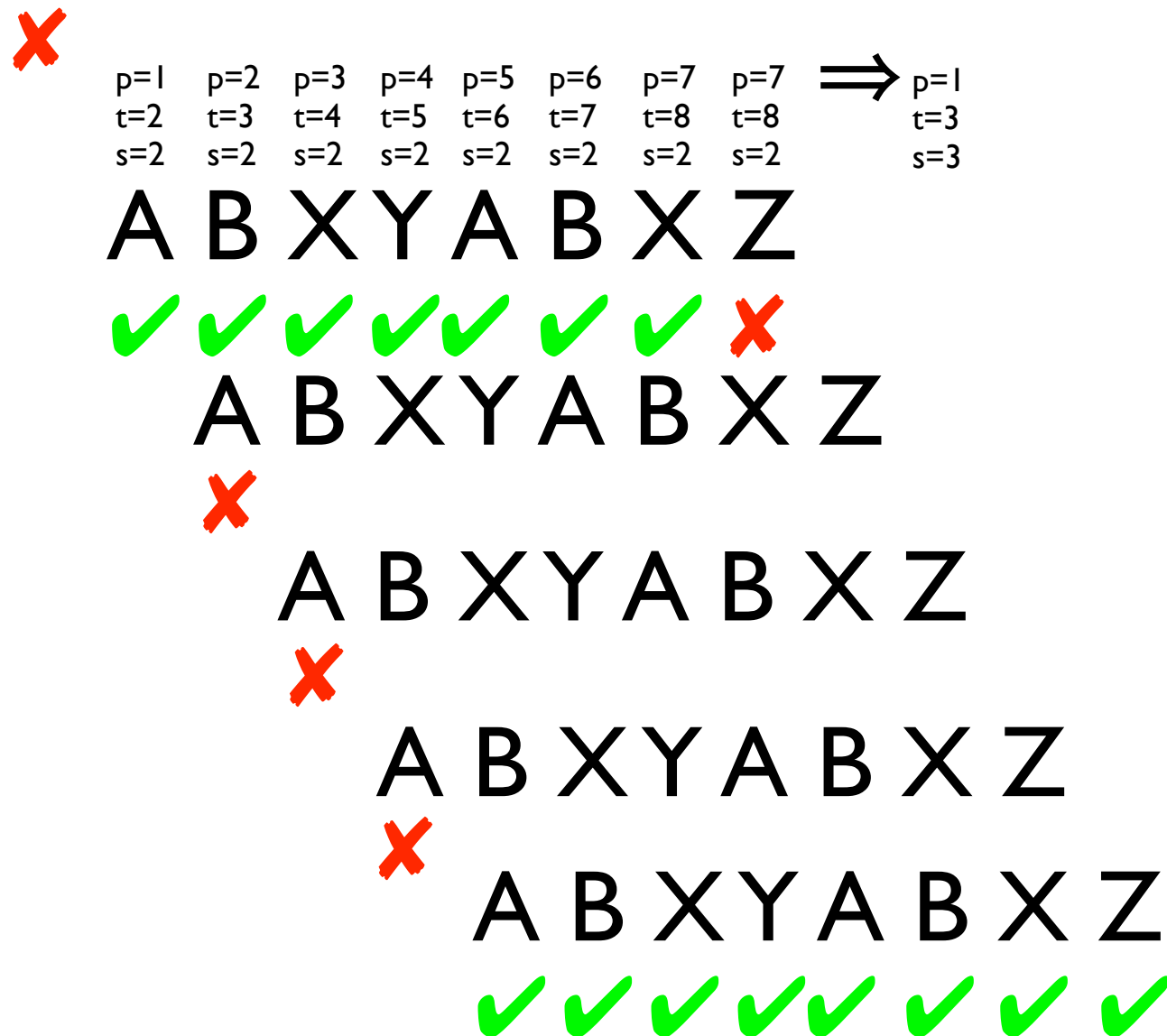
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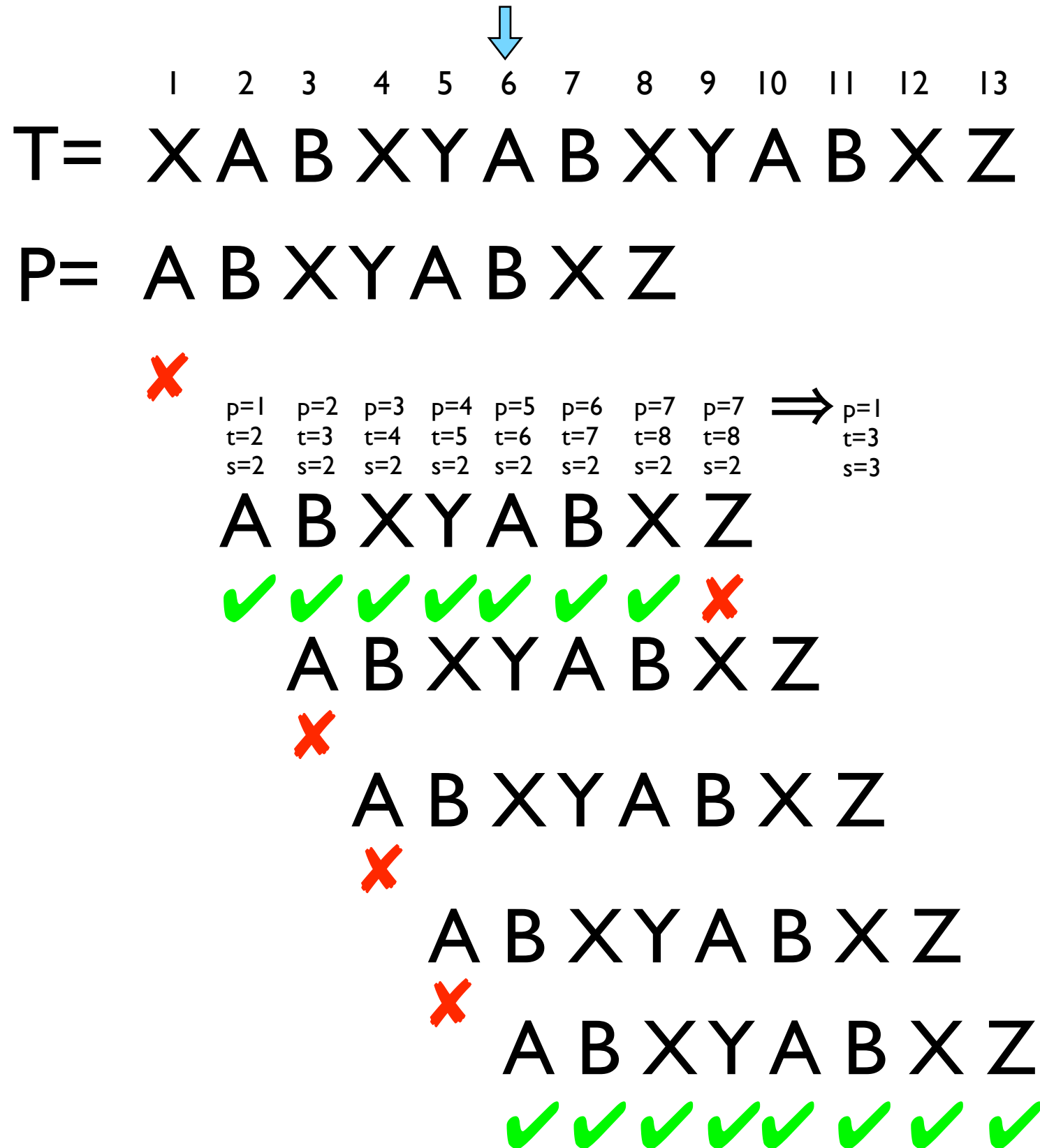
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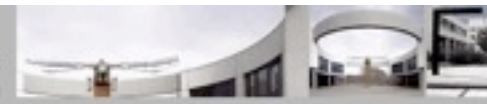
In total,  
we had to make

**20**

comparisons

# The naive method for matching

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- Observations

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- Ideas for speeding up the naive method

- Try to shift further when a mismatch occurs, but never so far as to miss an occurrence of P in T

# Speeding up thru smarter shifting

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13  
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P= A B X Y A B X Z  
X



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		X											
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		A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z				
		✓	✓										

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		X											
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		A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z				
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		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				

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P=	A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z					

✗

A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13  
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P= A B X Y A B X Z

✗

A B X Y A B X Z  
✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✗

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✗

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✗

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✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

In total,  
we had to make

**17**

comparisons

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P=	A	B	X	Y	A	B	X	Z					

✗

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✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

In total,  
we had to make

**14**

comparisons



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- Fundamental preprocessing of a string  $S$ 
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<b>S =</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Z</b>



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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11  
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$Z_5(S)=3: (A A B C \dots A A B X)$



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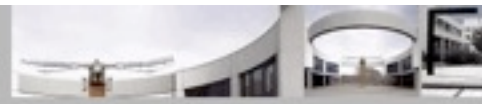
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$Z_9(S)=2$ : (A A B ...A A Z)




- Given a string  $S=P\$T$ 
  - The dollar sign  $\$$  is not in the languages for  $P$  or  $T$
  - $|P|=n$ ,  $|T|=m$ ,  $n \leq m$ , so  $S=n+m+1$
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  - Because “ $\$$ ” is not in the language for  $P$ ,  $Z_i(S) \leq n$  for every  $i > 1$
  - $Z_i(S)=n$  for  $i > n+1$  identifies an occurrence of  $P$  starting at  $i-(n+1)$  in  $T$
  - Also: If  $P$  occurs in  $T$  starting at position  $j$ , then it must be that  $Z_{(n+1)+j}(S)=n$
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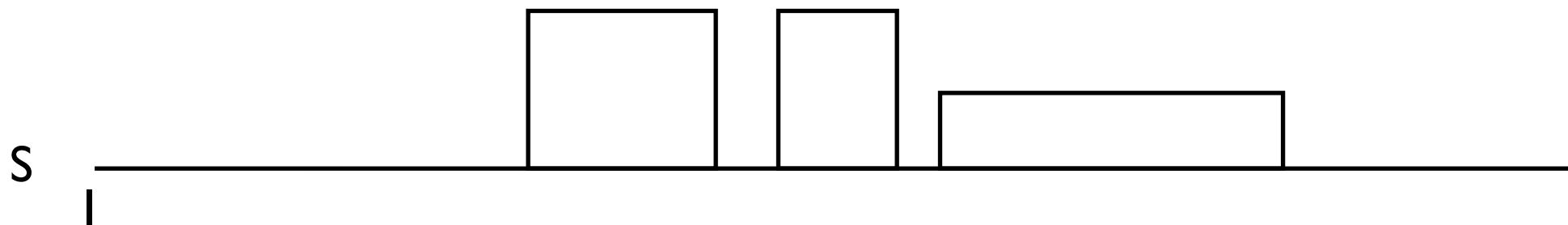
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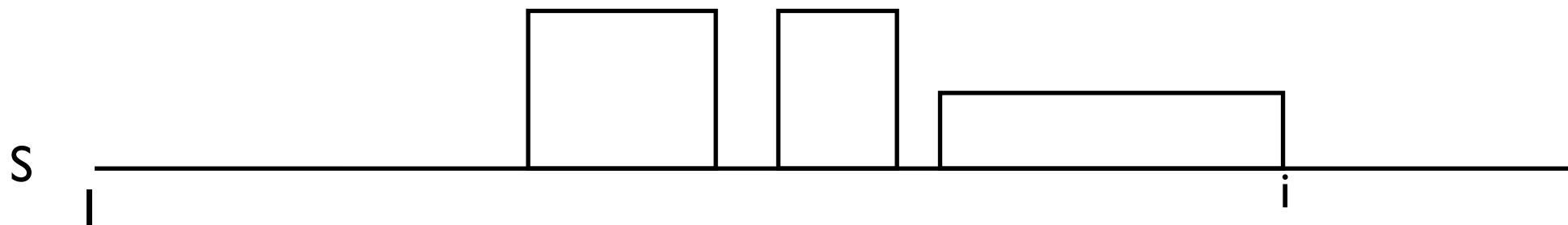


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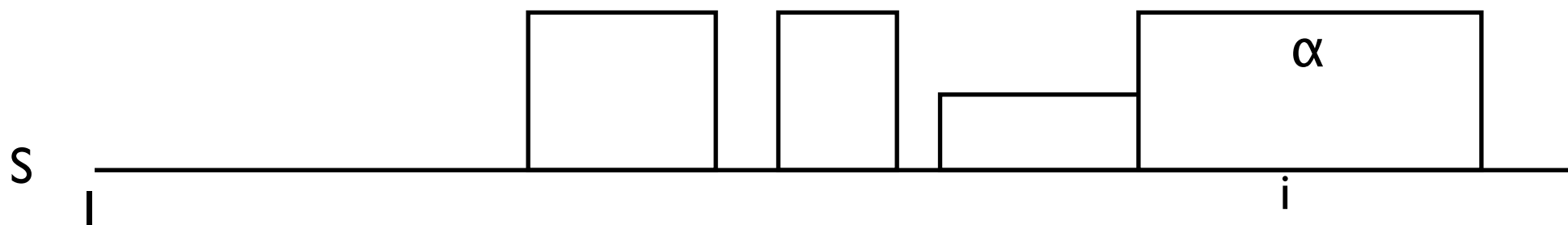


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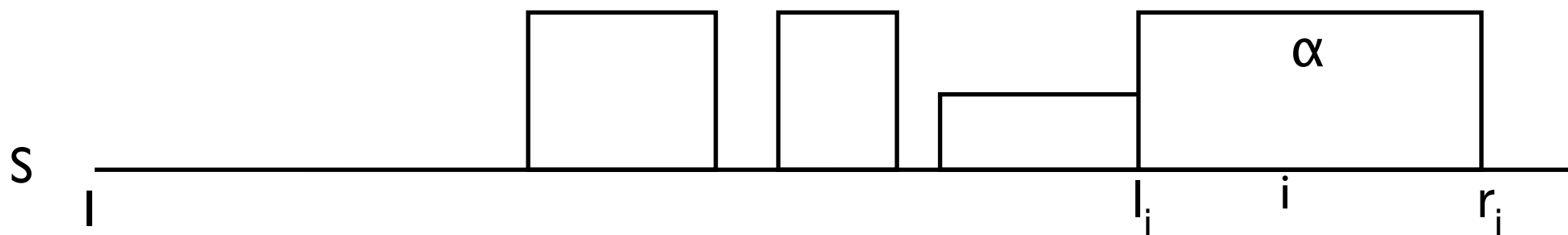


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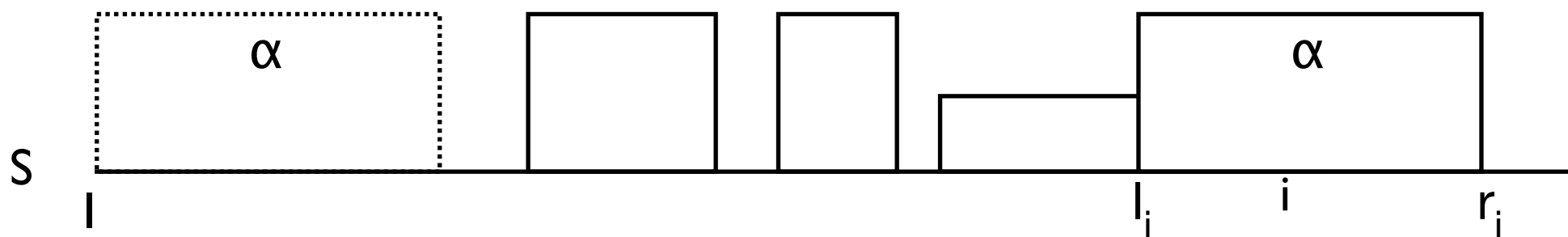


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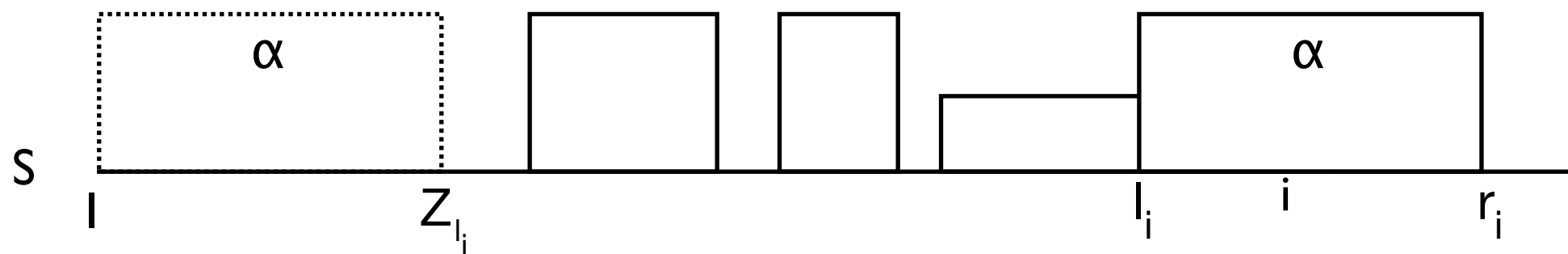


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- We need to compute  $Z_i(S)$ ,  $r_i$  and  $l_i$  for every  $i > 2$
- In any iteration  $i$ , we only need  $r_j$  and  $l_j$  for  $j=i-1$ ; i.e just  $r$ ,  $l$
- If we discover a new Z-box at  $i$ , set  $r$  to the end of that Z-box, which is the right-most position of any Z-box discovered so far
- Step 0  
Find  $Z_2(S)$  by comparing left to right  $S[2..|S|]$  and  $S[1..|S|]$  until a mismatch is found;  $Z_2(S)$  is the length of that string. If  $Z_2(S) > 0$  then set  $r=r_2$  to  $Z_2(S)+1$  and  $l=l_2$ , else  $r=l=0$
- Induction hypothesis: we have correct  $Z_i(S)$  for  $i$  up to  $k-1 > 1$ ,  $r$ ,  $l$ 
  - Next, compute  $Z_i(S)$  from the already computed  $Z$  values



- Simplest case: inclusion
- E.g. for  $k=121$ , we have  $Z_2(S) \dots Z_{120}(S)$ , and  $r_{120}=130$ ,  $l_{120}=100$ 
  - Thus: a substring of length 31 starting at position 100, matching  $S[1..31]$
  - And: the substring of length 10 starting at 121 must match  $S[22..31]$ , so  $Z_{22}$  could help!
  - For example, if  $Z_{22}$  is 3, then  $Z_{121}$  must also be 3



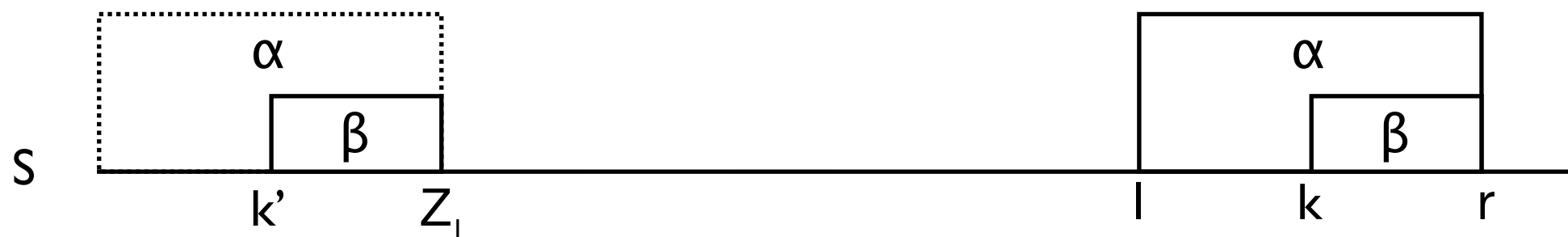


- Given  $Z_i(S)$  for all  $1 < i \leq k-1$ , and the current values of  $Z_k(S)$ ,  $r$ , and  $l$ ; compute the updated  $r$  and  $l$
- Step 1:
  - if  $k > r$ , then find  $Z_k(S)$  by comparing the characters starting at  $k$  to the characters starting at position 1 in  $S$ , until a mismatch is found. The length of the match is  $Z_k(S)$ . If  $Z_k(S) > 0$ , set  $r = k + Z_k(S) - 1$ , and  $l = k$ .



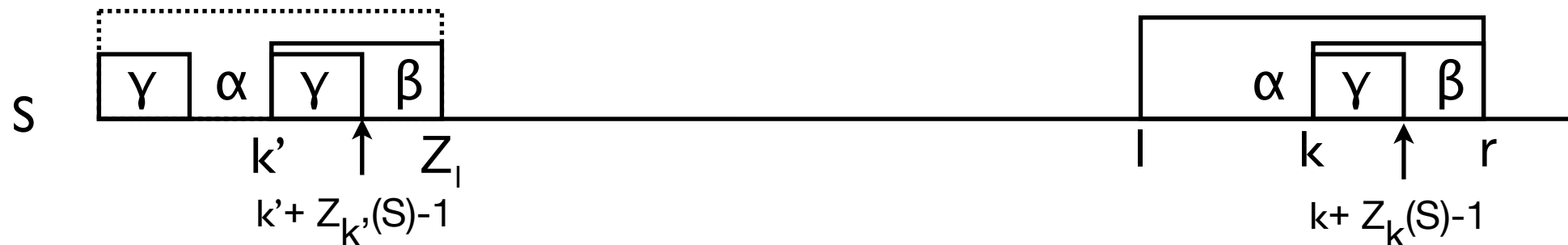
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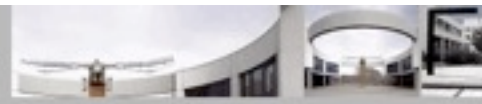
- If  $k \leq r$ , then position  $k$  is contained in a Z-box, and hence  $S(k)$  is contained in a substring  $S[l..r]$  (call it  $\alpha$ ) such that  $l > 1$  and  $\alpha$  matches a prefix of  $S$ .
- Therefore, character  $S(k)$  also appears in position  $k' = k - l + 1$  of  $S$ .
- By the same reasoning, the substring  $S[k..r]$  (call it  $\beta$ ) must match substring  $S[k'..Z_l(S)]$ . (Remember the example with  $Z_{22}(S)$ ,  $r=121$ !)
- Hence, the substring at position  $k$  must match a prefix of  $S$  of length at least the *minimum* of  $Z_{k'}(S)$  and  $|\beta|$  (which is  $r - k + 1$ ).



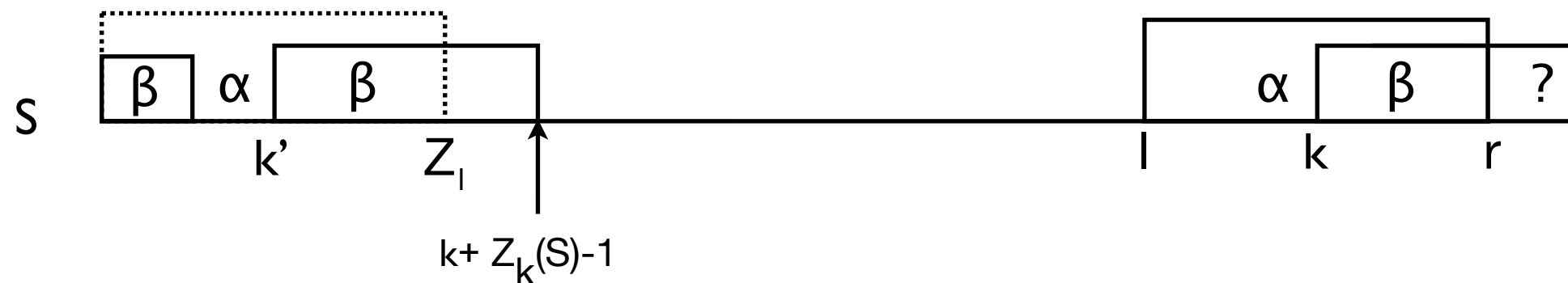


- Case 1: If  $Z_{k'}(S) < |\beta|$ 
  - then position  $k$  is a Z-box (call it  $\gamma$ ) contained within a larger Z-box
  - set  $Z_k(S) = Z_{k'}(S)$  and leave  $r$  and  $l$  as they are





- Case 2: If  $Z_k(S) \geq |\beta|$ 
  - then the entire substring  $S[k..r]$  must be a prefix of  $S$  and  $Z_k(S) \geq |\beta| = r - k + 1$
  - However,  $Z_k(S)$  may be strictly larger, so compare characters starting at  $r + 1$  of  $S$  to the characters starting at  $|\beta| + 1$  of  $S$  until a mismatch occurs (*Remember the second smart improvement over the naive method!*)
  - Say the mismatch is at  $q \geq r + 1$ . Then  $Z_k(S) = q - k$ ,  $r = q - 1$ , and  $l = k$





- “The algorithm computes all the  $Z_i(S)$  values in  $O(|S|)$  time”

The time is proportional to the number of iterations,  $|S|$ , plus the number of character comparisons. Each comparison is either a match or a mismatch. Each iteration that performs any character comparisons at all ends the first time it finds a mismatch; hence there are at most  $|S|$  mismatches during the entire algorithm. To bound the number of mismatches, note first that  $r_k \geq r_{k-1}$  for every iteration  $k$ . Now, let  $k$  be an iteration where  $q > 0$  matches occur. Then  $r_k$  is set to  $r_k + q$  at least. Finally,  $r_k \leq |S|$  so the total number of matches that can occur during any execution of the algorithm is at most  $|S|$ .

- “Computing  $Z_i(S)$  on  $S=P\$T$  finds matches of  $P$  in  $T$  in  $O(|T|)$ ”



- Like the naive method
  - Align P with T, check whether characters in P and T match
  - After the check is complete, P is shifted rightwards relative to T
- Smarter shifting
  - For an alignment, check whether P occurs in T scanning right-to-left in P
  - The **bad character** shift: shift right beyond the bad character
  - The **good suffix** shift: shift right using the match of the good suffix of P



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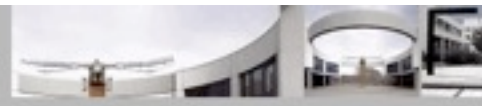
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  - Suppose the rightmost character in  $P$  is  $y$ , aligned to  $x$  in  $T$  with  $x \neq y$
  - If  $x$  is in  $P$ , then we can shift  $P$  so that the rightmost  $x$  is below  $x$  in  $T$
  - If  $x$  is not in  $P$ , then we can shift  $P$  completely beyond the  $x$  in  $T$
- Possibly sublinear matching: not all characters in  $T$  may need to be compared



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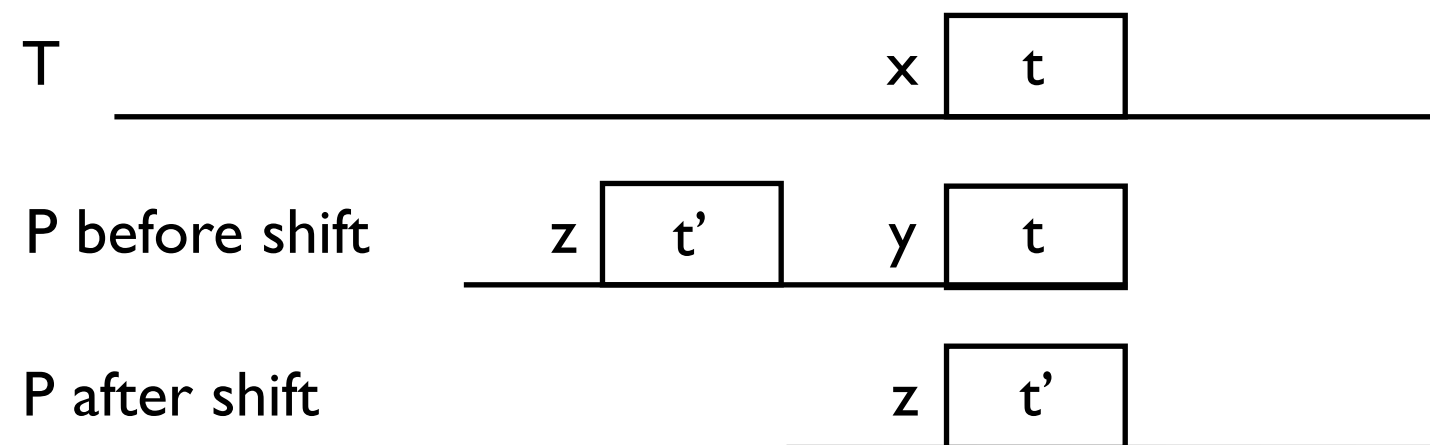
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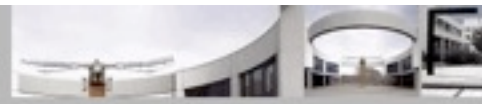




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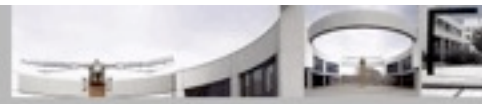
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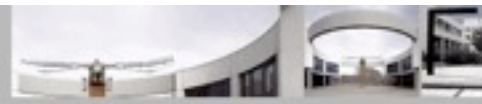
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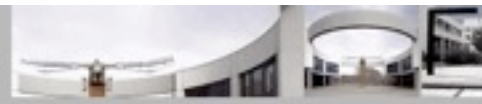
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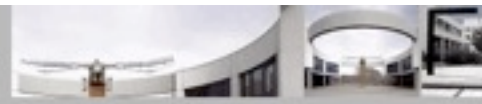
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for  $j := 1$  to  $n-1$  do

begin

$i := n - N_j(P) + 1$

$L'(i) := j$

end

- Intuition

- We have computed the lengths of the longest suffixes as  $N_j(P)$
- Cycle over  $P$  right-to-left, looking at where the longest suffixes start
- Assign to  $L'(i)$  the largest index  $j$  such that  $N_j(P) = |P[i..n]| = (n-i+1)$
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## [Preprocessing stage]

Given the pattern  $P$

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# Next week

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# More matching

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- Jumps based on computation of the Z-function
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  - Bad character, good suffix rules



- Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm
  - Left-to-right matching of  $P$  against  $T$
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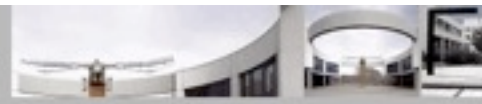


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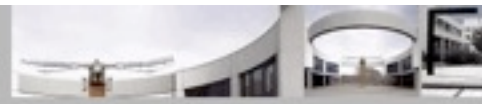
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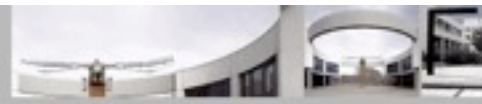
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- Alignment of P and T, left-to-right matching
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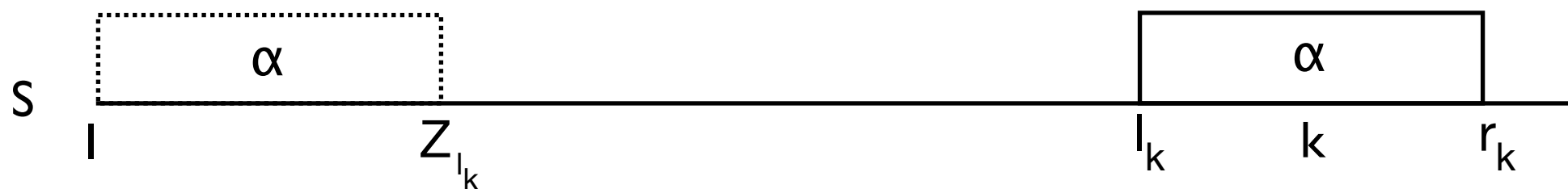
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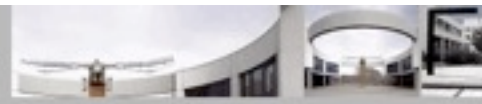
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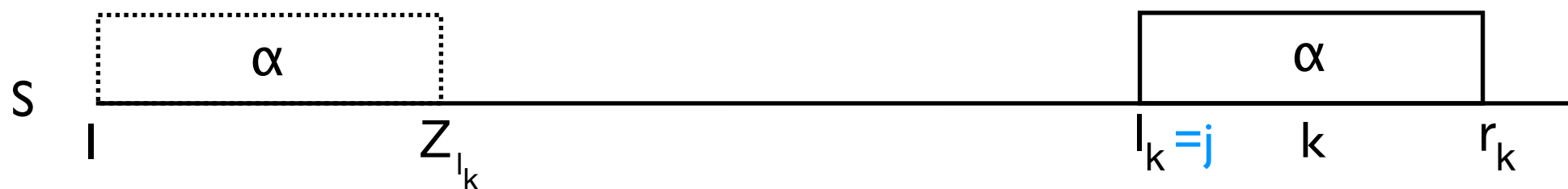
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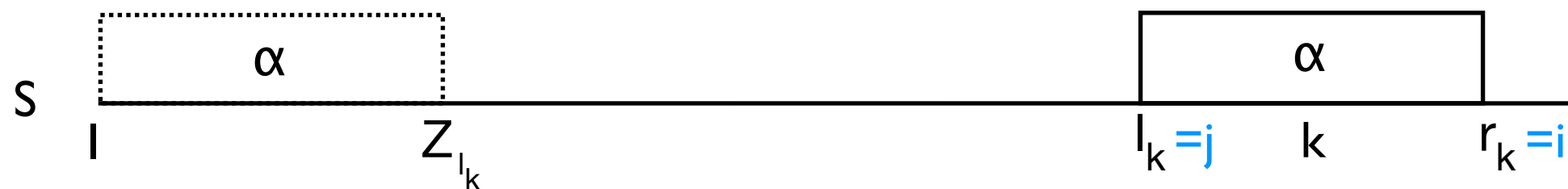
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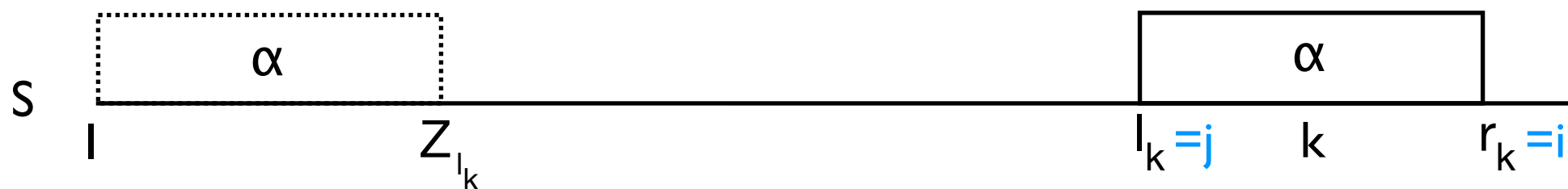
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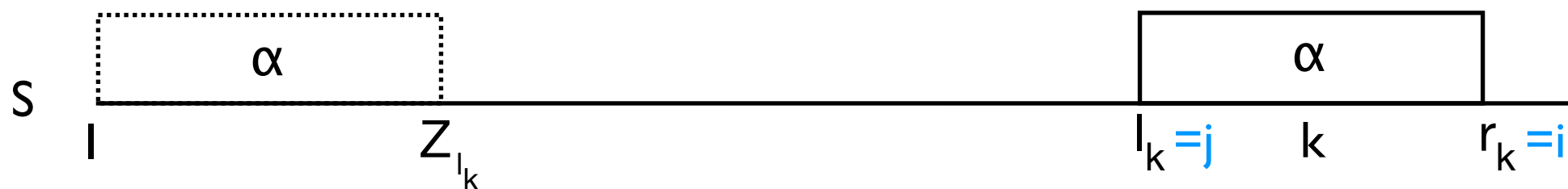
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- Preliminaries

- Shifts through pointers:  $p$  points into  $P$ ,  $c$  points into  $T$
- For each position  $i$  from 1 to  $n+1$ , define the failure function  $F'(i)$  to be  $sp'_{i-1} + 1$  (and define  $F(i)=sp_{i-1} + 1$ ); let  $sp_0'$  and  $sp_0$  be 0.

- The algorithm

preprocess  $P$  to find  $F'(k)=sp'_{k-1} + 1$  for  $k$  from 1 to  $n+1$

$c := 1;$

$p := 1;$

while  $c + (n-p) \leq m$  do

    while  $P(p) = T(c)$  and  $p \leq n$

$p := p+1;$

$c := c+1;$

    if  $p = n+1$  then

        report an occurrence of  $P$  starting at position  $c-n$  of  $T$

    if  $p = 1$  then  $c:=c+1$

$p := F'(p)$





- Generalizing the exact matching problem
  - Match against a set of patterns  $P = \{P_1, \dots, P_z\}$
  - If  $n$  is the total length of the patterns, and  $m$  the length of  $T$ , then we can solve this problem in  $O(n+zm)$  time
- Representing a set of patterns as a keyword tree

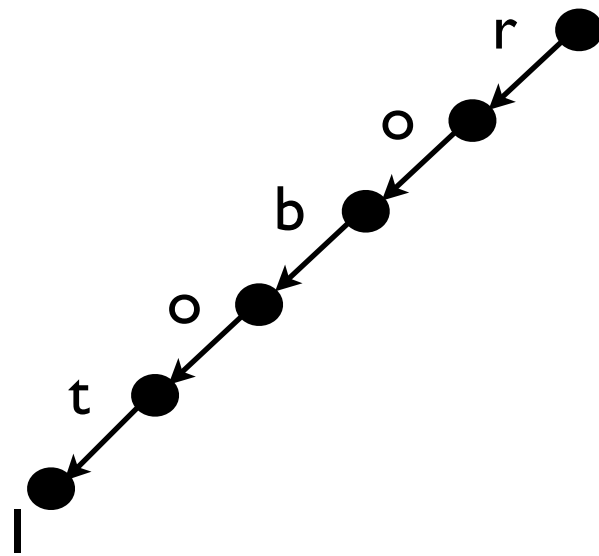
The keyword tree for a set of patterns  $P$  is a rooted directed tree satisfying the following conditions: (1) each edge is labeled with exactly one character; (2) any two edges out of the same node have distinct labels; (3) every pattern  $P_i$  in  $P$  maps to some node  $v$  in the tree such that the characters on the path from the root of the tree to  $v$  exactly spell out  $P_i$ , and every leaf of the tree is mapped to by some pattern in  $P$ .



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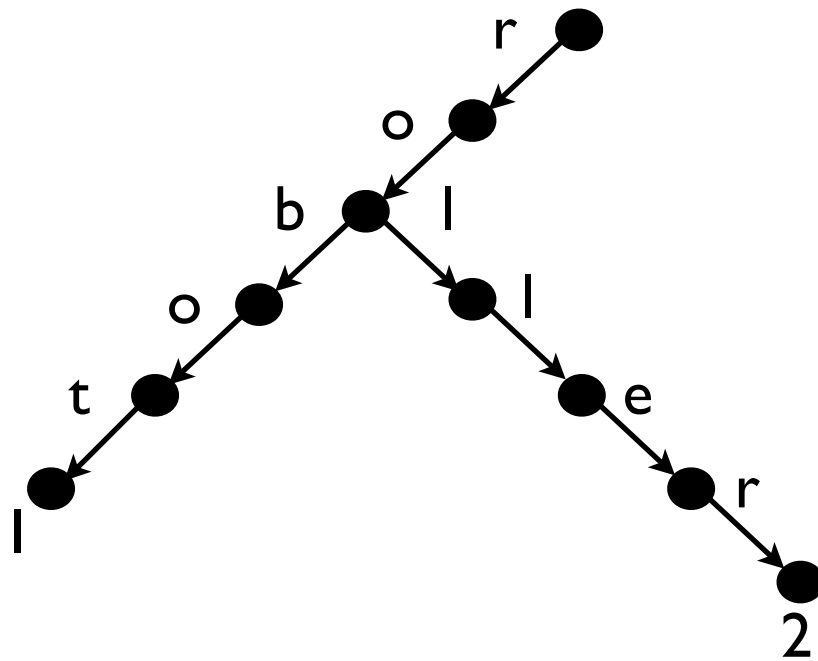


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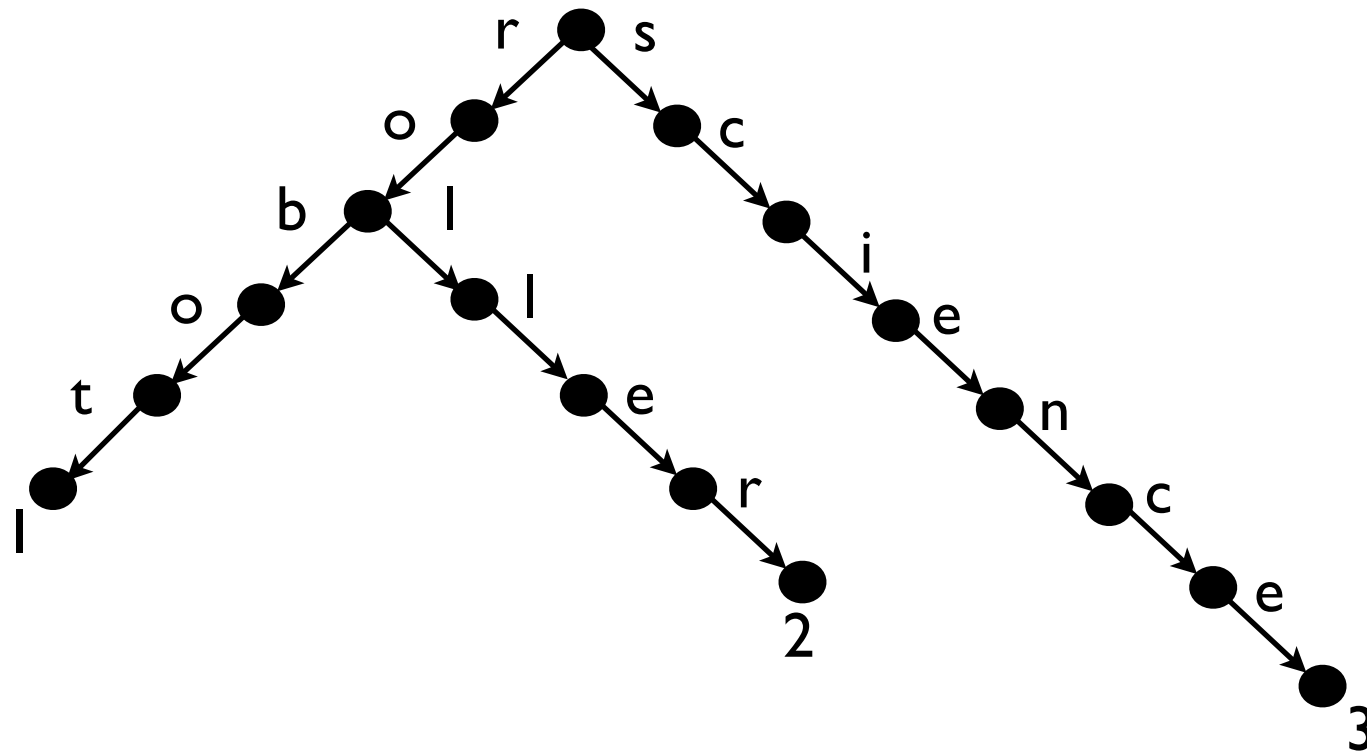


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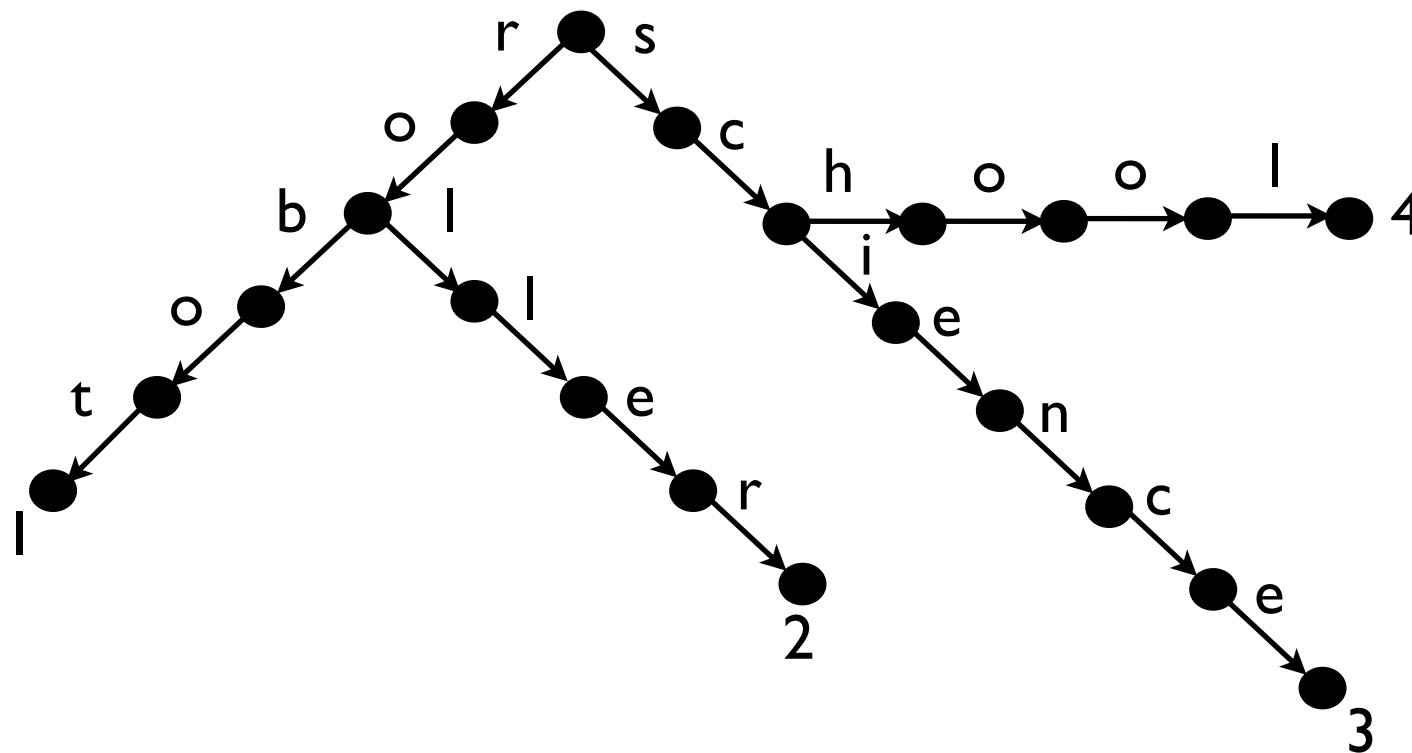


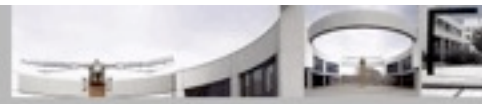
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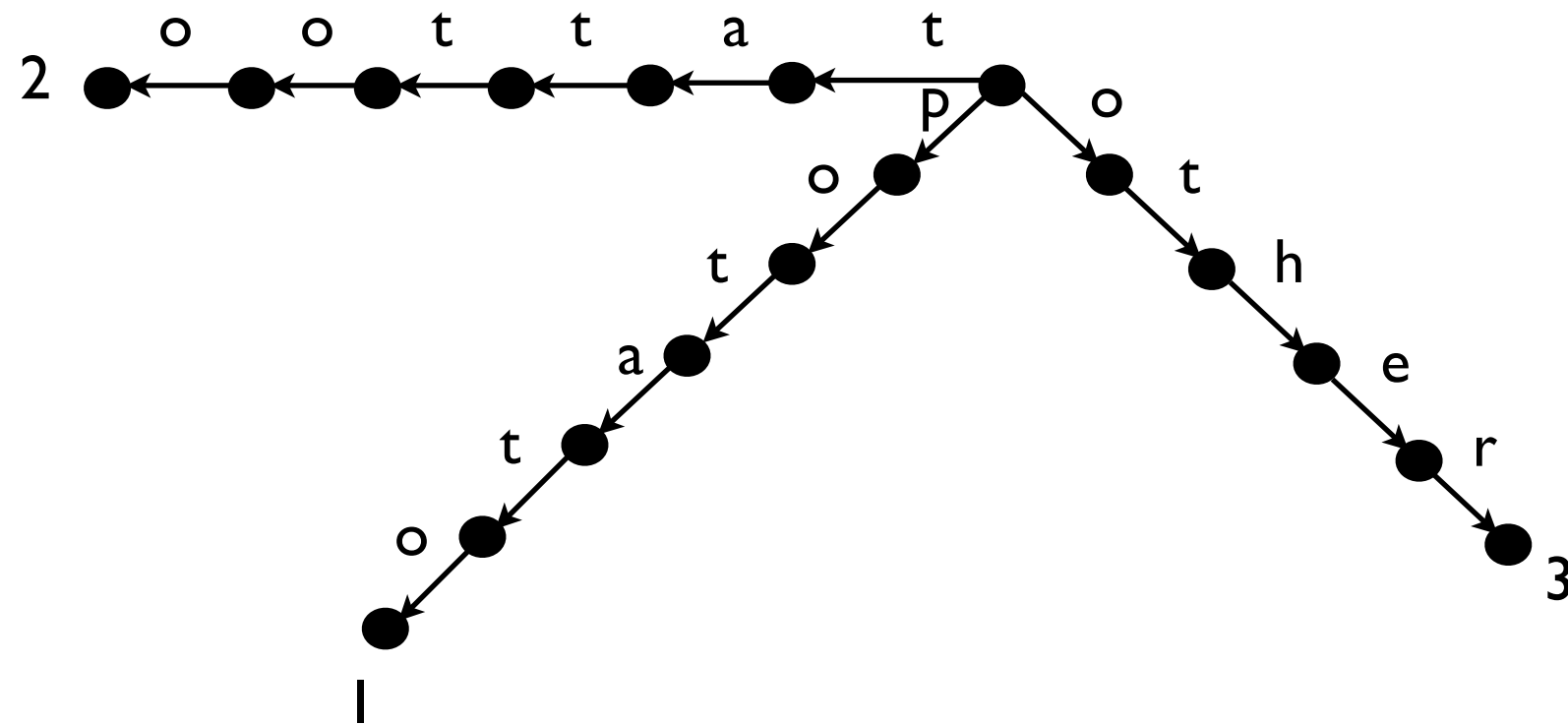


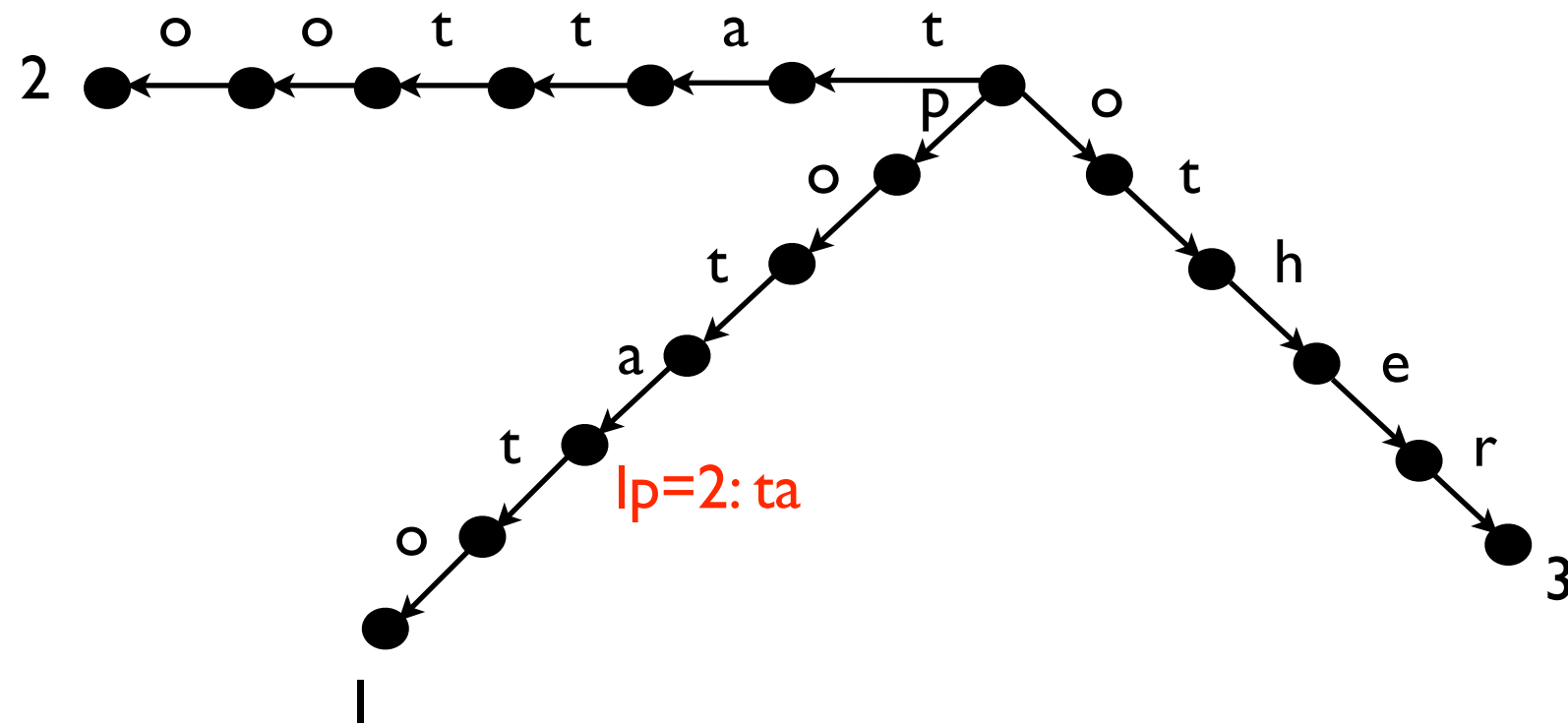
- E.g: search for occurrences of patterns beginning at  $T(1)$ 
  - Follow the unique path in the tree matching a prefix of  $T$  as far as
  - If we get to a node number  $i$ , pattern  $P_i$  has been found starting at  $T(1)$
  - (More patterns are found if some patterns are prefixes of other patterns)
- General approach
  - To find patterns starting at position  $l$  in  $T$ , following unique paths
  - Numbered nodes indicate patterns found at position  $l$  in  $T$
  - Given  $l$ , traversing the tree takes time proportional to  $m$  and  $n$ ;  
incrementing  $l$  from 1 to  $m$  and traversing the tree thus takes  $O(mn)$  time
- Specialization: the dictionary problem
  - Given a known dictionary and a text, find a string from  $T$  in the dictionary

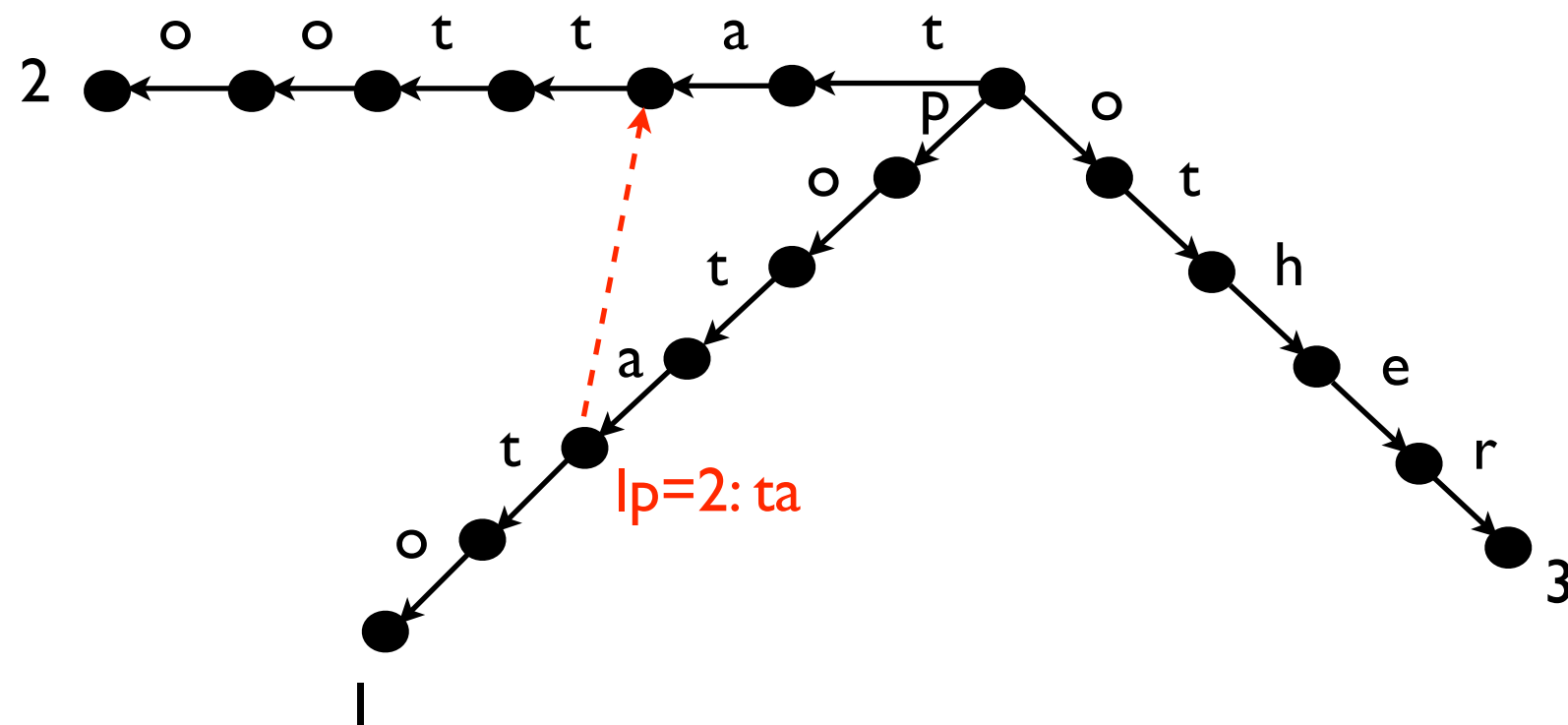


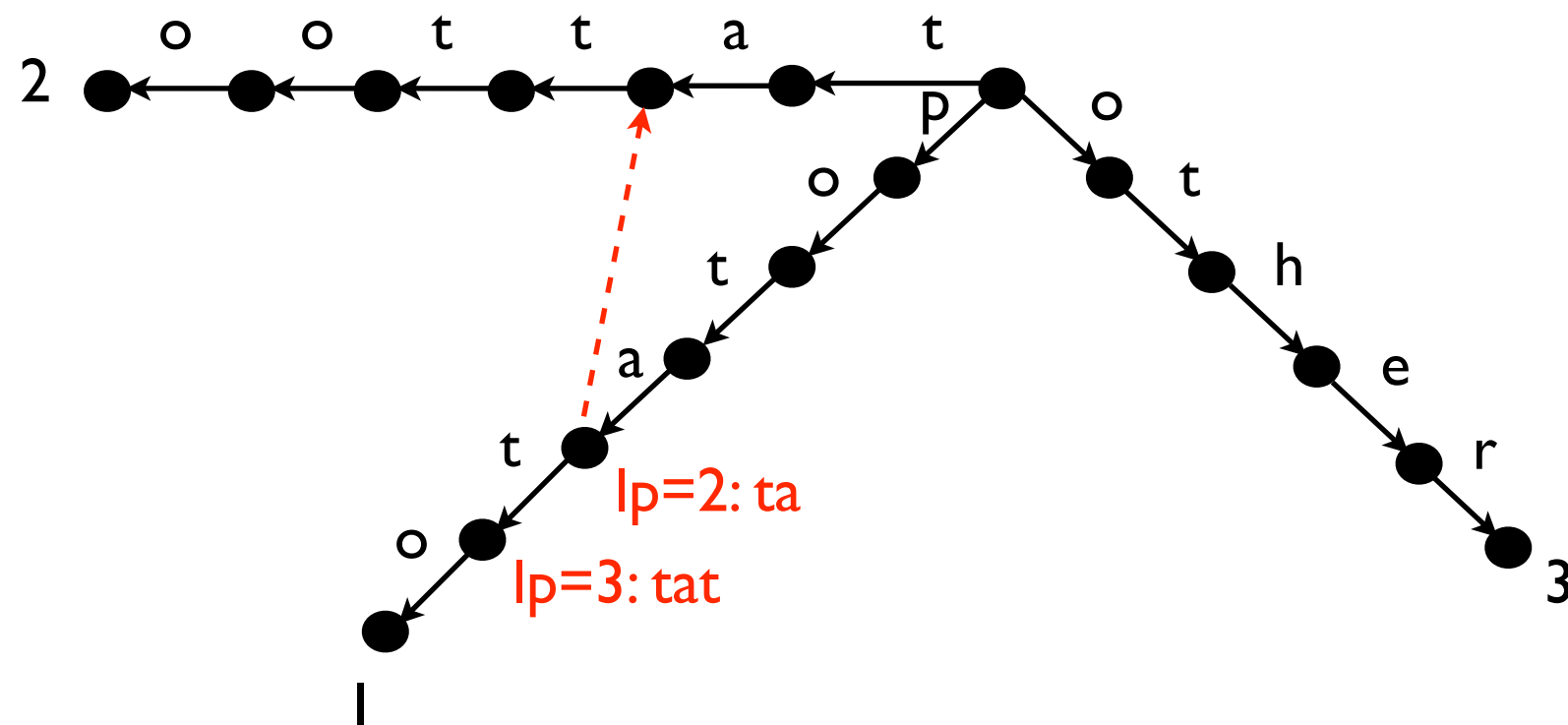
- Speed up through a generalization of Knuth-Morris-Pratt
  - Knuth-Morris-Pratt improved on the naive method by longer shifts
  - Aho-Corasick shifts the position in  $I$  skipping over parts of paths
- Basic idea behind the Aho-Corasick algorithm
  - Generalization of Knuth-Morris-Pratt, particularly: generalize  $sp$
  - Label each node  $v$  with the concatenation of the chars on its path,  $L(v)$
  - For each node  $v$ ,  $lp(v)$  is the length of the longest proper suffix of  $L(v)$  that is a prefix of some pattern in  $P$ .
  - Given  $\alpha$  the  $lp(v)$ -length suffix of  $L(v)$ , there is a unique node in the tree labeled with  $\alpha$ . Let this node be  $n_v$ ;  $(v, n_v)$  is called the **failure link**.

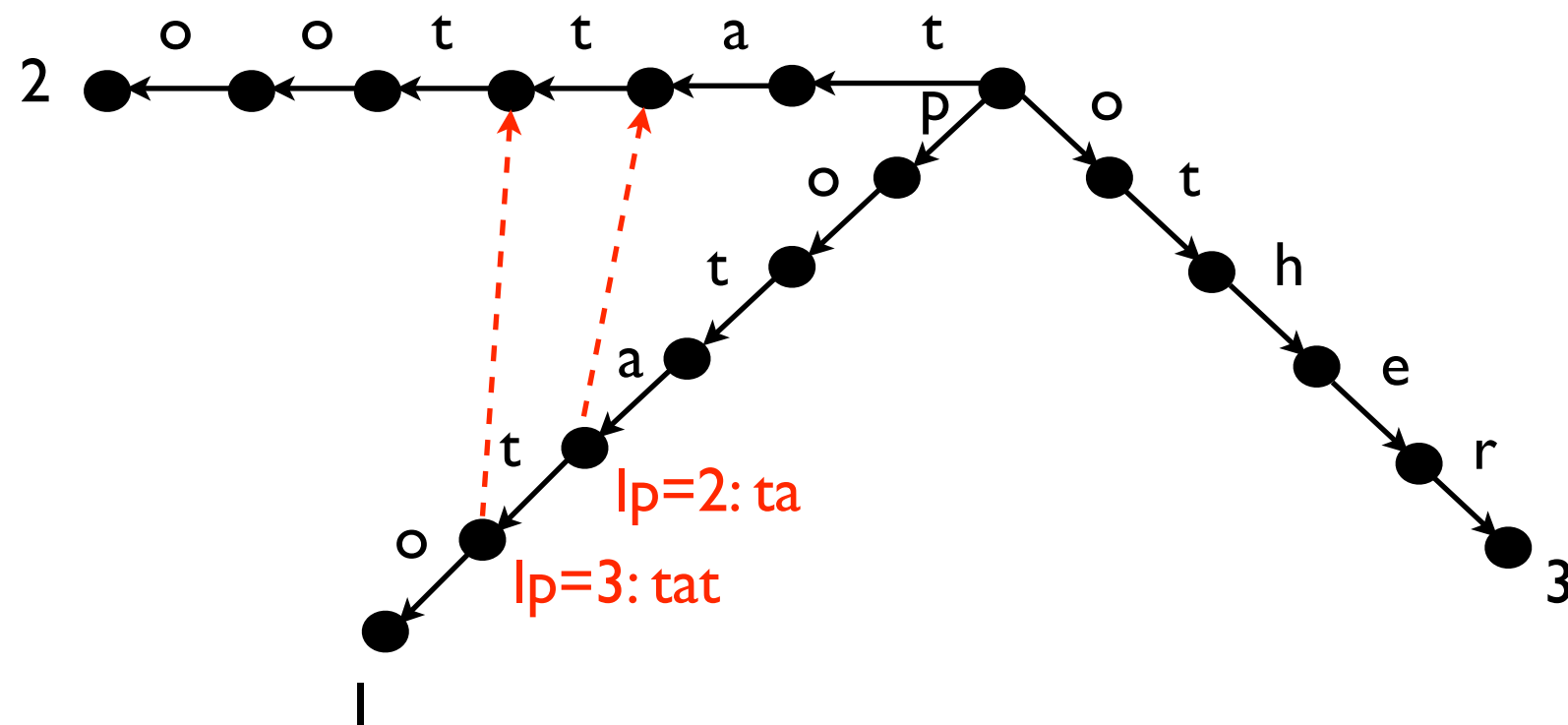


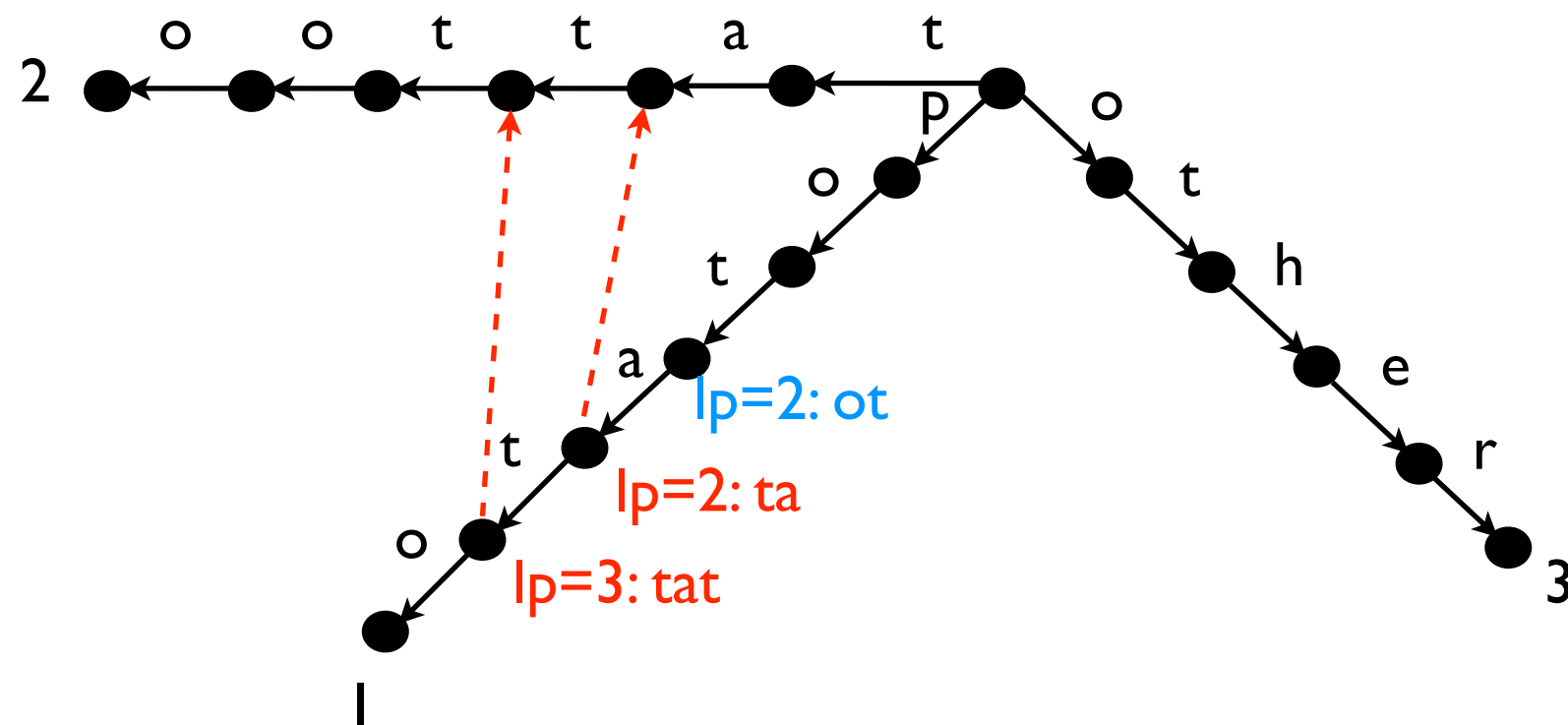


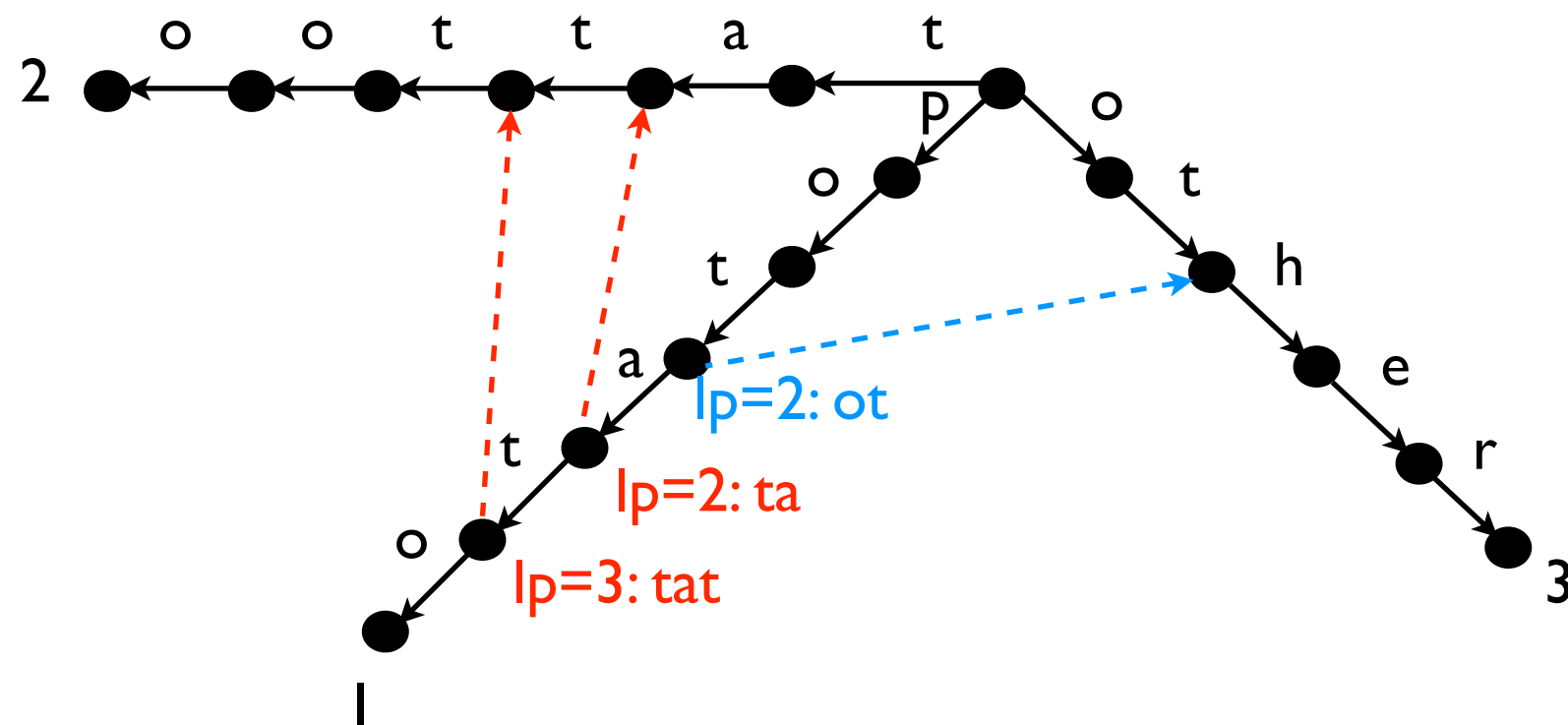


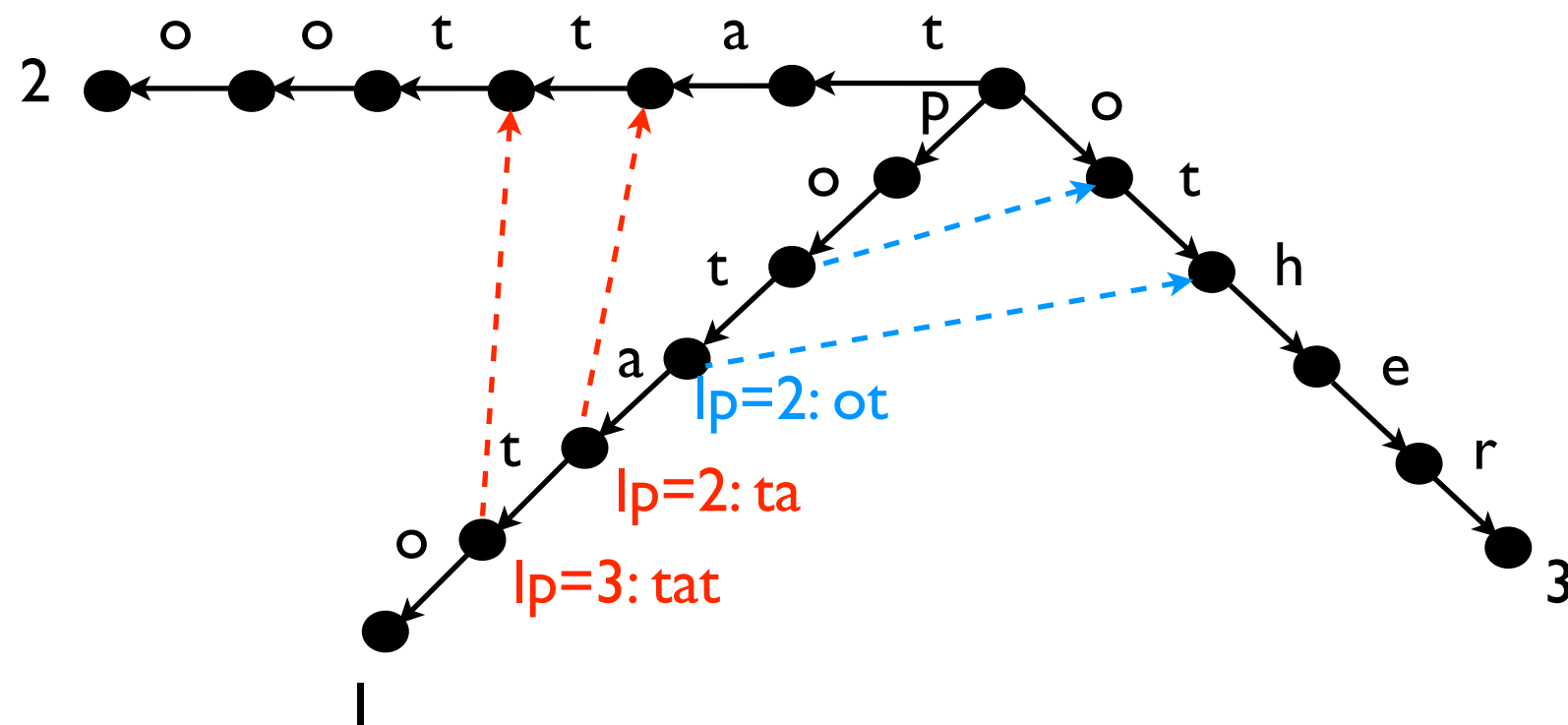




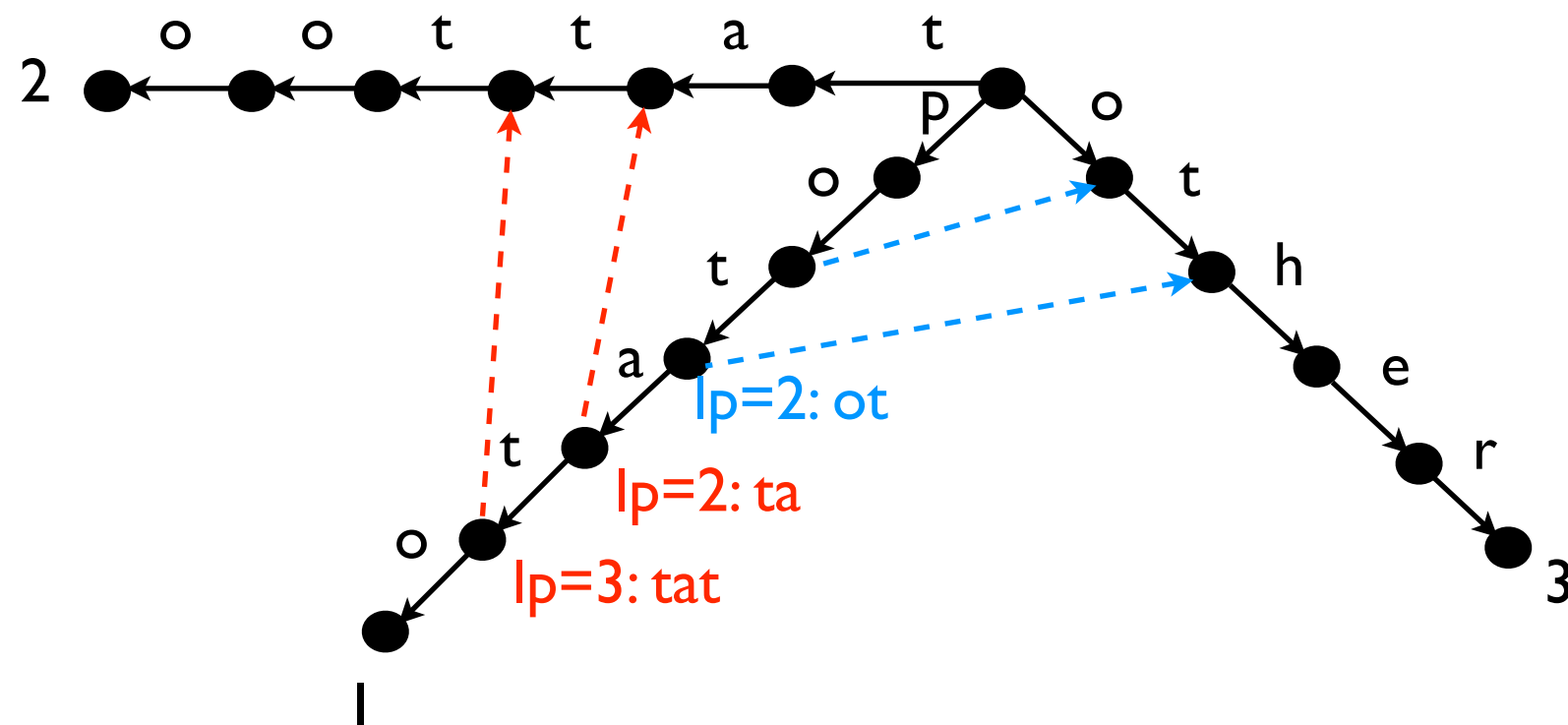










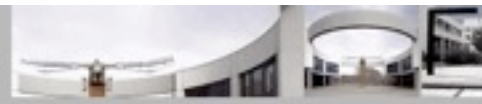


- We can compute failure links in linear time

# The Aho-Corasick algorithm



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l := 1;  
c := 1;  
w := root;  
repeat  
    while there is an edge (w,w') labeled T(c)  
        if w' is numbered by pattern i or there is  
            a directed path of failure links from w' to a node numbered with i  
            then report that Pi occurs in T ending at position c;  
        w := w' and c := c+1  
    w := nw and l = c - lp(w)  
until c > n
```



- So far: *exact* matching problem
  - Inexact matching: approximation of pattern in text
  - From substring to subsequence matching
- The **edit distance** between two strings
  - Transformation: insertion, deletion, substitution of material

R	I	M	D	M	D	M	M	I
v		i	n	t	n	e	r	
w	r	i		t		e	r	s

- A string over the alphabet I, D, R, M, that describes a transformation of one string to another is called an *edit transcript* of the two strings



- Edit distance

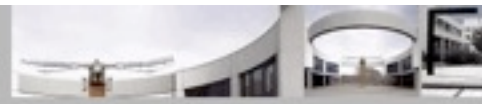
The **edit distance** between two strings is defined as the minimum number of edit operations - insert, delete, substitute - needed to transform the first string into the second. (Matches are not counted.)

- The edit distance problem

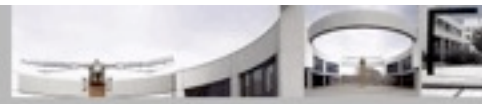
The edit distance problem is to compute the edit distance between two given strings, along with an optimal edit transcript that describes the transformation.



- For strings  $S1$  and  $S2$ ,  $D(i,j)$  is the edit distance between  $S1[1..i]$  and  $S2[1..j]$ . Let  $n=|S1|$  and  $m=|S2|$ .
- Dynamic programming:
  - Recurrence relation: recursive relationship between  $i$  and  $j$  in  $D(i,j)$
  - Tabular computation: memoization technique for computing  $D(i,j)$
  - Traceback: computing the optimal edit transcript from the table



- Recursive relationship
  - Relate value of  $D(i,j)$  for  $i$  and  $j$  positive, and values of  $D$  with index pairs smaller than  $i, j$ .
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- Recurrence relation for  $D(i,j)$  for  $i,j > 0$ 
  - $D(i,j) = \min[D(i-1,j)+1, D(i,j-1)+1, D(i-1,j-1)+t(i,j)]$
  - where  $t(i,j)$  is 1 if  $S1(i) \neq S2(j)$  and 0 if  $S1(i)=S2(j)$
- Complexity issue
  - The number of recursive calls grows exponentially with  $n$  and  $m$
  - But, there are only  $(n+1) * (m+1)$  combinations of  $i$  and  $j$ , hence only  $(n+1) * (m+1)$  *distinct* recursive calls



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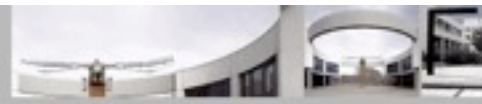
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- Pointer-based approach:
  - When computing  $(i,j)$ , set a pointer to the cell yielding the minimum
  - If  $(i,j) = D(i,j-1)+1$  set a pointer from  $(i,j)$  to  $(i,j-1)$ :  $\leftarrow$
  - If  $(i,j) = D(i-1,j)+1$  set a pointer from  $(i,j)$  to  $(i-1,j)$ :  $\uparrow$
  - If  $(i,j) = D(i-1,j-1)+t(i,j)$  set a pointer from  $(i,j)$  to  $(i-1,j-1)$ :  $\nearrow$
  - There may be several pointers if several predecessors yield the same minimum value
- To retrieve the optimal edit transcripts
  - Trace back the path(s) from  $(n,m)$  to  $(0,0)$
  - A horizontal edge ( $\leftarrow$ ) represents an *insertion*
  - A vertical edge ( $\uparrow$ ) represents a *deletion*
  - A diagonal edge ( $\nearrow$ ) represents a *match* if  $S1(i)=S2(j)$ , and a *substitution* if  $S1(i)\neq S2(j)$



- Filling the table costs  $O(nm)$  time
  - To fill one cell takes a constant number of cell examinations, arithmetic operations, and comparisons
  - The table consists of  $n$  by  $m$  cells, hence  $O(nm)$  time
- Retrieving the optimal path(s) costs  $O(n+m)$  time



- Exact matching problem
  - Naive method compares character by character, single shift of P against T
  - Optimization through smarter shifting; base information for smarter shifting is provided by Z-boxes, computable in linear time
  - Boyer-Moore algorithm, Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm
  - We can generalize the single pattern problem to sets of patterns, using the Aho-Corasick algorithm (based on K-M-P) on keyword trees
- Inexact matching problem
  - Looking for subsequences rather than substrings
  - Dynamic programming approach to establishing edit distance between two strings, specified as an edit transcript