

# Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm → Mismatched symbols

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Consider the following step of the KMP algorithm:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
t	B	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	E	E
s		A	B	C	D	A	B	C	E	E				
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8					

Here, we have a mismatch:  $t[8] \neq s[7]$ . Before a new iteration, we need to shift the pattern by  $x$  symbols. What is  $x$  equal to?

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