

# Algorithms in Bioinformatics

More Suffix trees

Inexact Matching



# Recap

- Office hours today start at 4  
(plus I'll leave a little time  
at the end of today  
for questions)
- Next assignment: essay

Officially due Thursday  
(after break), but  
feel free to submit  
the next Tuesday if  
you need more time

- No class in 1 week

Last time(s): Exact matching

We focused on:

- hashing : import something
- Suffix trees

There are many variants,  
but key tradeoff:

fixed  $P$  vs  
fixed  $T$

# More suffix trees:

- Generalized suffix trees:  
a tree that recognizes suffixes  
for  $> 1$  string

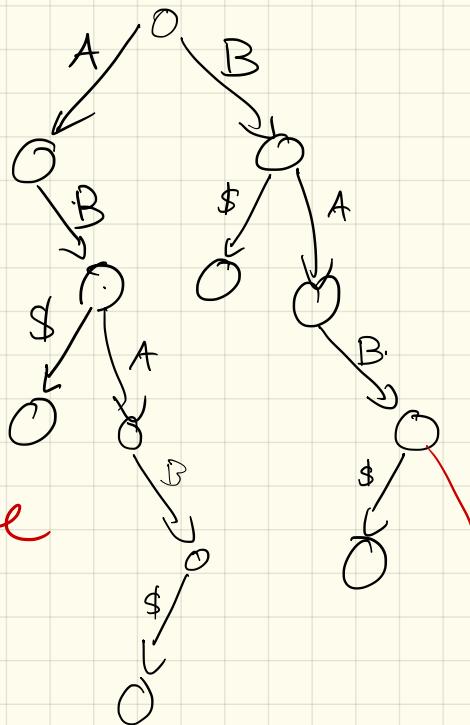
Idea:

Build suffix tree for  $S_1$

Eg:  $S_1 = \underline{ABA}B\$$

Then parse  
for  $S_2$ .

$S_2 = \underline{BA}BA\#$

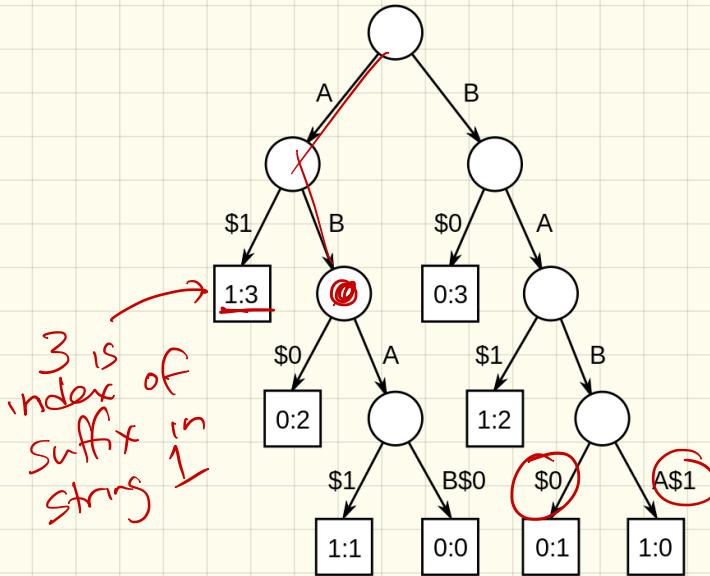


$O(|S_2|)$  time  
to add to  
tree

Final tree:

$$S_1 = \underline{BABA} - (\$0)$$

$$S_2 = ABA\beta (\$1)$$



(This can be done efficiently,  
but we won't unpack  
those details yet...)

Can actually do this for even more strings:

- Make each terminate with a different end character. (\$1, \$2, \$3)
- Annotate tree as you go

↳ encodes all suffixes of all ~~trees~~.

Strings in a single tree.

More applications:

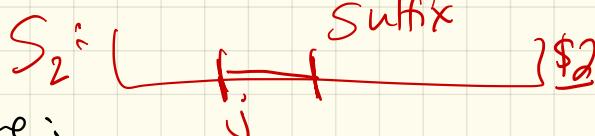
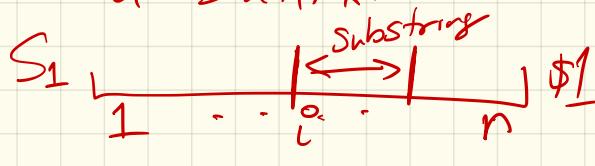
- Longest common substring  
(not contiguous set of characters sequence)

How?

Use generalized suffix tree.

Mark internal nodes:

a substring in  $S_1$   
is a prefix of  
a suffix.



Runtime:

Linear time

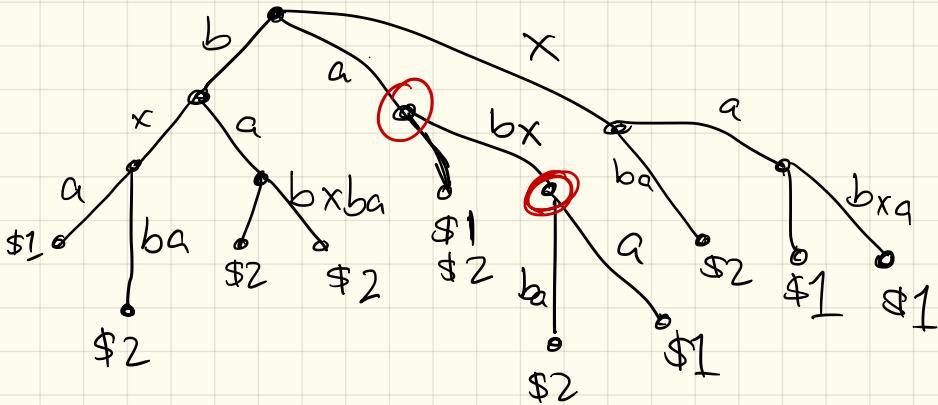
(to build gen. suffix tree)

Example :

$$S_1 = \underline{xabx}c (\$1)$$

$$S_2 = \underline{babxb}a (\$2)$$

Tree:



Any internal node with both \$1 + \$2 at leaves in its subtree is a common substring. Return the deepest.

• DNA contamination problem:  
(Fun dinosaur story)

Problem: Given string  $S_1$ ,  
+ a known string  $S_2$ ,  
find all substrings of  $S_2$   
that occur in  $S_1$  and  
are longer than some length  $l$ .

(These are candidates for  
unwanted pieces of  $S_2$   
that have contaminated  $S_1$ .)

How? (Similar to last one!)

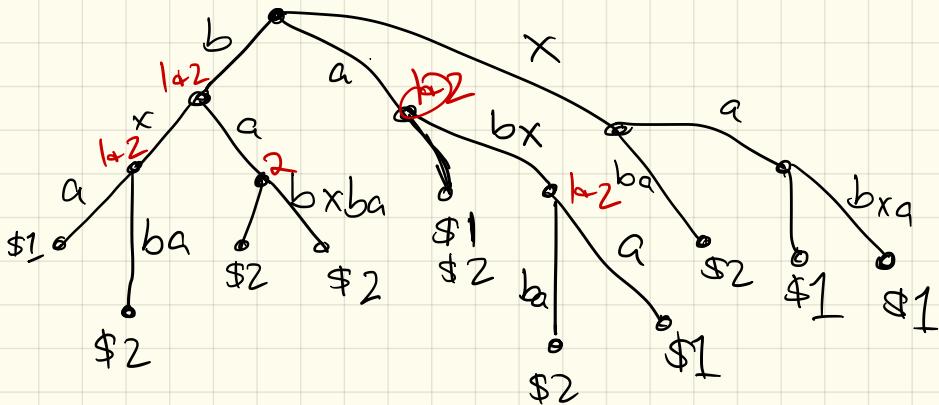
Build gen. suffix tree  
 $O(n)$

## Same Example :

$$S_1 = xabxc (\$1) \quad \text{unknown DNA}$$

$S_2 = babxba$  (\$2) my DNA

# Tree:



Set  $\ell = 2$ :

Look for any nodes of depth  $\geq 2$ .

# Longest Common Extensions:

Input : Two strings  $S_1$  &  $S_2$

$$|S_1|, |S_2| = n$$

and  $\frac{long}{1}$  Sequence of index  
pairs  $(i^o, j^o)$

Output :

For each  $(i^o, j^o)$ , return length  
of longest common prefix  
of  $S_1(i^o \dots n)$  matching  
a prefix of  $S_2(j^o \dots n)$

How ?

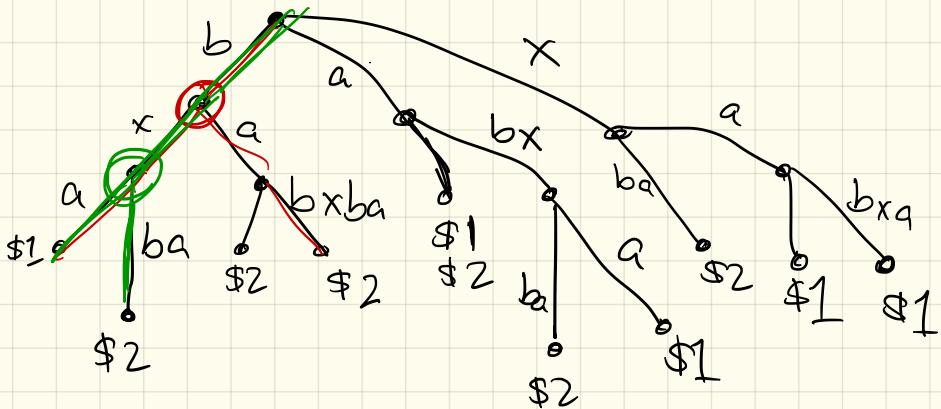
- Use lowest common ancestor in gen. suffix tree :

Same Example:

$$S_1 = \underline{xabx}c (\$1)$$

$$S_2 = \underline{babxb}a (\$2)$$

Tree:



$$\text{Let } i = 3 + j = 1$$

1: b

$$\text{or } \overline{i = 3 + j = 3}$$

2: bx

# Inexact Matching:

## the k-mismatch problem

Idea: For some simpler variations on matching, don't need full-on dynamic programming.

Why bother?

Not going to allow insertions or deletions

$\sim O(n)$  instead of  $O(mn)$

Problem:

### K-mismatch Problem:

#### Approximate Pattern Matching Problem:

Find all approximate occurrences of a pattern in a text.

**Input:** A pattern  $p = p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$ , text  $t = t_1 t_2 \dots t_m$ , and parameter  $k$ , the maximum number of mismatches.

**Output:** All positions  $1 \leq i \leq m - n + 1$  such that  $t_i t_{i+1} \dots t_{i+n-1}$  and  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$  have at most  $k$  mismatches (i.e.,  $d_H(t_i, p) \leq k$ ).

Ex:  $P = \text{bend}$

$T = \underline{\text{a}} \underline{\text{b}} \underline{\text{e}} \underline{\text{n}} \underline{\text{t}} \underline{\text{b}} \underline{\text{a}} \underline{\text{n}} \underline{\text{a}} \underline{\text{e}} \underline{\text{n}} \underline{\text{d}}$

$k = 2$

Then 3 2-mismatches:

- at position 2,  
bent has 1 mismatch
- at pos 6,  
bana w/ 2 mismatches

at pos 11  
a end  
↓  
b end      1 mismatch

# First approach: brute force :

APPROXIMATEPATTERNMATCHING( $p, t, k$ )

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1   $n \leftarrow$  length of pattern  $p$ 
2   $m \leftarrow$  length of text  $t$ 
3  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $m - n + 1$ 
4       $dist \leftarrow 0$ 
5      for  $j \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
6          if  $t_{i+j-1} \neq p_j$ 
7               $dist \leftarrow dist + 1$ 
8      if  $dist \leq k$ 
9          output  $i$ 
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Runtime :  $O(mn)$   
 $O((m-n+1)n)$

Goal :  $O(km)$

where  $|P| = n$   
 $|T| = m$  ( $\forall m > n$ )

→ instead of  $O(mn)$

Method: use longest common extension idea

For any position  $i^*$  in  $T$  (the longer string), do a longest common extension query.

Say it has length  $l$ .

If  $l = |P|$ , done.

otherwise, position  $i^* + l$  is a mismatch:

Ex:

$T = \dots$	<u>A</u>	<u>G</u>	...	<u>T</u>	<u>G</u>	-	...
	<u>A</u>	<u>G</u>	...	<u>I</u>	<u>A</u>	-	...
	<u>i</u>	<u>i+1</u>	...	<u>i+l-1</u>	<u>i+l</u>	...	

Then use a mismatch (so  $k-1$  left), reset to

$T[i^* + l + 1] \neq P[l + 2]$

& continue, looking for  $k-1$  match

Runtime:  $O(km)$