

### 3. Exact Pattern Matching

# String Matching

Given: pattern  $P$ , text  $T$  ( $P, T$  are strings)

Aim: find occurrences of  $P$  in  $T$

Exmpl:  $T = \text{AATGCAATGCA} \dots$   
 $P = \text{ATG}$

$P$  occurs on position 2, 6, ...

This has applications in:

- Bioinformatics (e.g. sequence assembly  
where one may align fragments of your DNA to reference genome to get read of your DNA; also applications in finding repeated regions & many more)
- general word processing
- internet search
- "grep" in Unix
- search for plagiarism
- subtask for e.g. inexact matching

## Basics:

string  $S = x_1 \dots x_n$ ,  $|S| = n$

$S[i..j] = x_i x_{i+1} \dots x_j$

$S(i) = x_i$

$S[1..j]$  = prefix of  $S$  ending at  $j$

$S[j..n]$  = suffix of  $S$  starting at  $j$

$S:$   $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ \text{H} & \text{O} & \text{N} & \text{O} & \text{L} & \text{U} & \text{U} & \text{L} \end{matrix}$   
 $S[1..4]$  prefix  
 $S[7..8]$  suffix  
 $S(5) = L$

if  $P(i) = T(k)$  for some  $i, k$  then they match  
else mismatch.

## Naive Method

Q: How often can P occur in T?

A:  $|T| - |P| + 1$  times

$T = \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ A & A & A & A & A & A \end{matrix}$

$P = AA$

,

P occurs at pos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

$$= 5 \text{ times} = 6 - 2 + 1$$

Q: What is greatest nr of character comparisons?

A:  $(P| \cdot (|T| - |P| + 1)$  (worst case)

See example above:  $2 \cdot 5 = 10$  comparisons

Q: What nr least nr of character comparisons?

A:  $|T| - |P| + 1$  (best case)

$T = AAAA$

$P = BA$

$\Rightarrow$  RUNTIME NAIVE-alg

$|T| - |P| + 1$

1. loop

$|P|$

2 loop

$$\Rightarrow |T|(|P| - |P|)^2 + 1 \leq |T||P|$$

$\uparrow$   
 $|T| \geq |P|$

$\Rightarrow O(|T||P|)$  time

look now to one of many linear-time  
algorithms, i.e. instead of  $\Theta(|P| |T|)$   
we have runtime  $O(|P| + |T|)$

Z-algorithm [fundamental preprocessing  
used in many alg]

General idea: pre-process  $P$  in  $O(|P|)$  time  
to gain insight of internal  
structure of  $P$

DEF: let  $S$  be a string (usually  $S = P$  pattern)  
 $\& i \geq 1.$

$Z_i := Z_i(S) =$  length of longest substring  
in  $S$  that  
starts at position  $i$  &  
matches prefix of  $S$

<u>Exmpl:</u>	$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$S$	a	a	b	c	a	a	b	x	a	a	$\bar{z}$	
$Z_i$	-	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	

DEF (+-Box): If  $i \geq 1$  s.t.  $Z_i > 0$ , the  
 $Z$ -Box at  $i$  is  
the interval  $[i, i + Z_i - 1]$

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$S$	a	a	b	c	a	a	b	x	a	a	z
$z_i$	-1	0	0	3	1	0	0	2	10	0	

$z_i > 0$  at pos. 2, 5, 6, 9, 10

$$\begin{aligned}
 z\text{-Box at } 2 &= [2, 2+1-1] = [2, 2] \\
 \text{at } 5 &= [5, 5+3-1] = [5, 7] \\
 \text{at } 6 &= [6, 6+1-1] = [6, 6] \\
 \text{at } 9 &= [9, 9+2-1] = [9, 10] \\
 \text{at } 10 &= [10, 10+1-1] = [10, 10]
 \end{aligned}$$

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$S$	a	<u>a</u>	b	c	<u>a</u>	<u>a</u>	b	x	<u>a</u>	<u>a</u>	z

This intervals  $[i, j]$  correspond  
to  $S[i..j] = \text{longest substring}$   
starting at  $i \geq 1$  &  
matches prefix of  $S$

DEF  $\forall i > 1 :$

( $r = \text{right}$ )

$r_i$  denotes right-most endpoint of  
 $z$ -Boxes  $z_j$  with  $z_j > 0$  &  $j \leq i$

(eqn. to  $r_i = \max_{j \leq i} \{ j + z_j - 1 : z_j > 0 \}$ )

'store index  $j$ ':  $l_i = j$  for  $j$  satisfying this ↑

( $l = \text{left}$ )

↓ (eqn. to  $l_i = \text{position of left-end}$   
of  $z$ -Box ending in  $r_i$ )

if more than one  $z$ -Box ends in  $r_i$   
then  $l_i$  can be chosen arbitrarily among those values

Formal:  $r_i = \max_{2 \leq j \leq i} \{ j + z_j - 1 : z_j > 0 \}$

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$s$	a	<u>a</u>	b	c	a	<u>a</u>	b	x	a	<u>a</u>	<u>z</u>
$r_i$	-	2	2	2	7	7	7	7	10	10	10
$l_i$	-	2	2	2	5	5	5	5	9	9	9

right:  $r_6 = \max \left\{ \underbrace{2+1-1}_{\text{for } j=2}, \underbrace{5+3-1}_{j=5}, \underbrace{6+1-1}_{j=6} \right\} = 7$

left:  $l_6 = 5$

this essentially gives pos. of "large"  $z$ -Boxes.

How to compute  $z_i, r_i, l_i$  efficiently?

main idea: iterative approach

start with  $z_2$  (explicit comparison from left-to-right)

Assume till  $k$  values  $z_i, r_i, l_i$  have been computed.

for  $k$  use:  $z_i, l_i, r_i$  ( $i < k$ )

WITHOUT EXPLICIT character comparisons  
as much as possible.

Overview of steps of Z-alg

① compute  $z_2$  (explicit comparison of  $S[1..n]$  with  $S[2..n]$   
until mismatch)

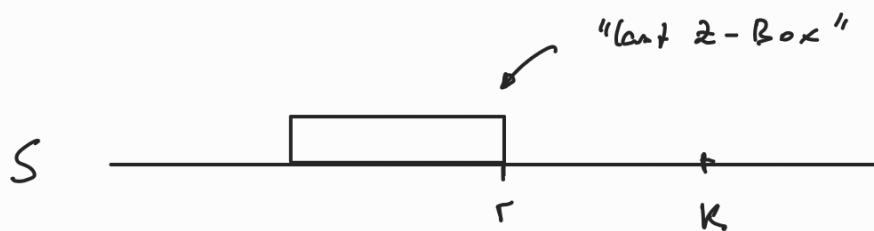
IF ( $z_2 > 0$ ) put  $l_2 = 2, r_2 = z_2 + 1$   
ELSE put  $l_2 = r_2 = 0$

(2)  $k$ -th step ( $k \geq 2$ ).  
 $\Rightarrow$  all  $z_i, l_i, r_i$  computed for all  $i \leq k-1$

Compute  $z_k, l_k, r_k$  based on the following cases.

$$l := l_{k-1}, r := r_{k-1}$$

Case 1:  $r < k$



in this case compute  $z_k$  via  
 explicit comparison of  $S[k..n]$  &  $S[1...n]$   
 until mismatch.

IF ( $z_k > 0$ ) put  $l_k = k, r_k = k + z_k - 1$   
 ELSE  $l_k = l, r_k = r$

Exmpl:

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$s_i$	a	a	b	c	a	a	b	x	a	a	z
$r_i$	-	2	2	2	7	7	7	7			
$l_i$	-	2	2	2	5	5	5	5			

$k = 9 \rightarrow r_g = 8 < k = 9$  need to compare with  $S[1..n]$

$S[9..11]$

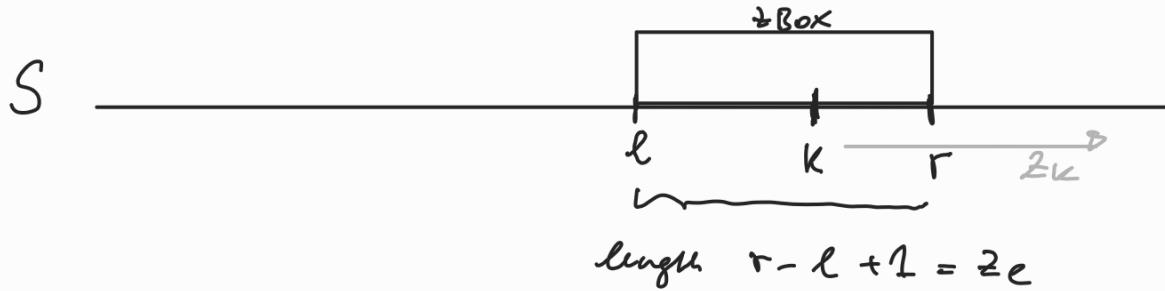
$$\Rightarrow S[9] = S[1] \checkmark$$
$$S[10] = S[2] \checkmark$$
$$S[11] \neq S[3] \times$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell_g = 2, \ell_g = 9$$

$$r_g = g + 1 - 1 = 10$$

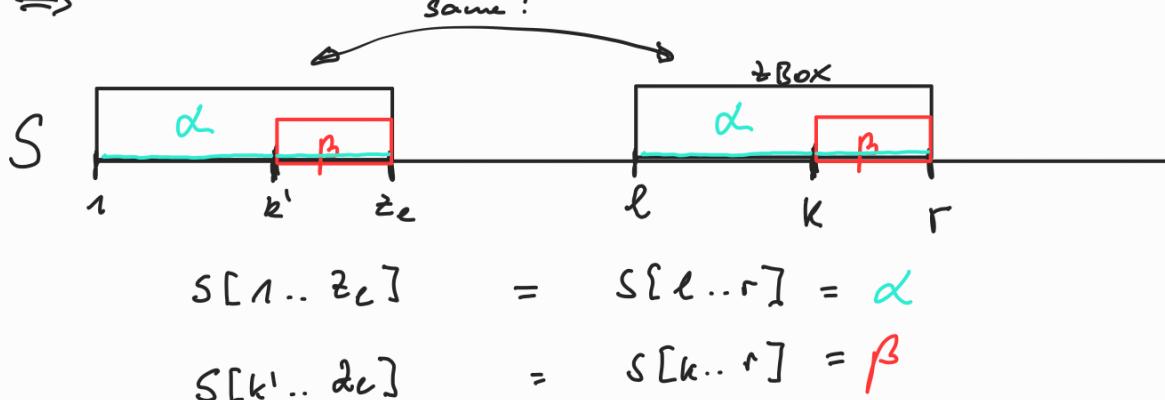
## Case 2: $r \geq k$

[Now we have some pre-knowledge about about  $\alpha$   $\beta$   $\gamma$ ]



$z\text{-Box} \hat{=} \text{prefix of } S$

$\Rightarrow$



We want to know now  $2k$  (<sup>longest suffix starting at  $k$</sup>   
 $\alpha$  is prefix of  $S$ )

Question: what we know about  $\beta$ ?

If we know  $\beta$  or "first part" of  $\beta$  is prefix of  $S$ , we don't need to compare the respective positions.

! This knowledge is already stored in  $\tau_{k'}$

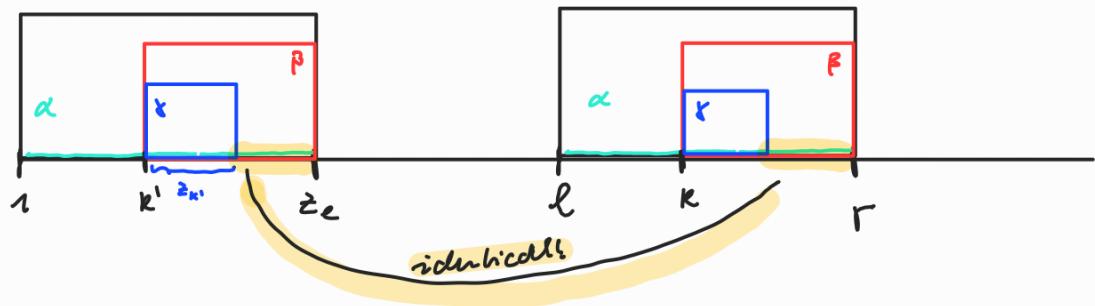
$$k' = k - l + 1$$

and leads to following sub cases.

2A, 2B

2A

$$z_{k'} < |\beta| = r - k + 1$$



$z_{k'} = \text{length of } \gamma = \text{length of longest substring starting at } k' \text{ & is prefix of } S$

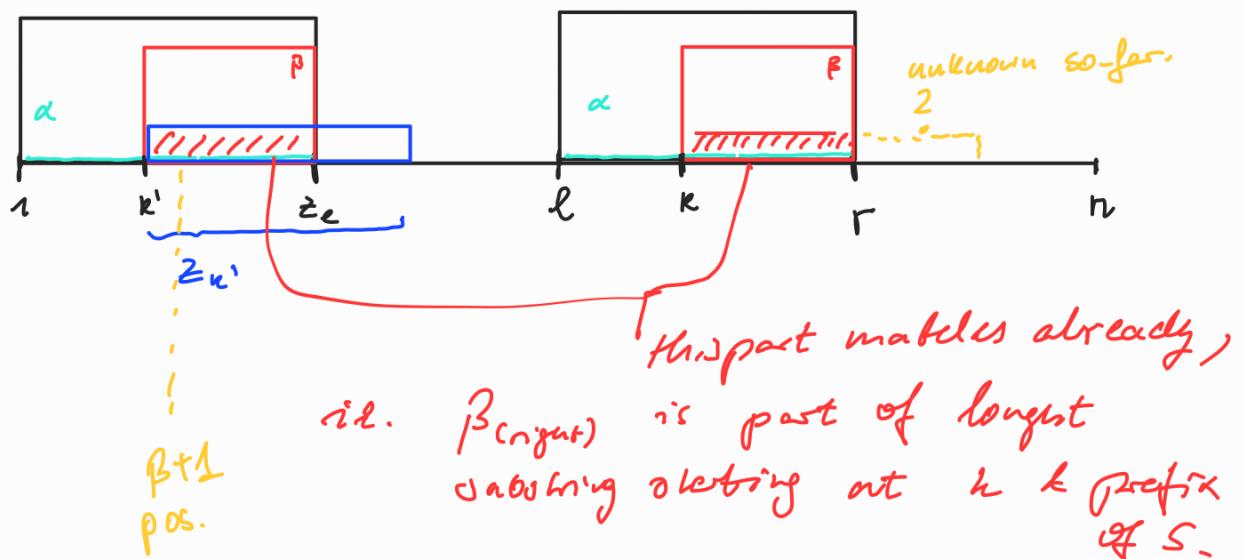
Since  $\beta_{\text{left}} = \beta_{\text{right}}$   $\Rightarrow \gamma_{(\text{right})}$  is longest substring starting at  $k$  &  $\alpha$  is prefix of  $S$ .

$$\Rightarrow z_k = z_{k'}$$

$l$  &  $r$  remain unchanged.

2B

$$z_{k'} \geq |\beta| = r - k + 1$$



$\beta = S[k..r]$  is prefix of  $S$ .

$$\therefore z_k \geq |\beta| = r - k + 1$$

However  $2k > |\beta|$  may be possible.

$\Rightarrow$  compare  $S[r+1..n]$  [Yellow part above]  
 with  $S[|\beta|+1, \dots n]$  until mismatch  
 $\quad \quad \quad //$   
 $\quad \quad \quad r-k-1+1$   
 $\quad \quad \quad -r-k+2$   
 To possibly extend  
 Z-Box starting at  $k$

Let  $q$  be pos. in  $S$  of 1st mismatch  
 & if no mismatch put  $q = |S| + 1$

put  $2k = q - k$  ( $= k + 2k - 1$ )  
 $r = q - 1$   
 $\ell = k$

## Z Algorithm

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1:  $r \leftarrow \ell \leftarrow 0$ 
2: for  $k = 2$  to  $|S|$  do
3: // Case 1:
4:   if  $r < k$  then
5:     Compare characters in  $S[k..n]$  with the ones in  $S[1..n]$  until mismatch is found (from left-to-right).
6:     Set  $Z_k$  to the length of the matched characters
7:   if  $Z_k > 0$  then
8:     Set  $r \leftarrow k + Z_k - 1, \ell \leftarrow k$ .
9: // Case 2:
10:  else
11:     $k' \leftarrow k - \ell + 1$ 
12: // Case 2a:
13:   if  $Z_{k'} < r - k + 1$  then
14:      $Z_k \leftarrow Z_{k'}$ 
15: // Case 2b:
16:   else
17:      $\ell \leftarrow k$ 
18:     Compare characters in  $S[r+1..n]$  with the ones in  $S[r-k+2..n]$  until mismatch is found
         (from left-to-right).
19:     let  $q > r$  be the position of the first mismatch or  $q = |S| + 1$  if no mismatch occurs
20:      $Z_k \leftarrow q - k, r \leftarrow q - 1$ 

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halter discussion implies:

Thm:  $Z$ -alg. correctly computes all  $Z_i$ ,  $i > 2$

however more important:

Thm: All  $Z_i(S)$  values are computed in  $O(|S|)$  time.

proof:

For loop (line 2-20) runs  $O(|S|)$  times.

Q: What happens within FOR-loop?

To answer this question let us count character-comparisons.

Each character comparison results either in match or mismatch.

$\Rightarrow$  Let us count match / mismatches.

each comparison ends when 1st mismatch occurs

$\Rightarrow$  since  $|S|$  different comparisons

$\Rightarrow$  total  $O(|S|)$  mismatches

Notation:  $C_k$  = NR of comparisons in  $k$ -th iteration  
 $m_k$  = NR of matches in  $k$ -th iteration

**Claim:**  $r_k - r_{k-1} \geq m_k$

Proof: in 2-Alg we either use Case 1/2A/2B.

Assume CASE 1 applies:

& thus,  $r_{k-1} < k$  Alg. explicit comparison of  $S[k..n]$  with  $S[1..n]$  until mismatch.

$\Rightarrow$  at most  $n-k+1$  comparisons

in Alg we put  $z_k = m_k$

inAlg case  $z_k > 0$  &  $[z_k = 0 \text{ implicit by leaving } "r = r_k = r_{k-1}" \text{ unchanged}]$ .

$$z_k > 0 : r_k = k + z_k - 1 = k + m_k - 1 > k + m_k > r_{k-1} + m_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_k > r_{k-1} + m_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_k - r_{k-1} \geq m_k \quad \checkmark$$

$$z_k = 0 : r_k = r_{k-1} = r_{k-1} + \underset{0}{m_k}$$

(implizit in algo)  $\Leftrightarrow r_k - r_{k-1} = m_k = 0. \quad \checkmark$

Now Case 2A/2B.

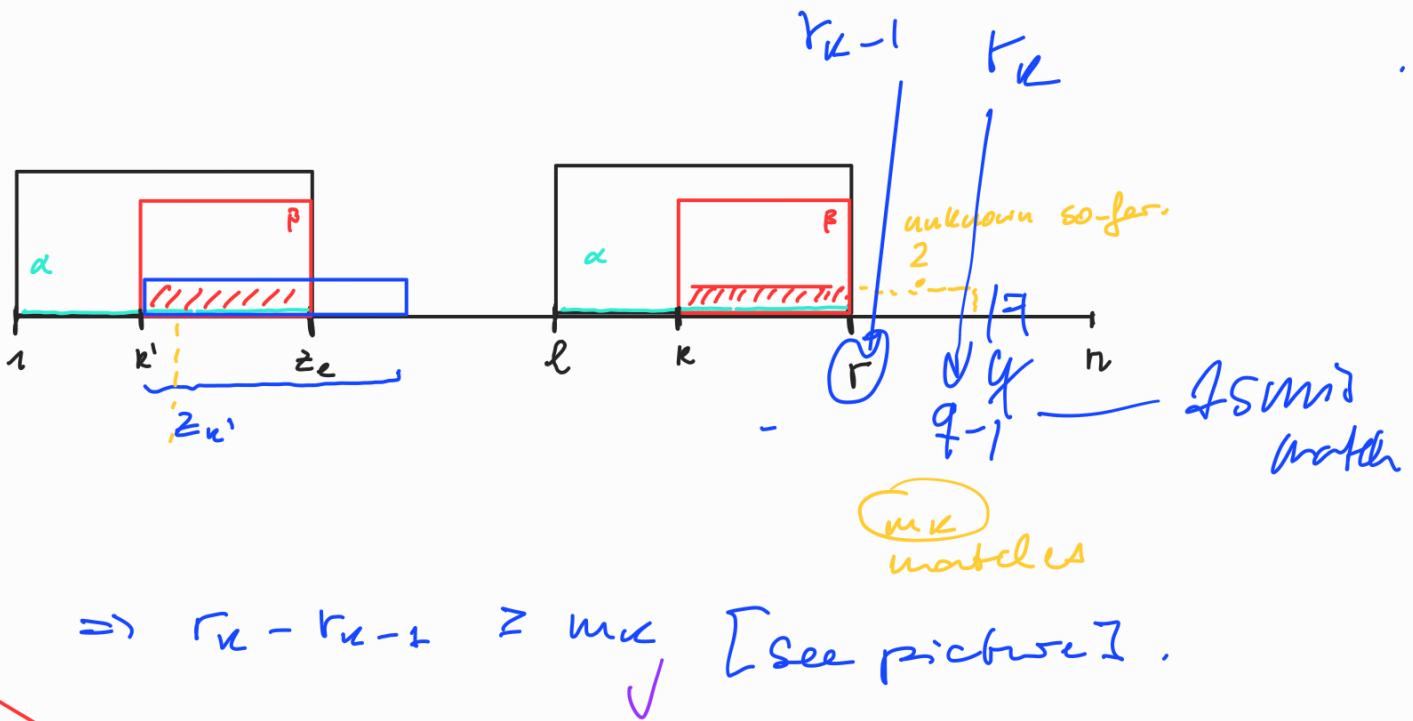
CASE 2A: in Alg " $r = r_{k-1}$ " remains unchanged)

$$\text{i.e. } r_k = r_{k-1}$$

Moreover no comparison are made, i.e.,  $m_k = 0$

$$\Leftrightarrow r_k - r_{k-1} = m_k \quad \checkmark$$

CASE 2B: in Alg :  $q > r_{k-1}$  &  $r_n = q-1$ :



$$n := |S| \\ \Rightarrow \sum_{k=2}^n c_k \leq \sum_{k=2}^n 1 + \sum_{k=2}^n m_k = n-1 + \sum_{k=2}^n m_k$$

(miss.)                          (match)

$$\leq n-1 + (r_2-r_1) + (r_3-r_2) + (r_4-r_3) \dots + (r_n-r_{n-1}) = n-1 + \frac{r_n-r_1}{\leq n = 0} \leq 2n-1 \in O(n)$$

(claim)

$\square$

in Alg  $r_1 = l_1 = 0$

## Exmpl

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S	a	c	a	c	a	b	a	c	a	c
$z_i$	-									
$l_i$	-									
$r_i$	-									

$$\text{Init } r = l = 0$$

$$k=2 : \quad k=2 > r=0 \quad (\text{Case 1})$$

Compare  $S[2 \dots n]$  with  $S[1 \dots n]$   
 $\Rightarrow S(2) \neq S(1)$  mismatch  
 $\Rightarrow z_k=0 , r, l \text{ unchanged.}$

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
S	a	c	a	c	a	b	a	c	a	c
$z_i$	-	0								
$l_i$	-	0								
$r_i$	-	0								

$$k=3, \quad k=3 > r=0 \quad (\text{Case 1})$$

Compare  $S[3 \dots n]$  with  $S[1 \dots n]$

$$\begin{aligned} S(3) &= S(1) \\ S(4) &= S(2) \\ S(5) &= S(3) \\ S(6) &\neq S(4) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow$$

$z_k = 3 > 0$
$r = 3 + 3 - 1 = 5$
$l = 3$

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$s$	a	c	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">a</span>	c	a	b	a	c	a	c
$z_i$	-	0	3							
$l_i$	-	0	3							
$r_i$	-	0	5							

$$k=4, \quad r=5 \geq k=4 \quad (\text{case 2})$$

$$(\alpha = aca, \beta = ca)$$

$$k' = k - l + 1 = 4 - 3 + 1 = 2$$

$$z_{k'} = z_2 = 0 < r - k + 1 = 5 - 4 + 1 = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  case 2A :  $z_4 = z_{k'} = 0$ ,  $r, l$  unchanged.

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$s$	a	c	<span style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">a</span>	c	a	b	a	c	a	c
$z_i$	-	0	3	0						
$l_i$	-	0	3	3						
$r_i$	-	0	5	5						

$$k=5, \quad r=5 \geq k \quad (\text{case 2 with } \alpha = aca, \beta = a)$$

$$k' = k - l + 1 = 5 - 3 + 1 = 3$$

$$z_{k'} = z_3 = 3 > r - k + 1 = 5 - 5 + 1 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  case 2A again and so on --

$i$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$s_i$	a	c	<span style="border: 1px solid red;">a</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid red;">c</span>	<span style="border: 1px solid red;">a</span>	b	a	c	a	c
$z_i$	-	0	3	0	1	0	4	0	2	0
$l_i$	-	0	3	3	5	5	7	7	9	9
$r_i$	-	0	5	5	5	5	10	10	10	10

Based on preprocessing with z-alg. we can design a:

## Simple linear-time exact matching Alg

Simple-exact-matching ( $P, T, \$$ ) // \$ character not in  $T \cup P$

1 occurrences =  $\emptyset$

2  $n = |P|, m = |T|$

3  $S = P \$ T$

4 preprocess  $S$  with z-Alg to compute  $z_2 \dots z_{|S|}$

5 FOR ( $i = n+1, \dots, |S| = m+n+1$ )

6     IF ( $z_i = n$ )

7         add  $i-n-1$  to occurrences

Example       $P = bbaac$  ,  $T = abba bbaca$

$i$	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14
$S$	b b a c \\$ a b b a <u>bbaca</u>
$z_i$	(doubling...) 0 3 1 0 <u>4</u> 1 0 0 0

$$z_{10} = |P| = 4 \Rightarrow P \text{ occurs on pos}$$

$$10 - 4 - 1 = 5 \text{ of } S$$

Time :

- 1 constant
- 2  $n+m \in O(n+m)$
- 3  $n+m+1 \in O(n+m)$
- 4  $O(|S|) = O(n+m)$
- 5-7  $m+n-1 - (n+2) = O(m)$

TOTAL :  $O(n+m)$  time.

correctness:

Since \$ not in P and T

$$\Rightarrow |z_i| \leq |P| \quad \forall i$$

if  $|z_i| = |P| \Rightarrow S[1 \dots |P|] = S[i \dots i+|n|-1]$   
 "Def" "subseq of T"  
 $\Rightarrow P \text{ in } S \text{ at pos } i$   
 $\Rightarrow P \text{ in } T \text{ at pos } n-i-1$

if P occurs in T at pos  $j$ , then  
 P occurs in S at pos  $i = j + n + 1$   
 where  $i \in [n+2, m+2]$   
 $\Rightarrow |z_i| \geq |P|$

Since  $|z_i| \leq |P| \quad \rightarrow |z_i| = |P| \text{ &}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 occurrence at pos  $j$   
 is reported  
/□

Thm : Simple-exact matching correctly reports all occurrences of pattern P in text T in  $O(|P| + |T|)$  time.

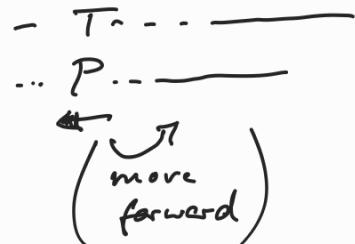
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There is another important algorithm for pattern matching:

Boyer-Moore Algorithm is standard alg.

that is used in many applications to text search  
(e.g. google..)

BM-Alg. is based on 3 essential ideas:

- (1) Right-to-left scan
  - (2) Bad-Character Rule
  - (3) Good-Suffix Rule.
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[ due to limited time & since we want to cover further topics, we skip this alg.  
more information about this alg. in  
any Bioinf-textbook. ]

So far: Z-alg used to preprocess  $P$   
& then find  $P$ .

Now: preprocess  $T$  instead!  
(text of static & remains unchanged  
(e.g. DNA))

## 8. Suffix Trees

classical "real world" problem:

For given Text & Pattern P  
where and how often does P in Text occur?

- Application:
- word processing
  - internet search
  - Bioinformatics ( $T = \text{genome}$ ,  $P = \text{gene seqn.}$ )
  - fgrep in Unix
  - search for plagiarism
  - ?

- Def:
- $\Sigma$  = finite alphabet,
  - string  $S$  over  $\Sigma$  = sequence of characters in  $\Sigma$

Let  $S = x_1 x_2 \dots x_l$ ,  $x_i \in \Sigma$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq l$

$|S| = l$  = length of  $S$

$S[i..j]$  = substring  $x_i x_{i+1} \dots x_j$  of  $S$ , starting at pos  $i$   
 ending at pos  $j$   
 [if  $i > j$ , then  $S[i..j] = \epsilon$  empty string]

$S[1..j]$  = prefix of  $S$

$S[i..l]$  = suffix of  $S$

prefix/suffix proper if it is not  $S$  or  $\epsilon$ .

$S(i)$  =  $i$ -th character of  $S$

$x, y \in \Sigma$  match if  $x = y$ , else mismatch

$\Sigma^*$  = set of all strings over  $\Sigma$ ,  $\Sigma^l$  = set of all strings over  $\Sigma$  of length  $l$

$S'$  substring of  $S$ , if  $\exists i, j$  s.t  $S' = S[i..j]$

Aim: given string  $P$  check where/how often  
 $P$  occurs in string  $T$

tree data structures can be seen as a collection of entities (=vertices) that are linked to simulate a hierarchy

= rooted tree

= trees  $T$  where one vertex  $f \in V(T)$  is called root

Given  $f \in V(T)$  we obtain a partial order  $\leq_T$  on  $V(T)$  s.t.

$x \leq_T y$  if  $y$  lies on simple path from  $f$  to  $x$ .

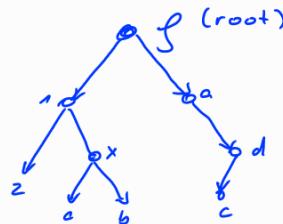
in this case:  $x$  is descendant of  $y$  &  $y$  is ancestor of  $x$

$v \in V(T)$  is common ancestor of vertices in  $W \subseteq V(T)$ , if  $w \leq_T v$  &  $w \in W$

a  $\leq_T$ -minimal common ancestor  $v$  of vertices in  $W$  is called

least common ancestor ( $\text{lca}(W)$ )

Exmpl:



the arrows indicate  $\leq_T$

Note:  $x \leq_T x \quad \forall x \in V(T)$

Notation:  $x \leq_T y$  if  $x \leq_T y$  &  $x \neq y$

Exmpl

$f$

$f$  has children  $z$  and  $x$   
which are siblings

leaves are  $2, a, b, c$

root

children of  $x$ :  $y \in V(T)$  s.t.  $y \leq_T x$  &  $(xy) \in E(T)$

$x$  is parent of its children

siblings are vertices with the same parent

leaf: vertices with no children

Exmpl:  $S = \text{honolulu}$

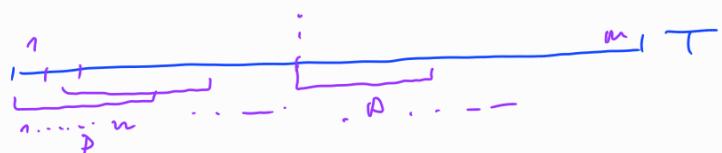
$S[1..3] = \text{hon}$ , prefix & substring of  $S$ , no suffix

$S[5..8] = \text{lulu}$ , suffix & substring of  $S$ , no prefix

$S[5..7] = \text{lul}$ , substring of  $S$ , no prefix, no suffix

NOTE: empty string  $\epsilon$  is substring, prefix, suffix of all strings.

Naive Way:



check occurrence of  $P$  in  $T$

by comparing 1 letter of  $P$  with  $i$  letter of  $T$   
j letter of  $P$  with  $i+j-1$  letter of  $T$   
n letter of  $P$  with  $i+n-1$  letter of  $T$

If  $i = 1 \dots n-m+1$

$\Rightarrow$  run time  $O(n \cdot m)$

Often, the text is fixed & does not change  
 $(=\text{long string})$

- eg. • collected work of Shakespeare
- Genome

To find a pattern  $P$ , we need a datastructure that represents the text  
 $(=\text{string})$  so that we can find efficiently  $P$

To this end: suffix trees

Def [suffix tree] Let  $s$  be string of length  $|s|=m$

A suffix tree for  $s$  is a rooted tree  $T$  (with root  $s_r$ ) that satisfies the following properties:

(X1)  $T$  has precisely  $m$  leaves that are uniquely labeled with  $1, 2, \dots, m$

(X2) all inner vertices, (= vertices that are not leaves) except possibly the root, have at least 2 children

(X3) every edge of  $T$  is labeled by a non-empty substring of  $s$

(X4) For all distinct children  $v_1, v_2$  of  $v$  we have: label of edge  $(v, v_1)$  &  $(v, v_2)$  start with different characters

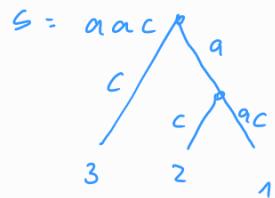
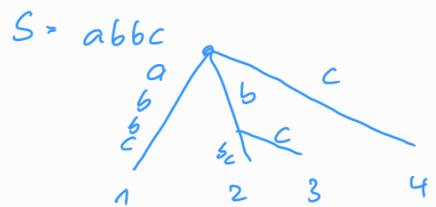
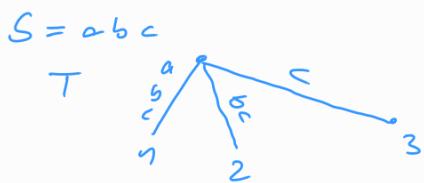
(X5) if we concatenate the labels on the edges in order from  $s_r$  to leaf  $i$ , we obtain the suffix  $s[i \dots m]$

Exmpl:  $s = a, T$

[this is the only case where  $s_r$  has only one child, since if  $|s| > 2$  &

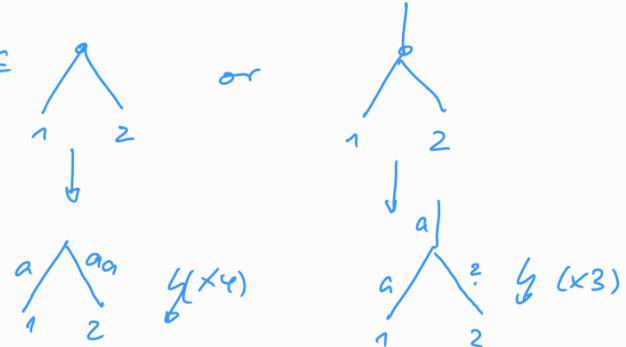
$T$ ,

$\{s[m \dots m] \neq \epsilon\}$   
 $\rightarrow$  we don't get  $s[m \dots m]$ , since  $|s[m \dots m]| = 1$  & (X3).]



What is with  $S = aa$ ?

$T \stackrel{?}{=} \dots$  or



Observation: not for all strings a suffix tree exists!

Lemma 8.1 IF  $S = \underbrace{x_1 \dots x_c}_{\text{prefix}} \dots \underbrace{x_i \dots x_m}_{\text{suffix}}$  st  $x_{c+1} \dots x_m = x_i \dots x_m$

that is  $S$  contains prefix that is also a suffix of  $S$ .

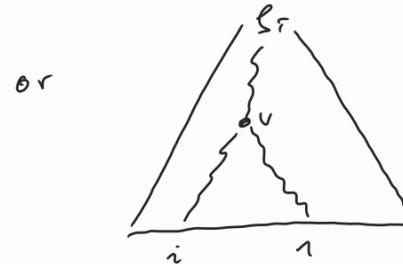
Then, no suffix tree for  $S$  exists

Proof: wlog,

we assume that such suffix/prefix are chosen in  $S$  to be maximal (there is no longer prefix that is also suffix)



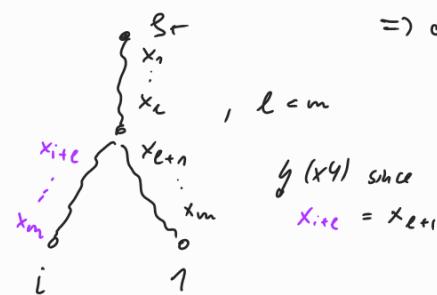
lowest common ancestor  
of  $i$  &  $j$  is  $l_T$



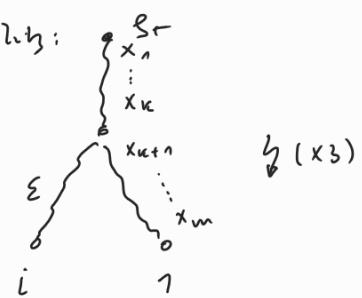
lowest common ancestor  
of  $i$  &  $j$  is  $v <_T l_T$

Since  $x_i = x_n$ , this does not work due to (X4)

$x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots x_n \dots x_m$   
" " " "  
 $x_i x_{i+1} x_{i+2} \dots x_m$



$\Rightarrow$  only possibility:



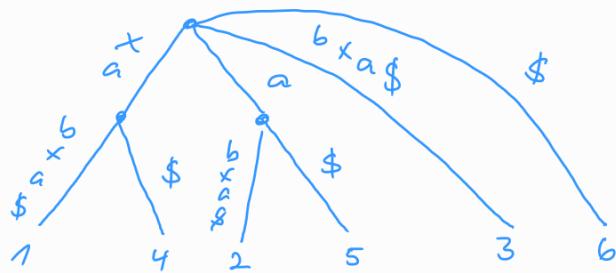
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$\Rightarrow$  if suffix of  $S$  is also prefix of  $S$  no suffix tree exists!

IDEA: simply add special symbol  $\$$  at end of  $S$ , where  $\$$  does not occur in  $S$ .

From here on:  $S = x_1 \dots x_m$  with  $x_m = \$$

Example:  $S = \begin{matrix} x & a & b \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \begin{matrix} x & a & \$ \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix}$  (for "xabxa" no suffix tree)



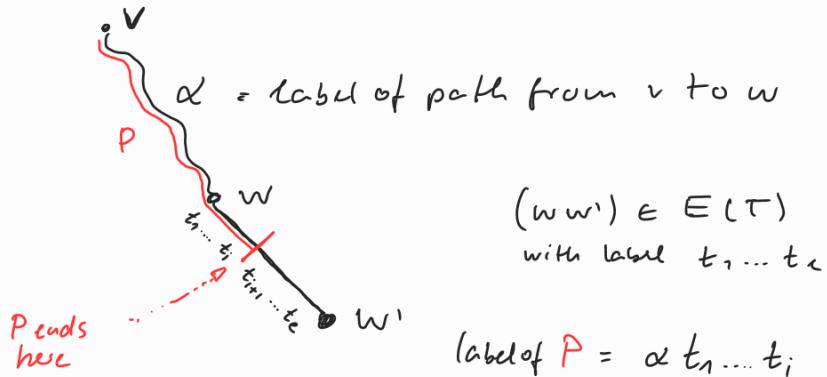
Def.

let  $v \leq_T w$  &  $P$  be the unique simple path from  $v$  to  $w$



label of  $P$  = concatenation of labels of edges in order from  $v$  to  $w$ .

By slight abuse of notation, we also consider simple paths in suffix tree that may end on edge (and not in vertex)



# How to construct suffix tree & how does this help?

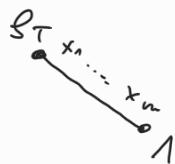
## Alg. SUFFIXTREE (Idea)

// iteratively build suffixes

$T_1 \dots T_m$  by adding  $S[1 \dots m], \dots S[m \dots n]$   
in previously constructed  $T_i$

Input:  $S = x_n \dots x_m$

1) Construct  $T_1 =$



2) Assume  $T_i$  is constructed, then construct  $T_{i+1}$  ( $i < m$ )  
as follows:

(a) Find path  $P$  in  $T_i$  that starts in  $ST_i$ ,

with longest label that is a prefix of  
 $S[i+1 \dots m]$  [path could end in  $\ell$ ]

(i) By similar arguments as in proof of L. 8.1

this path is uniquely determined

since no two edges  $(v_iv_1), (v_iv_2)$ ,  $v_1v_2$  children of  $v$   
have labels starting with same symbol ('X').

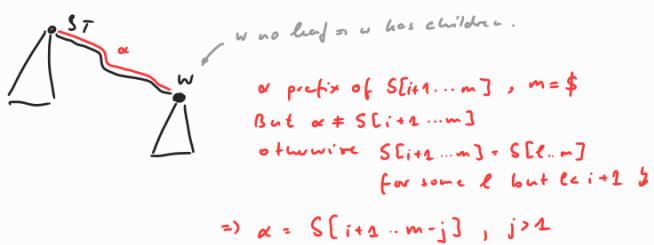
(ii) this path will never end in leaf of  $T_i$

since  $P$  starts at root & concatenation of edge labels  
to leaf  $i$  yields  $S[i \dots m]$  where  $|S[i \dots m]| > |S[i+1 \dots m]|$

[by induction - Exrc]

(b) This path  $P$  either ends in edge or non-leaf vertex of  $T_i$

$P$  ends in vertex:

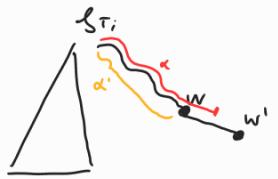


$\Rightarrow$  add edge  $(w, i+1)$

with label  $\beta = S[m-j+1 \dots m]$



$P$  ends in edge:



$$\alpha = S[i+1 \dots m-j]$$

$$\text{label edge } (w, w') = t_1 \dots t_r t_{r+1} \dots t_s$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \alpha' t_1 \dots t_r \quad \text{for some } 1 \leq r \leq s$$

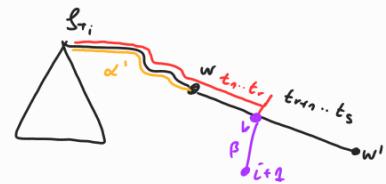
add new vertex  $v$  on edge  $(w, w')$

$$\alpha \text{ put } \text{label}(vw) = t_1 \dots t_r$$

$$\text{label}(vw') = t_{r+1} \dots t_s$$

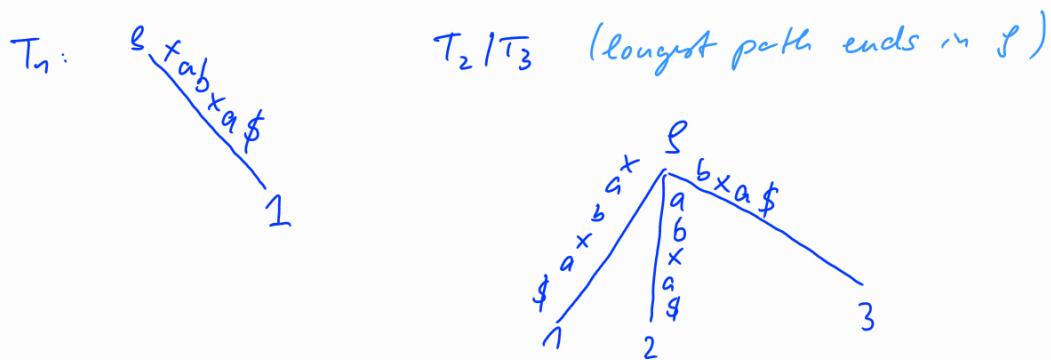
+ add new edge  $(v, i+1)$

$$\text{with label } \text{label}(v, i+1) = S[m-j+1 \dots m] = \beta$$

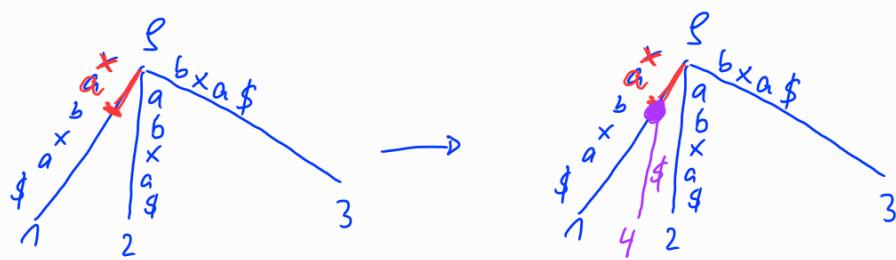


For both cases,  $T_{i+1}$  contains now path from  $l_{T_{i+1}}$  to  $i+2$  with label  $S[i+2 \dots m]$

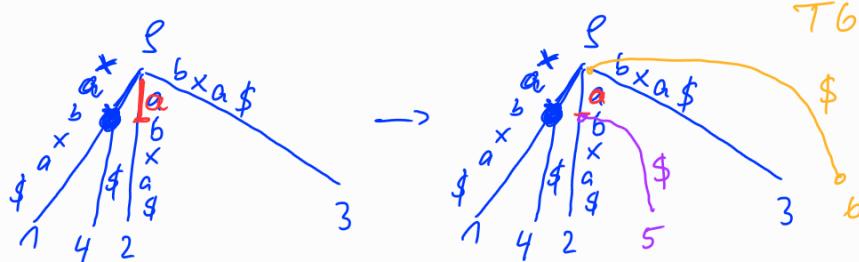
Exmpl.:  $S = xab \times a \$$



$T_4: \quad S[4..m] = xa\$ \quad \text{longest path } P$



$T_5: \quad S[5..m] = a \$$



## SUFFIXTREE(S)

init  $\Gamma$  as  and label( $s_{\Gamma}, 1$ ) =  $S[1..m]$

FOR ( $i = 2..m$ ) DO

$(end, i', l') = \text{FIND-LONGEST-PATH}(\Gamma, S[i..m])$  // refers end of path, that is,  
// either end = v or end = e  
// & index  $i'$  &  $l'$

IF ( $end = \text{edge } e$ ) //  $e = (uv)$  with label  $\gamma$

remove  $e = (uv)$

add new vertex  $v$

add new edges  $e_1 = (uv), e_2 = (v, w)$

& label  $e_1 = \gamma[1..l']$

label  $e_2 = \gamma[l'+1..|x|]$



add edge  $(v, i)$  to  $\Gamma$  with label  $S[i+i'..m]$

## FIND-LONGEST-PATH( $\Gamma, s$ )

[Sketch → more details in Appendix]

"Follow path from  $s_{\Gamma}$  to  $v/c$  as long as possible, i.e., as long as letters on this path match with letters  $s' = x_i .. x_m$ "

& return corresponding positions  $i', l'$   
+ if end is edge or vertex.

Theorem [Ukkonen]: for  $S$  of length  $m$  the suffix tree can be constructed in  $O(m)$  time  
[without proof]

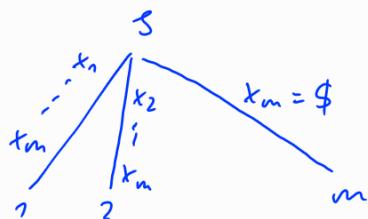
[Quite sophisticated pointer-adjustments].

## Space complexity

Suffix tree without labels  $O(m)$

but we need to store labels!

Worst case,



each edge label of  $(f, i)$  is of size  $i$   
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^m i = O(m^2)$  space

$O(m^2)$  space is bad (e.g. genome of small bacteria has  $10^6$  characters  $\sim 1\text{TB}$  storage)

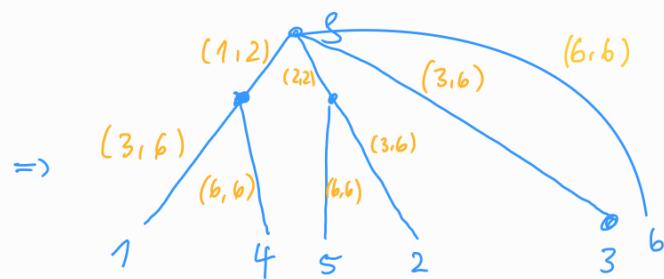
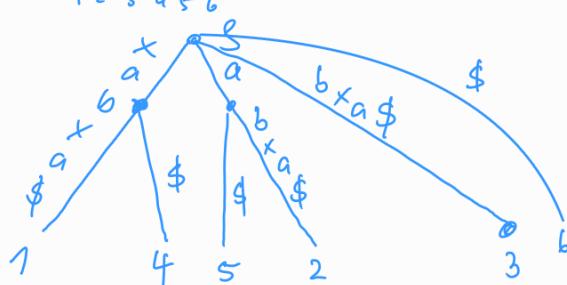
(IDEA:

Instead of saving label  $S[i:j]$  for  $c$   
we only save pair  $(i, j)$

= compressed suffix tree

$\Rightarrow O(m)$  space (<sup>same space</sup> as text  $S$ )

Exmpl:  $S = x_0 a b x_1 a \$$



## Why suffix trees?

A: Examples!

In what follows, we assume to have Ukkonen's version:  $O(m)$  time

## Exmpl 1 "exact text-search"

Given (long) text  $S$  & pattern  $P$  (=string)

Does  $P$  in  $S$  occur?

Let  $T$  be suffix tree of  $S$ .

Call  $\text{FLP}(T, P)$  once  $O(|P|)$  time

return value is (end, index  $i$ , ...)

at  $P[1..i]$  corresponds to label of path in  $T$   
that starts in  $ST$

Observe, any path in  $T$  going to leaf  $i$   
corresponds to  $S[i..m]$

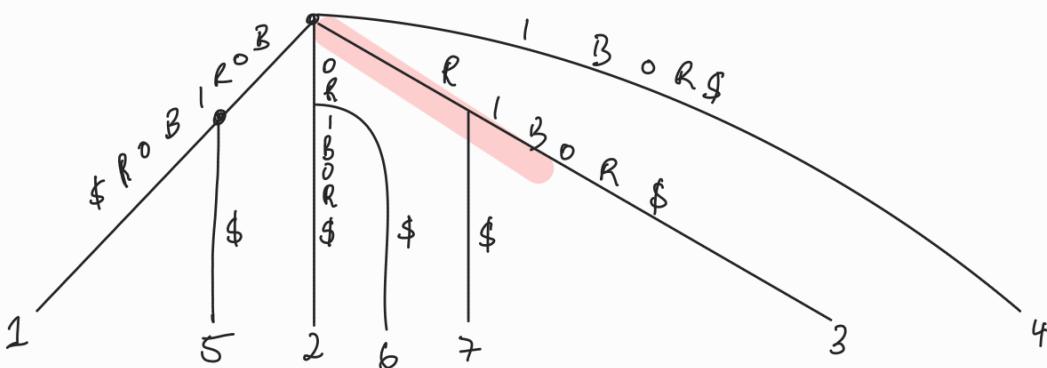
&  $P[1..i]$  corresponds therefore to a  
prefix of some suffix of  $S$ , that is,  
a substring of  $S$ .

$\Rightarrow$  if  $i = |P| \Rightarrow P$  occurs in  $T$   
else, not.

$\Rightarrow$  runtime  $O(|P|)$

Exmpl:  $T = BOR1BOR\$.$

$P = RIB$



[every exist letter  
appears once  
at first letter  
of edge  $(Sv)$   
for some  $v$ .]

## Exmpl 2 "Substring-database-search"

Given strings  $S_1 \dots S_e$  (Database of Texts)

Does  $P$  occur or (at least) one of the  $S_i$ ?

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $\$_1 \dots \$_e$  pairwise distinct symbols that do not occur in any  $S_i$  &  $P$

put  $S = S_1 \$_1 S_2 \$_2 \dots S_e \$_e$

construct suffix tree  $T$  for  $S$  ( $O(|S_1| + |S_2| + \dots + |S_e|)$  time)

use IDEA of Exmpl 1

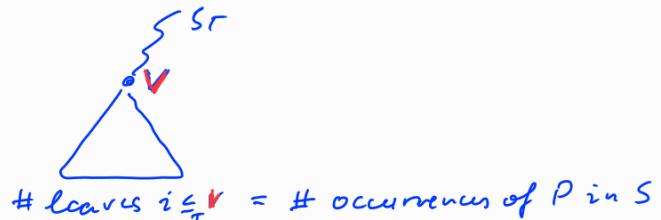
## Exmpl 3 Find all occurrences of $P$

given  $S$  with suffix tree  $T$  & pattern  $P$  with  $|P|=n$

Find all occurrences of  $P$  in  $T$ , that is,  
all indices  $i$  st  $P = S[i \dots i+n-1]$

call  $FLP(T, P)$

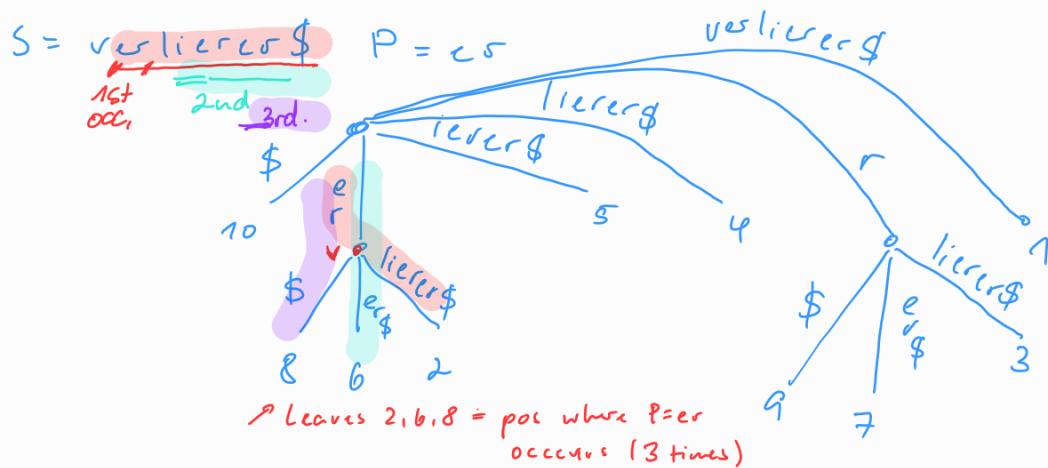
$\rightarrow$  this gives  $\text{end} = v$  or  $\text{end} = \underline{\text{edge}}(u \textcolor{red}{v})$



&  $P$  occurs in pos  $i$  & all leaves  $i \in \text{leaves } v$ .

[Exclusion: works in  $O(|P|+k)$  time]

$k = \text{nr of occurrences of } P$



#### Example

Find longest substring in  $S$

that occurs at least 2 times

[Application: Find repeated regions in Genome]

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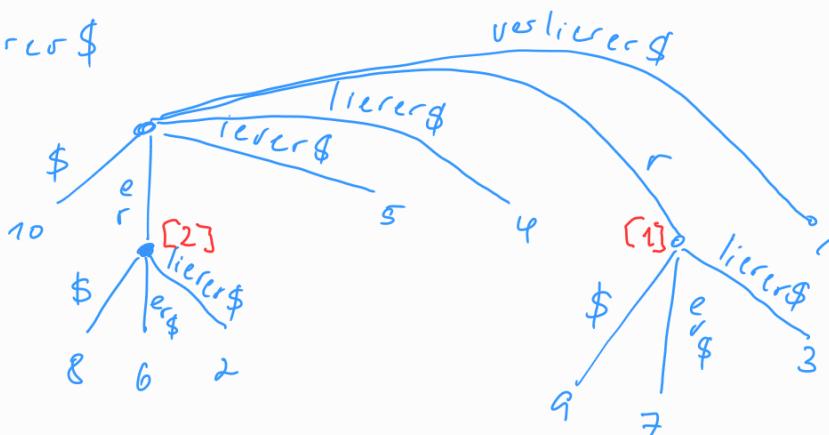
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String depth of  $v$  in  $T$   
is  $|\alpha|$

$\alpha$  = path label of path from  $s_T$  to  $v$

$S = verlercr\$$

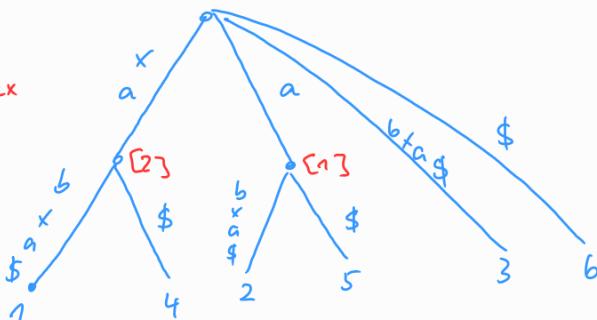
string depth  
of inner vertex



$S = xabxa \$$

string depth  
of inner vertex

$xa$  occurs  
2 times.



- every inner vertex has 2 children & first symbol on edges will (at least) some parent have distinct symbols

$\Rightarrow$  length of longest substring that occurs at least 2 times

= maximum string-depth of inner vertices.

[Eks.: works in  $O(|S|)$  time.]

### Example 5

Efficient detection of pairwise overlaps

Given  $\mathcal{S} = \{s_1 \dots s_N\}$  set of strings (e.g. sequenced DNA fragments)

Aim: define  $\text{ov}(s_i, s_j) \neq i, j$   
size of largest overlap

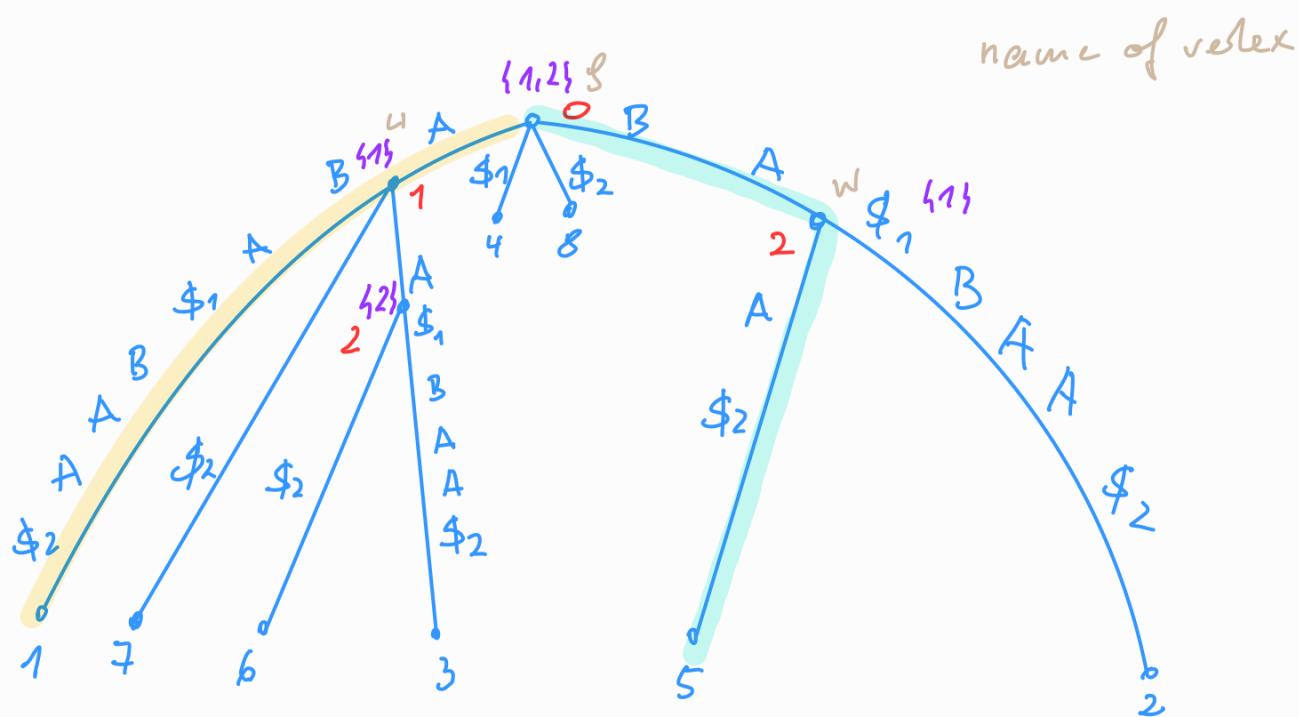
$$S = s_1 \$_1 s_2 \$_2 \dots s_N \$_N$$



$$s_1 = ABA \rightarrow \text{ov}(s_1 s_2) = 2$$

$$s_2 = BAA \quad \text{ov}(s_2 s_1) = 1$$

$$S = \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ A & B & A & \$_1 \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ \$_2 & B & A & A \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} 9 \\ \$_2 \end{matrix}$$



$P_1$  = path starting with label  $s_1 \$_1$

$P_2$  = path starting with label  $s_2 \$_2$

for non-leaf  $x$ :  $L(x) = \{i \mid \exists \text{ leaf } v \text{ s.t. } (xv) \text{ edge in suffix tree}$   
& label  $(xv)$  starts with  $\$_i\}$ .

String depth of  $x$  = # characters on path from root to  $x$ .

For ( $j=1..N$ )

$x = s$  (root)

while  $\in (x \text{ not leaf})$

FOR (all  $i \in L(x), i \neq j$ )

if ( $\text{depth}(x) < \min(|S_i|, |S_j|)$ )

or ( $S_i, S_j = \text{depth}(x)$ )

$x \leftarrow \text{child of } x \text{ on } \pi_j$

$j=1, x=s$

$j=2, x=s$

FOR ( $i \in L(s) = \{1, 2\}, i \neq 1$ )

$\Rightarrow i=2$

$\text{depth}(s)=0 < \min(|S_1|, |S_2|)$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{or}(S_2, S_1)} = 0$

$x \leftarrow u$

FOR ( $i \in L(u) = \{1\}, i \neq 1$ )

not true

$x \leftarrow \text{leaf nlop.}$

FOR ( $i \in L(s) = \{1, 2\}, i \neq 2$ )

$\Rightarrow i=1$

$\text{depth}(s)=0 < \min(|S_1|, |S_2|)$

$\text{or}(S_1, S_2) = 0$

$x \leftarrow w$

FOR ( $i \in L(w) = \{1\}, i \neq 2$ )

$\Rightarrow i=1$

$\text{depth}(w)=2 < \min(S_1, S_2)$

$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{or}(S_1, S_2)} = 2$

$x \leftarrow \text{leaf nlop.}$

[without proof of correctness or runtime analysis]

$O(N \cdot |S|)$

Exercise ↗ Book "Alg. Aspects of Binning."

## Appendix

Details of  $O(n^2)$  Algorithm

### SUFFIX-TREE(S)

init  $\tilde{T}$  as  and label( $\tilde{S}_T, 1$ ) =  $S[1..m]$

FOR (  $i=2..m$  ) DO

$(\text{end}, i', l') = \text{FIND-LONGEST-PATH}(\tilde{T}, S[i..m])$  // refers end of path, that is,  
// either end = v or end = e  
// & index  $i'$  &  $l'$

IF (end = edge e) //  $e = (uv)$  with label  $\gamma$

remove  $e = (uv)$

add new vertex  $v$

add new edges  $e_1 = (uv)$ ,  $e_2 = (v, w)$

& label  $e_1 = \gamma[1..l']$

label  $e_2 = \gamma[l'+1..|x|]$



add edge  $(v, i)$  to  $\tilde{T}$  with label  $S[i+i'..m]$

### FIND-LONGEST-PATH( $\tilde{T}, S'$ )

$j=1$ ,  $v = \tilde{S}_T$

WHILE ( $j \leq |S'|$ ) DO

Find edge  $e = (vw)$  in  $\tilde{T}$ ,  $w \in_T v$ , whose label starts with  $S'(j)$

IF (such edge does not exist)

RETURN( $v, j-1, \emptyset$ ) // path ends in  $v$

Let  $\gamma$  be label of  $e$

$l = 1$

WHILE ( $j \leq |S'| \& l \leq |x| \& S'(j) = \gamma(l)$ ) DO

$j = j+1$

$l = l+1$

IF ( $l \leq |x|$ ) // while loop ended at some point before " $S'(j) = \gamma(l)$ "  
 $\forall l = 1..|x|$ "

RETURN( $e, j-1, l-1$ )

i.e.,  $S(j) \neq S(l)$

$v = w$  // go to consider edges starting at  $w$

RETURN( $v, |S'|, \emptyset$ )

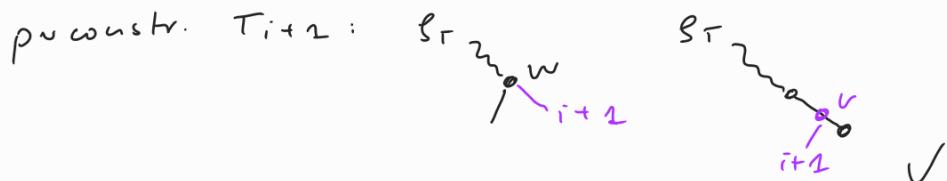
Prop. 8.2

Alg. SUFFIXTREE correctly computes suffix tree  
for  $S = x_1 \dots x_m$ ,  $x_m = \$$ .

Proof: (X1):  $T_1$  has 1 leaf,  $T_2$  has 2 leaves.  $\dots$   $T_m$  has  $m$  leaves ✓  
(sketch) (X2):  $T_1: \cdot \xrightarrow{S_T} v$

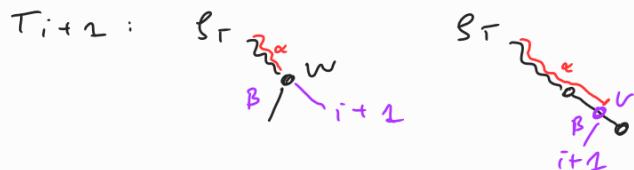
Assume, for  $T_i$ , each inner vertex (except possibly  $\$$ )  
has at least 2 children

by constr.



(X3) by construction & induction each edge  
has non-empty string as label

(X4)  $T_1 \cup$  Assume for  $T_i \nvdash v$ : label  $(vv_1), (vv_2)$  starts with different  
symbol, where  $v_1, v_2$  are children of  $v$ .



Since  $\alpha$  is longest substring that is prefix of

$$S[i+1 \dots m] = \underbrace{x_{i+1} \dots x_r}_{\alpha} \dots \underbrace{x_m}_{\beta}$$

$\beta(1) \neq x_{r+1}$  as otherwise  
a not longest prefix!

(X5) by constr. & induct. concatenating edge-labels from  $\$$  to  $i$   
gives  $S[i \dots m]$ .

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Runtime:

[SUFFIX-tree has  $O(m)$  edges & vertices]

SUFFIX-TREE( $s$ ) ,  $s = x_1 \dots x_m$

add/remove etc in  $O(1)$  time

→  $m$  times FIND-LONGEST-PATH (FLP) is called.

FPL: • in each of the  $|s'|$ -steps in 1st white-loop

Find-edge → for  $v$  all neighbors  $w$  are considered

= $\deg_{\sim}(v)$  many vertices

over all calls of 1st-white loop, "FIND\_EDGE" is called,

$$\leq \sum_{v \in V} \deg(v) = 2|E| = O(|E|) \text{ times}$$

$$= O(m)$$

• 1st + 2nd white loop:

WHILE  $j \leq |s'|$  DO

  :

  WHILE  $(j \leq |s'| \wedge \ell \leq |s| \wedge s'(\ell) = s(\ell))$  DO

    |  
    j = j + 1  
    :

= $j \leq m$  = $O(m)$  time

• Remaining operation in 2nd-white loop:  $O(1)$

= $\Rightarrow$  FLP runs in  $O(m)$  time

= $\Rightarrow$  SUFFIX-TREE( $s$ ) runs in  $O(m^2)$  time.

Theorem [Ukkonen]: for  $s$  of length  $m$  the suffix tree can  
[without proof] be constructed in  $O(m)$  time