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Computer forensics. Search memory or disk for signatures, e.g., all URLs or RSA keys that the user has entered.



http://citp.princeton.edu/memory

Substring search applications

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 $pattern \longrightarrow N$ E E D L E $text \longrightarrow I$ N A H A Y S T A C K N E E D L E I N A match

typically N >> M

Identify patterns indicative of spam.

- PROFITS
- LOSE WE1GHT
- herbal Viagra
- There is no catch.
- This is a one-time mailing.
- This message is sent in compliance with spam regulations.

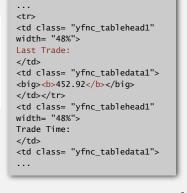
Substring search applications

Screen scraping. Extract relevant data from web page.

Ex. Find string delimited by and after first occurrence of pattern Last Trade:.



http://finance.yahoo.com/q?s=goog

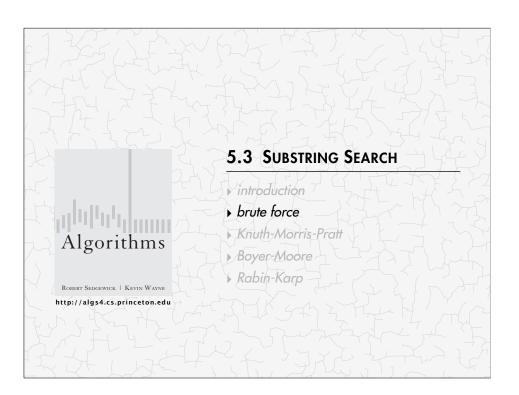


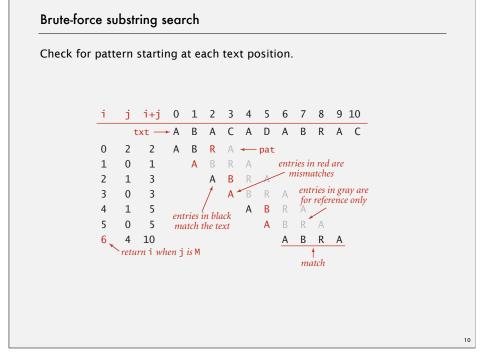
Screen scraping: Java implementation

Java library. The indexOf() method in Java's string library returns the index of the first occurrence of a given string, starting at a given offset.

```
public class StockQuote
   public static void main(String[] args)
      String name = "http://finance.yahoo.com/q?s=";
      In in = new In(name + args[0]);
      String text = in.readAll();
      int start
                  = text.indexOf("Last Trade:", 0);
                  = text.index0f("<b>", start);
      int to
                  = text.indexOf("</b>", from);
      String price = text.substring(from + 3, to);
      StdOut.println(price);
}
                % java StockQuote goog
                582.93
               % java StockQuote msft
                24.84
```

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Brute-force substring search: Java implementation

Check for pattern starting at each text position.

```
public static int search(String pat, String txt)
{
  int M = pat.length();
  int N = txt.length();
  for (int i = 0; i <= N - M; i++)
  {
    int j;
    for (j = 0; j < M; j++)
        if (txt.charAt(i+j) != pat.charAt(j))
        break;
    if (j == M) return i;  index in text where
    pattern starts
  return N;  not found
}</pre>
```

Brute-force substring search: worst case

Brute-force algorithm can be slow if text and pattern are repetitive.

Worst case. $\sim MN$ char compares.

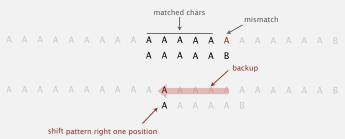
Backup

In many applications, we want to avoid backup in text stream.

- · Treat input as stream of data.
- · Abstract model: standard input.



Brute-force algorithm needs backup for every mismatch.



Approach 1. Maintain buffer of last M characters.

Approach 2. Stay tuned.

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Brute-force substring search: alternate implementation

Same sequence of char compares as previous implementation.

- · i points to end of sequence of already-matched chars in text.
- j stores # of already-matched chars (end of sequence in pattern).

```
        i
        j
        0
        1
        2
        3
        4
        5
        6
        7
        8
        9
        10

        7
        3
        A
        D
        A
        D
        A
        C
        R
        A
        C
        R
        A
        D
        A
        C
        R
        B
        A
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Algorithmic challenges in substring search

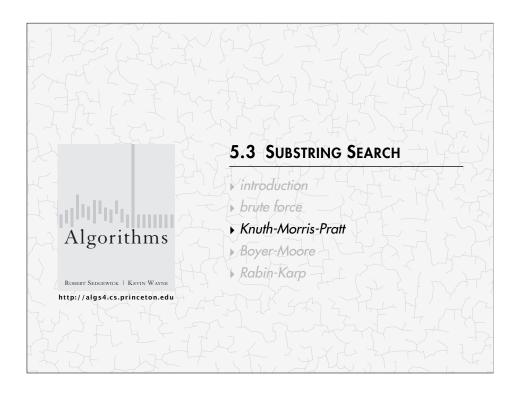
Brute-force is not always good enough.

Theoretical challenge. Linear-time guarantee.

fundamental algorithmic problem

Practical challenge. Avoid backup in text stream. ← often no room or time to save text

Now is the time for all people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for a lot of good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all of the good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for each good person to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Republicans to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many or all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for a lot of good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all of the good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their attack at dawn party. Now is the time for each person to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Republicans to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for many or all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of their party.

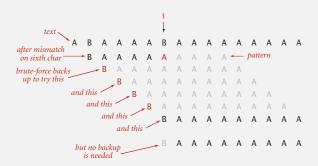


Knuth-Morris-Pratt substring search

Intuition. Suppose we are searching in text for pattern BAAAAAAAA.

- Suppose we match 5 chars in pattern, with mismatch on 6th char.
- We know previous 6 chars in text are BAAAAB.
- Don't need to back up text pointer!

assuming { A, B } alphabet

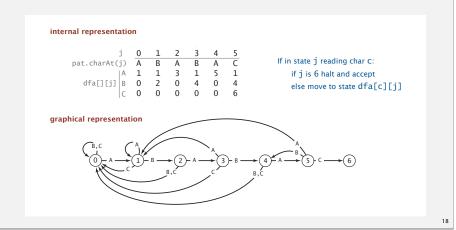


Knuth-Morris-Pratt algorithm. Clever method to always avoid backup. (!)

Deterministic finite state automaton (DFA)

DFA is abstract string-searching machine.

- Finite number of states (including start and halt).
- Exactly one transition for each char in alphabet.
- · Accept if sequence of transitions leads to halt state.



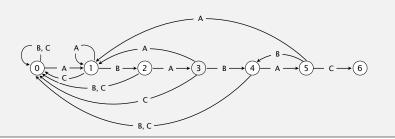
DFA simulation demo

AABACAABABACAA



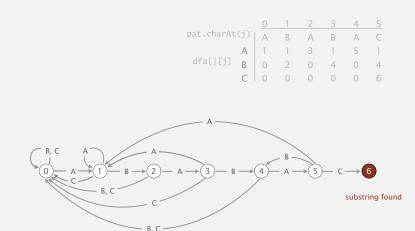
						4	
pat.charAt	(j)	Α	В	Α	В	Α	С
	Α	1	1	3	1	5	1
dfa[][j]	В	0	2	0	4	0	4
	C	0	Λ	Λ	0	Λ	6

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A A B A C A A B A B A C A A

DFA simulation demo

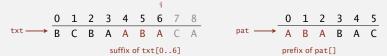


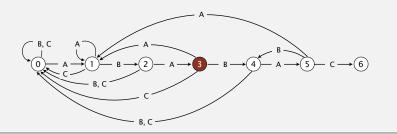
Interpretation of Knuth-Morris-Pratt DFA

- Q. What is interpretation of DFA state after reading in txt[i]?
- A. State = number of characters in pattern that have been matched.

length of longest prefix of pat[]
that is a suffix of txt[0..i]

Ex. DFA is in state 3 after reading in txt[0..6].





Knuth-Morris-Pratt substring search: Java implementation

Key differences from brute-force implementation.

- Need to precompute dfa[][] from pattern.
- Text pointer i never decrements.

```
public int search(String txt)
{
   int i, j, N = txt.length();
   for (i = 0, j = 0; i < N && j < M; i++)
        j = dfa[txt.charAt(i)][j];
   if (j == M) return i - M;
   else        return N;
}</pre>
```

Running time.

- Simulate DFA on text: at most N character accesses.
- Build DFA: how to do efficiently? [warning: tricky algorithm ahead]

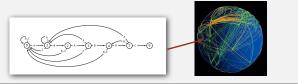
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Knuth-Morris-Pratt substring search: Java implementation

Key differences from brute-force implementation.

- Need to precompute dfa[][] from pattern.
- · Text pointer i never decrements.
- Could use input stream.

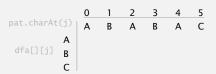
```
public int search(In in)
{
   int i, j;
   for (i = 0, j = 0; !in.isEmpty() && j < M; i++)
        j = dfa[in.readChar()][j];
   if (j == M) return i - M;
   else        return NOT_FOUND;
}</pre>
```



Knuth-Morris-Pratt construction demo

Include one state for each character in pattern (plus accept state).





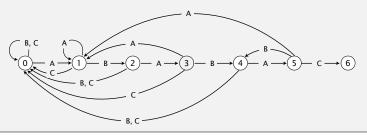
Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search for ABABAC

- (0)
- (3
- 4)
- (6

Knuth-Morris-Pratt construction demo

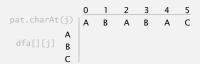
						4	5
pat.charAt							
	Α	1	1	3	1	5	1
dfa[][j]	В	0	2	0	4	0	4
	C	0	0	0	0	0	6

Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search for ABABAC



How to build DFA from pattern?

Include one state for each character in pattern (plus accept state).



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- 3
- (6)

How to build DFA from pattern?

Match transition. If in state j and next char c = pat.charAt(j), go to j+1.

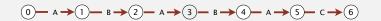
first j characters of pattern
have already been matched

next char matches

now first j+1 characters of pattern have been matched

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How to build DFA from pattern?

Mismatch transition. If in state j and next char c != pat.charAt(j), then the last j-1 characters of input are pat[1..j-1], followed by c.

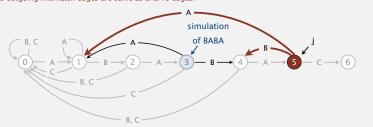
To compute dfa[c][j]: Simulate pat[1..j-1] on DFA and take transition c. Running time. Seems to require *j* steps.

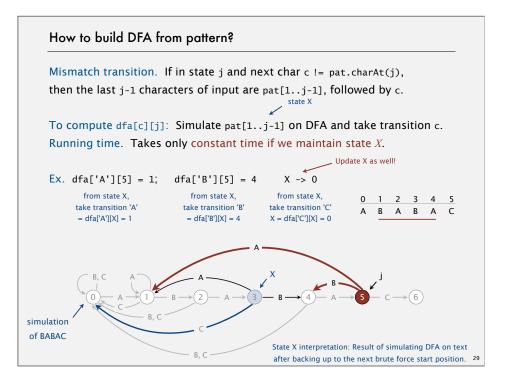
Ex. dfa['A'][5] = 1; dfa['B'][5] = 4

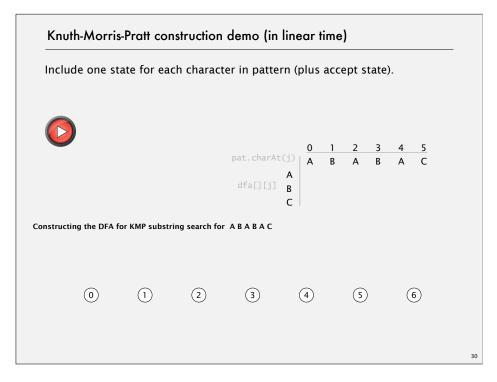
simulate BABA; take transition 'A' = dfa['A'][3] simulate BABA; take transition 'B' = dfa['B'][3]

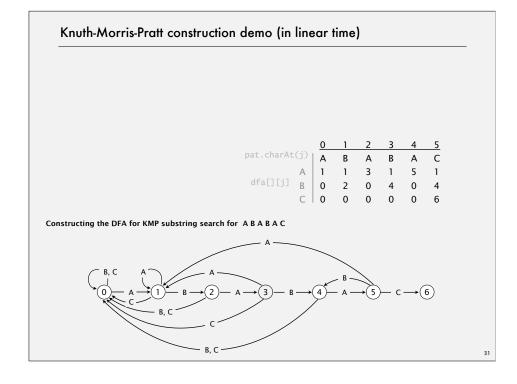
j 0 1 2 3 4 5 pat.charAt(j) A B A B A C

5's outgoing mismatch edges are same as BABA's edges.









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Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search: Java implementation
For each state j:
  • Copy dfa[][X] to dfa[][j] for mismatch case.

    Set dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] to j+1 for match case.

  • Update X.
         public KMP(String pat)
            this.pat = pat;
            M = pat.length();
            dfa = new int[R][M];
            dfa[pat.charAt(0)][0] = 1;
             for (int X = 0, j = 1; j < M; j++)
               for (int c = 0; c < R; c++)
                                                    copy mismatch cases
                  dfa[c][j] = dfa[c][X];
               dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] = j+1;
                                                   set match case
               X = dfa[pat.charAt(j)][X];
Running time. M character accesses (but space/time proportional to R M).
```

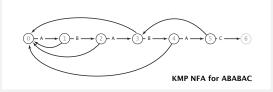
KMP substring search analysis

Proposition. KMP substring search accesses no more than M + N chars to search for a pattern of length M in a text of length N.

Pf. Each pattern char accessed once when constructing the DFA; each text char accessed once (in the worst case) when simulating the DFA.

Proposition. KMP constructs dfa[][] in time and space proportional to R M.

Larger alphabets. Improved version of KMP constructs nfa[] in time and space proportional to M.



Knuth-Morris-Pratt: brief history

- · Independently discovered by two theoreticians and a hacker.
 - Knuth: inspired by esoteric theorem, discovered linear algorithm
 - Pratt: made running time independent of alphabet size
 - Morris: built a text editor for the CDC 6400 computer
- · Theory meets practice.

SJAM J. COMPUT. Vol. 6, No. 2, June 1977 FAST PATTERN MATCHING IN STRINGS* DONALD E. KNUTH†, JAMES H. MORRIS, JR.‡ AND VAUGHAN R. PRATT¶ Abstract. An algorithm is presented which finds all occurrences of one given string within another, in running time proportional to the sum of the lengths of the strings. The constant of proportionality is low enough to make this algorithm of practical use, and the procedure can also be extended to deal with some more general pattern-matching problems. A theoretical application of the algorithm shows that the set of concatenations of even palindromes, i.e., the language (ac. *)*, can be gnized in linear time. Other algorithms which run even faster on the av





Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

· Scan characters in pattern from right to left.

Intuition.



• Can skip as many as *M* text chars when finding one not in the pattern.



Vaughan Pratt

overall text scanning still goes left to right!

5.3 SUBSTRING SEARCH

introduction brute force

Knuth-Morris-Pratt

▶ Boyer-Moore

Rabin-Karp

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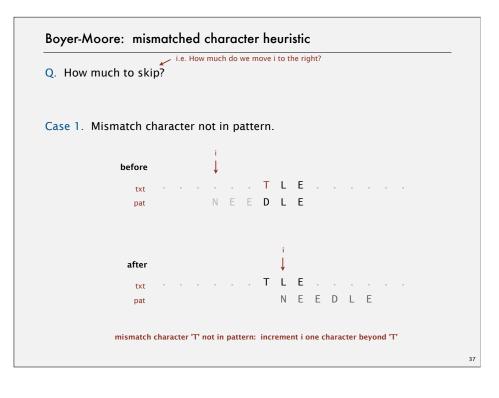
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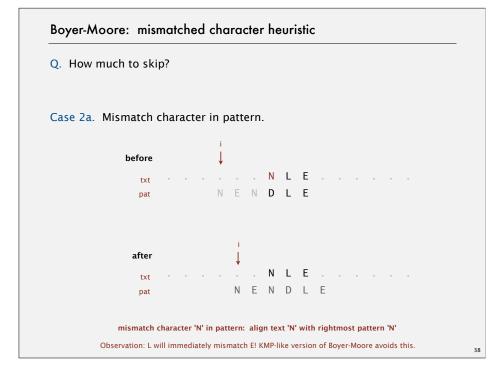


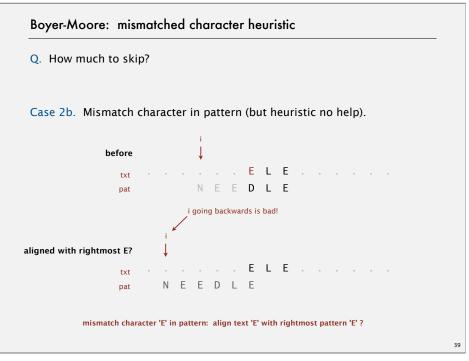


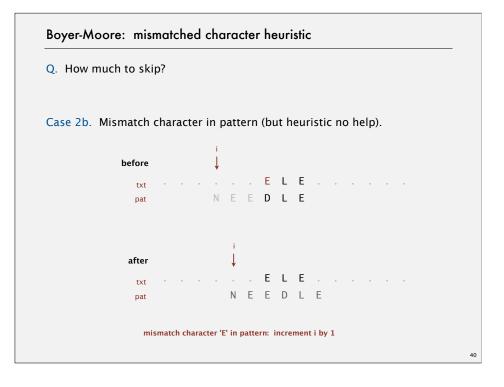
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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 text --- F I N D I N A H A Y S T A C K N E E D L E I N A N E E D L E ← pattern N E E D L E N E E D L E 11 15 NEEDLE return i = 15









Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

- Q. How much to skip?
- A. Precompute index of rightmost occurrence of character c in pattern (-1 if character not in pattern).

```
right = new int[R];
for (int c = 0; c < R; c++)
  right[c] = -1;
for (int j = 0; j < M; j++)
  right[pat.charAt(j)] = j;</pre>
```

```
C 0 1 2 3 4 5 right[c]

A -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1

B -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1

C -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1

D -1 -1 -1 -1 (3) 3 3 3

E -1 -1 (1) (2) 2 2 2 (5) 5

...

L -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 (4) 4 4

M -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1 -1

N -1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

...
```

Boyer-Moore skip table computation

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Boyer-Moore: analysis

Property. Substring search with the Boyer-Moore mismatched character heuristic takes about $\sim N/M$ character compares to search for a pattern of length M in a text of length N.

Worst-case. Can be as bad as $\sim MN$.

```
    i skip
    0
    1
    2
    3
    4
    5
    6
    7
    8
    9

    txt→B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B

    0
    0
    A
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B
    B

    1
    1
    A
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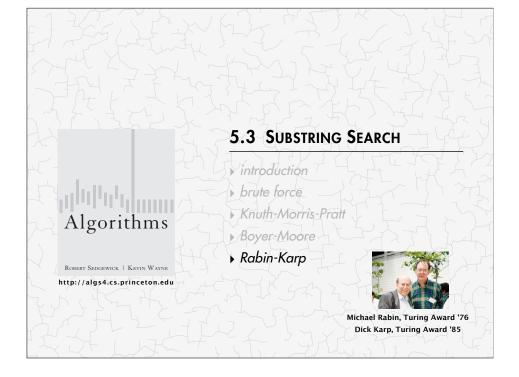
    3
    1
    A
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    B

    5
    1
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    B
```

Boyer-Moore variant. Can improve worst case to $\sim 3 N$ character compares by adding a KMP-like rule to guard against repetitive patterns.

Boyer-Moore: Java implementation



Rabin-Karp fingerprint search

Basic idea = modular hashing.

- Compute a hash of pattern characters 0 to M-1.
- For each i, compute a hash of text characters i to M + i 1.
- If pattern hash = text substring hash, check for a match.

```
pat.charAt(i)
i 0 1 2 3 4
2 6 5 3 5 % 997 = 613

txt.charAt(i)
i 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
3 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5 3 5 8 9 7 9 3
0 3 1 4 1 5 9 97 = 508
1 1 4 1 5 9 % 997 = 201
2 4 1 5 9 2 % 997 = 715
3 1 5 9 2 6 6 % 997 = 971
4 5 9 2 6 5 3 % 997 = 442
5 9 2 6 5 3 % 997 = 929

match
6 -- return i = 6 2 6 5 3 5 % 997 = 613
```

Goal. Find efficient way to compute hashes for each position in text.

Review: Computing hash functions for a string (from hashing lecture)

Modular hash function. Using the notation t_i for txt.charAt(i), we wish to compute

$$x_i = t_i R^{M-1} + t_{i+1} R^{M-2} + \dots + t_{i+M-1} R^0 \pmod{Q}$$

Intuition. M-digit, base-R integer, modulo Q.

Horner's method. Linear-time method to evaluate degree-*M* polynomial.

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```
// Compute hash for M-digit key
private long hash(String key, int M)
{
   long h = 0;
   for (int j = 0; j < M; j++)
       h = (h * R + key.charAt(j)) % Q;
   return h;
}</pre>
```

Slow way to compute hashCode: "26535" = 2*10000 + 6*1000 + 5*100 + 3*10 + 5Horner's method to compute hashCode: "26535" = (((2)*10 + 6)*10 + 5)*10 + 3)*10 + 5

Modulus trick

Modulus property. Given an expression % Q, if the expression contains only multiplication and addition operations, can replace any term X by X % Q.

Examples.

Efficiently computing the hash function (incremental approach)

Challenge. How to efficiently compute x_{i+1} given that we know x_i .

$$x_i = t_i R^{M-1} + t_{i+1} R^{M-2} + \dots + t_{i+M-1} R^0$$

 $x_{i+1} = t_{i+1} R^{M-1} + t_{i+2} R^{M-2} + \dots + t_{i+M} R^0$

Key property. Can update hash function in constant time!

$$x_{i+1} = \begin{pmatrix} x_i - t_i R^{M-1} \end{pmatrix} R + t_{i+M}$$
 combine with mod trick to get hash function current subtract multiply add new value leading digit by radix trailing digit combine with mod trick to get hash function (can precompute R^{M-1})

```
i ... 2 3 4 5 6 7 ...

current value 1 4 1 5 9 2 6 5

new value 4 1 5 9 2 current value

4 1 5 9 2 current value

- 4 0 0 0 0 0

1 5 9 2 subtract leading digit

* 1 0 multiply by radix

1 5 9 2 0

+ 6 add new trailing digit

new value
```

Example: Using mod trick and incremental approach to get hash Given 48500 % 9 = 8Find 85006 % 9 RM-1, also called RM Hint 10000 % 9 = 1Solution 85006 = (48500 - 4*10000) * 10 + 685006 % 9 = ((48500 - 4*10000) * 10 + 6) % 9= ((8 - 4*1) * 1 + 6) % 9 = 10 % 9= 1 Key idea: To compute x_{i+1} , use x_i , t_i , t_{i+M-1} , RM, R, and Q.

```
Rabin-Karp substring search example
 First 5 entries. Horner's rule.
 Later entries. Use incremental approach and mod trick.
i 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
 0 3 % 997 = 3
1 3 1 % 997 = (3*10 + 1) % 997 = 31
    3 1 4 % 997 = (31*10 + 4) % 997 = 314
 3 3 1 4 1 % 997 = (314*10 + 1) % 997 = 150
 4 3 1 4 1 5 % 997 = (150*10 + 5) % 997 = 508 RM
      1 4 1 5 9 % 997 = ((508 + 3*(997 - 30))*10 + 9) % 997 = 201
         4 1 5 9 2 % 997 = ((201 + 1*(997 - 30))*10 + 2) % 997 = 715
           1 5 9 2 6 % 997 = ((715 + 4*(997 - 30))*10 + 6) % 997 = 971
              5 9 2 6 5 % 997 = ((971 + 1*(997 - 30))*10 + 5) % 997 = 442 match
                9 2 6 5 3 % 997 = ((442 + 5*(997 - 30))*10 + 3) % 997 = 929
This extra factor of Q is added to ensure that the sum is positive
                    since % is the remainder operator, not the modulus operator in Java.
```

```
Rabin-Karp: Java implementation
public class RabinKarp
   private long patHash;
                           // pattern hash value
   private int M;
                           // pattern length
   private long Q;
                           // modulus
   private int R;
                           // radix
                           // R^(M-1) % Q
   private long RM;
   public RabinKarp(String pat) {
     M = pat.length();
      R = 256;
                                                           a large prime
     Q = longRandomPrime();
                                                           (but avoid overflow)
     RM = 1;
                                                           precompute RM-1 (mod Q)
      for (int i = 1; i \le M-1; i++)
                                                            equivalent of 10000 % 9 from example
        RM = (R * RM) % Q;
      patHash = hash(pat, M);
   private long hash(String key, int M)
   { /* as before */ }
   public int search(String txt)
   { /* see next slide */ }
```

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Rabin-Karp: Java implementation (continued)
Monte Carlo version. Return match if hash match.
         public int search(String txt)
                                                         check for hash collision
                                                      using rolling hash function
              int N = txt.length();
              int txtHash = hash(txt. M):
              if (patHash == txtHash) return 0;
                                                 ensures new txthash is positive,
              for (int i = M; i < N; i++)
                                                doesn't affect magnitude of answer
                  txtHash = (txtHash + Q - RM*txt.charAt(i-M) % Q) % Q;
                  txtHash = (txtHash*R + txt.charAt(i)) % Q;
                 if (patHash == txtHash) return i - M + 1;
              return N;
Las Vegas version. Check for substring match if hash match;
continue search if false collision.
```

Rabin-Karp analysis

Theory. If Q is a sufficiently large random prime (about MN^2), then the probability of a false collision is about 1/N.

Practice. Choose Q to be a large prime (but not so large to cause overflow). Under reasonable assumptions, probability of a collision is about 1/Q.

Monte Carlo version.

- · Always runs in linear time.
- Extremely likely to return correct answer (but not always!).

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Las Vegas version.

- · Always returns correct answer.
- Extremely likely to run in linear time (but worst case is MN).

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Substring search cost summary

Cost of searching for an *M*-character pattern in an *N*-character text.

algorithm	version	operation count		backup	correct?	extra
	version	guarantee	typical	in input?	correct:	space
brute force		MN	1.1N	yes	yes	1
Knuth-Morris-Pratt	full DFA (Algorithm 5.6)	2 <i>N</i>	1.1 N	no	yes	MR
	mismatch transitions only	3N	1.1 N	no	yes	M
Boyer-Moore	full algorithm	3 N	N/M	yes	yes	R
	mismatched char heuristic only (Algorithm 5.7)	MN	N/M	yes	yes	R
Rabin-Karp [†]	Monte Carlo (Algorithm 5.8)	7 N	7 N	no	yes †	1
	Las Vegas	7 N †	7 N	yes	yes	1

probabilisitic guarantee, with uniform hash function

Rabin-Karp fingerprint search

Advantages.

- Extends to 2d patterns.
- Extends to finding multiple patterns.

Disadvantages.

- Arithmetic ops slower than char compares.
- Las Vegas version requires backup.
- Poor worst-case guarantee.

Q. How would you extend Rabin-Karp to efficiently search for any one of P possible patterns in a text of length N?