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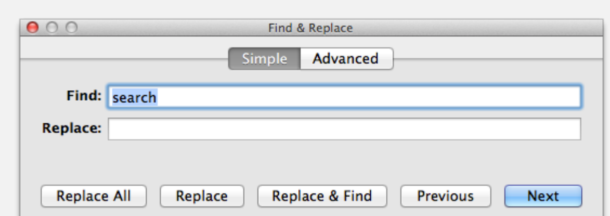

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Computer forensics. Search memory or disk for signatures, e.g., all URLs or RSA keys that the user has entered.

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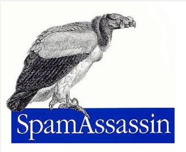
```

Identify patterns indicative of spam.

- `PROFITS`
- `L0SE 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

Electronic surveillance.

Need to monitor all internet traffic. (security)

No way! (privacy)

Well, we're mainly interested in "ATTACK AT DAWN"

OK. Build a machine that just looks for that.

"ATTACK AT DAWN" substring search machine

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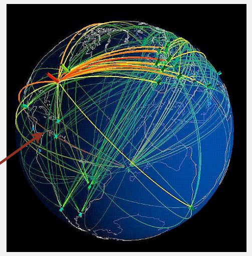
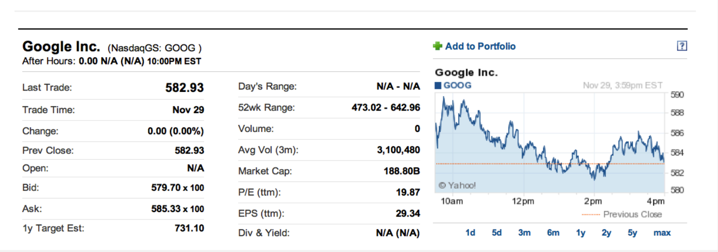




## Substring search applications

Screen scraping. Extract relevant data from web page.

Ex. Find string delimited by <b> and </b> after first occurrence of pattern `Last Trade:`.




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

```
...
<tr>
<td class= "yfnc_tablehead1"
width= "48%">
Last Trade:
</td>
<td class= "yfnc_tabledata1">
<big><b>452.92</b></big>
</td></tr>
<td class= "yfnc_tablehead1"
width= "48%">
Trade Time:
</td>
<td class= "yfnc_tabledata1">
...
```

## 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);
      int from     = text.indexOf("<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

Check for pattern starting at each text position.

| i | j | i+j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | txt → | A | B | A | C | A | D | A | B | R | A | C |
| 0 | 2 | 2 | A | B | R | A ← pat | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | | A | B | R | A | | | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | | | A | B | R | A | | | | | |
| 3 | 0 | 3 | | | | A | B | R | A | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | 5 | | | | | A | B | R | A | | | |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | | | | | | A | B | R | A | | |
| 6 | 4 | 10 | | | | | | | A | B | R | A | |

*entries in red are mismatches*

*entries in gray are for reference only*

*entries in black match the text*

*return* `i` *when* `j` *is* `M`

*match*



## Brute-force substring search: Java implementation

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | A | B | A | C | A | D | A | B | R | A | C |
| 4 | 3 | 7 | | | | | A | D | A | C | R | | |
| 5 | 0 | 5 | | | | | | A | D | A | C | R | |

```
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
}
```

## Brute-force substring search: worst case

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

| i | j | i+j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | txt ⟶ | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | B | |
| 0 | 4 | 4 | A | A | A | A | B | | | | | | ⟵ pat |
| 1 | 4 | 5 | | A | A | A | A | B | | | | | |
| 2 | 4 | 6 | | | A | A | A | A | B | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | | | | A | A | A | A | B | | | |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | | | | | A | A | A | A | B | | |
| 5 | 5 | 10 | | | | | | A | A | A | A | B | |

*match*

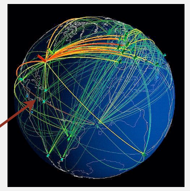
Worst case. $\sim M N$ char compares.



## 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.

matched chars

mismatch

A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A B

A A A A A B

backup

A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A B

A A A A A B

shift pattern right one position

Approach 1. Maintain buffer of last $M$ characters.

Approach 2. Stay tuned.



## 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | A | B | A | C | A | D | A | B | R | A | C |
| 7 | 3 | | | | | A | D | A | C | R | | |
| 5 | 0 | | | | | | A | D | A | C | R | |

```
public static int search(String pat, String txt)
{
   int i, N = txt.length();
   int j, M = pat.length();
   for (i = 0, j = 0; i < N && j < M; i++)
   {
      if (txt.charAt(i) == pat.charAt(j)) j++;
      else { i -= j; j = 0;  }
   }
   if (j == M) return i - M;
   else            return N;
}
```

explicit backup



## 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
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is the time for all good Democrats to come to the aid of their party. Now is the time for all people to
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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.
```


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## 5.3 Substring Search

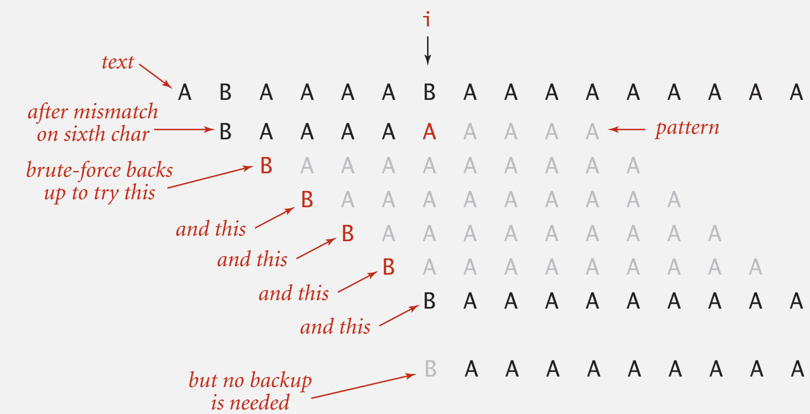


## Knuth-Morris-Pratt substring search

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

- Suppose we match 5 chars in pattern, with mismatch on $6^{th}$ 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.

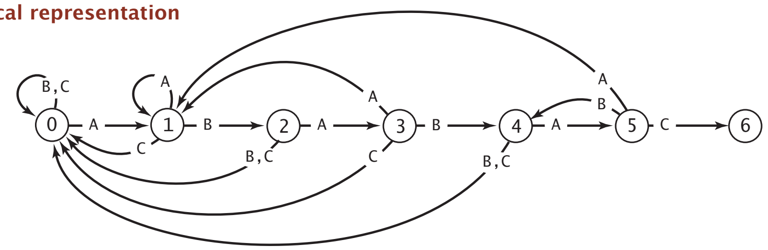
- Finite number of states (including start and halt).
- Exactly one transition for each char in alphabet.
- Accept if sequence of transitions leads to halt state.

**internal representation**

| | j | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat.charAt(j) | | A | B | A | B | A | C |
| dfa[][j] | A | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| | B | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

If in state j reading char c:
if j is 6 halt and accept
else move to state dfa[c][j]

**graphical representation**






## Knuth-Morris-Pratt demo: DFA simulation

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

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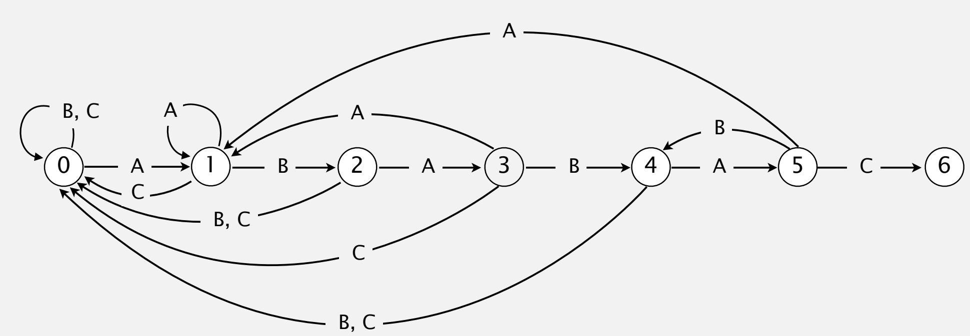

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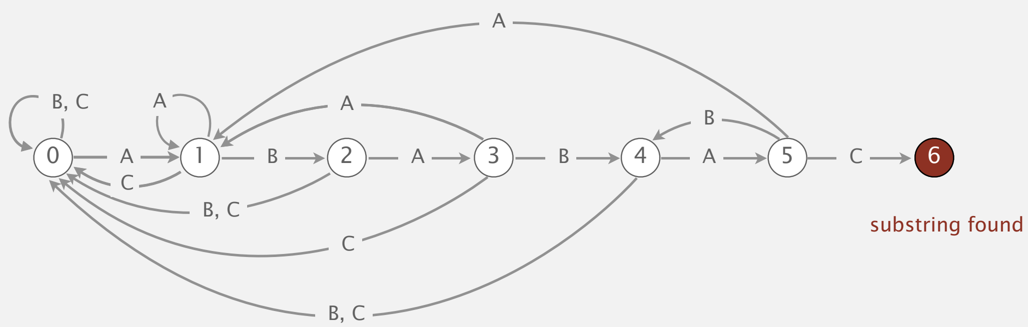
| | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |






## 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]`.

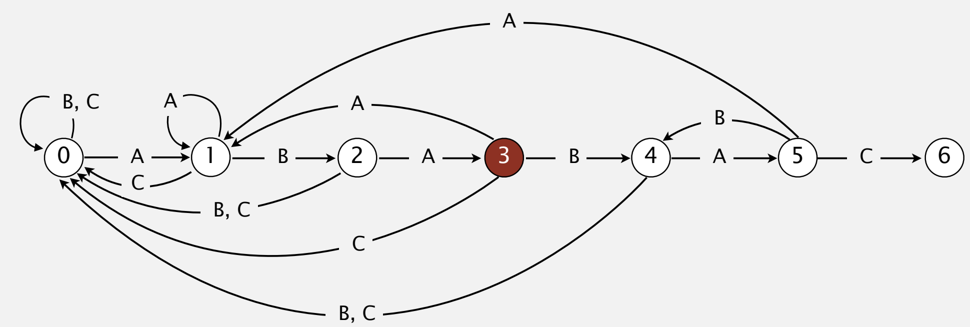
i

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| txt | B | C | B | A | A | B | A | C | A |

suffix of `txt[0..6]`

| | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat | A | B | A | B | A | C |

prefix of `pat[]`






## 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;
}
```

no backup

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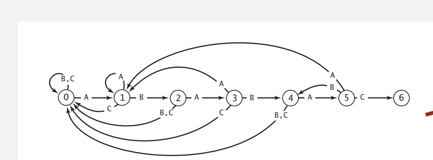
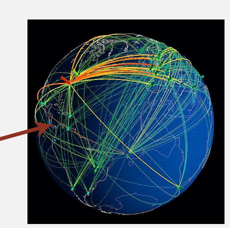
- Need to precompute `dfa[][]` from pattern.
- Text pointer `i` never decrements.
- Could use input stream.

```
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;
}
```

no backup





## Knuth-Morris-Pratt demo: DFA construction

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

| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat.charAt(j) | | A | B | A | B | A | C |
| | A | | | | | | |
| dfa[][j] | B | | | | | | |
| | C | | | | | | |

**Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search for A B A B A C**

0 1 2 3 4 5 6



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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat.charAt(j) | | A | B | A | B | A | C |
| | A | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| dfa[][j] | B | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

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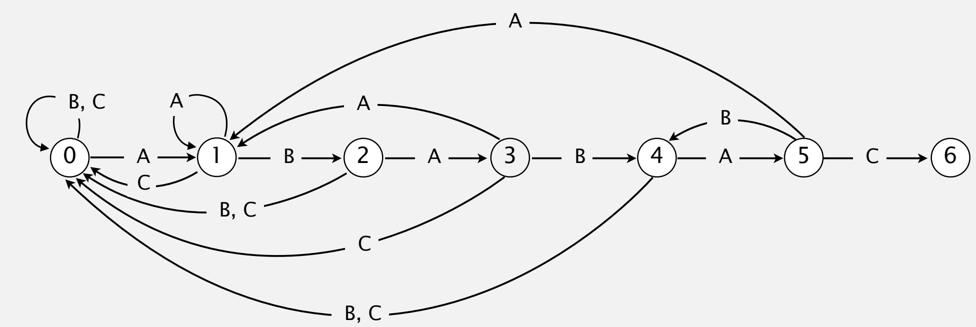




## How to build DFA from pattern?

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

| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat.charAt(j) | | A | B | A | B | A | C |
| | A | | | | | | |
| dfa[][j] | B | | | | | | |
| | C | | | | | | |

0 1 2 3 4 5 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

| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat.charAt(j) | | A | B | A | B | A | C |
| | A | 1 | | 3 | | 5 | |
| dfa[][j] | B | | 2 | | 4 | | |
| | C | | | | | | 6 |

$0 \xrightarrow{A} 1 \xrightarrow{B} 2 \xrightarrow{A} 3 \xrightarrow{B} 4 \xrightarrow{A} 5 \xrightarrow{C} 6$

## 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.

still under construction (!)

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]

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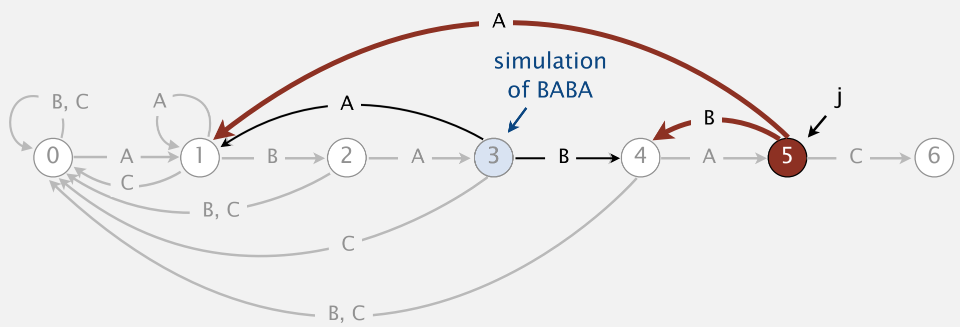




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Mismatch transition. If in state `j` and next char `c != pat.charAt(j)`, then the last `j-1` characters of input are `pat[1..j-1]`, followed by `c`.

state X

To compute `dfa[c][j]`: Simulate `pat[1..j-1]` on DFA and take transition `c`.
Running time. Takes only constant time if we maintain state X.

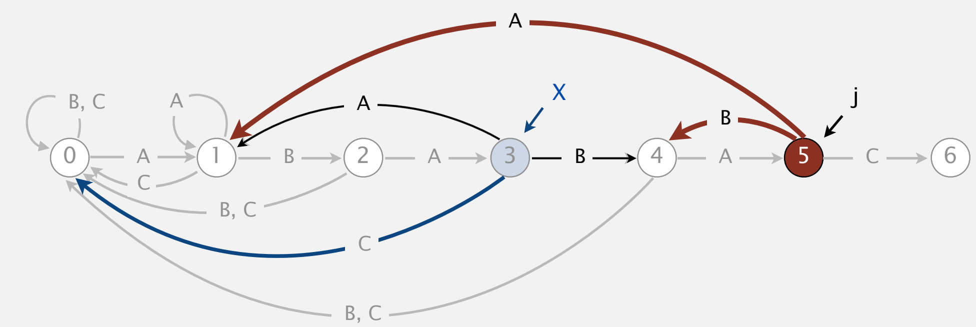
Ex. `dfa['A'][5] = 1;` `dfa['B'][5] = 4` `X' = 0`

from state X, take transition 'A' = dfa['A'][X]

from state X, take transition 'B' = dfa['B'][X]

from state X, take transition 'C' = dfa['C'][X]

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | A | B | A | C |






## Knuth-Morris-Pratt demo: DFA construction in linear time

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

| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat.charAt(j) | | A | B | A | B | A | C |
| dfa[][j] | A | | | | | | |
| | B | | | | | | |
| | C | | | | | | |

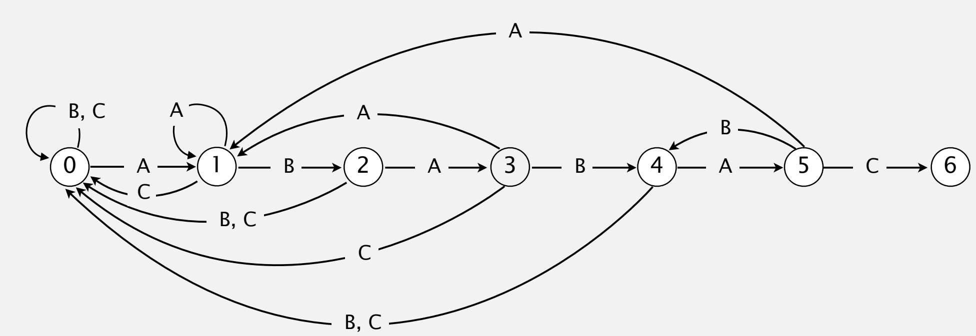
Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search for A B A B A C




## Knuth-Morris-Pratt demo: DFA construction in linear time

| | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| pat.charAt(j) | | A | B | A | B | A | C |
| dfa[][j] | A | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 1 |
| | B | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 |
| | C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

Constructing the DFA for KMP substring search for A B A B A C



## 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++)
         dfa[c][j] = dfa[c][X];          // copy mismatch cases
      dfa[pat.charAt(j)][j] = j+1;       // set match case
      X = dfa[pat.charAt(j)][X];         // update restart state
   }
}
```

Running time. $M$ character accesses (but space/time proportional to $R\,M$).



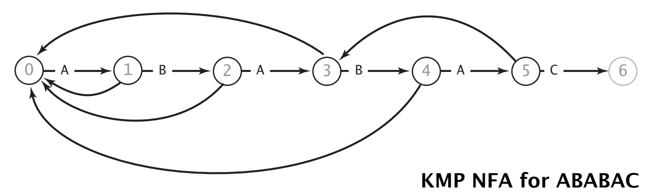
## KMP substring search analysis

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 $M$.

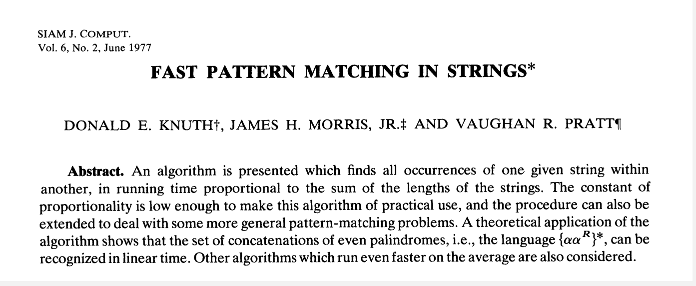


KMP NFA for ABABAC



## 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.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FAST PATTERN MATCHING IN STRINGS*

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**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 $\{\alpha\alpha^R\}^*$, can be recognized in linear time. Other algorithms which run even faster on the average are also considered.



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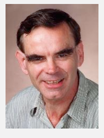
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## 5.3 SUBSTRING SEARCH

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- brute force
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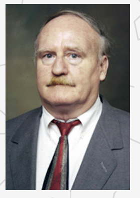
- Rabin-Karp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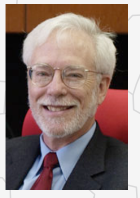
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## Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

**Intuition.**

- Scan characters in pattern from right to left.
- Can skip as many as $M$ text chars when finding one not in the pattern.

| i | j | 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 |
| 0 | 5 | N | E | E | D | L | E ← *pattern* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | 5 | | | | | | N | E | E | D | L | E | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | N | E | E | D | L | E | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | N | E | E | D | L | E | | | |

*return* i = 15



## Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

**Q.** How much to skip?

**Case 1.** Mismatch character not in pattern.

**before**

```
              i
              ↓
txt  . . . . . . . T L E . . . . . .
pat           N E E D L E
```

**after**

```
                      i
                      ↓
txt  . . . . . . . T L E . . . . . .
pat                 N E E D L E
```

mismatch character 'T' not in pattern: increment i one character beyond 'T'



## Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

**Q.** How much to skip?

**Case 2a.** Mismatch character in pattern.

**before**

```
              i
              ↓
txt  . . . . . . . N L E . . . . . .
pat           N E E D L E
```

**after**

```
                    i
                    ↓
txt  . . . . . . . N L E . . . . . .
pat                N E E D L E
```

mismatch character 'N' in pattern: align text 'N' with rightmost pattern 'N'



## Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

**Q.** How much to skip?

**Case 2b.** Mismatch character in pattern (but heuristic no help).

**before**

```
              i
              ↓
txt  . . . . . . . E L E . . . . . .
pat           N E E D L E
```

**aligned with rightmost E?**

```
          i
          ↓
txt  . . . . . . . E L E . . . . . .
pat       N E E D L E
```

mismatch character 'E' in pattern: align text 'E' with rightmost pattern 'E' ?

## Boyer-Moore: mismatched character heuristic

Q. How much to skip?

Case 2b. Mismatch character in pattern (but heuristic no help).

**before**

```
            i
            ↓
txt  . . . . . . E L E . . . . . .
pat        N E E D L E
```

**after**

```
              i
              ↓
txt  . . . . . . E L E . . . . . .
pat          N E E D L E
```

mismatch character 'E' in pattern: increment i by 1



## 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;
```

| | | N | E | E | D | L | E | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| c | | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | right[c] |
| A | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| B | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| C | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| D | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| E | -1 | -1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| ... | | | | | | | | -1 |
| L | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| M | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 |
| N | -1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ... | | | | | | | | -1 |

Boyer-Moore skip table computation



## Boyer-Moore: Java implementation

```
public int search(String txt)
{
   int N = txt.length();
   int M = pat.length();
   int skip;
   for (int i = 0; i <= N-M; i += skip)
   {
      skip = 0;
      for (int j = M-1; j >= 0; j--)
      {
         if (pat.charAt(j) != txt.charAt(i+j))
         {
            skip = Math.max(1, j - right[txt.charAt(i+j)]);
            break;
         }
      }
      if (skip == 0) return i;
   }
   return N;
}
```

compute skip value

in case other term is nonpositive

match



## 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 $N$.

sublinear!

Worst-case. Can be as bad as $\sim M N$.

| i | skip | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | txt → | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | B | |
| 0 | 0 | A | B | B | B | B | ← pat | | | | | |
| 1 | 1 | | A | B | B | B | B | | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | | | A | B | B | B | B | | | | |
| 3 | 1 | | | | A | B | B | B | B | | | |
| 4 | 1 | | | | | A | B | B | B | B | | |
| 5 | 1 | | | | | | A | B | B | B | 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.


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## 5.3 Substring Search



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## Rabin-Karp fingerprint search

Basic idea = modular hashing.

- Compute a hash of `pat[0..M-1]`.
- For each `i`, compute a hash of `txt[i..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 | % 997 = 508 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | % 997 = 201 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | % 997 = 715 | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | % 997 = 971 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | % 997 = 442 | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | % 997 = 929 | | | | match | |
| 6 ← return i = 6 | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | % 997 = 613 | | | | |

modular hashing with R = 10 and hash(s) = s (mod 997)



## Modular arithmetic

Math trick. To keep numbers small, take intermediate results modulo $Q$.

Ex.

$$(10000 + 535) * 1000 \quad (\text{mod } 997)$$
$$= (30 + 535) * 3 \quad (\text{mod } 997)$$
$$= 1695 \quad (\text{mod } 997)$$
$$= 698 \quad (\text{mod } 997)$$

$$(a + b) \bmod Q = ((a \bmod Q) + (b \bmod Q)) \bmod Q$$

$$(a * b) \bmod Q = ((a \bmod Q) * (b \bmod Q)) \bmod Q$$

two useful modular arithmetic identities



## Efficiently computing the hash function

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

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

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

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

pat.charAt()

| i | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | |
| 0 | 2 | % 997 = 2 | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 6 | % 997 = (2*$\overset{R}{10}$ + 6) % $\overset{Q}{997}$ = 26 | | | |
| 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | % 997 = (26*10 + 5) % 997 = 265 | | |
| 3 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | % 997 = (265*10 + 3) % 997 = 659 | |
| 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | % 997 = (659*10 + 5) % 997 = 613 |

```
// 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;
}
```

26535 = 2*10000 + 6*1000 + 5*100 + 3*10 + 5
= ((((2) *10 + 6) * 10 + 5) * 10 + 3) * 10 + 5

## Efficiently computing the hash function

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

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

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

**Key property.** Can update "rolling" hash function in constant time!

$$x_{i+1} = (\underbrace{x_i}_{\text{current value}} - \underbrace{t_i R^{M-1}}_{\text{subtract leading digit}})\ \underbrace{R}_{\text{multiply by radix}} + \underbrace{t_{i+M}}_{\text{add new trailing digit}}$$

(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 | 6 | 5 |

*text*

```
    4  1  5  9  2      current value
 -  4  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
    1  5  9  2  6      new value
```



## Rabin-Karp substring search example

**First R entries:** Use Horner's rule.

**Remaining entries:** Use rolling hash (and % to avoid overflow).

| 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | % 997 = 3 |
| 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | % 997 = (3*10 + 1) % 997 = 31 |
| 2 | 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 |
| 5 | | 1 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | | % 997 = ((508 + 3*(997 - 30))*10 + 9) % 997 = 201 |
| 6 | | | 4 | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | % 997 = ((201 + 1*(997 - 30))*10 + 2) % 997 = 715 |
| 7 | | | | 1 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | | | | | | | | | % 997 = ((715 + 4*(997 - 30))*10 + 6) % 997 = 971 |
| 8 | | | | | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | | % 997 = ((971 + 1*(997 - 30))*10 + 5) % 997 = 442 |
| 9 | | | | | | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | | | | | | | % 997 = ((442 + 5*(997 - 30))*10 + 3) % 997 = 929 |
| 10 ← return i-M+1 = 6 | | | | | | | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | % 997 = ((929 + 9*(997 - 30))*10 + 5) % 997 = 613 |

Q

RM

R

Horner's rule

rolling hash

match

-30 (mod 997) = 997 – 30

10000 (mod 997) = 30



## Rabin-Karp: Java implementation

```java
public class RabinKarp
{
   private long patHash;     // pattern hash value
   private int M;            // pattern length
   private long Q;           // modulus
   private int R;            // radix
   private long RM1;         // R^(M-1) % Q

   public RabinKarp(String pat) {
      M = pat.length();
      R = 256;
      Q = longRandomPrime();

      RM1 = 1;
      for (int i = 1; i <= M-1; i++)
         RM1 = (R * RM1) % Q;
      patHash = hash(pat, M);
   }

   private long hash(String key, int M)
   {  /* as before */  }

   public int search(String txt)
   {  /* see next slide */  }
}
```

a large prime (but avoid overflow)

precompute $R^{M-1}$ (mod Q)



## Rabin-Karp: Java implementation (continued)

**Monte Carlo version.** Return match if hash match.

```java
public int search(String txt)
{
   int N = txt.length();
   int txtHash = hash(txt, M);
   if (patHash == txtHash) return 0;
   for (int i = M; i < N; i++)
   {
      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;
}
```

check for hash collision using rolling hash function

**Las Vegas version.** Check for substring match if hash match; continue search if false collision.

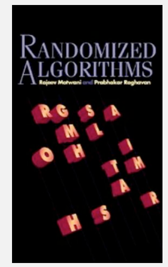
## Rabin-Karp analysis

Theory. If $Q$ is a sufficiently large random prime (about $M N^2$), 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!).




Las Vegas version.

- Always returns correct answer.
- Extremely likely to run in linear time (but worst case is $M N$).



## 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 $N$?



## Substring search cost summary

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

| algorithm | version | operation count: guarantee | operation count: typical | backup in input? | correct? | extra space |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| brute force | — | $M N$ | $1.1\ N$ | *yes* | *yes* | 1 |
| Knuth-Morris-Pratt | *full DFA (Algorithm 5.6)* | $2\ N$ | $1.1\ N$ | *no* | *yes* | $MR$ |
| | *mismatch transitions only* | $3\ N$ | $1.1\ N$ | *no* | *yes* | $M$ |
| Boyer-Moore | *full algorithm* | $3\ N$ | $N / M$ | *yes* | *yes* | $R$ |
| | *mismatched char heuristic only (Algorithm 5.7)* | $M N$ | $N / M$ | *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*