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Lecture 11: Applications III – String Algorithms



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Recap: Convolution

Convolution: Let $u, v \in \mathbb{R}^n$

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\tilde{O} hides factor $\text{polylog}(n)$

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IP-Convolution: Let $u \in \mathbb{R}^n, v \in \mathbb{R}^m$ with $n \geq m$

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Compute inner product of v and **each window** $\langle \underline{u[i+1 \dots i+m]}, v \rangle$

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$x = (0, \underline{v_1}, \dots, \underline{v_m}, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

$y = (\underline{u_n}, \dots, \underline{u_1}, 0, \dots, 0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$

Consider $m \leq i \leq n$

$x_j = v_j$
 $y_j = u_{n-j}$

Then $(x * y)_i = \sum_{j=0}^i x_j y_{i-j}$

$= \sum_{j=1}^m \underline{v_j} \underline{u_{n-(i-j)}} = \sum_{j=1}^m \underline{u_{(n-i)+j}} \underline{v_j}$

So $\underline{(u *_{IP} v)_i} = \underline{(x * y)_{n-i}}$

Pattern Matching

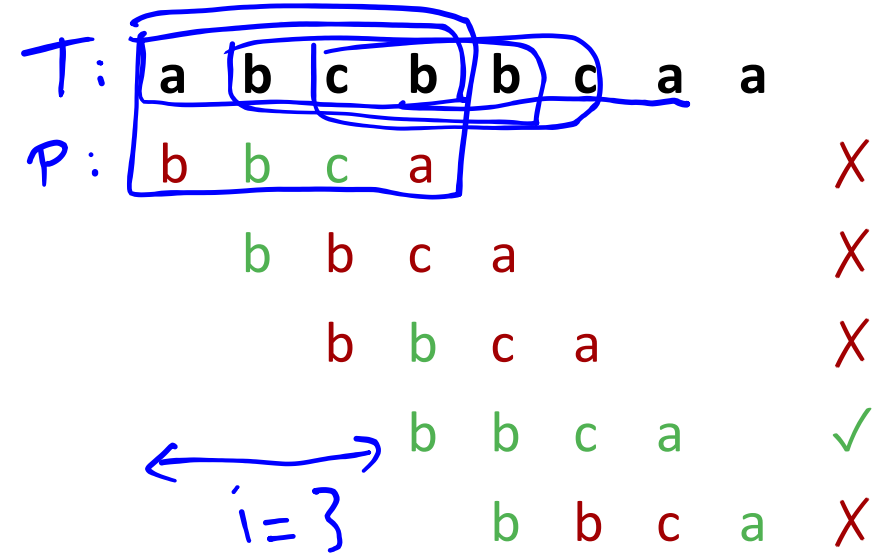
Given two strings: text T of length n and pattern P of length $m \leq n$

Does P appear as a substring of T ?

optimal classic algorithm:

Knuth, Morris, Pratt '77: time $O(n)$

Let's consider generalizations!



window $T_i = T[i + 1..i + m]$
Is $P = T_i$ for some i ?

Text-to-Pattern Hamming Distance

Given two strings: text T of length n and pattern P of length $m \leq n$

Compute Hamming distance between P and each window T_i

$$\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$$

Algorithm: [Abrahamson'87]

Time $\tilde{O}(|\Sigma|n)$

For each symbol σ in alphabet Σ :

Construct vector u with $u_j = [T[j] = \sigma] = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } T[j] = \sigma \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Construct vector v with $v_j = [P[j] = \sigma]$

Compute vector $w^\sigma = \text{IP-convolution of } u \text{ and } v$ $\tilde{O}(n)$

// Then $w_i^\sigma = \sum_j u_{i+j} v_j = \sum_{j=1}^m [T[i+j] = \sigma] \cdot [P[j] = \sigma]$

Return $d_i = m - \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} w_i^\sigma$ for all i

matches of σ
for shift i

a	b	c	b	b	c	a	a	
b	b	c	a					2
	b	b	c	a				3
		b	b	c	a			3
			b	b	c	a		0
				b	b	c	a	2

$$d_H(X, Y) = \#\{j \mid X[j] \neq Y[j]\}$$

$$T_i = T[i + 1..i + m]$$

$$d_i = d_H(P, T_i)$$

New Tool: Subset Shifts

Given $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$, determine all x such that $A + x \subseteq B$

Subset Shifts:

Given $A, B \subseteq \{0, \dots, d\}$

Compute all x with $A + x \subseteq B$:

$$\underline{A \hat{\cup} B} := \{x \mid A + x \subseteq B\}$$

This is in time $\tilde{O}(|A| + |B|)$ w.h.p.

$\hookrightarrow \{1, 4\}$

$$A = \{1, 2, 4\}$$



$$B = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8\}$$



$x = 0$:



$x = 1$:



$x = 2$:



$x = 3$:



$x = 4$:



$$A \hat{\cup} B = \{1, 4\}$$

Wildcard Matching

Given two strings: text T of length n and pattern P of length $m \leq n$

P contains wildcards „*“ that match any symbol. Does P match any substring of T ?

Algorithm: [Cole, Hariharan'02]

Time $\tilde{O}(n)$

For each symbol σ in alphabet Σ :

Construct set $A^\sigma = \{j \mid P[j] = \sigma\}$

Construct set $B^\sigma = \{j \mid T[j] = \sigma\}$

Compute $A^\sigma \uparrow B^\sigma$ // = all shifts s.t. all σ 's in P are matched

Return $(\bigcap_{\sigma \in \Sigma} A^\sigma \uparrow B^\sigma) \cap \{0, \dots, n - m\}$

$$\sum_{\sigma} \tilde{O}(|A^\sigma| + |B^\sigma|) = \tilde{O}(n + m)$$

T :	a	b	c	<u>b</u>	<u>b</u>	c	<u>a</u>	<u>a</u>	
P :	b	*	*	a					X
	b	*	*	a					X
		b	*	*	a				X
			b	*	*	a			✓
				b	*	*	a		✓

$$T \in \Sigma^n, P \in (\Sigma \cup \{*\})^m$$

P matches T_i if for all $1 \leq j \leq m$:

$$P[j] = * \text{ or } P[j] = T[i + j]$$

Subset Matching

Given two sequences: text T of length n and pattern P of length $m \leq n$

Each position is a set of alphabet symbols: $T[j], P[j] \subseteq \Sigma$.

P matches window T_i if for all $1 \leq j \leq m$ we have $P[j] \subseteq T[i+j]$

Does P match any window T_i ?

Algorithm: [Cole, Hariharan'02]

Time $\tilde{O}(s)$

For each symbol σ in alphabet Σ :

Construct set $A^\sigma = \{j \mid \sigma \in P[j]\}$

Construct set $B^\sigma = \{j \mid \sigma \in T[j]\}$

Compute $A^\sigma \uparrow B^\sigma // = \text{all shifts } s.t. \text{ all } \sigma\text{'s in } P \text{ are matched}$

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$$\sum_{\sigma} |A^\sigma| = \sum_j |P[j]|$$

$$\tilde{O}(|A^\sigma| + |B^\sigma|)$$

a,b	b	c	b	a,b	a,b	\emptyset	
b	\emptyset	\emptyset	a,b				X
	b	\emptyset	\emptyset	a,b			✓
		b	\emptyset	\emptyset	a,b		X
			b	\emptyset	\emptyset	a,b	X

Input size $s = \sum_j |T[j]| + \sum_j |P[j]|$

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This is in time $\tilde{O}(|A| + |B|)$ w.h.p.

Write

$$A = \{a_1, \dots, a_{|A|}\},$$

$$B = \{b_1, \dots, b_{|B|}\}$$

$$A = \{1, 2, 4\}$$



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$x = 0$:



$x = 1$:



$x = 2$:



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$x = 4$:



$$A \hat{\cup} B = \{1, 4\}$$

We must have $|A| \leq |B|$ otherwise $A \hat{\cup} B = \emptyset$, since $|A + x| = |A| > |B|$

$$A \hat{\cup} B \subseteq \underline{B - a_1} = \{b_1 - a_1, b_2 - a_1, \dots, b_{|B|} - a_1\} \quad \text{since } a_1 \text{ must be aligned to one of } b_1, \dots, b_{|B|}$$

$$\left(A \hat{\cup} B = \bigcap_{a \in A} \underline{B - a} \right)$$

In particular, $\underline{|A \hat{\cup} B|} \leq |B|$

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Direct Use of IP-Convolution: $\tilde{O}(d)$

1) Construct u with $u_i = [i \in A]$

2) Construct v with $v_i = [i \in B]$

3) $w := v *_{IP} u$ ←

4) Return $\{x \mid \underline{w_x} = |A|\}$

Correctness: $w_x = (v *_{IP} u)_x = \sum_{i=0}^d v_{x+i} u_i$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^d [x+i \in B] \cdot [i \in A] \leq |A|$$

$$w_x = |A| \Leftrightarrow \forall a \in A: a + x \in B$$

*Convolution counts for each shift
the number of matches*

$$A \hat{\uparrow} B = \{x \mid A + x \subseteq B\} \subseteq B - a_1, |A| \leq |B|$$

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Outputsensitive IP-Convolution takes time

$\tilde{O}(\text{out}) = \tilde{O}(|A + B|) \gg |B|$ in general!

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- 2) For each $p \in P$:
 - 3) $\Delta_p :=$ the set of all $x \in \{0, \dots, p - 1\}$ with $(A + x) \bmod p \subseteq (B \bmod p)$
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- 5) If $x \bmod p \in \Delta_p$ for all $p \in P$: print x

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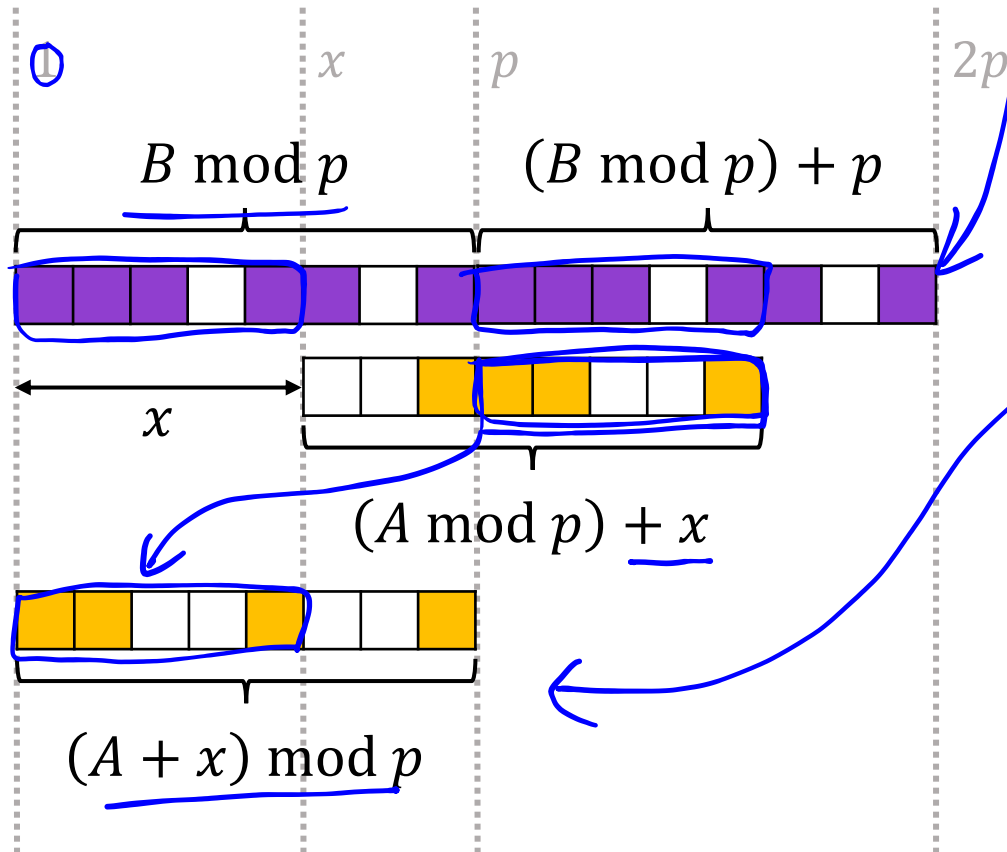
$$|A| \leq |B| \leq p$$

Lem: Δ_p is equal to

$$\{0, \dots, p-1\} \cap \left((A \bmod p) \hat{\cup} ((B \bmod p) + \{0, p\}) \right)$$

and thus Δ_p can be computed in time $\tilde{O}(p)$

Proof:



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Correctness: „ $A + x \subseteq B \Rightarrow$ print x “

If $A + x \subseteq B$ then $(A + x) \bmod p \subseteq (B \bmod p)$

So $(x \bmod p) \in \Delta_p$ for all $p \in P$

So we print x

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Correctness: „ $A + x \not\subseteq B \Rightarrow$ w.h.p. don't print x “

If $A + x \not\subseteq B$ then $a + x \notin B$ for some $a \in A$

$$\mathbb{P}[\underline{x \bmod p \in \Delta_p}] \leq \mathbb{P}[(a + x) \bmod p \in (B \bmod p)]$$

$$\leq |B| \cdot \mathbb{P}[(a + x) \bmod p = \underline{b \bmod p}]$$

$$\leq |B| \cdot \mathbb{P}[\underline{(a + x - b) \bmod p = 0}]$$

$$\leq |B| \cdot \frac{\log d}{\# \text{primes in the range } \Theta(|B| \log^2 d)} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Handwritten notes: $\neq \neq 0$, $\log d$, $p \mid (a+x-b)$, $\frac{1}{2}$

Thus, $\mathbb{P}[\underline{x \bmod p \in \Delta_p}$ for all $p \in P] \leq \frac{1}{d}$

Handwritten note: $\sqrt{|B| \log d}$

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Similarity to previous lectures:

$$\mathbf{1}[B \bmod p]_i = \bigvee_{j: j \bmod p = i} \mathbf{1}[B]_j$$

$\mathbf{1}[B \bmod p]$ is a Boolean version of $\text{fold}(\mathbf{1}[B], p)$

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More Material

Lecture based on:

[Cole, Hariharan „Verifying Candidate Matches in Sparse and Wildcard Matching“ 2002]

[Abrahamson „Generalized string matching“ 1987]

See also:

[Chan, Golan, Kociumaka, Kopelovitz, Porat „Approximating text-to-pattern Hamming distances“ 2020]

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Streaming Algorithms:

Data stream x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

Make one pass over the stream

Working memory $o(n)/O(\log n)$

\approx low-space data structures

Typical problems:

Compute number of distinct x_i 's

Compute all numbers that appear $\geq \epsilon n$ times

Maintain a vector and its frequency moments



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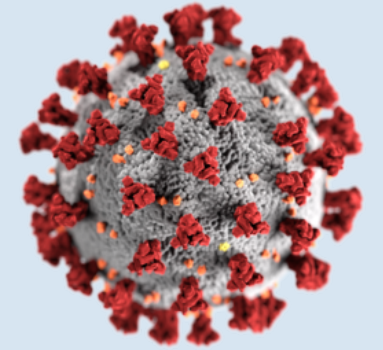
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Randomized Trials:

Estimate the infected population by testing random individuals

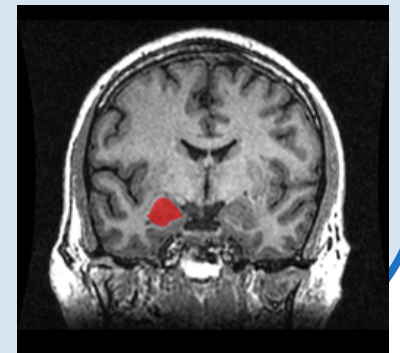


Combinatorial Group Testing:

Mix samples of a group of individuals \rightarrow test tells us whether at least one individual is positive
Find *all* positive individuals using $o(n)$ group tests

Medical Imaging:

Reconstruct a sparse vector from few Fourier measurements



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Property Testing:

Really sublinear time $o(n)$!

“What can we find out about x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n using $o(n)$ random accesses?”

Typical problems:

Is x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n sorted or *far* from sorted?

Is a graph connected or *far* from connected?

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Course Outline:

3x Streaming (Space)

3x Vector Reconstruction (Measurements)

2x Property Testing (Time)

3x Applications

Exam

Oral exam on July 20 via Zoom

If you do not know your exam slot yet, contact me!

You must be registered in LSF

All course material is relevant

Questions of two types:

- explain algorithm X from the lecture
- simple problems in the spirit of the exercise sheets

Have some ID ready (e.g. student ID card)

You are allowed a blank sheet of paper + pens, and no other materials

Be prepared to show us the room that you are in

The exam is not recorded

Thanks!