

The Aho-Corasick Algorithm (1986)

The algorithm preprocesses the set of patterns.



The only difference is that instead of traversing a single string left-to-right we now have to traverse a trie.

## The Aho-Corasick Algorithm

We still use the longest suffix rule. If we fail on making a transition from a node N to its child, we transition to a node $M$, where the string that defines $M$ is the farthest node (longest prefix) from the root which is also a suffix of the string we had matched when we failed (removing the first transition).

| The main idea |
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| pattern $=4848$ |
| text $=16180339887498948482045$ |
| We do not match a string against a given |
| pattern, but rather compare their hash codes. |



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pattern $=4848 \% 71=20$
16180339887498948482045
$1618 \quad 1618 \% 71=56$
$6180 \quad 6180 \% 71=3$
$1803 \quad 1803 \% 71=28$
We read the text in the number of characters equal to the length of the pattern, compute its hash code and compare with the pattern hash code.

## Computing a hash code <br> How can we get from 145 to 456 ?

We will do this by creating a chain of operations

$$
145-45-450-456
$$

Remove the leading digit, multiply by a base, add a single digit. It takes $O(1)$ to compute a hash code from the previous value.

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Observe,

$$
17295=\left(31729-3 * 10^{4}\right) * 10+5
$$

Example
$17295 \% 41=[(31729 \% 41-3 * 104 \% 41) * 10+5] \% 41$
$31729 \% 41$ is already computed.
$3 * 104 \% 41$ will be precomputed
$17295 \% 41=[(36-29) * 10+5] \% 41$
$=75 \% 41=34$

## Rabin-Karp formalized

Let $P[1 \ldots m]$ be a pattern and $T[1 \ldots n]$ be a text. We define a pattern

$$
P=10^{m-1} P[1]+10 P[m-1]+\ldots+P[m]
$$

and a shift in the text:

$$
t_{s}=10^{m-1} T[s+1]+10 T[s+m-1]+\ldots+T[s+m]
$$

The value $t_{s+1}$ can be obtained from $t_{s}$ by

$$
t_{s+1}=\left(t_{s}-10^{m-1} \mathrm{~T}[s+1]\right) 10+\mathrm{T}[s+m+1]
$$



## Implementation

public int search(String $T$, String $P$ )
int $M=$ P.length(), $N=$ T. length();
int dM = 1, h1 $=0, h 2=0$;
int $q=3355439$; /*pick it at random */
int d = 256; /* radix */
for(int $j=1 ; j<M ; j++) \quad d M=\left(d^{\star} d M\right) \% q ;$
for(int j = $0 ; j<M ; j++)\{$ $h 1=(h 1 * d+P . \operatorname{char} A t(j)) \% q ;$
$h 2=\left(h 2^{\star} d+\operatorname{T} \cdot \operatorname{char} A t(j)\right) \% q ;$
\}

## Implementation (cont.)

if(h1 == h2) return 0;
for(int $i=M ; i<N ; i++)\{$ $h 2=h 2-\operatorname{T} \cdot \operatorname{char} A t(i-M) * d M \% q ;$ $h 2=\left(h 2^{*} d+\operatorname{T.char} A t(i)\right) \% q$; if(h1 == h2) return i $-M+1$;
\}
return -1;
\}


## TRIES

- Each node (or edge) is labeled with a character
- Children of node are ordered (alphabetically)
- Paths from root to leaves yield all input strings
sells sea shells by the sea shore



## Applications

Auto completion
Spell checkers
Data compression
Computational biology
Google's inverted tables

## Node Structure

Often wasteful of space because many of the child fields are null.

Possible node representations:

- Array
- Hash Table
- Linked List
- Binary Tree



## Insert

public void insert (TrieNode node, String key)
\{
if (key.length()==0) node.setWord(true);
char ch = key.getChar(0);
String rest = key.substring(1);
TrieNode child = node.getChild(ch);
if(child == null) \{
node.setChild(new TrieNode(ch), ch);
insert (newChild, rest);
\}
else
Runtime
insert (child, rest); complexity -?


## Advantages, relative to BST

Search is faster!
It does not depend on the number of elements in the tree.

Trie helps with prefix-matching.

Advantages, relative to hashing

No collisions.
No hash function.
Alphabetical sorting. How?

## Compressed Tries

- Each non-leaf node (except root) has at least two children
- Replace a chain of one-child nodes with a single node labeled with a string


