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Linear Time Suffix Array Construction

Algorithms for Sequence Analysis

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Overview

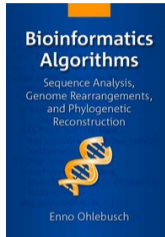
Previous Lectures

- Ukkonen's algorithm: linear time **suffix tree** construction
- **Suffix links**
- Kasai's algorithm: linear time **LCP array** construction

Today

- Direct linear time suffix array construction using **induced sorting**

Recommended Literature

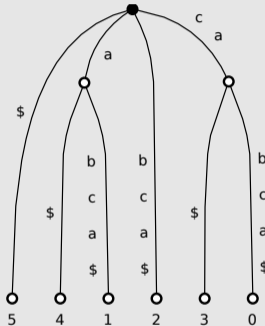


Further Reading

- Shrestha et al. A bioinformatician's guide to the forefront of suffix array construction algorithms. *Brief. Bioinformatics* 2014 Mar;15(2):138-54
- G. Nong, S. Zhang and W. H. Chan. Linear Suffix Array Construction by Almost Pure Induced-Sorting. *Proceedings of 19th Data Compression Conference (IEEE DCC)*, 2009.

Suffix trees and suffix arrays

Suffix tree for the string $T = cabca\$$.

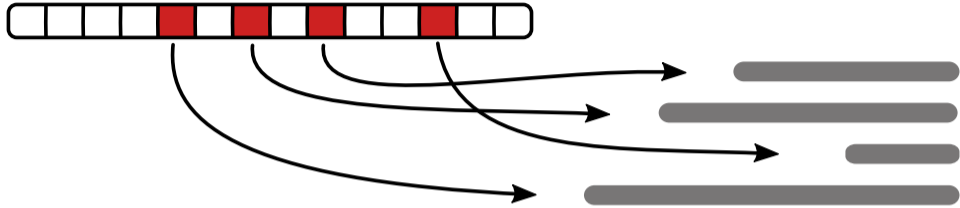


A suffix array of a string $s\$$ with $|s\$| = n$ is defined as the permutation pos of $\{0, \dots, n - 1\}$ that represents the lexicographic ordering of all suffixes of $s\$$.
 $pos = [5, 4, 1, 2, 3, 0]$.

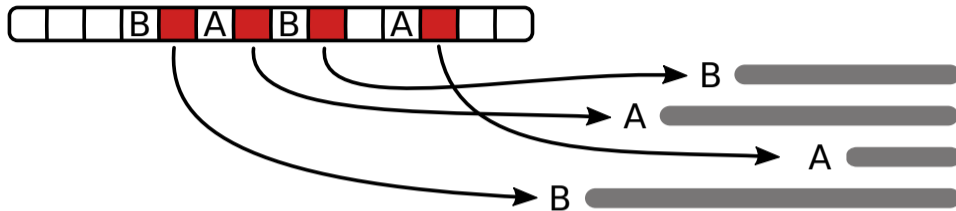
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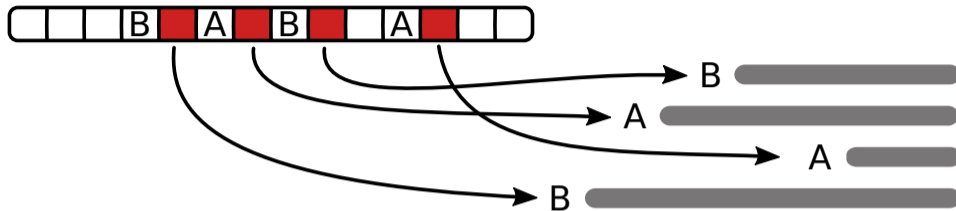
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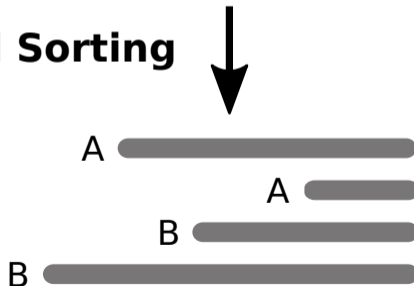
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	0.....1.....2.
Position p	0123456789012345678901
Sequence s	gccttaacattattacgccta\$
type	LSSLLSSLSSLLSSLLSSLLS

Computing the L-/S-positions in the type array

The type information can be computed in linear time with a scan through the text from right to left:

```
1 def compute_types(T):
2     n = len(T)
3     typ = ['?'] * (n-1) + ['S']
4     for i in range(n-2, -1, -1):
5         typ[i] = 'L' if T[i] > T[i+1] else \
6                 'S' if T[i] < T[i+1] else typ[i+1]
7     return typ
```

In a real implementation, we use a bit vector (0/1) to represent the types.

Definitions: LMS position / interval / substring

Definition (LMS-interval, LMS-substring)

- S-positions located to the right of an L-position are called **LMS positions** (for **leftmost S** position).
- A pair of positions $[i, j]$ is called **LMS interval** of s , if either
 - $i < j$ and both i and j are LMS-positions and there are no LMS-positions between i and j , or
 - $i = j = n - 1$.
- Each LMS interval $[i, j]$ is associated with its **LMS substring** $s[i \dots j]$.

Observations

- Position $n - 1$ with the sentinel is always an LMS-position.
- Whether an S-position is an LMS-position can be determined in constant time, looking up its type and the type to the left in the `typearray`.

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LMS-substr	cctta	atta	acgc	\$			
		aaca	atta	ccta\$			

Overview of Induced Sorting

Notation

- s is the input sequence,
- pos is the desired output suffix array of s .

Induced sorting

- Scan s to compute the type array
- Scan type to find all LMS positions in s
- Phase I - Sort suffixes at LMS positions (complex; recursive)
- Phase II - Sort all remaining suffixes of s (easy)
- Output pos

Code: Overview

```
1 def sais_main(T, alphabet_size):
2     # T: text (bytes, numpy array, not str!), T[n-1]=0
3     # alphabet_size, 1 <= T[i] < alphabet_size for all i < n-1
4
5     pos = np.empty(len(T), dtype=np.int64)
6     # B[a]: total number of characters in T that are <= a
7     B = count_cumulative_characters(T, alphabet_size)
8     types = compute_types(T)
9     lms_positions = find_lms_positions(types)
10    # Phase 1 sorts lms_positions lexicographically in-place,
11    # may recurse into sais_main() with a reduced text.
12    phase1(T, B, types, lms_positions, pos)
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5         B[a] += 1
6     for a in range(1, alphabet_size):
7         B[a] += B[a-1]
8     return B
```

```
1 def compute_types(T):
2     # Compute position types (SMALLER=0, LARGER=1) for T
3     n = len(T)
4     types = np.zeros(n, dtype=np.uint8) # types[n-1] = SMALLER
5     for i in range(n-2, -1, -1):
6         types[i] = LARGER if T[i] > T[i+1] else \
7                 SMALLER if T[i] < T[i+1] else types[i+1]
8     return types
```

Code: Initialization, LMS positions

```
1 def find_lms_positions(types):
2     n = len(types)
3     # count the number of LMS positions first
4     m = 0
5     for p in range(1, n):
6         m += (types[p] == SMALLER and types[p-1] == LARGER)
7     # allocate array of just the correct size m
8     lms_positions = np.empty(m, dtype=np.int64)
9     # now fill the array with the actual LMS positions
10    m = 0
11    for p in range(1, n):
12        if types[p] == SMALLER and types[p-1] == LARGER:
13            lms_positions[m] = p
14            m += 1
15    return lms_positions
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Phase II

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Let's start with Phase II (Phase I uses elements of Phase II):

Definition (Bucket)

A maximal interval of the suffix array pos , in which the referenced suffixes start with the same character, is called a **bucket**.

There are as many buckets as characters in the used alphabet, plus the one for the sentinel character.

Sorting the non-LMS suffixes

Lemma

Within each bucket of the suffix array, the L-positions appear before the S-positions.

Proof

Let p be an S-position, and let q be an L-position, let $s[p] = s[q] = b \in \Sigma$, so both p and q are in the b -bucket. Then the suffix $p + 1$ is **larger** than suffix p , and suffix $q + 1$ is **smaller** than suffix q . Because $s[p] = s[q]$, the order of p vs. q is determined by $p + 1$ vs. $q + 1$, but $q + 1$ comes before $p + 1$ in the lexicographic order.

Illustration

Let $a < b < c$; suffix q is b^+a , whereas p is b^+c :

q		p
bbb...a	<	bbb...c
L		S

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Bucket	\$		a		c		t	
	L	S	L	S	L	S	L	S

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Idea

- Use the already sorted **LMS-positions** (a subset of the S-positions) to **sort the L-positions** correctly, and then
- use the sorted **L-positions** to sort all **S-positions**.

This is why the algorithm is called **induced sorting**:

The order of one type of suffixes completely induces the ordering of the others.

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bucket	\$ a a a a a a c c c c c c g g t t t t t t t
pos/	21 . . 5 14 11 8 17 1

Sorting the L-positions (Induced Sorting)

Step (2)

- Iterate through pos from **left to right** with index r .
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```

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rank r   | 0| 1  2  3  4  5  6| 7  8  9 10 11 12|13 14|15 16 17 18 19 20 21|
bucket   | $| a  a  a  a  a  a| c  c  c  c  c  c| g  g| t  t  t  t  t  t  t|
pos      |21| .  .  5 14 11  8| .  .  .  . 17  1| .  .| .  .  .  .  .  .  .|
         | ^S|vL                |                |                |
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         | |                ^S                |                |vL                |
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pos      |21|20 .  5 14 11  8| 7  .  .  . 17  1|16  0|19  4 13 10  3 12  9|

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Sorting the S-positions (Induced Sorting)

Step (3)

- 1 Remove all the S-positions from pos , except $\$$.
- 2 Iterate through pos from **right to left** with index r .
- 3 If $\text{pos}[r]$ is unknown, skip index r .
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Result

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Example: Sorting the S-positions (Induced Sorting)

```

      0       1       2
position p 0123456789012345678901
sequence s gccttaacattattacgccta$
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pos(2) |21|20 .  5 14 11  8| 7  .  .  . 17  1|16  0|19  4 13 10  3 12  9|
    
```

```

pos  |21|20 .  .  .  .  8| 7  .  .  .  .  |16  0|19  4 13 10  3 12  9|
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- This assures that each S-position $p - 1$ will be induced by a position p further to the right.
- Complete proof by induction (in k):
Show that the last k positions all appear in the correct order.

Code: Phase II

```
1 def phase2(T, B0, types, lms, pos):
2     # T: Text, B0: cumulative bucket sizes, types: type array
3     # lms: sorted or unsorted LMS positions
4     # pos: suffix array (output)
5
6     # 0. Initialize pos by inserting LMS positions,
7     B = B0.copy() # working copy of C, to be modified
8     initialize_pos_from_lms(T, B, lms, pos)
9     # 1. Do a left-to-right induction scan for L-positions,
10    B[:] = B0[:] # re-set B to a clean working copy of C
11    induce_L_positions(T, B, types, pos)
12    # 2. Do a right-to-left induction scan for S-positions.
13    B[:] = B0[:] # re-set B to a clean working copy of C
14    induce_S_positions(T, B, types, pos)
15    # Result: pos has been modified as described.
```

Code: Phase II, Initialization

```
1 def initialize_pos_from_lms(T, B, lms, pos):
2     pos[:] = -1 # set everything to "unknown"
3     # Insert LMS positions at right end of their buckets,
4     # right-to-left, so we know where to start in each bucket.
5     for p in lms[::-1]:
6         a = T[p] # character determines the bucket
7         B[a] -= 1
8         pos[B[a]] = p
```

Code: Phase II, L-positions

```
1 def induce_L_positions(T, B, types, pos):
2     # Left-to-right scan: Induce L-positions from LMS-positions
3     n = len(T)
4     for r in range(n):
5         p = pos[r]
6         if p <= 0: continue # unknown or 0 -> skip
7         if types[p-1] == SMALLER: continue # skip S positions
8         a = T[p-1] # determine bucket
9         pos[B[a-1]] = p-1
10        B[a-1] += 1
```

Code: Phase II, S-positions

```
1 def induce_S_positions(T, B, types, pos):
2     # Right-to-left scan: Induce S-positions from L-positions
3     n = len(T)
4     for r in range(n-1, -1, -1):
5         p = pos[r]
6         if p == 0: continue # skip position 0 (no p-1)
7         if types[p-1] == LARGER: continue # skip L positions
8         a = T[p-1] # determine bucket
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Plan

- Only sort the LMS substrings (up to next LMS position): shorter total length ($O(n)$ instead of $O(n^2)$).
- Expand alphabet and reduce text length (LMS substring \mapsto character), keeping lexicographic order of LMS substrings (“**lexicographic naming**”).
- If all LMS substrings are distinct, we have also sorted the LMS suffixes, done!
- If there are equal LMS substrings, compute suffix array of reduced text (recursively with SAIS), use that to infer correct order of LMS suffixes.

Example: Alphabet Expansion and Text Reduction

	0	1	2
position p	0123456789012345678901		
text T	gccttaacattattacgccta\$		
type	LSSLLSSL SLLSLLSLLSLLS		
LMS?	* * * * * *		
LMS-substr	cctta atta acgc \$ aaca atta ccta\$		

p'	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
red. text R	E	A	C	C	B	D	\$

r'	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
pos' [r']	6	1	4	3	2	5	0	reduced suffix array
RT[pos' [r']]	21	5	14	11	8	17	1	sorted LMS-positions

Overview with Recursion

- 1) **Phase 1:** Identify and sort LMS substrings
- 2) Reduce text by lexicographic naming

A=aaca, B=acgc, ...

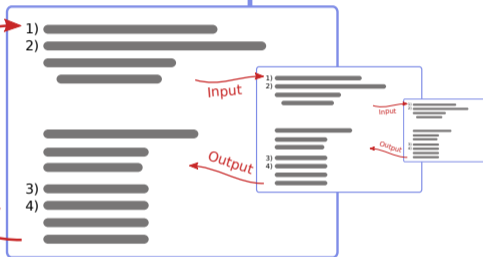
E A C C B D \$

Input

Suffix array of
reduced text
[6 1 4 3 2 5 0]

Output

- 3) Translate into sorted
LMS suffixes
- 4) **Phase 2:** Use sorted LMS suffixes
to induce order of non-LMS suffixes



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Sorting LMS Substrings

Surprisingly, it can be done by another run of Phase II:

- Enter **unsorted** LMS-positions into correct buckets of pos
- Induce order of L-positions based on **unsorted** LMS-positions
- Induce order of S-positions based on sorted S-positions

Result: Suffixes at LMS positions correctly sorted **up to next LMS position:**

... SSSLLLLLS ...
... * * ...

Achieving Phase I in Linear Time

Text Reduction and Lexicographic Naming

- 1 Sort LMS substrings (phase 2) into pos (previous slide)
- 2 Extract partially sorted LMS positions from pos
- 3 Compare LMS substrings in lexicographic order, \$ first, assign new “name” (number) if different from previous string.
- 4 In parallel, build new reduced text R from names at LMS positions, build map RT from R -positions to T -LMS-positions.
- 5 If all LMS substrings are unique, we already have sorted LMS suffixes. Otherwise recurse on R (next slide) to obtain pos' .
- 6 Total time without recursion: $O(n)$.

Achieving Phase I in Linear Time

Recursion

Situation: We have

- paritally sorted LMS suffixes lms ,
- reduced text R ,
- map RT from R -positions to T -LMS-positions.

Left to do:

- 1 Recursively compute pos' of R by calling $SAIS(R)$.
- 2 Overwrite lms by correct order of T is $RT[pos'[0]], RT[pos'[1]], \dots$

Code: Phase I, Overview

```
1 def phase1(T, B, types, lms_positions, pos):
2     # T: text; B: cumulative character counts
3     # lms_positions: LMS positions in ANY ORDER
4     # pos: uninitialized, used to sort LMS positions
5     alphabet_size = len(B)
6     phase2(T, B, types, lms_positions, pos)
7     # Compute reduced text from LMS substrings
8     (R, reduced_alphabet_size, position_map) \
9     = reduce_text(T, alphabet_size, types, pos, lms_positions)
10    # If there are equal LMS substrings, recurse on reduced text
11    if len(R) != reduced_alphabet_size:
12        reduced_pos = sais_main(R, reduced_alphabet_size)
13        # Re-map reduced_pos to original text positions;
14        # these are the lms_positions in lexicographic order,
15        for i, redp in enumerate(reduced_pos):
16            lms_positions[i] = position_map[redp]
```


Code: Phase I, Text Reduction (Lexicographic Naming)

```
1 def reduce_text(T, alphabet_size, types, pos, lms_positions):
2     n, m = len(pos), len(lms_positions)
3     names = np.full(n, -1, dtype=np.int64) # the names
4     last_lms = n-1; names[last_lms] = 0 # sentinel at n-1
5     reduced_alphabet_size = 1; j = 0
6     # go through the suffixes lexicographically, w/o sentinel
7     for r in range(1, n):
8         p = pos[r] # if not LMS, skip it:
9         if p==0 or types[p]!=SMALLER or types[p-1]!=LARGER:
10            continue
11        lms_positions[j]=p; j+=1 # write sorted LMS positions
12        if lms_substrings_unequal(T, types, last_lms, p):
13            reduced_alphabet_size += 1
14        names[p] = reduced_alphabet_size - 1
15        last_lms = p
```

Code: Phase I, Comparison of LMS Substrings

```
1 def lms_substrings_unequal(T, types, p1, p2):
2     """Return True iff LMS substrings at p1, p2 in T differ"""
3     is_lms_p1 = is_lms_p2 = False
4     while True:
5         if T[p1] != T[p2]: return True # unequal
6         if types[p1] != types[p2]: return True # unequal
7         if is_lms_p1 and is_lms_p2: return False # equal
8         p1 +=1; p2 += 1 # look at next positions
9         # check if both or only one LMS substring ends now
10        is_lms_p1 = types[p1]==SMALLER and types[p1-1]==LARGER
11        is_lms_p2 = types[p2]==SMALLER and types[p2-1]==LARGER
12        if is_lms_p1 and is_lms_p2: continue # final test
13        if is_lms_p1 or is_lms_p2: return True # unequal
```

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Proof of Claim $T(n) = \mathcal{O}(n)$

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Let $C := c_1 + c_2$. Then $T(1) = \mathcal{O}(1)$, and thus

$$\begin{aligned}T(n) &\leq c_1 n + T(n/2) + c_2 n \\&= C n + T(n/2) \\&= C n + C n/2 + T(n/4) \\&\leq C n(1 + 1/2 + 1/4 + \dots) + T(1) \\&= 2C n + \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}(n).\end{aligned}$$

q.e.d.

Summary

Linear suffix array construction by **induced sorting** (SAIS)

- 1 Sorted LMS-suffixes can be used to induce sorting of L-suffixes.
- 2 Sorted L-suffixes can be used to induce sorting of S-suffixes.
- 3 Sort LMS-suffixes by sorting LMS-substrings first
(how? induced sorting on **unsorted** LMS-positions)
- 4 Reduce text by lexicographic naming of LMS-substrings
- 5 If equal LMS-substrings exist, recurse on reduced text
- 6 LMS-order of original text is obtained from suffix array of reduced text

Possible exam questions

- Explain the principle of induced sorting.
- Why are L-positions on the left and S-positions on the right of each bucket?
- What is the goal of the text reduction step?
- Conduct the first iteration of induced sorting for a small example string.
- Explain why the induced sorting algorithm has linear running time.