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Pattern Matching over Noisy Data Streams

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Pattern Matching

- ❖ Finding all instances of a pattern within a string

ABCD

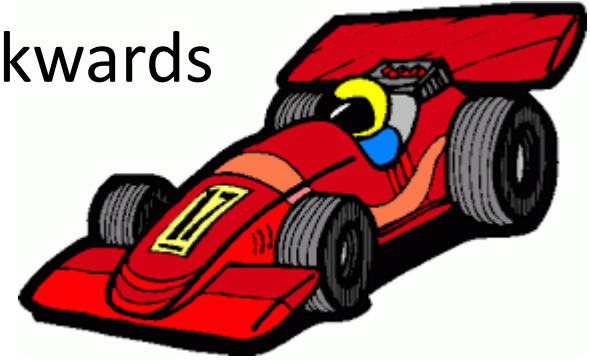
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- ❖ Knuth-Morris-Pratt'70

Palindrome

- ❖ A string that reads the same forwards and backwards
- ❖ Manacher'75
- ❖ $S = S^R$
- ❖ RACECAR
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- ❖ AIBOHPHOBIA
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Alignment

- ❖ For strings S and T , indices i, j , and a metric $dist$: S and T have an alignment of length $i - j + 1$ if $S[i, j] = T[i, j]$
- ❖ $S = \text{ALGORITHM}$
- ❖ $T = \text{LOGARITHM}$

Periodicity

- ❖ A portion of a string that repeats

ABCDABCDABCDABCD

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Streaming Model

- ❖ String of length n arrives one symbol at a time
- ❖ Use $o(n)$ space, ideally $O(\text{polylog } n)$

abaacabaccbabbbcbabbccababbccb

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Finding Structure in Noisy Data

Palindrome

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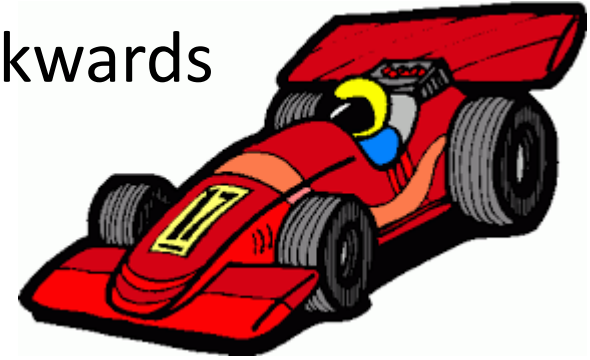
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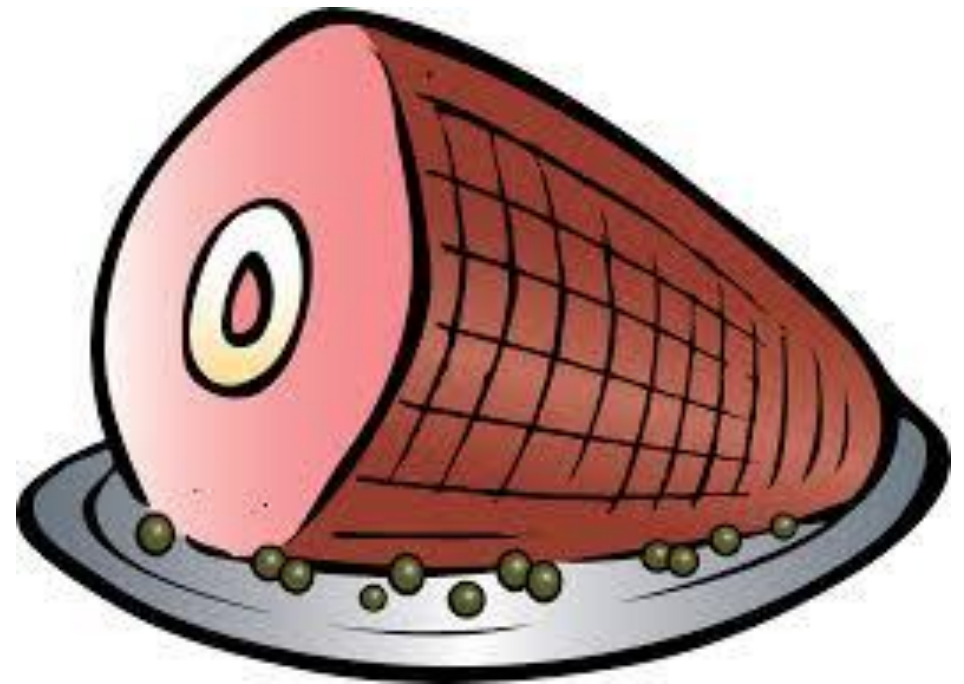
d -Near-Palindrome

- ❖ A string that “almost” reads the same forwards and backwards
- ❖ Given a metric $dist$, a d -near-palindrome has $dist(S, S^R) \leq d$.
- ❖ RACECAR
- ❖ FACECAR



Hamming Distance

- ❖ Given strings X, Y , the Hamming distance between X and Y is defined as the positions i at which $X_i \neq Y_i$.
- ❖ $S = \text{FACECAR}$
- ❖ $S^R = \text{RACECAF}$
- ❖ $\text{HAM}(S, S^R) = 2$



Longest d -Near-Palindrome Problem

- ❖ Given a string S of length n , which arrives in a data stream, identify the longest d -near-palindrome in S in space $o(n)$.
- ❖ Given a string S of length n , which arrives in a data stream, find a “long” d -near-palindrome in space $o(n)$.

Related Work

- ❖ $O(\log n)$ space to provide a $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative approximation to the length of the longest palindrome (Berenbrink, Ergün, Mallmann-Trenn, Sadeqi Azer '14)
- ❖ $O(\sqrt{n})$ space to provide a \sqrt{n} additive approximation to the length of the longest palindrome (BEMS14)
- ❖ $O(\sqrt{n})$ space to find the longest palindrome in two passes (BEMS14)
- ❖ $\Omega\left(\frac{\log n}{\varepsilon \log(1+\varepsilon)}\right)$ space for $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative approximation (GMSU16)
- ❖ $\Omega\left(\frac{n}{E}\right)$ space for E additive approximation (GMSU16)

Our results

- ❖ $O\left(\frac{d \log^7 n}{\varepsilon \log(1+\varepsilon)}\right)$ space to provide a $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative approximation to the length of the longest d -near-palindrome
- ❖ $O(d\sqrt{n} \log^6 n)$ space to provide a \sqrt{n} additive approximation to the length of the longest d -near-palindrome
- ❖ $O(d^2\sqrt{n} \log^6 n)$ space to find the longest d -near-palindrome in two passes
- ❖ $\Omega(d \log n)$ space LB for $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative approximation
- ❖ $\Omega\left(\frac{dn}{E}\right)$ space LB for E additive approximation

Comparison

	Longest Palindrome	Longest d -Near-Palindrome (Here)
$(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative	$O(\log^2 n)$ (BEMS14)	$O\left(\frac{d \log^7 n}{\varepsilon \log(1 + \varepsilon)}\right)$
\sqrt{n} additive	$O(\sqrt{n} \log n)$ (BEMS14)	$O(d\sqrt{n} \log^6 n)$
two pass exact	$O(\sqrt{n} \log n)$ (BEMS14)	$O(d^2\sqrt{n} \log^6 n)$
$(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative LB	$\Omega\left(\frac{\log n}{\log(1+\varepsilon)}\right)$ (GMSU16)	$\Omega(d \log n)$
E additive LB	$\Omega\left(\frac{n}{E}\right)$ (GMSU16)	$\Omega\left(\frac{dn}{E}\right)$

Warm-up

- ❖ Suppose we see string S , followed by string T . How can we determine if $S = T$, with high probability?



Karp-Rabin Fingerprints

- ❖ Given base B and a prime P , define $\phi(S) = \sum_{i=1}^n B^i S[i] \pmod{P}$
- ❖ If $S = T$, then $\phi(S) = \phi(T)$
- ❖ If $S \neq T$, then $\phi(S) \neq \phi(T)$ w.h.p. (Schwartz-Zippel)



Properties of Karp-Rabin Fingerprints

- ❖ $\phi(S[1:y]) = \phi(S[1:x]) + B^x \phi(S[x:y])$
- ❖ Define $\phi^R(S) = \sum_{i=1}^n B^{-i} S[i] \pmod{P}$
- ❖ $\phi(S^R[1:x]) = B^{x+1} \phi^R(S[1:x])$
- ❖ $\phi^R(S[1:y]) = \phi^R(S[1:x]) + B^{-x} \phi^R(S[x:y])$



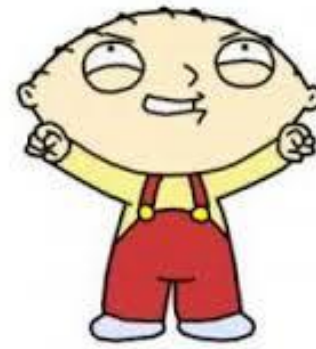
Identifying Palindromes

- ❖ 111101011100001010010101001111101011100001010010101001
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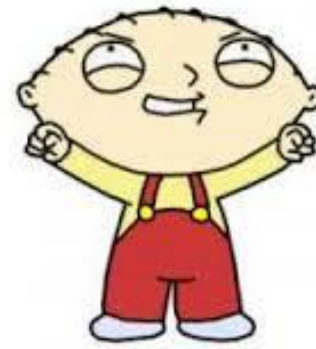
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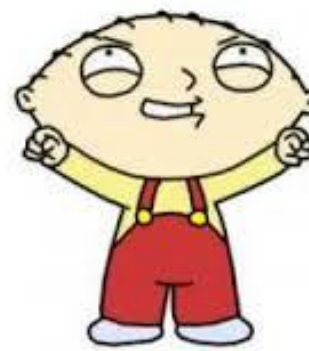
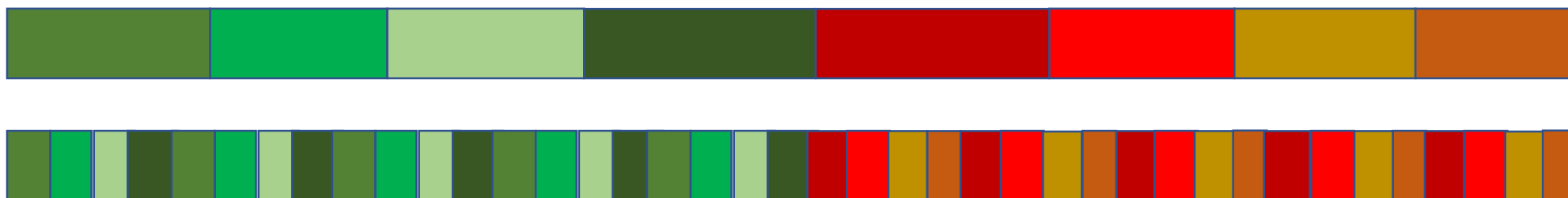


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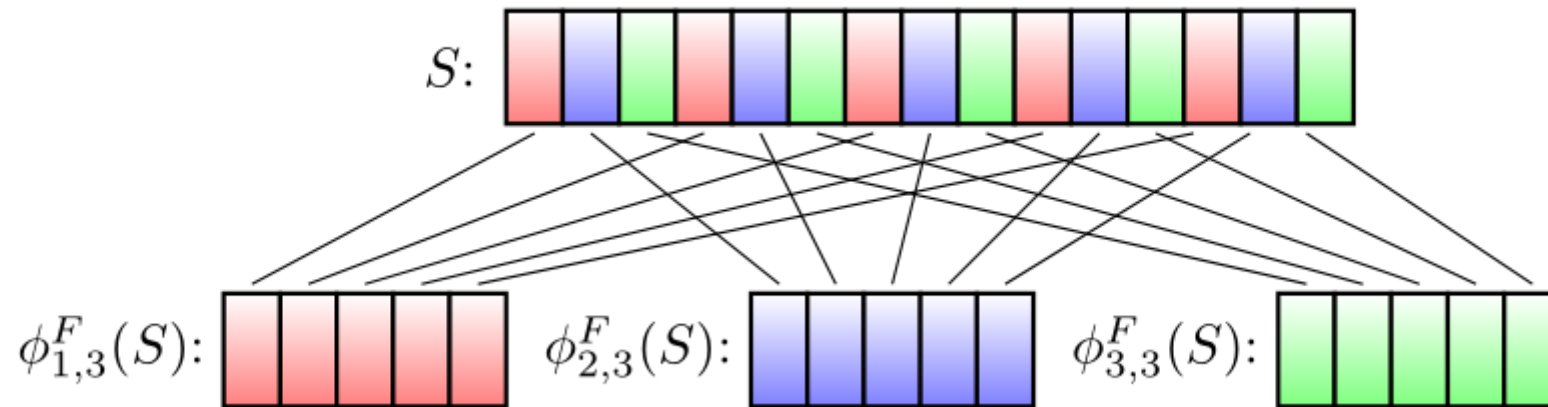
Identifying Near-Palindromes? (CFP+16)



Karp-Rabin Fingerprints for subpatterns

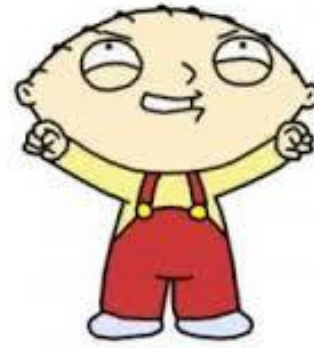
❖ $S_{a,b} = S[a]S[a + b]S[a + 2b]S[a + 3b] \dots$

❖ $\phi_{a,b}(S) = \phi(S_{a,b}) = B * S[a] + B^2 * S[a + b] + B^3 * S[a + 2b] \dots$



Identifying Near-Palindromes?

- ❖ Let $\Delta = \#\{a \mid \phi_{a,b}(S) \neq B^k \phi_{a,b}^R(S) \pmod{P}\}$
- ❖ Then $\Delta \leq \text{HAM}(S, S^R)$



Identifying Near-Palindrome?

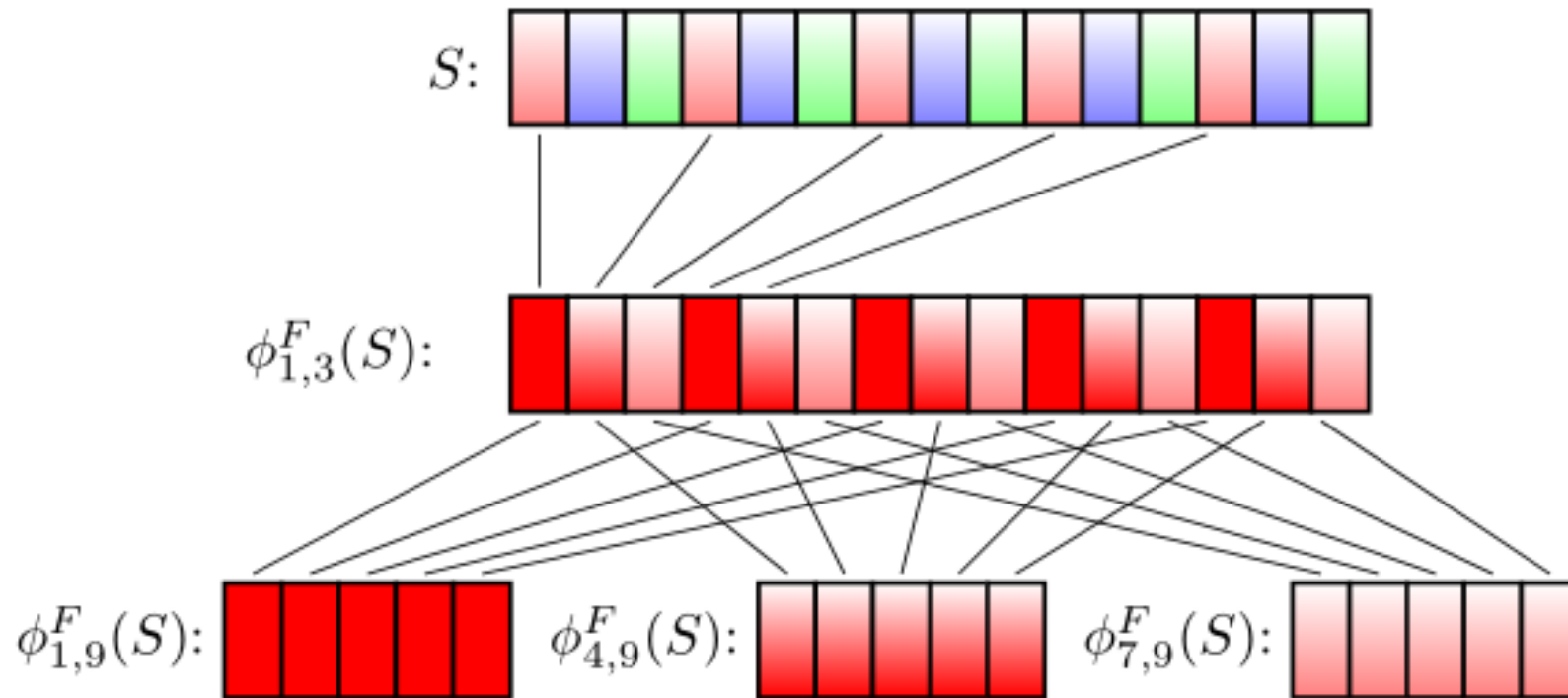
- ❖ Sample $\log n$ times $p_1, \dots, p_{\log n}$ from \mathcal{P} [$\log^2 n \leq \log^2 n + d \log^2 n$].
- ❖ Let $\Delta = \max \{ \# \{ p \in \mathcal{P} \mid p \neq p^R \} \}$
- ❖ $\Delta \leq 1$
- ❖ If $\text{HAM}(S, S^R) \leq 2d$

What about
 $\text{HAM}(S, S^R) \leq 2d$?

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SAMPLES

Karp-Rabin Fingerprints for sub-subpatterns



Second level Karp-Rabin Fingerprints

- ❖ Call a mismatch *isolated* under p_i if it is the only mismatch under some subpattern S_{a,p_i} . Let I be the number of isolated mismatches.
- ❖ If $\text{HAM}(S, S^R) \leq 2d$, then $I = \text{HAM}(S, S^R)$ w.h.p. (CFP+16)



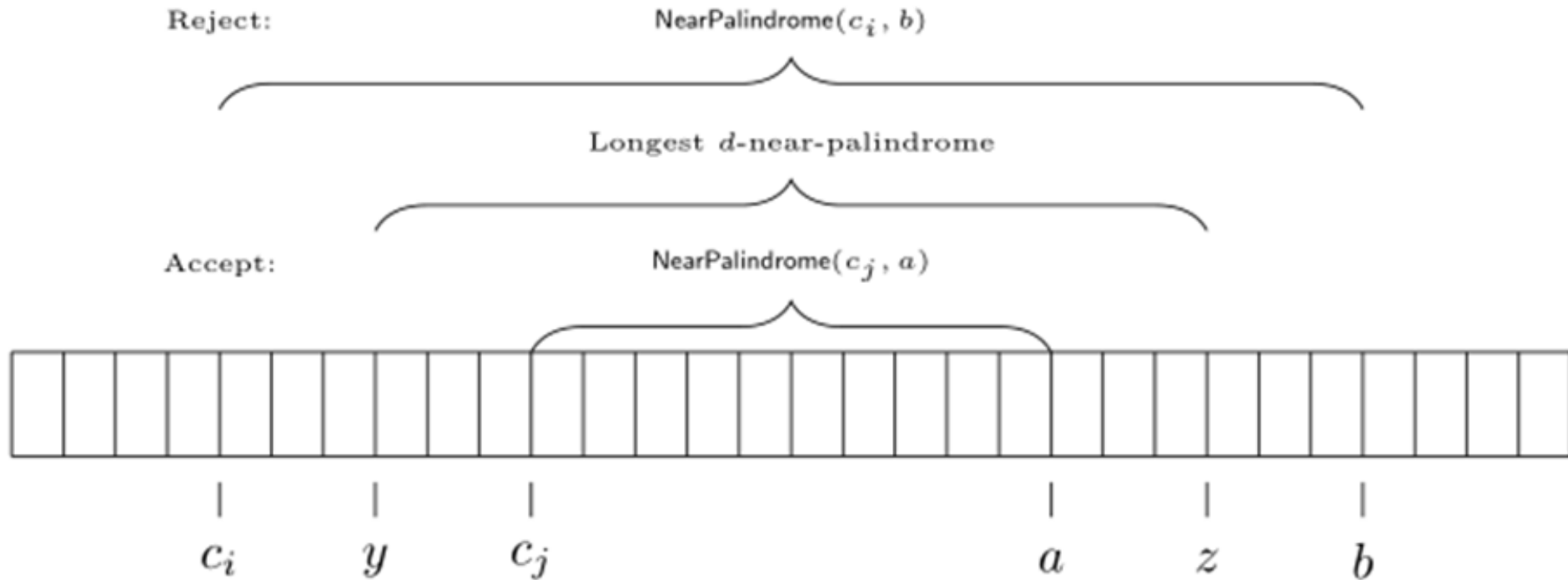
In review

- ❖ There exists a data structure of size $O(d \log^6 n)$ bits which recognizes whether $\text{HAM}(S, S^R) \leq d$ w.h.p.



Additive Error Algorithm

- ❖ Initialize a data structure every $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}$ positions!



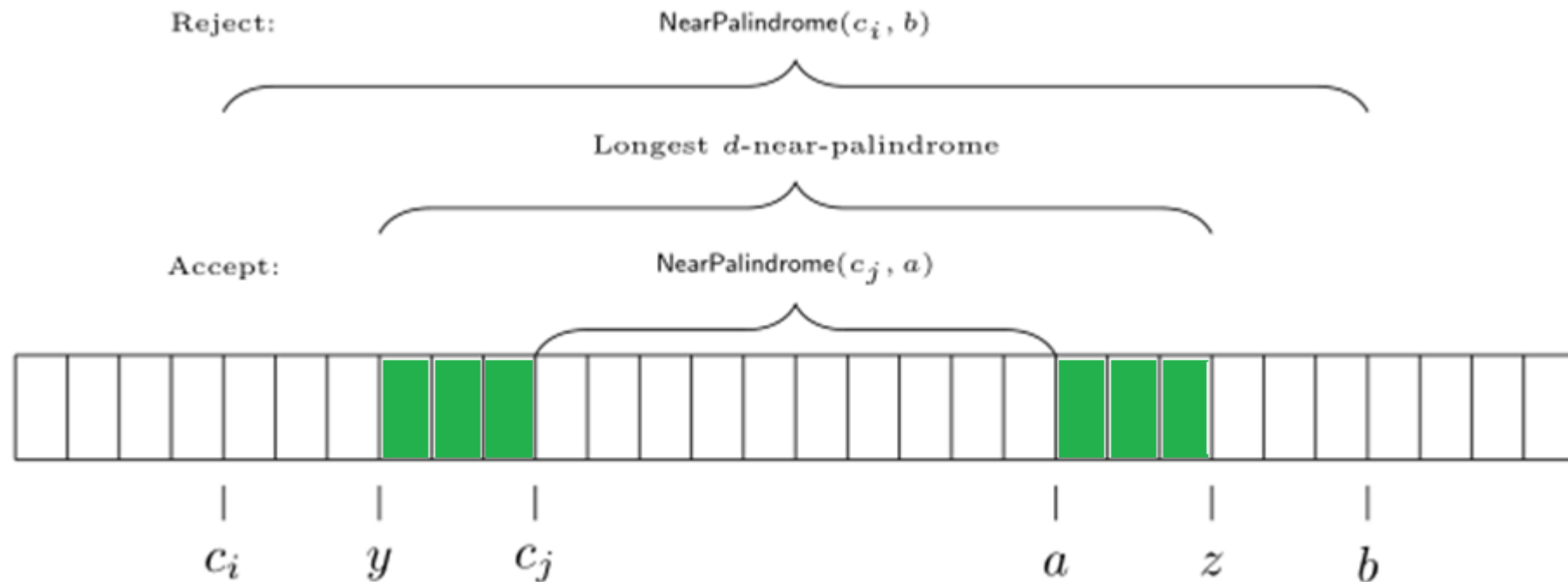
Additive Error Algorithm

- ❖ $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}$ sketches, each of size $O(d \log^6 n)$ bits
- ❖ Total space: $O(d\sqrt{n} \log^6 n)$ bits



2-Pass Exact Algorithm

- ❖ Can we modify 1-pass additive algorithm to 2-pass exact?
- ❖ Missing characters before checkpoint!



2-Pass Exact Algorithm

- ❖ Idea: keep all characters before each checkpoint in the second pass
- ❖ What if there are $O(n)$ candidates?



- ❖ Structural result of palindromes (BEMS14)

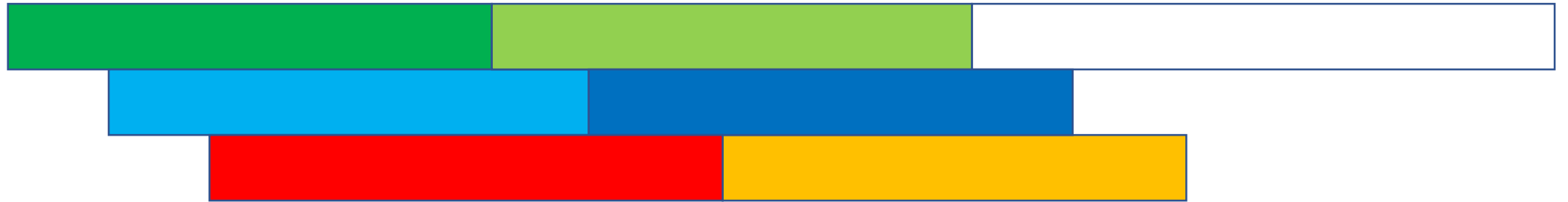
Structural Result of Palindromes (BEMS14)



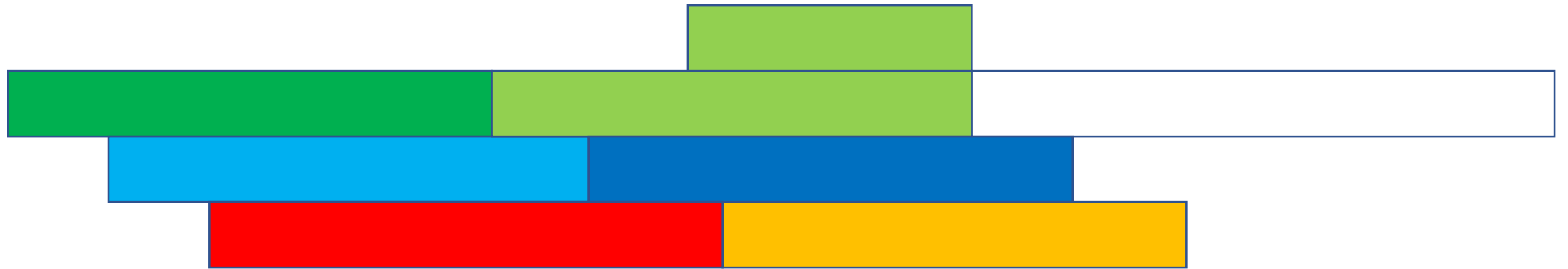
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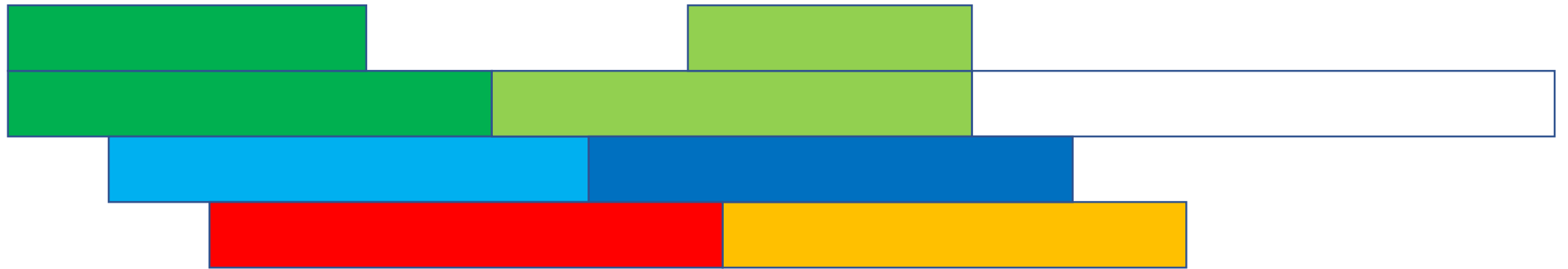
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Structural Result of Near-Palindromes

- ❖ Not quite periodic (at most $2d - 1$ different words)
- ❖ Need to save at most $2d - 1$ fingerprints of words



2-Pass Exact Algorithm

- ❖ Not quite periodic (at most $2d - 1$ different words)
- ❖ Need to save at most $2d - 1$ fingerprints of words



2-Pass Exact Algorithm

- ❖ First pass: $O(d^2\sqrt{n}\log^7 n)$ bits
- ❖ At most $2d - 1$ fingerprints, each of size $O(d^2\log^6 n)$ words
- ❖ Need to save at \sqrt{n} characters before $2d - 1$ checkpoints: $O(d\sqrt{n})$
- ❖ Total space: $O(d^2\sqrt{n}\log^7 n)$ bits



Multiplicative Lower Bounds

- ❖ Yao's Principle: to show that any randomized algorithm fails, show that every deterministic algorithm fails over random inputs
- ❖ Let v be the prefix of $10110011100011110000 \dots = 1^1 0^1 1^2 0^2 \dots$ of length $\frac{n}{4}$ (GMSU16).
- ❖ Take $x \in X = \left\{ \text{strings of length } \frac{n}{4} \text{ with weight } d \right\}$
- ❖ Take $y \in Y = \{y \mid \text{HAM}(x, y) = d \text{ or } \text{HAM}(x, y) = d + 1\}$
- ❖ Define $s(x, y) = v^R x y^R v$.

Multiplicative Lower Bounds

YES:

If $\text{HAM}(x, y) \leq d$,
then the longest d -
near-palindrome of
 $s(x, y)$ has length n .

NO:

If $\text{HAM}(x, y) > d$,
then the longest d -
near-palindrome of
 $s(x, y)$ has length at
most $200d^2 + \frac{n}{2}$.

Multiplicative Lower Bounds

- ❖ A $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative algorithm differentiates whether $\text{HAM}(x, y) \leq d$ or $\text{HAM}(x, y) > d$.
- ❖ Just need to show cannot differentiate whether $\text{HAM}(x, y) \leq d$ or $\text{HAM}(x, y) > d$ in $o(d \log n)$ space!

Multiplicative Lower Bounds

- ❖ Save x in $\frac{d \log n}{3}$ bits.
- ❖ Since $x \in X = \left\{ \text{strings of length } \frac{n}{4} \text{ with weight } d \right\}$, there are $\frac{|X|}{4}$ pairs (x, x') which are mapped to the same configuration.



Multiplicative Lower Bounds

- ❖ Let I be the set of indices for which $x_i = 1$ or $x'_i = 1$
- ❖ Suppose $\text{HAM}(x, y) = d$ but y does not differ from x in I
- ❖ x : 10110000001000100000001001000000
- ❖ x' : 10000001001010100000001001000000
- ❖ y : 111101100010001011100100100010
- ❖ Then $\text{HAM}(x', y) > d$!
- ❖ Errs on either $s(x, y)$ or $s(x', y)$.



Multiplicative Lower Bounds

- ❖ There are $\frac{|X|}{4}$ values of x mapped to the wrong configuration, each with $\binom{\frac{n}{4} - 2d}{d}$ values of y , where algorithm is incorrect.
- ❖ Probability of failure:

$$\frac{\frac{|X|}{4} \binom{\frac{n}{4} - 2d}{d}}{|X||Y|} \geq \frac{1}{n}$$

In review

- ❖ Provided a distribution over which any deterministic algorithm with $o(d \log n)$ bits fails to distinguish $\text{HAM}(x, y) \leq d$ or $\text{HAM}(x, y) > d$ at least $\frac{1}{n}$ of the time
- ❖ A $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative algorithm differentiates whether $\text{HAM}(x, y) \leq d$ or $\text{HAM}(x, y) > d$
- ❖ Showed every deterministic algorithm fails over random inputs



Additive Lower Bounds

- ❖ Define $s(x, y) = 1^E x_1 1^{\frac{E}{d}} x_2 1^{\frac{E}{d}} x_3 \dots x_{\frac{n'}{2}} y_{\frac{n'}{2}} \dots y_3 1^{\frac{E}{d}} y_2 1^{\frac{E}{d}} y_1 1^E$
- ❖ Take $x \in X = \left\{ \text{all strings of length } \frac{n'}{2} \right\}$
- ❖ Take $y \in Y = \{ \text{HAM}(x, y) = d \text{ or } \text{HAM}(x, y) = d + 1 \}$



Questions?



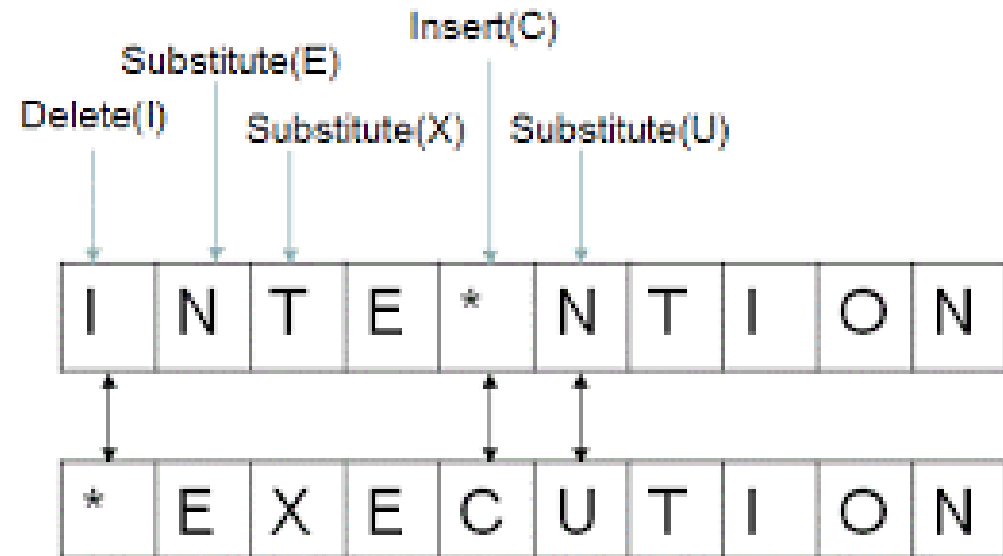
d -Near-Alignment

- ❖ For strings S and T , indices i, j , and a metric $dist$: S and T have a d -near-alignment of length $i - j + 1$ if $dist(S[i, j], T[i, j]) \leq d$.
- ❖ $S = \text{RACECAR}$
- ❖ $T = \text{FACECAR}$



Edit (Levenshtein) Distance

- ❖ Given strings X, Y , the edit distance between X and Y is defined as the minimum number of deletions, insertions, and substitutions performed on X to obtain Y .
- ❖ $S = 1010101010101010$
- ❖ $T = 0101010101010101$
- ❖ $\text{HAM}(S, T) = 16$
- ❖ $\text{ed}(S, T) = 2$



Edit (Levenshtein) Distance

- ❖ Classical offline solution: dynamic programming $O(n^2)$ time (WF74)
- ❖ Cannot be computed in $O(n^{2-\delta})$ time assuming SETH (BI15)
- ❖ Any linear sketch which distinguishes the cases $\text{ed}(x, y) = 2$ and $\text{ed}(x, y) = 1$ requires $\Omega(n)$ space (AGMP13)



Longest d -Near-Alignment Problem

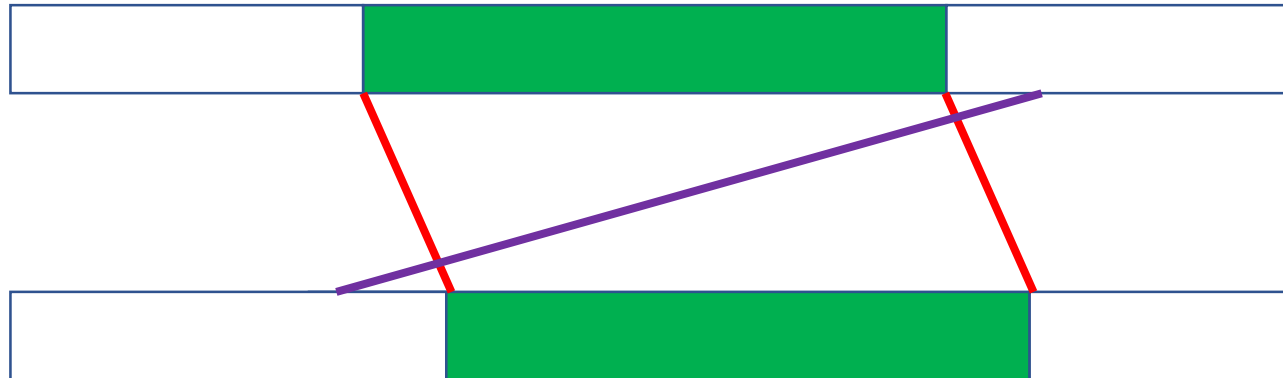
- ❖ Given strings S and T of length n , which arrive in a data stream, identify the longest d -near-alignment in space $o(n)$.
- ❖ Given strings S and T of length n , which arrive *simultaneously* in a data stream, identify the longest d -near-alignment in space $o(n)$.

Results (All Edit Distance)

- ❖ $O\left(\frac{d \log n}{\varepsilon \log(1+\varepsilon)}\right)$ space to provide a $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative approximation to the length of the d -near-alignment (simultaneous)
- ❖ $O\left(\frac{dn \log n}{E}\right)$ space to provide an E additive approximation to the length of the d -near-alignment (simultaneous)
- ❖ $O(d^2 + d \log n)$ space to find the longest d -near-alignment (simultaneous)
- ❖ $\Omega(d \log n)$ space LB for $(1 + \varepsilon)$ multiplicative approximation in streaming model

Longest d -Near-Alignment

- ❖ Observation #1: If $d + 1$ consecutive characters in S are matched to $d + 1$ consecutive characters in T , no character before the *region* can be matched to a character after the region by any other alignment



Longest d -Near-Alignment

- ❖ Observation #2: If $(d + 1)^2$ consecutive characters in S and T does not contain a **region** (of length $d + 1$), then it requires d edit operations to be aligned



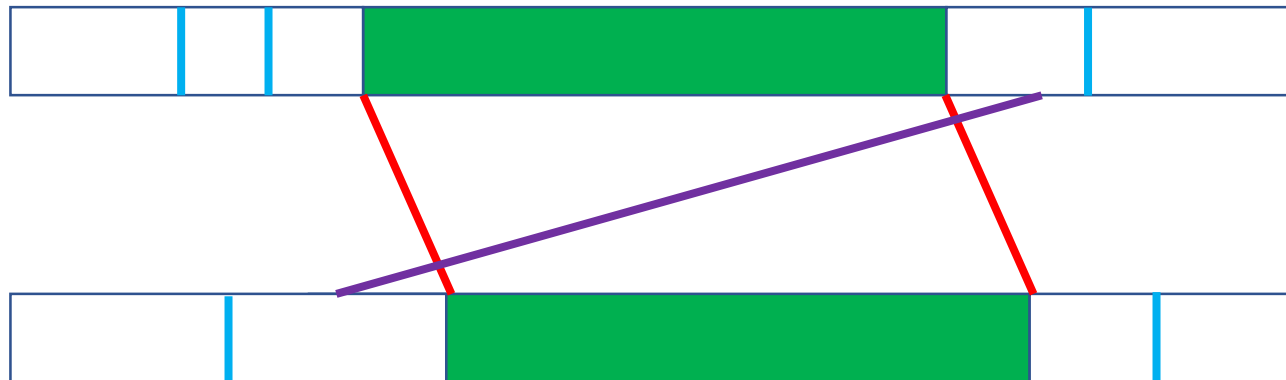
Longest d -Near-Alignment

- ❖ Sliding window of size $(d + 1)^2$ identifies either the most recent **region** or the most recent d edit operations



Longest d -Near-Alignment

- ❖ Algorithm keeps the most recent d edit operations, location of the latest region, and the sliding window of size $(d + 1)^2$
- ❖ Edit operations before the region are fixed



Longest d -Near-Alignment

- ❖ Window of size $(d + 1)^2$
- ❖ Locations of d edit operations, each requiring space $O(\log n)$
- ❖ Total space: $O(d^2 + d \log n)$

Questions?



Periodicity

❖ A portion of a string that repeats

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Periodicity

- ❖ Alternate definition: prefix is the same as suffix
- ❖ If S has length n , and $S[1:n-p] = S[p+1:n]$, then we say S has period p .

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Hamming Distance

- ❖ Given strings X, Y , the Hamming distance between X and Y is defined as the positions i at which $X_i \neq Y_i$.

$S = \text{HAMMING}$

$T = \text{FALLING}$

$$\text{HAM}(S, T) = 3$$

k -Periodicity

- ❖ A string that is “almost” periodic, robust to k changes.
- ❖ Periodicity: $S[1:n-p] = S[p+1:n]$
- ❖ k -Periodicity: $\text{HAM}(S[1:n-p], S[p+1:n]) \leq k$.

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1-period: 4

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- ❖ Long term periodic changes, but also encompasses “natural” definition.

k -Periodicity Problem

- ❖ Given a string S of length n , which arrives in a data stream, identify the smallest k -period in space $o(n)$.
- ❖ Given a string S of length n , which arrives in a data stream, identify the smallest k -period in space $o(n)$, with two passes.

Related Work

- ❖ $O(\log^2 n)$ space to find the shortest period in one-pass, if $p \leq \frac{n}{2}$.
(ErgunJowhariSaglam10)
- ❖ $\Omega(n)$ space to find the period in one-pass, if $p > \frac{n}{2}$. (EJS10)
- ❖ $O(\log^2 n)$ space to find the shortest period in two-passes, even if $p > \frac{n}{2}$. (EJS10)

- ❖ k -Mismatch Problem: $O(k^2 \log^8 n)$ space to find all instances of a pattern P within a text T with up to k errors.
(CliffordFontainePoratSachStarikovskaya16)

k -Periodicity (Our results)

- ❖ $O(k^4 \log^9 n)$ space to find the shortest k -period in one-pass, if $p \leq \frac{n}{2}$.
- ❖ $O(k^4 \log^9 n)$ space to find the shortest k -period in two-passes, even if $p > \frac{n}{2}$.
- ❖ $\Omega(n)$ space to find the k -period, if $p > \frac{n}{2}$, in one-pass.
- ❖ $\Omega(k \log n)$ space to find the k -period, even if $p \leq \frac{n}{2}$, in one-pass.

Ideas from Streaming Periodicity

❖ A period p satisfies $S[1:n-p] = S[p+1,n]$.

❖ If $p \leq \frac{n}{2}$, then $S[1:\frac{n}{2}] = S[p+1, p+\frac{n}{2}]$.

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❖ If $p > \frac{n}{2}$, then for some m , $S[1:2^m] = S[p+1, p+2^m]$.

Karp-Rabin Fingerprints

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- ❖ If $S = T$, then $\phi(S) = \phi(T)$
- ❖ If $S \neq T$, then $\phi(S) \neq \phi(T)$ w.h.p. (Schwartz-Zippel)



Ideas from Streaming Periodicity

- ❖ First pass: Find all positions p such that first $\frac{n}{2}$ characters match.

$$S \left[1 : \frac{n}{2} \right] = S \left[p + 1, p + \frac{n}{2} \right].$$

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- ❖ Second pass: For each p , check whether p is a k -period.

$$S[1 : n - p] = S[p + 1, n].$$

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Overall Idea

- ❖ A period p satisfies $\text{HAM}(S[1:n-p], S[p+1, n]) \leq k$.
- ❖ If $p \leq \frac{n}{2}$, then $\text{HAM}\left(S\left[1:\frac{n}{2}\right], S\left[p+1, p+\frac{n}{2}\right]\right) \leq k$.
- ❖ First pass: Find all positions p that match the first $\frac{n}{2}$ characters.

$$\text{HAM}\left(S\left[1:\frac{n}{2}\right], S\left[p+1, p+\frac{n}{2}\right]\right) \leq k.$$

- ❖ Second pass: For each p , check whether p is a k -period.

$$\text{HAM}(S[1:n-p], S[p+1, n]) \leq k.$$

- ❖ Reduction to Pattern Matching / k -Mismatch

First Pass to Second Pass?

- ❖ First pass: Find all positions p , “candidate” k -periods.

$$\text{HAM} \left(S \left[1 : \frac{n}{2} \right], S \left[p + 1, p + \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \leq k.$$

- ❖ Second pass: For each p , check whether p is a k -period.

$$\text{HAM}(S[1:n - p], S[p + 1, n]) \leq k.$$

- ❖ **ABCDABCDABCDABCDABCD**

- ❖ Candidate positions $p = \{4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$.

- ❖ Candidates form an arithmetic progression!



First Pass to Second Pass?

❖ If p and q are periods, then $d = \gcd(p, q)$ is a period.

❖ Does not work for k -periodicity!

❖ AAAABA, $k = 1$

❖ $p = 2$: AAAABA, AAABA

AAAA 1 mismatch
AABA

❖ $p = 3$: AAAABA, AAABA

AAA 1 mismatch
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❖ $p = 1$: AAAABA, AAABA

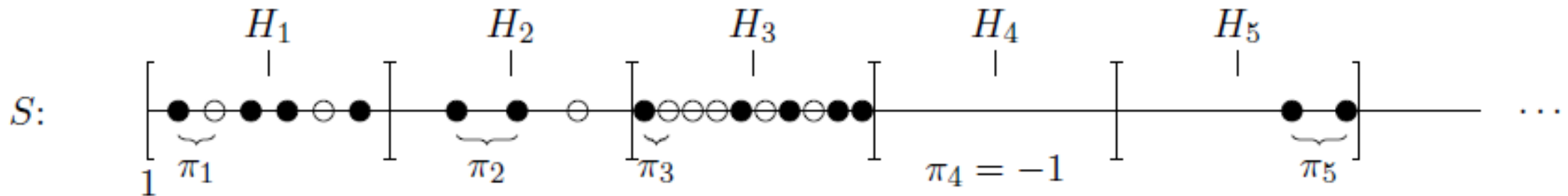
AAAAB 2 mismatches!
AAABA

First Pass to Second Pass?

- ❖ Periodicity: Candidate positions $p = \{4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$
 - What's actually happening in the second pass?
 - Using $S[1:4]$, $S[5:8]$, $S[9:12]$, ... to build $S[5:n]$, $S[9:n]$, $S[13:n]$, ...
 - Can do this because $S[1:4]$, $S[5:8]$, $S[9:12]$ are all the same!
- ❖ k -periodicity: Candidate positions $p = \{8, 16, 20, 28, 32 \dots\}$?
- ❖ Attempt: Candidate positions $p = \{4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32 \dots\}$?
 - Can still do above construction if “most” of $S[1:4]$, $S[5:8]$, $S[9:12]$ are the same
 - Not sure if true...

First Pass to Second Pass?

- ❖ Candidates $p = \{8, 16, 20, 27, 30, 39, 45, 55\}$?
- ❖ Candidates $p = \{8, 12, 16, 20\}, \{27, 30, 33, 36, 39\}, \{45, 50, 55\}$



Structural Results

- ❖ If p and q are periods, then $d = \gcd(p, q)$ is a period.
- ❖ If p and q are “small”, then $d = \gcd(p, q)$ is a $O(k^2)$ -period.
- At most $O(k^2)$ of the substrings $S[1:d], S[d+1:2d], S[2d+1:3d]$, can be different

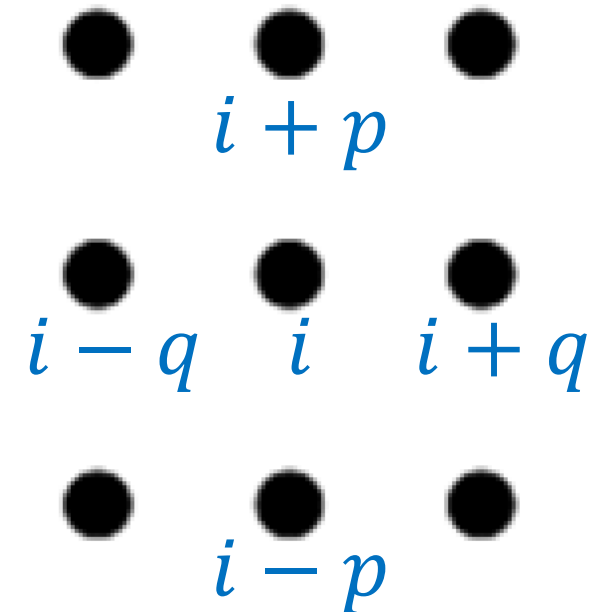


Structural Results

- ❖ If p and q are “small”, then $d = \gcd(p, q)$ is a $O(k^2)$ -period.

If there are at most k indices i such that $S[i] \neq S[i + p]$, and at most k indices j such that $S[j] \neq S[j + q]$, then there are at most $O(k^2)$ indices l such that $S[l] \neq S[l + d]$.

- ❖ Consider the indices as a grid.

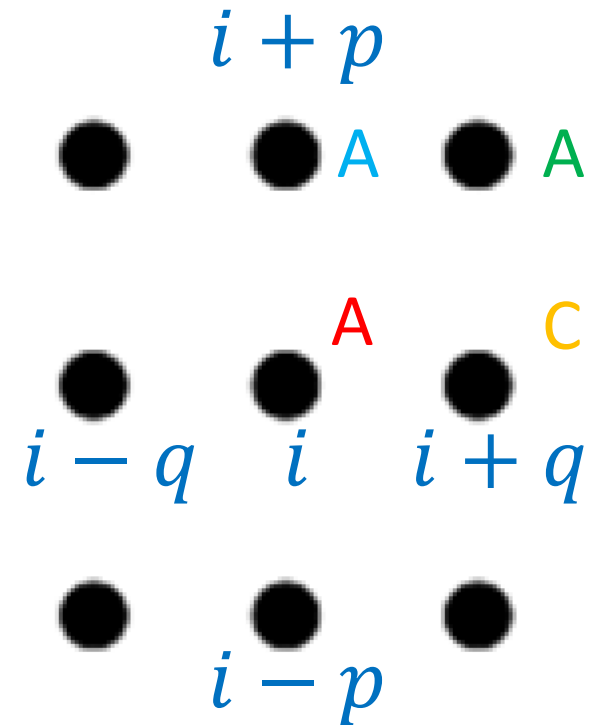


Structural Results

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$$p = 3, q = 7$$

- ❖ Bound the number of indices l such that $S[l] \neq S[l + d]$.



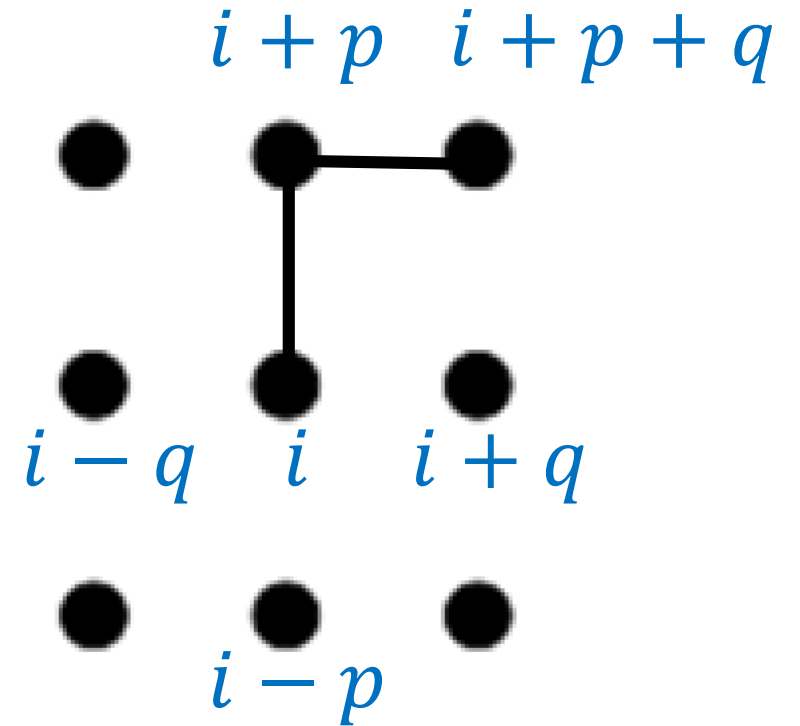
Structural Results

- ❖ Connect adjacent points with edges.
- ❖ “Good edge” if $S[i] = S[i + p]$.
- ❖ “Bad edge” if $S[i] \neq S[i + p]$.
- ❖ If there exists a path from i to j which “hops” along good edges, then $S[i] = S[j]$.

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$p = 3, q = 7$

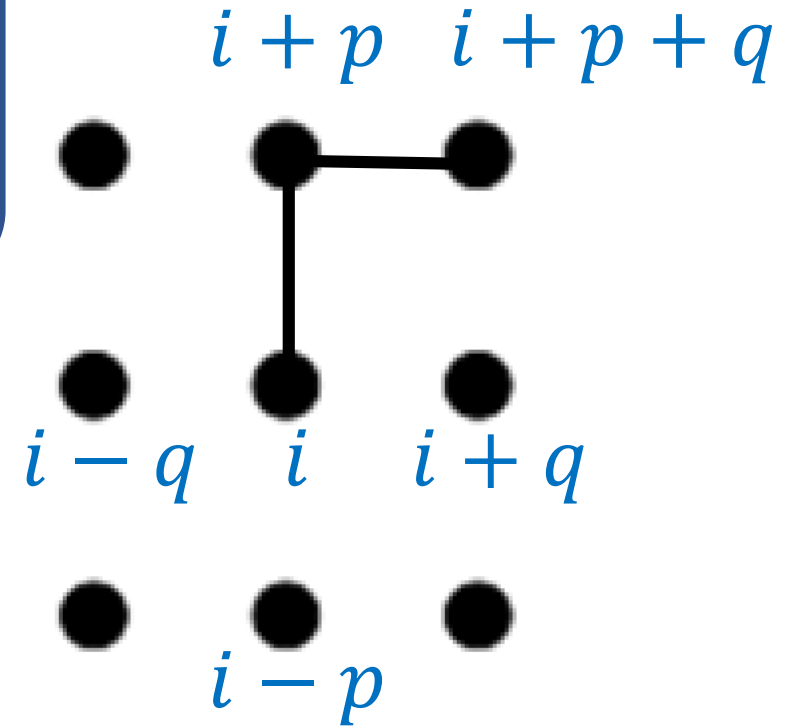
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Structural Results

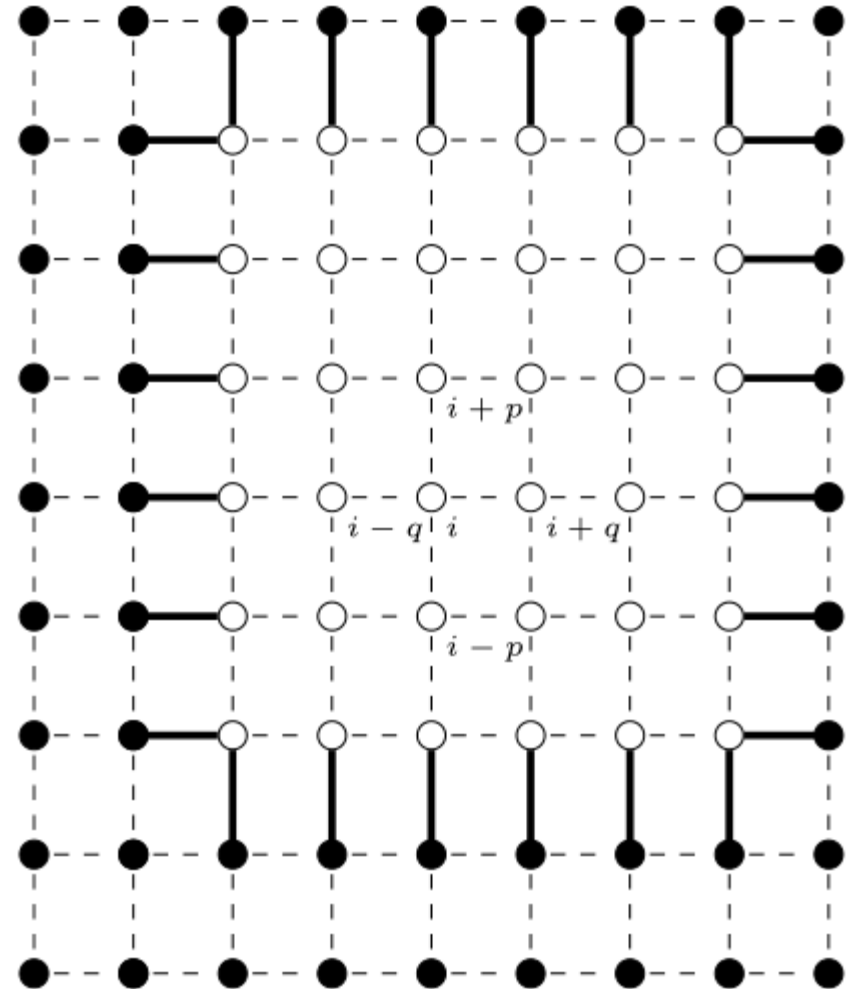
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- ❖ Bound the number of indices l such that $S[l] \neq S[l + d]$.
- ❖ If $S[l] \neq S[l + d]$, then l must be enclosed by bad edges.
- ❖ There are at most $2k$ bad edges.
- ❖ How many enclosed points can there be?



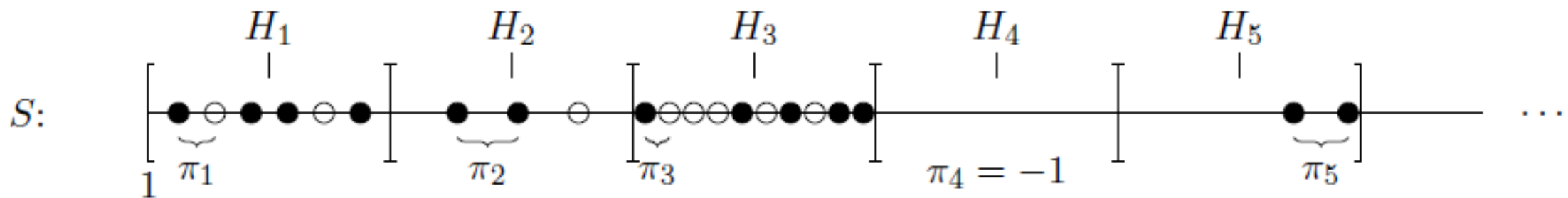
Structural Results

- ❖ If there are at most $2k$ bad edges, there are $O(k^2)$ enclosed points.
- ❖ There are $O(k^2)$ indices l such that $S[l] \neq S[l + d]$.



In review

- ❖ If p and q are “small”, then $d = \gcd(p, q)$ is a $O(k^2)$ -period.
- ❖ Positions $p = \{8, 16, 20, 27, 30, 39, 45, 55\}$?
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In review

- ❖ First pass: Find all positions p such that

$$\text{HAM} \left(S \left[1 : \frac{n}{2} \right], S \left[p + 1, p + \frac{n}{2} \right] \right) \leq k.$$

- ❖ Second pass: For each p , check if

$$\text{HAM}(S[1:n - p], S[p + 1, n]) \leq k.$$



Open Problems

- ❖ What can we say about these problems with other distance metrics (particularly, edit distance)?
- ❖ Can we improve the space usage? Specifically, the k^4 dependence comes from the structural property and the k -Mismatch Problem algorithm.
- ❖ Can we find the longest d -near-alignment in space $o(d^2)$?
- ❖ Longest palindromic subsequence

