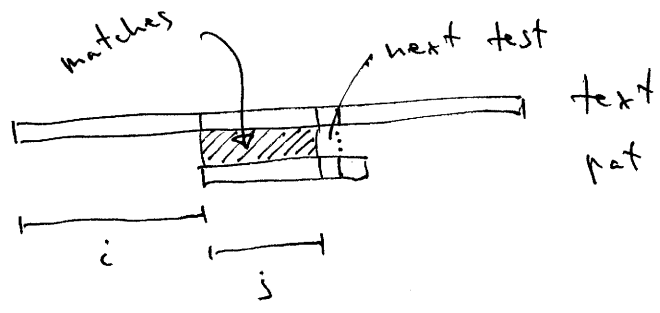


# KMP - Algorithm ← (For reporting all occurrences of pat in text)

An Extension of the brute-force alg.

Consider checking pat at shift  $i$  in text, where  $j$  chars have been matched so far:



Consider the next test  $text[i+j+1] \stackrel{?}{=} pat[j+1]$ .

We aim at maintaining the following invariants:

- 1) For current shift  $i$  of pattern, the first  $j$  chars matches text.
- 2) All shifts  $< i$  of pat have been tested (and reported if pat matched there).

Case A : Next test is positive (chars matches).

We then do the update

$$j \rightarrow j + 1$$

[ Shift  $i$  is still a possible occurrence, now with one more char known to match ]

Case B1 : Next test is negative, and  $j = 0$

We then do the update

$$i \rightarrow i + 1$$

[ Shift  $i$  is now known not to be an occ., and shift should increase. We increase the smallest possible step, and keep  $j = 0$ . ]

Case B2 : Next test is negative, and  $j \geq 1$

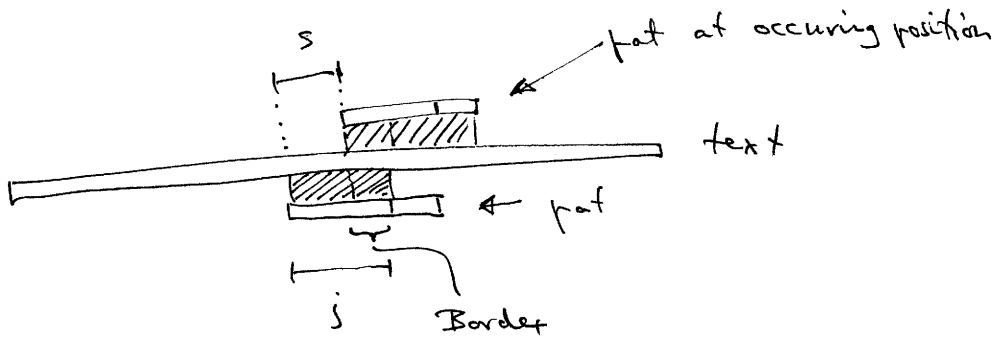
Shift  $i$  is now known not to be an occ., and shift should increase. How much can we guarantee it must move?

~~Consider the next~~ occ. of pat in text at  
Assume there is an

position  $i + s$  [i.e.,  $s$  further to the right],

for an  $s \leq j$ . [We know  $s \geq 1$ , so  $1 \leq s \leq j$ , which is the reason why the idea here in B2 does not hold for  $0 = j$ , hence the need for the (simple) separate case B1].

That is, we have

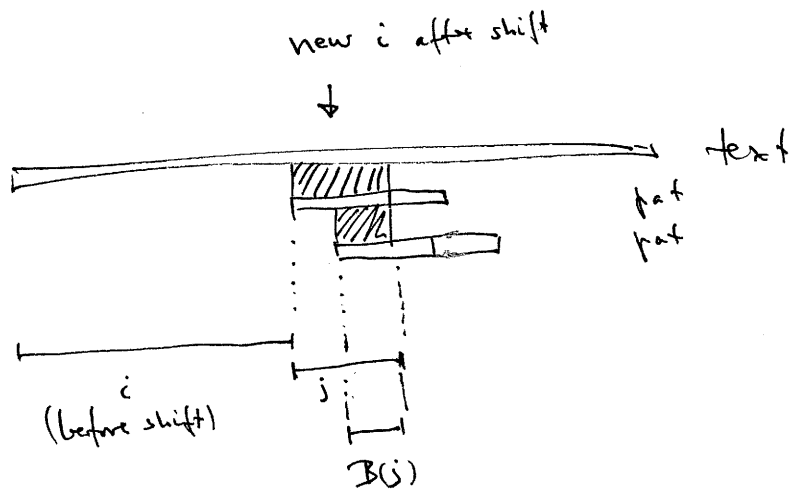


Here, we see a border (a suffix which is also a prefix) of the string  $pat[1..j]$  which has length  $j-s$ . The border is non-trivial since  $s \geq 1$ .

$B_{pat}(j)$  is the length of the longest such border,  
so  $j-s \leq B(j)$ . [We write  $B(j)$  for  $B_{pat}(j)$  from now]  
 $\Updownarrow$   
 $j - B(j) \leq s$ .

Hence, there can be no occurrences the next  $j - B(j)$  shifts, so we can ~~update~~ increase  $i$  by this amount.

Doing so leaves  $B(j)$  known matches of chars after the shift [as  $B(j)$  corresponds to an actual border]:



We therefore do the updates

$$i \rightarrow i + (j - B(j))$$

$$j \rightarrow j - (j - B(j)) = B(j)$$

(and this keeps invariants 1) and 2)).

Note: By the definition  $B(0) = -1$ , and the observation  $B(k) \geq 0$  for  $k \geq 1$  ( $B(k)$  is a length) we can merge cases  $B1 \neq B2$  into the single update:

$$i \rightarrow i + (j - B(j))$$

$$j \rightarrow \max \{ 0, B(j) \}$$

Above, we have not considered checking whether we do lookups in text and pat past their end.

Adding these, the above analysis (and aimed-at invariants) suggests the following algorithm:

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$n = |text|$   
 $m = |pat|$

$i = 0$   
 $j = 0$

while  $i \leq n - m$

Ensures no lookups past ends

if  $j < m$  AND  $text[i+j+1] == pat[j+1]$

$j = j + 1$

else

if  $j == m$   
report match at  $i$

Ensures reporting of occurrences (all)

$i = i + (j - B(j))$

$j = \max\{0, B(j)\}$

It is easy to verify that invariants 1) and 2) are maintained, from which correctness follows.

Complexity :

Let  $k = i + j$

In each case, the change ( $\Delta$ ) to  $i, j, k$  are as follows

Case	$\Delta i$	$\Delta j$	$\Delta k$
A	0	1	1
B1	1	0	1
B2	$\geq 1$	(?)	0

$\Delta k = \Delta i + \Delta j$   
 $= (j + B(j)) - (j - B(j))$   
 $= 0$

$\Delta i = (j - B(j)) \geq 1$  ← as borders are nontrivial  
 $(B(j) < j)$

So for  $z = k + i$  we see that :

- i)  $z (= k + i = i + j + i)$  is 0 after initialization ; KMP [first two lines]
- ii)  $\Delta z \geq 1$  for each loop traversed (which falls in cases A, B1, or B2).  
exactly one of

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} z = k + i \\ \Downarrow \\ \Delta z = \Delta k + \Delta i \end{array} \right]$$

Assume the loop is traversed  $t$  times.

At entry to  $t$ 'th loop :

as we <sup>do</sup> enter loop  $t$   
[see loop condition]

$$\# \text{ loops done } \underset{\text{already}}{=} t - 1 \leq z = 2 \cdot i + j \leq 2(n - m) + j$$

$$\leq 2(n - m) + m$$

$j$  can never exceed  $m$   
in code. [as  $\mathcal{F}(j) < j$ ].

for last line  
of code.



$$\underline{t \leq 2n - m + 1} \quad (\text{So alg. terminates})$$

Note : last iteration must use the else - part (as  $i$  is not changed in if - part and loop condition is based on  $i$ ).

So # comparisons performed (if - part) is  $\leq 2n - m$ .

For the text  $\underbrace{aaa \dots a}_n$  and

pattern  $\underbrace{bbb \dots b}_m$  the algorithm will

perform  $2n - m$  comparisons. Hence,

this can be said to be the exact worst case complexity of KMP.

Summing up :

For  $|text| = n$  and  $|pat| = m$  we have

Brute-Force takes time  $\Theta((n-m) \cdot m)$

[which can be  $\Theta(n^2)$ , eg. for  $m = n/2$ ].

KMP takes time  $\Theta(n)$ , assuming

the function  $B(j)$  is available (as a precomputed table, eg.). Note that  $B(j)$  depends only on  $pat$ , and can be reused for other text's.

However, for a single text and  $pat$ , the time for KMP is really

$\Theta(n + \text{preprocessing}(m))$ , where

$\text{preprocessing}(m)$  designates the time to find  $B(j)$  for all  $j$ .

There is a straightforward alg. arising from the definition of  $B$  which runs in time  $\Theta(m^2)$  [two-for-loops]. Can we do better?