

# Space-efficient genome comparison with compressed full-text indexes

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# Outline

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  - Compressed full-text indexes
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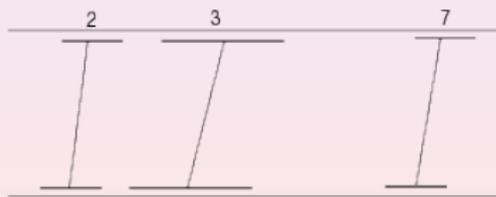
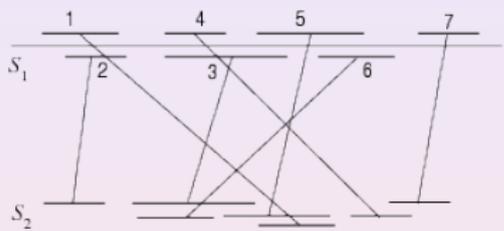
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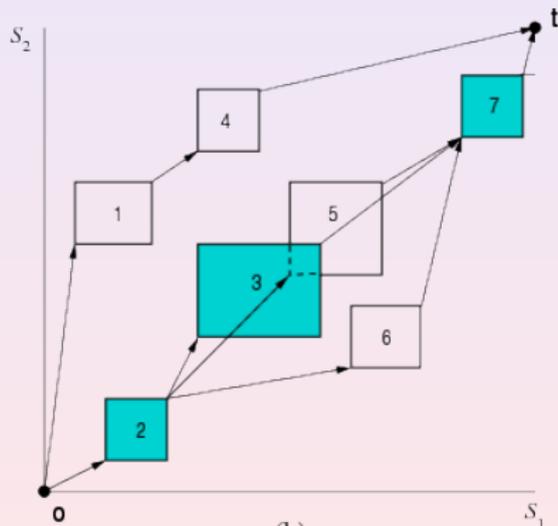
A maximal exact match example: cad (3, 5, 6)

# Applications of MEMs

- sequence analysis
- whole-genome comparisons: e.g. the CoCoNUT software.



(a)



(b)

# Calculating MEM with a Suffix Tree

## Solution

- Build Suffix Tree of  $S^1 \# S^2 \$$
- Traverse the Suffix Tree in dfs-order
- Search deepest nodes  $v_i$  which subtree contains  $\#$  - and  $\$$  - suffixes and check left maximality

## Drawback

- Space! Best Suffix Tree implementations take about 12-17 bytes per input character.
- **1GB** ASCII text  $\approx$  **12-17GB** Suffix Tree

## Solution

Use compressed index data structures

E.g. Sparse Suffix Arrays (Khan et al. 2009) or Compressed Suffix Trees (this talk)

# Sketch of our solution

- Construct a compressed full-text index for  $S^1$  which provides
  - access to the Burrows-Wheeler-Transformation (**BWT**) of  $S^1$
  - access to the longest common prefix (**lcp**) table
  - **parent operation** in the lcp-interval tree
- Search all suffixes of  $S^2$  in the full-text index of  $S^1$ 
  - We use **backward search**
  - combined with the parent operation

## Result

- Compressed full-text index takes about  $2.375n_1 + \frac{4}{k}n_1$  bytes.
- E.g. **1GB** ASCII text and  $k = 16 \approx$  **2.6GB** compressed full-text index

# Suffix Array

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## Properties

- SA gives the lexicographic order of the suffixes
- pattern matching takes  $\mathcal{O}(m \log n)$  (binary search)

# Suffix Array + BWT

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## Properties

- $BWT[i] = S^1[SA[i] - 1]$
- pattern matching takes  $\mathcal{O}(m)$  using backward search

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- [9..10]
- 4 a's in [1..8], 6 a's in [1..10]
- $[(1 + 4)..(1 + 6 - 1)]$
- 1 c in [1..4], 2 c's in [1..6]
- $[(7 + 1)..(7 + 2 - 1)]$
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# Backward Search

- $backwardSearch(c, [i..j])$  returns interval of pattern or  $\perp$
- Counting occurrences of characters in BWT takes  $\mathcal{O}(\log \Sigma)$  time in our implementation
- If  $backwardSearch(c, [i..j]) = \perp$  pattern does not occur in  $S^1$

## Implementation

- BWT is represented with a *wavelet tree* (see Grossi et al.)
- Compressed SA based on wavelet tree and SA samples
- Takes about  $n_1 + \frac{4}{k}n_1$  bytes.

## Enhanced Suffix Array

 $S^1 = \text{acaaacatat}$ 

$i$	SA	LCP	$S^1_{SA[i]}$	lcp-intervals	
1	3	-1	aaacatat	$0-[1..10]$ $1-[1..6]$ $2-[7..8]$ $1-[9..10]$	$2-[1..2]$
2	4	2	aacatat		$3-[3..4]$
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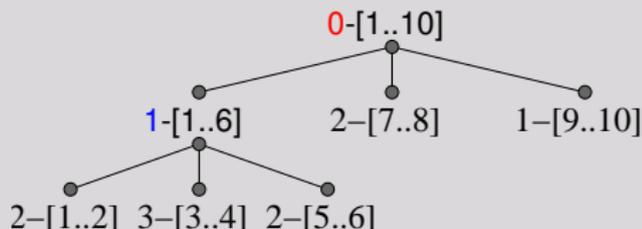
lcp-interval  $\ell - [i..j]$ . An  $\ell$ -index is an index  $k \in [i..j]$  with  $LCP[k] = \ell$

## Lcp-Interval Tree

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lcp-interval tree



- lcp-interval tree takes  $0.375n_1$  bytes (without lcp-values)
- Parent operation takes constant time

# Memory for lcp values

- naive solution takes  $n \log n$  bits /  $4n$  bytes
- Sadakane's solution takes  $2n + o(n)$  bits /  $0.26n$  bytes
- pragmatic solution takes 1 byte for small entries and 8 bytes for big entries

## We summarize:

- BWT takes  $n_1$  bytes
- suffix array samples take  $\frac{4}{k}n_1$  bytes
- lcp-interval tree  $0.375n_1$  bytes
- lcp values take  $n_1$

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- **$caaca \Rightarrow \perp$**

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(4, 4, 2)

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Check parent

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- $SA[3] = 1$

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$(4, 4, 2)$   $(3, 1, 3)$

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- $BWT[4] = a = a = S^2[2]$

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- $BWT[7] = a = a = S^2[3]$

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(4, 4, 2) (3, 1, 3)

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- $BWT[8] = a = a = S^2[3]$

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continue backward search with  
parent of  $[2..2]$  interval

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- $p_2 = 1$
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Found MEMs  $(\ell, p_1, p_2)$ 
 $(4, 4, 2)$   $(3, 1, 3)$   $(3, 2, 1)$ 

report MEM

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$i$	SA	BWT	$S^1_{SA[i]}$
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2	4	a	aacatat
3	1	t	acaacatat
4	5	a	acatat
5	9	t	at
6	7	c	atat
7	2	a	caaacatat
8	6	a	catat
9	10	a	t
10	8	a	tat
11			

MEMs of length  $\ell > 1$ 

- $a \Rightarrow (1 - [1..6], p_2 = 5)$
- $ca \Rightarrow 2 - [7..8], p_2 = 4$
- $aca \Rightarrow 3 - [3..4], p_2 = 3$
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Check parent

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# The new MEM algorithm

- Running time:  $\mathcal{O}(n_2 + zt_{SA})$ , where  $z$  is the output size
- Implementation:
  - Name: backwardMEM
  - Download: [www.uni-ulm.de/in/theo/research/sequana](http://www.uni-ulm.de/in/theo/research/sequana)
  - Experimental comparison vs. sparse SA tool of Khan
  - We measured time and memory for the algorithms not the space for construction

# Our algorithm (backward MEM) vs algorithm of Khan et al. (sparseMEM)

$S^1$	$ S^1 $	$S^2$	$ S^2 $	$\ell$	$K = 4$		$K = 8$	
sparseMEM								
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	29.8	<i>A.nidulans</i>	30.1	20	4m10s	107	6m44s	74
<i>Homo sapiens</i> <sup>21</sup>	96.6	<i>Mus m16</i>	35.9	50	12m05s	169	25m01s	163
<i>Mus musculus 16</i>	35.9	<i>Homo s21</i>	96.6	50	6m14s	362	14m15s	255
<i>D. simulans</i>	139.7	<i>D.sechellia</i>	168.9	50	24m20s	490	72m39s	356
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	170.8	<i>D.sechellia</i>	168.9	50	35m02s	588	62m02s	416
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	170.8	<i>D.yakuba</i>	167.8	50	39m21s	586	76m21s	423
backwardMEM								
					$k = 8$		$k = 16$	
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	29.8	<i>A.nidulans</i>	30.1	20	58s	89	59s	89
<i>Homo sapiens</i> <sup>21</sup>	96.6	<i>Mus m16</i>	35.9	50	2m32s	142	2m36s	134
<i>Mus musculus 16</i>	35.9	<i>Homo s21</i>	96.6	50	59s	258	1m15s	225
<i>D. simulans</i>	139.7	<i>D.sechellia</i>	168.9	50	20m11s	399	38m10s	366
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	170.8	<i>D.sechellia</i>	168.9	50	12m50s	504	23m23s	464
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	170.8	<i>D.yakuba</i>	167.8	50	6m08s	510	8m30s	463

Sequence lengths in MBp, Memory in MB

# Experimental results

$S^1$	$S^2$	$\ell$	output size
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	<i>A.nidulans</i>	20	16MB
<i>Homo sapiens21</i>	<i>Mus musculus 16</i>	50	30MB
<i>Mus musculus 16</i>	<i>Home sapiens21</i>	50	30MB
<i>Drosophila simulans</i>	<i>D.sechellia</i>	50	890MB
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	<i>D.sechellia</i>	50	347MB
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	<i>D.yakuba</i>	50	81MB

Output size (MEMs in mummer-format) of test cases.

## Observation

- running time very depends on output size
- bottleneck is access time to the compressed suffix array

# Any Questions?