

Fast Computation of Abelian Runs

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Abelian period

The **Parikh vector** \mathcal{P}_w of the string w over the ordered alphabet $\Sigma = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_\sigma\}$ is $\mathcal{P}_w = (|w|_{a_1}, |w|_{a_2}, \dots, |w|_{a_\sigma})$.

E.g. $\mathcal{P}_{aacabb} = (3, 2, 1)$.

Let $|\mathcal{P}_w|$ be the **norm** of \mathcal{P} defined by $|\mathcal{P}_w| = \sum_{i=1}^{\sigma} |w|_{a_i}$.

E.g. $|\mathcal{P}_{aacabb}| = 6$.

Definition (Constantinescu, Ilie 2006)

A Parikh vector \mathcal{P} is an **abelian period** for a string w if

$$w = u_0 u_1 \cdots u_{k-1} u_k$$

for some $k > 2$, where $\mathcal{P}_{u_0} \subset \mathcal{P}_{u_1} = \cdots = \mathcal{P}_{u_{k-1}} \supset \mathcal{P}_{u_k}$, and $\mathcal{P}_{u_1} = \mathcal{P}$.

u_0 and u_k are called resp. **head** and **tail** of the abelian period.

Example

$(1, 1)$ is the smallest abelian period of $w = abaab = a \cdot ba \cdot ab \cdot \varepsilon$.

J. Mendivelso, C. Pino, L. F. Niño, Y. J. Pinzón

[Approximate Abelian Periods to Find Motifs in Biological Sequences](#)

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They analysed gene expressions time series: they identified periodic changes in expression levels in the cell-cycle of *Megasphaera cerevisiae*.

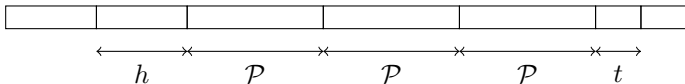
Abelian run

Definition

A substring with abelian period \mathcal{P} is **maximal** if it cannot be extended to the left nor to the right by one letter keeping the same abelian period \mathcal{P} .

Definition

An **abelian run** of period \mathcal{P} is an occurrence of a maximal substring of period \mathcal{P} containing at least two occurrences of \mathcal{P} .



Example

$w = ababaaa$. The prefix $ab \cdot ab \cdot a$ has abelian period $(1, 1)$ but it is not an abelian run since the prefix $a \cdot ba \cdot ba \cdot a$ has also abelian period $(1, 1)$. This latter is an abelian run of period $(1, 1)$.

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Given a string w of length n , find all the abelian runs occurring in w ,

→ an $O(n^2)$ -time (resp. $O(n^2 \log \sigma)$ -time) offline randomized (resp. deterministic) algorithm.

Problem 1: Previous work

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[Online Computation of Abelian Runs](#)

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Lemma

If $w[i..j]$ and $w[i'..j']$ have abelian period \mathcal{P} and if $w[i..j]$ is properly contained in $w[i'..j']$ then $w[i..j]$ is not an abelian run with period \mathcal{P} .

Corollary

There is at most 1 abelian run with period \mathcal{P} starting at each position of w .

Problem 1: Anchor

Anchor

Given a string w ,
if $w[i..j] = u_0 \cdots u_k$ has abelian period \mathcal{P} , with $|\mathcal{P}| = p$
and i_s is the starting position of u_s in w with $1 \leq s \leq k$
then $i_s \bmod p$ is called the **anchor** of the factorization.

Anchored period

$w[i..j]$ has abelian period \mathcal{P} **anchored** at k if it has abelian period \mathcal{P}
whose anchor is $k \bmod p$.

Anchored run

$w[i..j]$ is a **k -anchored run** with period \mathcal{P} if it has abelian period $|\mathcal{P}|$
anchored at k and if it is maximal ($w[i-1..j]$ and $w[i..j+1]$ if they
exist have no abelian period $|\mathcal{P}|$ anchored at k).

Problem 1

Definition

Let $B_i[k]$ be the starting position of the longest suffix of $w[0..i]$ which has period \mathcal{P} anchored at k (or ∞) for $0 \leq k < p$.

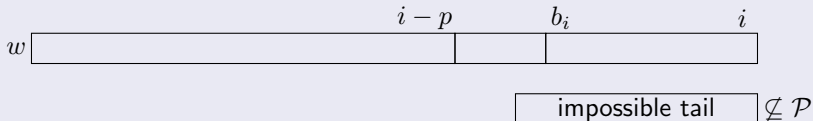
Let b_i be the starting position of the longest suffix of $w[0..i]$ whose Parikh vector is contained in or equal to \mathcal{P} .

Lemma

$B_i[k \bmod p] \leq k$ for $b_i \leq k \leq i + 1$

and

$B_i[k \bmod p] = \infty$ for $i - p + 1 < k < b_i$



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Problem 1

Computation of B_i from b_{i-1} , b_i and B_{i-1}

Lemma

- 1 $B_i[k \bmod p] = \infty \neq B_{i-1}[k \bmod p]$ for $\max\{i - p + 1, b_{i-1}\} \leq k < b_i$
- 2 $B_i[k \bmod p] = B_{i-1}[k \bmod p]$ for $i - p + 1 < k < b_{i-1}$ and for $b_i \leq k \leq i$
- 3 $B_i[i + 1 \bmod p] = \begin{cases} b_i & \text{if } b_i > i - p + 1 \\ B_{i-1}[i - p + 1 \bmod p] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Problem 1



$$\square \subseteq \mathcal{P}$$

factor ending at $i-1$ $\square \cdots \square$

factor ending at i $\square \cdots \square$

$$B_i[k \bmod p] = B_{i-1}[k \bmod p] \text{ for } b_i \leq k \leq i.$$

Lemma

$w[b..i-1]$ is a k -anchored run with period \mathcal{P} iff
 $B_{i-1}[k \bmod p] = b \leq k - 2p$ and $B_i[k \bmod p] > b$

Lemma

$w[b..i-1]$ is an abelian run with period \mathcal{P} iff
it is a k -anchored run with period \mathcal{P} and
 $B_{i-1}[k' \bmod p] \geq b$ and $B_i[k' \bmod p] > b$
for every k'

Problem 1

$$\mathcal{P} = (2, 2)$$

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
w	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	b	b
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	0	1	2	3
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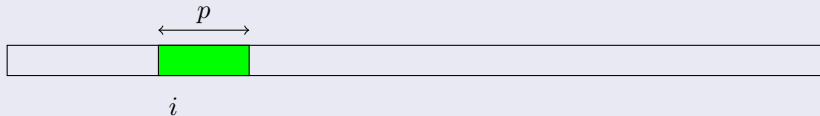
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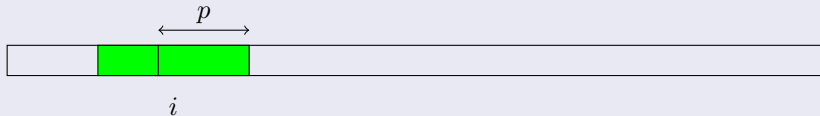
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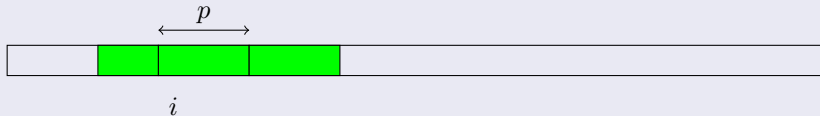
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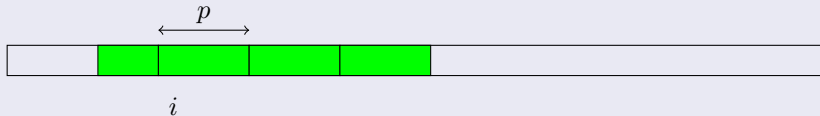
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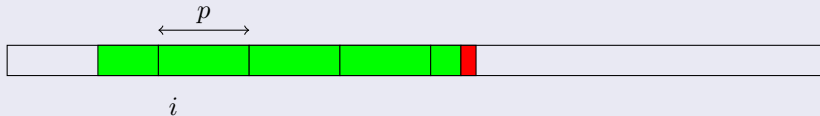
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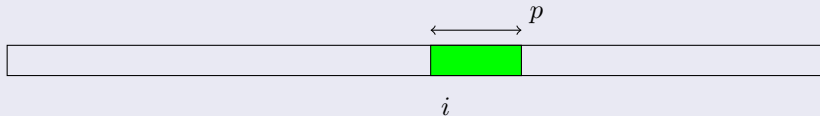
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Problem 3: Previous work

Matsuda, Inenaga, Bannai & Takeda, PSC 2014

- Computation of all abelian squares using [Cummings & Smyth, 1997]:

$$L_i = \{j \mid \mathcal{P}_{w[i-j+1..i]} = \mathcal{P}_{w[i+1..i+j]}, 0 \leq j \leq \min\{i+1, n-i\}\}$$

The L_i 's are stored in a 2-dimensional boolean array L of size $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor \times (n-1)$: $L[j, i] = 1$ if $j \in L_i$ and $L[j, i] = 0$ otherwise.

- For each $1 \leq j \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ all maximal abelian repetitions of period length j are computed in $O(n)$: the j -th row of L is scanned in increasing order of the column index.
- clever computation of heads and tails.

→ $O(n^2)$ **offline** computation of anchored runs

Problem 3: Previous work

L for $w = \text{abaababaabbb}$

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3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Problem 3: Previous work

L for $w = \text{abaababaabbb}$

	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	b	b
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Problem 3: Previous work

L for $w = \text{abaababaabbb}$

	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	b	b
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Problem 3: Previous work

L for $w = \text{abaababaabbb}$

	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	b	b
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Problem 3: Previous work

L for $w = \text{abaababaabbb}$

	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	b	b
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Problem 3: Previous work

L for $w = \text{abaababaabbb}$

	a	b	a	a	b	a	b	a	a	b	b	b
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Problem 3: All the runs

- start with the Matsuda *et al* algorithm
- filter out anchored runs which are properly contained in another anchored run with the same period

solution: naming (giving an identifier for every period)
assign to each factor of w an identifier so that 2 factors are abelian-equivalent iff their identifiers are equal

Idea

	a	b	c	
<i>w</i>	0	0	0	
a	1	0	0	$v[0] = 1$
b	1	1	0	$v[1] = 1$
a	2	1	0	$v[0] = 2$
a	3	1	0	$v[0] = 3$
b	3	2	0	$v[1] = 2$
a	4	2	0	$v[0] = 4$
b	4	3	0	$v[1] = 3$
a	5	3	0	$v[0] = 5$
a	6	3	0	$v[0] = 6$
b	6	4	0	$v[1] = 4$
b	6	5	0	$v[1] = 5$
b	6	6	0	$v[1] = 6$

Idea

	a	b	c	
w	0	0	0	
a	1	0	0	$v[0] = 1$
b	1	1	0	$v[1] = 1$
a	2	1	0	$v[0] = 2$
a	3	1	0	$v[0] = 3$
b	3	2	0	$v[1] = 2$
a	4	2	0	$v[0] = 4$
b	4	3	0	$v[1] = 3$
a	5	3	0	$v[0] = 5$
a	6	3	0	$v[0] = 6$
b	6	4	0	$v[1] = 4$
b	6	5	0	$v[1] = 5$
b	6	6	0	$v[1] = 6$

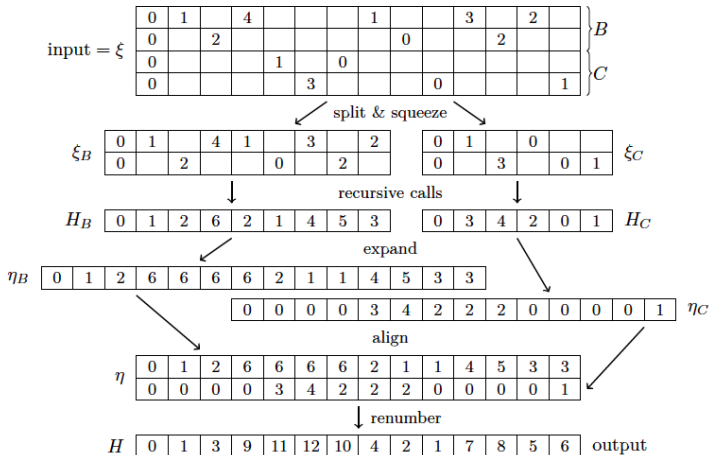
The diff-representations of all the factors of w can be computed in $O(n^2)$ time.

Theorem [Kociumaka, Radoszewsji & Rytter, STACS 2013]

Given a sequence of vectors of dimension r represented using a diff-representation of size m , the integer vector equality problem can be solved in

- $O(m + r \log m)$ time deterministically
- $O(m + r)$ time using a Monte Carlo algorithm

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Problem 3

Given a string w of length n , all the abelian runs occurring in w , can be found in $O(n^2)$ -time (resp. $O(n^2 \log \sigma)$ -time) by an offline randomized (resp. deterministic) algorithm.

Given a string w of length n we designed:

- an online algorithm that finds all the abelian runs with period \mathcal{P} occurring in w in time $O(n)$ and space $O(\sigma + |\mathcal{P}|)$
- an online algorithm that finds all the abelian runs with period \mathcal{P} such that $|\mathcal{P}| = p$ occurring in w in time $O(np)$
- an offline randomized (resp. deterministic) algorithm that finds all the abelian runs occurring in w in time $O(n^2)$ (resp. $O(n^2 \log \sigma)$)

Any idea on the number of abelian runs in a string?

Thank you for your attention