58093 String Processing Algorithms (Autumn 2016)

Exercises 4 (Tuesday, November 22)

1. The Knuth–Morris–Pratt algorithm differs from the Morris–Pratt algorithm only in the failure function, which can be defined as

 $fail_{\text{KMP}}[i] = k$, where k is the length of the longest proper border of P[0..i) such that $P[k] \neq P[i]$, or -1 if there is no such border.

- (a) Compute both failure functions for the pattern ananassana.
- (b) Give an example of a text, where some text character is compared three times by the MP algorithm but only once by the KMP algorithm when searching for ananassana.
- 2. A pattern matching automaton for a string P is an automaton that recognizes the language $\Sigma^* P$, i.e., all strings that end with P. Draw the following types of pattern matching automata for P = ananas:
 - (a) MP-automaton (see slide 79 in lecture notes)
 - (b) KMP-automaton
 - (c) Non-deterministic finite automaton (see slide 84 in lecture notes)
 - (d) Deterministic finite automaton

Hint: In (a) and (b), you can get the failure transitions from Exercise 4.1 above.

- 3. Let us analyze the average case time complexity of the Horspool algorithm, where the average is taken over all possible patterns of length m and all possible texts of length n for the integer alphabet $\Sigma = \{0, 1, \dots, \sigma 1\}$ where $\sigma > 1$. This is the same as the expected time complexity when each pattern and text character is chosen independently and randomly from the uniform distribution over Σ .
 - (a) Show that the average time spent in the loop on line 7 is $\mathcal{O}(1)$.
 - (b) Show that the probability that the shift is shorter than $\min(m, \sigma/2)$ is at most 1/2.
 - (c) Combine the above results to show that the average time complexity is $O(n/\min(m, \sigma))$.
- 4. Simulate the execution of the BNDM algorithm for the pattern anna and the text bananamanna.
- 5. Show how the following (single) exact string matching algorithms can be modified to solve the *multiple exact string matching problem*:
 - (a) Shift-And
 - (b) Karp-Rabin

The solution should be more efficient than the trivial one of searching each pattern separately.