## Suffix Trees: matching statistics Ben Langmead

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## Matching statistics

We can describe similar substrings between pattern \& text with matching statistics

At step $i$ compute the length of the longest prefix of the suffix $P[i$ :] that occurs in $T$
...using suffix links!


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> T: a|b|r|a|c|a|da|r|a|dad
> P: caradadabrd
> MS: 2154

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> T: abbraccadalabradad
> P: caradadabrd MS: 21543543211

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## Matching statistics: summary

A way to describe how well substrings of the pattern match substrings of the text

Don't need to pick a substring length ahead of time; MSs are "maximal" in the direction of matching

MS "peaks" are Maximal Exact Matches (MEMs)
Basic tool for whole-genome alignment, read alignment (in genomics), approximate matching in general

Next: what's the algorithm?

