Suffix Trees: matching statistics Ben Langmead



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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:
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P: $c a r a d a d a b r d$
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P: $c |a| r |a| d |a| d |a| b |r| d$
MS: $2 |1|5| ||a| ||a| ||a| ||a|$
 $i = 3$

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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?