# Fast String Matching Algorithms Based Upon the Data Encoding Scheme 

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Abstract-The string matching problem is to find all locations of a pattern string with length $m$ in a text with length $n$. In this paper, we propose a new encoding method to shorten both the lengths of pattern and text, by substituting the substring between a special character by its length. Then we use the quick searching algorithm to solve the string matching problem on the encoded pattern and text [9]. By using the encoding method, the pattern and text can be shortened by a factor of, about, $\frac{2}{|\Sigma|}$, where $|\Sigma|$ denotes the size of the alphabet set containing all characters of text and pattern. In practice, it performs better than $\frac{2}{|\Sigma|}$. For instance, using an English sentence pattern, of length 50 , as a pattern and a text, of length 200000, in average, they are shortened to about, respectively, $6 \%$ and $12.4 \%$ of the original sizes. Thus, the exact matching can be improved in a much shorter time.

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## 1. Introduction

String matching is a fundamental operation, as such it has many practical applications in computational biology, data mining, intrusion detection, and data compression [5, 7].

The string matching problem is defined as follows. Given a text string $T=t_{1} t_{2} \ldots t_{n}$ of size $n$, a pattern string $P=p_{1} p_{2} \ldots p_{m}$ of size $m$, and the alphabet set $\Sigma$ containing all characters of text $T$ and pattern $P$, our purpose is to find all occurrences of $P$ in $T$.

Efficient string matching algorithms have been proposed by many researchers $[1-4,6$, 8-9]. Two well-known optimal, $\mathrm{O}(m+n)$, time algorithms were proposed by Boyer et al. [1] and Knuth et al. [4]. Several string matching algorithms $[2-3,6,8-9]$ were proposed to improve the hidden constant, by orders of magnitude.

In this paper, we first propose a new
encoding method to shorten both the lengths of pattern and text in $\mathrm{O}(m+n)$. Then we solve the string matching problem by using the quick searching algorithm on the encoded pattern and text. To evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed algorithms, we implemented a prototype and compare it with two well-known algorithms [1, 4]. The results show that our algorithm is significantly better than the existing ones.

## 2. The Algorithms

### 2.1 The Quick Search Algorithm

The quick search algorithm was proposed by Sunday [9] and it is similar to the Horspool algorithm [2]. Let $\omega$ be a character in the alphabet. The quick search algorithm consists of the following two phase. In the pre-processing phase, we construct a bad-character table which is used to shift pattern $P$. The bad-character table is used to find whether there exists a rightmost character $\omega$ in $P$ which is equal to the character $t_{j+m}$
in a partial window $t_{j+1} \ldots t_{j+m}$. If the character $\omega$ exists in $P$, we record the position of $\omega$ from the right end in the table. If $\omega$ does not exist in $P$, we record it as $m+1$.

In the searching phase, compare text $T$ and pattern $P$ from left to right. Assume that $p_{i}$ is aligned to $t_{j}$. If a match occurs in $P$, output the position $i$ and look up the character $t_{j+m}$ in the bad-character table to decide the number of steps to shift. If a mismatch occurs
in $P$, we always look up the character $t_{j+m}$ in the bad-character table to decide the number of steps to shift.

In Figure 1, we show an example of the quick search algorithm, where $T=$ atcacatcacaagtcat and $P=$ atcacat . First, in the pre-processing phase, we compute the bad-character table as shown in Figure 1(a). Then, in the searching phase, we scan text $T$ and pattern $P$ from left to right. Because a match occurs, we output the position 1 and shift $P 3$ positions by looking up character $t_{8}$ of the bad-character table. This case is illustrated in Figure 1(b). We continue to scan the text $T$ and the pattern $P$ from left to right. When a mismatch occurs in $p_{2}$, we shift $P 2$ positions by looking up character $t_{11}$ of the bad-character table. This case is also illustrated in Figure 1(c). By the same measure, a mismatch occurs in $p_{7}$, shift $P 8$ positions by looking up character $t_{13}$. If the window surpasses the length of text $T$, we stop the comparing. This case is illustrated in Figure 1(d). The pre-processing phase, it costs $\mathrm{O}(m+\sigma)$ time, where $\sigma$ is the number of alphabets in pattern $P$, the searching phase, takes $\mathrm{O}(m n)$ time.

### 2.2 The Encoding Algorithms

In this section, we propose a new approach to solve the string matching problem. The main idea of our algorithm is to shorten both the lengths of the pattern $P$ and the text $T$. Note that the both lengths of encoded pattern $P$ and text $T$ are much shorter than the original ones in general case. Then apply any string
matching algorithms $[1-4,6,8-9]$ to solve the string matching problem on the encoded pattern and text. Since the string lengths are reduced, it is obvious that the exact matching of pattern $P$ will be much faster. Hence our approach has the following properties:

1. The substring $P^{\prime}$ is coded in such a way that it becomes much shorter than $P$. The coded $P^{\prime}$ is denoted as $P_{e n}^{\prime}$.
2. The text $T$ will also be coded by using the same coding method to code $P^{\prime}$. The coded text is denoted as $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. It will be shown that $T_{\text {en }}^{\prime}$ is also shortened and will contain $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ if $T$ contains $P$.
3. Since both $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ are short now, it becomes easy to determine whether $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ occurs in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$.
Our encoding algorithm contains three phases: the encoding phase, the searching phase and the examination phase. For the sake of completeness, the detailed algorithm (DEA) is listed in the following.

## Algorithm DEA

Input: $\quad T=t_{1} t_{2} \ldots t_{n}, P=p_{1} p_{2} \ldots p_{m}$
Output: All occurrences of $P$ in $T$.

## Step 1: /The Encoding Phase/

Step 1.1: Choose a character $x$ whose frequency in $P$ is as small as possible and exclude the following cases.
Case 1: $x$ only appears once in $P$.
Case 2: $x$ appears twice and is adjacent in $P$.
If there is no such $x$, randomly select a character to be $x$.

Step 1.2: Let $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ be the longest substring of $P$ that begins with $x$ and ends with $x$. If the length of the substring between two nearest $x$ is greater than 0 , replace the substring with its length.

## Step 2: /The Searching Phase/

Use the quick search algorithm to find all occurrences of $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ from left to right. Record the position $i$ 's where $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ occurs in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$.

## Step 3: /The Examination Phase/

Let $q$ denote the leftmost side position of $x$ in $P, r$ denote the leftmost side position of $x$ in $T$, and $\operatorname{Pos}(i)$ denote the corresponding position of $T^{\prime}$ while $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ matches at position $i$ of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$.
For every position $i$, align $P$ with the substring $T_{r+P o s(i)-q, r+P o s(i)-q+m-1}$ to examine whether there exists an exact matching or not.

### 2.2.1 The Encoding Phase

The first step of the encoding phase is to select a character $x$ from some alphabet set of $P$, and we delete all characters to the first $x$ in $P$ and all characters to the right of the last $x$ in $P$. Then the result is a substring enclosed by $x$. This substring must be of the form of $x^{a_{1}} S_{1} x^{a_{2}} S_{2} \mathrm{~L} S_{k} x^{a_{k+1}}$ for some $k$ where $x^{i}$ denotes a string of $i \quad x^{\prime} s$, and the length of $S_{i}$ could not be zero. We show an example of how to encode the pattern $P$. Let
$P=$ aacdstaaceedrcab . Suppose we select character $c$, then we can get $P^{\prime}=$ cdstaaceedrc .

The second step is to encode $P^{\prime}$ into a shorter string $P_{e n}^{\prime}$. As mentioned above, the form of $P^{\prime}$ is $x^{a_{1}} S_{1} x^{a_{2}} S_{2} L S_{k} x^{a_{k+1}}$, let $d_{i}$ denote the size of $S_{i}$. Then $P_{e n}^{\prime}=x^{a_{1}} d_{1} x^{a_{2}} d_{2} \mathrm{~L} x^{a_{k}} d_{k} x^{a_{k+1}}$. If the length of $S_{i}$ is zero, we don't record it in $P_{e n}^{\prime}$. For example, we select a substring $P^{\prime}=$ dcstddacceercd , and we have $P_{e n}^{\prime}=d 3 d d 7 d$.

Finally, we use the same method to encode $T$. Suppose $x$ is the character that we select to encode string $P$. Let $T^{\prime}$ be a substring of text $T$, and enclosed by $x$. If character $x$ doesn't exist in $T, T^{\prime}$ shall be empty. If character $x$ can be found in $T$, we encode $T^{\prime}$ as the form of $x^{a_{1}} d_{1} x^{a_{2}} d_{2} \mathrm{~L} x^{a_{k}} d_{k} x^{a_{k+1}}$, which is $T_{e n}^{\prime}$.

We show an example, where $T=$ cactacgactactcgacgcta and $P=$ actacgact . Suppose we select a character $t$ in $P$. Then $P^{\prime}=$ tacgact and $P_{e n}^{\prime}=t 5 t \quad$. We also obtain $T=$ tacgactactcgacgct and $\quad T_{e n}^{\prime}=t 5 t 2 t 6 t$ by using the same encoding method.

Now we describe the conditions that how we select an appropriate character to encode $P$ and $T$ into $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. Let fre $(x)$ denote the frequency of character $x$ in $P$. We select a character $x$ with the minimal frequency. As long as fre $(x)$ conforms with the following two cases, the character $x$
should be abandoned.
Case 1: $\operatorname{fre}(x)=1$.
Case 2: $\operatorname{fre}(x)=2$ and $\left|P_{l, r}\right|=2$,
where $l=$ the leftmost position of $x$ in $P$ and $r=$ the rightmost position of $x$ in $P$.

We illustrate these two cases in the following:

Case 1: $\operatorname{fre}(x)=1$.
If we select the character whose $\operatorname{fre}(x)=1$, the length of string $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ will be equal to one. It is like that we just take one character of pattern $P$ to compare with text $T$. Of course, the exact matching probability will be larger than the probability of taking the entire $P$ to compare with $T$. But in reality, string $P$ and $T$ may not have so many matches. Let's take an example as shown below, we are given a pattern $P=b c d c b c c$ and $T=$ dacbcdcbacdaac. We have fre $(d)=1$, then select it as our encoding character. In Figure 2(a), we can see that $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ occurs three times in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. But $P$ does not exist in $T$ at all, as shown in Figure 2(b).

Case 2: fre $(x)=2$ and $\left|P_{l, r}\right|=2$.
In Case 2, the length of string $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ will become two. The exact matching probability will rise if we just take a substring with length two of $P$ instead of the complete pattern $P$ to compare with text $T$. The result is not satisfactory. We hope that the length of $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ is moderate, not too short or too long. If the length is very short, it will rise the probability of getting the wrong matching; if the length is
very long, it will rise the comparison times. Both of them are not we want to see. We show an example where $P=b a a c c b c b b b$ and $T=$ aacbaaccbcbbbedaaaad . In Figure 3(a), $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ occurs 5 times in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. But in reality, $P$ only occurs one time in $T$, as shown in Figure 3(b).

If we select the character $c$ which doesn't obey Case 1 and Case 2 in the same $P$ and $T$, where $P=b a a c c b c b b b$ and $T=$ aacbaaccbcbbbedaaaad, the occurrence of $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ reduces to one, as shown in Figure 4(a). In Figure 4(b), we can see that the occurrence of $P$ in $T$ is really one time. The case of wrong matching is reduced now.

### 2.2.2 The Searching Phase

After the encoding phase, $T$ and $P$ have been encoded to $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $P_{e n}^{\prime}$. In the searching phase, we need to find all occurrences of $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. This is a string matching problem. Any string matching algorithms [1-4, 6, 8-9] can be used. But, since both text and pattern strings are reduced, we recommend to use the quick search algorithm [9]. Hence, the time complexity is $\mathrm{O}\left(\left|P_{e n}^{\prime}\right| \times\left|T_{e n}^{\prime}\right|\right)$, better than compare the entire pattern $P$ with text $T$, whose time complexity is $\mathrm{O}(|P| \times|T|)$.

We show an example with $P=c c a b b a b$ and $T=a b a b c c c a b b a b b c c c c a b b$ in Figure 5. First, if we select " $a$ " which has the smallest frequency in $P$, we have $P^{\prime}=a b b a$, $P_{e n}^{\prime}=a 2 a \quad$ and $\quad T_{e n}^{\prime}=a 1 a 4 a 2 a 6 a . \quad$ The bad-character table can be obtained as shown in

Figure 5(a). Then, we scan text $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and pattern $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ from left to right. Figure 5(b) shows when a mismatch occurs in position 2 , we shift $P_{e n}^{\prime} 4$ positions by looking up position 4 of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ of bad-character table. We continue to scan text $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and pattern $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ from left to right. When a match occurs, we output the position 5 and move $P_{e n}^{\prime} 4$ steps to the right. The position is out of the window, terminate the matching phase. This case is shown in Figure 5(c).

Note that there are many algorithms which can be used to locate all occurrences of $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. We also admit that the quick search algorithm is not the most efficient one in time complexity. For instance, the KMP algorithm only costs $\mathrm{O}(m+n)$ time in searching phase. In the procedure of encoding pattern $P$ and text $T$ into $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $T_{e n}^{\prime}$, many numbers which exist in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ aren't in the alphabet of $P_{e n}^{\prime}$. In bad-character shift table, those numbers can shift more steps than English character. It is the reason that we choose the quick search algorithm in our searching phase.

### 2.2.3 The Examination Phase

After the searching phase, we find all occurrences of $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. In examination phase, we need to know the corresponding position of $T$ which should be examined. We define a function $\operatorname{Pos}(i)$ to calculate the corresponding position of $T^{\prime}$ while $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ matches at position $i$ of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. The function $\operatorname{Pos}(i)$ is denoted as following:

Pos $(i)=\sum_{x \leq i} f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(x)\right)$, where $f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(x)\right)=\left\{\begin{array}{cc}1 \quad \text {, if } T_{n}^{\prime}(x) \text { is a character. } \\ T_{e n}^{\prime}(x), \text { if } T_{e n}^{\prime}(x) \text { is a number. }\end{array}\right.$

When $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ matches at position $i$ of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$, the function $\operatorname{Pos}(i)$ accumulates the value from the first character of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ to the character of position $i$. If $T_{e n}^{\prime}(x)$ is a character, add 1 to the function; otherwise add $T_{e n}^{\prime}(x)$ to the function. Consider the example mentioned in Section 2.2.2, the text $T_{e n}^{\prime}=a 1 a 4 a 2 a 6 a$, suppose a match occurs at position 5 of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. The function $\operatorname{Pos}(5)=f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(1)\right)+$ $f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(2)\right)+f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(3)\right)+f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(4)\right)+$ $f\left(T_{\text {en }}^{\prime}(5)\right)=1+1+1+4+1=8$.

The function $\operatorname{Pos}(i)$ is to calculate the position of $T^{\prime}$ that the first character of $P^{\prime}$ should be aligned, not to calculate the position of $T$ which $P$ should be aligned. Because we delete all characters until the encoding character $x$ when $P$ encoded into $P^{\prime}$. We don't know how many characters are deleted by $\operatorname{Pos}(i)$. If we want to know the position that $P$ should be aligned to $T$, some shift value should be considered. Let $q$ denote the leftmost side position of $x$ in $P, r$ denote the leftmost side position of $x$ in $T$. Thus, we align $P$ to match with $T_{r+\operatorname{Pos}(i)-q, r+\operatorname{Pos}(i)-q+m-1}$.

Given a complete example: Let $T=$ aaatbaaaatabataaatababa and $P=a a a t a b a b a . \quad$ After the searching phase, we have $T_{e n}^{\prime}=b 6 b 7 b 1 b, \quad P_{e n}^{\prime}=b 1 b$ and $m=9$. We also record that $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ occurs at position 5 of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. The leftmost side position of $b$ in $P$ is 6 , that is $q=6$. The most left side position of $b$ in $T$ is 5 , that is $r=5$. The
function
$\operatorname{Pos}(5)=f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(1)\right)+f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(2)\right)+f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(3)\right)+f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(4)\right)+f\left(T_{e n}^{\prime}(5)\right)$ $=1+6+1+7+1=16$. As shown in Figure

6(a), $P^{\prime}$ occurs at position 16 of $T^{\prime}$. We need to examine whether $P$ occurs at position $(r+\operatorname{Pos}(5)-q)=(5+16-6)=15$ of $T$ or not. That is, we need to align $P$ to match with the substring $t_{15,23}$. We align $P$ with $t_{15}$ to verify whether there exists an exact string matching. Figure 6(b) shows that a match really occurs at $t_{15}$.

Figure 6(c) shows another example, where $T=$ atctcagtcagaaccetggtc and $P=$ agaccgacc . We can see that $T_{e n}^{\prime}=g 3 g 6 g g$ and $P_{e n}^{\prime}=g 3 g$ and $m=9$. Suppose from the searching phase, we know that $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ occurs at position 1 of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$. $\operatorname{Pos}(1)=1, q=2$ and $r=7$. We align $P$ to match with $t_{6,14}$. We align $P$ with $t_{6}$ to verify whether there exists an exact string matching or not. And a mismatch occurs at $t_{6}$.

### 2.2.4 Analysis of Complexities

In this following, we analyze the time and space complexity of the proposed algorithms. In the encoding phase, the time complexity of encoding a pattern string $P$ is $\mathrm{O}(m)$ and encoding a text string $T$ is $\mathrm{O}(n)$. Assume that the character $x$ is the best choice. We encode $P$ and $T$ into $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ respectively and this step can be done by linear scan. So we can see that the time complexity of encoding string $P$ and string $T$ is $\mathrm{O}(m+n)$. The space complexity is the same as time complexity, $\mathrm{O}(m+n)$.

In the searching phase, we construct a table: bad-character table. Let $|\Sigma|$ denote the
alphabet size. The size of the bad-character table is $|\Sigma|$. It is obviously that the time complexity of generating the table is $\mathrm{O}\left(\left|P_{e n}^{\prime}\right|+\left|\sum\right|\right)$ and its space complexity is $\mathrm{O}\left(\left|\sum\right|\right)$. Then we scan the current window from left to right. When a mismatch occurs, we look up the bad-character table to decide our shift. The worst case of the time complexity in this phase is $\mathrm{O}\left(\left|P_{e n}^{\prime}\right| \times\left|T_{e n}^{\prime}\right|\right)$.

In the examination phase, the function $\operatorname{Pos}(i)$ is used to calculate the corresponding match position in $T$. The function scans string $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and accumulates its value until position $i$ which is obtained from the searching phase. It is obviously that the time complexity in this phase is $\mathrm{O}\left(\left|T_{e n}^{\prime}\right|\right)$.

In the following, we consider the compression ratio of our compression scheme. In general case, assume that the probability of each $c$ in $T$ and in $P$ is equal for all $c \in \Sigma$. Let $\alpha$ denote the frequency of each $c$ in $T, \beta$ denote the frequency of each $c$ in $P$. Because we assume that the frequency of each $c$ is equal, $\alpha$ can also be represented as $\left\lfloor\frac{|T|}{|\Sigma|}\right\rfloor$, and $\beta$ as $\left\lfloor\frac{|P|}{|\Sigma|}\right\rfloor$.

Suppose we select character $x$ to encode $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $T_{e n}^{\prime}$, where the number of $x$ in $T$ is $\alpha$ and the number of $x$ in $P$ is $\beta$. Then, the number of numerals in $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ is at most $\alpha-1$, and that in $P_{e n}^{\prime}$ is at most $\beta-1$.

Thus

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\left|T_{e n}^{\prime}\right| \leq \alpha+(\alpha-1)=2 \alpha-1
$$

and
$\left|P_{e n}^{\prime}\right| \leq \beta+(\beta-1)=2 \beta-1$. By definition,
$|T| \geq \alpha|\Sigma|$ and $|P| \geq \beta|\Sigma|$. Therefore, we have

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\begin{equation*}
\frac{\left|T_{e n}^{\prime}\right|}{|T|} \leq \frac{2 \alpha-1}{\alpha|\Sigma|} \cong \frac{2 \alpha}{\alpha|\Sigma|}=\frac{2}{|\Sigma|} \tag{and}
\end{equation*}
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$\frac{\left|P_{e n}^{\prime}\right|}{|P|} \leq \frac{2 \beta-1}{\beta|\Sigma|} \cong \frac{2 \beta}{\beta|\Sigma|}=\frac{2}{|\Sigma|}$.
This analysis shows that our compression scheme is quite effective. For the DNA type data, both text and pattern are compressed to half of their sizes. If the data are English language sentences, both text and pattern will be compressed to roughly $7.7 \%$ of their original sizes.

## 3. The Experimental Results

In this section, we conducted several experiments to demonstrate the performance of our algorithm. These experiments run on a Pentium IV 3 GHz with 1 GB of RAM under Windows XP. We make comparison with two well-known algorithms (i.e., KMP algorithm [4] and BM algorithm [1]) both in the comparison times and the compression ratio. All compared algorithms are implemented in the $\mathrm{C}++$ programming language.

We classify the pattern into DNA type data and natural language data according to the size of pattern. Each experiment randomly selects a part of a DNA sequence and an English article with length $2 \times 10^{5}$ to be text $T$, and a part of it with length $10,20,30,40$
and 50 to be pattern $P$. Each result is the average of 100 experiments with different $P$ 's and $T$ 's. The $x$-axis represents the length of pattern. The $y$-axis represents the comparison times in $2 \times 10^{5}$ text length.
(1) DNA type data

We show the experiments with alphabet size is 4 (i.e., $|\Sigma|=4$ ), and the patterns of sizes are $10,20,30,40$ and 50 . Figure 7 shows the experimental result.

It is easy to see that our methodology has improved the comparison time to a large extent. For instance, when $|P|=50$ and
$|T|=200000$ in Figure 7(a), the average comparison times of KMP algorithm, BM algorithm and our encoding method are $231181 \mathrm{~ms}, 44875 \mathrm{~ms}$ and 9160 ms . In other words, the comparison time of our encoding method is only $3.96 \%$ and $20.4 \%$ that of KMP algorithm and BM algorithm respectively. Furthermore, with the same lengths of pattern and text, Figure 7(b) also shows that the pattern is shortened to $24 \%$ of its original length and the text is shortened to $38.1 \%$ of its original length. Thus, the exact matching can be done in a much shorter time.

## (2) Natural language data

Figure 8 shows the experiments with alphabet is 26 (i.e., $|\Sigma|=26$ ). When $|P|=50$
and $|T|=200000$ in Figure 8(a), the average comparison times of KMP algorithm, BM algorithm and our encoding method are 201892
$\mathrm{ms}, 12769 \mathrm{~ms}$ and 5200 ms respectively. That is, the comparison times of our encoding method can be reduced to $2.57 \%$ and $40.7 \%$ that of KMP algorithm and BM algorithm respectively. With the same lengths of pattern and text, Figure 8(b) also shows that the pattern is shortened to $6 \%$ of its original length and the text is shortened to $12.4 \%$ of its original length. Hence, our encoding method is much superior to these two well-known algorithms.

## 4. Concluding Remarks

In this paper, we have proposed an encoding approach to compress pattern and text. Then the quick search algorithm is used to locate all occurrences of pattern in text. Since the input is shorter than the original one, it is obvious that the matching will be much faster. An examination method is also introduced to calculate the corresponding position of the original pattern and text while an exact match occurs. Furthermore, based on the experimental results, the proposed encoding algorithm is quite efficient for different type data, especially in natural language data.

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| $\omega$ | $c$ | $a$ | $t$ | $*$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| shift | 3 | 2 | 1 | 8 |

(a) After the pre-processing phase, the bad-character table.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T=$ | $a$ | $t$ | c | $a$ | c | $a$ | $t$ | c | $a$ | c | $a$ | $a$ | $g$ | $t$ | c | $a$ |
|  | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $P=$ | $a$ | $t$ | c | $a$ | c | $a$ | $t$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\rightarrow$ | $P=$ | $a$ | $t$ | c | $a$ | c | $a$ | $t$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(b) During the searching phase, an exact match occurred.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $T=$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $a$ | $a$ | $g$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ |
|  |  |  |  | $\Downarrow$ | $\lambda$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $P=$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $a$ | $t$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\rightarrow$ | $P=$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $a$ | $t$ |  |  |  |  |

(c) During the searching phase, a mismatch occurred.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $T=$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $a$ | $a$ | $g$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\Downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ | $\searrow$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $P=$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $a$ | $c$ | $a$ | $t$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $P=$ | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ |

(d) The completion of the searching phase.

Figure 1: An illustration of the quick search algorithm for $T=$ atcacatcacaagtcat and

$$
P=a t c a c a t
$$

| $T_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $d$ | 4 | $d$ | 4 | $d$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $\uparrow$ |  | $\uparrow$ |  | $\uparrow$ |
| $P_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $d$ |  | $\downarrow$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | $d$ |  | $\downarrow$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | $d$ |

(a) The occurrence of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $P_{e n}^{\prime}$.

| $T=$ | $d$ | $a$ | $c$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $c$ | $b$ | $a$ | $c$ | $d$ | $a$ | $a$ | $c$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $X$ | $\uparrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $P=$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $c$ | $b$ | $c$ | $c$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\uparrow$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $P=$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $c$ | $b$ | $c$ | $c$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\searrow$ | $\downarrow$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $P=$ | $b$ | $c$ | $d$ | $c$ | $b$ | $c$ | $c$ |

(b) The occurrence of $T$ and $P$.

Figure 2: An illustration of Case 1 for $\operatorname{fre}(x)=1$.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $T_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $a$ | $a$ | 2 | $a$ | $a$ | 9 | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $P_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $a$ | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\longrightarrow$ |  | $\longrightarrow$ | $a$ | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\rightarrow$ | $a$ | $a$ |  |  |
|  | $\longrightarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |  | $a$ | $a$ |  |
|  | $\longrightarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $a$ | $a$ |

(a) The occurrence of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $P_{e n}^{\prime}$.

|  | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 0 | 1 1 | 1 2 | 1 3 | 1 4 | 1 5 | 1 6 |  | 1 8 | 1 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T=$ | $a$ | $a$ | $c$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | $c$ | $c$ | $b$ | $c$ | $b$ | $b$ | $b$ | $e$ | $d$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $d$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $P=$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | c | $c$ | $b$ | c | $b$ | $b$ | $b$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $P=$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | c | $c$ | $b$ | $c$ | $b$ | $b$ | $b$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\Varangle$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $P=$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | c | c | $b$ |

(b) The occurrence of $T$ and $P$.

Figure 3: An illustration of Case 2 for fre $(x)=2$ and $\left|P_{l, r}\right|=2$.

| $T_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $c$ | 3 | $c$ | $c$ | 1 | $c$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  | $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ | $\uparrow$ |
| $P_{e n}^{\prime}=$ |  |  | $c$ | $c$ | 1 | $c$ |

(a) The occurrence of $T_{e n}^{\prime}$ and $P_{e n}^{\prime}$.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 0 | 1 1 | 1 2 | 1 3 | 1 4 | 1 5 | 1 6 | 1 7 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 8 \end{aligned}$ | 1 9 | 2 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T=$ | $a$ | $a$ | $c$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | c | c | $b$ | c | $b$ | $b$ | $b$ | $e$ | $d$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $d$ |
|  |  |  |  | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\Uparrow$ | $\Downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | $P=$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | c | c | $b$ | c | $b$ | $b$ | $b$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(b) The occurrence of $T$ and $P$.

Figure 4: An illustration out of Case 1 and Case 2.

| $P_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $a$ | 2 | $a$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


| $\omega$ | $a$ | 2 | $*$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| shift | 1 | 2 | 4 |

(a) The bad-character table.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $T_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $a$ | 1 | $a$ | 4 | $a$ | 2 | $a$ | 6 | $a$ |
|  | $\Downarrow$ | $\searrow$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $P_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $a$ | 2 | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(b) A mismatch occurred.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $T_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $a$ | 1 | $a$ | 4 | $a$ | 2 | $a$ | 6 | $a$ |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\Downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ | $\Downarrow$ |  |  |
|  |  |  | $P_{e n}^{\prime}=$ | $a$ | 2 | $a$ |  |  |  |

(c) The matching phase terminated.

Figure 5: An illustration of the searching phase for $P=c c a b b a b, x=' a$ ' and $T=a b a b c c c a b b a b b c c c c a b b$.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $T^{\prime}=$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $t$ | $a$ | $b$ | $a$ | $t$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $t$ | $a$ | $b$ | $a$ | $b$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $P^{\prime}=$ | $b$ | $a$ | $b$ |

(a) An occurrence of $P^{\prime}$ in $T^{\prime}$.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 0 | 1 1 | 1 | 1 3 | 1 4 | 1 5 | 1 6 | 1 7 | 1 8 | 1 9 |  |  |  | 2 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $T$ : | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $t$ | $b$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $t$ | $a$ | $b$ | $a$ | $t$ | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $t$ | $a$ | $b$ |  |  | $a$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ | $\checkmark$ | $\downarrow$ | $\downarrow$ |  |  | $\downarrow$ |
| $P$ : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $a$ | $a$ | $a$ | $t$ | $a$ | $b$ |  |  | $a$ |

(b) An examination of $P$ in $T$.

|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |  |  |  | 1 2 | 1 3 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 7 | 1 8 |  | 2 0 |  | 2 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| T: | $a$ | $t$ | $c$ | $t$ | c | $a$ | $g$ | $t$ | c | $a$ |  |  | $a$ | $a$ | c |  |  | c |  | $t$ | $g$ | $g$ | $t$ |  | c |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $P$ : |  |  |  |  |  | $a$ | $g$ | $a$ | c | c |  |  | $a$ | $c$ | $c$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

(c) An examination of $P$ in $T$.

Figure 6: An illustration of the examination phase.

| Length <br> Text=200000 | KMP | BM | Encoding <br> Method |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Pattern = 10 | 232979 | 65986 | 22825 |
| 20 | 233615 | 55081 | 20110 |
| 30 | 229804 | 47987 | 12243 |
| 40 | 228902 | 45268 | 10885 |
| 50 | 231181 | 44875 | 9160 |


(a) The comparison times.

| $\|P\|$ | $\|T\|$ | $\left\|P_{\text {en }}^{\prime}\right\|$ | $\left\|T_{\text {en }}^{\prime}\right\|$ | $\Re$ of $P$ | $\Re$ of $T$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 200000 | 4 | 82362 | $40 \%$ | $41.1 \%$ |
| 20 | 200000 | 4 | 82954 | $20 \%$ | $41.4 \%$ |
| 30 | 200000 | 7 | 82588 | $23.2 \%$ | $41.2 \%$ |
| 40 | 200000 | 11 | 77322 | $27.5 \%$ | $38.6 \%$ |
| 50 | 200000 | 12 | 76321 | $24 \%$ | $38.1 \%$ |

$\mathfrak{R}$ : compression ratio
(b) The compression ratio.

Figure 7: The experiment of DNA type data for comparison times and the compression ratio.

| Length <br> Text=200000 | KMP | BM | Encoding <br> Method |
| ---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Pattern = 10 | 204315 | 29583 | 10831 |
| 20 | 202376 | 18354 | 10126 |
| 30 | 202989 | 15356 | 7105 |
| 40 | 196612 | 13334 | 4712 |
| 50 | 201892 | 12769 | 5200 |


(a) The comparison times.

| $\|P\|$ | $T \mid$ | $\left\|P_{e n}^{\prime}\right\|$ | $\left\|T_{e n}^{\prime}\right\|$ | $\mathfrak{R}$ of $P$ | $\mathfrak{R}$ of $T$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 10 | 200000 | 4 | 46551 | $40 \%$ | $23.2 \%$ |
| 20 | 200000 | 3 | 35042 | $15 \%$ | $17.5 \%$ |
| 30 | 200000 | 3 | 31203 | $10 \%$ | $15.6 \%$ |
| 40 | 200000 | 3 | 27329 | $7.5 \%$ | $13.6 \%$ |
| 50 | 200000 | 3 | 24800 | $6 \%$ | $12.4 \%$ |

$\mathfrak{R}$ : compression ratio
(b) The compression ratio.

Figure 8: The experiment of natural language type for comparison times and the comparison ratio.

