# LONGEST COMMON EXTENSIONS IN SUBLINEAR SPACE 

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## Example

$\mathrm{T}=$| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | ${ }^{11}$ |
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## THE NEW <br> DETERMINISTIC <br> TRADE-OFF

## TWO STRUCTURES

Data Structure 1: $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{n} / \tau)$ space and $\mathrm{O}(\tau)$ time, but works only if $|\mathrm{i}-\mathrm{j}|<\tau$
Data Structure 2: $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{n} / \tau)$ space and $\mathrm{O}\left(\tau \log ^{2}(\mathrm{n} / \tau)\right)$ time:
Reduces an LCE(i,j) query to another query LCE (i', ${ }^{\prime}$ ') s.t. $\left|i^{\prime}-j^{\prime}\right|<\tau$

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## Data structure

Stores fingerprint of every block aligned suffix
$\Rightarrow$ the fingerprint of any substring can be retrieved in $\mathrm{O}(\tau)$ time

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$\Longrightarrow$ Time to compute $\varphi(a)$ is $O\left(1+\tau / 2^{\mu / 2}\right)$

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## Analysis

$O(n / \tau)$ space $O(\tau+\log (\ell / \tau))$ time

## Query time

Cost of computing a fingerprint is $O\left(1+\tau / 2^{\mu / 2}\right)$, and $\mu$ iterates from 0 to $\log (\ell / \tau)$ and back to 0 , thus the query time becomes

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O\left(\sum_{\mu=0}^{\lg (\ell / \tau)} 1+\tau / 2^{\lfloor\mu / 2\rfloor}\right)=O(\tau+\log (\ell / \tau))
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## Space

Cost is the total number of sampled positions/fingerprints

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## Theorem

There is an $O(n / \tau)$ space data structure that in $O(1)$ time either
A. computes the answer to an LCE $(\mathrm{i}, \mathrm{j})$ query, or
B. returns a certificate that $\ell<\tau^{2}$

## Observation

In case $B$ the query time of our previous algorithm becomes $\mathrm{O}(\tau+\log (\ell / \tau))=\mathrm{O}(\tau)$

> Technique
> Difference covers

## SUMMARY \& OPEN PROBLEMS

MAIN THEOREM

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The LCE problem can be solved in
    O(n/\tau) space and O(\tau) time
    for all 1\leq\tau\leqn
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Lower bound from RMQ implies a time-space product of $\Omega(n / l o g n)$ Can we close this gap?

Can we obtain optimal preprocessing times?


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