

# String Algorithms and Data Structures

## Tries

CS 199-225

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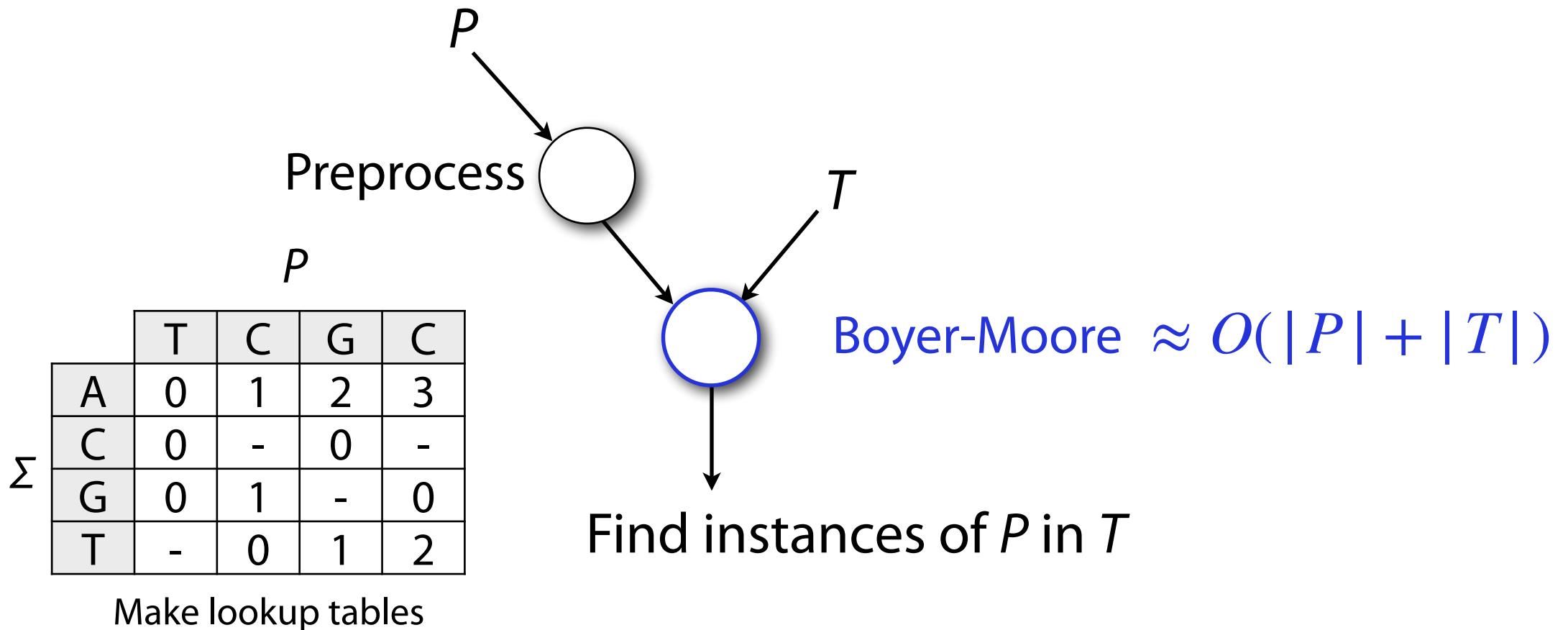


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# Exact pattern matching w/ Boyer-Moore

**As seen in HW:** sub-linear time *in practice*



# Preprocessing: Live chat streams

GCEvans  
C++ and Data Structures

Tree Property: height  
 $\text{height}(T)$ : length of the longest path from the root to a leaf

Given a binary tree T:

$$\text{height}(T) = 1 + \max(h(T_L), h(T_R))$$
$$h(\emptyset) = -1$$
$$h(\text{single node } \{r\}) = 0$$

$h=3$

Chat on Videos

19:59 225user: null

20:24 D0gee\_: doesn't that make the height of a single node 1-1=-1

20:27 trevor8568: we need a lorax-themed lab

20:35 D0gee\_: ah nvm its max function

20:35 Starbucks\_neverknow: why can't leaf by height 1?

21:08 Starbucks\_neverknow: kk

21:12 fantah\_k: why not just take out the "+1" from the height function?

21:17 muraaki\_kozou: Why wishing under a mistletoe when you have a binary tree

21:21 225user: there is no path from a node to itself

21:22 woodenbattery: How do you know if you are at leaf node

21:37 mannnthatstme: What if there is only one root in the tree, is the height 0?

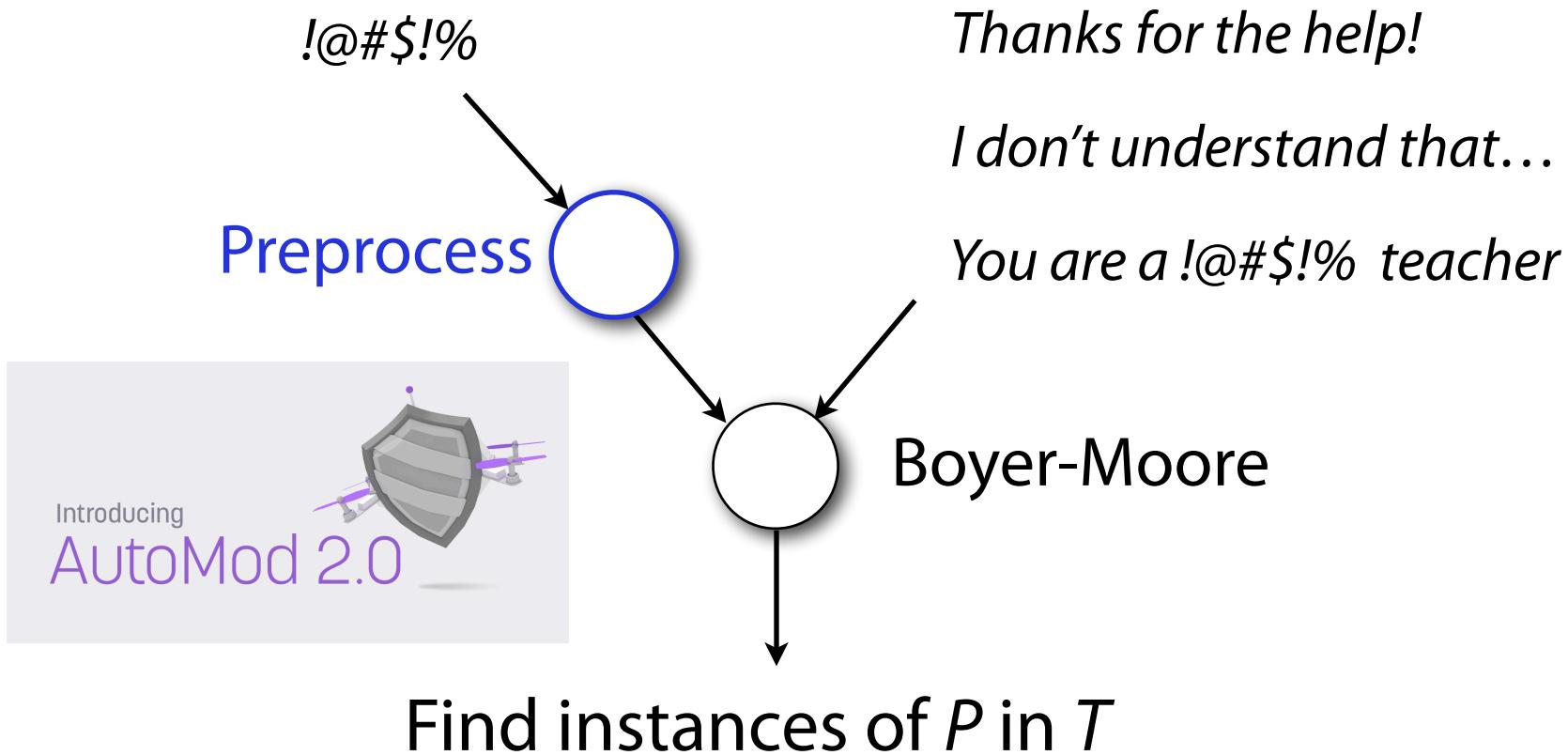
21:38 BassyTheSassy: is the height to the lowest leaf, or a leaf

21:52 fantah\_k: ohhh okay yeah that makes sense

**Patterns:** banned phrases

**Text:** Chat messages

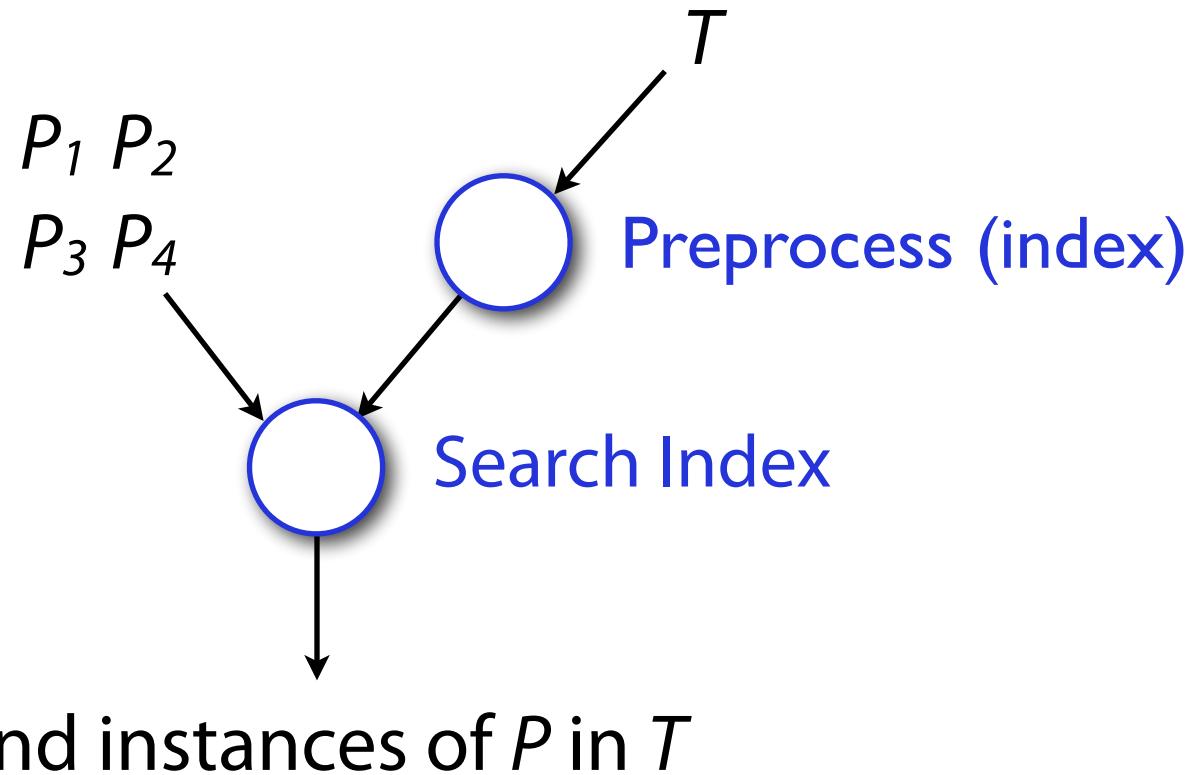
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*Amortize cost of preprocessing  $P$  over many  $T$*

# Exact pattern matching w/ indexing

Conventionally  $T \gg P$ :



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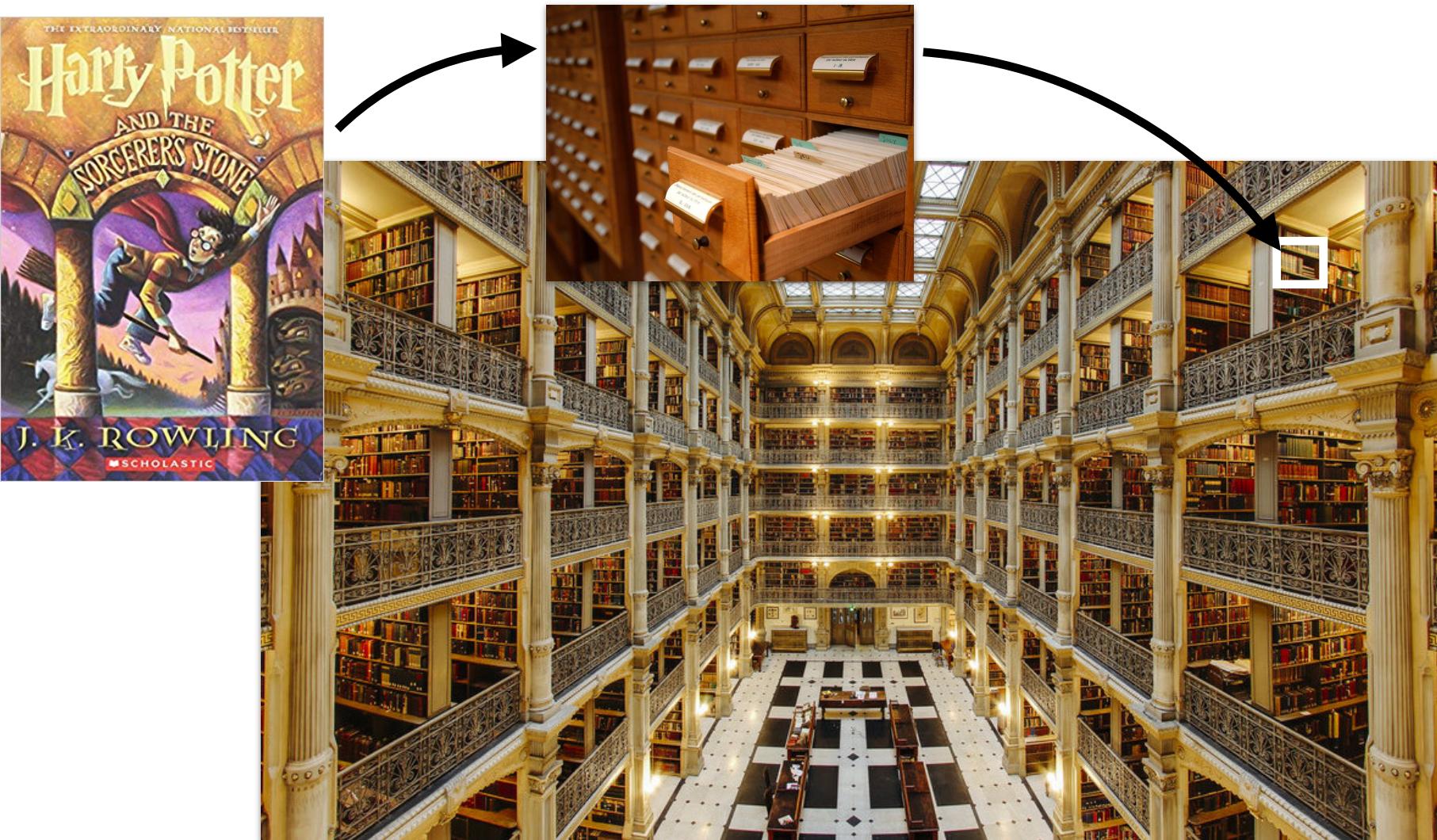
# Preprocessing: Libraries



**Patterns:** Book of interest

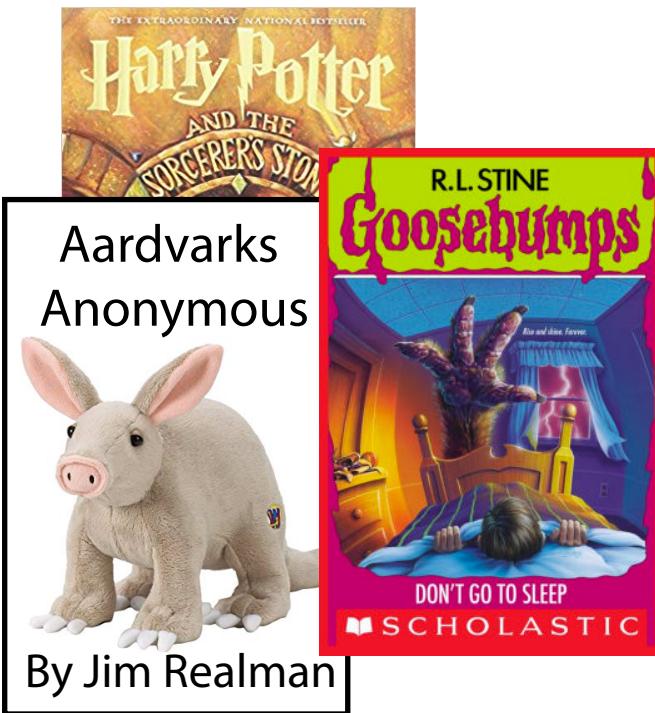
**Text:** All books in library

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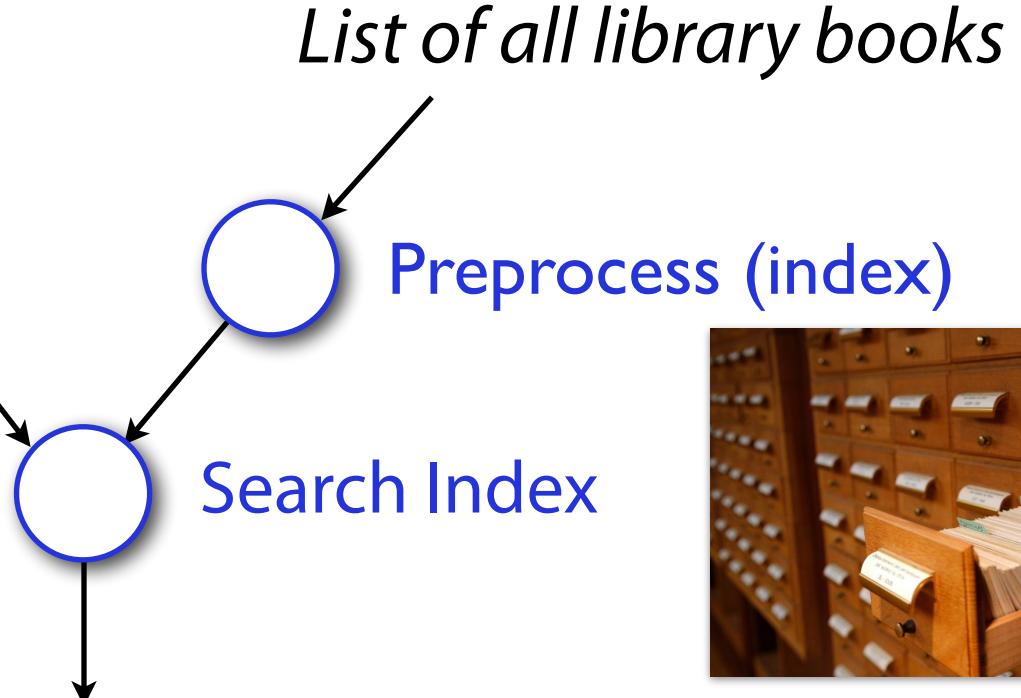


Preprocess the library by *indexing* all the books

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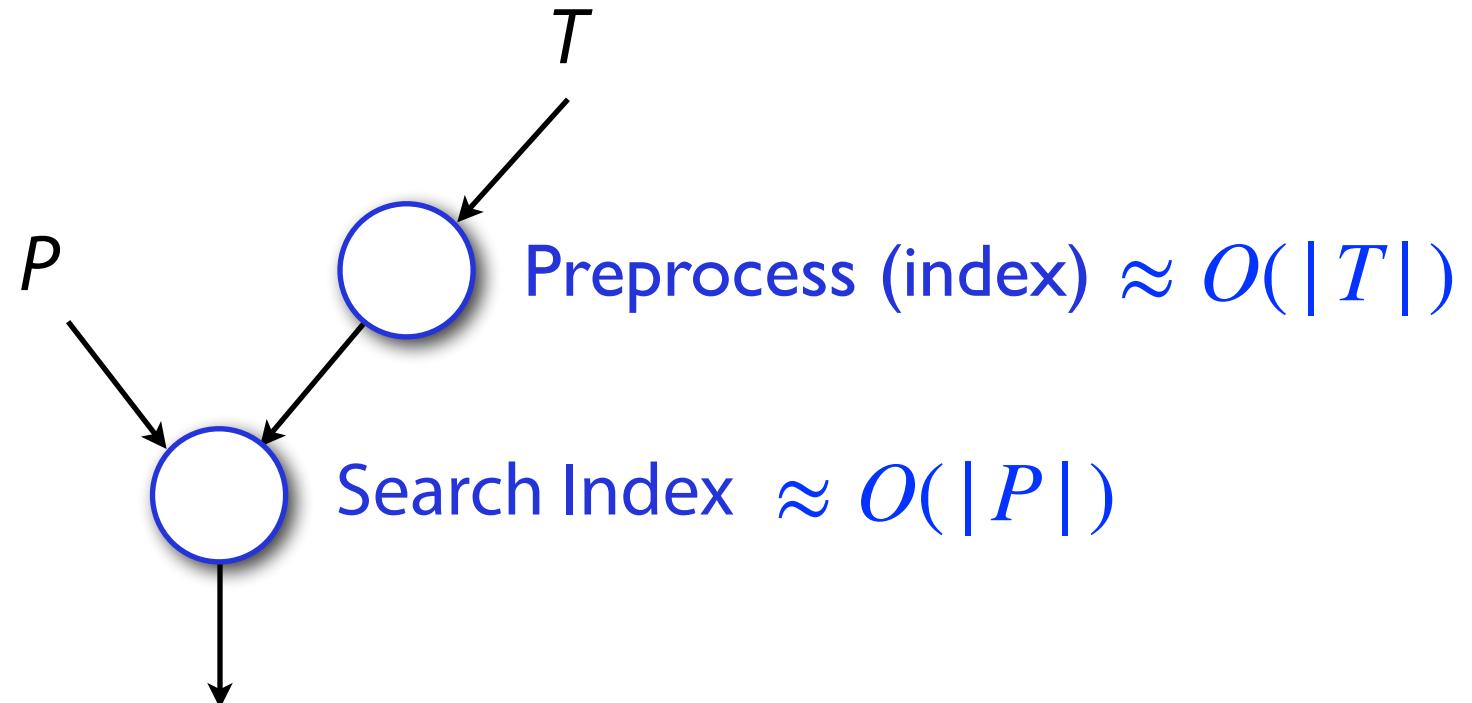


Find instances of  $P$  in  $T$



Given full library, built an index once\* that is re-used

# Exact pattern matching w/ indexing



Find instances of  $P$  in  $T$

What information from  $T$  do we need to search for  $P$ ?

# Preprocessing for exact pattern matching

$T:$  C G T G C

$P:$

$\text{Search}(P, T):$

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$T: C G T G C$

C  
G  
T  
G  
C  
  
C G  
G T  
T G  
G C  
  
C G T  
G T G  
T G C



0  
1  
2  
3  
4  
0  
1  
2  
3  
0  
1  
2

A substring  $S$

The position of  $S$  in  $T$

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C  
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T  
G  
C  
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G T  
T G  
G C  
C G T  
G T G  
T G C

$|T|$

$|T-1|$

$|T-2|$

Key      Value

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C	4
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TG	2
...	...



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Because our keys are strings, this is sometimes possible!

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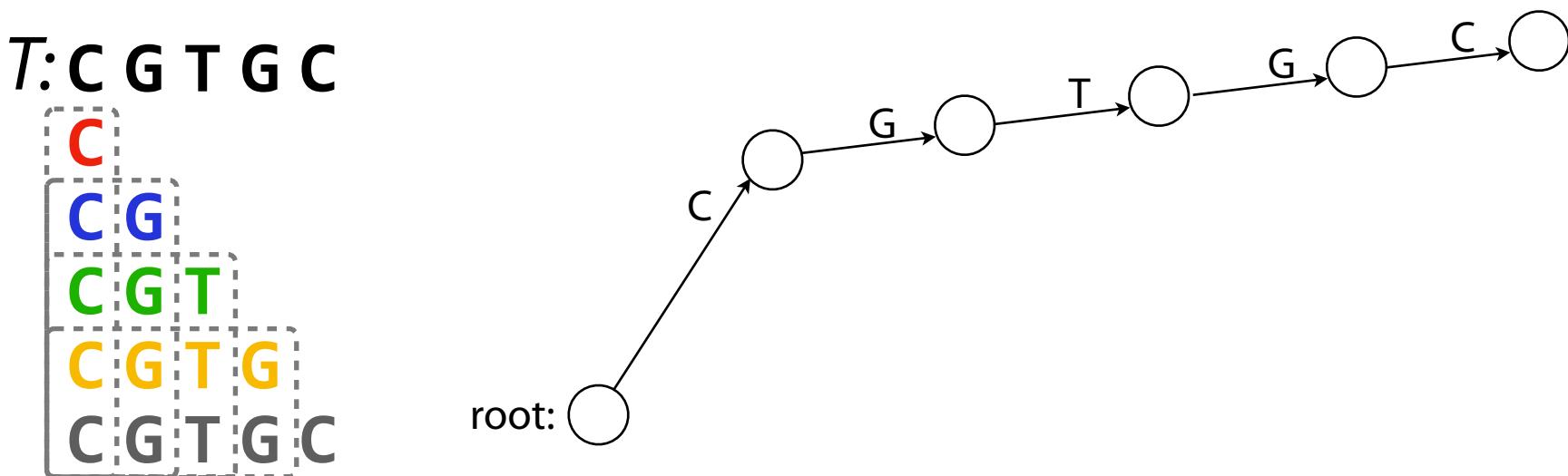
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We want to search in  $O(|P|)$  without  $O(|T|^2)$  space!

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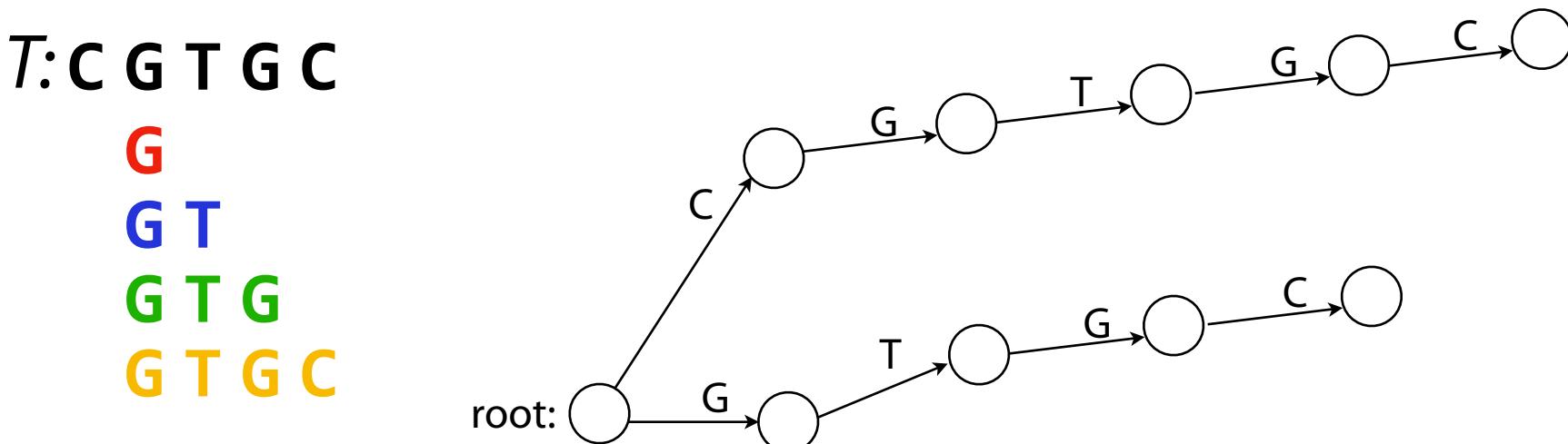
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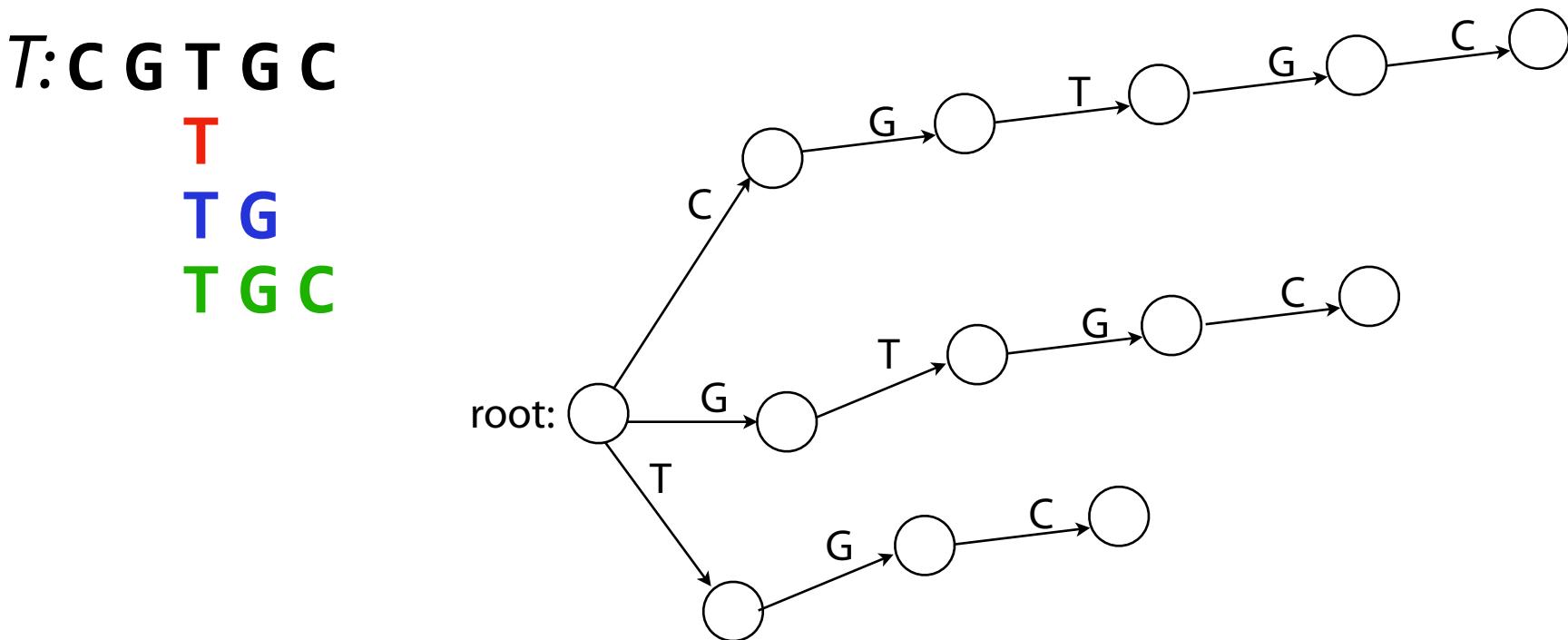
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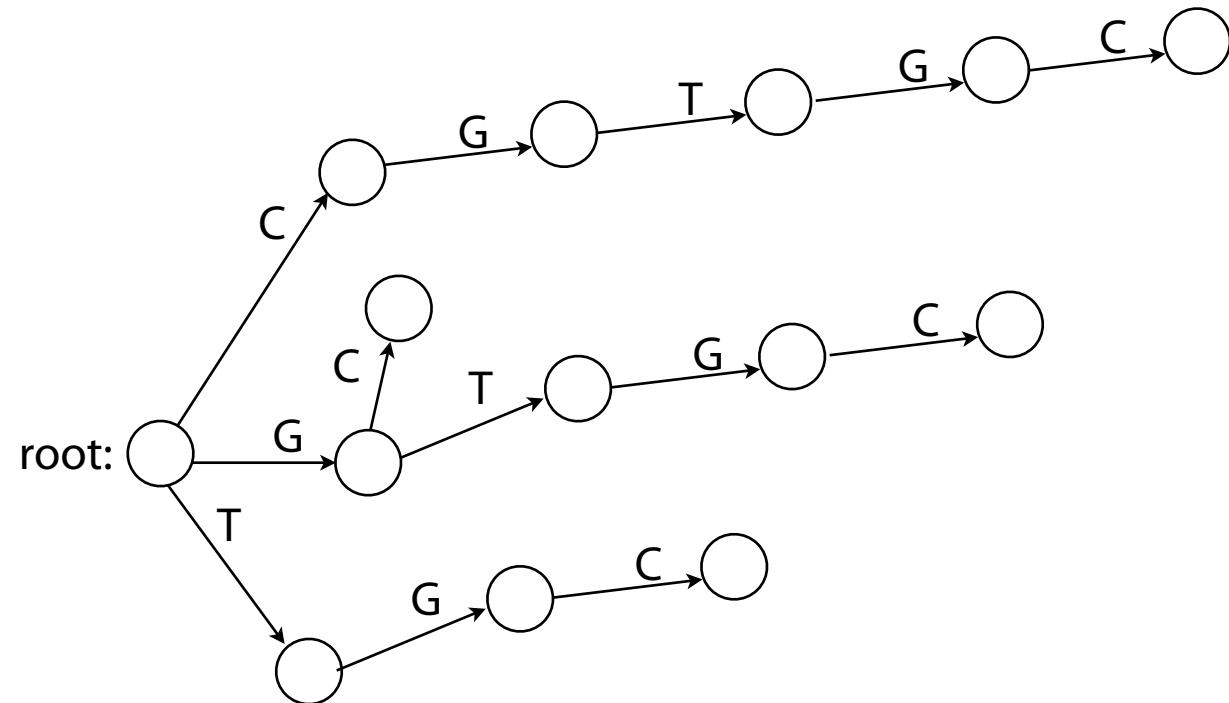


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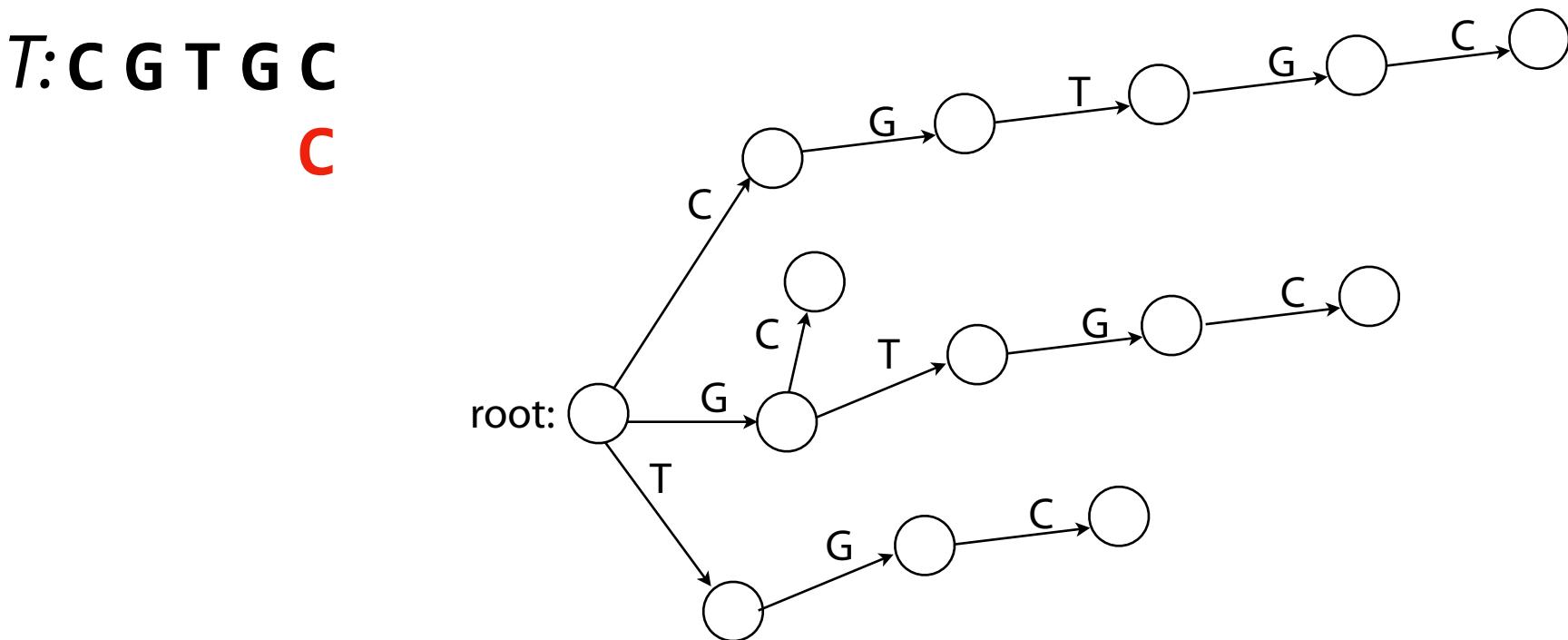
$T: C G T G C$   
     $\textcolor{red}{G}$   
     $\textcolor{blue}{G} C$



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instant            1

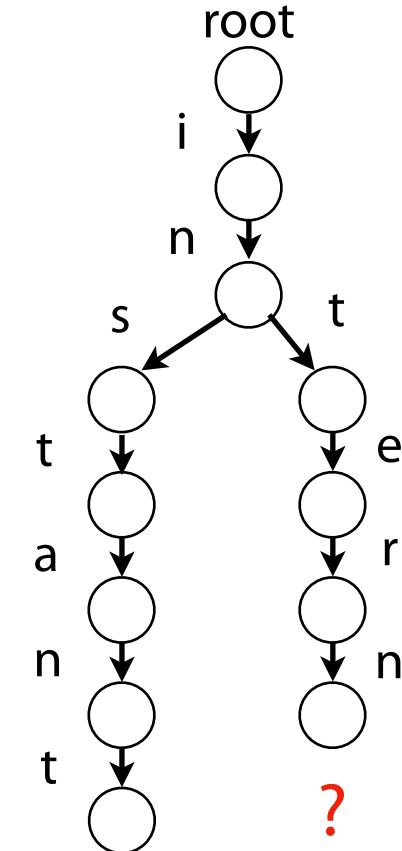
internal         2

internet        3

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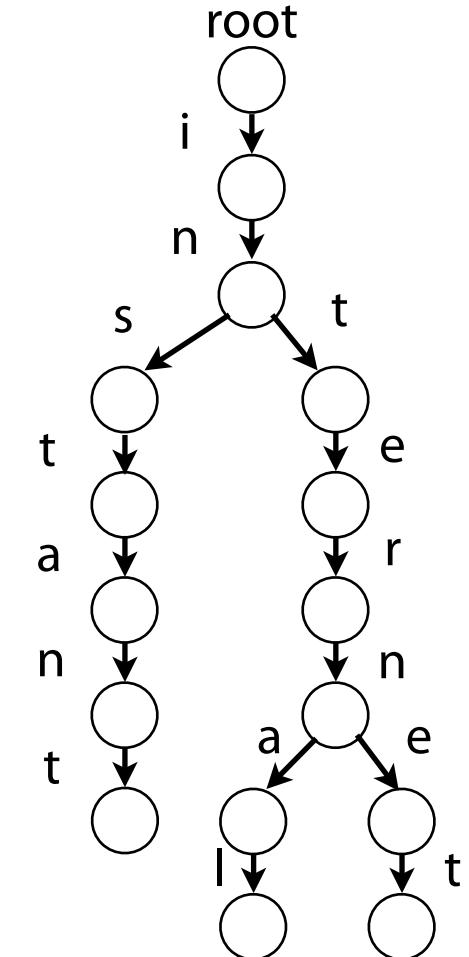
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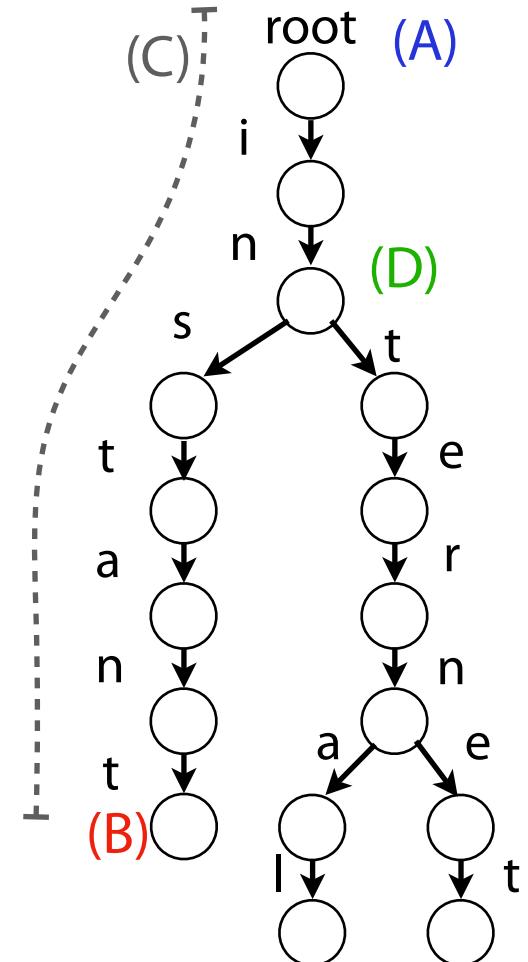
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Where should I store the value 1?



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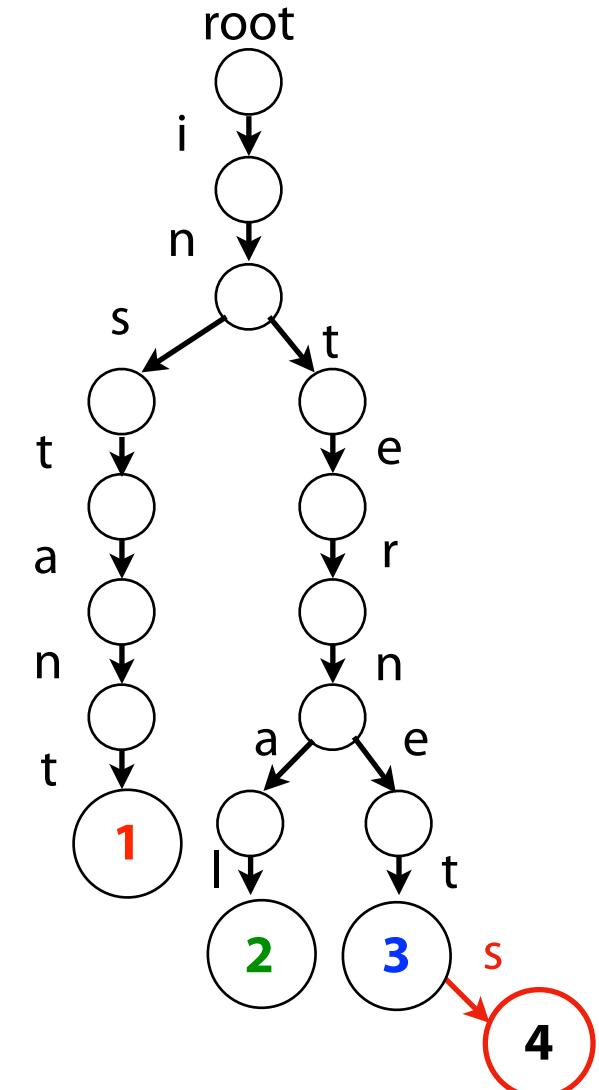
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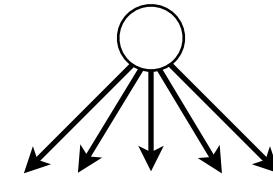


# The Node Implementation

Each node in my trie has  $\leq |\Sigma|$  edges!

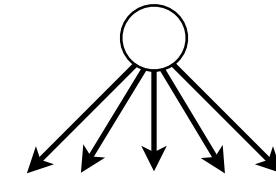
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How can we encode this?



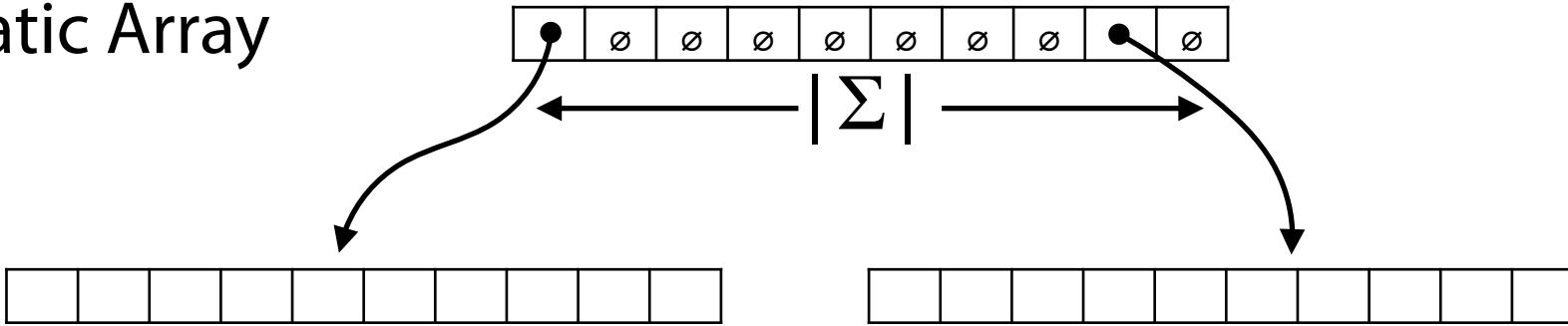
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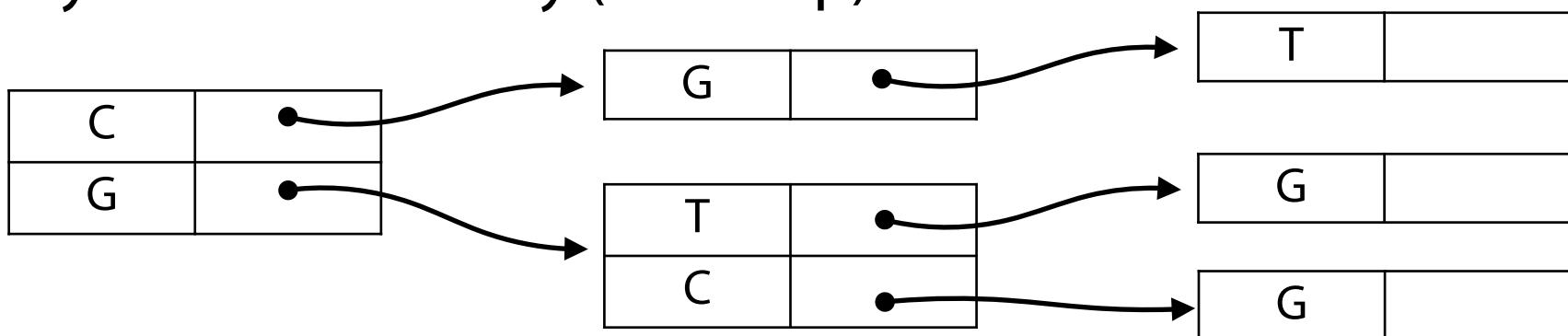


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1) Static Array



2) Dynamically-sized Dictionary (`std::map`)



# Trie Node Implementation

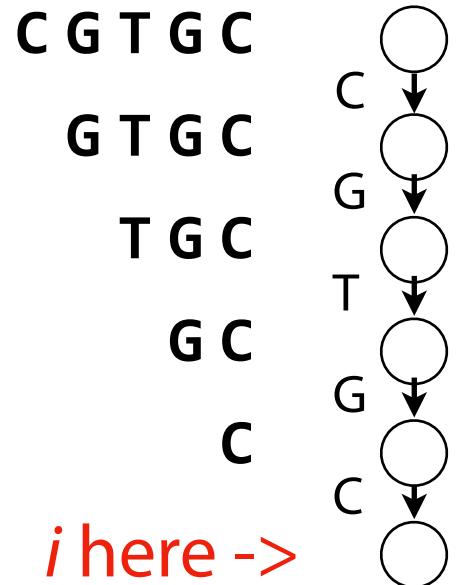
NaryTree.h

```
1 class NaryTree
2 {
3     public:
4         struct Node {
5             std::vector<int> index;
6             std::map<char, Node*> children;
7
8             Node(std::string s, int i)
9             {
10                 if(s.length() > 0 ){
11                     children[s[0]] = new Node(s.substr(1), i);
12                 } else {
13                     index.push_back(i);
14                 }
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What if we have more than one string?

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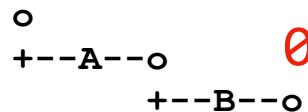
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13 myTree.insert("BAB",3);  
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x

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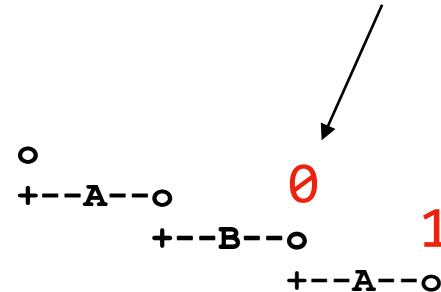


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Former leaf node, still holds value

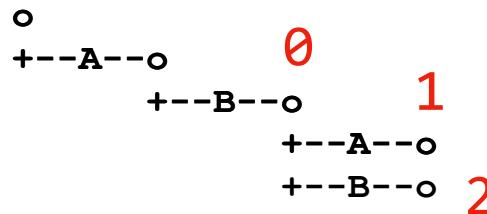


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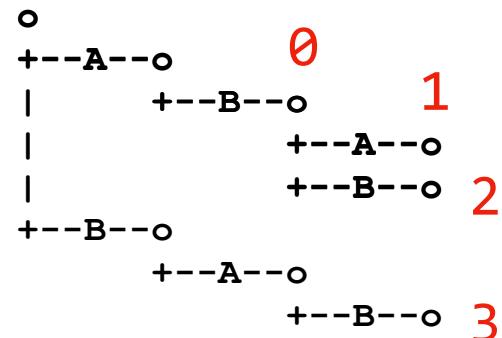
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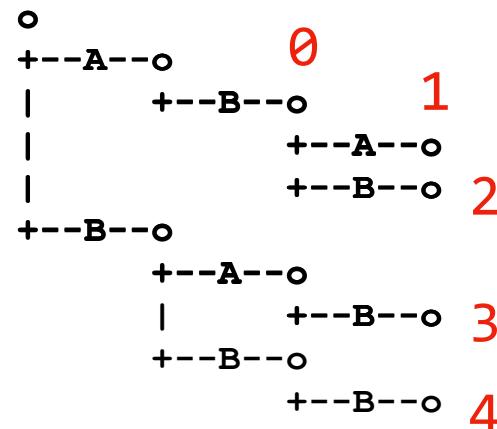
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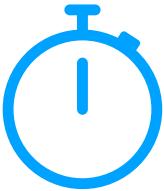
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# Trie Node Implementation



NaryTree.h

```
1 void NaryTree::insert(const std::string& s, int i)
2 {
3     insert(root, s, int i);
4 }
5
6 void NaryTree::insert(Node*& node, const std::string & s, int i)
7 {
8     // If we're at a NULL pointer, we make a new Node
9     if (node == NULL) {
10         node = new Node(s, i);
11     } else {
12         if(s.length() > 0 ){
13             if(node->children.count(s[0]) > 0){
14                 insert(node->children[s[0]],s.substr(1), i);
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# Assignment 5: a\_narytree

Learning Objective:

**Store all substrings in a trie using NaryTree implementation**

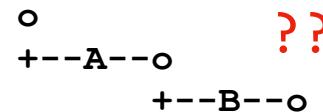
Implement exact pattern matching using this trie

Consider: How many insertions are we doing for each string?  
Is there a better or faster way to do this?

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+--A--o      0,2  
              +--B--o

# Searching a Trie

Given  $P$ , search the trie for keys and return values

Pattern: i n f e r

i n f e r

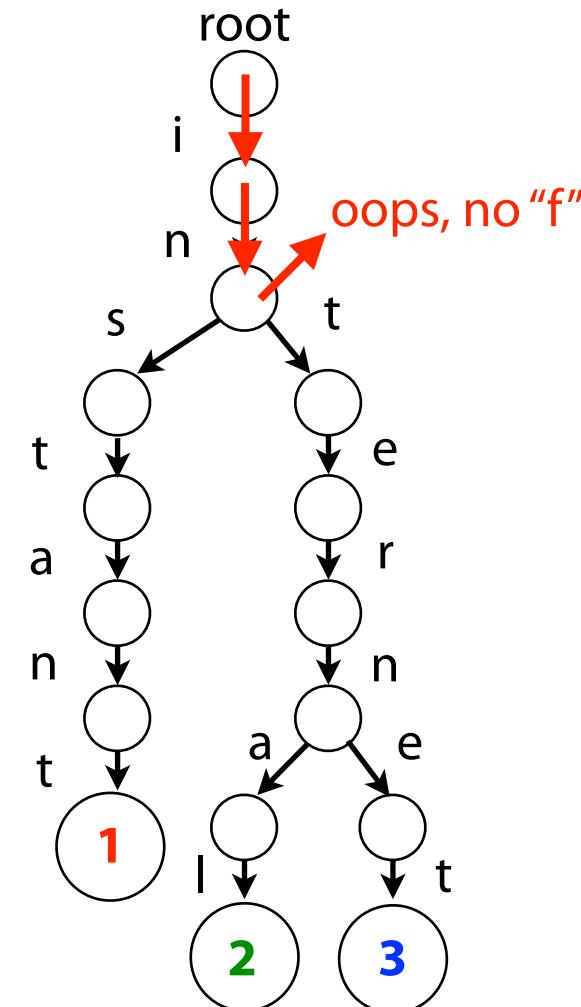
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Lets break that down using *recursion*:

Starting at root:

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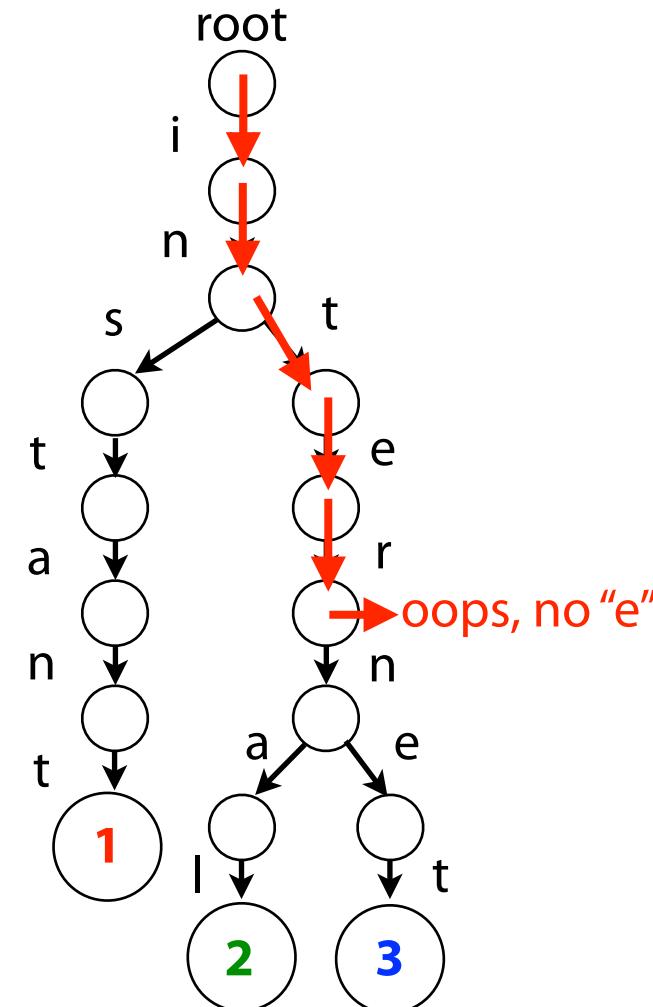
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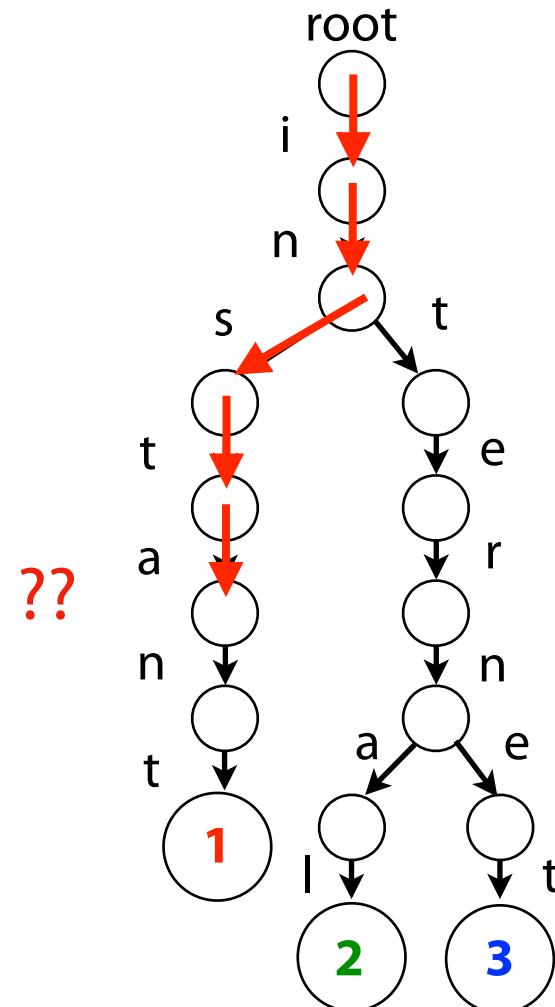
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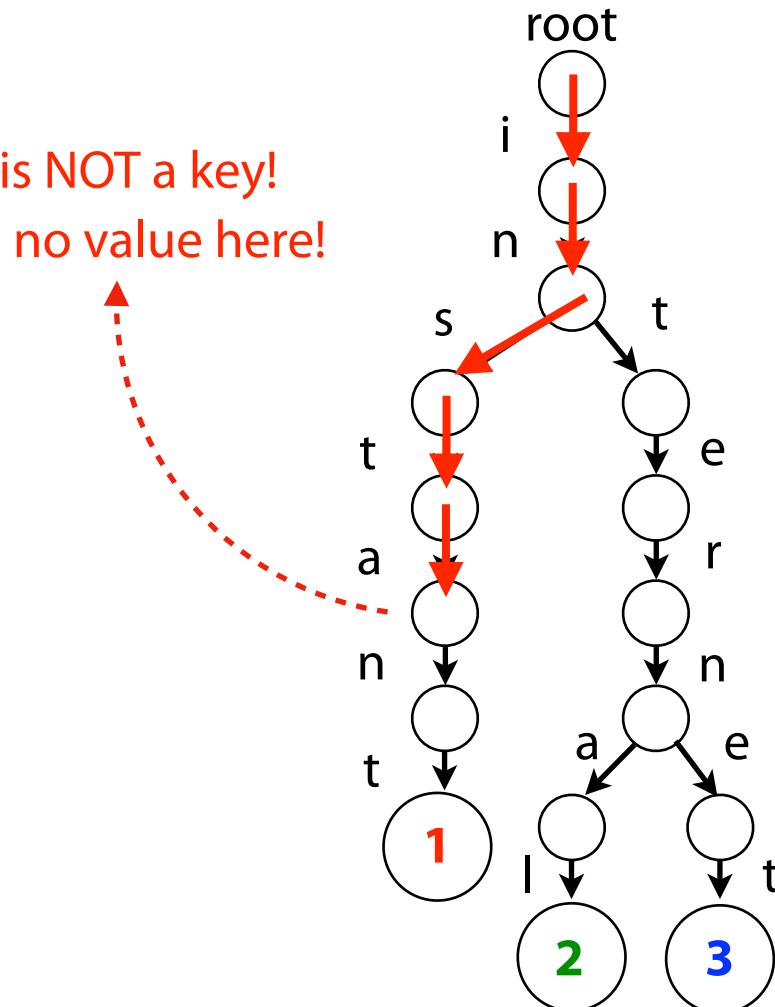
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internet

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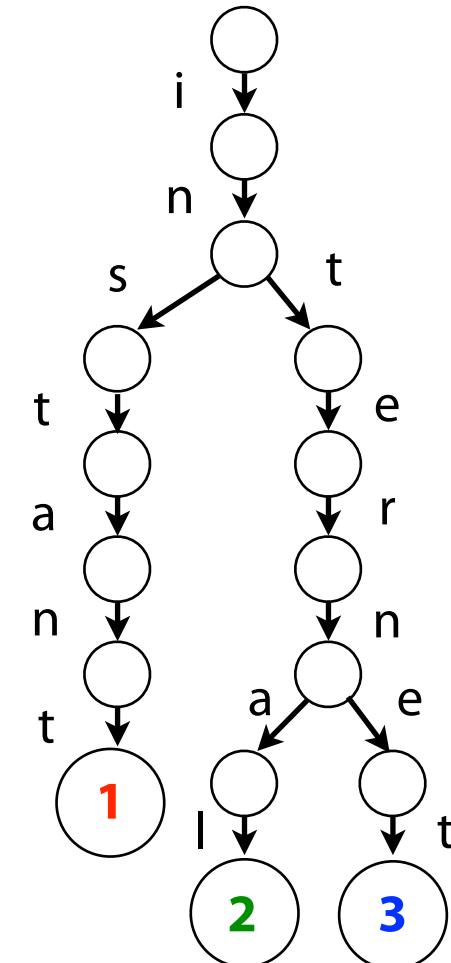
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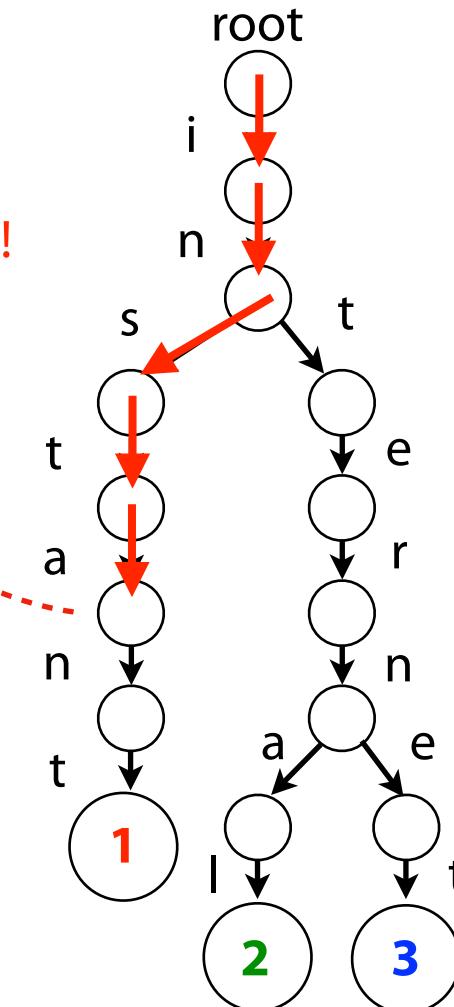
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Lets break that down using *recursion*:

Starting at root:

- (0) If we have no 'front' char, check value
  - (0.5) If no value,  $P$  is not a key!
  - (0.5) If value,  $P$  is a key, return value(s).
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# Searching a Trie



Given  $P$ , search the trie for keys and return values

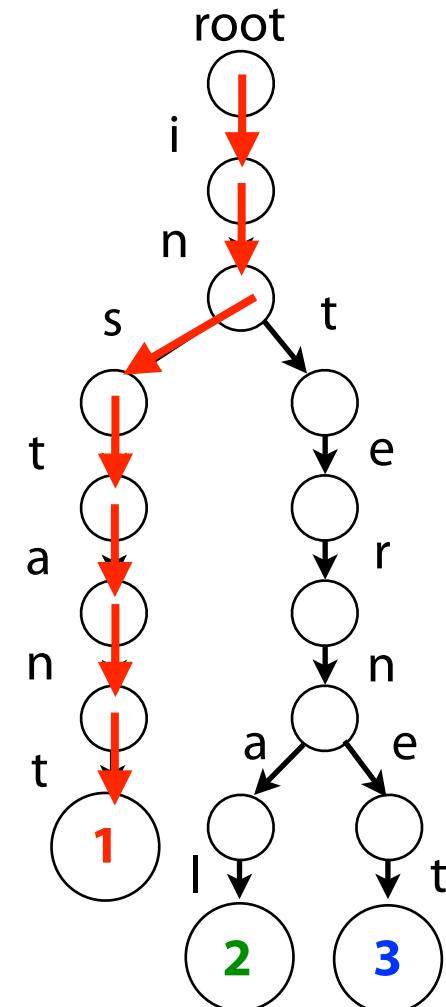
Pattern: instant

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Lets break that down using *recursion*:

Starting at root:

- (0) If we have no 'front' char, check value
  - (0.5) If no value,  $P$  is not a key.
  - (0.5) If value,  $P$  is a key, return value(s).
- (1) Try to match front character
- (2) If match, move to appropriate child
  - (2.5) Set pattern equal to remainder
  - (2.5) Go back to (1)
- (3) If mismatch,  $P$  is not a key!



# Assignment 5: a\_narytree



Learning Objective:

Store all substrings in a trie using NaryTree implementation

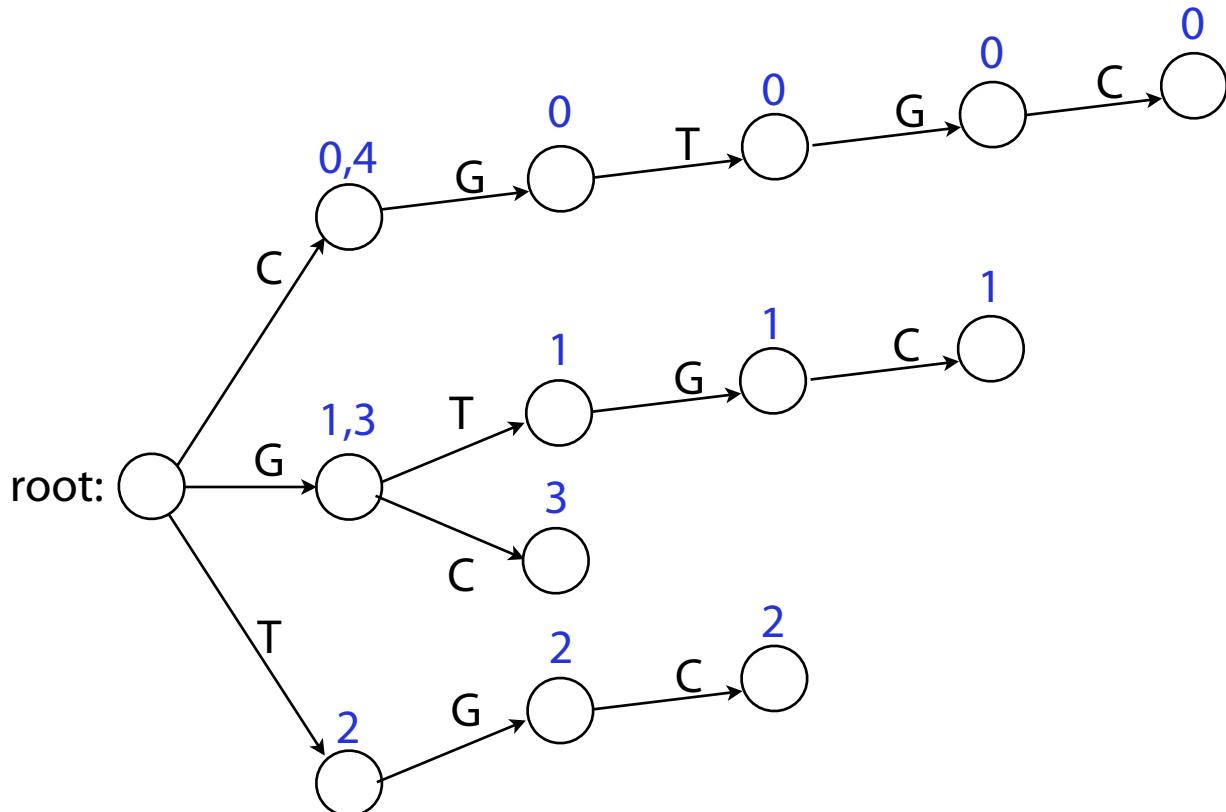
**Implement exact pattern matching using this trie**

Consider: How could we search the trie if we are only allowed to store one value in each node [instead of a vector of them]?

# Preprocessing for exact pattern matching

$T: C G T G C$

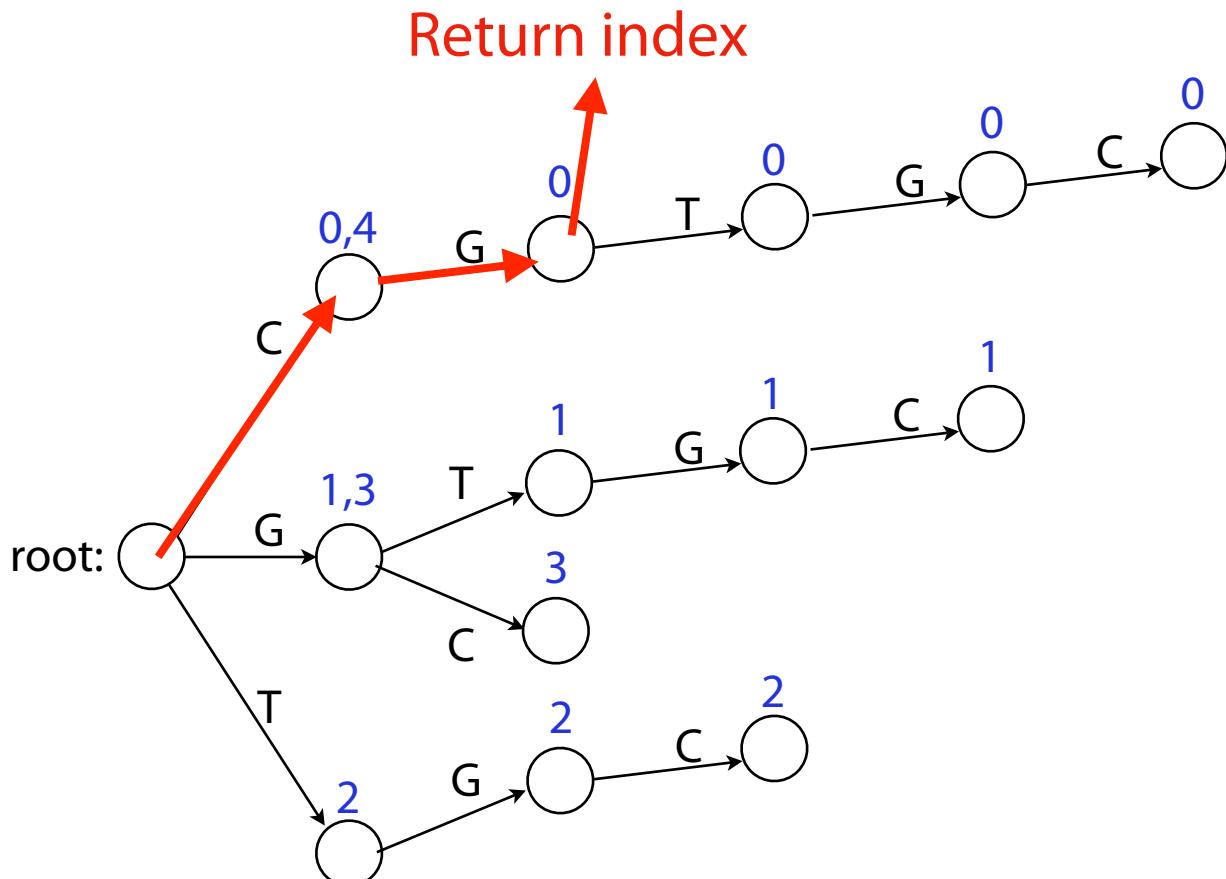
Key	Value
C	0
G	1
T	2
G	3
C	4
CG	0
GT	1
TG	2
...	...



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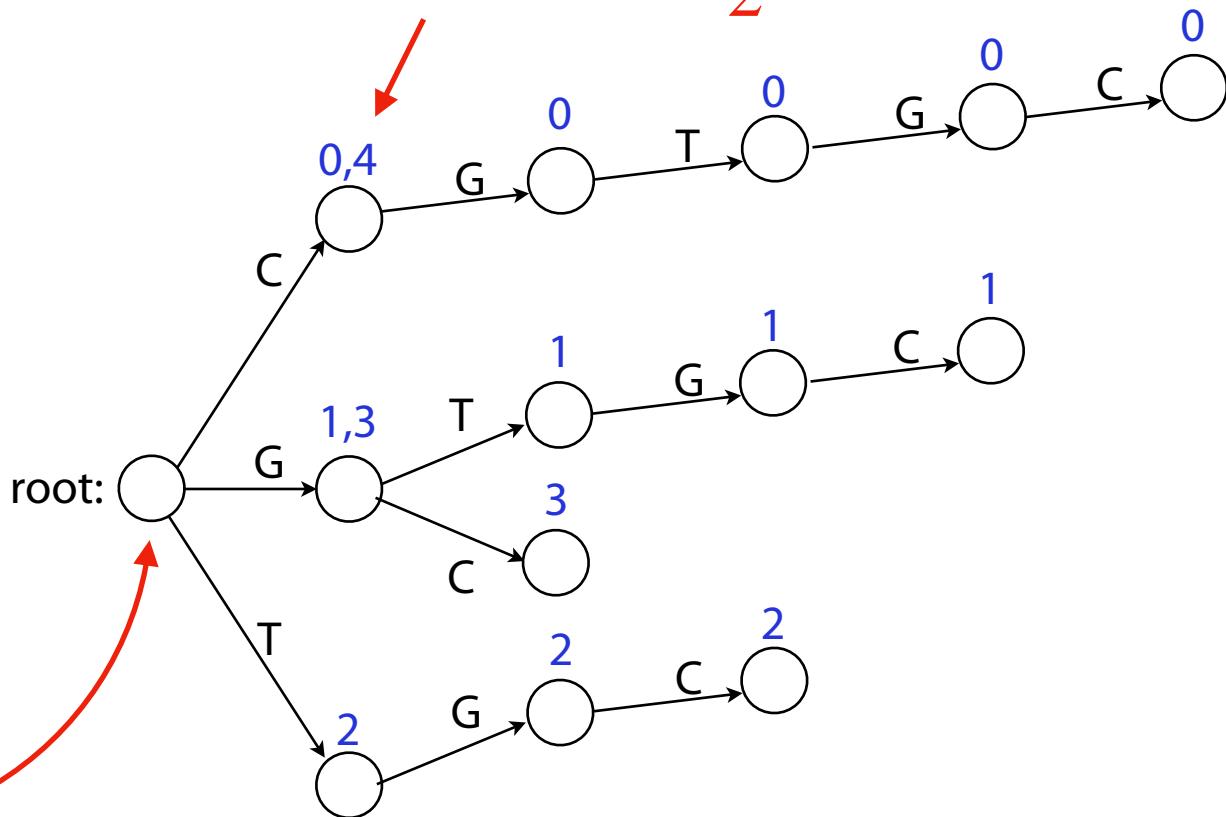
We can do exact pattern matching in  $O(P)$  time!

# Preprocessing for exact pattern matching

$T: C G T G C$

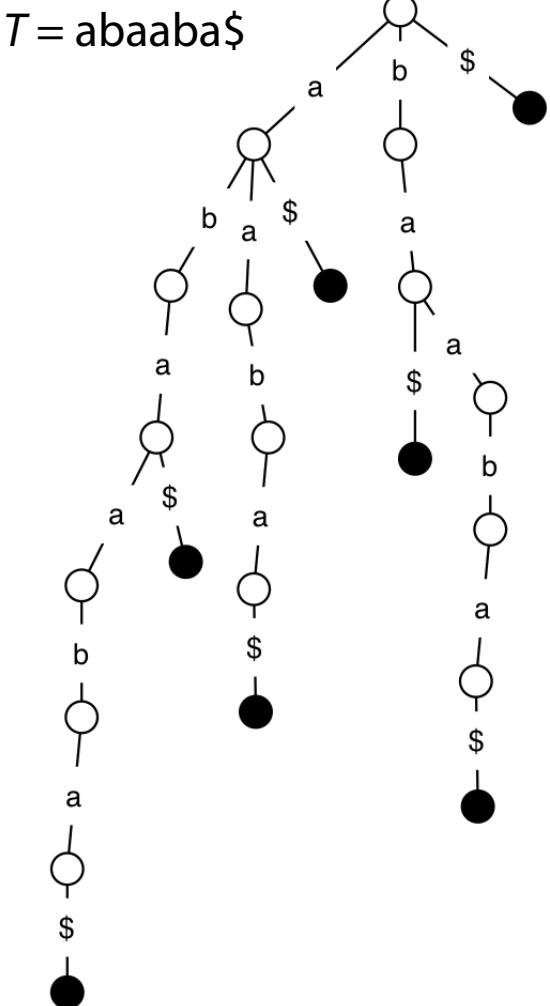
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We are storing  $\frac{|T|(|T| + 1)}{2}$  values



We had to do  $\frac{|T|(|T| + 1)}{2}$  insertions

# Preprocessing for exact pattern matching

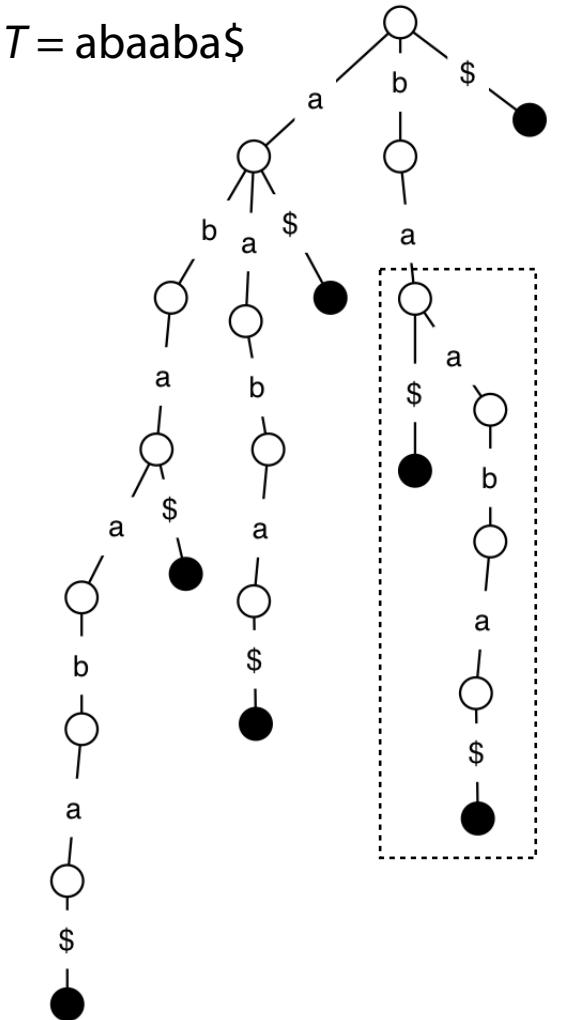


If only there was a way...

*to insert fewer strings*

*to store fewer values*

# Preprocessing for exact pattern matching



If only there was a way...

*to insert fewer strings*

*to store fewer values*

*to be even more efficient!*

