# New Efficient Bit-Parallel Algorithms for the $\delta$ -Matching Problem with $\alpha$ -Bounded Gaps in Musical Sequences

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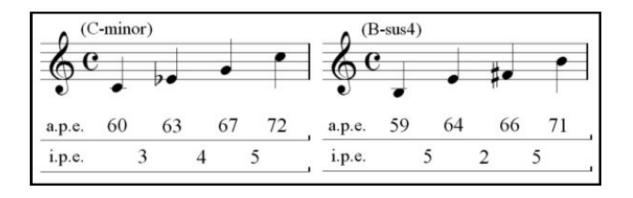
#### Abstract

We present new efficient variants of the  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Sequential-Sampling algorithm, recently introduced by the authors, for the  $\delta$ -approximate string matching problem with  $\alpha$ -bounded gaps. These algorithms, which have practical applications in music information retrieval and analysis, make use of the well-known technique of bit-parallelism. An extensive comparison with the most efficient algorithms present in the literature for the same search problem shows that our newly proposed solutions achieve very good results in practice, in terms of both space and time complexity, and, in most cases, they outperform existing algorithms.

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#### δ-matching

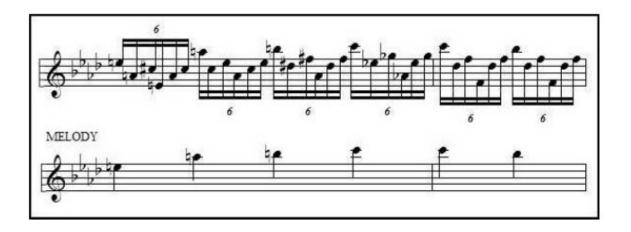
musical sequences have a  $\delta$ -approximate matching if they have the same length (i.e., they contain the same number of notes) and notes at the same positions differ by at most  $\delta$  semitones



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#### $\delta$ -matching with $\alpha$ -bounded gaps

It is allowed in the musical sequence to skip up to a fixed number  $\alpha$  of notes (the gap) between any two consecutive positions.



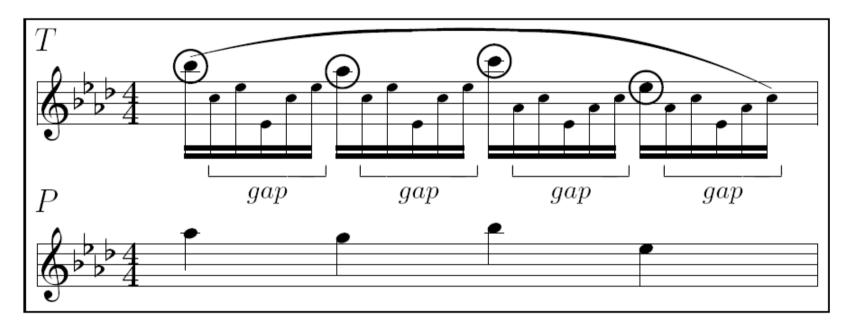


Figure 1. An excerpt from study Op. 25 Nr. 1 for Piano Solo by F. Chopin (first score). Melody P has a  $\delta$ -approximate occurrence with  $\alpha$ -bounded gaps in T, for  $\delta \geq 2$  and  $\alpha \geq 5$ , indicated by the circled notes. Tiny notes represent arpeggios and form the gaps. Notice that in this case the gaps are all of the same size 5. Observe also that the first and the third note of P differ from the corresponding matchings in T (circled notes) by 2 semitones; the second note differ by 1 semitone, while the last note equals its matching. In any case, the difference between a note and its matching does not exceed 2 semitones, so that we have a  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -occurrence of P in T, for any  $\delta \geq 2$  and  $\alpha \geq 5$ .



Figure 3: An excerpt of a piece of J.S. Bach (first score). The second score shows how the musical ornaments must be played. Two musical ornaments are present: a *mordent*, attached to the  $4^{th}$  note; a *trill*, attached to the  $11^{th}$  note.

#### The $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Shift-And Algorithm

The problem can be solved in O(n)-time by simulating the behavior of an automaton which recognizes the pattern P. The  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Shift-And algorithm [1], uses bit-parallelism to simulate the automaton in its nondeterministic form. This simulation is performed by representing the automata as a list of m $\alpha$  bits, where m $\alpha$  is the number of states of the automata, and each state corresponds to a bit in the list.

(δ,α)-Shift-Aı	nd
Preprocessing Time Complexity	$O(m\alpha \Sigma )$
Searching Time Complexity	$O(\lceil mn/w \rceil)$
Space Complexity	$O(m\alpha \Sigma )$

[1] D. Cantone, S. Cristofaro, and S. Faro: On tuning the  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -sequential-sampling algorithm for  $\delta$ -approximate matching with  $\alpha$ -bounded gaps in musical sequences, in Proceedings of 6-th International Conference on Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR'05), S. D. Reiss and G. A. Wiggins, eds., 2005, pp. 454–459.

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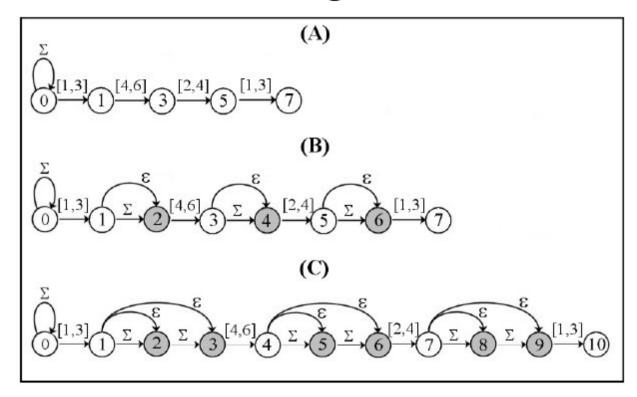


Figure 5: Three non-deterministic automata of the numeric pattern P = 2, 5, 3, 2 for approximate matching with  $\delta = 1$ . (A) non-deterministic automata with  $\alpha = 0$  (B) non-deterministic automata with  $\alpha = 1$  (C) non-deterministic automata with  $\alpha = 2$ 

#### The DA-mloga-bits Algorithm

The DA-mloga-bits algorithm [2] is based on a compact representation, in the form of a systolic array, of the nondeterministic automaton used in the algorithm  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Shift-And. The systolic array is composed of m building blocks, one for each symbol of the pattern, and is represented as a bit mask of length  $(m-1)(\lceil \log(\alpha+1) \rceil)+1$ .

DA-mloga-bi	ts
Worst Case Complexity	$\mathcal{O}(n \lceil (m \log_2 \alpha) / w \rceil)$
Space Complexity	$\mathcal{O}(\lceil (m \log_2 \alpha) / w \rceil)$

[2] K. Fredriksson and S. Grabowski: Efficient bit-parallel algorithms for  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -matching, in Proceedings of 5-th Workshop on Efficient and Experimental Algorithms, LNCS 4007, Springer–Verlag, 2006, pp. 170–181.

## The $\delta$ -Bounded-Gaps Algorithm

The  $\delta$ -Bonded-Gaps algorithm **[3]** is presented as an incremental procedure, based on the dynamic programming approach.

More specifically:

- it starts by first computing all the  $\delta$ -occurrences with  $\alpha$ -bounded gaps in T of the prefix of P of length 1.
- then, during the i-th iteration, it looks for all the  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -occurrences in T of the prefix of P of lerngth i.
- at the end of the last iteration, the  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -occurrences of the whole pattern P have been computed.

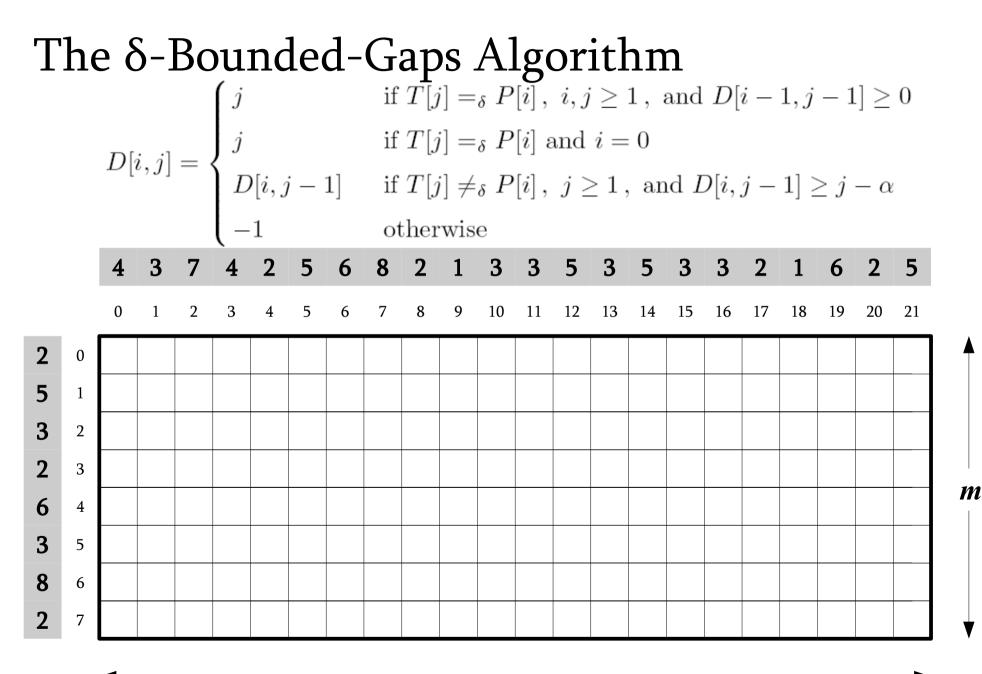
[**3**] M. Crochemore, C. S. Iliopoulos, Y. J. Pinzon, and W. Rytter: Finding motifs with gaps, in Proceedings of the International Symposium on Music Information Retrieval (ISMIR'00), Plymouth, USA, 2000, pp. 306–317.

#### The $\delta$ -Bounded-Gaps Algorithm

More specifically, the algorithm  $\delta$ -Bounded-Gaps fills a matrix D of dimension  $m \times n$ , where D[i, j] is computed according to the following recursive relation:

$$D[i,j] = \begin{cases} j & \text{if } T[j] =_{\delta} P[i], \ i,j \ge 1 \,, \text{ and } D[i-1,j-1] \ge 0 \\ j & \text{if } T[j] =_{\delta} P[i] \text{ and } i = 0 \\ D[i,j-1] & \text{if } T[j] \neq_{\delta} P[i] \,, \ j \ge 1 \,, \text{ and } D[i,j-1] \ge j - \alpha \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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# The SD-Simple Algorithm

The SD-Simple algorithm [4] inherits the basic idea from the  $\delta$ -Bounded-Gaps algorithm and uses bit-parallelism to compute an m×n bit-matrix in combination with sparse dynamic programming techniques Basically, the algorithm partitions each row of the matrix as a sequence of [n/w] consecutive bit masks, each of which represents a group of w bits on that row. The SD-Simple algorithm turns out to be among the most efficient ones, in terms of running time, in many practical cases, especially for small values of  $\alpha$ 

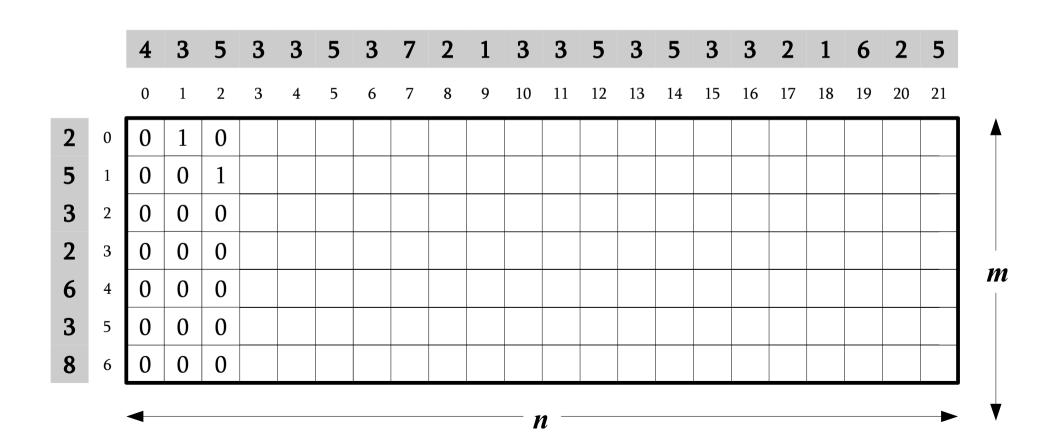
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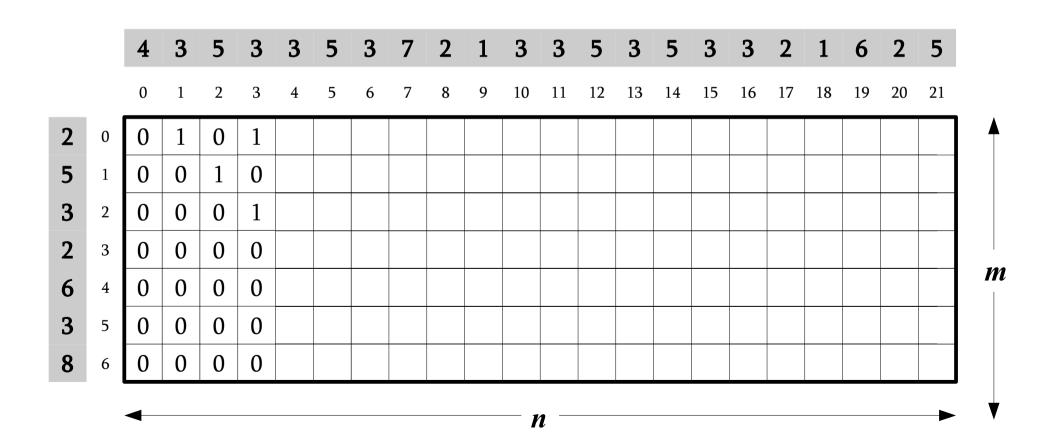
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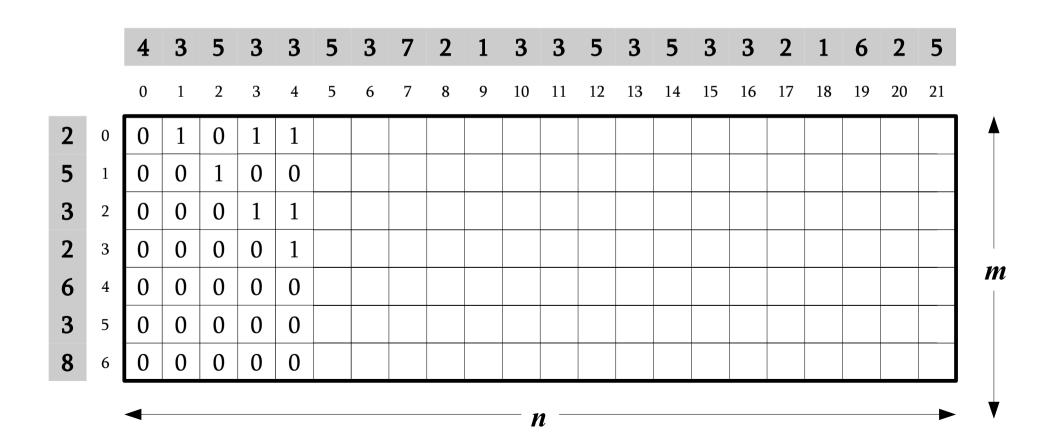
The  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Sequential-Sampling algorithm [**5**] is based on dynamic programming and scans the text T from left to right and for each position i of T it looks for the  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -occurrences at position i of all prefixes of the pattern P. The  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Sequential-Sampling algorithm has an O(nm) running time and requires O(m $\alpha$ )space. A much more efficient variant of it is the  $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Tuned-Sequential-Sampling algorithm, which has an average case running time of O(n), in the case in which  $\alpha$  is assumed constant.

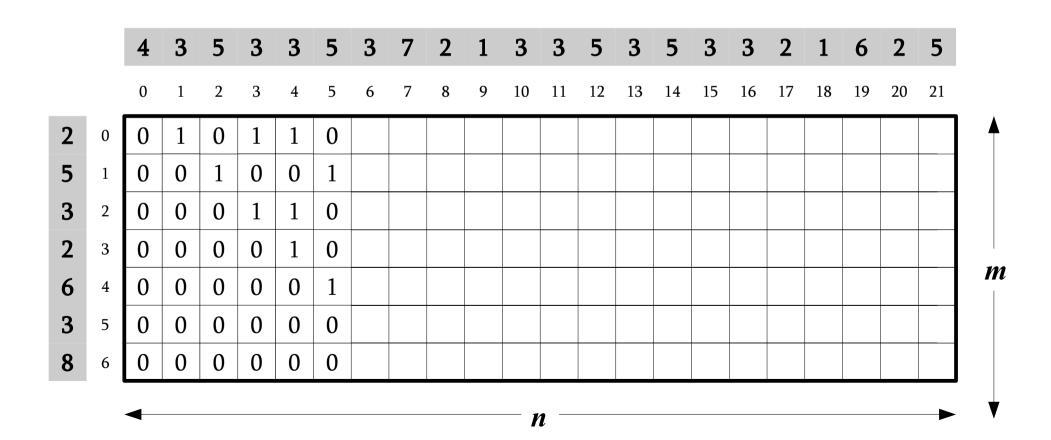
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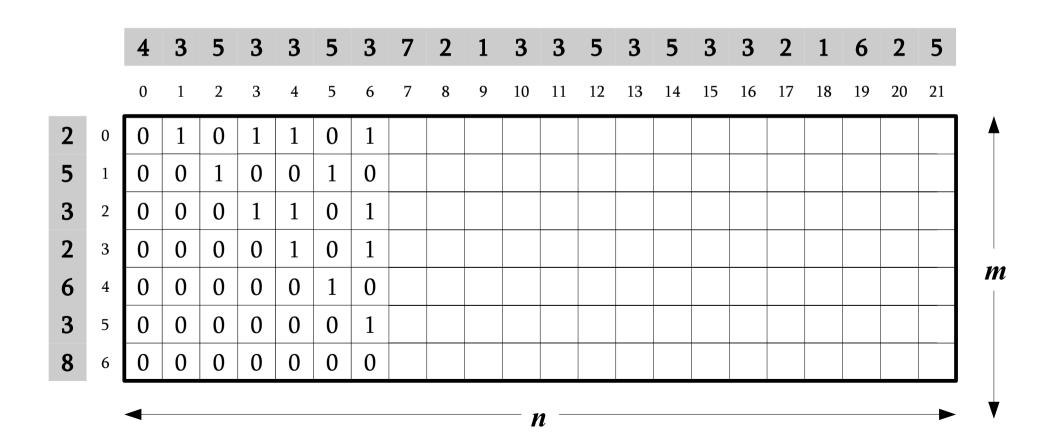
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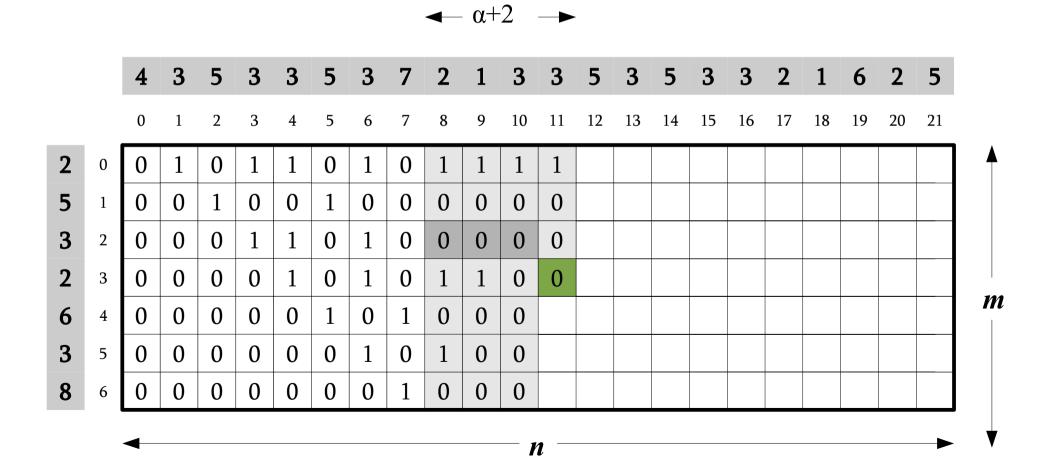


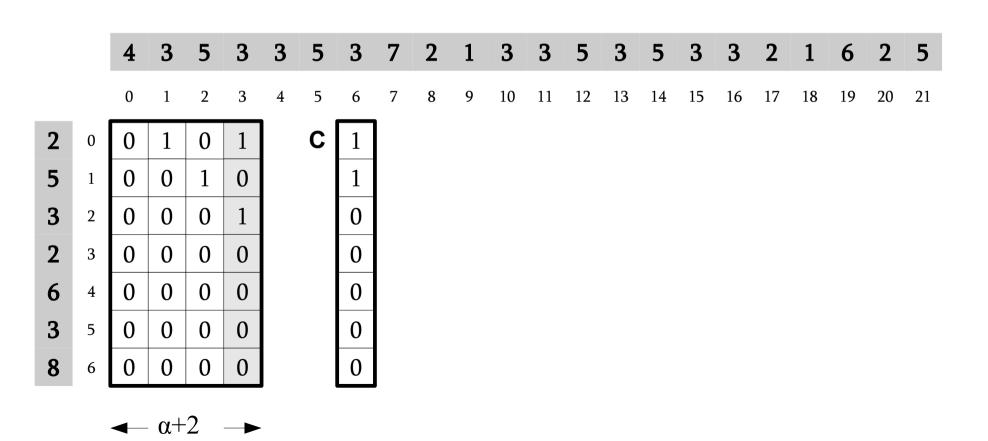






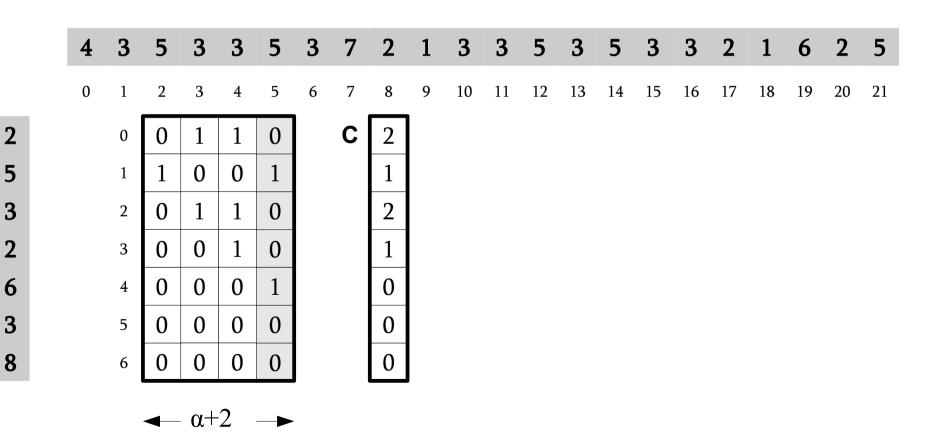


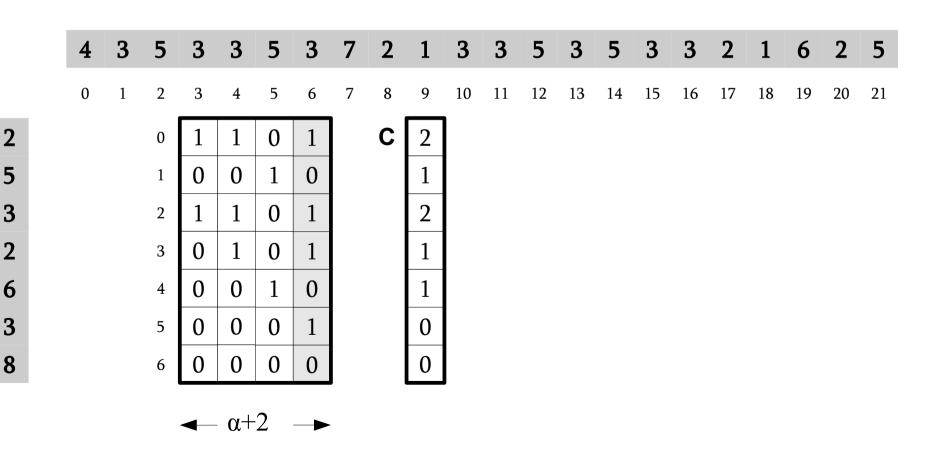


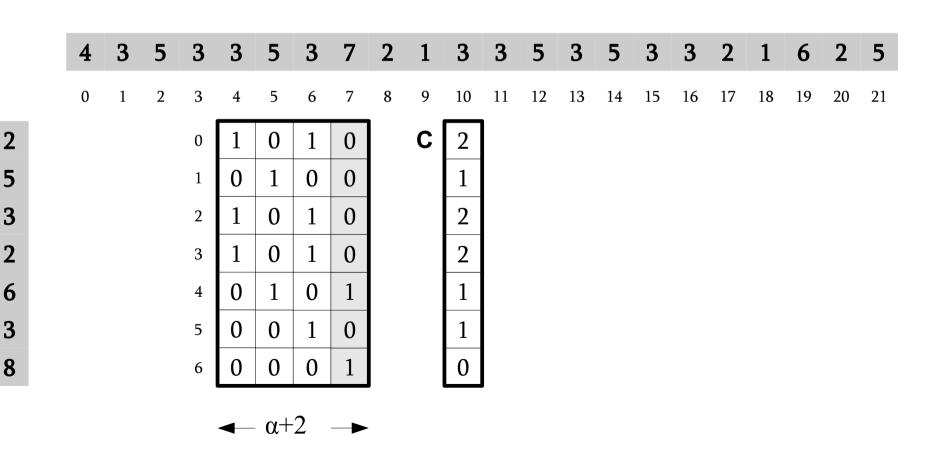


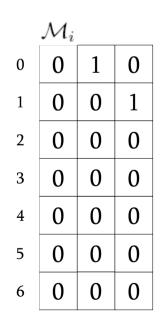
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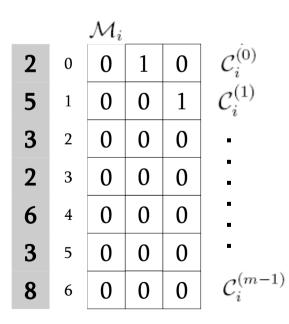
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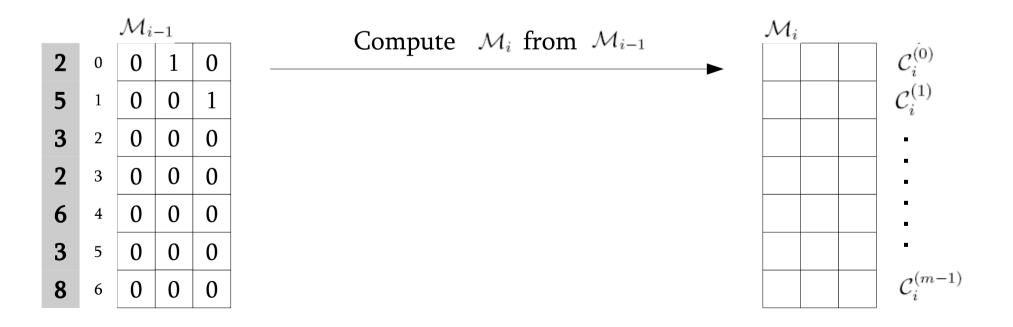




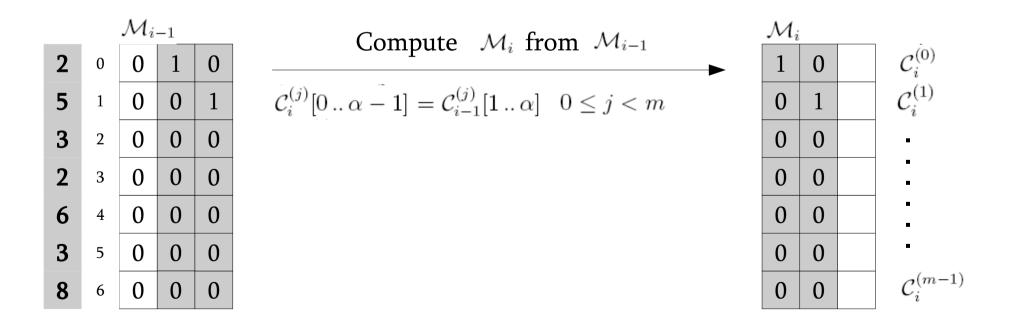




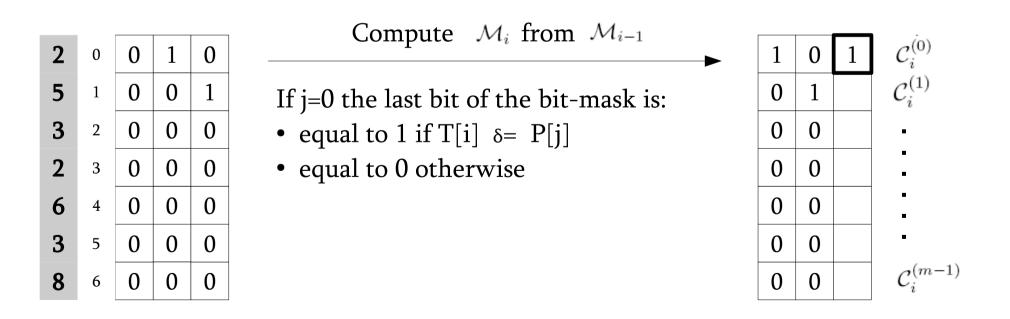


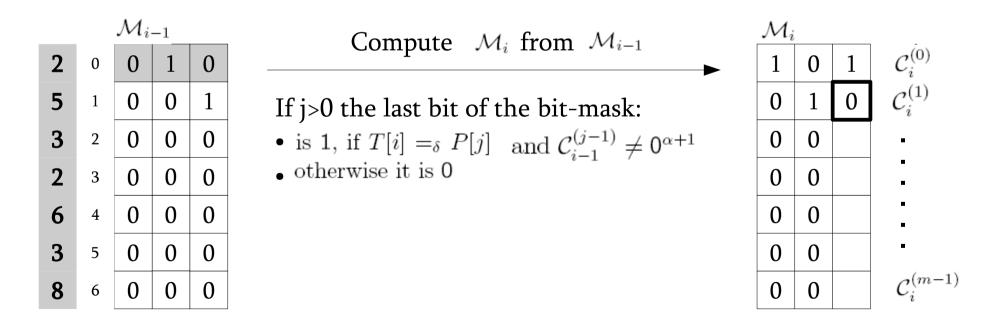


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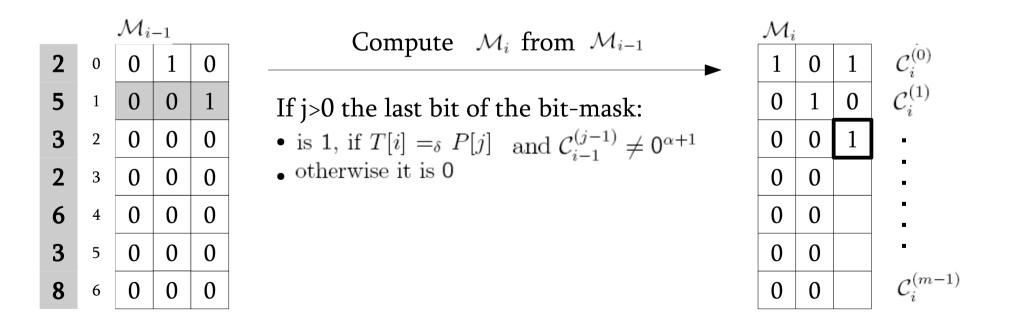


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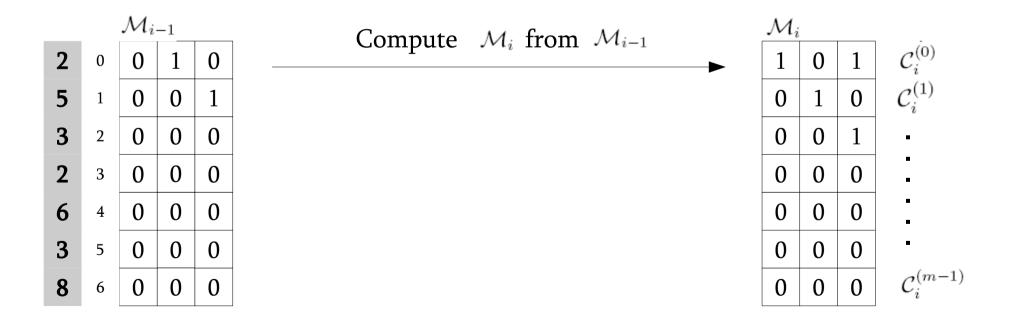


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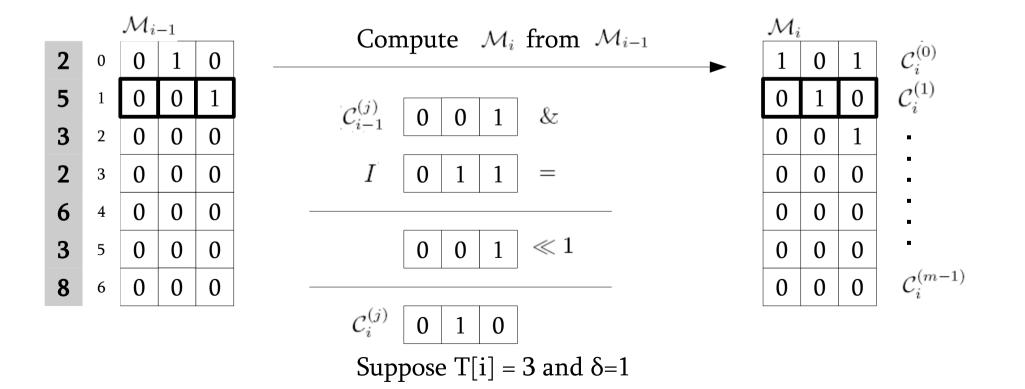
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• This algorithm improves the space complexity to  $O(m[\alpha/w])$ 

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• However, we notice that in almost all practical applications in music information retrieval the value of the gap bound  $\alpha$  is at most 10 (or less), therefore smaller than the size w of a computer word (which is 32 or 64)

 $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Sequential-Sampling-HBP $(P, m, T, n, \delta, \alpha)$ 

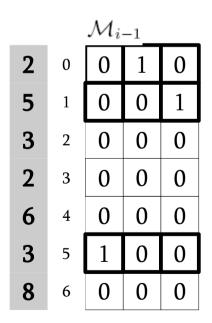
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 to  $m - 1$  do  
2.  $C[i] := 0^{\alpha+1}$   
3.  $I := 01^{\alpha}$   
4. for  $i := 0$  to  $n - 1$  do  
5. for  $j := m - 1$  downto 1 do  
6.  $C[j] := (C[j] \& I) \ll 1$   
7. if  $T[i] =_{\delta} P[j]$  AND  $C[j - 1] \neq 0^{\alpha+1}$   
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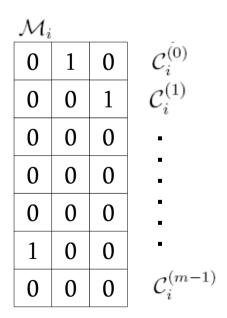
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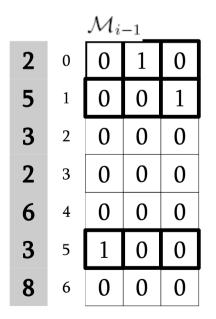
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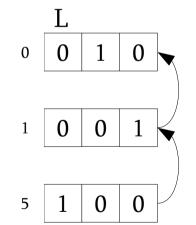
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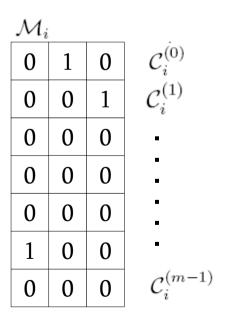




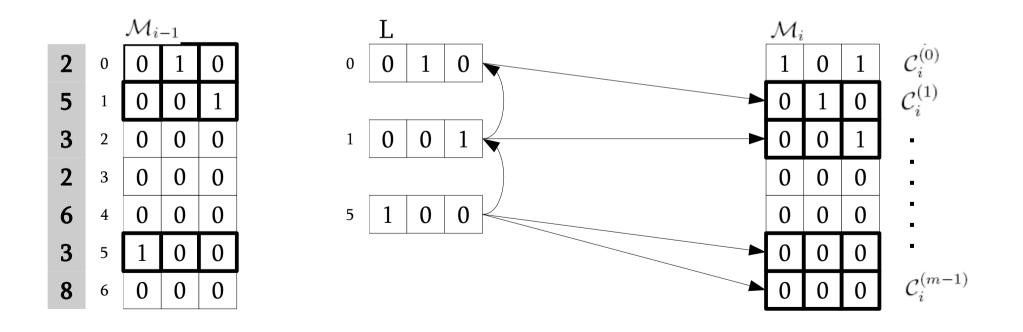
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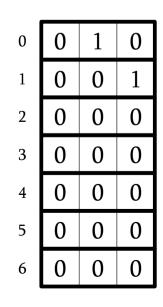


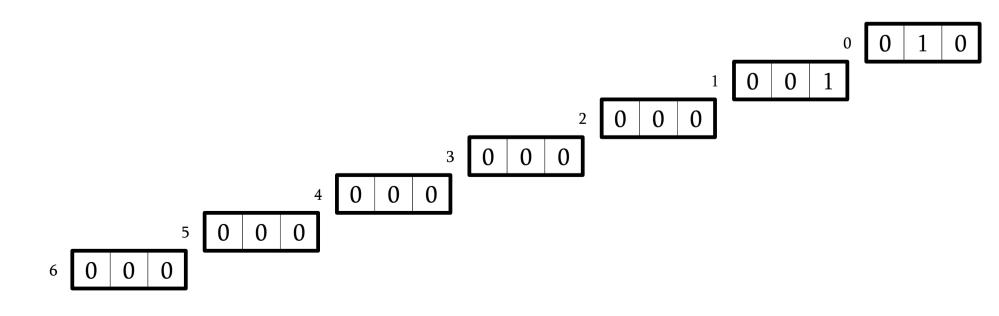
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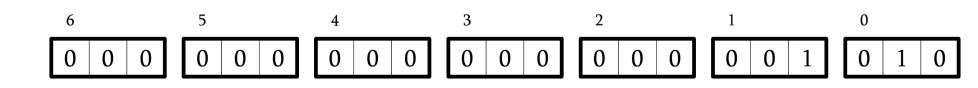


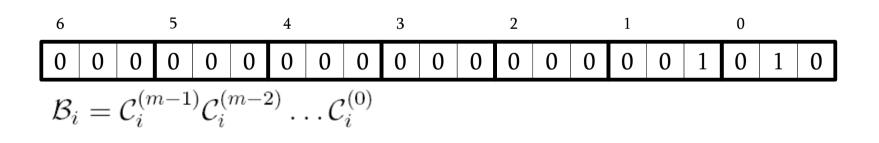
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 1.
    next[0] := next[m] := m
 2.
 3. I := 01^{\alpha}
 4.
    for i := 0 to n - 1 do
 5.
    p := m
    j := next[p]
 6.
 7.
     while i < m do
 8.
           if j < m-1 and T[i] =_{\delta} P[j+1] then
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 9.
             if p > i + 1 then
10.
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11.
12.
                next[j+1] := j
                p := i + 1
13.
          C[j] := (C[j] \& I) \ll 1
14.
           if C[j] = 0^{\alpha+1} then next[p] := next[j]
15.
          else p := j
16.
17.
        j := next[p]
        if T[i] =_{\delta} P[0] then
18.
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19.
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20.
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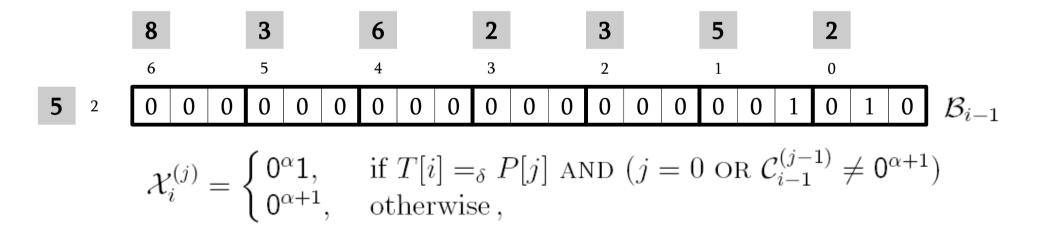
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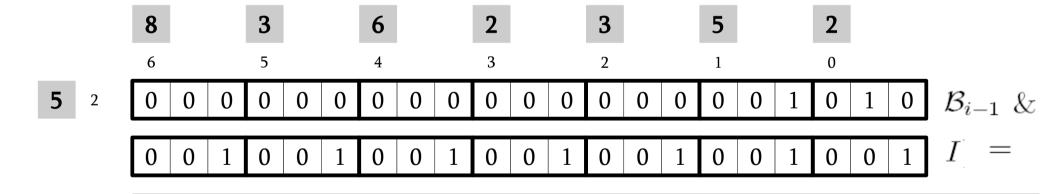


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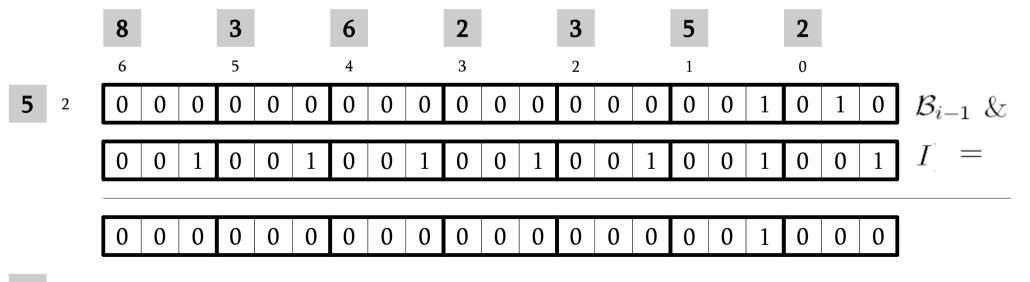
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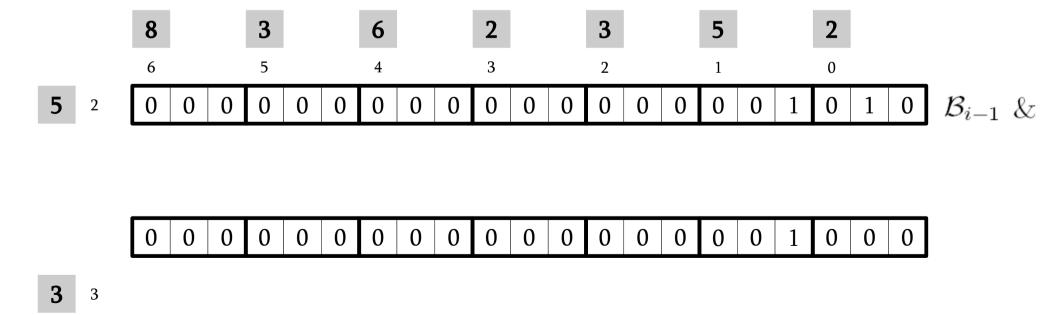
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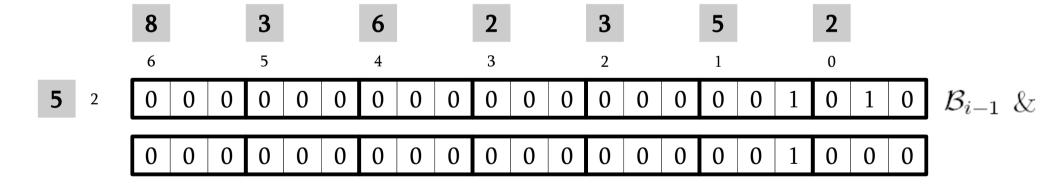
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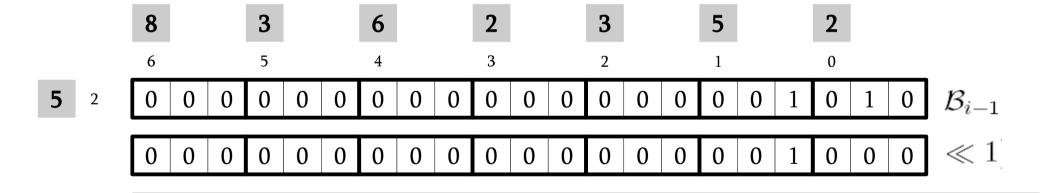
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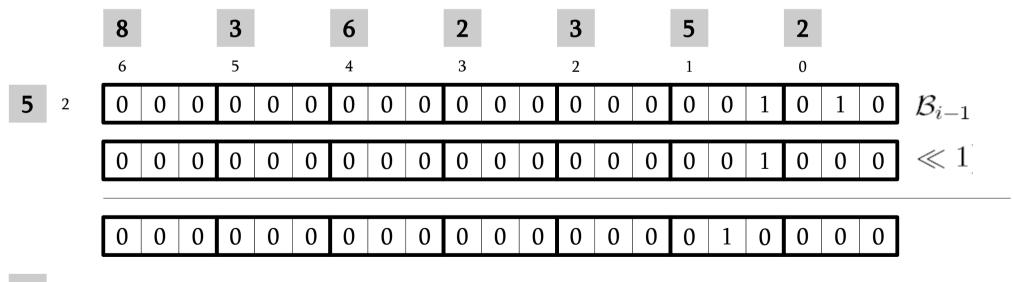
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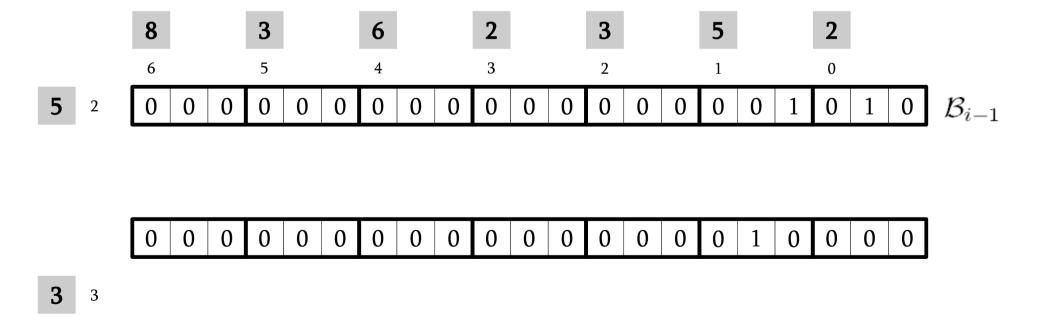
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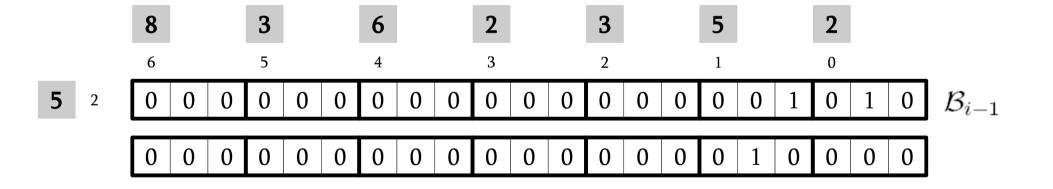
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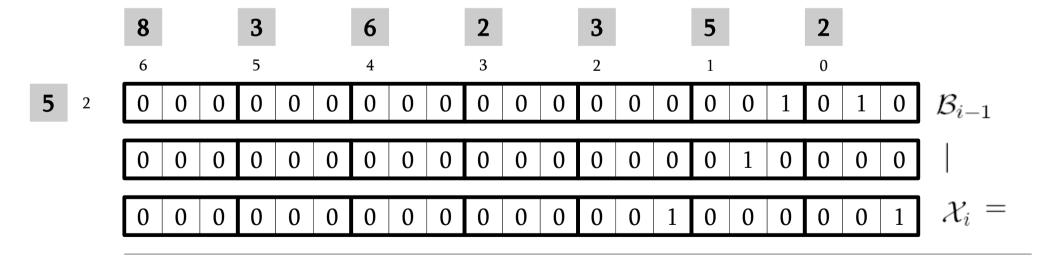
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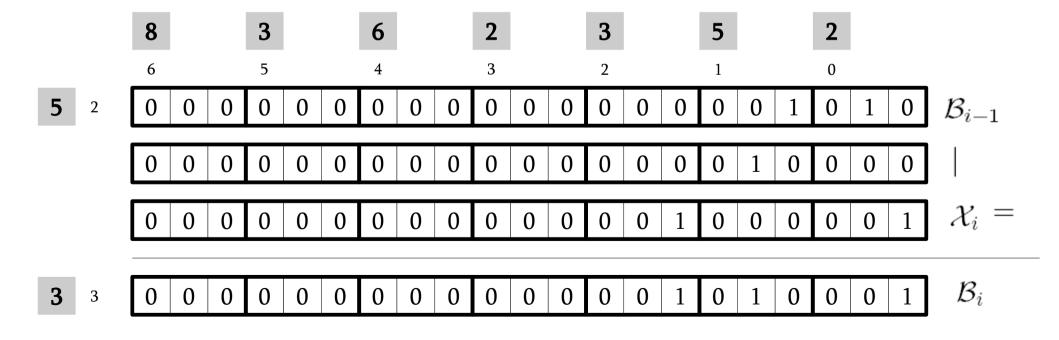
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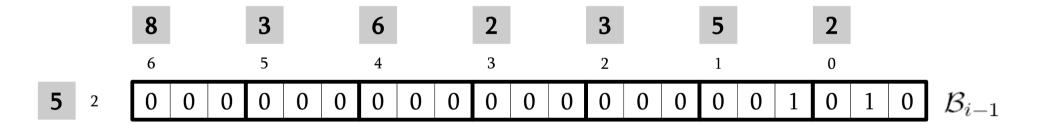
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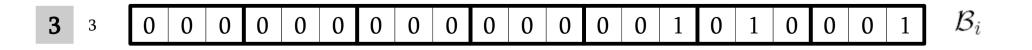
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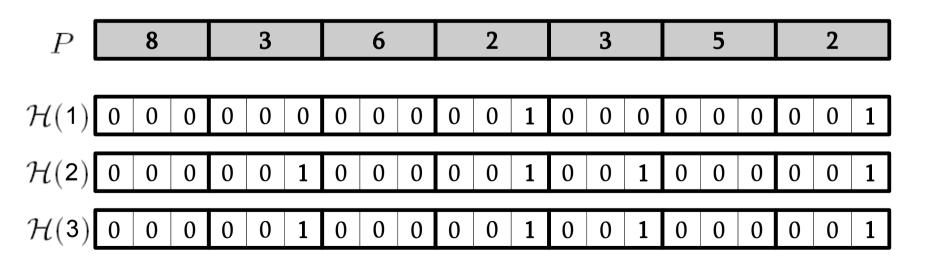




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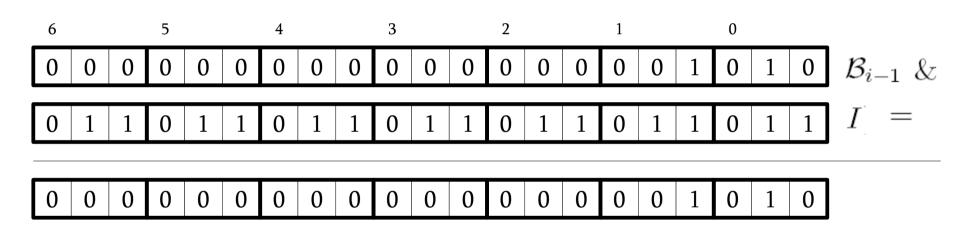
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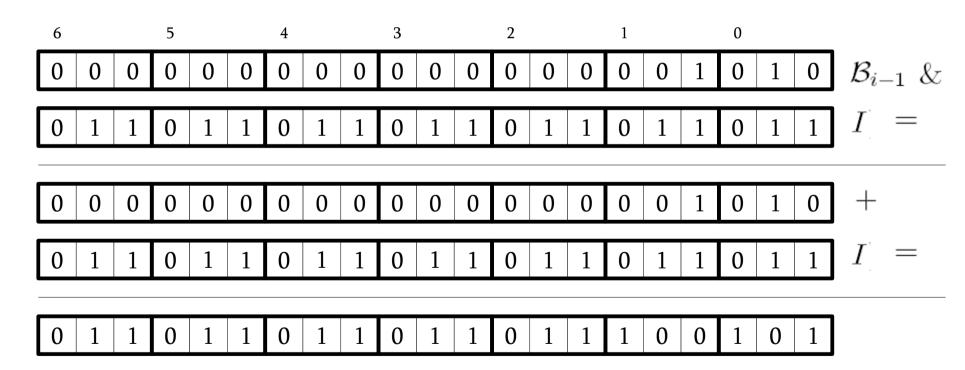
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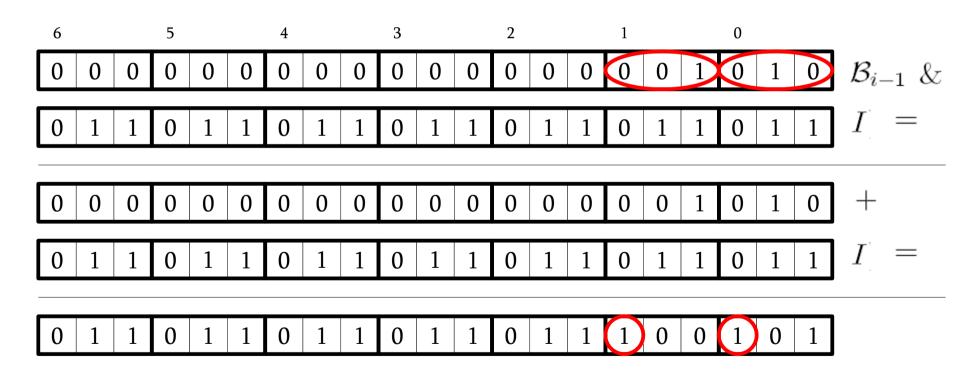
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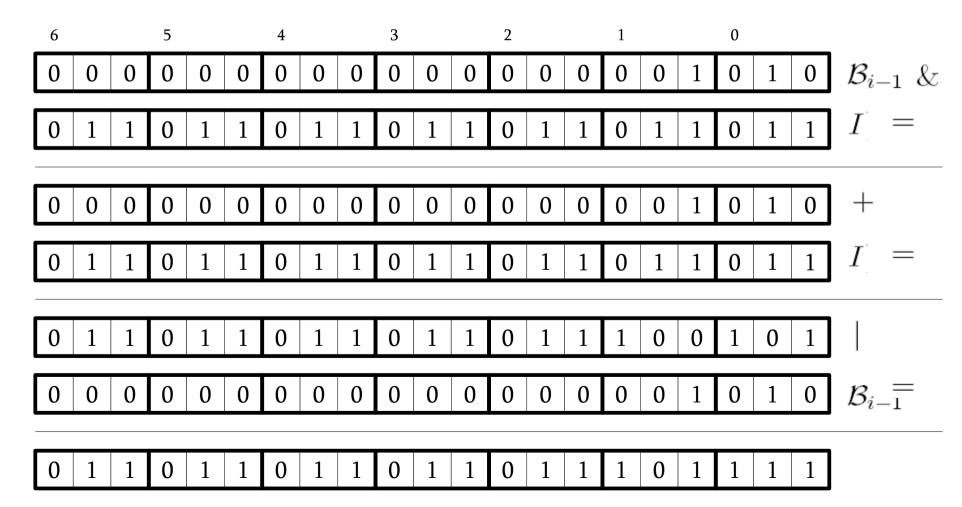
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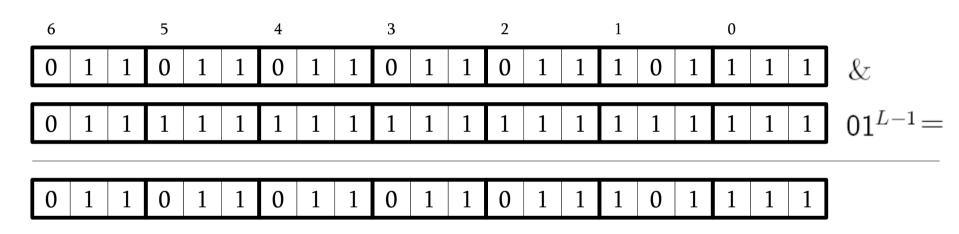
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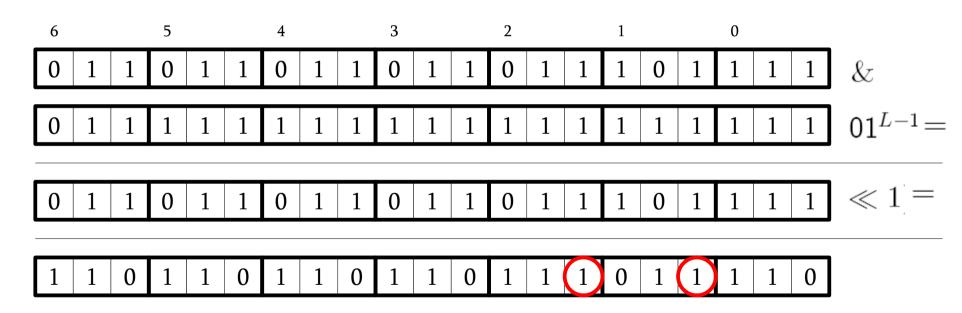
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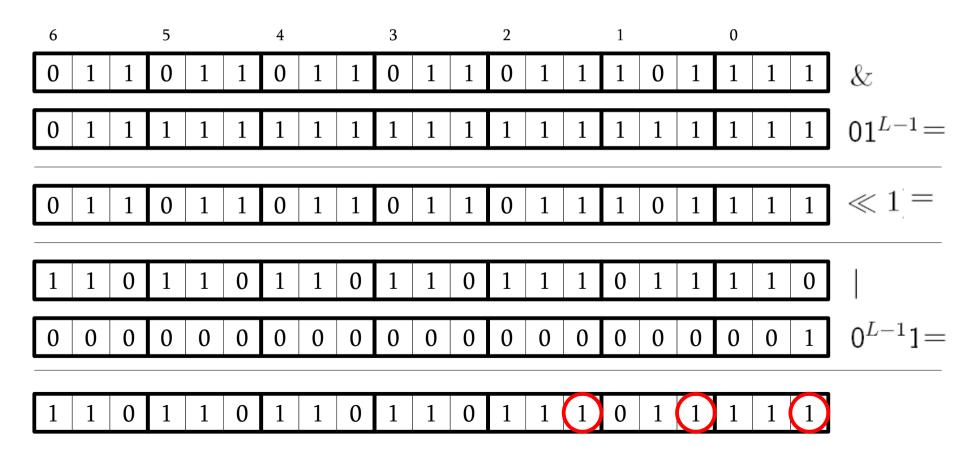
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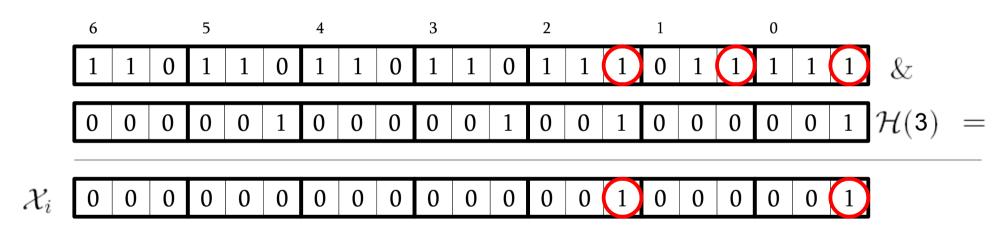
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**Time Complexity** 

 $\mathcal{O}((\sigma + n + m\delta)[(m\alpha)/w])$ 

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 $\mathcal{O}(\sigma[(m\alpha)/w])$ 

## The $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Sequential-Sampling-BP

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1. 
$$L := (\alpha + 1)m$$
  
2. for  $s \in \Sigma$  do  $H[s] := 0^{L}$   
3.  $I := 0^{L-\alpha}1^{\alpha}$   
4.  $U := 0^{L-1}1$   
5. for  $j := 0$  to  $m - 1$  do  
6. for  $s \in \Sigma \cap [P[j] - \delta ... P[j] + \delta]$  do  
7.  $H[s] := H[s] | U$   
8. if  $j < m - 1$  then  
9.  $I := (I \ll (\alpha + 1)) | 0^{L-\alpha}1^{\alpha}$   
10.  $U := U \ll (\alpha + 1)$   
11.  $F := 01^{L-1}$   
12.  $B := 0^{L}$   
13. for  $i := 0$  to  $n - 1$  do  
14.  $W := ((B \& I) + I) | B$   
15.  $X := (((W \& F) \ll 1) | 0^{L-1}1) \& H[T[i]]$   
16.  $B := ((B \& I) \ll 1) | X$   
17. if  $(B \& U) \neq 0^{L}$  then print $(i)$ 

# **Experimental Results**

We have performed two main sets of experimental data:

#### **ES1:** (for general length patterns)

- $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Tuned-Sequential-Sampling-HBP algorithm (TSS-HBP)
- SDP-Simple algorithm

**ES2:** (for short patterns)

- $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Tuned-Sequential-Sampling-HBP algorithm (TSS-H
- $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Sequential-Sampling-BP
- $(\delta, \alpha)$ -Shift-And algorithm
- DA-mloga-bits algorithm

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TSS-HBP	(1,2)	2.36	2.40	2.44	2.50	2.54	2.30	2.27	2.39	2.42	2.44	2.48
SDP-S	(1,2)	3.50	3.38	3.79	3.75	3.87	3.42	3.76	3.70	3.66	3.81	3.73
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SDP-S	(3,2)	6.60	6.27	7.00	6.81	7.38	6.40	6.77	7.01	7.08	6.77	7.06
TSS-HBP	(3, 5)	9.57	10.00	12.40	12.96	14.61	12.68	12.50	13.42	13.17	12.59	13.49
SDP-S	(3, 5)	10.59	10.73	12.92	14.52	16.32	14.35	14.11	15.27	14.75	14.12	15.23
TSS-HBP	(3, 8)	11.13	12.63	16.59	20.43	24.57	22.56	21.45	24.19	23.53	21.83	23.60
SDP-S	(3, 8)	12.73	14.20	18.11	23.41	28.91	27.10	25.09	28.86	28.97	26.04	28.49
TSS-HBP	(5, 2)	9.03	9.05	10.54	10.58	15.46	18.78	19.95	18.98	19.32	18.88	21.63
SDP-S	(5,2)	10.39	10.49	11.68	12.44	18.66	22.22	23.59	22.60	22.92	22.83	25.07
TSS-HBP	(5, 5)	13.14	15.02	19.46	23.73	24.83	25.06	27.69	51.78	33.51	28.93	37.44
SDP-S	(5,5)	15.85	17.91	22.64	28.41	30.73	31.15	35.34	65.30	41.79	36.76	47.81
TSS-HBP	(5, 8)	12.94	15.92	21.29	30.10	36.26	36.67	47.64	48.03	52.02	55.14	52.40
SDP-S	(5, 8)	17.59	20.36	26.91	38.40	46.99	48.06	63.97	64.66	70.58	76.90	75.33

#### Experimental Results on Real Data

Tests on the real music text buffer have been performed on a fixed text sequence T of length n = 2.982.507 obtained by combining a set of various classical pieces in MIDI format, with an overall alphabet of 76 distinct symbols, i.e., the MIDI values of the notes of the pieces. For each m we have randomly selected a set of 150 substrings of T of length m which subsequently have been searched for in T

	Experimental results on a Real Music Problem (Es2)											
ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10	m = 12	m = 14	m = 16	ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10
TSS-HBP	(1,1)	2.00	1.88	2.04	2.06	2.00	1.98	TSS-HBP	(1, 2)	2.36	2.27	2.42
SS-BP	(1,1)	1.00	0.84	0.96	0.94	0.94	0.88	SS-BP	(1, 2)	0.92	0.90	0.82
DA-NFA	(1, 1)	1.02	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.04	1.00	DA-NFA	(1, 2)	1.02	1.00	1.05
DA-CNFA	(1, 1)	9.15	9.14	9.03	9.12	9.13	9.17	DA-CNFA	(1, 2)	9.22	9.19	9.09
TSS-HBP	(3, 1)	3.26	3.28	3.29	3.41	3.39	3.48	TSS-HBP	(3, 2)	5.14	4.58	4.99
SS-BP	(3, 1)	0.94	0.94	0.96	0.88	0.94	0.98	SS-BP	(3, 2)	0.92	0.94	0.94
DA-NFA	(3, 1)	1.06	1.04	1.05	1.02	1.04	1.02	DA-NFA	(3, 2)	1.16	1.14	1.06
DA-CNFA	(3, 1)	9.34	9.35	9.23	9.49	9.24	9.20	DA-CNFA	(3, 2)	9.40	9.25	9.30
TSS-HBP	(5,1)	5.13	5.35	4.93	5.69	6.02	5.28	TSS-HBP	(5, 2)	8.70	8.87	9.91
SS-BP	(5, 1)	1.08	0.92	0.90	0.88	0.96	0.84	SS-BP	(5, 2)	1.18	1.06	1.02
DA-NFA	(5, 1)	1.07	1.06	1.04	1.06	1.04	1.06	DA-NFA	(5, 2)	1.20	1.08	1.06
DA-CNFA	(5, 1)	9.38	9.25	9.26	9.25	9.33	9.29	DA-CNFA	(5, 2)	9.54	9.44	9.28

			Ex	PERIMEN	TAL RESU	LTS ON A	Rand50	PROBLEM	(Es1)			
ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10	m = 20	m = 30	m = 40	m = 50	m = 60	m=70	m = 85	m = 100
TSS-HBP	(1,2)	3.02	2.92	2.98	2.84	2.94	2.94	3.03	2.90	2.92	2.98	2.96
SDP-S	(1,2)	4.60	4.78	4.58	4.69	4.75	4.73	4.80	4.77	4.63	4.65	4.77
TSS-HBP	(1,5)	4.33	4.17	4.35	4.29	4.35	4.27	4.39	4.32	4.23	4.25	4.35
SDP-S	(1,5)	6.19	6.11	6.25	6.21	6.17	6.19	6.15	6.01	6.19	6.09	6.11
TSS-HBP	(1, 8)	5.65	5.59	5.79	5.89	5.89	5.69	5.73	5.73	5.77	5.68	5.79
SDP-S	(1,8)	7.43	7.65	7.79	7.61	7.71	7.67	7.81	7.59	7.63	7.67	7.67
TSS-HBP	(3,2)	5.89	5.81	5.79	5.95	5.94	5.91	5.77	5.84	6.03	5.84	5.71
SDP-S	(3,2)	8.85	8.73	8.85	8.83	8.83	8.62	8.87	8.79	8.88	8.85	8.79
TSS-HBP	(3, 5)	12.24	12.96	13.31	13.84	13.75	13.47	13.73	13.71	14.09	13.95	13.58
SDP-S	(3, 5)	13.10	14.63	15.56	16.27	16.09	15.80	16.13	16.28	16.57	16.28	16.11
TSS-HBP	(3, 8)	17.38	20.48	22.83	26.10	26.29	25.95	26.79	26.46	26.99	51.53	50.98
SDP-S	(3, 8)	17.22	19.63	22.61	29.15	29.75	29.28	30.56	30.32	30.64	59.02	58.44
TSS-HBP	(5,2)	11.49	11.79	11.68	11.79	11.99	11.94	17.55	22.87	21.73	22.27	22.07
SDP-S	(5,2)	14.11	14.82	15.28	15.12	15.28	15.51	22.95	29.34	28.47	29.10	28.77
TSS-HBP	(5, 5)	22.91	27.01	29.66	35.88	37.35	37.61	68.71	39.97	36.32	64.85	36.72
SDP-S	(5,5)	24.04	27.65	30.35	40.83	44.26	45.15	82.58	47.06	43.83	77.20	43.95
TSS-HBP	(5, 8)	26.53	34.68	43.38	121.11	175.83	212.14	231.21	257.04	285.96	329.08	320.51
SDP-S	(5, 8)	29.82	37.62	46.58	135.99	205.92	254.88	281.20	318.26	357.93	429.03	422.84

			Ex	PERIMEN	TAL RESU	LTS ON A	Rand90	PROBLEM	(Es1)			
ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10	m = 20	m = 30	m = 40	m = 50	m = 60	m = 70	m = 85	m = 100
TSS-HBP	(1,2)	2.27	2.27	2.40	2.42	2.40	2.38	2.38	2.26	2.32	2.30	2.36
SDP-S	(1,2)	3.70	3.78	3.64	3.71	3.71	3.71	3.63	3.77	3.69	3.69	3.67
TSS-HBP	(1, 5)	2.94	3.03	3.11	3.00	3.05	2.93	2.96	2.96	2.86	2.94	2.97
SDP-S	(1,5)	4.42	4.31	4.27	4.43	4.25	4.37	4.32	4.39	4.49	4.43	4.36
TSS-HBP	(1,8)	3.57	3.21	3.61	3.36	3.35	3.43	3.36	3.41	3.27	3.57	3.45
SDP-S	(1, 8)	4.97	4.81	4.87	5.00	4.97	4.87	4.91	4.93	4.95	4.97	4.87
TSS-HBP	(3,2)	3.41	3.51	3.55	3.39	3.47	3.49	3.50	4.93	6.59	6.53	6.66
SDP-S	(3,2)	5.40	5.37	5.40	5.39	5.42	5.40	5.36	7.47	10.37	10.15	10.17
TSS-HBP	(3, 5)	5.59	5.55	5.71	5.57	5.81	5.71	5.59	5.63	5.65	5.61	5.61
SDP-S	(3, 5)	7.66	7.63	7.92	7.62	7.74	7.64	7.76	7.68	7.60	7.56	7.66
TSS-HBP	(3, 8)	8.06	8.25	8.33	8.32	8.51	8.45	8.24	8.28	8.39	8.29	8.15
SDP-S	(3, 8)	9.59	10.17	10.56	10.28	10.30	10.19	10.38	10.24	10.51	10.24	10.31
TSS-HBP	(5, 2)	7.11	7.01	9.86	9.66	9.28	9.68	9.76	9.63	9.63	9.72	9.75
SDP-S	(5,2)	9.55	9.57	14.81	14.63	14.36	14.65	14.46	14.60	14.53	14.77	14.68
TSS-HBP	(5, 5)	10.04	10.54	10.81	10.79	10.45	10.85	10.75	10.77	10.79	10.93	10.82
SDP-S	(5,5)	11.43	12.43	13.28	13.17	12.77	13.15	13.09	12.99	12.93	13.29	13.39
TSS-HBP	(5, 8)	14.48	16.77	17.86	19.45	19.39	19.80	19.46	19.57	19.59	19.85	19.86
SDP-S	(5, 8)	14.53	16.72	18.82	21.70	21.55	21.81	21.69	21.71	21.62	21.99	22.06

			Exi	PERIMENT	TAL RESUL	TS ON A	Rand130	PROBLEM	(Es1)			
ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10	m = 20	m = 30	m = 40	m = 50	m = 60	m=70	m=85	m=100
TSS-HBP	(1,2)	2.16	2.12	2.14	2.12	2.14	2.10	2.12	2.14	2.24	2.14	2.15
SDP-S	(1,2)	3.37	3.30	3.44	3.53	3.41	3.38	3.34	3.47	3.32	3.33	3.34
TSS-HBP	(1,5)	2.61	2.56	2.52	2.60	2.62	2.44	2.50	2.52	2.53	2.50	2.54
SDP-S	(1, 5)	3.72	3.83	3.74	3.66	3.70	3.78	3.70	3.81	3.80	3.83	3.75
TSS-HBP	(1,8)	2.92	2.78	2.96	2.78	2.88	2.80	2.76	2.89	2.85	2.82	2.80
SDP-S	(1,8)	4.15	4.33	4.09	4.12	4.06	4.08	4.15	4.07	4.06	4.11	4.09
TSS-HBP	(3, 2)	2.83	2.95	2.83	2.84	2.83	2.84	2.74	2.81	2.89	2.88	2.80
SDP-S	(3,2)	4.42	4.57	4.59	4.52	4.62	4.59	4.59	4.52	4.60	4.39	4.58
TSS-HBP	(3, 5)	4.07	4.04	4.15	4.04	3.94	4.05	4.03	4.01	4.10	4.07	7.65
SDP-S	(3, 5)	5.66	5.66	5.66	5.68	5.79	5.77	5.68	5.72	5.70	5.78	10.76
TSS-HBP	(3, 8)	5.08	4.96	5.23	5.17	5.13	5.11	5.18	5.22	5.20	5.04	5.19
SDP-S	(3, 8)	6.87	6.95	7.04	7.01	6.99	6.94	6.99	6.96	6.97	6.89	6.99
TSS-HBP	(5,2)	3.78	3.78	3.84	3.68	3.72	6.14	7.14	7.06	7.09	7.05	6.91
SDP-S	(5, 2)	5.79	5.74	5.93	5.71	5.66	9.69	10.89	10.91	10.95	10.96	10.77
TSS-HBP	(5, 5)	9.14	9.39	9.78	9.53	9.77	9.56	9.62	9.82	9.86	9.71	9.46
SDP-S	(5, 5)	10.39	11.27	11.52	11.48	11.52	11.39	11.53	11.40	11.67	11.50	11.31
TSS-HBP	(5, 8)	10.23	10.15	12.34	11.96	11.82	12.00	11.92	11.97	12.14	11.94	11.69
SDP-S	(5, 8)	12.20	12.29	16.42	15.68	15.88	15.78	15.88	15.96	15.89	15.94	15.72

	EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS ON A Rand50 PROBLEM (Es2)											
ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10	m = 12	m = 14	m = 16	ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10
TSS-HBP	(1,1)	2.68	2.76	2.66	2.82	2.68	2.78	TSS-HBP	(1, 2)	3.05	2.98	2.92
SS-BP	(1,1)	1.68	1.68	1.58	1.52	1.64	1.58	SS-BP	(1, 2)	1.72	1.68	1.78
DA-NFA	(1, 1)	1.94	1.70	1.84	1.92	1.86	1.76	DA-NFA	(1, 2)	1.90	1.81	1.70
DA-CNFA	(1, 1)	16.07	15.88	15.96	15.95	16.04	15.92	DA-CNFA	(1, 2)	16.07	16.06	15.95
TSS-HBP	(3, 1)	4.52	4.46	4.46	4.60	4.58	4.56	TSS-HBP	(3, 2)	5.95	5.81	5.73
SS-BP	(3, 1)	1.74	1.64	1.74	1.67	1.55	1.73	SS-BP	(3, 2)	1.79	1.78	1.78
DA-NFA	(3, 1)	1.92	1.89	1.84	1.74	1.92	1.72	DA-NFA	(3, 2)	1.84	1.80	1.92
DA-CNFA	(3, 1)	16.68	16.28	16.30	16.36	16.34	16.34	DA-CNFA	(3, 2)	16.53	16.33	16.24
TSS-HBP	(5, 1)	10.37	13.13	13.49	13.55	13.49	13.91	TSS-HBP	(5, 2)	11.35	11.57	11.57
SS-BP	(5, 1)	2.46	3.44	3.30	3.36	3.43	3.22	SS-BP	(5, 2)	1.82	1.74	1.68
DA-NFA	(5, 1)	2.70	3.56	3.51	3.46	3.54	3.50	DA-NFA	(5, 2)	1.94	1.86	1.84
DA-CNFA	(5, 1)	23.32	31.23	31.16	31.28	31.05	31.15	DA-CNFA	(5, 2)	16.58	16.35	16.31

			Ext	PERIMENT	AL RESUL	TS ON A	Rand90 P	roblem ( <b>Es</b> 2	2)			
ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m = 8	m = 10	m = 12	m = 14	m = 16	ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m = 8	m = 10
TSS-HBP	(1,1)	2.24	2.24	2.21	2.28	2.25	2.30	TSS-HBP	(1, 2)	2.38	2.30	2.36
SS-BP	(1,1)	1.68	1.71	1.64	1.68	1.70	1.68	SS-BP	(1, 2)	1.68	1.70	1.68
DA-NFA	(1,1)	1.84	1.78	1.86	1.76	1.82	1.80	DA-NFA	(1, 2)	2.02	1.78	1.84
DA-CNFA	(1, 1)	16.12	15.92	15.98	16.02	15.94	15.96	DA-CNFA	(1, 2)	16.14	15.94	15.88
TSS-HBP	(3, 1)	3.16	3.03	3.09	3.03	3.05	2.97	TSS-HBP	(3, 2)	3.59	3.29	3.48
SS-BP	(3, 1)	1.79	1.78	1.70	1.74	1.74	1.84	SS-BP	(3, 2)	1.76	1.83	1.72
DA-NFA	(3, 1)	1.76	1.84	1.80	1.82	1.82	1.74	DA-NFA	(3, 2)	1.89	1.88	1.84
DA-CNFA	(3, 1)	16.57	16.22	16.34	16.39	16.28	16.30	DA-CNFA	(3, 2)	16.56	16.33	16.38
TSS-HBP	(5, 1)	3.99	4.09	4.07	4.00	4.05	3.97	TSS-HBP	(5, 2)	5.26	4.97	4.96
SS-BP	(5, 1)	1.86	1.68	1.74	1.77	1.60	1.68	SS-BP	(5, 2)	1.72	1.76	1.76
DA-NFA	(5, 1)	1.86	1.88	1.78	1.76	1.94	1.88	DA-NFA	(5, 2)	1.84	1.78	1.92
DA-CNFA	(5, 1)	16.51	16.31	16.39	16.30	16.35	16.34	DA-CNFA	(5, 2)	16.47	16.27	16.31

			Exp	ERIMENT	AL RESUL	TS ON A	Rand130 F	PROBLEM (Es:	2)			
ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m = 8	m = 10	m = 12	m = 14	m = 16	ALGS	$(\delta, \alpha)$	m = 6	m=8	m = 10
TSS-HBP	(1,1)	2.30	2.07	2.00	2.20	2.10	2.02	TSS-HBP	(1, 2)	2.26	2.16	2.14
SS-BP	(1, 1)	1.58	1.72	1.72	1.62	1.68	1.62	SS-BP	(1, 2)	1.52	1.70	1.66
DA-NFA	(1, 1)	1.82	1.72	1.82	1.88	1.84	1.88	DA-NFA	(1, 2)	1.98	1.70	1.82
DA-CNFA	(1, 1)	16.12	15.98	15.95	16.00	15.92	15.96	DA-CNFA	(1, 2)	16.12	16.02	16.00
TSS-HBP	(3, 1)	2.73	2.85	2.62	2.61	2.60	2.62	TSS-HBP	(3, 2)	2.97	2.89	2.85
SS-BP	(3, 1)	1.71	1.42	1.86	1.57	1.76	1.74	SS-BP	(3, 2)	1.65	1.73	1.70
DA-NFA	(3, 1)	1.88	1.92	1.80	1.98	1.80	1.94	DA-NFA	(3, 2)	1.98	1.84	1.84
DA-CNFA	(3, 1)	16.44	16.32	16.16	16.32	16.32	16.49	DA-CNFA	(3, 2)	16.45	16.30	16.34
TSS-HBP	(5,1)	3.15	3.20	3.11	5.51	6.20	6.14	TSS-HBP	(5, 2)	3.76	3.72	3.80
SS-BP	(5, 1)	1.75	1.75	1.78	2.97	3.38	3.30	SS-BP	(5, 2)	1.79	1.69	1.49
DA-NFA	(5, 1)	1.86	1.82	1.86	3.09	3.48	3.62	DA-NFA	(5, 2)	1.84	1.78	1.82
DA-CNFA	(5, 1)	16.48	16.29	16.37	27.50	31.51	31.15	DA-CNFA	(5, 2)	16.52	16.30	16.34

# Conclusions

We have presented some efficient practical algorithms for the  $\delta$ -approximate string matching problem with  $\alpha$ -bounded gaps, which have important applications in music information retrieval. Despite their non-optimal asymptotic behavior, our algorithms perform very well in practice and, in particular, one of them wins against the fastest existing algorithms in most practical cases.