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Exact matching: better naïve algorithm

P: word

T: There would have been a time for such a word

u doesn't occur in P, so we can skip next two alignments

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Learn from character comparisons to skip pointless alignments

Try alignments in left-to-right order, and try character comparisons in right-to-left order

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Boyer-Moore: Bad character rule

Upon mismatch, skip alignments until (a) mismatch becomes a match, or (b) *P* moves past mismatched character



Boyer-Moore: Good suffix rule

Let *t* = substring matched by inner loop; skip until (a) there are no mismatches between *P* and *t* or (b) *P* moves past *t*

Step 1:
$$T: CGTGCCTACTTACTTACTTACTTACGCGAA$$

 $P: CTTACTTACStep 2: $T: CGTGCCTACTTACTTACTTACGCGAA$
 $P:$ CTTACTTACStep 3: $T: CGTGCCTACTTACTTACTTACGCGAA$
 $P:$$