# Near-Optimal Computation of Runs over General Alphabet via Non-Crossing LCE Queries 

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## Theorem (Our main technical result)

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## Lemma (Gawrychowski et al., CPM 2016)

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## Theorem (Our main technical result)

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## Questions?

## Thank you for your attention!

