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

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

A sequence of  $\text{LCE}_{\leq \ell_q}(i_q, j_q)$  queries can be answered on-line in  $\mathcal{O}((n + \sum \log \ell_q) \cdot \alpha(n))$  time in the general alphabet model.

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