

# Efficient Data Structures for the Factor Periodicity Problem

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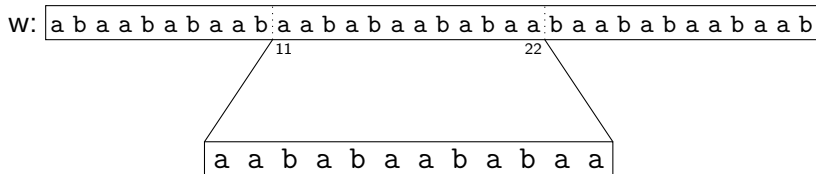
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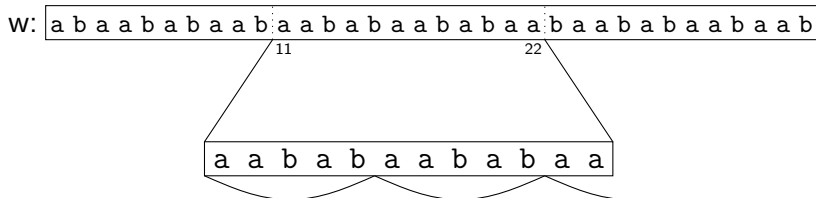
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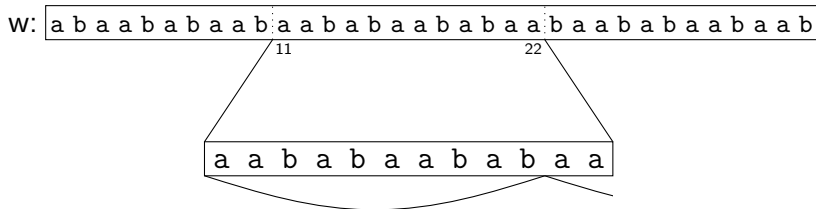


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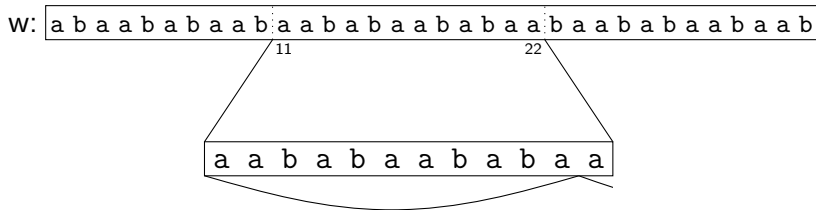
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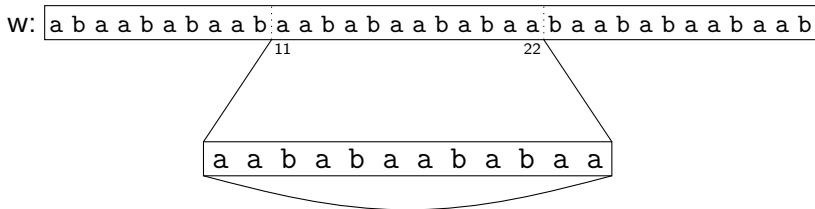
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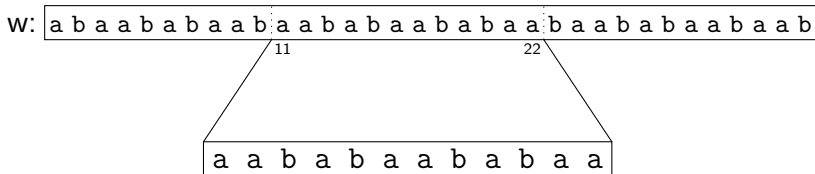
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*Let  $v$  be a word of length  $m$ . Then  $\text{Per}(v)$  is a union of at most  $\log m$  disjoint arithmetic sets.*

For example

$$\text{Per}(w[11..22]) = \{5\} \cup \{10, 11, 12\} = \{5, 10\} \cup \{11, 12\}.$$

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- To the best of our knowledge no previous research on the general case of Period Queries.
- Even for computing the shortest period, only straightforward solutions:
  - memorize all answers —  $O(n^2)$  space,  $O(1)$  query time
  - compute the answer from scratch for each query — no extra space,  $O(n)$  query time
- Efficient data structures for primitivity testing (generalized by 2-Period Queries)
  - Karhumäki, Lifshits & Rytter; CPM 2007  
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Standard assumptions on the model of computation:

- word RAM model with  $w = \Omega(\log n)$ ,
- randomization.

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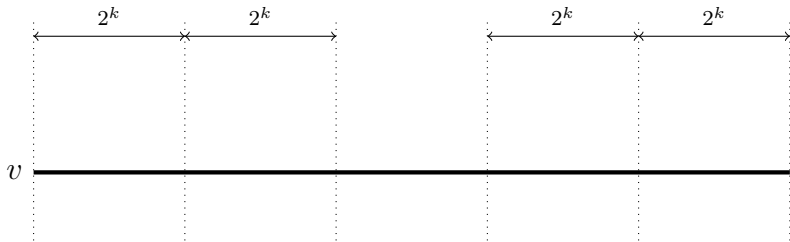
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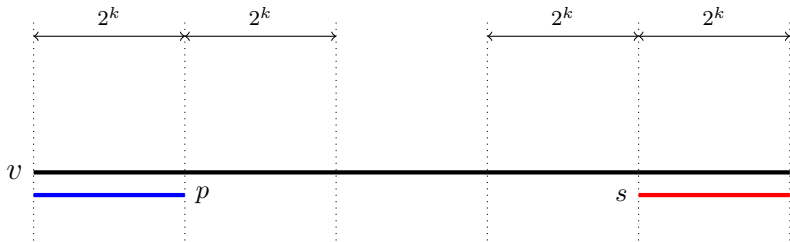
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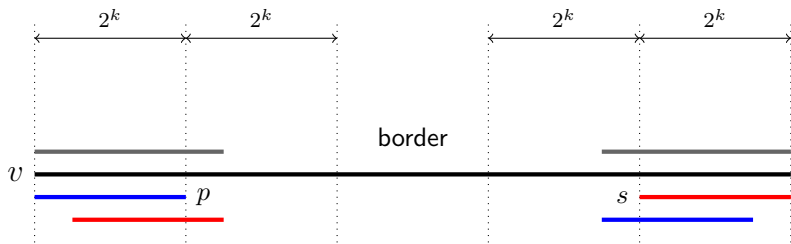
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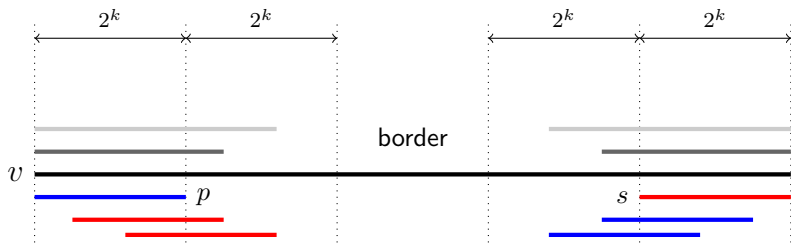
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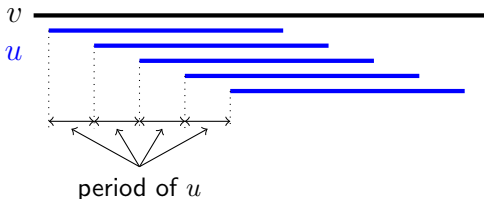


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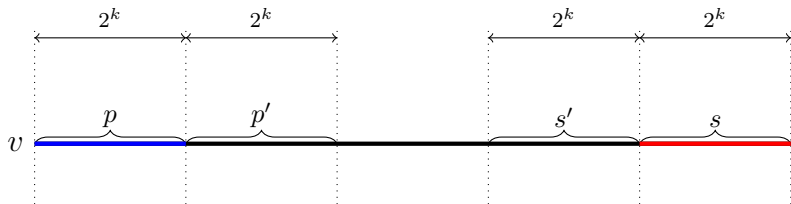
Let  $Occ(v, u)$  be the set of positions of  $v$  where an occurrence of  $u$  starts. Arithmetic sets naturally appear as the  $Occ$  sets.

## Fact

Let  $|v| \leq 2|u|$ . Then  $Occ(v, u)$  is arithmetic. Moreover, if  $|Occ(v, u)| \geq 3$  then its difference is equal to  $per(u)$ .

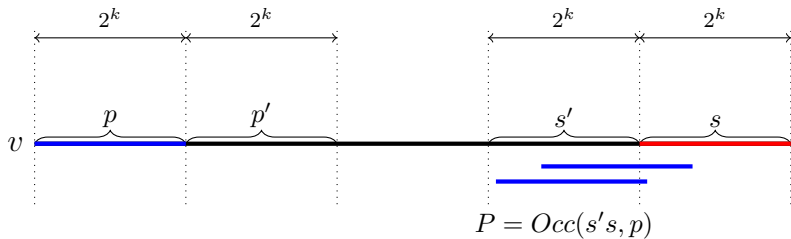


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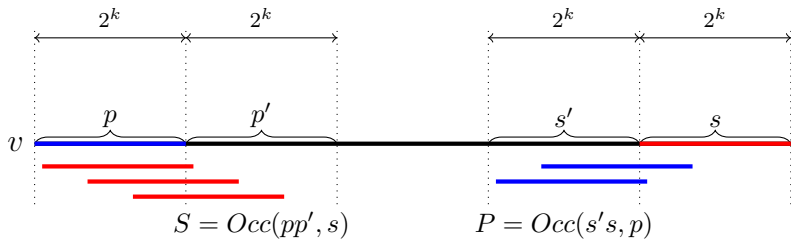




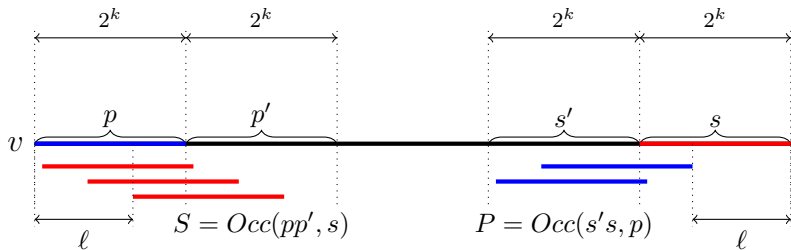
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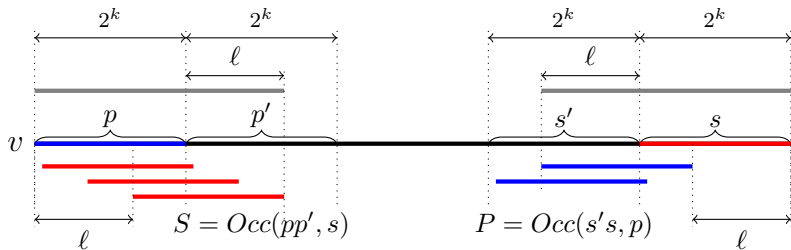
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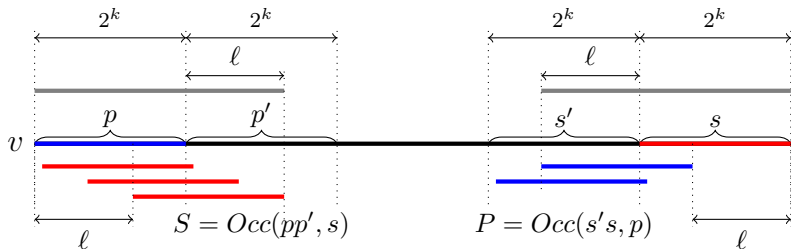
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Let  $0 \leq \ell < 2^k$ . Then the word  $v$  has a border of length  $2^k + \ell$  if and only if  $\ell + 1 \in S$  and  $2^k - \ell \in P$ .

Consequently  $\text{Borders}(v) \cap \{2^k, \dots, 2^{k+1}\}$  is arithmetic.

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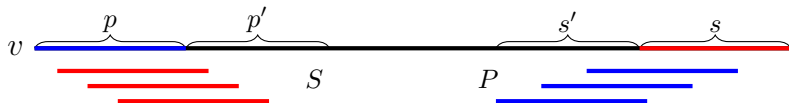
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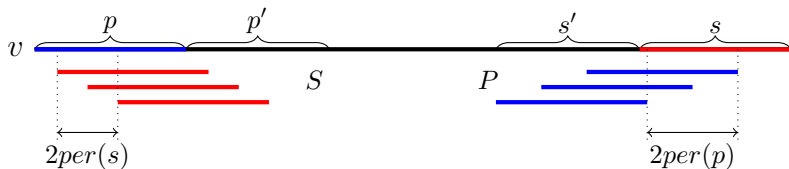
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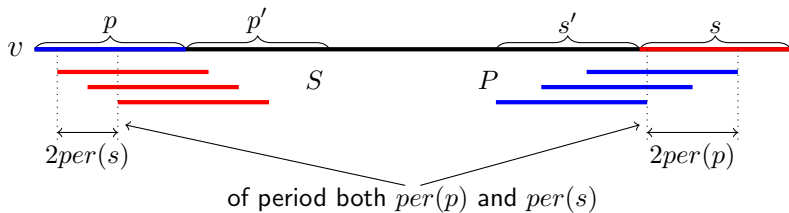




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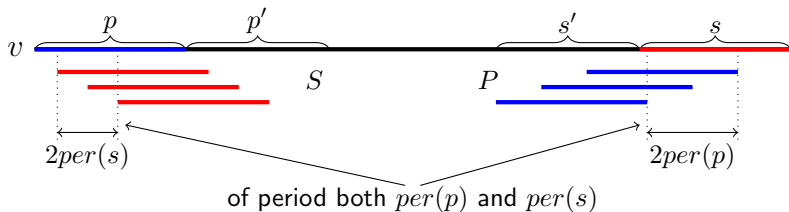
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# Summary of the combinatorial part

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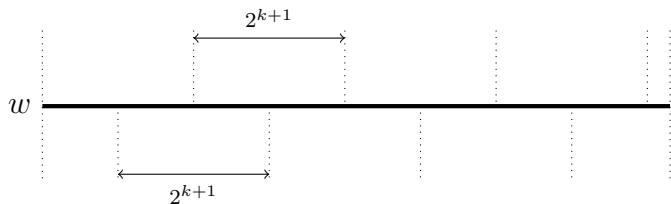
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## Theorem

*Assume there is a data structure answering the Occurrence Queries in  $O(f(n))$  time. Then this data structure can answer Period Queries in  $O(f(n) \log n)$  time and  $(1 + \delta)$ -Period Queries in  $O(f(n))$  time.*

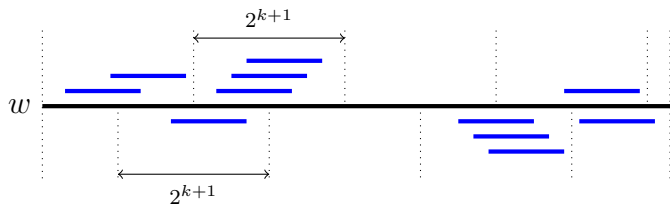
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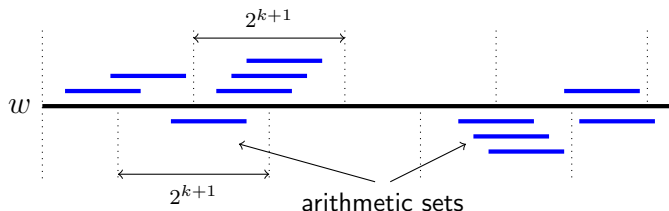
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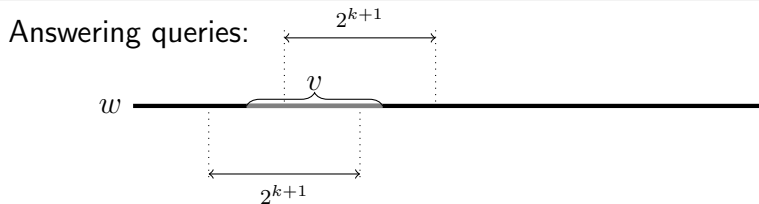
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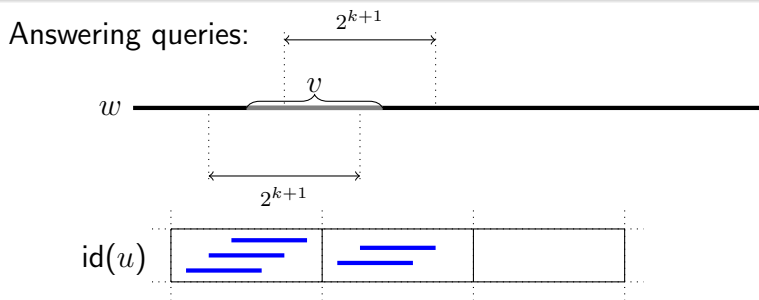
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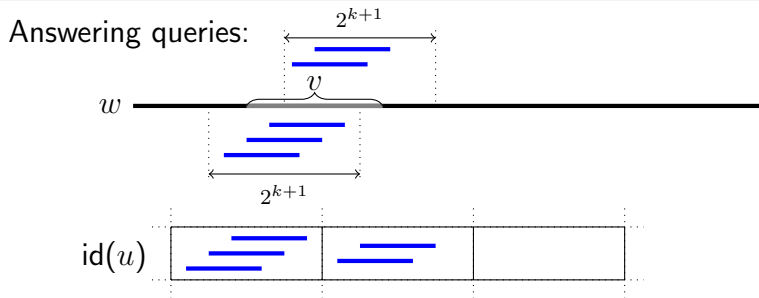
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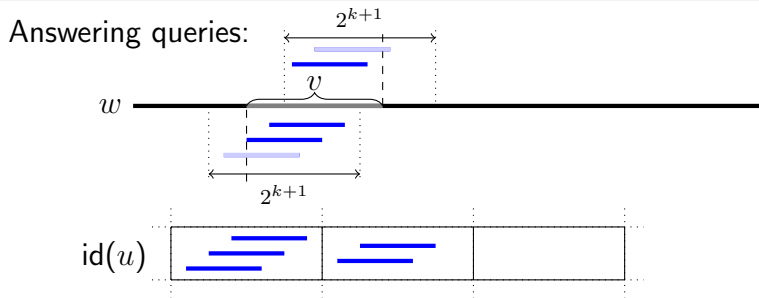
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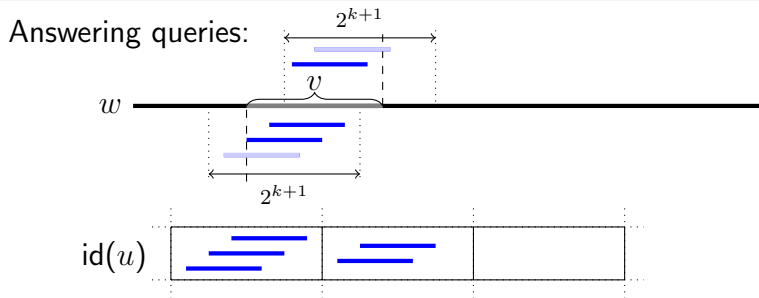
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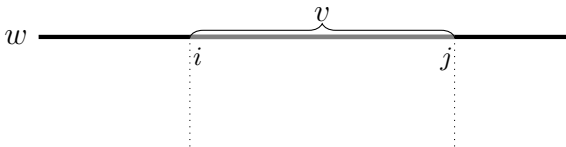


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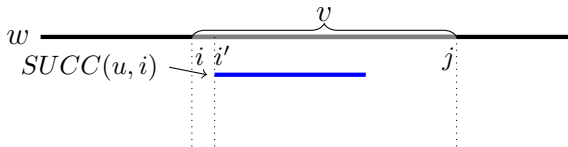


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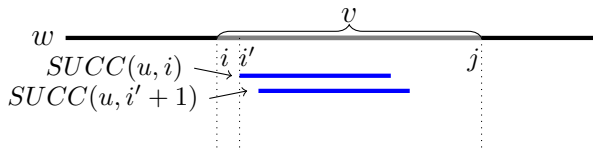


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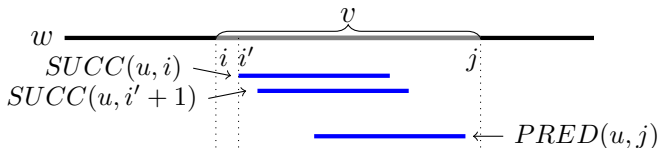


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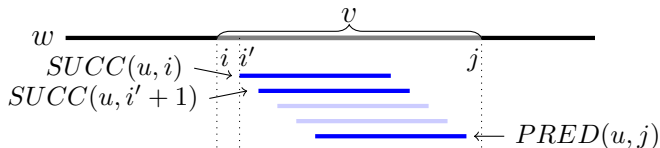


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## Theorem (Nekrich, Navarro; 2012)

*There exist data structures that given the locus of  $u$  in the suffix tree of  $w$  answer the Range Predecessor/Successor queries in and satisfy the following space and time bounds:*

<i>Space</i>	<i>Query time</i>
$O(n)$	$O(\log^\varepsilon n)$
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## Theorem (Weighted LA — Kopelovitz, Lewenstein; 2007)

*There exists a data structure of size  $O(n)$ , which given an interval  $[i..j]$  finds the locus of  $w[i..j]$  in the suffix tree of  $w$  in  $O(\log \log n)$  time.*

## Theorem (this paper)

*There exist data structures that satisfy following time and space bounds for size, Period Queries query time and  $(1 + \delta)$ -Period Queries query time:*

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Open problems:

- Can the  $O(n \log n)$  time preprocessing be improved with  $o(n)$  query time?
- Can the shortest period be found faster than  $O(\log n)$  with  $o(n^2)$  space?

Thank you for your attention

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