The Burrows-Wheeler Transform is a reversible representation with handy properties

• Sort all the possible rotations of original string



Once BWT(T) is built, all else shown here is discarded
 Matrix will be shown for illustration only

Burrows M, Wheeler DJ: **A block sorting lossless data compression algorithm**. *Digital Equipment Corporation, Palo Alto, CA* 1994, Technical Report 124; 1994

A text occurrence has the same rank in the first and last columns

• When we rotate left and sort, the first character retains its rank. Thus the same text occurrence of a character has the same rank in the Last and First columns.



The Last to First (LF) function matches character and rank

LF(6, 'c') = Occ('c') + Count(6,'c') = 5



Occ(qc) – Number of characters lexically smaller than qc in BWT(T)

Count(idx, qc) – Number of qc characters before position idx in BWT(T)

The Walk Left Algorithm inverts the BWT

i = 0
t = ""
while bwt[i] != `\$':
 t = bwt[i] + t
 i = LF(i, bwt[i])



Lecture 5 – Libraries and Indexing

- Library Complexity
 - How do we estimate the complexity of a sequencing library?
- Full-text Minute-size index (FM Index/BWT)
 - How do we convert a genome into an alternate representation that permits rapid matching of millions of sequence reads?
- Read Alignment
 - How can we use an FM index and BWT to rapidly align reads to a reference genome?

Look for range of rows of BWM(T) with P as prefix

Do this for P's shortest suffix, then extend to successively longer suffixes until range becomes empty or we've exhausted P



P = aba

Look for range of rows of BWM(T) with P as prefix

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Easy to find all the rows beginning with **a**, thanks to *F*'s simple structure

P = aba

 F
 L

 \$ a b a a b a_0

 a_0 \$ a b a a b a_0

 a_0 \$ a b a a b_0

 a_1 a b a \$ a b a b_1

 a_2 b a \$ a b a 1

 a_3 b a a b a \$ a b a \$

 b_0 a \$ a b a \$ a b a \$ a_2

 b_1 a a b a \$ a_3

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We have rows beginning with **a**, now we seek rows beginning with **ba**



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