## Mandatory Exercise: Level Ancestor

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**Substring repetition** Let S be a string of length n. Given a suffix i and an integer k, the *substring repetition query* is defined as follows.

• substring-repetition(i, k): return the length of the longest prefix of S[i, n] that appears at least k times in S.

Given a string S, the *substring repetition problem* is to preprocess S into a compact data structure that supports substring repetition queries.

Give a compact data structure for the substring repetition problem with query time logarithmic in the length of the suffix,  $\ell = n - i + 1$ , i.e., the query time should be  $O(\log \ell)$ . Ignore preprocessing.