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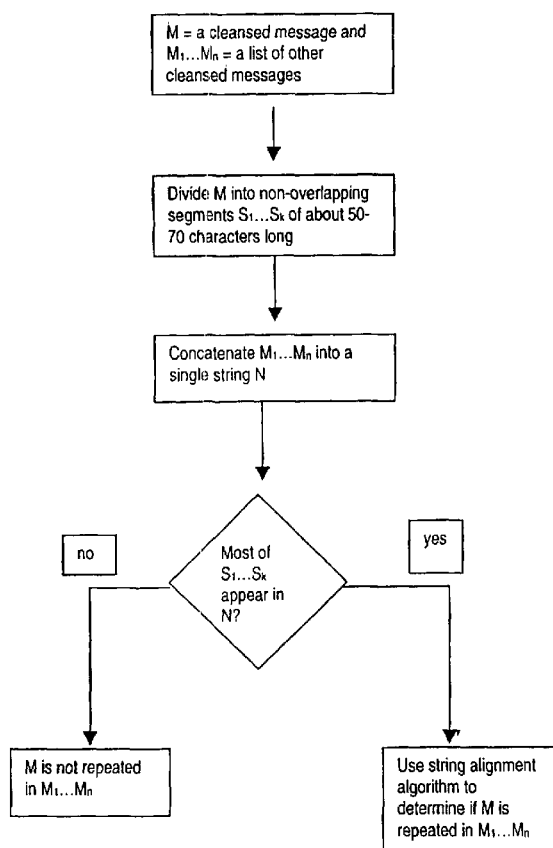
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(57) Abstract: A method of identifying redundant email messages and removing the redundant messages from a user's message file. More particularly, to identify redundant messages, there is described a method of copying messages stored in a message file into two different arrays and cleansing one of the arrays so as to remove formatting and header information. These cleansed messages may then be compared to determine whether a particular message is wholly repeated in any other. Messages that are found to be repeated are removed from the other array. The messages remaining in the other array may then be substituted for the messages in the user's message file, resulting in a minimized message file. The method may also be applied to newsgroup postings.