Document Retrieval on Repetitive Collections

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Document retrieval

- We have a collection of d documents (strings) of total length n.
- We want to list those documents that contain pattern P as a substring.
- We are interested on the actual performance and space usage of the algorithms on real data.
- This work was inspired by observations that dedicated methods are often worse than brute force.

Query	Definition	Ideal time complexity
locate(P)	Find all occurrences of pattern P in all documents.	OCC
list(P)	Find all documents that contain pattern P.	docc
topk(P, k)	Find the k documents that contain the most occurrences of P.	k

list vs. topk

- In list, the performance of dedicated methods depends on the occ/docc ratio. This depends on the documents themselves, but not on the size of the collection.
- In topk, the relevant ratio is docc/k, which depends on the size of the collection. Large collections demand different methods than small ones.
- I will concentrate on list in this talk.



Solving locate

- The suffix tree and the suffix array are much larger than the original text, limiting their usefulness. They solve locate essentially in O(|P| + occ) time.
- The FM-index (Ferragina and Manzini, 2005) and the compressed suffix array (Grossi and Vitter, 2005) are based on the Burrows-Wheeler transform. Using O(n/s) words of extra space in addition to the compressed BWT, they solve locate in O(|P| + s · occ) time.
- Most solutions for list use a CSA or an FMI as the basic structure.

Bitvectors

- Bitvectors are the main building block of succinct and compressed data structures. They consist of a binary sequence with extra structures to support rank and select.
- $rank(B, i) = \sum B[1,i]$, while select(B, i) is the inverse.
- The number of rank/select operations predicts actual performance quite well.
- Many different encodings: plain, entropy-compressed, gap encoded, run-length encoded, grammarcompressed.

Brute-L and Brute-D

- We use gap encoded bitvector B marking document boundaries to convert text positions into document identifiers. This takes O(d log n) bits.
- Brute-L uses the bitvector to convert the results of locate, and then filters out duplicates. Overall time complexity is O(|P| + s · occ + sort(occ)).
- Brute-D converts the suffix array into the document array DA. It solves list in O(|P| + sort(occ)) time using n log d bits of extra space.

Muthukrishnan's algorithm

- Muthukrishnan's algorithm (2002) finds the first occurrence of each document in the query range.
- C[i] points to the previous occurrence of DA[i]. If C[i] is outside the query range, DA[i] is the first occurrence of that document identifier.
- Uses range minimum queries over C to find the smallest values recursively.
- Time complexity is O(|P| + docc).

Query list("m")

- Find the query range: [14, 20].
- 2. Find the minimum value in C[14, 20]: C[14].
- 3. If $C[14] \ge 14$ (original sp), stop.
- 4. Report D[14].
- 5. Continue to [14, 13] and [15, 20].

Row	С	D	Suffix
1	0	1	\$
2	0	2	\$
3	0	3	\$
4	2	2	al\$
5	3	3	e\$
6	4	2	imal\$
7	5	3	imize\$
8	1	1	imum\$
9	6	2	inimal\$
10	7	3	inimize\$
11	8	1	inimum\$
12	10	3	ize\$
13	9	2	I\$
14	11	1	m\$
15	13	2	mal\$
16	15	2	minimal\$
17	12	3	minimize\$
18	14	1	minimum\$
19	17	3	mize\$
20	18	1	mum\$
21	16	2	nimal\$
22	19	3	nimize\$
23	20	1	nimum\$
24	23	1	um\$
25	22	3	ze\$

Sadakane's improvements

- Sadakane (2007) improved the space usage of Muthukrishnan's algorithm.
- Array C is not needed, if the recursion is done in preorder from left to right. DA[i] is the first occurrence, if it has not been encountered before.
- Document array can be replaced by bitvector B.
- RMQ needs just 2n + o(n) bits (Fischer, 2010).

Sada-X-Y

- Sada-C-L solves list in $O(|P| + s \cdot docc)$ time using $2n + o(n) + O(d \log n)$ bits of extra space.
- Sada-C-D solves list in O(|P| + docc) time using 2n
 + o(n) + n log d bits of extra space.
- Sada-I-L and Sada-I-D replace C with another array (Gagie et al., 2013) that is more compressible when the documents are similar to each other.

Wavelet trees

- Wavelet trees (Grossi et al., 2003) are a versatile data structure for sequences. They can, for example, list the distinct characters in a substring quickly.
- When built over DA, a wavelet tree can solve list(P) in O(|P| + docc log d) time with n log d + o(n log d) bits of extra space (Gagie et al., 2009).
- WT uses different encodings for the bitvectors in the wavelet tree (Navarro and Valenzuela, 2012).



Precomputed document listing

- PDL (Gagie et al., 2013) covers the SA by subtrees of the suffix tree having at most b (e.g. 256) leaves.
- We store the answers for list for the roots of the selected subtrees, as well as for some higher-level nodes.
- Queries below the selected nodes use Brute-L, while the answers for higher-level nodes are computed as unions of stored answers.
- PDL-BC uses a web graph compressor (Hernandez and Navarro, 2012) to store the answers, while PDL-RP uses Re-Pair (Larsson and Moffat, 2000).

Grammar-compressed index

- Grammar (Claude and Munro, 2013) is based on a grammar-compressed text index (Claude and Navarro, 2012).
- It uses Re-Pair to parse the text. For each nonterminal, it stores the set of documents where the nonterminal is used. The sets are also compressed with Re-Pair.
- Grammar is conceptually similar to PDL.
- Does not need a CSA/FMI.

Lempel-Ziv index

- LZ (Ferrada and Navarro, 2013) is based on the Lempel-Ziv 78 parsing of DA.
- DA is parsed into phrases (x, c), where x is an earlier substring, and c is the following identifier.
 Sada-C-D is used over the sequence of identifiers c in different ways to solve list.
- Does not need a CSA/FMI.

Dataset	Description	
Enwiki	Pages from a snapshot of the English language Wikipedia.	
Page	Pages from the Finnish language Wikipedia. All revisions of a page are concatenated into a single document.	
Revision	As Page, but each revision is a separate document.	
dna_00100	Short synthetic DNA sequences generated from 100 base sequences.	

Enwiki



Size (bpc)

Page



Size (bpc)

Revision



Size (bpc)

Time (s)



Size (bpc)

Mutation rate

Simplified observations

- Brute-L is quite fast, especially with repetitive data.
- When more space is available, PDL is much faster.
 PDL-BC works better with non-repetitive collections, while PDL-RP is easier to build.
- Brute-D is usually even faster, while using more space.
- There is no clear winner.

Opportunistic data structures

- A term from the original paper on the FM-index (Ferragina and Manzini, 2000).
- Standard algorithm design concentrates on the worst case. We dig into the hard core of the problem, ignoring all properties that could make that particular instance easy.
- Compressed data structures are opportunistic: they are designed for the easy cases.
- Different inputs are easy for different methods.

Thanks!