

2. Bloom Filter and hash functions

ReadMe for code:

We used the following external jar to read the strings from the excel file.

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<dependency>
    <groupId>org.apache.poi</groupId>
    <artifactId>poi-ooxml</artifactId>
    <version>3.15</version>
</dependency>
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Build command: javac BloomFilter.java

Run command: java BloomFilter.java

Explanation for implementation:

- Given that we need to use 400Kbytes ie 400000 bytes ie 3200000 bits. We use a bitset which uses 1 bit per boolean value. Therefore the size of our Bloom Filter hashTable is 3200000. Hence n which is the size of the bloom filter is $n=3200000$
- Implementation of Bloom Filter
 - A bitset of size n was initialised.
 - 7 hash functions of the format of $(ax+b)\%p\%n$ were implemented
 - For each string in the word list from the xl sheet, hash the word and set the bits in bloom filter.
 - Then, generated a list of 100 random words of size 5 and cross checked for false positivity in the bloom filter.

Observations:

- Expected Positive Rate was generated by theoretical formula: $[1-e^{(-km/n)}]^k$
- False Positive Rate is the output after running the program

No of hash functions	False Positive Rate	Expected Positive Rate
2	0.04	0.0361
3	0.02	0.0188
4	0.02	0.0133
5	0.01	0.011
6	0.0	0.0094
7	0.01	0.0102

The optimal number of hash functions were observed to be 6.