

# Updatable Learned Index with Precise Positions Experiment

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# 1. Introduction

## 1) Motivation

### Problems with LIPP

- Not tolerate errors
- Create child nodes when conflict occurs (conflict-based structural modification)
- The more conflicts → the higher height of tree → **space amplification**
- Violates the space efficient principle of learned index

### Goal

- Analyze the impact of space amplification due to conflicts
- Try to solve it
- + Also, analyze the performance of range query

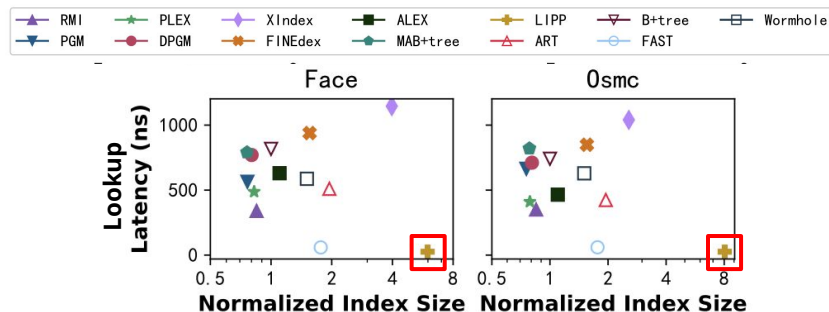


Figure 1: Trade-off of performance and normalized index size.

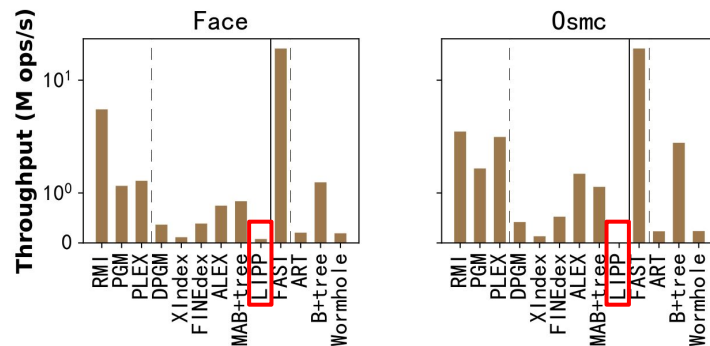


Figure 2: Throughput of range queries.

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## 2) Observe with a focus on Utilization

Most nodes have less than 30% of all entries

→ There exists upper bound

$$T_{\mathcal{M}} = \max_{l \in [0, L-1]} |\{k \in \mathcal{K} | \mathcal{M}(k) == l\}|$$

We observe that there exists an upper bound for the minimum  $T_{\mathcal{M}}$ , i.e.  $\exists \mathcal{M}, T_{\mathcal{M}} \leq \lceil \frac{N}{3} \rceil$  where  $N$  is the number of keys in  $\mathcal{K}$ , i.e.  $N = |\mathcal{K}|$ . However, the  $\lceil \frac{N}{3} \rceil$  may not be the tightest upper bound in many cases. Thus, our goal is to find a best model  $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{AG}(k) + b$  with the minimum conflict degree  $T_{\mathcal{M}}$ .

We think that **TM** will be an important factor of space amplification

**Node Utilization:** Proportion of non-null entries.

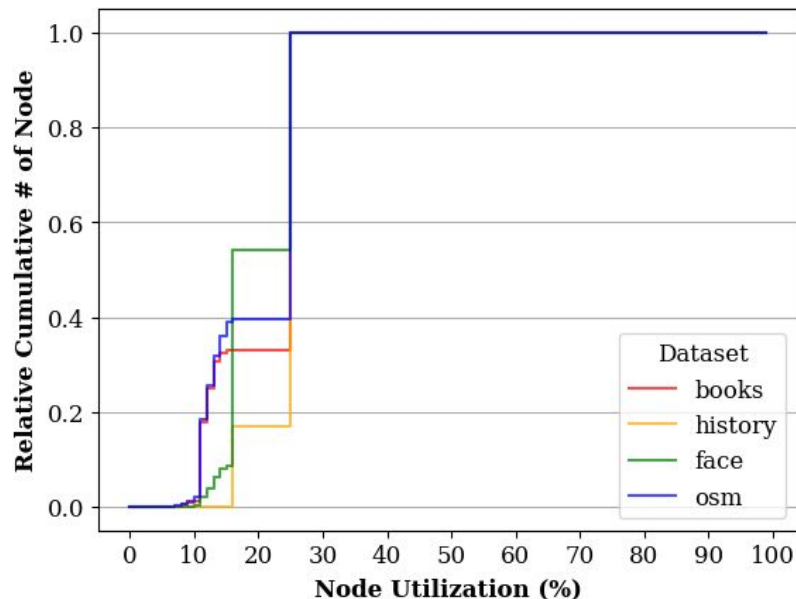


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## 3) Parameters of LIPP

- We said that our observation, node utilization upper-bound, is caused by TM, but it is not true
- We found that the factor of affecting to utilization is fill factor(**initial node size, gap count**)
- We assume that controlling this factor will change performance and index size

**Fill factor:** How many fill space when given new keys,  
inverse of utilization  
e.g., if fill factor is 2, node utilization is 1/2

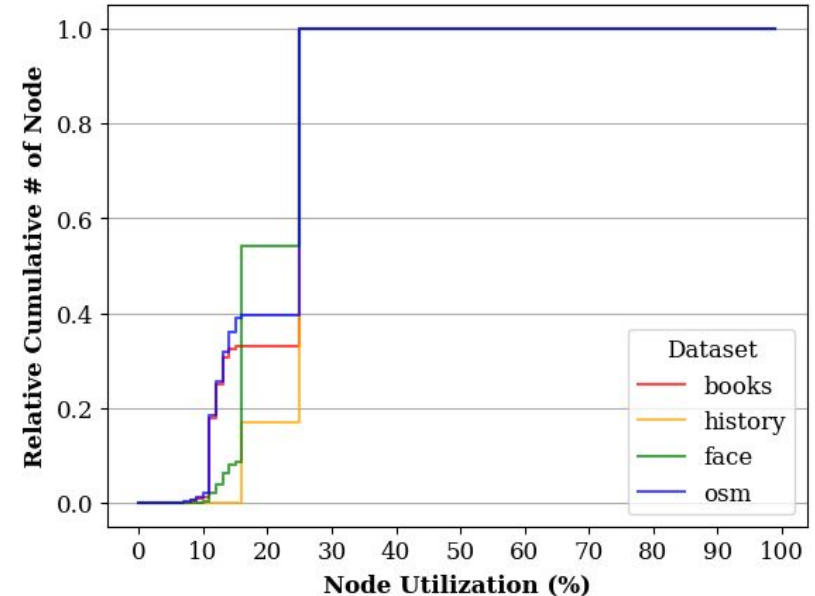


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## 4) To do Works

1. A sensitivity analysis into updatable learned index structure
  - Node utilization management policy: **fill factor**
  - Model: simple linear regression vs kernelized linear regression
  - Conflict resolving: shifting vs chaining
  - SMO(Structural modification operation): cost-benefit(fanout tree) vs conflict-proportion

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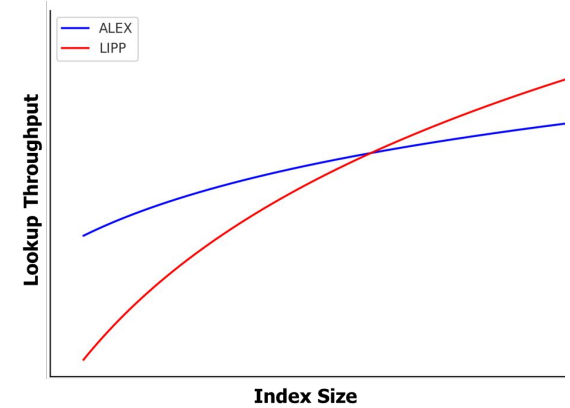


Figure 4: Expected lookup throughput according to size.

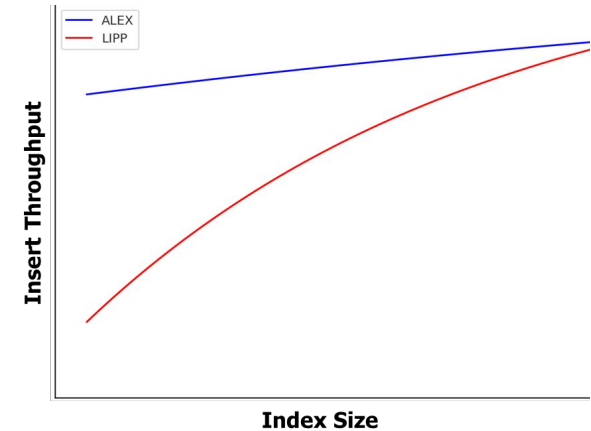


Figure 5: Expected insert throughput according to size.

# 2. Observations

## 1-1) Node Utilization

Node size set when

- (1) Build tree at first (bulk load)  
initial node size: 8
- (2) Rebuild (adjust)  
gap count: 1,2,5

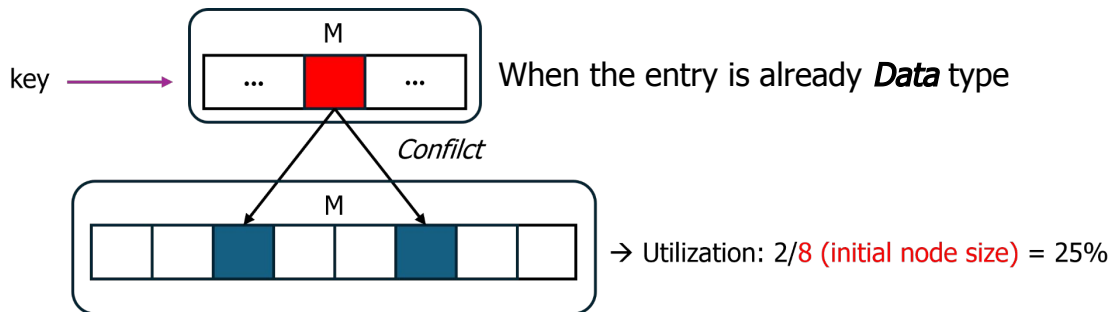
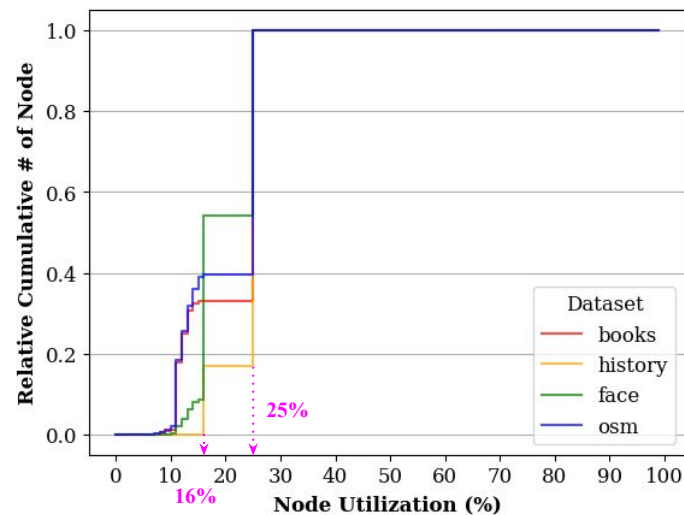


Figure 6: Making “Node” type entry when conflict.

```
const int BUILD_GAP_CNT = compute_gap_count(size);

node->is_two = 0;
node->build_size = size;
node->size = size;
node->fixed = 0;
node->num_inserts = node->num_insert_to_data = 0;

{
    const int L = size * static_cast<int>(BUILD_GAP_CNT + 1);
    node->num_items = L;
}
```

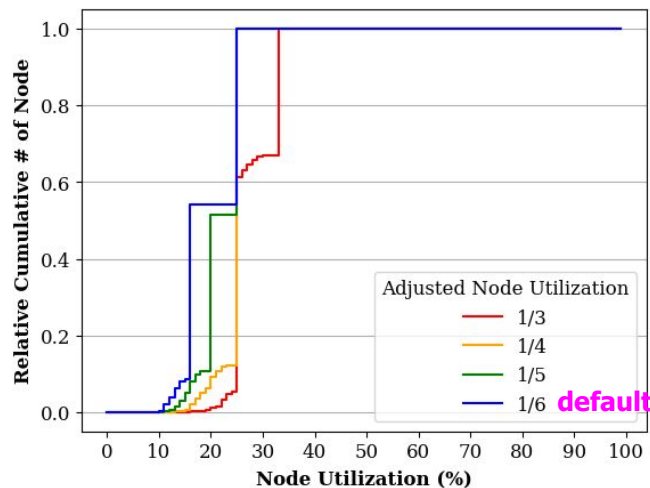
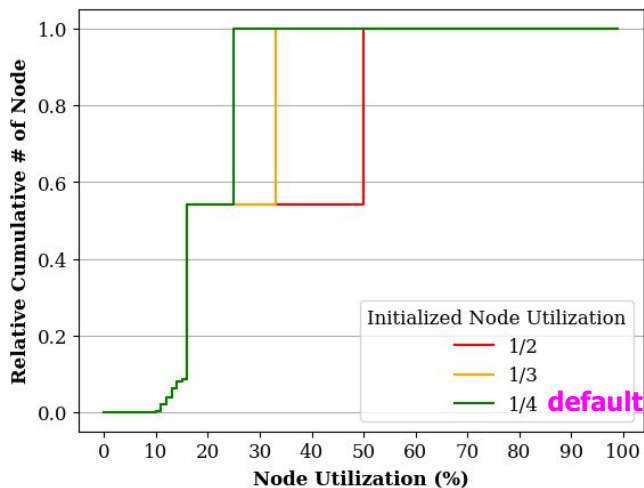




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Observed after bulk load **100M** keys  
Dataset: **Face (1.6GB)**

### 1-2) Node Utilization CDF

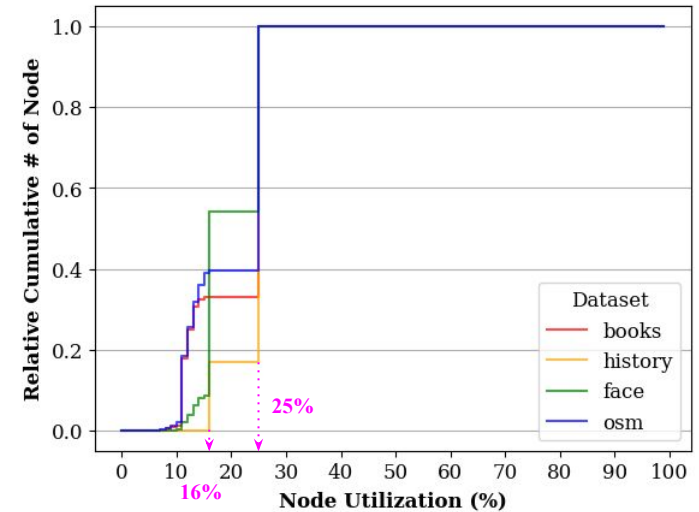


- The initial node size greater, the utilization lower
- The gap size greater, the utilization lower

# 2. Observations

## 2) Static Gap Count

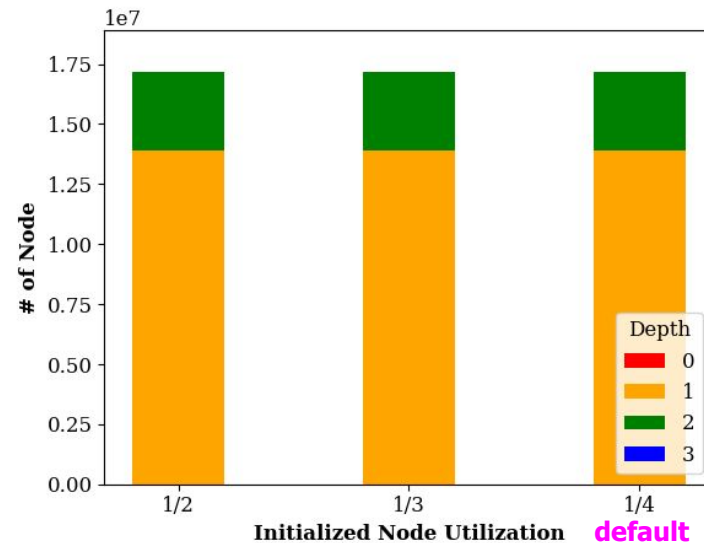
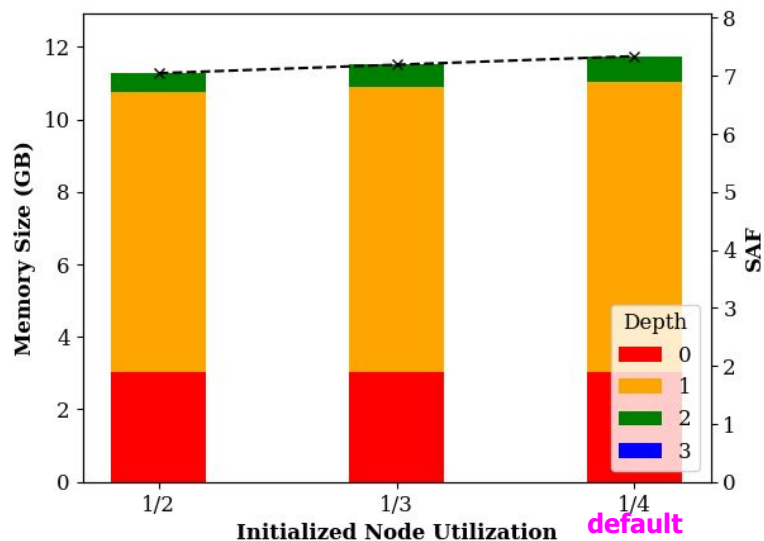
- It is important to determine **the array length of new node**, because of trade-off between performance and space consumption
- When new node is first created, gaps are hard-coded with **1,2,5** depending on the keys size
  - 1, size  $\geq 10^6$
  - 2, size  $\geq 10^5$
  - 5, default
- Almost all nodes have a count lower than 100\_000, which means that on average,  $\frac{1}{6}$  utilized
- It has low hotness



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## 3-1) Initialized Node Utilization

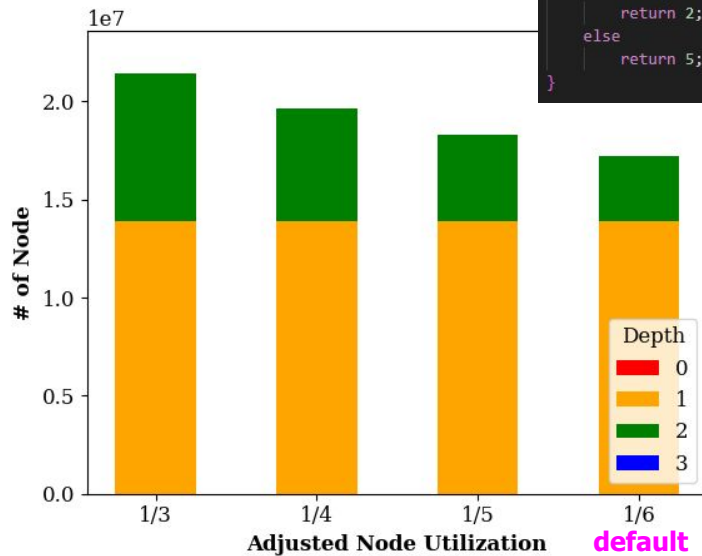
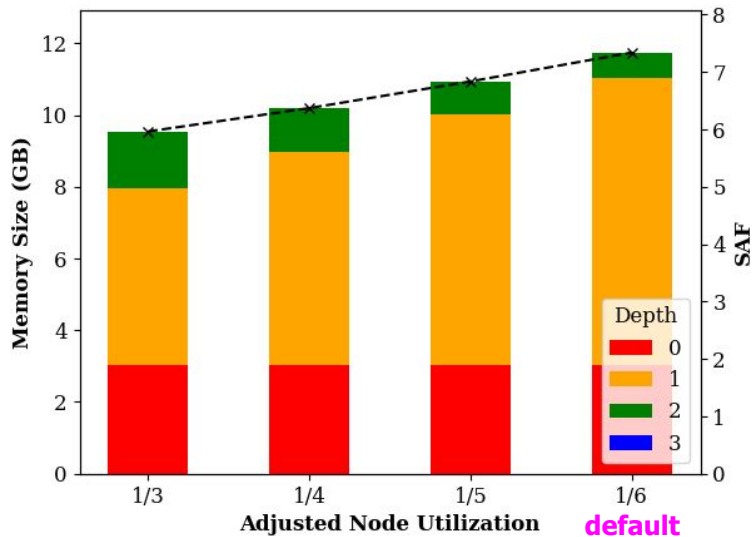


- **Root node** takes up a significant percentage of the total index size
- **Initial node** size doesn't have much impact on overall size
- Large number of nodes, but small percentage of size (MBs)

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### 3-2) Adjusted Node Utilization ( $< 10^5$ )

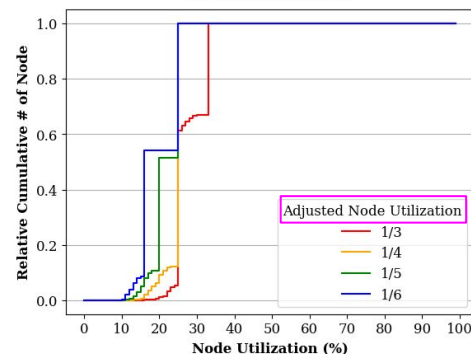
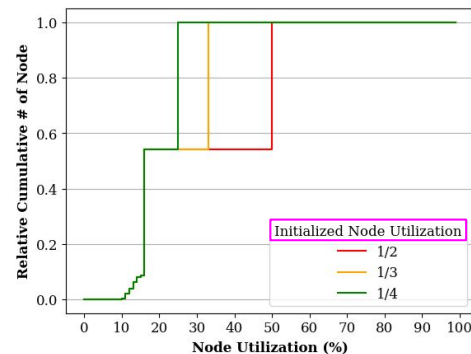
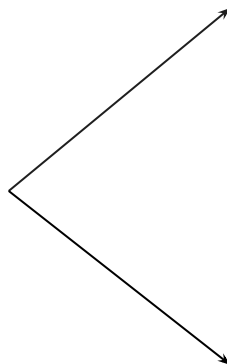
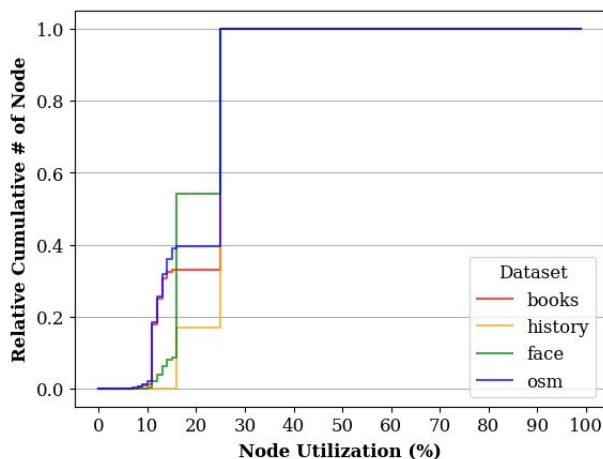


```
inline int compute_gap_count(int size)
{
    if (size >= 1000000)
        return 1;
    else if (size >= 100000)
        return 2;
    else
        return 5;
}
```

- Node size  $< 10^5$  utilization does not matter
- Node size  $> 10^5$ ,  $10^6$  (Root+Depth 1) is important → Need to change this gap count
- There may be some other factors (e.g.,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , FMCD ...)

# 3. Hypothesis

- Hypothesis: The cause of LIPP's SAF may be array management policy (node utilization)
- Reason: Node utilization is low
- Verification: Increasing node utilization

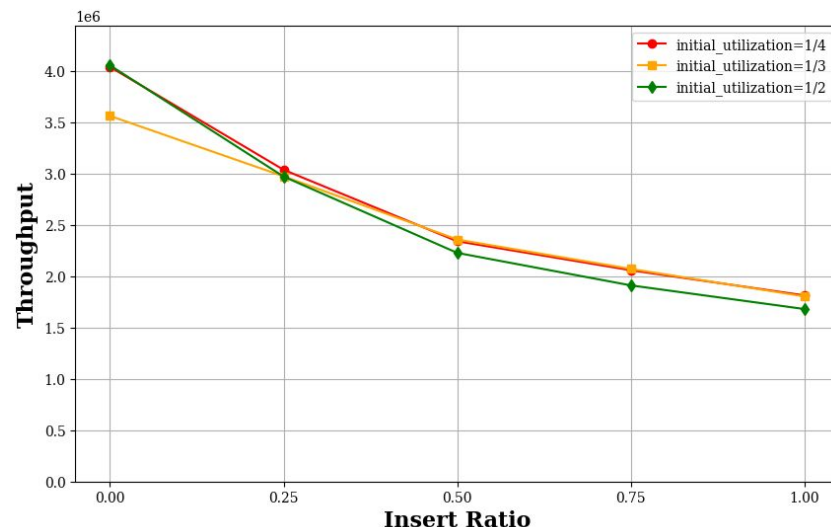
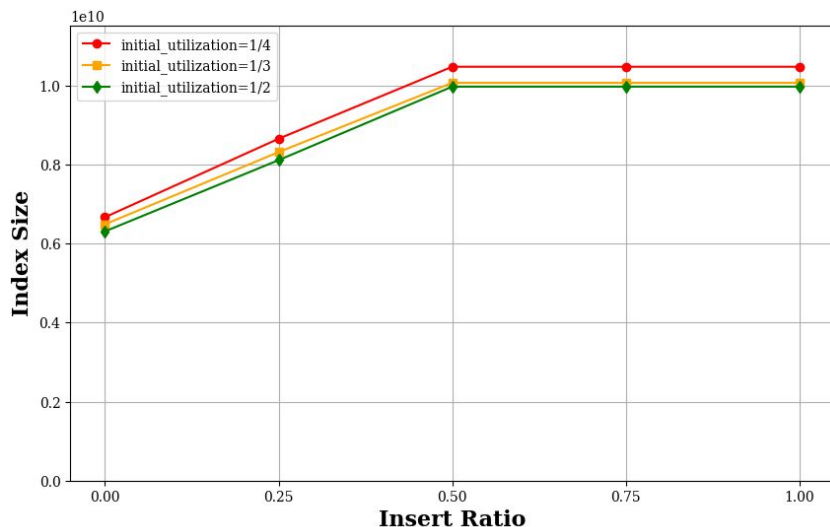


# 4. Experiments

Observed after bulk load **100M** keys  
Dataset: **Face**

Goal : Impact of LIPP's array utilization policy (initial node size)

Observation. The **initial node size** has little effect on index size and read-write performance

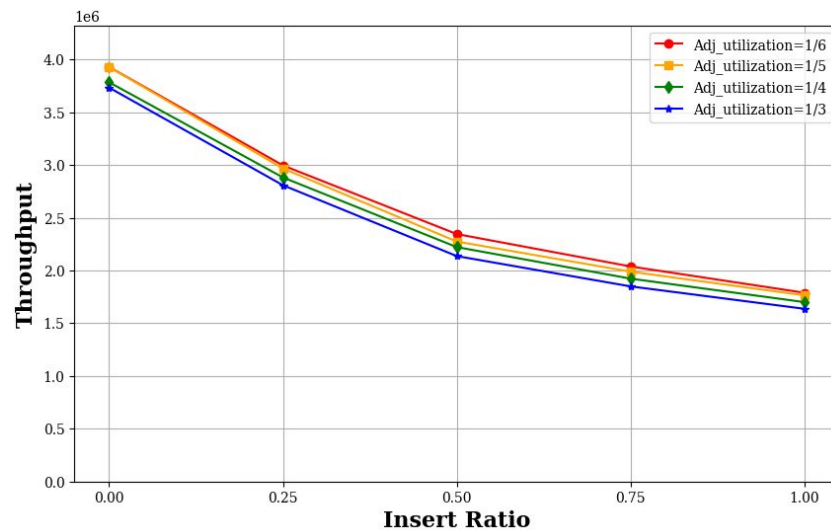
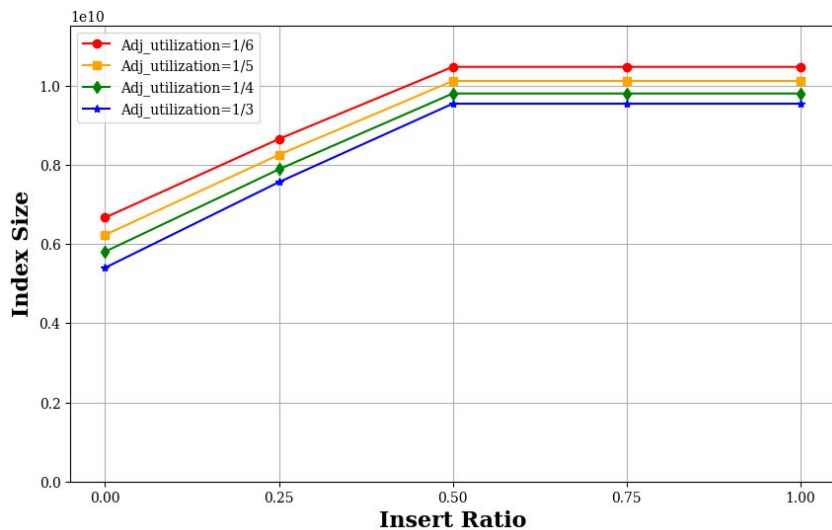


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Observation. The **gap count** has a greater impact than the initial node size, but it is not the main cause



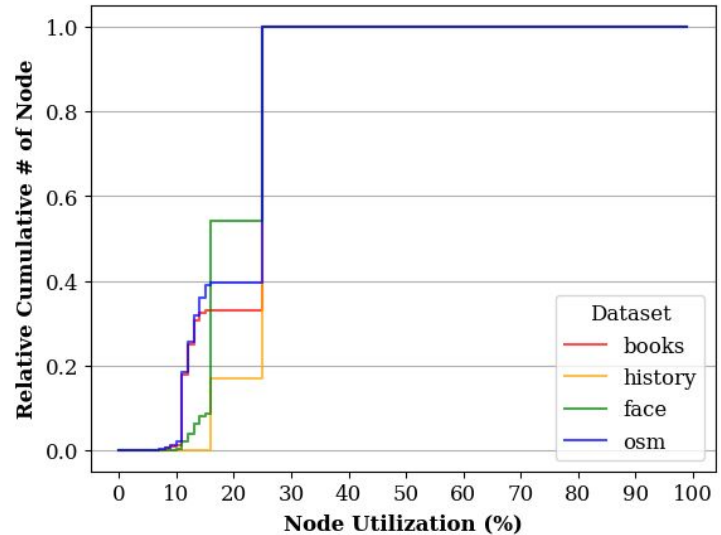
# 5. Conclusion

Experiment conclusion:

- The issue was not with the initial node size and the utilization of nodes smaller than  $10^5$ .
- The parameters of nodes larger than  $10^5$  need to be adjusted.
- There may be some other factors (e.g.,  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , FMCD ...)

Question: No nodes exceed initial node utilization (25%)

- If fill factor is the problem,  $3/8$  should also exist!
- But, node with a utilization rate of  $3/8$  is not observed  
→ Probably FMCD, conflict issue or something...





# 6. Future work

1. A sensitivity analysis into updatable learned index structure

- **Current Hypothesis: Array management policy**

- **fill factor: initial node size, gap\_count**

- **New Hypothesis (Expectation)**

- **rebuilding condition:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$**

- **training model: FMCD**

- **Model : simple linear regression vs kernelized linear regression**

- Conflict resolving : shifting vs chaining

- SMO (Structural modification operation) : cost-benefit (fanout tree) vs rebuilding

$$\frac{n.element\_num}{n.build\_num} \geq \beta \quad \beta \text{ is set to 2 by default}$$

$$\frac{n.conflict\_num}{n.element\_num - n.build\_num} \geq \alpha \quad \text{we set the threshold } \alpha = 0.1$$

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# Q&A



# Thank you!