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Abstract

A Trie is a tree-based data structure used in various algorithms such as string search, text pre-processing, spell correction, and more. The main difference between a Trie and other data structures is that in each Trie node, information is stored as key-value pairs, and each path from the root to a node may represent a string. This feature makes searches and string-related operations much faster and more efficient. According to recent advancements, Tries have been optimized for memory efficiency and speed in applications like natural language processing and bioinformatics. For instance, compressed Tries and bitwise Tries leverage vectorized CPU instructions for faster operations [1].

1 What is a Trie Data Structure?

The word "Trie" is derived from "retrieval." A Trie is an ordered tree-based data structure that stores a collection of strings. It has a number of pointers equal to the number of letters in the alphabet at each node. A Trie can search for a word in a dictionary using the word's prefix. For example, assuming all strings consist of letters "a" to "z" in the English alphabet, each Trie node can have a maximum of 26 children. Tries are particularly efficient for prefix-based searches, making them ideal for autocomplete and spell-checking applications [2].

2 Properties of Trie for a Set of Strings

1. The root node of the Trie always represents the empty node.
2. Each child node is ordered alphabetically.
3. Each node can have a maximum of 26 children (A to Z).
4. Each node (except the root) can store one letter of the alphabet.

3 Main Operations in Trie

There are three main operations in a Trie: Inserting a node - Searching for a node - Deleting a node

3.1 Inserting a Node in Trie

The first operation is to insert a new node into the Trie. Before starting the implementation, it is important to understand some points:

1. Each character of the input key (word) is placed as an individual in the Trie node. Note that children point to the next level of Trie nodes.
2. The character array acts as an index for the children.
3. If the current node already has a pointer to the current letter, set the current node to that reference node. Otherwise, create a new node, set the letter equal to the current letter, and initialize the current node with this new node.
4. The length of the characters determines the depth of the Trie.
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3.1.1 Implementation of Inserting a New Node in the Trie

```java
public class Data_Trie {
    private Node_Trie root;
    public Data_Trie() {
        this.root = new Node_Trie();
    }
    public void insert(String word) {
        Node_Trie current = root;
        int length = word.length();
        for (int x = 0; x < length; x++) {
            char L = word.charAt(x);
            Node_Trie node = current.getNode().get(L);
            if (node == null) {
                node = new Node_Trie();
                current.getNode().put(L, node);
            }
            current = node;
        }
        current.setWord(true);
    }
}
```

From recent implementations, modern Tries often use dynamic arrays or hash maps for children to handle larger alphabets efficiently [2].

3.2 Searching for a Node in Trie

The second operation is searching for a node in a Trie. The search operation is similar to the insert operation. The search operation is used to find a key in the Trie. The implementation of the search operation is shown below.

3.2.1 Implementation of Searching a Node in the Trie

```java
class Search_Trie {
    private Node_Trie Prefix_Search(String W) {
        Node_Trie node = R;
        for (int x = 0; x < W.length(); x++) {
            char curLetter = W.charAt(x);
            if (node.containsKey(curLetter)) {
                node = node.get(curLetter);
            } else {
                return null;
            }
        }
        return node;
    }
    public boolean search(String W) {
        Node_Trie node = Prefix_Search(W);
        return node != null && node.isEnd();
    }
}
```

3.3 Deleting a Node in Trie

The third operation is deleting a node in the Trie. Before starting the implementation, it is important to understand some points: - If the key is not found in the Trie, the delete operation stops and exits. - If the key is found in the Trie, delete it from the Trie.

3.3.1 Implementation of Deleting a Node in the Trie

```
public void Node_delete(String W) {
    Node_delete(R, W, 0);
}
private boolean Node_delete(Node_Trie current, String W, int Node_index) {
    if (Node_index == W.length()) {
        if (!current.isEndOfWord()) {
            return false;
        }
        current.setEndOfWord(false);
        return current.getChildren().isEmpty();
    }
    char A = W.charAt(Node_index);
    Node_Trie node = current.getChildren().get(A);
    if (node == null) {
        return false;
    }
    boolean Current_Node_Delete = Node_delete(node, W, Node_index + 1) && !node.
    isEndOfWord();
    if (Current_Node_Delete) {
        current.getChildren().remove(A);
        return current.getChildren().isEmpty();
    }
    return false;
}
```

4 Applications of Trie

1. **Spell Checking**: Spell checking is a three-step process. First, search for the word in a dictionary, generate possible suggestions, and then sort the suggested words with the target word at the top. Trie is used to store words in dictionaries. Spell checking can be efficiently performed by searching words in a data structure. Using Trie not only makes it easy to see the word in the dictionary but also simplifies building an algorithm to include a set of words or related suggestions [1].

2. **Autocomplete**: The autocomplete feature is widely used in text editors, mobile applications, and the internet. It is a simple way to find an alternative word to complete the word for the following reasons:

   -It provides an alphabetical filter of inputs by the node key.

   -We only track pointers to get the node representing the string entered by the user.

   -As soon as you start typing, it tries to complete your input.

3. **Browser History**: Trie is also used for URL completion in browsers. The browser maintains a history of URLs of websites you have visited.

Recent applications include IP routing and bioinformatics, where Tries are used for efficient prefix matching [1].

5 Advantages of Trie

- Trie can insert and search strings faster than hash tables and binary search trees.
- Trie provides an alphabetical filter of inputs by the node key.

6 Disadvantages of Trie

- Trie requires more memory to store strings.
- It is slower than a hash table.

7 Implementation of Trie

```c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <string.h>
#define N 26

typedef struct TrieNode TrieNode;
struct TrieNode {
    char info;
    TrieNode* child[N];
    int data;
};

TrieNode* trie_make(char info) {
    TrieNode* node = (TrieNode*) calloc(1, sizeof(TrieNode));
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        node->child[i] = NULL;
    node->data = 0;
    node->info = info;
    return node;
}

void free_trienode(TrieNode* node) {
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        if (node->child[i] != NULL) {
            free_trienode(node->child[i]);
        } else {
            continue;
        }
    }
    free(node);
}

// Trie node loop start
TrieNode* trie_insert(TrieNode* flag, char* word) {
    TrieNode* temp = flag;
    for (int i = 0; word[i] != '\0'; i++) {
        int idx = (int) word[i] - 'a';
        if (temp->child[idx] == NULL) {
            temp->child[idx] = trie_make(word[i]);
        } else {
        }
        temp = temp->child[idx];
    }
    temp->data = 1;
    return flag;
}

int search_trie(TrieNode* flag, char* word) {
    TrieNode* temp = flag;
    for (int i = 0; word[i] != '\0'; i++) {
        int position = word[i] - 'a';
        if (temp->child[position] == NULL)
            return 0;
        temp = temp->child[position];
    }
    if (temp != NULL && temp->data == 1)
        return 1;
    return 0;
}

int check_divergence(TrieNode* flag, char* word) {
    TrieNode* temp = flag;
    int len = strlen(word);
    if (len == 0)
        return 0;
    int last_index = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < len; i++) {
        int position = word[i] - 'a';
        if (temp->child[position]) {
            for (int j = 0; j < N; j++) {
                if (j != position && temp->child[j]) {
                    last_index = i + 1;
                    break;
                }
            }
            temp = temp->child[position];
        }
    }
    return last_index;
}

char* find_longest_prefix(TrieNode* flag, char* word) {
    if (!word || word[0] == '\0')
        return NULL;
    int len = strlen(word);
    char* longest_prefix = (char*) calloc(len + 1, sizeof(char));
    for (int i = 0; word[i] != '\0'; i++)
        longest_prefix[i] = word[i];
    longest_prefix[len] = '\0';
    int branch_idx = check_divergence(flag, longest_prefix) - 1;
    if (branch_idx >= 0) {
        longest_prefix[branch_idx] = '\0';
        longest_prefix = (char*) realloc(longest_prefix, (branch_idx + 1) * sizeof(char)
    );
    }
    return longest_prefix;
}

int data_node(TrieNode* flag, char* word) {
    TrieNode* temp = flag;
    for (int i = 0; word[i]; i++) {
        int position = (int) word[i] - 'a';
        if (temp->child[position]) {
            temp = temp->child[position];
        }
    }
    return temp->data;
}

TrieNode* trie_delete(TrieNode* flag, char* word) {
    if (!flag)
        return NULL;
    if (!word || word[0] == '\0')
        return flag;
    if (!data_node(flag, word)) {
        return flag;
    }
    TrieNode* temp = flag;
    char* longest_prefix = find_longest_prefix(flag, word);
    if (longest_prefix[0] == '\0') {
        free(longest_prefix);
        return flag;
    }
    int i;
    for (i = 0; longest_prefix[i] != '\0'; i++) {
        int position = (int) longest_prefix[i] - 'a';
        if (temp->child[position] != NULL) {
            temp = temp->child[position];
        } else {
            free(longest_prefix);
            return flag;
        }
    }
    int len = strlen(word);
    for (; i < len; i++) {
        int position = (int) word[i] - 'a';
        if (temp->child[position]) {
            TrieNode* rm_node = temp->child[position];
            temp->child[position] = NULL;
            free_trienode(rm_node);
        }
    }
    free(longest_prefix);
    return flag;
}

void print_trie(TrieNode* flag) {
    if (!flag)
        return;
    TrieNode* temp = flag;
    printf("%c -> ", temp->info);
    for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {
        print_trie(temp->child[i]);
    }
}

void search(TrieNode* flag, char* word) {
    printf("Search the word %s: ", word);
    if (search_trie(flag, word) == 0)
        printf("Not Found\n");
    else
        printf("Found!\n");
}

int main() {
    TrieNode* flag = trie_make('\0');
    flag = trie_insert(flag, "hello");
    flag = trie_insert(flag, "way");
    flag = trie_insert(flag, "bag");
    flag = trie_insert(flag, "can");
    flag = trie_insert(flag, "white");
    search(flag, "hell");
    search(flag, "bag");
    search(flag, "can");
    search(flag, "ways");
    search(flag, "way");
    print_trie(flag);
    printf("\n");
    flag = trie_delete(flag, "hello");
    printf("deleting the word 'hello'...\n");
    print_trie(flag);
    printf("\n");
    flag = trie_delete(flag, "can");
    printf("deleting the word 'can'...\n");
    print_trie(flag);
    printf("\n");
    free_trienode(flag);
    return 0;
}
```

Output

```
Search the word hell: Not Found
Search the word bag: Found!
Search the word can: Found!
Search the word ways: Not Found
Search the word way: Found!
 -> h -> e -> l -> l -> o -> w -> a -> y -> i -> t -> e -> a -> b -> a -> g -> c -> a -> n
deleting the word 'hello'...
 -> w -> a -> y -> h -> i -> t -> e -> a -> b -> a -> g -> c -> a -> n
deleting the word 'can'...
 -> w -> a -> y -> h -> i -> t -> e -> a -> b -> a -> g
```

8 What is X-Fast Trie?

An X-Fast trie is a data structure used to store integers from a limited domain. An X-Fast trie is a bitwise tree, meaning a binary tree where each subtree stores values with binary representations that have a common prefix. Each internal node is labeled with the common prefix of the values in its subtree. Typically, the left child adds a 0 to the end of the prefix, while the right child adds a 1. The binary representation of an integer between 0 and M 1 uses log M bits, so the height is O(log M).

X-Fast trie provides access to a sorted tree that treats integers as bit words, allowing the integer to be stored as a word of words. The advantage is that operations can be performed in constant time, depending on the size of the universe (U), not the number of items in the Trie [3].

All values in X-Fast trie are stored in leaves. Internal nodes are stored only if they have leaves in their subtree. If an internal node has no left child, it stores a pointer to the smallest leaf in its right subtree, called a descendant pointer. Similarly, if it has no right child, it stores a pointer to the largest leaf in its left subtree. Each leaf stores a pointer to its successor and predecessor, forming a doubly linked list. Finally, there is a hash table for each level containing all nodes at that level. These hash tables together form the level search structure (LSS). To guarantee worst-case query time, these hash tables should use dynamic perfect hashing or cuckoo hashing. The total space used is O(n log M), since each element has a root-to-leaf path of length O(log M).

X-Fast trie supports the following operations:
- find(x): Find x in the trie.
- predecessor(x): Returns the largest element in the domain less than or equal to x.
- successor(x): Returns the smallest element in the domain greater than or equal to x.
- insert(x,v): Inserts an element x into the trie pointing to value v.
- delete(x): Deletes an element x from the trie.

8.1 Find Operation

Finding the value associated with a key k in the data structure can be done in constant time by looking up k in LSS[0], which is a hash table on all the leaves. For example, if we are looking for 4 in the diagram below, we will execute the following steps:

- Step 1: Convert decimal 4 to binary, which is 100.
- Step 2: Start from the root and try to follow the path to each level. The first digit of 100 is 1, so follow the right path (1) from the root to node "1".
- Step 3: Repeat step 2, the second digit of 100 is 0, so follow the left path (0) from node "1" to node "10".
- Step 4: Repeat step 3, the third digit of 100 is 0, so follow the left path (0) from node "10" to node "100".

8.2 Successor and Predecessor Operations

To find the successor or predecessor of a key k, first find A_k, the lowest ancestor of k. This is the node in the Trie that has the longest common prefix with k. To find A_k, perform a binary search on the levels. Start from level h/2, where h is the height of the trie. At each level, query the corresponding hash table in the level search structure with the prefix of k of the appropriate length. If there is no node with that prefix, A_k must be at a higher level, and restrict the search to that. If there is a node with that prefix, A_k cannot be at a higher level, so restrict the search to the current and lower levels. Once the lowest ancestor of k is found, we know that it has a leaf in one of its subtrees (otherwise it would not be in the Trie) and k must be in the other subtree. Therefore, the descendant pointer points to the successor or predecessor of k. Depending on which one we are looking for, we may have to take a step in the leaf linked list to the next or previous. Since the height of the Trie is O(log M), the binary search for the lowest ancestor takes O(log log M) time. After that, the successor or predecessor can be found in constant time, so the total query time is O(log log M). For example, if we are looking for the predecessor of 3 in the diagram below, we will execute the following steps:

- Step 1: Convert decimal 3 to binary, which is 011.

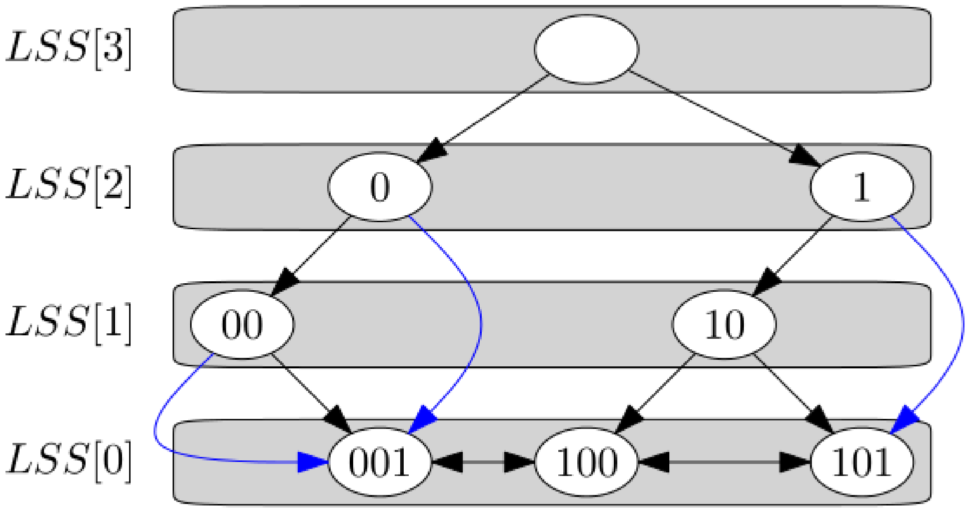

Figure 1: Diagram of finding operator

- Step 2: Start from the root and try to follow the path to each level. The first digit of 011 is 0, so follow the left path (0) from the root to node "0".
- Step 3: Repeat step 2, the second digit of 011 is 1, so try to follow the right path (1). However, node "0" has no right path, so follow the pointer to node "001".
- Step 4: 001 is smaller than 011, so it represents the predecessor of 011. Therefore, the predecessor (3) is 1 (001).

successor(k) and predecessor(k): Successor is the node with the smallest element greater than or equal to k, while predecessor is the largest element smaller than or equal to k in trie. This node will have the longest common prefix with k.
1. Binary search the levels, each of which is a hash table.
2. Set low = 0 and high = h, where h = height of the tree.
3. Repeatedly set mid = (low + high) / 2, and check if hash table contains the prefix of k.
If it does, that means target node is between levels mid and high (inclusive). So set low = mid. Otherwise, target node is between low and mid, so set high = mid. 4. The node reached will have the longest common prefix with k. Since k is not in trie, either left or right child pointer is empty. So descendant pointer is used to directly reach the leaf node. 5. After reaching leaf node, double linked list needs to be traversed forward or backward just once to get wanted node, or to determine that no such element exists.

8.3 Insert Operation

To insert a key-value pair (k, v), first find the predecessor and successor of k. Then create a new leaf for k, insert it into the linked list between the successor and predecessor, and give it a pointer to v. Then, walk from the root to the new leaf, creating necessary nodes on the way down, insert them into the corresponding hash tables, and update descendant pointers if necessary. Since we have to go down the entire height of the tree, this process takes O(log M) time.
insert(k, v): To insert the key value pair (k, v)
1. Find the predecessor and successor of k.
2. Create a new node representing k. Have the node store value v.
3. Add the node between predecessor and successor in doubly linked list.
4. Start at root and traverse down to the leaf while creating missing nodes.

8.4 Delete Operation

To delete a key k, find its leaf using the hash table on the leaves. Remove it from the linked list, but remember who the successor and predecessor were. Then walk from the leaf to the root of the trie, deleting all nodes whose subtree only contained k, and update descendant pointers if necessary. Descendant pointers that previously pointed to k now point to the successor or predecessor of k, depending on which subtree is missing.

delete(k):

1. Find the leaf node with key k using hash table.
2. Delete the node and connect its successor and predecessor in doubly-linked lists.
3. Traverse upwards till root and delete all internal nodes that had only k inside its subtrees. Update descendant pointers to point to either its successor or predecessor appropriately.

9 Complexity of X-Fast Trie

Time complexity:

Find: O(1)

Successor, Predecessor: O(log log U)

Insert: O(log U)

Delete: O(log U)

Space complexity: O(N log U)

Where N is the count of values stored and U is the universe size [3].

10 Implementation of X-Fast Trie

```cpp
/*
 * C++ 11 code to construct an Xfast trie. Complete the destructor
 * as an exercise to perform delete on all Node objects
 */
#include <iostream>
#include <unordered_map>
#include <vector>

struct Node {
    int level;
    int key;
    // also used by leaf nodes to simulate linked list
    Node* left, *right;
    Node() {
        level = -1;
        left = nullptr;
        right = nullptr;
    }
};

class XfastTrie {
    int w;
    std::vector<std::unordered_map<int, Node*>> hash_table;
    int getDigitCount(int x) {
        int count = 0;
        for (; x > 0; x >>= 1, ++count);
        return count;
    }
    int leftChild(int x) {
        return (x << 1);
    }
    int rightChild(int x) {
        return ((x << 1) | 1);
    }
    Node* getLeftmostLeaf(Node* parent) {
        while (parent->level != w) {
            if (parent->left != nullptr)
                parent = parent->left;
            else
                parent = parent->right;
        }
        return parent;
    }
    Node* getRightmostLeaf(Node* parent) {
        while (parent->level != w) {
            if (parent->right != nullptr)
```

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                parent = parent->right;
            else
                parent = parent->left;
        }
        return parent;
    }
public:
    XfastTrie(int U) {
        w = getDigitCount(U);
        hash_table.assign(w + 1, std::unordered_map<int, Node*>());
        Node* root = new Node();
        root->level = 0;
        hash_table[0][0] = root;
    }
    Node* find(int k) {
        if (hash_table[w].find(k) == hash_table[w].end())
            return nullptr;
        return hash_table[w][k];
    }
    Node* successor(int k) {
        int low = 0,
            high = w + 1,
            mid, prefix;
        Node* tmp = nullptr;
        while (high - low > 1) {
            mid = (low + high) >> 1;
            prefix = k >> (w - mid);
            if (hash_table[mid].find(prefix) == hash_table[mid].end())
                high = mid;
            else {
                low = mid;
                tmp = hash_table[mid][prefix];
            }
        }
        if (tmp == nullptr || tmp->level == 0)
            // occurs on first insertion
            return nullptr;
        if (tmp->level == w)
            return tmp;
        // use descendant node
        if ((k >> (w - tmp->level - 1)) & 1)
            tmp = tmp->right;
        else
            tmp = tmp->left;
        if (tmp->key < k) {
            return tmp->right;
        }
        return tmp;
    }
    Node* predecessor(int k) {
        // completely same as successor except last section
        int low = 0,
            high = w + 1,
            mid, prefix;
        Node* tmp = nullptr;
        while (high - low > 1) {
            mid = (low + high) >> 1;
            prefix = k >> (w - mid);
            if (hash_table[mid].find(prefix) == hash_table[mid].end())
                high = mid;
            else {
                low = mid;
                tmp = hash_table[mid][prefix];
            }
        }
        if (tmp == nullptr || tmp->level == 0)
            // occurs on first insertion
            return nullptr;
        if (tmp->level == w)
            return tmp;
        // use descendant node
        if ((k >> (w - tmp->level - 1)) & 1)
            tmp = tmp->right;
        else
            tmp = tmp->left;
        if (tmp->key > k) {
            return tmp->left;
        }
        return tmp;
    }
    void insert(int k) {
        Node* node = new Node();
        node->key = k;
        node->level = w;
        // update linked list
        Node* pre = predecessor(k);
        Node* suc = successor(k);
        if (pre != nullptr) {
            if (pre->level != w) {
                std::cout << "Weird level " << pre->level << '\n';
            }
            node->right = pre->right;
            pre->right = node;
            node->left = pre;
        }
        if (suc != nullptr) {
            if (suc->level != w) {
                std::cout << "Weird level " << suc->level << '\n';
            }
            node->left = suc->left;
            suc->left = node;
            node->right = suc;
        }
        int lvl = 1, prefix;
        while (lvl != w) {
            prefix = k >> (w - lvl);
            if (hash_table[lvl].find(prefix) == hash_table[lvl].end()) {
                Node* inter = new Node();
                inter->level = lvl;
                hash_table[lvl][prefix] = inter;
                if (prefix & 1)
                    hash_table[lvl - 1][prefix >> 1]->right = inter;
                else
                    hash_table[lvl - 1][prefix >> 1]->left = inter;
            }
            ++lvl;
        }
        hash_table[w][k] = node;
        if (k & 1)
            hash_table[w - 1][k >> 1]->right = node;
        else
            hash_table[w - 1][k >> 1]->left = node;
        // update descendant pointers
        prefix = k;
        lvl = w - 1;
        while (lvl != 0) {
            prefix = prefix >> 1;
            if (hash_table[lvl][prefix]->left == nullptr)
                hash_table[lvl][prefix]->left = getLeftmostLeaf(hash_table[lvl][prefix
    ]->right);
            else if (hash_table[lvl][prefix]->right == nullptr)
                hash_table[lvl][prefix]->right = getRightmostLeaf(hash_table[lvl][prefix
    ]->left);
            --lvl;
        }
        if (hash_table[0][0]->left == nullptr) {
            hash_table[0][0]->left = getLeftmostLeaf(hash_table[0][0]->right);
        }
        if (hash_table[0][0]->right == nullptr) {
            hash_table[0][0]->right = getRightmostLeaf(hash_table[0][0]->left);
        }
    }
    ~XfastTrie() {
        // Implement destructor to delete all nodes
    }
};
```

```cpp

int main() {
    XfastTrie trie(1 << 5);
    std::cout << "insert 1, 5, 11, 12\n";
    trie.insert(5);
    trie.insert(11);
    trie.insert(12);
    trie.insert(1);
    std::cout << "Successor of key 2:\n";
    Node* tmp = trie.successor(2);
    if (tmp != nullptr) {
        std::cout << tmp->key << '\n';
    }
    std::cout << "Predecessor of key 13:\n";
    tmp = trie.predecessor(13);
    if (tmp != nullptr) {
        std::cout << tmp->key << '\n';
    }
}
```

11 Applications of X-Fast Trie

X-Fast tries are used in applications where successor/predecessor queries are frequently performed on data. Recent studies have explored their use in fast local searches and updates in bounded universes [4].

12 What is Y-Fast Trie?

A Y-Fast trie is a data structure used to store integers from a limited domain. It is a bitwise tree, meaning a binary tree where each subtree stores values with binary representations that have a common prefix. It is considered an upgrade from X-fast trie, providing more efficient memory usage and faster insert/delete operations. Y-fast trie also treats integers as bit words, allowing the integer to be stored as a word.

A Y-fast trie consists of two data structures: the upper half is an X-fast trie, and the lower half includes a number of balanced binary trees. The keys are divided into groups of consecutive O(log M) elements, and for each group, a balanced binary search tree is created. Each group includes at least (log M)/4 and at most 2 log M elements. For each balanced binary search tree, a representative r is selected. These representatives are stored in the X-fast trie. A representative r should not be an element of the tree associated with it but should be an integer smaller than the successor of r and the minimum element of the associated tree successor, and larger than the predecessor of r and the maximum element of the associated tree predecessor. Initially, the representative of a tree will be an integer between the minimum and maximum element in that tree. Since the X-fast trie stores O(n / log M) representatives, and each representative occurs in O(log M) hash tables, this part of the Y-fast trie uses O(n) space. The balanced binary search trees store n elements in total, using O(n) space. Therefore, in total, a Y-fast trie uses O(n) space [5].

Y-Fast trie supports the following operations:

- find(x): Find x in the trie.
- predecessor(x): Returns the largest element in the domain less than or equal to x.
- successor(x): Returns the smallest element in the domain greater than or equal to x.
- insert(x,v): Inserts an element x into the trie pointing to value v.
- delete(x): Deletes an element x from the trie.

12.1 Find Operation

find(k): Find the element k in trie. Find the predecessor and successor representatives of k in the X-fast trie, i.e., find the largest representative smaller than k and find the smallest.

12.2 Successor and Predecessor Operations

successor(k) and predecessor(k): Successor is the node with the smallest element greater than or equal to k, while predecessor is the largest element smaller than or equal to k in trie. This node will have the longest common prefix with k.

1. Find the successor and predecessor representatives of k in the X-fast trie.
2. Traverse both trees to get two potential successors (or predecessors) of k.

12.3 Insert Operation

insert(k, v): To insert the key value pair (k, v) First determine in which balanced BST should k be inserted.

1. Find the successor of k. Determine the BST in which the successor is stored. Let the tree be T.
2. Insert k into tree T, with the node pointing to v.
3. If T has more than 2 log U elements, remove its representative and split the tree into two balanced BSTs. Pick a representative for each tree.

12.4 Delete Operation

delete(k):

1. Find the key k and delete it. Let the tree that contained it be T.
2. If the element count of T goes lower than (log U)/4, merge tree T with its predecessor or successor while removing representatives of merged trees from X-fast trie.
3. Insert representative of new tree into X-fast trie.
4. If the newly formed tree has more than 2 log U elements, remove its representative and split the tree into two balanced BSTs. Pick a representative for each tree and insert them into X-fast trie.

13 Complexity of Y-Fast Trie

Time complexity:
Find: O(1)
Successor, Predecessor: O(log log U)
Insert: O(log U)
Delete: O(log U)
Space complexity: O(N log U)
Where N is the count of values stored and U is the universe size.

Recent advancements have focused on optimizing Y-Fast Tries for lower space complexity in large universes [5].

14 Implementation of Y-Fast Trie

```
/*
 * Code to demonstrate a Yfast trie. A proper implementation would be
 * humongous, so this code should be taken just as an example.
 */
#include <iostream>
#include <unordered_map>
#include <vector>
#include <map>
#include <iterator>

struct Node {
    int level;
    int key;
    // also used by leaf nodes to simulate linked list
    Node* left, *right;
    Node() {
        level = -1;
        left = nullptr;
        right = nullptr;
    }
};

class XfastTrie {
    int w;
    std::vector<std::unordered_map<int, Node*>> hash_table;
    int getDigitCount(int x) {
        int count = 0;
        for (; x > 0; x >>= 1, ++count);
        return count;
    }
    int leftChild(int x) {
        return (x << 1);
    }
    int rightChild(int x) {
        return ((x << 1) | 1);
    }
    Node* getLeftmostLeaf(Node* parent) {
        while (parent->level != w) {
            if (parent->left != nullptr)
                parent = parent->left;
            else
                parent = parent->right;
        }
        return parent;
    }
    Node* getRightmostLeaf(Node* parent) {
        while (parent->level != w) {
            if (parent->right != nullptr)
                parent = parent->right;
            else
                parent = parent->left;
        }
        return parent;
    }
public:
    XfastTrie() {}
    XfastTrie(int U) {
        w = getDigitCount(U);
        hash_table.assign(w + 1, std::unordered_map<int, Node*>());
        Node* root = new Node();
        root->level = 0;
        hash_table[0][0] = root;
    }
    Node* find(int k) {
        if (hash_table[w].find(k) == hash_table[w].end())
            return nullptr;
        return hash_table[w][k];
    }
    Node* successor(int k) {
        int low = 0,
            high = w + 1,
            mid, prefix;
        Node* tmp = nullptr;
        while (high - low > 1) {
            mid = (low + high) >> 1;
            prefix = k >> (w - mid);
            if (hash_table[mid].find(prefix) == hash_table[mid].end())
                high = mid;
            else {
                low = mid;
                tmp = hash_table[mid][prefix];
            }
        }
        if (tmp == nullptr || tmp->level == 0)
            // occurs on first insertion
            return nullptr;
        if (tmp->level == w)
            return tmp;
        // use descendant node
        if ((k >> (w - tmp->level - 1)) & 1)
            tmp = tmp->right;
        else
            tmp = tmp->left;
        if (tmp->key < k) {
            return tmp->right;
        }
        return tmp;
    }
    Node* predecessor(int k) {
        // completely same as successor except last section
        int low = 0,
            high = w + 1,
            mid, prefix;
        Node* tmp = nullptr;
        while (high - low > 1) {
            mid = (low + high) >> 1;
            prefix = k >> (w - mid);
            if (hash_table[mid].find(prefix) == hash_table[mid].end())
                high = mid;
            else {
                low = mid;
                tmp = hash_table[mid][prefix];
            }
        }
        if (tmp == nullptr || tmp->level == 0)
            // occurs on first insertion
            return nullptr;
        if (tmp->level == w)
            return tmp;
        // use descendant node
        if ((k >> (w - tmp->level - 1)) & 1)
            tmp = tmp->right;
        else
            tmp = tmp->left;
        if (tmp->key > k) {
            return tmp->left;
        }
        return tmp;
    }
    void insert(int k) {
        Node* node = new Node();
        node->key = k;
        node->level = w;
        // update linked list
        Node* pre = predecessor(k);
        Node* suc = successor(k);
        if (pre != nullptr) {
            if (pre->level != w) {
                std::cout << "Weird level " << pre->level << '\n';
            }
            node->right = pre->right;
            pre->right = node;
            node->left = pre;
        }
        if (suc != nullptr) {
            if (suc->level != w) {
                std::cout << "Weird level " << suc->level << '\n';
            }
            node->left = suc->left;
            suc->left = node;
            node->right = suc;
        }
        int lvl = 1, prefix;
        while (lvl != w) {
            prefix = k >> (w - lvl);
            if (hash_table[lvl].find(prefix) == hash_table[lvl].end()) {
                Node* inter = new Node();
                inter->level = lvl;
                hash_table[lvl][prefix] = inter;
                if (prefix & 1)
                    hash_table[lvl - 1][prefix >> 1]->right = inter;
                else
                    hash_table[lvl - 1][prefix >> 1]->left = inter;
            }
            ++lvl;
        }
        hash_table[w][k] = node;
        if (k & 1)
            hash_table[w - 1][k >> 1]->right = node;
        else
            hash_table[w - 1][k >> 1]->left = node;
        // update descendant pointers
        prefix = k;
        lvl = w - 1;
        while (lvl != 0) {
            prefix = prefix >> 1;
            if (hash_table[lvl][prefix]->left == nullptr)
                hash_table[lvl][prefix]->left = getLeftmostLeaf(hash_table[lvl][prefix
    ]->right);
            else if (hash_table[lvl][prefix]->right == nullptr)
                hash_table[lvl][prefix]->right = getRightmostLeaf(hash_table[lvl][prefix
    ]->left);
            --lvl;
        }
        if (hash_table[0][0]->left == nullptr) {
            hash_table[0][0]->left = getLeftmostLeaf(hash_table[0][0]->right);
        }
        if (hash_table[0][0]->right == nullptr) {
            hash_table[0][0]->right = getRightmostLeaf(hash_table[0][0]->left);
        }
    }
};

class BinarySearchTree {
public:
    std::map<int, int> tree;
    void insert(int k, int val) {
        tree[k] = val;
    }
    int successor(int k) {
        std::map<int, int>::iterator tmp = tree.lower_bound(k);
        if (tmp == tree.end())
            return -1;
        else
            return tmp->first;
    }
    int predecessor(int k) {
        std::map<int, int>::iterator tmp = tree.upper_bound(k);
        if (tmp == tree.begin())
            return -1;
        tmp = std::prev(tmp);
        return tmp->first;
    }
};

class YfastTrie {
    std::unordered_map<int, BinarySearchTree> bst;
    XfastTrie xtrie;
    int w;
    int getDigitCount(int x) {
        int count = 0;
        for (; x > 0; x >>= 1, ++count);
        return count;
    }
public:
    YfastTrie(int u) {
        w = getDigitCount(u);
        xtrie = XfastTrie(u);
    }
    int find(int k) {
        Node* suc = xtrie.successor(k);
        Node* pre = xtrie.predecessor(k);
        if (bst[suc->key].tree.find(k) != bst[suc->key].tree.end())
            return bst[suc->key].tree[k];
        if (bst[pre->key].tree.find(k) != bst[pre->key].tree.end())
            return bst[pre->key].tree[k];
        return -1;
    }
    int successor(int k) {
        Node* suc = xtrie.successor(k);
        Node* pre = xtrie.predecessor(k);
        // used as infinite here
        int x = 2 << 2, y = 2 << w;
        if (suc != nullptr)
            x = bst[suc->key].successor(k);
        if (pre != nullptr)
            y = bst[pre->key].successor(k);
        return (x < y) ? x : y;
    }
    int predecessor(int k) {
        Node* suc = xtrie.successor(k);
        Node* pre = xtrie.predecessor(k);
        int x = -1, y = -1;
        if (suc != nullptr)
            x = bst[suc->key].predecessor(k);
        if (pre != nullptr)
            y = bst[pre->key].predecessor(k);
        return (x > y) ? x : y;
    }
    void insert(int k, int val) {
        Node* suc = xtrie.successor(k);
        if (suc == nullptr) {
            xtrie.insert(k);
            // representative can be anything. using first element as
            // representative requires length of xfast trie to be u.
            bst[k] = BinarySearchTree();
            bst[k].tree[k] = val;
        } else {
            int succ = suc->key;
            std::cout << succ << '\n';
            bst[succ].tree[k] = val;
        }
    }
};

int main() {
    YfastTrie trie(1 << 5);
    std::cout << "insert 1, 5, 11, 12\n";
    trie.insert(5, 2);
    trie.insert(11, 2);
    trie.insert(12, 2);
    trie.insert(1, 2);
    std::cout << "Successor of key 2:\n";
    int tmp = trie.successor(2);
    if (tmp != -1) {
        std::cout << tmp << '\n'
                  << "value stored = " << trie.find(tmp) << '\n';
    }
    std::cout << "Predecessor of key 13:\n";
    tmp = trie.predecessor(13);
    if (tmp != -1) {
        std::cout << tmp << '\n'
                  << "value stored = " << trie.find(tmp) << '\n';
    }
    return 0;
}
```

15 Applications of Y-Fast Trie

Y-fast tries are widely used in database systems. Y-fast tries have almost replaced X-fast tries in all applications, for example, IP routing [5].

16 Application of Trie in Auto-complete

These days, autocomplete functions are common in digital environments. You have probably encountered autocomplete suggestions that make your life easier when typing on your smartphone, sending an email, or performing a Google search. By predicting and completing their input, these recommendations help users and make their experience faster and more effective.

The Trie data structure is one of the main technologies that enables auto-complete capabilities. Pronounced "try"; Trie is a tree-like data structure that stores a dynamic set of strings, making it ideal for quickly finding and retrieving words. This explains the autocomplete idea and shows you how to use Trie to implement it [6].

16.1 Building a Trie

First, you need to create a Trie data structure to implement an autocomplete feature. Regarding how to build a Trie:

Step 1: Define Trie Node A TrieNode class is required for each character in a word that needs to be represented. A flag to indicate the end of a word and children's attributes (to represent the next character) should be included in this class.

```
class TrieNode:
    def __init__(self):
        self.children = {}
        self.is_end_of_word = False
```

The is_end_of_word boolean flag is set to True when a node indicates the end of a word, and the children attribute holds pointers to child nodes.

Step 2: Create the Trie Let's now build the Trie class that has methods for adding words to the Trie and the root node.

```
class Trie:
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = TrieNode()

    def insert(self, word):
        node = self.root
        for char in word:
            if char not in node.children:
                node.children[char] = TrieNode()
            node = node.children[char]
        node.is_end_of_word = True
```

Words are inserted into the Trie via the insert method, which is part of the Trie class that has a root node. Iterating through each character in the word, it adds new nodes if necessary and concludes the word when the full word has been added.

16.2 Autocomplete with Trie

After creating a Trie data structure, we can now use it to combine autocomplete capabilities. Our goal is to identify every term that shares a specific prefix. The steps to do this are as follows:

Step 1: Search for Prefix Matching characters from the prefix with the path starts from the root through the Trie. To complete this operation, each character in the prefix must be confirmed as a child node. If a character is missing, the prefix is absent from all words.

```
def autocomplete(trie, prefix):
    node = trie.root
    for char in prefix:
        if char not in node.children:
            return []
        node = node.children[char]
```

Step 2: Finding Autocomplete Suggestions To find all words that have the same prefix, we can perform a depth-first search (DFS) until we reach the last prefix node. DFS builds words as it moves and checks every path that can be led from the current node.

```
suggestions = []
def find_words(node, prefix_so_far):
    if node.is_end_of_word:
```

```python
        suggestions.append(prefix + prefix_so_far)
    for char, child in node.children.items():
        find_words(child, prefix_so_far + char)
find_words(node, prefix)
```

The recursive function finds words in this code, builds words, and adds them to the list of suggestions whenever it reaches the end of a word. It does this by checking every path that can be led from the current node. This method ensures that every word containing the specified prefix is included.

```python
class TrieNode:
    def __init__(self):
        self.children = {}
        self.is_end_of_word = False

class Trie:
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = TrieNode()

    def insert(self, word):
        node = self.root
        for char in word:
            if char not in node.children:
                node.children[char] = TrieNode()
            node = node.children[char]
        node.is_end_of_word = True

    def find_words_with_prefix(self, prefix):
        node = self.root
        for char in prefix:
            if char not in node.children:
                return []
            node = node.children[char]
        suggestions = []
        def find_words(node, prefix_so_far):
            if node.is_end_of_word:
                suggestions.append(prefix_so_far)
            for char, child in node.children.items():
                find_words(child, prefix_so_far + char)
        find_words(node, prefix)
        return suggestions

if __name__ == "__main__":
    trie = Trie()
    words = ["apple", "appetizer", "banana", "bat", "ball"]
    for word in words:
        trie.insert(word)
    prefix = "app"
    suggestions = trie.find_words_with_prefix(prefix)
    print(suggestions)  # Output: ['apple', 'appetizer']
```

Output

```
['apple', 'appetizer']
```

16.3 Explanation

- **TrieNode Class:** Represents a node in the Trie data structure. Attributes: children (dictionary to store child nodes) and is_end_of_word (boolean indicating if the node marks the end of a word).
- **Trie Class:** Represents a Trie with a root node. Methods: insert (to insert a word into the Trie) and find_words_with_prefix (to find words with the given prefix).
- **Insert:** Inserts a word into the Trie by iterating through its characters and creating nodes if needed.
- **Find Words with Prefix Method:** Returns a list of words with the given prefix by traversing the Trie and collecting suggestions.

17 Application of Trie in Pattern Searching

Trie (also called prefix tree) is a tree-like data structure used to store a dynamic set of strings, where keys are usually strings. Tries are very efficient for prefix-based searches and are widely used in applications such as autocomplete and spell checking. Another important application of Tries is in pattern searching [7].

In pattern searching, the goal is to find the occurrence of a ”pattern” string within a ”text” string. Tries can be effectively used for preprocessing the text for fast pattern searching, especially when there are multiple patterns to search for simultaneously.

17.1 Pattern Searching with Trie

To perform pattern searching using Trie: - Build Trie: Insert all patterns into the Trie. - Search Trie: Traverse the text and, for each position in the text, try to match as many characters as possible with the Trie.

17.2 Implementation

Here is a complete implementation in Python:

```python
class TrieNode:
    def __init__(self):
        self.children = {}
        self.end_of_word = False

class Trie:
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = TrieNode()

    def insert(self, word):
        node = self.root
        for char in word:
            if char not in node.children:
                node.children[char] = TrieNode()
            node = node.children[char]
        node.end_of_word = True

    def search(self, text):
        node = self.root
        for char in text:
            if char in node.children:
                node = node.children[char]
            else:
                return False
        return node.end_of_word

def build_trie(patterns):
    trie = Trie()
    for pattern in patterns:
        trie.insert(pattern)
    return trie

def search_patterns(text, patterns):
    trie = build_trie(patterns)
    occurrences = []
    for i in range(len(text)):
        node = trie.root
        for j in range(i, len(text)):
            if text[j] in node.children:
                node = node.children[text[j]]
                if node.end_of_word:
                    occurrences.append((i, j - i + 1))
            else:
                break
    return occurrences

# Example usage
text = "ababcabcabababd"
patterns = ["ab", "abc", "abd"]
print("Text: ", text)
print("Patterns: ", patterns)
occurrences = search_patterns(text, patterns)
print("Pattern occurrences (start index, length): ", occurrences)
```

17.3 Explanation

- **TrieNode Class:** children: A dictionary to store child nodes. end_of_word: A boolean to indicate that the node represents the end of a word.
- **Trie Class:** insert(word): Inserts a word into the Trie. search(text): Searches a text in the Trie (not directly used for pattern search).
- **build_trie(patterns):** Builds the Trie using all given patterns.
- **search_patterns(text, patterns):** Builds the Trie using the given patterns. Traverses each character of the text. For each character, tries to match as many characters as possible with the Trie. If a pattern word is found, records the start index and length of the found pattern.

When the above code is run with the example text and patterns, it outputs the start index and length of each pattern found in the text. For example:
Text: ababcabcababd
Patterns: ['ab', 'abc', 'abd']
Pattern occurrences (start index, length): [(0,2), (0,3), (2,2), (5,3), (10,2), (12,3)]
This shows that:
- Pattern "ab" found at index 0 with length 2.
- Pattern "abc" found at index 0 with length 3.
-And so on.
Using Trie for pattern searching allows you to preprocess multiple patterns and search for them simultaneously in a text, which can be especially efficient for large sets of patterns.

18 Applications of Trie in Bioinformatics

1. **Sequence Search:** Finding specific sequence fragments in the genome. Identifying repetitive motifs in genetic sequences.
2. **Genome Assembly:** Helping to assemble short DNA fragments into complete genomes.
3. **Gene Prediction:** Identifying protein-coding regions in DNA sequences.

Recent papers have explored optimized Tries for large-scale genomic data, such as in compressed Trie sequence databases for k-mer indexing in tools like BLAST [1].

18.1 Implementation of Trie for DNA Sequence Searching

Here is a Python implementation for using Trie in searching DNA sequences.

```python
class TrieNode:
    def __init__(self):
        self.children = {}
        self.end_of_word = False

class Trie:
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = TrieNode()

    def insert(self, word):
        node = self.root
        for char in word:
            if char not in node.children:
                node.children[char] = TrieNode()
            node = node.children[char]
        node.end_of_word = True

    def search(self, word):
        node = self.root
        for char in word:
            if char not in node.children:
                return False
            node = node.children[char]
        return node.end_of_word

    def starts_with(self, prefix):
        node = self.root
        for char in prefix:
            if char not in node.children:
                return False
            node = node.children[char]
        return True

def build_trie(sequences):
    trie = Trie()
    for sequence in sequences:
        trie.insert(sequence)
    return trie

def search_sequences(genome, sequences):
    trie = build_trie(sequences)
    matches = []
    for i in range(len(genome)):
        node = trie.root
        for j in range(i, len(genome)):
            if genome[j] in node.children:
                node = node.children[genome[j]]
                if node.end_of_word:
                    matches.append((i, j - i + 1))
            else:
                break
    return matches

# Example usage
genome = "ACGTACGTGACG"
sequences = ["ACG", "GTG", "CGT"]
print("Genome: ", genome)
print("Sequences: ", sequences)
matches = search_sequences(genome, sequences)
print("Matches (start index, length): ", matches)
```

18.2 Explanation

- **TrieNode Class:** children: A dictionary to store child nodes. end_of_word: A boolean to indicate that the node represents the end of a word.
- **Trie Class:** insert(word): Inserts a word into the Trie. search(word): Searches for a word in the Trie. starts_with(prefix): Checks if the given prefix exists in the Trie.
- **build_trie(sequences):** Builds the Trie using the given sequences.
- **search_sequences(genome, sequences):** Builds the Trie using the given sequences. Traverses each character of the genome. For each character, tries to match as many characters as possible with the Trie. If a sequence from the sequences is found, records the start index and length of the found sequence.

When the above code is run with the example genome and sequences, it outputs the start index and length of each sequence found in the genome. For example: Genome: ACGTACGTGACG
Sequences: ['ACG', 'GTG', 'CGT']
Matches (start index, length): [(0,3), (2,3), (4,3), (6,3), (9,3)]
This shows that:
- Sequence "ACG" found at index 0 with length 3.
- Sequence "GTG" found at index 4 with length 3.
- And so on.

Using Trie for genetic sequence searching allows you to efficiently search for specific sequences in the genome and identify repetitive regions or motifs. This approach is very useful for genomic data analysis and can be used in many bioinformatics applications.

19 Recent Advancements in Trie Data Structures (2023-2025)

Recent advancements in Trie data structures include the development of Zip-Tries, which are simple dynamic data structures for strings, shown to outperform several non-compact and compact Trie implementations [8]. Another notable contribution is the GREAT framework, which uses a Trie to guide query generation for recommending appropriate questions in inference tasks [9]. Additionally, Value-Aware Large Language Models have reinvented the Trie by integrating value information into nodes for improved inference acceleration [10]. In bioinformatics, advancements in practical k-mer sets have highlighted the role of Tries in high-throughput sequencing data processing [11]. These innovations demonstrate the ongoing evolution of Tries in enhancing efficiency in string processing, machine learning, and genomic applications.

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