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Reproducing Experiments from paper: Universal Indexes for Highly Repetitive Document Collections[†], by:

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Abstract

We include in this report the main figures reproduced for paper [1] from the experimental data and source codes obtained by running our build, search, and report scripts from our parent paper, and described in detail in our reproducibility paper: "On the Reproducibility of Experiments of Indexing Repetitive Document Collections".

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1. Experimental Framework and Results

We experimentally study the space/time tradeoffs obtained with the described inverted list representations, in both the non-positional and positional scenarios. In the positional scenario we also add a comparison with the self-indexes proposed.

1.1. Test Data

Within uiHRDC we provide in data directory, both the document collections and the query sets used in the experimental setup of our parent paper. They are described below.

1.1.1. Document Collections

Our document collections were created from the 108.5 GB Wikipedia collection described by He et al. [3], which contained 10% of the complete English Wikipedia from 2001 to mid 2008. It contains 240,179 articles, and each of them has a number of versions. Its statistics are shown in Table 1. Note that we had not the

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original 108.5 GB collection, but a filtered (tag-free) version of it whose size totaled 85.58 GB. Therefore, the original collection was 1.27 times larger than ours.

Subset	Size	Articles	Number of	Versions /	Filename	Filesize
	(GB)		versions	article	(within uiHRDC)	(GB)
Full	108.50	240,179	8,467,927	35.26		85.58
Non-pos	24.77	2,203	881,802	400.27	text20gb.txt	19.53
Pos	1.94	4,327	149,761	34.61	wiki_src2gb.txt	1.94

Table 1: Detailed statistics of the document collections used.

From the Full collection of articles, we chose two subsets of the articles, and collected all the versions of the chosen articles. For the non-positional setting our subset (Non-pos) contains a prefix of 19.53 GB of the full collection, whereas for positional indexes we chose 1.94 GB of random articles. However, for a fair comparison with the techniques from [3], in the non-positional scenario we scaled the size of the Non-pos subset using the above 1.27 factor when referring to its space requirements. Additional statistics of our two subsets are also included in Table 1.

1.1.2. Query sets

Since the experiments target at providing space/time for the different indexing alternatives when performing locate(pattern) and extract(interval) queries we provided two types of query sets for each document subcollection.

- Query sets for locate: We provide four query sets, each of them containing 1,000 queries, which include: i) two query sets composed of one-word patterns chosen at random from the vocabulary of the indexed subcollection. In the first case (W_a), it includes low-frequency words occurring less than 1,000 times. In the second case, the query set (W_b) includes high-frequency words occurring more than 1,000 times; and ii) two query sets with 1,000 phrases composed of 2 and 5 words that were chosen randomly from the text of the subcollection (with no restrictions on its frequency).
- Interval sets for extract: Aiming at measuring extraction time when recovering snippets of length 80 (around one line) and 13,000 (around one document, in our collection) characters, we generated: i) a set of 10,000 intervals of width 13,000 characters from the POS text collection, and ii) a set containing 100,000 intervals of width 80 characters. Since these intervals are not suitable for our word-based self-indexes (WCSA and WSLP), and assuming that the average word length is around 4 in our datasets, we also generated two additional sets composed respectively of 10,000 intervals containing 3,000 words each, and and 100,000 intervals containing 20 words each.

2. Techniques used: Inverted indexes and self-indexes

The techniques included in this Report are summarized in Table 2. Recall that we include, compressed inverted indexes for the non-positional scenario, whereas for the positional scenario we include the most promising compressed inverted indexes and also self-indexes.

Table 2: Techniques included in this report.

NON POSITIONAL INV. INDEXES	POSITIONAL INV. INDEXES	SELF-INDEXES
RICE	RICE	WCSA
RICE-B		RLCSA
VBYTE	VBYTE	SLP
VBYTE-CM	VBYTE-CM	WSLP
VBYTE-ST	VBYTE-ST	LZ77-Index
VBYTE-B		LZEnd-Index
VBYTE-CM-B		
VBYTE-ST-B		
SIMPLE-9	SIMPLE-9e	
PFORDELTA		
QMX-SIMD	QMX-SIMD	
*ELIAS-FANO-OPT	*ELIAS-FANO-OPT	
*OPT-PFD	*OPT-PFD	
*INTERPOLATIVE	*INTERPOLATIVE	
*VARINT-G8IU	*VARINT-G8IU	
RICE-RLE		
VBYTE-LZMA	VBYTE-LZMA	
VBYTE-LZEND		
REPAIR	REPAIR	
REPAIR-SKIPPING	REPAIR-SKIPPING	
REPAIR-SKIPPING-CM	REPAIR-SKIPPING-CM	
REPAIR-SKIPPING-ST	REPAIR-SKIPPING-ST	
(text not included, only intersections)	(text compressed with Re-pair)	

2.1. Results for Non-positional inverted indexes

Our experiments compare the space/time tradeoffs of several variants of non-positional inverted indexes over the highly repetitive 24.77 GB subcollection described above. We include in this comparison some of the best classical encodings to represent d-gaps, such as Rice, Simple9, PforDelta, and Vbyte with no sampling to speed up intersections (thus only merge-wise intersections are feasible). We also include two alternatives using Vbyte coupled with list sampling [2] (Vbyte-CM) with $k = \{4, 32\}$, or domain sampling [9] (Vbyte-ST) with $B = \{16, 128\}$. In addition, we include the hybrid variant of Vbyte-CM that uses bitmaps to represent the largest inverted lists (Vbyte-CMB) [2]. For completeness we used the same approach on Vbyte-ST, to build Vbyte-STB, and also included variants VbyteB and RiceB with no sampling. We also tested the novel

QMX¹ technique [10] that uses SIMD-instructions to boost decoding of large lists, and coupled it with an intersection algorithm [5] that also benefits from SIMD-instructions.²

We also tested the recent Partitioned Elias-Fano indexes [7], and used the best/optimized variant from that paper (EF-opt). The source code is available at authors' website.³ From the same authors [7], we also included in our experiments the variants OPT-PFD (optimized PForDelta variant [11]), Interpolative (Binary Interpolative Coding [6]), and varintG8IU (SIMD-optimized Variable Byte code [8]). Since we used the implementations from [7] and we adapted our query patterns to match their needs, or even measured partial times (parsing and map-to-documents) separately, we marked with an '*' these techniques in the figures.

We compare all those techniques in Section 2.1.1, to determine which are the most successful the traditional techniques in the repetitive scenario. Then, in Section 2.1.2 we compare them with the new variants designed to deal with repetitive data we proposed. In particular, we include Rice-Runs, Vbyte-LZMA, Vbyte-Lzend, RePair-Skip. We add no sampling to them. Therefore, only RePair-Skip can benefit of additional data to boost the intersections (which are performed sequentially). In addition, we show the Re-Pair variants using sampling, RePair-Skip-CM (with $k = \{1,64\}$) and RePair-Skip-ST (with $B = \{1024\}$). For Vbyte-Lzend we will obtain different space/time tradeoffs by tuning its delta-codes-sampling parameter ds (see [4] for details) to $ds = \{4, 16, 64, 256\}$.

Finally, note that the space results reported for the indexes are shown as a percentage of the index size with respect to the size of the original [sub] collection in plain text ($index_size/original_size \times 100$). Note that we are not considering in this experiment the compressed representation of the text. Times are shown in microseconds per occurrence.

2.1.1. Using traditional techniques in a repetitive scenario

We include a comparison of well-known techniques that were initially developed for non-repetitive scenarios, now operating on repetitive collections. Figure 1 shows the space/time tradeoffs for non-positional indexes using those techniques to represent posting lists.

2.1.2. Comparison with our proposals

Our next experiments compare our proposals with the best counterparts from the previous section. Figure 2 shows the space/time tradeoffs for all the resulting non-positional indexes.

¹http://www.cs.otago.ac.nz/homepages/andrew/papers/QMX.zip.

²https://github.com/lemire/SIMDCompressionAndIntersection.

³https://github.com/ot/partitioned_elias_fano.

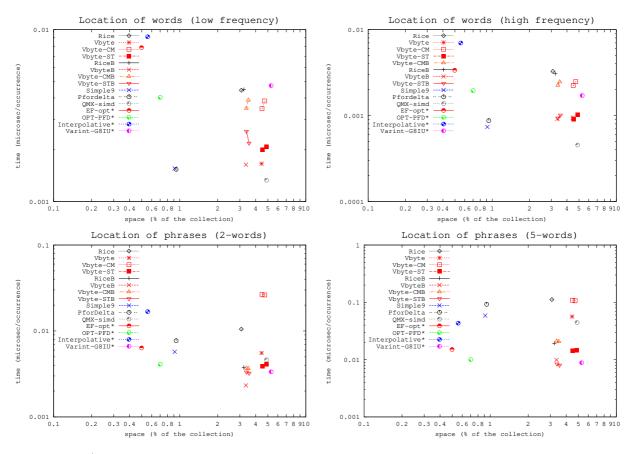


Figure 1: Space/time tradeoffs for non-positional indexes using traditional techniques. Logscale. This figure corresponds to Figure 3 in the parent paper [1].

2.2. Results for Positional indexes

For testing the positional indexes we used the 1.94 GB subcollection because several self-index implementations are unable to handle texts larger than 2³¹ bytes.

Since self-indexes must reproduce the precise text, we cannot apply case folding nor any kind of filtering in this scenario. We index the original text as is. As explained, word-based self-indexes will regard (and index) the text as a sequence of words and separators. For fairness, the positional inverted indexes will index separators as valid words as well, and phrase queries will choose sequences of tokens, be they words or separators. Still, we note that character-based self-indexes will return more occurrences than word-based self-indexes (or than inverted indexes), as they also report the non-word-aligned occurrences. Times per occurrence still seem comparable, yet they slightly favor character-based self-indexes since the time per occurrence drops as more occurrences are reported (there is a fixed time cost per query).

We consider most of the techniques of the non-positional setting, now operating on position lists. Yet, for Rice and Vbyte we do not include the hybrid variants using bitmaps as they obtain no space/time

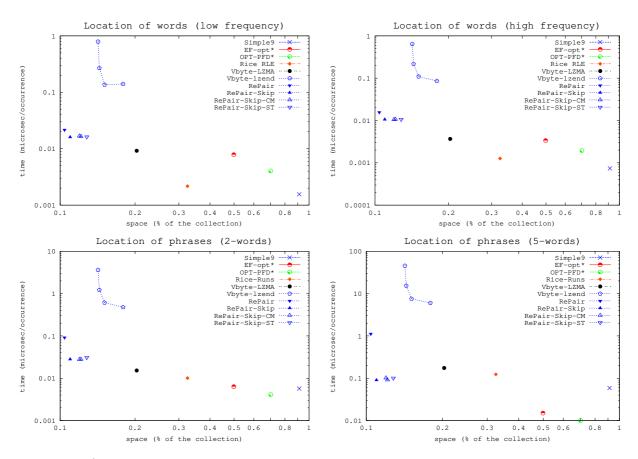


Figure 2: Space/time tradeoffs for non-positional indexes, comparing the best classical techniques with our new ones. Logscale. This figure corresponds to Figure 4 in the parent paper [1].

improvements in the positional scenario. For the Vbyte counterparts using sampling, we set the same sampling parameters as in the previous section: Vbyte-CM with $k = \{4, 32\}$ and Vbyte-ST with $B = \{16, 128\}$. We had to adapt Simple9 because it is unable to represent gaps longer than 2^{28} . While such gaps do not arise on document lists, they do occur in position lists. We use the gap $2^{28} - 1$ as an escape code and then the next 32 bits represent the real gap. We exclude PforDelta because it has the same limitation, fixing it is more cumbersome, and its performance is not very different from that of Simple9. We also exclude Rice-Runs, as runs do not arise in the positional setting.

We did not include Vbyte-Lzend, as it was clearly overcome by Vbyte-LZMA and our Re-Pair variants. For the variants of Re-Pair using sampling, we set the sampling parameters to $k = \{1, 64\}$ for RePair-Skip-CM and $B = \{256\}$ for RePair-Skip-ST.

To compete in similar conditions with self-indexes, positional inverted indexes must be enhanced with an efficient extraction/decompression mechanism that allows any portion of the source text to be efficiently reproduced; i.e. we need a representation of the source text. We choose Re-Pair for this purpose because it is well-suited for highly repetitive collections and supports fast direct access to the text. Because the text in this way represents a very small fraction of the total space, we represent the rules as pairs of integers to speed up text extraction, instead of the slower R_B and R_S based implementation. This adds up to 1.21% of the original text size. To further improve extraction performance, we add a regular sampling of the array C, which increases space up to 1.3% for the densest sampling. As a comparison, p7zip (from www.7-zip.org), the best compressor for this type for repetitive texts, achieved 0.52% space on this subcollection (albeit not providing direct access).

We add to both the inverted indexes and self-indexes the time and space required for converting absolute positions to (document, offset) pairs (see merge-occs-to-docs procedure in the reproducibility companion paper). The extra space added by the corresponding mapping structure is just 0.03%.

In Section 2.2.1 we compare positional inverted indexes using state-of-the-art representations for posting lists. Then, in Section 2.2.2 we compare the best state-of-the art representations and our new representations of positional inverted lists, plus the tuned self-indexing alternatives. Our final experiments, in Section 2.2.3, study the performance when we extract snippets from the original document collection.

2.2.1. Traditional inverted list representations

Figure 3 shows the space/time tradeoffs achieved, for the four types of queries, with traditional inverted index representations. All classical inverted indexes achieve similar space, ranging from 30% to 40% of the text size. From those, OPT-PFD⁴ obtains the best compression, with a slight gap over EF-opt and Interpolative.

2.2.2. Comparing positional inverted indexes with self-indexes

We compare the best traditional inverted indexes with the variants we developed to exploit repetitiveness. In addition, we include the self-indexes (tuned as shown in the companion reproducibility paper) in the comparison. Figure 4 shows the results.

RePair and RePair-Skip achieve almost the same space, close to 20%, and the latter is always faster for the same reasons as in non-positional indexes. While for words, RePair-Skip is slower than the classical methods, its times become similar to those of Simple9 on phrases. Adding sampling on top of RePair-Skip clearly outperforms Simple9 on phrases. Yet, RePair-Skip-ST and RePair-Skip-CM are still clearly slower than the EF-opt, OPT-PFD, and varintG8IU, which obtain the best performance at phrase queries.

The best space of inverted indexes is achieved by Vbyte-LZMA, which reaches a compression ratio near 10% (half the space of RePair-Skip variants). This represents a significant improvement upon the state of

⁴Recall that in the companion reproducibility paper (Section 2.2.1) we indicated that there was a fix here, because in the parent paper, the space/time values for OPT-PFD were wrong.

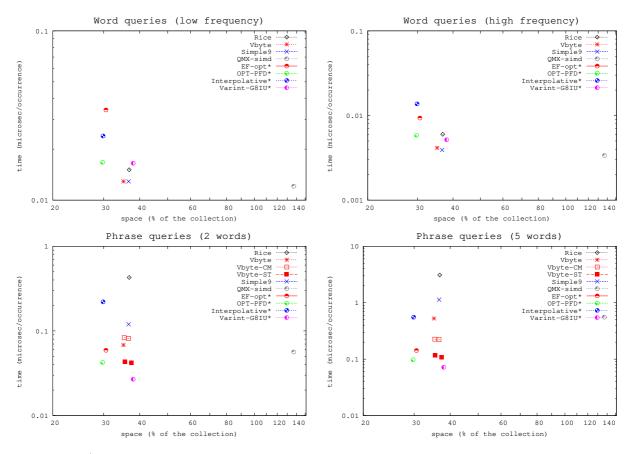


Figure 3: Space/time tradeoffs for traditional representations of positional indexes. Logscale. This figure corresponds to Figure 6 in the parent paper [1].

the art. Moreover, for single-word queries its times are only slightly worse than those of RePair-Skip, yet on phrase queries its need to fully decompress the list makes it clearly slower (among the inverted indexes, only RePair performs worse than Vbyte-LZMA in this scenario).

Self-indexes are able to use much less space. First, note that WSLP is only slightly smaller than SLP. This shows that grammar-based compressors do not gain much from handling words instead of characters. They achieve around 3% compression ratio. This important reduction in space compared to the 10% of Vbyte-LZMA is paid with a sharp increase in search times. On words, they are up to two orders of magnitude slower than Vbyte-LZMA. However, this gap decreases as longer patterns are used. Actually, they could obtain comparable times to Vbyte-LZMA on 5-word queries. This is because, these self-indexes are mostly insensitive to the number of words in the query, whereas inverted indexes become much slower when looking for long phrases. Thus, for long queries, SLP and WSLP are very attractive alternatives.

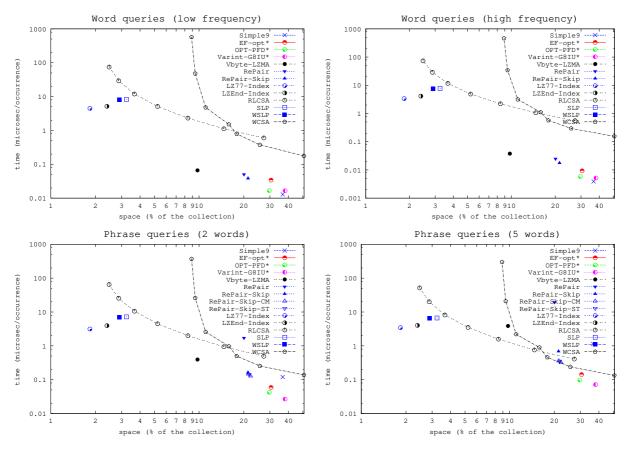


Figure 4: Space/time tradeoffs for positional indexes. Logscale. This figure corresponds to Figure 9 in the parent paper [1].

2.2.3. Text extraction

Since self-indexes represent the text as a part of the index, it is relevant to measure how fast they are at extracting an arbitrary text snippet. For fairness we have added to our inverted indexes a Re-Pair-compressed version of the text. In order to support snippet extraction, we added a regular sampling over the final Re-pair sequence (C), which indicates the text position where the corresponding symbol starts. For decompressing an arbitrary snippet we binary search the rightmost preceding sample and decompress from there on. This induces a space/time tradeoff regarding the sampling step.

Figure 5 shows the results obtained when we extract random snippets of length 80 and 13,000 characters. Word-based indexes WCSA and WSLP extract a number of words equal to 80 or 13,000 divided by the average word length, to provide a roughly comparable result.

3. Conclusions

We have left our codes and experimental testbeds available at https://github.com/migumar2/uiHRDC.

Please refer to our Reproducibility paper "On the Reproducibility of Experiments of Indexing Repetitive

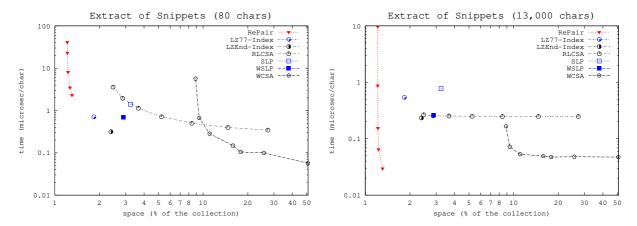


Figure 5: Space/time tradeoffs for extraction. Logscale. This figure corresponds to Figure 10 in the parent paper [1].

DocumentCollections" or to our parent paper [1] for more details.

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4. Appendix 1: Details on the Computer used and summary of Results

The experiments were reproduced by the uiHRDC framework within a Docker instance in a computer which the following specifications:

- **CPU:** Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8700K CPU @ 3.70GHz (siblings⁵: 12)
- **RAM:** 65930584 kB (Swap: 59170208 kB)
- OS: Ubuntu 14.04.5 LTS (trusty). In particular: Linux version 4.4.0-141-generic (buildd@lcy01-amd64-006) (gcc version 5.4.0 20160609 (Ubuntu 5.4.0-6ubuntu1~16.04.10)) #167-Ubuntu SMP Wed Dec 5 10:40:15 UTC 2018.

The experiments started on 2018-12-31 00:26:28.294789 and ended on 2019-01-01 16:09:34.907268. The overall time to run the experiments was: 1 days, 15h43m06.61s.

Below, we include a summary of the experiments performed for: (a) the non-positional inverted indexes (Table 3), (b) the positional inverted indexes (Table 4), and (c) the self-indexes (Table 5). In all those tables we show respectively for each technique: the name of the technique, the building time (considering all the variants built depending on the sampling parameter, if any) and the time spent to perform all the queries. Then, we include either a ' \checkmark ' or a '--' symbol to report wether the querying experiments either succeeded or failed. We consider the four scenarios for locate discussed in Section 1.1.2 (low frequency words, high frequency words, 2-words phrases, and 5-words phrases). In addition, in Tables 4 and 5 we also consider extract experiments considering snippets of both 80 and 13,000 chars. Finally, the last row of each table includes the overall time required to perform all the experiments that are summarized in each table.

⁵Only Vbyte-LZMA (at building time) takes advantage of using the available cores.

	Overal	l Time	Locate				
			Words		Phrases		
	Building	Querying	Low freq	High freq	2-words	5-words	
RICE	00h06m12.16s	00h05m16.62s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
RICE-B	00h05m20.43s	00h01m39.72s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE	00h05m07.31s	00h02m45.73s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE-CM	00h10m39.11s	00h15m17.61s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE-ST	00h10m21.40s	00h02m44.35s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE-B	00h05m08.80s	00h00m57.81s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE-CM-B	00h10m38.54s	00h04m06.09s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE-ST-B	00h10m15.81s	00h02m08.97s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
SIMPLE-9	00h05m07.13s	00h02m52.63s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
PFORDELTA	00h07m09.34s	00h04m07.79s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
QMX-SIMD	00h05m11.40s	00h06m31.33s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
*ELIAS-FANO-OPT	00h02m19.51s	00h00m25.12s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
*OPT-PFD	00h00m42.14s	00h00m16.81s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
*INTERPOLATIVE	00h00m51.56s	00h01m08.28s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
*VARINT-G8IU	00h00m15.78s	00h00m19.00s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
RICE-RLE	00h05m11.30s	00h05m32.24s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE-LZMA	03h08m53.71s	00h03m57.80s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
VBYTE-LZEND	03h47m46.22s	01h12m03.54s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
REPAIR	00h08m12.84s	00h25m06.67s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
REPAIR-SKIPPING	00h08m05.95s	00h04m47.82s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
REPAIR-SKIPPING-CM	00h08m13.74s	00h10m50.35s	✓	✓	✓	✓	
REPAIR-SKIPPING-ST	00h08m13.74s	00h05m57.46s	√	✓	✓	✓	
OVERALL TIME	12h22r	n19.43s		·			

Table 3: Summary and state of the experiments run on the test machine: non-positional inverted indexes.

	Overall Time		Locate				Extract	
			Words		Phrases		80	13,000
	Building	Querying	Low freq	High freq	2-words	5-words	chars	chars
RICE	00h12m16.61s	00h01m31.33s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
VBYTE	01h38m27.30s	00h34m28.70s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
VBYTE-CM	00h24m31.32s	00h01m01.65s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
VBYTE-ST	00h24m11.16s	00h00m56.62s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
SIMPLE-9e	00h12m15.59s	00h01m15.65s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
QMX-SIMD	00h12m15.46s	00h00m23.24s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
*ELIAS-FANO-OPT	00h01m00.81s	00h00m14.59s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
*OPT-PFD	00h00m57.64s	$00{\rm h}00{\rm m}09.75{\rm s}$	✓	✓	✓	✓		
*INTERPOLATIVE	00h00m43.37s	00 h 00 m 49.18 s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
*VARINT-G8IU	00h00m25.22s	00h00m07.73s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
VBYTE-LZMA	01h19m46.15s	00h04m20.25s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
REPAIR	00h15m03.25s	00h19m54.57s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
REPAIR-SKIPPING	00h15m17.66s	00h01m15.13s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
REPAIR-SKIPPING-CM	00h16m54.98s	00h10m00.58s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
REPAIR-SKIPPING-ST	00h17m00.10s	00h05m36.71s	✓	✓	✓	✓		
OVERALL TIME	07h18n	n25.66s						

Table 4: Summary and state of the experiments run on the test machine: positional inverted indexes. Note that Repair extraction times are identical for all the indexes (actually they do not depend on the type of index). Therefore, we only measured them once for VBYTE index.

	Overall Time		Locate				Extract	
			Words		Phrases		80	13,000
	Building	Querying	Low freq	High freq	2-words	5-words	chars	chars
WCSA	00h23m57.25s	06h33m10.42s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
RLCSA	00h19m01.55s	05h39m49.84s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SLP	01h24m57.17s	01h44m45.96s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WSLP	00h14m36.89s	01h02m16.33s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LZ77-Index	00h04m48.21s	00h54m09.18s	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
LZEnd-Index	00h44m44.44s	$00\mathrm{h}55\mathrm{m}37.56\mathrm{s}$	√	✓	√	√	✓	√
OVERALL TIME	OVERALL TIME 20h02m21.41s							

Table 5: Summary and state of the experiments run on the test machine: self-indexes.