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1 Introduction

Enormous datasets are a common case in today's applications. Compressing the datasets is beneficial, because they naturally decrease memory requirements but also are faster when compressed data is read from disk (**Zob95**).

One of the leading methods of data compression is variable-length coding (**Sal99**), where frequent sequences of data are represented with shorter codewords. Because the sequences of data have different lengths when compressed, it is not trivial to determine the exact location of a certain element. If this is required, the usual data compression algorithms are inefficient. Fortunately this is not a requirement compression algorithms usually need to fulfill.

However, random access of compressed data is needed in compressed data structures. In most compression methods, the only way to this is to decompress data from the beginning. An integer compressing method with fast random access is explained and compared existing state-of-the-art methods.

2 Variable-byte encoding

Variable-byte encoding (**Wil99**) (VB) is a method of compressing integers via omitting leading zero bits. A good data set for VB encoding is a list of different sized numbers. As an example, an inverted index used by document search engine stores word frequencies and locations in documents. VB saves space here because index numbers need to support large values, but are usually significantly smaller. It is also proven to improve search speed, because less bytes need to be read from a hard drive (**Sch02**).

VB splits an integer into blocks of b bits. A continuation bit is added to the block to form a chunk c and then chunk non-empty chunks are stored. The continuation bit is set to 1 for the last block of the integer. During decoding, chunks are read and their blocks are joined until a continuation bit is set to 1. An example implementation is showcased in Figure 2.1.

blblblblb testataan tää

Figure 2.1: VB encoding and decoding.

Small lengths of c can yield better compression rate at the cost of more bit manipulation, while longer chunks need less bit manipulation and offer less effective compression. Generally chunk length of 8 has been used because it gives a good average and handling bytes is convenient (**IRbook**).

bl It splits an integer into blocks of b bits and then encodes the block as $b + c$ where c is a bit denoting whether b has the most significant bits of the number or not.

This method loses in compression performance to other methods (**Bri09**), but decoding is fast.

3 Directly addressable codes?

Rank and select are two functions that work on bit arrays. $\text{Rank}(i)$ gives the sum of 1 bits from the beginning of the bit array and $\text{select}(i)$ gives the index of i th 1 bit in the bit array. Both functions work in constant time (citation?) and they require only a few percents of extra space over the data. The extra bits c added by variable-byte encoding conveniently create a bit array, where 1's represent the endings of numbers. An effective version of random access has already been introduced (**Bri09**).

Random access with select query is also possible. By separating the c bit array and b block array, b contains variable-byte integers in readable form. Another upside is that functions $\text{next}(i)$ and $\text{previous}(i)$ are conveniently available. Rank implementation has

- explain how random access is good

4 Previous Work

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5 Algorithm

- modifications to basic implementation

6 Results

- comparison to basic implementation + Bri09

Table 6.1: Results with 100k entries (in milliseconds).

Experiment	128	256	32768	65536	2^{24}	$2^{32} - 1$
<i>7bitVByteencoding</i>	34.97	49	53.04	52.18	53.08	76.21
<i>8bitVByteencoding</i>	33.57	32.47	42.96	43.11	46.15	65.14
<i>7bitVByteencodingwitharray</i>	33.39	46.85	51.24	49.03	48.93	66.84
<i>8bitVByteencodingwitharray</i>	32.52	31.88	41.54	39.94	41.15	52.86

Table 6.2: Results with 1M entries (in milliseconds).

Experiment	128	256	32768	65536	2^{24}	$2^{32} - 1$
<i>7bitVByteencoding</i>	38.17	55.09	64.38	65.36	68.08	159
<i>8bitVByteencoding</i>	37.09	37.75	53.44	54.6	59.32	148.7
<i>7bitVByteencodingwitharray</i>	38.09	55.42	62.22	61.25	71.72	135.01
<i>8bitVByteencodingwitharray</i>	36.13	36.83	50.58	50.73	56.93	103.18

7 Conclusion

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8 Future work

- something to improve / research?

8.1 Figures

Figure 8.1 gives an example how to add figures to the document. Remember always to cite the figure in the main text.



Figure 8.1: University of Helsinki flame-logo for Faculty of Science.

8.2 Tables

Table 6.2 gives an example how to report experimental results. Remember always to cite the table in the main text.

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9.1 Citations to literature

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Citation style can be negotiated with the supervisor. See some options in https://www.sharelatex.com/learn/Bibtex_bibliography_styles.

9.2 Crossreferences

Appendix B on page i contains some additional material.

10 From tex to pdf

In Linux, run `pdflatex filename.tex` and `bibtex filename.tex` repeatedly until no more warnings are shown. This process can be automatised using `make-command`.

11 Conclusions

It is good to conclude with a summary of findings. You can also use separate chapter for discussion and future work. These details you can negotiate with your supervisor.

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In the HY-CS-main.tex file you will find the following STEPS 0–5. Bellow instructions what each STEP means and how to set up your thesis by following these STEPS.

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STEP 5 – Set your bibliography style

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Appendix B Sample Appendix

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In addition to complementing the main document, each appendix is also its own, independent entity. This means that an appendix cannot be just an image or a piece of programming, but the appendix must explain its contents and meaning.