Homework Project 4

Given 11/28/2012, Due 12/13/2012

Implement a Bloom filter for 2,000,000 strings with an error rate of less than 3%, using only 2Mbyte of memory. To achieve this, you create eight bit arrays, each of 2,000,000 bits (that is, 250,000 char). For each of these, you select a random hash function h_i from a universal family. To insert a string s, you set the $h_i(S)$ -th bit to one in the i-th bit array, for i = 0, ..., 7. To query whether a string q is contained in the set, you check whether $h_i(q)$ is one in the i-th bit array, for all i.

The structure must support the following operations

- bf_t * create_bf() creates a Bloom filter with the above specification.
- void insert_bf(bf_t *b, char *s) inserts the string *s into the Bloom filter *b.
- int is_element(bf_t *b, char *q) returns 1 if the string *q is accepted by the Bloom filter, and 0 else.