



IN-PLACE UPDATES IN TREE-ENCODED BITMAPS

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Tree-Encoded Bitmaps

- Bitmap index compression scheme.
- Represent bitmaps as binary trees.
 - Leaf nodes represent runs.
 - A label is assigned to every leaf node to indicate type of run.
 - Length of run is indicated by distance between leaf node and root.





Tree-Encoded Bitmaps: Construction



- 1. Construct perfect binary tree on top of original bitmap.
- 2. Prune sibling nodes that have the same label bottom up.



Tree-Encoded Bitmaps: Encoding

- After pruning, the binary tree is encoded into 2 bitmaps, *T* and *L*.
- The binary tree is traversed left to right in level order, and bits are appended to *T* and *L* during the traversal.
- *T* represents the structure of the tree and *L* contains the labels of every leaf node.
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Tree-Encoded Bitmaps: Differential Updates



Store updates in a differential data structure.

After a number of updates have been stored, the differential data structure can be merged with the TEB by decompressing and reconstructing the TEB.



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Objective: Reduce space overhead and read overhead.



In-Place Updates

- Directly modifying *T* and *L* instead of storing updates.
- Implementation challenges:
 - Static nature of TEBs.
 - Lack of tools to modify TEBs.
 - Numerous metadata to maintain.



In-Place Updates: Approach

- 1. Perform point lookup to find leaf node responsible for updated position.
- 2. Determine type of update depending on the leaf node from point lookup:
 - A run-forming update if the leaf node resides at the lowest possible tree level.
 - A run-breaking update otherwise.
- 3. Handle the update accordingly.



Run-Forming Updates

- At the lowest possible level of the tree, every leaf node represents an individual bit.
- As a result, performing the update only requires changing the label of one leaf node.
- After the update, a new run may be formed.





Run-Breaking Updates

- Leaf nodes at upper levels represent runs.
- To apply the update, the leaf node responsible for the updated position is replaced with a subtree.
- This is done by inserting new nodes into the tree, i.e., by inserting bits into *T* and *L*.





Run-Breaking Updates

- Problems:
 - Inserting bits into *T* and *L* is expensive.
 - Cannot guarantee extra space required for new bits.



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Hybrid Updates

- Run-forming updates are much faster than differential updates.
- Therefore, we devised a hybrid approach:
 - Perform run-forming updates in place.
 - Store run-breaking updates in a differential data structure.





Hybrid Updates: Remarks

- "Best of both worlds" approach; combining in-place updates and differential updates.
- In worst case performs as fast as differential updates, i.e., every update is a differential update.
- Degree of speedup is determined by proportion of run-forming updates in the workload.
- Reduced space overhead from differential data structure as fewer updates are stored.
 - With fewer updates stored, there is less merging in the long run.
- Read latency is the same as with differential updates.







Experimental Results: Run-Forming Update Performance



Setup:

- Roaring as differential data structure
- 1 million bits long bitmaps
- Randomly generated bitmaps and updates

In-place run-forming updates are 3 times faster than differential updates.

As the differential data structure grows, differential updates perform progressively worse.





Experimental Results: Hybrid Update Performance



Setup:

- Roaring as differential data structure
- 1 million bits long bitmaps
- Same bitmap and update generation as in the original paper

Hybrid updates 15% faster than differential updates when 7% of all updates are run forming,

~60% faster than differential updates when 20% of all updates are run forming.



Conclusion

- Two types of in-place updates:
 - Run-forming updates: change label of target leaf node.
 - Run-breaking updates: expand target leaf node into a subtree.
- Hybrid Approach:
 - Perform run-forming updates in-place, store run-breaking updates.
 - At least as fast as differential updates.
 - Improvement over differential updates increases with more run-forming updates.



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