

# Text Indexing

## Lecture 02: Inverted Index

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## Phrase Queries

- Given two terms  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ , return all documents containing  $t_1 t_2$   all previous discussed indices can do so

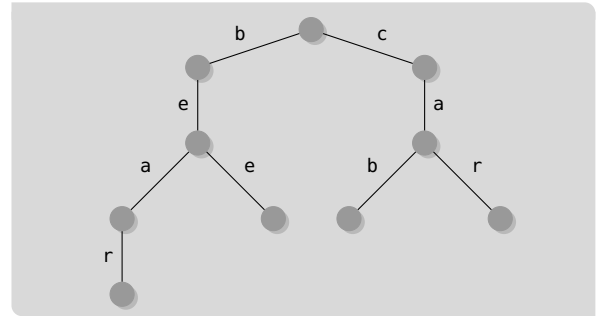
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- terms can be represented using tries
- in each leaf, store pointer to list for term

- simple representation
- easy to add and remove terms





## Inverted Index: Representing the Terms (2/2)

- use multiplicative hash function
  - $h(t[1] \dots t[\ell]) = ((\sum_{i=1}^{\ell} a_i \cdot t[i]) \bmod p) \bmod m$
  - for prime  $p < m$  and
  - fixed random integers  $a_i \in [1, p]$
- 
- good worst cast guarantee
  - $\text{Prob}[h(x) = h(y)] = O(1/m)$  for  $x \neq y$

# Inverted Index: Document Lists

- document ids are sorted
- if ids are in  $[1, U]$ , storing them requires  $\lceil \lg U \rceil$  bits per id

## Binary Codes

- an integer  $x$  can be represented as binary  $(x)_2$
- for fast access, all binary representations must have the same width

## Now

- different ideas on how to better store ids
- not all ideas work with all algorithms
- different space usage and complexity

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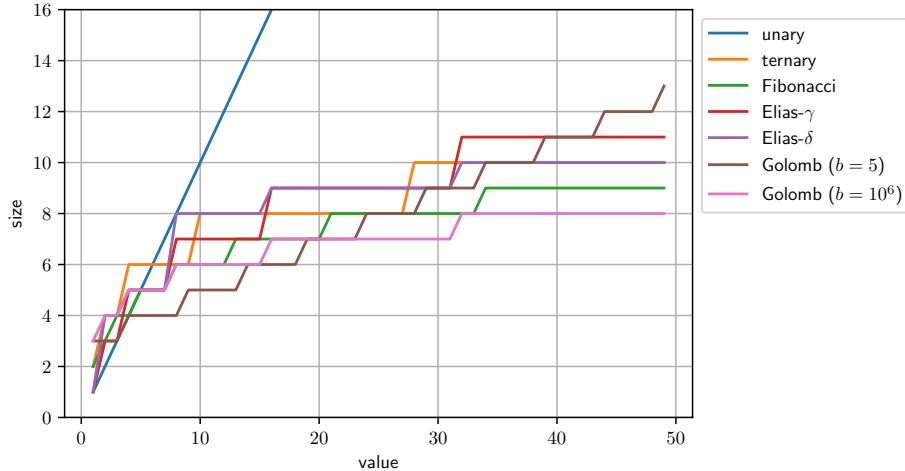
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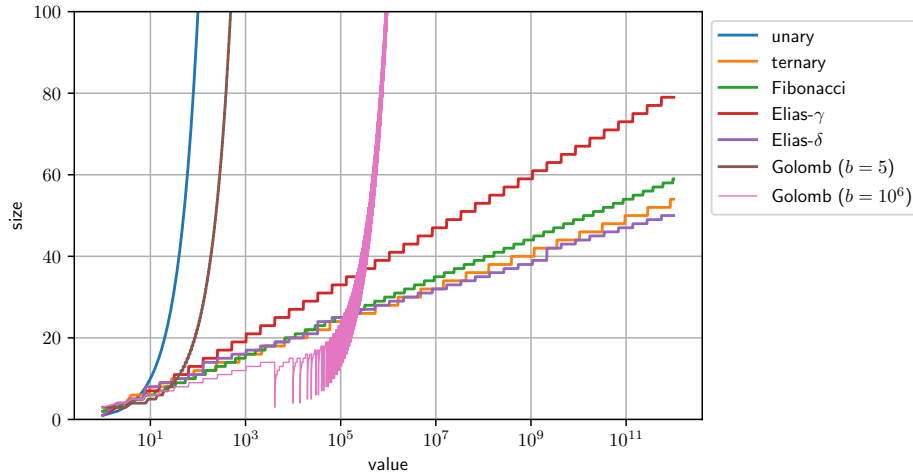
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- two lists  $M$  and  $N$  with
  - $|M| = m$  and  $|N| = n$  and
  - $m \leq n$
- 
- different algorithms to intersect lists
  - assuming lists are  $\Delta$  encoded

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