Indexing Weighted-Sequences

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Conclusion













- Let T = <(a, 3), (c, 7), (h, 11), (d, 22)>
- |T|: length (number of items) of T
- -|T| = 4
- ||T||: the range of T, $||T|| = w(T_{T/}) w(T_1)$
 - ||T|| = 22-3 =19
- $T' \subset T$: T' is a (non-contiguous) subsequence of T
 - e.g. T'=<(c, 7), (d, 22)>
- ξ: window size
- Q: a query sequence which is a weighted-sequence in form of <(b₁, 0), (b₂, w₂),..., (b_m, w_m)>



The Iso-Depth Index – Overview

- It supports fast accesses of (non-contiguous) subsequences that match a query sequence.
- We need to discretize the weights in sequences into a number of equi-width units.
- It embodies a compact index to all the distinct, non-empty sequences whose weight range is less than ξ, the window size provided by the user.
- Queries are constrained by the ξ .



Index Building (1)

- In the database, it contains certain number of weighted sequences.
- Concatenate all the sequences together and the sequences are separated by (NULL, 0).
- <(a, 6), (b, 9), (d, 11), (c, 14), (f, 18), (e, 21), (NULL, 0), (c, 25), (d, 32), (b, 33), (a, 34), (e, 37), (f, 52)>
- We let the concatenated weighted sequence be D.



Index Building (3) • We transform each subsequence, T, in to one dimensional sequence S.

$$f(\langle \mathcal{T}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{T}_k \rangle) = \langle \mathcal{S}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{S}_k \rangle$$

where:

$$\mathcal{S}_i = \left\{ \begin{array}{rrr} s(\mathcal{T}_i)_0 & : & i=1 \\ s(\mathcal{T}_i)_{w(\mathcal{T}_i)-w(\mathcal{T}_{i-1})} & : & i>1 \end{array} \right.$$





Index Building (5)

- we assign IDs to each node in the trie in DFS traversal order (starting with 0 for the root node)
- for each node, we also record the largest ID of its descendants
- So, each node is assigned a pair of labels, (v_s, v_m).
 v_s is the ID of the node and v_m is the largest ID of the node's descendant nodes.



Index Building (6)

- We create iso-depth links for each (*x*,*d*) pair, where *x* is the symbol, and *d* is the depth of the node, *d* = 1,, ξ.
- The depth of node v is the distance between the root and v. i.e. summing up the subscripts of the symbols from root to v.
- Nodes in an iso-depth link are sorted by their IDs in ascending order.



















Limitations

The tolerances given in a query must not disturb the order of the elements in the sequence.

$$- w(Q_i) + e_i < w(Q_{i+1}) - e_{i+1}$$

- *||Q|*|≤ξ
- Indexing building requires to build a trie of all the subsequences within the window size. The trie can be too big and cannot fit into main memory. This may be the bottleneck.

Conclusion and Discussion

- Some data, e.g. timestamped event sequence, microarray data, can be map to the weightedsequence model.
- Iso-depth indexing structure can support searching of weighted-sequence efficiently.
- However, there are still some limitations.

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