

# Succinct Data Structures for Representing Equivalence Classes

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# Succinct Data Structures ...

## The Game

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Represent a combinatorial object, size  $n$ ,  
using  $\lg(\# \text{ objects})$  “or so” bits

Perform the necessary queries “quickly”

“Naming” can be an issue. Primary interest  
in names  $1\dots n$ .

Not an issue for “dense graphs”, but is for  
trees, planar graphs, and definitely for  
equivalence classes

# Label Space: Direct Equivalence Queries

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But first ... give elements “names” over “smallest space” so that elements in same class can be recognized, with **no extra space**

Katz, Katz, Korman & Peleg studied  $k$ -connectivity:  $\Omega(k \lg n)$  bit lower bound

For our problem,  $k=1$

Thm: Label space  $\sum_{i=1}^n \lfloor n/i \rfloor$  necessary and sufficient.

# With Care

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Can support **constant time** equivalence class queries using labels of

$\lg n + \lg \lg n + 2$  bits.

(Put elements in appropriate  $n/i$  size buckets; need care with “breakpoints” between buckets)

Under this model  $\lg n + \lg \lg n - \Theta(1)$  are necessary (from previous theorem)

# Our Real Problem

## Labels 1 ... n

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This means we have to store a data structure that distinguishes between partitions:

Hardy-Ramanujan formula  $\approx \frac{1}{4n\sqrt{3}} e^{(\pi\sqrt{2n/3})}$

Taking  $\lg$

Lower Bound:  $((\pi\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\lg e)\sqrt{n} - \lg n + O(1))$  bits

# $O(n^{1/2})$ bit Structure

## $O(\lg n)$ Time

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Elements of same class numbered consec.  
Classes of same size ordered consecutively

- k distinct classes sizes:  $s_i$
- $n_i$  classes of size  $s_i$
- $\gamma_i = s_i n_i$  elements in a class of size  $s_i$
- Order by  $\gamma_i$  (non-decreasing)
- Note # class sizes  $k \leq (2n)^{1/2}$

# The Structure

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We store 2 sequences ( $i=1,k$ )

**S:**  $\delta_i = \gamma_i - \gamma_{i-1} = s_i n_i - s_{i-1} n_{i-1} \quad (s_0 n_0 = 0)$

**M:**  $n_i$

And **Shadows** – bit vector 1 indicates start of new term (play a rank/select game on these)

Also store  $\sum_{j=1}^i s_j n_j$  “occasionally”

# Finding a Class

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Store  $\sum_{j=1}^i s_j n_j$  for every lg  $n^{\text{th}}$  i value

So, given  $x$ , we find its class

- Binary search to find the right **lg n-block**
- Sequential search in lg n-block to find right class size
- Compute class in size group

# Speeding Up Search

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For  $\Theta(n^{1/2} \lg n / \lg \lg n)$  bits

And  $\Theta(\lg \lg n)$  time

- Store sequences  $\lg \lg n$  apart
- Use y-fast trees

# Getting to Constant Time

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But  $O(n^{1/2} \lg n)$  bits

More work and more details.

Key point is computing (integer) square roots in constant time, by table lookup and  $O(1)$  extra work

(Curiously avoiding the  $\lg \lg n$  iterations of Newton...also used by Rajeev)

# Updates?

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Can support unions .. OK, simplicity

Space:  $O(n^{1/2} \lg n)$  bits

Worst case merge:  $O(\lg n / \lg \lg n)$  time

Amortized query time:  $O(\alpha(n))$

How?

Multiple copies, old, updating, new

“Time sharing” etc



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# That's All Folks