# Fast and Simple Parallel Wavelet Tree and Matrix Construction* 

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#### Abstract

The wavelet tree (Grossi et al. [SODA, 2003]) and wavelet matrix (Claude et al. [Inf. Syst., 47:15$32,2015]$ ) are compact indices for texts over an alphabet $[0, \sigma)$ that support rank, select and access queries in $O(\lg \sigma)$ time. We first present new practical sequential and parallel algorithms for wavelet matrix construction. Their unifying characteristics is that they construct the wavelet matrix bottom-up, i.e., they compute the last level first. We also show that this bottom-up construction can easily be adapted to wavelet trees. In practice, our best sequential algorithm is up to twice as fast as the currently fastest sequential construction algorithm (serialWT), simultaneously saving a factor of 2 in space. On 4 cores, our best parallel algorithm is at least twice as fast as the currently fastest parallel algorithm (recWT), while also using less space. This scales up to 32 cores, where we are about equally fast as recWT, but still use only about $75 \%$ of the space. An additional theoretical result shows how to adapt any wavelet tree construction algorithm to the wavelet matrix in the same (asymptotic) time, using only little extra space.


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## 1 Introduction

The wavelet tree (WT), introduced in 2003 by Grossi et al. [7], is a space-efficient data structure that can answer access, rank, and select queries for a text over an alphabet $\Sigma=[0, \sigma)$ in $\mathcal{O}(\lg \sigma)$ time, requiring $\mathcal{O}(n \lg \sigma)$ bits space and additional rank and select data structures on bit vectors. WT s are often utilized for compression [8, 12]. A detailed overview of the history of wavelet trees and many of their applications (not only for text indexing) are given in detail by Ferragina et al. [4] and Navarro [14].

A variant of the WT, the wavelet matrix (WM), was introduced in 2011 by Claude and Navarro [2] and is also a compact index for texts that supports the access, rank and select queries. Asymptotically it requires the same space and it has the same query times - $\mathcal{O}(\lg \sigma)$ - for access, rank and select queries as a WT. But in practice the WM is often faster than a WT for rank and select queries [2] as it saves one call to a binary rank/select data structure per query.

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Related Work There exists lots of theoretical work when it comes to WT construction. One task is reducing the construction time of WTs below $\mathcal{O}(n \lg \sigma)$. Babenko et al. 1] and Munro et al. 13] independently obtained a construction time of $\mathcal{O}(n\lceil\lg \sigma / \sqrt{\lg n}\rceil)$. Recently, Shun [18] has parallelized the word packing approach by Babenko et al. [1] to decrease the time for parallel WT construction to $\mathcal{O}(\sigma+\lg n)$ requiring $\mathcal{O}(n\lceil\lg \sigma / \lg n\rceil)$ work. Another important ratio is the additional space required. Claude et al. [3] and Tischler [19] showed how to reduce the additional space required during the construction of the wavelet tree.

Due to the ubiquity of multi-core processors, there is a need for shared memory parallel construction algorithms for WTs and WMs. Fuentes-Sepúlveda et al. [5] described the first practical parallel WT-construction algorithm, requiring $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time and $\mathcal{O}(n \lg \sigma)$ work. Faster practical approaches have been presented by Shun [17] and Labeit et al. [9], both requiring $\mathcal{O}(\lg n \lg \sigma)$ time and $\mathcal{O}(n \lg \sigma)$ work. When it comes to WMs, there is not much work directly dedicated to it. Sometimes, when a WT-construction algorithm is presented, it is mentioned that the algorithm can also be adopted to compute the WM, e.g., [17, 18, but there are no dedicated (practical) parallel WM-construction algorithms. The only (sequential and semi-external) implementation of a wavelet matrix construction algorithm can be found in the SDSL (succinct data structure library) 6].

Our Contribution First, we present two sequential and parallel WM-construction algorithms, which can also easily be adapted to compute the WT. This results in the fastest sequential WM- and WT-construction algorithms ( $p s W M$ and $p s W T$ ) that are up to twice as fast as serialWT [17], the previously fastest implementation, while requiring only half as much space. Next, we parallelize our algorithms and obtain the fastest parallel WM- and WT-construction algorithms for up to 32 cores. Utilizing more than 32 cores, rec WT [9] (the fastest parallel WT-construction algorithm) remains faster. Last, we show that the WT and the WM are equivalent, in the sense that every algorithm that can compute the former can also compute the latter in the same time with only $n+\sigma+2 \sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil+o(n+\sigma)$ bits of additional space.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let $\mathrm{T}=\mathrm{T}[0] \ldots \mathrm{T}[n-1]$ be a text of length $n$ over an alphabet $\Sigma=[0, \sigma)$. Each character $\mathrm{T}[i]$ can be represented using $\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil$ bits. In this paper, the most significant bit (MSB) is the leftmost bit and the least significant bit (LSB) is the rightmost bit. We denote this binary representation of a character $\alpha \in \Sigma$ as $\operatorname{bits}(\alpha)$, e.g. $\operatorname{bits}(3)=(011)_{2}$. Whenever we write a binary representation of a value, we indicate it by a subscript two. The $k$-th bit (from MSB to $\mathrm{LSB})$ of a character $\alpha$ is denoted by $\operatorname{bit}(k, \alpha)$ for all $0 \leq k<\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil$. Given $\alpha \in \Sigma$, the bit prefix of size $k$ of $\alpha$ are the $k$ most significant bits, i.e., $\operatorname{prefix}(k, \alpha)=(\operatorname{bit}(0, \alpha) \ldots \operatorname{bit}(k-1, \alpha))_{2}$. Reversing the significance of the bits is denoted by reverse, e.g. reverse $\left((001)_{2}\right)=(100)_{2}$. We interpret sequences of bits as integer values.

The bit-reversal permutation ${ }^{11}$ of length $k$ (denoted by $\rho_{k}$ ) is a permutation of $\left[0,2^{k}\right.$ ) with $\rho_{k}(i)=(\operatorname{reverse}(\operatorname{bits}(i)))_{2}$. For example, $\rho_{4}=(0,2,1,3)=\left((00)_{2},(10)_{2},(01)_{2},(11)_{2}\right)$. $\rho_{k}$ and $\rho_{k+1}$ can be computed from another, as $\rho_{k+1}=\left(2 \rho_{k}(0), \ldots, 2 \rho_{k}\left(2^{k}-1\right), 2 \rho_{k}(0)+\right.$ $\left.1, \ldots, 2 \rho_{k}\left(2^{k}-1\right)+1\right)$ and $\rho_{k}=\left(\rho_{k+1}(0) / 2, \ldots, \rho_{k+1}\left(2^{k}-1\right) / 2\right)$, where we can realize the division by a single bit shift.

Given a bit vector BV of size $n$, the operation $\operatorname{rank}_{0}(\mathrm{BV}, i)$ returns the number of 0 's in BV up to position $i$ whereas select ${ }_{0}(\mathrm{BV}, i)$ asks for the position of the $i$-th 0 in BV . The

[^1]operations $\operatorname{rank}_{1}(\mathrm{BV}, i)$ and select ${ }_{1}(\mathrm{BV}, i)$ work analogously. We omit to name the bit vector if it is clear where the operation is executed.

Given an array A of $n$ integers and an associative operator + (we only use addition), the zero based prefix sum for A returns an array B with $\mathrm{B}[0]=0$ and $\mathrm{B}[i]=\mathrm{A}[i-1]+\mathrm{B}[i-1]$ for all $i \in[1, n) .^{2}$ In parallel, the prefix sum can be computed in $\mathcal{O}(\lg n)$ time and $\mathcal{O}(n)$ work.

### 2.1 Wavelet Trees

Given a text T of length $n$ over an alphabet $\Sigma=[0, \sigma)$, the wavelet tree (WT) of T is a complete balanced binary tree. Each node of WT represents characters in $[\ell, r) \subseteq[0, \sigma)$. The root of WT represents characters in $[0, \sigma)$, i.e., all characters. The left and right child of a node that represents characters in $[\ell, r)$ represent the characters in $[\ell,(\ell+r) / 2)$ and $[(\ell+r) / 2, r)$, resp. A node is a leaf if $\left|\mathrm{T}_{[\ell, r)}\right| \leq 2$, with $\mathrm{T}_{[\ell, r)}=\{\mathrm{T}[i]: 0 \leq i<n$ and $\mathrm{T}[i] \in[\ell, r)\}$. The characters in $[\ell, r)$ at a node $v$ are represented using a bit vector $\mathrm{BV}_{v}^{\prime}$ such that the $i$-th bit in $\mathrm{BV}_{v}^{\prime}$ is $\operatorname{bit}\left(h(v), \mathrm{T}_{[\ell, r)}[i]\right)$, where $h(v)$ is the height of $v$ in WT , i.e., the length of the path from the root to $v$.

There are two variants of the WT: the pointer-based and the level-wise WT. The pointerbased WT utilizes pointers to represent the tree structure. In addition, each node $v$ stores a pointer to the bit vector $\mathrm{BV}_{v}^{\prime}$, see Figure 1a. In the level-wise WT , we concatenate the bit vectors of all nodes with the same height in a pointer-based WT. Therefore, we store only a single bit vector $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}^{\prime}$ for each level $\ell \in[0,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$, see Figure 1 b . This retains the functionality from the pointer-based WT [10,11. Characters represented by one node of the pointer-based WT form a continuous interval in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}^{\prime}$ for each level $\ell$. Furthermore, given such an interval $[a, b]$ in $\mathrm{BV}_{k}^{\prime}$ where the characters in $[\ell, r) \subseteq \Sigma$ are represented, the intervals where the characters in $[\ell,(\ell+r) / 2)$ and $[(\ell+r) / 2, r)$ are represented in $\mathrm{BV}_{k+1}^{\prime}$ are subintervals of $[a, b]$. The interval of a WT at which a character is represented at level $\ell$ is encoded by its bit prefix of length $\ell$.

- Observation 1 (Fuentes-Sepulveda et al. [5]). Given a character $\mathrm{T}[i]$ for $i \in[0, n)$ and a level $\ell \in[1,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$ of the WT, the interval pertinent to $\mathrm{T}[i]$ in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}^{\prime}$ can be computed by $\operatorname{prefix}(\ell, \mathrm{T}[i])$.

The wavelet tree (both variants) can be used to generalize the operations access, rank and select to alphabets of size $\sigma$. Answering these queries requires $\mathcal{O}(\lg \sigma)$ time. To do so, the bit vectors are augmented by a rank and select data structure. We point to [2] for a detailed description of the operations. In the following, we work with the level-wise WT.

### 2.2 Wavelet Matrices

The wavelet matrix (WM) [2] works similar to a level-wise WT. However, we discard the tree structure, i.e., the parent-child relation and thus the condition that each character is represented in an interval that is covered by the character's interval in the previous level. Again, we have a bit vector $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$ for each level $\ell \in[0,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$. In addition to the bit vectors, we store the number of zeros for each level $\ell$ (denoted by $Z[\ell]$ ). $\mathrm{BV}_{0}$ contains the MSBs of each character in $T$ in text order (it is the same as the first level of a WT). Our new WMalgorithms are based on the following observation, similar to Observation 1 If a character $\alpha$ is represented at position $i$ in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$, then the position of its $(\ell+1)$-th $\mathrm{MSB}^{\text {in }} \mathrm{BV}_{\ell+1}$ depends on $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}[i]$. Namely, if $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}[i]=0$, $\operatorname{bit}(\ell+1, \alpha)$ is stored at position $\operatorname{rank}_{0}\left(\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}, i\right)$; otherwise

[^2]
(a) The text T and its binary representation on the left-hand side and the pointer-based WT of T on the right-hand side. $\Sigma_{\alpha}$ for $\alpha \in\{r, 0,1,00,01,10,11\}$ denotes the characters that are represented by the bit vector.

| $B^{\prime}{ }_{0}^{\prime}$ | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| $B V_{1}^{\prime}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
|  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
|  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| $\mathrm{BV}_{2}^{\prime}$ | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

(b) The level-wise WT of T. Thick lines are bor-

|  | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BV | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 |  |
| BV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |  |
|  | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 6 |  |
| BV | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | ders of the intervals corresponding to the nodes.

(c) The WM of T. The thick lines highlight the number of zeros at each level.

Figure 1 The pointer-based, level-wise WT, and the WM for $\mathrm{T}=0167154263$ over $\Sigma=[0,8)$. The light gray ( $\quad$ ) arrays contain the characters represented at the position and are not part of the WT and WM.
$\left(\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}[i]=1\right)$, it is stored at position $\mathrm{Z}[\ell]+\operatorname{rank}_{1}\left(\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}, i\right)$. In other words, $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}[i]=\operatorname{bit}\left(\ell, \mathrm{T}^{\prime}[i]\right)$, i.e., the $\ell$-th MSB of the $i$-th character of $\mathrm{T}^{\prime}$ in text order, where $\mathrm{T}^{\prime}$ is $T$ stably sorted using the reversed bit prefixes of length $\ell$ of the characters as key. Similar to the intervals in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}^{\prime}$ of the $W T$, characters of $T$ form intervals in $B V_{\ell}$ of the $W M$. Again, the intervals at level $\ell$ correspond to bit prefixes of size $\ell$ but due to the construction of the $W M$ we consider the reversed bit prefixes.

- Observation 2. Given a character $\mathrm{T}[i]$ for $i \in[0, n)$ and a level $\ell \in[1,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$ of the WM, the interval pertinent to $\mathrm{T}[i]$ in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$ can be computed by reverse $(\operatorname{prefix}(\ell, \mathrm{T}[i])$ ).

As with WT s, if the bit vectors are augmented by (binary) rank and select data structures, the WM can be used to answer access, rank and select queries in $\mathcal{O}(\lg \sigma)$ time. We refer to [2] for a detailed description of these queries. For an example of a WT see Figure 1c

## 3 New Wavelet Matrix Construction Algorithms

Throughout this section, let T be a text of length $n$ over an alphabet $\Sigma=[0, \sigma)$. As shown in Observation 2, each level $\ell$ of the WM contains disjunct intervals corresponding to the reversed length- $\ell$ bit prefixes of the characters in T. This enables us to start on the last level $\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-1$, and then iteratively work through the other levels in a bottom-up manner until

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Algorithm 1: Sequential WM Construction with Prefix Counting (pcWM)
function \(p c W M(\) text T , size \(n\), size of alphabet \(\sigma\) )
    for \(i=0\) to \(n-1\) do
        Hist \([\mathrm{T}[i]]++\quad / /\) Compute histogram of the characters in T and
        \(\mathrm{BV}_{0}[i]=\operatorname{Bit}(0, \mathrm{~T}[i]) \quad / /\) fill the first level of the WM.
    for \(i=0\) to \(2^{[\lg \sigma\rceil-1}-1\) do
        \(\mathrm{Z}[\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-1]=\mathrm{Z}[\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-1]+\operatorname{Hist}[2 i] \quad / /\) Number of \(0 s\) in the last level.
    for \(\ell=\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-1\) to 1 do
        for \(i=0\) to \(2^{\ell}-1\) do
                \(\operatorname{Hist}[i]=\operatorname{Hist}[2 i]+\operatorname{Hist}[2 i+1] \quad / /\) Update the histogram for the next level.
            for \(i=1\) to \(2^{\ell}-1\) do
                \(\operatorname{SPos}\left[\rho_{\ell}(i)\right]=\operatorname{SPos}\left[\rho_{\ell}(i-1)\right]+\operatorname{Hist}\left[\rho_{\ell}(i-1)\right] / /\) Compute new starting positions.
            \(\mathrm{Z}[\ell-1]=\mathrm{SPos}[1] \quad / /\) Number of 0 s is the position of the first 1.
            for \(i=0\) to \(n-1\) do
                pos \(=\operatorname{SPos}[\operatorname{prefix}(\ell, \mathrm{T}[i])]++\quad / /\) Get starting position for the bit prefix,
                \(\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}[p o s]=\operatorname{bit}(\ell, \mathrm{T}[i]) \quad / /\) update it, and set the bit in the bit vector.
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the matrix is fully constructed. To get this process started, we need to know the borders of the intervals on the last level, for which we must first compute the histogram of the text characters (as in the first phase of counting sort). On subsequent levels $\ell<\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil$ we utilize the fact that we can quickly compute the histograms of the considered bit prefixes of size $\ell$ from the histogram of bit prefixes of size $\ell+1$, without rescanning the text. This and the fact that we never actually sort the input text T is the main distinguishing feature of our new algorithms from the previous ones. We assume that arrays are initialized with 0s.

### 3.1 Sequential Wavelet Matrix Construction Algorithms

Our first WM-construction algorithm ( $p c W M$, see Algorithm 1) starts with the computation of the number of occurrences of each character in T to fill the initial histogram $\operatorname{Hist}[0, \sigma)$, see line 3. In addition, the first level of the WM is computed, as it contains the MSBs of all characters in text order (line 4). This requires $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time and $\sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil$ bits space for the histogram. Later on we require additional $\sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil$ bits to store the starting positions of the intervals (see SPos in Algorithm 11. Using the histogram, we can also compute the number of 0 s in the last level of the WM, i.e., total number of characters with a 0 as LSB (line 6). Since the histogram contains $\sigma$ entries this requires $\mathcal{O}(\sigma)$ time and no additional space.

Next, we compute the bit vectors and number of zeros for each other level, starting with the last one (see loop starting at line 7). Initially, we have a histogram for all characters in T. During each iteration (each time we want to compute level $\ell$ ) we require the histogram for all bit prefixes of size $\ell-1$ of the characters in T. Therefore, if we have the histogram of bit prefixes of size $\ell$, we can simply compute the histogram of the bit prefixes of size $\ell-1$ by ignoring the last bit of the current prefix, e.g., the amount of characters with bit prefix $(01)_{2}$ is the total number of characters with bit prefixes $(010)_{2}$ and $(011)_{2}$. We can do so in $\mathcal{O}(\sigma)$ time requiring no additional space, as we already stored the histogram for $\sigma$ characters and can reuse the space, see line 9 .

Using the updated histogram, we compute the starting positions of the intervals of the
characters that can by identified by their bit prefix of size $\ell-1$ for level $\ell$. The starting position of the interval representing characters with bit prefix 0 is always 0 , therefore we only compute the starting positions for all other bit prefixes, see line 10 To be able to access them by their bit prefix, we need to compute the prefix sum in bit-reversal permutation order, see line 11 Again, this requires $\mathcal{O}(\sigma)$ time and no additional space, as we already have considered the space to save the starting positions of the intervals. Using the starting positions of the intervals, i.e., the prefix sum over the histogram, we can easily get the number of zeros in the level above by looking at the number of even bit prefixes, see line 12

Last, we need to compute the bit vector for the current level $\ell$. To do so, we simply scan T once from left to right and consider the bit prefix of length $\ell-1$ of each character. Since we have computed the position in the bit vector where the $\ell$-th MSB of the characters needs to be stored, we can simply put it there and increase the position for characters with the same bit prefix by one, see lines 14 and 15 This requires $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time and no additional space.

Since we need to compute $\mathcal{O}(\lg \sigma)$ levels and also store the bit-reversal permutation which requires another $\sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil$ bits of additional space, this results in the following lemma.

- Lemma 1. Algorithm pcWM computes the WM of a text of length $n$ over an alphabet of size $\sigma$ in $\mathcal{O}(n \lg \sigma)$ time using $3 \sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil$ bits of space in addition to the input and output.


### 3.2 Parallel Wavelet Matrix Construction Algorithms

The naïve way to parallelize the pcWM algorithm is to parallelize it such that each processor is responsible for the construction of one level of the WM. To this end, each processor needs to first compute the corresponding histogram of the level, and then the resulting starting positions of the intervals. This results in the following Lemma.

- Lemma 2. The WM can be constructed in $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time with $\mathcal{O}(n \lg \sigma)$ work requiring $6 \sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil$ bits of space in addition to the input and output.

The disadvantage of this naïve parallelization is that we cannot efficiently utilize more than $\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil$ processors. To use more processors, instead of parallelizing level-wise, we do the following. Each processor (we denote the number of processors by $p$ ) gets a slice of the text of size $\Theta\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)$ and computes the corresponding slices of the bit vectors on all levels. On level $\ell$, each processor $c$ first computes its local histogram $\operatorname{Hist}_{c}[0, \sigma)$ according to the length- $\ell$ bit-prefixes of the input characters. Using a parallel prefix sum operation, these local histograms are then combined such that in the end each processor knows where to write its bits (arrays $\operatorname{SPos}_{c}[0, \sigma)$ for $0 \leq c<p$ ). As in the sequential algorithm, the final writing is then accomplished by scanning the local slice of the text from left to right, writing the bits to their correct places in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$, and incrementing the corresponding value in $\mathrm{SPos}_{c}$.

This approach works, but it comes with the problem that two or more processors may want to concurrently write bits to the same computer word, resulting in race conditions. To avoid these race conditions, one would have to implement mechanisms for exclusive writes, which would result in unacceptably slow running times.

Instead, we do the following. Having computed the arrays of starting positions $\mathrm{SPos}_{c}$ on level $\ell$, we use this array to globally sort the input text stably in parallel according to its length- $\ell$ bit prefixes. The resulting sorted text $\mathrm{T}_{\text {sorted }}$ is then again split into slices of size $\Theta\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)$. Then each processor scans its local slice from left to right and writes the corresponding bits to the bit-vector $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$. To avoid all race conditions, we further make sure that the size of each slice of the text is a multiple of $w$, where $w$ is the number of bits in a computer word ( $w=64$ in our implementation).

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Algorithm 2: Parallel WM Construction with Prefix Sorting (psWM)
function \(p s W M(\) Text T , size \(n\), size of alphabet \(\sigma\) )
    parfor \(c=0\) to \(p-1\) do
        for \(i=c \frac{n}{p}\) to \((c+1) \frac{n}{p}\) do
            \(\operatorname{Hist}_{c}[\mathrm{~T}[i]]++\quad / /\) Compute histogram of the characters in T and
            \(\mathrm{BV}_{0}[i]=\operatorname{bit}(0, \mathrm{~T}[i])\)
                                    // fill the first level of the WM.
    Perform parallel prefix sum with respect to \(\rho_{\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil}\) to compute \(\mathrm{SPos}_{c}\)
    \(\mathrm{Z}[\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-1]=\mathrm{SPos}_{0}[1]\)
    for \(\ell=\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-1\) to 1 do
            parfor \(c=0\) to \(p-1\) do
                for \(i=0\) to \(2^{\ell}-1\) do
                    \(\operatorname{Hist}_{c}[i]=\operatorname{Hist}_{c}[2 i]+\operatorname{Hist}_{c}[2 i+1] / /\) Update the histogram for the next level.
            Perform parallel prefix sum with respect to \(\rho_{\ell}\) to compute \(\mathrm{SPos}_{c}\)
            \(\mathrm{Z}[\ell]=\mathrm{SPos}_{0}[1]\)
            \(\mathrm{T}_{\text {sorted }}=\) ParallelCountingSort(T, SPos) // Sort T with respect to bit prefixes and \(\rho_{\ell}\).
            parfor \(c=0\) to \(p-1\) do
                for \(i=c \frac{n}{p}\) to \((c+1) \frac{n}{p}\) do
                    \(\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}[i]=\operatorname{bit}\left(\ell, \mathrm{T}_{\text {sorted }}[i]\right) \quad / /\) Set the bit in the bit vector.
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The resulting algorithm is shown in Algorithm 2 First, each of the $p$ processors computes the local histogram (Hist ${ }_{c}$ for $c \in[0, p)$ ) of its slice and, at the same time, fills $\mathrm{BV}_{0}$ (lines 4 and 5). Next, we compute the local starting positions $\left(\mathrm{SPos}_{c}\right.$ for $c \in[0, p)$ ), i.e., the prefix sum of $\left[\mathrm{SPos}_{0}[0], \mathrm{SPos}_{1}[0], \ldots, \mathrm{SPos}_{p-1}[0], \ldots \ldots, \mathrm{SPos}_{0}[\sigma-1], \mathrm{SPos}_{1}[\sigma-1], \ldots, \operatorname{SPos}_{p-1}[\sigma-1]\right]$, with respect to $\rho_{\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil}$, see line 6. All this requires $\mathcal{O}(\lg p+\sigma)$ time, $\mathcal{O}(n+p \sigma)$ work and $3 p \sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil$ bits of space using $p$ processors. In line 6 "respect to $\rho_{\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil}$ " means that character $\rho_{\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil}(i)$ follows character $\rho_{\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil}(i-1)$ for all $i \in\lceil 1,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$. We obtain the number of zeros at the last level during this step, i.e., the position of the first one at the first processor.

Using the information (Hist and SPos), we can compute the corresponding values for all sizes $\ell \in[0,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil$ ) of bit prefixes. For each level (see loop starting at line 8) the time and work required are the same as during the first step. There is no additional space required since we can reuse the space used during the previous iteration.

We use the local starting positions to sort the text, see line 14 Each processor knows the starting positions for its local text. We require additional $n\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil$ bits of space (which can be reused at each level) to store the sorted text $\mathrm{T}_{\text {sorted }}$. After this sorting, each processor can simply insert its bits at the corresponding position in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$ (last line of Algorithm 2).

This leads to the following lemma.

- Lemma 3. Algorithm psWM computes the WM of a text of length $n$ over an alphabet of size $\sigma$ in $\mathcal{O}\left(\lg \sigma\left(\frac{n}{p}+\lg p+\sigma\right)\right)$ time and $\mathcal{O}(\lg \sigma(n+p \sigma))$ work requiring $3 p \sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil+n\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil$ bits of space in addition to the input and output utilizing $p$ processors.

The algorithm can efficiently use up to $p \leq \frac{n}{\sigma}$ processors. Utilizing that many processors yields optimal $\mathcal{O}(n \lg \sigma)$ work with $\mathcal{O}(\lg \sigma(\sigma+\lg n))$ time. Using more processors would only increase the required work, without achieving a better running time than on $n / \sigma$ processors.

| Name | $n$ | $\sigma$ | source | Name | $n$ | $\sigma$ | Source |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| XML | $2.1 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 96 | PC | jdk13c | $6.97 \cdot 10^{7}$ | 113 | LW |
| DNA | $2.1 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 16 | PC | linux-2.4.5.tar | $1.16 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 254 | LW |
| ENG | $2.1 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 224 | PC | rctail96 | $1.14 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 93 | LW |
| PROT | $2.1 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 25 | PC | rfc | $1.16 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 120 | LW |
| SRC | $2.1 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 229 | PC | sprot34.dat | $1.09 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 66 | LW |
| chr22.dna | $3.5 \cdot 10^{7}$ | 5 | LW | w3c2 | $1.04 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 254 | LW |
| etext99 | $1.05 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 145 | LW | random1 | $1 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 254 | RN |
| gcc-3.0.tar | $8.76 \cdot 10^{7}$ | 148 | LW | random2 | $1 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 65534 | RN |
| howto | $3.94 \cdot 10^{7}$ | 195 | LW | words | $1.4 \cdot 10^{8}$ | 2245405 | WMT |

Table 1 List of texts we used for our experiments. We obtained the texts from the following sources: The Pizza \& Chili corpus (PC) $\sqrt{3}^{3}$ the lightweight corpus (LW) uniformly distributed random numbers (RN), and word based alphabets computed from Russian news articles from 2011 from the Conference on Machine Translation (WMT) ${ }^{5}$

Using sorting for the parallel construction of the WT has already been considered by Shun [17 (sortWT). In their approach, the WT is computed from the first level to the last, and for each level the whole text needs to be sorted using the bit prefix as key (comparison based sorting). Our approach uses counting sort and makes use of the fact that we can compute the intervals for the current level using the intervals of the succeeding level.

It should be noted that both algorithms ( pcWM and psWM ) can be adjusted to compute the level-wise WT instead of the WM. To do so, we just have to replace $\rho$ by the identity permutation in Algorithms 1 and 2. Then, the resulting starting positions of the intervals are for bit prefixes in increasing order, i.e., the starting positions of the intervals for a WT, see Observations 1 and 2

## 4 Experiments

We implemented our algorithms $p c W M, p s W M, p c W T$ and $p s W T$ using $\mathrm{C}++$. Due to space constraints we focus on the WM-construction algorithms. The running times of the WT-construction algorithms is nearly the same, see Table 5 in the Appendix. We compiled our code using g++ 6.2 with flags -03 and - march $=$ native and provide a tuned sequential implementation, as well as parallel implementations utilizing openMP 4.5. Our implementations are available from https://github.com/kurpicz/pwm.

We compare with the implementations of Shun (serialWT and levelWT) and Labeit et al. [9] (rec WT). Other implementations (as the WM- and WT-construction algorithms in the SDSL) were already proved slower and/or more space consuming. The running times of the construction algorithms implemented in the SDSL are listed in Table 4 in the Appendix. Here, serialWT is the fastest sequential WT-construction algorithm and rec $W T$ is the fastest parallel WT-construction algorithm. Both serialWT and rec WT are parallel WT-construction algorithms utilizing Cilk Plus for the parallelization. The code of serialWT, levelWT and rec $W T$ has been compiled using their provided makefiles.

[^3]| Text | [This paper] |  |  |  | Shun 17] |  |  | Labeit et al. 9 recWT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | pcWM |  | psWM |  | serialWT | levelWT |  |  |  |
|  | $T_{1}$ | $T_{4}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{4}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{4}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{4}$ |
| XML | 2.446 | $\underline{0.724}$ | 2.159 | 0.759 | 3.190 | 4.920 | 2.190 | 5.118 | 1.389 |
| DNA | 1.462 | 0.550 | 1.419 | $\underline{0.432}$ | 2.050 | 2.840 | 1.260 | 3.362 | 0.904 |
| ENG | 2.956 | $\underline{0.844}$ | 2.753 | 0.886 | 4.260 | 6.230 | 2.640 | 6.713 | 1.809 |
| PROT | 1.686 | 0.525 | 1.504 | 0.535 | 3.190 | 4.380 | 1.760 | 5.299 | 1.426 |
| SRC | 2.891 | $\underline{0.838}$ | 2.617 | 0.882 | 4.000 | 5.910 | 2.640 | 6.457 | 1.731 |
| chr22.dna | 0.170 | 0.108 | 0.163 | $\underline{0.058}$ | 0.260 | 0.363 | 0.146 | 0.423 | 0.113 |
| etext99 | 1.465 | $\underline{0.416}$ | 1.350 | 0.454 | 2.230 | 3.170 | 1.430 | 3.499 | 0.949 |
| gcc-3.0.tar | 1.208 | $\underline{0.355}$ | 1.099 | 0.370 | 1.610 | 2.460 | 1.060 | 2.568 | 0.684 |
| howto | 0.550 | $\underline{0.160}$ | 0.500 | 0.169 | 0.772 | 1.130 | 0.500 | 1.200 | 0.324 |
| jdk13c | 0.815 | $\underline{0.240}$ | 0.714 | 0.253 | 1.110 | 1.740 | 0.777 | 1.841 | 0.492 |
| linux-2.4.5.tar | 1.617 | $\underline{0.454}$ | 1.464 | 0.496 | 2.190 | 3.260 | 1.420 | 3.529 | 0.932 |
| rctail96 | 1.357 | 0.395 | 1.225 | 0.421 | 1.810 | 2.770 | 1.220 | 2.896 | 0.801 |
| rfc | 1.412 | $\underline{0.408}$ | 1.270 | 0.428 | 2.040 | 2.900 | 1.280 | 3.141 | 0.861 |
| sprot34.dat | 1.313 | $\underline{0.387}$ | 1.187 | 0.404 | 1.800 | 2.750 | 1.170 | 2.904 | 0.793 |
| w3c2 | 1.431 | $\underline{0.411}$ | 1.354 | 0.644 | 1.880 | 2.870 | 1.280 | 2.956 | 0.802 |
| random1 | 1.305 | $\underline{0.377}$ | 1.096 | 0.422 | 3.400 | 4.350 | 1.650 | 5.755 | 1.538 |
| random2 | 3.566 | $\underline{1.085}$ | 6.032 | 1.732 | 6.790 | 6.810 | 6.830 | 11.50 | 3.090 |
| words | 7.303 | $\underline{3.438}$ | 10.72 | 4.324 | 11.10 | 10.90 | 6.490 | 17.56 | 4.733 |

Table 2 Running times of the algorithms on the PC-system in seconds. $T_{1}$ denotes the running time using one core and $T_{4}$ denotes the running time using all four cores. The fastest sequential running time is is highlighted using bold font and the fastest parallel running time is underlined.

The measurement of the memory usage of our algorithms and serialWT was done using malloc_count $]^{6}$ The memory usage of all other algorithms was measured using the function getrusage, as malloc_count is incompatible with the Cilk Plus implementations. For our experiments we use real-world and artificial texts, see Table 1 We provide a script to collect and prepare all considered corpora at https://github.com/kurpicz/tcc.

We conducted our experiments on two different machines.
PC-System equipped with an Intel Core i5-4670 processor (four cores with frequency up to 3.4 GHz and cache sizes: $32 \mathrm{kB} \mathrm{L} 1,256 \mathrm{kB} \mathrm{L} 2$ and 6144 kB L 3 ) and 16 GB RAM.

Server-System equipped with two Intel Xeon E5-2676 processor (16 cores with frequency up to 2.4 GHz and cache sizes: $384 \mathrm{kB} \mathrm{L} 1,3 \mathrm{MB} \mathrm{L} 2$ and 30 MB L 3 ) and 256 GB RAM.

Results - Construction Time First, we compare the results on the PC-System, i.e., few cores with high base frequency. Table 2 compares the speedup of the construction algorithm on the $P C$ hardware. In the sequential case, $p s W M$ is the fastest construction algorithm on all but five texts, there $p c W M$ is faster. The difference in runtime between $p s W M$ and $p c W M$ is less than five percent on average. Using $p s W M$ we are up to 3.1 times faster than serialWT, which is the previously fastest sequential construction algorithm. On average $p s W M$ is 1.59

[^4]times faster than serial $W T$. In the parallel case, $p c W M$ is the fastest construction algorithm, $p s W M$ being on a close second place. Only on two texts $p s W M$ is faster. Those are texts with a very small alphabet ( $\sigma=5$ and $\sigma=16$ ). Again, the difference between $p s W M$ and $p c W M$ is around four percent. On average, $p c W M$ is 2.12 times faster than rec $W T$ and at least 1.04 times faster. Compared with rec $W M$, $p s W M$ is 1.99 times faster on average.

Second, we compare the results on the Server-System where we have 32 cores with a lower base frequency, see Table 3. In the sequential case $p s W M$ is the fastest construction algorithm with $p c W M$ being the second fastest. On average $p s W M$ is three percent faster than $p c W M$ and at most 2.6 times ( 1.47 times on average) faster than serialWM (the previously fastest WT-construction algorithm). There is a different situation in the parallel case, where the speed of $p s W M$ comes only close to the speed of rec $W T$ (the currently fastest WT-construction algorithm). Here, $p s W M$ is $36 \%$ slower on average, as rec $W T$ scales very good.

Results - Memory Consumption The disadvantage of $p s W M$ when it comes to scaling can be redeemed when it comes to memory consumption. All algorithms show a similar footprint on both systems, see Tables 6 and 7 in the Appendix. The lowest memory consumption is archived by $p c W M$, which is matching our theoretical assumptions. Next, $p s W M$ requires $35 \%$ more memory than $p c W M$ but still $27 \%$ less than rec $W T$ when both are executed in parallel. In the sequential case, $p c W M$ and $p s W M$ require $50 \%$ and $25 \%$ less space than serialWT. The memory consumption of levelWT is enormous, requiring around $77 \%$ more memory than $p c W M$ in both cases (sequential and parallel).

## 5 From the Wavelet Tree to the Wavelet Matrix

The structure of a WT and a WM are very similar. If we compare the bit vectors of the WT and the WM at level $\ell$ we see two similarities. First, both bit vectors contain the $\ell$-th MSB of each character of $T$ and second, the bits are grouped in intervals with respect to the bit prefix of size $\ell$ of the corresponding character. Thus the number and sizes of the intervals is the same. The difference is the position of the intervals within each level. At level $\ell$, the intervals in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}^{\prime}$ of a $W T$ occur in increasing order with respect to the bit prefixes of size $\ell$ of the characters in T , i.e., the first interval corresponds to characters with bit prefix 0 , the second corresponds to characters with bit prefix 1 , and so on. The intervals in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$ of a $W M$ occur in increasing order with respect to the $\rho_{\ell}$ of the characters in T .

We can make use of these similarities by showing that each algorithm that can compute a WT can also compute a WM in the same asymptotic time. The computed data structures for our running example can be found in Figure 2.

- Lemma 4. We can compute an array $X$ and a bit vector $U$ with rank and select data structures in time $\mathcal{O}(n+\sigma)$ and space $n+\sigma+\sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil+o(n+\sigma)$ bits, such that

$$
\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}^{\prime}[i]=\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}[j] \text { with } j= \begin{cases}i & \text { if } \ell \leq 1 \\ \mathrm{X}\left[2^{\ell-1}-2+b p\right]+\text { off } & , \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

where $b p=\operatorname{prefix}\left(\ell, \operatorname{rank}_{0}\left(\mathrm{U}, \operatorname{select}_{1}(\mathrm{U}, i+1)\right)\right.$ and off $=i-\operatorname{rank}_{1}\left(\mathrm{U}, \operatorname{select}_{0}(\mathrm{U}, b p \ll(\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-\right.$ $\ell)$ ), with $\ll k$ denoting a left bit shift (by $k$ bits), i.e., affixing $k$ zeros on the right hand side.

Proof. First, we count the number of occurrences of each character in T. This requires $\mathcal{O}(n)$ time and $\sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil$ bits of space. We store them such that $\mathrm{X}[i]=|\{j \in[0, n): \mathrm{T}[j]=i\}|$. Next, we store the number of occurrences unary utilizing a bit vector, i.e., setting the first $\mathrm{X}[0]$

| Text | [This paper] |  |  |  | Shun 17] |  |  | $\text { Labeit et al. } 9$recWT |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | pcWM |  | psWM |  | serialWT | lev | WT |  |  |
|  | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ |
| XML | 3.363 | 0.766 | 3.121 | 0.292 | 4.530 | 6.970 | 0.475 | 7.143 | $\underline{0.231}$ |
| DNA | 2.000 | 0.907 | 2.063 | 0.213 | 2.890 | 3.990 | 0.248 | 4.763 | $\underline{0.154}$ |
| ENG | 4.039 | 0.769 | 3.950 | 0.336 | 6.040 | 8.590 | 0.782 | 9.313 | 0.304 |
| PROT | 2.335 | 0.795 | 2.172 | 0.229 | 4.500 | 6.130 | 0.357 | 7.459 | 0.239 |
| SRC | 3.980 | 0.808 | 3.794 | 0.325 | 5.640 | 8.240 | 0.549 | 9.055 | $\underline{0.288}$ |
| chr22.dna | 0.239 | 0.186 | 0.237 | $\underline{0.036}$ | 0.375 | 0.505 | 0.049 | 0.605 | 0.059 |
| etext99 | 2.012 | 0.454 | 1.968 | 0.200 | 3.140 | 4.440 | 0.280 | 4.915 | $\underline{0.160}$ |
| gcc-3.0.tar | 1.666 | 0.339 | 1.606 | 0.157 | 2.280 | 3.350 | 0.222 | 3.581 | $\underline{0.116}$ |
| howto | 0.761 | 0.181 | 0.724 | 0.078 | 1.080 | 1.560 | 0.101 | 1.687 | $\underline{0.056}$ |
| jdk13c | 1.124 | 0.272 | 1.035 | 0.116 | 1.540 | 2.370 | 0.158 | 2.531 | $\underline{0.086}$ |
| linux-2.4.5.tar | 2.231 | 0.448 | 2.128 | 0.198 | 3.080 | 4.520 | 0.304 | 4.785 | $\underline{0.156}$ |
| rctail96 | 1.872 | 0.428 | 1.742 | 0.175 | 2.540 | 3.870 | 0.259 | 4.068 | $\underline{0.135}$ |
| rfc | 1.934 | 0.435 | 1.847 | 0.180 | 2.850 | 4.040 | 0.263 | 4.378 | $\underline{0.142}$ |
| sprot34.dat | 1.806 | 0.393 | 1.718 | 0.169 | 2.480 | 3.800 | 0.245 | 4.032 | $\underline{0.131}$ |
| w3c2 | 1.991 | 0.412 | 2.028 | 0.225 | 2.590 | 4.010 | 0.271 | 4.092 | $\underline{0.134}$ |
| random1 | 1.792 | 0.445 | 1.843 | $\underline{0.179}$ | 4.810 | 6.080 | 0.314 | 8.182 | 0.256 |
| random2 | 5.126 | 0.780 | 14.35 | 0.861 | 9.590 | 12.20 | 0.645 | 16.14 | $\underline{0.515}$ |
| words | 10.00 | 1.553 | 26.90 | 3.564 | 15.20 | 22.40 | 1.480 | 24.54 | $\underline{0.833}$ |

Table 3 Running times of the algorithms on the Server-system in seconds. $T_{1}$ marks the running time using one core and $T_{32}$ denotes the running time using 32 cores. The fastest sequential running time is is highlighted using bold font and the fastest parallel running time is underlined.
bits to one, followed by a single bit set to zero that is again followed by $\mathrm{X}[1]$ bits set to one, followed again by a single bit set to zero, and so on. We augment the bit vector with a rank and select data structure, resulting in $n+\sigma+o(n+\sigma)$ bits of space in total. The construction of the bit vector and rank and select data structure requires $\mathcal{O}(n+\sigma)$ time.

Next, for each level $\ell \in[2,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$ we want to compute the first position of the intervals corresponding to the reverse bit prefixes of size $\ell$ in the $W M$. Since we only require bit prefixes of size up to $\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-1$ we first compute the number of occurrences of these bit prefixes, i.e., $\mathrm{X}[i]=\mathrm{X}[2 i]+\mathrm{X}[2 i+1]$ for all $i \in[0,\lceil\sigma / 2\rceil)$. Next, we rearrange the number of occurrences (that are in lexicographically order) by swapping $X[i]$ with $X[$ reverse $(i)]$ for all $i \in[0,\lceil\sigma / 2\rceil)$. Now we have the number of occurrences in bit-reversal permutation order. This requires $\mathcal{O}(\sigma)$ time and no additional space. Furthermore, we now have $\lceil(\sigma \lg n) / 2\rceil$ bits of unused space. Next, we compute the prefix sum of the values starting with 0 in $\mathcal{O}(\sigma)$ time. Using these starting positions of the intervals, we can compute the starting positions of the intervals for each level $\ell \in[2,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$ in $\mathcal{O}(\sigma)$ time using the $\lceil(\sigma / 2) \lg n\rceil$ bits of unused space. Last, we restore the order for the starting positions, such that the starting positions for each level occur in increasing order with respect to their corresponding bit prefix, in time $\mathcal{O}(\sigma)$. Thus, the preprocessing requires $\mathcal{O}(n+\sigma)$ time and $n+\sigma+2 \sigma\lceil\lg n\rceil+o(n+\sigma)$ bits of space.

Now we need to answer queries asking for a position $j \in[0, n)$ in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$ given a position $i \in[0, n)$ in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}^{\prime}$ for $\ell \in[0,\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil)$ in constant time. If $\ell \leq 1$ we know that $j=i$, because the

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\begin{array}{ll}
\Sigma=\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7\} \\
& \\
U & =10110101010101101
\end{array} \quad \mathrm{X}=\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|l|}
\hline 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
\hline 0 & 5 & 0 & 5 & 3 & 7 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

Figure 2 Example of the data structures and querying for $\mathrm{T}=0167154263$.
bit vectors of the WT and WM are the same for the first two levels. Otherwise ( $\ell>1$ ) we use the bit vector to identify the bit prefix of length $\ell$ of the character responsible for setting the bit at position $i$. Let pos $=\operatorname{select}_{1}(i+1)$ be the position of the $i+1$-th one in the bit vector. Therefore, $k=\operatorname{rank}_{0}($ pos $)$ returns the rank of the character that corresponds to the position pos. The bit prefix $b p=\operatorname{prefix}(\ell, k)$ of length $\ell$ can now be used to determine the starting position of the corresponding interval in $\mathrm{BV}_{\ell}$, i.e., $\mathrm{X}\left[2^{\ell}-2+b p\right]$ because we have reordered the entries level-wise. Now we need to compute the offset of the position from the starting position of the interval. To do so, we compute the smallest character contained in the interval by padding the bit prefix with $\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-\ell 0$ s giving us a value $r=\operatorname{select}_{0}(b p \ll\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-\ell)$. Next, we determine the number of 1 s occurring before the $r$-th 0 in U to compute the offset, i.e., off $=i-\operatorname{rank}_{1}(r)$.

Since all operations used for querying require constant time and there is only a constant number of operations, the query can be answered in constant time.

- Example 5. Given our running example of $\mathrm{T}=0167154263$, we compute the bit vector U and the array $X$ as shown in Figure 2 The first two levels of the WT and WM are the same, hence we give an example for the last level. We want to set the $i=8$-th bit in $\mathrm{BV}_{2}^{\prime}$ to 0 . Now we need to compute the corresponding position $j$ in $\mathrm{BV}_{2}$. To do so, we first identify the position of the $(i+1)=(8+1)$-th 1 in U , i.e., $p=\operatorname{select}_{1}(9)=15$. The value represented by this position may not correspond to the value of the considered character, but it has the same bit prefix of length 2 as the character. The bit prefix is $b p=\operatorname{prefix}\left(2, \operatorname{rank}_{0}(15)\right)=(11)_{2}$. To get the first position in the interval in level 2 , we need to pad the bit prefix with $\lceil\lg \sigma\rceil-\ell=1$ zeros to get the smallest value with the bit prefix $b p$, i.e., $(110)_{2}=6$. Now we can compute the offset of the position with respect to the first position of the interval. We identify the starting position of the interval containing 6 , i.e., $\operatorname{select}_{0}(6)=7$. Then we get the number of 1 s up to that position and subtract this value from $i(o f f=8-7=1)$ to get the offset. Using the bit prefix $b p$ and the offset off, we can get the position where we have to set the bit using $X\left[2^{2}-2+b p\right]+o f f=7+1=8$.


## 6 Conclusion

We presented two sequential and parallel WM-construction algorithms that utilized the structure of the WM to compute it bottom-up. This allows for fast sequential and parallel WM-construction algorithms that require just a little bit more memory than the input and output require. We then showed how to adopt these algorithms to compute the WT instead. Our experiments have shown that the our new algorithms are up to twice as fast as the previously known algorithms while requiring just a fraction of the memory (at most half as much). Our algorithms do not scale as well as the competitors, therefore, when using more than 32 processors our algorithms will be outperformed.

In addition to the practical work, we also have shown how to adopt general WTconstruction algorithms to compute a WM in the same asymptotic runtime instead.

The presented algorithms are the first two WM-construction algorithms that are not just adopted WT-construction algorithms. We want to investigate further in this direction to get construction algorithms that scale better. The domain-decomposition approach by Fuentes-Sepulveda et al. 16] may also be applicable to WM construction.

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## A Additional Data from the Experiments

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | WT construction |  | WM construction |  |
|  | in-memory | semi-extern | in-memory | semi-extern |
| XML | 20.69 | 15.93 | 18.20 | 15.43 |
| DNA | 16.22 | 12.38 | 14.56 | 12.20 |
| ENG | 20.26 | 16.41 | 18.65 | 16.56 |
| PROT | 19.91 | 14.94 | 16.91 | 14.95 |
| SRC | 22.58 | 16.35 | 18.25 | 17.01 |
| chr22.dna | 2.427 | 2.028 | 2.435 | 2.003 |
| etext99 | 10.31 | 8.160 | 9.326 | 7.857 |
| gcc-3.0.tar | 9.718 | 6.378 | 7.263 | 6.123 |
| howto | 3.018 | 2.933 | 3.519 | 2.820 |
| jdk13c | 6.472 | 5.728 | 6.438 | 5.296 |
| linux-2.4.5.tar | 13.29 | 8.913 | 9.838 | 8.562 |
| rctail96 | 10.85 | 9.013 | 10.74 | 9.009 |
| rfc | 10.88 | 8.836 | 9.820 | 8.440 |
| sprot34.dat | 8.383 | 7.332 | 8.269 | 7.495 |
| w3c2 | 10.21 | 8.166 | 9.704 | 8.576 |
| random1 | 13.21 | 9.970 | 11.76 | 9.894 |
| random2 | 36.85 | 20.05 | 63.50 | 20.89 |
| words | 72.55 | 36.93 | 155.1 | 37.07 |

Table 4 Running time of the WM- and WT-construction algorithms implemented in the SDSL on the PC-System in seconds. We used the $w t$ _int and $w m \_i n t$ implementation (for the WT and WM, resp.) and constructed the data structures using construct_im for the in-memory construction and construct for the semi-external construction.

| Text | [This Paper] |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | PC-System |  |  |  | Server-System |  |  |  |
|  | pcWT |  | psWT |  | pcWT |  | psWT |  |
|  | $T_{1}$ | $T_{4}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{4}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ |
| XML | 2.503 | 0.749 | 2.162 | 0.759 | 3.462 | 0.776 | 3.116 | 0.294 |
| DNA | 1.482 | 0.565 | 1.432 | 0.435 | 2.052 | 0.946 | 2.059 | 0.211 |
| ENG | 3.029 | 0.873 | 2.761 | 0.886 | 4.143 | 0.782 | 3.981 | 0.327 |
| PROT | 1.729 | 0.541 | 1.509 | 0.530 | 2.390 | 0.785 | 2.176 | 0.230 |
| SRC | 2.973 | 0.857 | 2.620 | 0.909 | 4.055 | 0.779 | 3.787 | 0.330 |
| chr22.dna | 0.172 | 0.110 | 0.163 | 0.063 | 0.237 | 0.202 | 0.234 | 0.033 |
| etext99 | 1.501 | 0.436 | 1.360 | 0.458 | 2.090 | 0.464 | 1.947 | 0.182 |
| gcc-3.0.tar | 1.249 | 0.358 | 1.103 | 0.399 | 1.694 | 0.369 | 1.572 | 0.157 |
| howto | 0.564 | 0.166 | 0.503 | 0.169 | 0.791 | 0.188 | 0.723 | 0.078 |
| jdk13c | 0.839 | 0.245 | 0.716 | 0.252 | 1.149 | 0.268 | 1.031 | 0.173 |
| linux-2.4.5.tar | 1.663 | 0.479 | 1.466 | 0.496 | 2.277 | 0.468 | 2.133 | 0.199 |
| rctail96 | 1.406 | 0.419 | 1.213 | 0.418 | 1.932 | 0.427 | 1.782 | 0.174 |
| rfc | 1.441 | 0.424 | 1.287 | 0.435 | 2.000 | 0.449 | 1.852 | 0.179 |
| sprot34.dat | 1.346 | 0.382 | 1.194 | 0.407 | 1.864 | 0.420 | 1.729 | 0.168 |
| w3c2 | 1.470 | 0.423 | 1.364 | 0.596 | 2.023 | 0.431 | 2.029 | 0.230 |
| random1 | 1.347 | 0.401 | 1.107 | 0.413 | 1.854 | 0.439 | 1.87 | 0.297 |
| random2 | 3.523 | 1.106 | 6.087 | 1.744 | 5.100 | 0.794 | 14.06 | 0.876 |
| words | 7.340 | 3.376 | 10.47 | 4.110 | 10.60 | 1.468 | 26.73 | 2.939 |

Table 5 Running time of our WT-construction algorithms in seconds.

Table 6 Memory usage (on the PC-System) of the algorithms in byte running sequential ( $T_{1}$ ) and running on four cores ( $T_{4}$ ).

| Text | [This paper] |  |  |  | Shun [17] |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { Labeit et al. [9] } \\ \text { recWT } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | pcWM |  | psWM |  | serialWT | levelWT |  |  |  |
|  | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ | $T_{1}$ | $T_{32}$ |
| XML | 393.227.899 | 393.235 .635 | 602.943 .099 | 602.992 .211 | 812.653.735 | 1.655.341.056 | 1.665.097.728 | 816.549.888 | 827.760 .640 |
| DNA | 340.797.731 | 340.802 .043 | 550.512 .931 | 550.538 .811 | 734.004 .455 | 1.576.620.032 | 1.585.360.896 | 737.673 .216 | 748.138 .496 |
| ENG | 419.444.103 | 419.456.207 | 629.159 .303 | 629.239 .391 | 838.877.939 | 1.681.567.744 | 1.696.366.592 | 842.625.024 | 857.186.304 |
| PROT | 340.797.731 | 340.802 .043 | 550.512.931 | 550.538 .811 | 760.219 .539 | 1.603.104.768 | 1.613.336.576 | 763.891 .712 | 775.593 .984 |
| SRC | 419.444.103 | 419.456.207 | 629.159 .303 | 629.239 .391 | 838.878 .319 | 1.681.625.088 | 1.693.802.496 | 842.608 .640 | 856.887.296 |
| chr22.dna | 47.521.547 | 47.524.403 | 82.075.275 | 82.095.347 | 116.619.251 | 257.740.800 | 263.512 .064 | 119.537.664 | 125.804.544 |
| etext99 | 210.568 .327 | 210.580.431 | 315.845 .639 | 315.925.727 | 421.120 .383 | 845.721 .600 | 856.596 .480 | 424.329 .216 | 434.515.968 |
| gcc-3.0.tar | 173.274.503 | 173.286 .607 | 259.904.903 | 259.984.991 | 346.533.039 | 696.246 .272 | 706.969.600 | 349.941.760 | 360.087.552 |
| howto | 78.857 .863 | 78.869.967 | 118.279.943 | 118.360 .031 | 157.703.331 | 318.619 .648 | 324.866 .048 | 160.735.232 | 168.452 .096 |
| jdk13c | 130.753.579 | 130.761.315 | 200.482.475 | 200.531.587 | 270.208.099 | 552.583 .168 | 561.020 .928 | 273.592.320 | 280.100 .864 |
| linux-2.4.5.tar | 232.523 .143 | 232.535 .247 | 348.777.863 | 348.857.951 | 465.038 .375 | 933.470 .208 | 942.235 .648 | 468.389 .888 | 476.266 .496 |
| rctail96 | 215.095.099 | 215.102.835 | 329.806 .139 | 329.855 .251 | 444.512 .387 | 906.911.744 | 913.199.104 | 447.811 .584 | 456.605 .696 |
| rfc | 218.302.939 | 218.310 .675 | 334.724 .827 | 334.773 .939 | 451.143 .975 | 920.252 .416 | 928.907.264 | 454.397 .952 | 462.155 .776 |
| sprot34.dat | 205.544.059 | 205.551.795 | 315.161 .211 | 315.210 .323 | 424.771.443 | 866.779.136 | 874.967.040 | 428.204 .032 | 435.429 .376 |
| w3c2 | 208.415.623 | 208.427.663 | 312.616 .583 | 312.696 .671 | 416.823 .335 | 837.099.520 | 848.023 .552 | 420.302 .848 | 429.563 .904 |
| random1 | 200.013.703 | 200.025.807 | 300.013.703 | 300.093.791 | 400.019.519 | 801.599.488 | 802.152 .448 | 403.595.264 | 412.999 .680 |
| random2 | 401.058.534 | 404.869.294 | 601.058.534 | 616.936 .382 | 800.019.519 | 1.602.027.520 | 1.603.272.704 | 803.725.312 | 816.619 .520 |
| words | 1.015.264.064 | 1.359.209.832 | 1.582.098.816 | 2.882.351.704 | 2.267.358.503 | 4.539.990.016 | 4.563.759.104 | 2.272.497.664 | 2.295.189.504 |
| Table 7 M | ge | , Server-Syst | ) of the algor | hms in byte | ning sequent | ( $T_{1}$ ) and run | ng on 32 core | 2). |  |


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[^1]:    1 http://oeis.org/A030109, last accessed 14.02.2017.

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ If not zero based, B is usually defined as $\mathrm{B}[0]=\mathrm{A}[0]$ and $\mathrm{B}[i]=\mathrm{A}[i-1]+\mathrm{B}[i-1]$ for all $i \in[1, n)$.

[^3]:    3 http://pizzachili.dcc.uchile.cl/texts.html, last accessed 14.02.2017.
    4 http://people.unipmn.it/manzini/lightweight/corpus/ last accessed 14.02.2017.
    5 http://statmt.org/wmt16/translation-task.html last accessed 14.02.2017.

[^4]:    6 https://github.com/bingmann/malloc_count, last accessed 14.02.2017.

