Kcollections

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Why

- Many bioinformatic algorithms are based on k-mers
- Prototyping new algorithms based on new algorithms can be difficult because:
 - The number of possible k-mers grows exponentially as k increases
 - Storing k-mers for even moderately sized k becomes impossible on desktop hardware

We propose an efficient and fast method for storing k-mers, kcollections, for broad bioinformatic applications

How

- Take advantage of common k-mer serialization techniques to:
 - Store k-mers in an efficient data structure (burst trie)
 - Parallelize insert and look-up operations



How - Serialization

K-mers are commonly bit-packed using only 2 bits per base for efficient storage. We exploit the compact, serialized k-mers for further storage and speed efficiency.





How - Efficient Storage, Trie

Shared prefixes amongst k-mers are redundant. Remove redundant information by storking k-mers in a trie.



How - Efficient Storage, Burst Trie

Use a burst trie to manage/minimize the creation of new children vertices. Children vertices are stored in a condensed array.



Children Vertex Array

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How - Parallelization, Map

Multi-threaded insert is done by mapping incoming k-mers to appropriate threads which are responsible for a partition of the trie. Bit shifting quickly identifies the appropriate partition/thread a k-mer should be sent to.



How - Parallelization, Reduce

Merging partitions is simple: use bitwise operation to merge housekeeping variables and concatenate children vertices from each partition.



producer thread

Look-ups are thread-safe.



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- 6. Retrieve item at index 9 in children vertex array

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What - Performance Comparison

Program	Subprogram	Elapsed Wall Clock Time (hh:mm:ss)	Maximum RAM Used (GB)	Threads
	SSBT hashes	00:00:00	0.009	1
SSBT	SSBT count	00:30:21	30.144	16
	SSBT build	00:00:00	0.009	1
	SSBT compress	00:01:05	1.855	1
	total	00:31:26	30.144	
BFT		03:53:38	16.281	1
Python Set		02:00:56 (22:20:24)	261.527	1
kcollections		00:27:11	24.105	16

TABLE I: Time and memory usage for indexing the human genome. The BFT requires k-mer generation in a pre-process step, we use jellyfish and include those results. Both the build time and overall running time are provided for the Python set due to the large disparity between them.

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BFT	01:25	16.166
Python Set	01:00	261.676
SSBT	11:17	5.396
kcollections	01:29	22.840

TABLE II: Time and memory usage for 20M queries against the human reference genome. 10M k-mers that exist and 10M that do not exist in the index.



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