

## **2-INF-237 Vybrané partie z datových štruktúr**

## **2-INF-237 Selected Topics in Data Structures**

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## Plnotextové vyhľadávanie kľúčových slov

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### Example:

Document 0: Ema ma mamu .

Document 1: Mama ma Emu .

Document 2: Mama sa ma . Ema sa ma .

Query Mama returns documents 1,2.

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### Practical issues

Document: webpage/email/book/chapter/abstract/...

Preprocessing: lower/upper case, stemming (úprava na základný tvar), what is a word/word separator?, synonyms, ...

If there are many documents, how to rank them? (Information/text retrieval)

**Preprocessing:** divide into words, convert to lowercase, ...

Document 0: ema, ma, mamu

Document 1: mama, ma, emu

Document 2: mama, sa, ma, ema, sa, ma

**Inverted index:** for each word a list of occurrences (document IDs)

ema: 0,2

emu: 1

ma: 0,1,2

mama: 1,2

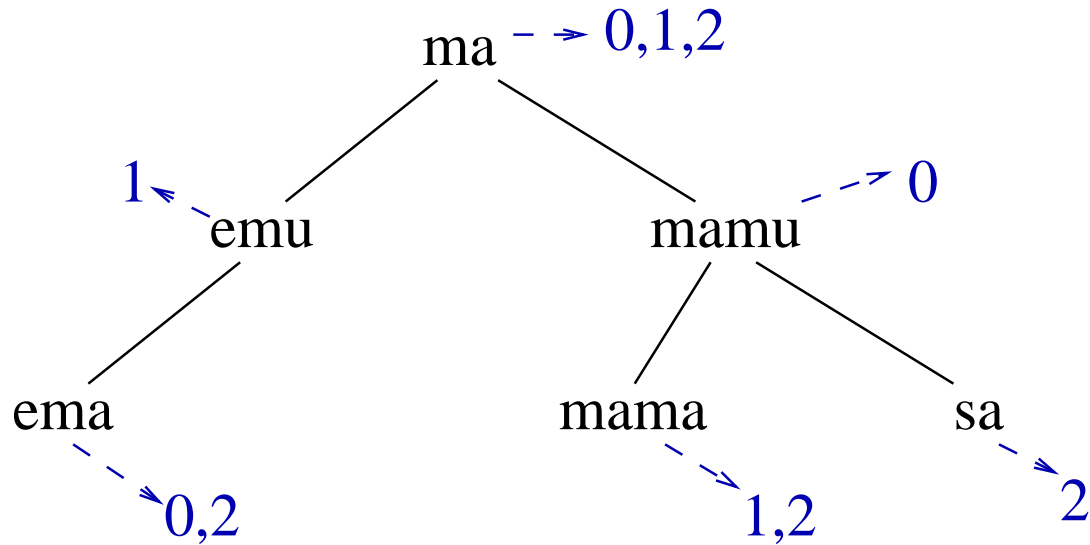
mamu: 0

sa: 2

## Implementing inverted index with balanced search trees

Balanced binary search tree, (e.g. red-black tree):

search, insert, delete using  $O(\log n)$  comparisons



## Trie (lexikografický strom)

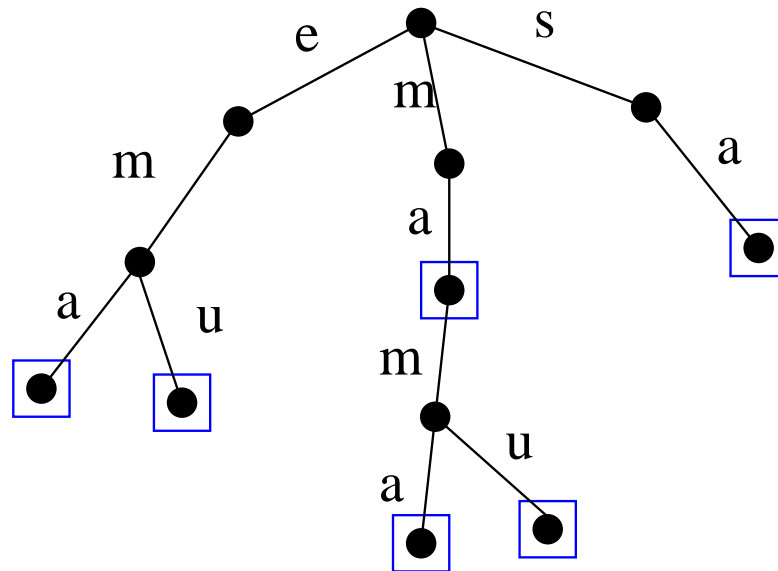
Represents a set of words

Edges labeled with characters

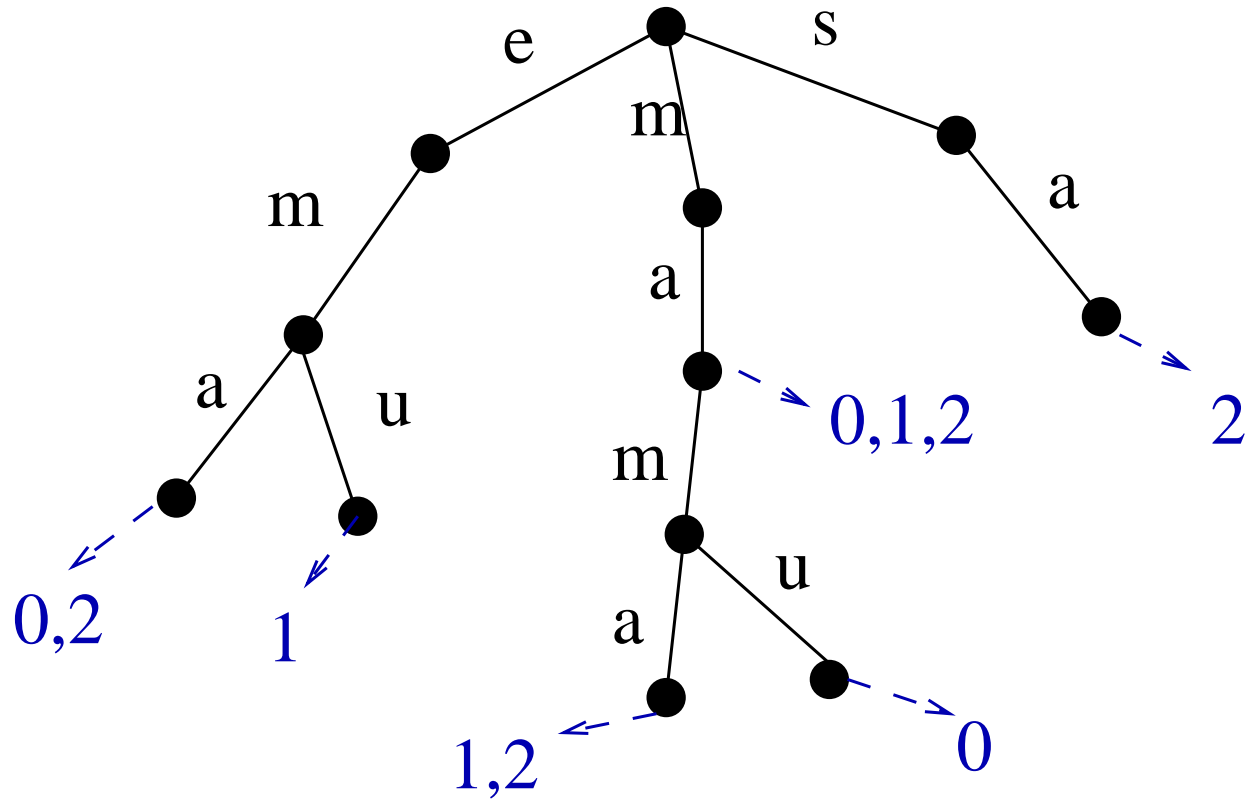
A node represents string read along the path from the root

Root represents empty string

In each node store flag if node in the set, plus other data

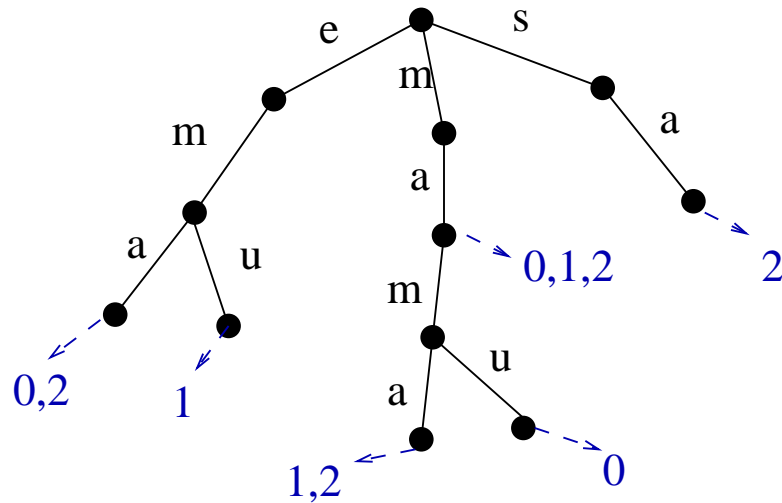


# Inverted index implemented as a trie



## Searching for word $w$ in a trie

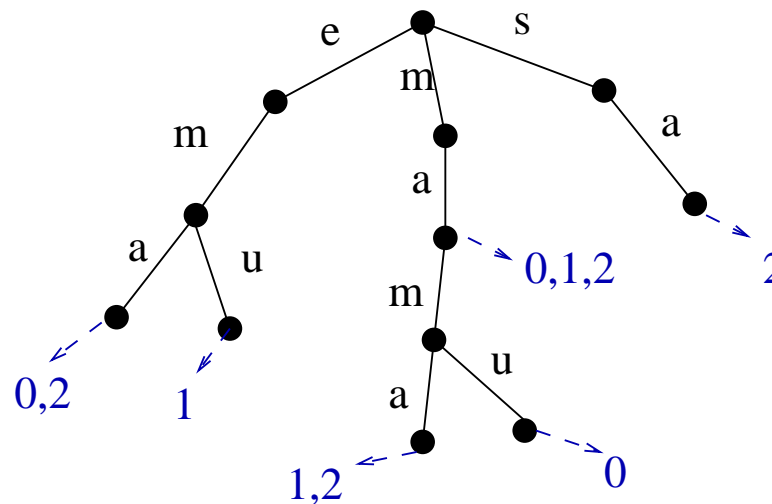
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1 node = root ;  
2 for (i=0; i<m; i++) {  
3     node = node->child [w[i]] ;  
4     if (! node) return empty_list ;  
5 }  
6 return node->list ;
```





## Inserting word $w$ from document $d$ to a trie

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1 node = root;  
2 for (i=0; i<m; i++) {  
3     if (! node->child[w[i]]) {  
4         node->child[w[i]] = new node;  
5     }  
6     node = node->child[w[i]];  
7 }  
8 node->list.add(d)
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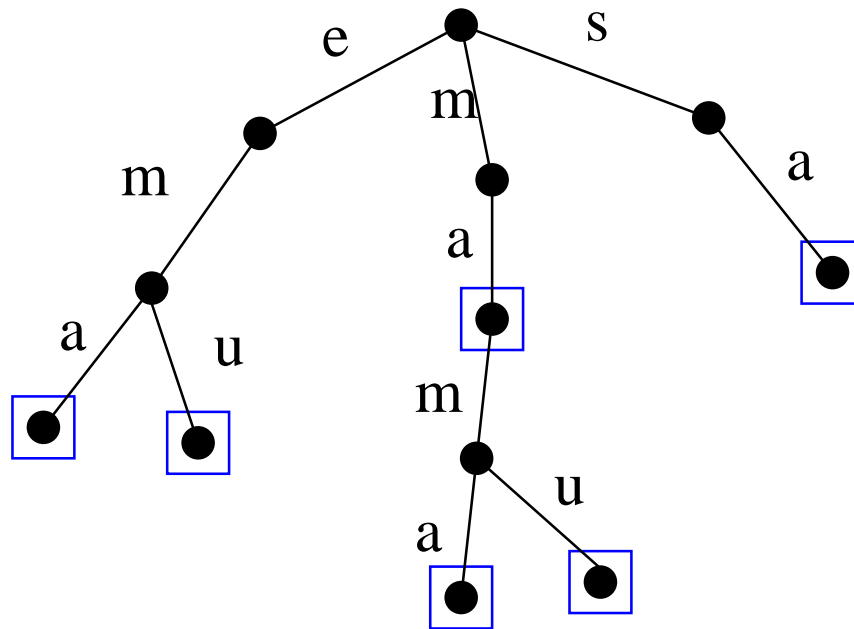
What about delete?

# Trie

Assume word of length  $m$ , small alphabet

Insert, search, delete in  $O(m)$  time if alphabet is small

How to store each node if alphabet large?



## Trie

In each node: map from alphabet to pointers to children nodes

Implementation of this map for an alphabet of size  $\sigma$ :

	Search	Insert	Memory
Array of size $\sigma$	$O(m)$	$O(m\sigma)$	$O(D\sigma)$
Sorted array	$O(m \log \sigma)$	$O(m \log \sigma + \sigma)$	$O(D)$
Bin. search tree	$O(m \log \sigma)$	$O(m \log \sigma)$	$O(D)$

$D$  – total length of all words

$m$  – length of the word to be searched/inserted

$\sigma$  – alphabet size

## Implementations of inverted index

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	Query	Preprocessing
Binary search tree (balanced)	$O(m \log n + p)$	$O(mN \log n)$
Hashing - expected/average case	$O(m + p)$	$O(mN)$
Trie	$O(m \log \sigma + p)$	$O(mN \log \sigma)$

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$m$  – max. length of a word

$n$  – the number of distinct words

$N$  – total number of words

$\sigma$  – alphabet size

$p$  – the number of documents found

## Queries with multiple keywords

Searching with 2 keywords (connected by AND)

Intersection of two lists of occurrences

Assume input lists sorted (by some criterion)

Lengths of lists  $m$  and  $n$  ( $m \leq n$ )

Any ideas?

## Queries with multiple keywords

Find intersection of two sorted arrays (lengths  $m < n$ )

- Linear-time merge  $O(m + n)$
- $m$ -times binary search  $O(m \log n)$
- Doubling search  $O(m \log \frac{n}{m})$

More than two arrays: add one by one, or use a different algorithm

Also possibly preprocess sets for faster answers [Cohen, Porat 2010]

## Applications of tries

Work with individual words:

- Keyword search
- Spell-checking
- Counting word frequencies

Also used in multiple pattern search (Aho-Corasick algorithm)  
and LZW compression

