

# Formal Verification of the rank Function for Succinct Data Structures

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# Motivation

More data with less memory

Why?

- For Big Data
  - Compact data representation reduces number of servers

How?

- Succinct Data Structures (簡潔データ構造)
    - designed to save memory
    - but at the price of complex, low-level algorithms
- ⇒ We need formal verification!
- To trust Big Data analysis

# This Presentation

A realistic yet verified **rank** function

**rank** is the most important primitive of Succinct Data Structure

Contributions:

- Formal verification of **rank** using Coq
  - Functional correctness and storage requirements
- Automatic extraction from Coq of a realistic **rank** implementation
  - Main issue: limitations of naive Coq extraction
    - No array. Linear time access for list
    - Waste memory for list of booleans.

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# Succinct Data Structures

## A short history

Compact data representation but operations are still fast

- 1988 rank/select (bitstring), Jacobson
- 1989 LOUDS (tree), Jacobson
- 2000 FM-index (full text index), Ferragina, et al
- 2003 wavelet tree (fixed alphabet string), Grossi, et al
- 2003 compressed suffix array, Sadakane
- 2005 DFUDS (tree), Benoit, et al

# rank Function

## Informal specification

- " $\text{rank}_b i s$ " counts the number of " $b$ " in the first " $i$ " bits of " $s$ " (which length is " $n$ ")

$n = 23 \text{ bit}$

$i = 17 \text{ bit}$

$\text{rank}_1 17 \underline{10000101101011101}111101 = 9$

Nine "1" bits

```
graph TD; S[rank_1 17 1000010110101110111101] -- "n = 23 bit" --> N23[ ]; S -- "i = 17 bit" --> Ni17[ ]; S -- "Nine \"1\" bits" --> N17[Nine "1" bits]; S -- "9" --> R[9]
```

- Naive implementation needs  $O(i)$  time:  
Definition  $\text{rank } b \ i \ s := \text{count\_mem } b \ (\text{take } i \ s)$ .

# Jacobson's rank Algorithm

## Overview

- Uses two auxiliary (precomputed) arrays

```
dir1 = [0, 4, 10] # first-level directory
```

```
dir2 = [0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 4, 0, 3] # second-level directory
```

- Split rank into 3 parts

$$17 = 9 + 6 + 2$$

rank<sub>1</sub> 17 **1000010110101110111101** =

rank<sub>1</sub> 9 **100001011** +

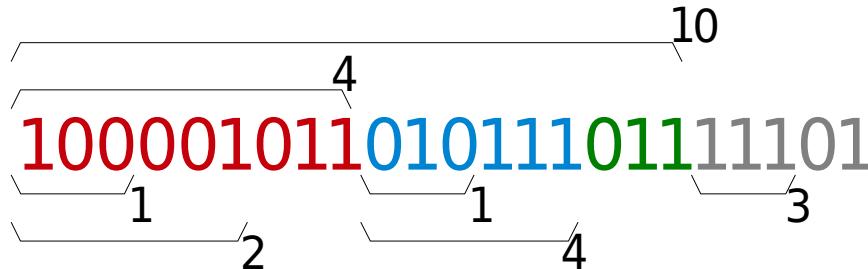
rank<sub>1</sub> 6 **010111** +

rank<sub>1</sub> 2 **011** =

$$\text{dir1}[17/9] + \text{dir2}[17/3] + \text{rank}_1 2 \text{ } \textcolor{green}{011} = 9$$

# Jacobson's rank Algorithm

## Technical Details (dir1, dir2, etc.)



$s = 10000101101011101111101 \quad n = 23$

$sz1 = k \times sz2 = 9$	$k = 3$	# sz1: big block size
$sz2 = 3$		# sz2: small block size
$dir1 = [0,4,10]$		# first-level directory
$dir2 = [0,1,2,0,1,4,0,3]$		# second-level directory
$rank1 \ i \ s =$		
$dir1[i / sz1] +$		# $O(1)$ time
$dir2[i / sz2] +$		# $O(1)$ time
$rank1(i \% sz2) \ 011$		# $O(sz2)$ time, naively

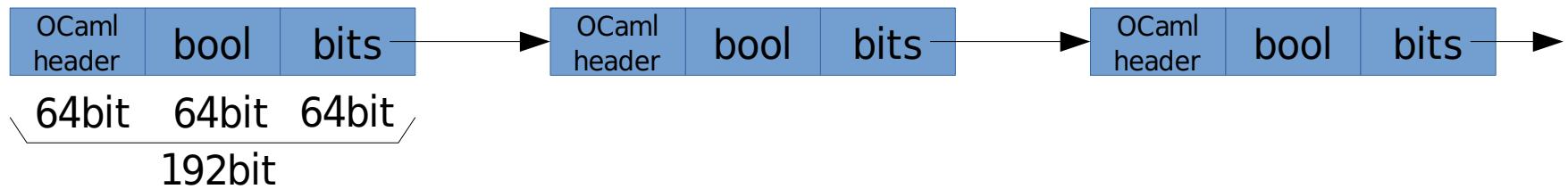
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# Coq Extraction Problem

## Default bitstring representation

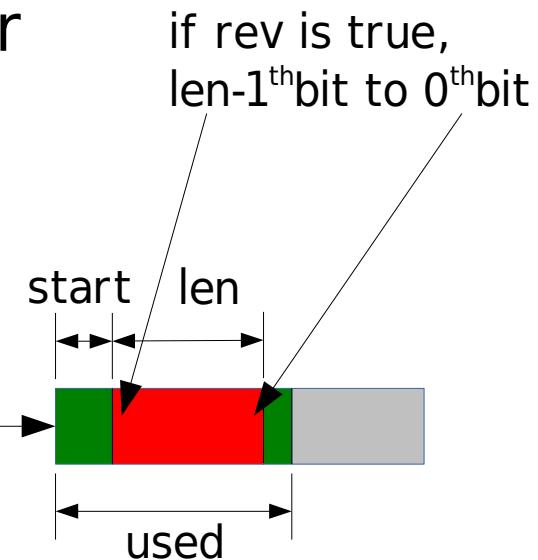
- (\* Coq/Ssreflect \*)  
Inductive bits : Type := bnil | bcons of bool & bits.  
Extraction bits.  
(\* OCaml: \*)  
type bits = | Bnil | Bcons of bool \* bits



- Problem 1: Linear time random access  
We need constant time random access for succinct data structures!
- Problem 2: Waste of memory space  
3 words / bit (192 times bigger than required on 64bit architecture)

# A New OCaml Bitstring Library

- Constant time random access
- Dense representation (1 bit / bit)
- type bits\_buffer =  
  { mutable used : int; s : bytes; }  
type bits =  
  Bref of int \* int \* bool \* bits\_buffer



# Extraction Coq Lists to OCaml Bitstrings

- (\* Coq \*)  
Extract Inductive bits => "Pbits.bits"  
[ "Pbits.bnil" "Pbits.bcons" ] "Pbits.bmatch".
- Use OCaml definitions:
  - Pbits.bits type
  - Pbits.bnil constant
  - Pbits.bcons function
  - Pbits.bmatch function
- match s with bnil => E1 | bcons b t => E2 end (\* Coq \*)  
→  
Pbits.bmatch (fun () -> E1) (fun (b, t) -> E2) s (\* OCaml \*)

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# Generic rank lookup function

- No loop
- O(1) time expected

Definition `rank_lookup_gen` i :=

```
let j2 := i %/ sz2 in (* index for the second-level directory *)
let j3 := i %% sz2 in (* index inside a small block *)
let j1 := j2 %/ k in (* index for the first-level directory *)
lookup_dir1 j1 dir1 + lookup_dir2 j2 dir2 + bcount b (j2 * sz2) j3 input_bs.
```

- MathComp notation:
  - $x \%/ y$   $\lfloor x / y \rfloor$
  - $x \% \% y$   $x \bmod y$

# Construct dir1 and dir2

- Scan s from left to right, tail recursion
- O(n) time expected

```
Fixpoint rank_init_iter j i n1 n2 dir1 dir2 :=
  let m := bcount b ((nn - j) * sz2) sz2 input_bs in
  if i is ip.+1 then
    let dir2' := push_dir2 dir2 n2 in
    if j is jp.+1 then rank_init_iter jp ip n1 (n2 + m) dir1 dir2'
    else (dir1, dir2')
  else
    let dir1' := push_dir1 dir1 (n1 + n2) in
    let dir2' := push_dir2 dir2 0 in
    if j is jp.+1 then rank_init_iter jp kp (n1 + n2) m dir1' dir2'
    else (dir1', dir2').
```

Definition rank\_init\_iter0 := rank\_init\_iter nn 0 0 0 empty\_dir1 empty\_dir2.

Definition rank\_init\_gen :=

let (dir1, dir2) := rank\_init\_iter0 in (finalize\_dir1 dir1, finalize\_dir2 dir2).

# Instantiate rank Functions

Specify parameters to `rank_{lookup,init}_gen`

- Algorithm parameters: `sz1`, `sz2`, etc.
- Array functions: `empty_dir1`, etc.

Definition `rank_lookup` (`aux : Aux`) `i` :=  
  `let b := query_bit aux in`  
  `let param := parameter aux in`  
  `let w1 := w1_of param in let w2 := w2_of param in`  
  `rank_lookup_gen b (input_bits aux) param`  
    `Dir1Arr (lookup_dir1 w1) Dir2Arr (lookup_dir2 w2)`  
    `(directories aux) i.`

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# Formal Verification

- Property 1: Functional correctness  
rank returns the expected value
- Property 2: Storage requirements  
dir1 and dir2 are of the expected size

# Functional Correctness

- Implemented rank returns same value as the simple rank function

Lemma rank\_lookup\_gen\_ok\_to\_spec : forall p dirpair,  
p <= size input\_bs ->  
dirpair = **rank\_init\_gen** b input\_bs param ... ->  
**rank\_lookup\_gen** b input\_bs param ... dirpair p = **rank** b p input\_bs.

- Arrays work as expected  
Array lookup returns the pushed value

# Parameters and Last rank

Appropriate parameters for space complexity:

- 1988 Jacobson:  $sz1 = (\log_2 n)(\log n)$   $sz2 = \log_2 n$   
last rank is linear scan:  $O(\log_2 n)$
- 1996 Clark:  $sz1 = (\log_2 n)^2$   $sz2 = \log_2 n$   
last rank is table lookup c times ( $1 < c$ ):  $O(1)$   
table size:  $n^{(1/c)}(\log_2 \log_2 n - \log_2 c)$
- 1999 Benoit, et al:  $sz1 = (\log_2 n)^2$   $sz2 = (\log_2 n)/2$   
last rank is table lookup once:  $O(1)$   
table size:  $n^{(1/2)}(\log_2 \log_2 n - 1)$

Count one bits in a word:

- 1972 HAKMEM: Item 169 Count ones
- 2002 Hacker's Delight
- 2008 Intel SSE4.2, POPCNT instruction

# Our Parameters

- $sz1 = (\text{bitlen } n + 1)^2$
- $sz2 = \text{bitlen } n + 1$

where  $\text{bitlen } x = \lceil \log_2 (x+1) \rceil$

- $w1 = \text{bitlen } (\lfloor n / sz2 \rfloor \times sz2)$  # dir1 element size
- $w2 = \text{bitlen } ((sz1/sz2-1) \times sz2)$  # dir2 element size
- dir1 size:  $(\lfloor n/sz1 \rfloor + 1) \times w1$  [bit]
- dir2 size:  $(\lfloor n/sz2 \rfloor + 1) \times w2$  [bit]
- Use POPCNT, no table to count one bits

# Storage Requirements

- Directory size of implementation

```
rank_aux_space_dir1 n =  
((n %/ (bitlen n).+1) %/ (bitlen n).+1).+1 *  
(bitlen (n %/ (bitlen n).+1 * (bitlen n).+1)).-1.+1
```

```
rank_aux_space_dir2 n =  
(n %/ (bitlen n).+1).+1 * (bitlen (bitlen n * (bitlen n).+1)).-1.+1
```

- This is same as Clark's paper

$$\text{rank\_aux\_space\_dir1 } n + \text{rank\_aux\_space\_dir2 } n \sim \frac{n}{\log_2 n} + \frac{2n \log_2 \log_2 n}{\log_2 n} \in o(n)$$

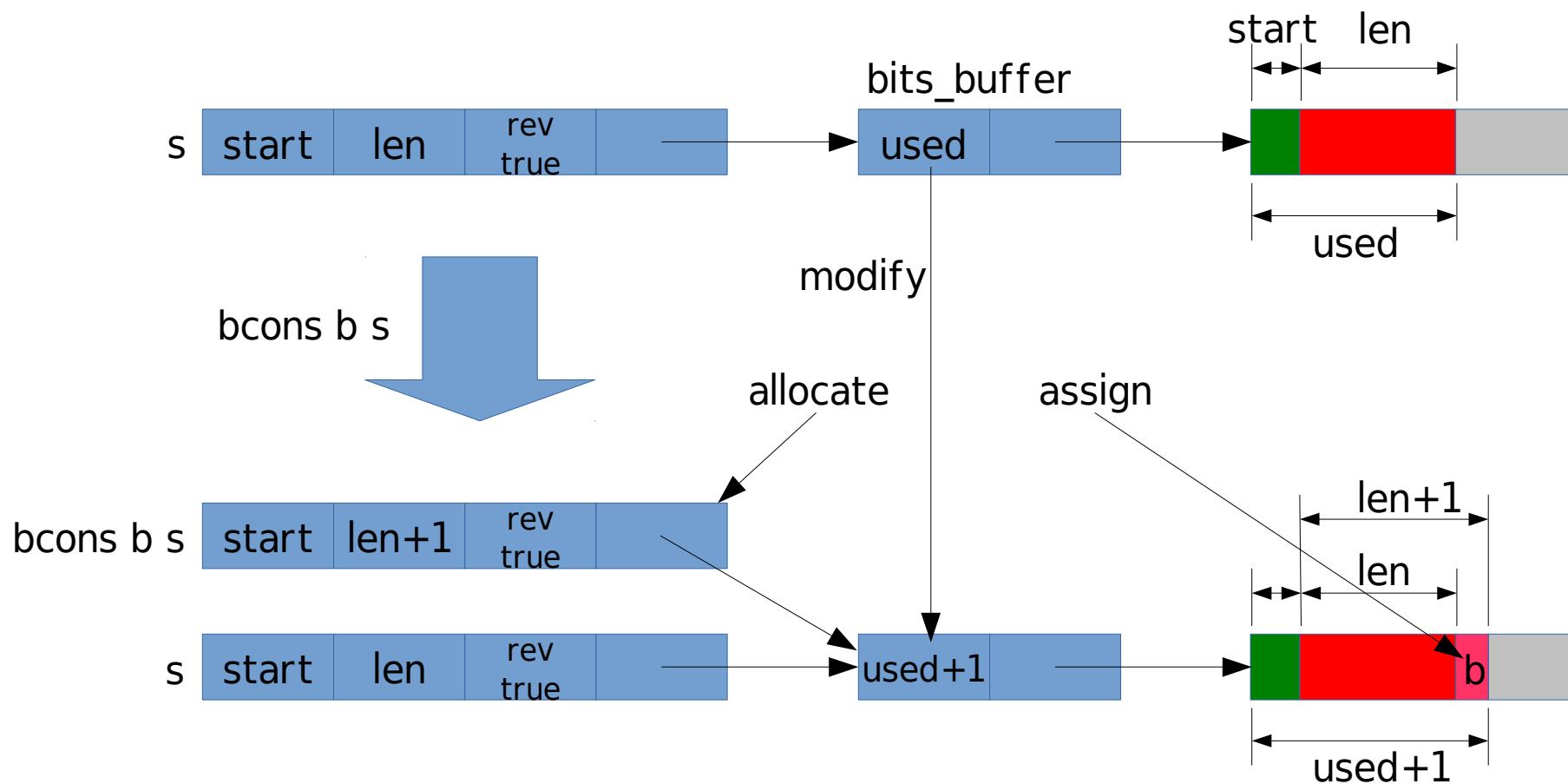
The storage requirement for auxiliary data structure is ignorable if  $n$  is large enough  
I.e. This is a succinct data structure

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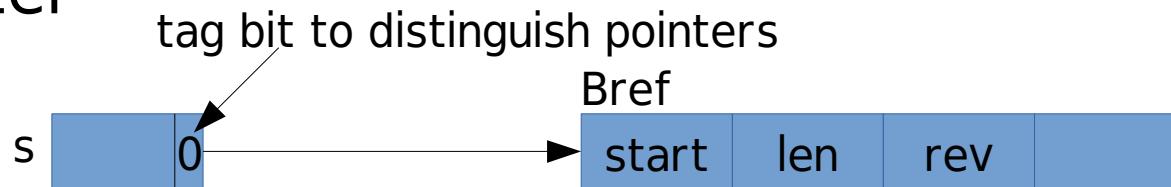
# bcons Works in Constant Time

Constant time if rev=true and start+len=used



# bnil and Short Bitstrings

- Non-constant constructor is implemented with a pointer



- bnil and short bitstrings are implemented with unboxed integers to avoid allocations (Obj.magic is used)
  - It can represent up to 62bit bitstrings on 64bit environment

`s v 1`       $v = 00\dots001bb\dots bb$

- Bdummy0 and Bdummy1 avoid SEGV
  - type bits = Bdummy0 | Bdummy1 |  
Bref of int \* int \* bool \* bits\_buffer

# Complexity of OCaml Bitstring Functions

## Library Overview

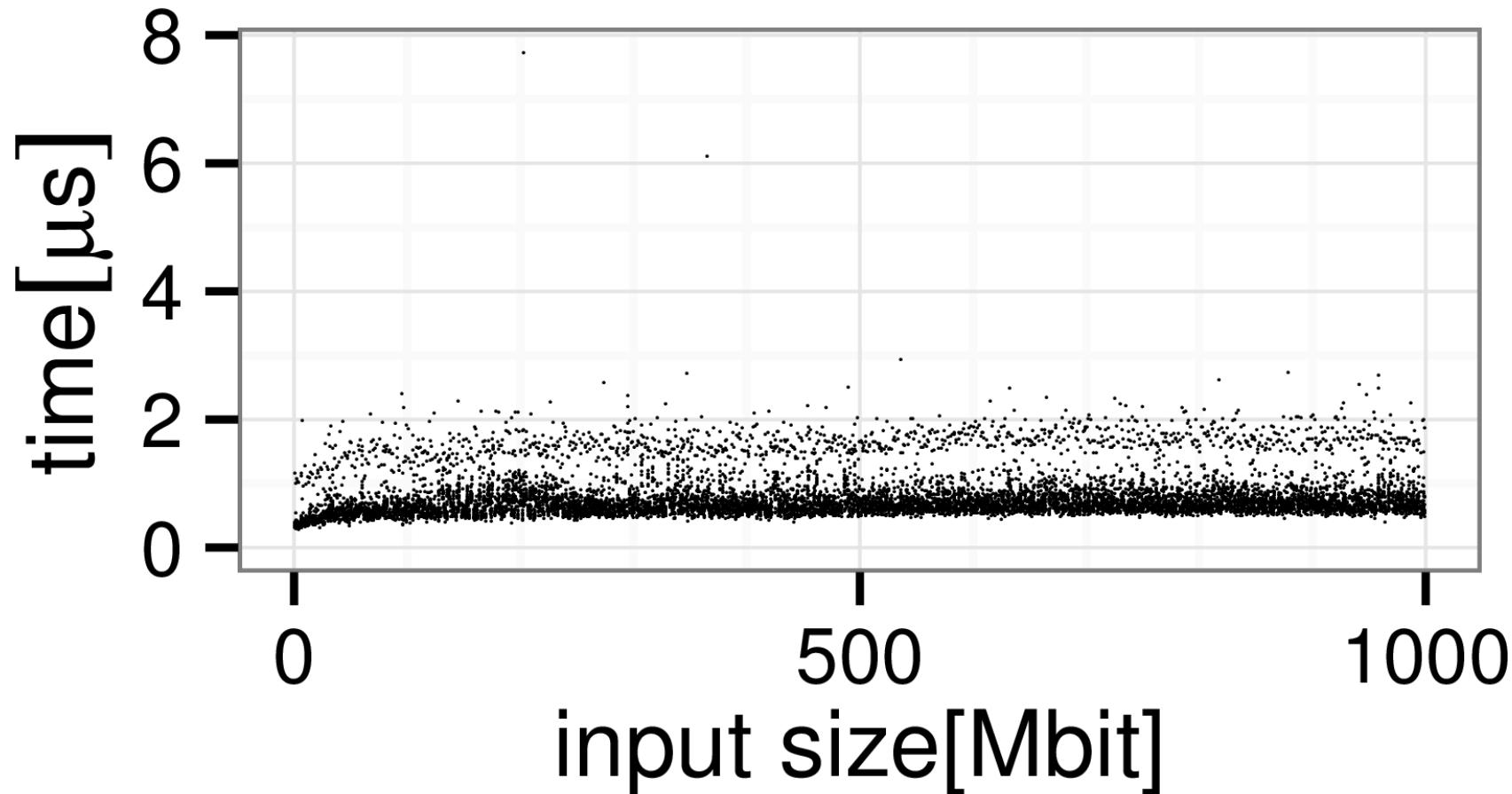
- Linear bitstring construction in linear time
  - `bcons` b (`bcons` b (... `bnil` ...))
  - Always `rev=true` and `start + len = used`, `bcons` is O(1)
  - `bits_buffer` is doubled when `bits_buffer` is full  
Amortized copy cost doesn't increase complexity
- Reversing a bitstring in constant time
  - negate `rev` field by `breverse`
  - tail recursive program builds a list in reverse order in general
- Random access in constant time
  - random access in a bytes by `bnth`

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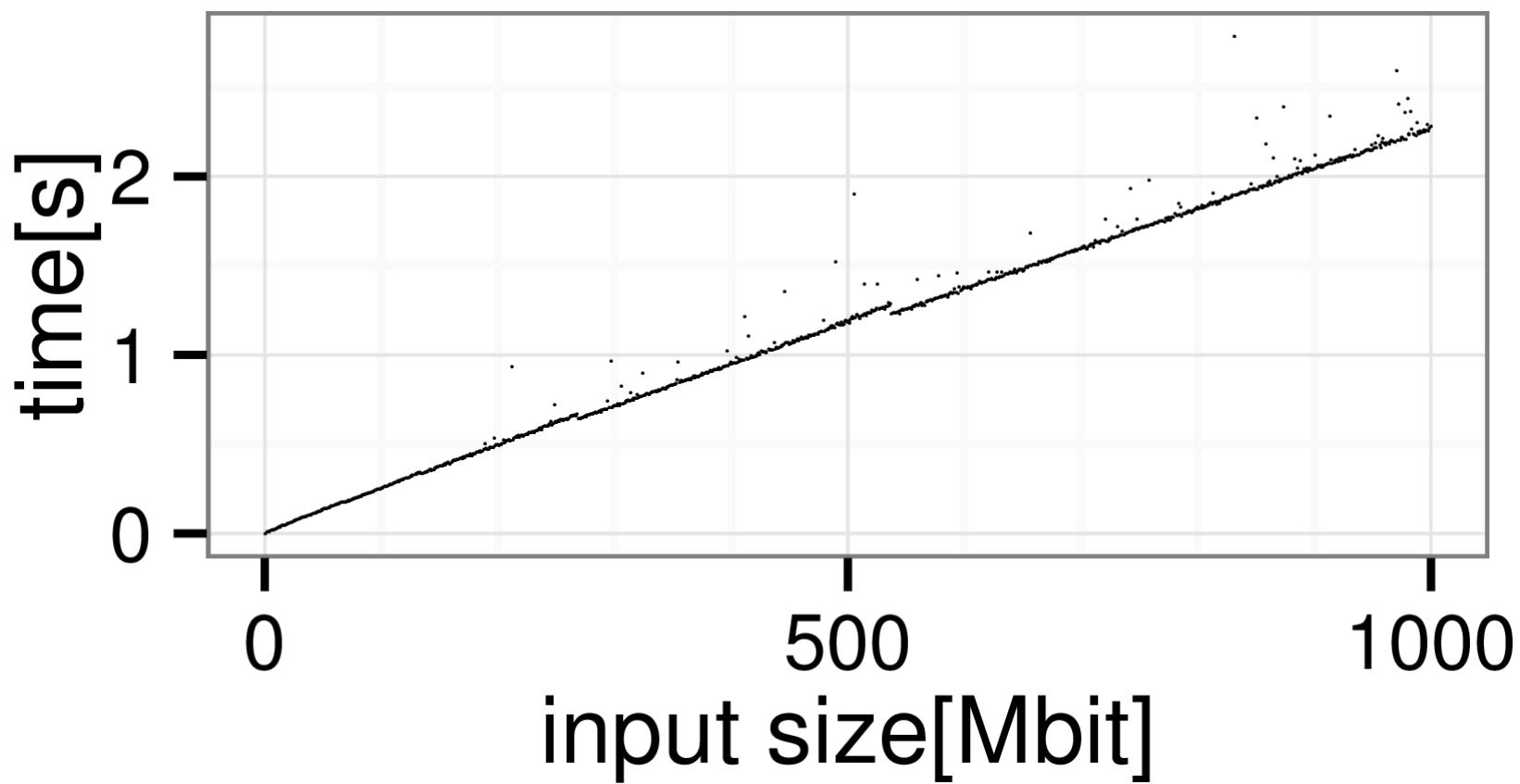
# rank\_lookup Benchmark

- Lookup seems  $O(1)$ . Average  $0.8[\mu\text{s}]$
- Memory cache effect for small input



# rank\_init Benchmark

- Initialization seems  $O(n)$
- $sz2$  change causes small gaps



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# Array impl. using Bitstring

- Array construction and lookup functions

Defined for dir1 and dir2

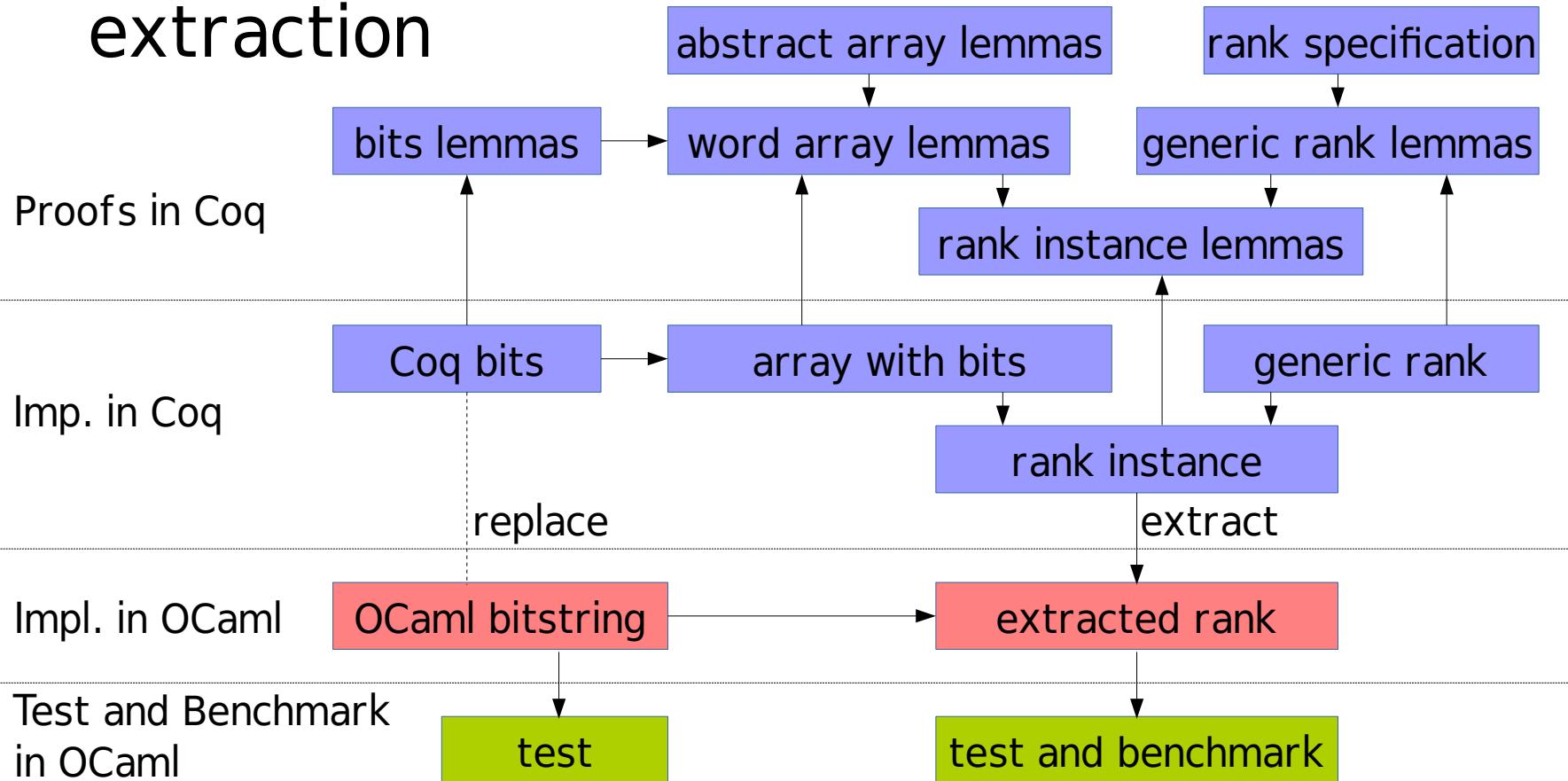
- Definition `empty_dir1 := bnil.`
  - Definition `push_dir1 w1 s n := wcons w1 (wbitrev w1 n) s.`
  - Definition `finalize_dir1 s := breverse s.`
  - Definition `lookup_dir1 w1 i s := wnth w1 i s.`

- Utility functions

- `wbitrev w n` returns lower n bits in reverse order
  - `wcons w n s` prepends lower w bits of n to s
  - `wnth w i s` returns i'th word in s with w bit words

# Modularized Verification

- Array imp. and rank alg. are modularized.
- Modular implementation is inlined at extraction



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# Summary

- OCaml bitstring library implemented
- rank function extracted
- Formal verification on rank function
  - Functional correctness
  - Storage requirements
- Expected time complexity confirmed
  - Constant time lookup
  - Linear time initialization

# Future Work

- Verify complexity using monad
  - Time complexity
  - Space complexity including intermediate data
- Avoid mapping from Coq nat to OCaml int using finite-size integers
- Implementation considering memory alignment
- Formal verification for OCaml bitstring
- Comparison to other implementations  
We already benchmarked SDSL  
It seems our implementation is not too slow
- Implement and verify other succinct data structure algorithms, such as select

# Extra Slides

# Extracted rank\_lookup

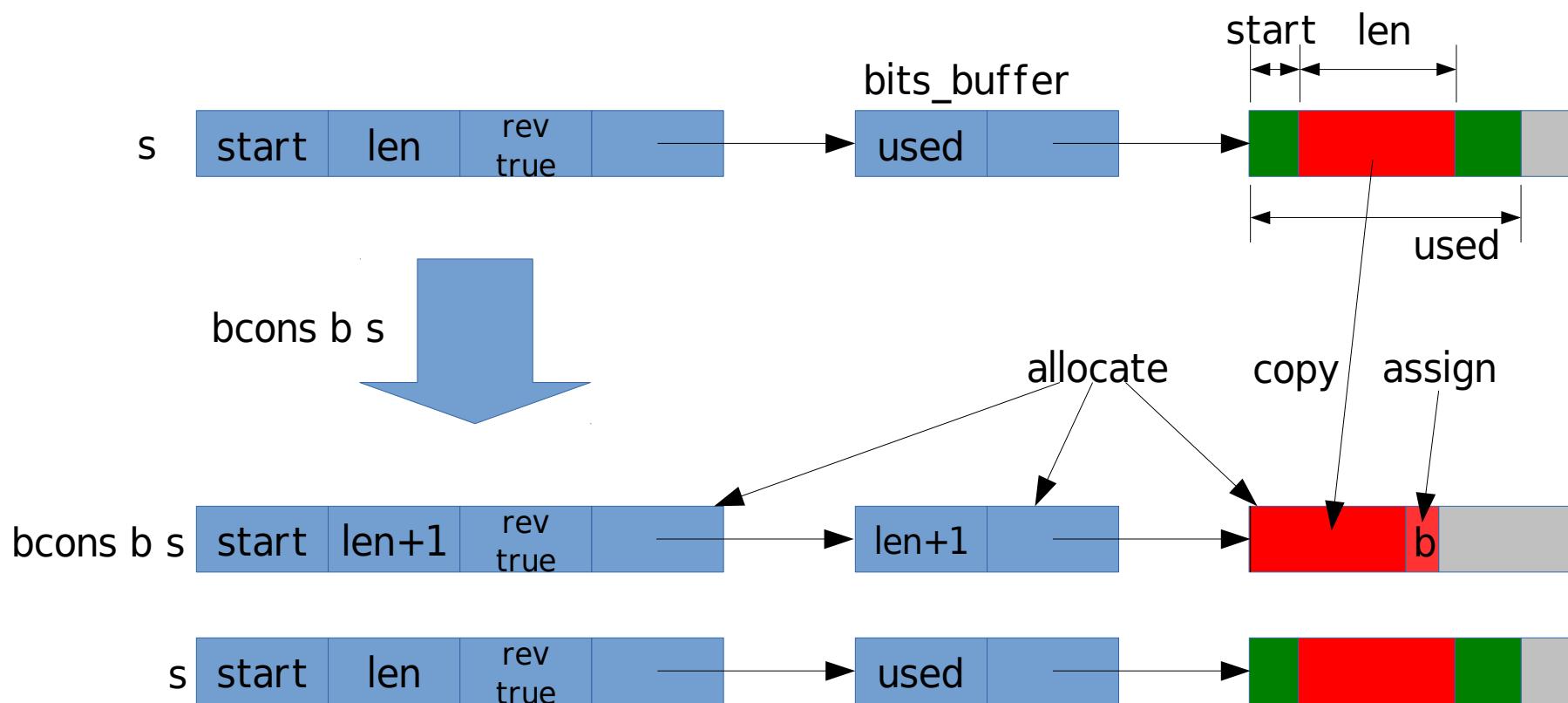
```
let rank_lookup aux0 i =
  let b = aux0.query_bit in
  let param0 = aux0.parameter in
  let w1 = param0.w1_of in
  let w2 = param0.w2_of in
  let dirpair = aux0.directories in
  let j2 = (/) i (Pervasives.succ param0.sz2p_of) in
  let j3 = (mod) i (Pervasives.succ param0.sz2p_of) in
  let j1 = (/) j2 (Pervasives.succ param0.kp_of) in
  (+) ((+) (wnth w1 j1 (fst dirpair)) (wnth w2 j2 (snd dirpair)))
    (Pbits.bcount b (( * ) j2 (Pervasives.succ param0.sz2p_of)) j3
     aux0.input_bits)
```

# Extracted rank\_init

```
let rank_init b s =
  let param0 = rank_init_param (Pbits.bsize s) in
  let w1 = param0.w1_of in let w2 = param0.w2_of in
  { query_bit = b; input_bits = s; parameter = param0; directories =
    (let (dir1, dir2) =
      let rec rank_init_iter j i n1 n2 dir1 dir2 =
        let m = Pbits.bcount b (( * ) ((-) param0.nn_of j) (Pervasives.succ param0.sz2p_of))
          (Pervasives.succ param0.sz2p_of) s in
        ((fun fO fS n -> if n=0 then fO () else fS (n-1))
         (fun _ ->
           let dir1' = let n = (+) n1 n2 in wcons w1 (Pbits.wbitrev w1 n) dir1 in
           let dir2' = let n = 0 in wcons w2 (Pbits.wbitrev w2 n) dir2 in
           ((fun fO fS n -> if n=0 then fO () else fS (n-1))
            (fun _ -> (dir1', dir2')))
           (fun jp -> rank_init_iter jp param0.kp_of ((+) n1 n2) m dir1' dir2') j))
        (fun ip ->
          let dir2' = wcons w2 (Pbits.wbitrev w2 n2) dir2 in
          ((fun fO fS n -> if n=0 then fO () else fS (n-1))
           (fun _ -> (dir1, dir2'))
           (fun jp -> rank_init_iter jp ip n1 ((+) n2 m) dir1 dir2') j)) i)
      in rank_init_iter param0.nn_of 0 0 0 Pbits.bnil Pbits.bnil
    in ((Pbits.breverse dir1), (Pbits.breverse dir2))) }
```

# bcons Works in Linear Time

Copy bits\_buffer if  $\text{start} + \text{len} \neq \text{used}$



# Functions Implemented in OCaml and C

- breverse s  
negate rev.  $O(1)$
- bnth i s  
random access in a bytes.  $O(1)$
- bappend s1 s2  
 $O(\min(n1, n2))$  for array construction  
 $O(n1+n2)$  in general (generalization of bcons)
- bcount b j i s  
bcount b j i s counts b in i bits from j'th bit in s  
bcount uses a gcc builtin, `__builtin_popcountl` (POPCNT)  
 $O(1)$  if  $i <$  machine word size  
 $O(i)$  in general