Binary Trees (Ch. 12)

Binary trees are an efficient way of storing data so that searches can be $O(lgn)$.

Used when we need a data structure that supports dynamic set operations, e.g., for tree $S$ and key $x$ (searching is primary purpose of BST)

- **INSERT**($S$, $x$)
- **Search**($S$, $k$)
- **MINIMUM**($S$), **MAXIMUM**($S$)
- **SUCCESSOR**($S$, $x$), **PREDECESSOR**($S$, $x$)
- Preorder, Inorder, and Postorder traversal allow us to evaluate expressions, sort data

Binary Search Trees

Requirements for Binary Search Tree (BST):

1. Must be a binary tree.
2. All keys must be unique (key values are like individual ID numbers).
3. Each node in tree is the root of a BST such that:
   - All nodes to left of root will have keys $<$ root.key, and
   - All nodes to right will have keys $>$ root.key.

Main advantage of BST is **rapid search** and low memory use; memory use is dependent only on size of data set.

Time of search = $O(\text{depth of BST}) = \text{maximum number of nodes on root to leaf path.}$

Binary Search Trees

Every binary tree node (internal or leaf) contains a key. These keys are unique.

**Binary Search Tree Property:** For every node $x$ in tree,

- $y$.key $<$ $x$.key for every $y$ in $x$.left (left subtree of $x$)
- $y$.key $>$ $x$.key for every $y$ in $x$.right (right subtree of $x$)

BST has stronger requirements than heaps do.

These dynamic set operations are supported on BST $S$ and key $x$

- **INSERT**($S$, $x$), **DELETE**($S$, $x$)
- **SEARCH**($S$, $x$), **MINIMUM**($S$), **MAXIMUM**($S$)
- **SUCCESSOR**($S$, $x$), **PREDECESSOR**($S$, $x$)
- **InorderTraversal**($S$, $x$) (to list or print sorted set)

Binary Search Trees

Binary search trees, like heaps, can do most operations quickly because the operations depend on the height (depth) of the tree.

Unlike heaps, binary search trees keep all the data in semi-sorted order such that the cost to print all the data in sorted order is linear in the number of items in the tree. For heapsort, this cost is $\Theta(nlgn)$.

We would like all the dynamic set functions mentioned on the last slide to be $O(lgn)$. However, this good running time depends on the bst implementation.

Binary Search Trees

A BST can be implemented as either a hierarchical list or as a sequential array.

The hierarchical list representation is better in terms of storage required, because only the amount of storage needed is used. Most algorithms are written for a hierarchical tree with fields for key, right, and left subtrees (and a parent pointer if needed).

The sequential array implementation has better performance when the BST is complete...otherwise there are holes in the array = wasted memory.


Structure of bst nodes

Each bst node contains fields left, right, and key. Each bst node is the root of a binary search tree. Assume all keys are unique and all leaves are NIL (singly-linked bst)

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keys $<$ x.key or NIL  keys $>$ x.key or NIL
Structure of bst nodes
A doubly-linked bst node contains fields left, right, parent and key. Each bst node is the root of a binary search tree.

keys < x.key or NIL

keys > x.key or NIL

Binary Search Trees
The BST’s total ordering does the heap’s partial ordering one better; not only is there a relationship between a BST node and its children, but there is also a relationship between the children, i.e. the value of a node’s left child is always less than the value of its right child.

Every node in the left subtree of node x has a key < x’s key and every node in the right subtree of node x has a key > x’s key.

BST Insert
Insert(T, z)
1. y = NIL
2. x = T.root
3. while x ≠ NIL
4. y = x
5. if z.key < x.key
6. x = x.left
7. else
8. x = x.right
9. z.parent = y
10. if y = NIL then all leaves in T are NIL
11. else if z.key < y.key
12. y.left = z
13. else
14. y.right = z

Input is a BST T and a node z such that z.left = z.right = z.parent = NIL.

All leaves in T are NIL. Every node is inserted as a leaf.

BST Search
Recursive-Tree-Search(x, k)
1. if (x == NIL) or (k = x.key) \ base cases
2. return x
3. if (k < x.key) \ recursive case 1: search left
4. return Recursive-Tree-Search(x.left, k)
5. else \ recursive case 2: search right
6. return Recursive-Tree-Search(x.right, k)

Iterative-Tree-Search(x, k)
1. while (x != NIL) and (k ≠ x.key)
2. if k < x.key
3. x = x.left
4. else
5. x = x.right
6. return x

Both have running times of O(h), where h is the height of the tree.

BST Min & Max
The minimum element in a BST can always be found by following left child pointers to a leaf (until a NIL left child pointer is encountered). Likewise, the maximum element can be found by following right child pointers to a leaf.

Tree-Minimum(x)
1. while x.left ≠ NIL
2. x = x.left
3. return x

Tree-Maximum(x)
1. while x.right ≠ NIL
2. x = x.right
3. return x

Both have running times of O(h), where h is the height of the tree.

BST Inorder Successor
In a BST, the Inorder Successor of x can also be defined as the node with the smallest key greater than the key x. This algorithm is used when deleting a node from a BST.

1. If x has a right child, then x.successor is the smallest node in the subtree rooted at x.right.
2. If x has no right child, then x.successor is the nearest ancestor of x whose left child is either an ancestor of x or x itself.

Tree-Successor(x)
1. if x.right ≠ NIL
2. return Tree-Minimum(x.right)
3. temp = x.parent
4. while temp ≠ NIL and x = temp.right
5. x = temp
6. temp = temp.parent
7. return temp
BST Inorder Successor

Case where x.right is not equal to NIL

Tree-Successor(x)
1. if x.right != NIL
2. return Tree-Minimum(x.right)

BST Inorder Predecessor

Tree-Predecessor(x)
1. if x.left != NIL then
2. return Tree-Maximum(x.left)
3. temp = x.parent
4. while temp != NIL and x = temp.left
5. x = temp
6. temp = temp.parent
7. return temp

BST Delete

Delete(T, z)
1. if z.left == NIL or z.right == NIL
2. y = z
3. else
4. y = Tree-Successor(z)
5. if y.left != NIL
6. x = y.left
7. else
8. x = y.right
9. if x != NIL
10. x.parent = y.parent
11. if y.parent == NIL
12. T.root = x
13. else if y == y.parent.left
14. y.parent.left = x
15. else
16. y.parent.right = x
17. if y != z
18. swap key[z] and key[y]
19. return y

Cases where x.right = NIL

1. if x.right != NIL
2. return Tree-Minimum(x.right)
3. temp = x.parent
4. while temp != NIL and x == temp.right
5. x = temp
6. temp = temp.parent
7. return temp

Cases where x.left = NIL

1. if x.left != NIL then
2. return Tree-Maximum(x.left)
3. temp = x.parent
4. while temp != NIL and x = temp.left
5. x = temp
6. temp = temp.parent
7. return temp

BST Delete

1. if z.left == NIL or z.right == NIL
2. y = z
3. else
4. y = Tree-Successor(z)
5. if y.left != NIL
6. x = y.left
7. else
8. x = y.right
9. if x != NIL
10. x.parent = y.parent
11. if y.parent == NIL
12. T.root = x
13. else if y == y.parent.left
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BST Delete

3) z has two children. Find z’s successor y, which has at most one child.

Since y is z’s successor, then y can have no left child, but it may have a right child.

If y is z’s right child, then replace z by y, leaving y’s right child as is.

If y is z’s right subtree, but is not z’s right child, first replace z by its own right child and replace z by y.
Postorder Traversal
Postorder traversal is a recursive algorithm used to produce a postfix expression from an expression tree. All leaf nodes have NIL left and right children.

Postorder-Tree-Walk(x) // start at root x \\
1. if x != NIL \\
2. Postorder-Tree-Walk(x.left) \\
3. Postorder-Tree-Walk(x.right) \\
4. visit the root \\

Running time = $\Theta(n)$ (each node must be visited at least once)

Preorder Traversal
Preorder traversal is a recursive algorithm that is used to get a prefix expression from an expression tree. All leaf nodes have NIL left and right children.

Preorder-Tree-Walk(x) // start at root x \\
1. if x != NIL \\
2. visit the root \\
3. Preorder-Tree-Walk(x.left) \\
4. Preorder-Tree-Walk(x.right) \\

Running time = $\Theta(n)$ (each node must be visited at least once)

Inorder Traversal
Inorder-Tree-Walk(x) // start at root x \\
1. if x != NIL \\
2. Inorder-Tree-Walk(x.left) \\
3. visit the root \\
4. Inorder-Tree-Walk(x.right) \\

In a BST, inorder-Tree-Walk(root) visits the keys in ascending order.

Running time = $\Theta(n)$ (each node must be visited at least once)

Expression Trees
A binary expression tree is a specific kind of a binary tree used to represent arithmetic expressions. An inorder traversal yields an infix arithmetic expression.

Minimizing Running Time
Problem: worst case for binary search tree height is $\Theta(n)$ - no better than a linked list.

Solution: Guarantee tree has small height by making sure it is balanced so that $h = O(\log n)$.

Method: restructure the tree if necessary. No extra work for searching, but requires extra work when inserting or deleting.

Red-black, AVL, and 2-3 trees: special cases of binary trees that avoid the worst-case behavior by ensuring that the tree is nearly balanced at all times.