

# Multi-splay trees and tango trees

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**Recall:** it is conjectured that splay trees are dynamically optimal (Sleator and Tarjan 1985). However, this conjecture remains unproven.

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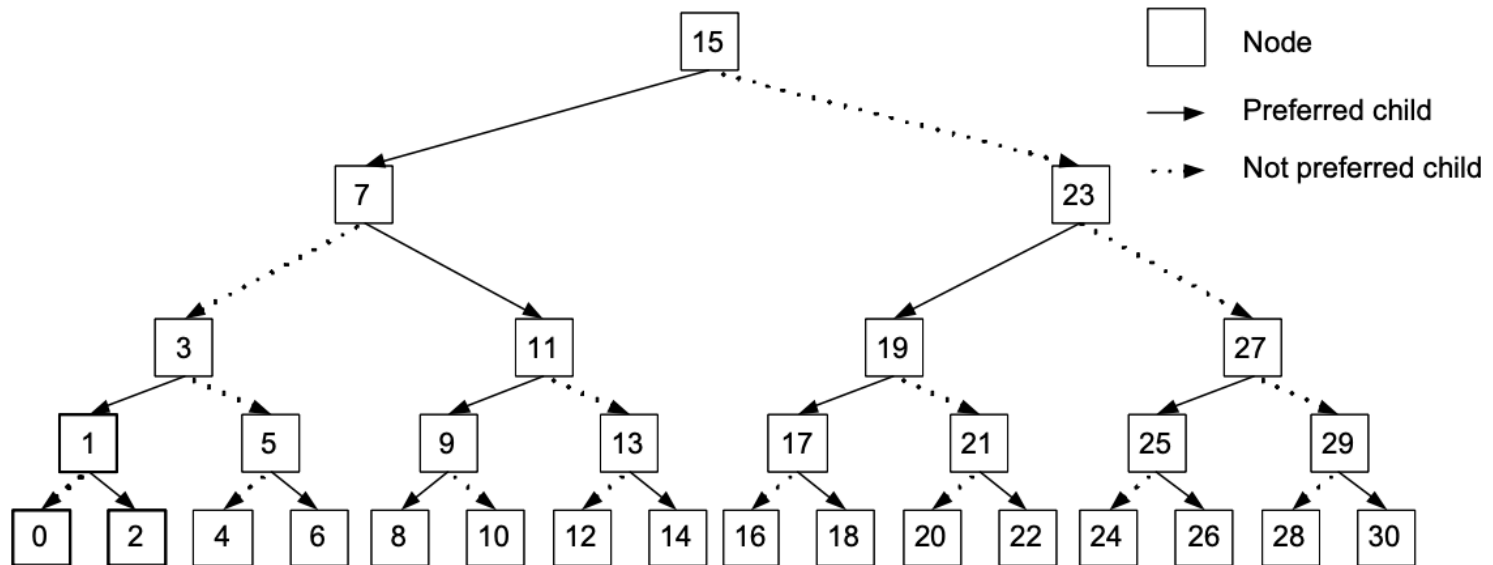
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**Multi-splay trees** (Wang, Derryberry, and Sleator 2006): Somewhat similar to tango trees, but preferred paths are represented as splay trees instead. Better (amortized) worst-case performance.



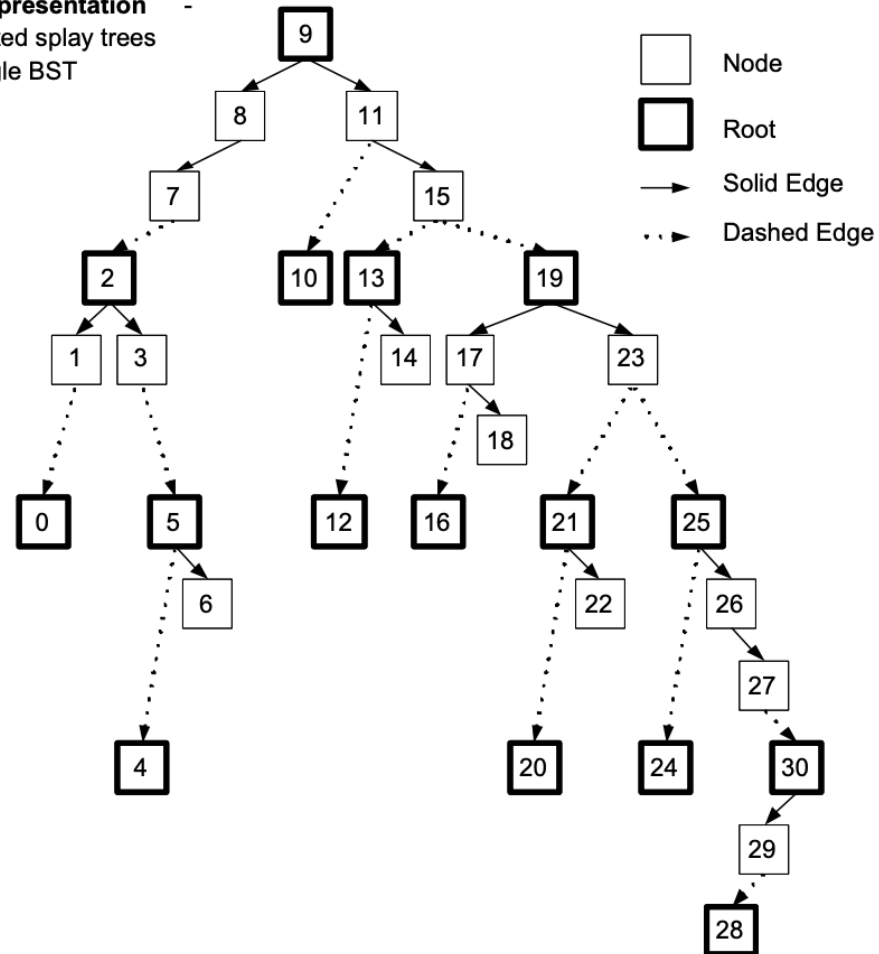
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**Representation in P** - We use this representation for explanation and proof



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**A Possible Representation** -  
16 interconnected splay trees  
that form a single BST



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depend on a perfect binary search tree

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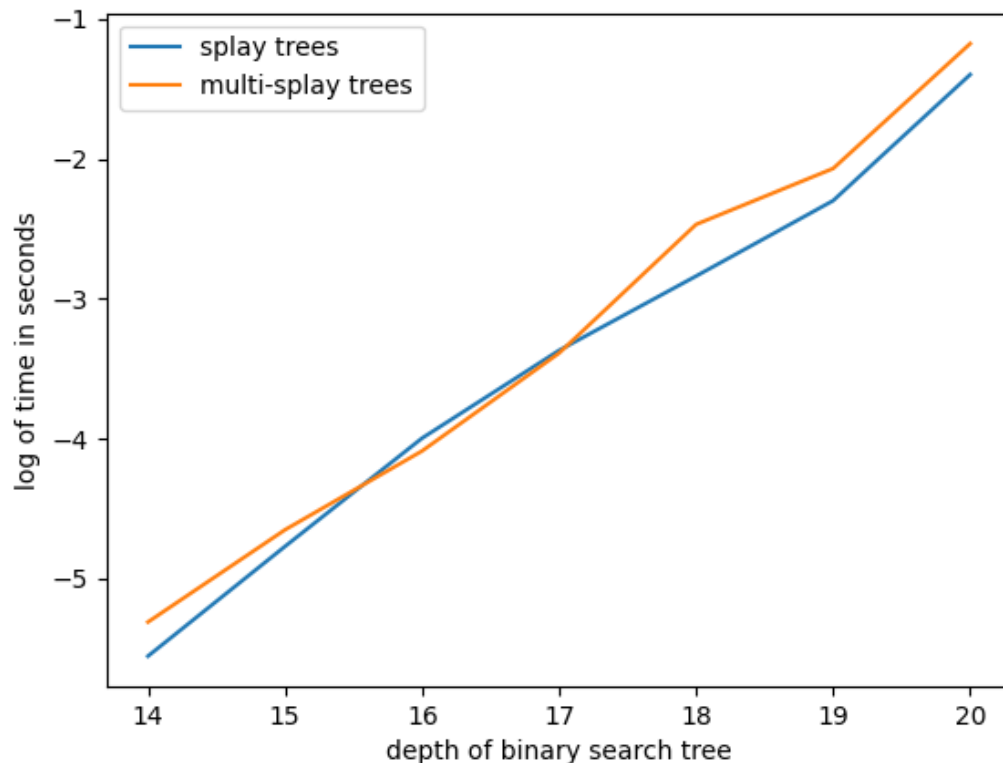


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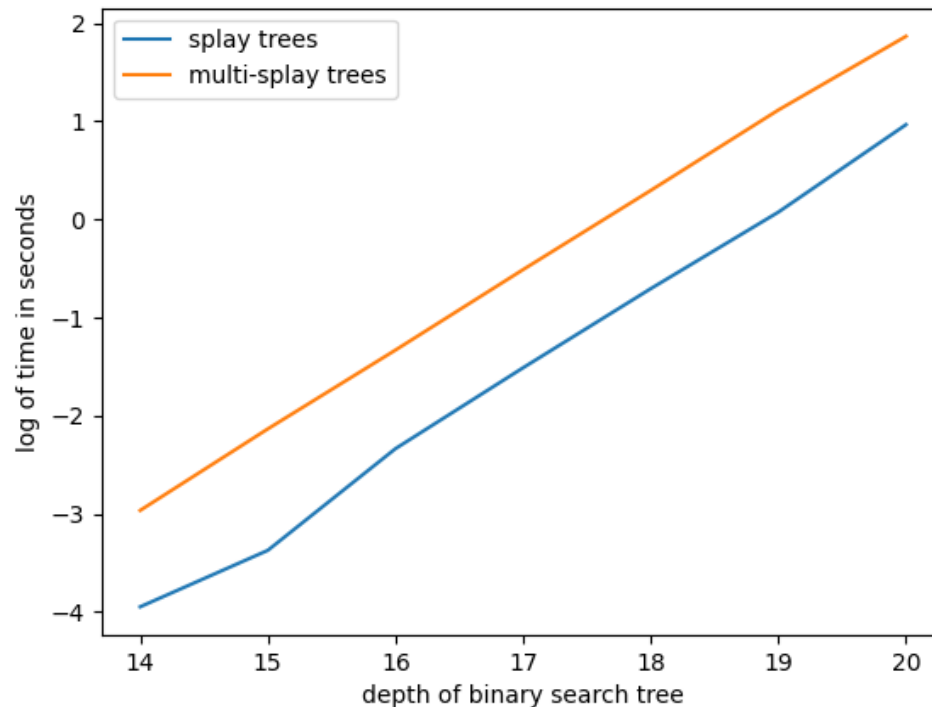
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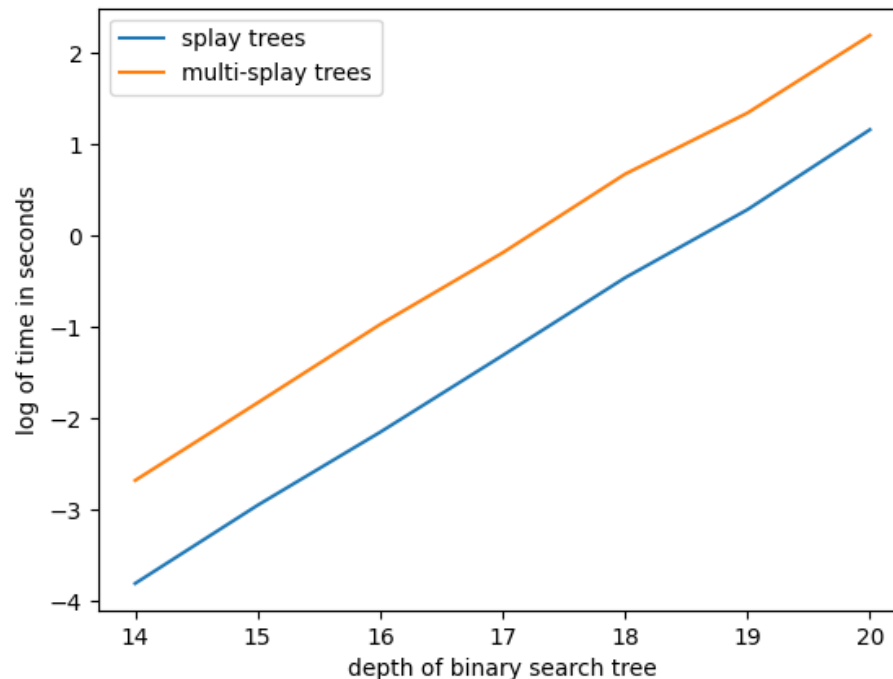
# Multi-splay benchmarks: sequential access



# Multi-splay benchmarks: random access



# Multi-splay benchmarks: bit reversal sequence



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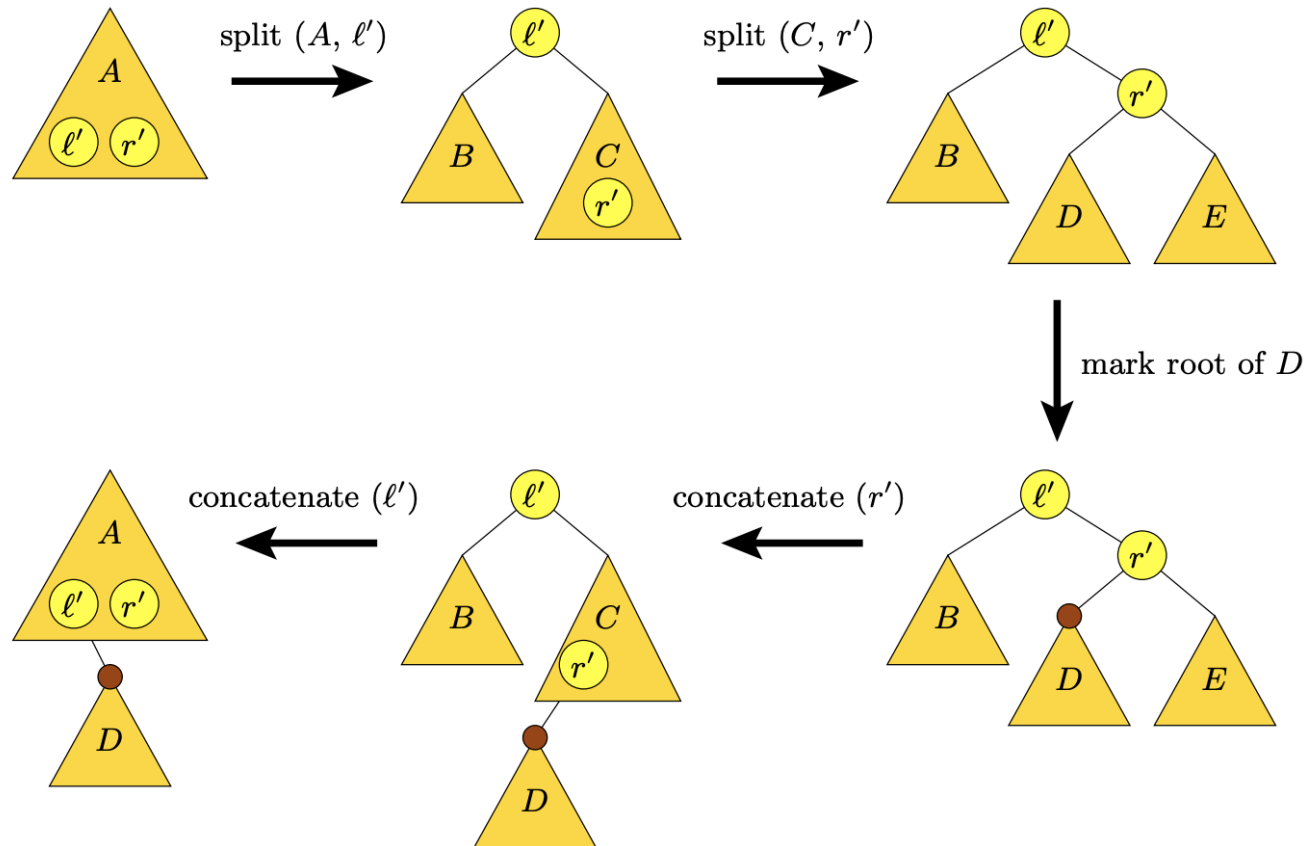


FIG. 3.1. *Implementing cut with split, mark, and concatenate.*

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**Challenge:** the implicit tree-of-trees  
representation makes everything trickier!

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Empirical work: benchmarks against multi-splay  
implementation and the like

**Thank you!**