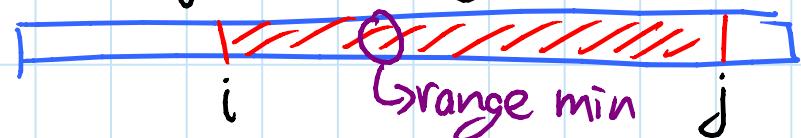


TODAY: Constant-time tree queries

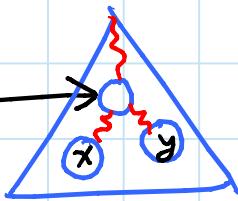
- range minimum queries
- lowest common ancestor
- level ancestors

Range Minimum Query (RMQ):

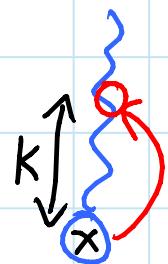
- preprocess array  $A$  of  $n$  numbers
- query:  $\text{RMQ}(i, j) = (\arg \min \{A[i], A[i+1], \dots, A[j]\})$   
 $= k, i \leq k \leq j, \text{ minimizing } A[k]$

Lowest Common Ancestor (LCA):

- preprocess tree  $T$  on  $n$  nodes
- query:  $\text{LCA}(x, y)$

Level Ancestors: (LA)

- preprocess tree  $T$  on  $n$  nodes
- query:  $\text{LA}(x, k) = \text{parent}^k(x)$



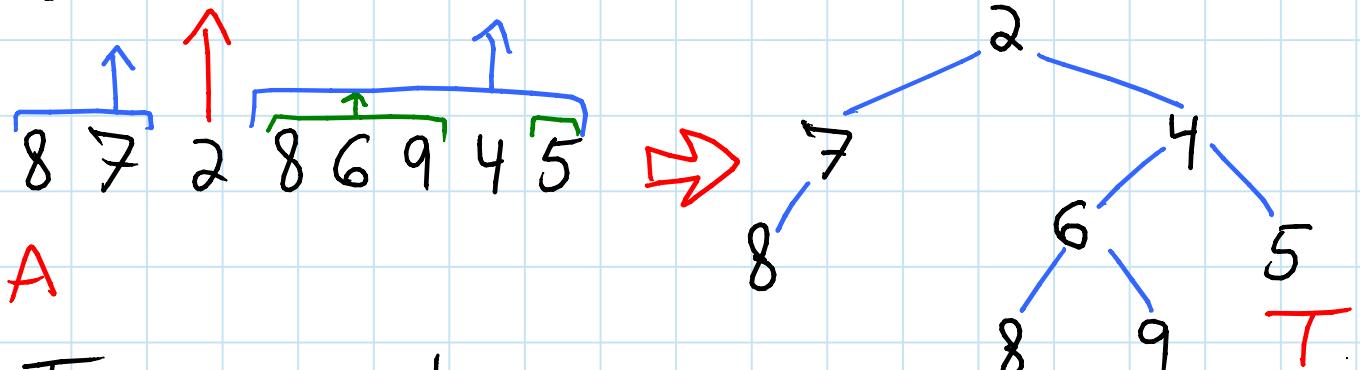
Goal:  $O(1)$  time/query,  $O(n)$  space  
 $[O(n^2)$  space trivial: store all answers]

Which of these problems are most similar?  
 actually RMQ & LCA

## Cartesian tree: [Gabow, Bentley, Tarjan - STOC 1984]

reduction from array A to binary tree T

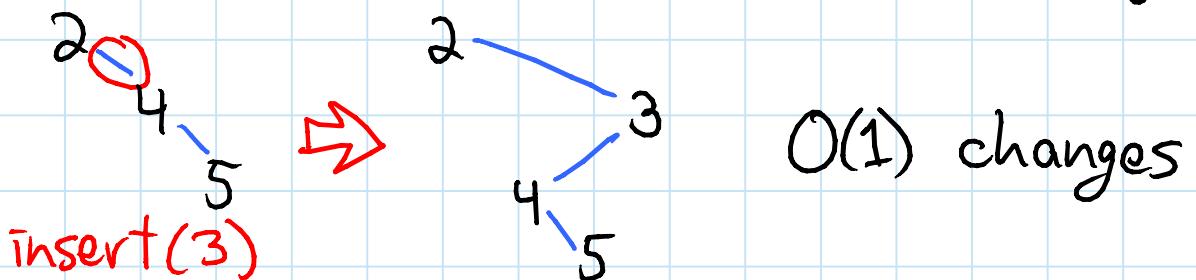
- root of T = some min. element  $A[i]$  in A
- left subtree = Cartesian tree of  $A[<i]$
- right subtree = Cartesian tree of  $A[>i]$



- T is a min heap
  - in-order traversal of T = A
  - $\text{LCA}(i, j) = \text{RMQ}(i, j)$
- ↙ tree nodes      ↙ array indices

## Linear-time construction algorithm:

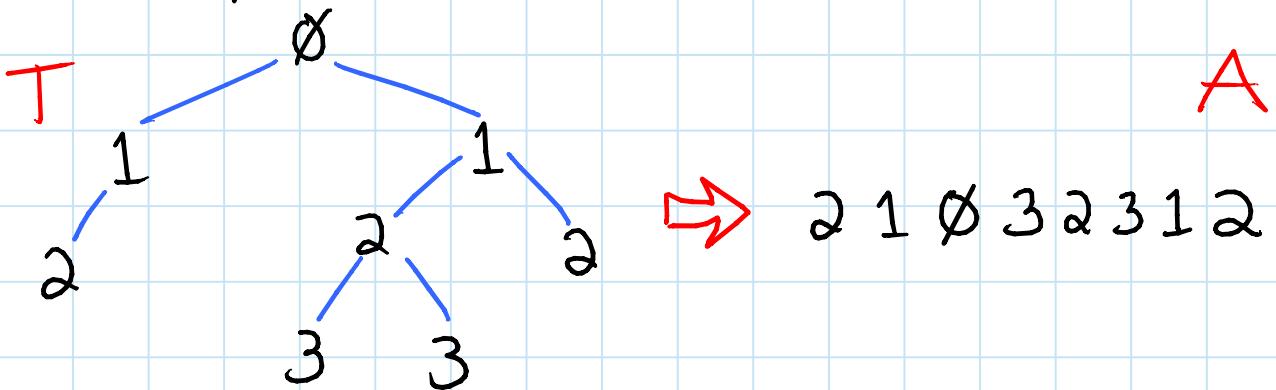
- for each item in A: insert into T by walking up right spine of T & updating edge:



- charge walk to decrease in right spine len  
 $\Rightarrow O(n)$  time  
 ↳ even in comparison model
- (as in L14) [GBT84]

Reverse reduction: from (binary) tree T to array A

- in-order traversal of T
- write depth of each node



- $\text{RMQ}(i, j) = \text{LCA}(i, j)$   
     $\nwarrow$  index into A    $\nwarrow$  node in T

RMQ universe reduction:

- reduce  $\text{RMQ} \rightarrow \text{LCA} \rightarrow \text{RMQ}$   
     $\downarrow$  Cartesian    $\downarrow$  in-order depth
- $\text{RMQ}(i, j)$  answers are preserved  
     $\nwarrow$  indices in array (argmin)
- arbitrary ordered universe  $\rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$
- $O(n)$  time in comparison model

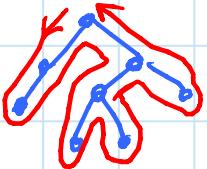
Constant-time LCA  $\Rightarrow$  RMQ: [Harel & Tarjan - SICOMP 1984]

- Simplified by [Bender & Farach-Colton - LATIN 2000]\*
- based on PRAM [Berkman et al. - STOC 1989] HERE↑

① reduce to  $\pm 1$  RMQ: adjacent values differ by  $\pm 1$

- Euler tour of tree (depth-first search), writing depth of each node visited (instead of in-order traversal)

- e.g.  $\emptyset 1 2 1 \emptyset 1 2 3 2 3 2 1 2 1 \emptyset$



Root

$\Rightarrow \pm 1$ ; also works for nonbinary trees

- each node stores its first (or any) visit
- each visit stores corresponding node
- $\text{LCA}(x, y) = \text{RMQ}(\text{first}(x), \text{first}(y))$

②  $O(1)$  time,  $O(n \lg n)$  space RMQ:

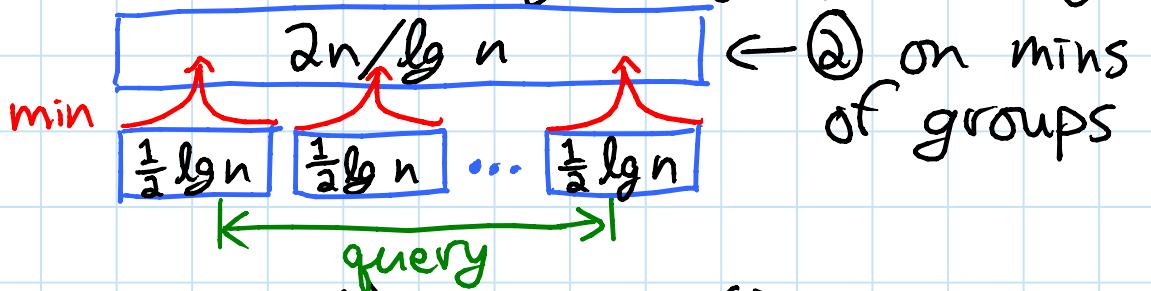
choices:

- store answer from every start point of interval of length = power of 2
- any interval is the (nondisjoint) union of two such intervals:



$\Rightarrow \text{RMQ} = (\text{arg}) \min$  of 2 stored answers

③ indirection: Split array into groups of  $\frac{1}{2} \lg n$



$\Rightarrow$  top is  $O(1)$  time,  $O(n)$  space

- RMQ(i,j) = (arg) min of:

- $\text{RMQ}(i, \infty)$  in i's group =  $\lfloor \frac{2i}{\lg n} \rfloor$
- $\text{RMQ}(-\infty, j)$  in j's group
- $\text{RMQ}(i\text{'s group} + 1, j\text{'s group} - 1)$  in top

④ lookup table for groups: ( $n' = \frac{1}{2} \lg n$ )

- add  $-A[\emptyset]$  to every value  $\Rightarrow A'[\emptyset] = \emptyset$   
 -  $\text{RMQ}(i,j)$  invariant under such shift

$\Rightarrow$  # possible  $A'$  arrays = # ±1s =  $2^{n'} = \sqrt{n}$

-  $(\frac{1}{2} \lg n)^2$  possible queries

-  $O(\lg \lg n)$  bits to store an answer

$\Rightarrow$  lookup table storing all answers  
 for all possible  $A'$  arrays

uses  $O(\sqrt{n} \lg^2 n \lg \lg n) = o(n)$  bits

- each group just stores index into table  
 describing  $A'$  array  $\sim O(n)$  words

$\Rightarrow O(1)$  query at bottom

- total:  $O(1)$  query,  $O(n)$  (words of) space

-  $O(n)$  bits for LCA & RMQ! [Sadakane - JDA 2007]

# Constant-time level ancestors:

[Berkman & Vishkin - JCSS 1994; Dietz - WADS 1991;  
 Alstrup & Holm - ICALP 2000; ← dynamic trees  
 Bender & Farach-Colton - TCS 2004] \* ← HERE

- ① jump pointers:  $O(n \lg n)$  space,  $O(\lg n)$  query  
 - each node stores pointer to  $2^i$ th ancestor  
 for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, \lg n$  (or less)

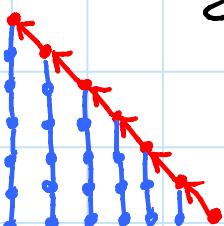
extra [ - query:  $x = 2^{\lfloor \lg k \rfloor}$ th ancestor of  $x$   
 $k = k - 2^{\lfloor \lg k \rfloor} < k/2 \Rightarrow O(\lg n)$   
 repeat ]

- ② long-path decomposition:  $O(n)$  space,  $O(\sqrt{n})$  query  
 - find longest root-to-leaf path (deepest leaf)

- store nodes on path in depth-ordered array  
 - each node stores array & index of itself  
 - recurse on subtrees hanging off path  
 - query: if  $k \leq$  index  $i$  of node  $x$  in its path:  
 return path array  $[i - k]$

else:  $x = \text{parent}(\text{path array}[0])$   
 $k = k - 1 - i$   
 repeat

- node of height  $h$  is on path of length  $\geq h$   
 - but can visit  $O(\sqrt{n})$  paths:



- ③ ladder decomposition:  $O(n)$  space,  $O(\lg n)$  query
- extend each path upward into ladder of twice the length ( $\Rightarrow$  ladders overlap)
  - $\Rightarrow \leq$  double the space of ②
  - node stores which ladder contains it in the lower half (corresp. to unique path)
  - ladder = array; query uses them as in ②
- extra
- node of height  $h$  is on ladder of height  $\geq 2h$
  - $\Rightarrow$  each step at least doubles height of node

- ④ combine jump pointers ① & ladder decom. ③
- over time: exp. decr. hops  $\sim$  expr. incr. hops
- query: 1 jump pointer  $\rightarrow$  height  $\geq \frac{k}{2}$  above  $\times$   
+ 1 ladder step (ladder height  $\geq k$  above)
  - $\Rightarrow O(1)$  query,  $O(n \lg n)$  space

- ⑤ tune jump pointers:  $O(n + L \lg n)$  space  
 $\nearrow$  # leaves  
 ladders      jump pointers
- each node stores a descendent leaf & how much deeper  $d$  it is
  - $\Rightarrow$  can start query at a leaf ( $k' = k + d$ )
  - $\Rightarrow$  only need jump pointers at leaves

## ⑥ leaf trimming: (indirection) [Alstrup, Husfeldt, Rauhe - FOCS 1997]

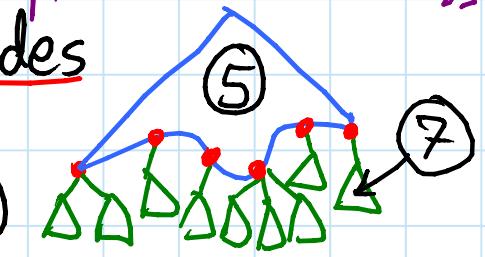
- cut below maximally deep nodes

with  $\geq \frac{1}{4} \lg n$  descendants

$\Rightarrow$  # leaves in top =  $O(n/\lg n)$

$\Rightarrow$  ⑤ on top uses  $O(n)$  space

- query tries in bottom; else uses top



## ⑦ lookup table for bottom trees with $n' < \frac{1}{4} \lg n$

- # rooted trees on  $n'$  nodes =  $C_{n'} \leq 2^{\frac{n'}{2}}$

$< \frac{1}{4} \lg n$  Catalan  $< \sqrt{n}$

- # queries =  $(n')^2 = O(\lg^2 n)$

- answer =  $O(\lg \lg n)$

$\Rightarrow$  lookup table storing all answers

for all possible trees uses  $O(\sqrt{n} \lg^2 n \lg \lg n)$   
 $= o(n)$  bits

encoding proof:  
 encode  $2^{n'}$  steps of  
 Euler tour as up/down  
 $\uparrow$        $\downarrow$   
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- bottom tree stores index into table

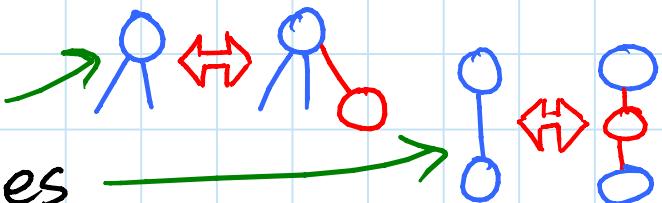
$\Rightarrow O(1)$  query,  $O(n)$  space!

## Dynamic LCA: [Cole & Hariharan - SICOMP 2005]

-  $O(1)$  updates:

- insert/delete leaves

- subdivide/merge edges



## Dynamic LA: [Alstrup & Holm - ICALP 2000]

- insert leaves, & edges in a forest

- OR insert leaves & root, amortized [Dietz - WADS 1991]

