CSE247 DATA STRUCTURES Fall'25



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In this lab, you will work with a left-leaning red-black binary search tree (LLRB-BST) to implement two functions: one to count the number of keys within a specified range and another to find the key closest to a given target value. You will implement each function in two different ways: one with a time complexity of O(n) and another with a time complexity of $O(\log n)$, where n is the number of nodes in the tree. The LLRB-BST implementation is provided in the red-black-bst.hpp file.

As an example, consider the following sequence of insertions into an initially empty Red-Black BST:

RedBlackBST<int, string> tree;

Exercise 1: Count keys in a given range

Write a function to count how many keys in the tree lie within a given range [low, high]. Implement the following function in the provided RedBlackBST<int,string> class:

```
int countInRange(RedBlackBST<int, string>& tree, int low, int high);
```

- (a) Implement the **countInRange1** function in O(n) time: Use an in-order traversal to collect keys in sorted order, then count how many fall within the range.
- (b) Implement the **countInRange2** function in $O(\log n)$ time: Use the properties of the BST to skip subtrees that cannot contain keys in the range.

Test your implementation in the main() function by inserting several integer—string pairs into the Red-Black BST and calling countInRange with different ranges. For example:

```
int count = countInRange(tree, 15, 35); // should return 3 (20, 30, and 35)
```

Exercise 2: Closest key to a given target

Write a function to find the key that is numerically closest to a given target number. Implement the following function in the provided RedBlackBST<int,string> class (from red-black-bst.hpp):

```
int findClosestKey(RedBlackBST<int, string>& tree, int target);
```

- (a) Implement the findClosestKey1 function in O(n) time: Use an in-order traversal to collect keys in sorted order, then iterate through the list to find the closest key.
- (b) Implement the findClosestKey2 function in $O(\log n)$ time: Use the properties of the BST to traverse the tree and keep track of the closest key found so far.

Test your implementation in the main() function by inserting several integer—string pairs into the Red-Black BST and calling findClosestKey with different target values. For example:

```
int closest = findClosestKey(tree, 25); // should return 20 or 30
int closest2 = findClosestKey(tree, 44); // should return 40
```

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