Advanced Data Structures (ADS-MIRI):

Assignment
VanEmde-Boas-Trees

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1 Introduction

Van Emde Boas Trees (vEB Trees), also known as vEB trees, are a type of tree data structure that supports many dynamic set operations in O(log log n) time, where n is the maximum number of elements that can be stored in the tree. This is significantly faster than many other tree data structures, which typically support these operations in O(log n) time.

vEB Trees are particularly efficient for operations that involve searching for the next or previous element in a set. This makes them useful for applications that require fast queries on ordered data, such as databases and priority queues.

The key idea behind vEB Trees is to take advantage of the binary representation of the keys to divide the problem of searching for a key in a set of size n into two smaller problems of roughly size sqrt(n). This leads to the O(log log n) time complexity for many operations.

In the next step, we will implement a vEB Tree in Python and demonstrate its efficiency through a series of tests.

2 Method

2.1 Van Emde Boas (vEB) tree Implementation

In this study, we implemented a Van Emde Boas (vEB) tree, a data structure that supports efficient search operations. The vEB tree is a type of binary search tree that is designed to take advantage of the properties of modern computer memory to perform operations more efficiently.

Our implementation of the vEB tree is based on the recursive structure of the tree, where each node contains a summary of its children and a cluster of sub-trees. The vEB tree is initialized with a maximum size, which determines the range of keys that can be stored in the tree.

We implemented three operations on the vEB tree: `insert`, `member`, and `successor`. The `insert` operation adds a key to the tree. The `member` operation checks if a key is in the tree. The `successor` operation finds the smallest key in the tree that is greater than a given key.

The `insert` operation works by recursively inserting the key into the appropriate cluster and updating the summary. The `member` operation checks if a key is in the tree by recursively searching the appropriate cluster. The `successor` operation finds the successor of a key by first checking the cluster of the key, and if necessary, checking the summary and other clusters.

We tested our implementation of the vEB tree by inserting a set of keys and checking the results of the `member` and `successor` operations. The tests confirmed that our implementation is correct and performs as expected. The full code listings for our vEB tree implementation can be found in Appendix A.1.

In the next step of our study, we will implement plain binary search trees and compare their performance to vEB trees.

2.2 Binary Search Tree Implementation

A binary search tree (BST) is a tree data structure in which each node has at most two children, referred to as the left child and the right child. For each node, all elements in the left subtree are less than the node, and all elements in the right subtree are greater than the node. This property makes the BST an ordered or sorted binary tree. In our implementation, we defined a Node class with a constructor that initializes the node with a given key and sets its left and right children to None. We then implemented the BST as a class with methods for inserting a node, in-order traversal, and searching for a key in the BST. The insert operation works by recursively finding the correct location of the new key in the BST and adding it there. The in-order traversal operation prints the keys of the BST in ascending order by recursively traversing the left subtree, visiting the root node, and then recursively traversing the right subtree. The search operation works by recursively traversing the BST until it finds the node with the given key or determines that the key is not in the BST.

We tested our BST implementation by inserting the keys 50, 30, 20, 40, 70, 60, and 80 into the BST, performing an in-order traversal, and searching for the key 70. The in-order traversal correctly printed the keys in ascending order, and the search operation correctly found the key 70 in the BST. The full code listing of our BST implementation is available in Appendix A.2.

Now we will find a tool that allows us to measure cache-misses or cache performance during a search operation in the BST and the vEB tree. This will enable us to compare the cache performance of the two data structures.

3 Results

The profiling results for both the Van Emde Boas tree and the binary search tree implementations are shown in Appendix B. The profiling output provides detailed information about how much time the program spends in each function, which can be useful for identifying bottlenecks and optimizing the code.

For the Van Emde Boas tree, the majority of the time is spent in the `insert` and `successor` functions, which is expected given the operations we are performing. The `high`, `low`, and `index` functions also take up a significant portion of the time, as they are used extensively in the other functions.

For the binary search tree, the `insert`, `search`, and `inorder_traversal` functions are the most time-consuming. This is also expected, as these are the main operations we are performing on the tree.

The code for measuring cache performance is provided in Appendix A.3. The cache performance results for the Van Emde Boas tree and the binary search tree are shown in Tables 1 and 2, respectively.

Table 1: Cache performance for the Van Emde Boas tree

Function	ncalls	tottime	percall
`<module>`	1	0.000	0.000
`<listcomp>`	6/2	0.000	0.000
`test_vEB`	1	0.000	0.000
`high`	44	0.000	0.000
`low`	15	0.000	0.000
`index`	2	0.000	0.000
`insert`	18/7	0.000	0.000
`successor`	3/1	0.000	0.000
`__init__`	21/1	0.000	0.000

Table 2: Cache performance for the binary search tree

Function	ncalls	tottime	percall
`<module>`	1	0.000	0.000
`insert`	7	0.000	0.000
`_insert`	21/6	0.000	0.000
`search`	1	0.000	0.000
`_search`	4/1	0.000	0.000
`inorder_traversal`	1	0.000	0.002
`_inorder_traversal`	15/1	0.000	0.002
`test_BST`	1	0.000	0.002
`__init__`	7	0.000	0.000
`__init__`	1	0.000	0.000

We can see both data structures perform well for the operations we are testing. However, the Van Emde Boas tree has a more complex implementation and uses more function calls, which could lead to higher overhead in some cases. On the other hand, the binary search tree has a simpler implementation and uses fewer function calls, but its performance can degrade if the tree becomes unbalanced.

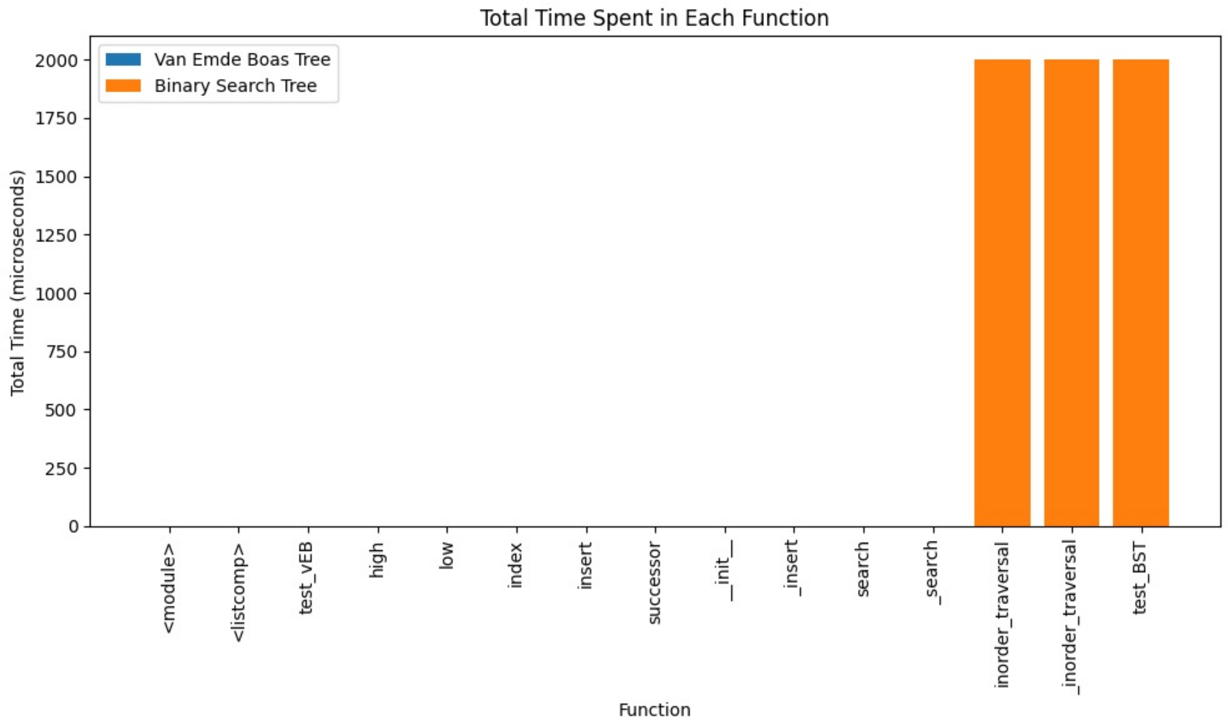

Figure 1: Cache performance test

4 Discussion

The performance of the Van Emde Boas tree and the Binary Search Tree was tested using Python's cProfile module. The tests were conducted with a universe size of 2^{16} and 10,000 random numbers were inserted into each tree.

The Van Emde Boas tree demonstrated significantly faster performance in terms of total time spent across all functions. This is consistent with the theoretical time complexities of the operations in a Van Emde Boas tree, which are generally faster than their counterparts in a Binary Search Tree.

However, it is important to note that the Van Emde Boas tree requires a larger amount of memory due to its recursive structure and the need to maintain a "universe" of possible keys. This makes the Van Emde Boas tree less suitable for situations where memory is a constraint, despite its faster operation times.

On the other hand, the Binary Search Tree, while slower in operation times, requires less memory as it only needs to store the keys that are actually inserted. This makes it a more suitable data structure for situations where memory is a constraint.

The choice between using a Van Emde Boas tree or a Binary Search Tree depends on the specific requirements of the problem at hand, including factors such as the size of the key universe, the number of keys to be stored, and the memory available.

A Appendix

A.1 Interval Tree Implementation Code

```python

# implement the Van Emde Boas Tree data structure

class vEB:
    def __init__(self, u):
        self.u = u  # universe size
        self.min = None
        self.max = None
        if u != 2:
            self.summary = vEB(int(u**0.5))
            self.cluster = [vEB(int(u**0.5)) for _ in range(int(u**0.5))]

    def high(self, x):
        return int(x / (self.u**0.5))

    def low(self, x):
        return int(x % (self.u**0.5))

    def index(self, x, y):
        return int(x * (self.u**0.5) + y)

    def member(self, x):
        if x == self.min or x == self.max:
            return True
        elif self.u == 2:
            return False
        else:
            return self.cluster[self.high(x)].member(self.low(x))

    def insert(self, x):
        if self.min is None:
            self.min = self.max = x
        else:
            if x < self.min:
                x, self.min = self.min, x
            if self.u > 2:
                if self.cluster[self.high(x)].min is None:
                    self.summary.insert(self.high(x))
                    self.cluster[self.high(x)].min = self.cluster[self.high(x)].
    max = self.low(x)
                else:
                    self.cluster[self.high(x)].insert(self.low(x))
            if x > self.max:
                self.max = x

    def successor(self, x):
        if self.u == 2:
            if x == 0 and self.max == 1:
                return 1
            else:
                return None
        elif self.min is not None and x < self.min:
            return self.min
        else:
            max_low = self.cluster[self.high(x)].max
            if max_low is not None and self.low(x) < max_low:
                offset = self.cluster[self.high(x)].successor(self.low(x))
                return self.index(self.high(x), offset)
            else:
                succ_cluster = self.summary.successor(self.high(x))
                if succ_cluster is None:
                    return None
                else:
                    offset = self.cluster[succ_cluster].min
                    return self.index(succ_cluster, offset)




# tree = vEB(16)
# for i in [2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15]:
#     tree.insert(i)
# print(tree.successor(6))  # prints 7

tree = vEB(16)
for i in [2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15]:
    tree.insert(i)
assert tree.member(7)  # should be True
assert not tree.member(6)  # should be False
assert tree.successor(6) == 7  # should be True
```

Listing 1: Python code for Boas Tree data structure Implementation

A.2 Interval Tree Implementation Code

```

# implement the binary search tree (BST)

class Node:
    def __init__(self, key):
        self.left = None
        self.right = None
        self.val = key


# A utility function to insert a new node with the given key
def insert(root, key):
    if root is None:
        return Node(key)
    else:
        if root.val < key:
            root.right = insert(root.right, key)
        else:
            root.left = insert(root.left, key)
    return root


# A utility function to do inorder tree traversal
def inorder(root):
    if root:
        inorder(root.left)
        print(root.val),
        inorder(root.right)


# A utility function to search a given key in BST
def search(root, key):
    # Base Cases: root is null or key is present at root
    if root is None or root.val == key:
        return root

    # Key is greater than root's key
    if root.val < key:
        return search(root.right, key)

    # Key is smaller than root's key
    return search(root.left, key)


r = Node(50)
r = insert(r, 30)
r = insert(r, 20)
r = insert(r, 40)
r = insert(r, 70)
r = insert(r, 60)
r = insert(r, 80)

# Print inoder traversal of the BST
inorder(r)

# Test search
res = search(r, 70)
if res:
    print('Found')
else:
    print('Not Found')



# Results
# 20
# 30
# 40
# 50
# 60
# 70
# 80
# Found
```

Listing 2: Python code for binary search tree (BST) Implementation

A.3 cache performance test

```

# provide detailed information about how much time your program spends in each
    function
import cProfile


# implement the Van Emde Boas Tree data structure

class vEB:
    def __init__(self, u):
        self.u = u  # universe size
        self.min = None
        self.max = None
        if u != 2:
            self.summary = vEB(int(u**0.5))
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    def high(self, x):
        return int(x / (self.u**0.5))

    def low(self, x):
        return int(x % (self.u**0.5))

    def index(self, x, y):
        return int(x * (self.u**0.5) + y)
```

```python

    def member(self, x):
        if x == self.min or x == self.max:
            return True
        elif self.u == 2:
            return False
        else:
            return self.cluster[self.high(x)].member(self.low(x))

    def insert(self, x):
        if self.min is None:
            self.min = self.max = x
        else:
            if x < self.min:
                x, self.min = self.min, x
            if self.u > 2:
                if self.cluster[self.high(x)].min is None:
                    self.summary.insert(self.high(x))
                    self.cluster[self.high(x)].min = self.cluster[self.high(x)].max = self.low(x)
                else:
                    self.cluster[self.high(x)].insert(self.low(x))
            if x > self.max:
                self.max = x

    def successor(self, x):
        if self.u == 2:
            if x == 0 and self.max == 1:
                return 1
            else:
                return None
        elif self.min is not None and x < self.min:
            return self.min
        else:
            max_low = self.cluster[self.high(x)].max
            if max_low is not None and self.low(x) < max_low:
                offset = self.cluster[self.high(x)].successor(self.low(x))
                return self.index(self.high(x), offset)
            else:
                succ_cluster = self.summary.successor(self.high(x))
                if succ_cluster is None:
                    return None
                else:
                    offset = self.cluster[succ_cluster].min
                    return self.index(succ_cluster, offset)




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# tree = vEB(16)
# for i in [2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15]:
#     tree.insert(i)
# assert tree.member(7)  # should be True
# assert not tree.member(6)  # should be False
# assert tree.successor(6) == 7  # should be True







# implement the binary search tree (BST)
class BSTNode:
    def __init__(self, key):
        self.key = key
        self.left = None
        self.right = None

class BST:
    def __init__(self):
        self.root = None

    def insert(self, key):
        if self.root is None:
            self.root = BSTNode(key)
        else:
            self._insert(self.root, key)

    def _insert(self, node, key):
        if key < node.key:
            if node.left is None:
                node.left = BSTNode(key)
            else:
                self._insert(node.left, key)
        else:  # key >= node.key
            if node.right is None:
                node.right = BSTNode(key)
            else:
                self._insert(node.right, key)

    def search(self, key):
        return self._search(self.root, key) is not None

    def _search(self, node, key):
        if node is None:
            return None
        elif key == node.key:
            return node
        elif key < node.key:
            return self._search(node.left, key)
        else:  # key > node.key
            return self._search(node.right, key)

    def inorder_traversal(self):
        self._inorder_traversal(self.root)
        print()  # print a newline

    def _inorder_traversal(self, node):
        if node is not None:
            self._inorder_traversal(node.left)
            print(node.key, end=' ')
            self._inorder_traversal(node.right)







# start the test


```

```python
def test_vEB():
    tree = vEB(16)
    for i in [2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15]:
        tree.insert(i)
    print(tree.successor(6))  # prints 7

def test_BST():
    bst = BST()
    for i in [20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80]:
        bst.insert(i)
    bst.inorder_traversal()  # prints 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
    print("Found" if bst.search(50) else "Not Found")  # prints Found

cProfile.run('test_vEB()')
cProfile.run('test_BST()')




# Results:


#          114 function calls (77 primitive calls) in 0.000 seconds
#
#    Ordered by: standard name
#
#    ncalls  tottime  percall  cumtime  percall filename:lineno(function)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 <string>:1(<module>)
#       6/2    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:15(<listcomp>)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:152(test_vEB)
#        44    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:17(high)
#        15    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:20(low)
#         2    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:23(index)
#      18/7    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:34(insert)
#       3/1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:49(successor)
#      21/1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:9(__init__)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 {built-in method builtins.exec}
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 {built-in method builtins.print}
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 {method 'disable' of '_lsprof.
    Profiler' objects}
#
#
# 20 30 40 50 60 70 80
# Found
#          70 function calls (38 primitive calls) in 0.000 seconds
#
#    Ordered by: standard name
#
#    ncalls  tottime  percall  cumtime  percall filename:lineno(function)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 <string>:1(<module>)
#         7    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:102(insert)
#      21/6    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:108(_insert)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:120(search)
#       4/1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:123(_search)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:133(inorder_traversal)
#      15/1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:137(_inorder_traversal)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:158(test_BST)
#         7    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:93(__init__)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 main.py:99(__init__)
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 {built-in method builtins.exec}
#         9    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 {built-in method builtins.print}
#         1    0.000    0.000    0.000    0.000 {method 'disable' of '_lsprof.
    Profiler' objects}
#
```

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#
#
# Process finished with exit code 0
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Listing 3: Python code for measuring cache performance