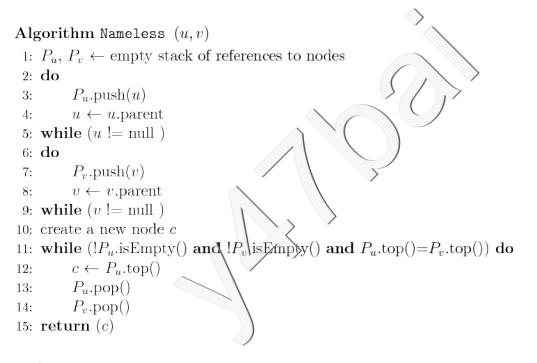
University of Waterloo CS240 Winter 2018 Assignment 3 – Solutions

Problem 1 [5+3=8 marks]

Let T be a binary tree with a set of n nodes in which each node has a pointer to its parent node. Choosing two arbitrary nodes u and v from the tree, we execute the following algorithm:



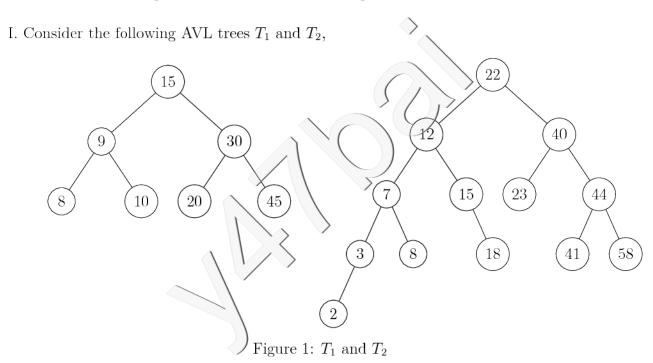
a) Describe what Nameless returns.

Solution: In the Nameless (u, v) algorithm, we use two stacks P_u and P_v to maintain the path from nodes u and v to the root of the tree, respectively. In line 10, at the top of both stacks you will necessarily find a reference to the root of the tree. Then, we extract an element from both stacks simultaneously; the last equal node extracted from both will be the lowest common ancestor (LCA). It is necessary to pay attention to the fact that, during this process, one of the two stacks could be empty (in particular this happens if one of the two nodes is ancestor of the other, and therefore it is itself the LCA of both).

b) Analyze the run-time of Nameless in both worst case and best case using asymptotic notation. Briefly justify your answer.

Solution: The time complexity of Nameless (u, v) is dominated by the time necessary to fill the stacks, which in the worst case corresponds to the maximum height of the tree. Since in the worst case a tree of n nodes has height n-1 (the tree degenerates into a chain), the cost of the algorithm in the worst case is O(n). The best case occurs when one of the two nodes is the root and the other is one of its children; in this case the cost will be O(1). In the case that u = v, the best case is u = v = root.

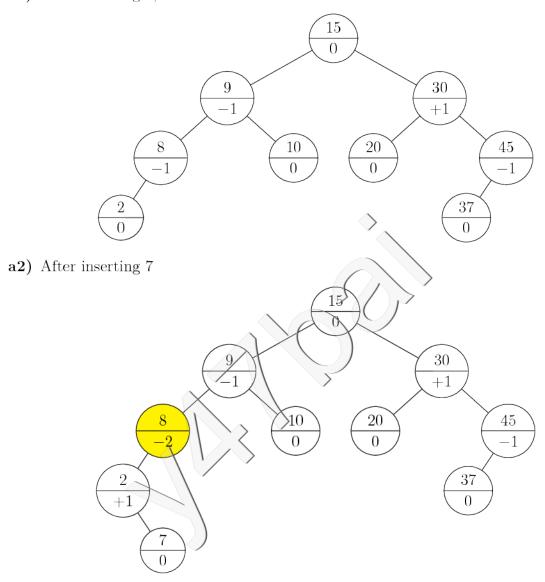
Problem 2 [4+4+6=14 marks]



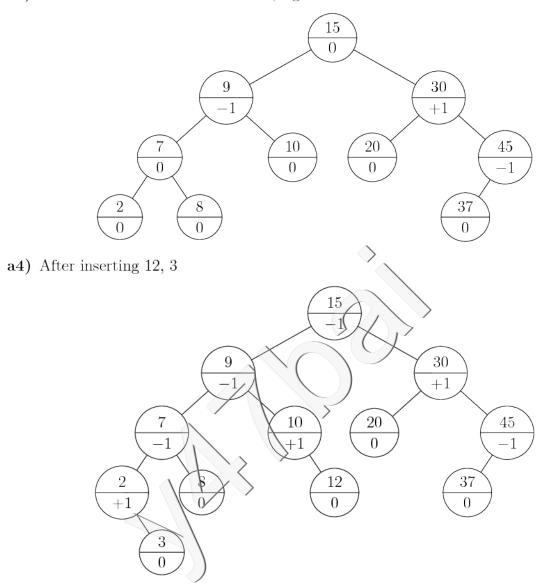
a) Show the result of inserting 2, 37, 7, 12, 3, 36 into the tree T_1 . Draw the tree before and after every insertion that results in rebalancing (similar to slide 25 of Module 4).

Solution:

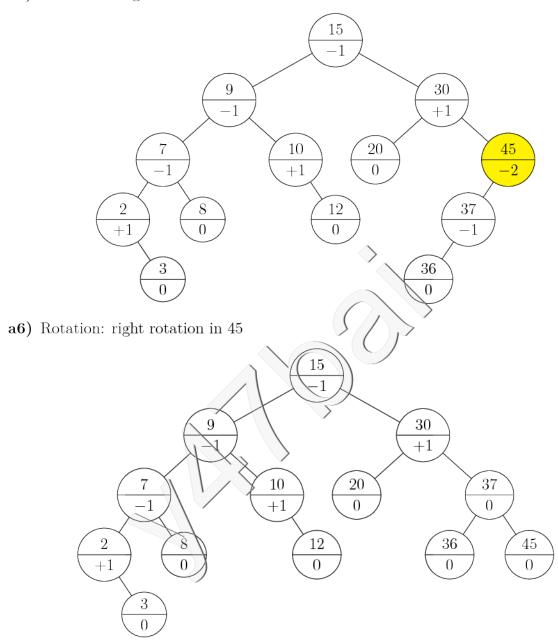
a1) After inserting 2, 37



a3) Double rotation: left rotation in 2, right in 8

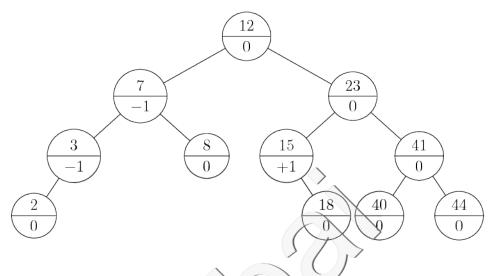


a5) After inserting 36

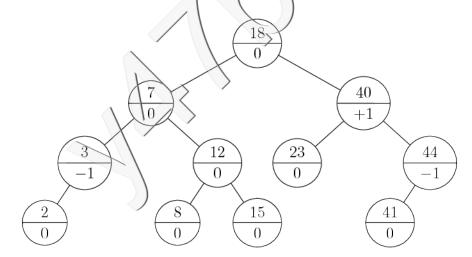


b) Draw your final AVL tree after removing the keys 22 and 58, in the order given, from the tree T_2 .

First Solution: Replace the deleted node with its successor.



Second Solution: Replace the deleted gode with its predecessor.



II. Consider an AVL tree containing n distinct keys. Design an algorithm to compute a function called IncKey(k, d) whose purpose is to increase the key k (if a node containing key k is present) by the given value $d \ge 0$ (we assume the key k + d is unique in the tree). At the end, the resulting tree must still be AVL tree. Analyze the run-time of your algorithm using asymptotic notation. For full credit, the asymptotic run-time of your algorithm must be as small as possible.

Solution:

Idea. If the value d is such that k+d has the same position of key k in the key ordering, then it is sufficient to increase the key k to k+d and stop (lines 4-6). Otherwise, we can delete the node with key k and insert a node with key k+d, using the procedures for deleting and inserting nodes in AVL trees.

Any correct solution using simple delete and re-insert is acceptable.

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Code.
    Algorithm IncKey (k,d)
      1: r \leftarrow // reference to the root of AVL tree
      2: u \leftarrow r // r root node
      3: (u, P) \leftarrow \text{AVL-search}(r, k)
      4: u' \leftarrow \text{AVL-Minimum} (u.r/ght) // \text{ find the minimum key in the subtree rooted}
         at u.right
      5: if k + d < u'.key
              u.key \leftarrow u.key + d / \langle \text{keys already respect the BST property} \rangle
      7: else
      8:
      9:
              AVL-insert(r
                                (k+d, val)
     10:
    Algorithm AVL-delete2 (r, u)
      1: (r', P) \leftarrow BST-delete2(r, u)
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Correctness.

2: The same as AVL-delete (Module 4).

AVL-delete2: unlike AVL-delete, which takes as argument the key to be deleted, this procedure takes as input the node containing the key to be deleted, thus saving the time for searching the key. Specifically, the two procedures differ just at line 1 of the pseudo code of AVL-delete: instead of calling the procedure BST-delete(r, k), it calls BST-delete(r, u), which skips searching for the node containing the key, unlike BST-delete(r, k). The algorithm is correct since the procedures it uses from slides (BST-delete and AVL-delete) are correct as well.

Analysis.

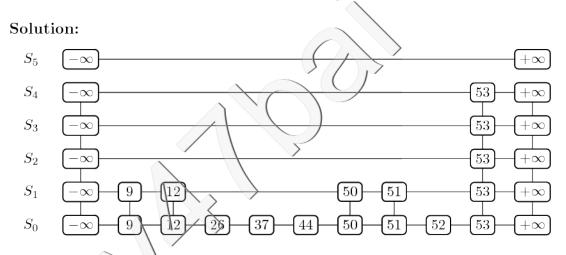
The run-time of this algorithm is $O(\log n)$, where n is the number of nodes in the AVL tree, since all the procedures AVL-Minimum, AVL-delete2, AVL-insert have running time $O(\log n)$.

Problem 3 [6+4+8+2=20 marks]

- I. Given an empty skip list L,
 - a) Show the result of inserting the following keys,

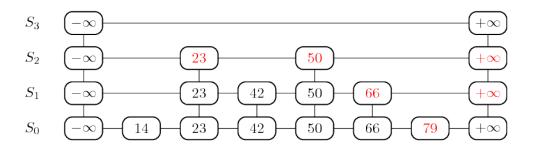
Keys: 44, 9, 26, 50, 12, 37, 51, 52, 53

Coin flip sequence: THTTHTHTTHTHHHHHH



b) Count the number of key-comparisons needed to successfully search the key 79 in the following skip list and maintain the track of your searches in a stack called P (similar to slide 4 of Module 5).

Solution. The stack P contains: $-\infty$, 50, 66, 66, top(P)=66 and after(66)=79. 6 comparisons are required to search the 79 (Slide 4 of Module 5).



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- II. Consider a skip list L that contains n distinct keys. Associated with each key x at each level i is a field dist[x, i] containing the number of keys skipped by the pointer at x to the next element, including the key x itself. For example, in the above skip list the key 23 at level S_0 has dist[23, 0] = 1 and at level S_2 has dist[23, 2] = 2.
 - a) Design an algorithm in pseudocode which uses the minimum number of visited nodes (i.e., after/below calls) to compute Select(L, k). The task of Select(L, k) is to return the kth smallest key in the skip list L. If no such key exists, it returns null. For example in the above skip list, 14 is the 1st smallest key, 23 is the 2nd, etc. You may assume the skip list L has a variable L.depth that stores the number of levels in L.

Solution.

Idea.

The idea is to use the field dist to know if we should continue the current level or we should go one level down for more refined search. Moreover, dist field can be used in the case in which we are at the last node of a level and we want to understand if k is greater than the number of nodes in skip list.

The original formulation of the problem uses dist[x, i], where we use the key x and the current level i to obtain the dist value. This formulation was meant to emphasize the fact, that the distance entry is different on each level, but it is actually more convenient to store dist as part of the node objects (along with after and below pointers), so our suggested solution here uses the notation dist(p) for a node p instead of dist[x,i] (the same syntax is as for after(p) and below(p) used on the slides). By counting down from the topmost level (stored in L.depth), we can always maintain the information about the current level (as done in the code below for illustration), so both options for accessing dist are acceptable.

Code.

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Algorithm Select (L, k)

L: a skip list, k

1: p \leftarrow topmost left position

2: r \leftarrow k

3: level \leftarrow L.depth - 2

4: p \leftarrow below(p)

5: while r > 0

6: if key(after(p)) = +\infty and r - dist(p) \ge 0 // k > size(L)

7: p = \text{null}

8: break

9: if dist(p) \le r
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10: r \leftarrow r - dist(p)

11: p \leftarrow after(p)

12: else

13: p \leftarrow below(p)

14: level \leftarrow level - 1

15: return (p)
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Correctness.

Suppose k > n, where n is the number of elements in the list. In this case, at line 10, r will be reduced according to the dist field of the current node (number of nodes skipped), until (iterating on the **while** loop) p points to the last element of that level and the current value of $r \geq dist(p)$, since r > n. The equality in $r \geq dist(p)$ holds just in the case k = n + 1, since, by definition of dist, $-\infty$ is also included in $dist(-\infty)$ at the first iteration of the **while** loop. Hence, condition at line 6 will be **true** and p = null is returned.

If $k \leq n$, to show the correctness it is enough to show that if r > 0 in one while iteration, meaning that the searched key follows the current key in the S_0 level, it happens: 1) the algorithm will continue searching on the current level if r > dist(p), and this is ensured by lines 9-11, after which r > 0 and the while loop condition still true (line 5); 2) the search will go to the level below if r < dist(p), and this is ensured by lines 12-14; 3) if r = dist(p), lines 9-11 set r = 0 and move to the next node of the same level (line 11), which is the searched node (by definition of dist), and stop because in next iteration of the while r is not positive, and p is returned.

Analysis. The running time is the same as Search in skip list, which is $O(\log n)$ expected time.

b) Describe the update operations that are necessary after insertion or deletion.

Solution. Update operations after inserting or deleting a key x:

- Insert: insert a new key x is as in skip list. During search, we compute the rank of all nodes on the stack. After inserting x, we increment dist for all nodes on the stack higher than the new tower i.e., those nodes whose after pointer now spans a new element. For the lower levels that point to the new tower, we use $dist(y) \leftarrow rank(x) rank(y)$, where y is the node on the stack. The dist field of x is set to $dist(x) \leftarrow rank(y) + dist(y) + 1 rank(x)$.
- **Delete:** delete a key x is as in skip list. During search, we compute the rank of all nodes on the stack. After deleting x, we decrement dist for all nodes on the stack higher than the old tower. For the lower levels that point to the old tower, we update the dist field as $dist(y) \leftarrow dist(y) + dist(x) 1$, where

y is the node on the stack.

Problem 4 [5+5+4=14 marks]

Suppose a linked list (or an array) with dynamic ordering contains the items ABDCEFGH,

a) Show a possible sequence of searches using the Move-To-Front (MTF) heuristic that leads to the sequence *EHGDABCF*.

Solution: A possible search sequence leading to list content EHGDABCF is DGHE.

b) Using the Transpose heuristic, give a sequence of searches that leads to the sequence ADBCEGHF.

Solution: A possible search sequence leading to list content ADBCEGHF is DGH.

c) Having the sequence of searches like *DHHGHEGH*, compute the total number of operations (key-pair comparison and swap) for both the Move-To-Front (MTF) and the Transpose heuristics.

Solution: We assume the linked list structure is not modified by both heuristics MTF and Transpose when an operation search is performed, that is node headers are not changed. This implies that to move to front the searched key (suppose found at node u), the list must be scanned again from the top and shift all the keys to next node till u, counting at each step one swap operation. For the Transpose heuristic instead just one swap operation is needed. Note this swapping operations (and so the second list scan for MTF) could be avoided by appropriately changing the node headers after finding the key in the list.

The *comparison* operations are those required to find the key in the list, thus if the key is at position i in the list, it requires i comparisons, for both heuristics. Table 1 provides the corresponding result.

Table 1: Proposed solution to Problem P4 c).

MTF	Cost	Transpose	Cost	Key
$\overline{DABCEFGH}$	5 (3 Comp. + 2 swap)	ADBCEFGH	4 (3 Comp. + 1 swap)	D
HDABCEFG	15(8+7)	ADBCEFHG	9(8+1)	Н
HDABCEFG	1(1+0)	ADBCEHFG	8(7+1)	Н
GHDABCEF	15(8+7)	ADBCEHGF	9(8+1)	G
HGDABCEF	3(2+1)	ADBCHEGF	7(6+1)	Н
EHGDABCF	13(7+6)	ADBCEHGF	7(6+1)	E
GEHDABCF	5(3+2)	ADBCFGHF	8(7+1)	G
HGEDABCF	5(3+2)	ADBCFHGF	8(7+1)	Н
Total	62	Total	60	

Problem 5 [2+3+5+10=20 marks]

Consider the following ordered array of size n = 10,

1 5 9 15 21 30 35 48 47 50

and the pseudocode of the Interpolation Search algorithm given below.

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InterpolationSearch(X[l,r], k)
A: an array
l: index of the left boundary
r: index of the right boundary
k: key to search for
      if A[k] > k \mid\mid A[r] < k then
2.
           return false
      if l = \eta then
3.
           if A[l] = k then
4.
                return true
5.
6.
           else
 7.
                return false
      i \leftarrow l + \lfloor (r-l) \frac{k-A[l]}{A[r]-A[l]} \rfloor
 8.
      if A[i] = k then
9.
 10.
           return true
      else if A[i] < k then
11.
 12.
           return InterpolationSearch(A[i+1,r],k)
 13.
      else
           return InterpolationSearch(A[l, i-1], k)
 14.
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a) Apply the InterpolationSearch algorithm to search for the keys 5 and 46, showing the behavior of the algorithm until the key is found.

Solution: Searching for key 5:

- InterpolationSearch(A[0,9],5), $i=0, A[0]=1 \neq 5$,
- InterpolationSearch(A[1,9],5), $i=1, A[1]=5 \neq 5$, stop.

Searching for key 46:

- InterpolationSearch(A[0,9],46), $i=8, A[8]=47 \neq 46$,
- InterpolationSearch(A[0,7],46), i = 7, A[7] = 46, stop.
- b) Determine the number of key equality comparisons (lines 4 and 9) needed in both cases and discuss whether it is consistent with the expected complexity.

Solution: In both cases the number of key equality comparisons is 2 (see the solution of point **a**)), and specifically one comparison at line 9 in both the first and second calls of the procedure. The array A contains 10 keys in the range [1,50], which are roughly equispaced in the interval. In such case, that is when keys are distributed in the interval, the expected asymptotic complexity of the procedure is $\Theta(\log \log n)$, and 2 calls are in line with it.

c) Provide an example of an ordered array that contains n=10 distinct keys, including keys 5 and 46, such that the InterpolationSearch algorithm performs at least n/2 key equality comparisons for searching both keys 5 and 46. For full credit, exactly n/2 key equality comparisons in both searches are required. Show the behavior of the pseudocode on your solution (for each recursive call to InterpolationSearch show the values of l, r, i, A[i] after the calculation at line 8).

Solution. Let us consider the following ordered array B 1 2 3 4 5 46 47 48 49 350

Searching for key 5:

- InterpolationSearch $(B[0,9],5),\,i=0,\,B[0]=1<5,$
- $\bullet \ \mathtt{InterpolationSearch}(B[1,9],5), \ i=1, \ B[1]=2<5,$
- InterpolationSearch $(B[2,9],5),\,i=2,\,B[2]=3<5,$
- InterpolationSearch $(B[3,9],5),\,i=3,\,B[3]=4<5,$
- InterpolationSearch(B[4,9],5), i=4, B[4]=5, stop.

At each call of the procedure InterpolationSearch one key equality comparison is carried out (line 9), thus obtaining $5 = \frac{n}{2}$ comparisons.

Searching for key 46:

- InterpolationSearch(B[0,9],46), i = 1, B[1] = 2 < 46,
- InterpolationSearch(B[2,9],46), $i=2,\,B[2]=3<46$,
- InterpolationSearch(B[3, 9], 46), i = 3, B[3] = 4 < 46,
- InterpolationSearch(B[4, 9], 46), i = 4, B[4] = 5 < 46,
- InterpolationSearch(B[5, 9], 5), i = 5, B[5] = 46, stop.

Again the total number of key equality comparisons is $5 = \frac{n}{2}$. We point out that 350 is not the only value suitable to have both key searches taking $\frac{n}{2}$ comparisons. In principle, any value such that the first computed index i at line 8 is 1, and all the indexes computed at line 8 in the next recursive calls are 0 can be adopted. Moreover, as it is obvious, values 47, 48, 49 in the provided solution are not relevant: any triple of ordered values in the interval [47, 349] is suitable.

d) Generalize part c) to an arbitrary n. That is, given n, explain how to construct an ordered array with n distinct keys, where there exists at least one key whose search through the InterpolationSearch algorithm has time complexity $\Omega(n)$.

Solution: Given an asymptotically large n, let us consider the following ordered vector: $A = (1, 2, \dots, n-1, 2^h)$ Suppose the key to search is $k \neq n-1$

• At step 1 the call is ${\tt InterpolationSearch}(A[l,r],k) = {\tt InterpolationSearch}(A[0,n-1],n-1).$ Then the algorithm at line 8 computes the index

$$i \implies 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{k - A[1]}{A[n] - A[1]}(n-1) \right\rfloor = 0 + \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{2^n - 1}(n-1) \right\rfloor$$

$$= 0 + \left\lfloor \frac{n^2 - 3n + 2}{2^n - 1} \right\rfloor = 0$$

The last equality holds since for $n \ge 1$ we have $0 \le \frac{n^2 - 3n + 2}{2^n - 1} < 1$. $A[0] \ne k$ and the recursive call is $\mathtt{InterpolationSearch}(A[1, n-1], n-1)$

• Step 2, is InterpolationSearch(A[1, n-1], n-1). Again, the algorithm computes the index

$$i = 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n-3}{2^n - 2}(n-2) \right\rfloor = 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n^2 - 5n + 6}{2^n - 2} \right\rfloor \stackrel{n \ge 2}{=} 1$$

 $A[1] \neq k$ and the recursive call is InterpolationSearch(A[2, n-1], n-1)

• By iterating, at step j, with $1 \le j < n-1$, the recursive call is InterpolationSearch(A[j-1,n-1],n-1), leading to the selection of following index

$$i = j - 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n - j - 1}{2^n - j} (n - j) \right\rfloor$$
$$= j - 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n^2 - (2j + 1)n + j(j + 1)}{2^n - j} \right\rfloor \stackrel{n \ge j}{=} j - 1$$

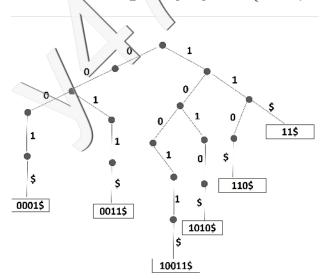
 $A[j-1] \neq k$ and the recursive call is InterpolationSearch(A[j,n-1],n-1).

Thus, at step n-1 the recursive call is InterpolationSearch(A[n-2,n-1],n-1), which leads to the index i=n-2, and at line 9 the procedure ends since A[n-2]=k. The total number of steps is thereby n-1, thus the running time of InterpolationSearch(A[0,n-1],n-1) is $\Omega(n)$.

Problem 6 [3+3+8=14 marks]

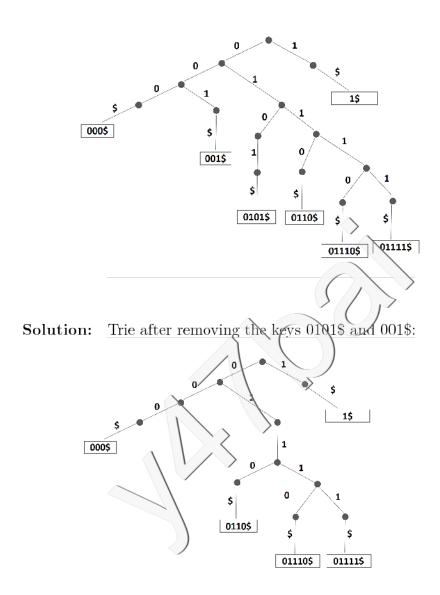
a) Draw your final trie after inserting binary keys $S = \{0001\$, 0011\$, 1010\$, 11\$, 110\$, 10011\$\}$ into an initially empty (uncompressed binary trie.

Solution: Trie after inserting binary keys $S = \{0001\$, 0011\$, 1010\$, 11\$, 110\$, 10011\$\}$:



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b) Draw your final trie after removing the keys 0101\$, 001\$, in the order given, from the following trie.



c) Consider a trie T that contains n strings. Design an algorithm called Look(T, x, l), which returns the list of all strings with length l (without \$) that begin with a given string x of length m, where $m \leq l$. Assume x does not end with \$. The worst-case running time of your algorithm should be $O(m + 2^{l-m+1})$.

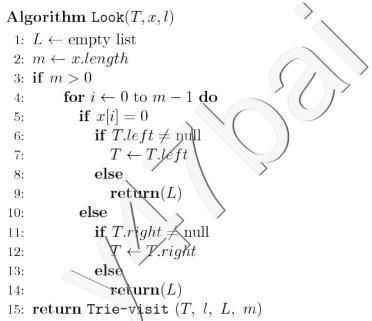
Solution:

Idea.

The algorithm before searches for x, then explores the corresponding subtrie until the depth l-m, adding to the list L all strings having exactly length l-m in the subtrie.

Code.

The proposed pseudocode for Look(T, x, l) is as below.



Trie-visit $(T, d_y)L$, depth) visits the (sub)trie T and returns the list L filled by all the strings of depth d (excluding \$). The argument depth is the depth of the root node in T. In general, given a trie T, the depth of the root node is 0, and the depth of a node is the depth of its parent +1. To simplify the code, we assume that the binary string corresponding to a node u in the trie is contained in the field u.value.

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Algorithm Trie-visit(T, d, L, depth)
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1: if T \neq \text{NULL}

2: if T.left \neq \text{NULL} or T.right \neq \text{NULL}

3: if depth = d // the string is longer than d

4: return(L)

5: else
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6: L \leftarrow \text{Trie-visit} \ (T.left, \ d, \ L, \ depth + 1)
7: L \leftarrow \text{Trie-visit} \ (T.right, \ d, \ L, \ depth + 1)
8: else
9: if depth = d \ / / the string has length d
10: L.Add \ (T.value)
11: return L
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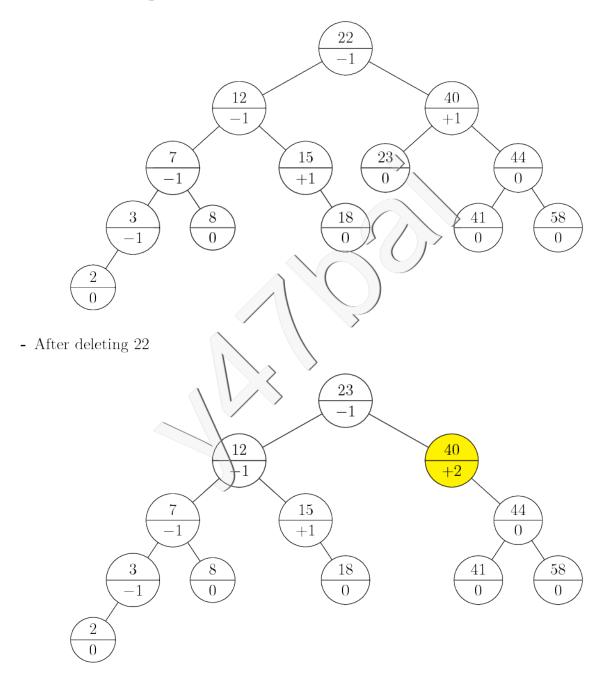
Correctness. The algorithm before has to check if x is the empty string (line 3), and in such case it goes to line 15 (trie visit); otherwise, in lines 4-14 it searches for x in the trie T. If x is not present in T, lines 9 and 14 ensure an empty list is returned; otherwise, at the end of for loop, T refers to the node in the trie corresponding to x, and line 15 visits it. If x was the empty string, since in this case x is prefix of all strings, the algorithm will visit the whole initial trie T. The visit (procedure Trie-visit) keeps the depth of the current node, thus avoiding exploring paths longer than l-m (d in the pseudocode of Trie-visit). Indeed, if a string corresponds to a path longer than d, the visit of that node stops, and no string is added to L (lines 3-4). If the string is long exactly d, then line 9 and 10 add it to L. Finally, if the current node corresponds to a string shorter than d and the next character is not \$, a recursive call explores the remaining subtrie by increasing the depth on 1 (lines 6 and 7). At the end of this visit, all the subtrie until depth d has been visited, but just strings with length d have been added to L.

Analysis. The procedure Trie-visit(T, d, L, depth) visits the subtrie rooted at T until depth d, starting from depth depth. A binary trie with h levels contains at most 2^{h+1} —1 nodes, when the trie is full. Accordingly, since each node is visited just once, and nodes with depth > d are not visited, the overall complexity is $O(2^{d-depth+1})$. The procedure Look(T, x, 1) searches for x in the trie, which takes O(m), and calls the procedure Trie-visit with depth l, thus its time complexity is $O(m+2^{l-m+1})$.

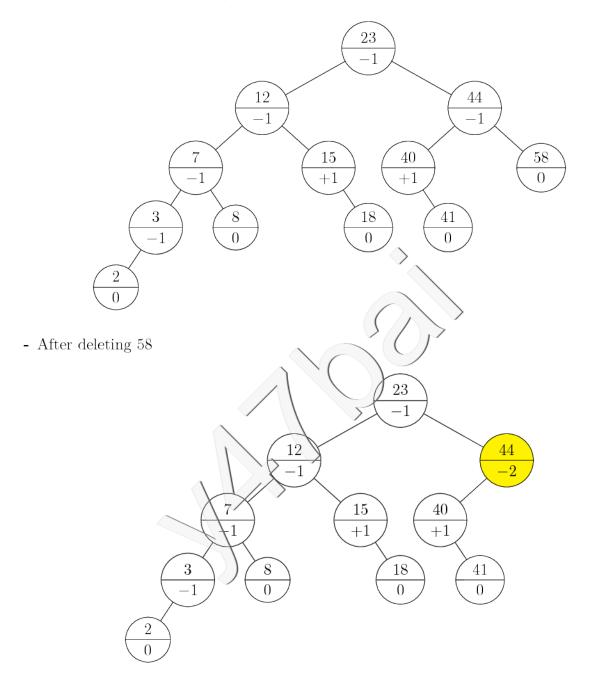
Problem 2b: First solution: Replace the deleted node with its successor.

Steps:

- T_2 with balancing factor

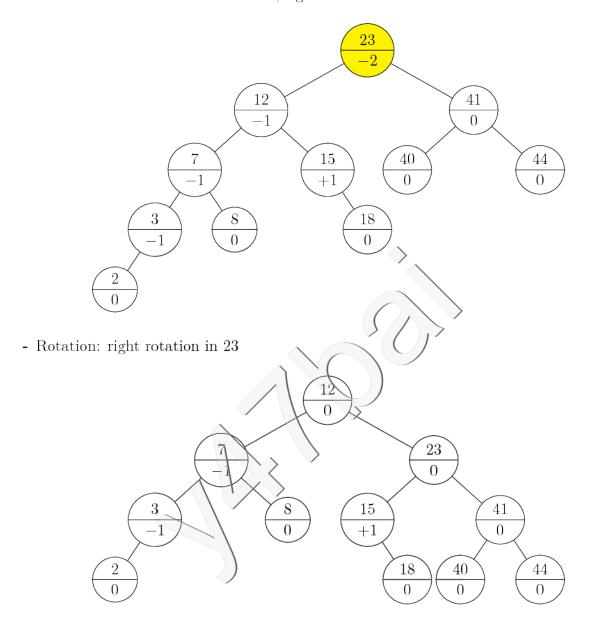


- Rotation: left rotation in 40



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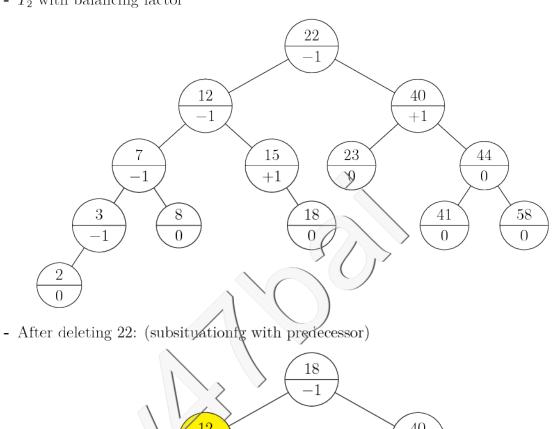
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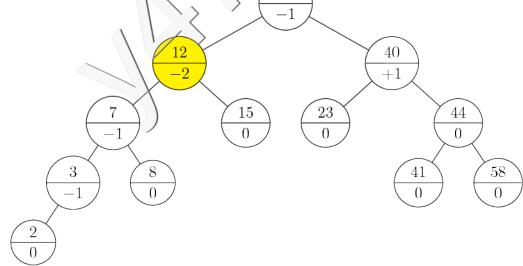


Problem 2b: Second solution: Replace the deleted node with its predecessor.

Steps:

- T_2 with balancing factor





- Rotation: right rotation in 12

