

50001 - Algorithm Analysis and Design - Lecture 10

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List lookup

```

1  (!!) :: [a] -> Int -> a
2  (x:xs) !! 0 = x
3  (_:xs) !! k = xs !! (k-1)

```

As you can see `!!` costs $O(n)$ as it may traverse the entire list.

If we want this access to be faster, we can use trees:

```

1  data Tree a = Tip | Leaf a | Node Int (Tree a) (Tree a)
2
3  node :: Tree a -> Tree a -> Tree a
4  node l r = Node (size l + size r) l r
5
6  instance List Tree where
7    toList :: Tree a -> [a]
8    toList Tip = []
9    toList (Leaf n) = [n]
10   toList (Node n l r) = toList l ++ toList r
11
12   -- Invariant: size Node n a b = n = size a + size b
13   length :: Tree a -> Int
14   length Tip = 0
15   length (Leaf _) = 1;
16   length (Node n _ _) = n;
17
18   (!!) :: Tree a -> Int -> a
19   (Leaf x) !! 0 = x
20   (Node n l r) !! k
21   | k < m = l !! k
22   | otherwise = r !! (k-m)
23   where m = length l
24
25   -- case for Tip !! n or Leaf !! >0
26   _ !! _ = error "(!!): Cannot get list index"

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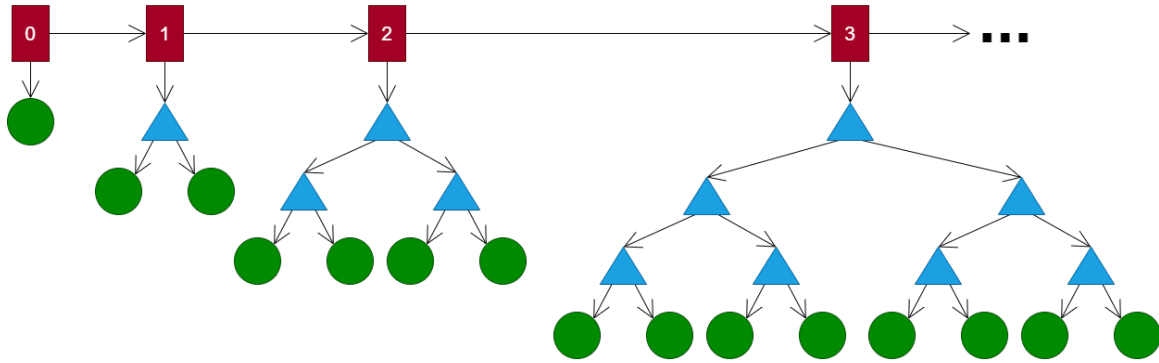
This costs $O(\log n)$ as each recursive call acts on half of the remaining list.

However we have difficulty with insertion:

Insert Quickly	$n : t = \text{node}(\text{Leaf } n)t$	Effectively becomes a linked list, $\log n$ search time ruined.
Insert Slowly	Rebalance tree (e.g. AVL tree)	Complex and no longer $O(1)$ insert.

Random Access Lists

A list containing elements that are either nothing, or a perfect tree with size the same as 2^{index} .



The empty tree can be represented by a *Tip* value (from the notes), or using type *Maybe(Tree)* (from the lecture) where $Tree\ a = Leaf\ x \mid Node\ n\ l\ r$.

When we add to a tree, we add to the first element of the **RAList**, if the invariant is breached (no longer perfect tree of size 2^0) it can be combined with the next list over (if empty, place, else combine and repeat).

This way while the worst case insert is $O(n)$, our amortized complexity is $O(1)$ much as with increment.

```

1  data Tree a = Tip | Leaf a | Node Int (Tree a) (Tree a)
2
3  type RAList a = [Tree a]
4
5  instance List RAList where
6    toList :: RAList a -> [a]
7    toList (RaList ls) = concatMap toList ls
8
9    fromList :: [a] -> RAList a
10   fromList = foldr (:) empty
11
12   empty :: RAList a
13   empty = []
14
15   (:) :: a -> RAList a -> RAList a
16   n : [] = [Leaf n]
17   n : (RAList ls) = RAList (insertTree (Leaf n) ls)
18   where
19     insertTree :: Tree a -> [Tree a] -> [Tree a]
20     insertTree t [] = [t]
21     insertTree t (tip:ls) = t:ls
22     insertTree t (t':ts) = Tip: insertTree (node t t') ts
23
24   length :: RAList a -> Int
25   length (RAList ls) = foldr ((+) . length) 0 ls
26
27   (!! ) :: RAList a -> Int -> a
28   (RAList []) !! _ = error "(!!): empty list"
29   (RAList (x:xs)) !! n
30   | n < m = x | n
31   | otherwise = (RAList xs) !! (n-m)
32   where m = length x

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