



Persistent Data Structures

Special class

Persistent Data Structures

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Objective

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What is Persistence?

- A persistent data structure preserves all versions of itself.
 - Every update to the data structure creates a new version .
 - `Update(version, <value>)` : returns new version

Types of Persistence

- **Partial Persistence:**

- Query any version of the data structure
- Update only the latest version - versions are linearly ordered.

- **Full Persistence:**

- Query any version of the data structure
- Update any version - versions form a tree

Motivating Problem (Spoj KQUERY)

- Given an array A with N elements, answers M queries of the form:
 - Range Query: Given L, R, K - Find number of elements in [L, R] which are greater than K
- $\text{Ans} = \text{Number of numbers} > K \text{ in } [1 \dots R] - \text{Number of numbers} > K \text{ in } [1 \dots L - 1]$

Motivating Problem (Spoj KQUERY)

- Modified Question: Given an index i , query number of elements $> K$ in $[1 .. i]$

Fat Node Persistence

- Add a vector of (version number, value) to every node of segment tree

Fat Node Persistence - Update

- Add a new (version, value) to every modified internal node - $O(\log N)$ time.

Fat Node Persistence - Query

- Visit all $O(\log N)$ nodes and do a binary search at every node to get the value corresponding to the correct version – $O(\log^2 N)$ per query.

Question

- Is the discussed fat-node method an example of
- A) Partial Persistence
- B) Full Persistence

Path Copying Persistence

- Create a copy for every **affected** node and update necessary links to old / new nodes.

Path Copying Persistence - Update

- For an update, copy every node in the path and create a new root corresponding to a new version - $O(\log N)$ per update.

Path Copying Persistence - Query

- For a query, choose the root corresponding to the correct version and do a usual query - $O(\log N)$ per query

Question

- Is the discussed path-copying method an example of
- A) Partial Persistence
- B) Full Persistence

Conclusion

- Persistence can be extended to other data structures as well.
- For ex: We will look at Persistent Centroid Tree during our lecture on Centroid Decomposition on Day-2 of the camp.