Course Work

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1 Report

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1.1 Statement of Completion

Item	Completed (Yes/No/Partial)
Created first array of integers	Yes
Knuth shuffle	Ye)
Inserted in AVL tree	765
AVL tree insertion statistics	√e5
Inserted in Red-Black tree	ye s
Red-Black tree insertion statistics	463
Inserted in Skip List	405
Skip List insertion statistics	Yes
Discussion comparing data structures	ye >

1.2 Code and Report Structure

The code is structured around a class for each tree. Each class is contained in its own file. The main.py file runs all the code and executes the project as required.

1.3 Knuth Shuffle

There is not much to say about my implementation of knuth shuffle since there is not much in terms of ways to change the code. However, I will note that my implementation was guided by [1].

```
[]: def knuth_shuffle(array):
    """
    Shuffles the elements of the given array using the Knuth Shuffle algorithm.

Parameters:
    array (list): The array to be shuffled.

Returns:
    None. The array is shuffled in-place.
```

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for index in range(len(array) - 1, 0, -1):
    swap_index = randint(0, index)
    array[index], array[swap_index] = array[swap_index], array[index]
```

1.4 Binary Tree Base Class

My project is all built off of the BinaryTree abstract base class. This class defines all of the methods used throughout the project. These include: - _get_height(self, node) - traverse(self, string) - _in_order_traversal(self, node) - _pre_order_traversal(self, node) - _post_order_traversal(self, node) - is_binary_tree(self) - _is_binary_tree(self, node) - search(self, key) - _search(self, node, key) - get_leaves(self) - _get_leaves(self, node, count)

The explanations of these methods is documented in the code below.

The class also defines the following 2 abstract methods: - insert(self, key) - insertion_steps_and_rotation(self, key)

These abstract methods handle the tree specific insertion and the gathering of statistics related to that version of insertion.

```
[]: from abc import ABC, abstractmethod
     class BinaryTree(ABC):
         def __init__(self):
             self.root = None
         def _get_height(self, node):
             if not node:
                 return 0
             return node.height
         def traverse(self, string):
             Traverses the tree in the specified order.
             Parameters:
             - string (str): The traversal order. Valid values are
             "in_order", "post_order", and "pre_order".
             Returns:
             - None
             Raises:
             - None
             if string.lower() == "in_order":
                 self._in_order_traversal(self.root)
             elif string.lower() == "post_order":
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self._post_order_traversal(self.root)
    elif string.lower() == "pre_order":
        self._pre_order_traversal(self.root)
def _in_order_traversal(self, node):
    if not node:
        return
    self._in_order_traversal(node.left)
    print(node.key)
    self._in_order_traversal(node.right)
def _pre_order_traversal(self, node):
    if not node:
        return
    print(node.key)
    self._pre_order_traversal(node.left)
    self._pre_order_traversal(node.right)
def _post_order_traversal(self, node):
    if not node:
        return
    self._post_order_traversal(node.left)
    self._post_order_traversal(node.right)
    print(node.key)
def is_binary_tree(self):
    return self._is_binary_tree(self.root)
def _is_binary_tree(self, node):
    if node is None:
        return True
    if node.left and node.left.key >= node.key:
        return False
    if node.right and node.right.key <= node.key:</pre>
        return False
    left_is_binary = self._is_binary_tree(node.left)
    right_is_binary = self._is_binary_tree(node.right)
    return left_is_binary and right_is_binary
def search(self, key):
    Search for a node with the given key in the tree.
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Parameters:
    - key: The key to search for.
    Returns:
    - True if found and False if otherwise
    return self._search(self.root, key)
def _search(self, node, key):
    if not node:
        return False
    if key == node.key:
        return True
    if key < node.left:</pre>
        return self._search(node.left, key)
    return self._search(node.right, key)
@abstractmethod
def insert(self, key):
    Inserts a new key into the Tree.
    Args:
        key: The key to be inserted into the Tree.
def get_leaves(self):
    Returns the number of leaves in the tree.
    Returns:
        int: The number of leaves in the tree.
    leaves = 0
    return self._get_leaves(self.root, leaves)
def _get_leaves(self, node, count):
    if not node:
        return count
    if not node.left and not node.right:
        return count + 1
    new_count = self._get_leaves(node.left, count)
    return self._get_leaves(node.right, new_count)
@abstractmethod
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def insertion_steps_and_rotation(self, key):
    """

    Perform an insertion of a key into the tree and return the number
    of steps taken and whether a rotation was performed or not.

Parameters:
    - key: The key to be inserted into the tree.

Returns:
    A tuple containing the number of steps taken during the
    insertion process and 1 if a rotation occurred or 0 otherwise.
    """
```

1.5 AVL

The code for this section can be found below. On top of implementing insertion and extracting the statistics, I also implemented a method that checks whether the tree generated is an AVL tree. This test was heavily inspired by [2].

1.5.1 Insertion

AVL insertion is done by recursively calling the insertion method until the correct insertion place is found. Then while recursively unwinding, the balance factor of the current node is checked by making use of the *_get_height()* method. If the balance factor is not within the correct range, rotations are performed as needed.

1.5.2 Statistics

The statistics were gathered by simply keeping track and returning how many steps it took and whether a rotation was performed or not.

The statistics are as follows:

AVL Tree Insertion Steps Statistics:

Minimum: 10 Maximum: 15

Mean: 13.258741258741258

Standard Deviation: 0.9402053041681981

Median: 13

AVL Tree Rotations Statistics:

Minimum: 0
Maximum: 1

Mean: 0.34965034965034963

Standard Deviation: 0.4770978700669053

Median: 0

AVL Tree Height: 14 AVL Tree Leaves: 2251

```
[]: """
     11 11 11
     from BinaryTree import BinaryTree
     class AVLNode:
         11 11 11
         def __init__(self, key):
             self.key = key
             self.left = None
             self.right = None
             self.height = 0
         def __str__(self):
             return f"{self.key}"
         def set_height(self, new_height):
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             self.height = new_height
     class AVLTree(BinaryTree):
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         def insert(self, key):
             Inserts a new key into the Tree.
             Arqs:
                 key: The key to be inserted into the Tree.
             self.root = self._insert(self.root, key)
         def _insert(self, node, key):
             # Rec cases
             if node is None:
                 return AVLNode(key)
             if key < node.key:</pre>
                 node.left = self._insert(node.left, key)
                 node.right = self._insert(node.right, key)
             # Adjust heights of nodes after insertion and check balancing condition
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height_left = self._get_height(node.left)
      height_right = self._get_height(node.right)
      node.set_height(1 + max(height_left, height_right))
      bal_factor = height_left - height_right
      # Perform rotations if required
      if bal factor > 1:
          # LL or LR
          if key < node.left.key:</pre>
              return self._rotate_right(node)
          node.left = self._rotate_left(node.left)
          return self._rotate_right(node)
      if bal_factor < -1:</pre>
           # RR or RL
          if key >= node.right.key:
              return self._rotate_left(node)
          node.right = self._rotate_right(node.right)
          return self._rotate_left(node)
      return node
  def rotate left(self, node):
      right_tree = node.right
      node.right = right_tree.left
      right_tree.left = node
      # Reset heights
      node.set_height(1 + max(self._get_height(node.left), self.
→_get_height(node.right)))
      right_tree.set_height(1 + max(self._get_height(right_tree.left),
                                     self._get_height(right_tree.right)))
      return right_tree
  def _rotate_right(self, node):
      left_tree = node.left
      node.left = left_tree.right
      left_tree.right = node
      # Reset heights
      node.height = 1 + max(self._get_height(node.left), self.
→_get_height(node.right))
      left_tree.height = 1 + max(self._get_height(left_tree.left),
                                  self._get_height(left_tree.right))
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```
return left_tree
  def insertion_steps_and_rotation(self, key):
      Perform an insertion of a key into the tree and return the number
      of steps taken and whether a rotation was performed or not.
      Parameters:
      - key: The key to be inserted into the tree.
      Returns:
      A tuple containing the number of steps taken during the
      insertion process and 1 if a rotation occured or 0 otherwise.
      self.root, steps, rotation = self._insert_steps_and_rotation(self.root,_
→key)
      return (steps, rotation)
  def _insert_steps_and_rotation(self, node, key):
      # Rec cases
      if node is None:
           return (AVLNode(key), 0, 0)
      if key < node.key:</pre>
           (node.left, steps, rotation) = self._insert_steps_and_rotation(node.
⇔left, key)
      else:
           (node.right, steps, rotation) = self.
→_insert_steps_and_rotation(node.right, key)
       # Adjust heights of nodes after insertion and check balancing condition
      height_left = self._get_height(node.left)
      height_right = self._get_height(node.right)
      node.set_height(1 + max(height_left, height_right))
      bal_factor = height_left - height_right
      # Perform rotations if required
      if bal_factor > 1:
           # LL or LR
           if key < node.left.key:</pre>
               return (self._rotate_right(node), steps + 1, rotation + 1)
           node.left = self._rotate_left(node.left)
           return (self._rotate_right(node), steps + 1, rotation + 1)
      if bal factor < -1:
           # RR or RL
           if key >= node.right.key:
               return (self._rotate_left(node), steps + 1, rotation + 1)
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node.right = self._rotate_right(node.right)
        return (self._rotate_left(node), steps + 1, rotation + 1)
    return (node, steps + 1, rotation)
def is_avl_tree(self):
    return self._is_avl_tree(self.root)
def _is_avl_tree(self, node):
    # subtree is empty
    if not node:
        return True
    # check node has correct height
    height_left = self._get_height(node.left)
    height_right = self._get_height(node.right)
    if node.height != 0:
        if node.height != 1 + max(height_left, height_right):
            return False
    # check balance factor of the node
    bal_factor = height_left - height_right
    if not (bal factor >= -1 and bal factor <= 1):
        return False
    # check circular references
    if node.left is node or node.right is node:
        return False
    left_tree = self._is_avl_tree(node.left)
    right_tree = self._is_avl_tree(node.right)
    return all([left_tree, right_tree])
```

1.6 Red Black Tree

The code for this section can be found below. On top of implementing insertion and extracting the statistics, I also implemented a method that checks whether the tree generated is an valid red black tree. This test was heavily inspired by [3].

1.6.1 Insertion

The method I have chosen for insertion of new nodes is the top-down insertion strategy discussed in the lecture notes. In a nutshell, this strategy never allows a red uncle to exist, adjusting any found when traversing the tree to the desired location.

1.6.2 Statistics

The statistics were gathered in a similar way to the AVL tree. They can be viewed below:

```
RB Tree Insertion Steps Statistics:
Minimum: 12
Maximum: 18
Mean: 14.591408591408591
Standard Deviation: 1.0667174480086627
Median: 15
RB Tree Rotations Statistics:
Minimum: 0
Maximum: 2
Mean: 0.4275724275724276
Standard Deviation: 0.5167194606350732
Median: 0
RB Tree Height: 16
RB Tree Leaves: 2557
```

```
[]: from BinaryTree import BinaryTree
     class RedBlackNode:
         def __init__(self, key, is_red=True, parent=None):
             self.key = key
             self.red = is_red
             self.left = None
             self.right = None
             self.parent = parent
         def is_red(self):
             return self.red
     class RedBlackTree(BinaryTree):
         def insert(self, key):
             self._insert(self.root, key)
         def _insert(self, node, key):
             parent = None
             current_node = node
             while True:
                 # insert here
                 if current_node is None:
                     current_node = RedBlackNode(key, parent=parent)
                     # new node is root
                     if not current_node.parent:
                         current_node.red = False
                         self.root = current_node
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else:
                # set parents pointer to new node
                if current_node.key < parent.key:</pre>
                    parent.left = current_node
                else:
                    parent.right = current_node
                # check for conflicts
                if parent.red:
                    self._resolve_problems(current_node)
            break
        parent = current_node.parent
        # remove red uncles
        if not current_node.red:
            # black node with red children
            if current_node.left and current_node.left.red:
                if current_node.right and current_node.right.red:
                    current_node.left.red = False
                    current_node.right.red = False
                    if parent:
                         current_node.red = True
                    # check for red red violations and then rotate
                    if parent and parent.red:
                        self._resolve_problems(current_node)
        parent = current_node
        if key < current_node.key:</pre>
            current_node = current_node.left
        else:
            current_node = current_node.right
def _left_rotate(self, node):
    right_child = node.right
    node.right = right_child.left
    if right_child.left:
        right_child.left.parent = node
    right_child.parent = node.parent
    if not node.parent:
        self.root = right_child
    elif node == node.parent.left:
        node.parent.left = right_child
```

```
else:
        node.parent.right = right_child
    right_child.left = node
    node.parent = right_child
def _right_rotate(self, node):
    left_child = node.left
    node.left = left_child.right
    if left_child.right:
        left_child.right.parent = node
    left_child.parent = node.parent
    if not node.parent:
        self.root = left_child
    elif node == node.parent.left:
        node.parent.left = left_child
    else:
        node.parent.right = left_child
    left_child.right = node
    node.parent = left_child
def _resolve_problems(self, node):
    parent = node.parent
    grandparent = parent.parent
    # check for inside
    if parent is grandparent.left and node is parent.right:
        self._left_rotate(parent)
        parent = node
    elif parent is grandparent.right and node is parent.left:
        self._right_rotate(parent)
        parent = node
    # check for outside
    if parent is grandparent.left:
        self._right_rotate(grandparent)
        parent.red = not parent.red
        grandparent.red = not grandparent.red
    elif parent is grandparent.right:
        self._left_rotate(grandparent)
        parent.red = not parent.red
        grandparent.red = not grandparent.red
```

```
if not parent.parent:
        self.root = parent
        parent.red = False
def insertion_steps_and_rotation(self, key):
    return self._insertion_steps_and_rotation(self.root, key, 0, 0)
def _insertion_steps_and_rotation(self, node, key, steps, rotations):
    parent = None
    current node = node
    while True:
        steps += 1
        # insert here
        if current_node is None:
            current_node = RedBlackNode(key, parent=parent)
            # new node is root
            if not current_node.parent:
                current_node.red = False
                self.root = current_node
            else:
                # set parents pointer to new node
                if current_node.key < parent.key:</pre>
                    parent.left = current_node
                else:
                    parent.right = current_node
                # check for conflicts
                if parent.red:
                    self._resolve_problems(current_node)
                    rotations += 1
            break
        parent = current_node.parent
        # remove red uncles
        if not current_node.red:
            # black node with red children
            if current_node.left and current_node.left.red:
                if current_node.right and current_node.right.red:
                    current_node.left.red = False
                    current_node.right.red = False
                    if parent:
                        current_node.red = True
                    # check for red red violations and then rotate
                    if parent and parent.red:
                        self._resolve_problems(current_node)
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```
rotations += 1
          parent = current_node
          if key < current_node.key:</pre>
               current_node = current_node.left
          else:
              current_node = current_node.right
      return (steps, rotations)
  def is rb tree(self):
      return self._is_rb_tree(self.root)[0]
  def _is_rb_tree(self, node):
      if not node: # if node is a leaf, check #3
          return True, 1
      if not node.parent and node.red: # If node is the root, check #2
          return False, 0
      if node.red: # if node is red, check #4
          n blacks = 0
          if (node.left and node.left.red) or (node.right and node.right.red):
              return False, -1
      else: # else, the number of black nodes to the leaves includes the
⇔same node
          n_blacks = 1
      # Check the subtrees for #5
      right, n_blacks_right = self._is_rb_tree(node.right)
      left, n_blacks_left = self._is_rb_tree(node.left)
      return all([right, left, n_blacks_right == n_blacks_left]), __
→n_blacks_right + n_blacks
  def get_height(self):
      return self._get_height(self.root)
  def _get_height(self, node):
      if not node:
          return 0
      left_height = self._get_height(node.left)
      right_height = self._get_height(node.right)
      return 1 + max(left_height, right_height)
```

1.7 Skip Lists

the implementation for this section can be viewed below. It was heavily inspired by [4-7] along with the lecture notes.

1.7.1 Insertion

Insertion is done by following the following steps:

- 1. Create a New Node: It initializes a new node (new node) with a value and a random height.
- 2. Update Max Height and Head: It updates the maximum height of the skip list and ensures that the head node's next and previous lists are long enough to accommodate the new node's height.
- 3. Find Insertion Point: Starting from the highest level, it traverses the skip list to find the correct position for the new node. It moves forward at each level until it finds the right spot where the current node's next value is greater than or equal to the new node's value.
- 4. Update Pointers: For each level up to the new node's height, it adjusts the next and previous pointers to insert the new node. If the new node isn't at the end of the list at a given level, it also updates the previous pointer of the next node to point back to the new node.

1.7.2 Statistics

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The insertion statistics are as follows: Skip List Insertion Steps Statistics:
Minimum: 3
Maximum: 25
Mean: 12.952047952047952
Standard Deviation: 3.475586037159532
Median: 13
Skip List Promotions Statistics:
Minimum: 0
Maximum: 11
Mean: 1.040959040959041
Standard Deviation: 1.4259455386937747
```

Skip List Levels: 14

Median: 1

```
class SkipNode:
    def __init__(self, height = 1, value = None):
        self.value = value
        self.next = [None] * height
        self.previous = [None] * height

        def __lt__(self, other):
        if isinstance(other, SkipNode):
            return self.value < other.value
        elif isinstance(other, int):</pre>
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return self.value < other
        return NotImplemented
    def __le__(self, other):
        if isinstance(other, SkipNode):
            return self.value <= other.value</pre>
        elif isinstance(other, int):
            return self.value <= other</pre>
        return NotImplemented
    def __gt__(self, other):
        if isinstance(other, SkipNode):
            return self.value > other.value
        elif isinstance(other, int):
            return self.value > other
        return NotImplemented
    def __ge__(self, other):
        if isinstance(other, SkipNode):
            return self.value >= other.value
        elif isinstance(other, int):
            return self.value >= other
        return NotImplemented
    def __eq__(self, other):
        if isinstance(other, SkipNode):
            return self.value == other.value
        elif isinstance(other, int):
            return self.value == other
        return NotImplemented
    def __ne__(self, other):
        if isinstance(other, SkipNode):
            return self.value != other.value
        elif isinstance(other, int):
            return self.value != other
        return NotImplemented
class Head(SkipNode):
    def __lt__(self, other):
        return True
    def __le__(self, other):
        return True
    def __gt__(self, other):
        return False
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```
def __ge__(self, other):
        return False
    def __eq__(self, other):
        return False
    def __ne__(self, other):
        return True
class SkipList:
    def __init__(self):
        self.head = Head()
        self.len = 0
        self.max_height = 0
    def __len__(self):
        return self.len
    def _get_new_height(self):
        height = 1
        while randint(0, 1) == 0:
            height += 1
        return height
    def insert(self, value):
        new_node = SkipNode(self._get_new_height(), value)
        head = self.head
        # update max height and head next values
        self.max_height = max(self.max_height, len(new_node.next))
        while len(head.next) < len(new_node.next):</pre>
            head.next.append(None)
            head.previous.append(None)
        # find the correct place at each level
        current_node = self.head
        for level in reversed(range(self.max_height)):
            while current node.next[level] and current node.next[level] < value:
                current_node = current_node.next[level]
            # update next and previous pointers
            if level < len(new_node.next):</pre>
                new_node.previous[level] = current_node
                new_node.next[level] = current_node.next[level]
                current_node.next[level] = new_node
                # Node isn't at the end of a list
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if new_node.next[level]:
                next_node = new_node.next[level]
                next_node.previous[level] = new_node
def insert_steps_and_promotions(self, value):
    steps = 0
    promotions = self._get_new_height()
    new_node = SkipNode(promotions, value)
    head = self.head
    # update max height and head next values
    self.max_height = max(self.max_height, len(new_node.next))
    while len(head.next) < len(new_node.next):</pre>
        head.next.append(None)
        head.previous.append(None)
    # find the correct place at each level
    current_node = self.head
    for level in reversed(range(self.max_height)):
        while current_node.next[level] and current_node.next[level] < value:
            current_node = current_node.next[level]
            steps += 1
        # update next and previous pointers
        if level < len(new node.next):</pre>
            new node.previous[level] = current node
            new_node.next[level] = current_node.next[level]
            current node.next[level] = new node
            # Node isn't at the end of a list
            if new node.next[level]:
                next_node = new_node.next[level]
                next_node.previous[level] = new_node
    # promotions - 1 because by default it will be in the bottom list
    return (steps, promotions - 1)
```

1.8 Statistical Analysis

My answer to the question "which data structure would you implement in real life" is not a simple x or y. The choice depends on specific use-case requirements such as insertion speed, search efficiency, and ease of implementation.

Each data structure has its strengths:

- AVL Tree: Best for strict balancing and predictable performance.
- Red-Black Tree: Good for guaranteed balanced operations with slightly higher complexity.
- Skip List: Suitable for simpler implementation and concurrent access scenarios with probabilistic balance.

Therefore, from my statistics I would recommend the following:

- AVL Tree: Suitable for scenarios requiring consistently balanced trees with efficient search and insert operations, particularly where minimal rotations are desirable.
- Red-Black Tree: Ideal for applications needing guaranteed balancing with slightly higher complexity but ensuring balanced structure.
- Skip List: Beneficial for applications needing fast average-case performance with simpler implementation and probabilistic balancing, especially in concurrent settings.

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