Algorithms and Datastructures Linked Lists, Binary Search Trees

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Structure

Sorted Sequences

Linked Lists

Binary Search Trees

Introduction

Structure:

- We have a set of keys mapped to values
- ▶ We have a ordering | applied to the keys
- ▶ We need the following operations:
 - ▶ insert(key, value): Insert the given pair
 - ▶ remove(key): Remove the pair with the given key
 - ▶ lookup(key): Find the element with the given key, if it is not available find the element with the smallest key ¿key
 - next()/previous(): Returns the element with the next bigger/smaller key. This enables iteration over all elements.

Introduction

Application examples:

- ► Example: Database for books, products or apartments
- Large number of records (data sets / tuples)
- Typical query: Return all apartments with a monthly rent between 400€ and 600€
 - This is called a range query
 - We can implement this with a combination of lookup(key) and next()
 - It's not essential if an apartments exists with exactly 400€ monthly rent
- We do not want to sort all elements every time on an insert operation
- How could we implement this?

Implementation 1 (not good) - Static Array

Static array:

| 3 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 18 | 21 | 26 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 46 | |
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- ▶ lookup in time $O(\log n)$
 - with binary search
 - ► Example: lookup(41)
- ▶ next / previous in time O(1)
 - ▶ They are next to each other
- ▶ insert and remove up to $\Theta(n)$
 - ▶ We have to copy up to *n* elements

Implementation 2 (bad) - Hash Table

Hash map:

- ▶ insert and remove in O(1)
 - If the hash table is big enough and we use a good hash function
- ▶ lookup in time O(1)
 - if element with exactly this key exists, otherwise we get None as result
- ▶ next / previous in time up to $\Theta(n)$
 - The order of the elements is independent of the order of the keys

Implementation 3 (good?) - Linked List

Linked list:

- Runtimes for doubly linked lists:
 - ▶ next / previous in time O(1)
 - insert and remove in O(1)
 - ▶ lookup in time $\Theta(n)$
- Not yet what we want, but structure is related to binary search trees
- Lets have a closer look

Introduction

Linked list:

- Dynamic datastructure
- Number of elements changeable
- Data elements can be simple types or composed datastructures
- Elements are linked through references / pointer to the predecessor / successor
- Single / Doubly linked lists possible

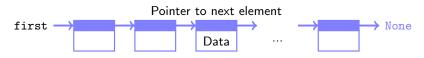


Figure: Linked list

Introduction

Properties in comparison to an array:

- Minimal extra space for storing pointer
- ▶ We do not need to copy elements on insert or remove
- The number of elements can be simply modified
- No direct access of elements
 - ⇒ We have to iterate over the list

Variation

List with head / last element pointer:

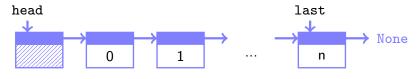


Figure: Singly linked list

- Head element has pointer to first list element
- May also hold additional information:
 - Number of elements

Variation

Doubly linked list:



Figure: Doubly linked list

- Pointer to successor element
- ▶ Pointer to predecessor element
- ▶ Iterate forward and backward

Implementation - Node/Element - Java

```
public class Listelem
{ //2 fields: integer and reference
    //private only available in class
    private int data;
    private Listelem next;
    //2 constructors: for instance of class
    public Listelem(int d)
    { data = d; next = null; }
    public Listelem(int d, Listnode n)
    { data = d; next = n; }
    //adopted from Mary K. Vernon
    //Introduction to Data Structures
```

}

Implementation - Node/Element - Java

```
//Function to read and write private fields
public int getData() {return data; }
public void setData(int d) { data = d; }

public Listelem getNext() { return next; }
public void setNext(Listelem n) { next = n; }

//Integer represents possible data, e.g.
//self defined refence datatypes
```

Implementation - Node/Element - C++

```
class Listelem
private:
 int data;
  Listelem* next; //Pointer instead of reference
public:
  Listelem(int d)
  { data = d; next = NULL; }
  Listelem(int d, Listelem* n)
  { data = d; next = n; }
```

}

Implementation - Node/Element - C++

```
int getData() { return data; }
void setData(int d) {data = d; }

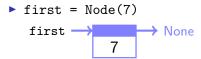
Listelem* getNext() { return next; }
void setNext(Listelem* n) { next = n; }
```

Implementation - Node/Element - Python

```
class Node:
    """ Defines a node of a singly linked
        list.
    0.00
    def __init__(self, value, nextNode):
        self.value = value
        self.nextNode = nextNode
    def __init__(self, value):
        self.value = value;
        self.nextNode = None
```

Usage examples

Creating linked lists - Python:



first.nextNode = Node(3)

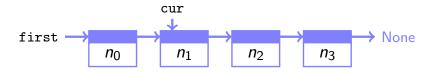
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
\text{first} & \longrightarrow & \text{None} \\
\hline
7 & 3 & \end{array}$$

first.nextNode.value = 4

first
$$\rightarrow$$
 7 4 None

Implementation - Insert

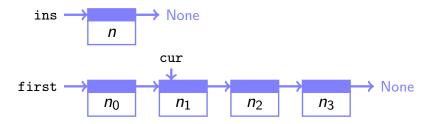
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Implementation - Insert

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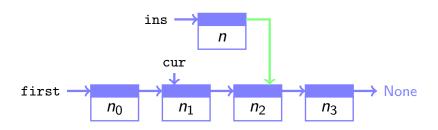
▶ ins = Node(n)



Implementation - Insert

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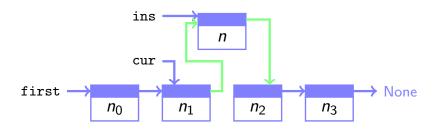
ins.nextNode = cur.nextNode



Implementation - Insert

Inserting a node after node cur:

cur.nextNode = ins

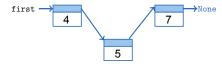


Implementation - Insert

Inserting a node after node cur - single line of code:

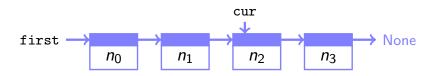


cur.nextNode = Node (value ,cur.nextNode)



Implementation - Remove

Removing a node cur:



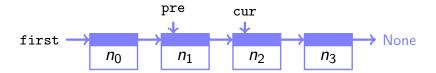
Implementation - Remove

Removing a node cur:

▶ Find the predecessor of cur:

```
pre = first
while pre.nextNode != cur:
    pre = pre.nextNode
```

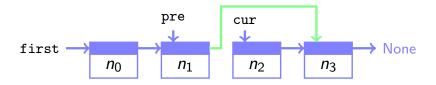
- Runtime of O(n)
- Does not work for first node!



Implementation - Remove

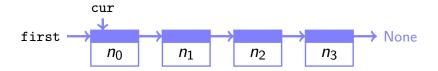
Removing a node cur:

- Update the pointer to the next element: pre.nextNode = cur.nextNode
- cur will get automatically destroyed if no more references exist (cur=None)

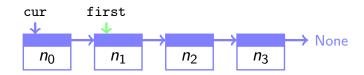


Implementation - Remove

Removing the first node:



- Update the pointer to the next element:
 - first = first.nextNode
- cur will get automaticly destroyed if no more references exist (cur=None)



Implementation - Remove

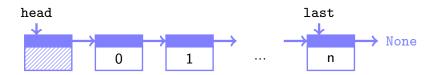
```
Removing a node cur: (General case)
if cur == first:
    first = first.nextNode
else:
    pre = first
    while pre.nextNode != cur:
        pre = pre.nextNode

pre.nextNode = cur.nextNode
```

Implementation - Head Node

Using a head node:

- Advantage:
 - Deleting the first node is no special case
- Disadvantage
 - ▶ We have to consider the first node at other operations
 - Iterating all nodes
 - Counting of all nodes
 - **.** . . .



Implementation - LinkedList - Python

```
class LinkedList:
    def __init__(self):
        self.itemCount = 0
        self.head = Node()
        self.last = self.head
    def size(self):
        return self.itemCount
    def isEmpty(self):
        return self.itemCount == 0
```

Implementation - LinkedList - Python

```
def append(self, value):
def insertAfter(self, cur, value):
def remove(self, cur):
def get(self, position):
def contains(self, value):
```

Implementation - LinkedList - Java

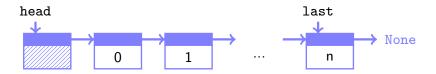
```
/**
 * A singly linked list with data type int.
 */
public class LinkedList {
    private long itemCount;
    private Node head;
    private Node last;
    public LinkedList() {
        itemCount = 0;
        head = new Node();
        last = head;
```

Implementation - LinkedList - Java

```
public int size() {
        return itemCount;
    public boolean isEmpty() {
        return (itemCount == 0);
public void add (int data) { ... }
    public void insertAfter(Node cur, int data)
        { ... }
    public void remove(Node cur) { ... }
    public Node get(int position) { ... }
    public boolean contains( int data) { ... }
}
```

Implementation

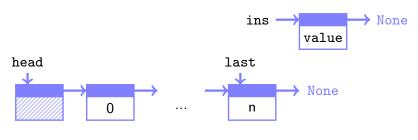
Head, last:



- Head points to the first node, last to the last node
- We can append elements to the end of the list in O(1) through the last node
- We have to keep the pointer to last updated after all operations

Implementation - Append

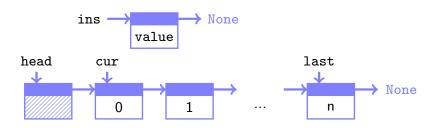
Appending an element:



- def append(self, value):
 last.nextNode = Node(value)
 last = last.NextNode
 itemCount += 1
- ▶ The pointer to last avoids the iteration of the whole list

Implementation - Insert After

Inserting after node cur:



Implementation - Insert After

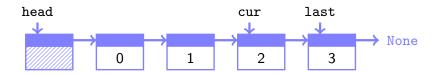
Inserting after node cur:

The pointer to head is not modified

```
def insertAfter(self, cur, value):
    if cur == last:
        # also update last node
        append(value)
    else:
        # last node is not modified
        cur.nextNode = Node(value, \
            cur.nextNode)
        itemCount += 1
```

Implementation - Remove

Remove node cur:



Implementation - Remove

Remove node cur:

▶ Searching the predecessor in O(n)

```
def remove(self, cur):
    pre = first
    while pre.nextNode != cur:
        pre = pre.nextNode

    pre.nextNode = cur.nextNode
    itemCount -= 1

if pre.nextNode == None:
    last = pre
```

Implementation - Get

Getting a reference to node at pos:

Iterate the entries of the list until at position (O(n))

```
def get(self, pos):
    if pos < 0 or pos >= itemCount:
        return None

    cur = head
    for i in range(0, pos):
        cur = cur.nextNode

    return cur
```

Implementation - Contains

Searching a value:

- ▶ First element is head without an assigned value
- ▶ Iterate the entries of the list until value found (O(n))

```
def contains(self, value):
    cur = head

for i in range(0, itemCount):
    cur = cur.nextNode
    if cur.value == value:
        return true

return false
```

Runtime

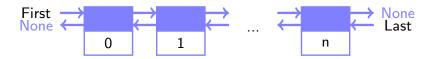
Runtime:

- Singly linked list:
 - ▶ next in *O*(1)
 - ▶ previous in $\Theta(n)$
 - ▶ insert in O(1)
 - ▶ remove in $\Theta(n)$
 - ▶ lookup in $\Theta(n)$
- ► Better with doubly linked lists

Doubly Linked List

Doubly linked list:

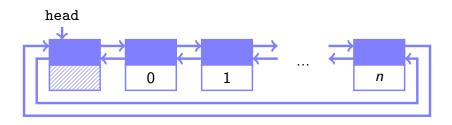
- ► Each node has a reference to its successor and its predecessor
- We can iterate the list forward and backward



Doubly Linked List

Doubly linked list:

- ▶ It is helpful to have a head node
- ▶ We only need one head node if we connect the list cyclic



Runtime

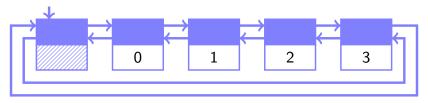
Runtime:

- Doubly linked list:
 - ▶ next and previous in O(1)
 - each element has a pointer to pred-/sucessor
 - insert and remove in O(1)
 - a constant number of pointers needs to be modified
 - ▶ lookup in $\Theta(n)$
 - Even if the elements are sorted we can only retrieve them in Θ(n). Why?

List in real program

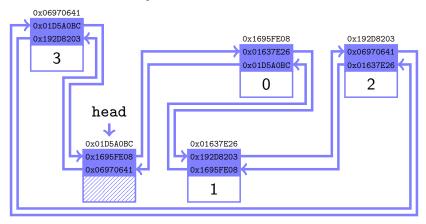
Linked list in book:





List in real program

Linked list in memory:



Introduction

Runtime of a search tree:

- ▶ next and previous in O(1)
 - pointers corresponding to linked list
- ▶ insert and remove in O(log n)
 - ▶ We will see why
- ▶ lookup in O(log n)
 - The structure helps searching efficiently

Introduction

Idea:

- ▶ We define a total order for the search tree
- All nodes of the left subtree have smaller keys than the current node
- All nodes of the right subtree have bigger keys than the current node

Introduction

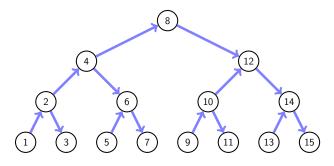


Figure: A binary search tree

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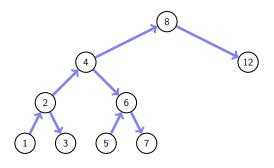


Figure: Another binary search tree

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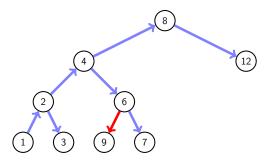
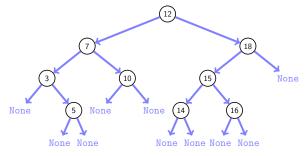


Figure: Not a binary search tree

Implementation

Implementation:

- ▶ For the heap we had all elements stored in an array
- Here we link all nodes through pointer / references, like linked lists
- Each node has a pointer / reference to its children (leftChild / rightChild)
- Null for missing children



Implementation

Implementation:

- We create a sorted doubly linked list of all elements
- This enables an efficient implementation of (next / previous)

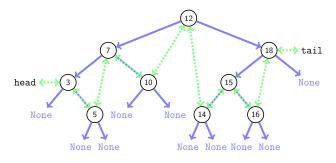


Figure: Binary search tree with links

Implementation - Lookup

Lookup:

- Definition:
 - "Search the element with the given key. If no element is found return the element with the next (bigger) key."
- We search from the root downwards:
 - Compare the searched key with the key of the node
 - Go to the left / right until the child is None or the key is found
 - ▶ If the key is not found return the next bigger one

Implementation - Lookup

For each node applies the total order:

keys of left subtree | node.key | keys of right subtree

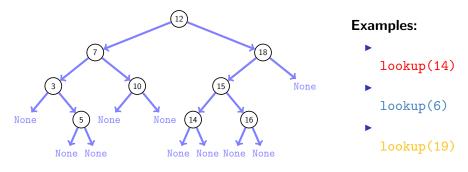


Figure: Binary search tree with total order "¡"

Implementation - Insert

Insert:

- We search for the key in our search tree
- ▶ If a node is found we replace the value with the new one
- Else we insert a new node
- ▶ If the key was not present we get a None entry
- We insert the node there

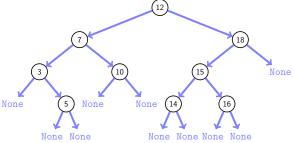


Figure: Binary search tree with total order "i"

Implementation - Remove

Remove: Case 1: The node "5" has no children

- ► Find parent of node "5" ("6")
- Set left / right child of node "6" to None depending on position of node "5"

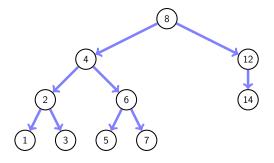


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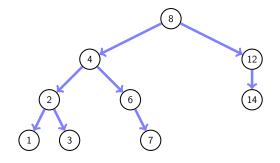


Figure: Binary search tree after deleting node "5"

Implementation - Remove

Remove: Case 2: The node "12" has one child

- ► Find the child of node "12" ("14")
- ▶ Find the parent of node "12" ("8")
- ➤ Set left / right child of node "8" to "14" depending on position of node "12" (skip node "14")

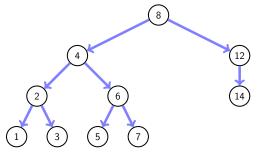


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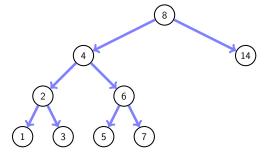
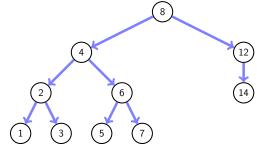


Figure: Binary search tree after delting node "12"

Implementation - Remove

Remove: Case 3: The node "4" has two children

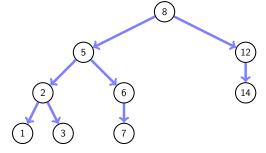
- ► Find the successor of node "4" ("5")
- ▶ Replace the value of node "4" with the value of node "5"
- ▶ Delete node "5" (the successor of node "4") with remove-case 1 or 2
- ► There is no left node because we are deleting the predecessor



Implementation - Remove

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Runtime Complexity

How long takes insert and lookup?

- ▶ Up to $\Theta(d)$, with d being the depth of the tree (The longest path from the root to a leaf)
- ▶ Best case with $d = \log n$ the runtime is $\Theta(\log n)$
- ▶ Worst case with d = n the runtime is $\Theta(n)$
- ▶ If we always want to have a runtime of $\Theta(\log n)$ then we have to rebalance the tree

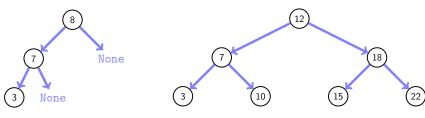


Figure: Degenerated binary tree d = n

Figure: Complete binary tree $d = \log n$

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