

Algorithms and Datastructures

Linked Lists, Binary Search Trees

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Structure

Sorted Sequences

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Sorted Sequences

Introduction

Structure:

- ▶ We have a set of **keys** mapped to **values**
- ▶ We have a ordering **i** 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 next smallest key
 - ▶ **next()/previous()**: Returns the element with the next bigger/smaller **key**. This enables iteration over all elements

Sorted Sequences

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?

Sorted Sequences

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

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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 $\Theta(n)$

Order of the elements is independent of the order of the keys

Sorted Sequences

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
- ▶ Let's have a closer look

Linked Lists

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

Linked Lists

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

Linked Lists

Variants

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

Linked Lists

Variants

Doubly linked list:



Figure: Doubly linked list

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

Linked Lists

Implementation - Node/Element - Python

```
class Node:
    """ Defines a node of a singly linked
        list.
    """

    def __init__(self, value, nextNode):
        self.value = value
        self.nextNode = nextNode

    def __init__(self, value):
        self.value = value;
        self.nextNode = None
```

Linked Lists

Usage examples

Creating linked lists - Python:

- ▶ `first = Node(7)`



- ▶ `first.nextNode = Node(3)`



- ▶ `first.nextNode.value = 4`



Linked Lists

Implementation - Insert

Inserting a node after node cur:

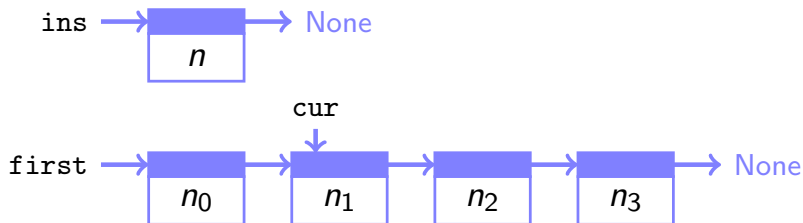


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Implementation - Insert

Inserting a node after node cur:

► `ins = Node(n)`



Linked Lists

Implementation - Insert

Inserting a node after node cur:

► `ins.nextNode = cur.nextNode`



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Implementation - Insert

Inserting a node after node `cur`:

► `cur.nextNode = ins`



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Implementation - Insert

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



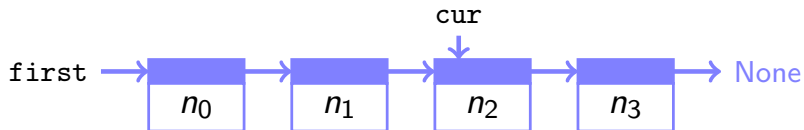
► `cur.nextNode = Node(value, cur.nextNode)`



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Implementation - Remove

Removing a node `cur`:



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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!



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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`)



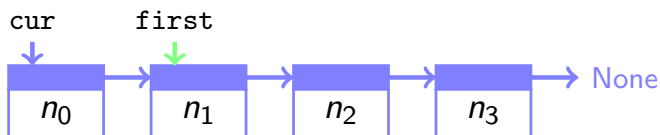
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Implementation - Remove

Removing the first node:



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



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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
```

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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
 - ▶ ...



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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
```

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Implementation - LinkedList - Python

```
def append(self, value):
```

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...
```

```
def insertAfter(self, cur, value):
```

```
...
```

```
def remove(self, cur):
```

```
...
```

```
def get(self, position):
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...
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```
def contains(self, value):
```

```
...
```

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Implementation

Head, last:

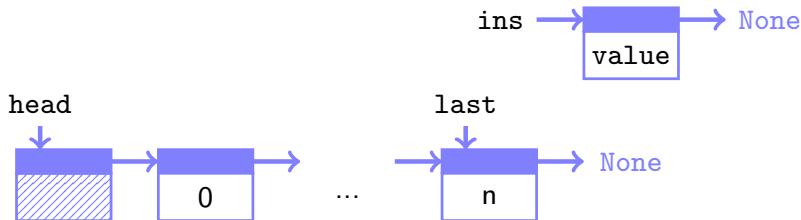


- ▶ Head points to the first node, last to the last node
- ▶ We can append elements to the end of the list in $O(1)$ through the last node
- ▶ We have to keep the pointer to last updated after all operations

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Implementation - Append

Appending an element:



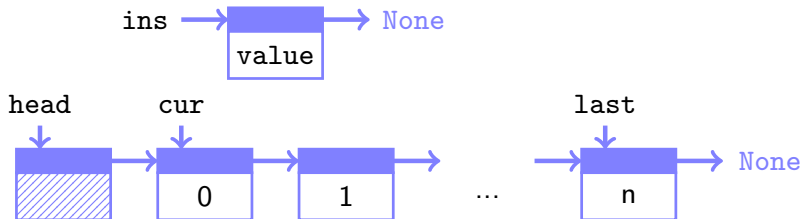
```
def append(self, value):  
    last.nextNode = Node(value)  
    last = last.NextNode  
    itemCount += 1
```

- ▶ The pointer to last avoids the iteration of the whole list

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Implementation - Insert After

Inserting after node cur:



Linked Lists

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
```

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Implementation - Remove

Remove node `cur`:



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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
```


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Implementation - Get

Getting a reference to node at pos:

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

```
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
```

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Implementation - Contains

Searching a value:

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

```
def contains(self, value):  
    cur = head  
  
    for i in range(0, itemCount):  
        cur = cur.nextNode  
        if cur.value == value:  
            return True  
  
    return False
```

Linked Lists

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

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

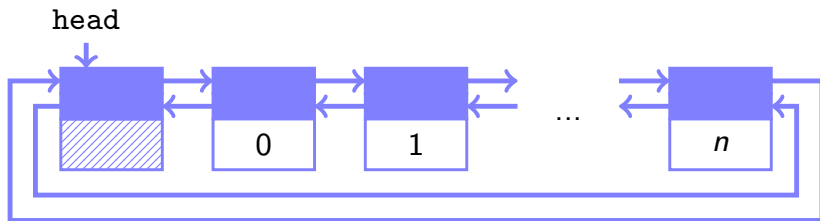


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Doubly Linked List

Doubly linked list:

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



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Runtime

Runtime of 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 $\Theta(n)$ Why?

Linked Lists

List in real program

Linked list in book:



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List in real program

Linked list in memory:



Binary Search Trees

Introduction

Runtime of a search tree:

- ▶ `next` and `previous` in $O(1)$

Pointers corresponding to linked list

- ▶ `insert` and `remove` in $O(\log n)$

- ▶ `lookup` in $O(\log n)$

The structure helps searching efficiently

Binary Search Trees

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

Binary Search Trees

Introduction

- Edge direction indicates ordering

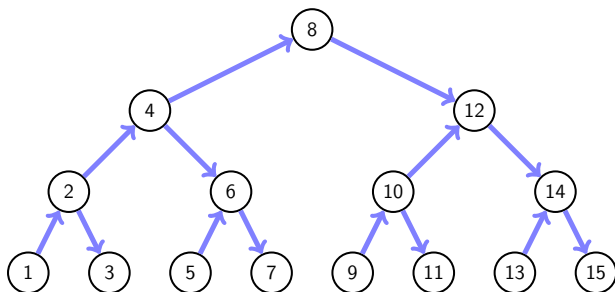


Figure: A binary search tree

Binary Search Trees

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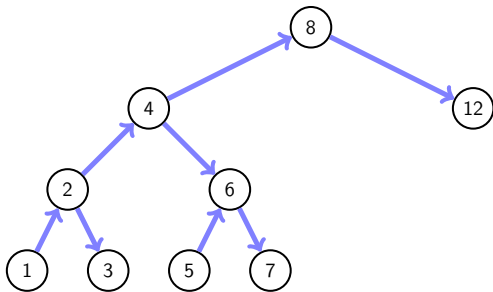


Figure: Another binary search tree

Binary Search Trees

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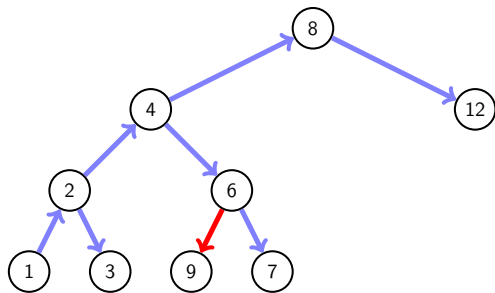


Figure: **Not** a binary search tree

Binary Search Trees

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`)
- ▶ `None` for missing children



Binary Search Trees

Implementation

Implementation:

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

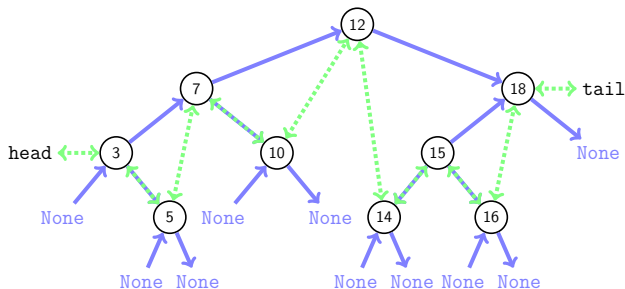


Figure: Binary search tree with links

Binary Search Trees

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

Binary Search Trees

Implementation - Lookup

For each node applies the total order:

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



Examples:

`lookup(14)`

`lookup(6)`

`lookup(19)`

Figure: Binary search tree with total order “`i`”

Binary Search Trees

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”

Binary Search Trees

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"

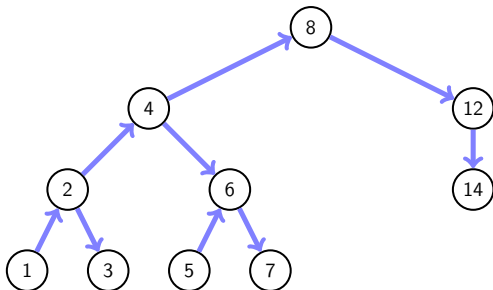


Figure: Binary search tree with total order "i"

Binary Search Trees

Implementation - Remove

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Figure: Binary search tree after deleting node "5"

Binary Search Trees

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")



Figure: Binary search tree with total order "i"

Binary Search Trees

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")

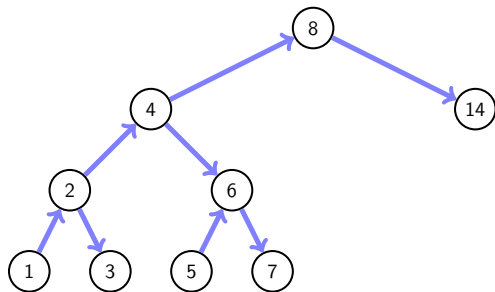


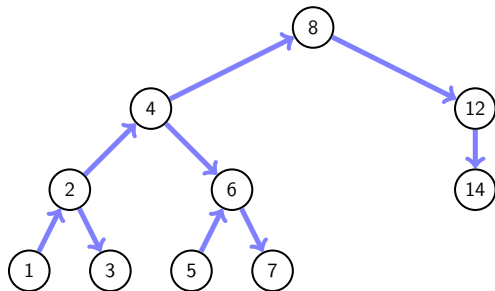
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Binary Search Trees

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**



Binary Search Trees

Implementation - Remove

Remove: Case 3: The node “4” has two children

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- ▶ There is no left node because we are deleting the **predecessor**



Binary Search Trees

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

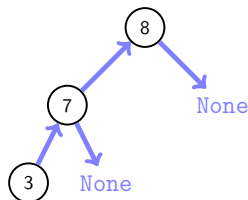


Figure: Degenerated binary tree $d = n$

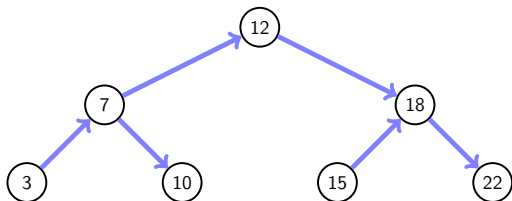


Figure: Complete binary tree $d = \log n$

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