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Linked lists

- Advantages
 - No fixed mem allocation
 - Insert and delete: just updates the next pointer
 - Easily implement structures like stacks and queues
- Disadvantages
 - Mem usage: next node req more mem, not friendly to processor caches, slightly less mem efficient than arrays
 - Traversal: can't randomly access must traverse all of them, reverse traversing is difficult in singly linked lists - easy in double but the prev pointer takes more mem
- Circular singly linked
 - Tail linked back to head
- Doubly linked list
 - Prev and next pointers
 - Sentinel nodes
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 - Dummy nodes at head and tail
 - They mark the beginning and end of the list

Singly linked lists

- Constructor
 - Allocate for a single node, duplicate
- Destructor
 - Free node
- LL delete
 - Walk the list and delete nodes
- Lookup
 - Start at head and traverse until value found
 - Worst case: not there
 - $O(n)$
- Insertion
 - $O(n)$
 - Check if already there, create node, this becomes the new head
- Printing
 - Traverse and print node
- Removing
 - Track current and previous nodes
- Move to front
 - Track curr and prev
 - Find the node, move to head

Linked list stacks

Linked list queues

Doubly linked lists

- Prepending

- Insert at head
- Connect to tail correctly
- Appending
 - Insert at tail
 - Connect to head correctly
- Inserting
- Popping
 - Disconnect and return head
- Dropping
 - Disconnect and return tail

Communication

- Information source
 - Produce message to be communicated to receiving terminal
 - Various forms of messages
- Transmitter
 - Operates on message to produce signal suitable for transmission over the channel
 - Compression and or encryption
- Channel
 - Medium that signal is transmitted through
- Receiver
 - Performs inverse of transmitter
 - Decompression or decryption
- Destination

Entropy

- Measure of uncertainty of the occurrence of an event
- Formula
- Least and most entropy
- Ex:
 - AAAA: guessing right has no entropy (no randomness)
 - AABC: A has the least entropy
 - AAAD: D has the most entropy
- Like asking the avg number of questions needed to correctly guess
- ABCD: 2 Qs asked

Run-length coding

- Repeated data
- Runs of repeated data
- Aabb is a2b2

Huffman coding

- David A. Huffman
- Assigning each symbol a unique bit-string code

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Trees

Node

- Smallest entity in tree

Root

- If null the tree is empty

Leaf

- Has no children (both children null)

Four traversals

- Preorder
 - Root, all the way down left, right
- Inorder
 - Left, root, right
 - Sorted tree if children are xxxx
- Postorder
 - Left right root
 - Stack order
- Level order
 - Across levels left to right

Successor: next node in some order

Predecessor: previous node in some order

Well defined for preorder, inorder and postorder

Binary search tree

- Ordered tree
- Want a balanced tree
- Less than node goes left, greater than node goes right

Bad tree n nodes down, depth is n

Balanced tree has $\log n$ depth

Find stuff

- Binary search tree: leftmost node
- Max: rightmost node

Time complexity

- Balanced tree
 - $O(\log n)$
- Imbalanced
 - $O(n)$

Height funct

Check if balanced funct: if height of both sides doesn't differ by more than 1

Find key

- Current node greater than key
 - Recursively find the key in left subtree
- Current node less than key
 - Find in right subtree recursively
- Current matches

- Found the key

Inserting

- Current node null
 - Create new node as root
- Current node greater than key
 - Insert key in left recursively
- Current node less than key
 - Insert right recursively

Removing

- Follow DFS (depth first search) to find the node
- Node to removing is missing left child
- Node to remove is missing right child
- Node to remove has two children

Delta tree

- Postorder traversal
- Delete left right recursively
- Then root

Data compression

Communication

Information source

- Produce a message to be communicated with the receiving terminal
- Digital data to waves
- Message forms
 - Symbols
 - Time and variables

Transmitter

Channel

- Medium through which a signal is transmitted
- Ex
 - Radio freq, light, cables, wires

Receiver

- Wave to digital

Destination

Entropy

- Measure about uncertainty of an event
- Probabilities
- Run length encoding
 - Split message into seq of identical symbols
 - Seq called a run
 - $AAB \rightarrow A2B1$
- Huffman
 - Histogram of symbols and freq

- Priority queue
 - Lower freq higher priority
 - Least popular at the top
- Huffman tree
- Increase entropy