

Lab Experiment No. 7

Objective

Implementation and analysis of Splay Trees and comparison with basic data structures.

Theory

Splay Trees are a type of self-adjusting binary search tree where recently accessed elements are moved to the root through a process called **splaying**. This ensures that frequently accessed elements are quick to access again, improving performance in real-world scenarios with non-uniform access patterns.

Each operation (search, insertion, deletion) involves a **splay** step to bring the accessed node to the root. This adaptive nature can lead to amortized time complexities of $O(\log n)$.

Splay Trees are often compared to:

- Binary Search Trees (BST)
- AVL Trees
- Red-Black Trees because of their dynamic balancing characteristics.

Algorithm:

1. Splay Operation (Core Mechanism)

Input: Node x to be accessed

Output: Node x becomes the new root

Steps:

1. While x is not the root:
 - Let p be the parent of x and g the grandparent of x (if it exists).
 - Depending on the relationship between x, p, and g, perform one of the following:
 - **Zig** (single rotation): x is child of root (p is root).
 - **Zig-Zig** (double rotation): x and p are both left or both right children.
 - **Zig-Zag** (double rotation): x is a left child and p is a right child, or vice versa.
2. Continue until x is the root.

2. Search Operation

Input: Key k

Output: Node with key k, or NULL if not found.

Steps:

1. Traverse the tree as in a standard BST search.
2. If node with key k is found or a leaf is reached:
 - **Splay** the last accessed node to the root.
3. Return the result.

3. Insert Operation

Input: Key k, Value v

Output: Updated tree with new node inserted.

Steps:

1. If tree is empty, insert the node as root.
2. Else:
 - Traverse as in a BST to find the insertion point.
 - Insert the new node as a leaf.
 - **Splay** the newly inserted node to the root.

4. Delete Operation

Input: Key k

Output: Updated tree with node removed.

Steps:

1. Search for the node with key k.
2. If found:
 - **Splay** the node to the root.
 - If the left and right subtrees exist:
 - Save a reference to the right subtree.
 - Remove the root.
 - Splay the maximum node of the left subtree to the root.
 - Attach the saved right subtree as the new root's right child.
 - If only one subtree exists, make it the new root.
3. If node not found, exit.

Code

T-5.1. Implementation using Arrays. Depth-First Search (DFS)

<pre>#include <iostream> using namespace std; // Node structure struct Node { int key; Node* left; Node* right; Node(int k) : key(k), left(nullptr), right(nullptr) {} }; // Right rotate Node* rightRotate(Node* x) { Node* y = x->left; x->left = y->right; y->right = x; return y; } // Left rotate Node* leftRotate(Node* x) { Node* y = x->right; x->right = y->left; y->left = x; return y; } // Splay function Node* splay(Node* root, int key) { if (!root root->key == key) return root; // Left subtree if (key < root->key) { if (!root->left) return root; // Zig-Zig (Left Left) if (key < root->left->key) { root->left->left = splay(root->left->left, key); root = rightRotate(root); } // Zig-Zag (Left Right) else if (key > root->left->key) { root->left->right = splay(root->left->right, key); if (root->left->right) root->left = leftRotate(root->left); } } return root->left ? rightRotate(root) : root; }</pre>	<pre>// Delete function Node* deleteKey(Node* root, int key) { if (!root) return nullptr; root = splay(root, key); if (root->key != key) return root; // Key not found Node* temp; if (!root->left) { temp = root->right; } else { temp = splay(root->left, key); temp->right = root->right; } delete root; return temp; } // Inorder traversal void inorder(Node* root) { if (!root) return; inorder(root->left); cout << root->key << " "; inorder(root->right); } // Structured test int main() { Node* root = nullptr; cout << "\n--- Splay Tree Operations ---\n"; cout << "\nInserting elements: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 25\n"; int keys[] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 25}; for (int key : keys) { root = insert(root, key); cout << "Inserted: " << key << "\n"; } cout << "\nInorder traversal after insertions:\n"; inorder(root); cout << "\n"; cout << "\nSearching for key 30:\n"; root = splay(root, 30); cout << "Root after splay: " << root->key << "\n"; cout << "\nDeleting key 20:\n"; root = deleteKey(root, 20); }</pre>
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<pre> // Right subtree else { if (!root->right) return root; // Zag-Zig (Right Left) if (key < root->right->key) { root->right->left = splay(root->right->left, key); if (root->right->left) root->right = rightRotate(root->right); } // Zag-Zag (Right Right) else if (key > root->right->key) { root->right->right = splay(root->right->right, key); root = leftRotate(root); } return root->right ? leftRotate(root) : root; } } // Insert function Node* insert(Node* root, int key) { if (!root) return new Node(key); root = splay(root, key); if (root->key == key) return root; // Duplicate not inserted Node* newNode = new Node(key); if (key < root->key) { newNode->right = root; newNode->left = root->left; root->left = nullptr; } else { newNode->left = root; newNode->right = root->right; root->right = nullptr; } return newNode; } </pre>	<pre> inorder(root); cout << "\n"; cout << "\nDeleting key 10:\n"; root = deleteKey(root, 10); inorder(root); cout << "\n"; return 0; } </pre>
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Sample Output

--- Splay Tree Operations ---

Inserting elements: 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 25

Inserted: 10

Inserted: 20

Inserted: 30

Inserted: 40

Inserted: 50

Inserted: 25

Inorder traversal after insertions:
10 20 25 30 40 50

Searching for key 30:
Root after splay: 30

Deleting key 20:
10 25 30 40 50

Deleting key 10:
25 30 40 50

Complexity Analysis

Table 7.1 Analysis of time complexity for Splay Tree.

Operation	Average Case	Worst Case
Search	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
Insert	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$
Delete	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$

Conclusion

Splay Trees provide an efficient and elegant solution for dynamic set operations where frequent access patterns are skewed. Though the worst-case time for individual operations is linear, their amortized complexity remains logarithmic, making them practical in many scenarios. Compared to strictly balanced trees like AVL or Red-Black Trees, Splay Trees often offer better real-world performance without explicit balancing logic.