Assignment 3 - Hady Ibrahim SFWRENG 2CO3: Data Structures and Algorithms–Winter 2023

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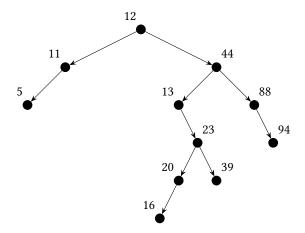
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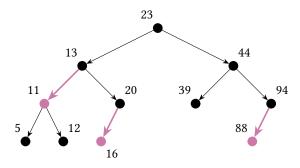
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Problem 1. Consider the sequence of values S = [12, 44, 13, 88, 23, 94, 11, 39, 20, 16, 5].

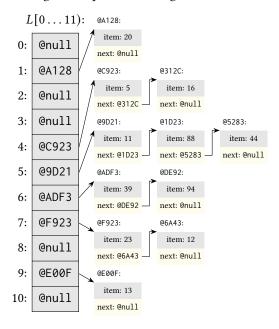
P1.1. Draw the binary search tree obtained by adding the values in *S* in sequence.



P1.2. Draw the red-black tree obtained by adding the values in *S* in sequence.



P1.3. Consider the hash-function $h(k) = (2k + 5) \mod 11$ and a hash-table of 11 table entries that uses hashing with separate chaining. Draw the hash-table obtained by adding the values in *S* in sequence.



P1.4. Consider the hash-function $h(k) = (3k + 2) \mod 11$ and a hash-table of 11 table entries that uses hashing with linear probing. Draw the hash-table obtained by adding the values in S in sequence.

L[0...11): 0: 16 5 1: 2: 44 3: 88 4: 11 5: 12 6: 23 7: 20 8: 13 9: 94 39 10:

Problem 2. We say that a hash function $h: \mathcal{U} \to \mathbb{N}$ that maps values from a set \mathcal{U} to integers in the range [0...M) is *n*-perfect if there exists at most n distinct values $u_1, ..., u_i \in \mathcal{U}$ such that $h(u_1) = \cdots = h(u_i)$.

P2.1. Consider the hash function $h(k) = (2k + 5) \mod 11$. Is this hash function 2-perfect for the inputs $0, \ldots, 21$? Explain why or why not.

This function is 2-perfect for the inputs 0,...,21 since after computation, there is only 2 values mapped to one spot in the hash table. In summary, since the function has 2k, as you loop through the values, the new value will most often be 2 more than the previous. This is until you hit 11 as it is mod 11, then it will start back at either 0 or 1 depending on if the previous value was 9 or 10. The following is the computation.

v	h(v)=(2v+5)mod 11	v	h(v)	V	h(v)	v	h(v)
0	5	6	6	12	7	18	8
1	7	7	8	13	9	19	10
2	9	8	10	14	0	20	1
3	0	9	1	15	2	21	3
4	2	10	3	16	4		
5	4	11	5	17	6		
5	4	11	5	17	6		

Rearrange to see that there are only two values per mapping. We can see that if there was 1 more value, it would no longer be 2-perfect:

h(v)	v	h(v)	v	h(v)	v	h(v)	v
0	3, 14	3	10, 21	6	6, 17	9	13, 2
1	9, 20	4	5, 16	7	12, 1	10	8, 19
2	4, 15	5	11, 0	8	7, 18		

P2.2. Prove that a hash function $h: \mathcal{U} \to \mathbb{N}$ can only be n-perfect if $|\mathcal{U}| \le n \cdot M$.

Assume $h: \mathcal{U} \to \mathbb{N}$ is n-perfect and let u_1, \ldots, u_j be j distinct values in \mathcal{U} such that $h(u_1) = \cdots = h(u_j)$. Then we will have that $j \le n$.

 $S_i = \{x \in \mathcal{U} \mid h(x) = i\} \rightarrow \text{In other words}, S_i \text{ has elements in } \mathcal{U} \text{ that map to } i$

This means, $\mathcal{U} = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} S_i$ where $|\mathcal{U}| = M$

since *h* is n-perfect, we know $|S_i| \le n$

$$\mathcal{U} = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} S_i \\ |\mathcal{U}| = |\sum_{i=0}^{M-1} S_i| \\ = \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} |S_i| \\ \le \sum_{i=0}^{M-1} n \\ = nM$$

In conclusion, we have proven that assuming $h: \mathcal{U} \to \mathbb{N}$ is a n-perfect hash function, then $|\mathcal{U}| \le nM$ holds.

As we provided an upper bound on the number of elements in $\mathcal U$ that can be hashed without collisions, we know that adding any more elements will result in more than n values being mapped to a single hash value, which violates n-perfect rules.

P2.3. Can a general purpose hash function be *n*-perfect for any *M*? Argue why or why not.

No a general-purpose hash function cannot be n-perfect for any M because a general-purpose hash function must be able to take in any set of input and ensure each hash value contains $\leq n$ values from the input. This means it needs to handle inputs such as lists that have a near infinite number of values (huge, but finite M), which is nearly impossible to be n-perfect as you'd have to consider infinite different inputs.

Let's take the set of all strings for example as what our hash function is hashing. There is no function we can provide that will perfectly distribute every string possible as even if our hash table is semi-filled, and we go to hash string x, I can append "a" (or any new string that will hash it to a collision) to x and that will mess up the function, thus resulting in a collision, violating the n-perfect rule. In other words, there are just too many possible inputs to need to handle/think of that no function can distribute all inputs evenly.

Problem 3. Consider non-empty binary search trees T_1 and T_2 such that all values in T_1 are smaller than the values in T_2 . The SetUnion operation takes binary search trees T_1 and T_2 and returns a binary search trees holding all values originally in T_1 and T_2 (destroying T_1 and T_2 in the process).

- P3.1. Assume the binary search trees storing T_1 and T_2 have the same height h. Show how to implement the SetUnion operation in $\sim h$ such that the resulting tree has a height of at-most h+1.
 - 1) Remove max value in T_1 and store it in variable m

h1 is worst-case time complexity, where the max value is at the $h1_{th}$ level in the tree. T_1 will still have a height of h or h-1 if max value m was the only value in level h of the tree.

- 2) Add the max value m as the root of T_1
- ~ 1 time complexity, as it just takes a little pointer logic. Make m node root of T_1 and make m.left be the old root of T_1 . This will lead the tree be max height h + 1 as we are only added 1 level (the new root) to the tree. Also, we know all values in T_1 are smaller than m, so BST properties remain as we add T_1 as the left subtree of the new root, m. At this point, T_1 is of height f_1 and f_2 is of height f_2 is of height f_3 .
- 3) Take the root of T_2 and make it right subtree of new T_1

Again ~ 1 time complexity, as it just requires to make m.right = T_2 . We know from the root down the left subtree is max h+1 height and the right subtree is h+1 since we just added T_2 to the root which is a tree of height h. We also know that all values in T_2 are greater than the values in the current T_1 ,

including the root. This allows us to put the root of T_2 as the right child of m, ensuring we keep BST properties.

4) return T_1

To conclude, the resulting tree will be of height h + 1 since we took 2 tree of height h and added 1 level to it (the root). We also know it keeps BST properties as we know all values in T_2 are larger than the maximum value in T_1 , which allows us to put T_2 in the right subtree of the root of new T_1 and the rest of the values of T_1 are smaller than the root, so they can all be in the left subtree.

- P3.2. Assume that T_1 and T_2 are red-black trees with the same black height h. Show how to implement a SetUnion operation that returns a red-black tree in $\sim h$.
 - 1) Check height h of tree (this is for step 5) (can check any tree since both are height h) Takes $\sim h$ since you just traverse the tree downwards once.
 - 2) Remove min value in T_2 and store it in variable m

Removing the min value is max a 2h complexity function which is $\sim h$. This is because you might need to traverse the longest path in the tree and given the tree can be 1 red node then 1 black, this could be of height 2h. Also, removing 1 node from the tree T_2 can result in the new height, h_{new} to be either h or h-1.

3) Calculate black height of T_2 and store it as h_{new}

This is $\sim h_{new}$ which is $\leq \sim h$ as you must traverse the entire tree once.

- 4) Make the min value of T_2 , m, the root of our new tree T_3 This is ~ 1 operation.
- 5) Make T_1 the left subtree of the root of T_3 , m and T_2 the right subtree

This is \sim 1 operation again as it's pointer manipulation. This is also correct as we know all values in T_1 were smaller than m, and all remaining values in T_2 are larger than m.

6) Fix tree: if $h_{new} = h$ then make both edges from the root black. If $h_{new} = h - 1$ then make the left edge from the root red.

This is a \sim 1 operation as it requires performing 1 check and changing a single edge/node color.

- P3.3. Assume that T_1 and T_2 are red-black trees with black heights $h_1 > h_2$. Show how to implement a SetUnion operation that returns a red-black tree in $\sim h_1$.
 - 1) Check h_1 and h_2 of the trees

Takes $\sim h_1$ since you just traverse both trees downwards once and the larger tree is of height h_1 .

2) Traverse the right subtree of T_1 by $\frac{h_2}{2}$ rounded up (remember this rounding up instead of down for step 4). Get the node at that point.

This takes $\sim h_2 \leq h_1$. We do this since we want to add a subtree of height h_2 (T_2) to the right subtree of T_1 . In this way, since the left and right subtrees of T_1 currently have height of h_1 , if we take $\frac{1}{2}h_2$ from the right subtree and move it to the left, the left will now be $h_1 + \frac{1}{2}h_2$. The right subtree is now $h_1 - \frac{1}{2}h_2$. When we go to add T_2 to the right subtree, it will make it $h_1 - \frac{1}{2}h_2 + h_2 = h_1 + \frac{1}{2}h_2$, which is the same height as the left subtree. We will call this new height h_3

3) As explained in step 2, make the node found in step 2 the root of T_1 by performing the correct local rotations to maintain the left-leaning property and BST property of the tree (Note: the black height will be messed up). Insert T_2 in the rightmost subtree of T_1 .

Since we are making a node somewhere in the farthest right path that is $\frac{1}{2}h_2$ down the tree, all the paths to the left of that but still in the right subtree might not be of the proper black height h_3 . This is $\sim h_2 \leq h_1$ time to perform the rotations and ~ 1 time for the insertion of T_2 .

4) To fix the ruined black-height in step 3: delete and reinsert the nodes left over in between the left subtree and far-right path if they are not length h_3 .

This is $\sim h_1$ for most inputs as we know that deletion and insertion is $\sim log n$ and the max height we will be doing it in our new T_1 tree is $h_1 + \frac{1}{2}h_2 \le h_1 + h_1 \sim h_1$.

5) If rounding up was necessary in step 2, then turn the root's left edge red.

This is since we moved 1 more edge to the left subtree than the right subtree, so to even it out, we must make the first left edge a red one. This is ~1 operation. If rounding wasn't necessary in step 2, then just leave both root edges black. This should finally fix the black-height property of our new RB Tree.

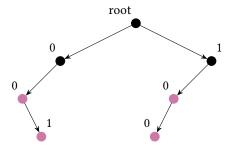
6) Return T_1

Problem 4. Consider *binary strings* (sequences of zeros and ones).

P4.1. Design a data structure BSSET that can be used to represent *sets of binary strings* such that any binary string W of length |W| = N can be added or removed in $\sim N$ and such that one can check whether W is in the data structure in $\sim N$. Sketch why your data structure BSSET supports the stated operations in $\sim N$.

The data structure would be a binary tree where any left child is a 0 and any right child is a 1. Each bitstring is stored as a path down the tree. Each node has a flag (represented by red), which represents if the node is the terminal bit of a string.

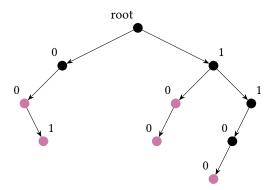
In the following example tree, this would represent the data structure holding the following bitstrings: "00", "001", "10", "100"



Adding

To add a bitstring, you must traverse the path in relation to the new bitstring, and for any bit that isn't already in the data structure, add it. Once reaching the terminal bit of the bitstring, make the last node a red node. This traverses the tree only for the amount of bits in the bitstring, making it $\sim N$ complexity.

ex. Adding bitstring "1100", traverse tree 1->1->0, and for any non-existance node, create it. Make the last 0 a red node.



Removing:

To remove a bitstring, you traverse the path representing the bitstring to remove. Once reaching the last node, remove that node only if it has no children, else turn it from a red to black node. This takes $\sim N$ as you are traversing the tree downwards via length of the binary string. Then recursively retraverse the tree upwards and for every node that has no children, delete that node from the tree. This is also $\sim N$ complexity as you are traversing the same path as before, which makes the entire thing $\sim 2N$ which equals $\sim N$.

The previous method was the more neat way to keep the tree clean, however, it suffices to just traverse the tree and turn the terminal bit from a red node to a black one. In either case, you go down/up the tree max twice, making it $\sim N$ complexity.

Contains:

Traverse the tree representing the bitstring to check. If there is any element in the bitstring that does not exist in the path, return false. If all bitstrings are in the tree, once you reach the last node, check if the node is red. If it is red, return true, else return false.

This is a $\sim N$ complexity as you only need to traverse one path of the tree as long as the bitstring you are checking.

P4.2. Let W of length |W| = N be a binary string and let S be a BSSET set. Provide an algorithm that prints all strings $V \in S$ that start with the prefix W (the first |W| characters of S are equivalent to W). Your algorithm should have a worst-case complexity of $\sim N + k$ in which k is the number of characters printed to the output.

Assumption: The prefix exists in the tree. If needed, this can be checked before the algorithm in $\sim N$ as showed in q4.1, so the complexity won't change. This is done in the following algo.

Algorithm PrintPrefix(node, string):

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1: if node = @null or!contains(string) then
      return
3: end if
4: if node = root then
      currNode = root
      prefix = string
6:
7:
      string = ""
      "//loop through prefix and traverse the tree while appending each value to string."
      for char \in prefix do
8:
        if char = "0" then
9:
           currNode = currNode.left
10:
        else if char = "1" then
11:
           currNode = currNode.right
12:
        end if
13:
         string.append(currNode.data)
14:
      end for
15:
      if currNode.color == "red" then
16:
        print string "//this is to handle printing the prefix if it is in the tree."
17:
18:
      PrintPrefix(currNode.left, string) "//print all bitstrings in left subtree"
19:
      PrintPrefix(currNode.right, string) "//print all bitstrings in right subtree"
20:
21: else
22:
      string.append(node.data) "//Add current node data to string"
      if node.color = "red" then
23:
         "//if current node is a terminal node, print its string (the path traversed to get here)"
24:
         print string
25:
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26: end if
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- 27: PrintPrefix(currNode.left, string) "//print all bitstrings in left subtree"
- PRINTPREFIX(currNode.right, string) "//print all bitstrings in right subtree"
- 29: end if

You can call the method via PrintPrefix(root, prefix). The complexity is $\sim N+k$ since the algorithm traverses the path of the given prefix which is $\sim N$. Then it traverses every path below it recursively. Anytime it gets to a red node, it prints out the path it took to get there, including the current node (note: it does not need to retraverse the graph backwards as it holds the path in a string). This second part is $\sim k$ as it checks only all characters after the prefix. As long as the data structure makes sure to only have paths that have a red node at the end (explained in q4.1 where deleting a string will remove all terminal black nodes), it will always be $\sim k$ since the longest path to traverse is as long as the largest binary string to print.

P4.3. Professor X claims to have developed a data structure BSSETX to which any binary string W of length |W| = N can be added in $\sim N$. Furthermore, Professor X claims that BSSETX provides *ordered iteration*: one can iterate over all M = |S| strings in a set S, implemented via BSSETX, in a lexicographical order in $\sim M + T$ in which T is the combined length of the M strings. Professor X claims that this method of sorting binary strings proves that the worst-case lower bound for sorting M binary strings is *not* $\sim M \log_2(M)$ comparisons. Argue why Professor X is wrong.

We note that strings S_1 and S_2 are *lexicographical ordered*, denoted by $S_1 < S_2$, if S_1 comes before S_2 in an alphabetical sort (e.g., as used in a dictionary). Next, we formalize $S_1 < S_2$ for binary strings: we have $S_1 < S_2$ if S_1 and S_2 are equivalent up to the $0 \le i \le \min(|S_1|, |S_2|)$ -th character $(S_1[0] = S_2[0], \ldots, S_1[i-1] = S_2[i-1])$ and either $|S_1| = i < |S_2|$ or the (i+1)-th character of S_1 comes before the (i+1)-th character of S_2 (in which case $S_1[i] = 0$ and $S_2[i] = 1$). For example, 0 < 00 and 00 < 01, but not 100 < 10.

a) Given a binary string of length N, adding takes $\sim N$ time. Now given there is a list of M binary strings all of length N, the complexity for adding all the binary strings to the data structure would be $\sim M \cdot N$, where $N, M \in \mathbb{N}$. Let's say N = M, in that case, we can already see our complexity would be $\sim M^2$ just to add the strings to the data structure, where $\sim M^2 \geq \sim M \log_2(M)$. Furthermore, T is the combined length of all binary strings to add, which would again be $M \cdot N$. Again we can see $\exists N, N > M \log_2(M)$ (ex. N = M), then this will be greater than the bound set by the Professor. Also the complexity of this algorithm relies on T which is the combined length of the strings. Professor X assumes that $T < log_2 M$, $\forall T, M \in \mathbb{N}$, which is not always the case, especially if you have larger binary strings.

b) Now to tackle this for all inputs:

We need to prove that $\sim M + MN \ge Mlog_2M$ for all cases, where M is the number of binary strings in the input and N is the length of a string. We will look into general cases where the length of all binary strings are the same. It doesn't change anything, since if you take the same argument for the smallest binary sting in the input, it would be the same.

Since we are dealing with binary strings, we know the maximum M for any N is 2^N since there are 2 choices per each bit. We will say the minimum M is 2 to make log_2M easier.

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For the minimum M = 2:

M + MN \ge Mlog_2M

2 + 2N \ge 2log_22

2 + 2N \ge 2

Which is always true for a
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Which is always true for any positive N.

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For the maximum M = 2^N: M + MN \ge Mlog_2M
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$$2^{N} + 2^{N}N \ge 2^{N}log_{2}2^{N}$$

$$\sim 2^{N}N \ge 2^{N}Nlog_{2}2$$

$$\sim 2^{N}N \ge 2^{N}N$$

Which is also always true.

To conclude, we have just proven for all lengths of binary strings, Professor X simply cannot beat $Mlog_2M$.

Assignment Details

Write a report in which you solve each of the above problems. Your submission:

- 1. must be a PDF file;
- 2. must have clearly labeled solutions to each of the stated problems;
- 3. must be clearly presented;
- 4. must *not* be hand-written: prepare your report in LaTeX or in a word processor such as Microsoft Word (that can print or exported to PDF).

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