Data Types & Structures

Part II: Hash Tables and Trees

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Dictionary / Map

The Dictionary ADT

- AKA *Associative Array*, *Map*, or *Symbol Table*
- Stores *key-value* pairs (e.g. "location" : "NY")
- Unique keys
- Modify & lookup
  - Set value for key
  - Get value for key
- Dynamic alteration
  - Add new pairs
  - Delete existing pairs

How to implement this ADT?

The classic data structure: a Hash Table

- High-concept: an array to hold values, and a *hash function* that transforms a string key into a numerical index
- Example of a very simple hash function:

```
function hash (keyString) {
  var hashed = 0;
  for (var i = 0; i < keyString.length; i++) {
    hashed += keyString.charCodeAt(i);
  }
  return hashed % 9; // number of spaces in array
}
```

contact.name = 'Grace'

contact.phone = 8675309

Example with a 9-bucket array

1. We want to store the value 'Grace' for the key 'name'.
2. Hashing the string 'name' yields the numerical index 3.
3. Store 'Grace' at index 3.
4. Now store the value 8675309 for key 'phone'
5. 'phone' hashes to 7
6. Store 8675309 at index 7

Index	Data
0	
1	
2	
3	Grace
4	
5	
6	
7	8675309
8	

Fetching/changing values

1. Q: what is the value for the key 'name'?
2. Hashing the string 'name' yields the numerical index 3.
3. Find the value at index 3.
4. Result: 'Grace'
5. Similar steps for checking the key 'phone', gets the value 8675309.

Index	Data
0	
1	
2	
3	Grace
4	
5	
6	
7	8675309
8	

Anyone see a problem?

Collisions

1. Now we want to store the value grace@gmail.com for the key email.
2. Hashing email yields the numerical index 7.
3. But we already have a value there (for phone)!
4. Because there are many more possible keys than buckets, collisions are inevitable.

Index	Data
0	
1	
2	
3	Grace
4	
5	
6	
7	8675309
8	

How to resolve collisions?

Two main strategies

- Open addressing: if a bucket is full, find the next empty bucket. Place the value in that spot instead of the original.

- Separate chaining: every bucket stores a secondary data structure, like a linked list. Collisions create new entries in that data structure.

Separate chaining: adding a value

1. We want to store the value grace@gmail.com for the key email.
2. Hashing email yields the numerical index 7.
3. That bucket already contains 8675309.
4. Add the value to the Linked List as a new node.

Index	Linked List in bucket
0	
1	
2	
3	<Grace>
4	
5	
6	
7	<8675309> → <grace@gmail.com>
8	

We still have a problem…

Separate chaining: retrieving a value

1. What is the value for the key email?
2. Hashing email yields the numerical index 7.
3. In bucket 7 there is a linked list.
4. There are *two* nodes in that list; how do we know which value is for the key email?

Index	Linked List in bucket
0	
1	
2	
3	<Grace>
4	
5	
6	? ?
7	<8675309> → <grace@gmail.com>
8	

Separate chaining: store value *and* key

1. Hashing email yields the numerical index 7.
2. In bucket 7 there is a linked list.
3. The head node has a key of phone, so we need to keep looking.
4. The next node has a key email, so we return the value: grace@gmail.com

Index	Linked List in bucket
0	
1	
2	
3	<name, Grace>
4	
5	
6	✗ ✓
7	<phone, 8675309> → <email, grace@gmail.com>
8	

So… how is a hash table better than one big linked list?

Performance

- Assume many buckets and a good hashing function
- *Usually*: assign or check pair takes just 1 step (hash invocation)
- *Sometimes*: collisions occur
  - Traverse a few nodes of a linked list; but just a few (still pretty fast)
  - Way better than having to traverse all the data in the entire structure!

List nodes with key-value pairs – how?

Solution 1: *Association List*

- Nodes have key as well as value & next
  - Advantage: best for purpose, most straightforward.
  - Downside: need a custom LL implementation

Solution 2: store an array

- LL node value is an array, index 0 stores HT key & 1 stores HT value
  - Downside: referring to indices 0 and 1 isn't very descriptive / easy to read

Solution 3: store a struct

- LL node value is itself a data structure with key & value prop.s
  - *Seems* like cheating, <u>but</u> you can hand-wave this by pretending we are using "structs" – pre-defined memory structures that cannot add/delete keys. In fact we can apply this same reasoning to our LL implementation, where nodes themselves are structs.
  - Referring to the "value of the linked list node value" gets confusing.

WHAT ABOUT JS?

Sound familiar?

- JavaScript Objects
- JS *Engines* (like V8) implement most Objects as structs
  - V8 defines a new struct every time you add a property
  - If this would be madness (ex: you are storing a phone book), it switches to using a hash table
- In the end, the Object specified in EcmaScript is a data *type;* we know what behavior it should exhibit, but not necessarily how it is implemented at runtime. That's up to the engine.

Trees

The Tree ADT

- Nodes contain value(s)
- A primary "root" node
- Children are subtrees (recursive!)
- No duplicated children (cycles); trees can *branch* but never *converge*
- Final nodes called "leaves"
- Height of tree = longest path to leaf
- Level = 1 + number of connections (edges) to root
- Depth = inverse of height

The Tree ADT

level 1

root (= tree A) at depth 0 / height 3

level 2

child D (of node/tree A) at depth 1 / height 2

level 3

depth 2 / height 1

level 4

depth 3 / height 0

Every node is the root of a tree.
You might even say a node *represents* a tree.

root D (of tree D) at
depth 0 / height 2

depth 1 / height 1

depth 2 / height 0

"Degenerate" trees are still trees

A tree of one node

A tree of three nodes

Binary Tree

Binary *Search* Tree

Binary Search Tree: Min Value?

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Does this BST contain the value 28?

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BST ADT

- Root node satisfies ordering principle
  - Left descendants < root value <= right descendants
- Both children are BSTs (recursive definition)
- Operations
  - **Insert** new values, *respecting the ordering principle*
  - **Find** existing values (takes advantage of ordering)
  - **Delete** values (tricky, skipped in workshop)

How to implement this ADT?

…Maybe an array (seriously)?

- The Tree ADT, with its talk of "nodes" and "references," seems so obviously to describe a data *structure* that it is perhaps confusing to tell the two apart.
- In fact, a tree can be stored in a few different ways. For example, if you knew your tree nodes always had at most two children, you could store the tree in an array!

Root,Children, Grandchildren

K	C	L	A	F	null	R
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

The Linked Tree Data Structure

- However, the concept of *nodes* with *values* and *children* maps so well to the concrete case of *memory structs* with *fields* and *references* that the most common DS used to implement the Tree ADT is…

  …the Linked Tree DS.

Tree traversal

Traversal: visiting every node

- Breadth-first search (level by level)

- Depth-first search (branch by branch)
  - Pre-order: process **root node**, process **left subtree**, process **right subtree**
  - **In-order**: process **left subtree**, process **root node**, process **right subtree**
  - Post-order: process **left subtree**, process **right subtree**, process **root node**

Breadth-First

BFS

BFS

A1

BFS

A1, B1

BFS

A1, B1, B2

BFS

A1, B1, B2, B3

BFS

A1, B1, B2, B3, C1

BFS

A1, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2

BFS

A1, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3

BFS

A1, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D1

BFS

A1, B1, B2, B3, C1, C2, C3, D1

Depth First: In-Order

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9, 10

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 21

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 21, 27

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 21, 27

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 21, 27

DFS: IN

Process left · Process root · Process right

2, 5, 7, 9, 10, 14, 21, 27

Depth First: Pre-Order

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14, 10

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14, 10

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14, 10

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14, 10, 27

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14, 10, 27

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14, 10, 27

DFS: PRE

Process root · Process left · Process right

9, 5, 2, 7, 21, 14, 10, 27

Depth First: Post-Order

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5, 10

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5, 10, 14

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5, 10, 14

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5, 10, 14, 27

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5, 10, 14, 27, 21

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5, 10, 14, 27, 21, 9

DFS: POST

Process left · Process right· Process root

2, 7, 5, 10, 14, 27, 21, 9

the end...? (no)