

Exercise 1. For any implementation of the set ADT, show how to modify/augment it so that it can return its size (number of elements) in $O(1)$ in the worst case.

We initialize the set ADT with a parameter `size`, and increment it whenever we successfully insert a new value, and decrement it whenever we successfully delete a new value.

Exercise 2. Show that the BST property, “For each node x , the value at x is greater than the value at every left descendant of x , and less than the value at every right descendant of x ”, is equivalent to saying that “the tree’s inorder traversal is strictly increasing”.

We show that the BST property holds if and only if the tree’s inorder traversal is strictly increasing.

[\Rightarrow : If BST property, then inorder traversal strictly increases]

We prove by induction on the number of nodes, k .

[Base Case]

If the tree has 0 or 1 nodes, the inorder traversal outputs an empty or single-element sequence, which is strictly increasing.

[Inductive Step]

We assume that any BST with fewer than n nodes has a strictly increasing inorder traversal.

Consider a BST T with root r , left subtree L , and right subtree R .

Then, by the BST property, every value in L is $< r$, and every value in R is $> r$. By the inductive hypothesis, $\text{inorder}(L)$ is strictly increasing, and $\text{inorder}(R)$ is strictly increasing.

The inorder traversal goes as:

$\text{inorder}(L), r, \text{inorder}(R)$

Since all values in $L < r < R$, the inorder traversal for the BST T is strictly increasing.

[\Leftarrow : “If inorder traversal strictly increases, then BST property holds”]

We prove by induction on the number of nodes, k .

[Base Case]

For 0 or 1 nodes, the BST property vacuously holds.

[Inductive Step]

We assume the inductive hypothesis: “Any tree with nodes fewer than k that has a strictly increasing inorder traversal satisfies the BST property.”

We consider a tree T with root r , left subtree L , and right subtree R , whose inorder traversal is strictly increasing.

Because the sequence is strictly increasing, every value in L appears before r , and every value in R appears after r , implying that all values in $L < r$ and all values in $R > r$, respectively.

By the inductive hypothesis, L and R themselves satisfy the BST property, therefore, the entire tree must satisfy the BST property.

Therefore, a binary tree satisfies the BST property if and only if its inorder traversal produces a strictly increasing sequence.

Exercise 3. Explain how to implement `delete_leftmost` in $\Theta(h)$ worst-case time. Note that the function returns two things: the leftmost value, and the updated tree.

We remove the smallest value in the subtree and return the smallest value and the updated subtree with the node removed.

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def delete_leftmost(node):
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    if node.l is None:
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        return (node.value, node.r)
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```
(value, node.l) = delete_leftmost(node)
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```
return (value, node)
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Exercise 4. Explain how to implement next_larger in $\Theta(h)$ worst-case time.

To implement next_larger(v) in a BST, we find the smallest value strictly greater than v by traversing from the root while keeping track of the best candidate successor.

Algorithm:

We initialize succ = None.

Starting at the root,

- If node.value > v, then record it as a candidate (succ = node.value) and move to the left child to look for a smaller valid value.
- Otherwise, (node.value <= v), move to the right child since any successor must be larger.

When traversal ends, return succ (or None if no larger element exists).

Correctness:

Whenever we move left after finding a value > v, we search for a smaller valid successor. Moving right discards values that cannot be larger than v. Thus, the smallest value greater than v is found.

Running time:

The procedure follows a single root-to-leaf path, so it runs in $\Theta(h)$ worst-case time, with h as the height of the tree.

Exercise 5. Prove that a tree is basically complete if and only if its height is floor(lg n).

A binary tree of height h can contain at most $2^{h+1} - 1$ nodes. If all levels, except possibly the last, are full, then the tree has at least 2^h nodes. Thus, for a basically complete tree:

$$2^h \leq n \leq 2^{h+1} - 1$$

[\Rightarrow “If the tree is basically complete, then $h = \text{floor}(\lg n)$ ”]

Taking log base 2 of both sides from the equation above:

$$h \leq \lg n < h + 1$$

Therefore,

$$\text{floor}(\lg n) = h$$

[\Leftarrow “If $h = \text{floor}(\lg n)$, then the tree is basically complete”]

From $h = \text{floor}(\lg n)$, we have

$$h \leq \lg n < h + 1$$

$$2^h \leq n < 2^{h+1}$$

This implies that all levels from 0 through $h - 1$ must be completely full, containing $2^h - 1$ nodes. The remaining nodes, if any, lie on level h . Hence, the tree is filled level-by-level except possibly the last level. Therefore, the tree is basically complete.

Thus, a binary tree with n nodes is basically complete if and only if $h = \text{floor}(\log n)$.

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(l, m, r) = split(x.l, v)
x.l = r
return (l, m, x)
```

Exercise 6. Assuming l and r are treaps, why does the new x in the above pseudocode result in a treap? In particular, why does attaching r to the left child of x maintain the BST and max heap properties?

It retains the BST property because all values in r' are $< x.\text{value}$ since they came from the left subtree of x , and all values in $x.r$ remain $> x.\text{value}$. Thus, the inorder ordering is preserved, and so is the BST property.

It also retains the max-heap property because before the split, x satisfied the heap property with its children. The recursive split does not change priorities. Since r' was originally before x in its left subtree, all nodes in r' have priority \leq to that of x . Therefore, attaching r' under x preserves the heap property.

Hence, the resulting tree rooted at x remains a valid treap.

Exercise 7. Show that the running time of split is $O(h)$, where h is the height of the treap.

The split operation divides a treap into two treap based on a value v by recursively descending from the root.

At each step, we compare v with the current node's value. Depending on the comparison, we recurse into either the left or right subtree, not both. After the recursive call returns, we perform constant-time pointer updates to reconnect subtrees.

Thus, each recursive step moves one level down the tree, following a single root-to-leaf path.

Since the longest such path has length h , the height of the treap, the recursion performs at most h steps.

Exercise 7. Show that the running time of merge is $O(h)$, where h is the height of the treap.

The merge operation combines two treaps L and R where every key in L is less than every key in R .

It compares the priorities of the roots. The root with the higher priority becomes the new root to maintain the max heap property. Then, we recursively merge into one subtree only:

- If $L.root$ wins, then merge $L.r$ with R
- If $R.root$ wins, merge L with $R.l$

Each recursive call moves one level downward in one of the treaps. Only one recursive call is made per step, and each step does $O(1)$ work aside from recursion.

Thus, the recursion follows a single path whose length is at most the height h of the resulting treap. Therefore, merge runs in $O(h)$ time.

Exercise 14. Show that $N(h) = F_{h+3} - 1$ where F_n is the n th Fibonacci number, defined as $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$, and for $n \geq 2$,

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}.$$

Hint: Induction...

Let $N(h)$ be the minimum number of nodes in an AVL tree of height h . From the AVL balance condition, the smallest tree of height h occurs when the two subtrees have heights $h - 1$ and $h - 2$. Thus,

$$N(h) = N(h-1) + N(h-2) + 1, \quad h \geq 2$$

With base cases $N(0) = 1$ and $N(1) = 2$.

Define $M(h) = N(h) + 1$. Then,

$$M(h) = M(h - 1) + M(h - 2)$$

With $M(0) = 2 = F_3$ and $M(1) = 3 = F_4$, where F_k is the Fibonacci sequence. By induction on h , this implies

$$M(h) = F_{h+3}$$

Therefore,

$$N(h) = F_{h+3} - 1.$$

This matches the base cases and satisfies the recurrence, completing the proof.