

CSC 226 Assignment 1 LLRB BST Hypothesis

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1 Left-Leaning Red Black Tree Properties

It is known that the height of a LLRB BST is no more than $2\log_2 n$. This is because the worst case involves a tree that is composed of all 2-nodes except for the leftmost path is composed of the maximum amount of 3 nodes, which is at most twice as long. This occurs in the assignment when inserting an ordered sequence into a LLRB BST. It is also known that the average path length is approximately $\log_2 n$.

2 Results of the Assignment

The results of the assignment showed the following:

Input Size	10^1	10^2	10^3
red nodes	2	3	6
% red	20	3	0.6

3 Hypothesis

Based on the results of the assignment it appears that a LLRB BST of size n , has approximately $\log_2 n / 2$ red nodes.

4 Testing

Input Size	10^4	10^5	10^6
red nodes	5	6	7
% red	0.05	0.006	0.0007

5 Results

The results show a lesser amount of red nodes than hypothesized. The number of red nodes appears to be within $\log_2 n / 2$ and $\log_3 n / 2$.