

SPLAY TREES

Motivation:

- An unbalanced BST, accessing a leaf node will take $O(n)$. Splay tree provides a way to perform search, insert, delete in amortized complexity $O(\log n)$.
- Splay tree follows the idea of locality, which states that "something that is recently used will likely to be used again in the future".

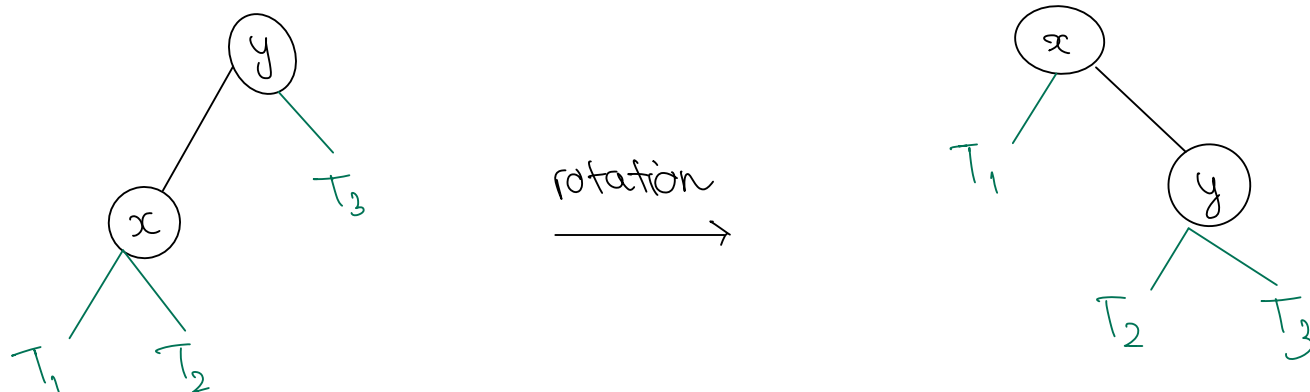
Splay tree:

- The idea is after an operation (search, insert, delete) is performed, the tree will perform a "splay" operation.
- A "splay" operation can be thought of as rotating the recently used node to the root.

Splaying:

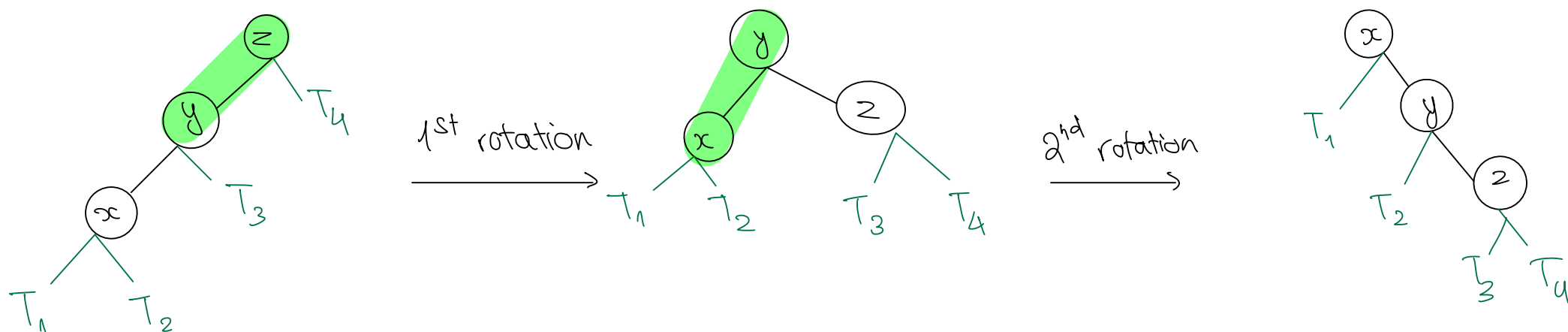
There are 3 types of splaying: zig, zig-zig, zig-zag.

Zig



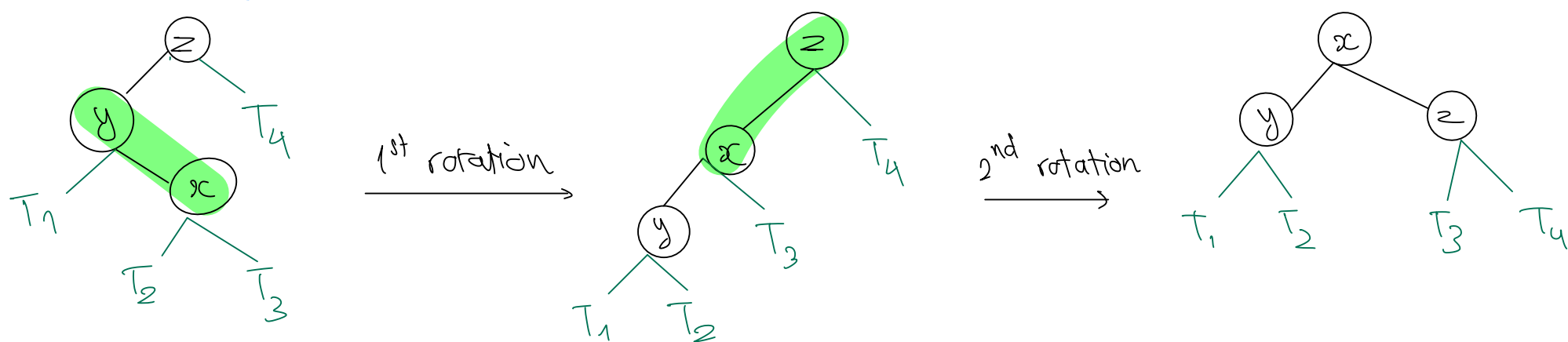
If we are splaying node x , and its parent y is the root. The zig rule is just one left/right rotation with respect to y .

Zig-zig:



When we are splaying node x , parent y , grandparent z , and x and y are both left/right children. The zig-zig rule has 2 rotations: rotation w.r.t. \textcircled{z} followed by rotation w.r.t. \textcircled{y} .
grandparent parent

• Zig-zag



When we are splaying node x , parent y , grandparent z , and x and y are not both left or right children.

Zig-zag rule has 2 rotations: rotation w.r.t. (y) followed by
 parent

rotation w.r.t. (z)
 grandparent

Node to be splayed in types of operations

• Search:

- If key is found, splay the node containing the key.
- If key not found, splay the parent node of the leaf position where you tried to find the key
(Splay the last node you touch)

• Insert:

Splay the newly inserted node.

• Delete:

Splay the parent of the deleted node.

• Split:

Given key x , we would like to split into 2 trees. One contains all nodes $\leq x$, the other contains all nodes $> x$.

\Rightarrow Splay the node containing key x , then remove its right subtree

• Join:

Given 2 trees A and B , we would like to put them together with all items in A to the left of all items in B .

\Rightarrow Splay the right most node in A , then make B the right child of this node

The amortized analysis:

- Let T_0 be the initial tree structure, and T_i is the resulting tree structure after apply the i^{th} operation on T_{i-1} .

The amortized cost after n operations is:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \hat{c}_i = c_0 + c_1 + \dots + c_{n-1} + (\phi(T_1) - \phi(T_0)) + (\phi(T_2) - \phi(T_1)) \\ + \dots + (\phi(T_{n-1}) - \phi(T_{n-2}))$$
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \hat{c}_i = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i + (\phi(T_{n-1}) - \phi(T_0))$$

\Rightarrow The total amortized cost $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \hat{c}_i$ underestimate the total actual cost $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i$ by at most the drop in potential $\phi(T_{n-1}) - \phi(T_0)$ over the whole sequence of operations

- Key to amortized analysis is to pick the right potential function.

In our case of splay tree, the tree operations possible are:

- Zig : costs 1 (rotation)
- Zig-zig: costs 2 (rotations)
- Zig-zag: costs 2 (rotations)

Given these operations, a good potential function is the total ranks.

Define as follows:

- Let $\begin{cases} r(x) & \text{be total ranks of node } x \\ s(x) & \text{be size of subtree under node } x, T(x) \\ w(x) & \text{be the weight of node } x, \text{ for simplicity, all nodes} \\ & \text{have weight} = 1 \end{cases}$

$$\text{Then: } \begin{cases} s(x) = \sum_{y \in T(x)} w(y) & \langle y \text{ is node in subtree } T(x) \rangle \\ r(x) = \log_2 s(x) \end{cases}$$

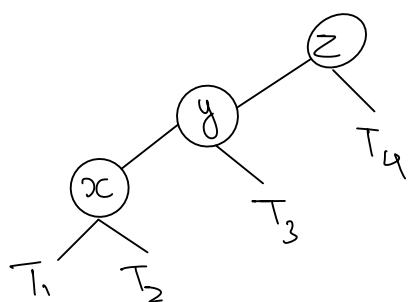
- Potential function:

$$\phi(T) = \sum_{x \in T} r(x)$$

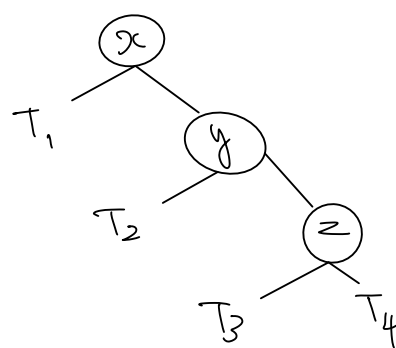
Some nice properties of $\phi(T)$ being the total ranks

- Rotation between 2 nodes only affect those nodes, and no other nodes in the tree. Furthermore, if node y was parent of node x before the rotation, then node x rank after the rotation is the same as node y 's rank before the rotation.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{size}(x) + \text{size}'(z) &= \overset{\text{subtree } x}{T(x)} + \overset{\text{subtree } z}{T'(z)} + x + z \\
 &= \underset{\text{original tree}}{\text{size}(z)} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$



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With potential function picked, let's analyze the amortized cost of each operation:

• Zig operation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{c}_i &= 1 + \overset{\phi(T_i)}{(r'(x) + r'(y))} - \overset{\phi(T_{i-1})}{(r(x) + r(y))} \\
 &= 1 + r'(x) - r(x) + r'(y) - r(y) \\
 &\leq 1 + r'(x) - r(x) \quad \text{node } y \text{ don't increase rank} \leq 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \phi \leq r'(x) - r(x)$$

• Zig-Zig operation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{c}_i &= 2 + (\cancel{r'(x)} + r'(y) + r'(z)) - (r(x) + r(y) + \cancel{r(z)}) \\
 &= 2 + r'(z) - r(x) + \boxed{r'(y) - r(y)} + \boxed{r'(x) - r(x)} \\
 &\leq 2 + r'(z) - r(x) + \boxed{r'(x) - r(x)} \\
 &= 2 + r'(z) - 2r(x) + r'(x) \quad (1)
 \end{aligned}$$

• Consider the term:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2r'(x) - r(x) - r'(z) \\
 &= \lg\left(\frac{s'(x)}{s(x)}\right) + \lg\left(\frac{s'(x)}{s'(z)}\right) \quad \text{bc } r(x) = \lg s(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lg\left(\frac{s'(x)^2}{s(x) \cdot s'(z)}\right)$$

$$\geq \lg\left(\frac{(s(x) + s'(z))^2}{s(x) \cdot s'(z)}\right)$$

because $s'(x) \geq s(x) + s'(z)$

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$$= \lg\left(\frac{(1 + 1)^2}{1 \cdot 1}\right) = 2$$

because $s(x) \geq 1, s'(z) \geq 1$

Therefore: $2r'(x) - r(x) - r'(z) \geq 2 \quad (2)$

Replace ② into ①, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c}_i &\leq \underbrace{\left(2r'(x) - r(x) - r'(z) \right)}_{\text{②}} + r'(z) - 2r(x) + r'(x) \\ &= 3r'(x) - 3r(x) \\ &= 3(r'(x) - r(x))\end{aligned}$$

• Zig-zag operation:

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c}_i &= 2 + \cancel{r'(x)} - r(x) + r'(y) - r(y) + r'(z) - \cancel{r(z)} \\ &= 2 - r(x) + r'(y) - r(y) + r'(z) \\ &\leq 2 + r'(x) - 2r(x) + r'(x) \quad \text{①}\end{aligned}$$

By the same argument as before (Zig-zig operation), we have

$$2r'(x) - r(x) - r'(z) \geq 2 \quad \text{②}$$

From ① and ②, we have:

$$\hat{c}_i \leq 3(r'(x) - r(x))$$

Access Lemma

The amortized time to splay a splay tree with root t at node x :

$$\begin{aligned}\text{amortized splay cost} &\leq 3(r(t) - r(x)) + 1 \\ &= O\left(1 + \log \frac{s(t)}{s(x)}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Why $s'(x) \geq s(x) + s'(z)$?

$$\text{Let } p = \frac{s(x)}{s'(x)} \quad \text{and} \quad q = \frac{s'(z)}{s'(x)}$$

We know that, under Zig-zig and Zig-zag operations:

$$\begin{cases} s'(x) \geq s(x) \\ s'(x) \geq s'(z) \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 \leq p \leq 1 \\ 0 \leq q \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

But also, both $s(x)$ and $s'(z)$ count the total weights of subtree $T(x)$ or subtree $T'(z)$, both does not include weight of y

$$\Rightarrow p + q \leq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{s(x)}{s'(x)} + \frac{s'(z)}{s'(x)} \leq 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow s(x) + s'(z) \leq s'(x)$$

Potential Bound for each splay operation

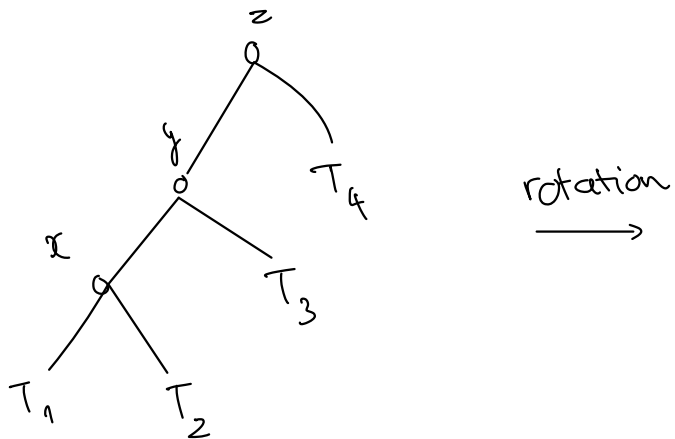
$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta \phi &= \cancel{r'(x)} + r'(y) + r'(z) - r(x) - r(y) - \cancel{r(z)} \\
 &= r'(y) + r'(z) - r(x) - r(y) \\
 &\leq r'(z) - r(x) \\
 &\leq r(z) - r(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$r'(y) \leq r(y)$$

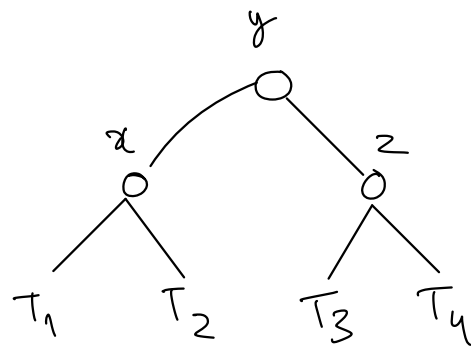
$$r'(z) \leq r(z)$$

$$r(z) \geq r(x) + 1$$

3. Zig-Zig Operation:



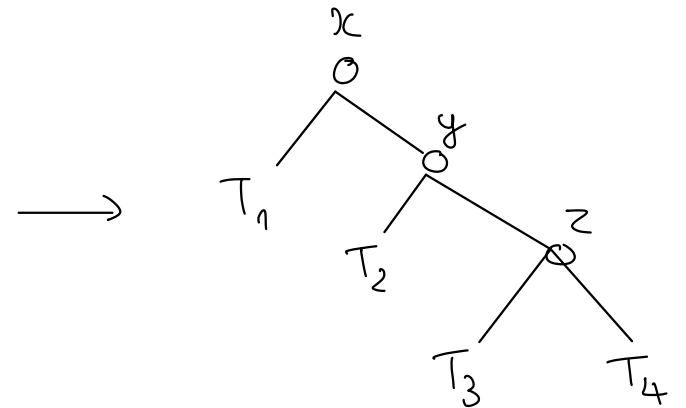
$$r(z) > r(y) > r(x)$$



$$r'(x) = r(x)$$

$$r'(y) = r(z)$$

$$r'(z) < r(z)$$



$$r''(z) < r(z)$$

$$r''(x) = r(z)$$