SOFTWARE FOUNDATIONS

VOLUME 3: VERIFIED FUNCTIONAL ALGORITHMS

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REDBLACK

IMPLEMENTATION AND PROOF OF RED-BLACK TREES

Required Reading

- (1) General background on red-black trees,
 - Section 3.3 of Algorithms, Fourth Edition, by Sedgewick and Wayne, Addison Wesley 2011; or
 - Chapter 13 of Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd Edition, by Cormen, Leiserson, and Rivest, MIT Press 2009
 - or Wikipedia.

(2) an explanation of the particular implementation we use here. Red-Black Trees in a Functional Setting, by Chris Okasaki. *Journal of Functional Programming*, 9(4):471-477, July 1999. http://www.westpoint.edu/eecs/SiteAssets/SitePages/Faculty20Documents/Okasaki/jfp99redblack.pdf

(3) Optional reading: Efficient Verified Red-Black Trees, by Andrew W. Appel, September 2011. http://www.cs.princeton.edu/~appel/papers/redblack.pdf

Red-black trees are a form of binary search tree (BST), but with balance. Recall that the depth of a node in a tree is the distance from the root to that node. The height of a tree is the depth of the deepest node. The insert or lookup function of the BST algorithm (Chapter SearchTree) takes time proportional to the depth of the node that is found (or inserted). To make these functions run fast, we want trees where the worst-case depth (or the average depth) is as small as possible.

In a perfectly balanced tree of N nodes, every node has depth less than or or equal to log N, using logarithms base 2. In an approximately balanced tree, every node has depth less than or equal to 2 log N. That's good enough to make insert and lookup run in time proportional to log N.

The trick is to mark the nodes Red and Black, and by these marks to know when to locally rebalance the tree. For more explanation and pictures, see the Required Reading above.

We will use the same framework as in Extract.v: keys are Ocaml integers. We don't repeat the Extract commands, because they are imported implicitly from Extract.v

```
Require Import Perm.
Require Import Extract.
Require Import Coq.Lists.List.
Export ListNotations.

Definition key := int.
```

```
Inductive color := Red | Black.
Section TREES.
Variable V : Type.
Variable default: V.

Inductive tree : Type := | E : tree | T: color → tree → key → V → tree → tree.

Definition empty tree := E.
```

lookup is exactly as in our (unbalanced) search-tree algorithm in Extract.v, except that the T constructor carries a color component, which we can ignore here.

The balance function is copied directly from Okasaki's paper. Now, the nice thing about machine-checked proof in Coq is that you can prove this correct without actually understanding it! So, do read Okasaki's paper, but don't worry too much about the details of this balance function.

In contrast, Sedgewick has proposed *left-leaning red-black trees*, which have a simpler balance function (but a more complicated invariant). He does this in order to make the proof of correctness easier: there are fewer cases in the balance function, and therefore fewer cases in the case-analysis of the proof of correctness of balance. But as you will see, our proofs about balance will have automated case analyses, so we don't care how many cases there are!

```
Definition balance rb t_1 k vk t_2 :=
 match rb with Red \Rightarrow T Red t<sub>1</sub> k vk t<sub>2</sub>
 match t_1 with
 | T Red (T Red a x vx b) y vy c \Rightarrow
       T Red (T Black a x vx b) y vy (T Black c k vk t2)
 | T Red a x vx (T Red b y vy c) \Rightarrow
       T Red (T Black a x vx b) y vy (T Black c k vk t_2)
 | a \Rightarrow match t_2 with
               | T Red (T Red b y vy c) z vz d \Rightarrow
                    T Red (T Black t_1 k vk b) y vy (T Black c z vz d)
               | T Red b y vy (T Red c z vz d) \Rightarrow
                    T Red (T Black t_1 k vk b) y vy (T Black c z vz d)
               \_ \Rightarrow T Black t<sub>1</sub> k vk t<sub>2</sub>
               end
  end
 end.
Definition makeBlack t :=
  match t with
  T _a x vx b \Rightarrow T Black a x vx b
  end.
Fixpoint ins x vx s :=
 match s with
 \mid E \Rightarrow T \text{ Red } E \times v \times E
 | T c a y vy b \Rightarrow if ltb x y then balance c (ins x vx a) y vy b
                              else if 1tb y x then balance c a y vy (ins x vx b)
```

```
else T c a x vx b end.

Definition insert x vx s := makeBlack (ins x vx s).
```

Now that the program has been defined, it's time to prove its properties. A red-black tree has two kinds of properties:

- SearchTree: the keys in each left subtree are all less than the node's key, and the keys in each right subtree are greater
- Balanced: there is the same number of black nodes on any path from the root to each leaf; and there are never two red nodes in a row.

First, we'll treat the SearchTree property.

```
Require Import Coq.Logic.FunctionalExtensionality.
Require Import ZArith.
Open Scope Z_scope.
```

Proof Automation for Case-Analysis Proofs.

```
Lemma T_neq_E:

∀clkvr, Tclkvr≠E.

Proof.
intros. intro Hx. inversion Hx.
Oed.
```

Several of the proofs for red-black trees require a big case analysis over all the clauses of the balance function. These proofs are very tedious to do "by hand," but are easy to automate.

```
Lemma ins_not_E: \forall x vx s, ins x vx s \neq E. Proof. intros. destruct s; simpl. apply T_neq_E. remember (ins x vx s<sub>1</sub>) as a<sub>1</sub>. unfold balance.
```

Here we go! Let's just "destruct" on the topmost case. Right, here it's ltb x k. We can use destruct instead of bdestruct because we don't need to remember whether x < k or $x \ge k$.

```
destruct (ltb x k). (* The topmost test is match c with..., so just destruct c *) destruct c. (* This one is easy. *) apply T_neq_E. (* The topmost test is match a_1 with..., so just destruct a_1 *) destruct a_1. (* The topmost test is match s_2 with..., so just destruct s_2 *) destruct s_2. (* This one is easy by inversion. *) intro Hx; inversion Hx.
```

How long will this go on? A long time! But it will terminate. Just keep typing. Better yet, let's automate. The following tactic applies whenever the current goal looks like, match ?c with Red \Rightarrow | Black

```
⇒ _ end ≠ _, and what it does in that case is, destruct c
match goal with
```

```
| |- match ?c with Red \Rightarrow _ | Black \Rightarrow _ end \neq _\Rightarrow destruct c end.
```

The following tactic applies whenever the current goal looks like,

```
match ?s with E \Rightarrow _ | T _ _ _ \Rightarrow _ end \ne _ ,

and what it does in that case is, destruct s

match goal with

| - match ?s with E \Rightarrow _ | T _ _ _ =  \Rightarrow _ end \ne _ \Rightarrow destruct s

end.
```

Let's apply that tactic again, and then try it on the subgoals, recursively. Recall that the repeat tactical keeps trying the same tactic on subgoals.

Let's start the proof all over again.

```
Abort.

Lemma ins_not_E: \forall x vx s, ins x vx s \neq E.

Proof.

intros. destruct s; simpl.

apply T_neq_E.

remember (ins x vx s<sub>1</sub>) as a<sub>1</sub>.

unfold balance.
```

This is the beginning of the big case analysis. This time, let's combine several tactics together:

What we have left is 117 cases, every one of which can be proved the same way:

```
apply T_neq_E.
apply T_neq_E.
apply T_neq_E.
apply T neg E.
apply T neq E.
apply T neq E.
(* Only 111 cases to go... *)
apply T neq E.
apply T_neq_E.
apply T neq E.
apply T neq E.
(* Only 107 cases to go... *)
Abort.
Lemma ins_not_E: \forall x vx s, ins x vx s \neq E.
Proof.
intros. destruct s; simpl.
apply T_neq_E.
remember (ins x vx s_1) as a_1.
unfold balance.
```

This is the beginning of the big case analysis. This time, we add one more clause to the match goal command:

```
repeat match goal with

| |- (if ?x then _ else _) ≠ _ ⇒ destruct x

| - match ?c with Red ⇒ _ | Black ⇒ _ end ≠ _⇒ destruct c

| - match ?s with E ⇒ _ | T _ _ _ _ ⇒ _ end ≠ _⇒destruct s

| - T _ _ _ ≠ E ⇒ apply T_neq_E

end.

Oed.
```

The SearchTree Property

The SearchTree property for red-black trees is exactly the same as for ordinary searchtrees (we just ignore the color c of each node).

```
Inductive SearchTree' : Z → tree → Z → Prop :=
| ST_E : ∀ lo hi, lo ≤ hi → SearchTree' lo E hi
| ST_T: ∀ lo c l k v r hi,
        SearchTree' lo l (int2Z k) →
        SearchTree' (int2Z k + 1) r hi →
        SearchTree' lo (T c l k v r) hi.

Inductive SearchTree: tree → Prop :=
| ST_intro: ∀ t lo hi, SearchTree' lo t hi → SearchTree t.
```

Now we prove that if t is a SearchTree, then the rebalanced version of t is also a SearchTree.

```
Lemma balance_SearchTree:
    ∀ c s₁ k kv s₂ lo hi,
    SearchTree' lo s₁ (int2Z k) →
    SearchTree' (int2Z k + 1) s₂ hi →
    SearchTree' lo (balance c s₁ k kv s₂) hi.
Proof.
intros.
unfold balance.
```

Use proof automation for this case analysis.

58 cases to consider!

```
* constructor; auto.
* constructor; auto.
* constructor; auto.
* constructor; auto.
constructor; auto. constructor; auto.
(* To prove this one, we have to do inversion on the proof goals above the line. *)
inv H. inv H<sub>0</sub>. inv H<sub>8</sub>. inv H<sub>9</sub>.
auto.
constructor; auto.
inv H. inv H<sub>0</sub>. inv H<sub>8</sub>. inv H<sub>9</sub>. auto.
inv H. inv H<sub>0</sub>. inv H<sub>8</sub>. inv H<sub>9</sub>. auto.
```

There's a pattern here. Whenever we have a hypothesis above the line that looks like,

```
    H: SearchTree' E
```

H: SearchTree' _ (T _) _

we should invert it. Let's build that idea into our proof automation.

```
Abort.
```

```
Lemma balance_SearchTree:
    ∀ c s₁ k kv s₂ lo hi,
    SearchTree' lo s₁ (int2Z k) →
    SearchTree' (int2Z k + 1) s₂ hi →
    SearchTree' lo (balance c s₁ k kv s₂) hi.
Proof.
intros.
unfold balance.
```

Use proof automation for this case analysis.

58 cases to consider!

```
* constructor; auto.
* constructor; auto. constructor; auto. constructor; auto.
* constructor; auto. constructor; auto. constructor; auto. constructor;
auto. constructor; auto.
* constructor; auto. constructor; auto. constructor;
auto. constructor; auto.
* constructor; auto. constructor; auto. constructor;
auto. constructor; auto.
```

Do we see a pattern here? We can add that to our automation!

Abort.

Use proof automation for this case analysis.

Exercise: 2 stars (ins SearchTree)

This one is pretty easy, even without proof automation. Copy-paste your proof of insert_SearchTree from Extract.v. You will need to apply balance SearchTree in two places.

```
Lemma ins_SearchTree:

∀ x vx s lo hi,

lo ≤ int2Z x →
 int2Z x < hi →
 SearchTree' lo s hi →
 SearchTree' lo (ins x vx s) hi.

Proof.

(* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
```

Exercise: 2 stars (valid)

```
Lemma empty tree SearchTree: SearchTree empty tree.
(* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
Lemma SearchTree'_le:
  \forall lo t hi, SearchTree' lo t hi \rightarrow lo \leq hi.
Proof.
induction 1; omega.
Lemma expand range SearchTree':
  ∀ s lo hi,
   SearchTree' lo s hi →
   ∀ lo' hi',
   lo' \leq lo \rightarrow hi \leq hi' \rightarrow
   SearchTree' lo' s hi'.
Proof.
induction 1; intros.
constructor.
omega.
constructor.
apply IHSearchTree'1; omega.
apply IHSearchTree'2; omega.
Qed.
Lemma insert SearchTree: ∀ x vx s,
    SearchTree s \rightarrow SearchTree (insert x vx s).
(* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
Import IntMaps.
Definition combine {A} (pivot: Z) (m<sub>1</sub> m<sub>2</sub>: total map A) : total map A :=
  fun x \Rightarrow \text{if Z.ltb } x \text{ pivot then } m_1 \text{ x else } m_2 \text{ x.}
Inductive Abs: tree → total map V → Prop :=
Abs_E: Abs E (t_empty default)
Abs_T: ∀abclkvkr,
      Abs 1 a \rightarrow
      Abs r b →
      Abs (T c l k vk r) (t update (combine (int2Z k) a b) (int2Z k) vk).
Theorem empty tree relate: Abs empty tree (t empty default).
Proof.
constructor.
Oed.
```

Exercise: 3 stars (lookup relate)

```
Theorem lookup_relate:

∀ k t cts , Abs t cts → lookup k t = cts (int2Z k).

Proof. (* Copy your proof from Extract.v, and adapt it. *)

(* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.

Lemma Abs_helper:

∀ m' t m, Abs t m' → m' = m → Abs t m.

Proof.

intros. subst. auto.

Qed.

Ltac contents_equivalent_prover :=

extensionality x; unfold t_update, combine, t_empty;

repeat match goal with

| |- context [if ?A then _ else _] ⇒ bdestruct A

end;
auto;
omega.
```

Exercise: 4 stars (balance relate)

You will need proof automation for this one. Study the methods used in ins_not_E and balance SearchTree, and try them here. Add one clause at a time to your match goal.

```
Theorem balance_relate:

∀ c l k vk r m,

SearchTree (T c l k vk r) →

Abs (T c l k vk r) m →

Abs (balance c l k vk r) m.

Proof.

intros.

inv H.

unfold balance.

repeat match goal with

| H: Abs E _ |- _ ⇒ inv H

end.
```

Add these clauses, one at a time, to your repeat match goal tactic, and try it out:

- 1. Whenever a clause H: Abs E _ is above the line, invert it by inv H. Take note: with just this one clause, how many subgoals remain?
- 2. Whenever Abs (T____) _ is above the line, invert it. Take note: with just these two clause, how many subgoals remain?
- 3. Whenever SearchTree' _E _ is above the line, invert it. Take note after this step and each step: how many subgoals remain?
- 4. Same for SearchTree' _ (T _ _ _ _) _.
- 5. When Abs match c with Red \Rightarrow | Black \Rightarrow end is below the line, destruct c.
- 6. When Abs match s with $E \Rightarrow [T \dots \Rightarrow end]$ is below the line, destruct s.
- 7. Whenever Abs (T_____) _ is below the line, prove it by apply Abs_T. This won't always work; Sometimes the "cts" in the proof goal does not exactly match the form of the "cts" required by the Abs_T constructor. But it's all right if a clause fails; in that case, the match goal will just try the next clause. Take note, as usual: how many clauses remain?
- 8. Whenever Abs E _ is below the line, solve it by apply Abs_E.
- 9. Whenever the current proof goal matches a hypothesis above the line, just use it. That is, just add this clause: | |- _ => assumption
- 10. At this point, if all has gone well, you should have exactly 21 subgoals. Each one should be of the form, Abs (T...) (t_update...) What you want to do is replace (t_update...) with a different "contents" that matches the form required by the Abs_T constructor. In the first proof

goal, do this: eapply Abs_helper. Notice that you have two subgoals. The first subgoal you can prove by: apply Abs_T. apply Abs_T. apply Abs_E. apply Abs_E. apply Abs_T. eassumption. eassumption. Step through that, one at a time, to see what it's doing. Now, undo those 7 commands, and do this instead: repeat econstructor; eassumption. That solves the subgoal in exactly the same way. Now, wrap this all up, by adding this clause to your match goal: | |-_ => eapply Abs_helper; repeat econstructor; eassumption |

- 11. You should still have exactly 21 subgoals, each one of the form, t_update... = t_update.... Notice above the line you have some assumptions of the form, H:

 SearchTree' lo_hi. For this equality proof, we'll need to know that lo ≤ hi. So, add a clause at the end of your match goal to apply SearchTree'_le in any such assumption, when below the line the proof goal is an equality = .
- 12. Still exactly 21 subgoals. In the first subgoal, try: contents_equivalent_prover. That should solve the goal. Look above, at Ltac contents_equivalent_prover, to see how it works. Now, add a clause to match goal that does this for all the subgoals.
- Qed!
 (* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.

Extend this list, so that the nth entry shows how many subgoals were remaining after you followed the nth instruction in the list above. Your list should be exactly 13 elements long; there was one subgoal *before* step 1, after all.

```
Definition how_many_subgoals_remaining :=
    [1; 1; 1; 1; 1; 2
```

Exercise: 3 stars (ins_relate)

```
Theorem ins relate:
 ∀ k v t cts,
    SearchTree t →
    Abs t cts →
    Abs (ins k v t) (t_update cts (int2Z k) v).
Proof. (* Copy your proof from SearchTree.v, and adapt it.
     No need for fancy proof automation. *)
(* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
Lemma makeBlack relate:
 ∀ t cts,
    Abs t cts →
    Abs (makeBlack t) cts.
Proof.
intros.
destruct t; simpl; auto.
inv H; constructor; auto.
Qed.
Theorem insert relate:
 V k v t cts,
    SearchTree t →
    Abs t cts →
    Abs (insert k v t) (t update cts (int2Z k) v).
Proof.
intros.
unfold insert.
apply makeBlack relate.
```

```
apply ins_relate; auto.
Qed.
```

OK, we're almost done! We have proved all these main theorems:

```
Check empty_tree_SearchTree.
Check empty_tree_relate.
Check lookup_relate.
Check insert_SearchTree.
Check insert_relate.
```

Together these imply that this implementation of red-black trees (1) preserves the representation invariant, and (2) respects the abstraction relation.

Exercise: 4 stars, optional (elements)

Prove the correctness of the elements function. Because elements does not pay attention to colors, and does not rebalance the tree, then its proof should be a simple copy-paste from SearchTree.v, with only minor edits.

```
Fixpoint elements' (s: tree) (base: list (key*V)) : list (key * V) :=
 match s with
 \mid E \Rightarrow base
 T = a k v b \Rightarrow elements' a ((k,v) :: elements' b base)
 end.
Definition elements (s: tree) : list (key * V) := elements' s nil.
Definition elements property (t: tree) (cts: total map V) : Prop :=
   \forall k v,
    (In (k,v) (elements t) \rightarrow cts (int2Z k) = v) \land
    (cts (int2Z k) \neq default \rightarrow In (k, cts (int2Z k)) (elements t)).
Theorem elements_relate:
  ∀ t cts,
  SearchTree t →
  Abs t cts →
  elements_property t cts.
Proof.
(* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
```

Proving Efficiency

Red-black trees are supposed to be more efficient than ordinary search trees, because they stay balanced. In a perfectly balanced tree, any two leaves have exactly the same depth, or the difference in depth is at most 1. In an approximately balanced tree, no leaf is more than twice as deep as another leaf. Red-black trees are approximately balanced. Consequently, no node is more then 2logN deep, and the run time for insert or lookup is bounded by a constant times 2logN.

We can't prove anything *directly* about the run time, because we don't have a cost model for Coq functions. But we can prove that the trees stay approximately balanced; this tells us important information about their efficiency.

Exercise: 4 stars (is redblack properties)

The relation is_redblack ensures that there are exactly n black nodes in every path from the root to a leaf, and that there are never two red nodes in a row.

```
Inductive is_redblack : tree \rightarrow color \rightarrow nat \rightarrow Prop := | IsRB leaf: \forall c, is redblack E c 0
```

```
IsRB r: ∀ tl k kv tr n,
             is redblack tl Red n →
             is redblack tr Red n →
             is redblack (T Red tl k kv tr) Black n
    IsRB b: ∀ c tl k kv tr n,
             is redblack tl Black n →
             is redblack tr Black n →
             is redblack (T Black tl k kv tr) c (S n).
  Lemma is redblack toblack:
    ∀ s n, is_redblack s Red n → is_redblack s Black n.
  Proof.
  (* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
  Lemma makeblack fiddle:
     ∀ s n, is_redblack s Black n →
               ∃ n, is redblack (makeBlack s) Red n.
  Proof.
   (* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
nearly redblack expresses, "the tree is a red-black tree, except that it's nonempty and it is
permitted to have two red nodes in a row at the very root (only)."
  Inductive nearly_redblack : tree → nat → Prop :=
   | nrRB r: ∀ tl k kv tr n,
            is redblack tl Black n \rightarrow
            is_redblack tr Black n →
            nearly_redblack (T Red tl k kv tr) n
   | nrRB_b: ∀ tl k kv tr n,
            is_redblack tl Black n →
            is_redblack tr Black n →
            nearly_redblack (T Black tl k kv tr) (S n).
  Lemma ins is redblack:
     \forall x vx s n,
       (is redblack s Black n → nearly redblack (ins x vx s) n) ∧
       (is redblack s Red n \rightarrow is redblack (ins x vx s) Black n).
  induction s; intro n; simpl; split; intros; inv H; repeat constructor; auto.
  destruct (IHs1 n); clear IHs1.
  destruct (IHs2 n); clear IHs2.
  specialize (H_0 H_6).
  specialize (H_2 H_7).
  clear H H_1.
  unfold balance.
You will need proof automation, in a similar style to the proofs of ins not E and
balance relate.
  (* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
  Lemma insert is redblack:
    \forall x xv s n, is_redblack s Red n \rightarrow
                        ∃ n', is_redblack (insert x xv s) Red n'.
  Proof.
     (* Just apply a couple of lemmas:
        ins is redblack and makeblack fiddle *)
   (* FILL IN HERE *) Admitted.
  End TREES.
```

Extracting and Measuring Red-Black Trees

```
Extraction "redblack.ml" empty_tree insert lookup elements.
```

```
You can run this inside the ocaml top level by: #use "redblack.ml";;
```

#use "test_searchtree.ml";;
run_tests();;

On my machine, in the byte-code interpreter this prints,

Insert and lookup 1000000 random integers in 0.889 seconds.

Insert and lookup 20000 random integers in 0.016 seconds.

Insert and lookup 20000 consecutive integers in 0.015 seconds.

You can compile and run this with the ocaml native-code compiler by:

ocamlopt redblack.mli redblack.ml -open Redblack test_searchtree.ml -o test_redblack
./test redblack

On my machine this prints,

Insert and lookup 1000000 random integers in 0.436 seconds.

Insert and lookup 20000 random integers in 0. seconds.

Insert and lookup 20000 consecutive integers in 0. seconds.

Success!

The benchmark measurements above (and in Extract.v) demonstrate that:

- On random insertions, red-black trees are slightly faster than ordinary BSTs (red-black 0.436 seconds, vs ordinary 0.468 seconds)
- On consecutive insertions, red-black trees are *much* faster than ordinary BSTs (red-black 0. seconds, vs ordinary 0.374 seconds)

In particular, red-black trees are almost exactly as fast on the consecutive insertions (0.015 seconds) as on the random (0.016 seconds).