CSE247 DATA STRUCTURES Fall'25



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Exercise 1: Sparse vectors

A sparse vector is a vector in which most of the elements are zero. To save space, we can store only the non-zero elements.

Implement a sparse vector using a symbol table of index-value pairs so that the memory is proportional to the number of nonzeros. The **set** and get operations should take $\log n$ time in the worst case; taking the dot product of two vectors should takes time proportional to the number of nonzero entries in both.

Implement Svector class with the following methods:

- void set(int i, double x): set the *i*th entry to x
- double get(int i) const: return the *i*th entry
- double dot(const Svector& that) const: return the dot product of this vector with that vector
- double norm() const : return the Euclidean norm ||x|| of the vector x, where $||x|| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \ldots + x_n^2}$
- Svector add(const Svector& that): return the sum of this vector with that vector
- void scale(double alpha): multiply this vector with a scalar

You may use std::map for the symbol table.

Exercise 2: LRU cache

Create a data structure that supports the following operations: access and remove. The access operation inserts the item onto the data structure if it's not already present. The remove operation deletes and returns the item that was least recently accessed.

Hint: maintain the items in order of access in a doubly linked list, along with pointers to the first and last nodes. Use a symbol table with keys = items, values = location in linked list. When you access an element, delete it from the linked list and re-insert it at the beginning. When you remove an element, delete it from the end and remove it from the symbol table.

Implement the LRU class with the following methods:

- void access(int item): insert the item if not already present
- int remove(): remove and return the least recently accessed item
- void print(): print the items in the order of access
- bool contains(int item): return true if the item is present
- int size(): return the number of items in the cache
- bool empty(): return true if the cache is empty

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Exercise 3: Mutable string

Create a data type that supports the following operations on a string: **get(int i)**, **insert(int i, char c)**, and **remove(int i)**, where **get** returns the *i*th character of the string, **insert** inserts the character **c** and makes it the *i*th character, and **remove** deletes the *i*th character. Use a binary search tree.

Hint: Use a BST (with key = real number between 0 and 1, value = character) so that the inorder traversal of the tree yields the characters in the appropriate order. Use **select()** to find the *i*th element. When inserting a character at position i, choose the real number to be the average of the keys currently at positions i-1 and i.

You may use the Red-Black tree implementation from the lectures (red-black-bst.hpp attached).

Useful classes from STL:

- std::map: Red-black trees based symbol table with log n time for get and set operations. https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/container/map
- std::list Double linked list https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/container/list

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