

COMP-2540 Data Structures and Algorithms – Winter 2023

Lab Assignment 5

Deadline: **March 27/29, 2023** (15 minutes prior to the end of the lab)

Regulations: This assignment must be done individually. Any similarity found between your code/answers and another student's, or a carbon-copy of an answer found in the web will be considered cheating. You must implement your own binary search tree and its operations, and not use the built in ones from the programming language you are using.

Objective: The aim of this assignment is to obtain hands on experience in implementing, testing and understanding the binary search tree ADT and its operations.

Tasks:

1. Consider a binary search tree (BST). Assume that the keys are integers and no value (objects) other than the key is stored in each node. By following the explanations and examples given in class, design an algorithm in pseudo-code for operation `remove(k)`.
2. Using your favorite programming language, implement the BST ADT in a linked structure, along with the following operations: search, insert and remove.
3. Implement the InOrder traversal method discussed in class, which shows the keys of the BST in increasing order.
4. Insert 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 in the tree (in that order). Show all keys in the tree (for this and the following, use the InOrder traversal method you implemented in #3).
5. Perform `search(1)` and `search(15)` 100,000 times and record the CPU time taken by each of these.
6. Remove key 5. Show all keys in inorder traversal. Remove 15. Show all the keys in inorder traversal. Remove 1. Show all the keys in inorder traversal. Insert key 2. Show all keys in inorder traversal.
7. Create a new empty binary search tree. Insert 8, 4, 12, 2, 6, 10, 14, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, in that order. Show all keys of the tree in inorder traversal.
8. Perform `search(1)` and `search(15)` 100,000 times and record the CPU time taken by each of these.
9. Compare the CPU times of #5 and #8, and explain how they are related to the best and worst-case running times of the search operation.
10. Remove key 8 and show the keys of the resulting tree (again, in inorder traversal).
11. [****Optional**] Using an API of your favorite programming language, consider an implementation the AVL tree or the Red-black tree. Generate an array A of n random 32-bit integers. Insert all the keys in the AVL (or Red-black) tree, and in the BST. Do the same for arrays of size $n = 8, 16, 32, 64, \dots, 2^{20}$. For each size, calculate the height of both trees (BST and AVL/Red-black) and store them in a table.
Sort the array A in increasing order into array B. Repeat the same as above for sorted array B. Comment on the heights you obtained for **both** trees (BST and AVL/Red-black) on **both** arrays A and B, and compare them to the worst-case complexity of the search operation as discussed in class. Hint: place the CPU times you obtained in a table or a plot.

Submission:

1. Your assignment must be submitted during the lab session in the section you are registered. Any submission *on or 15 minutes* prior to the end of the lab session will **not** be accepted and a **zero** mark will be given. Late assignments will be given a **zero** mark. Submissions by email will **not** be accepted.
2. Provide the remove algorithm **in pseudocode** (e.g., written on paper or Word). Code in a programming language like Java, C/C++ or any other language will **not** be accepted.
3. Run all BST operations as indicated in items #4 to #10.
4. Explain how your BST and its operations work. This will be asked when the lab assignment is being submitted – marks will be deducted if not clear how it works.