

Binary search trees (BSTs)

- again focus on $\text{access}(x)$, keys $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Models:

① worst case: $\Theta(\lg n)$

- LB: access deepest node \Rightarrow depth $\geq \lg n$
- UB: red-black trees, AVL trees, ...

② stochastic/static: $p_i (=f_i/m)$

- dynamic program for OPT: [Gilbert & Moore 1959]

- guess which key r to put at root (n choices)

\Rightarrow two subproblems: left ($< r$) & right ($> r$)

- in general, subproblem = interval of keys

$\Rightarrow O(n^2)$ subproblems

$$\begin{aligned} - \text{cost(problem)} &= 1 + \Pr\{\text{left}\} \cdot \text{cost(left)} \\ &\quad + \Pr\{\text{right}\} \cdot \text{cost(right)} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow O(n^3)$ time

- smarter DP runs in $O(n^2)$ time [Knuth 1971]

OPEN: $o(n^2)$ time possible?

- Static OPT between $H - \lg H - \lg e + 1$ & $H + 3$
where entropy $H = \sum_i p_i \lg \frac{1}{p_i}$

[Huffman trees achieve $H + O(1)$ but not BST]

③ dynamic: one-finger model

- finger starts at BST root for each access
- pay 1 for each left, right, parent move
or rotate [with parent]
- must touch x

BST access algorithms:

① Transpose analog: rotate x once toward root

- for uniform random accesses,
all BSTs equally likely in limit
- \Rightarrow expected height $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

[Allen & Munro - JACM 1978]

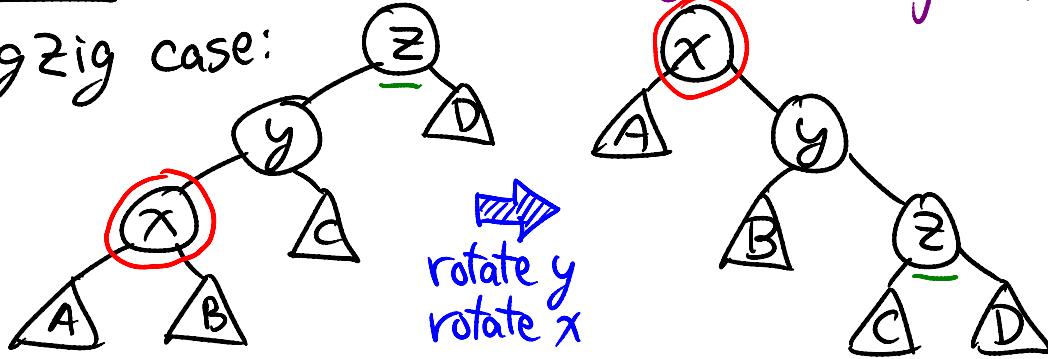
② Move To Root: rotate x until it's at root

$$= 2 \ln 2 \approx 1.38 \cdot \text{stochastic OPT}$$

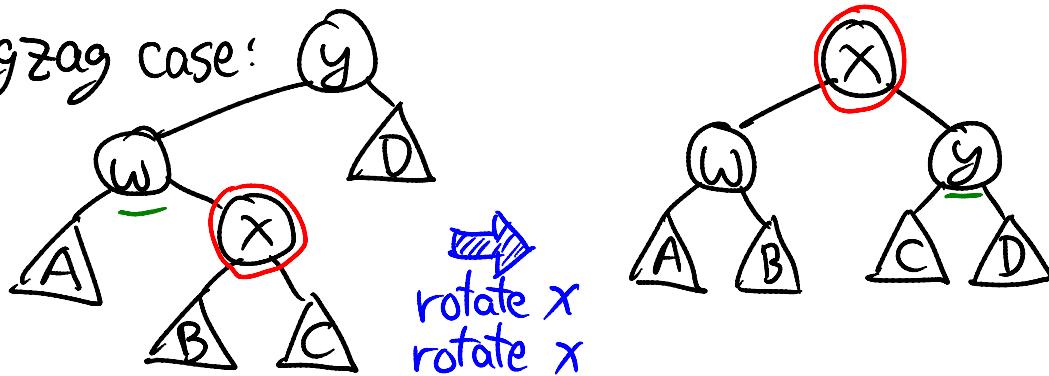
$$\neq O(1) \cdot \text{static OPT}$$

③ Splay trees: variation on MTR [Sleator & Tarjan - JACM 1985]

- zigzag case:



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- key feature: \leq half nodes on x path go down
- at end, may need single rotation
- $= O(1) \cdot$ static OPT

OPEN: $= O(1) \cdot$ dynamic OPT?

dynamic
optimality
conjecture

Access Lemma: just count rotations

- assign arbitrary weight w_i to each elt i (e.g.)
- define $W(x)$ = sum of weights of keys in subtree rooted at x
- potential $\bar{\Phi} = \sum_x \lg W(x)$

e.g. $w_i = 1 \forall i$ balanced path $\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} = \Theta(n)$
 $\Rightarrow \bar{\Phi} = \Theta(n \lg n)$

- amortized cost of one splay step (zig-zag)
 $\leq 3 \cdot [\lg W^{\text{new}}(x) - \lg W^{\text{old}}(x)]$
(some checking + concavity of \lg)
(note rotation changes only $W(x)$ & $W(x\text{'s parent})$)
- amortized cost of $\text{access}(x)$ telescopes:
 $\leq 3 \cdot [\underbrace{\lg W^{\text{new}}(x)}_{=W(\text{tree})} - \lg W^{\text{old}}(x)] + \underbrace{1}_{\text{final single rotation}}$
- $\min \bar{\Phi} \geq \sum_i \lg w_i$; $\max \bar{\Phi} \leq n \lg W(\text{tree})$
- $\max \bar{\Phi} - \min \bar{\Phi} \leq \sum_i [\underbrace{\lg W(\text{tree}) - \lg w_i}_{\text{bound on am. cost to access}(i)}]$
- assuming $m = \Omega(\text{this startup cost})$,
 $\text{access}(x)$ costs $O(\lg W(\text{tree}) - \lg W^{\text{old}}(x))$
 $= O(\lg W(\text{tree}) - \lg w_x)$

Consequences of access lemma:

① logarithmic: $w_i = 1 \forall i \Rightarrow W(\text{tree}) = n$
 $\Rightarrow O(\lg W(\text{tree}) - \lg w_x) = O(\lg n)$

$$\text{startup cost} = O(n \lg n)$$

② static optimality: $w_i = p_i \Rightarrow W(\text{tree}) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow O(1 - \lg p_x) = O(\lg 1/p_x)$
 $\text{startup cost} = O(H)$

③ static finger theorem: fix "finger" at a node f

$$w_i = \frac{1}{1+(i-f)^2} \Rightarrow W(\text{tree}) \leq \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} = \pi^2/3$$

$$\Rightarrow O(1 + l [1 + (i-f)^2]) = O(\lg [2 + \underbrace{|i-f|}_{\text{distance to finger}}])$$

$$\text{startup cost} = O(n \lg n)$$

④ working-set theorem: $O(1 + \lg t_i(x_i))$

where $t_i(x) = \# \text{distinct } y's \text{ accessed since}$

last access to x before time i (including y itself)

$$- w_x \text{ at time } i = 1/t_i(x)^2 \Rightarrow W(\text{tree}) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1/k^2 = \pi^2/6$$

$$\Rightarrow O(1 + \lg t_i(x_i)^2) = O(1 + \lg t_i(x_i)) \text{ for access}$$

$$- \text{next } t_{i+1}(x_i) = 1 \Rightarrow w_{x_i} \uparrow 1$$

$$& \text{some } t_{i+1}(y) = 1 + t_i(y) \Rightarrow w_y \downarrow \text{slightly}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{no } w_y \text{ increases except } w_{x_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{no } W(y) \text{ increases, even } W(x_i) = W(\text{tree}) \text{ (fixed)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi \text{ does not increase from reweighting}$$

$$- \text{startup cost} = O(n \lg n)$$

More bounds:

- ⑤ scanning theorem: (a.k.a. sequential access theorem)
 access sequence $1, 2, \dots, n$ costs $O(n)$
 from any initial tree [Tarjan - Combinatorica 1985]
- ⑥ dynamic finger theorem: [Cole - SICOMP 2000]
 access(x_i) costs $O(\lg[2 + |x_i - x_{i-1}|])$ amortized
 (assuming $m \geq n$)

OPEN:

- ⑦ degree conjecture: [Tarjan - Combinatorica 1985]
 two fingers $f_1 \leq f_2$, each access either $++f_i$ or $--f_i$
 $\Rightarrow O(m+n)$ total cost
 $- O((m+n)\alpha(m+n))$ [Sundar - Combinatorica 1992]
- ⑧ traversal conjecture: [Sleator & Tarjan - JACM 1985]
 access elts. from preorder traversal of fixed BST
 costs $O(n)$, from any initial tree
- ⑨ monotonicity conjecture: [Iacono - personal comm.]
 removing an access into the sequence
 never increases the total cost
- ⑩ unified conjecture: [Iacono - SODA 2001]
 access(x_i) costs $O(\lg \min_y [t_i(y) + |x_i - y| + 2])$ am.
 "fast if close to something recent"
 \uparrow WS
 temporal spatial
 \uparrow DF
 - achievable by pointer-machine DS
 [Iacono - SODA 2001; Bădoiu, Cole, Demaine, Iacono - Algorithmica]

Bound implications: [Iacono - SWAT 2000 & SODA 2001]

