Algorithms, Probability, and Computing

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Random Search Trees



Lemma 2.1. $S \subseteq R$, finite. Given a tree in \mathcal{B}_S , we let w(v), v a node, denote the number of nodes in the subtree rooted at v.

The probability of the tree according to the above distribution is $\prod_{\nu} \frac{1}{w(\nu)}$, where the product is over all nodes ν of the tree.

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 $x_n = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } n = 0, \text{ and} \\ n - 1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

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Jensen's Inequality: If $f : \mathbf{R} \to \mathbf{R}$ is a convex function, then $f(\mathbf{E}[X]) \leq \mathbf{E}[f(X)]$.

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$$\begin{split} \mathsf{E}[X_n] &\leq \log \, \mathsf{E}\Big[2^{X_n}\Big] = \log \, \mathsf{E}\Big[2^{\max_{i=1}^n D_n^{(i)}}\Big] \\ &\leq \log \, \mathsf{E}\Bigg[\sum_{i=1,\,i\,is\,leaf}^n 2^{D_n^{(i)}}\Bigg] \\ &=: \, \mathsf{Z}_n \end{split}$$

 $z_1 = 1$, $z_2 = 2$, $z_3 = 4$

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Improving the Constant

$$D_n^{(i)}$$
 := depth of key of rank i

$$X_n := \max_{1 \le i \le n} D_n^{(i)}$$

$$\mathsf{E}[X_n] \leq \log_{\mathbf{C}} \mathsf{E}\left[\mathbf{C}^{X_n}\right] = \log \, \mathsf{E}\left[\mathbf{C}^{\max_{i=1}^n D_n^{(i)}}\right]$$

Repeat calculations from before:

$$\mathbf{E}[X_n] < \frac{2C-1}{\ln C} \ln n \text{ for } n \ge 3 \text{ and any real } C > 1.$$

Optimize C:

 $E[X_n] \leq 4.311.. \ln(n)$

(constant is known to be best possible, cf Devroye'86)

 $D_n^{(i)} := \text{depth of key of rank } i; \quad d_{i,n} := E[D_n^{(i)}]$

$$A_{i}^{j} := [node \ j \ is \ ancestor \ of \ node \ i]$$

 $= \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if node } j \text{ is ancestor of node } i, \text{ and} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

$$\mathbf{E} \Big[D_n^{(i)} \Big] = \sum_{j=1, \, j \neq i}^n \, \mathbf{E} \Big[A_i^j \Big]$$

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Depth of Key of Rank i

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{n}}^{(i)} &\coloneqq \text{ depth of key of rank i; } \mathsf{d}_{\mathsf{i},\mathsf{n}} \coloneqq \mathsf{E}[\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{n}}^{(i)}] \\ \mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{i}}^{\mathsf{j}} &\coloneqq [\mathsf{node } \mathsf{j} \text{ is ancestor of node } \mathsf{i}] \\ &= \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathsf{1}, & \text{if node } \mathsf{j} \text{ is ancestor of node } \mathsf{i}, \\ \mathsf{0}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{array} \right. \\ &\mathsf{E}[\mathsf{D}_{\mathsf{n}}^{(i)}] = \sum_{\mathsf{j}=\mathsf{1},\mathsf{j}\neq\mathsf{i}}^{\mathsf{n}} \mathsf{E}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{i}}^{\mathsf{j}}] &= \sum_{\mathsf{j}=\mathsf{1},\mathsf{j}\neq\mathsf{i}}^{\mathsf{n}} \operatorname{Pr}[\mathcal{A}_{\mathsf{i}}^{\mathsf{j}} = \mathsf{1}] : \end{split}$$

Lemma 2.5. $i, j \in N$. In a random search tree for $n \ge \max\{i, j\}$ keys

$$\Pr\left[A_{i}^{j}=1\right] = \Pr\left[\text{node } j \text{ is ancestor of node } i\right] = \frac{1}{|i-j|+1} \ .$$

QuickSort

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 $t_n :=$ expected number of comparisons for n keys

$$\begin{split} t_n &= n-1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(t_{i-1} + t_{n-i} \right) \frac{1}{n} &= n-1 + \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n t_{i-1} \\ &= \text{E[sum of depths]} \end{split}$$

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- Idea: choose priorities uar from [0,1]
 - \Rightarrow the constructed search tree will be a **random** search tree

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Lemma: $\forall T \forall x$: expected number of rotations < 2





left (right) spine of a node x:

- sequence of nodes on the path from x to largest (smallest) node in left (right) subtree rooted at x (excluding x)
- Note: The above definition is a shortcut of the definition in the lecture notes: there we define the left and right spine of a *tree*, as the path from the root to the smallest resp largest node in the tree. Then we associate with a node the two spines mentioned in the above definition, cf. picture below.





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Proof: $A_i^j := [node j is ancestor of node i]$ $C_{i,j}^k := [node k is ancestor of nodes i and j]$

We have:

length of left spine of j =

$$\sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \left(A_{j-1}^k - C_{j-1,j}^k \right)$$



Note: largest node in left subtree is either j-1 or left subtree is empty Theorem 2.10. In a randomized search tree (a treap with priorities independently and u.a.r. from [0,1)) operations find, insert, delete, split and join can be performed in expected time $O(\log n)$, n the number of keys currently stored. The expected number of rotations necessary for an insertion or a deletion is always less than 2.