# Algorithms and Data Structures (II) 

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# Outline 

- Wrap up hash tables.
- Skip lists.
- Binary search trees
- Randomized binary search trees


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- Implementation (so far)
- direct access tables. Linked lists. Hash tables.



Three versions: linear/quadratic/double probing.

## Hash Tables: Scorecard

| Algorithm | Average Complexity (Search successful/not) |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| INSERT/SEARCH/DELETE, CHAINING: | $O(1+\alpha)$ | $\checkmark$ |
| SEARCH, LINEAR PROBING: | $\frac{1}{2}\left(1+\frac{1}{1-\alpha}\right), \frac{1}{2}\left(1+\frac{1}{1-\alpha^{2}}\right)$ | $\checkmark$ |
| SEARCH, QUADRATIC PROBING: | $1-\ln (1-\alpha)-\frac{\alpha}{2}, \frac{1}{1-\alpha}-\alpha-\ln (1-\alpha)$ | $\checkmark$ |
| SEARCH, DOUBLE HASHING: | $\frac{1}{\alpha} \ln (1-\alpha), \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$ | $\checkmark$ |

Reference, probing complexities: Drozdek/Knuth.
■ practical! $\checkmark$
■ Hard to analyze mathematically: those results under uniform hashing (not at all clear) $\times$
■ Somewhat hard to engineer. $\times$.

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## In practice $\log (n)$ is a small number!

## Advanced topic - Skip lists

## Caution

Topic not in Cormen. See Drozdek for details/C++ implementation.

■ Problem with linked list: search is slow !... even when elements sorted.
■ Solution: lists of ordered elements that allow skipping some elements to speed up search.
■ Skip lists: variant of ordered linked lists that makes such search possible.

More advanced data structure (W. Pugh "Skip lists: a Probabilistic Alternative to Balanced Trees", Communication of the ACM 33(1990), pp. 668-676.) If anyone curious/interested in data structures/algorithms, can give paper to read; taste how a research article looks like.

# Skip lists 



Where does this ever get applied ? ...

## Skip lists in real life

According to Wikipedia:
■ MemSQL - skip lists as prime indexing structure for its database technology.
■ Cyrus IMAP server - "skiplist" backend DB implementation
■ Lucene uses skip lists to search delta-encoded posting lists in logarithmic time.
■ QMap (up to Qt 4) template class of Qt that provides a dictionary.
■ Redis, ANSI-C open-source persistent key/value store for Posix systems, skip lists in implementation of ordered sets.
■ nessDB, a very fast key-value embedded Database Storage Engine.
■ skipdb: open-source DB format using ordered key/value pairs.
■ ConcurrentSkipListSet and ConcurrentSkipListMap in the Java 1.6 API.

## Skip lists in real life (II)

According to Wikipedia:
■ Speed Tables: fast key-value datastore for Tcl that use skiplists for indexes and lockless shared memory.
■ leveldb, a fast key-value storage library written at Google that provides an ordered mapping from string keys to string values
■ MuQSS Scheduler for the Linux kernel uses skip lists
■ SkipMap uses skip lists as base data structure to build a more complex 3D Sparse Grid for Robot Mapping systems.

## Skip lists: implementation

## What we want

$k=1, \ldots,\left\lfloor\log _{2}(n)\right\rfloor, 1 \leq i \leq\left\lfloor n / 2^{k-1}\right\rfloor-1$.
■ Item $2^{k-1} \cdot i$ points to item $2^{k-1} \cdot(i+1)$.
■ every second node points to positions two node ahead,
■ every fourth node points to positions four nodes ahead,
■ every eigth node points to positions eigth nodes ahead,
■ . . . . . ., and so on.

■ Different number of pointers in different nodes in the list!
■ half the nodes only one pointer.

- a quarter of the nodes two pointers,
- an eigth of the nodes four pointers,

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- $n \log _{2}(n) / 2$ pointers.


## Search Algorithm

(1) First follow pointers on the highest level until a larger element is found or the list is exhausted.
(2) If a larger element is found, restart search from its predecessor, this time on a lower level.
(3) Continue doing this until element found, or you reach the first level and a larger element or the end of the list.

## Major problem

■ When inserting/deleting a node, pointers of prev/next nodes have to be restructured.
■ Solution: rather than equal spacing, random spacing on a level.
■ Invariant: Number of nodes on each level: equal, in expectation to what it would be under equal spacing

## Principle

If you're traveling 10 meters in 10 steps, a step is on average one meter.

■ Level numbering: start with zero.
■ New node inserted: probability $1 / 2$ on first level, $1 / 4$ second level, $1 / 8$ third level, . . ., etc.
■ Function chooseLevel: chooses randomly the level of the new node.
■ Generate random number. If in [0,1/2] level 1, [1/2,3/4] level 2, etc.
■ To delete node: have to update all links.

Computing the $i$ 'th element faster than in $O(i)$
■ If we record "step sizes" in our lists we can even mimic indexing !
■ Start on highest level.
■ If step too big, restart search from predecessor, this time on a lower level.
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## Update "step sizes" by insertion/deletion

Easy if you have doubly linked lists.
■ On deletion: pred[i].size+ $=$ deleted.size on all levels $i$.
■ On insertion: Simply keep track of predecessors and index of the inserteed sequence.

## Skip Lists: Scorecard

## Method Average Worst-Case

| SPACE: | $O(n)$ | $O(n \log (n))$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\checkmark$ |  |  |
| SEARCH: $O(\log (n))$ | $O(n)$ |  |
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■ quite practical! $\checkmark$

- Probabilistic, worst-case still bad. $\times$

■ Not completely easy to implement. $\times$.

## Compared to what?

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- x.parent is the parent of node $x$
- $x$. key is the key stored in node $x$
- $x$. left is the left child of node $x$
- $x$.right is the right child of node $x$



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\begin{array}{llllllllll}
2 & 4 & 5 & 9 & 12 & 13 & 15 & 17 & 18 & 19
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And then we need a "starter" procedure

Inorder-Tree-Walk-Start $(T) 1$ Inorder-Tree-Walk( (root)

# Preorder Tree Walk 

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Preorder-Tree-WALk(x)1 if }x\not=\mathrm{ NIL
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    3
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## Application of postorder: Computing Arithmetic Expressions

■ Arithmetic expressions can be represented by syntax trees.
■ Given an expression represented by tree, compute its value !
■ Each tree node: value field.

- Postorder traversal prints postfix notation/computes the value.


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- the length of the output is $\Theta(n)$


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- similarly, the maximum key is all the way to the right



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3 & \text { if } k<x . \text { key } \\
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6 & \text { return } x
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- in order to insert $x$, we search for $x$ (more precisely $x$. key)
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        z.size = t.size +1
        return Tree-Root-Insert( }t,z
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Rotation



■ $x=$ RIGHt-Rotate $(x)$


■ $x=$ Right-Rotate $(x)$
■ $x=$ Left-Rotate $(x)$


| Right-Rotate $(x) 1$ | l=x.left |
| ---: | :--- |
| 2 | x.left $=$ I.right |
| 3 | l.right $=x$ |
| 4 | return $/$ |

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    \(2 \quad y=z\)
        else \(y=\) Tree-Successor(z)
        if \(y\). left \(\neq\) NIL
        \(x=y\).left
        else \(x=y\).right
        if \(x \neq\) NIL
            x.parent \(=y\). parent
        if \(y\). parent \(==\) NIL
            T.root \(=x\)
        else if \(y=y\).parent. left
        \(y \cdot\) parent.left \(=x\)
        else \(y\).parent.right \(=x\)
        if \(y \neq z\)
        \(15 \quad\) z.key \(=y . k e y\)
        16 copy any other data from \(y\) into \(z\)
```

