CS 2124: DATA STRUCTURES Spring 2024

- 7th Lecture
- Topics: Introduction to Trees

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- 1. Introduction to Trees
 - I. Binary Trees
 - i. Types of Binary Trees
 - II. Building A Binary Search Tree (BST)
 - i. Insert into an empty BST
 - ii. Duplicate Removal in BST
 - III. Binary Tree Traversal
 - i. Preorder Traversal
 - ii. In order Traversal
 - iii. Post order Traversal
- 2. Expressions as Trees
- 3. Building Trees
 - I. Binary Trees: Dynamic Nodes

- 4. Traversal Implementation: Recursive
- 5. Traversal Implementation: Using Stacks
- 6. Applications

- Assignment:
- 1. No PDF file
- 2. A copy paste of output in their PDF file rather then screenshot.
- 3. Screenshot of entire screen rather then the code and output (like in lectures)
- 4. EXE file being submitted in zip file on Canvas

Introduction (What we have covered)

- There are many basic data structures that can be used to solve application problems.
- Array is a good static data structure that can be accessed randomly and is fairly easy to implement.
 - Insertion and deletion can be time consuming due to memory management
 - Array are not dynamic (i.e. The size of an array is determined at compile time)



Introduction (What we have covered)

- Linked Lists on the other hand is dynamic and is ideal for application that requires frequent operations such as add, delete, and update.
 - One drawback of linked list is that data access is sequential.
- Then there are other specialized data structures like, stacks and queues that allows us to solve complicated problems using these restricted data structures.



Introduction

- One of the disadvantages of using an array (unsorted) or linked list to store data is the time necessary to **search** for an item.
- Since both the arrays and Linked Lists are **linear structures** the time required to search a "linear" list is proportional to the size of the data set.
 - For example, if the size of the data set is *n*, then the number of comparisons needed to find (or not find) an item may be as bad as some multiple of *n*.



number of elements

Introduction

- In this lecture lets Extend the concept of linked data structure (linked list, stack, queue) to a structure that may have multiple relations among its nodes.
- Such a structure is called a tree.
- A tree is a collection of nodes connected by directed (or undirected) edges.



- Applications
- 1. Storing naturally hierarchical data
- 2. Database indexing
- 3. Parsing (Process of breaking down code into its component)
- 4. Artificial Intelligence
- 5. Cryptography

- A tree is a **nonlinear data structure**, compared to arrays, linked lists, stacks and queues which are linear data structures.
- A tree can be empty with no nodes or a tree is a structure consisting of one node called the root and zero or one or more subtrees.
- A tree has following general properties:
 - One node is distinguished as a root (A)
 - Every node (exclude a root) is connected by a directed edge from exactly one other node
 - A direction is: parent -> children



A is a parent of B, C, D, B is called a child of A. B is a parent of E, F, K

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 - Subtree Root:
 - Node B
 - Node K
 - Node D



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- The **height of a tree** is a height of a root.







- A **binary tree** is a structurally complete data structure in which each node has at most two children.
- A binary tree usually has two nodes, called the left and right nodes, with the left being less than the right.
- Binary trees are generally used for quick storage and retrieval of data. Because each node can only have two children, it is easy to find a particular data piece without searching through the entire structure.

Binary Tree



- Additionally, binary trees can be traversed using either a recursive or iterative algorithm.
- As a result, a binary tree in the data structure is often used when performance is critical, such as in real-time applications.
 - Binary search tree (BST): Used to search applications where data is continuously entering and leaving.
 - Binary space partition: Used in 3D video games to determine what objects need to be rendered.
 - Binary trees: Used by high-bandwidth routers for storing router tables, implementing dictionaries, spelling checking etc.

Terminologies Associated with Binary Trees

- Ancestor Nodes: Any node that is higher up in the tree than a given child node.
- **Descendant Nodes: A**ny node that is lower down in the tree than a given parent node.
- **Climbing/Ascending**: Traversing from leaf to root
- Walking/Descending: Traversing from root to leaf
- Root Node, Child Node, Sibling Nodes, Leaf Nodes, Internal Nodes, Height, Depth (Already discussed)



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- A **complete binary** tree is just like a full binary tree, but with two major differences
- 1. Every level must be completely filled, except possibly the last level
- 2. All the leaf elements must lean towards the left.
- The last leaf element might not have a right sibling i.e. a complete binary tree doesn't have to be a full binary tree.

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Degenerate (or pathological) tree

A Tree where every internal node has one child. Such trees are performance-wise same as linked list.

A degenerate or pathological tree is a tree having a single child either left or right.

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Types of Binary Tree



- Paper: Skewed Binary Search Trees (Source: Link)
- In this paper we present an experimental study of various memory layouts of static skewed binary search trees, where each element in the tree is accessed with a uniform probability.
- Our results show that for many of the memory layouts we consider skewed binary search trees can perform better than perfect balanced search trees.
- The improvements in the running time are on the order of 15%.
- Previous work has shown that a dominating factor over the running time for a search is the number of cache faults performed, and that an appropriate memory layout of a binary search tree can reduce the number of cache faults by several hundred percent.

Binary Tree (Array)

Trees can be represented in two ways :

- Dynamic Node Representation (Linked Representation).
- Array Representation (Sequential Representation).



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- The properties that separate a binary search tree from a regular binary tree is
 - 1. All nodes of left subtree are less than the root node
 - 2. All nodes of **right subtree** are **more** than the root node
 - 3. Both subtrees of each node are also BSTs i.e. they have the above two properties



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        return new node(x);
     else if (x > root \rightarrow data) // x is greater. Should be inserted to the right
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// searching operation
22 - struct node* search(struct node * root, int x) {
      if (root == NULL || root -> data == x) //if root->data is x then the element is found
23
        return root;
      else if (x > root -> data) // x is greater, so we will search the right subtree
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Binary Search Tree(BST - Example)

Elements: 8,3,10,1,6,2



Elements: 5,2,7,1,7,2



Binary Search Tree(BST - Example)

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1. Store the duplicate element in the left or right subtree



2. Stores the count of the node. So the count of Node 5 will be 2



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