

## Lecture 2: Dynamic Optimality I

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## 1 Plan

- BST Model + Instance Optimality
- Splay Trees
- Geometric View of Dynamic Optimality Conjecture
- Greedy BST (via Treaps)

## 2 Last Time

### 2.1 Predecessor Search

Maintain  $S \subseteq [n]$  s.t. under predecessor search queries:

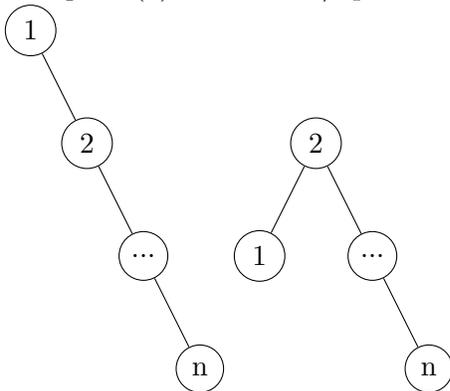
$$\text{Pred}(x) := \max\{y \in S \mid y \leq x\}$$

For example,  $\text{Pred}(57)$  when  $S = \{9, 17, 23, 50, 76, 79\}$  returns 50. We let AS be the sequences of searches such that  $AS = \{x_1 \dots x_n\}$ . NB: We generally assume AS to be longer than  $n$ .

### 2.2 Self-Balancing BSTs

- Examples: RBTs, AVLs, Rand BSTs
- Local rotations:  $t_n = t_q = \Theta(\log n)$  op. (am (amortized)/wc (worst-case))

Can we do better? Depends on AS. For example, take the sequential / monotone  $AS := \{1, 2, 3 \dots n\}$ . We can get  $O(1)$  access time/update time if we rotate after each access:



Need instance specific benchmarks!

### 3 BST Model

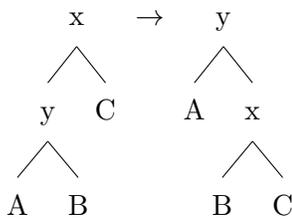
#### 3.1 Overview

BST Model  $\leq$  Pointer Machine (PM)

- Keys are stored as nodes of a BST
- Allowed ops starting at route:

(i) Walk up/left/right

(ii) Local rotation:



- No RAM in BST-Model! Reduces to PM-Model.

Remarks:

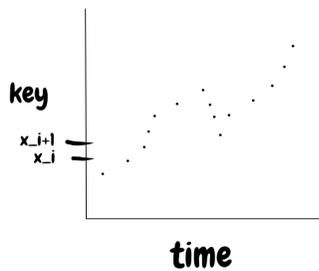
- BST Model is weak.
- $\exists$  a single access sequence  $AS$  simultaneously hard  $\Omega(n \log n)$  for all BSTs!
- We focus only on searches. For now, rotations are used to speed up search time.

#### 3.2 Properties

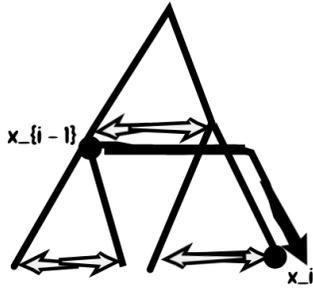
(I) **Sequence Access Property:** Monotone  $AS := \{1 \dots n\}$   $O(1)$  / op (am).

(II) **Dynamic Finger Property:** (Spatial Locality)

$$|x_i - x_{i-1}| \leq k \implies O(\log k) / \text{op}$$



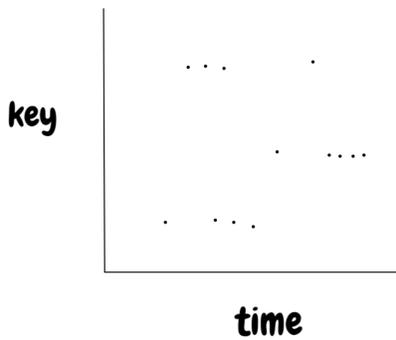
Ex. Finger Trees (level-linked trees):



Does BST have this property?  $\approx$  (50 p. SICOMP [Cole 2000])

**(III) Working-Set/Move-To-Front (MTF Property):** (Temporal Locality)

If  $t_i$  distinct keys accessed since last  $S(x_i) \implies O(\log t_i) / \text{op}$



**(IV) Entropy Property:**

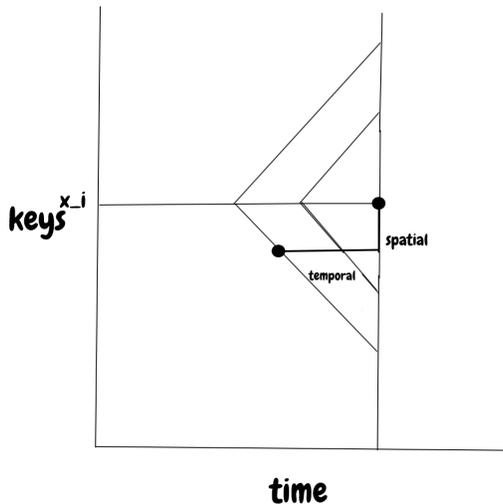
Frequency of  $x_i := p_i \implies O(\sum_i p_i \log \frac{1}{p_i}) / \text{op (am)}$

**Static optimality:**  $\Theta(\sum_i p_i \log \frac{1}{p_i})$  opt if we disallow rotations. Essentially Huffman compression trees.

**Final Project (FP):** Tree Compression vs Dynamic BST [Godin 2019]

**(V) Unified Property:**

$t_{ij}$  distinct key accesses before  $x_i \implies \text{cost}(x_i) \leq O(\log(\min_{j \leq i} \{|x_i - x_j| + t_{ij}\}) + 2)$



For example consider if we accessed 13 in the past. Now if we've never seen 15 we want it so that a recent access of 13 would shorten the search time for 15. Hence the L1 ball (bounded by the sum of the components).

Open Question:  $\exists$  BST satisfying unified property?

### Relationships

1. (II)  $\implies$  (I) : this follows from the fact that (I) is the special case where  $k = 1$ .
2. (III)  $\implies$  (IV) : intuitively consider the two sequences 111111222222 vs 111211221222 same frequencies but clearly (IV) would capture the correlation in the former.

### Dynamic Optimality Conjecture [ST' 85]:

$$\exists \text{ a single dynamic BST } \mathcal{T} \text{ s.t. } \forall x \text{ (AS)} : C_{\mathcal{T}}(x) \leq O(C_{BST}(x))$$

$\implies$  Best online solution = Best offline solution

where  $C_{BST}(x)$  is the optimal tree over all possible trees on that  $x$ .

Essentially posing that in the case of a resource limited BST model, being able to predict the future doesn't help you.

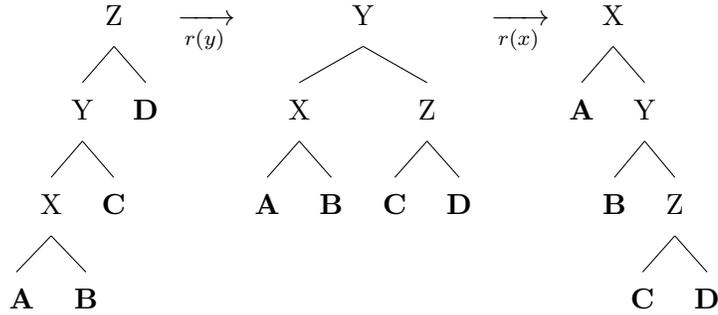
## 4 Splay Trees [ST '81]

### 4.1 Premise

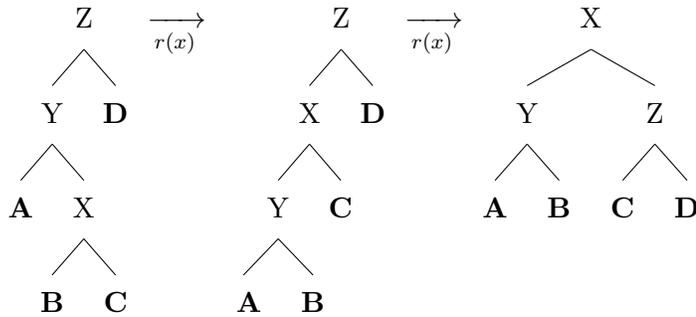
- We consider the restriction of BST and no updates on the task of search.
- Splay Trees are conjectured to be Dynamically Optimal (Open)
- Motivated by the Huffman Tree, which is optimal for the static case, we want a dynamic tree which will keep recent keys close to the root.

## 4.2 Algorithm

- Upon searching for a key, we propagate it to the root of the tree using one of 4 splaying rotations. Since rr and ll are similar and rl and lr are similar we just present one of each pair.
- Double Rotations ("splaying"):
  - rr-splay (Zig-Zig rotation)



- lr-splay (Zig-Zag Rotation)



- We don't aim to maintain a balanced tree but rather a tree that adapts to recent events thereby increasing **temporal locality**.
- Concerning spacial locality, note that suppose  $w$  isn't in the search path of  $x$  but they the subpath share  $\ell$ . Then  $d_w$  doesn't change that much:

$$d'_w \leq d_w + \ell/2 + O(1)$$

. Effectively, it halves the 'shared' depth each time a **spatially local** query is made.

## 4.3 Theorem MTF property of Splay Trees

**Theorem 1.** *Splay trees have amortized search/insert/delete time of  $O(\log n)$ /op (insert/delete left as an exercise).*

*Proof.* Via potential argument. Let  $\mathcal{T}_i$  be the  $i^{\text{th}}$  tree (ie the tree after the  $i^{\text{th}}$  search). For potential argument, we choose a  $w$  such that  $w(x) > 0$  and in particular for this theorem take  $w(x) = 1$ .

Define:

$$S_i(s) = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{T}_i(x)} w(y)$$

and Rank:

$$r_i(x) = \log(S_i(x))$$

Define the potential  $\Phi$  to be:

$$\Phi(i) := \Phi(\mathcal{T}_i) = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{T}_i} r_i(x)$$

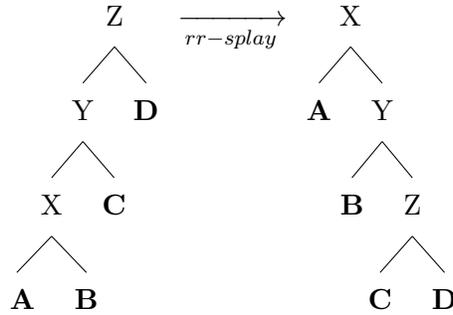
Effectively it represents the average depth over nodes in  $\mathcal{T}_i$ .

**Lemma 2** (Access Lemma). *The amortized Cost( $\Phi$ ) of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  splay operation on  $x$  is  $\leq 3(r_i(x) - r_{i-1}(x))$*

Proof of Access Lemma (rr-splay):

$$\hat{Cost}_x(i) = 2 + \Delta_i \Phi$$

as we are considering the amortized cost of operation on the node  $x$  on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  operation which consists of two rotations in addition to the change in  $\Phi$  induced by  $i$ . Recall the rr-splay we do out the analysis for rr but not that rl (by extension also lr and ll) are similar:



To compute  $\Delta_x(i)$ , we note that the subtrees internally are unchanged by the splay operation, so we only need to worry about the  $x, y, z$ . We use the following inequalities:

$$\text{(I)} \quad r_{i+1}(x) = r_i(z)$$

$$\text{(II)} \quad r_i(x) \leq r_i(y)$$

$$\text{(III)} \quad r_{i+1}(y) \leq r_{i+1}(x)$$

By inspection, we see that **(I)** holds since the entire tree remains in the subtree of the rotation root. Next note **(II)** holds because  $y$  is a parent of  $x$ , while **(III)** holds since  $x$  is a parent of  $y$  after the rotation.

Going back to our expression of cost:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{C}ost_x(i) &= 2 + \Delta_i \Phi \\
&= 2 + r_{i+1}(x) + r_{i+1}(y) + r_{i+1}(z) - r_i(x) - r_i(y) - r_i(z) \\
&\leq_{\mathbf{(I)}} 2 + r_{i+1}(x) + r_{i+1}(y) + r_{i+1}(z) - r_i(x) - r_i(y) - r_{i+1}(x) \\
&= 2 + r_{i+1}(y) + r_{i+1}(z) - r_i(x) - r_i(y) \\
&\leq_{\mathbf{(II)}} 2 + r_{i+1}(y) + r_{i+1}(z) - 2r_i(x)
\end{aligned}$$

Aside:

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{r_i(x) + r_{i+1}(z)}{2} &= \frac{\log(S_i(x)) + \log(S_{i+1}(z))}{2} \\
&\leq \frac{\log(S_i(x) + S_{i+1}(z))}{2} && \text{via log concavity} \\
&\leq \frac{\log(S_{i+1}(x))}{2} && \text{A and B are disjoint from C and D} \\
&\leq r_{i+1}(x) - 1
\end{aligned}$$

rearranging:

$$r_{i+1}(z) \leq 2r_{i+1}(x) - r_i(x) - 2$$

Applying this to the cost function:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{C}ost_x(i) &\leq 2 + r_{i+1}(y) + r_{i+1}(z) - 2r_i(x) \\
&\leq 2 + r_{i+1}(y) + (2r_{i+1}(x) - r_i(x) - 2) - 2r_i(x) \\
&= r_{i+1}(y) + 2r_{i+1}(x) - 3r_i(x) \\
&\leq_{\mathbf{(III)}} 3(r_{i+1}(x) - r_i(x)) \\
&= 3(r_{i+1}(x) - r_i(x))
\end{aligned}$$

As we have proven the lemma as we set out to. □

Now to prove the Theorem:

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{C}ost(x) &= \sum_{i=1}^k \hat{C}ost_i(x) \\
&\leq_{AL} 3 \sum_{i=1}^k r_i(x) - r_{i-1}(x) \\
&= 3(r_k - r_1) \\
&\leq 3(\log n - 0) \\
&= O(\log n)
\end{aligned}$$

□