

# Splay Trees and B-Trees

CSE 373  
Data Structures  
Lecture 9

## Readings and References

- Reading
  - › Sections 4.5-4.7

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## Self adjustment for better living

- Ordinary binary search trees have no balance conditions
  - › what you get from insertion order is it
- Balanced trees like AVL trees enforce a balance condition when nodes change
  - › tree is always balanced after an insert or delete
- Self-adjusting trees get reorganized over time as nodes are accessed

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## Splay Trees

- Splay trees are tree structures that:
  - › Are not perfectly balanced all the time
  - › Data most recently accessed is near the root.
- The procedure:
  - › After node X is accessed, perform “splaying” operations to bring X to the root of the tree.
  - › Do this in a way that leaves the tree more balanced as a whole

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## Splay Tree Terminology

- Let X be a non-root node with  $\geq 2$  ancestors.
  - P is its parent node.
  - G is its grandparent node.

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## Zig-Zig and Zig-Zag

Parent and grandparent in same direction.

Zig-zig

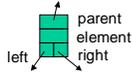
Parent and grandparent in different directions.

Zig-zag

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## Splay Tree Operations

1. Helpful if nodes contain a **parent** pointer.



2. When X is accessed, apply one of **six** rotation routines.

- Single Rotations (X has a P (the root) but no G)  
ZigFromLeft, ZigFromRight
- Double Rotations (X has both a P and a G)  
ZigZigFromLeft, ZigZigFromRight  
ZigZagFromLeft, ZigZagFromRight

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## Zig at depth 1

- "Zig" is just a **single rotation**, as in an AVL tree
- Let R be the node that was accessed (e.g. using Find)



- ZigFromLeft moves R to the top → faster access next time

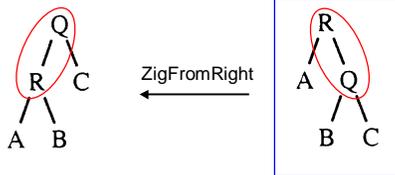
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## Zig at depth 1

- Suppose Q is now accessed using Find



- ZigFromRight moves Q back to the top

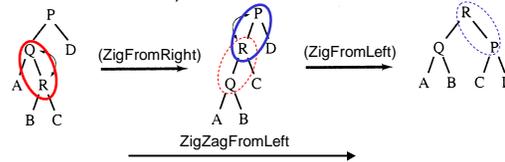
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## Zig-Zag operation

- "Zig-Zag" consists of **two rotations of the opposite direction** (assume R is the node that was accessed)



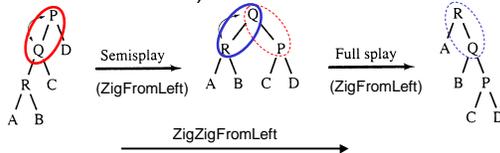
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## Zig-Zig operation

- "Zig-Zig" consists of **two single rotations of the same direction** (R is the node that was accessed)

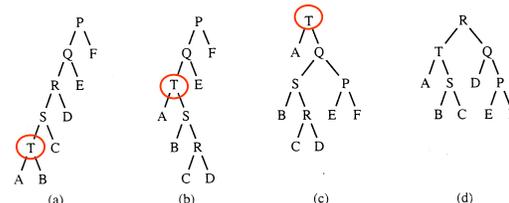


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## Decreasing depth - "autobalance"



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## Splay Tree Insert and Delete

- Insert  $x$ 
  - › Insert  $x$  as normal then splay  $x$  to root.
- Delete
  - › Splay  $x$  to root and remove it. Two trees remain, right subtree and left subtree.
  - › Splay the max in the left subtree to the root
  - › Attach the right subtree to the new root of the left subtree.

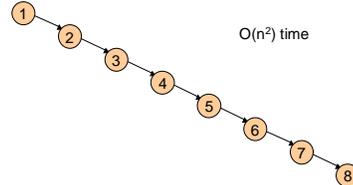
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## Example Insert

- Inserting in order 1,2,3,...,8
- Without self-adjustment

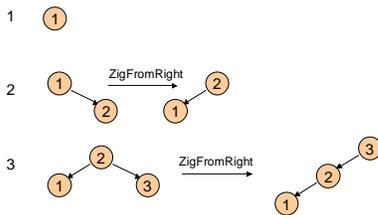


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## With Self-Adjustment

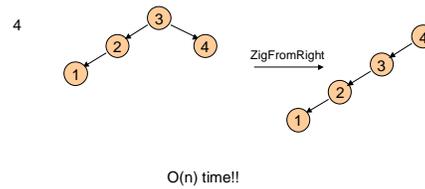


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## With Self-Adjustment



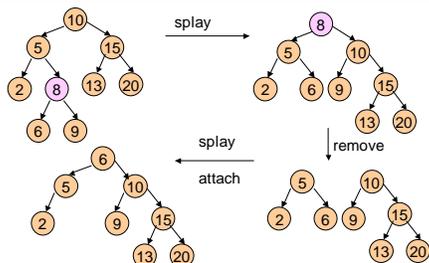
$O(n)$  time!!

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## Example Deletion



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## Analysis of Splay Trees

- Splay trees tend to be balanced
  - ›  $M$  operations takes time  $O(M \log N)$  for  $M \geq N$  operations on  $N$  items.
  - › Amortized  $O(\log n)$  time.
- Splay trees have good "locality" properties
  - › Recently accessed items are near the root of the tree.
  - › Items near an accessed are pulled toward the root.

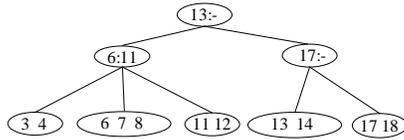
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## Beyond Binary Search Trees: Multi-Way Trees

- B-tree of order 3 has 2 or 3 children per node



- Search for 8

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## B-Trees

B-Trees are **multi-way search trees** commonly used in database systems or other applications where data is stored externally on disks and keeping the tree shallow is important.

A B-Tree of order  $M$  has the following properties:

- The root is either a leaf or has **between 2 and  $M$  children**.
- All nonleaf nodes (except the root) have **between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and  $M$  children**.
- All leaves are at the same depth.

All data records are stored at the leaves.  
Leaves store between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and  $M$  data records.

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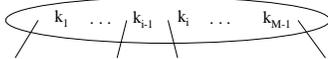
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## B-Tree Details

Each (non-leaf) internal node of a B-tree has:

- Between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and  $M$  children.
- up to  $M-1$  keys  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{M-1}$



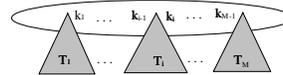
Keys are ordered so that:  
 $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{M-1}$

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## Properties of B-Trees



Children of each internal node are "between" the items in that node.

Suppose subtree  $T_i$  is the  $i$ th child of the node:

all keys in  $T_i$  must be between keys  $k_{i-1}$  and  $k_i$

i.e.  $k_{i-1} \leq T_i < k_i$

$k_{i-1}$  is the smallest key in  $T_i$

All keys in first subtree  $T_1 < k_1$

All keys in last subtree  $T_M \geq k_{M-1}$

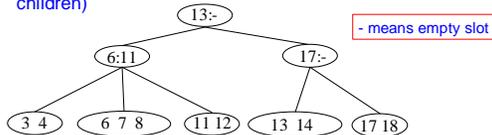
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## Example: Searching in B-trees

- B-tree of order 3: also known as **2-3 tree** (2 to 3 children)



- Examples: Search for 9, 14, 12
- Note: If leaf nodes are connected as a Linked List, B-tree is called a **B+ tree** – Allows sorted list to be accessed easily

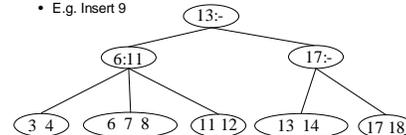
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## Inserting into B-Trees

- Insert  $X$ : Do a Find on  $X$  and find appropriate leaf node
  - If leaf node is not full, fill in empty slot with  $X$ 
    - E.g. Insert 5
  - If leaf node is full, **split** leaf node and adjust parents up to root node
    - E.g. Insert 9



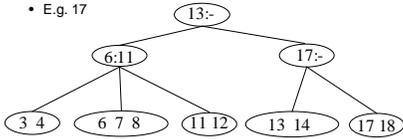
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## Deleting From B-Trees

- Delete X : Do a find and remove from leaf
  - › Leaf underflows – borrow from a neighbor
    - E.g. 11
  - › Leaf underflows and can't borrow – merge nodes, delete parent
    - E.g. 17



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## Run Time Analysis of B-Tree Operations

- For a B-Tree of order M
  - › Each internal node has up to M-1 keys to search
  - › Each internal node has between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and M children
  - › Depth of B-Tree storing N items is  $O(\log_{\lceil M/2 \rceil} N)$
- Find: Run time is:
  - ›  $O(\log M)$  to binary search which branch to take at each node
  - › Total time to find an item is  $O(\text{depth} * \log M) = O(\log N)$

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## Summary of Search Trees

- Problem with Search Trees: Must keep tree balanced to allow
  - › fast access to stored items
- AVL trees: Insert/Delete operations keep tree balanced
- Splay trees: Repeated Find operations produce balanced trees
- Multi-way search trees (e.g. B-Trees): More than two children
  - › per node allows shallow trees; all leaves are at the same depth
  - › keeping tree balanced at all times

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