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CSCI 705 Algorithms

Homework 6

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Readings

Based on Hashing, Binary Search Trees, Red-Black Trees, and Augmenting RB trees.

Problem 1

Consider a two dimensional array A of integers of size $m \times n$ (and assume $m \leq n$). We say that the array has the criss-cross property if there exists i, j, a, b such that

$$A[i][j] + A[i+a][j+b] = A[i+a][j] + A[i][j+b]$$

For example, the following array has the criss-cross property because

$$A[0][1] + A[2][3] = A[2][1] + A[0][3]$$

1	<u>2</u>	3	<u>4</u>	5
5	4	3	2	1
5	<u>1</u>	2	<u>3</u>	4
1	5	3	4	2

To find whether an array has the criss-cross property, one can check every pair of rows and every pair of columns, for an $O(m^2n^2)$ time. Design an algorithm that finds whether an array has the criss-cross property in $O(m^2n)$ expected time. *Hint:* The term “expected” should suggest which data structure?

Problem 2: This is experimental

In the past, I have written some code to test the C++ redblack tree and hash table implementations as part of its STL. I will share the code with you here:

`www.cs.hunter.cuny.edu/~saad/courses/alg/hw/redblack_vs_hash.c`

`www.cs.hunter.cuny.edu/~saad/courses/alg/hw/romeo.txt`

The file `redblack_vs_hash.c` has some code that illustrates the use of these structures. The objects are string/int pairs. The code uses the file `romeo.txt`, which contains text from Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

- (a) Download the files, compile, and run the code.
- (b) Read the comments and make yourself familiar with the use of the STL `map` and `unordered_map` (redblack tree and hashtable, respectively). In the main function, you can switch between the use of a hash table and a red-black tree. Try both and observe the running time of the program. Is it consistent with what you know about the complexity of operations on red-black trees and hash tables?
- (c) Explain what the program is doing (to make sure you understand what's going on). *Hint*: it's about counting words.
- (d) You may choose to use a redblack tree or a hash table. Modify the program to do the following:
 - Traverse the data structure using its iterator (an example is provided) and add all the pairs to a vector
 - Look at the documentation for the sort function in C++ and how it can be used to sort vectors, make the appropriate `#include` and `using` statements to be able to use it. For instance, you might want to look at: <https://cplusplus.com/reference/algorithm/sort/>.
 - Provide a comparator function, a function that takes two string/int pairs and returns which one should come first based on the value of the integer.
 - Use the sort function on the vector with the comparator function to sort the vector and obtain the 20 most frequent words in `romeo.txt`.

Problem 3

Assume that, in a binary search tree, we augment the information in a node to include the sum of all its predecessors keys plus its own. Consider the following pseudocode to compute `predsum` for each node x in the tree.

```
x = T.minimum()
while x! = T.NIL
  do x.predsum = 0
     y = x
     while y! = T.NIL
       x.predsum = x.predsum+y.key
       y = T.predecessor(y)
x = T.successor(x)
```

- What is the running time of this algorithm?
- Suggest a faster algorithm to compute all `predsums`. Provide a pseudocode similar to the one above.
- Describe a recursive algorithm (with pseudocode) that will compute for each node x the sum of all keys in its subtree (including itself). Call this sum `treesum`. Your algorithm should have linear time complexity.
- Which of the two `predsum` or `treesum` is a better information to augment the tree with? Explain.

Problem 4

In many settings, especially when making simulations, one needs to generate items based on a given set of weights. Assume we have a structure that supports the following:

- `Add(x)`: Adds element x with key $key[x]$ and weight $weight[x]$.
- `Remove(x)`: Deletes x from the structure.
- `Modify(k, w)`: Changes $weight[x]$ to w where $key[x] = k$ ($key[x]$ is not affected).
- `Generate`: returns k , such that $k = key[x]$ with probability proportional to $weight[x]$, i.e. with probability $\frac{weight[x]}{\sum_y weight[y]}$.

We assume all keys are different; for instance, they could be distinct integers. Design a structure that will perform all of the above in $O(\log n)$ time, where n is the number of elements. In particular, attention should be given to the `Modify` and `Generate` functions. You can assume the existence of a function `Rand(b)` that generates a number r chosen uniformly at random from the continuous interval $[0, b]$.

Problem 5

Describe how you will augment a redblack tree to support the operation `even_successor(x)`, which finds the node y in the tree with the smallest key k such that $k > x.\text{key}$ and k is even. We assume that all keys are distinct. The even successor operation should run in $O(\log n)$ time, where n is the number of keys stored in the tree. Describe the operation clearly in English and support it with pseudocode.

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