Recitation 6

Treaps

6.1 Announcements

- Midterm 1 is on **Friday**. You are allowed a single, double-sided, 8.5×11in sheet of paper for notes.
- *FingerLab* will be released **Friday afternoon**.

6.2 Example

Recall that a treap is a BST with a priority function $p : U \to \mathbb{Z}$, where U is the universe of keys. You should think of p as a random number generator: for each key, it returns a random integer. A treap has two structural properties:

1. **BST invariant**: For every $\texttt{Node}(L, k, R)$, we have $\ell < k$ for every ℓ in L, and symmetrically $k < r$ for every r in R.

2. **Heap invariant**: For every $\texttt{Node}(L, k, R)$, we have that $p(k) > p(x)$ for every x in either L or R.

Task 6.1. *Build a treap from the following keys and priorities using two different strategies, and observe that the resulting treap is the same in both cases.*

1. *Run quicksort, creating a new node every time a pivot is chosen.*

2. *Beginning with an empty tree, sequentially insert keys in priority-order. Each newly inserted key should be placed at a leaf.*

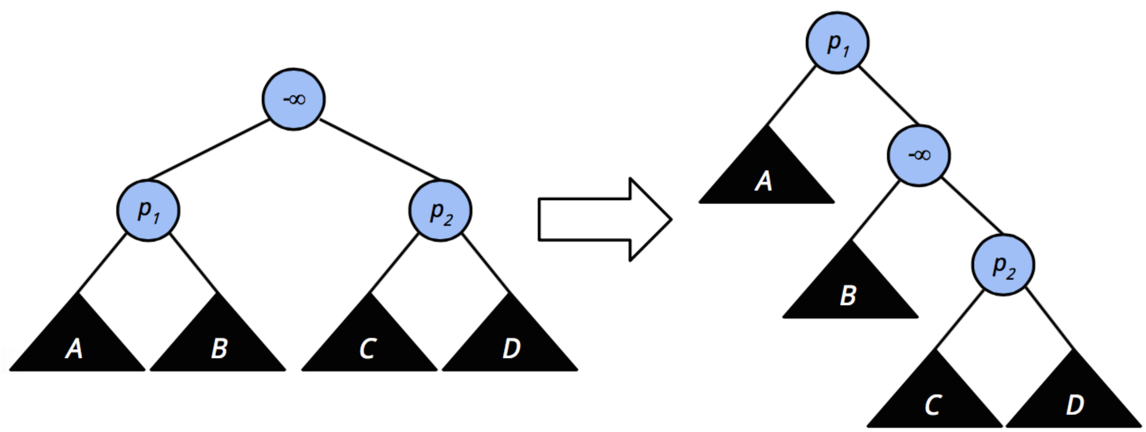
k	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
$p(k)$	5	7	3	2	8	4	6	1

6.3 Deletion

Consider the following strategy for deleting a key k from a treap:

1. Locate the node containing k,
2. Set the priority of k to be $-\infty$ (note that if k has children, then this breaks the heap invariant of the treap),
3. Restore the heap invariant by rotating k downwards until it has only leaves for children,
4. Delete k by replacing its node with a leaf.

A "rotation" in this case refers to the process of making one of k's children the root, depending on their relative priorities. For example, if k has two children with priorities p_1 and p_2 where $p_1 > p_2$, we rotate like so:



The case of $p_1 < p_2$ is symmetric. In turns out that this process is equivalent to calling `join` on the children of k. You should convince yourself of this.

We're interested in the following: in expectation, *how many rotations must we perform before we can delete k?*

Let's set up the specifics: we have a treap T formed from the sorted sequence of keys S, $|S| = n$. We're interested in deleting the key $S[d]$. Let T' be the same treap, except that the priority of $S[d]$ is now $-\infty$.

We need a couple indicator random variables:

$$A_j^i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } S[i] \text{ is an ancestor of } S[j] \text{ in } T \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(A')_j^i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } S[i] \text{ is an ancestor of } S[j] \text{ in } T' \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Task 6.2. *Write R_d, the number of rotations necessary to delete $S[d]$, in terms of the given random variables.*

Task 6.3. *Give* $\mathbf{E}\left[A_d^i\right]$ *and* $\mathbf{E}\left[(A')_d^i\right]$ *in terms of i and d.*

Task 6.4. *Compute* $\mathbf{E}\left[R_d\right]$*. For simplicity, you may assume $1 \leq d \leq n-2$.*

6.4 Additional Exercises

Exercise 6.5. *Describe an algorithm for inserting an element into a treap by "undoing" the deletion process described in Section 6.3.*

Exercise 6.6. *For treaps, suppose you are given implementations of* `find`, `insert`, *and* `delete`. *Implement* `split` *and* `joinMid` *in terms of these functions. You'll need to "hack" the keys and priorities; i.e., assume you can do funky things like insert a key with a* specific *priority.*

Exercise 6.7. *Given a set of key-priority pairs* $(k_i, p_i) : 0 \leq i < n$ *where all of the* k_i*'s are distinct and all of the* p_i*'s are distinct, prove that there is a unique corresponding treap* T.

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