15-451/651 Algorithms, Fall 2017
Recitation #2 Worksheet

Binary Counter Revisited: Suppose we are incrementing a binary counter, but instead of each bit flip costing 1, suppose flipping the i^{th} bit costs us 2^i. (Flipping the lowest order bit `A[0]` costs $2^0 = 1$, the next higher order bit `A[1]` costs $2^1 = 2$, the next costs $2^2 = 4$, etc.) What is the amortized cost per operation for a sequence of n increments, starting from zero?

Solution: $O(\log n)$. The idea is simple. We flip `A[0]` each time, so pay n over n operations. We flip `A[1]` every other time, so pay $\leq 2 \times n/2 = n$ over n operations, and so on, until `A[`$\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$`]` which gets flipped once for a cost of at most n. Hence $O(n \log n)$ in total, or $O(\log n)$ per operation.

Binary Counter Re-Revisited: Suppose we are incrementing a binary counter, but instead of each bit flip costing 1, suppose flipping the i^{th} bit costs us $i+1$. (Flipping the lowest order bit `A[0]` costs $0+1 = 1$, the next higher order bit `A[1]` costs $1+1 = 2$, the next costs $2+1 = 3$, etc.) What is the amortized cost per operation for a sequence of n increments, starting from zero?

Solution: At most \$4. We will maintain the invariant that any 1 in the binary counter at position i will have $\$(i+3)$ on it. To begin, we flip the lowest order bit to 1 and put \$3 on it, and use \$1 to pay for the flip. Now when incrementing, suppose there is a zero followed by k ones at the end. Now for each of those ones (say at position i), we use $\$(i+1)$ to pay for the flip, and pick up the remaining twom dollars. Finally, we have $2k$ dollars we have picked up, and \$4 more from the current increment. We use $\$(k+1)$ to pay for flipping the zero to one, and put down $(2k+4) - (k+1) = k+3$ dollars on this bit. This maintains the inductive invariant.

Another way to argue: We flip `A[i]` every 2^i operations, so we pay $(i+1)n/2^i$ over n operations for `A[i]` where $0 \leq i \leq \lfloor \lg n \rfloor$. Then, we can sum up the costs:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} (i+1)\frac{n}{2^i} \leq n \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} i(1/2)^{i-1} = \frac{n}{(1-1/2)^2} = 4n$$

(We use the fact that $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} ix^{i-1} = 1/(1-x)^2$ where $|x| < 1$). Then the total cost is at most $4n$, so the amortized cost is at most 4.

Another Dictionary Data Structure: A "dictionary" data structure supports fast insert and lookup operations into a set of items. Yesterday you saw splay trees where both inserts and lookups can be done with amortized cost only $O(\log n)$ each. Note that a sorted array is good for lookups (binary search takes time only $O(\log n)$) but bad for inserts (takes linear time), and a linked list is good for inserts (takes constant time) but bad for lookups (takes linear time). Here is a simple method that takes $O(\log^2 n)$ search time and $O(\log n)$ amortized cost per insert.

Here, we keep a collection of arrays, where array i has size 2^i. Each array is either empty or full, and each is in sorted order. However, there will be no relationship between the items in different arrays. The issue of which arrays are full and which are empty is based on the binary representation of the number of items we are storing. For example, if we had 11 items (where $11 = 1 + 2 + 8$), then the arrays of size 1, 2, and 8 would be full and the rest empty, and the data structure might look like this:

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A0:  [5]
A1:  [4,8]
A2:  empty
A3:  [2, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 20, 25]
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Lookups. How would you do a lookup in $O(\log^2 n)$ worst-case time?

Solution: Just do binary search in each occupied array. In the worst case, this takes time $O(\log(n) + \log(n/2) + \log(n/4) + \ldots + 1) = O(\log^2 n)$.

Inserts. How would you do inserts? Suppose you wanted to insert an element, you will have 12 items and $12 = 8 + 4$, you want to have two full arrays in $A2$ and $A3$ and the rest empty. Suggest a way that, if you insert an element 11 into the example above, gives:

```
A0:  empty
A1:  empty
A2:  [4, 5, 8, 11]
A3:  [2, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 20, 25]
```

(Hint: merge arrays!)

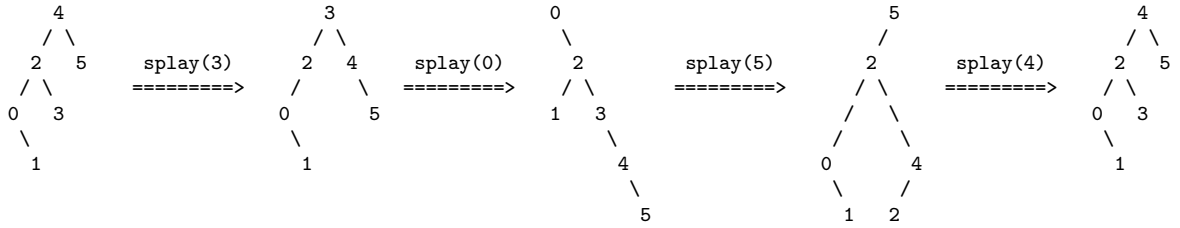
Solution: Create an array of size 1 that just has this inserted number in it. We now look to see if `A0` is empty. If so we make the new array be `A0`. If not we merge our array with `A0` to create a new array (which in the example would be `[5, 11]`) and look to see if `A1` is empty. If `A1` is empty, we make this array be `A1`. If not, we merge this with `A1` to create a new array and check to see if `A2` is empty, and so on.

Cost of Lookups: Suppose the cost of creating an array of length 1 costs 1, and merging two arrays of length m costs $2m$. So, the above insert had cost $1 + 2 + 4$. Insering another element would cost 1, and the next insert would cost $1 + 2$.

What is the amortized cost of n inserts?

Solution: With this cost model defined above, it's exactly the same as the binary counter with cost 2^k for the k^{th} bit. So the amortized cost is $O(\log n)$.

Cyclic Splaying: Starting from a tree T_0 of n nodes a sequence of $\ell \geq 1$ `splay` operations is done. It turns out that the initial tree T_0 and the final tree T_ℓ are the same. Let k be the number of *distinct* nodes splayed in this sequence. (Clearly $k \leq \ell$.) Below is an example where $k = \ell = 4$ and $n = 6$.



(a) Use some setting of node weights to show that the average number of splaying steps in this cycle (i.e., the average per `splay` operation) is at most $1 + 3\log_2 n$. Make use of the Access Lemma for splay trees covered in lecture yesterday.

(b) (Extra material, for you to do at home.) Now use a different setting of node weights to show that the average number of splaying steps in this cycle (per `splay` operation) is at also most $1 + 3\log_2 k$.

Solution: Note that since the initial and final trees are the same, the potentials must be equal. By the Access Lemma, as long as all our weights are positive, the average number of splaying steps is $\leq 3(r(t) - r(x)) + 1$.

a. Set all the weights of each node to 1. We know $r(t)$, or the rank of the root, is $\lfloor \log(s(t)) \rfloor$, where $s(t) = \sum_{y \in T(t)} w(y)$. Since all n nodes are in the subtree rooted at the root, $s(t) = n$ and $r(t) = \lfloor \log(n) \rfloor$. We also know $r(x) \geq 0$, so $3(r(t) - r(x)) + 1 \leq 3\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor + 1$.

b. Let the weights of the k elements we access be 1 and the others be $\epsilon > 0$. The rank of the root is then $\lfloor \log(k + (n-k)\epsilon) \rfloor$. If we choose ϵ to be small enough so that $(n-k)\epsilon$ is smaller than 1, then $\lfloor \log(k + (n-k)\epsilon) \rfloor = \lfloor \log(k) \rfloor \leq \log(k)$. This is because the function $f(x) = \lfloor \log(x) \rfloor$ only changes when x crosses an integer value. Again by the Access Lemma, we know the average number of splaying steps is $\leq 3(\log(k) - r(x)) + 1 \leq 3\log(k) + 1$.