CSE 250
Data Structures

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Red-Black Trees
## BST Operations

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What is the runtime in terms of $n$? $O(n)$

$log(n) \leq d \leq n$
An **AVL tree** (Adelson-Velsky and Landis) is a **BST** where every subtree is depth-balanced.

**Remember:** Tree depth = height(root)

**Balanced:** \(|\text{height(root.left)} - \text{height(root.right)}| \leq 1\)
AVL Trees

Define \( \text{balance}(v) = \text{height}(v.\text{right}) - \text{height}(v.\text{left}) \)

**Goal:** Maintaining \( \text{balance}(v) \in \{-1, 0, 1\} \)

- \( \text{balance}(v) = 0 \) \( \rightarrow \) "\( v \) is balanced"
- \( \text{balance}(v) = -1 \) \( \rightarrow \) "\( v \) is left-heavy"
- \( \text{balance}(v) = 1 \) \( \rightarrow \) "\( v \) is right-heavy"
Question: Does the AVL property result in any guarantees about depth?

YES! Depth balance forces a maximum possible depth of $\log(n)$.
AVL Trees - Enforcing the Depth Bound

Key Observations:

● Adding a node to an AVL tree can increase subtree height by at most 1
● Removing a node can decrease subtree height by at most 1
● Both of these modifications only affect ancestors
● A rotation maintains ordering, and changes tree height by at most +/-1
Enforcing the AVL Constraint: Case 1

Balance = +2 (too right heavy)

Balance = +1 (right heavy)

How can we fix this?
Enforcing the AVL Constraint: Case 1

How can we fix this? \texttt{rotate}(A,B)

\begin{itemize}
  \item balance = 0 ✓
  \item height = h - 1
  \item height = h - 1
  \item height = h
\end{itemize}
Enforcing the AVL Constraint: Case 2

balance = +2 (too right heavy)  
balance = 0 (balanced)

How can we fix this?
Enforcing the AVL Constraint: Case 2

How can we fix this? **rotate**(A, B)

- balance = 1 ✅
- balance = -1 ✅

- height = h - 1
- height = h
- height = h
Enforcing the AVL Constraint: Case 3

Balance = +2 (too right heavy)  
Balance = -1 (left heavy)

How can we fix this?

Height of C we know must be $h$
Therefore At least one of $h_x$ or $h_y$ must be $h - 1$
The other can also be $h - 2$, or $h - 1$
Enforcing the AVL Constraint: Case 3

Balance = +2 (too right heavy)

Balance = +1 or +2

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How can we fix this?
Rotate right first: \text{rotate}(B,C)

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How can we fix this?
Rotate right first: \textit{rotate}(B,C)
Then right left: \textit{rotate}(A,C)

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Enforcing the AVL Constraint

- If too right heavy (balance == +2)
  - If right child is right heavy (balance == +1) or balanced (balance == 0)
    - rotate left around the root
  - If right child is left heavy (balance == -1)
    - rotate right around root of right child, then rotate left around root

- If too left heavy (balance == -2)
  - Same as above but flipped

Therefore if we have a balance factor that is off, but all children are AVL trees, we can fix the balance factor in at most 2 rotations
Inserting Records

To insert a record into an AVL Tree:

1. Find the insertion point (remember it is a BST)  \( O(d) = O(\log n) \)
2. Insert the new leaf and set balance factor to 0  \( O(1) \)
3. Trace path back up to root and update balance factors  \( O(d) = O(\log n) \)
a. If a balance factor becomes +/-2 then rotate to fix  \( O(1) \)
def insert[K, V](key: K, value: V, root: AVLNode[K, V]): Unit = {
  var node = findInsertionPoint(key, root)
  node._key = key; node._value = value
  node._isLeftHeavy = node._isRightHeavy = false
  while(node._parent.isDefined){
    if(node._parent._left == node){
      if(node._parent._isRightHeavy){
        node._parent._isRightHeavy = false; return
      } else if(node._parent._isLeftHeavy) {
        if(node._isLeftHeavy){ node._parent.rotateRight() }
        else { node._parent.rotateLeftRight() }
        return
      } else {
        node._parent.isLeftHeavy = true
      }
    } else { /* symmetric to above */ }
    node = node._parent
  }
}

Find insertion point and create the new leaf $O(d) = O(\log n)$

$O(d) = O(\log n)$ iterations

$O(1)$ per iteration
What was our initial goal?
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AVL Tree

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This approach is indirect, and a bit more restrictive than it has to be
Maintaining Balance - Another Approach

Enforcing height-balance is too strict (May do “unnecessary” rotations)

Weaker (and more direct) restriction:

- Balance the depth of EmptyTree nodes
- If $a, b$ are EmptyTree nodes, then enforce that for all $a, b$:
  - $\text{depth}(a) \geq (\text{depth}(b) \div 2)$
  - or
  - $\text{depth}(b) \geq (\text{depth}(a) \div 2)$
Does this tree meet the depth constraints?
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EmptyTree nodes

This tree meets the constraints for EmptyTree node depth \((3 \geq 5/2)\) ✔
Does this tree meet the depth constraints?

Not OK!
Depth Balancing

Does this tree meet the depth constraints? **NO**
Depth Balancing
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\[ \log(n) \geq \frac{d}{2} \]
\[ 2 \log(n) \geq d \rightarrow d \in O(\log(n)) \]

Therefore enforcing these constraints means that tree depths is \( O(\log(n)) \)... So how do we enforce them (efficiently)?
Red-Black Trees

To Enforce the Depth Constraint on EmptyTree nodes:

1. Color each node red or black
   a. The # of black nodes from each EmptyTree node to root must be same
   b. The parent of a red node must always be black

2. On insertion (or deletion)
   a. Inserted nodes are red (won't break 1a)
   b. Repair violations of 1b by rotating and/or recoloring
      i. Make sure repairs don't break 1a
Red-Black Trees
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Label each EmptyTree with the number of black nodes along the path back to the root. All 3 in this case ✓
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Confirm no red nodes have red parents ✓
How does this coloring relate to our depth constraint?
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X black nodes with 1 red node between each one = 2X
Now we have:

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So how do we build/color our tree?
Red-Black Tree

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Case 1a: Our root is red, we’re all good! ✓
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 1b:** Our root is black, we're all good! ✓
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

Case 2: The node we are checking is red...

Triangles represent valid Red-Black tree fragments
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

Case 2: The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is black. We are all good! ✓

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**Case 3:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. Now we have to fix the tree.
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

Case 3a: The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is red...
After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3a:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is red...

Recolor B,C,D. Are we all good?
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3a:** The node we are checking is red... and its parent is red. That node's parent is black and its sibling is red...

Recolor B,C,D. Are we all good?

C's parent may be red. Move up and repeat this process! ✓

The # of black nodes on every path remains unchanged! ✓
After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3a:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is red...

Recolor B,C,D. Are we all good?

**Note:** This also works if A is right child of B and/or B is right child of C

The # of black nodes on every path remains unchanged! ✓
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3b:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is black...
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3b:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is black...

\[\text{Rotate}(B, C)\]
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3b:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is black...

**Rotate**(B,C)

1 less black node to root for this part of the tree...

Same # of black nodes to the root from this part of tree
After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3b:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is black...

Rotate(B,C)
Recolor(B,C)

No need to continue fixing, a black node can have any color parent! ✓

Same # of black nodes to the root for whole subtree! ✓
Red-Black Tree

After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

**Case 3c:** The node we are checking is red... and it's parent is red. That node's parent is black and it's sibling is black...but A is the right child of B
After insertion or deletion, what situations can we encounter?

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Rotate(B,A) now we are back to 3b
Red-Black Tree

Note: Each insertion creates at most one red-red parent-child conflict
● O(1) time to recolor/rotate to repair the parent-child conflict
● May create a red-red conflict in grandparent
  ○ Up to d/2 = O(log(n)) repairs required, but each repair is O(1)
● Insertion therefore remains O(log(n))

Note: Each deletion removes at most one black node (red doesn't matter)
● O(1) time to recolor/rotate to preserve black-depth
● May require recoloring (grand-)parent from black to red
  ○ Up to d = O(log(n)) repairs required
● Deletion therefore remains O(log(n))