Splay Trees

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Data Structures
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Readings

- Reading Chapter 4
  - › Section 4.5

Self adjusting Trees

- 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
  - › Tree adjusts after insert, delete, or find

Splay Trees

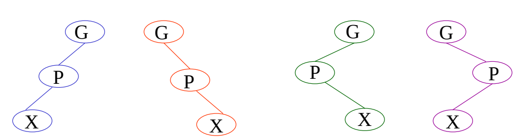
- Splay trees are tree structures that:
  - › Are not perfectly balanced all the time
  - › Data most recently accessed is near the root. (principle of locality; 80-20 "rule")
- The procedure:
  - › After node X is accessed, perform "splaying" operations to bring X to the root of the tree.
  - › Do this in a way that leaves the tree more balanced as a whole

Splay Trees (1985)

- Daniel Sleator (1954 -) & Robert Tarjan (1948 -)

Splay Tree Terminology

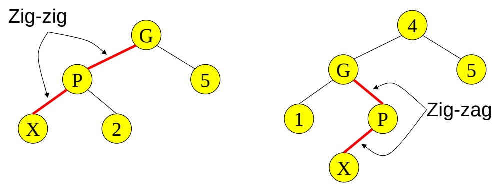
- Let X be a non-root node with ≥ 2 ancestors.
  - P is its parent node.
  - G is its grandparent node.



Zig-Zig and Zig-Zag

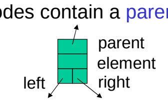
Parent and grandparent in same direction.

Parent and grandparent in different directions.



Splay Tree Operations

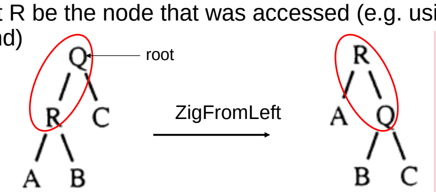
1. Helpful if nodes contain a parent pointer.



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

Zig at depth 1 (root)

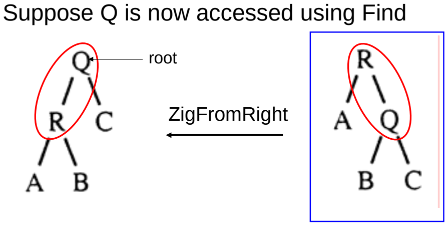
- “Zig” is just a single rotation, as in an AVL tree
- Let R be the node that was accessed (e.g. using Find)



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

Zig at depth 1

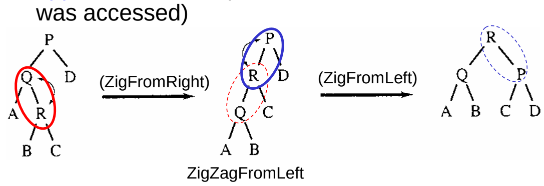
- Suppose Q is now accessed using Find



- ZigFromRight moves Q back to the top

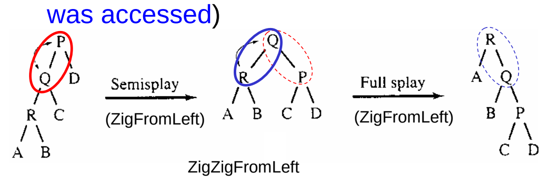
Zig-Zag operation

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

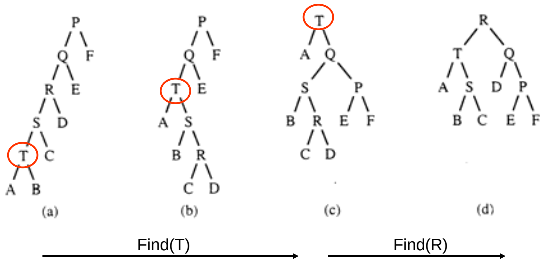


Zig-Zig operation

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



Decreasing depth - "autobalance"

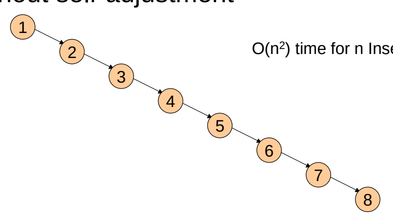


Splay Tree Insert and Delete

- Insert x
  - Insert x as normal then splay x to root.
- Delete x (there are several options)
  - “Delete” x as in a BST . This yields a node y that is really disappearing
  - Splay y’s parent to the root

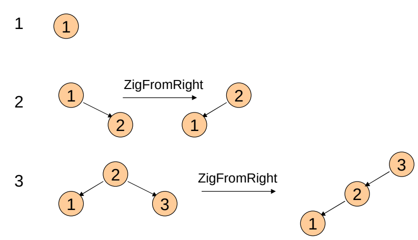
Example Insert

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



O(n^2) time for n Insert

With Self-Adjustment



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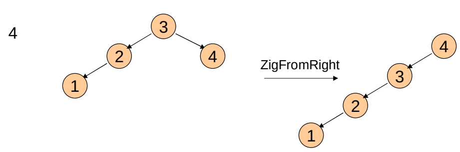
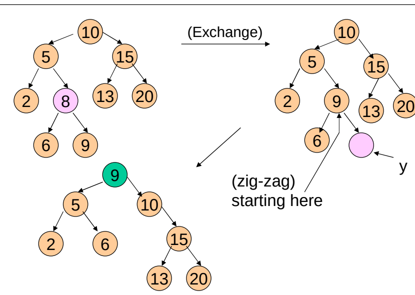


Each Insert takes O(1) time therefore O(n) time for n Insert!!

Example Deletion



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. (proof is difficult)
  - › 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 one are pulled toward the root.

Splay Trees vs. AVL Trees

- AVL trees: INSERT and DELETE operations keep tree balanced;
  - › FIND operations have no effect.
- Splay trees:
  - › Repeated FIND operations tend to produce balanced trees.