

BinarySearchTree Implementation

Efficient Dynamic Structure for Search?

- What is a typical data structure used for search?
 - Sorted Array
- What if we want the structure to be dynamic?
 - Will a linked list work?
- How do we make the structure efficient?

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Insert Into a Sorted Structure



Shift 4 elements to right (4 copies)

■ Sorted Double Linked List

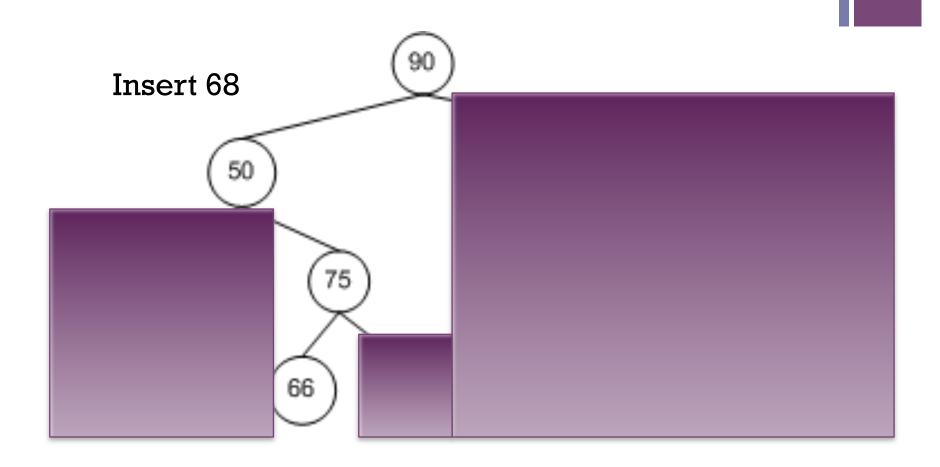
(Search is slow, insert is fast)

Can we have both fast search and fast insert?

An Efficient Data Structure

- Imagine a data structure that only needs at most O(log n) comparisons to find an answer and O(log n) actions to insert or remove a value.
- What would it look like?
 - For search: Each comparison would need to eliminate half of the remaining options.
 - For insertion/removal: The location of the value would need to be log n steps from the initial starting place or cause log n items to shift.

Will a Binary Search Tree work?



+ Implementation

- add
- find
- min
- max
- successor
- predecessor
- remove

+ Add e

- If tree is empty
 - make a root node with e as its data
- else
 - add(e, root);

Add e, node

- if e < node.data
 - if (node.left == null)
 - make a left node with e as its data
 - else
 - add(e, node.left)
- else if e > node.data
 - if (node.right == null)
 - ...
- else
 - return false // can't add equal items.

+ Find e

- If tree is empty
 - return null
- else
 - return find(e, root)
- find(e, node)
 - if e equals node.data
 - return node data
 - else if e < node.data
 - return find(e, node.left)
 - else
 - return find(e, node.right)

+ __max()

[note: min is similar using node.left instead of node.right]

- If tree is empty
 - return null
- else
 - return max(root)
- max(node)
 - if node.right == null
 - return node data
 - else
 - return max(node.rignt)

predecessor(node)

[note: successor is similar using node.right instead of node.left]

■ return max(node.left)

Traversal algorithms

- PreOrder(treeNode)
 - if TreeNode is empty
 - done
 - else
 - "visit" treeNode
 - PreOrder(treeNode.left)
 - PreOrder(treeNode.right)
- Simlarly for inOrder and postOrder
- Another example on board.

+ Exercise

- Get into groups
- do part 1, steps 1 to 3 from Assignment 6 in your group.