

TODAY: Dynamic Optimality I (of 2)

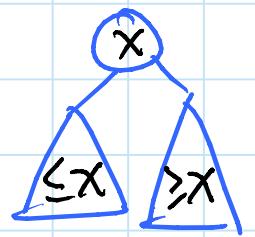
- binary search trees
- analytic bounds
- Splay trees
- geometric view
- greedy algorithm

Q: is there one best binary search tree (BST)?

BST: comparison data structure

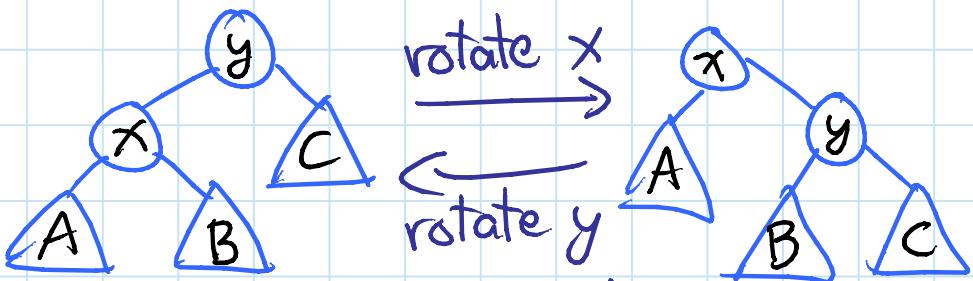
supporting search

(& predecessor/successor, insert/delete)



Also a model of computation (for DSSs)

- data must be stored in a BST
- unit-cost operations:
  - walk left, right, or up (parent)
  - rotate this node & its parent



(- create/destroy leaf)

⇒ search cost = length of root-to-node path

DSSs in this model:

- vanilla BST (no rotations)

- AVL trees

- red-black trees (B-trees)

- BB[ $\alpha$ ] trees

- splay trees

- Tango trees

- Greedy

$O(\lg n)$   
/ op.

} focus  
here

## Is $O(\lg n)$ search optimal?

- depends on sequence of searches
- say we're storing keys  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  & search for  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$

### Sequential access property:

$1, 2, \dots, n \Rightarrow O(1)$  amortized / op.

[in-order traversal in any BST]

### Dynamic finger property:

$|x_i - x_{i-1}| = k \Rightarrow O(\lg k)$  / op. possible

[think level-linked B-trees ~ but BST] \*

### Entropy bound / static optimality:

$k$  appears  $p_k$  fraction of the time  $\Rightarrow O\left(\sum_{k=1}^n p_k \lg \frac{1}{p_k}\right)$  / op.

[store  $x_i$  at height  $\leq \lg \frac{1}{p_k} + 1$ ]

[Jacomo - SWAT 2000]

### Working-set property:

if  $t_i$  distinct keys accessed since last access to  $x_i$ , then  $O(\lg t_i)$  possible

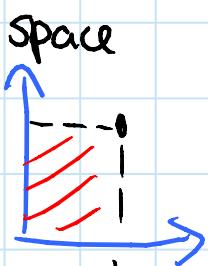
[intuition: store most recent higher up] \*

$\Rightarrow$  if all  $x_i \in S$  then  $O(\lg |S|)$  / op. possible

[form BST on  $S$ , put rest below]

\* = hard to do with BST, but possible!

## Unified property: [Iacono - SODA 2001]



if  $t_{ij}$  distinct keys accessed in  $x_i, \dots, x_j$   
 then  $x_j$  costs  $O(\lg \min_i [x_i - x_j] + t_{ij} + 2)$

"fast if close to something recent" \*

- e.g.  $1, \frac{n}{2}, 2, \frac{n}{2}+1, 3, \frac{n}{2}+3, \dots \Rightarrow O(1)/\text{op.}$
- Implies both working set & dynamic finger
- possible on pointer machine [Iacono: Bädiou, Cole, Demaine, Iacono - Algorithmica 2007]
- possible on BST up to additive  $O(\lg \lg n)$  [Bose, Douieb, Dujmović, Howat - Algorithmica 2012]
- **OPEN**: possible on a BST?

## Dynamic optimality / $O(1)$ -competitive: $\text{total cost} = O(\text{OPT})$

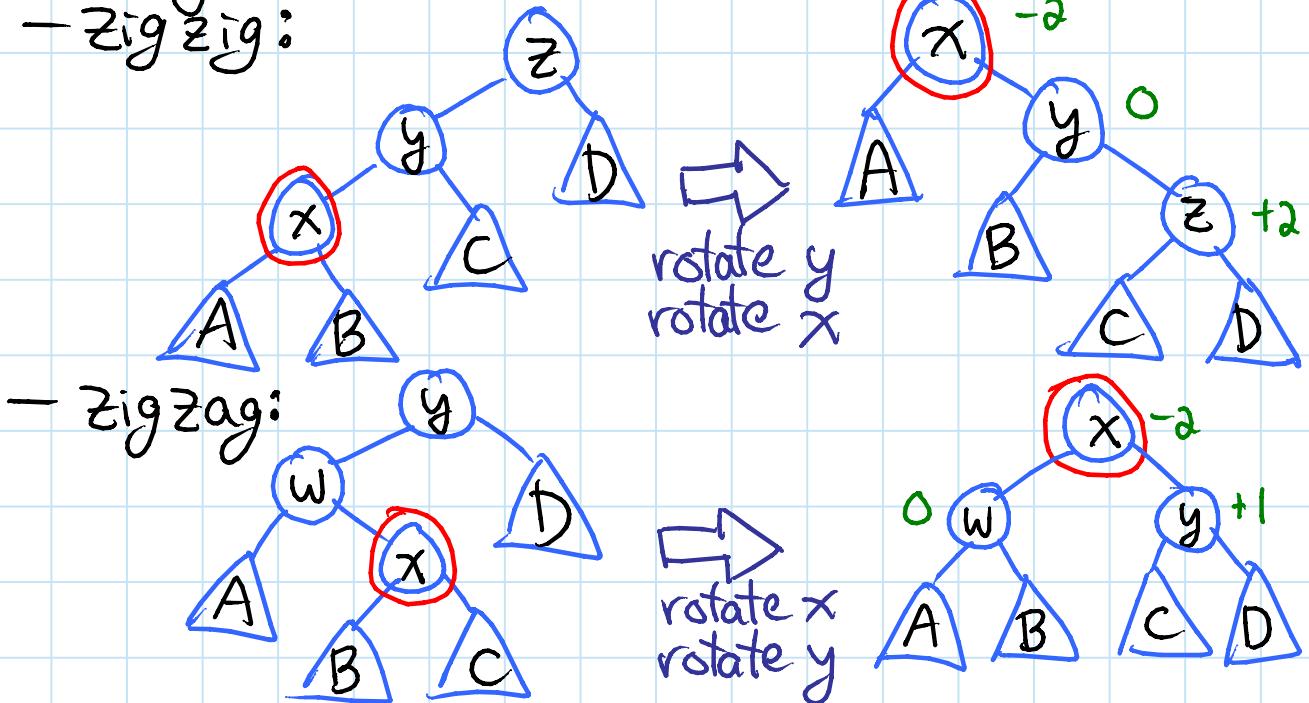
min. cost of any BST on this access sequence

- **OPEN**: possible for any (online) BST?  
 for any pointer-machine DS?
- **OPEN**: is any pointer-machine DS  
 $= O(\text{OPT offline pointer-machine DS})$ ?

- balanced BST is  $O(\lg n)$ -competitive
- Tango trees are  $O(\lg \lg n)$ -competitive [LG]

## Splay trees: [Sleator & Tarjan - JACM 1985]

- binary search for  $x$
- modify the path:
  - zigzag:



- at the end, possible single rotation to put  $x$  at root
- key feature: at most half the nodes on the path go down in the tree

## Performance: (amortized)

- has working-set property
- has dynamic-finger property

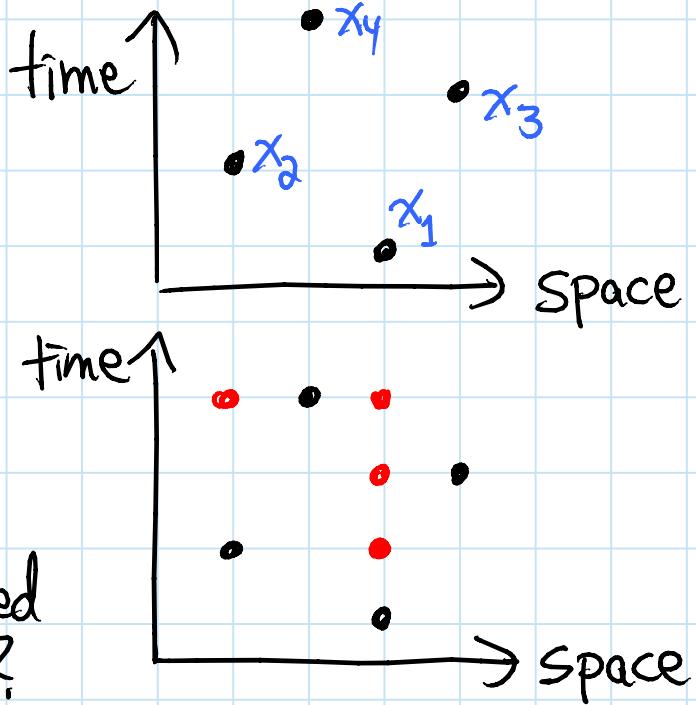
[Sleator & Tarjan]  
[Cole - SICOMP 2000]

- **CONJECTURE**: has unified property [Iacono]
- **CONJECTURE**: dynamically optimal [Sleator & Tarjan]

## Geometric view:

[Demaine, Harmon, Iacono,  
Kane, Pătrașcu - SODA 2009]

access sequence  
→ point set  
 $\{(x_i, i)\}$

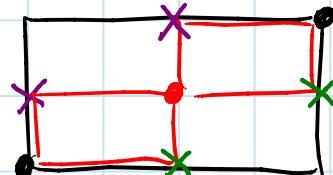


BST execution  
→ point set:  
which nodes touched  
during search( $x_i$ )?

Theorem: point set is a valid BST execution  
 $\Leftrightarrow$  Arborally Satisfied Set (ASS)

↳ rectangle spanned by two points  
in set, not on horizontal/vertical line,  
contains another point  

- in fact must have another point  
on a rectangle  
side incident  
to either corner:



Corollary: OPT = smallest ASS containing input

OPEN: complexity?  $O(1)$ -approximation?

## Proof of Theorem:

( $\Rightarrow$ ) consider rectangle spanned

by  $(i, x) \rightarrow (j, y)$

- let  $a_t = \text{lca of } x \& y$

just before time  $t$

- for all  $t$ :  $x \leq a_t \leq y$

&  $a_t$  is an ancestor of  $x \& y$

$\Rightarrow (a_i, i) \& (a_j, j) \in \text{execution}$

(need to touch all ancestors  
of touched nodes)

- want a third point in the rectangle

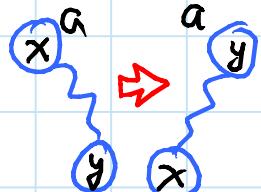
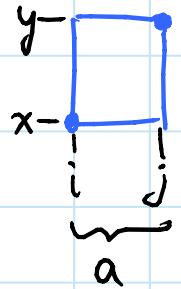
- if  $a_i \neq x$  then use  $(a_i, i)$

- if  $a_j \neq y$  then use  $(a_j, j)$

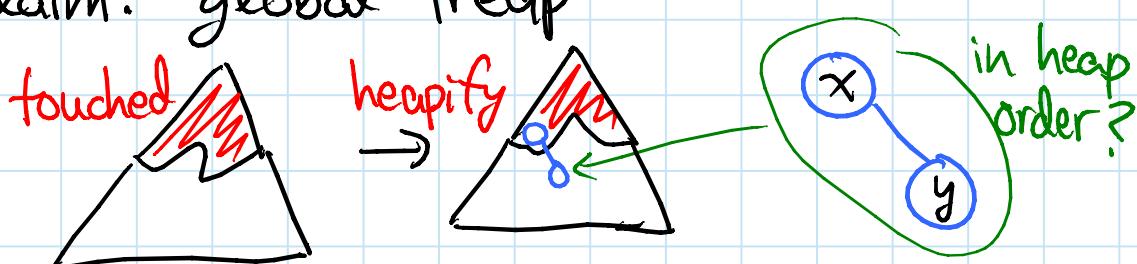
- else:  $a$  changes from  $x$  to  $y$   
between times  $i$  &  $j$

$\Rightarrow y$  rotated before time  $j$

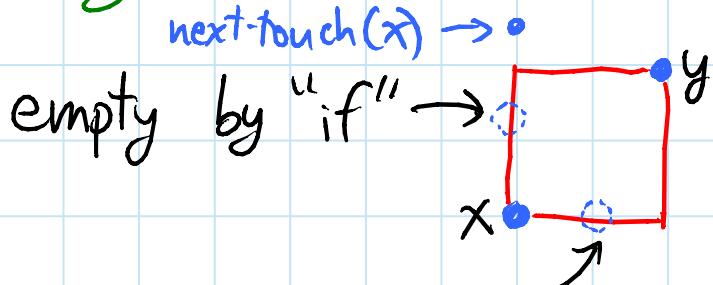
$\Rightarrow (y, t) \in \text{execution for some } i \leq t < j$



- ( $\Leftarrow$ ) define tree at all times to be treap:  
 BST & heap ordered by next-touch-time
- note: next-touch-time has some ties,  
 So this is not uniquely defined
  - when we reach time  $i$ , nodes to touch  
 form a connected subtree at the top  
 (by heap-order property)
  - these nodes get new next-touch-time
  - re-arrange into local treap  
 (this still may be ambiguous — break ties  
 arbitrarily — but still restricts global choice)
  - claim: global treap

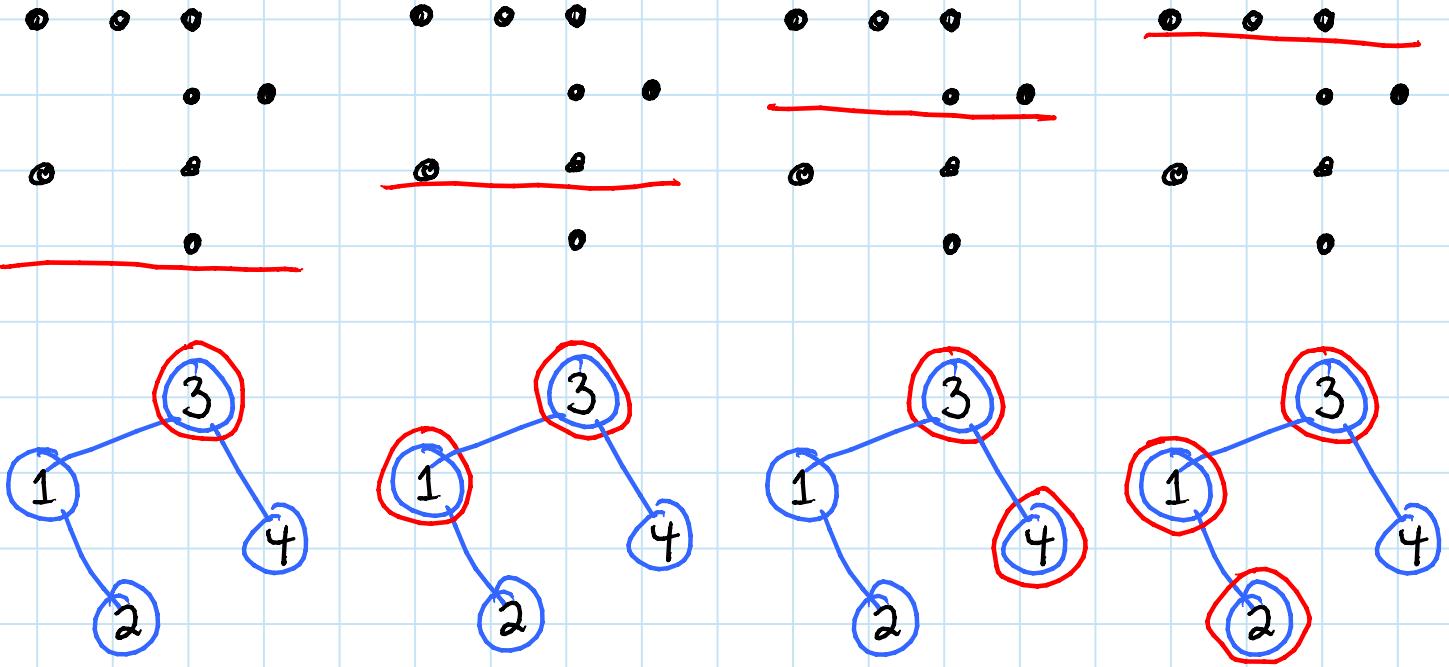


if  $y$  to be touched sooner than  $x$   
 then  $(x, \text{now}) \rightarrow (y, \text{next-touch}(y))$   
 is an unsatisfied rectangle:  
 (according to 2<sup>nd</sup> definition of ASS)



leftmost such point would be right child  
 of  $x$  after  $\text{search}(x_i)$ , not  $y$   $\square$

## Simple example:



Greedy algorithm: [Lucas 1988; Munro 2000]

- consider point set one row at a time
- add the necessary points on that row
- in tree view: re-arrange root-to- $x$  path optimally for future searches

CONJECTURE: Greedy =  $O(OPT)$

or even: =  $OPT + O(m)$

- seems obvious... "just" need to show you needn't stray from the access path

So what?

Theorem: online ASS algorithm

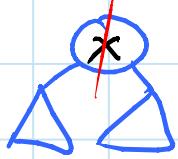
→ online BST (with  $O(1)$  slowdown)

Corollary: Greedy is actually an online BST!

- Conjecture  $\Rightarrow$  dynamically optimal

## Proof sketch of theorem:

- store touched nodes from access in a split tree:  $\text{split}(x)$  moves  $x$  to root & deletes  $x$ , leaving 2 split trees in  $O(1)$  amortized time ~if fully split:
- really: all  $n$  splits in  $O(n)$  time  
(& make split tree on  $n$  items in  $O(n)$ )
- 2-3-4 tree with min & max pointers can split into  $n' \& n''$  in  $O(\lg \min\{n', n''\}) + O(n)$  total merges
- use potential  $\Phi = \sum_{\text{split tree } T} (|T| - \lg |T|)$



$\Rightarrow O(1)$  amortized search cost for split

- simulate with BST:  
interleaved min/max search

$\Rightarrow$  BST is "treap of split trees":  
where heap order is by previous touch & ties mean in split tree ( $\Rightarrow$  optimal order)

- use proof similar to ( $\Leftarrow$ ) above
- by ASS, when touching node in split tree,  
also touch predecessor & successor in parent split tree  $\Rightarrow$  cheap to reach

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