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Lecture 1

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TOPICS:

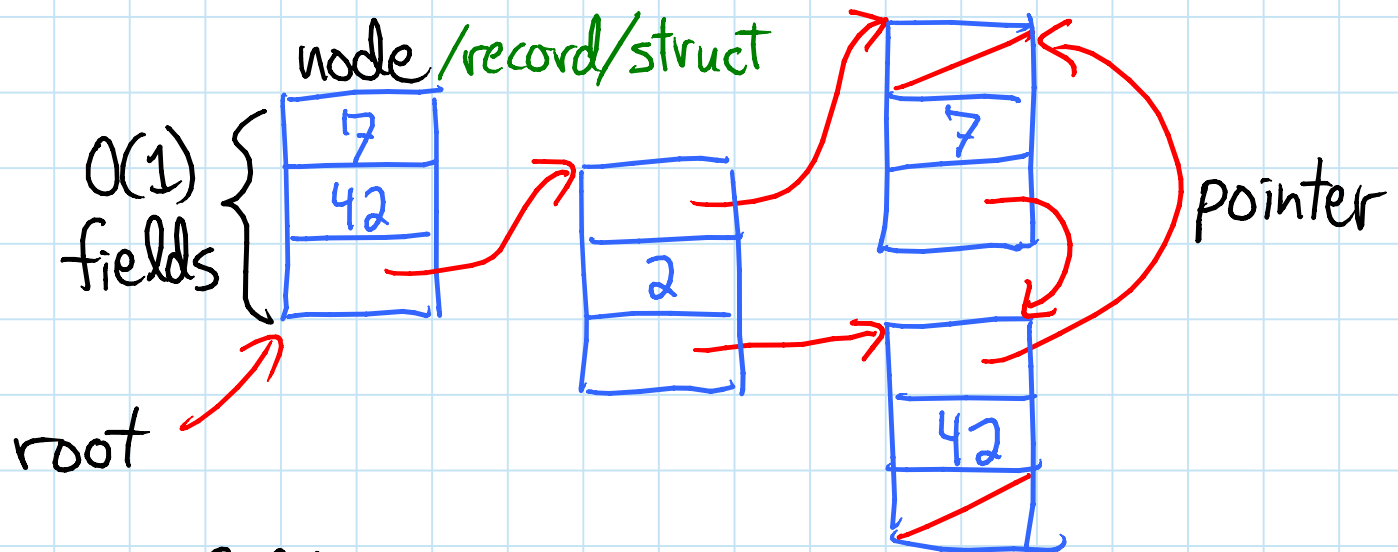
- time travel: remembering/changing the past [THIS WEEK]
- geometry: >1 dimension (maps, DB tables)
- dynamic optimality: is there one best BST?
- memory hierarchy: minimize cache misses
- hashing: most used DS in CS
- integers: beat $\lg n$ time/op, or prove impossible
- dynamic graphs: changing computer/social network
- strings: search for phrase in text (DNA, web)
- succinct: reduce space to \approx bare minimum

Administration:

- video recording of lectures
- requirements: attending lecture, \approx weekly psets, scribing, project
- signup sheet
- listeners welcome
- problem session (starting \sim week 3)
- [- scribe for today]

Theme in this class: THE MODEL MATTERS

Pointer machine: model of computation



- field = data item OR pointer to node

- operations: $O(1)$ time each

- $x = \text{new node}$

- $x = y.\text{field}$

- $x.\text{field} = y$

- $x = y + z$ etc. (data operations)

[- destroy x (if no pointers to it)]

where x, y, z are fields of root (or root)

\Rightarrow constant working space

e.g. linked list, binary search tree (BST),
most object-oriented programs

Temporal data structures:

- persistence [L1]
- retroactivity [L2]

think:
time travel

Persistence:

- keep all versions of DS
- DS operations relative to specified version
- update creates (& returns) new version (never modify a version)

most of Terminator /
Sarah Conner Chron.

branching-
universe model

- 4 levels:

① partial persistence:



- update only latest version
⇒ versions linearly ordered

movie
Déjà Vu
part 1

② full persistence:



- update any version
⇒ versions form a tree

Déjà Vu
part 2

③ confluent persistence:



- can combine >1 given version into new v.
⇒ versions form a DAG

Pullman's book
Subtle Knife?

④ functional:

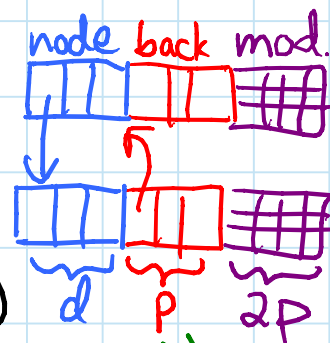
- never modify nodes; only create new
- version of DS represented by pointer

TV show Sliders
movie Primer?

Partial persistence: [Driscoll, Sarnak, Sleator, Tarjan - JCSS 1989]
 any pointer-machine DS with $\leq p = O(1)$ pointers to any node (in any version)
 can be made partially persistent
 with $O(1)$ amortized multiplicative overhead
 & $O(1)$ space per change

Proof:

- store reverse pointers for nodes in latest version (only)
- allow $\leq 2p$ (version, field, value) mods. in a node (using that $p = O(1)$)
- to read node.field at version v , check for mods with time $\leq v$
- when update changes node.field = x :
 - if node not full: add mod. (now, field, x)
 - else: - create node' = node with mods. applied



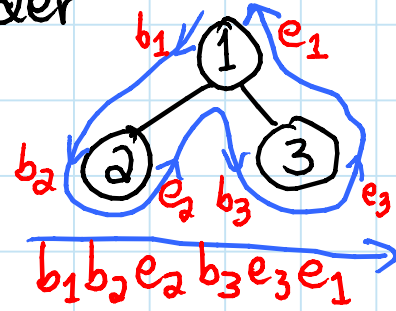
root node
 part of
 returned
 version

- change back pointers to node \rightarrow node'
 ↳ found by following pointers
- recursively change pointers to node \rightarrow ' found via back pointers

(- add back pointer from x to node)
 - potential $\Phi = c \cdot \sum_i \# \text{mods. in nodes in latest version}$
 \Rightarrow amortized cost $\leq c + c - 2cp + p$ recursions
 compute mod. if recurse
 $\leq 2c. \quad \square$

Full persistence: ditto [Driscoll et al. 1989]

- linearize tree of versions via in-order traversal, marking begin & end of subtree



- store sequence of b's & e's in order-maintenance DS:

[L8: Dietz & Sleator - STOC 1987]

- insert item before/after specified item (like linked list)

- relative order of 2 items?

in $O(1)$ time/op.

- version v ancestor of $w \Leftrightarrow b_v < b_w < e_w < e_v$

$\Rightarrow O(1)$ time/op.

\Rightarrow can tell which mods apply to specified version

- create child version of v via 2 inserts after b_v

- allow $\leq 2(d+p+1)$ mods. per node

- when changed node is full:

- split into two nodes, each half full (like B-tree node)

by making copy with half mods. applied, half left

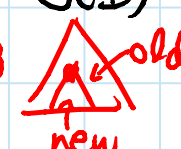
- recursively update pointers & back pointers to copy

- potential $\Phi = -c \cdot \sum \# \text{ empty mod. slots}$ (all nodes live)

\Rightarrow charge $\leq \underbrace{d+p}_{\text{from rest}} + \underbrace{(d+p+1)}_{\text{from mods.}} \text{ recursions to } \Phi \searrow c \cdot 2(d+p+1)$

$\Rightarrow O(1)$ amortized

\rightarrow actually splitting mod. version tree $1/3:2/3$



De-amortization: (see L10)

- partial: $O(1)$ worst case [Brodal - NJC 1996]

- full: OPEN: $O(1)$ worst case?

Confluent persistence:



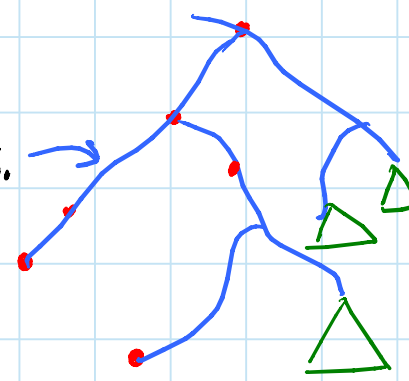
- after u confluent updates, can get size 2^u
- general transformation: [Fiat & Kaplan - J. Alg. 2003]
 - $d(v)$ = depth of version v in version DAG
 - $e(v) = 1 + \lg(\# \text{ paths from root to } v)$
 - overhead: $\lg(\# \text{ updates}) + \underbrace{\max_v e(v)}_{\text{can be up to } u \dots}$ time & space

- still exponentially better than complete copy...
- lower bound: $\sum e(v)$ bits of space [Fiat & Kaplan]
 - $\Rightarrow \Omega(e(v))$ for update if queries are free
 - construction makes $\approx e(v)$ queries per update
- **OPEN**: $O(1)$ or even $O(\lg n)$ overhead per op.?

- disjoint transformation: [Collette, Iacono, Langerman - SODA 2012]
 - assume confluent ops. performed only on versions with no shared nodes
 - then $O(\lg n)$ overhead possible

Idea: each node in subtree of version DAG

- only some of those versions modify node
- 3 types of versions:
 - node modified \sim easy
 - along path between mods.
 - below a leaf \sim hard
- fractional cascading [L3]
& link-cut trees [L19]



Functional: [Okasaki - book 2003]

path copying

- simple example: balanced BSTs
 - work top-down \Rightarrow no parent pointers
 - duplicate all changed nodes & ancestors before changing $O(\lg n)$

$\Rightarrow O(\lg n)$ /op.

\Rightarrow link-cut trees too [Demaine, Langerman, Price]

- e.g. deques with concat. in $O(1)$ /op.

double-ended queues [Kaplan, Okasaki, Tarjan - SICOMP 2000]

+ update & search in $O(\lg n)$ /op.

[Brodal, Makris, Tsihlias - ESA 2006]

- tries with local navigation & subtree copy/delete & $O(1)$ fingers maintained to 'present'

[Demaine, Langerman, Price - Algorithmica 2010]

Think: Subversion

method	finger move		modification (time = space)
	time	space	
path copying	$\lg \Delta$	\emptyset	depth
1 _n functional	$\lg \Delta$	$\lg \Delta$	} local mods. } cheap
1 _n confluent	$\lg \lg \Delta$	$\lg \lg \Delta$	
2 _n functional	$\lg \Delta$	\emptyset	} globally } balanced
2 _n confluent	$\lg \lg \Delta$	\emptyset	

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