3 Fundamental Data Structures

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Learning Outcomes

Unit 3: ***Fundamental Data Structures***

1. Understand and demonstrate the difference between *abstract data type (ADT)* and its *implementation*
2. Be able to define the ADTs *stack*, *queue*, *priority queue* and *dictionary / symbol table*
3. Understand *array*-based implementations of stack and queue
4. Understand *linked lists* and the corresponding implementations of stack and queue
5. Know *binary heaps* and their performance characteristics
6. Understand *binary search trees* and their performance characteristics
7. Know high-level idea of basic *hashing strategies* and their performance characteristics

Outline

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Python abstracts this away!

no predefined capacity!

There are *no* *arrays* in Python, only its built-in *lists*.

But: Python *implementations create* lists based on fixed-size arrays (stay tuned!)

Java

Python ≠ RAM: Not every built-in Python instruction runs in $O(1)$ time!

3.1 Stacks & Queues

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Stacks

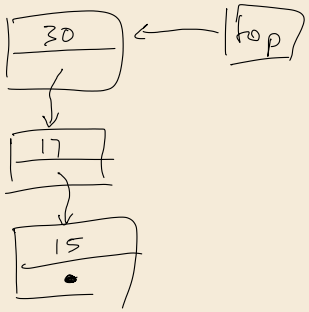
Stack ADT

- `top()`
  Return the topmost item on the stack
  Does not modify the stack.
- `push(`x`)`
  Add x onto the top of the stack.
- `pop()`
  Remove the topmost item from the stack
  (and return it).
- `isEmpty()`
  Returns `true` iff stack is empty.
- `create()`
  Create and return an new empty stack.

Linked-list implementation for Stack

Invariants:

- maintain pointer *top* to topmost element
- each element points to the element below it (or `null` if bottommost)




```
1  class Node
2      value
3      next
4
5  class Stack
6      top := null
7      procedure top():
8          return top.value
9      procedure push(x):
10         top := new Node(x, top)
11     procedure pop():
12         t := top()
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Linked-list implementation for Stack – Discussion

Linked stacks:

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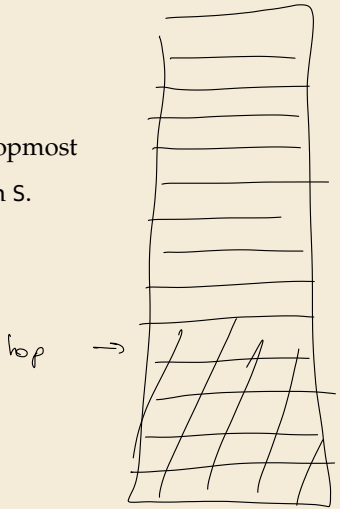

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What to do if stack is full upon `push`?

Array stacks:

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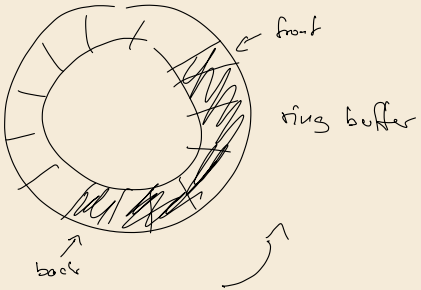
- require $\Theta(C)$ space for a capacity of C elements
- all operations take $O(1)$ time

Queues

Operations:

- `enqueue(`x`)`
  Add x at the end of the queue.
- `dequeue()`
  Remove item at the front of the queue and return it.



Implementations similar to stacks.

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- `insert(`x`)`
  Add x to the items in the bag.
- `delAny()`
  Remove any one item from the bag and return it.
  (Not specified which; any choice is fine.)
- roughly similar to Java's `java.util.Collection`
  Python's `collections.abc.Collection`
- always support iterating over content (read only)

Sometimes it is useful to *state* that order is irrelevant ⇝ Bag
Implementation of Bag usually just a Stack or a Queue

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Usually directly implemented by compiler + operating system / virtual machine.

Difference to "real" ADTs: ***Implementation usually fixed***
to "a contiguous chunk of memory".

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How to maintain the last invariant?

- before `push`
  If $n = C$, allocate new array of size $2n$, copy all elements.
- after `pop`
  If $n < \frac{1}{4}C$, allocate new array of size $2n$, copy all elements.

$\rightsquigarrow$ ***"Resizing Arrays"***

an implementation technique, not an ADT!

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Φ_i = "Potential" nach Operation i

a_i = amortisierte Kosten

$:= c_i + \alpha \cdot (\Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1})$

Ziel: Zeigen, dass $a_i \leq A$

$$m \cdot A \geq \sum_{i=1}^{m} a_i = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \left(c_i + \alpha (\Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1}) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i + \alpha (\Phi_m - \Phi_0)$$

Teleskopsumme!

$$\Rightarrow \quad \sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i \quad \leq \quad m \cdot A - \alpha \left(\Phi_m - \Phi_0 \right)$$

$$\| \qquad \| \qquad \|$$

$$5 \qquad -4$$

for resizing arrays

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} c_i \leq 5 \cdot m + 4 \cdot \Phi_m \leq \underline{5m + 2.4 \cdot n}$$

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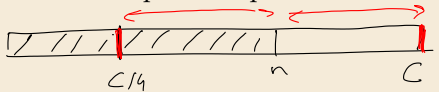


distance to boundary

since $n \le C \le 4n$

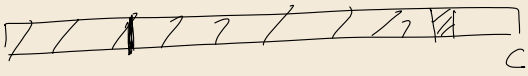
Formally: consider "credits/potential" $\Phi = \min\{n - \frac{1}{4}C, C - n\} \in [0, 0.6n]$

- amortized cost of an operation = actual cost (array accesses) $-4\cdot$ change in Φ
  - cheap `push`/`pop`: actual cost 1 array access, consumes ≤ 1 credits $\rightsquigarrow$ amortized cost ≤ 5
  - copying `push`: actual cost $2n+1$ array accesses, creates $\frac{1}{2}n+1$ credits $\rightsquigarrow$ amortized cost ≤ 5
  - copying `pop`: actual cost $2n+1$ array accesses, creates $\frac{1}{2}n-1$ credits $\rightsquigarrow$ amortized cost 5

$\rightsquigarrow$ **sequence** of m operations: total actual cost $\le$ total amortized cost + final credits

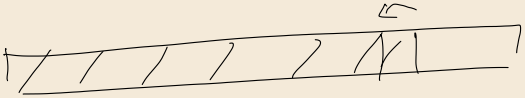
here: $\le \quad 5m \quad + \quad 4 \cdot 0.6n \quad = \Theta(m+n)$

gewöhnliches push / pop



c_i

$\Delta\Phi = -1$ $\qquad a_i = 1 - 4 \cdot \Delta\Phi = 5$



$\Delta\Phi = 1$ $\qquad a_i = 1 - 4 \cdot 1 = -3 \leq 5$

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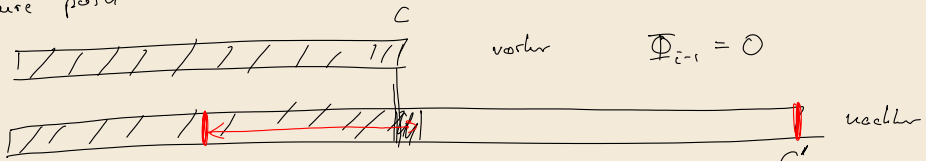

$\Phi_{i-1} = 0$

$\approx \frac{n}{4}$ $\qquad n$ $\qquad n' = n+1$ $\qquad \Phi_i =$ $\qquad 2n$

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Analysis:

- $O(1)$ worst case time for read/write by index, push, and pop! ← assuming memory allocation in $O(1)$ $\rightsquigarrow$ needs to be uninitialized!
- up to 7 array accesses per operation
- up to $7n$ space ← other time-space trade-offs possible

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- Can get operations in $O(1)$ worst-case time with $O(\sqrt{n})$ extra space at any time (!)
  - Maintain a collection of small arrays (plus header with pointers to them)
  - Clever choice of block sizes guarantees
    $O(\sqrt{n})$ blocks of $O(\sqrt{n})$ elements throughout
    and fast calculation of address for an index.

    imaginary "superblocks" of sizes 2^k, $k = 0, 1, \ldots, \lg n$
    kth superblock consists of $2^{k/2}$ actual blocks of $2^{k/2}$ elements each.
  - $O(\sqrt{n})$ extra space is best possible

bisher: $O(n)$

$\notin$ exact

Resizable Arrays in Optimal Time and Space
Andrej Brodnik, Svante Carlsson, Erik D. Demaine, J. Ian Munro & Robert Sedgewick
WADS 1999

3.3 Priority Queues & Binary Heaps

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- `construct(`A`)`
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- `insert(`x`,`p`)`
  Insert item x with priority p into PQ.
- `max()`
  Return item with largest priority. (Does not modify the PQ.)
- `delMax()`
  Remove the item with largest priority and return it.
- `changeKey(`x`,`p'`)`
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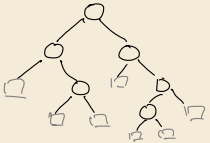

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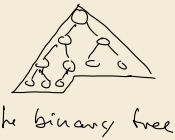

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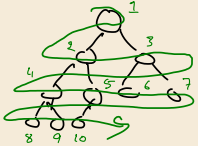
$\forall i \in [n] : A[\lfloor i/2 \rfloor] \geq A[i]$



store nodes
in level order
in $A[1..n]$

$parent(k) = \lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor$

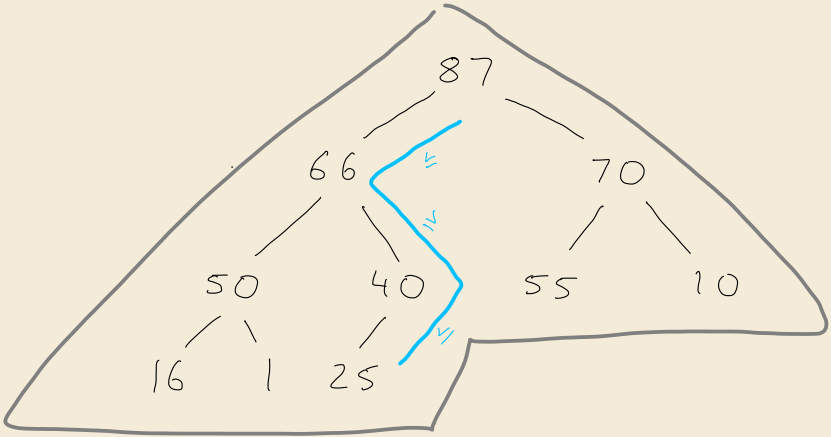
Tree view

Heap = tree that is
(i) a complete binary tree
(ii) heap ordered

all but last level full
last level flush left

parent $\geq$ children

Binary heap example



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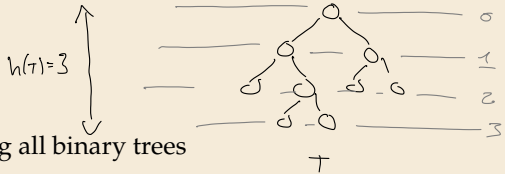

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Why heap ordered?

- Maximum must be at root! $\rightsquigarrow$ `max()` is trivial!
- But: Sorted only along paths of the tree; leaves lots of leeway for fast inserts

how? . . . stay tuned

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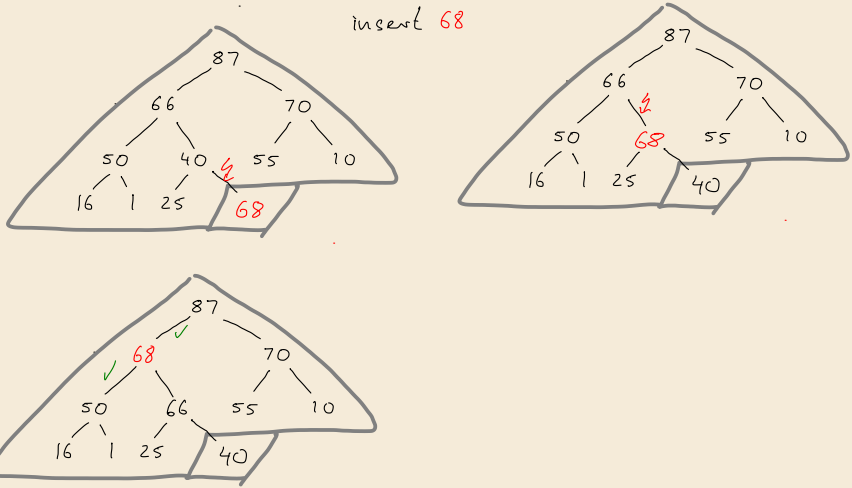
3.4 Operations on Binary Heaps

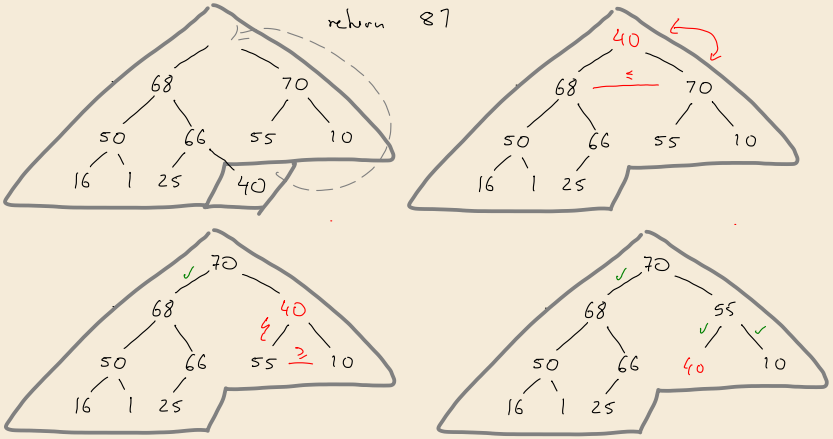
Insert

1. Add new element at only possible place: bottom-most level, next free spot.
2. Let element *swim* up to repair heap order.



Delete Max

1. Remove max (must be in root).
2. Move last element (bottom-most, rightmost) into root.
3. Let root key *sink* in heap to repair heap order.



Running time:

both dominated by one root-to-leaf path

$\rightsquigarrow$ cost proportional to height of tree

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height h => #nodes

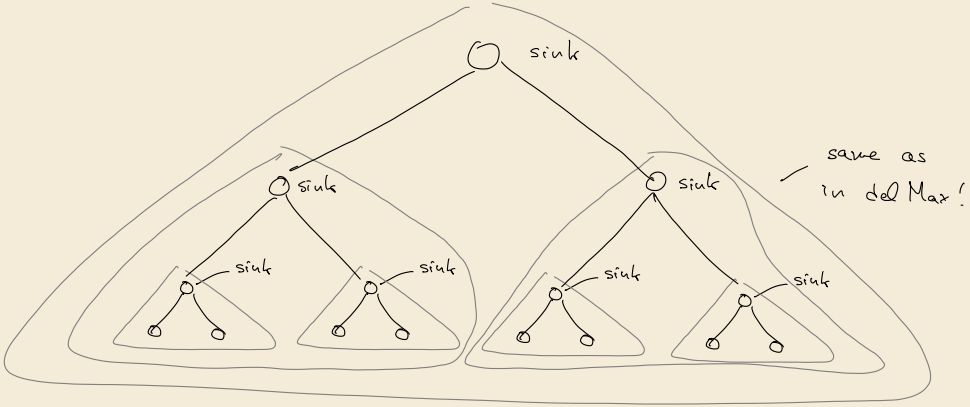
$\geq \sum_{\ell=0}^{h-1} 2^\ell + 1$

$= 2^h$

$\Rightarrow h \leq \log_2(n)$

Heap construction

- n times insert $\rightsquigarrow$ $\Theta(n \log n)$ 
- instead:
  1. Start with singleton heaps (one element)
  2. Repeatedly merge two heaps of height k with new element into heap of height $k+1$



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- `insert`: new element "swims" up $\rightsquigarrow$ $\leq h$ steps (h cmps)
- `delMax`: last element "sinks" down $\rightsquigarrow$ $\leq h$ steps ($2h$ cmps)
- `construct` from n elements:

  cost = cost of letting *each node* in heap sink!

$$\leq 1 \cdot h + 2 \cdot (h-1) + 4 \cdot (h-2) + \cdots + 2^\ell \cdot (h-\ell) + \cdots + 2^{h-1} \cdot 1 + 2^h \cdot 0$$

$$= \sum_{\ell=0}^{h} 2^\ell (h-\ell) = \sum_{i=0}^{h} \frac{2^h}{2^i} i = 2^h \underbrace{\sum_{i=0}^{h} \frac{i}{2^i}} \leq 2 \cdot 2^h \leq 4n$$

Binary heap summary

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`size()`	$O(1)$

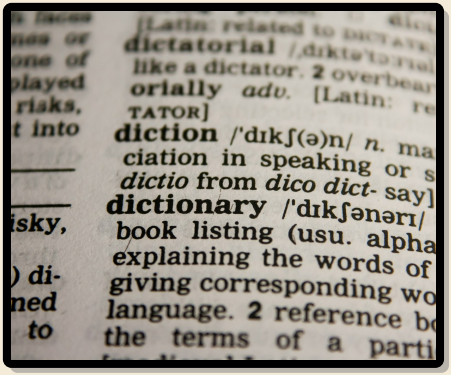
3.5 Symbol Tables

Symbol table ADT

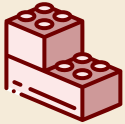
Java: `java.util.Map<K,V>`

Symbol table / Dictionary / Map / Associative array / key-value store:

Python dict `{k:v}`



- `put(`k`,`v`)` *Python* dict: `d[`k`] = `v
  Put key-value pair (k, v) into table
- `get(`k`)` *Python* dict: `d[`k`]`
  Return value associated with key k
- `delete(`k`)` *Python* dict: `del d[`k`]`
  Remove key k (any associated value) form table
- `contains(`k`)` *Python* dict: k `in d`
  Returns whether the table has a value for key k
- `isEmpty(),size()`
- `create()`



Most fundamental building block in computer science.

(Every programming library has a symbol table implementation.)

Symbol tables vs. mathematical functions

- similar interface
- but: mathematical functions are *static/immutable* (never change their mapping)
  (Different mapping is a *different* function)
- symbol table = *dynamic* mapping
  Function may change over time

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- ⇝ *Sorted order does not help us at all?!*

Binary search

*It does help . . . if we have a sorted **array**!*

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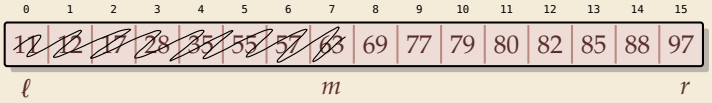

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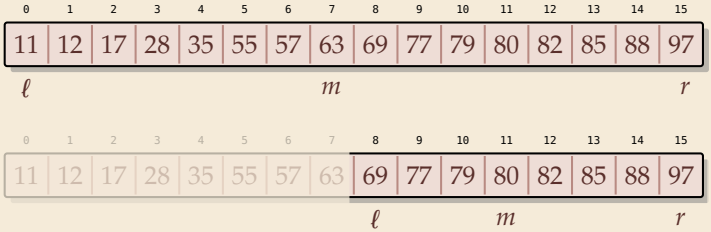

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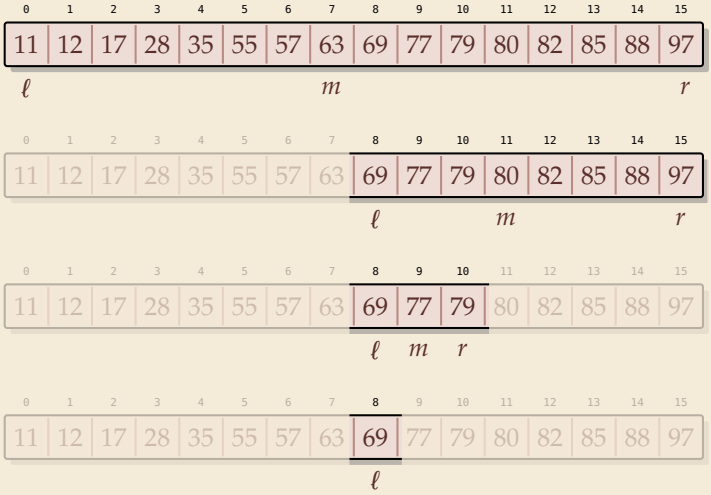

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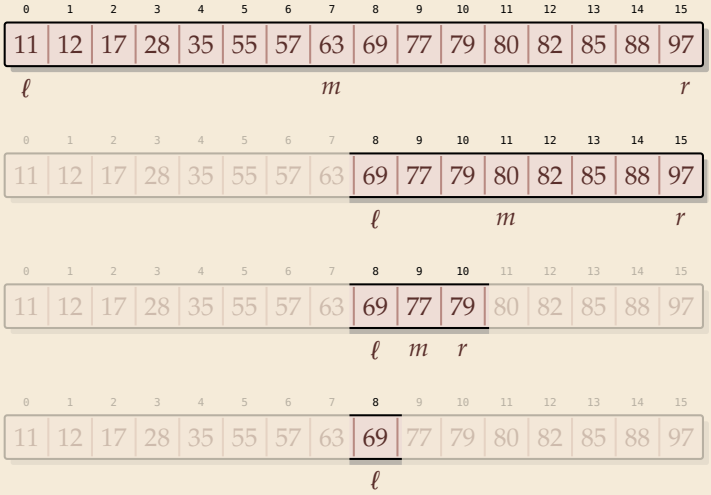

Binary search:

- halve remaining list in each step (± 1)

$\rightsquigarrow \leq \lfloor \lg n \rfloor + 1$ cmps in the worst case ($\log_2$)

needs random access!

3.6 Binary Search Trees

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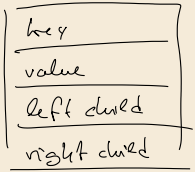
Binary search trees

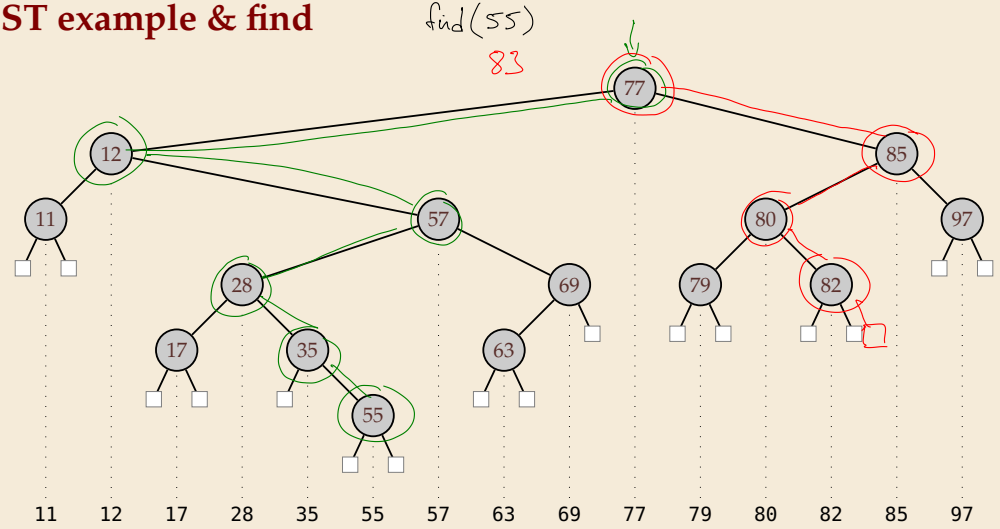
Binary search trees (BSTs) $\approx$ dynamic sorted array



- binary tree
  - Each node has left and right child
  - Either can be empty (`null`)
- Keys satisfy ***search-tree property***

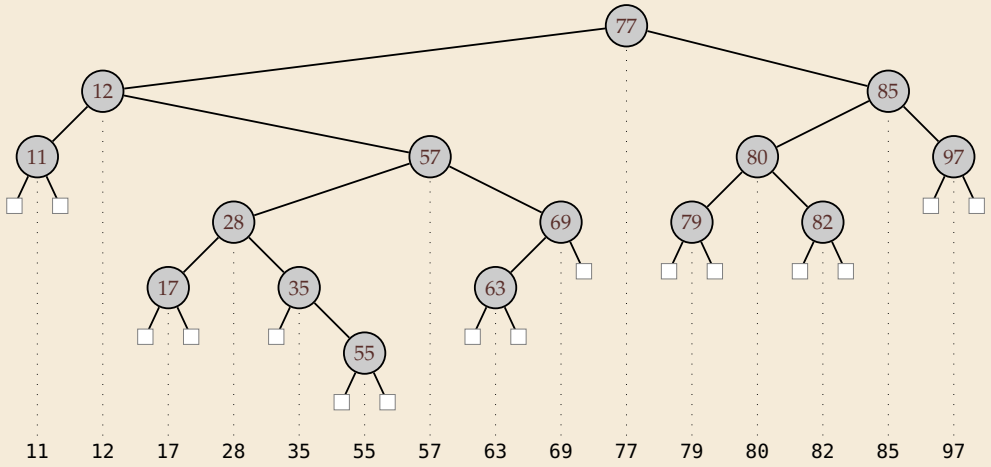
  all keys in left subtree $\leq$ root key $\leq$ all keys in right subtree

BST example & find



BST insert

Example: Insert 88



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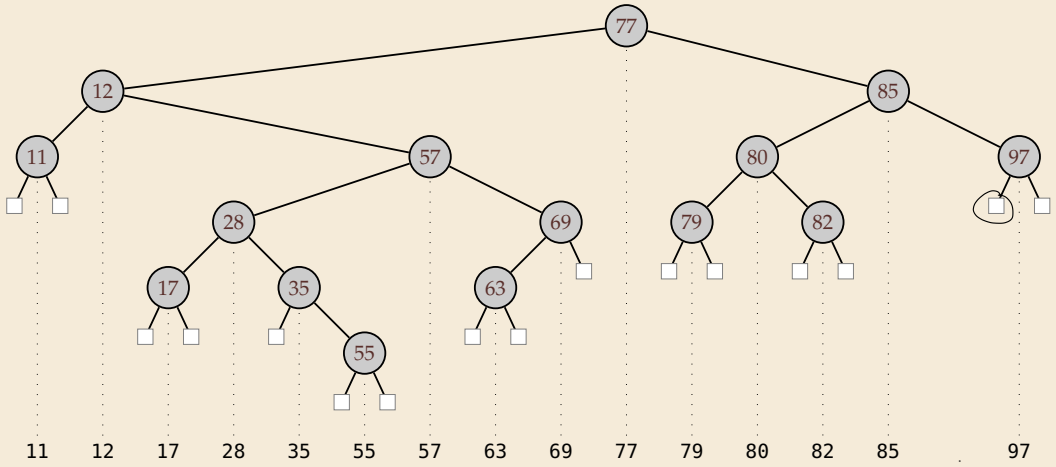

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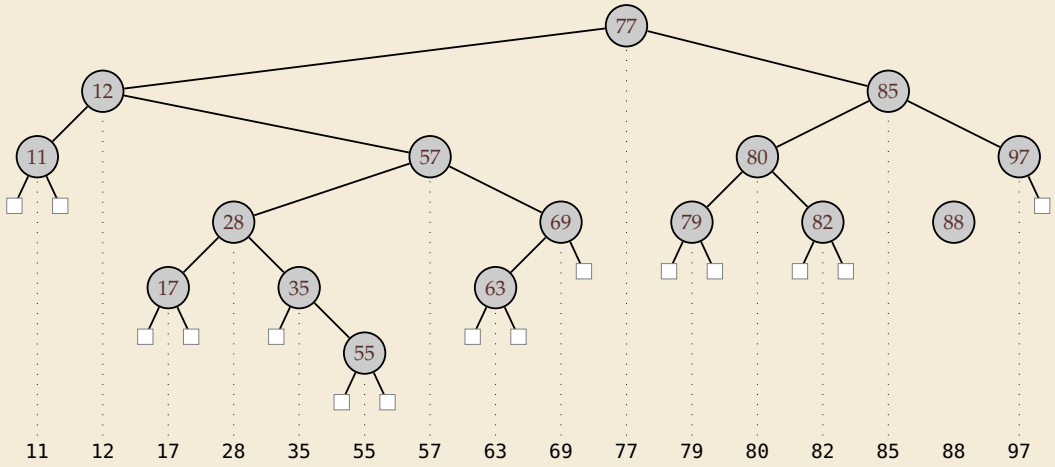

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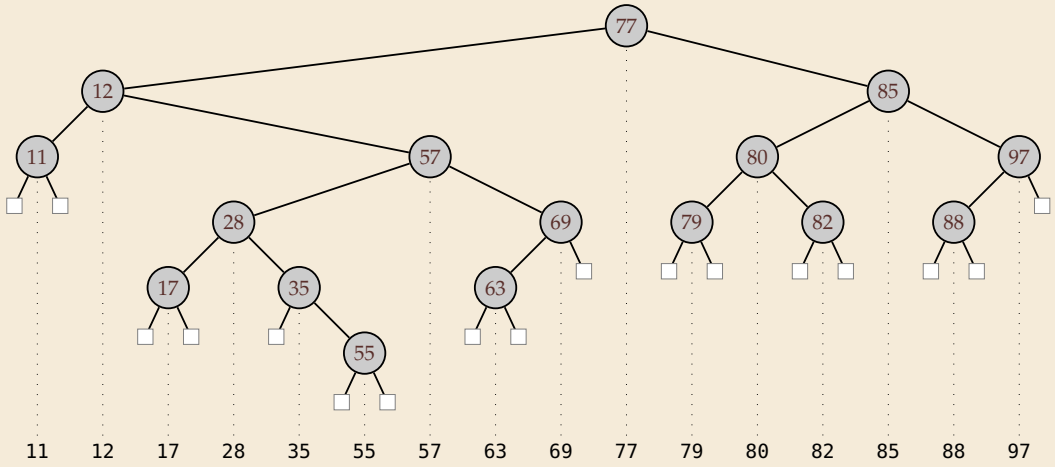
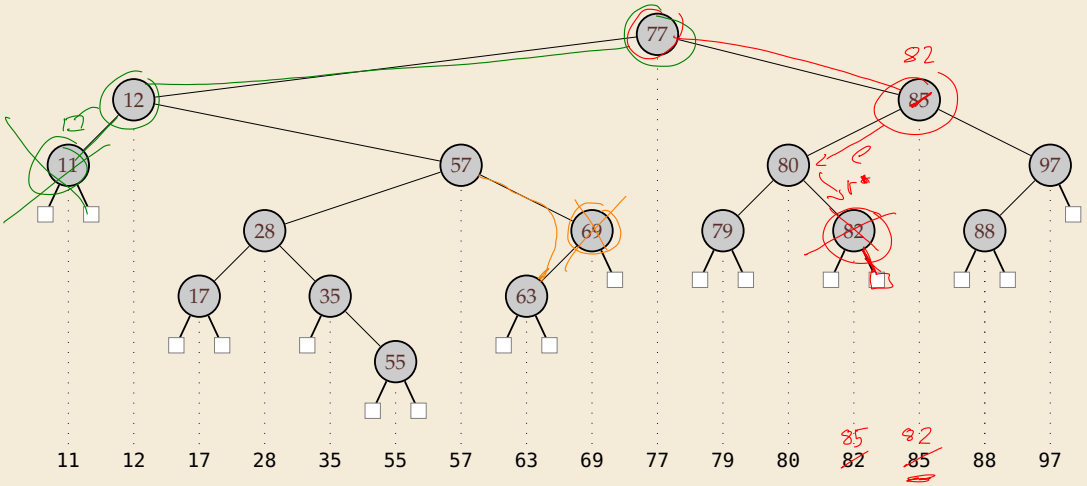


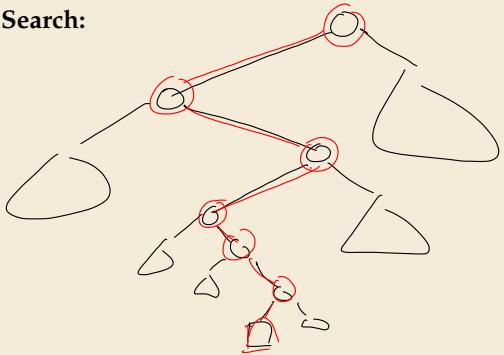
BST delete

- Easy case: remove leaf, e. g., 11 ⇝ replace by `null`
- Medium case: remove unary, e. g., 69 ⇝ replace by unique child
- Hard case: remove binary, e. g., 85 ⇝ swap with predecessor, recurse



Analysis

- **Search:**



$$\#\text{cmps} = \text{length of search path} + 1 \leq \underbrace{\text{height of BST}}_{h} + 1$$

- **Insert:** $O(h)$
- **Delete:** all cases $\Theta(h)$

BST summary

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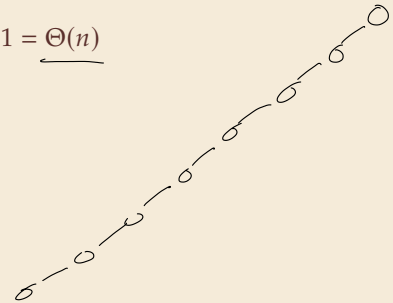
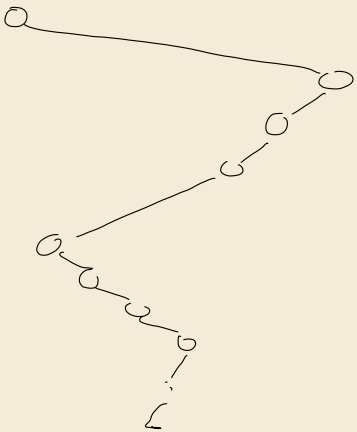
- $h = n - 1 = \Theta(n)$





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Average Case:

- Assumption: insertions come in random order
  no deletions

$\rightsquigarrow$ $h = \Theta(\log n)$ in expectation

even "with high probability":
$\forall d\ \exists c : \Pr[h \geq c \lg(n)] \leq n^{-d}$ } $\notin$ exam

Precise analysis for

EXPECTED

C_n = TOTAL cost of finding ALL keys in BST

[n] inserted in random order

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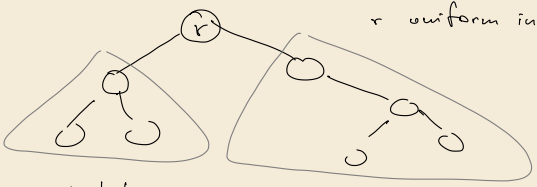
$[1..n] = \{1, \ldots, n\}$

root key = first inserted key

r uniform in [n]



comp w/ root

$$C_n = n + \frac{1}{n}\sum_{r=1}^{n}\left(C_{r-1} + C_{n-r}\right)$$

$$= n + \frac{2}{n}\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k \qquad (n \geq 1)$$

$C_0 = 0$

① Getting rid of full history

$$n C_n = n^2 + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k$$

$$= 2 C_{n-1}$$

$$n \cdot C_n - (n-1) C_{n-1} = n^2 - (n-1)^2 + 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k - 2 \sum_{k=0}^{n-2} C_k$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \quad n C_n = 2n - 1 + (n+1) C_{n-1} \qquad | : n(n+1)$$

$$\frac{C_n}{n+1} = \frac{2n-1}{n(n+1)} + \frac{C_{n-1}}{n} \qquad (n \geq 1)$$

$$D_n := \frac{C_n}{n+1}$$

$$D_n = \frac{2n-1}{n(n+1)} + D_{n-1} \qquad (n \geq 1)$$

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② Telescoping recurrence

$$D_n = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{2k-1}{k(k+1)}$$

partial fraction decomposition

$k := -1$ if k, then $k := 0$

$$\frac{2k-1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{-1}{k} + \frac{3}{k+1}$$

$$= -\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k} + 3 \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k+1} = 3H_{n+1} - 3 - H_n$$

$$= H_n \qquad H_{n+1} - 1 \qquad = 2H_n - 3 + \frac{3}{n+1}$$

$$= H_n + \frac{1}{n+1}$$

$$H_n = \ln n + \gamma + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right).$$

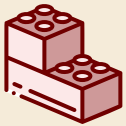
$$C_n = (n+1) D_n = 2(n+1) H_n - 3(n+1) + 3$$

$$\sim 2n \cdot \ln(n) \approx 1.39\, n \log_2 n$$

3.7 Ordered Symbol Tables

Ordered symbol tables

- `min()`, `max()`
  Return the smallest resp. largest key in the ST
- `floor(`x`)`, $\lfloor x \rfloor = \mathbb{Z}$.`floor(`$x$`)`
  Return largest key k in ST with $k \leq x$.
- `ceiling(`x`)`
  Return smallest key k in ST with $k \geq x$.
- `rank(`x`)`
  Return the number of keys k in ST $k < x$.
- `select(`i`)`
  Return the ith smallest key in ST (zero-based, i. e., $i \in [0..n)$)



With select, we can simulate access as in a truly dynamic array!

(Might not need any keys at all then!)

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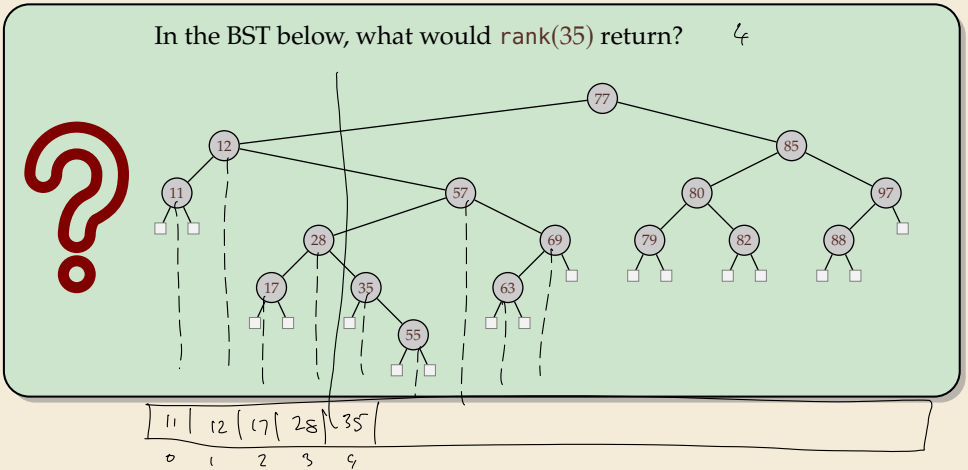

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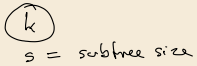
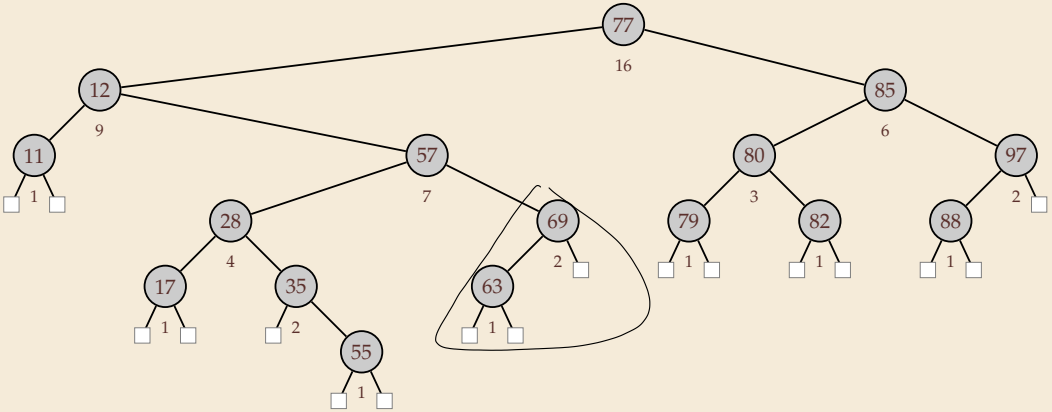
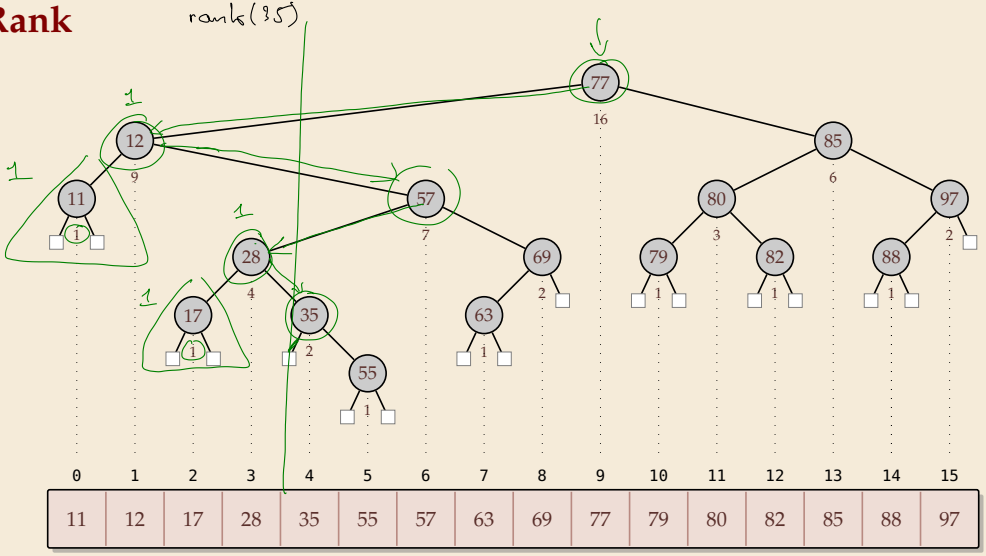
Augmented BSTs





Rank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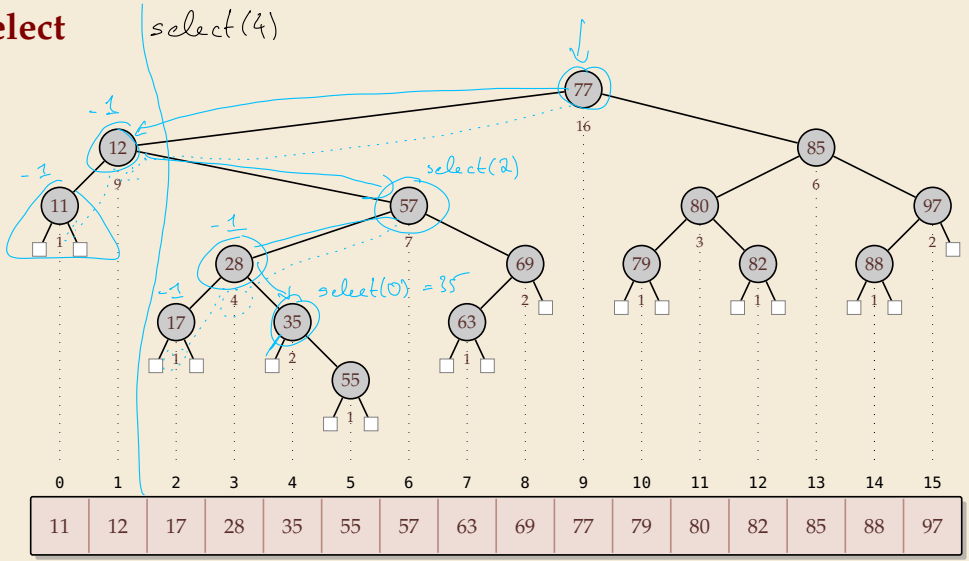
Select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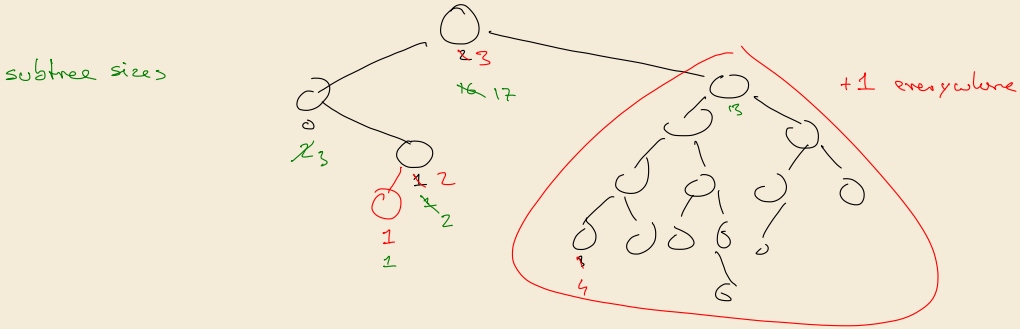

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- Problem: Single insertion/deletion can change *all* node ranks!

⇝ Cannot efficiently maintain node ranks.

Subtree sizes only change along search path ⇝ $O(h)$ nodes affected

3.8 Balanced BSTs

Clicker Question

What ways of maintaining a **balanced** binary search tree do you know?
Write “none” if you have not seen balanced BSTs before.

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Other options:

I'd love to talk more about all of these ...
(Maybe another time)

- **amortization:** *splay trees*, *scapegoat trees*
  COLA (cache oblivious lookahead array)
- **randomization:** *randomized BSTs*, *treaps*, *skip lists*

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*What if we don't need the **ordered** symbol table operations?*

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(can make it so (*"perfect hashing"*), but usually too expensive)

↯ Generally hash function h is not injective, so many keys can map to the same integer.

- We get *collisions*: we want to insert (k, v) into the table, but $T[h(k)]$ is already occupied.
  - *Birthday Paradox:* quite likely! Some collision with prob. $\geq \frac{1}{e}$ when $n \geq 2\sqrt{m}$

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- We evaluate strategies by the average cost of `get`, `put`, `delete` in terms of n, m, and/or the *load factor* $\alpha = n/m$.

⇝ Might have to rebuild the whole hash table and change the value of m when the load factor gets too large or too small.

- This is called *rehashing*, and costs $\Theta(m + n)$.
- alternative: *dynamic hashing* (not here; examples in *Algorithms and Data Structures*)

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More improvements possible with word-RAM bitwise tricks $\rightsquigarrow$ *Advanced Data Structures*

Hashing vs. Balanced Search Trees

Advantages of Balanced Search Trees

- $O(\log n)$ worst-case operation cost
- Does not require any assumptions, special functions, or known properties of input distribution
- Predictable (and often smaller) space usage (exactly n nodes)
- Never need to rebuild the entire structure
- supports ordered dictionary operations (rank, select etc.)

Advantages of Hash Tables

- $O(1)$ operations (if hashes well-spread and load factor small)
- We can choose space-time tradeoff via load factor
- Cuckoo hashing achieves $O(1)$ worst-case for search & delete