# Balanced Search Trees 

2-3-4 trees
red-black trees

References: Algorithms in Java (handout)

## Balanced search trees

## Dynamic sets

- Search
- Insert
- Delete
- Maximum
- Minimum
- Successor(x) (find minimum element $\geq x$ )
- Predecessor( $x$ ) (find maximum element $\leq x$ )

This lecture: 2-3-4 trees, red-black trees
Next time: Tiered vektor (not a binary search tree, but maintains a dynamic set).
In two weeks time: Splay trees

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In worst case h=n.
In best case $h=\log n$ (fully balanced binary tree)
Today: How to keep the trees balanced.

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2-3-4 trees. Allow nodes to have multiple keys.
Perfect balance. Every path from root to leaf has same length.
Allow 1, 2, or 3 keys per node

- 2-node: one key, 2 children
- 3-node: 2 keys, 3 children
- 4-node: 3 keys, 4 children



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## Ex. Search for L



## Predecessor and successor in a 2-3-4 tree

Where is the predecessor of $L$ ?
And the successor of $L$ ?


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Idea: split the 4-node to make room


Problem: Doesn't work if parent is a 4-node
Solution 1: Split the parent (and continue splitting while necessary).


Solution 2: Split 4-nodes on the way down.

## Splitting 4-nodes in a 2-3-4 tree

Idea: split 4-nodes on the way down the tree.

- Ensures last node is not a 4-node.
- Transformations to split 4-nodes:


Invariant. Current node is not a 4-node.
Consequence. Insertion at bottom is easy since it's not a 4-node.


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- Child of root and root is a 2-node:



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## 2-3-4 Tree: Balance

Property. All paths from root to leaf have same length.


Tree height.
Worst case: Ig N [all 2-nodes]
Best case: $\quad \log _{4} \mathrm{~N}=1 / 2 \lg \mathrm{~N} \quad$ [all 4-nodes]
Between 10 and 20 for a million nodes.
Between 15 and 30 for a billion nodes.

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Properties of red-black trees:

- The root is always black
- All root-to-leaf paths have the same number of black nodes.
- Red nodes do not have red children


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## Insertion in red-black trees

Insertion: Insert a new red leaf.


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## Easy case:



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## Running times in red-black trees

- Time for insertion:
- Search to bottom after key: O(h)
- Insert red leaf: O(1)
- Perform recoloring and rotations on way up: O(h)
- Can recolor many times (but at most h)
- At most 2 rotations.
- Total $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{h})$.
- Time for search
- Same as BST: O(h)
- Height: $\mathrm{O}(\log \mathrm{n})$


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## Balanced trees: implementations

## Redblack trees:

Java: java.util.TreeMap, java.util.TreeSet.
C++ STL: map, multimap, multiset.

Linux kernel: linux/rbtree.h.

