

Biostatistics 615/815 Lecture 6: Elementary Data Structures

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Algorithm QUICKSORT

```

Data: array  $A$  and indices  $p$  and  $r$ 
Result:  $A[p..r]$  is sorted
if  $p < r$  then
     $q = \text{PARTITION}(A, p, r);$ 
     $\text{QUICKSORT}(A, p, q - 1);$ 
     $\text{QUICKSORT}(A, q + 1, r);$ 
end

```

Merge Sort

Divide and conquer algorithm

Divide Divide the n element sequence to be sorted into two subsequences of $n/2$ elements each

Conquer Sort the two subsequences recursively using merge sort

Combine Merge the two sorted subsequences to produce the sorted answer

Time complexity

- $\Theta(n \log n)$ algorithm in worst case
 - Need additional memory for array copy
 - In practice, slightly slower than other $\Theta(n \log n)$ algorithms due to overhead of array copy

Quicksort Algorithm

Algorithm PARTITION

Data: array A and indices p and r

Result: Returns q such that $A[p..q-1] < A[q] < A[q+1..r]$

$$x = A[r];$$

$$i = p - 1;$$

for $j = p$ **to** $r - 1$ **do**

if $A[j] \leq x$ **then**

$$| \quad i = i + 1;$$

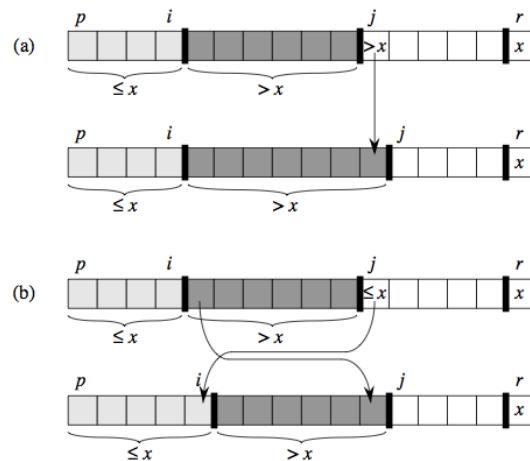
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How PARTITION Algorithm Works



Designing a simple array - myArray.h

```
#include <iostream>
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template <class T> // template supporting a generic type
class myArray {
protected: // member variables hidden from outside
    T *data; // array of the generic type
    int size; // number of elements in the container
    int malloc; // # of objects allocated in the memory
public:
    myArray(); // default constructor
    ~myArray(); // destructor
    void insert(const T& x); // insert an element x, const means read-only
    bool search(const T& x); // search for an element x and return its location
    bool remove(const T& x); // delete a particular element
    void print(); // print the content of array to the screen
};
```

Elementary data structure

Container

A container T is a generic data structure which supports the following three operation for an object x .

- SEARCH(T, x)
- INSERT(T, x)
- DELETE(T, x)

Possible types of container

- Arrays
- Linked lists
- Trees
- Hashes

Using a simple array - myArrayTest.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "myArray.h"

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    myArray<int> A;
    A.insert(10); // {10}
    A.insert(5); // {10,5}
    A.insert(20); // {10,5,20}
    A.insert(7); // {10,5,20,7}
    A.print();
    std::cout << "A.search(7) = " << A.search(7) << std::endl; // true
    std::cout << "A.remove(10) = " << A.remove(10) << std::endl; // {5,20,7}
    A.print();
    std::cout << "A.search(10) = " << A.search(10) << std::endl; // false
    return 0;
}
```

Implementing a simple array in myArray.h

```
class myArray {
    // declarations of member variables and functions go here..
};

// If the function is not yet defined above, it can be defined as follows..
template <class T>
myArray<T>::myArray() { // default constructor
    size = 0; // array do not have element initially
    nalloc = DEFAULT_ALLOC;
    data = new T[nalloc]; // allocate default # of objects in memory
}

template <class T>
myArray<T>::~myArray() { // destructor
    if ( data != NULL ) {
        delete [] data; // delete the allocated memory before destroying
        // the object. otherwise, memory leak happens
    }
}
```

myArray.h : search

```
template <class T>
bool myArray<T>::search(const T& x) {
    for(int i=0; i < size; ++i) { // iterate each element
        if ( data[i] == x ) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

myArray.h : insert

```
template <class T>
void myArray<T>::insert(const T& x) {
    if ( size >= nalloc ) { // if container has more elements than allocated
        T* newdata = new T[nalloc*2]; // make an array at doubled size
        for(int i=0; i < nalloc; ++i) {
            newdata[i] = data[i]; // copy the contents of array
        }
        delete [] data; // delete the original array
        data = newdata; // and reassign data ptr
        nalloc *= 2; // double the allocation
    }
    data[size] = x; // push back to the last element
    ++size; // increase the size
}
```

myArray.h : remove

```
template <class T>
bool myArray<T>::remove(const T& x) {
    bool found = false;
    for(int i=0; i < size; ++i) { // iterate each element
        if ( data[i] == x ) { found = true; }
        if ( found && i < size-1 ) { data[i] = data[i+1]; }
    }
    if ( found ) --size;
    return found;
}
```

myArray.h : print

```
template <class T>
void myArray<T>::print() {
    if ( size > 0 ) {
        std::cout << "(" << data[0];
        for(int i=1; i < size; ++i) {
            std::cout << "," << data[i];
        }
        std::cout << ")" << std::endl;
    }
    else {
        std::cout << "(EMPTY ARRAY)" << std::endl;
    }
}
```

Implementing complex data types is not so simple

```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    myArray<int> A;           // A is empty, A.data points an address x
    A.insert(10);             // A.data[0] = 10, A.size = 1
    A.insert(20);             // A.data[0] = 10, A.data[1] = 20, A.size = 2
    myArray<int> B = A;       // shallow copy, B.size == A.size, B.data == A.data
    B.remove(10);            // A.data[0] = 20, A.size = 2 -- NOT GOOD
    if ( A.search(10) < 0 ) {
        std::cout << "Cannot find 10" << std::endl; // A.data is unwillingly modified
    }
    return 0; // ERROR : both delete [] A.data and delete [] B.data is called
}
```

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```
int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    myArray<int> A;           // creating an instance of myArray
    A.insert(10);
    A.insert(20);
    myArray<int> B = A;       // copy the instance
    B.remove(10);
    if ( ! A.search(10) ) {
        std::cout << "Cannot find 10" << std::endl; // what would happen?
    }
    return 0;                 // would the program terminate without errors?
}
```

How to fix it

A naive fix : preventing object-to-object copy

```
template <class T>
class myArray {
protected:
    T *data;
    int size;
    int nalloc;
    myArray(myArray& a) {}; // do not allow copying object
public:
    myArray() {...};      // allow to create an object from scratch
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A complete fix

- std::vector does not suffer from these problems
- Implementing such a nicely-behaving complex object is NOT trivial
- Requires a deep understanding of C++ programming language

Sorted Array

Key Idea

- Same structure with Array
- Ensure that elements are sorted when inserting and deleting an object
- Insertion takes longer, but search will be much faster
 - $\Theta(n)$ for insert
 - $\Theta(\log n)$ for search

Summary: Array

- Simplest container
- Constant time for insertion
- $\Theta(n)$ for search
- $\Theta(n)$ for remove
- Elements are clustered in memory, so faster than list in practice.
- Limited by the allocation size. $\Theta(n)$ needed for expansion

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Remove Same as the unsorted version of Array

Implementation : mySortedArray.h

```
#define DEFAULT_ALLOC 1024
template <class T> // template supporting a generic type
class mySortedArray {
protected: // member variables hidden from outside
    T *data; // array of the generic type
    int size; // number of elements in the container
    int nalloc; // # of objects allocated in the memory
    mySortedArray(mySortedArray& a) {} // for disabling object copy
    bool search(const T& x, int begin, int end); // search with ranges
public: // abstract interface visible to outside
    mySortedArray(); // default constructor
    ~mySortedArray(); // destructor
    void insert(const T& x); // insert an element x
    bool search(const T& x); // search for an element x and return its location
    bool remove(const T& x); // delete a particular element
    void print(); // print the content of array to the screen
};
```

Constructors and destructors

```
template <class T>
mySortedArray<T>::mySortedArray() { // default constructor
    size = 0; // array do not have element initially
    nalloc = DEFAULT_ALLOC;
    data = new T[nalloc]; // allocate default # of objects in memory
}

template <class T> mySortedArray<T>::~mySortedArray() { // destructor
    if ( data != NULL ) {
        delete [] data; // delete the allocated memory before destroying
    } // the object. otherwise, memory leak happens
}
```

Implementation : mySortedArrayTest.cpp

```
#include <iostream>
#include "mySortedArray.h"

int main(int argc, char** argv) {
    mySortedArray<int> A;
    A.insert(10); // {10}
    A.insert(5); // {5,10}
    A.insert(20); // {5,10,20}
    A.insert(7); // {5,7,10,20}
    A.print();
    std::cout << "A.search(7) = " << A.search(7) << std::endl; // true (1)
    std::cout << "A.remove(10) = " << A.remove(10) << std::endl; // true (1)
    A.print();
    std::cout << "A.search(10) = " << A.search(10) << std::endl; // false (0)
    return 0;
}
```

Implementation : mySortedArray::insert()

```
template <class T>
void mySortedArray<T>::insert(const T& x) {
    if ( size >= nalloc ) { // if container has more elements than allocated
        T* newdata = new T[nalloc*2]; // make an array at doubled size
        for(int i=0; i < nalloc; ++i) {
            newdata[i] = data[i]; // copy the contents of array
        }
        delete [] data; // delete the original array
        data = newdata; // and reassign data ptr
        nalloc *= 2; // and double the nalloc
    }

    int i; // scan from last to first until find smaller element
    for(i=size-1; (i >= 0) && (data[i] > x); --i) {
        data[i+1] = data[i]; // shift the elements to right
    }
    data[i+1] = x; // insert the element at the right position
    ++size; // increase the size
}
```

Implementation : mySortedArray::search()

```
template <class T>
bool mySortedArray<T>::search(const T& x) {
    return search(x, 0, size-1);
}

template <class T> // simple binary search
bool mySortedArray<T>::search(const T& x, int begin, int end) {
    if (begin > end)
        return false;
    else {
        int mid = (begin+end)/2;
        if (data[mid] == x)
            return true;
        else if (data[mid] < x)
            return search(x, mid+1, end);
        else
            return search(x, begin, mid-1);
    }
}
```

Summary: SortedArray

- $\Theta(n)$ for insertion
- $\Theta(\log n)$ for search
- $\Theta(n)$ for remove
- Optimal for frequent searches and infrequent updates
- Limited by the allocation size. $\Theta(n)$ needed for expansion

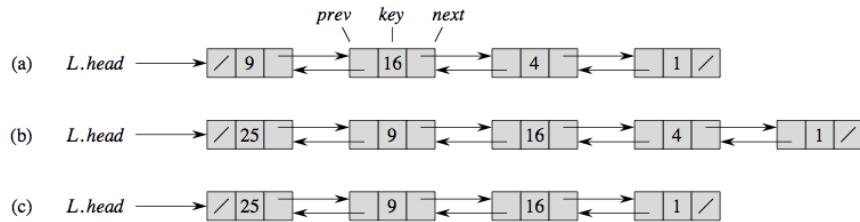
Implementation : mySortedArray::remove()

```
// same as myArray::remove()
template <class T>
bool mySortedArray<T>::remove(const T& x) {
    bool found = false;
    for(int i=0; i < size; ++i) { // iterate each element
        if (data[i] == x) { found = true; }
        if (found && i < size-1) { data[i] = data[i+1]; }
    }
    if (found) --size;
    return found;
}
```

Linked List

- A data structure where the objects are arranged in linear order
- Each object contains the pointer to the next object
- Objects do not exist in consecutive memory space
 - No need to shift elements for insertions and deletions
 - No need to allocate/reallocate the memory space
 - Need to traverse elements one by one
 - Likely inefficient than Array in practice because data is not necessarily localized in memory
- Variants in implementation
 - (Singly-) linked list
 - Doubly-linked list

Example of a linked list



- Example of a doubly-linked list
- Singly-linked list if prev field does not exist

List implementation : class myListNode

myListNode.h

```
// myListNode class is only accessible from myList class
template<class T>
class myListNode {
protected:
    T value;           // the value of each element
    myListNode<T>* next; // pointer to the next element
    myListNode(const T& x, myListNode<T>* n) : value(x), next(n) {} // constructor
    ~myListNode();
    bool search(const T& x);
    myListNode<T>* remove(const T& x, myListNode<T>*& prevNext);
    void print(char c);
    template <class S> friend class myList; // allow full access to myList class
};
```

Implementation of singly-linked list

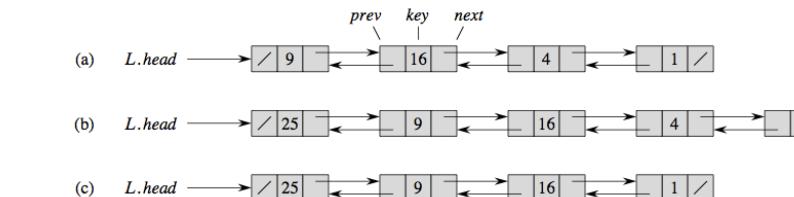
myList.h

```
#include "myListNode.h"
template <class T>
class myList {
protected:
    myListNode<T>* head; // list only contains the pointer to head
    myList(myList& a); // prevent copying
public:
    myList() : head(NULL) {} // initially header is NIL
    ~myList();
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```

Inserting an element to a list

myList.h

```
template <class T>
void myList<T>::insert(T x) {
    // create a new node, and make them head
    // and assign the original head to head->next
    head = new myListNode<T>(x, head);
}
```



Destructor is required because new was used

myList.h

```
template <class T>
myList<T>::~myList() {
    if ( head != NULL ) {
        delete head; // delete dependent objects before deleting itself
    }
}
```

myListNode.cpp

```
template <class T>
myListNode<T>::~myListNode() {
    if ( next != NULL ) {
        delete next; // recursively calling destructor until the end of the list
    }
}
```

Removing an element from a list

myList.h

```
template <class T>
bool myList<T>::remove(T x) {
    if ( head == NULL )
        return false; // NOT_FOUND if the list is empty
    else {
        // call head->remove will return the object to be removed
        myListNode<T>* p = head->remove(x, head);
        if ( p == NULL ) { // if NOT_FOUND return false
            return false;
        }
        else { // if FOUND, delete the object before returning true
            delete p;
            return true;
        }
    }
}
```

Searching an element from a list

myList.h

```
template <class T>
bool myList<T>::search(const T& x) {
    if ( head == NULL ) return false; // NOT_FOUND if empty
    else return head->search(x); // search from the head node
}
```

myListNode.cpp

```
template <class T>
// search for element x, and the current index is curPos
bool myListNode<T>::search(const T& x) {
    if ( value == x ) return true; // if found return current index
    else if ( next == NULL ) return false; // NOT_FOUND if reached end-of-list
    else return next->search(x); // recursive call until terminates
}
```

Removing an element from a list

myListNode.h

```
template <class T>
// pass the pointer to [prevElement->next] so that we can change it
myListNode<T>* myListNode<T>::remove(T x, myListNode<T>*& prevNext) {
    if ( value == x ) { // if FOUND
        prevNext = next; // *pPrevNext was this, but change to next
        next = NULL; // disconnect the current object from the list
        return this; // and return it so that it can be destroyed
    }
    else if ( next == NULL ) {
        return NULL; // return NULL if NOT_FOUND
    }
    else {
        return next->remove(x, next); // recursively call on the next element
    }
}
```

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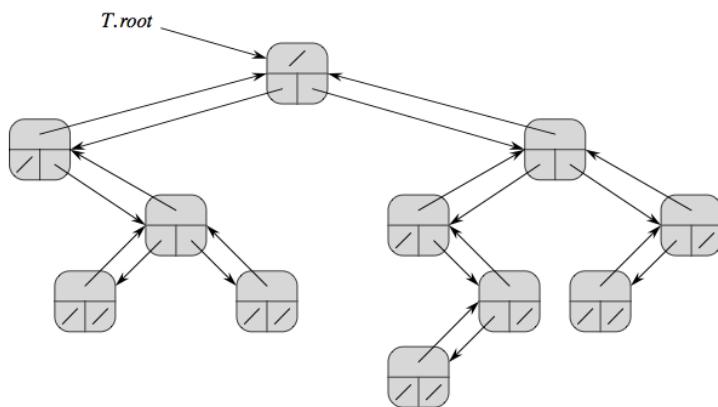
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- Q: What are the advantages and disadvantages between Array and List?

An example binary search tree



Binary search tree

Data structure

- The tree contains a root node
- Each node contains
 - Pointers to left and right children
 - Possibly a pointer to its parent
 - And a key value
- Sorted : $\text{left.key} \leq \text{key} \leq \text{right.key}$
- Average $\Theta(\log n)$ complexity for insert, search, remove operations

Key algorithms

INSERT(*node, x*)

- ① If the *node* is empty, create a leaf node with value *x* and return
- ② If *x < node.key*, INSERT(*node.left, x*)
- ③ Otherwise, INSERT(*node.right, x*)

SEARCH(*node, x*)

- ① If *node* is empty, return $-\infty$
- ② If *node.key == x*, return size(*node.left*)
- ③ If *x < node.key*, return SEARCH(*node.left, x*)
- ④ If *x > node.key*, return SEARCH(*node.right, x*) + 1 + size(*node.left*)

Key algorithms

`REMOVE(node, x)`

- ① If $node.key == x$
 - ① If the node is leaf, remove the node
 - ② If the node only has left child, replace the current node to the left child
 - ③ If the node only has right child, replace the current node to the right child
 - ④ Otherwise, pick either maximum among left sub-tree or minimum among right subtree and substitute the node into the current node
- ② If $x < node.key$
 - ① Call `REMOVE(node.left, x)` if $node.left$ exists
 - ② Otherwise, return NOTFOUND
- ③ If $x > node.key$
 - ① Call `REMOVE(node.right, x)` if $node.right$ exists
 - ② Otherwise, return NOTFOUND

Implementation of binary search tree

`myTreeNode.h`

```
#include <iostream>
template <class T>
class myTreeNode {
    T value; // key value
    int size; // total number of nodes in the subtree
    myTreeNode<T>* left; // pointer to the left subtree
    myTreeNode<T>* right; // pointer to the right subtree

    myTreeNode(const T& x, myTreeNode<T>* l, myTreeNode<T>* r); // constructors
    ~myTreeNode(); // destructors
    void insert(const T& x); // insert an element
    bool search(const T& x);
    myTreeNode<T>* remove(const T& x, myTreeNode<T>*& pSelf);
    const T& getMax(); // maximum value in the subtree
    const T& getMin(); // minimum value in the subtree
    void print();
    template <class S> friend class myTree; // allow full access to myList class
};


```

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template <class T>
class myTree {
protected:
    myTreeNode<T> *pRoot; // list only contains the pointer to head
    myTree(myTree& a) {}; // prevent copying
public:
    myTree() : pRoot(NULL) {} // initially header is NIL
    ~myTree() {}
    void insert(const T& x); // insert an element x
    bool search(const T& x); // search for an element x and return its location
    bool remove(const T& x); // delete a particular element
    void print();
};
```

Binary search tree : Constructors and Destructors

`myTreeNode.h`

```
template <class T>
myTreeNode<T>::myTreeNode(T x, myTreeNode<T>* l, myTreeNode<T>* r) :
    value(x), size(1), left(l), right(r) {}

template <class T>
myTreeNode<T>::~myTreeNode() {
    // remove child nodes before removing the node itself
    if (left != NULL) delete left;
    if (right != NULL) delete right;
}
```

Binary search tree : INSERT

myTreeNode.h

```
template <class T>
void myTree<T>::insert(T x) {
    if ( pRoot == NULL )
        pRoot = new myTreeNode<T>(x,NULL,NULL); // create a root if empty
    else
        pRoot->insert(x); // insert to the root
}
```

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Binary search tree : INSERT

myTreeNode.h

```
template <class T>
void myTreeNode<T>::insert(T x) {
    if ( x < value ) { // if key is small, insert to the left subtree
        if ( left == NULL )
            left = new myTreeNode<T>(x,NULL,NULL); // create if doesn't exist
        else
            left->insert(x);
    }
    else { // otherwise, insert to the right subtree
        if ( right == NULL )
            right = new myTreeNode<T>(x,NULL,NULL);
        else
            right->insert(x);
    }
    ++size;
}
```

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Binary search tree : SEARCH

myTreeNode.h

```
template <class T>
bool myTree<T>::search(const T& x) {
    if ( pRoot == NULL )
        return false;
    else
        return pRoot->search(x);
}
```

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template <class T>
bool myTreeNode<T>::search(const T& x) {
    if ( x == value ) { // if key matches to the value
        if ( left == NULL ) return true;
        else return true;
    }
    else if ( x < value ) { // recursively call the function to left subtree
        if ( left == NULL ) return false;
        else return left->search(x);
    }
    else {
        if ( right == NULL ) return false;
        else {
            int r = right->search(x);
            if ( r < 0 ) return false;
            else if ( left == NULL ) return true;
            else return true;
        }
    }
}
```

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Binary search tree : REMOVE

myTree.h

```
template <class T>
bool myTree<T>::remove(const T& x) {
    if ( pRoot == NULL ) {
        return false;
    }
    else {
        myTreeNode<T>* p = pRoot->remove(x, pRoot);
        if ( p != NULL ) { // if an object was removed
            delete p;           // destroy the object
            return true;         // and return true
        }
        else {
            return false;        // return false if the object was not found
        }
    }
}
```

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template <class T>
myTreeNode<T>* myTreeNode<T>::remove(const T& x, myTreeNode<T>*& pSelf) {
    if ( x == value ) { // key was found
        if ( ( left == NULL ) && ( right == NULL ) ) { // no child
            pSelf = NULL; return this;
        }
        else if ( left == NULL ) { // only left is NULL
            pSelf = right; right = NULL; return this;
        }
        else if ( right == NULL ) { // only right is NULL
            pSelf = left; left = NULL; return this;
        }
        // ....
    }
}
```

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Binary search tree : REMOVE (cont'd)

myTreeNode.h

```
else { // neither left nor right is NULL
    // choose which subtree to delete
    myTreeNode<T>* p;
    if ( left->size > right->size ) { // if left subtree is larger
        const T& m = left->getMax();      // copy the largest value among them
        p = left->remove(m, left); // to current node, and delete the node
        value = m;
    }
    else {
        const T& m = right->getMin();      // copy smallest value among them
        p = right->remove(m, right); // to current node, and delete the node
        value = m;
    }
    return p;
}
```

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Binary search tree : REMOVE (cont'd)

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```
else if ( x < value ) {
    if ( left == NULL ) return NULL;
    else return left->remove(x, left);
}
else { // x > value
    if ( right == NULL ) return NULL;
    else return right->remove(x, right);
}
```

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Binary search tree : GETMAX and GETMIN

myTreeNode.h

```
template <class T>
const T& myTreeNode<T>::getMax() { // return the largest value
    if ( right == NULL ) return value;
    else return right->getMax();
}

template <class T>
const T& myTreeNode<T>::getMin() { // return the smallest value
    if ( left == NULL ) return value;
    else return left->getMin();
}
```

If you want to print a tree...

myTreeNode.h

```
template <class T> void myTreeNode<T>::print() {
    std::cout << "[ ";
    if ( left != NULL ) left->print();
    else std::cout << "[ NULL ]";
    std::cout << " , (" << value << "," << size << " ) , ";
    if ( right != NULL ) right->print();
    else std::cout << "[ NULL ]";
    std::cout << " ]";
}
```

myTree.h

```
template <class T> void myTree<T>::print() {
    if ( pRoot != NULL ) pRoot->print();
    else std::cout << "(EMPTY TREE)";
    std::cout << std::endl;
}
```

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- Key Algorithms

Insert : Traverse the tree in sorted order and create a new node in the first leaf node.

Search : Divide-and-conquer algorithms

Remove : Move the nearest leaf element among the subtree and destroy it.

Direct address tables

An example (key,value) container

- $U = \{0, 1, \dots, N-1\}$ is possible values of keys (N is not huge)
- No two elements have the same key

Direct address table : a constant-time container

Let $T[0, \dots, N-1]$ be an array space that can contain N objects

- $\text{INSERT}(T, x) : T[x.\text{key}] = x$
- $\text{SEARCH}(T, k) : \text{RETURN } T[k]$
- $\text{REMOVE}(T, x) : T[x.\text{key}] = \text{NIL}$

Two types of containers

Containers for single-valued objects - last lecture

- $\text{INSERT}(T, x)$ - Insert x to the container.
- $\text{SEARCH}(T, x)$ - Returns the location/index/existence of x .
- $\text{REMOVE}(T, x)$ - Delete x from the container if exists
- STL examples include `std::vector`, `std::list`, `std::deque`, `std::set`, and `std::multiset`.

Containers for (key,value) pairs - this lecture

- $\text{INSERT}(T, x)$ - Insert $(x.\text{key}, x.\text{value})$ to the container.
- $\text{SEARCH}(T, k)$ - Returns the value associated with key k .
- $\text{REMOVE}(T, x)$ - Delete element x from the container if exists
- Examples include `std::map`, `std::multimap`, and `__gnu_cxx::hash_map`

Analysis of direct address tables

Time complexity

- Requires a single memory access for each operation
- $O(1)$ - constant time complexity

Memory requirement

- Requires to pre-allocate memory space for any possible input value
- $2^{32} = 4GB \times (\text{size of data})$ for 4 bytes (32 bit) key
- $2^{64} = 18EB(1.8 \times 10^7 TB) \times (\text{size of data})$ for 8 bytes (64 bit) key
- An infinite amount of memory space needed for storing a set of arbitrary-length strings (or exponential to the length of the string)

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Key components

- Hash function
 - $h(x.key)$ mapping key onto smaller 'addressable' space H
 - Total required memory is the possible number of hash values
 - Good hash function minimize the possibility of key collisions
- Collision-resolution strategy, when $h(k_1) = h(k_2)$.

Summary

Today

- List
- Binary Search Tree
- Direct Address Table
- Introduction to hash table

Next Lecture

- More hash tables
- Dynamic programming