# Algorithms (Trees) 

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## Dictionary ADT

Dictionary ADT represents a collection of items, where, each item can be a key or a (key, value) pair.

| ADT | Item | Ordered? | Duplicates? | Implementation |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- |
| Set | key | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | Hash table |
| Sorted set | key | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | $\mathbf{x}$ | Balanced tree |
| Multiset | key | $\mathbf{x}$ | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | Hash table |
| Sorted multiset | key | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | Balanced tree |
| Map | $($ key,value $)$ | $\boldsymbol{x}$ | $\mathbf{x}$ | Hash table |
| Sorted map | (key,value $)$ | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | $\mathbf{x}$ | Balanced tree |
| Multimap | (key, value $)$ | $\mathbf{x}$ | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | Hash table |
| Sorted multimap | (key,value) | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | $\mathbf{\checkmark}$ | Balanced tree |

- A map is a collection of key-value pairs $(k, v)$, where, keys are unique.

| Key | Value |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dictionary word | Word meaning |
| User ID | User record |
| Employee ID | Employee record |
| Student ID | Student record |
| Patient ID | Patient record |
| Profile ID | Person details |
| Order ID | Order details |
| Transaction ID | Transaction details |
| URL | Web page |
| Full file name | File |

## Set ADT (java.util.Set interface)

\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{|l|l|}\hline \text { Method } & \text { Functionality } \\
\hline \text { add(e) } & \text { Adds the element } e \text { to } S \text { (if not already present). } \\
\text { remove(e) } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Removes the element } e \text { from } S \text { (if it is present). } \\
\text { contains (e) } \\
\text { iterator() }\end{array} \\
\hline \text { Returns whether } e \text { is an element of } S . \\
\text { Returns an iterator of the elements of } S .\end{array}
$$ \quad \begin{array}{l}Updates S to also include all elements of set T, <br>

effectively replacing S by S \cup T .\end{array}\right\}\)| Updates $S$ so that it only keeps those elements |
| :--- |
| that are also elements of set $T$, effectively replac- |
| ing $S$ by $S \cap T$. |
| removeAll(T) |
| Updates $S$ by removing any of its elements that |
| also occur in set $T$, effectively replacing $S$ by $S-T$. |

- Set $=$ unordered set; Map = unordered map. java.util.HashSet is an implementation of the set ADT. java.util.HashMap is an implementation of the map ADT.


## Sorted set ADT (java.util.SortedSet interface)

| Method | Functionality |
| :--- | :--- |
| first() | Returns the smallest element in $S$. |
| last() | Returns the largest element in $S$. |
| ceiling(e) | Returns the smallest element $\geq e$. |
| floor(e) | Returns the largest element $\leq e$. |
| lower(e) | Returns the largest element $<e$. |
| higher(e) | Returns the smallest element $>e$. |
| subSet(e1,e2) | Returns an iteration of all elements greater than <br>  <br> or equal to $e 1$, but strictly less than e2. |
| pollFirst() | Returns and removes the smallest element in $S$. |
| pollLast() | Returns and removes the largest element in $S$. |

- java.util.TreeSet is an implementation of the sorted set ADT. java.util.TreeMap is an implementation of the sorted map ADT.
- TreeSet and TreeMap use balanced search tree


## Multiset ADT

| Method | Functionality |
| :--- | :--- |
| add(e) | Adds a single occurrences of $e$ to the multiset. |
| contains (e) | Returns true if the multiset contains an element $=e$. <br> count (e) <br> remove (e) <br> remove (e, n) <br> size() |
| Returns the number of occurrences of $e$ in the multiset. <br> Removes a single occurrence of $e$ from the multiset. <br> Removes $n$ occurrences of $e$ from the multiset. <br> iterator ()Returns the number of elements of the multiset <br> (including duplicates). <br> Returns an iteration of all elements of the multiset <br> (repeating those with multiplicity greater than one).. |  |

- Java does not include any form of a multiset. Guava $=$ Google Core Libraries for Java.
Guava's Multiset is an implementation of the multiset ADT. Guava's Multimap is an implementation of the multimap ADT.
- Similarly, one can define sorted multiset ADT


## Dictionary operations (for unique keys)

|  | Worst case |  |  | Average case |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Data structure | Search | Insert | Delete | Search | Insert | Delete |
| Sorted array | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ |
| Unsorted list | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(1)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(1)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ |
| Hashing | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(1)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(1)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(1)^{*}$ |
| BST | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| Splay tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ |
| Scapegoat tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)^{*}$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| AVL tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| Red-black tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| AA tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| (a,b)-tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| B-tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |

* $=$ Amortized

General Trees and Binary Trees $\quad$ номв

## Family tree



## Company organization tree



## File system tree



## Book organization tree



## Terminology

| Term | Meaning |
| :--- | :--- |
| Tree | ADT that stores elements hierarchically |
| Parent node | Immediate previous-level node |
| Child nodes | Immediate next-level nodes |
| Root node | Top node of the tree |
| Sibling nodes | Nodes that are children of the same parent |
| External nodes | Nodes without children |
| Internal nodes | Nodes with one or more children |
| Ancestor node | Parent node or ancestor of parent node |
| Descendent node | Child node or descendent of child node |
| Subtree | Tree consisting of the node and its descendants |
| Edge | Pair of nodes denoting a parent-child relation |
| Path | Pair of nodes denoting an ancestor-descendant relation |
| Ordered tree | Tree with a meaningful linear order among child nodes |

Terminology


## Binary tree

A binary tree is an ordered tree with the following properties:

1. Every node has at most two children.
2. Each child node is labeled as a left child or a right child.
3. A left child precedes a right child in the order of children.

A recursive definition of the binary tree:

- An empty tree.
- A nonempty tree having a root node $r$, which stores an element, and two binary trees that are respectively the left and right subtrees of $r$.


## Decision tree



## Arithmetic expression tree



Tree represents $((((3+1) * 3) /((9-5)+2))-((3 *(7-4))+6))$.

## Terminology

| Term | Meaning |
| :--- | :--- |
| Left subtree | Subtree rooted at the left child of an internal node |
| Right subtree | Subtree rooted at the right child of an internal node |
| Proper/full tree | A tree in which every node has either 0 or 2 children |
| Complete tree | Tree in which all except possibly the last level is com- <br> pletely filled and the nodes in the last level are as far left <br> as possible <br> Complete tree in which the last level is completely filled |

Tree example


Tree example


Tree example


Tree example


Tree example


Tree example


## Levels and maximum number of nodes

Level
Nodes


1

2

4

8
$:$

## Properties of binary tree

Let

- $T=$ nonempty binary tree
- $n_{\text {external }}=$ number of external nodes
- $n_{\text {internal }}=$ number of internal nodes
- $n=n_{\text {external }}+n_{\text {internal }}$
- $d_{\text {max }}=$ maximum depth of the tree Then
- $d \max +1 \leq n \leq 2^{d_{\max }+1}-1$
- $1 \leq n_{\text {external }} \leq 2^{d_{\text {max }}}$
- $d_{\text {max }} \leq n_{\text {internal }} \leq 2^{d_{\text {max }}}-1$
- $\log (n+1)-1 \leq d_{\text {max }} \leq n-1$


## Properties of proper binary tree

If $T$ is a proper nonempty binary tree,

- $2 d_{\text {max }}+1 \leq n \leq 2^{d_{\text {max }}+1}-1$
- $d_{\text {max }}+1 \leq n_{\text {external }} \leq 2^{d_{\text {max }}}$
- $d_{\text {max }} \leq n_{\text {internal }} \leq 2^{d_{\text {max }}}-1$
- $\log (n+1)-1 \leq d_{\max } \leq(n-1) / 2$
- $n_{\text {external }}=n_{\text {internal }}+1$


## Implementing a binary tree using linked structure



## Implementing a binary tree using array



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- Level numbering or level ordering

For every node $p$ of $T$, let $f(p)$ be the whole number defined as:

$$
f(p)= \begin{cases}0 & \text { if } p \text { is the root } \\ 2 f(q)+1 & \text { if } p \text { is the left child of position } q \\ 2 f(q)+2 & \text { if } p \text { is the right child of position } q\end{cases}
$$

- Then, node $p$ will be stored at index $f(p)$ in the array.
- $0 \leq f(p) \leq 2^{n}-1$, where $n=$ number of nodes in $T$


## Implementing a general tree using linked structure


children


## Tree traversals

- A traversal of a tree $T$ is a systematic way of accessing or visiting all the nodes of $T$.

| Traversal | Binary tree? | General tree? |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Preorder traversal | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Inorder traversal | $\checkmark$ | $\boldsymbol{x}$ |
| Postorder traversal | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |
| Breadth-first traversal | $\checkmark$ | $\checkmark$ |

## Preorder/inorder/postorder traversals

```
PreorderTraversal(root)
    1. if root }\not=\mathrm{ null then
    2. VISIT(root)
    3. PreorderTraversal(root.left)
    4. PreorderTraversal(root.right)
    INORDERTRAVERSAL(root)
    1. if root }\not=\mathrm{ null then
    2. InORDERTRAVERSAL(root.left)
    3. Visit(root)
    4. InordERTRAVERSAL(root.right)
    PostorderTravERSAL(root)
    1. if root }\not=\mathrm{ null then
    2. PostorderTraversal(root.left)
    3. PostorderTraversal(root.right)
    4. Visit(root)
```



- Preorder traversal $=\mathrm{ABC}$
- Inorder traversal $=\mathrm{B}$ A C
- Postorder traversal $=\mathrm{BCA}$

- Preorder traversal $=\mathrm{A}[\mathrm{left}][$ right $]=\mathrm{A} \mathrm{B} \mathrm{D} \mathrm{E} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{F} \mathrm{G}$
- Inorder traversal $=[$ left $]$ A [right] $=$ D B E A F C G
- Postorder traversal $=[$ left $][$ right $] A=$ D E B F G C A


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## Postorder traversal



## Postorder traversal: Compute disk space

```
ComputeDiskSpace(root)
1. space }\leftarrow\mathrm{ root.value
2. for each child child of root node do
3. space }\leftarrow\mathrm{ space + ComputeDiskSpace(root.child)
4. return space
```



## Breadth-first traversal

General tree.

```
BreadthFirstTraversal()
1. \(Q\).enqueue (root)
2. while \(Q\) is not empty do
3. \(\operatorname{curr} \leftarrow Q\).dequeue()
4. Visit(curr)
5. for each child child of curr node do
6. Q.enqueue(curr.child)
```

Binary tree.

```
BreadthFirstTraversal()
1. Q.enqueue(root)
2. while Q is not empty do
3. curr }\leftarrowQ.dequeue(
4. VISIT(curr)
5. if left child exists then Q.enqueue(curr.left)
6. if right child exists then Q.enqueue(curr.right)
```


## Breadth-first traversal: Game trees



## Binary Search Trees (BST) номв

## Binary search tree (BST)

A binary search tree is a proper binary tree $T$ such that, for each internal node $p$ of $T$ :

- Node $p$ stores an element, say p.key.
- Keys stored in the left subtree of $p$ are less than p.key.
- Keys stored in the right subtree of $p$ are greater than p.key.



## Binary search tree node

```
class Node<T>
{
            T key;
            Node<T> left;
            Node<T> right;
            Node(T item, Node<T> lchild, Node<T> rchild)
            { key = item; left = lchild; right = rchild; }
            Node(T item)
            { this(item, null, null); }
}
```



Search: 68 does not exist


## Search: Recursive algorithm

```
SEARCH(curr,target)
    1. if curr = null then
2. return curr
3. else if target < curr.key then
4. return SEARCH(curr.left,target)
5. else if target > curr.key then
6. return SEARCH(curr.right,target)
7. else if target = curr.key then
8. return curr
\triangleright unsuccessful search
 recur on left subtree
 recur on right subtree
\triangleright successful search
```


## Search: Iterative algorithm

```
SEARCH(curr,target)
1. while curr }\not=\mathrm{ null do
2. if target < curr.key then
3. curr }\leftarrow\mathrm{ curr.left
4. else if target > curr.key then
5. curr }\leftarrow\mathrm{ curr.right
6. else if target = curr.key then
7. return curr }\triangleright\mathrm{ successful search
8. return null }\triangleright\mathrm{ unsuccessful search
```


## Search: Analysis



Runtime $\in \Theta(h) \in \mathcal{O}(n)$



## Insert: Recursive algorithm

```
InSERT(curr,item)
    Input: Root of tree and item to be inserted
    Output: New root after item insertion
    1. if curr = null then
    2. curr }\leftarrow\operatorname{NODE(item) }\triangleright\mathrm{ item does not exist
    3. else if curr }\not=\mathrm{ null then
    4. if item < curr.key then
    5. curr.left }\leftarrow\operatorname{INSERT(curr.left,item) }\triangleright\mathrm{ recur on left subtree
    6. else if item > curr.key then
    7. curr.right }\leftarrow\operatorname{INSERT(curr.right,item) }\triangleright recur on right subtree
    8. else if item = curr.key then
    9. do nothing }\triangleright\mathrm{ item exists
10. return curr
```


## Insert: Iterative algorithm

```
    InSERT(curr, item)
    Input: Root of tree and item to be inserted
    Output: Inserted node
    1. prev \(\leftarrow\) null
    2. while curr \(\neq\) null do
    3. prev \(\leftarrow\) curr
    4. if item < curr.key then
    5. curr \(\leftarrow\) curr.left \(\quad \triangleright\) recur on left subtree
    6. else if item > curr.key then
    7. curr \(\leftarrow\) curr.right \(\quad \triangleright\) recur on right subtree
    8. else if item = curr.key then
    9. return curr
    \(\triangleright\) item exists
10. curr \(\leftarrow \operatorname{NODE}(\) item \()\)
    \(\triangleright\) item does not exist
11. if prev \(\neq\) null then
12. if item \(<\) prev.key then prev.left \(\leftarrow\) curr
13. if item \(>\) prev.key then prev.right \(\leftarrow\) curr
14. return curr
```



Runtime $\in \Theta(h) \in \mathcal{O}(n)$

Delete 32: Node 32 has one child


Delete 32: Node 32 has one child


Delete 88: Node 88 has two children


Delete 88: Node 88 has two children


## Delete

Deleting a node (with a particular key) has four cases:

1. Node is not found.

Do nothing.
2. Node is found and it has 0 nonempty children.

Delete the node.
3. Node is found and it has 1 nonempty child.

Delete the node.
Its nonempty child will take the location of the node.
4. Node is found and it has 2 nonempty children.

Locate the predecessor of the node.
Predecessor = curr.left.right.right........right
Predecessor will take the location of the node.
Predecessor's left child will take the location of the predecessor.
(Can we use successor instead of predecessor?)

## Delete: Recursive algorithm

```
Delete (curr, item)
Input: Root of tree and item to be deleted
Output: New root after item deletion
1. if curr \(=\) null then
2. do nothing \(\quad \triangleright\) item does not exist
3. else if item < curr.key then
4. curr.left \(\leftarrow\) DELETE(curr.left,item)
5. else if item \(>\) curr.key then
6. curr.right \(\leftarrow\) DELETE(curr.right, item)
7. else if item \(=\) curr.key then
8. if curr.left \(=\) null then \(\quad \triangleright 0\) or 1 child
9. curr \(\leftarrow\) curr.right
10. else if curr.right \(=\) null then \(\quad \triangleright 1\) child
11. curr \(\leftarrow\) curr.left
12. else \(\quad 2\) children
13. curr.key \(\leftarrow \operatorname{FindMax}(\) curr.left).key
14. curr.left \(\leftarrow\) Delete(curr.left, curr.key)
```

$\triangleright$ item does not exist
$\triangleright$ recur on left
$\triangleright$ recur on right
$\triangleright$ item exists
$\triangleright 0$ or 1 child
$\triangleright 1$ child
$\triangleright 2$ children
$\triangleright$ find predecessor
$\triangleright$ delete predecessor

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## Delete: Iterative algorithm

Problem
How do you write an iterative algorithm for deleting an item?

## Delete: Analysis



Runtime $\in \Theta(h) \in \mathcal{O}(n)$

## Balanced Search Trees номв

## Balanced search trees: Motivation

| Data structure | Search | Insert | Delete |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Binary search tree | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(n)$ |
| Balanced search tree | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |

## (2,4)-trees

- A (2,4)-tree or 2-3-4 tree is a balanced search tree.
- A $(2,4)$-tree satisfies two properties:

1. Size property. Every non-empty node has 2, 3, or 4 children.
2. Depth property. All empty nodes have the same depth.


## (2,4)-trees



There are three types of non-empty nodes:

- 2-nodes have 2 children and 1 key. e.g.: [11], [12], [15], [17]
- 3-nodes have 3 children and 2 keys. e.g.: [3 4], [5 10], [13 14]
- 4 -nodes have 4 children and 3 keys. e.g.: [6 7 8]


## Search: 24 exists



Search: 12 does not exist



Size and depth properties are satisfied.


Overflow: Size property is violated at [lllllllllllllll 1415 17


Size property at $\left[\begin{array}{lll}13 & 14 & 15 \\ 17\end{array}\right]$ will be fixed via split operation.


Overflow: Size property is violated at [5 1012 15].


Size property at [ $\left.\begin{array}{llll}5 & 10 & 12 & 15\end{array}\right]$ will be fixed via split operation.


Size and depth properties are satisfied.





## Delete 4



## Delete 4



Size property will be fixed via transfer operation.

Delete 12



Underflow: Size property is violated is [12], which has non-empty children. It will be fixed via swap with predecessor.

Underflow: Size property is violated is [11].

Delete 12


Size property will be fixed via fusion operation.

Delete 12


Delete 13


Delete 13


## Delete

$n_{e}=$ node with empty children
$n_{\neq e}=$ node with non-empty children
$s_{3,4}=$ immediate sibling of $n_{e}$ is a 3 -node or a 4 -node
$s_{2}=$ immediate sibling of $n_{e}$ is a 2 -node
$p=$ parent of $n_{e}$

- Deletion of $n_{\neq e}$ can always be reduced to $n_{e}$
- Suppose deleted node is:

1. $n_{\neq e}$.

Swap with the $n_{e}$ predecessor
2. $n_{e}$ and $s_{3,4}$ exists.

Transfer a child and key of $s_{3,4}$ to $p$ and a key of $p$ to $n_{e}$.
3. $n_{e}$ and $s_{3,4}$ does not exist.

Fuse/merge $n_{e}$ with $s_{2}$ to get $n_{e}^{\prime}$. Move key from $p$ to $n_{e}^{\prime}$.

## (2,4)-trees: Complexity

| Method | Running time |
| :--- | :---: |
| Search | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| Insert | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| Delete | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |

## B Trees номв

## Computer memory



## Cache-efficient algorithms: Example

Problem
How do you efficiently sort a 1 GB file of natural numbers?

## Cache-efficient algorithms: Example

## Problem

How do you efficiently sort a 1 GB file of natural numbers?
Workout
Do you want to use quicksort or merge sort, usually implemented in a standard library's sorting algorithm? Your computer program might still take hours to run. Reason? Your algorithm is computation-efficient but not communication-efficient and communication is more expensive than computation.
Reducing communication (via good use of cache) leads to reduced running time. An algorithm that makes good use of cache is called cache-efficient. A cache-efficient sorting algorithm might take just a few minutes to sort a 1 GB file of numbers.
Example: External-memory merge sort.

## Cache data locality

An algorithm must have the following two features in order to make good use of cache.

1. Spatial data locality
2. Temporal data locality

## Spatial data locality

- Meaning?

Whenever a cache block is brought into the cache, it contains as much useful data as possible.

- How to exploit?

Group data in blocks (or pages). Move data in blocks.

## Temporal data locality

- Meaning?

Whenever a cache block is brought into the cache, as much useful work as possible is performed on this data before removing the block from the cache.

- Necessary condition?

Total computations is asymptotically greater than space
i.e., $T(n) \in \omega(S(n))$

- How to exploit?

Design recursive divide-and-conquer algorithms

## Cache complexity

- Cache complexity is the asymptotic number of cache misses or page faults incurred by an algorithm.
- Cache-efficient algorithms incur fewer cache misses.
- Cache-efficient algorithms try to exploit both spatial and temporal data locality.
- Terminology: $B=$ data block size, $M=$ cache size



## Cache-efficient algorithms

| Problem | Cache-inefficient algo | Cache-efficient algo |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Sorting | Merge sort | Ext-memory merge sort |
|  | $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{n}{B} \log _{\frac{M}{B}} \frac{n}{B}\right)$ |
| Balanced tree | $(2,4)$-tree | B tree |
|  | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(\log _{B} n\right)$ |
| Matrix product | Iterative | Recursive D\&C |
|  | $\mathcal{O}\left(n^{3}\right)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{n^{3}}{B \sqrt{M}}\right)$ |

## $(a, b)$-trees

- $(a, b)$-tree is a straightforward generalization of $(2,4)$-tree in which the complexities depend on $a$ and $b$
- By choosing proper values for $a$ and $b$, we get a balanced search tree that has excellent external-memory performance
- ( $a, b$ )-tree is a multiway search tree such that each node has between $a$ and $b$ children and stores between $a-1$ and $b-1$ entries


## $(a, b)$-trees

- An $(a, b)$-tree is a balanced multiway search tree.
- An $(a, b)$-tree satisfies three properties:

1. $2 \leq a \leq(b+1) / 2$
2. Size property. Every non-empty node has children in the range $[a, b]$.
3. Depth property. All empty nodes have the same depth.

## B trees

- B tree of order $d$ is an $(a, b)$ tree with $a=\lceil d / 2\rceil$ and $b=d$.
- B trees are analyzed for cache complexity.
- B trees are cache-efficient, when $d=B$, as they exploit spatial data locality.



## B trees: Complexity

|  | (2,4)-tree |  | B tree |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Method | Communication | Computation | Communication | Computation |
| Search | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(\log _{B} n\right)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| Insert | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(\log _{B} n\right)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |
| Delete | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ | $\mathcal{O}\left(\log _{B} n\right)$ | $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ |

- B trees (and variants such as $B+$ trees, $B^{*}$ trees, $B \#$ trees) are used for file systems and databases.
Microsoft: NTFS
Mac: HFS, HFS+
Linux: BTRFS, EXT4, JFS2
Databases: Oracle, DB2, Ingres, SQL, PostgreSQL


[^0]:    15. return curr
