

#19: BTrees

BTree Motivation

Big-O assumes uniform time for all operations, but this isn't always true.

However, seeking data from the cloud may take 100ms+.

...an O(lg(n)) AVL tree no longer looks great:

8 5 10 1 4 7 11 2

BTree Motivations

Knowing that we have long seek times for data, we want to build a data structure with three (related) properties:

1.

2.

3.

BTree_m



Goal: Build a tree that uses _____ /node! _____ /node! _____ /node!

A **BTree of order m** is an m-way tree where:

1. All keys within a node are ordered.

2. Nodes contain up to _____ keys and have _____ children

3. All leaves in a BTree are on the same level

BTree Insert, using m=5

...when a BTree node reaches **m** keys:

BTree Insert, m=3:



Great interactive visualization of BTrees: https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/BTree.html

BTree Properties

For a BTree of order **m**, there are additional bounds on the size of nodes:

- 1. Root nodes can be a leaf or have ______ children.
- 2. All non-root, internal nodes have ______ children.