

Balanced binary search trees

Goal: $O(\log n)$ time per op

C++ STL red-black tree complicated

treap Aragon Seidel '90

binary tree: every node has
a key and a priority

Binary search tree min-heap

Unique for any given keys + priorities

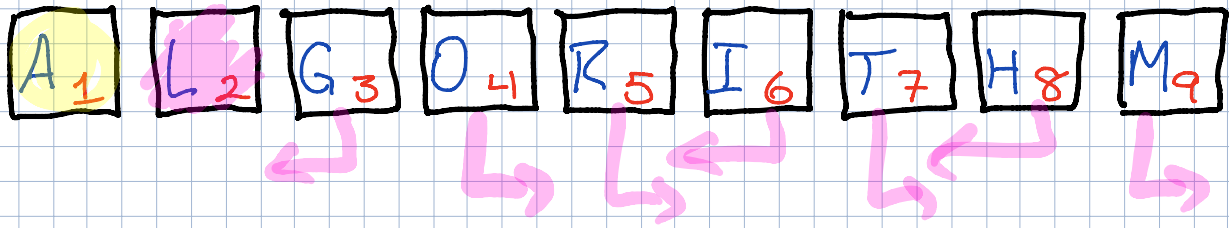
Given an arbitrary set of keys

find priorities s.t. treap is
balanced

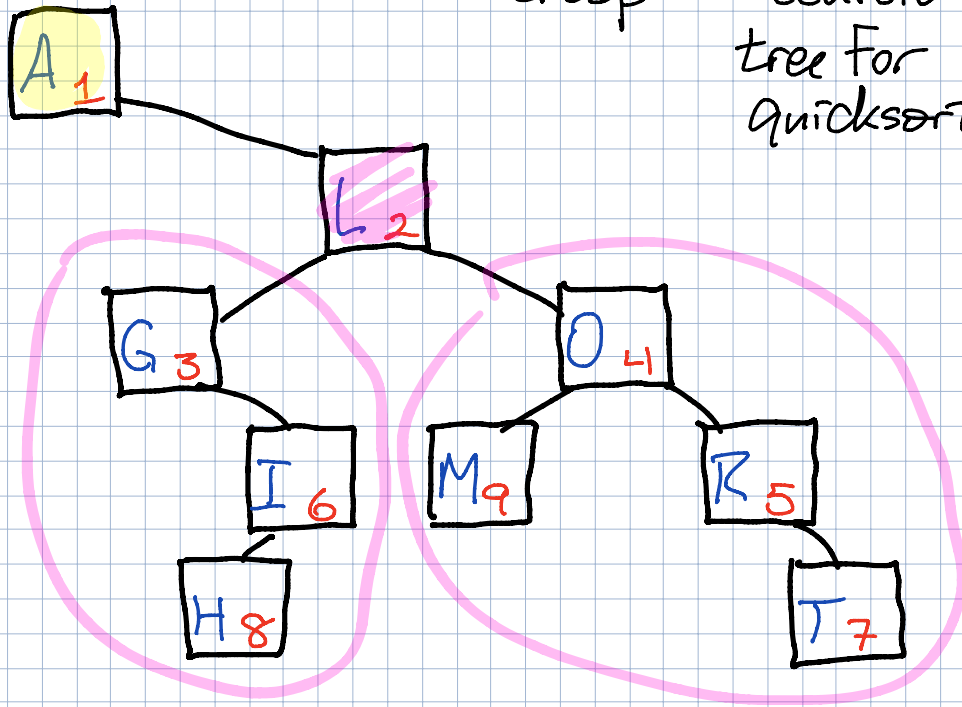
Priorities are random

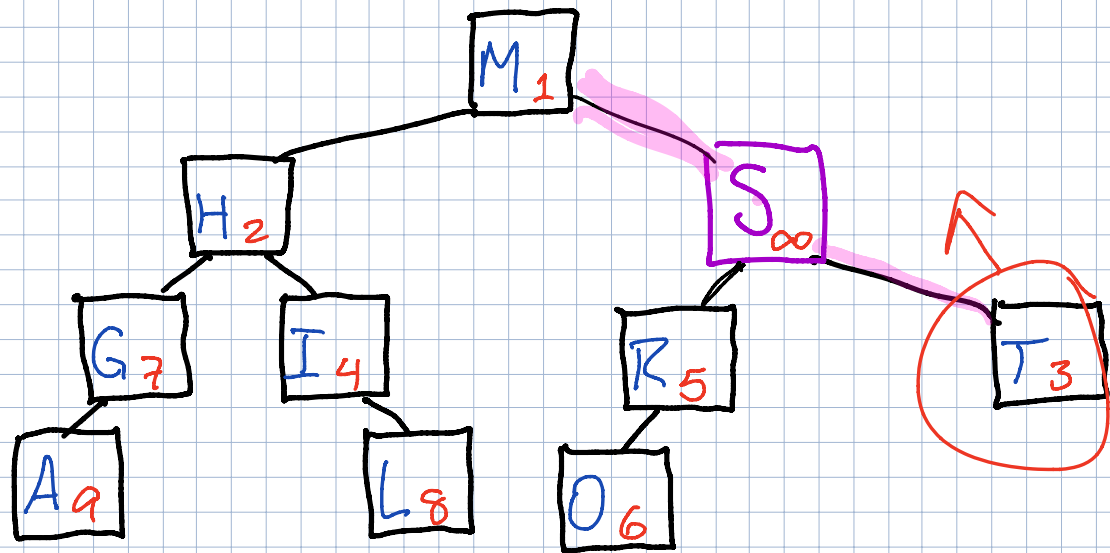
uniform real numbers in $[0, 1]$

unique with prob. 1.



treap = recursion tree for quicksort!





Insert(x):

Assign x a random priority

BST insert(x) \leftarrow depth

while $\text{pri}(x) < \text{pri}(\text{parent}(x))$
 rotate(x)

Delete(x): = Insert backwards in time

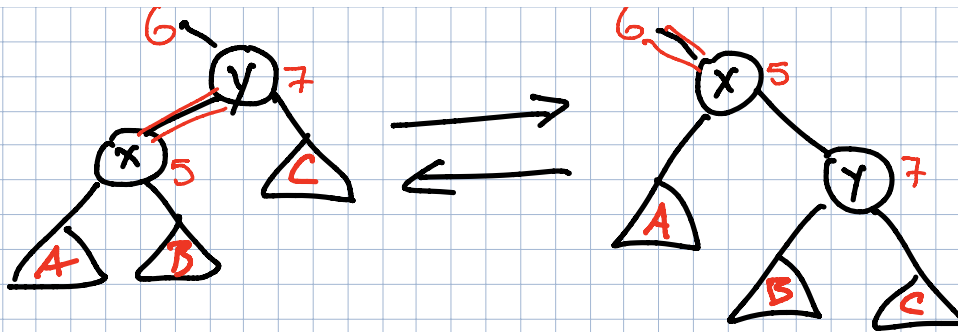
$\text{pri}(x) \leftarrow \infty$

while (x is not a leaf)

if $\text{pri}(\text{left}(x)) < \text{pri}(\text{right}(x))$

rotate(left(x))

else ...



Time for each op is depth of some node

Claim: For every key x , if all priorities are random, $E[\text{depth}(x)] = O(\log n)$

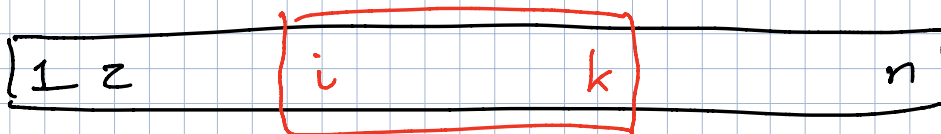
$$E[\text{depth}] = E[\# \text{ proper ancestors}]$$

$$= \sum_v \Pr[v \text{ is a proper ancestor}]$$

$[i \uparrow k] = 1$ if node with i th smallest key is proper ancestor of the node with k th smallest key

node i
node k

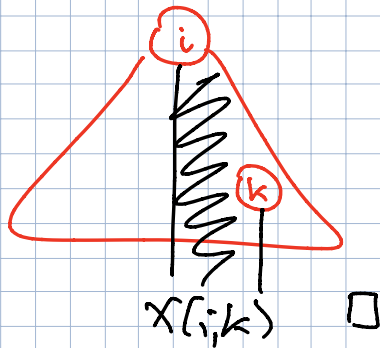
$$\Pr[i \uparrow k] = \Pr[\text{randomized quicksort compares } i:k \text{ when } i \text{ is pivot}]$$



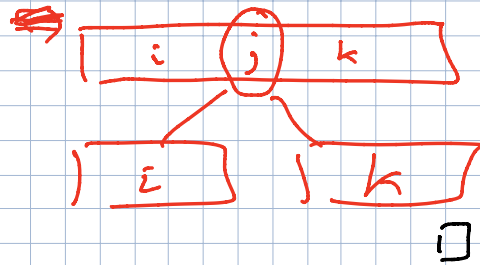
$$X(i, k) = \{i, i+1, \dots, k\} \text{ or } \{k, k+1, \dots, i\}$$

Claim: $[i \uparrow k] \Leftrightarrow$ smallest priority in $X(i, k)$ is node i

Proof: \Rightarrow



\Leftarrow smallest in $X(i, k)$ is node j



$$\Pr[i \uparrow k] = \Pr[i \text{ is smallest in } X(i, k)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{|X(i, k)|} = \frac{1}{\underline{|k-i|+1}}$$

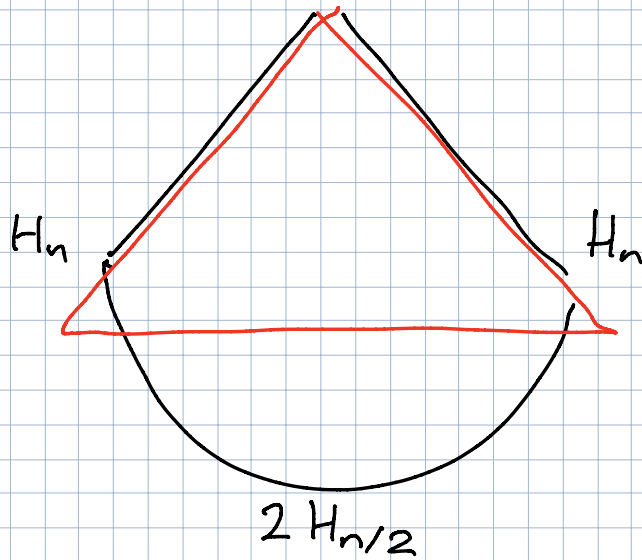
$$E[\text{depth}(i)] = \sum_k \Pr[k \uparrow i]$$

$$= \sum_{k < i} \frac{1}{i-k+1} + \sum_{k > i} \frac{1}{k-i+1}$$

$$\leq 2H_n$$

$$\leq 2 \ln(n+1)$$

$$H_k + H_{n-k+1} - 1$$

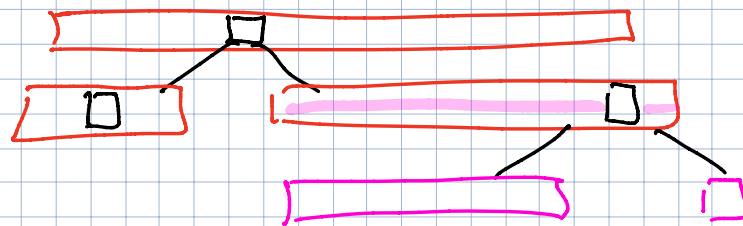
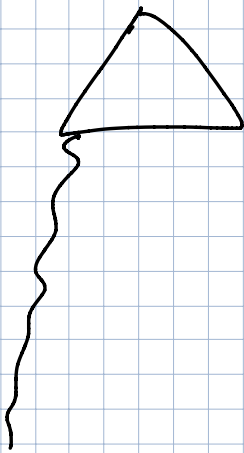


for all x $\{\text{depth}(x)\} \leq O(\log n)$

$$E[\text{max depth}] = O(\log n)$$

$$\Pr[\text{max depth} > 4 \ln n] = ?$$

level is bad if biggest subproblem is split badly



$$\Pr[\text{level is bad}] = 1/2$$

$$\text{max \# good levels} \leq \log_{4/3} n$$

$$\Pr[\# \text{ bad levels} \geq 3 \log n]$$

$$= \Pr[\text{Flip coin } 4 \log n \text{ times} \\ \Rightarrow 3 \log n \text{ tails}]$$

$$2^{-3 \log n} \\ \approx n^{-3}$$

Tail inequality : $\boxed{\Pr[X > \alpha E[X]] \leq ?}$