

# Algorithms and Data Structures for Mathematicians

## Lecture 3: Basic Data Structures

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# Dynamic Sets and Data Structures

- ▶ Many algorithms need to keep record of sets of certain “objects”
- ▶ These sets usually have to be modified in time by operations such as insertion, deletion, etc.
- ▶ Requirements for supported operations may vary
- ▶ **Dynamic sets**: sets that can be modified in time by one of several operations specified
- ▶ **Data structures**: “realisations” (or “almost-implementations”) of dynamic sets usually aiming at efficiency

## Elements of dynamic sets:

- ▶ We shall think of them as of objects in a programming language
- ▶ Elements can have **attributes**; we shall usually assume that each element  $x$  has an attribute  $x.key$
- ▶ This allows us to realise multisets
- ▶ Elements might not be implemented as objects, but we shall always think of them as pointers (not values)

# Typical Operations on Dynamic Sets

Modifying operations:

- ▶  $\text{INSERT}(X, x)$ : inserts  $x$  into a dynamic set  $X$
- ▶  $\text{DELETE}(X, x)$ : deletes  $x$  from  $X$
- ▶ ...

Queries:

- ▶  $\text{SEARCH}(X, k)$ : returns some element  $x$  of  $X$  such that  $x.\text{key} = k$  (if there is at least one such element)
- ▶  $\text{EMPTY}(X)$ : returns true if  $X$  is empty
- ▶  $\text{MIN}(X)$ : returns some element  $x$  of  $X$  with minimal  $x.\text{key}$  (only if keys are taken from a totally ordered set)
- ▶  $\text{SUCC}(X, x)$ : returns a successor  $y$  of  $x$  in some total ordering of keys
- ▶ ...

# Dynamic Sets and Data Structures

By a **type of a dynamic set**, we shall understand:

- ▶ The collection of supported operations
- ▶ Programming terminology: **abstract data types**
- ▶ Most frequent ones have their own names (e.g., dictionaries, ...)

**Data structures** are “realisations” of dynamic sets:

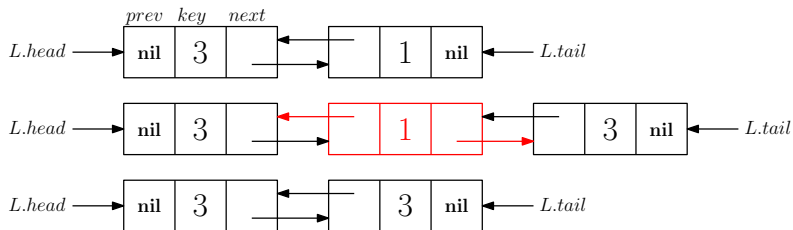
- ▶ Aim is to realise the supported operations efficiently
- ▶ There is no optimal data structure for all operations
- ▶ The choice of a data structure thus depends on the type of the dynamic set realised
- ▶ Examples: arrays, linked lists, heaps, trees, ...

# Dictionaries

Dynamic sets supporting the following operations:

- ▶ **SEARCH( $D, k$ )**: returns some element  $x$  of  $D$  such that  $x.key = k$  (if there is at least one such element)
- ▶ **INSERT( $D, x$ )**: inserts  $x$  into  $D$
- ▶ **DELETE( $D, x$ )**: deletes  $x$  from  $D$

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**LISTINSERT**( $L, x$ ):

**Input** : A linked list  $L$ ;  $x$  not in  $L$

**Behaviour**: Inserts  $x$  to  $L$

$x.\text{prev} \leftarrow L.\text{tail};$

$x.\text{next} \leftarrow \text{nil};$

**if**  $L.\text{tail} \neq \text{nil}$  **then**

$L.\text{tail}.\text{next} \leftarrow x$

**end**

**else**

$L.\text{head} \leftarrow x$

**end**

$L.\text{tail} \leftarrow x;$

- ▶ Time complexity:  $\Theta(1)$

# Dictionaries via (Doubly) Linked Lists

**LISTDELETE**( $L, x$ ):

**Input** : A linked list  $L$ ;  $x$  in  $L$

**Behaviour**: Deletes  $x$  from  $L$

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if  $x.prev \neq \text{nil}$  then
|  $x.prev.next \leftarrow x.next$ 
end
else
|  $L.head \leftarrow x.next$ 
end
if  $x.next \neq \text{nil}$  then
|  $x.next.prev \leftarrow x.prev$ 
end
else
|  $L.tail \leftarrow x.prev$ 
end
```

- Time complexity:  $\Theta(1)$



# Dictionaries via (Doubly) Linked Lists

**LISTSEARCH**( $L, k$ ):

**Input** : A linked list  $L$ ; a key  $k$

**Output**: First  $x$  in  $L$  such that  $x.key = k$  or **nil** if there is no such  $x$

$x \leftarrow L.head$ ;

**while**  $x \neq \mathbf{nil}$  and  $x.key \neq k$  **do**

$x \leftarrow x.next$

**end**

**return**  $x$ ;

- ▶ Worst-case time complexity:  $\Theta(n)$ , where  $n$  is the number of elements in  $L$

# Stacks

Dynamic sets supporting the following operations:

- ▶  $\text{PUSH}(S, x)$ : inserts  $x$  into  $S$
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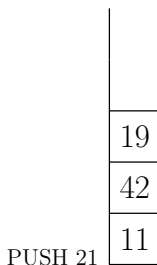
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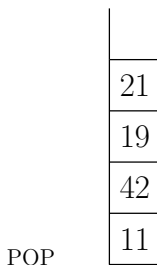
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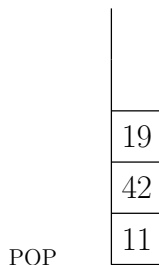
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# Stacks via Arrays

We shall represent a stack as an “object”  $S$  containing:

- ▶ A (dynamical) array  $S.a$  containing elements of the stack
- ▶ An integer  $S.num$  representing the number of elements on the stack

**PUSH( $S, x$ ):**

**Input** : A stack  $S$ ; an element  $x$

**Behaviour:** Places  $x$  on the top of the stack

$S.num \leftarrow S.num + 1;$

$S.a[S.num] \leftarrow x;$

**POP( $S$ ):**

**Input** : A stack  $S$

**Output:** An element  $x$  on the top of the stack, which is removed from  $S$

**if**  $S.num = 0$  **then**

**error**(underflow)

**end**

**else**

$S.num \leftarrow S.num - 1;$

**return**  $S.a[S.num + 1];$

**end**

# Queues

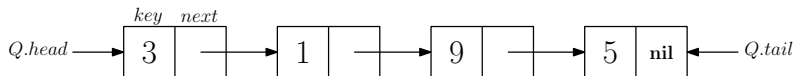
Dynamic sets supporting the following operations:

- ▶ **ENQUEUE**( $Q, x$ ): inserts  $x$  into  $Q$
- ▶ **DEQUEUE**( $Q$ ): removes and returns  $x$  that is in  $Q$  for the longest time

**FIFO** = First In First Out

19 16 37 42 10	ENQUEUE 33
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# Queues via Singly Linked Lists



**ENQUEUE( $Q, x$ ):**

**Input** : A queue  $Q$ ;  $x$  not in  $Q$

**Behaviour:** Inserts  $x$  to  $Q$

$x.next \leftarrow \mathbf{nil};$

**if**  $Q.tail \neq \mathbf{nil}$  **then**

$Q.tail.next \leftarrow x$

**end**

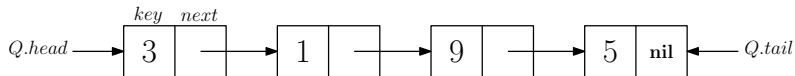
**else**

$Q.head \leftarrow x$

**end**

$Q.tail \leftarrow x;$

# Queues via Singly Linked Lists



## DEQUEUE(Q):

**Input** : A queue  $Q$

**Output**: The element  $x$  inserted to  $Q$  the longest time ago, which is removed from  $Q$

$x \leftarrow Q.head;$

**if**  $x \neq nil$  **then**

$Q.head \leftarrow x.next$

**end**

**if**  $Q.head = nil$  **then**

$Q.tail \leftarrow nil$

**end**

**return**  $x;$

# Priority Queues

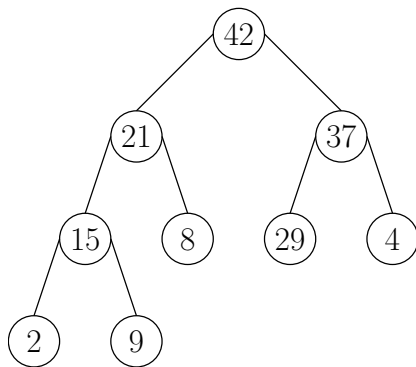
Dynamic sets supporting the following operations (assuming that each  $x$  has an attribute  $x.key$  from a totally ordered set  $(S, \preceq)$ ):

- ▶ **INSERT**( $Q, x$ ): inserts  $x$  into  $Q$
- ▶ **MAX**( $Q$ ): returns some  $x$  in  $Q$  with maximal  $x.key$
- ▶ **EXTRACTMAX**( $Q$ ): removes and returns some  $x$  in  $Q$  with maximal  $x.key$
- ▶ **INCREASEKEY**( $Q, x, k$ ): assuming that  $k$  is greater than  $x.key$ , changes  $x.key$  to  $k$

We shall realise priority queues via data structures called **max-heaps**

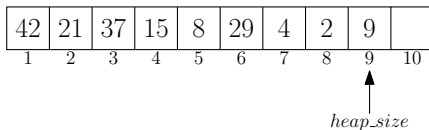
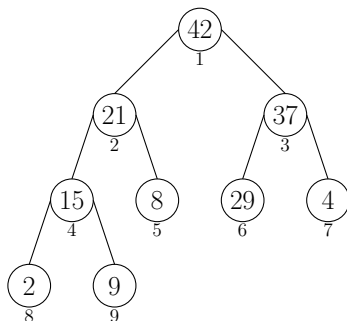
# Max-Heaps

- ▶ “Nearly complete” binary trees
- ▶ Each level except the last one is complete
- ▶ The last level is complete from left up to some point
- ▶ Each parent has a larger (or equal) key than any of its children



# Max-Heaps

- We shall represent max-heaps using arrays



**PARENT( $i$ ):**

**return**  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$ ;

**LEFT( $i$ ):**

**return**  $2i$ ;

**RIGHT( $i$ ):**

**return**  $2i + 1$ ;

# Max-Heaps

- ▶ We shall describe an operation  $\text{HEAPIFY}(H, i)$  that maintains the heap property at index  $i$
- ▶ Assumption: both children of the  $i$ -th node are roots of valid heaps
- ▶ The  $i$ -th node can have a smaller key than some of its children
- ▶ The operation  $\text{HEAPIFY}(H, i)$  transforms the subtree rooted at  $i$  into a valid heap



# Max-Heaps

HEAPIFY( $H, i$ ):

$max \leftarrow i$ ;

**if** LEFT( $i$ )  $\leq H.heap\_size$  and  $H[LEFT(i)].key \succ H[max].key$  **then**  
|  $max \leftarrow LEFT(i)$

**end**

**if** RIGHT( $i$ )  $\leq H.heap\_size$  and  $H[RIGHT(i)].key \succ H[max].key$  **then**  
|  $max \leftarrow RIGHT(i)$

**end**

**if**  $max \neq i$  **then**

|  $H[i] \leftrightarrow H[max]$ ;  
| HEAPIFY( $H, max$ );

**end**

- ▶ Time complexity:  $\Theta(h)$ , where  $h$  is the height of the  $i$ -th node
- ▶ Worst-case over all nodes:  $\Theta(\log n)$

# Priority Queues via Max-Heaps

MAX( $H$ ):

**return**  $H[1]$ ;

- ▶ Time complexity:  $\Theta(1)$

EXTRACTMAX( $H$ ):

**if**  $H.\text{heap\_size} = 0$  **then**

    | **error**(underflow)

**end**

**else**

    |  $\text{max} \leftarrow H[1]$ ;

    |  $H[1] \leftarrow H[H.\text{heap\_size}]$ ;

    |  $H.\text{heap\_size} \leftarrow H.\text{heap\_size} - 1$ ;

    | HEAPIFY( $H, 1$ );

    | **return**  $\text{max}$ ;

**end**

- ▶ Time complexity:  $\Theta(\log n)$

# Priority Queues via Max-Heaps

INCREASEKEY( $H, i, k$ ):

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if  $k \prec H[i].key$  then
    | error(too small key)
end
else
    |  $H[i].key \leftarrow k$ ;
    | while  $i > 1$  and  $H[\text{PARENT}(i)].key \prec H[i].key$  do
    | |  $H[i] \leftrightarrow H[\text{PARENT}(i)]$ ;
    | |  $i \leftarrow \text{PARENT}(i)$ ;
    | end
end
```

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# Priority Queues via Max-Heaps

INSERT( $H, x$ ):

$k \leftarrow x.key;$

$x.key \leftarrow \perp;$

$H.heap\_size \leftarrow H.heap\_size + 1;$

$H[H.heap\_size] \leftarrow x;$

INCREASEKEY( $H, H.heap\_size, k$ );

- ▶ Time complexity:  $\Theta(\log n)$

# An Application of Heaps: Heap Sort

Idea:

- ▶ First “convert” an array  $a$  into a heap:  $\text{BUILDHEAP}(a)$
- ▶ The root of the heap is the maximum element of  $a$
- ▶ Extract the maximum and place it at the single “free” position in  $a$
- ▶ Repeat until all elements are processed

# Heap Sort

**BUILDHEAP(*a*):**

*a.heap\_size*  $\leftarrow$  *a.length*;

**for** *i*  $\leftarrow \lfloor a.length/2 \rfloor$  **downto** 1 **do**

    | HEAPIFY(*a*, *i*)

**end**

Worst-Case Time Complexity  $T(n)$ :

- Obviously  $T(n) = \Omega(n)$
- On the other hand, we have

$$T(n) \leq \sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \log n \rfloor} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{h+1}} \right\rceil O(h) = O \left( n \cdot \sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \log n \rfloor} \frac{h}{2^h} \right),$$

where

$$\sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \log n \rfloor} \frac{h}{2^h} \leq \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} \frac{h}{2^h} = O(1)$$

- Hence,  $T(n) = O(n)$ , implying that  $T(n) = \Theta(n)$

# Heap Sort

HEAPSORT(*a*):

BUILDHEAP(*a*);

**while** *a.heap\_size*  $\geq 2$  **do**

$x \leftarrow \text{EXTRACTMAX}(a);$

$a[\text{heap\_size} + 1] \leftarrow x;$

**end**

- ▶ Worst-case time complexity  $T(n)$ : surely  $T(n) = O(n \log n)$
- ▶ It can also be proved that  $T(n) = \Omega(n \log n)$  (exercise)
- ▶ As a result:  $T(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$