# Data Structures and Algorithms CS245-2006S-19 B-Trees 

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## 19-0: Indexing

- Operations:
- Add an element
- Remove an element
- Find an element, using a key
- Find all elements in a range of key values


## 19-1: Indexing

- Sorted List
- Find / Find in Range fast
- Add / Remove slow
- Unsorted List / Hash Table
- Add, Find, Remove fast (hash)
- Find in Range slow
- Binary Search Tree
- All operations are fast (O(lg n))
- if the tree is balanced


## 19-2: Indexing

- Generalized Binary Search Trees
- Each node can store several keys, instead of just one
- Values in subtrees between values in surrounding keys
- For non leaves, \# of children = \# of keys + 1



## 19-3: 2-3 Trees

- Generalized Binary Search Tree
- Each node has 1 or 2 keys
- Each (non-leaf) node has 2-3 children
- hence the name, 2-3 Trees
- All leaves are at the same depth

19-4: Example 2-3 Tree


## 19-5: Finding in 2-3 Trees

- How can we find an element in a 2-3 tree?


## 19-6: Finding in 2-3 Trees

- How can we find an element in a 2-3 tree?
- If the tree is empty, return false
- If the element is stored at the root, return true
- Otherwise, recursively find in the appropriate subtree


## 19-7: Inserting into 2-3 Trees

- Always insert at the leaves
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- Add the element to that leaf
-What if the leaf already has 2 elements?
- Split!


## 19-10: Splitting Nodes



## 19-11: Splitting Nodes



Too many
elements

## 19-12: Splitting Nodes



## 19-13: Splitting Nodes



## 19-14: Splitting Root

- When we split the root:
- Create a new root
- Tree grows in height by 1


## 19-15: 2-3 Tree Example

- Inserting elements 1-9 (in order) into a 2-3 tree



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## 19-17: 2-3 Tree Example

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123
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Too many keys, need to split

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## 19-29: Deleting from 2-3 Tree

- As with BSTs, we will have 2 cases:
- Deleting a key from a leaf
- Deleting a key from an internal node


### 19.30: Deleting Leaves

- If leaf contains 2 keys
- Can safely remove a key


## 19-31: Deleting Leaves



- Deleting 7


## 19-32: Deleting Leaves



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## 19.-33: Deleting Leaves

- If leaf contains 1 key
- Cannot remove key without making leaf empty
- Try to steal extra key from sibling


## 19-34: Deleting Leaves



- Deleting 3 - we can steal the 5


## 19-35: Deleting Leaves



- Not a 2-3 tree. What can we do?


### 19.36: Deleting Leaves



- Steal key from sibling through parent


## 19-37: Deleting Leaves



- Steal key from sibling through parent


### 19.38: Deleting Leaves

- If leaf contains 1 key, and no sibling contains extra keys
- Cannot remove key without making leaf empty
- Cannot steal a key from a sibling
- Merge with sibling
- split in reverse


## 19-39: Merging Nodes



- Removing the 4


## 19-40: Merging Nodes



- Removing the 4
- Combine 5, 7 into one node

19-41: Merging Nodes


## 19-42: Merging Nodes

- Merge decreases the number of keys in the parent
- May cause parent to have too few keys
- Parent can steal a key, or merge again


## 19-43: Merging Nodes



- Deleting the 3 - cause a merge


## 19-44: Merging Nodes



- Deleting the 3 - cause a merge
- Not enough keys in parent


## 19-45: Merging Nodes



- Steal key from sibling


## 19-46: Merging Nodes



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## 19-47: Merging Nodes



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- Deleting the 7 - cause a merge


## 19-50: Merging Nodes



- Parent has too few keys - merge again


## 19-51: Merging Nodes



- Root has no keys - delete


## 19-52: Merging Nodes



## 19-53: Deleting Interior Keys

- How can we delete keys from non-leaf nodes?
- HINT: How did we delete non-leaf nodes in standard BSTs?


## 19-54: Deleting Interior Keys

- How can we delete keys from non-leaf nodes?
- Replace key with smallest element subtree to right of key
- Recursivly delete smallest element from subtree to right of key
- (can also use largest element in subtree to left of key)


## 19-55: Deleting Interior Keys



- Deleting the 4


## 19-56: Deleting Interior Keys



- Deleting the 4
- Replace 4 with smallest element in tree to right of 4


## 19-57: Deleting Interior Keys



## 19-58: Deleting Interior Keys



- Deleting the 5


## 19-59: Deleting Interior Keys



- Deleting the 5
- Replace the 5 with the smallest element in tree to right of 5


### 19.60: Deleting Interior Keys



- Deleting the 5
- Replace the 5 with the smallest element in tree to right of 5
- Node with two few keys


## 19-61: Deleting Interior Keys



- Node with two few keys
- Steal a key from a sibling


## 19-62: Deleting Interior Keys



## 19-63: Deleting Interior Keys



- Removing the 6


## 19-64: Deleting Interior Keys



- Removing the 6
- Replace the 6 with the smallest element in the tree to the right of the 6


## 19-65: Deleting Interior Keys



- Node with too few keys
- Can't steal key from sibling
- Merge with sibling


## 19.-66: Deleting Interior Keys



- Node with too few keys
- Can't steal key from sibling
- Merge with sibling
- (arbitrarily pick right sibling to merge with)


## 19-67: Deleting Interior Keys



## 19-68: Generalizing 2-3 Trees

- In 2-3 Trees:
- Each node has 1 or 2 keys
- Each interior node has 2 or 3 children
- We can generalize 2-3 trees to allow more keys / node


## 19-69: B-Trees

- A B-Tree of maximum degree $k$ :
- All interior nodes have $\lceil k / 2\rceil \ldots k$ children
- All nodes have $\lceil k / 2\rceil-1 \ldots k-1$ keys
- 2-3 Tree is a B-Tree of maximum degree 3


## 19-70: B-Trees



- B-Tree with maximum degree 5
- Interior nodes have 3 - 5 children
- All nodes have 2-4 keys


## 19-71: B-Trees

- Inserting into a B-Tree
- Find the leaf where the element would go
- If the leaf is not full, insert the element into the leaf
- Otherwise, split the leaf (which may cause further splits up the tree), and insert the element

19-72: B-Trees


- Inserting a 6 ..

19-73: B-Trees


## 19-74: B-Trees



- Inserting a 10 ..


## 19-75: B-Trees



Too many keys
need to split

- Promote 8 to parent (between 5 and 11)
- Make nodes out of $(6,7)$ and $(9,10)$


## 19-76: B-Trees

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Too many keys need to split
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- Promote 11 to parent (new root)
- Make nodes out of $(5,8)$ and $(6,19)$


## 19-77: B-Trees



- Note that the root only has 1 key, 2 children
- All nodes in B-Trees with maximum degree 5 should have at least 2 keys
- The root is an exception - it may have as few as one key and two children for any maximum degree


## 19-78: B-Trees

- B-Tree of maximum degree $k$
- Generalized BST
- All leaves are at the same depth
- All nodes (other than the root) have $\lceil k / 2\rceil-1 \ldots k-1$ keys
- All interior nodes (other than the root) have $\lceil k / 2\rceil \ldots k$ children


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## 19-82: B-Trees

- Why do we need to make exceptions for the root?
- Consider a B-Tree of maximum degree 5 with only one element
- Consider a B-Tree of maximum degree 5 with 5 elements
- Even when a B-Tree could be created for a specific number of elements, creating an exception for the root allows our split/merge algorithm to work correctly.


## 19-83: B-Trees

- Deleting from a B-Tree (Key is in a leaf)
- Remove key from leaf
- Steal / Split as necessary
- May need to split up tree as far as root


## 19-84: B-Trees



- Deleting the 15


## 19-85: B-Trees



## 19-86: B-Trees



- Steal a key from sibling

19-87: B-Trees


## 19-88: B-Trees



- Delete the 11


## 19-89: B-Trees



Too few keys

## 19-90: B-Trees



Combine into 1 node

- Merge with a sibling (pick the left sibling arbitrarily)

19-91: B-Trees


## 19-92: B-Trees

- Deleting from a B-Tree (Key in internal node)
- Replace key with largest key in right subtree
- Remove largest key from right subtree
- (May force steal / merge)

- Remove the 5


## 19-94: B-Trees



- Remove the 5

19-95: B-Trees


## 19-96: B-Trees



- Remove the 19

- Remove the 19


## 19-98: B-Trees



Too few keys

## 19-99: B-Trees



- Merge with left sibling


## 19-100: B-Trees



- Almost all databases that are large enough to require storage on disk use B-Trees
- Disk accesses are very slow
- Accessing a byte from disk is 10,000-100,000 times as slow as accessing from main memory
- Recently, this gap has been getting even bigger
- Compared to disk accesses, all other operations are essentially free
- Most efficient algorithm minimizes disk accesses as much as possible
- Disk accesses are slow - want to minimize them
- Single disk read will read an entire sector of the disk
- Pick a maximum degree $k$ such that a node of the B-Tree takes up exactly one disk block
- Typically on the order of 100 children / node
- With a maximum degree around 100, B-Trees are very shallow
- Very few disk reads are required to access any piece of data
- Can improve matters even more by keeping the first few levels of the tree in main memory
- For large databases, we can't store the entire tree in main memory - but we can limit the number of disk accesses for each operation to only 1 or 2

