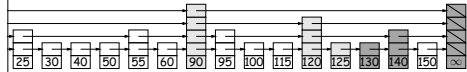


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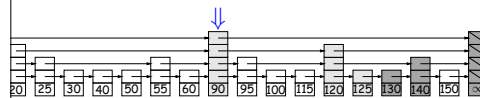
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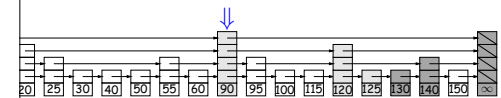
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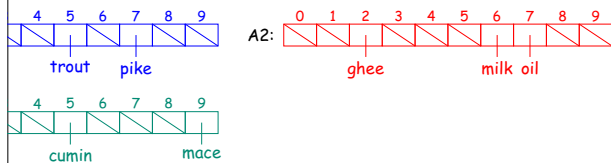
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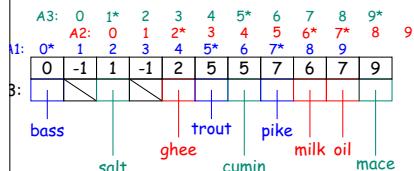
Scrunching Example

(unrelated to Tries on preceding slides)

arrays, each indexed 0..9



we can search them, but keep track of original index of each item:

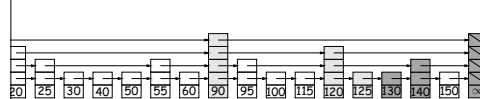


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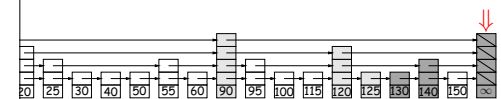
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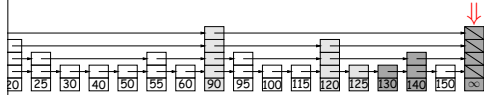
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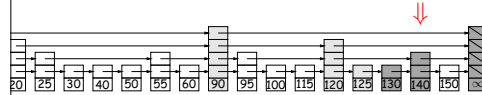
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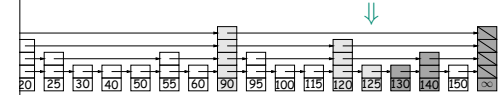
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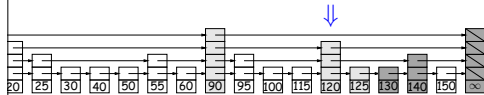
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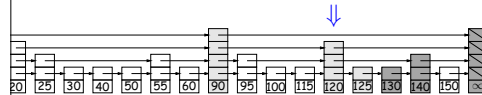
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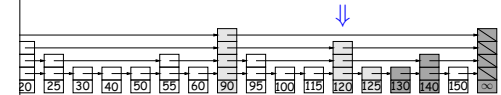
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Search trees allow us to realize $\Theta(\lg N)$ performance.

Red-black trees:

$\Theta(\lg N)$ performance for searches, insertions, deletions.

Good for external storage. Large nodes minimize # of nodes.

$\Theta(\lg N)$ performance for searches, insertions, and deletions, independent of length of key being processed.

Good to manage space efficiently.

Key idea: scrunched arrays share space.

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Implementation.

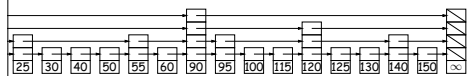
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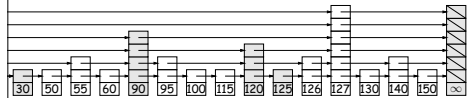
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Example: Adding and deleting

Initial list:



For example, we add 126 and 127 (choosing random heights for them) and remove 20 and 40:



Nodes here have been modified.

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Structures that Implement Abstractions

Linked lists, circular buffers

Set

Queue: heaps

Set: binary search trees, red-black trees, B-trees, arrays or linked lists

Ordered Set: hash table

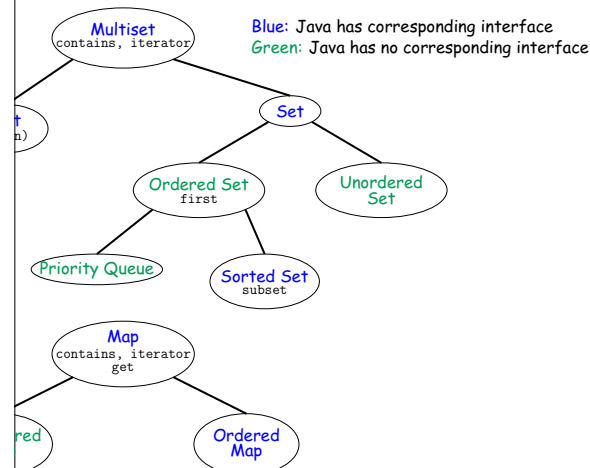
Map: hash table

Ordered Map: red-black trees, B-trees, sorted arrays or linked lists

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Summary of Collection Abstractions



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Corresponding Classes in Java

Collection

ArrayList, LinkedList, Stack, ArrayBlockingQueue, etc.

Set

Queue: PriorityQueue

Set (SortedSet): TreeSet

Ordered Set: HashSet

Map: HashMap

Ordered Map (SortedMap): TreeMap

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