

Efficient Use of Keys: the Trie

much about cost of comparisons.

worst case is length of string.

ould throw extra factor of key length, L , into costs:

comparisons really means $\Theta(ML)$ operations.

for key X , keep looking at same chars of X M times.

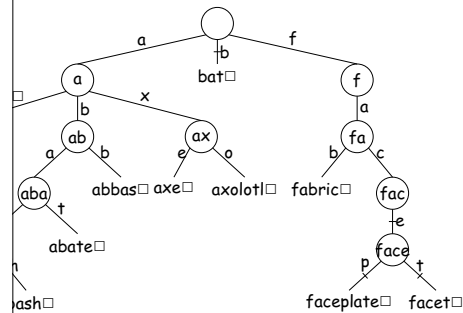
etter? Can we get search cost to be $O(L)$?

multi-way decision tree, with one decision per character

Adding Item to a Trie

Adding bat and faceplate.

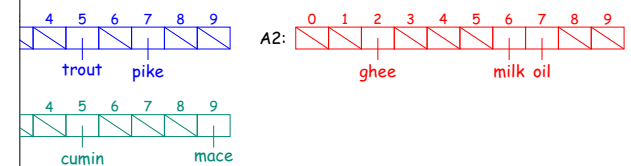
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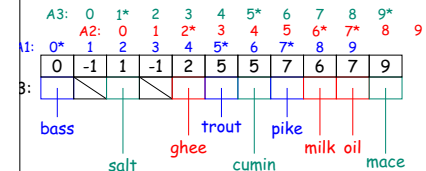
Scrunching Example

(unrelated to Tries on preceding slides)

arrays, each indexed 0..9



them, but keep track of original index of each item:



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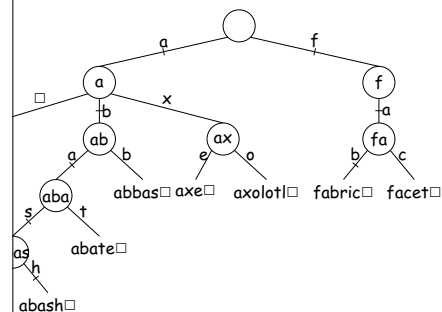
The Trie: Example

e, abash, abate, abbas, axolotl, axe, fabric, facet}

show paths followed for "abash" and "fabric"

l node corresponds to a possible prefix.

n path to node = that prefix.



A Side-Trip: Scrunching

obvious implementation for internal nodes is array in-
racter.

erformance, L length of search key.

independent of N , number of keys. Is there a depen-

ays are *sparsely populated* by non-null values—waste of

arrays on top of each other!

empty) entries of one array to hold non-null elements of

arkers to tell which entries belong to which array.

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can be thought of as an ordered list in which one can skip large

example:



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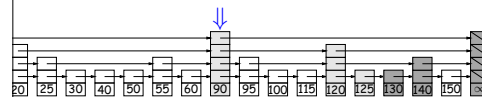
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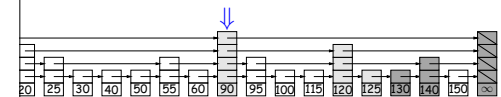
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Practicum

the idea is cute, but

is good if we want to expand our trie.

is complicated.

is more useful for representing large, sparse, fixed tables of rows and columns.

the number of children in trie tends to drop drastically as it goes a few levels down from the root.

perhaps, might as well use linked lists to represent set of elements...

perhaps arrays for the first few levels, which are likely to have many children.

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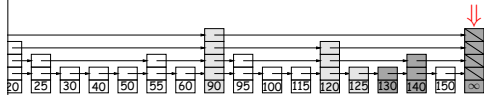
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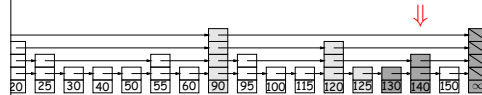
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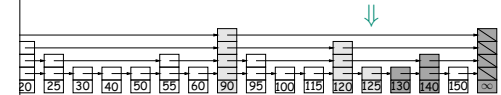
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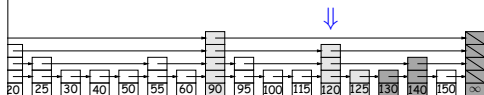
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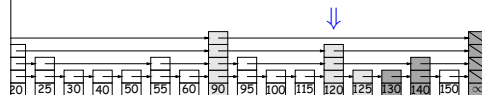
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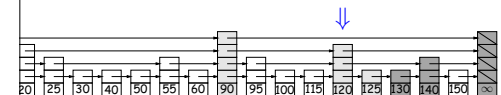
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Summary

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.

Idea: scrunched arrays share space.

Red-black trees allow $\Theta(\lg N)$ performance for searches, insertions, deletions.

Implementation.

Look for *interesting ideas*: probabilistic balance, random structures.

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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

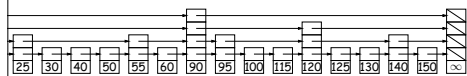
Ordered Map: red-black trees, B-trees, sorted arrays or linked lists

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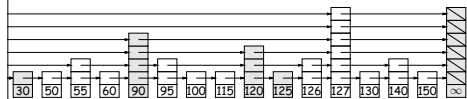
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Example: Adding and deleting

Initial list:



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

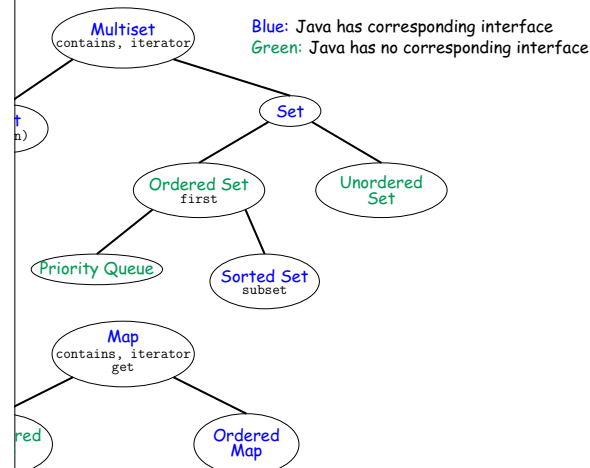


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Summary of Collection Abstractions



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Corresponding Classes in Java

Collection (interface)
List, LinkedList, Stack, ArrayBlockingQueue, etc.

Set

Queue: PriorityQueue

Set (SortedSet): TreeSet

Ordered Set: HashSet

Map: HashMap

Ordered Map (SortedMap): TreeMap

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