

TODAY: van Emde Boas [Peter, 1974]

- series of improved data structures
- Insert, Successor
- Delete
- space

[based on personal communication with Michael Bender, 2001]

Goal: maintain  $n$  elements among  $\{0, 1, \dots, u-1\}$  subject to Insert, Delete, Successor in  $O(\lg \lg u)$  time/op.



- if  $u = n^{O(1)}$  or  $n^{\lg^{O(1)} n}$  then  $O(\lg \lg n)$  time/op.!
- exponentially faster than balanced search trees
- cooler queries than hashing
- application: network routing tables ( $u = 2^{32}$  in IPv4)  
= {range of IP addresses  $\rightarrow$  port to send}

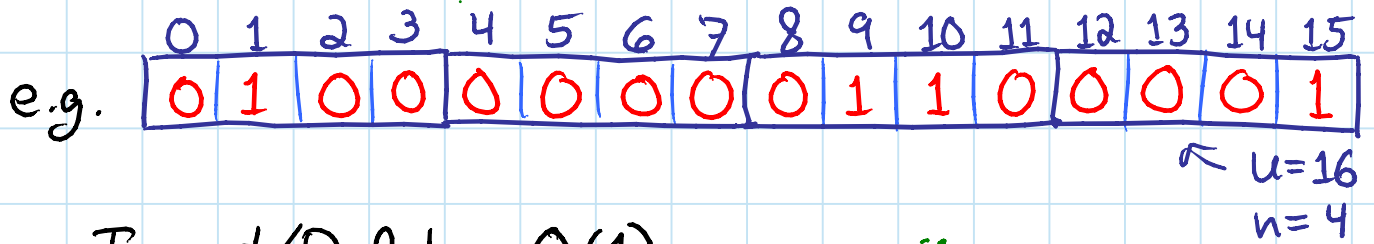
Where might  $O(\lg \lg u)$  bound arise?

- binary search over  $\lg u$  elements
- recurrences:  $T(\lg u) = T(\frac{\lg u}{2}) + O(1)$

$$T(u) = T(\sqrt{u}) + O(1)$$

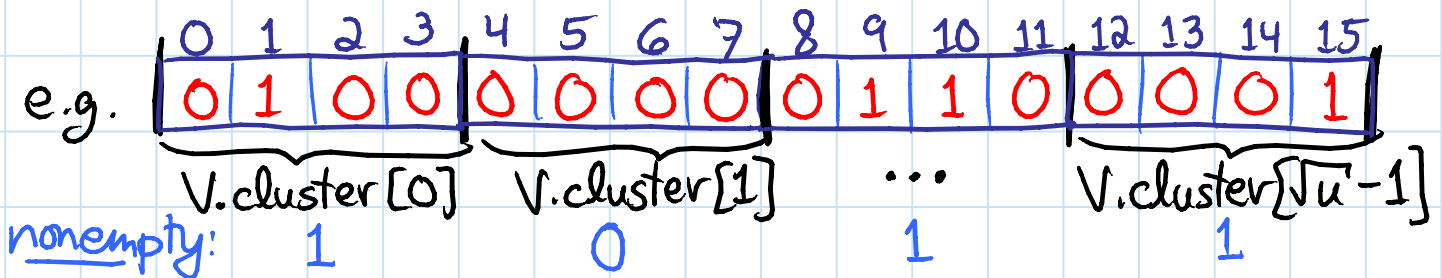
We'll develop van Emde Boas data structure by a series of improvements on a very simple data structure:

① Bit vector:  $V[x] = \text{is } x \text{ in the set?}$



- Insert/Delete:  $O(1)$  😊
- Successor/Predecessor:  $O(u)$  ☹️

② Split universe into clusters:  $\sqrt{u}$  of size  $\sqrt{u}$



- if  $x = i\sqrt{u} + j$  then  $V[x] = V.\text{cluster}[i][j]$

$0 \leq j < \sqrt{u}$

⇒ define  $\begin{cases} \text{low}(x) = x \bmod \sqrt{u} = j \\ \text{high}(x) = \lfloor x / \sqrt{u} \rfloor = i \end{cases}$      $x: \begin{matrix} \boxed{1} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{0} & \boxed{1} \\ \text{high}(x) & & & \text{low}(x) \\ \text{2} & & & \text{1} \end{matrix} = 9$

= high & low-order halves in binary

- Insert: set  $V.\text{cluster}[\text{high}(x)][\text{low}(x)]$  }  $O(1)$
- mark cluster  $\text{high}(x)$  nonempty }  $O(1)$

- Successor:

- look within cluster  $\text{high}(x)$  }  $O(\sqrt{u})$
- else find next nonempty cluster  $i$  }  $O(\sqrt{u})^*$
- find min  $j$  in that cluster }  $O(\sqrt{u})$
- return  $\text{index}(i, j)$     better! }  $O(\sqrt{u})$

③ Recurse: 3 ops. in Successor are recursive Successors!

- $V.cluster[i] = \text{size-}\sqrt{u}$  van Emde Boas  $0 \leq i < \sqrt{u}$
- $V.summary = \text{size-}\sqrt{u}$  van Emde Boas
- $V.summary[i] = \text{is } V.cluster[i] \text{ nonempty?}$

Insert( $V, x$ ):

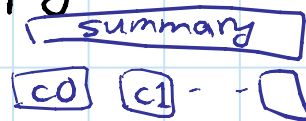
Insert( $V.cluster[high(x)], low(x)$ )

Insert( $V.summary, high(x)$ )

$$\Rightarrow T(u) = 2T(\sqrt{u}) + O(1)$$

$$T'(\lg u) = 2T'\left(\frac{\lg u}{2}\right) + O(1)$$

$$= O(\lg u) \quad \ddot{\imath}$$



$$T(\sqrt{u})$$

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Successor( $V, x$ ):

$i = high(x)$

$j = \text{Successor}(V.cluster[i], low(x))$

if  $j = \infty$ :

$i = \text{Successor}(V.summary, i)$

$j = \text{Successor}(V.cluster[i], -\infty)$

return index( $i, j$ )

$$\Rightarrow T(u) = 3T(\sqrt{u}) + O(1)$$

$$T'(\lg u) = 3T'\left(\frac{\lg u}{2}\right) + O(1)$$

$$= O((\lg u)^{\lg 3})$$

$$= O(\lg^{1.585} u) \quad \ddot{\imath}!$$

$$T(\sqrt{u})$$

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- need to reduce to one recursion!

- ④ Maintain min & max of every structure:  
 -  $O(1)$  overhead in Insert: if  $x < V.min$ :  $V.min = x$   
 if  $x > V.max$ :  $V.max = x$

Successor( $V, x$ ):

$i = \text{high}(x)$

if  $\text{low}(x) < V.cluster[i].max$ :

$j = \text{Successor}(V.cluster[i], \text{low}(x))$

else:  $i = \text{Successor}(V.summary, \text{high}(x))$

$j = V.cluster[i].min$

return  $\text{index}(i, j)$

$$\Rightarrow T(u) = T(\sqrt{u}) + O(1)$$

$$= O(\lg \lg u)$$



- ⑤ Don't store min recursively:

- Successor checks for min specially:

if  $x < V.min$ : return  $V.min$

Insert( $V, x$ ):

if  $V.min = \text{None}$ :  $V.min = V.max = x$ : return } *empty case* costs  $O(1)$

if  $x < V.min$ : swap  $x \leftrightarrow V.min$

if  $x > V.max$ :  $V.max = x$

if  $V.cluster[\text{high}(x)].min = \text{None}$ : *(previously empty)*

Insert( $V.summary, \text{high}(x)$ ) \*

Insert( $V.cluster[\text{high}(x)], \text{low}(x)$ )

\* if both calls, then second costs  $O(1)$  (empty case)

$$\Rightarrow T(u) = O(\lg \lg u)$$



⑥ Delete ( $V, x$ ):

if  $x = V.min$ : (find new min)

$i = V.summary.min$

if  $i = None$ :  $V.min = V.max = None$  } empty now  
return } costs  $O(1)$

$x = V.min = \text{index}(i, V.cluster[i].min)$  } unstore  
} new min

Delete( $V.cluster[high(x)], low(x)$ )

if  $V.cluster[high(x)].min = None$ : } empty now

Delete( $V.summary, high(x)$ ) \* second call

update  $V.max$  { if  $x = V.max$ :

if  $V.summary.max = None$ : } just min now  
 $V.max = V.min$

else:  $i = V.summary.max$

$V.max = \text{index}(i, V.cluster[i].max)$

\* if make second call, then first call  
was cheap (just deleted a min)  
 $\Rightarrow T(u) = O(\lg \lg u)$

Lower bound: [Patrascu & Thorup 2007]

$\Omega(\lg \lg u)$  for  $u = n^{\lg^{O(1)} n}$

& space =  $O(n \text{ poly} \lg n)$

- even static (just Successor, no Insert/Delete)

- ⑦ Space: improve from current  $\Theta(u)$  to  $O(n \lg \lg u)$
- only create nonempty clusters
    - if  $V_{\min}$  becomes None, deallocate  $V$
  - $V.\text{cluster}$  = hashtable of nonempty clusters  
(recall from 6.006: and see Lecture 8)
  - insert may create new structure (fill min)  $\Theta(\lg \lg u)$  times (each empty insert)
    - can really happen [Vladimír Čunát]
  - charge pointer to structure (and associated hash-table cell) to the structure
- $\Rightarrow O(n \lg \lg u)$  space (but randomized)

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- ⑧ Indirection further reduces to  $O(n)$  space
- store vEB structure with  $n = O(\lg \lg u)$  using BST or even array
    - $\Rightarrow O(\lg \lg n)$  time once in base case
  - $O(n / \lg \lg u)$  such structures (disjoint)
    - $\Rightarrow O\left(\frac{n}{\lg \lg u} \cdot \lg \lg u\right) = O(n)$  space for small
  - larger structures "store" pointers to them
    - $\Rightarrow O\left(\frac{n}{\lg \lg u} \cdot \lg \lg u\right) = O(n)$  space for large
  - details: split/merge small structures

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