

## 7.6 van Emde Boas Trees

### Dynamic Set Data Structure $S$ :

- ▶  $S.insert(x)$
- ▶  $S.delete(x)$
- ▶  $S.search(x)$
- ▶  $S.min()$
- ▶  $S.max()$
- ▶  $S.succ(x)$
- ▶  $S.pred(x)$

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For this chapter we ignore the problem of storing satellite data:

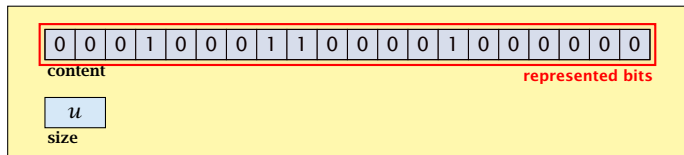
- ▶  **$S$ . insert( $x$ ):** Inserts  $x$  into  $S$ .
- ▶  **$S$ . delete( $x$ ):** Deletes  $x$  from  $S$ . Usually assumes that  $x \in S$ .
- ▶  **$S$ . member( $x$ ):** Returns 1 if  $x \in S$  and 0 otherwise.
- ▶  **$S$ . min():** Returns the value of the minimum element in  $S$ .
- ▶  **$S$ . max():** Returns the value of the maximum element in  $S$ .
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Can we improve the existing algorithms when the keys are from a restricted set?

In the following we assume that the keys are from  $\{0, 1, \dots, u - 1\}$ , where  $u$  denotes the size of the universe.

# Implementation 1: Array



one array of  $u$  bits

Use an array that encodes the indicator function of the dynamic set.

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**Algorithm 1** `array.insert( $x$ )`

1: `content[ $x$ ] ← 1;`

**Algorithm 2** `array.delete( $x$ )`

1: `content[ $x$ ] ← 0;`

**Algorithm 3** `array.member( $x$ )`

1: **return** `content[ $x$ ];`

- ▶ Note that we assume that  $x$  is valid, i.e., it falls within the array boundaries.
- ▶ Obviously(?) the running time is constant.

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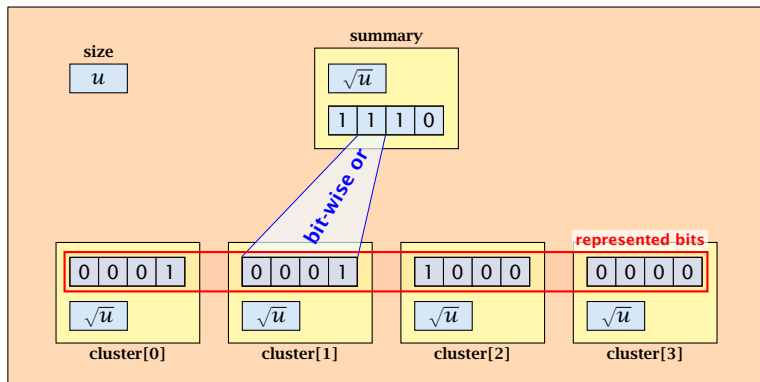
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## Implementation 2: Summary Array



- ▶  $\sqrt{u}$  cluster-arrays of  $\sqrt{u}$  bits.
- ▶ One summary-array of  $\sqrt{u}$  bits. The  $i$ -th bit in the summary array stores the bit-wise or of the bits in the  $i$ -th cluster.

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For simplicity we assume that  $u = 2^{2k}$  for some  $k \geq 1$ . Then we can compute the cluster-number for an entry  $x$  as  $\text{high}(x)$  (the upper half of the dual representation of  $x$ ) and the position of  $x$  within its cluster as  $\text{low}(x)$  (the lower half of the dual representation).

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- ▶ The running times are constant, because the corresponding array-functions have constant running times.

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### Algorithm 10 delete( $x$ )

- 1: cluster[high( $x$ )].delete(low( $x$ ));
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- ▶ The running time is dominated by the cost of a minimum computation on an array of size  $\sqrt{u}$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{u})$ .

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The operator  $\circ$  stands for the concatenation of two bitstrings.

This means if  $x = 0111_2$  and  $y = 0001_2$  then  $x \circ y = 01110001_2$ .

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### Algorithm 13 $\text{succ}(x)$

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1:  $m \leftarrow \text{cluster}[\text{high}(x)].\text{succ}(\text{low}(x))$ 
2: if  $m \neq \text{null}$  then return  $\text{high}(x) \circ m$ ;
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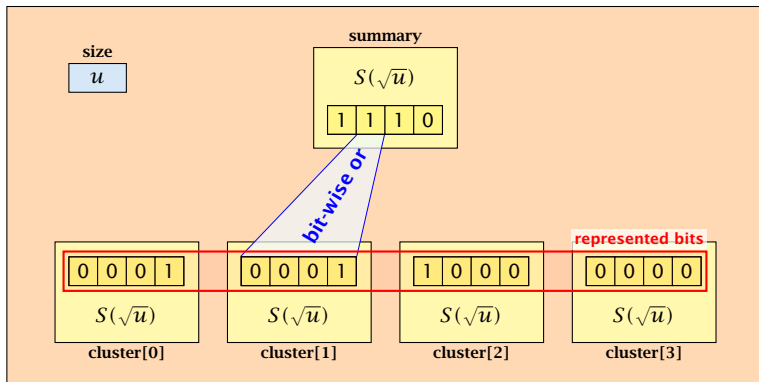
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Instead of using sub-arrays, we build a recursive data-structure.

$S(u)$  is a dynamic set data-structure representing  $u$  bits:



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We assume that  $u = 2^{2^k}$  for some  $k$ .

The data-structure  $S(2)$  is defined as an array of 2-bits (end of the recursion).

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This means that the non-recursive case is been dealt with while initializing the data-structure.

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**Algorithm 15**  $\text{member}(x)$

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### Algorithm 16 `insert(x)`

```
1: cluster[high(x)].insert(low(x));  
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### Algorithm 18 $\text{min}()$

```
1: mincluster  $\leftarrow$  summary.min();  
2: if mincluster = null return null;  
3: offs  $\leftarrow$  cluster[mincluster].min();  
4: return mincluster  $\circ$  offs;
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### Algorithm 19 succ( $x$ )

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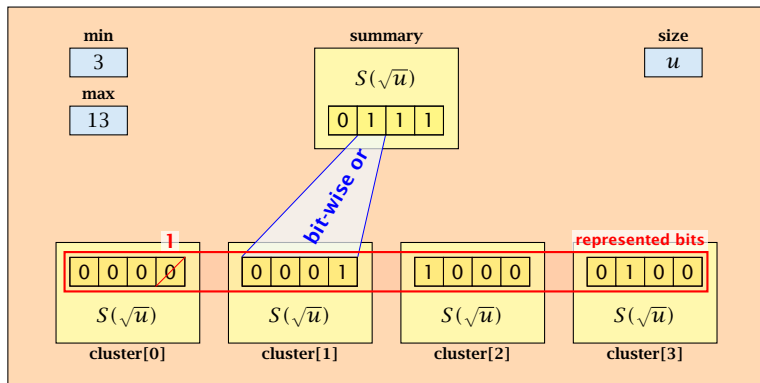
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**Algorithm 20** max()

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**Algorithm 21** min()

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- ▶ Constant time.

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### Algorithm 22 `member(x)`

```
1: if  $x = \min$  then return 1; // TRUE  
2: return cluster[high(x)].member(low(x));
```

- ▶  $T_{\text{mem}}(u) = T_{\text{mem}}(\sqrt{u}) + 1 \Rightarrow T(u) = \mathcal{O}(\log \log u)$ .

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### Algorithm 23 $\text{succ}(x)$

```
1: if  $\text{min} \neq \text{null} \wedge x < \text{min}$  then return  $\text{min}$ ;  
2:  $\text{maxincluster} \leftarrow \text{cluster}[\text{high}(x)].\text{max}()$ ;  
3: if  $\text{maxincluster} \neq \text{null} \wedge \text{low}(x) < \text{maxincluster}$  then  
4:    $\text{offs} \leftarrow \text{cluster}[\text{high}(x)].\text{succ}(\text{low}(x))$ ;  
5:   return  $\text{high}(x) \circ \text{offs}$ ;  
6: else  
7:    $\text{succcluster} \leftarrow \text{summary}.\text{succ}(\text{high}(x))$ ;  
8:   if  $\text{succcluster} = \text{null}$  then return  $\text{null}$ ;  
9:    $\text{offs} \leftarrow \text{cluster}[\text{succcluster}].\text{min}()$ ;  
10:  return  $\text{succcluster} \circ \text{offs}$ ;
```

►  $T_{\text{succ}}(u) = T_{\text{succ}}(\sqrt{u}) + 1 \implies T_{\text{succ}}(u) = \mathcal{O}(\log \log u)$ .

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### Algorithm 35 insert( $x$ )

```
1: if min = null then
2:     min =  $x$ ; max =  $x$ ;
3: else
4:     if  $x < \text{min}$  then exchange  $x$  and min;
5:     if  $x > \text{max}$  then max =  $x$ ;
6:     if cluster[high( $x$ )].min = null; then
7:         summary.insert(high( $x$ ));
8:         cluster[high( $x$ )].insert(low( $x$ ));
9:     else
10:        cluster[high( $x$ )].insert(low( $x$ ));
```

►  $T_{\text{ins}}(u) = T_{\text{ins}}(\sqrt{u}) + 1 \Rightarrow T_{\text{ins}}(u) = \mathcal{O}(\log \log u)$ .

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Note that the recursive call in Line 8 takes constant time as the if-condition in Line 6 ensures that we are inserting in an empty sub-tree.

The only non-constant recursive calls are the call in Line 7 and in Line 10. These are mutually exclusive, i.e., only one of these calls will actually occur.

From this we get that  $T_{\text{ins}}(u) = T_{\text{ins}}(\sqrt{u}) + 1$ .



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**Algorithm 36** delete( $x$ )

```
1: if min = max then
2:     min = max = null;
3: else
4:     if  $x$  = min then
5:         firstcluster  $\leftarrow$  summary.min();
6:         offs  $\leftarrow$  cluster[firstcluster].min();
7:          $x \leftarrow$  firstcluster  $\circ$  offs;
8:         min  $\leftarrow$   $x$ ;
9:         cluster[high( $x$ )].delete(low( $x$ ));
                                     continued...
```

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**Algorithm 36** delete( $x$ )

```
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2:     min = max = null;
3: else
4:     if  $x = \text{min}$  then find new minimum
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```
10:   if cluster[high( $x$ )].min() = null then
11:       summary.delete(high( $x$ ));
12:   if  $x$  = max then
13:       summax  $\leftarrow$  summary.max();
14:       if summax = null then max  $\leftarrow$  min;
15:       else
16:           offs  $\leftarrow$  cluster[summax].max();
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Note that only one of the possible recursive calls in Line 9 and Line 11 in the deletion-algorithm may take non-constant time.

To see this observe that the call in Line 11 only occurs if the cluster where  $x$  was deleted is now empty. But this means that the call in Line 9 deleted the last element in  $\text{cluster}[\text{high}(x)]$ . Such a call only takes constant time.

Hence, we get a recurrence of the form

$$T_{\text{del}}(u) = T_{\text{del}}(\sqrt{u}) + c .$$

This gives  $T_{\text{del}}(u) = \mathcal{O}(\log \log u)$ .

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### Space requirements:

- ▶ The space requirement fulfills the recurrence

$$S(u) = (\sqrt{u} + 1)S(\sqrt{u}) + \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{u}) .$$

- ▶ Note that we cannot solve this recurrence by the Master theorem as the branching factor is not constant.
- ▶ One can show by induction that the space requirement is  $S(u) = \mathcal{O}(u)$ . Exercise.

- ▶ Let the “real” recurrence relation be

$$S(k^2) = (k + 1)S(k) + c_1 \cdot k; S(4) = c_2$$

- ▶ Replacing  $S(k)$  by  $R(k) := S(k)/c_2$  gives the recurrence

$$R(k^2) = (k + 1)R(k) + ck; R(4) = 1$$

where  $c = c_1/c_2 < 1$ .

- ▶ Now, we show  $R(k) \leq k - 2$  for squares  $k \geq 4$ .
  - ▶ Obviously, this holds for  $k = 4$ .
  - ▶ For  $k = \ell^2 > 4$  with  $\ell$  integral we have

$$\begin{aligned} R(k) &= (1 + \ell)R(\ell) + c\ell \\ &\leq (1 + \ell)(\ell - 2) + \ell \leq k - 2 \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ This shows that  $R(k)$  and, hence,  $S(k)$  grows linearly.