The CS 5 Black Herald

GIANT PENGUIN FOUND IN GALILEO CORRIDORS

Claremont (PPI): An enormous penguin, nearly six feet in length, was found in the corridors of Harvey Mudd College's Libra Complex late Wednesday evening. Scientists from Penguin Pleasures, a volunteer rescue group, said the animal appeared to have expired from an overdose of sugar. "Sadly, many people do not realize that penguins are terribly sensitive to sweets," stated Dr. D.I. Section as she examined the corpse. "I imagine that a well-meaning person must have intended to give it a treat."

The saddened campus plans to hold a moment of silence on the first day of final exams, since students are generally quiet and mournful during that time anyway.



Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

- Abstract set: insert(x), delete(x), find(x)
- Average and worst cases:

		Insert (avg)	Delete (avg)	Find (avg)	Insert (worst)	Delete (worst)	Find (worst)
>	Dictionary	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)	-O(n)	O(n)	O(n)
	Python List	O(1)	O(n)	O(n)	O(n)	O(n)	O(n)
	BST	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(log n)



Binary Search Trees!



inorder(tree)	find(x, tree)		
def inorder (tree): if tree is None: return [] else: $M \sigma h e$ (12, 5/ch, 29p) $M \sigma h e$ (12, 5/ch, 29p) $M \sigma h e$	<pre>def find(x, tree): if tree is None: return False else: </pre>		
insert(x, tree)	Twenty Questions Game		
def insert (x, tree): if tree is None: return (x, None, None) else: This will be handy when we save a tree to a file!	 Demo! Playing the game gives back a new tree! How do we save the tree? How do we restore the tree? (Optional, but recommended!) Is it bigger than a breadbox?", ("Is it bigger than a breadbox?", ("an elephant", None, None), ("a mouse", None, None)		



Reading a Tree The Lagrange Polynomial Method! Steganography = try: Math + CS loadFile = open (TREE_FILE tree = loadTree(loadFile) default tree? loadFile.close() except FileNotFoundError: Joseph Louis Lagran pass 🗧 Suppose we have a secret... . . . def loadTree(loadFile): line = loadFile.readline().strip() And we don't trust any single person with it. if line == "Leaf": answer = loadFile.readline().strip() return (answer, None, None) else: The Lagrange Polynomial Method! Lagrange Basis Functions Wouldn't it be cool if we could split a secret into *n* parts, Consider the following basis function: such that any k people could get it back? $\frac{x-x_0}{x_1-x_0} \times \frac{x-x_2}{x_1-x_2}$ What is its value at: • $x = x_0$? • $x = x_2$? • $x = x_1$? • Arbitrary x?

Lagrange Basis Functions

Let l_i be the basis function for x_i :

$$l_j = \prod_{m \neq j} \frac{x - x_m}{x_j - x_m}$$

What is its value at:

•
$$x = x_m$$
 (for any $m \neq j$)?

•
$$x = x_i$$

• Arbitrary x?

A Concrete Example

Let
$$x_0 = 3$$
, $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 5$, $y_0 = 1$, $y_1 = 4$, $y_2 = 3$. Then:
 $l_0 = \left(\frac{x-4}{3-4}\right) \left(\frac{x-5}{3-5}\right) = \frac{(x-4)(x-5)}{2}$
 $l_1 = \left(\frac{x-3}{4-3}\right) \left(\frac{x-5}{4-5}\right) = -(x-3)(x-5)$
 $l_2 = \left(\frac{x-3}{5-3}\right) \left(\frac{x-4}{5-4}\right) = \frac{(x-3)(x-4)}{2}$
 $L(x) = \frac{(x-4)(x-5)}{2} - 4(x-3)(x-5) + \frac{3(x-3)(x-4)}{2}$

A Polynomial Through *k* Points

Let l_i be the basis function for x_i :

$$l_j(x) = \prod_{m \neq j} \frac{x - x_m}{x_j - x_m}$$

Now define $L(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{k} y_j l_j(x)$

By definition of the basis function, $L(x) = y_j$ at all x_j .

We **don't care** what L(x) is at other values of x.

Shamir's Secret Sharing



This brings us to Shamir's method for sharing a secret s such that any k of n people can reconstruct it:

1. Pick a polynomial of degree *k*-1, with random coefficients a_i :

$$y = a_{k-1}x^{k-1} + a_{k-2}x^{k-2} + \dots + a_1x^1 + s$$

- 2. For each holder of the secret, pick a random *x* and use the polynomial to calculate a corresponding *y*.
- 3. Reconstruct the secret by creating a Lagrange polynomial of degree k-1 and evaluating it at x = 0.

