## 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.


Binary Search Trees


## Abstract Data Types (ADTs)

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


Binary Search Trees!



## find $(x$, tree $)$

## def find(x, tree):

if tree is None:
return False
else:


## Twenty Questions Game

- 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?

## Bigger Trees


("Is it bigger than a breadbox?",
$\longrightarrow$ ("Does it have wheels?", ("a car", None, None), ("an elephant", None, None)), ("a mouse", None, None)
)

## Saving a Tree to a File

What does the file look like?

```
("Is it bigger than a breadbox?",
("an elephant", None, None),
("a mouse", None, None)
```

)


Is it bigger than a breadbox?
an elephant
Leaf
a mouse
Leaf

## play(tree)

```
def play(tree):
Imagine a function called
    if leaf(tree):
            return playLeaf(tree)
    else:
            root, yesChild, noChild = tree
            if yes(root + " "):
            else:
tree = ...
while(...):
    tree = play(tree)
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$\underset{\text { saveFile }=\text { open ("tqtree.txt", "w") }}{ }$
saveTree (saveFile, tree)
saveFile.close()
def saveTree(saveFile, tree):

if isLeaf(tree):
print ("Leaf", file = saveFile)
print (root, file = saveFile)
else:

## Reading a Tree

try:

$$
\text { loadFile }=\text { open TREE_FILE, }
$$


tree $=$ loadTree (loadFile)
loadFile.close()
except FileNotFoundError: pass Aetanalttre?
...
def loadTree(loadFile):
line $=$ loadFile.readline().strip()]
if line == "Leaf":
-answer $=$ loadFile.readline().strip()
return (answer, None, None)
else:

The Lagrange Polynomial Method!

Wouldn't it be cool if we could split a secret into $n$ parts, such that any $k$ people could get it back?


The Lagrange Polynomial Method!


Suppose we have a secret...

And we don't trust any single person with it.

## Lagrange Basis Functions

Consider the following basis function:

$$
\frac{x-x_{0}}{x_{1}-x_{0}} \times \frac{x-x_{2}}{x_{1}-x_{2}}
$$

What is its value at:

- $x=x_{0}$ ?
* $x=x_{2}$ ?
* $x=x_{1}$ ?
- Arbitrary $x$ ?


## Lagrange Basis Functions

Let $l_{j}$ be the basis function for $x_{j}$ :

$$
l_{j}=\prod_{m \neq j} \frac{x-x_{m}}{x_{j}-x_{m}}
$$

What is its value at:

- $x=x_{m}$ (for any $\left.m \neq j\right)$ ?
- $x=x_{j}$ ?
- Arbitrary $x$ ?


## A Polynomial Through $k$ Points

Let $l_{j}$ be the basis function for $x_{j}$ :

$$
l_{j}(x)=\prod_{m \neq j} \frac{x-x_{m}}{x_{j}-x_{m}}
$$

Now define $L(x)=\sum_{j=0} y_{j} L_{j}(x)$

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 $a_{i}$ :

$$
y=a_{k-1} x^{k-1}+a_{k-2} x^{k-2}+\ldots+a_{l} x^{l}+s
$$

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 $x=0$.

