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Efficient Algorithms and Datastructures I

Question 1 (10 Points)

The mean M of a set of k integers $\{x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_k\}$ is defined as

$$M = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{k} x_i.$$

We want to maintain a data structure D on a set of integers under the normal INIT, INSERT, DELETE, and FIND operations, as well as a MEAN operation, defined as follows:

- 1. INIT(D): Create an empty structure D.
- 2. INSERT(D, x): Insert x in D.
- 3. DELETE(D, x): Delete x from D.
- 4. FIND(D, x): Return pointer to x in D.
- 5. MEAN(D, a, b): Return the mean of the set consisting of elements x in D with $a \le x \le b$.

Describe how to modify a standard red-black tree in order to implement D, such that INIT is supported in O(1) time and INSERT, DELETE, FIND, and MEAN are supported in $O(\log n)$ time.

Question 2 (10 Points)

In double hashing, if we use the hash function $h(k,i) = (h_1(k) + ih_2(k)) \mod m$, show that when m and $h_2(k)$ have greatest common divisor $d \ge 1$ for some key k, then an unsuccessful search for key k examines $\frac{1}{d}$ th of the hash table before returning to slot $h_1(k)$.

(*Note:* When d = 1, i.e. when m and $h_2(k)$ are relatively prime, the search may examine the entire hash table.)

Question 3 (10 Points)

Let $U = \{0, \ldots, p-1\}$ for a prime p. For $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, define the hash function $h_{a,b}(x)$ as

$$h_{a,b}(x) = (ax + b \mod p) \mod n$$

Consider the class of hash functions

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h_{a,b} | a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p\}$$

(a) Show that \mathcal{H} is not universal.

- (b) Show that \mathcal{H} is (1.1, 2) independent for p sufficiently large.
- (c) Why would you not choose \mathcal{H} as a class of hash functions?