



Algorithms and Datastructures

Summer Term 2022

Exercise Sheet 6

Due: Wednesday, June 15th, 4pm

Exercise 1: Binary Search Tree - Range Queries (10 Points)

- (a) Implement the binary search tree (BST) data structure and the `insert` operation. You can use the template `BST.py`. (4 Points)
- (b) Implement the operation `getrange(x_{min}, x_{max})` efficiently on binary search trees which returns all keys x in the tree with $x_{min} \leq x < x_{max}$ (cf. lecture notes week 6 slide 21). (4 Points)
- (c) Use your implementation of BST and your `insert` function to insert all words from the file `inputs.txt` into a BST with respect to the lexicographic ordering on words over the alphabet $\{a, \dots, z\}$ ¹. Use your data structure to output all words from the BST beginning with a certain prefix.² As a unit test, output all words with prefix “qw”. Copy the result into your `experiences.txt` file. (2 Points)

Exercise 2: Binary Search Tree - Operations (10 Points)

- (a) Describe a function which returns the depth of a binary search tree and analyze the runtime. (2 Points)
- (b) Describe a function that for a given binary search tree with n nodes and a given $k \leq n$ returns a list with the k smallest keys from the tree. Analyze the runtime. (4 Points)
- (c) Describe a function that takes a binary search tree B and a key x as input and generates the following output:
 - If there is an element v in B with $v.key = x$, return v .
 - Otherwise, return the pair (u, w) where u is the tree element with the next smaller key and w is the element with the next larger key. It should be $u = \text{None}$ if x is smaller than any key in the tree and $w = \text{None}$ if x is larger than any key in the tree.

For your description you can use pseudo code or a sufficiently detailed description in English.

Analyze the runtime of your function. (4 Points)

¹Python supports the comparison of strings with respect to the lexicographic ordering, i.e., you can use “<”, “<=”.

²If you enter `Python3` and `from BST import BST` into the command prompt you can use the class `BST` from the command line. We provided a method for inserting the content of `inputs.txt`.