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## Abstract

In this paper we design a priority queue that is suitable for parallel access on an EREW PRAM. To delete  $p$  elements with lowest priority from the priority queue takes  $O(\log p + \log \log p + \frac{\log n}{p})$  time. The insertion of  $p$  elements in the priority queue takes  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time. To decrease the priority of  $p$  elements in the priority queue also takes  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time.

## 1 Introduction

In the design of sequential algorithms often better time bounds have been obtained by the use of sophisticated data structures, from which intermediate results could be obtained easily (i.e. in short time). It seems reasonable to expect that time bounds of algorithms for the PRAM can be improved by using advanced data structures, that allow for parallel access. Veldhorst [Vel87] gave an implementation of a stack and a queue for an EREW PRAM. Pinotti and Pucci [PP91] gave an implementation of a priority queue for a CREW PRAM.

In this paper we will give an implementation of a priority queue for an EREW PRAM. Formally, a priority queue  $PQ$  stores a set of  $n$  elements  $e$ , each with a priority  $pr(e)$ . A processor  $PE_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ , can perform one of the following operations on  $PQ$ .

1. *ParExtractmin*( $PQ$ )

Processor  $PE_i$  deletes an element from  $PQ$ , with a priority as low as possible that no processor  $PE_j$  deletes from  $PQ$ ,  $1 \leq j < i$ .

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2.  $ParInsert(PQ, \langle e, pr(e) \rangle)$   
Processor  $PE_i$  inserts element  $e$  with priority  $pr(e)$  in  $PQ$ .
3.  $ParDecreasekey(PQ, \langle q, pr \rangle)$   
Processor  $PE_i$  decreases the priority of the element  $q$  to  $pr$ .

In our implementation, the  $ParExtractmin$  operation takes  $O(\log p + \log \log p + \frac{\log n}{p})$  time. The  $ParInsert$  and the  $ParDecreasekey$  operation take  $O(\log n)$  time. The elements of  $PQ$  are stored in the leaves of a weight-balanced tree. To achieve the time bound for  $ParExtractmin$ , we use the property of weight-balanced trees that the balance of a vertex  $v$  does not depend on the balances of its children, but only on the number of elements stored in its left and right subtree.

There are many sequential implementations of the priority queue. The figures 1 and 2 show results for different sequential implementations. In figure 1 worst-case time bounds are given, in figure 2 amortized time bounds. The binomial heap and fibonacci heap are described in [CLR90]. Driscoll, Gabow, Shrairman and Tarjan, [DGST88], described a relaxed heap and a variant of the relaxed heap. Sleator and Tarjan, [ST86], described how to implement a priority queue using skew heaps.

Our time bounds for the parallel priority queue operations are low when compared

Priority queue implementation	$Extractmin$	$Insert$	$Decreasekey$
a stack or queue	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(n)$
a binary heap	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
a balanced tree	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
a binomial heap	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
a variant of a relaxed heap	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$

Figure 1: Worst-case time bounds of operations for different priority queue implementations

with the time bounds of the first five implementations of figure 1. We achieve an optimal speed up for the  $ParInsert$  and  $ParDecreasekey$  operation. If  $p = \Theta(\log n)$ , we achieve efficient speedup for the  $ParExtractmin$  operation. Our time bounds for the  $Insert$  and  $Decreasekey$  operations are high when compared with the time bounds of the last implementation of figure 1 and with the amortized time bounds of figure 2. But if  $p = \Theta(\log n)$ , we achieve a very fast time bound for the  $ParExtractmin$  operation. There are two major differences between the implementation given in this paper and the implementation given by Pinotti and Pucci. First, their implementation is for

a CREW PRAM, while our implementation is for an EREW PRAM. Second, our time bounds are at least as good as those of Pinotti and Pucci, and our time bound for the *ParExtractmin* operation is better when  $p = \Theta(\log n)$ . In that case the *ParExtractmin* operation of our implementation runs in  $O(\log \log n)$ , while their *ParExtractmin* operation runs in  $O(\log n)$  time. When comparing the time bounds, we accounted time for distributing the elements among all processors. This time is not included in the time bounds Pinotti and Pucci give in their paper.

The remainder of this paper is divided in 3 sections. Section 2 contains definitions, results and algorithms used throughout the paper. In section 3 we investigate the special properties of balancing a weight-balanced tree. Section 4 contains the implementation of the priority operations. We give two insert algorithms. The first is very easy to understand. The second is more difficult, but minimizes the communication between the processors.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Definitions

#### The computational model

In this paper the computational model used is an EREW PRAM. A PRAM consists of  $p$  processors  $PE_1, \dots, PE_p$ . Every processor has its own local memory. Furthermore, all processors have access to a global memory. Figure 3 shows a PRAM.

At a certain time step some processors are off, and do nothing during that time step and some processors are on. The processors that are on perform all the same operation, possibly on different data.

In an Exclusive Read Exclusive Write PRAM only one processor is allowed to read or write a global memory location at a certain time step.

#### Abstract Data Structures

An abstract data structure is a tuple  $\langle S, OP \rangle$ , where  $S$  is a set of elements and  $OP$  is a set of operations, that can be applied on the set.

Priority queue implementation	<i>Extractmin</i>	<i>Insert</i>	<i>Decreasekey</i>
a fibonacci heap	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
a relaxed heap	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
a skew heap (bottom-up)	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$

Figure 2: Amortized time bounds of operations for different priority queue implementations

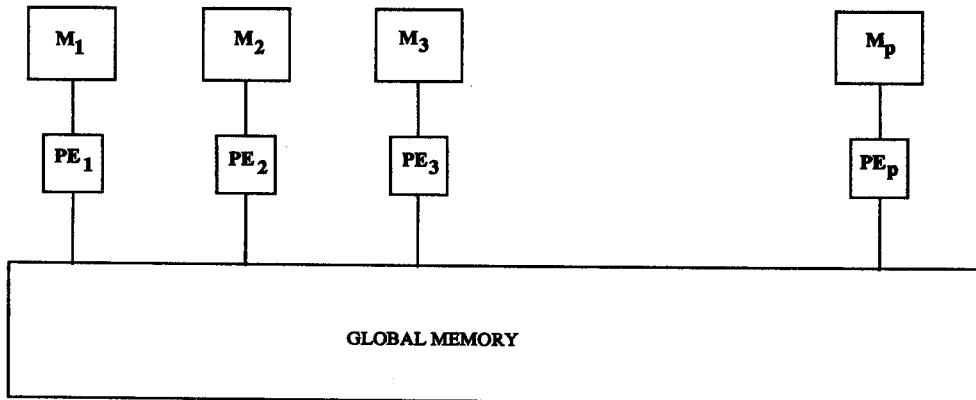


Figure 3: A PRAM

An abstract data structure is **implemented** using data structures (or standard data structures). For instance, the abstract data structure *STACK* can be defined as  $\langle S, OP \rangle$  where  $S$  is the set of stack elements *STACK* and the set  $OP$  contains the operations *CREATE*, *ISEMPTY*, *POP*, *PUSH* and *TOP*. A stack can be implemented using an array, a linked list, a binary tree etc.

#### Parallel access and parallel operation

Let  $DS$  be a data structure. Then different processors in an EREW PRAM can read information stored in  $DS$  as long as processors do not read the same memory location. Also different processors can update information stored in  $DS$ , as long as processors do not write the same memory location.

When different processors perform each an application of the same operation on the same data structure **parallel access** occurs. It is not a priori clear what the result must be when all processors have finished their operation. If the result of the simultaneous actions is not clear, it should be specified explicitly.

To define the result of a parallel operation, sometimes the sequentializing principle is used. Here the effect of simultaneous actions by the processors is as if the actions occurred in some (unspecified) serial order.

In the priority queue we develop in this paper, the sequentializing principle is obeyed when the effect of simultaneous actions on the abstract data structure is considered. The sequentializing principle is not necessarily obeyed when we consider the effect of the simultaneous actions on the weight-balanced tree that implements the priority queue.

#### Access trees

An access tree for  $p$  processors is a complete binary tree  $AT$  with leaves  $l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{2^{\lceil \log p \rceil}}$ . Processor  $PE_i$  is associated with  $l_i$ . Suppose for instance that processors  $PE_{i_1}, PE_{i_2}, \dots, PE_{i_s}$  all want to read the same memory location. By letting the processors walking up and

down in  $AT$  it is possible to decide which processor is going to read the memory location and to inform all processors of its information in  $O(\log p)$  time using  $s$  processors. Access trees are sometimes called partial sums trees, or PS-TREES. See for details [SV82]. It is easy to see that the depth of an access tree is  $O(\log p)$ .

## 2.2 Results

### Walking up in trees

In the algorithms of the next sections, processors walk up from leaves to the root of a binary tree. We use several techniques of walking up a binary tree, because we need different sorts of processor cooperation.

Let  $T$  be a binary tree of depth  $h$ . Suppose  $T$  has root  $r$  and suppose that processor  $PE_i$  is associated with leaf  $l_i$ . Not with every leaf necessarily a processor is associated. Let  $v$  be an internal vertex of  $T$ . Suppose a processor is associated with a leaf in  $T_{left(v)}$  and another processor is associated with a leaf in  $T_{right(v)}$ . When these processors walk up from there associated leaves to  $r$ , they do not have to arrive at the same time at  $v$ . This gives rise to three walking up techniques.

1. The processors walk up in  $T$ . They avoid concurrent reads and writes when they arrive at the same time at a vertex  $v$  in the following way.

Let  $v$  have children  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . When a processor  $PE_i$  is associated with  $v_1$  and at that time no processor is associated with  $v_2$ ,  $PE_i$  associates itself with  $v$ .

When a processor  $PE_i$  is associated with  $v_1$ , and at the same time a processor  $PE_j$  is associated with  $v_2$ ,  $PE_i$  is associated with  $v$  and stores index  $j$  in a broadcast queue. If necessary  $PE_i$  can inform  $PE_j$  later about some information. Processor  $PE_j$  has finished the walking up in  $T$ .

It is possible that a vertex is visited by more than one processor. A difficulty of the technique is to decide when all processors have finished walking up in  $T$ . Notice that every path in  $T$  contains at most  $h$  vertices. So a processor has finished the walking up after it has visited at most  $h$  vertices.

2. In the second walking up technique again processors do not need to arrive at the same time at a vertex. But during the walking up at most one processor is associated with a vertex  $v$ . To achieve this each vertex  $v$  has a mark field  $visited(v)$ . The first processor associated with  $v$  sets  $visited(v)$  to true. When later a processor  $PE_j$  visits  $v$ , it finishes the walking up. If necessary,  $PE_j$  waits at  $v$  to get informed by  $PE_i$  about certain data.

To decide when all processors have finished their walking up, again the fact is used that every tree path contains at most  $h$  vertices.

3. In the third walking up technique processors are forced to arrive at the same time at a vertex  $v$ . Let  $v$  be an internal vertex of  $T$ . Suppose a processor  $PE_i$  is associated with a leaf in  $T_{left(v)}$  and another processor  $PE_j$  is associated with a



leaf in  $T_{right(v)}$ . Suppose that during the walking up  $PE_i$  will once be associated with  $left(v)$  and  $PE_j$  with  $right(v)$ . Then  $PE_i$  or  $PE_j$  will be associated with  $v$  only when  $PE_i$  is associated with  $left(v)$  and  $PE_j$  is associated with  $right(v)$ . The other processor has finished walking up and waits, if necessary, at  $v$  to get informed about certain data.

As soon as a processor is associated with the root of  $T$ , all processors have finished walking up in  $T$ . To achieve this a vertex  $v$  contains two mark fields  $arrived(v)$  and  $information(v)$ . The field  $information(v)$  indicates whether there will ever be a processor associated with  $v$ . The field  $arrived(v)$  is set to true when a processor is associated with  $v$ . The  $information$  fields are set using the first walking up technique. There will be a processor associated with  $v$  only if the fields  $arrived(left(v))$  and  $information(left(v))$  have the same value and the fields  $arrived(right(v))$  and  $information(right(v))$  have the same value. When a processor is associated with  $v$   $arrived(v)$  is set to true.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $T$  be a binary tree of height  $h$ . Suppose that with every leaf in  $T$  a processor is associated. When the processors walk up in  $T$  using any of the walking up techniques described above, every processor visits at most  $h$  vertices.*

### Pointer jumping

Let  $L$  be a linked list of  $cp$  vertices,  $c$  a constant. With every  $c$  (consecutive) vertices in  $L$  a processor is associated. With a processor at most  $c$  vertices are associated. It is possible to determine the rank of every vertex in  $L$  using  $p$  processors in  $O(\log p)$  time. Furthermore, suppose that every vertex  $v$  in  $L$  contains an element  $e_v$ . Then also the minimum element stored in  $L$  or the sum of all elements stored in  $L$  can be computed in time  $O(\log p)$ , using  $p$  processors.

The information is computed using pointer jumping, see for instance [CLR90].

### Memory space management

To avoid concurrent reads and writes memory space is stored in a stack. Processors can ask for memory using the operation *allocate*. They can put memory on the stack using the operation *free*.  $p$  Processors can get a new memory unit or return a memory unit in  $O(\log p)$  time using  $p$  processors, [Vel87]. We will assume that units of memory space, for instance empty vertices, are stored in the stack.

### Distribution and help indices of processors

We will give two results concerning the distribution of processors. We start this section with a result concerning the computing of help indices for processors.

**Result 1** *Let  $PE_1, \dots, PE_p$  be the processors of an EREW PRAM, where every processor knows its index. Consider any sequence of processors  $PE_{i_1}, \dots, PE_{i_k}$  of the EREW PRAM, where  $i_j \in \{1, \dots, k\}$  and  $i_j < i_k$  iff  $j < k$ . Then in  $O(\log p)$  time every processor  $PE_{i_j}$  can compute  $j$ .*

Now the results concerning the distribution of processors.

**Result 2** Let  $T$  be a binary tree of height  $h$  with at least  $p$  leaves. Suppose that in every vertex  $v$  the number of leaves of  $T_v$  is stored.

Then  $p$  processors can be distributed among the  $p$  leftmost leaves in  $O(h)$  time.

**Result 3** Let  $L$  be a linked list with at most  $cp$  vertices,  $c$  a constant.

Suppose that with every vertex in  $L$  a processor is associated. Suppose that every processor is associated with at most  $c$ , not necessarily consecutive, vertices in  $L$ .

It is possible to associate every processor with at most  $c$  consecutive vertices in  $O(\log p)$  time using the  $p$  processors.

### ParRebuild

Let  $L$  be a linked list containing  $cp$  elements,  $c$  a constant. With every  $c$  elements a different processor is associated. During the *ParRebuild* operation a BB[1/3] tree  $T$  is constructed. A BB[1/3] tree is a balanced binary tree. In section 3 we will give a definition of a BB[1/3] tree. The leaves of  $T$  contain the elements of  $L$ . Suppose processor  $PE_i$  is associated with  $v_1, \dots, v_c$ . The algorithm *ParRebuild* consists of the following steps:

1. Every processor is associated with at most  $c$  consecutive vertices. Using Result 3, this can be accomplished in  $O(\log p)$  time.
2. Every processor  $PE_i$  asks  $c$  empty vertices. With  $c - 1$  vertices  $PE_i$  builds sequentially a BB[1/3]-tree  $T_i$ . For details, see [Ove83]. Afterwards it associates itself with the root of  $T_i$ . Notice that  $PE_i$  has one empty vertex more.
3. Now the whole BB[1/3]-tree is built by constructing the tree level after level. To construct a level every processor  $PE_i$  maintains a value  $ind(i)$ . Initially  $ind(i) = i$ . Suppose  $PE_i$  is associated with root  $v_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ . If for  $PE_i$   $ind(i)$  is odd,  $PE_i$  uses its empty vertex to create a parent node for  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$ , if such a vertex  $v_{i+1}$  exists. The processor  $PE_{i+1}$  is associated with this new parent vertex. Now the  $ind$  value of  $PE_{i+1}$  is divided by two and a new level can be constructed. Let  $j$  be an index such that at a certain layer the vertex associated with  $PE_j$  did not get a new parent. Then  $PE_j$  gets a new  $ind$ -value  $\lfloor j/2 \rfloor$ .

It is easy to associate with every vertex on the leftmost path of the newly built BB[1/3]-tree a different processor in  $O(\log p)$  time.

The *ParRebuild* algorithm runs in  $O(\log p)$  time using  $p$  processors.

### ParSearch

Searching  $p$  values  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots \alpha_p$  in a binary search tree of depth  $h$  using  $p$  processors can be done in  $O(h + \log p)$  time, using techniques discussed by Wagner, Paul and Vishkin, [PVW83]. Since sorting  $p$  values on an EREW PRAM with  $p$  processors can be done in  $O(\log p)$  time, [Col88], we will assume that  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \dots \leq \alpha_p$ . Figure 4 gives a detailed description of an algorithm for parallel search in a binary search tree using

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**Input**

Chain  $C = \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_p \rangle$ ,  $\alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \leq \dots \leq \alpha_p$ , and binary search tree of depth  $h$ . Processor  $PE_i$  is associated with  $\alpha_i$ .

**Output**

A set of pointers  $p_i$  and a set of indices  $ind_i$ . Suppose  $C_j^i$  arrives at leaf  $l_i$ . Then  $p_i$  points to  $l_i$  and  $p_k = nil$  for  $i < k \leq j$  and  $ind_k = i$  for  $i \leq k \leq j$ .

Chain  $C_j^i = \langle \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_j \rangle$  is associated with internal node  $w$ . Node  $w$  has search value  $l(w)$ . Processor  $PE_i$  is active and knows  $\alpha_j$  and index  $j$ . All processors  $PE_k$ ,  $i < k \leq j$  are off.

*The  $PE_i$  compares  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$  with  $l(w)$ .*

*if  $l(w) < \alpha_i$  then  $C_j^i$  is sent to  $w$ 's right child.*

*if  $l(w) > \alpha_j$  then  $C_j^i$  is sent to  $w$ 's left child.*

*if  $\alpha_i \leq l(w) \leq \alpha_j$*

*then  $C_j^i$  is divided in two chains  $C_M^i, C_j^{M+1}$ , where  $M = \lceil \frac{i+j}{2} \rceil$ .*

*if  $l(w) > \alpha_M$  then  $C_M^i$  is sent to  $w$ 's left child.*

*if  $l(w) < \alpha_{M+1}$  then  $C_j^{M+1}$  is sent to  $w$ 's right child.*

**Initial**

$C_j^i = C_p^1$  and  $w$  is the root of  $T$ .

Figure 4: Algorithm ParSearch

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these techniques.

Let processor  $PE_k$  be associated with value  $\alpha_k$ . During every step of the search algorithm  $PE_i$  tries to insert subchain  $C_j^i = \langle \alpha_i, \alpha_{i+1}, \dots, \alpha_j \rangle$  in subtree  $T_v$ , where  $v$  is an internal vertex of  $T$ . It is said that subchain  $C_j^i = \langle \alpha_i, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_j \rangle$  is associated with  $v$ ,  $PE_i$  is active and  $PE_k$  is off,  $i < k \leq j$ . Initially  $C_p^1$  is associated with the root of  $T$ . The insertion of a subchain in a subtree is done as follows.

Suppose that  $v$  has search value  $l(v)$ . During the step  $PE_i$  determines whether  $\alpha_i \leq l(v) \leq \alpha_j$ ,  $l(v) < \alpha_i$  or  $l(v) > \alpha_j$ . In the last two cases the whole subchain  $C_j^i$  can be sent to the right- or left child of  $v$ , respectively. Otherwise  $C_j^i$  is divided in two subchains  $C_M^i$  and  $C_j^{M+1}$ , where  $M = \lfloor \frac{i+j}{2} \rfloor$ . One of the two subchains is sent to a child of  $v$ . The vertices visited during a parallel search constitute search paths.

**Definition 2.1** *Let  $T$  be a weight-balanced tree. Suppose a value  $\alpha$  is searched in  $T$  during a parallel search. Suppose subchains containing  $\alpha$  are associated with the vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  in  $T$  during the parallel search. It is said that  $v_1, \dots, v_m$  constitute the search path of  $\alpha$  in  $T$ .*

Notice that the search paths for  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq p$ , need not to be vertex disjoint. Lemma 2.2 states that during any step of the algorithm at most three subchains can be associated with a vertex. To prove lemma 2.2, we first need to prove another lemma. In

the lemma's,  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are subchains. Let  $X$  be a real value then  $X \leq C_i$  means that  $X$  is smaller than or equal to the smallest element in  $C_i$  and  $C_i \leq C_j$  means that every element in  $C_i$  is smaller than or equal to every element in  $C_j$ .

**Lemma 2.1** *Suppose that at a certain step  $i$  the subchains  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are associated with a vertex  $v$  and  $C_1 \leq C_2 \leq C_3$ . Then at step  $i - 1$   $C_2$  was already associated with  $v$  as part of another subchain. During step  $i - 1$  the subchains  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  were sent from  $v$ 's parent to  $v$ .*

**Proof**

The subchains  $C_1$ ,  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are associated with  $v$  at step  $i$ . During stage 1 there was a chain  $C = \langle \dots, C_1, \dots, C_2, \dots, C_3, \dots \rangle$  associated with the root of  $T$ . Notice that the values in the subchains  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  followed the same search path in  $T$  from the root to vertex  $v$ , possibly as part of other subchains. This means that the fact, that  $C$  has been split, is caused by search values  $X$  on the search path with  $X \leq C_1$  or  $C_3 \leq X$ .

Suppose that at a certain time  $C$  is split between chains  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  by a search value  $X$  with  $X \leq C_1$ . Then the subchain  $C' = \langle \dots, C_2, \dots, C_3, \dots \rangle$  is sent to the right child of  $v$ . Later on  $C'$  is splitted between  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  by a label  $Y$  with  $Y \geq C_3$ . Afterwards  $\langle \dots, C_2, \dots \rangle$  goes straight to vertex  $v$ . The subchain  $\langle \dots, C_2, \dots \rangle$  will arrive at  $v$  at an earlier step than the subchain  $\langle \dots, C_3, \dots \rangle$ . Since  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  are associated with  $v$  at step  $i$   $\langle \dots, C_2, \dots \rangle$  is stopped at  $v$  by search value  $l(v)$ . Notice that  $l(v) > C_1$  and  $l(v) < C_3$ . Therefore  $C_1$  and  $C_3$  cannot be stopped at  $v$ . Thus they arrive at step  $i$  at  $v$ .

The cases when  $C$  is split first between  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  by a search value  $X < C_1$  or  $C$  is split first between  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  or  $C_2$  and  $C_3$  by a search value  $Y > C_3$  are proved similarly.

**End Proof**

**Lemma 2.2** *Let  $T$  be a binary search tree of depth  $h$ . During each step of the search algorithm at most three subchains are associated with a vertex in  $T$ .*

**Proof**

Suppose that during the first  $i - 1$  steps,  $i \geq 1$ , of the *ParSearch* algorithm at most two subchains are associated with a vertex in  $T$ . Then the lemma holds for the first  $i - 1$  steps.

The lemma for  $s \geq i$  can be proved easily with induction. The argument used in the induction is the following. Suppose that at a stage  $i + 1$  the subchains  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are associated with a vertex  $v$ . Then  $C_1 < l(v) < C_3$ . To see this, notice that according to lemma 2.1,  $C_2$  was already associated with  $v$  during stage  $i$  as part of a subchain  $C_i^k$ . The subchain  $C_i^k$  has been split by the value  $l(v)$ , thus  $\alpha_k < l(v) < \alpha_l$ . The argument follows now from the fact that  $C_1 < C_i^k < C_3$ .

**End Proof**

**Theorem 2.2** *The algorithm *ParSearch* has a time bound of  $O(h + \log p)$  on a *EREW PRAM*.*

## Proof

The lemmas imply that each step lasts  $O(1)$  time, since during a step only a constant number of subchains is associated with a vertex.

Let  $\alpha_i$  be some key in the initial chain  $C$ . Notice that  $C$  can be halved at most  $\lceil \log p \rceil$  times. So  $\alpha_i$  arrives at a leaf in  $O(h + \log p)$  time.

**End Proof**

## 3 Weight-balanced Trees

### 3.1 Definition of Weight-balanced Trees

To implement the parallel priority queue we will use a special kind of binary search tree, a  $BB[\alpha]$  or weight-balanced tree. Let  $T$  be a binary search tree. Data is stored in the leaves of  $T$  and all leaves are connected in a linked list. In the internal vertices of  $T$  a search value is stored. Every internal vertex  $v$  in  $T$  also contains the pointers *parent*, *left* and *right* to respectively the parent, left- and right child of  $v$ . The root of  $T$  has a parent pointer with value *nil*. Every internal vertex  $v$  has an additional value  $size(v)$  which contains the number of elements stored in  $T_v$ . Throughout this paper  $T_v$  denotes the subtree of  $T$  rooted at  $v$ .

**Definition 3.1** [BM80] *Let  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$  and let  $v$  be an internal vertex in a binary search tree  $T$ . The balance of  $v$ , denoted by  $\beta(v)$ , is defined by*

$$\beta(v) = \frac{size(left(v))}{size(v)}$$

*A vertex  $v$  is called **balanced** if  $\alpha \leq \beta(v) \leq 1 - \alpha$ . Otherwise a vertex  $v$  is **unbalanced**. Tree  $T$  is a  $BB[\alpha]$ -tree iff every internal vertex  $v$  is balanced. Tree  $T$  is a **weight-balanced tree** if there is an  $\alpha \in ]0, 1[$ , such that  $T$  is a  $BB[\alpha]$  tree.*

It is easy to see that the depth of a  $BB[\alpha]$ -tree is bounded by  $O(\log n)$ , [CLR90]. Vertices in a weight-balanced tree can become unbalanced, when an element is inserted or deleted. Notice that only vertices on the search path can become unbalanced. So after a single insert or delete operation  $O(\log n)$  vertices are unbalanced. In this chapter we will only consider the problem of balancing an unbalanced vertex  $v$  with  $\beta(v) < \alpha$ . The case when  $\beta(v) > 1 - \alpha$  is treated symmetrically.

An unbalanced vertex  $v$  can be balanced by a rotation at  $v$  or by rebuilding  $T_u$ , where  $u = v$  or  $u$  is an ancestor of  $v$ . The figures 5 and 6 show two rotations, the single and the double rotation.

Let  $\delta_1$  be a vertex with right child  $\delta_2$  and let  $\delta_2$  have left child  $\delta_3$ . Denote the balance of  $\delta_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , after a rotation by  $\beta'(\delta_i)$ . Then after a single rotation

$$\beta'(\delta_1) = \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + (1 - \beta(\delta_1))\beta(\delta_2)}$$

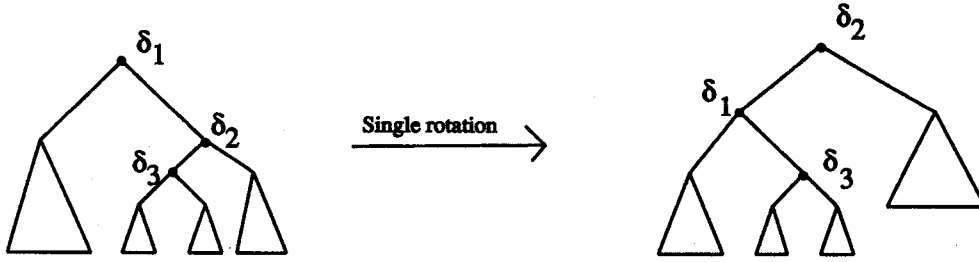


Figure 5: The single rotation

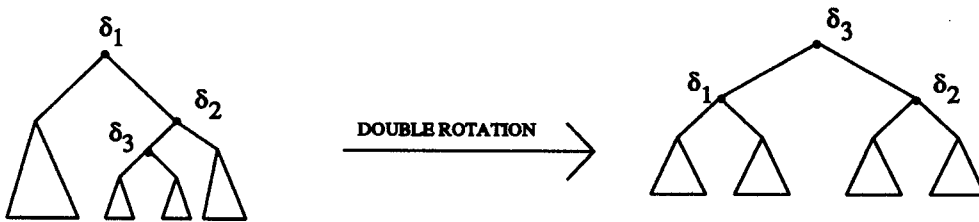


Figure 6: The double rotation

$$\beta'(\delta_2) = \beta(\delta_1) + (1 - \beta(\delta_1))\beta(\delta_2)$$

$$\beta'(\delta_3) = \beta(\delta_3)$$

And, after a double rotation

$$\beta'(\delta_1) = \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + (1 - \beta(\delta_1))\beta(\delta_2)\beta(\delta_3)}$$

$$\beta'(\delta_2) = \frac{\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_3))}{1 - \beta(\delta_2)\beta(\delta_3)}$$

$$\beta'(\delta_3) = \beta(\delta_1) + (1 - \beta(\delta_1))\beta(\delta_2)\beta(\delta_3)$$

For details, see [BM80].

Blum and Melhorn prove the following theorem, [BM80].

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $\alpha \in [\frac{2}{11}, 1 - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}[$  and let  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  be as before. Let  $\beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$  and  $\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_2), \beta(\delta_3) \leq 1 - \alpha$ . Suppose

$$\frac{\text{size}(\text{left}(\delta_1))}{\text{size}(\delta_1) - 1} \geq \alpha$$

i.e.  $T$  is obtained by insertion of a leaf in  $T_{\delta_2}$ , or

$$\frac{\text{size}(\text{left}(\delta_1)) + 1}{\text{size}(\delta_1) + 1} \geq \alpha$$

i.e.  $T$  is obtained by deletion of a leaf from  $T_{left}(\delta_1)$ .

Then if  $\beta(\delta_2) \leq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ ,  $\delta_1$  can be balanced using a single rotation at  $\delta_1$ .

If  $\beta(\delta_2) > \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ , then  $\delta_1$  can be balanced using a double rotation at  $\delta_1$ .

Rebuilding  $T_u$  is done by building a BB[1/3]-tree on the leaves of  $T_u$ . The algorithm *ParRebuild* described in section 2 can be used to rebuild  $T_u$ .

### 3.2 Rotations

In the previous section we stated a result of Blum and Melhorn. Now we will prove some stronger results concerning rotations. Let  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  be as before. In the first theorem we show when  $\delta_1$  can be balanced using one rotation assuming that  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  are balanced.

**Theorem 3.2** Let  $\alpha \in ]2/11, 1 - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}[$ ,  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  as before. Suppose  $\beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$ ,  $\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_2) \leq 1 - \alpha$  and  $\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_3) \leq 1 - \alpha$ . If

$$\beta(\delta_1) \geq \max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\}$$

Then

1.  $\delta_1$  can be balanced using a single rotation if  $\beta(\delta_2) \leq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ . After the single rotation  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  are still balanced.
2.  $\delta_1$  can be balanced using a double rotation if  $\beta(\delta_2) > \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ . After the double rotation  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  are still balanced.

#### Proof

Suppose that  $\beta(\delta_2) \leq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ .

Then after a single rotation at  $\delta_1$

$$\begin{aligned} \beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \alpha(1 - \alpha)} \\ &\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 1 - 3\alpha + \alpha^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned} \beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\ &\geq \frac{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}}{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)} + \frac{1}{2-\alpha}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}\right)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{1 - \frac{\alpha}{2-\alpha}} \\ &\geq \alpha \end{aligned}$$

Also after the single rotation  $\delta_2$  is balanced, since

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_2) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\ &\leq \alpha + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2 - \alpha} \\ &\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 1 - 4\alpha + 2\alpha^2 \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

And

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_2) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\ &\geq \alpha^2 + \alpha(1 - \alpha^2) \\ &\geq \alpha\end{aligned}$$

Now, suppose  $\beta(\delta_2) > \frac{1}{2 - \alpha}$  then for  $\beta'(\delta_1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{2 - \alpha}} \\ &= \frac{2 - \alpha}{3 - 2\alpha} \\ &\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 1 - 4\alpha + 2\alpha^2 \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\ &\geq \frac{\frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{1 + \alpha - \alpha^2}}{\frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{1 + \alpha - \alpha^2} + (1 - \alpha)^2(1 - (\frac{\alpha(1 - \alpha)}{1 + \alpha - \alpha^2}))} \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + (1 - \alpha)} \\ &= \alpha\end{aligned}$$

For the new balance of  $\delta_2$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_2) &= \frac{(1 - \beta(\delta_3))\beta(\delta_2)}{1 - \beta(\delta_2)\beta(\delta_3)} \\ &\leq \frac{(1 - \alpha)^2}{1 - \alpha(1 - \alpha)} \\ &\leq 1 - \alpha\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_2) &= \frac{(1 - \beta(\delta_3))\beta(\delta_2)}{1 - \beta(\delta_2)\beta(\delta_3)} \\ &\geq \frac{\frac{\alpha}{2 - \alpha}}{1 - \frac{1 - \alpha}{2 - \alpha}} \\ &= \alpha\end{aligned}$$



At last, the new balance of  $\delta_3$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_3) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\ &\leq \alpha + (1 - \alpha)^3 \\ &\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 1 - 3\alpha + \alpha^2 \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_3) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\ &\geq \frac{1}{2}\alpha + \frac{\alpha(1 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha)}{2 - \alpha} \\ &= \alpha\end{aligned}$$

**End Proof**

In the next theorem we consider the situation when a rotation takes place at  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  are not necessarily balanced.

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $\alpha \in [\frac{2}{11}, 1 - \frac{1}{19}\sqrt{190}]$ . Let  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  be as before.

Suppose that  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$  and that  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_2) \leq 1 - 0.9\alpha$ .

Then

1. The vertices  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  can be balanced using a single rotation at  $\delta_1$ , if  $\beta(\delta_2) \leq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ .
2. The vertices  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_3$  can be balanced using a double rotation at  $\delta_1$  if  $\beta(\delta_2) > \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$  and  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_3) \leq 1 - 0.9\alpha$ . After the double rotation  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta'(\delta_2) \leq 1 - 0.9\alpha$ .

**Proof**

Suppose that  $\beta(\delta_2) \leq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ .

For the vertex  $\delta_1$ , after a single rotation

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\ &\leq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 0.9\alpha(1 - \alpha)} \\ &\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 0.9 - 2.8\alpha + 0.9\alpha^2 \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}\beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\ &\geq \frac{0.9\alpha}{0.9\alpha + \frac{1-0.9\alpha}{2-\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{1.8\alpha - 0.9\alpha^2}{1 + 0.9\alpha - 0.9\alpha^2} \\ &\geq \alpha, \text{ since } 0.8 - 1.8\alpha + 0.9\alpha^2 \geq 0\end{aligned}$$

for vertex  $\delta_2$ , after the single rotation

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_2) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\
&\leq \alpha + \frac{1 - \alpha}{2 - \alpha} \\
&= \frac{1 + \alpha - \alpha^2}{2 - \alpha} \\
&\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 1 - 4\alpha + 2\alpha^2 \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_2) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\
&\geq 0.9\alpha + 0.9\alpha(1 - 0.9\alpha) \\
&\geq \alpha
\end{aligned}$$

Suppose that  $\beta(\delta_2) > \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$  and that  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_3) \leq 1 - 0.9\alpha$ .  
For vertex  $\delta_1$  after a double rotation at  $\delta_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\
&\leq \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \frac{0.9\alpha}{2-\alpha}(1 - \alpha)} \\
&= \frac{2 - \alpha}{2.9 - 1.9\alpha} \\
&\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 0.9 - 3.8\alpha + 1.9\alpha^2 \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_1) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_1)}{\beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1))} \\
&\geq \frac{0.9\alpha}{0.9\alpha + (1 - 0.9\alpha)^3} \\
&= \frac{0.9\alpha}{1 - 1.8\alpha + 2.43\alpha^2 - 0.729\alpha^3} \\
&\geq \alpha, \text{ since } 0.1 - 1.8\alpha + 2.43\alpha^2 - 0.729\alpha^3 \leq 0
\end{aligned}$$

For vertex  $\delta_2$  after a double rotation at  $\delta_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_2) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_3))}{1 - \beta(\delta_2)\beta(\delta_3)} \\
&\leq \frac{(1 - 0.9\alpha)^2}{1 - 0.9\alpha + 0.81\alpha^2} \\
&\leq 1 - 0.9\alpha, \text{ since } \alpha \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_2) &= \frac{\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_3))}{1 - \beta(\delta_2)\beta(\delta_3)} \\
&\geq \frac{\frac{0.9\alpha}{2-\alpha}}{1 - \frac{1-0.9\alpha}{2-\alpha}} \\
&\geq 0.9\alpha
\end{aligned}$$

For vertex  $\delta_3$  after a double rotation at  $\delta_1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_3) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\
&\leq \alpha + (1 - 0.9\alpha)^2(1 - \alpha) \\
&= 1 - 1.8\alpha + 2.61\alpha^2 - 0.81\alpha^3 \\
&\leq 1 - \alpha, \text{ since } 0.8 - 2.61\alpha + 0.81\alpha^2 \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

and,

$$\begin{aligned}
\beta'(\delta_3) &= \beta(\delta_1) + \beta(\delta_3)\beta(\delta_2)(1 - \beta(\delta_1)) \\
&\geq 0.9\alpha + 0.9\alpha \frac{1}{2-\alpha} (1 - 0.9\alpha) \\
&\geq \alpha, \text{ since } 0.7 - 0.71\alpha \geq 0
\end{aligned}$$

**End Proof**

## 4 Implementation of the Priority Queue

### 4.1 Introduction

In this section we give an implementation for a priority queue for an EREW PRAM. Formally, a priority queue stores a set of  $n$  elements  $e$ , each with a priority  $pr(e)$ . A processor  $PE_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ , can perform one of the following operations on  $PQ$ .

1. *ParExtractmin*( $PQ$ )  
Processor  $PE_i$  deletes an element from  $PQ$ , with a priority as low as possible that no processor  $PE_j$  deletes from  $PQ$ ,  $1 \leq j < i$ .
2. *ParInsert*( $PQ, \langle e, pr(e) \rangle$ )  
Processor  $PE_i$  inserts element  $e$  with priority  $pr(e)$  in  $PQ$ .
3. *ParDecreasekey*( $PQ, \langle q, pr \rangle$ )  
Processor  $PE_i$  decreases the priority of element  $q$  to  $pr$ .

Let  $S$  be a collection of abstract data structures  $DS_1, \dots, DS_n$ . Suppose some processors perform an operation on  $DS_j$ , some processors perform an operation on  $DS_k$ , etc. In order to perform operations on  $DS_j$  the processors that access  $DS_j$  should get a help

index such that  $PE_1, \dots, PE_q$  will perform an operation on  $DS_j$ . To determine the help indices, with every abstract data structure an access tree is associated. Using this access tree  $PE_i$  can compute its help index in  $O(\log p)$  time, see result 1. Before an operation starts, the processors  $PE_1, \dots, PE_q$  need to be distributed among the vertices on the leftmost path. Using an array of pointers with a pointer to every vertex on the leftmost path, this can be accomplished in  $O(\log p)$  time. Let the leftmost path contain  $m$  vertices. Processor  $PE$  with helpindex  $j$  is associated to the vertices on the leftmost path to which the pointers of the array with index  $(j-1)\frac{m}{q} + 1, \dots, j\frac{m}{q}$  point. Notice that the time bound for an operation on a collection of priority queues is determined by the slowest priority queue, i.e. the priority queue that takes most time to perform an operation.

## 4.2 Implementation

To implement a priority queue  $PQ$  suitable for parallel access we use a weight-balanced tree  $T$ . The elements of  $PQ$  are stored in the leaves of  $T$ , from left to right in the order of increasing priority.  $T$  is indexed using the priorities associated with the elements. With every vertex on the leftmost path of  $T$  a processor is associated and a processor is associated with at most  $c$  consecutive vertices on the leftmost path. When inserting elements in  $PQ$  the elements are inserted in  $T$ . Where a new element  $e$  is inserted in  $T$ , depends on its associated priority  $pr(e)$ . So when  $p$  elements  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_p$  with associated priorities  $pr(e_1), \dots, pr(e_p)$  are inserted in  $PQ$ , first a search operation on  $T$  is performed for the values  $pr(e_1), \dots, pr(e_p)$ . We assume that  $p = \Theta(\log n)$ .

## 4.3 ParExtractmin

Let weight-balanced tree  $T$  implement priority queue  $PQ$ . Suppose the processors  $PE_1, \dots, PE_p$  all want to perform  $ParExtractmin(PQ)$ . In this section we describe an algorithm that is performed by every processor  $PE_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ . Figure 7 shows the frame of the algorithm.

During the preprocess step, processor  $PE_1$  determines the vertex  $v$  on the leftmost

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### Preprocess

Delete the elements from  $PQ$  with lowest priority that  $PE_1, \dots, PE_{i-1}$  do not delete from  $PQ$ .

Balance  $T$

Restore

Figure 7: The frame of the algorithm that is executed by  $PE_i$

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path of  $T$ , such that  $size(v) \geq p$  and  $v$  is as low in  $T$  as possible.

Then the processors  $PE_1, \dots, PE_p$  distribute themselves among the  $p$  leftmost leaves of  $T_v$ .

During the delete step the  $p$  leftmost leaves of  $T$  are deleted from the linked list. The

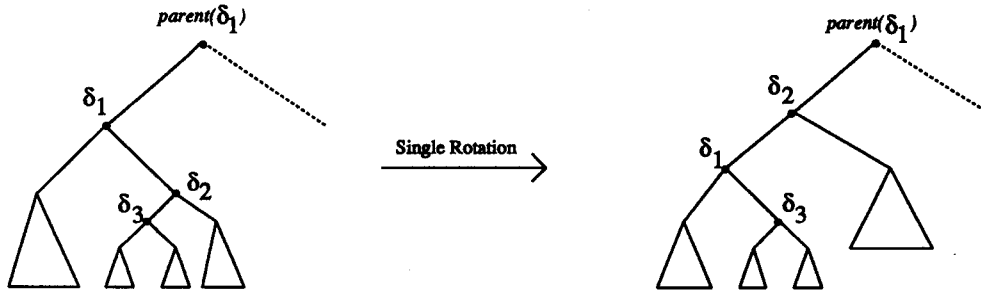


Figure 8: A single left rotation on the leftmost path of  $T$

processors adjust the *size* information in the vertices on the leftmost path of  $T$ . The algorithm finishes with a *restore* step. During the restore step processors are associated again with at most  $c$  adjoining vertices on the leftmost path of  $T$ . The *balance* step of the algorithm is the most complicated step. During the balance step unbalanced vertices are balanced using rotations or by rebuilding subtrees. To decide how a vertex is balanced, first a vertex  $u$  is determined, that satisfies the following properties.

1.  $u = v$  or  $u$  is an ancestor of  $v$ .
2. For every ancestor  $w$  of  $u$ :

$$\beta(w) \geq \max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\}$$

3.  $\beta(u) < \max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\}$

Subtree  $T_u$  will be rebuilt. All unbalanced ancestors of  $u$  are balanced using a rotation. The rotations can be performed in  $O(1)$  time.

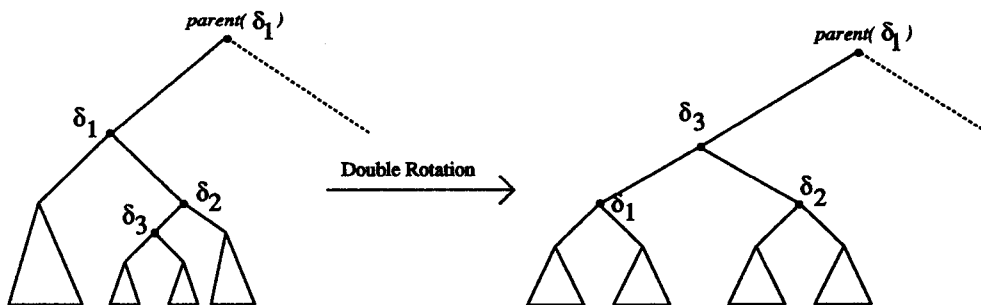


Figure 9: A double left rotation on the leftmost path of  $T$

**Lemma 4.1** *Let tree  $T$  be a  $BB[\alpha]$ -tree. Let  $\delta_1$  be a vertex on the leftmost path of  $T$ . Let  $\delta_1$  have right child  $\delta_2$  and parent  $\text{parent}(\delta_1)$  and let  $\delta_2$  have left child  $\delta_3$ . Suppose that*

$$\max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\} \leq \beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$$

*Then*

1. *When a rotation takes place at  $\delta_1$  only information is used and updated in the vertices  $\delta_1$ ,  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$ .*
2. *If after balancing  $\delta_1$ , vertex  $r$  becomes the parent of  $\delta_1$ ,  $r = \delta_2$  or  $r = \delta_3$ , then  $\text{parent}(\delta_1)$  becomes the new parent of  $r$ . The relation between  $r$  and  $\text{parent}(\delta_1)$  can not be altered by a leftrotation at  $\text{parent}(\delta_1)$ .*

**Proof**

The first fact stated in this theorem can be easily seen from the figures 5 and 6. The second fact can be seen from the figures 8 and 9.

**End Proof**

Notice that the vertices  $\delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  are not on the leftmost path of  $T$ . Therefore all necessary rotations are independent of each other, and we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** *Let  $T$  be a  $BB[\alpha]$ -tree. All vertices on the leftmost path of  $T$  with*

$$\max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\} \leq \beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$$

*can be balanced in  $O(1)$  time, using  $p = \Theta(\log n)$  processors.*

**Proof**

The vertices can be balanced using single or double rotations, see theorem 3.2. All single rotations can take place at the same time and all double rotations can take place at the same time, see theorem 4.1.

Because a rotation can be performed in  $O(1)$  time, the parallel execution of all rotations takes also  $O(1)$  time. We assumed that  $p = \Theta(\log n)$ .

**End Proof**

Rebuilding  $T_u$  can be done in  $O(\log p)$  time.

**Lemma 4.2** *Let  $u$  be as above. Then rebuilding  $T_u$  with  $p$  processors can be done in  $O(\log p)$  time.*

**Proof**

Before deleting the elements from  $T_u$ ,  $\beta(u) \geq \alpha$ . After deleting the elements from  $T_u$ ,  $\beta(u) < \gamma$ , where  $\gamma < \max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\}$ .

Thus before deletion  $T_u$  contained at most  $cp$  elements, where  $c = \frac{1}{\alpha-\gamma}$ . Using the *parRebuild* algorithm of section 2.2, it is easy to see that  $T_u$  can be rebuilt in time  $O(\log p)$ .

**End Proof**

The time complexity is stated in the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.1** *Let  $PQ$  be a priority queue containing  $n$  elements.*

*Then  $p$  processors of an EREW PRAM can perform a ParExtractmin operation on  $PQ$  in  $O(\log p + \log \log p + \frac{\log n}{p})$  time.*

**Proof**

Notice that for  $O(\log p)$  vertices on the leftmost path of  $T$ ,  $size(u) < p$ . So when  $PE_1$  walks up from the leftmost leaf of  $T$  to the root, it finds after  $O(\log p)$  time a vertex  $u$  with  $size(u) \geq p$ . The distribution of the processors among the  $p$  leftmost leaves of  $T_v$  can be done in  $O(\log p)$  time, see result 2. So the preprocess step takes  $O(\log p)$  time. The delete step takes  $O(1)$  time, since with every  $c$  vertices on the leftmost path of  $T$  a different processor is associated.

The balance step takes  $O(\log p)$  time, see corollary 1 and lemma 4.2.

Finally, the restore step takes  $O(\log p)$  time, see result 3.

**End Proof**

## 4.4 ParInsert

### Introduction

In this section we give two insert algorithms that insert  $e_1, \dots, e_p$  with priority  $pr(e_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i < p$ , in  $PQ$  using  $p$  processors in  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time. Since sorting  $p$  values on an EREW PRAM with  $p$  processors takes  $O(\log p)$  time, [Col88], we will assume that  $pr(e_1) \leq pr(e_2) \leq \dots \leq pr(e_p)$ . The first algorithm is a parallelization of the sequential insert algorithm, [BM80], and works according a bottom-up approach. The disadvantage of this algorithm is that there is a lot of communication between processors. The second algorithm minimizes the communication between processors, and works top down.

Both insert algorithms exist of three steps:

1. The places where the elements should be inserted are searched.
2. The elements are inserted.
3. The resulting tree is balanced.

If  $pr(e_1)$  is smaller than the smallest priority of an element stored in  $T$ , then  $e_1$  is first inserted. Therefore we assume that  $pr(e_1)$  is equal to or greater than the smallest priority stored in  $T$ . In both insert algorithms processor  $PE_i$  is associated with element  $e_i$ .

### Algorithm ParInsert1

In the first parallel insert algorithm the three steps of the introduction are described as follows:

1. The places in  $T$ , where the new elements should be inserted, are searched using the ParSearch algorithm on the key value  $pr(e_1), \dots, pr(e_p)$ . During the search the information about the new balances is updated.
2. Every processor  $PE_s$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq p$ , asks one empty vertex  $v_s$ . The empty vertices become the new leaves in  $T$ . The pointer  $right(v_s)$  is set to vertex  $v_{s+1}$  iff  $ind_s = ind_{s+1}$ . Consider subchain  $C_j^i = \langle \alpha_i, \dots, \alpha_j \rangle$  with  $ind_i = \dots = ind_j$ . Suppose  $p_i$  is set to leaf  $l_i$  and  $l_i$  has its pointer  $right$  set to leaf  $l$ . Processor  $PE_j$  stores  $l$ . The right pointer of  $l_i$  is set to  $v_i$ . Thus the elements of  $C_j^i$  are stored in a linked list. Now a BB[1/3]-tree  $T_{C_j^i}$  is built on this list with *ParRebuild*. Then in  $T$ ,  $l_i$  is replaced by  $T_{C_j^i}$  and processor  $PE_i$  is associated with the root of  $T_{C_j^i}$ .
3. Consider  $T$  after the new elements have been inserted. Let  $u_i$  be an internal vertex in  $T$ , such that

$$\beta(u_i) < \max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\}$$

or

$$\beta(u_i) > 1 - \max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\}$$

and for every ancestor  $v_i$  of  $u_i$ ,

$$\max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\} \leq \beta(v_i) \leq 1 - \max\left\{\frac{\alpha}{(1-\alpha)(2-\alpha)}, \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{1+\alpha-\alpha^2}\right\}.$$

$PE_i$  determines such a vertex  $u_i$  on the search path of  $\alpha_i$ , if such a vertex  $u_i$  exists.

- (a) The subtrees  $T_{u_i}$  are rebuilt. The processors used for this rebuilding are the ones associated with the newly inserted elements in  $T_{u_i}$ . Since before insertion  $\beta(u_i) \geq \alpha$  and after insertion  $\beta(u_i) < 0.9\alpha$  there are enough processors to rebuild  $T_{u_i}$  in  $O(\log p)$  time.
- (b) Unbalanced ancestors  $v_i$  of  $u_i$  are balanced using a rotation. No rotation takes place at  $v_i$  until all vertices in its left- and right subtree are balanced. To achieve this the processors walk up along tree paths using the third walking up technique. A single rotation is used if  $\beta(right(v_i)) \leq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$ . Otherwise



$v_i$  is balanced using a double rotation.

Notice that only rotations performed at vertices on the leftmost path, cause an extra vertex to appear on the leftmost path. So with every  $c$  consecutive vertices on the leftmost path a processor can be associated in  $O(\log p)$  time, see result 3.

**Theorem 4.2** *The first parallel insert algorithm as described in this section runs in  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time using  $p$  processors of an EREW PRAM.*

### Proof

The search part takes  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time using  $p$  processors.

The insert part takes  $O(\log p)$  time using  $p$  processors.

The balance part takes  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time using  $p$  processors, since every search path contains  $O(\log n)$  vertices and rebuilding takes  $O(\log p)$  time.

**End Proof**

### Algorithm ParInsert2

Also the second parallel insert algorithm consists of a search part, an insert part and a balance part. The insert part of *ParInsert2* is exactly the same as the insert part of *ParInsert1*. The search and balance part of *ParInsert2* are described below. Except when subtrees are rebuilt no communication occurs between processors.

### Search

During the search part again the places are searched where the new elements are inserted. Furthermore, information is gathered about which processor is going to balance which vertex. Processor  $PE_i$  maintains during the search path a balance queue  $Q_i$ .

Balance queue  $Q_i$  is filled using the following convention.

*Let subchain  $C = \langle k(e_i), \dots, k(e_j) \rangle$  be the first subchain that is associated with a vertex  $v$ . Then  $v$  is put in the queue  $Q_i$  of processor  $PE_i$ .*

To be able to decide whether a subchain is the first subchain visiting a certain vertex a field *associated*( $v$ ) is maintained in  $v$ . Before the search part *associated*( $v$ ) = *false*, for every internal vertex  $v$ .

### Balance

Unbalanced vertices on search paths in  $T$  are balanced top-down. To avoid concurrent reads and writes, internal vertices in  $T$  store an *allowed* field. An internal vertex  $v$  in  $T$  is balanced using a rotation only if *allowed*( $v$ ) = *true*.

An internal vertex  $v$  stores also a field *rebuilt*( $v$ ). The field *rebuilt*( $v$ ) is set to true if there is a vertex  $u$  such that  $T_u$  will be rebuilt and  $u = v$  or  $u$  is an ancestor of  $v$ . During the walking down all necessary rotations are performed. After the walking down subtrees are rebuilt. Initially for every internal vertex  $v$ , *allowed*( $v$ ) = *rebuilt*( $v$ ) = *false*, except for the root  $r$  which has *allowed*( $r$ ) = *true* and *rebuilt*( $r$ ) = *false*.

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Let processor  $PE_i$  have associated balance queue  $Q_i$ .
while  $Q_i$  is not empty
do balance step on vertex  $v_i$ , where  $v_i$  is the first vertex on  $Q_i$ .
    if  $allowed(v_i) = true$  or  $rebuilt(v_i) = true$ 
    then remove  $v_i$  from  $Q_i$  and set  $allowed(v_i)$  and  $rebuilt(v_i)$  to false.
od
Rebuild the subtrees

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Figure 10: The algorithm performed by processor  $PE_i$  during the balance part

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The frame of the balance part is described in figure 10. During each balance step a processor considers the first vertex on its balance queue. A vertex  $v$  is removed from the balance queue after the balance step only if  $allowed(v) = true$  or if  $rebuilt(v) = true$ . The loop is iterated until all balance queues are empty. Again, during the balance step, vertices are balanced using rotations or by rebuilding subtrees. Let  $\delta_1$  be an internal vertex of  $T$  with right child  $\delta_2$ , such that after insertion  $\beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$ . Let  $\delta_2$  have right child  $\delta_3$ . Below we give the conditions, when  $T_{\delta_1}$  must be rebuilt, when a single rotation should take place at  $\delta_1$  and when a double rotation should take place at  $\delta_1$ . We only treat the case when  $\beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$ . The case when  $\beta(\delta_1) > 1 - \alpha$  is treated symmetrically.

1. A single rotation, which is performed when
  - (a)  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$
  - (b)  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_2) \leq \frac{1}{2-\alpha}$
2. A double rotation, which is performed when
  - (a)  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_1) < \alpha$
  - (b)  $\frac{1}{2-\alpha} < \beta(\delta_2) \leq 1 - 0.9\alpha$
  - (c)  $0.9\alpha \leq \beta(\delta_3) \leq 1 - 0.9\alpha$
3. Rebuilding  $T_u$ , where  $u = \delta_1$  or  $u$  is an ancestor of  $\delta_1$ . This happens in all other cases.

The factor 0.9 is rather arbitrary. A factor is needed to assure that the rebuilding of subtrees takes  $O(\log p)$  time. Notice that also theorem 3.3 has a value  $0.9\alpha$  in its conditions.

Suppose that at a certain balance step, vertex  $\delta_1$  is the first vertex on balance queue  $Q_i$  of processor  $PE_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ .

1. If  $allowed(\delta_1) = rebuilt(\delta_1) = false$ , nothing happens in that balance step with  $\delta_1$ . Vertex  $\delta_1$  stays at the front of  $Q_i$ .

2. If  $rebuilt(\delta_1) = true$  then  $rebuilt(\delta_2)$  is set to true. The same happens to the *rebuilt* field in the left child of  $\delta_1$ .
3. If  $allowed(\delta_1) = true$  and  $\delta_1$  is balanced, the *allowed* fields of the children of  $\delta_1$  are set to true.
4. If  $allowed(\delta_1) = true$  and  $\delta_1$  should be balanced using a single rotation, processor  $PE_i$  performs a single rotation at  $\delta_1$ . The *allowed* fields of  $\delta_2$  and the *allowed* fields of the new children of  $\delta_1$  (the children of  $\delta_1$  after the rotation) are set to true.
5. If  $allowed(\delta_1) = true$  and  $\delta_1$  should be balanced using a double rotation, processor  $PE_i$  performs a double rotation at  $\delta_1$ . The *allowed* fields of  $\delta_2$  and of  $\delta_3$  and of the new children of  $\delta_1$  (the children of  $\delta_1$  after the rotation) are set to true.
6. If  $allowed(\delta_1) = true$  and  $T_{\delta_1}$  should be rebuilt,  $rebuilt(\delta_1)$  is set to true. Also the *rebuilt* fields of the children of  $\delta_1$  are set to true.

Suppose that during a balance step vertex  $v$  is considered, and that  $allowed(v) = true$  or  $rebuilt(v) = true$ . Notice then that the *allowed* or *rebuilt* fields of  $v$ 's children are set to true. If a rotation has been performed at  $v$ , also the *allowed* fields of  $v$ 's new children are set to true. This fact will be used later on to prove the time complexity of the algorithm. We need the next lemma to prove that no concurrent reads and writes occur during a balance step.

**Lemma 4.3** *Let  $v$  be a vertex such that during balance step  $i$   $allowed(v)$  is set to true. Then all ancestors of  $v$  are balanced.*

**Proof**

The lemma is proved with induction on  $i$ . With balance step 0 the initialization is meant.

**basis**  $i = 0$ , the lemma is trivially true.

**hypothesis** Suppose the lemma holds for all balance steps before the  $i$ 'th balance step.

**induction**

Let  $v$  be an internal vertex in  $T$  and suppose  $allowed(v)$  is set to true during balance step  $i$ . There are five cases why  $allowed(v)$  is set to true during balance step  $i$ .

1. At the beginning of balance step  $i$ ,  $allowed(parent(v)) = true$  and  $parent(v)$  is a balanced vertex. The *allowed* field of  $parent(v)$  has been set to true at balance step  $i' < i$ .  
Using the hypothesis the lemma holds for this case.
2. During balance step  $i$  a single left rotation is performed at a vertex  $w$  and  $v = right(w)$ ,  $v = left(w)$  or  $v = left(right(w))$ . Using theorem 3.3, notice that  $w$  and  $right(w)$  are balanced vertices after the rotation. The balances of ancestors of  $right(w)$  are balanced since  $allowed(w)$  has been set to true after at balance step  $i' < i$ .

3. During balance step  $i$  a single right rotation is performed at a vertex  $w$  and  $v = \text{left}(w)$ ,  $v = \text{right}(w)$  or  $v = \text{right}(\text{left}(w))$ . Symmetrically to the case above.
4. During balance step  $i$  a double left rotation is performed at a vertex  $w$  and  $v = \text{right}(w)$ ,  $v = \text{left}(w)$ ,  $v = \text{left}(\text{right}(w))$  or  $v = \text{left}(\text{left}(\text{right}(w)))$ . Using theorem 3.3, notice that  $w$  and  $\text{left}(\text{right}(w))$  are balanced vertices after the rotation. The balances of ancestors of  $\text{right}(w)$  are balanced since  $\text{allowed}(w)$  has been set to true after balance step  $i' < i$ .
5. During balance step  $i$  a double right rotation is performed at a vertex  $w$  and  $v = \text{left}(w)$ ,  $v = \text{right}(w)$ ,  $v = \text{right}(\text{left}(w))$  or  $v = \text{right}(\text{right}(\text{left}(w)))$ . Symmetrically to the case above.

**End Proof**

**Theorem 4.3** *No concurrent reads and writes occur during the balance part.*

**Proof**

Suppose  $v$  is a vertex with  $\text{allowed}(v) = \text{true}$  and suppose  $v$  is the first vertex on  $Q_i$ . Furthermore, suppose  $\text{allowed}(v)$  has been set to true at balance step  $j$ .

All ancestors of  $v$  were balanced at that time, lemma 4.3.

At the balance step  $j$ , when processor  $PE_i$  examines  $v$ , still all ancestors of  $v$  are balanced. Therefore no rotation takes place at an ancestor of  $v$  when  $PE_i$  examines  $v$ .

**End Proof**

The balance part finishes when the balance queues for all processors are empty and the subtrees have been rebuilt. We now will analyse after how many balance steps the balance queues are empty.

Let vertex  $\delta_1$  be the first vertex on balance queue  $Q_i$ . When  $\text{allowed}(\delta_1) = \text{true}$  or  $\text{rebuilt}(\delta_1) = \text{true}$ ,  $\delta_1$  will be removed from  $Q_i$  after the balance step. Since  $Q_i$  contains  $O(\log n)$  vertices, after  $O(\log n)$  of such balance steps  $Q_i$  is empty.

Consider the case that  $\text{allowed}(\delta_1) = \text{rebuilt}(\delta_1) = \text{false}$ . Then nothing happens with  $\delta_1$  during that balance step. Processor  $PE_i$  performs a busy wait until  $\text{allowed}(\delta_1) = \text{true}$  or  $\text{rebuilt}(\delta_1) = \text{true}$ .

To bound the number of balance steps of this kind, we associate a help queue  $HQ_i$  with  $Q_i$ .  $HQ_i$  contains all the vertices on the search path of  $PE_i$ . Vertices on the search path, that are in  $Q_i$ , are called marked vertices. Other vertices in  $HQ_i$  are unmarked vertices. For analytic purpose, we pretend that  $PE_i$  performs balance steps on  $HQ_i$  instead of on  $Q_i$ . The balance steps  $PE_i$  performs on  $HQ_i$  are described in figure 11. Instead of performing a busy wait on  $Q_i$ ,  $PE_i$  removes unmarked vertices from  $HQ_i$  until there is a marked vertex  $\delta_1$  at the front of  $HQ_i$ . When this happens  $\text{allowed}(\delta_1) = \text{true}$  or  $\text{rebuilt}(\delta_1) = \text{true}$ , as is proved in the next lemma.

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while  $HQ_i$  is not empty
do Let  $\delta_1$  be the first vertex on  $HQ_i$ .
  if  $\delta_1$  is a marked vertex on  $HQ_i$ 
  then  $PE_i$  treats  $\delta_1$  as in figure 10.
  else Suppose  $\delta_1$  is an unmarked vertex on  $HQ_i$ .
    Then  $PE_i$  removes  $\delta_1$  from  $HQ_i$ .
od

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Figure 11: The balance step on  $HQ_i$

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**Lemma 4.4** *Let  $HQ_i$  be the help queue associated with balance queue  $Q_i$ , as above. Suppose that during a balance step processor  $PE_i$  examines the first vertex  $v$  on  $HQ_i$ , where  $v$  is either marked or unmarked. Then  $allowed(v) = true$  or  $rebuilt(v) = true$ .*

**Proof**

Let  $v$  be the  $j$ 'th vertex on  $HQ_i$  and suppose that  $rebuilt(v) = false$ .

If  $i = 1$ , then the lemma holds trivially.

Let  $i > 1$ . Consider  $T$  before any rotation has taken place. Let  $w = parent(v)$ ; if  $w$  is not the root of  $T$ , let  $u = parent(w)$ , and if  $u$  is not the root of  $T$ , let  $u' = parent(u)$ . Notice that  $HQ_i$  contains  $u', u, w$  and  $v$ , adjoining and in that order, see figure 12.

Suppose  $v$  is considered for the first time in balance step  $i$ . Suppose that at the time that  $w$  was considered  $w$  was still the parent of  $v$ . Then  $allowed(v)$  was set to true, since by treating  $w$  the  $allowed$  fields of all  $w$ 's children are set to true.

Suppose that when  $w$  was considered,  $v$  was not anymore a child of  $w$ . Then this has happened by one of the following cases.

1. A double rotation has been performed at  $u'$  and  $u = right(u')$  and  $w = left(u)$  or  $u = left(u')$  and  $w = right(u)$ .  
 If after the rotation,  $v$  is a child of  $u'$ , then  $allowed(v)$  is set during that balance step.  
 If after the rotation,  $v$  is a child of  $u$ , then  $allowed(v)$  will be set in the next balance step, when  $u$  is treated.
2. A double rotation has been performed at  $u$ .  
 Then  $v$  becomes the new parent of  $u$  and  $allowed(v)$  is set to true.

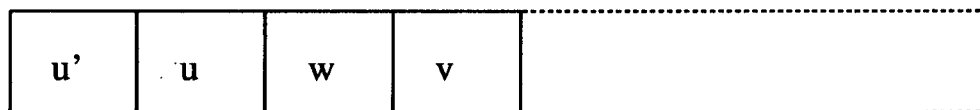


Figure 12: The order of vertices on  $HQ_i$

3. A single rotation has been performed at  $u$ .

Then  $v$  becomes the new child of  $u$  and  $allowed(v)$  is set to true.

**End Proof**

**Theorem 4.4** *After  $O(\log n)$  balance steps the balance queues of all processors are empty. All vertices  $v$  with  $rebuilt(v)=false$  are balanced.*

**Proof**

From help queue  $HQ_i$  associated with balance queue  $Q_i$ , after each balance step a vertex (either marked or unmarked) is removed, see also lemma 4.4. Since  $HQ_i$  contains  $O(\log n)$  marked and unmarked vertices, after  $O(\log n)$  balance steps  $HQ_i$ , and thus  $Q_i$ , are empty.

Use theorem 3.3 to see that all vertices  $v$  with  $rebuilt(v) = false$ , that are removed from a balance queue, are balanced.

**End Proof**

Rebuilding a subtree  $T_v$  is done by all processors that have inserted a new element in  $T_v$ . It is easy to see that enough elements have been inserted in  $T_v$  to rebuild  $T_v$  in  $O(\log p)$  time. Notice that just before rebuilding,  $v$  has a balance less than  $0.9\alpha$ . Before insertion,  $v$  had a balance greater than or equal to  $\alpha$ .

Let  $T'_v$  be the subtree before rotations have been performed at  $T$ . Let  $\delta_1, \delta_2$  and  $\delta_3$  be as before. Suppose  $v = \delta_2$ . If  $T'(v) = T(v)$ , enough new elements have been inserted in  $T(v)$ , since  $\beta(v) < 0.9\alpha$ . There are three reasons why  $T(v)$  and  $T'(v)$  can differ. Only the last case is of interest, since only then  $T(v)$  will be rebuilt.

1. Suppose a single rotation has been performed at  $\delta_1$ . By theorem 3.3, in that case  $v$  is a balanced vertex.
2. Suppose a double rotation has been performed at  $parent(\delta_1)$ . By theorem 3.3, in that case  $v$  is a balanced vertex.
3. Suppose a double rotation has been performed at  $\delta_1$ . In the next theorem it is proved that then enough elements have been inserted in  $T_v$  to rebuild  $T_v$  in  $O(\log p)$  time.

**Theorem 4.5** *Suppose  $T_v$  must be rebuilt. Suppose  $T_v$  is rebuilt using the processors that have inserted an element in  $T_v$ . Then enough processors have inserted an element in  $T_v$  to rebuild  $T_v$  in  $O(\log p)$  time.*

**Proof**

Let  $T'_v$  be as before. If  $T'_v = T_v$  the theorem is trivial.

If  $T'_v \neq T_v$ , theorem 3.3 tells us that  $v$  in  $T'_v$  has a balance less than  $0.9\alpha$ . Thus in that

case the theorem is also trivial.

**End Proof**

Notice that only rotations performed at vertices on the leftmost path, cause an extra vertex to appear on the leftmost path. So with every  $c$  consecutive vertices on the leftmost path a processor can be associated on  $O(\log p)$  time, see result 3.

The time complexity of the second insert algorithm is stated in the following theorem.

**Theorem 4.6** *The second parallel insert algorithm as described in this section runs in  $O(\log n + \log p)$  using  $p$  processors.*

**Proof**

The search part takes again  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time using  $p$  processors.

The insert part takes  $O(\log p)$  time.

Since every vertex on a balance queue is processed for  $O(1)$  time theorem 4.4 implies that the balance part takes  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time.

**End Proof**

**Theorem 4.7** *Let  $PQ$  be a priority queue containing  $n$  elements.*

*Then  $p$  processors of an EREW PRAM can perform a ParInsert operation on  $PQ$  in  $O(\log n)$  time.*

bf Proof

Use the first or second parallel insert algorithm.

bf End Proof

## 4.5 ParDecreasekey

Input to the *ParDecreasekey* algorithm is the weight-balanced tree  $T$  and the tuples  $\langle q_1, pr_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle q_p, pr_p \rangle$ , where  $q_i$  is a pointer to leaf  $l_i$  in  $T$  and  $pr_i$  is a key value,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ . The element  $e_i$  in  $l_i$  will get new key value  $pr_i$ .

It is easy to perform *ParDecreasekey* in  $O(\log n + \log p)$  time using  $p$  processors by first deleting the leaves  $l_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ , using the ParDelete algorithm described below and then to insert the elements  $e_i$  with new key value  $k_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ , using a parallel insert algorithm.

### 4.5.1 ParDelete

Input to the *ParDelete* algorithm are the pointers  $q_1, \dots, q_p$ , and weight-balanced tree  $T$ . Processor  $PE_i$  will delete the element in the leaf to which  $q_i$  points,  $1 \leq i \leq p$ . The *ParDelete* algorithm consists of two steps.

### 1. The Delete Part

Let pointer  $q_i$  point to  $l_i$ . Then processor  $PE_i$  must delete  $l_i$  and every ancestor  $a_i$  of  $l_i$  that has at most one son, after deleting all elements in  $T_{a_i}$ . To delete these vertices on the tree path  $TP$  from  $l_i$  to the root of  $T$ ,  $PE_i$  walks up along  $TP$  using the third walking up technique.

During the walking up  $PE_i$  maintains the pointer  $q'_i$ . Suppose that at a certain moment  $PE_i$  is associated with a vertex  $v$ . Then if  $q'_i$  has value nil, all elements in  $T_v$  are deleted. If  $q'_i$  points to a vertex  $w$ , all elements in  $T_v$  that are not deleted are stored in  $T_w$ . The vertices on  $TP$  with one child are deleted by replacing such a vertex with its only child. Vertices on  $TP$  that have no children are deleted. During the delete part the balance information in vertices is updated.

### 2. The Balance Part

The balance part of the *ParDelete* algorithm is analogous to the balance part of the algorithm *ParInsert1*.

**Theorem 4.8** *The ParDelete algorithm runs in  $O(\log n)$  time.*

#### Proof

By the above discussion.

#### End Proof

Using the *ParDelete* algorithm as described above, the time complexity of the *ParDecreasekey* algorithm can be bounded by  $O(\log n + \log p)$ .

**Theorem 4.9** *Let  $PQ$  be a priority queue containing  $n$  elements.*

*Then  $p$  processors of an EREW PRAM can perform a ParDecreasekey operation on  $PQ$  in  $O(\log n)$  time.*

#### Proof

Clear by the above discussion.

#### End Proof

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