EECS 4101-5101 Advanced Data Structures



Topic 6: Randomized Data Structures (Treaps)

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Picture is from the cover of the textbook CLRS.



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- The height of a treap is **expected** to be $O(\log n)$.
 - Search, insert, and delete take $O(\log n)$ expected time in treaps.
 - Treaps are very simple to implement, little overhead less than AVL trees

