

# **Advanced Algorithms – COMS31900**

Lowest Common Ancestor

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(with a bit on on Range Minimum Queries)

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the output to a query  $\mathsf{LCA}(i,j)$  is the lowest common ancestor of nodes i and j

• Ideally, we would like O(n) space, O(n) prep. time and O(1) query time









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## (node) $N \ 0 \ 1 \ 5 \ 9 \ 5 \ 10 \ 5 \ 1 \ 6 \ 1$ (depth) $D \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2 \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 2 \ 1$



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tour of  $S_k$ 

# Solving LCA using RMQ - correctness

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tour of  $S_1$ 



tour of  $S_2$ 

tour of  $S_3$ 




















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Can we do better?









#### Notice anything interesting about D?





 $D[i+1] = D[i] \pm 1$ 

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# $\pm 1$ Range minimum query

Preprocess an integer array A (length n) to answer range minimum queries. . . where for all k, we have  $A[k+1] = A[k] \pm 1$ 



After preprocessing, a range minimum query is given by  $\mathsf{RMQ}(i, j)$ 

the output is the location of the smallest element in A[i, j] *(in a tie, report the leftmost)* 

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e.g. RMQ(3,7) = 5, which is the location of the smallest element in A[3,7]

- Can we exploit this  $\pm 1$  property to get a more efficient RMQ data structure?
- Ideally we would like O(n) space, O(n) prep. time and O(1) query time

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#### Low-resolution RMQ (again)



Preprocess each array  $L_i$  (which has length  $(\log n)/2$ ) to answer RMQs...

in  $O(\log n \log \log n)$  space/prep time

as there are  $O(n/\log n)$   $L_i$  arrays, we have  $O(n\log\log n)$  total space/prep time

How do we answer a query in A in O(1) time?

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# RMQ on the L arrays in linear space

 $\tilde{n} = \frac{2n}{\log n}$ 

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Key Idea replace A with a smaller, 'low resolution' array H



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# Optimal $\pm 1$ RMQ



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build a complete table of answers

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How does this affect our LCA solution?











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What about the general Range Minimum Query problem? (when the inputs aren't  $\pm 1$ )







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