

1 Finger theorem for Splay Trees (THM 3)

Assume the keys in the tree are $x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$. The m accesses are to keys of rank i_1, i_2, \dots, i_m .

Static Finger Theorem: For an fixed item x_f the total access time is $O(n \log n + m + \sum_{j=1}^m \log(|i_j - f| + 1))$.

Note: if most access are close to any given rank, than fast.