# Using ACL2 for Tree-Based Set Operations Sets as Trees without Duplicates

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## Sets as Trees

Previously, we defined a set as a list without duplicates. Access and update was linear. We now consider tree-based set operations that can provide improved performance.

```
(defun bstp (x)
  "Syntactic Tree Set Recognizer."
  (declare (xargs :guard t))
  (if (atom x)
       (null x)
       (let ((sbt (cdr x)))
        (if (atom sbt)
            (null sbt)
               (and (bstp (car sbt))
                    (bstp (cdr sbt)))))))
```

But, is this enough? What about the order? And, what kind of order should we have? Draw some example sets that will satisfy this syntax recognizer.

#### Ordered Sets as Trees

```
We need a way to specify tree order.
  (defun << (x y)
  "General less-than function."
    (declare (xargs :guard t))
    (and (lexorder x y)
         (not (equal x y))))
(defun bst-ordp (x)
  "Recognizer for ordered, tree-based sets."
  (declare (xargs :guard (bstp x)))
  (if (atom x)
      т
    (let ((obj (car x))
          (sbt (cdr x)))
      (if (atom sbt)
          т
        (let ((lt (car sbt))
              (rt (cdr sbt)))
          (and (bst-ordp lt)
               (bst-ordp rt)
               ;; Confirm that LT and RT "surround" OBJ
               (tr<<e lt obj)
               (e<<tr obj rt))))))
```

Define recognizers tree<<e and e<<tr. Or, define your own tree-set recognizer.

#### Converter to List-Based Sets

As a sanity check, can we write a converter that takes a tree-based set and produces a list-based set?

```
(defun bst-to-lst (x)
 "Converter of tree-based set to list-based set?"
 (declare (xargs :guard (and (bstp x)
                               (bst-ordp x)))
 (if (atom x)
     nil
    (let ((obj (car x))
          (sbt (cdr x)))
      (if (atom sbt)
          (list obj)
        (append (bst-to-lst (car sbt))
                (cons obj
                      (bst-to-lst (cdr sbt))))))))
```

#### Tree-Based Set Membership

To see a typical recursion, we define our membership test.

```
(defun bst-mbr (e x)
"Is E a member of BST X?"
  (declare (xargs :guard (and (bstp x)
                               (bst-ordp x))))
  (if (atom x)
      NIL
    (let ((obj (car x))
          (sbt (cdr x)))
      (if (equal e obj)
          т
        (if (atom sbt)
            NTI.
          (let ((lt (car sbt))
                (rt (cdr sbt)))
            (if (<< e obj)
                ;; Search left or right...
                (bst-mbr e lt)
              (bst-mbr e rt))))))))
```

## Tree-Based Set Insertion

Given that our bstp recognizer requires any extension to be ordered requires that we find a proper insertion place.

```
(defun bst-insrt (e x)
  ;; Insert element in BST tree.
  (declare (xargs :guard (and (bstp x) (bst-ordp x))))
 (if (atom x)
      ;; Create new node in BST tree.
      (list* e nil nil)
   (let ((obj (car x))
          (sbt (cdr x)))
      (if (atom sbt)
      ;; Insert element in BST tree.
        (let ((lt (car sbt))
              (rt (cdr sbt)))
          (if (equal e obj)
          ;; If element already in BST tree.
            ;; Continue search in BST tree.
            (if (<< e obi)
```

## Does Insertion Create a Good Set? Is E a Member After Insertion?

Does insertion leave us with a good set? An ordered set?

After inserting E into set X, will we find it? Will A still be a member?

Can you prove these lemmas?

#### Tree-Based Set Element Deletion

Can we remove an element from our set leaving it ordered?

```
(defun bst-del (e x)
 "BST delete, if element E present, delete it from tree X."
  (declare (xargs :guard (and (bstp x)
                               (bst-ordp x))))
 (if (atom x)
     nil
    (let* ((obj (car x))
           (sbt (cdr x))
           (lt (car sbt))
           (rt (cdr sbt)))
      (if (equal e obj)
          ;; Remove OBJ
          (if (atom sbt)
              nil
            :: We have inferior nodes...
            ;; Finish defining this function.
```

## Tree-Based Set Element Deletion, Properties

```
Do we have to delete all E items?
```

Can we establish the following?

```
(defthm bstp-bst-del
 (implies (bstp x)
                           (bstp (bst-del e x))))
```

Does the deletion operation leave the set X ordered?

The first property is syntactic. The second property concerns the resulting element order.

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## Tree-Based Set Element Deletion, Properties

Will E remain a member after deleting item A?

Is deletion idempotent?

Were we careful enough in our specification of a well-formed tree?

Are there other properties that are missing? If so, what are they?

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