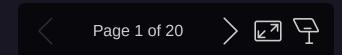
Parallel Joinable B-Tree in Fork-Join I/O Model

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B-Way-join on five keys and six B-trees. $h(T_2) = h(T_5) = h^* = \max_i h(T_i), B = 6.$

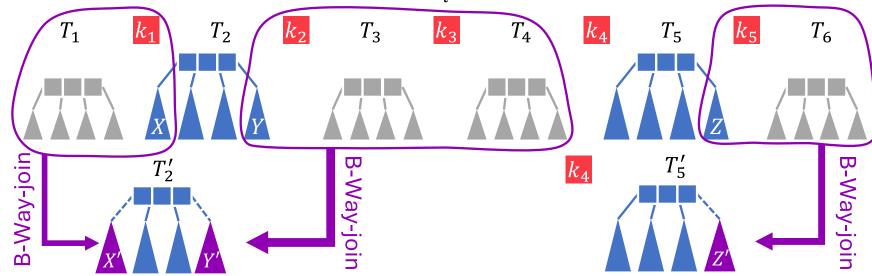
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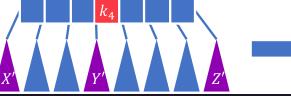
Recursively call Multi-join. Replace the left/right-most child of the tall trees



The purple trees have height $h^* - 1$ or height h^* (with one key at root). Note that T_2' and T_5' may not be strictly balanced at this point (X', Y') and Z' may be 1 level taller than other subtrees).

Step 3

Directly concatenate all (new) tall trees to the resulting tree & rebalance, based on Lemma 1



Resulting in a valid B-tree T with height h^* or $h^* + 1$; if T has height $h^* + 1$, then the root has at most |C| keys, where $C \subseteq \{X', Y', Z'\}$ contains all trees with height h^* .

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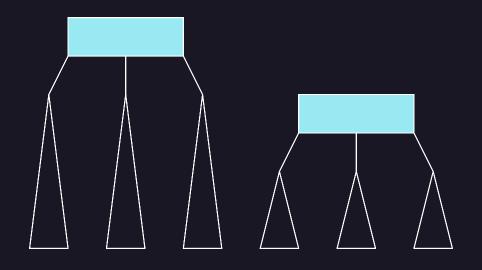
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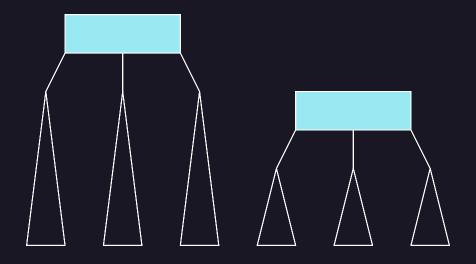
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B-way Join Improved

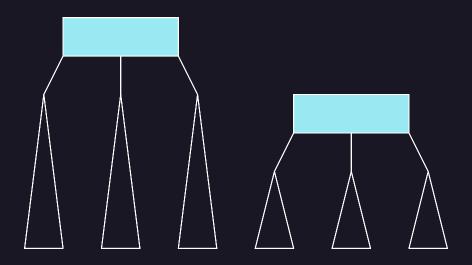
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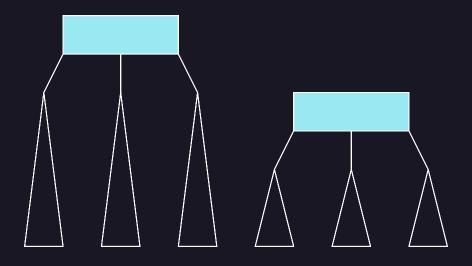
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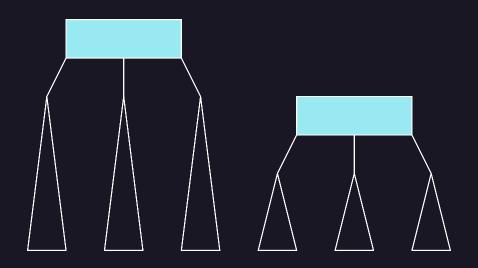
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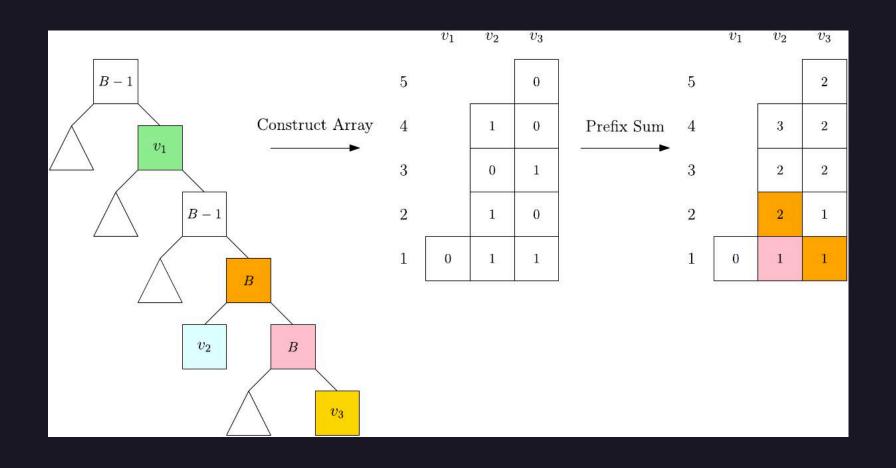
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Theorem 2

We can join T_1,\ldots,T_d B-trees and k_1,\ldots,k_d keys together in parallel with $O(\log_B d \cdot \log_2 \log_B n + \log_B n)$ I/O span and $O(d\log_B n)$ I/O work, where n is $\sum_{i=1}^d |T_i|$, in the Fork-Join I/O model.

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Theorem 4

Given two B-trees with sizes m and $n \geq m$, there exists a parallel algorithm that returns a new B-tree containing the union, intersection, and set difference of the two input trees in and $O\left(m\log_B\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)\right)$ I/O work, $O(\log_B m \cdot \log_2\log_B n + \log_B n)$ I/O span, where B is the block size.

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