

# Binary Search Trees (BST)

Binary tree: Every child is either a left or a right child.

Every node has at most 2 children.

General ADT: Ordered Dictionary  $\begin{matrix} \text{key} \\ \text{value} \end{matrix}$

Dictionary in which the key has a total ORDER.

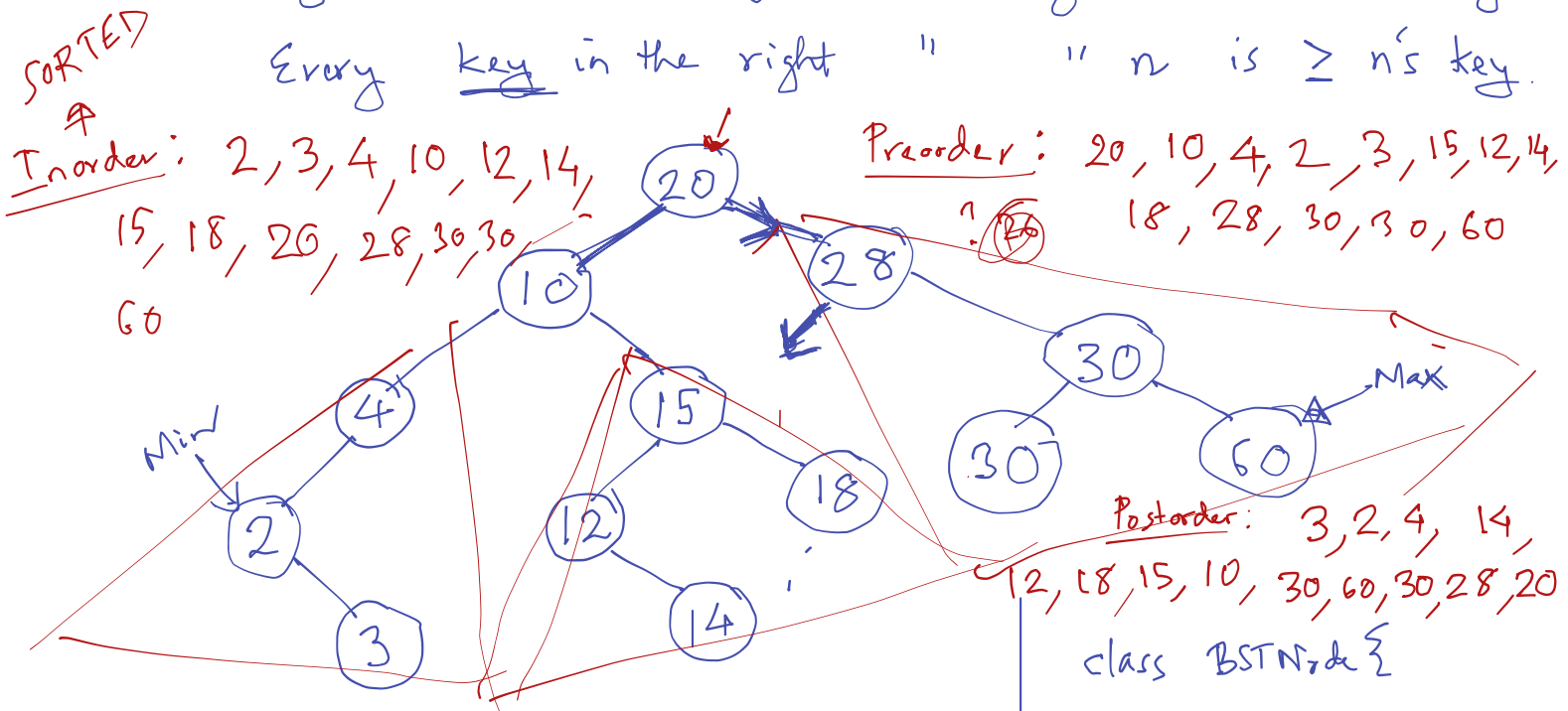
Main operations: Insert, Remove, Find

Goal: Quickly find an entry. (3)

BST \* Easy to locate the Node with MIN as well as MAX key.

\* Inexact match.

BST Invariant: For any node  $n$ , every key in the left subtree of  $n$  is  $\leq n$ 's key. Every key in the right " "  $n$  is  $\geq n$ 's key.



BST traversals:

Preorder:  $\langle \text{root} \rangle - L - R$

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class BSTNode {
    Key k;
    Value v;
    BSTNode* left;
    BSTNode* right;
}
```

BSTNode :: preorder() {

visit();

if (left != nullptr)

left → preorder();

if (right != nullptr)

right → preorder();

}

BSTNode \* right;

}

Post order : L - R - <Root>

BSTNode :: postorder() {

if (left != nullptr)

left → preorder();

if (right != nullptr)

right → preorder();

visit();

}

Inorder : L - <Root> - R

BSTNode :: inorder() {

if (left != nullptr)

left → preorder();

visit();

if (right != nullptr)

right → preorder();

}

Inorder traversal of  
a BST visits nodes  
in SORTED ORDER.

①

Node\*

find (Key k)

Exact

Inexact

Find, Insert, Remove

Return NULL  
when not  
found

↳ Follow the BST invariant.

## Inexact match :

Find the smallest key  $\geq k$   
OR " " largest key  $\leq k$



When searching in the tree for a key  $k$  that is NOT in the tree, we encounter BOTH

- (i) the smallest key  $\geq k$  AND
- (ii) the largest key  $\leq k$ .

Last time the search went to the right

(Before giving up on the search)

- ② Node \* Min()  $\rightarrow$  Min key  $\rightarrow$  Repeatedly go to the left child until hitting the nullptr
- Node \* Max()  $\rightarrow$  Max key.
- $\downarrow$  Right most node before hitting the nullptr.

- ③ Node \* insert (Key  $k$ , Value  $v$ )
- Follow the same path through the tree as find() follows.

Exact match  
 $\uparrow$

When the search reaches NULL, replace NULL with the pointer to the new node constructed with  $(k, v)$ .

- (Duplicate) Put the new node in the left-subtree of the old node (with the same key)

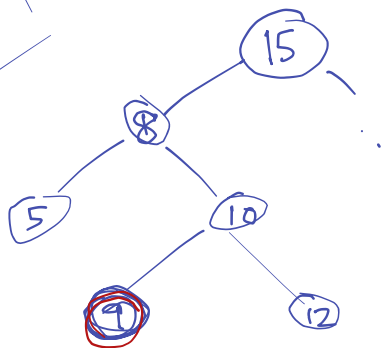
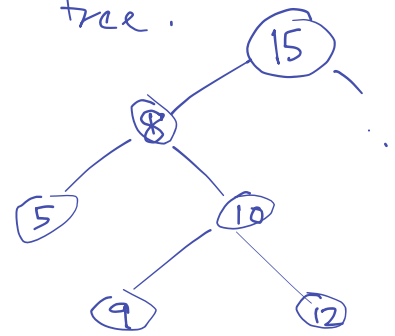
- ④ Node \* remove (key  $k$ )

Find a node  $n$  with key  $k$ .

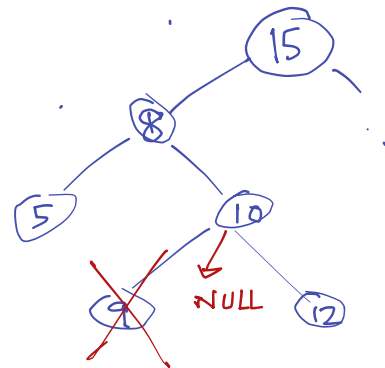
Return NULL if  $k$  is not in the tree.

Cases:

(i)  $n$  has NO children.  
Detach<sup>it</sup> from the parent.

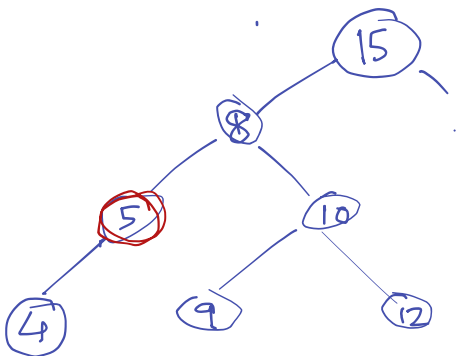


remove(9)

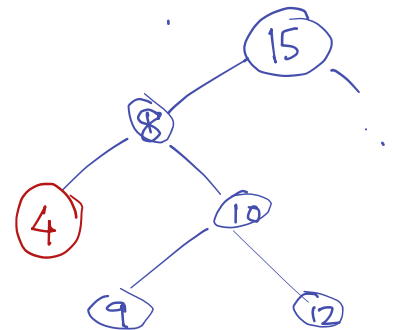


(ii)  $n$  has ONLY 1 child:

Move  $n$ 's child up to take  $n$ 's place.



remove(5)



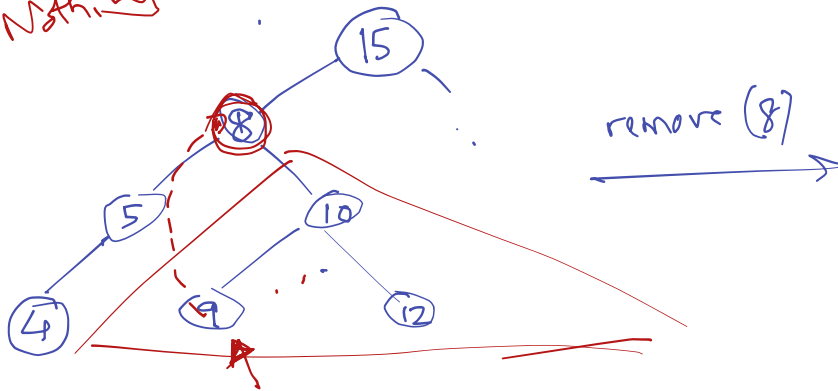
(iii)  $n$  has 2 children.

\* Let  $n_2$  be a node in  $n$ 's right subtree with the smallest key.

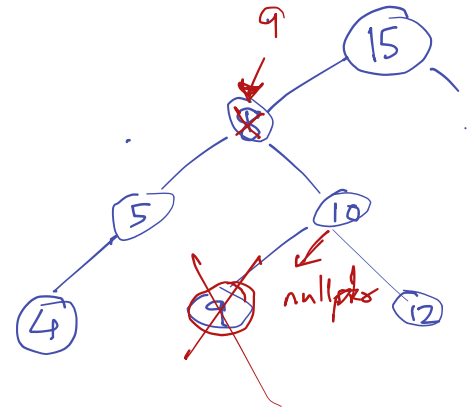
\* Remove  $n_2$  ( $n_2$  has no left child  
↳ therefore easy to remove)

\* Replace n's key with n2's key.

$8 < 9$   
Nothing in between

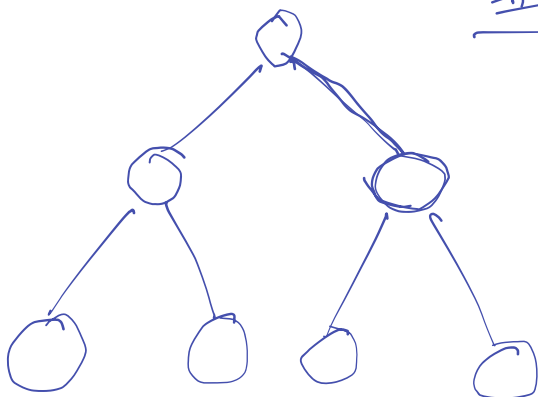
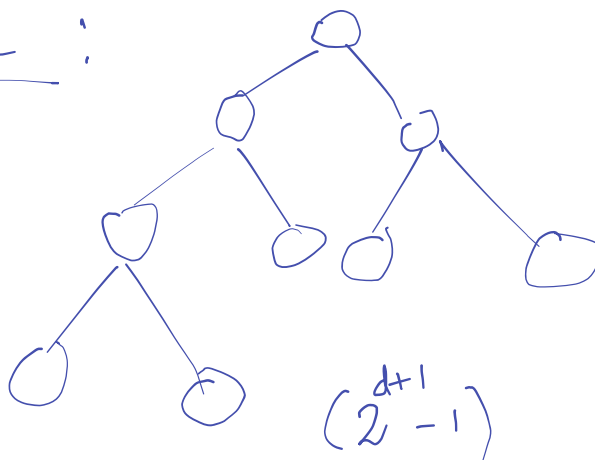


remove (8)



Running time :

Perfectly  
Balanced BST



$$\frac{\# \text{Nodes}}{(2^{d+1} - 1)}$$

# depth (d)

1

0

3

1

7

2

# nodes =  $(2^{d+1} - 1)$  for a perfectly  
balanced BST

No node has depth  $> (\log_2 n)$

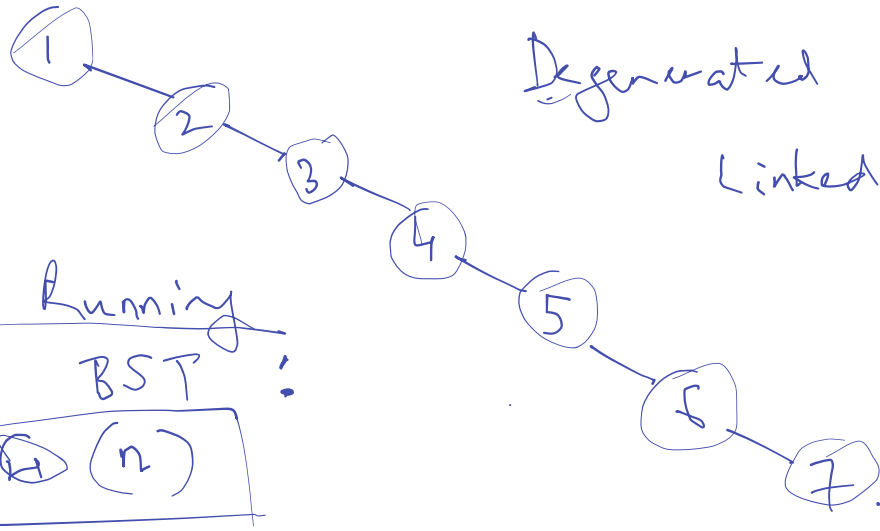
Running time : Insert, find, remove, min, max

Proportional to the depth of the deepest node visited.

$$\boxed{\Theta(\log_2 n)}$$

← Perfectly balanced BST.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...



Degenerated case:  
Linked list.

Worst case Running time for BST:

$$\boxed{\Theta(n)}$$

BST: AVL trees, Red-black trees, Splay trees.

Splay tree

X Late token

Add 1 h/w

↳ 1 day.

Best 6 of 7

Max: 2 days

W ~~at~~ 12pm EDT → h/w, Lab.