

## 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 ↴ ↴  
key  
value

Dictionary in which the key has a total ORDER.

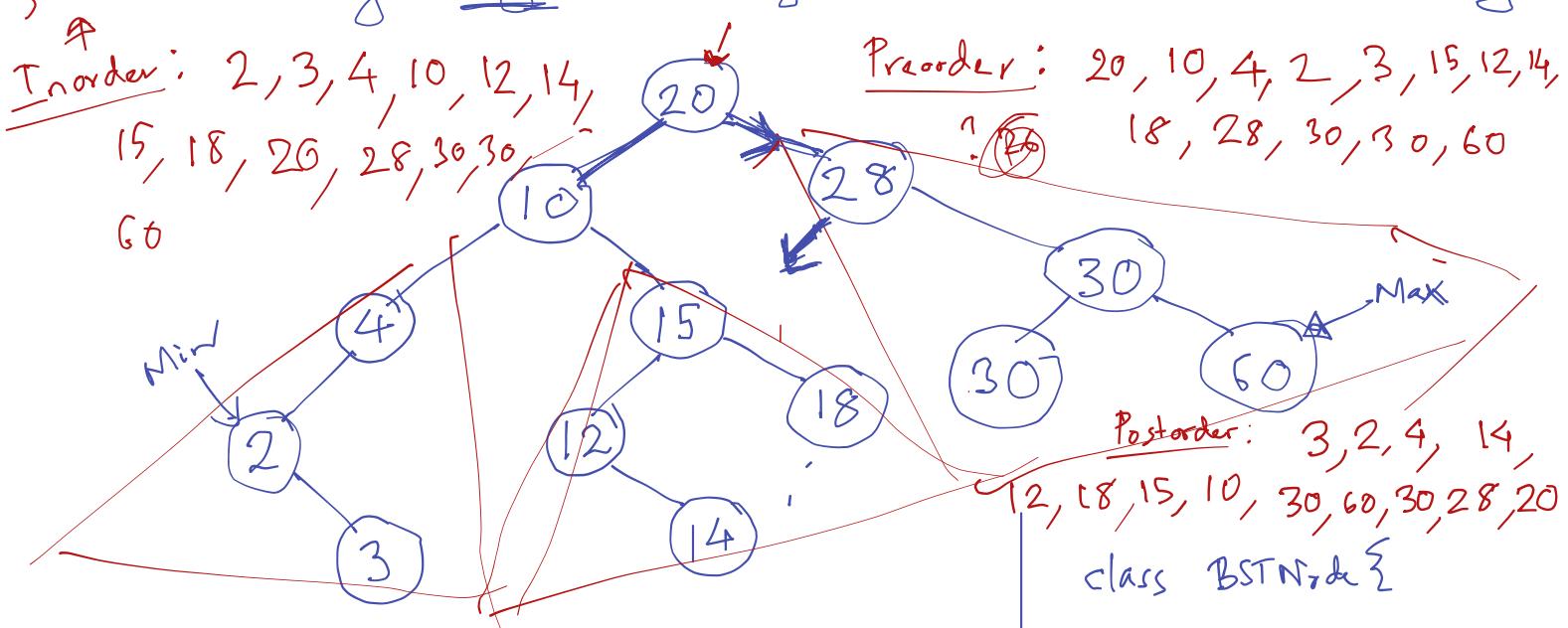
Main operations: Insert, Remove, Find

Goal: Quickly find an entry. ③

BST \* Easy to well locate the Node with MIN 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: <root> - L - R

Key k;  
Value v;

BSTNode\* left;

BSTNode :: preorder() {

    visit();

    if (left != nullptr)

        left  $\rightarrow$  preorder();

    if (right != nullptr)

        right  $\rightarrow$  preorder();

}

BSTNode \* right;

}

L - R - <Root>

Postorder :

BSTNode :: postorder() {

    if (left != nullptr)

        left  $\rightarrow$  postorder();

    if (right != nullptr)

        right  $\rightarrow$  postorder();

    visit();

}

Inorder : L - <Root> - R

BSTNode :: inorder() {

    if (left != nullptr)

        left  $\rightarrow$  inorder();

    visit();

    if (right != nullptr)

        right  $\rightarrow$  inorder();

}

Inorder traversal of  
a BT visits nodes  
in SORTED ORDER.

①

Node\* find (key k)

Exact  
Insert

Find, Insert, Remove

Return NULL  
when not  
found

Follow the BST invariant.

## Inexact match :

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

$$k_1 \leq k \leq k_2$$

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 left

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.

$\rightarrow$  Right most node before hitting the nullptr.

③ Node\* insert (Key k, Value v)  $\rightarrow$  Exact match

Follow the same path through the tree as find() follows.

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)

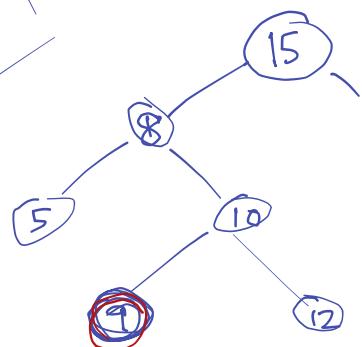
Find a node  $n$  with key  $k$ .

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

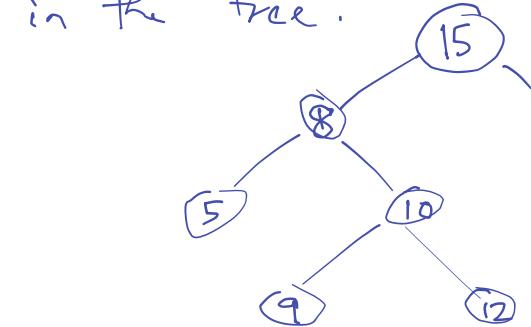
Cases:

(i)  $n$  has NO children,

Detach it from the parent.

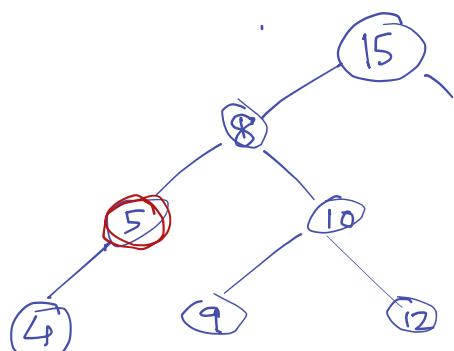


remove (9)

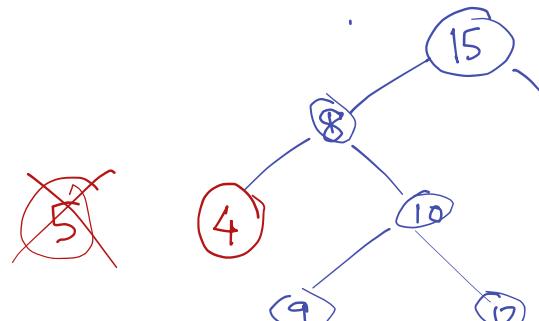


(ii)  $n$  has ONLY 1 child:

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



remove (5)

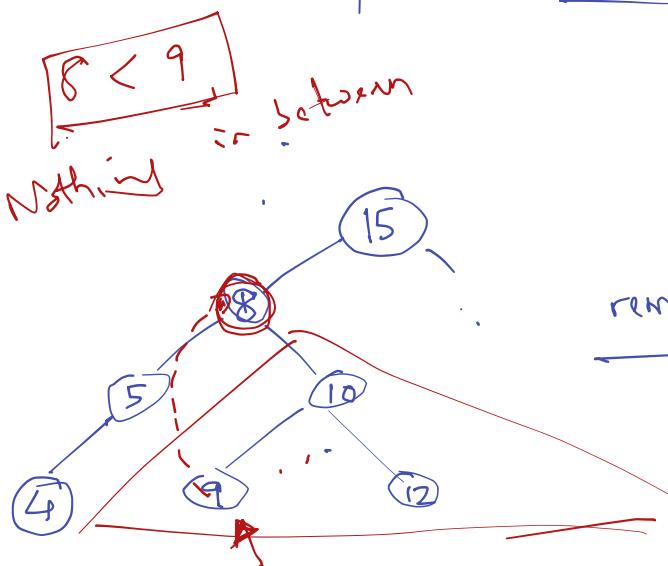


(iii)  $n$  has 2 children.

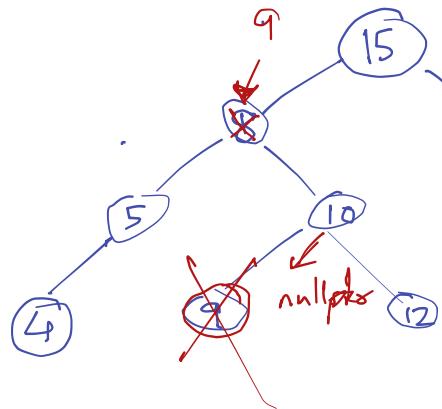
\* Let  $n_2$  be a node in  $n$ 's right subtree with the smallest key.

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

\* Replace  $n$ 's key with  $n_2$ 's key.

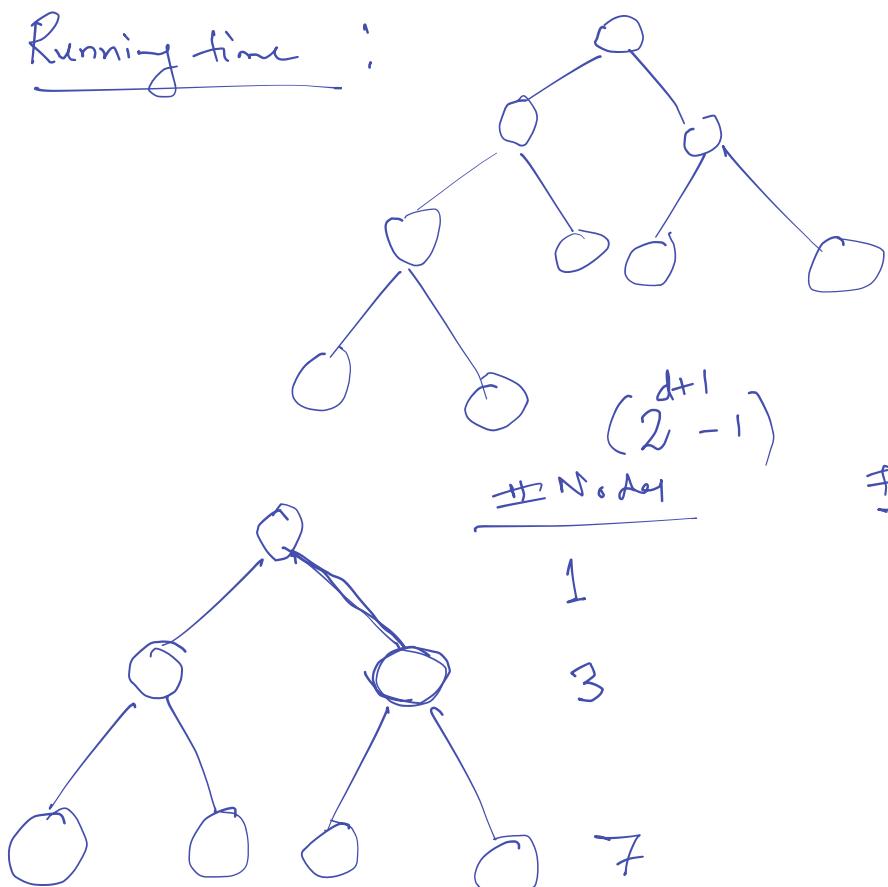


remove (8)



Running time :

Perfectly  
Balanced BST



#depth (d)

0

1

2

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

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

Running time :

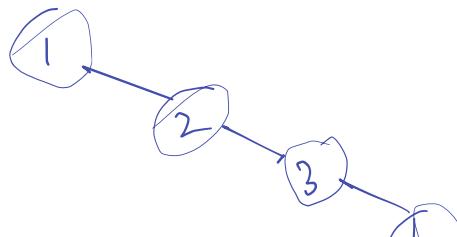
Insert, find, remove, min, max

Proportional to the depth of the deepest node visited.

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

Perfectly balanced BST.

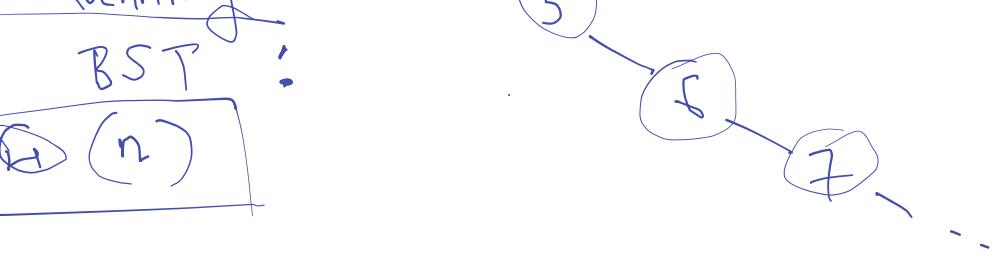
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...



Degenerated case:  
Linked list.

Worst Case Running time for BST:

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



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

Splay tree

Add 1 h/w

✗ Late Token

↳ 1 day.

Best 6 or 7

Max: 2 days

Wet

12pm EDT

→ HW, Lab