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# Binary Trees & Binary Search Trees

(data structures for the dictionary ADT)

## Outline

- Binary tree terminology
- Tree traversals: preorder, inorder and postorder
- Dictionary and binary search tree
- Binary search tree operations
  - Search
  - min and max
  - Successor
  - Insertion
  - Deletion
- Tree balancing issue

## Binary Tree Terminology

• Go to the supplementary notes

#### Linked Representation of Binary Trees

- The degree of a node is the number of children it has. The degree of a tree is the maximum of its element degree.
  - In a binary tree, the tree degree is two
- Each node has two links
  - one to the left child of the node
  - one to the right child of the node









#### Binary Trees as Recursive Data Structures

- Consists of a node called the root
- Root points to two disjoint binary (sub)trees
   left and right (sub)tree



Inductive step

Tree Traversal is Also Recursive (Preorder example)

If the binary tree is empty then <----- Anchor do nothing

#### Else

- N: Visit the root, process data
- L: Traverse the left subtree
- R: Traverse the right subtree

Inductive/Recursive step

# 3 Types of Tree Traversal

- If the pointer to the node is not NULL:
  - Preorder: Node, Left subtree, Right subtree
  - Inorder: Left subtree, Node, Right subtree
  - Postorder: Left subtree, Right subtree, Node \_

Inductive/Recursive step

```
template <class T>
void BinaryTree<T>::InOrder(
           void(*Visit)(BinaryTreeNode<T> *u),
                        BinaryTreeNode<T> *t)
{// Inorder traversal.
   if (t) {InOrder(Visit, t->LeftChild);
          Visit(t);
           InOrder(Visit, t->RightChild);
template <class T>
void BinaryTree<T>::PostOrder(
           void(*Visit)(BinaryTreeNode<T> *u),
                        BinaryTreeNode<T> *t)
{// Postorder traversal.
   if (t) {PostOrder(Visit, t->LeftChild);
           PostOrder(Visit, t->RightChild);
           Visit(t);
```

#### **Traversal Order**

Given expression

A - B \* C + D

- Child node: operand
- Parent node: corresponding operator
- Inorder traversal: infix expression

A - B \* C + D

Preorder traversal: prefix expression

+ - A \* B C D

Postorder traversal: postfix or RPN expression

A B C \* - D +



#### Preorder, Inorder and Postorder Traversals



## A Faster Way for Tree Traversal

- > You may eye-ball the solution without using recursion.
- First emanating from each node a "hook." Trace from left to right an outer envelop of the tree starting from the root. Whenever you touch a hook, you print out the node.

#### Preorder:

put the hook to the left of the node

#### Inorder:

put the hook vertically down at the node

#### Postorder:

> put the hook to the right of the node

#### Another Example (This is a Search Tree)

- Inorder (Left, Visit, Right): 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20
- Preorder (Visit, Left, Right): 15, 6, 3, 2, 4, 7, 13, 9, 18, 17, 20
- Postorder (Left, Right, Visit): 2, 4, 3, 9, 13, 7, 6, 17, 20, 18, 15



```
template <class T>
void Infix(BinaryTreeNode<T> *t)
{// Output infix form of expression.
    if (t) {
        cout << '(';
        Infix(t->LeftChild); // left operand
        cout << t->data; // operator
        Infix(t->RightChild); // right operand
        cout << ')';
    }
}
+
/ \ returns ((a)+(b))
a b</pre>
```

## Infix to Prefix (Pre-order Expressions)

- Infix = In-order expression
- 1. Infix to postfix
- 2. postfix to build an expression tree
  - 1. Push operands into a stack
  - 2. If an operator is encountered, create a binary node with the operator as the root, push once as right child, push the 2<sup>nd</sup> time as left child, and push the complete tree into the stack
- 3. With the expression tree, traverse in preorder manner
  - Parent-left-right

# Binary Search Tree

## Linear Search on a Sorted Sequence

 Collection of ordered data items to be searched is organized in a list

 $\mathbf{x}_1$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_2$ , ...  $\mathbf{x}_n$ 

- Assume == and < operators defined for the type</p>
- Linear search begins with item 1
  - continue through the list until target found
  - or reach end of list

#### Linear Search: Vector Based

```
template <typename t>
void LinearSearch (const vector<t> &v, const t &item,
                   boolean &found, int &loc)
{
       found = false; loc = 0;
       for ( ; ; )
       {
             if (found || loc == v.size())
                    return;
              if (item == v[loc])
                    found = true;
             else
                    loc++;
}
```

#### **Binary Search: Vector Based**

```
template <typename t>
void LinearSearch (const vector<t> &v, const t &item,
                     boolean & found, int & loc)
{
        found = false;
        int first = 0;
        last = v.size() - 1;
        for (;;)
        {
                 if (found || first > last) return;
                loc = (first + last) / 2;
                                                            May be replaced
                 if (item < v[loc])</pre>
                                                            by recursive codes
                         last = loc - 1;
                                                            with additional
                else if (item > v[loc])
                                                            function parameters
                                                            first and last
                         first = loc + 1;
                else
                         /* item == v[loc] */
                         found = true;
        }
}
```

## **Binary Search**

Outperforms a linear search (infinitely faster asymptotically)

#### Disadvantage:

- Requires a sequential storage
- Not appropriate for linked lists (Why?)
- It is possible to use a linked structure which can be searched in a binary-like manner
  - Binary tree

#### Dictionary

- A dictionary is a collection of elements
- Each element has a field called key
- No two elements have the same key value

## Binary Search Tree (BST)

- Collection of data elements in a binary tree structure
- Stores keys in the nodes of the binary tree in a way so that searching, insertion and deletion can be done efficiently
- Every element has a key (or value) and no two elements have the same key (all keys are distinct)
- The keys (if any) in the left subtree of the root are smaller than the key in the root
- The keys (if any) in the right subtree of the root are larger than the key in the root
- The left and right subtrees of the root are also binary search trees

#### Binary Search Tree



for any node y in this subtree key(y) < key(x)

for any node z in this subtree key(z) > key(x)

## **Examples of BST**

- For each node x, values in left subtree  $\leq$  value in  $x \leq$  value in right subtree
- a) is NOT a search tree, b) and c) are search trees



#### Binary Search Tree Property

Two binary search trees representing the same set



## Sorting: Inorder Traversal for a Search Tree

Print out the keys in sorted order



- A simple strategy is to
  - 1. print out all keys in left subtree in sorted order;
  - 2. print 15;
  - 3. print out all keys in right subtree in sorted order;

#### Indexed Binary Search Tree

- Derived from binary search tree by adding another field LeftSize to each tree node
- LeftSize gives the number of elements in the node's left subtree plus one
- An example (the number inside a node is the element key, while that outside is the value of LeftSize)
- It is the rank of the node for the search tree rooted at that node (rank is the position in the sorted order)
  - Can be used to figure out the rank of the node in the tree





- If we are searching for 15, then we are done
- If we are searching for a key < 15, then we should search for it in the left subtree
- If we are searching for a key > 15, then we should search for it in the right subtree

## An Example



Search for 9:

- compare 9:15(the root), go to left subtree;
- 2. compare 9:6, go to right subtree;
- 3. compare 9:7, go to right subtree;
- 4. compare 9:13, go to left subtree;
- 5. compare 9:9, found it!



#### **Algorithm** Minimum(x)

**Input:** *x* is the root.

**Output:** the node containing the minimum key.

1. while  $left(x) \neq NULL$ 

2. do 
$$x := \operatorname{left}(x);$$

3. return x;

#### **Algorithm** *Maximum*(*x*)

**Input:** x is the root.

**Output:** the node containing the maximum key.

1. while right(x)  $\neq$  NULL

2. **do** 
$$x := right(x);$$

3. return x;

#### Successor

#### The successor of a node **x** is

#### defined as:

The node y, whose key(y) is the successor of key(x) in sorted order

sorted order of this tree. (2,3,4,6,7,9,13,15,17,18,20)

Some examples:

Which node is the successor of 2? Which node is the successor of 9? Which node is the successor of 13? Which node is the successor of 20? Null



# Finding Successor:

#### Three Scenarios to Determine Successor



# Scenario I: Node x Has a Right Subtree



By definition of BST, all items greater than **x** are in this right sub-tree.

Successor is the minimum( right( **x** ) )

Scenario I

# Scenario II: Node x Has No Right Subtree and x is the Left Child of Parent (x)



Scenario II

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Successor is parent(x)

Why? The successor is the node whose key would appear in the next sorted order.

Think about traversal in-order. Who would be the successor of **x**? The parent of x!

#### Scenario III: Node x Has No Right Subtree and Is Not a Left-Child of an Immediate Parent



Scenario III

Keep moving up the tree until you find a parent which branches from the left().

Stated in Pseudo code. y := parent(x);while  $y \neq$  NULL and x = right(y)do x := y;y := parent(y);

#### Successor Pseudo-Codes



Verify this code with this tree.

Find successor of  $3 \rightarrow 4$   $9 \rightarrow 13$   $13 \rightarrow 15$  $18 \rightarrow 20$ 

Note that parent( root ) = NULL

Algorithm Successor(x)**Input:** *x* is the input node. if right(x)  $\neq$  NULL 1. 2. then return  $Minimum(right(x)); \quad \blacktriangleleft$ —Scenario I 3. else  $y := \mathsf{parent}(x);$ 4. Scenario II while  $y \neq$  NULL and x = right(y)5. 6. do x := y;Scenario III 7. y := parent(y);8. return y; COMP2012H (BST)

#### Problem

If we use a "doubly linked" tree, finding parent is easy.



▶ But usually, we implement the tree using only pointers to the left and right node. ☺ So, finding the parent is tricky.

class Node	
	int data;
	Node *left;
	Node *right;
};	

For this implementation we need to use a Stack.

#### Use a Stack to Find Successor

Algorithm Successor(r, x)
Input: r is the root of the tree and x is the node.
1. initialize an empty stack S;

while  $key(r) \neq key(x)$ 2. 3. do push(S, r); if key(x) < key(r)4. then  $r := \operatorname{left}(r)$ ; 5. else r := right(r): 6. if right(x)  $\neq$  NULL 7. then return *Minimum*(right(x)); 8. 9. else if S is empty 10. then return NULL: 11. 12. else 13. y := pop(S);while  $y \neq$  NULL and x = right(y)14. 15. do x := y; 16. if S is empty 17. then y := NULL;else y := pop(S);18. 19. return y;

PART I Initialize an empty Stack s.

Start at the root node, and traverse the tree until we find the node  $\mathbf{x}$ . Push all visited nodes onto the stack.

PART II

Once node  $\mathbf{x}$  is found, find successor using 3 scenarios mentioned before.

Parent nodes are found by popping the stack!

## An Example



Successor(root, 13) <u>Part I</u> Traverse tree from root to find 13 order -> 15, 6, 7, 13

**Algorithm** Successor(r, x)**Input:** r is the root of the tree and x is the node.

1. initialize an empty stack S;

2. while 
$$\ker(r) \neq \ker(x)$$

- 3. do push(S,r);
- 4. **if** key(x) < key(r)
- 5. **then**  $r := \operatorname{left}(r);$

6. **else** 
$$r := right(r);$$

7 6 15





```
Successor(root, 13)

<u>Part II</u>

Find Parent (Scenario III)
```

```
y=s.pop()
while y!=NULL and x=right(y)
x = y;
if s.isempty()
y=NULL
else
y=s.pop()
loop
return y
6
15
```



## Another Approach

#### Observe that:

- > x must be in the left branch of its successor y, because it is smaller in value
- To get to x from left( y ), we have the case that we always traverse right, i.e., the value is increasing beyond left(y).
- If we plot the values from y to x against the nodes visited, it is hence of a "V" shape, starting from y, dropping to some low value, and then increasing gradually to x (a value below y)
- Using stack storing the path from the root to x, we hence can detect the right turn in the reverse path simply as follows:
  - Keep popping the stack until the key is higher than the value x. This must be its successor.

```
while (!s.empty()) {
   y = s.pop();
   if( y > x)
      return y; // the successor
}
return NULL; // empty stack; successor not found
```

#### Insertion



- Insert a new key into the binary search tree
- The new key is always inserted as a new leaf
- Example: Insert 13 ...

#### Insertion: Another Example

- First add 80 into an existing tree
- Then add 35 into it



#### Inserting into a BST (1/2)

```
template<class E, class K>
BSTree<E,K>& BSTree<E,K>::Insert(const E& e)
{
   // Insert e if not duplicate.
   BinaryTreeNode<E> *p = this->root, // search pointer
                       *pp = 0; // parent of p
   // find place to insert
   while (p) {
                                                       May be replaced
                                                       by recursive codes
       // examine p->data
                                                       with an additional
       pp = p;
                                                       function parameter
       // move p to a child
                                                       of binary tree node
       if (e < p->data) p = p->LeftChild;
                                                       pointer
       else if (e > p->data) p = p->RightChild;
       else throw BadInput(); // duplicate
    }
```

```
Inserting into a BST (2/2)
```

```
// get a node for e and attach to pp
BinaryTreeNode<E> *r = new BinaryTreeNode<E> (e);
```

```
if (root) {
    // tree not empty
    if (e < pp->data) pp->LeftChild = r;
    else pp->RightChild = r;
    }
else // insertion into empty tree
    root = r;
return *this;
}
```

# **BST Deletion: Delete Node z from Tree**



#### Case III: Node z Has 2 Children

#### Step 1.

```
Find successor y of 'z' (i.e. y = successor(z))
```

Since z has 2 children, successor is y=minimum(right(z))



Why? Look at the definition of minimum(..)



Now delete node y (which now has value z)! This *deletion* is either case I or II.



(deletion of node "z" is always going to be Case I or II)

# Special Case: Deleting the Root with 1 Child Descendant

Move the root to the child

#### A Deletion Example

Three possible cases to delete a node x from a BST

1. The node x is a leaf



#### A Deletion Example (Cont.)

2. The node x has one child



## A Deletion Example (Cont.)

3. x has two children



i) Replace contents of x with inorder successor (smallest value in the right subtree) ii) Delete node pointed to by xSucc as described for cases 1 and 2

#### Another Deletion Example

 Removing 40 from (a) results in (b) using the smallest element in the right subtree (i.e., the successor)



## Another Deletion Example (Cont.)

 Removing 40 from (a) results in (c) using the largest element in the left subtree (i.e., the predecessor)



## Another Deletion Example (Cont.)

Removing 30 from (c), we may replace the element with either 5 (predecessor) or 31 (successor). If we choose 5, then (d) results.



```
Deletion Code (1/4)
```

First Element Search, and then Convert Case III, if any, to Case I or II

```
Deletion Code (2/4)
```

```
if (!p) throw BadInput(); // no element with key k
```

```
e = p->data; // save element to delete
```

```
// restructure tree
// handle case when p has two children
if (p->LeftChild && p->RightChild) {
    // two children convert to zero or one child case
    // find predecessor, i.e., the largest element
    in // left subtree of p
    BinaryTreeNode<E> *s = p->LeftChild,
    *ps = p; // parent of s
    while (s->RightChild) {
        // move to larger element
        ps = s;
        s = s->RightChild;
    }
}
```

```
Deletion Code (3/4)
       // move from s to p
      p->data = s->data;
      p = s; // move/reposition pointers for deletion
      pp = ps;
   }
   // p now has at most one child
   // save child pointer to c for adoption
   BinaryTreeNode<E> *c;
   if (p->LeftChild) c = p->LeftChild;
   else c = p \rightarrow RightChild; // may be NULL
   // deleting p
   if (p == root) root = c; // a special case: delete root
   else {
       // is p left or right child of pp?
       if (p == pp->LeftChild) pp->LeftChild = c;//adoption
       else pp->RightChild = c;
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```

# Deletion Code (4/4)

delete p;
return \*this;
}

#### Implementation: ADT of Binary Search Tree (BST)

- Construct an empty BST
- Determine if BST is empty
- Search BST for given item
- Insert a new item in the BST
  - Need to maintain the BST property
- Delete an item from the BST
  - Need to maintain the BST property
- Traverse the BST
  - Visit each node exactly once
  - > The inorder traversal visits the nodes in ascending order

#### ADT of a BST

```
AbstractDataType BSTree {
instances
      binary trees, each node has an element with a
      key field; all keys are distinct; keys in the left
      subtree of any node are smaller than the key in
      the node; those in the right subtree are larger.
operations
      Create(): create an empty binary search tree
      Search(k, e): return in e the element/record with key k
                     return false if the operation fails,
                     return true if it succeeds
      Insert(e): insert element e into the search tree
      Delete(k, e): delete the element with key k and
                     return it in e
      Ascend(): output all elements in ascending order of
          kev
}
```

#### A Simple Implementation without Inheritance

#### tree\_codes (BST.h and treetester.cpp)

```
template <typename DataType>
          class BST
           {
           public:
            // ... member functions supporting BST operations
           private:
            /***** Binary node class ****/
            class BinNode
            public:
              DataType data;
              BinNode * left;
              BinNode * right;
              // ... BinNode constructors
            };// end of class BinNode declaration
            typedef BinNode *BinNodePointer;
            // ... Auxiliary/Utility functions supporting member functions
           /**** Data Members ****/
            BinNodePointer myRoot; // the root of the binary search tree
COMP2012H (BST/)/ end of class template declaration
```

Another Implementation with Inheritance, function pointers, and exception handling

#### tree2\_codes

- Binary search tree is derived from binary tree
- E is the record, and K is the key
- bst.h:

#### Skeleton of tree2\_codes

btnode.h: the node structure to be used in a binary tree

#### binary.h: binary tree

```
template<class T>
class BinaryTree {
    //... some friend functions
    public:
        //... member functions and note the use of
        // function pointers
    private:
        BinaryTreeNode<T> *root; // pointer to root
        //helper/utility functions and static functions
};
```

#### Code Implementation (tree2\_codes)

bst.h



datatype.h: DataType is to be used in the binary node with field data

```
#ifndef DataType_
#define DataType_
class DataType {
   friend ostream& operator<<(ostream&, DataType);
   public:
        operator int() const {return key;} // implicit cast to obtain key
        int key; // element key, maybe hashed from ID
        char ID; // element identifier
};
2012H (BST out << x.key << ' ' << x.ID << ' '; return out;})</pre>
```

# Time Complexity of Binary Search Trees

- Find(x)
- Min(x)
- Max(x)
- Insert(x)
- Delete(x)
- Traverse

- O(height of tree)
- O(N)

#### **Binary Search Trees**

- Problem
  - How can we predict the height of the tree?
- Many trees of different shapes can be composed of the same data
- How to control the tree shape?

#### Problem of Lopsidedness

- Trees can be unbalanced
- Not all nodes have exactly 2 child nodes



#### Problem of Lopsidedness

- Trees can be totally lopsided
- Suppose each node has a right child only
- Degenerates into a linked list



Processing time affected by "shape" of tree



Tree 1 Same data as Tree 2

Tree 2 Same data as Tree 1

Which tree would you prefer to use?

#### Tree Examples

![](_page_67_Figure_1.jpeg)

(Tree resulting from randomly generated input)

## Tree Examples

![](_page_68_Figure_1.jpeg)

## How Fast is Sorting Using BST?

- n numbers (n large) are to be sorted by first constructing a binary tree and then read them in inorder manner
- Bad case: the input is more or less sorted
  - A rather "linear" tree is constructed
  - Total steps in constructing a binary tree:  $1 + 2 + ... + n = n(n+1)/2 \sim n^2$
  - > Total steps in traversing the tree: n
  - Total  $\sim n^2$
- Best case: the binary tree is constructed in a balanced manner
  - Depth after adding i numbers: log(i)
  - Total steps in constructing a binary tree: log1 + log2 + log3 + log4 + ... + log n < log n + log n + ... + log n = n log n</p>
  - Total steps in traversing the tree: n
  - Total  $\sim$  n log n , much faster
- It turns out that one cannot sort n numbers faster than nlog n
- For any arbitrary input, one can indeed construct a rather balanced binary tree with some extra steps in insertion and deletion
  - E.g., An AVL tree

# An AVL Tree $\rightarrow$ A Rather Balanced Tree for Efficient BST Operations (See Animation)

![](_page_70_Figure_1.jpeg)

(Balanced Tree . . This is actually a very good tree called AVL tree)