

Binary Search Trees

- ▶ basic implementations
- ▶ randomized BSTs
- ▶ deletion in BSTs

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Elementary implementations: summary

implementation	worst case		average case		ordered iteration?	operations on keys
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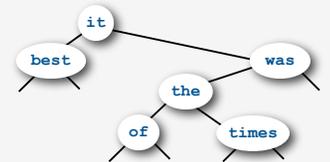
Challenge. Efficient implementations of search and insert.

Binary search trees

Def. A BST is a binary tree in symmetric order.

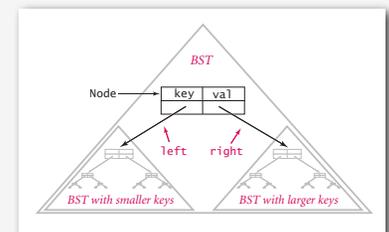
A binary tree is either:

- Empty.
- A key-value pair and two disjoint binary trees.



Symmetric order. Every node's key is:

- Larger than all keys in its left subtree.
- Smaller than all keys in its right subtree.



BST representation

A **BST** is a reference to a root node.

A **Node** is comprised of four fields:

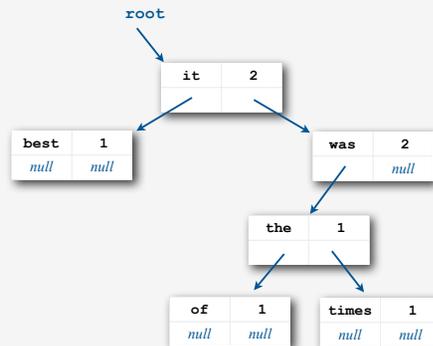
- A **Key** and a **Value**.
- A reference to the **left** and **right** subtree.

key	val
left	right

smaller keys larger keys

```
private class Node
{
    private Key key;
    private Value val;
    private Node left;
    private Node right;
}
```

Key and Value are generic types;
Key is Comparable



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BST implementation (skeleton)

```
public class BST<Key extends Comparable<Key>, Value>
{
    private Node root;

    private class Node
    {
        private Key key;
        private Value val;
        private Node left, right;
        public Node(Key key, Value val)
        {
            this.key = key;
            this.val = val;
        }
    }

    public void put(Key key, Value val)
    { /* see next slides */ }

    public Value get(Key key)
    { /* see next slides */ }
}
```

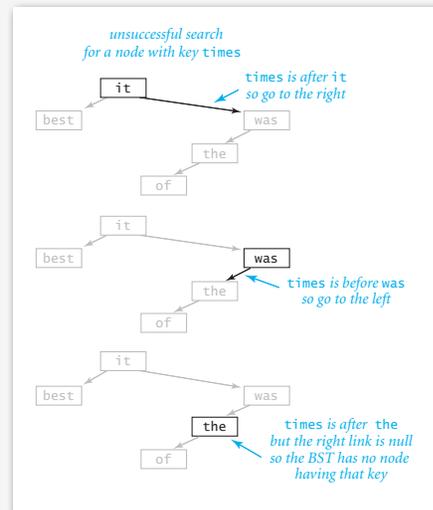
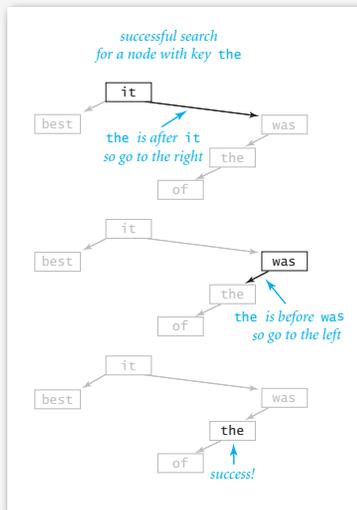
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BST search

Get. Return value corresponding to given key, or **null** if no such key.



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BST search: Java implementation

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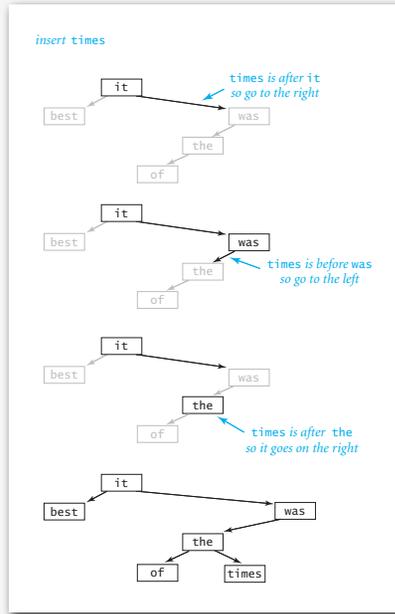
```
public Value get(Key key)
{
    Node x = root;
    while (x != null)
    {
        int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
        if (cmp < 0) x = x.left;
        else if (cmp > 0) x = x.right;
        else if (cmp == 0) return x.val;
    }
    return null;
}
```

Running time. Proportional to depth of node.

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BST insert

Put. Associate value with key.



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BST insert: Java implementation

Put. Associate value with key.

```
public void put(Key key, Value val)
{ root = put(root, key, val); }

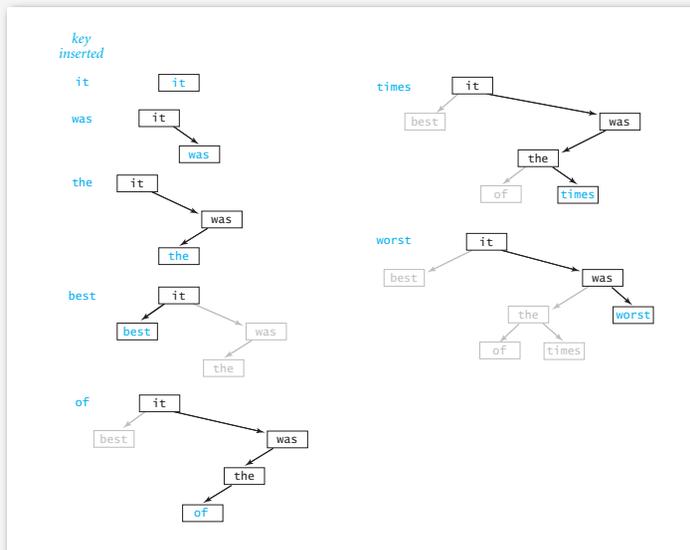
private Node put(Node x, Key key, Value val)
{
    if (x == null) return new Node(key, val);
    int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
    if (cmp < 0) x.left = put(x.left, key, val);
    else if (cmp > 0) x.right = put(x.right, key, val);
    else if (cmp == 0) x.val = val;
    return x;
}
```

concise, but tricky,
recursive code;
read carefully!

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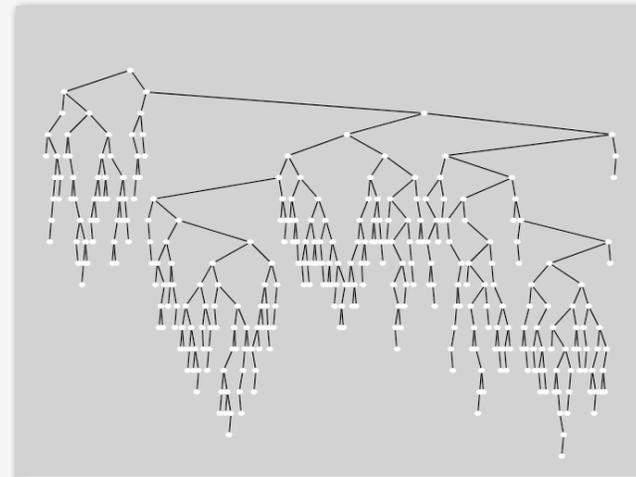
BST construction example



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BST insertion: visualization

Ex. Insert keys in random order.



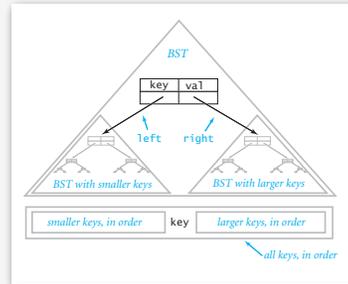
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Inorder traversal

Traversing the tree inorder yields keys in ascending order.

```
public void show()
{ return show(root); }

private void show(Node x)
{
    if (x == null) return;
    show(x.left);
    StdOut.println(x.key + " " + x.val);
    show(x.right);
}
```



To implement an iterator: need a non-recursive version.

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Non-recursive inorder traversal

To process a node:

- Follow left links until empty (pushing onto stack).
- Pop and process.
- Follow right link (push onto stack).

```
visit(E)
visit(B)
  visit(A)
    print A
  print B
  visit(C)
    print C
  print E
visit(S)
  visit(I)
    visit(H)
      print H
    print I
  visit(N)
    print N
  print S
```

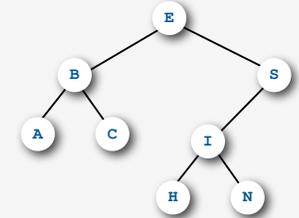
recursive calls

```
A
B
C
E
-
S
S
S
S
S
S
S
S
S
S
S
-
```

output

```
E
E B
E B A
E B
E C
E
S
S I
S I H
S I
S
S N
S
-
```

stack contents



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Inorder iterator: Java implementation

```
public Iterator<Key> iterator()
{ return new Inorder(); }

private class Inorder implements Iterator<Key>
{
    private Stack<Node> stack = new Stack<Node>();

    private void pushLeft(Node x)
    {
        while (x != null)
        { stack.push(x); x = x.left; }
    }

    BSTIterator()
    { pushLeft(root); }

    public boolean hasNext()
    { return !stack.isEmpty(); }

    public Key next()
    {
        Node x = stack.pop();
        pushLeft(x.right);
        return x.key;
    }
}
```

go down left spine and push all keys onto stack

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ordered array	lg N	N	lg N	N/2	yes	compareTo()
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BST	N	N	1.38 lg N	1.38 lg N	yes	compareTo()

Next challenge. Guaranteed efficiency for search and insert.

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Searching challenge 3 (revisited):

Problem. Frequency counts in "Tale of Two Cities"

Assumptions. Book has 135,000+ words; about 10,000 distinct words.

Which searching method to use?

- 1) Unordered array.
- 2) Unordered linked list
- 3) Ordered array with binary search.
- 4) Need better method, all too slow.
- 5) Doesn't matter much, all fast enough.
- 6) **BSTs.**

insertion cost $< 10000 * 1.38 * \lg 10000 < .2$ million
 lookup cost $< 135000 * 1.38 * \lg 10000 < 2.5$ million

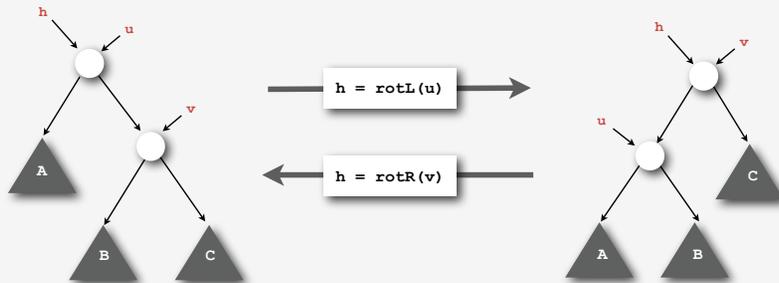
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Rotation in BSTs

Two fundamental operations to rearrange nodes in a tree.

- Maintain symmetric order.
- Local transformations (change just 3 pointers).
- Basis for advanced BST algorithms.

Strategy. Use rotations on insert to adjust tree shape to be more balanced.



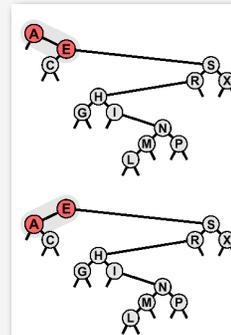
Key point. No change to BST search code (!)

Rotation in BSTs

Two fundamental operations to rearrange nodes in a tree.

- Easier done than said.
- Raise some nodes, lowers some others.

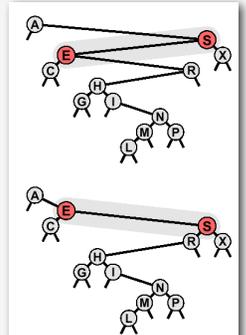
root = rotL(A)



```
private Node rotL(Node h)
{
    Node v = h.right;
    h.right = v.left;
    v.left = h;
    return v;
}
```

```
private Node rotR(Node h)
{
    Node u = h.left;
    h.left = u.right;
    u.right = h;
    return u;
}
```

a.right = rotR(S)



BST root insertion

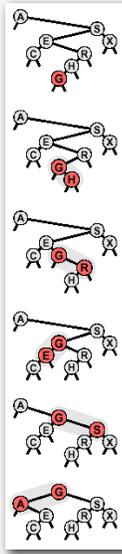
Insert a node and make it the new root.

- Insert node at bottom, as in standard BST.
- Rotate inserted node to the root.
- Compact recursive implementation.

```
private Node putRoot(Node x, Key key, Val val)
{
    if (x == null) return new Node(key, val);
    int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
    if (cmp < 0)
    {
        x.left = putRoot(x.left, key, val);
        x = rotR(x);
    }
    else if (cmp > 0)
    {
        x.right = putRoot(x.right, key, val);
        x = rotL(x);
    }
    else if (cmp == 0) x.val = val;
    return x;
}
```

tricky recursive code; read very carefully!

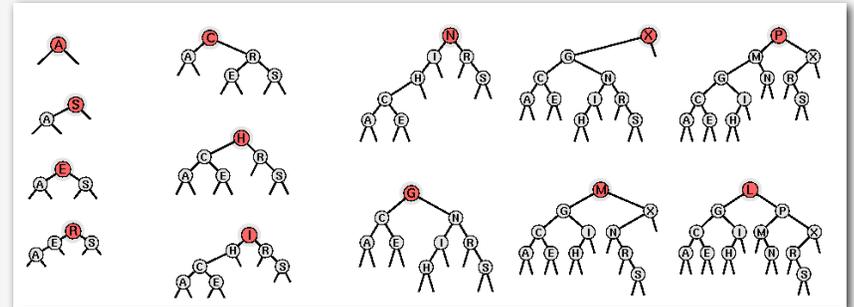
insert G



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BST root insertion: construction

Ex. A S E R C H I N G X M P L



Why bother?

- Recently inserted keys are near the top (better for some clients).
- Basis for randomized BST.

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Randomized BSTs (Roura, 1996)

Intuition. If tree is random, height is logarithmic.

Fact. Each node in a random tree is equally likely to be the root.

Idea. Since new node should be the root with probability $1/(N+1)$, make it the root (via root insertion) with probability $1/(N+1)$.

```
private Node put(Node x, Key key, Value val)
{
    if (x == null) return new Node(key, val);
    int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);

    if (cmp == 0) { x.val = val; return x; }

    if (StdRandom.bernoulli(1.0 / (x.N + 1.0)))
        return putRoot(h, key, val);

    if (cmp < 0) x.left = put(x.left, key, val);
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    x.N++;
    return x;
}
```

and apply idea recursively

no rotations if key in table

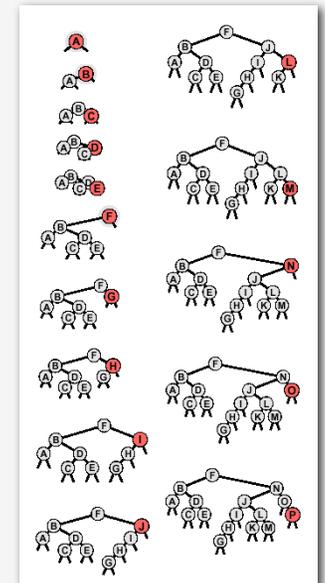
root insert with the right probability

maintain count of nodes in subtree rooted at x

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Randomized BST: construction

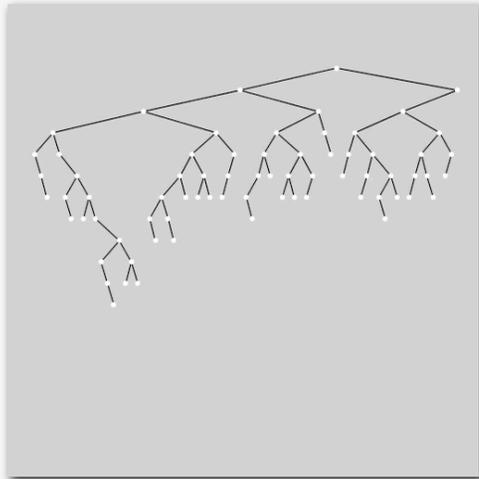
Ex. Insert 15 keys in ascending order.



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Randomized BST construction: visualization

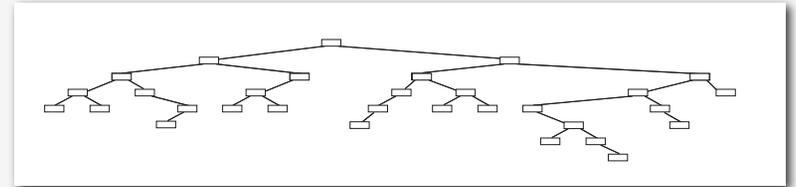
Ex. Insert 500 keys in random order.



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Randomized BST: analysis

Proposition. Randomized BSTs have the same distribution as BSTs under random insertion order, **no matter in what order** keys are inserted.



- Expected height is $\sim 4.31107 \ln N$.
- Average search cost is $\sim 2 \ln N$.
- Exponentially small chance of bad balance.

Implementation cost. Need to maintain subtree size in each node.

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Bottom line. Randomized BSTs provide the desired guarantee.

Bonus. Randomized BSTs also support delete (!)

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probabilistic, with exponentially small chance of linear time

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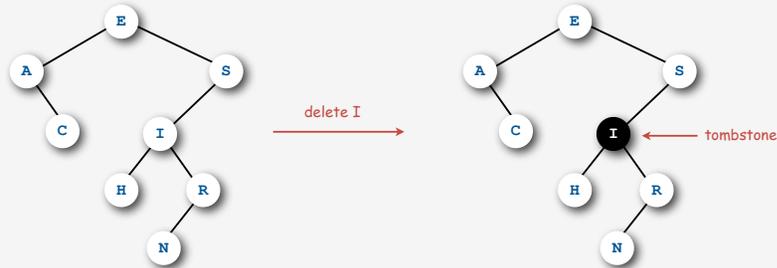
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BST deletion: lazy approach

To remove a node with a given key:

- Set its value to `null`.
- Leave key in tree to guide searches (but don't consider it equal to search key).



Cost. $O(\log N')$ per insert, search, and delete, where N' is the number of elements ever inserted in the BST.

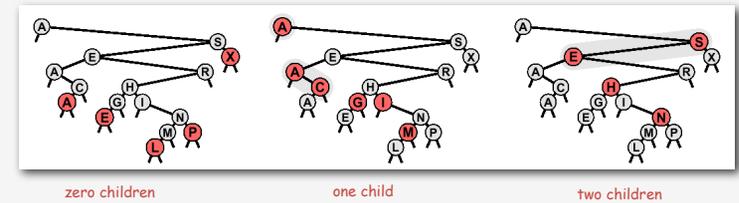
Unsatisfactory solution. Tombstone overload.

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BST deletion: Hibbard deletion

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- One child: pass the child up.
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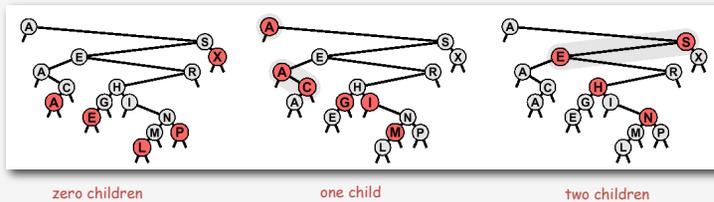


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Unsatisfactory solution. Not symmetric, code is clumsy.

Surprising consequence. Trees not random (!) $\Rightarrow \sqrt{\log(N)}$ per op.

Longstanding open problem. Simple and efficient delete for BSTs.

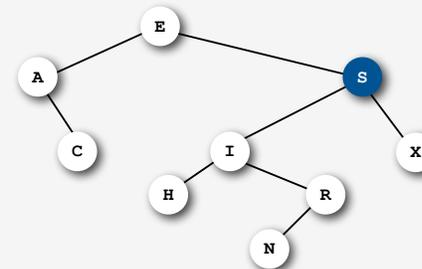
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Randomized BST deletion

To delete a node containing a given key:

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- Remove the node.
- Join its two subtrees to make a tree.

Ex. Delete S.



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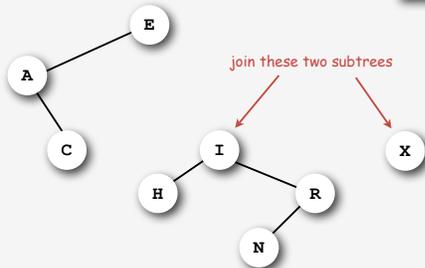
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```
private Node remove(Node x, Key key)
{
    if (x == null) return null;
    int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
    if (cmp < 0)
        x.left = remove(x.left, key);
    else if (cmp > 0)
        x.right = remove(x.right, key);
    else if (cmp == 0)
        return join(x.left, x.right);
    return x;
}
```

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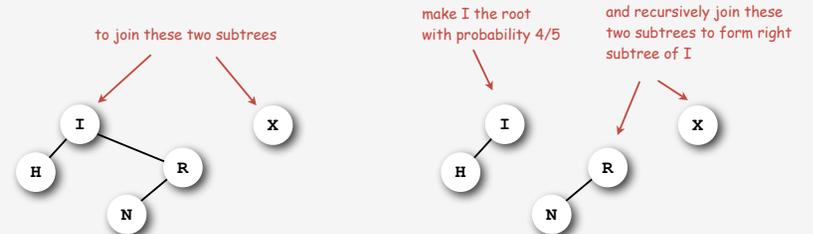


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Randomized BST join

To join two subtrees with all keys in one less than all keys in the other:

- Maintain counts of nodes in subtrees a and b.
- With probability $|a|/(|a|+|b|)$:
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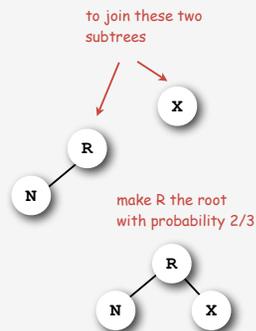
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{
    if (a == null) return b;
    if (b == null) return a;
    if (StdRandom.bernoulli((double) a.N / (a.N + b.N)))
        { a.right = join(a.right, b); return a; }
    else
        { b.left = join(a, b.left); return b; }
}
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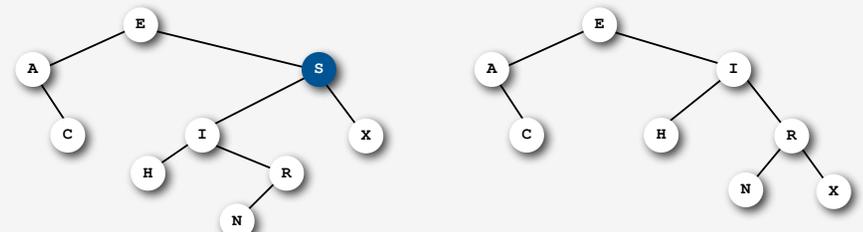


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Proposition. Tree still random after delete (!).

Bottom line. Logarithmic guarantee for search/insert/delete.

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Next lecture. Can we do better?

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