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## Binary search trees

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

A binary tree is either:

- Empty.
- A node with links to two disjoint binary treesthe left subtree and the right subtree.


Symmetric order. Each node has a key; a node's key is:

- Larger than all keys in its left subtree.
- Smaller than all keys in its right subtree.
- [Duplicate keys not permitted.]



## Binary search trees: quiz 1

## Which of the following properties hold?

A. If a binary tree is heap ordered, then it is symmetrically ordered.
B. If a binary tree is symmetrically ordered, then it is heap ordered.
C. Both A and B.
D. Neither A nor B.

## Binary search tree demo

Search. If less, go left; if greater, go right; if equal, search hit.
successful search for $H$


Insert. If less, go left; if greater, go right; if nu11, insert.
insert G


## BST representation in Java

Java definition. A BST is a reference to a root Node.

A Node is composed of four fields:

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


```
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;
    }
}
```



Key and Value are generic types; Key is Comparable

## BST implementation (skeleton)

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

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``` root of BST
    private class Node
    { /* see previous slide */ }
    public void put(Key key, Value val)
    { /* see slide in this section */ }
    public Value get(Key key)
    { /* see next slide */ }
    public Iterable<Key> keys()
    { /* see slides in next section */ }
    public void delete(Key key)
    { /* see textbook */ }
}
```


## BST search: Java implementation

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

```
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 return x.val;
    }
    return null;
}
```

Cost. Number of compares $=1+$ depth of node.

## BST insert

Put. Associate value with key.

Search for key, then two cases:

- Key in tree $\Rightarrow$ reset value.
- Key not in tree $\Rightarrow$ add new node.
inserting L
 at this null link


Insertion into a BST

## 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 == nul1) 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 x.val = val;
    return x;
}
\ Warning: concise but tricky code; read carefully!
```

Cost. Number of compares $=1+$ depth of node.

## Tree shape

- Many BSTs correspond to same set of keys.
- Number of compares for search/insert = 1 + depth of node.

height between $\log _{2} n$ and $n-1$
Bottom line. Tree shape depends on order of insertion.


## BST insertion: random order visualization

Ex. Insert keys in random order.


Binary search trees: quiz 2

## Suppose that you insert $\boldsymbol{n}$ keys in random order into a BST.

What is the expected height of the resulting BST?
A. $\sim \log _{2} n$
B. $\sim 2 \ln n$
C. $\quad 4.31107 \ln n$
D. $\Theta(n)$


## ST implementations: summary

| implementation | guarantee |  | average case |  | operations on keys |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | search | insert | search hit | insert |  |
| sequential search (unordered list) | $n$ | $n$ | $n$ | $n$ | equals() |
| binary search (ordered array) | $\log n$ | $n$ | $\log n$ | $n$ | compareTo() |
| BST | $n$ | $n$ | $\log n$ | $\log n$ | compareTo() |
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In which order does traverse(root) print the keys in the BST?

```
private void traverse(Node x)
{
    if (x == nul7) return;
    traverse(x.7eft);
    StdOut.println(x.key);
    traverse(x.right);
}
```

A. ACEHMRSX
B. $\quad$ SEACRHMX
C. CAMHREXS
D. $\quad S E X A R C H M$


## Inorder traversal

```
inorder(S)
    inorder(E)
        inorder(A)
            print A
            inorder(C)
            print C
            done C
        done A
        print E
        inorder(R)
            inorder(H)
                print H
                inorder(M)
                    print M
                done M
                done H
            print R
            done R
        done E
    print S
    inorder(X)
        print X
        done X
    done S
done S
```


output: ACEHMRSX

## Inorder traversal

- Traverse left subtree.
- Enqueue key.
- Traverse right subtree.

> add items to a collection that is Iterable


Property. Inorder traversal of a BST yields keys in ascending order.

Property. Inorder traversal of a binary tree with $n$ nodes takes $\Theta(n)$ time.
Pf. $\Theta(1)$ time per node in BST.


## Level-Order Traversal

Level-order traversal of a binary tree.

- Process root.
- Process children of root, from left to right.
- Process grandchildren of root, from left to right.
- ...



## LeVel-Order Traversal

Q1. How to compute level-order traversal of a binary tree in $\Theta(n)$ time?

level-order traversal: S E T A R C H M

## LeVEL-ORDER TRAVERSAL

Q2. Given the level-order traversal of a BST, how to (uniquely) reconstruct?



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## Minimum and maximum

Minimum. Smallest key in BST.
Maximum. Largest key in BST.
Q. How to find the min / max?


## Floor and ceiling

Floor. Largest key in BST $\leq$ query key.
Ceiling. Smallest key in BST $\geq$ query key.


## Computing the floor

Floor. Largest key in BST $\leq$ query key.
Ceiling. Smallest key in BST $\geq$ query key.

Key idea.

- To compute floor(key) or ceiling(key), search for key.
- Both floor (key) and ceiling(key) are on search path.
- Moreover, as you go down search path, any candidates get better and better.



## Computing the floor: Java implementation

Invariant 1. The floor is either champ or in subtree rooted at $x$.
Invariant 2. Node $x$ is in the right subtree of node containing champ.


## BST: ordered symbol table operations summary


order of growth of worst-case running time of ordered symbol table operations

## ST implementations: summary

| implementation | worst case |  | ordered ops? | key <br> interface |
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| red-black BST | $\log n$ | $n$ | $\checkmark$ | compareTo() |


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