

Binary Search Trees

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

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Elementary implementations: summary

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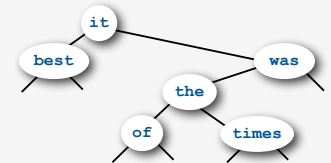
Challenge. Efficient implementations of search and insert.

Binary search trees

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

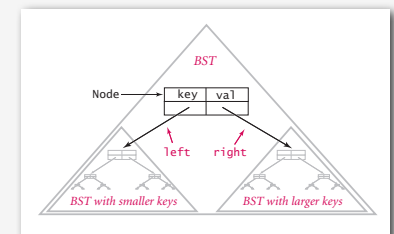
A binary tree is either:

- 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:

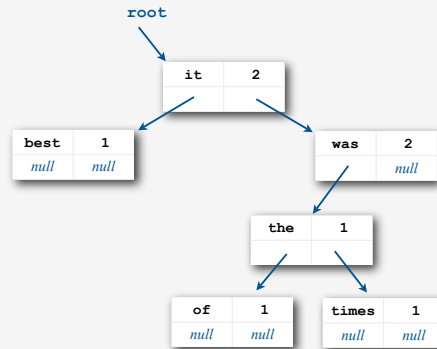
- A **Key** and a **Value**.
- A reference to the **left** and **right** subtree.

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 */ }
}
```

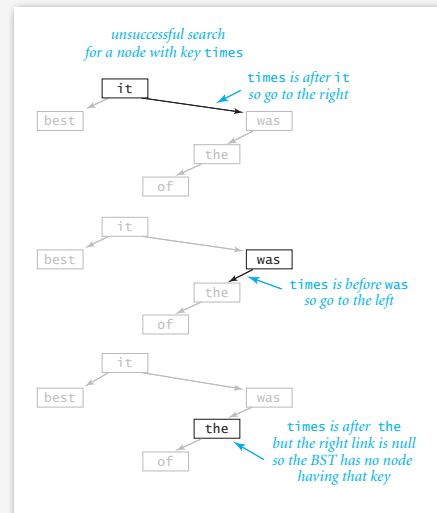
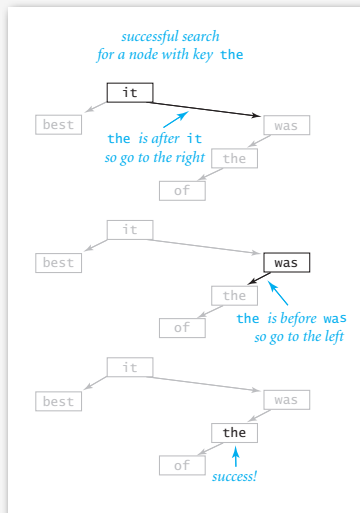
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BST search

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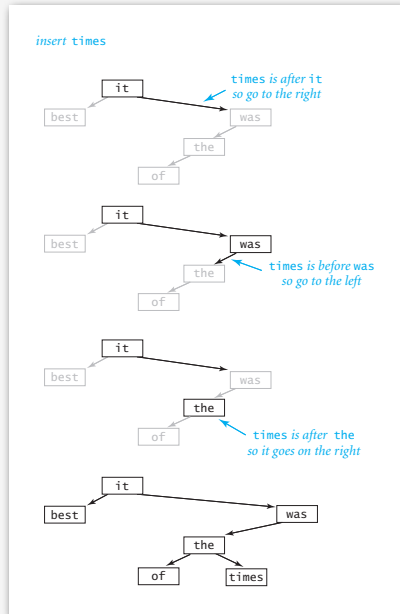
```
public Value get(Key key)
{
    Node x = root;
    while (x != null)
    {
        int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
        if (cmp < 0) x = x.left;
        else if (cmp > 0) x = x.right;
        else if (cmp == 0) return x.val;
    }
    return null;
}
```

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); }

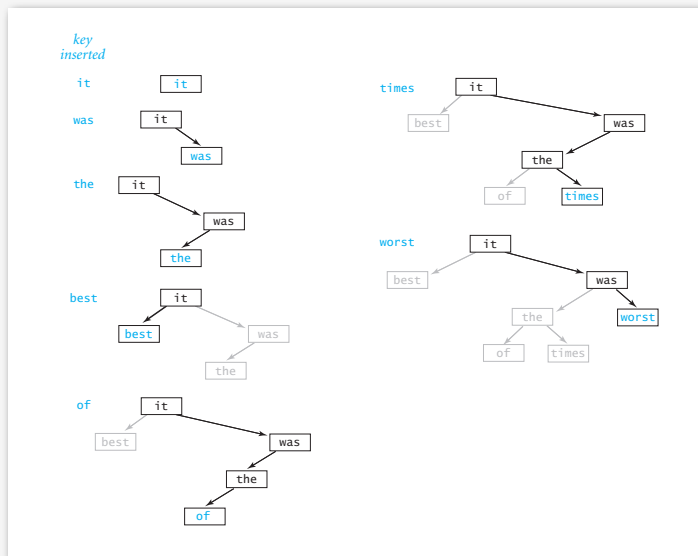
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    else if (cmp > 0) x.right = put(x.right, key, val);
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    return x;
}
```

concise, but tricky,
recursive code;
read carefully!

Running time. Proportional to depth of node.

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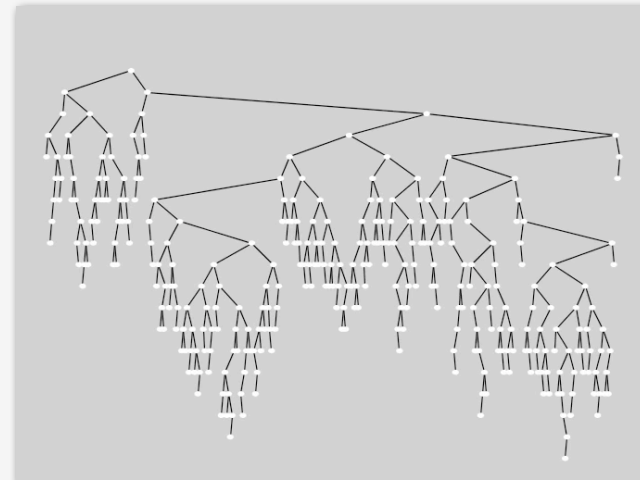
BST construction example



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BST insertion: visualization

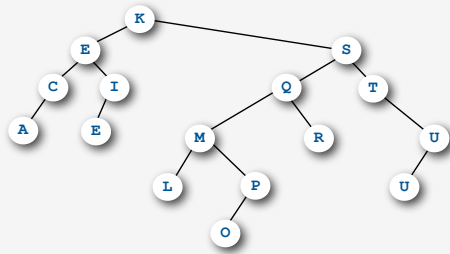
Ex. Insert keys in random order.



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Correspondence between BSTs and quicksort partitioning

Q	U	I	C	K	S	O	R	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
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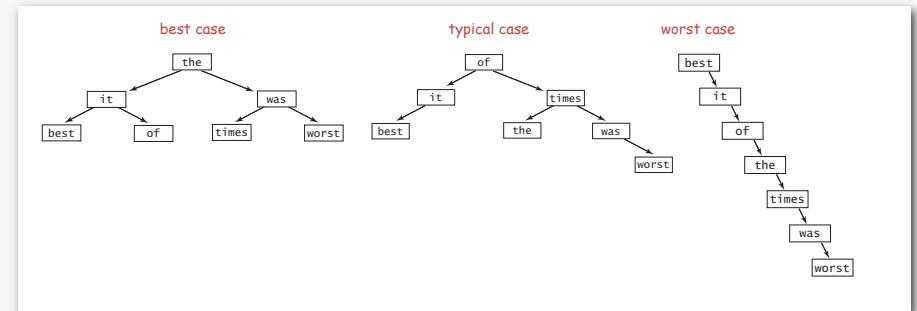


Remark. Correspondence is 1-1 if no duplicate keys.

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Tree shape

- Many BSTs correspond to same input data.
- Cost of search/insert is proportional to depth of node.



Remark. Tree shape depends on order of insertion.

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BSTs: mathematical analysis

Proposition. If keys are inserted in **random** order, the expected number of compares for a search/insert is $\sim 2 \ln N$.

Pf. 1-1 correspondence with quicksort partitioning.

Proposition. [Reed, 2003] If keys are inserted in random order, expected height of tree is $\sim 4.311 \ln N - 1.953 \ln \ln N$.

But... Worst-case for search/insert/height is N (but occurs with exponentially small chance when keys are inserted in random order).

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Next challenge. Ordered iteration.

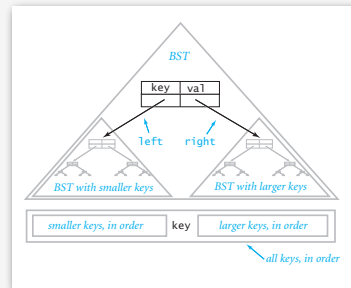
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Inorder traversal

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
```

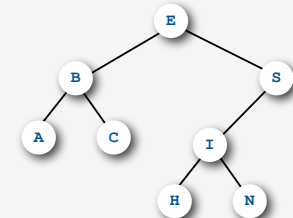
recursive calls

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

output

```
E
E B
E B A
E B
E C
E
-
S
S I
S I H
S I
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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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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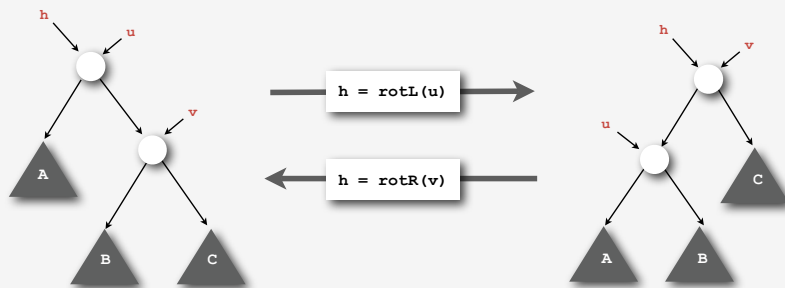
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Rotation in BSTs

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 (!)

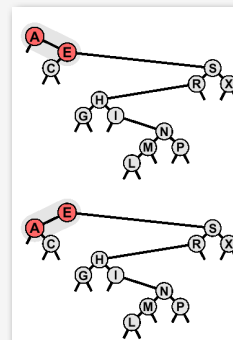
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Rotation in BSTs

Two fundamental operations to rearrange nodes in a tree.

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

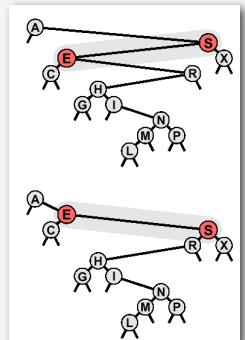
`root = rotL(A)`



```
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)`



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BST root insertion

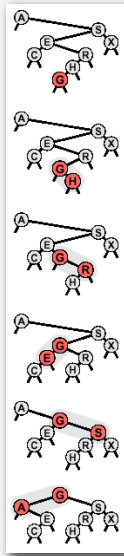
Insert a node and make it the new root.

- 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!

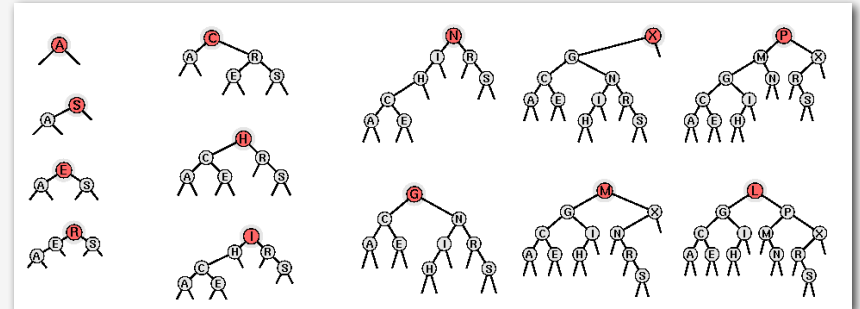
insert G



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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

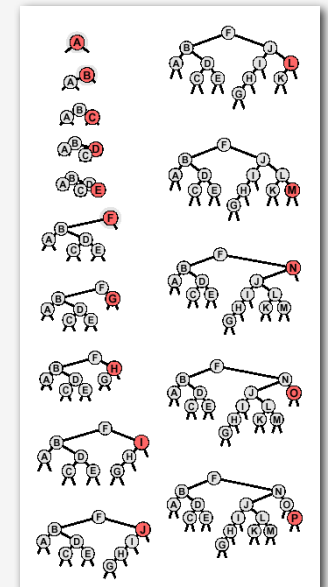
root insert with the right probability

maintain count of nodes in subtree rooted at x

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Randomized BST: construction

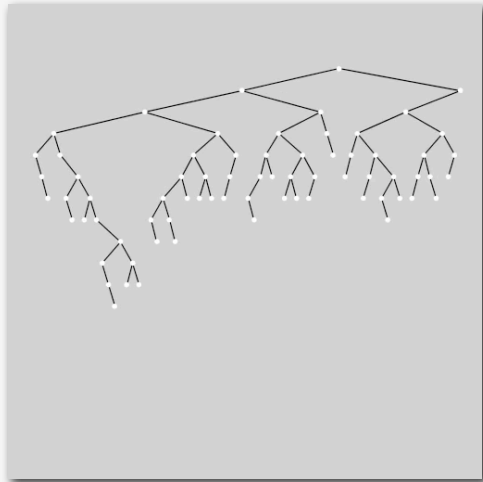
Ex. Insert 15 keys in ascending order.



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Randomized BST construction: visualization

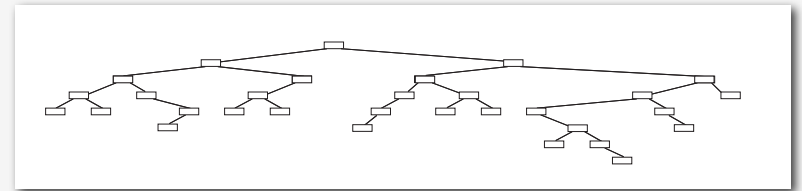
Ex. Insert 500 keys in random order.



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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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randomized BST	$3 \lg N$	$3 \lg N$	$1.38 \lg N$	$1.38 \lg N$	yes	<code>compareTo()</code>

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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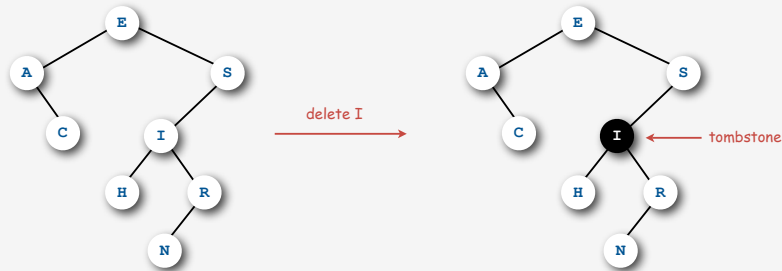
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BST deletion: lazy approach

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.

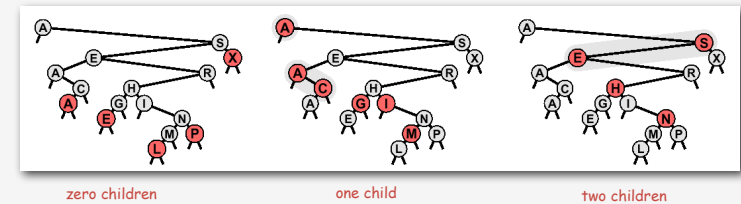
Unsatisfactory solution. Tombstone overload.

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BST deletion: Hibbard deletion

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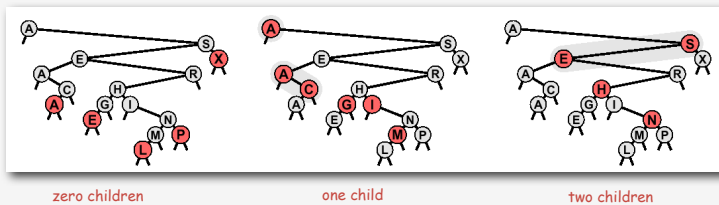


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Unsatisfactory solution. Not symmetric, code is clumsy.

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

Longstanding open problem. Simple and efficient delete for BSTs.

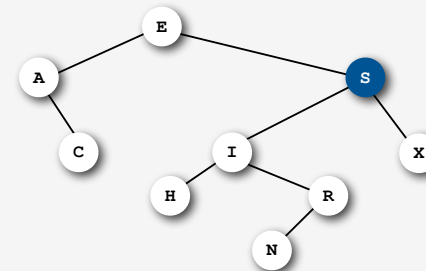
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- Remove the node.
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Ex. Delete S.



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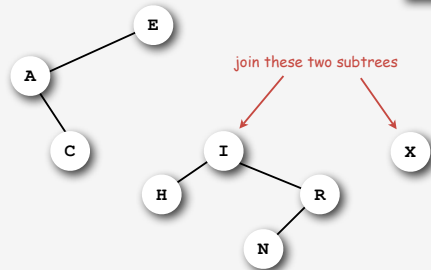
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```
private Node remove(Node x, Key key)
{
    if (x == null) return null;
    int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
    if (cmp < 0)
        x.left = remove(x.left, key);
    else if (cmp > 0)
        x.right = remove(x.right, key);
    else if (cmp ==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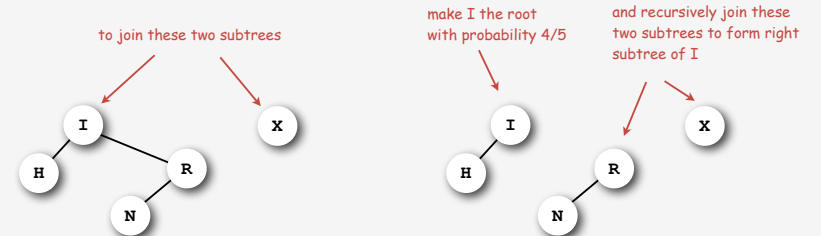


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Randomized BST join

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 $|a|/(|a|+|b|)$:
 - root = root of a
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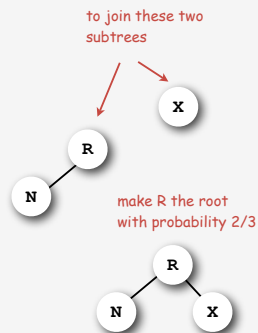
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{
    if (a == null) return b;
    if (b == null) return a;
    if (StdRandom.bernoulli((double) a.N / (a.N + b.N)))
        { a.right = join(a.right, b); return a; }
    else
        { b.left = join(a, b.left); return b; }
}
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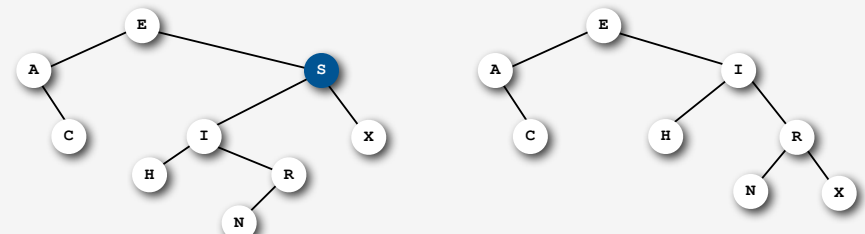


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- Remove the node.
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Proposition. Tree still random after delete (!).

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

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Next lecture. Can we do better?

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probabilistic, with exponentially
small chance of linear time