



# **DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING: OPTIMAL BINARY SEARCH TREE**

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# Cost of search in BST

Input: `keys[] = {10, 12, 16}`



If given no. of Nodes are  $n$ , then.

- Different No. of BST =  $\text{Catalan}(n) = \frac{2^n c_n}{(n+1)} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n+1)! n!}$
- Different No. of Binary Trees are =  $n! * \text{Catalan}(n)$

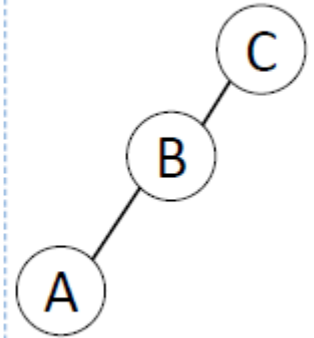
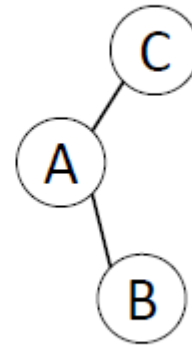
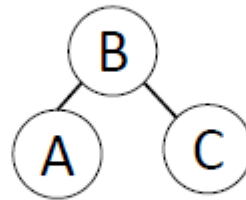
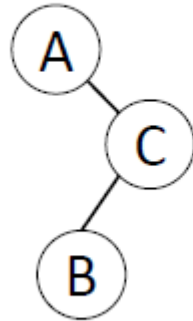
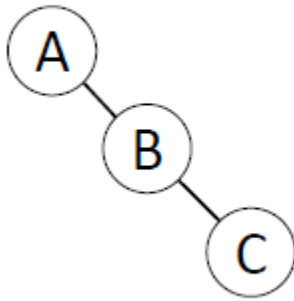


# Cost of search in BST

Input:  $\text{keys[]} = \{10, 12, 16\}$   
 $\text{freq[]} = \{3, 2, 5\}$

# Possible BSTs with 3 keys

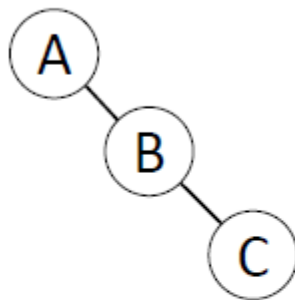
- Possible BST with keys (A, B, C)



	A	B	C
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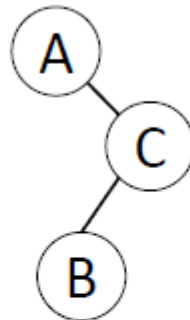
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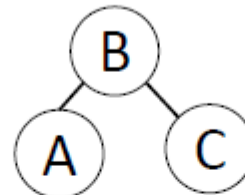
	A	B	C
prob.	0.6	0.3	0.1
comp	1	2	3
weighted prob	0.6	0.6	0.3

1.5



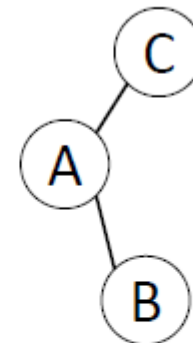
	A	B	C
prob.	0.6	0.3	0.1
comp	1	3	2
weighted prob	0.6	0.9	0.2

1.7



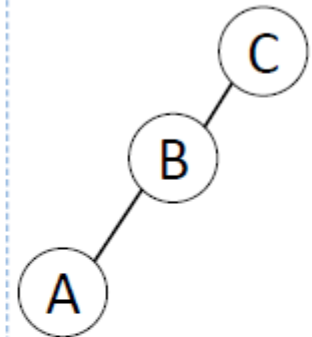
	A	B	C
prob.	0.6	0.3	0.1
comp	2	1	2
weighted prob	1.2	0.3	0.2

1.7



	A	B	C
prob.	0.6	0.3	0.1
comp	2	3	1
weighted prob	1.2	0.9	0.1

2.2



	A	B	C
prob.	0.6	0.3	0.1
comp	3	2	1
weighted prob	1.8	0.6	0.1

2.5



# OBST

- OBST is one special kind of advanced tree.
- It focus on how to reduce the cost of the search of the BST.
- It may not have the lowest height !
- Two variants: One with successful search only and other with successful and unsuccessful search.



# OBST

- It has  $n$  keys (representation  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n$ ) in sorted order (so that  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n$ ), and we wish to build a BST from these keys with minimum expected cost. For each  $k_i$ , we have a probability  $p_i$  that a search will be for  $k_i$ .
- In contrast of, some searches may be for values not in  $k_i$ , and so we also have  $n+1$  “dummy keys”  $d_0, d_1, \dots, d_n$  representing not in  $k_i$ .
- In particular,  $d_0$  represents all values less than  $k_1$ , and  $d_n$  represents all values greater than  $k_n$ , and for  $i=1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , the dummy key  $d_i$  represents all values between  $k_i$  and  $k_{i+1}$ .
- The dummy keys are leaves (external nodes), and the data keys mean internal nodes.



## Example

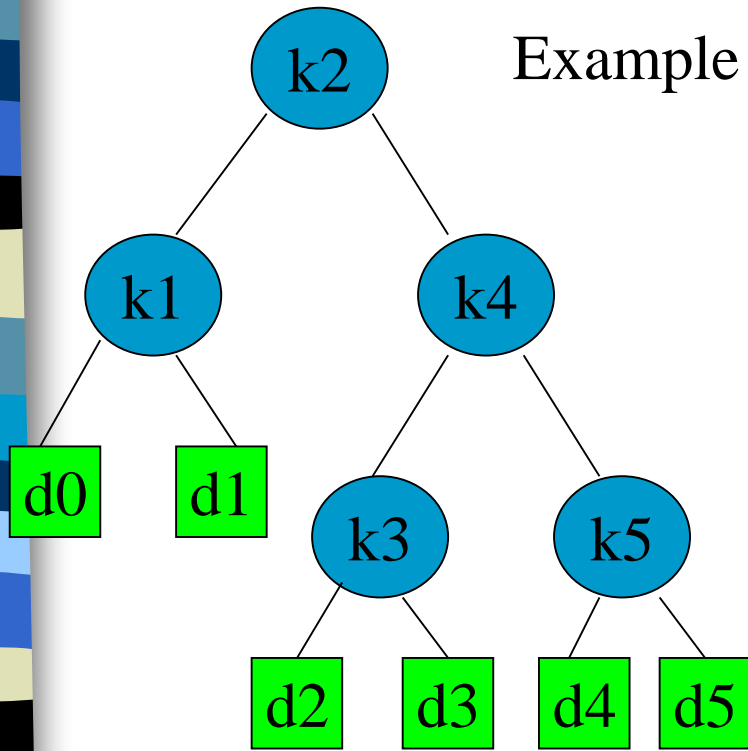


Figure (a)

i	0	1	2	3	4	5
pi		0.15	0.10	0.05	0.10	0.20
qi	0.05	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.10

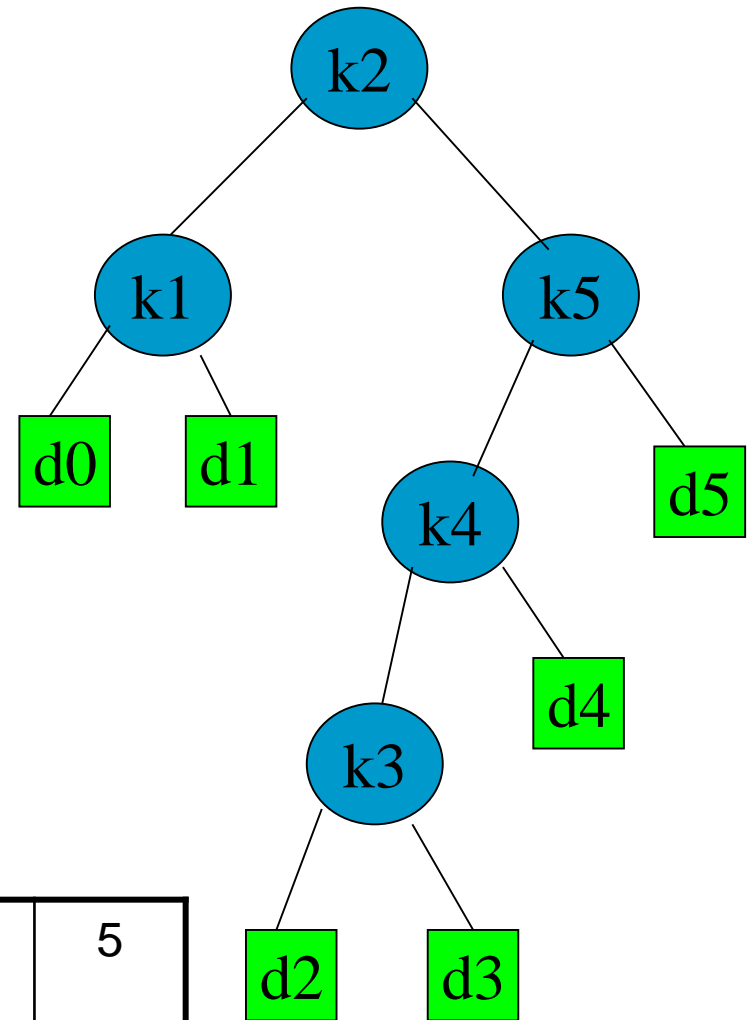


Figure (b)

- By Figure (a), we can calculate the expected search cost node by node:

Node#	Depth	probability	cost
k1	1	0.15	0.30
k2	0	0.10	0.10
k3	2	0.05	0.15
k4	1	0.10	0.20
K5	2	0.20	0.60
d0	2	0.05	0.15
d1	3	0.10	0.30
d2	3	0.05	0.20
d3	3	0.05	0.20
d4	3	0.05	0.20
d5	3	0.10	0.40

Cost=  
Probability  
\*  
(Depth+1)



# Example

- And the total cost =  $(0.30 + 0.10 + 0.15 + 0.20 + 0.60 + 0.15 + 0.30 + 0.20 + 0.20 + 0.20 + 0.40) = 2.80$
- So Figure (a) costs 2.80 ,on another, the Figure (b) costs 2.75, and that tree is really optimal.
- We can see the height of (b) is more than (a) , and the key k5 has the greatest search probability of any key, yet the root of the OBST shown is k2.(The lowest expected cost of any BST with k5 at the root is 2.85)

# Finding a Recursive Solution

**Critical Observation:** If an optimal BST  $T$  has a subtree  $T'$  containing keys  $k_i, \dots, k_j$ , then this **must be** the optimal BST for the subproblem with keys  $k_i, \dots, k_j$  and dummy keys  $d_{i-1}, d_i, \dots, d_j$ .

- Given keys  $k_i, \dots, k_j$ , one of these keys, say  $k_r$  ( $i \leq r \leq j$ ), will be the root of an optimal subtree containing these keys. The left subtree of the root  $k_r$  will contain the keys  $(k_i, \dots, k_{r-1})$  and the dummy keys  $(d_{i-1}, \dots, d_{r-1})$ , and the right subtree will contain the keys  $(k_{r+1}, \dots, k_j)$  and the dummy keys  $(d_r, \dots, d_j)$ . As long as we examine all candidate roots  $k_r$ , where  $i \leq r \leq j$ , and we determine all optimal binary search trees containing  $k_i, \dots, k_{r-1}$  and those containing  $k_{r+1}, \dots, k_j$ , we are guaranteed that we will find an OBST.

# Finding a Recursive Solution

- The easy case occurs when  $j=i-1$ . Then we have just the dummy key  $d_{i-1}$ . The expected search cost is  $e[i, i-1] = q_{i-1}$ .
- When  $j \geq i$ , we need to select a root  $k_r$  from among  $k_i, \dots, k_j$  and then make an OBST with keys  $k_i, \dots, k_{r-1}$  its left subtree and an OBST with keys  $k_{r+1}, \dots, k_j$  its right subtree. By the time, what happens to the expected search cost of a subtree when it becomes a subtree of a node? The answer is that the depth of each node in the subtree increases by 1.
- By the second statement, the expected search cost of this subtree increases by the sum of all the probabilities in the subtree. For a subtree with keys  $k_i, \dots, k_j$  let us denote this sum of probabilities as  $w(i, j)$

# Finding a Recursive Solution

- $e[i, j]$  is the expected cost of searching an optimal BST containing the keys  $k_i, \dots, k_j$ . Ultimately, we wish to compute  $e[1, n]$ .
- For subtree with keys  $k_i, \dots, k_j$  denote
$$w(i, j) = \sum_{x=i..j} p_x + \sum_{x=i-1..j} q_x$$
- If  $k_r$  is the root of the optimal subtree containing  $k_i, \dots, k_j$ , we have
$$e[i, j] = p_r + (e[i, r-1] + w(i, r-1)) + (e[r+1, j] + w(r+1, j))$$
which is equivalent to
$$e[i, j] = e[i, r-1] + e[r+1, j] + w(i, j)$$
because  $w(i, j) = w(i, r-1) + p_r + w(r+1, j)$

Must add because the depth of each node in the left and right subtrees increases by one in the big tree.

# Finding a Recursive Solution

- We will need one other table for efficiency. Rather than compute the value of  $w(i,j)$  from scratch, every time we are computing  $e[i,j]$  ----- we store these values in a table  $w[1..n+1,0..n]$ .
- For the base case, we compute  $w[i,i-1] = q_{i-1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- For  $j \geq i$ , we compute:  
$$w[i, j] = w[i, j-1] + p_j + q_j$$



# OBST (Successful and Unsuccessful Search)

- It needs 3 tables to record probabilities, cost, and root.
  - $e[1 \dots n+1, 0 \dots n]$  : Cost
  - $w[1 \dots n+1, 0 \dots n]$  : Sum of probability
  - $root[1 \dots n, 1 \dots n]$  : Used to construct OBST



# Recursive formula

$$e[i, j] = \begin{cases} q_{i-1} & \text{if } j = i - 1 \\ \min_{i \leq r \leq j} \{e[i, r-1] + e[r+1, j]\} + w[i, j] & \text{if } i \leq j \end{cases}$$

## OPTIMAL-BST( $p, q, n$ )

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1  for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n + 1$ 
2      do  $e[i, i - 1] \leftarrow q_{i-1}$ 
3           $w[i, i - 1] \leftarrow q_{i-1}$ 
4  for  $l \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$ 
5      do for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n - l + 1$ 
6          do  $j \leftarrow i + l - 1$ 
7               $e[i, j] \leftarrow \infty$ 
8               $w[i, j] \leftarrow w[i, j - 1] + p_j + q_j$ 
9              for  $r \leftarrow i$  to  $j$ 
10                 do  $t \leftarrow e[i, r - 1] + e[r + 1, j] + w[i, j]$ 
11                     if  $t < e[i, j]$ 
12                         then  $e[i, j] \leftarrow t$ 
13                              $root[i, j] \leftarrow r$ 
14  return  $e$  and  $root$ 
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Time Complexity:  
 $O(n^3)$

# Example

How do we organize a binary search tree so as to minimize the number of nodes visited in all searches, given that we know how often each key occurs?

$i$	0	1	2	3
$p_i$		1	2	4
$q_i$	1	1	1	2

# Example

i	0	1	2	3
pi		1	2	4
qi	1	1	1	2




# CONSTRUCT-OPTIMAL-BST

- Write pseudocode for the procedure CONSTRUCT-OPTIMAL-BST(*root*) which, given the table *root*, outputs the structure of an optimal binary search tree.
- For the example, your procedure should print out the structure corresponding to the OBST shown below.

$k_2$  is the root

$k_1$  is the left child of  $k_2$

$d_0$  is the left child of  $k_1$

$d_1$  is the right child of  $k_1$

$k_5$  is the right child of  $k_2$

$k_4$  is the left child of  $k_5$

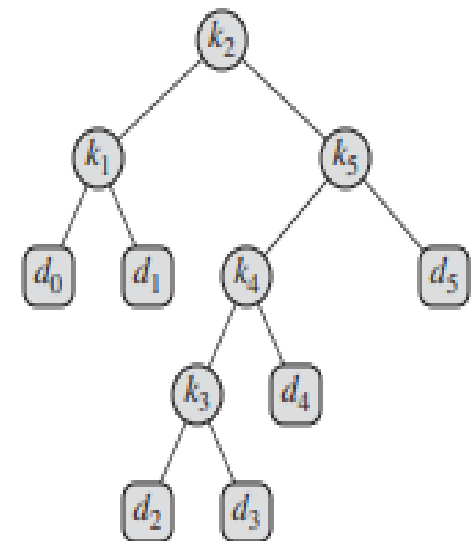
$k_3$  is the left child of  $k_4$

$d_2$  is the left child of  $k_3$

$d_3$  is the right child of  $k_3$

$d_4$  is the right child of  $k_4$

$d_5$  is the right child of  $k_5$



# CONSTRUCT-OPTIMAL-BST

We need to do is just a pre-order tree walk of the OBST.

*CONSTRUCT – OPTIMAL – BST*(*root*)

$n \leftarrow \text{root.length}$

$r \leftarrow \text{root}[1][n]$

`print`  $k_r$  is the root

*CONSTRUCT – OPTIMAL – BST – AUX*(*root*, 1,  $r - 1$ ,  $r$ , *left*)

*CONSTRUCT – OPTIMAL – BST – AUX*(*root*,  $r + 1$ ,  $n$ ,  $r$ , *right*)

*CONSTRUCT – OPTIMAL – BST – AUX*(*root*,  $i$ ,  $j$ ,  $p$ ,  $s$ )

`if`  $i \leq j$

$r \leftarrow \text{root}[i][j]$

`print`  $k_r$  is the  $\langle s \rangle$  child of  $k_p$

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`else`

print  $d_j$  is the  $\langle s \rangle$  child of  $k_p$



# Try this!

Input: `keys[] = {10, 20, 30, 40}`  
`freq[] = {4, 2, 6, 3}`



# Try This!

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
pi		0.04	0.06	0.08	0.02	0.10	0.12	0.14
qi	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05