

# Binary Search Tree



Binary tree

tree data structure  
each node has at most 2 children

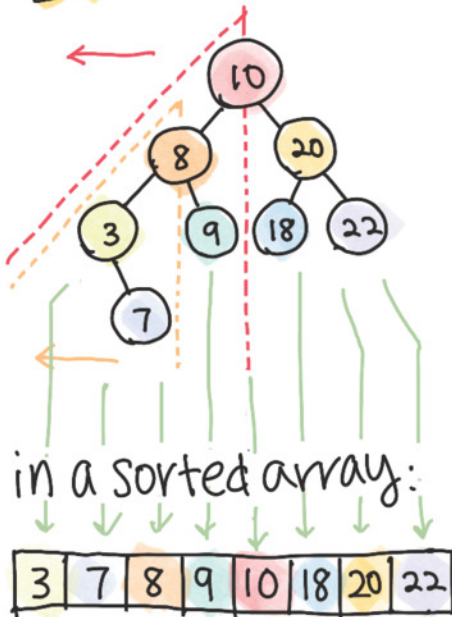
Binary heap

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♥ a.k.a. ordered or sorted binary tree

♥ fast look up  
e.g. phone number lookup table by name

👍 Rule of thumb



★ each value of all nodes in the left subtrees is lesser

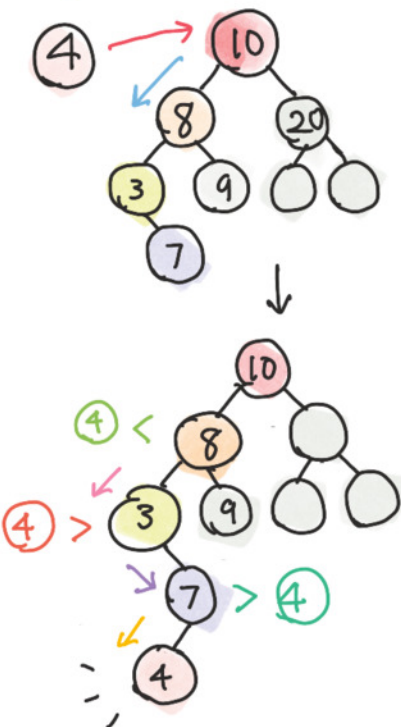
△ 10's left subtrees: 8, 3, 9, 7

△ 8: 3, 7 ← smaller than parent

★ each value of all nodes in the right subtrees is larger

★ no duplicate values

☆ Insertion → Always add to the lowest spot to be a leaf ~~✗~~ No rearrange!



Let's add 4

1. Compare w/ the root first.

2. 4 < 10 so go left.

3. then compare w/ the next, 8

4. 4 < 8 so go left

5. Compare w/ the 3

6. 4 > 3 so go right.

7. Compare w/ the 7

8. 4 < 7, so add to the left! Done.

Complexity:

Ave.  $O(\log n)$

Worst.  $O(n)$