Convert Binary Search Tree (BST) to Greater Sum Tree (GST) <u>LeetCode</u>

Given the root of a Binary Search Tree (BST), convert it to a Greater Tree such that every key of the original BST is changed to the original key plus the sum of all keys greater than the original key in BST.

As a reminder, a binary search tree is a tree that satisfies these constraints:

- The left subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys less than the node's key.
- The right subtree of a node contains only nodes with keys **greater than** the node's key.
- Both the left and right subtrees must also be binary search trees.

Example:

Output:

Approach 1: Convert a binary search tree (BST) into a Greater Sum Tree (GST)

- Function Purpose:
 - The convertBST function converts a BST into a Greater Sum Tree (GST).

• Explanation:

- It uses two helper functions: **inorderTraversal** to calculate cumulative sums of nodes and **updateBST** to update the BST with cumulative sums.
- Cumulative sums are stored in a vector, and values are updated in the BST by popping values from the vector.

• Time Complexity:

• O(N), where N is the number of nodes in the BST, as we perform an in-order traversal once.

• Space Complexity:

 O(N), for the vector storing cumulative sums and the call stack space for recursion.

Approach 2: Convert a binary search tree (BST) into a Greater Sum Tree (GST) using an optimized approach

• Function Purpose:

• The **convertBSTOptimized** function converts a BST into a Greater Sum Tree (GST) using an optimized approach.

• Explanation:

• It uses a helper function **convertBSTHelper** that performs the in-order traversal in reverse order, updating the nodes with the greater sum.

• Time Complexity:

• O(N), where N is the number of nodes in the BST, as we traverse all nodes once.

Space Complexity:

• O(H), where H is the height of the BST, for the call stack space.

Conclusion:

 Approach 2 is more memory-efficient, and it has the same time complexity as Approach 1 (O(N)). It is the preferred approach.