

# CSCA48 - Week 9

BST

Need of BST  
↓  
BST property  
↓  
Insert into BST

Searching BST



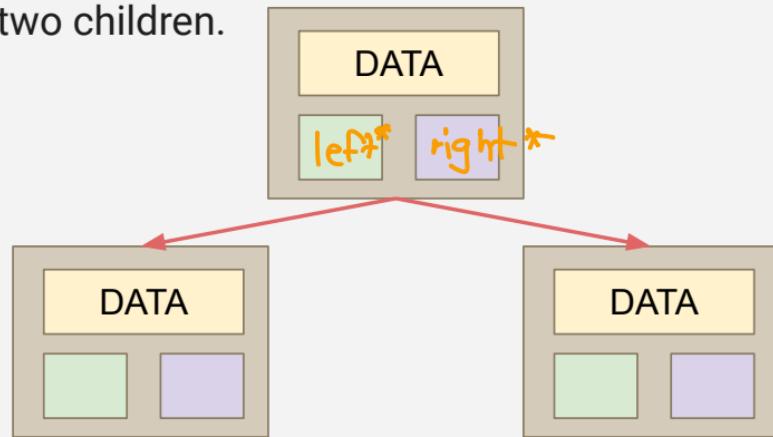
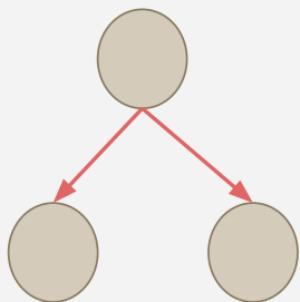
Deletion  
↓  
traversal

# Why do we need BSTs?

- Limitations of arrays  $\Rightarrow$  fixed size  
if sorted efficient search  $O(\log_2 N)$
  - Limitations of linked lists  $\Rightarrow$  traversal  
Sorting a linked list?  $\log n$ ? takes  $O(n)$   
**[NO]**
- what do I want?
- Diagram of a linked list:  
A horizontal sequence of three empty square boxes connected by blue arrows pointing from left to right.
- ① dynamic allocation
  - ② efficient search
  - ③ Keep the structure sorted
- Complexity  
↓  
array of size m  
 $m < n$   
you have to add  
n new elements  
to this  
array of m  
elements and  
sort it  
 $O(n)$   
+  
 $O(n \log n)$

# Trees, Binary Trees, and Binary Search Trees

- Tree
  - A collection of nodes, where each node is a data structure consisting of a value and a list of references to nodes.
- A binary tree
  - is a tree in which each node has at most two children.
  - Left child and right child.



# Data structures studied so far

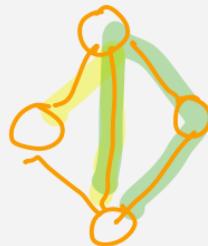
Linear (Data arranged in sequential order)  $\Rightarrow$  linked list, arrays, stack



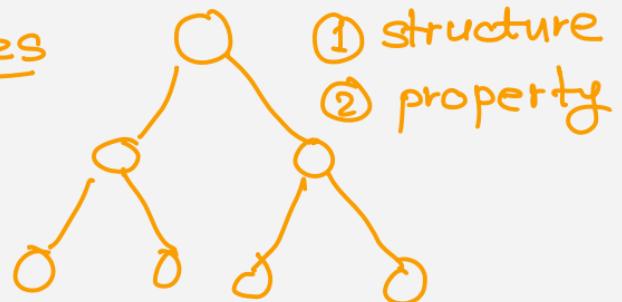
sequential data structure

Non-linear data structures (No linear arrangements of data elements)

Graph

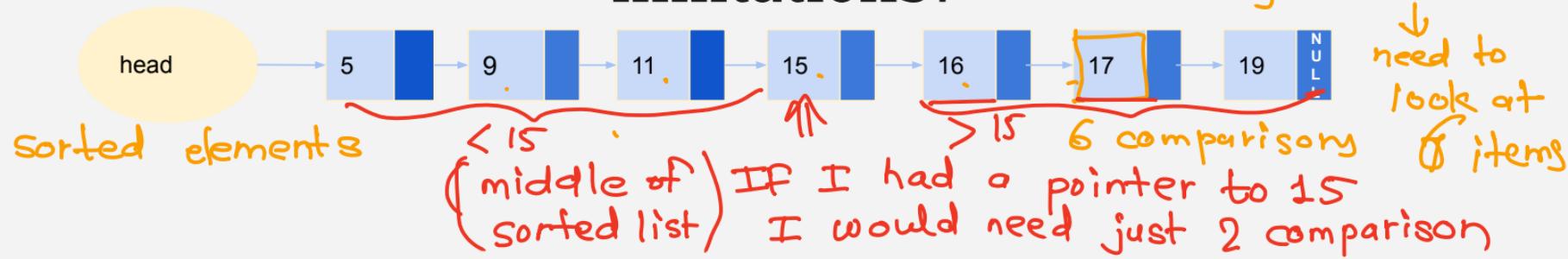


Trees

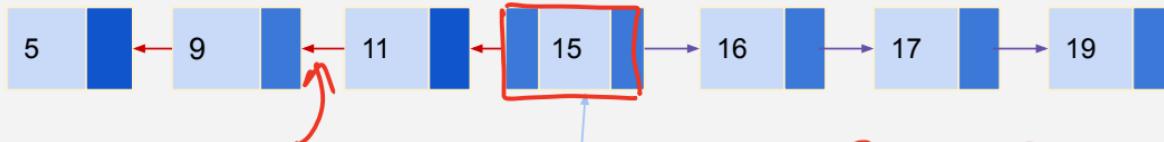


diff. between  
Graph & trees?

# Can we modify Linked Lists to overcome limitations?



modify data structure



reverse  
pointers

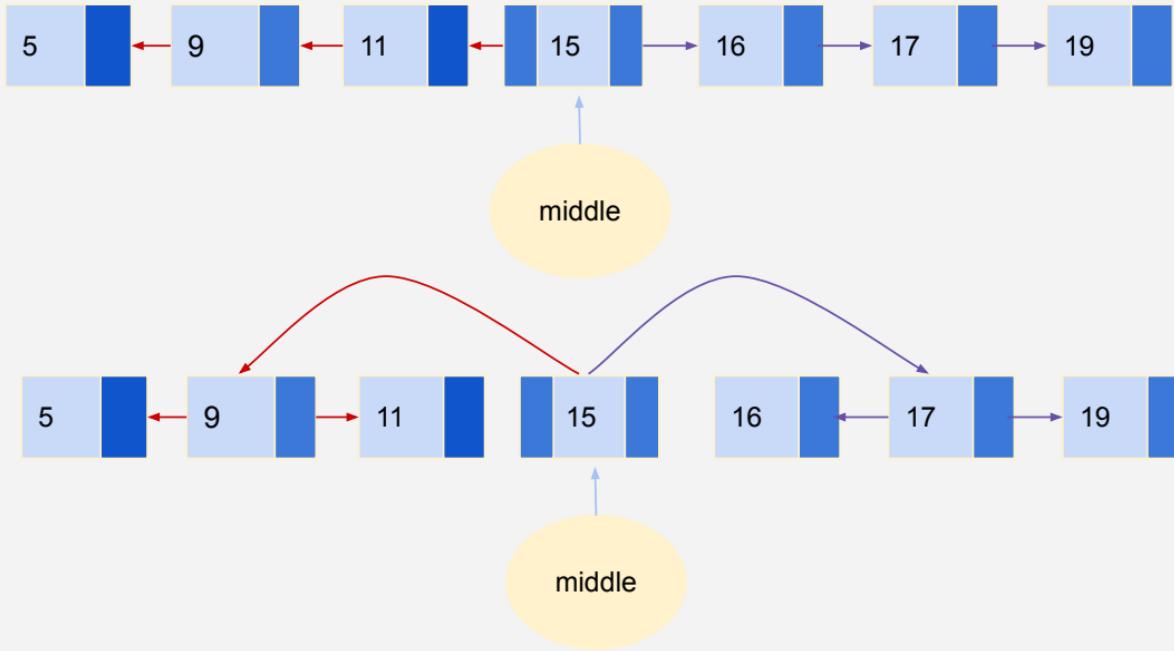
2 accesses

Can I make it better?  
Yes, repeat



- ① find the middle
- ② reverse pointer for left list

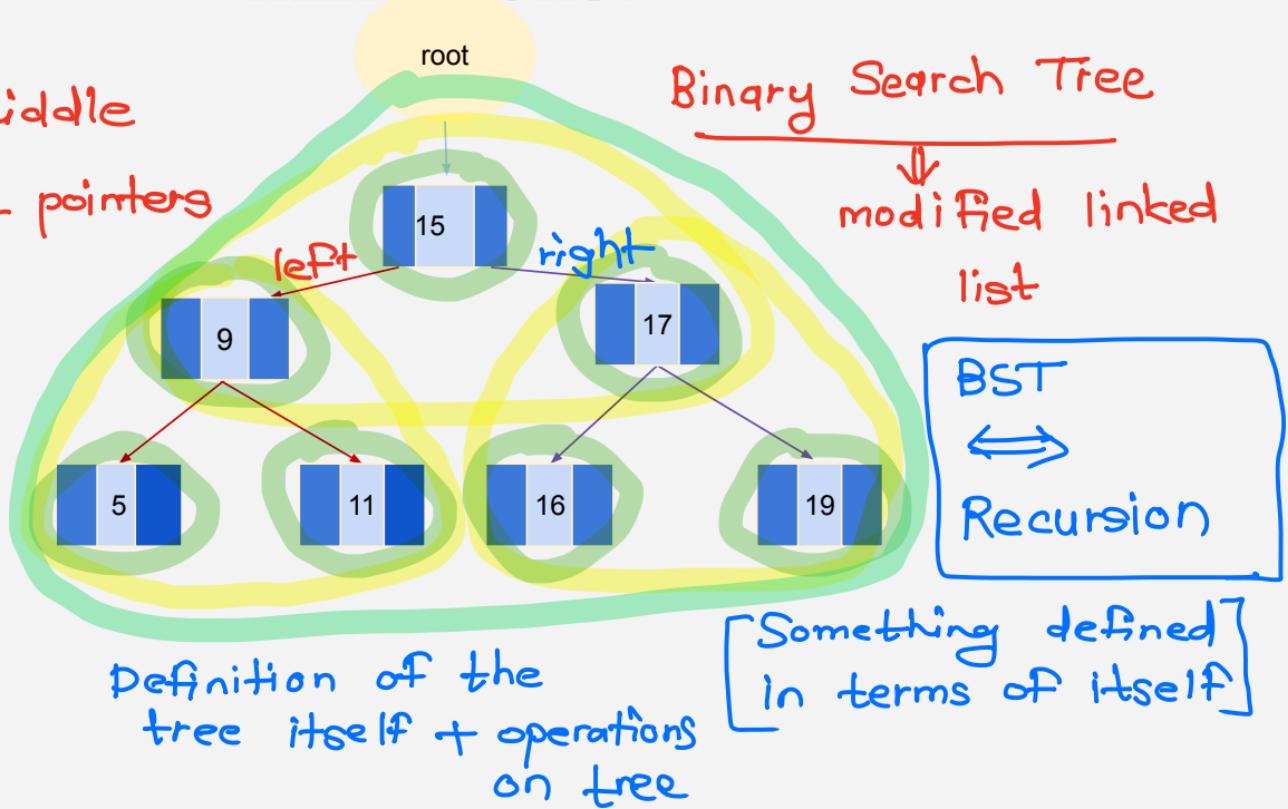
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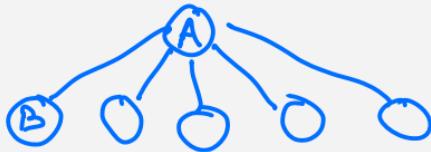


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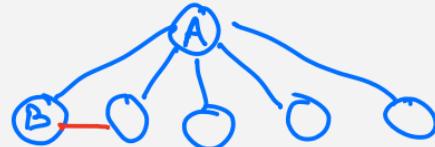
- ① Find the middle
- ② Just add 2 pointers

non-linear arrangement





# Tree



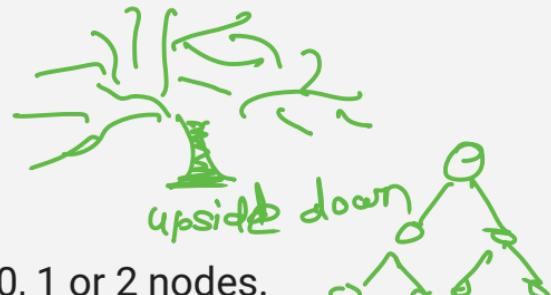
- Set of nodes
- A set of edges that connect nodes
- Constraint: **(No cycles, no loops)**
  - There is exactly one path between any two nodes

trees  $\leftrightarrow$  Graphs

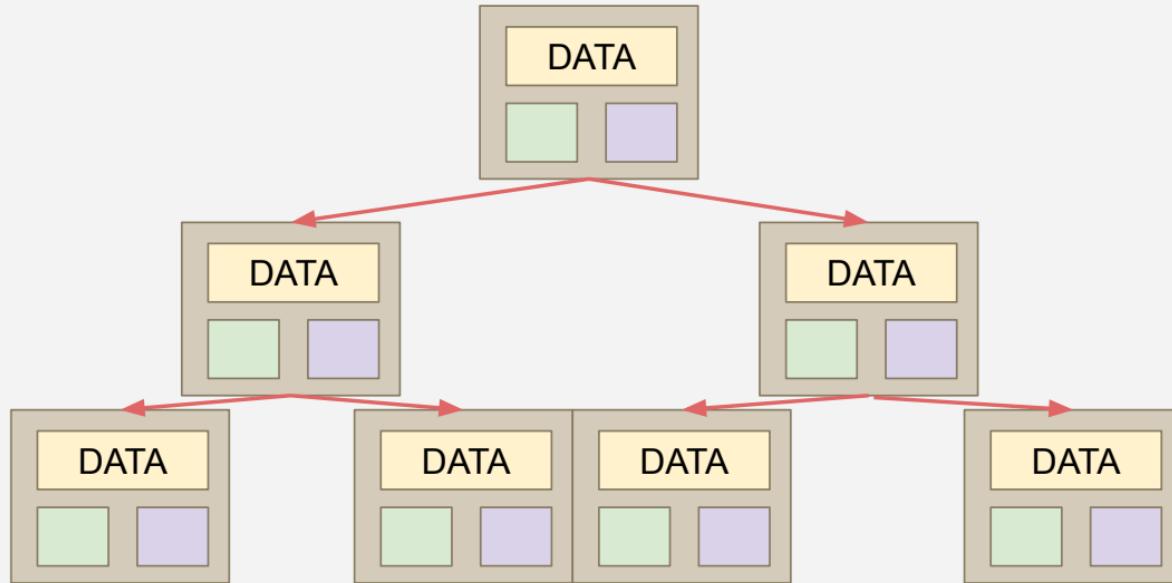


<sup>max</sup> 2 children (0, 1, 2)

# Binary Tree



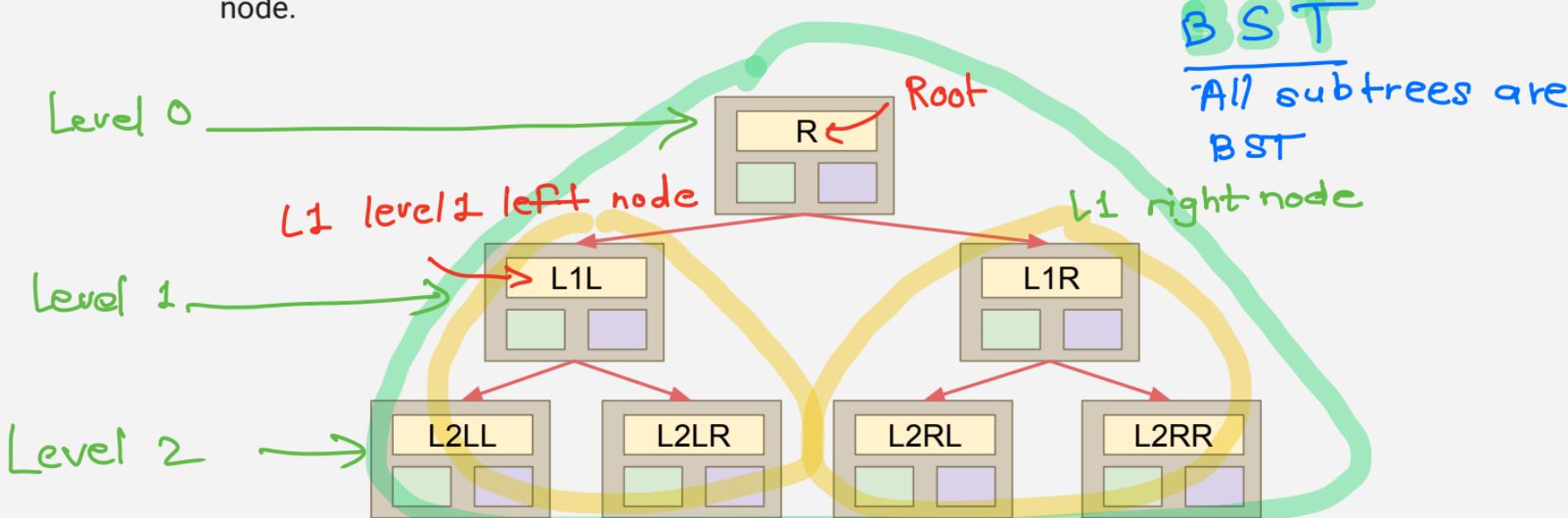
- Binary tree
  - is a nonlinear data structure in which nodes can have 0, 1 or 2 nodes.
  - has the property that each node has two children nodes, the left child, and the right child.



# Binary Search Tree (BST)

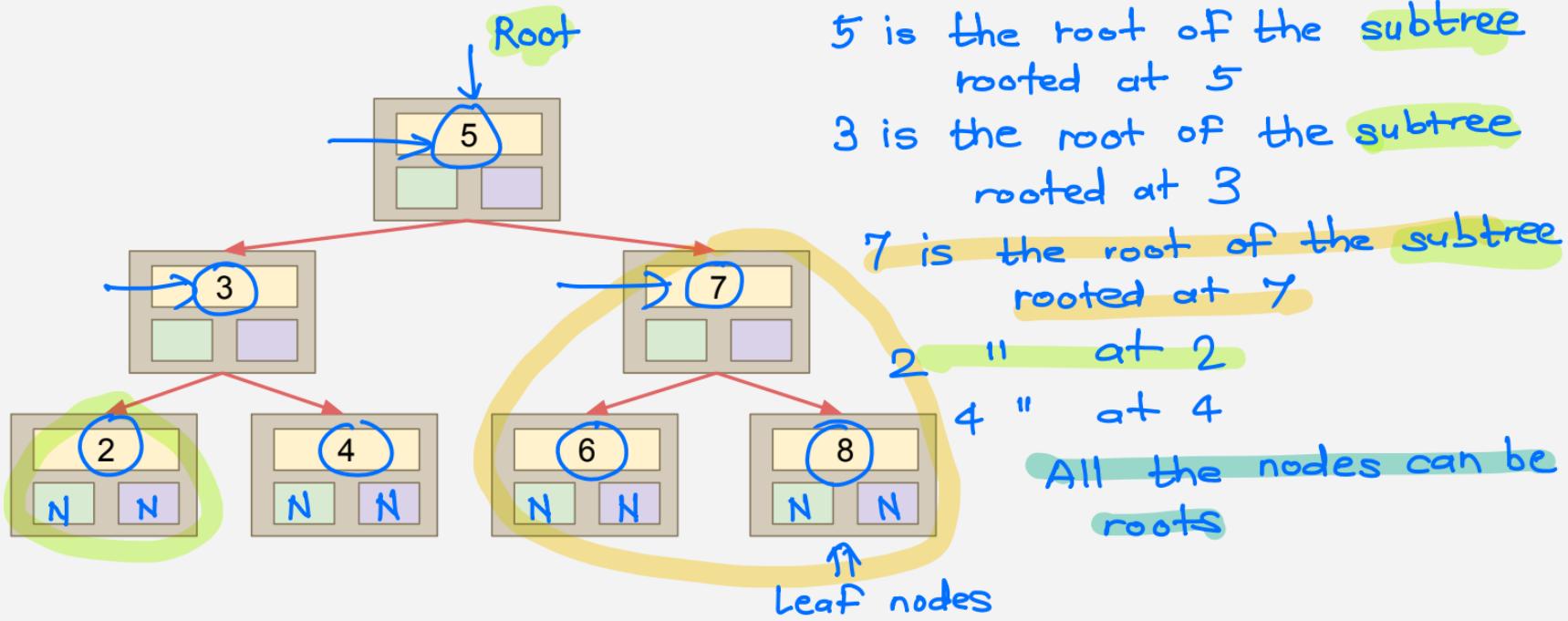
upside down tree

- A Binary Search Tree (BST) is a binary tree with **structured organization** of nodes with **BST property**.
  - Data in the nodes on the **left sub-tree** have value **less than**, or equal to the value of the data in the node.
  - Data in the nodes on the **right sub-tree** have value **greater than** the value of the data in the node.



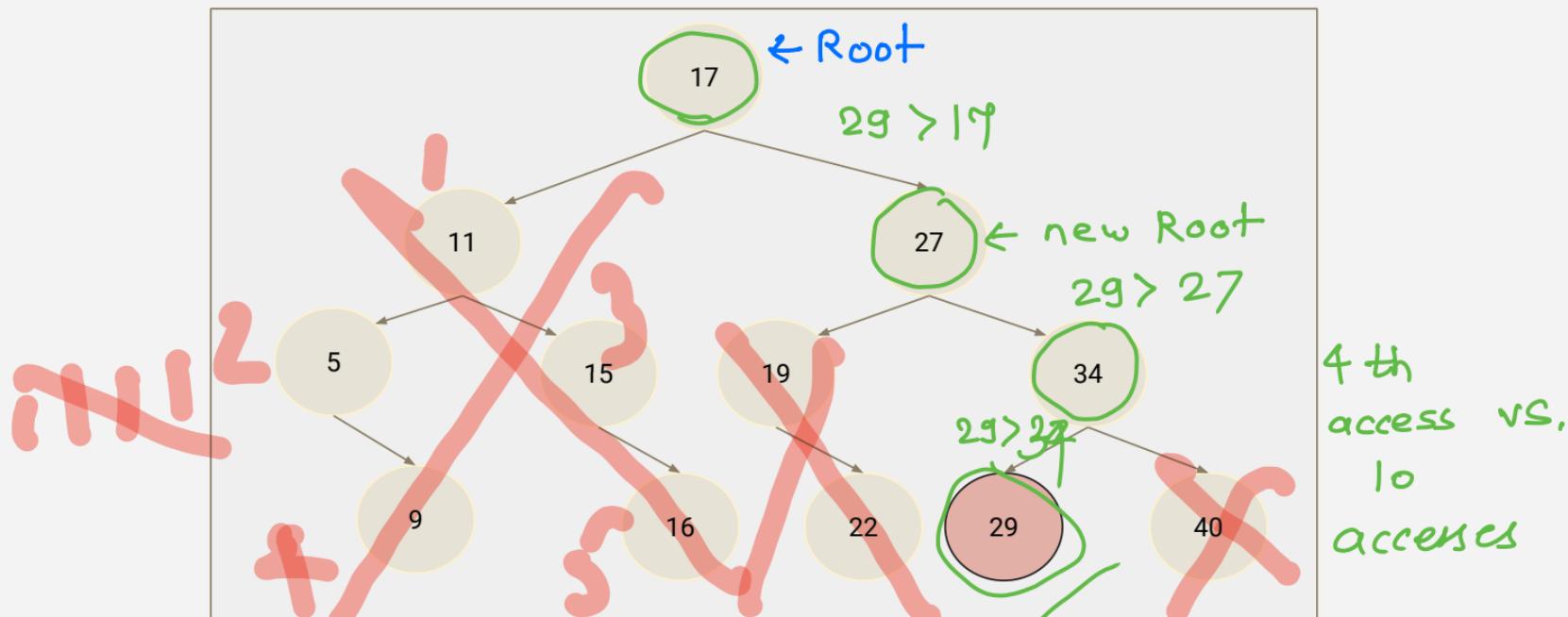


## Observations about BST



Order of Insertion for BST is important

# Searching in BST vs searching in linked list



# Searching in BST

name of function

17, 29

27, 29, 34, 29,

29, 29

searchForKey ← subtree, queryKey

if the queryKey is equal to the key at the root node of the subtree

Found the key! Return a reference to the root node of the subtree

else

if the queryKey is less than or equal to the key in the root node of the subtree

searchForKey ← left subtree, queryKey

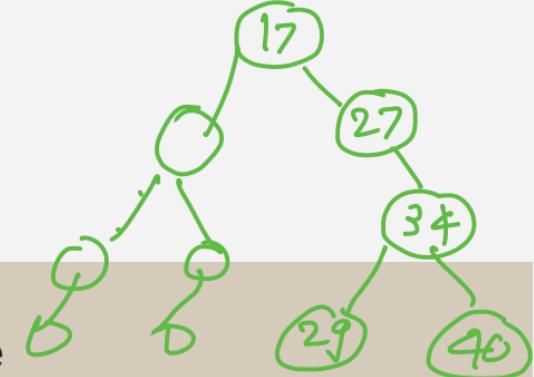
otherwise

29, 29

searchForKey ← right subtree, queryKey

27, 29

34, 29



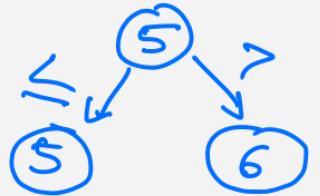
key ⇒ identifies the node  
uniquely

int  
string  
float

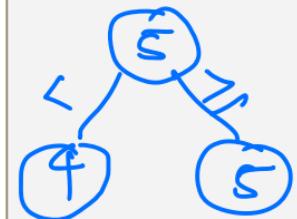
key  
representation  
for the entire  
node

Abstract data type

## Searching for 29



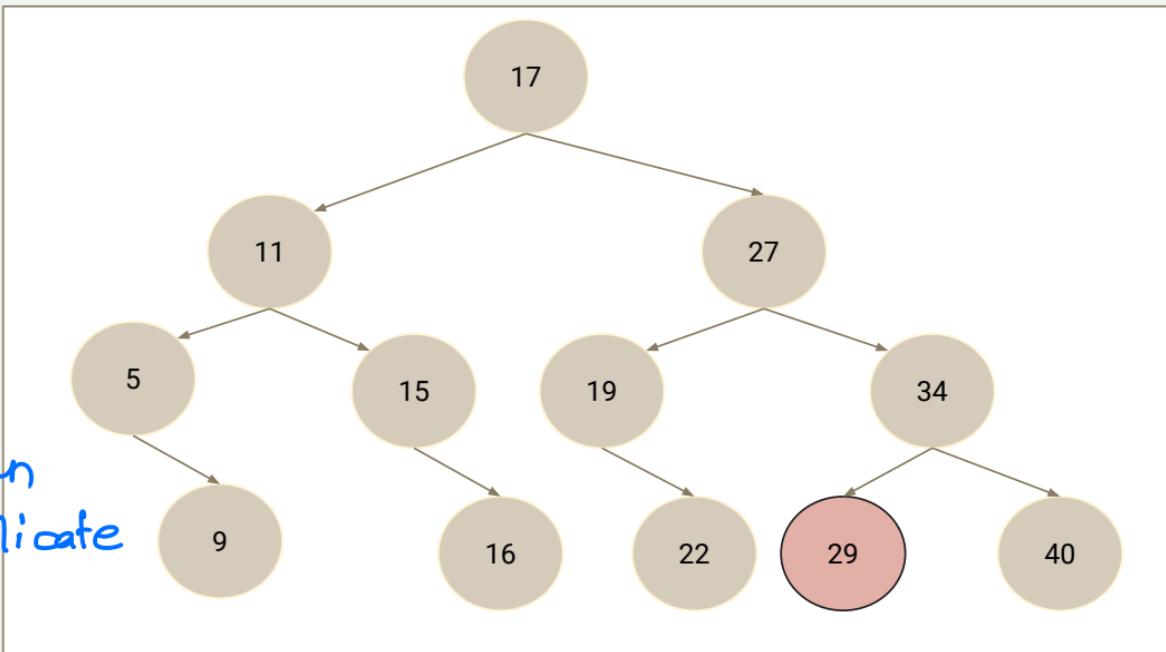
OR



Dynamic set

APT

(Generally  
we do not  
allow  
duplicate  
values)

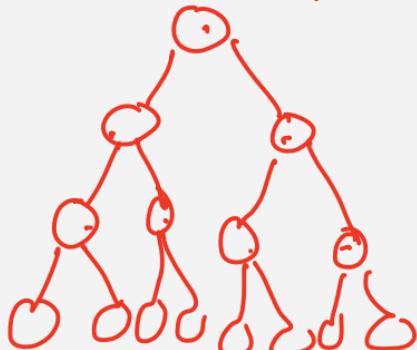


# Observations

- Search process discards large portion of values stored in the tree
  - How many exactly?
- Search moves down one level in order to find out the key
  - How many levels? for  $N$  nodes, levels  $\Rightarrow$

top to bottom  
direction

figure out  
the complexity



7 nodes  
3 Levels

15 nodes  
4 levels

# Full Binary Tree

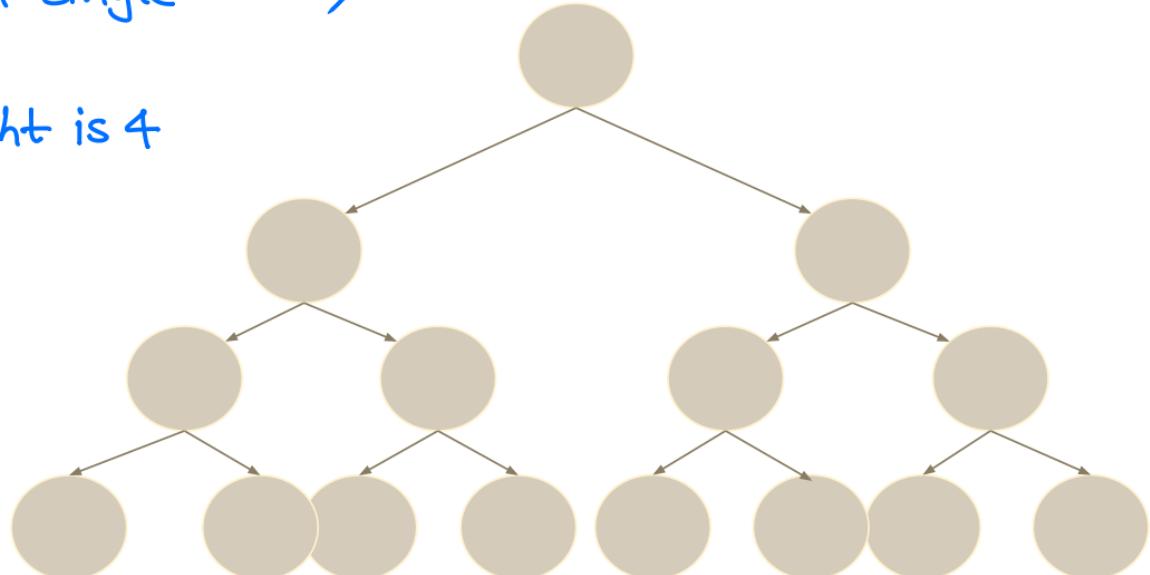
(cannot have a single child)

Every node has 0 or 2 children

For 15 nodes, 4 levels

For **N** nodes, how many levels?

← height is 4



# Complete Binary Tree

$\leftarrow k \approx \log_2 N \leftarrow \text{No. of nodes}$

no. of levels

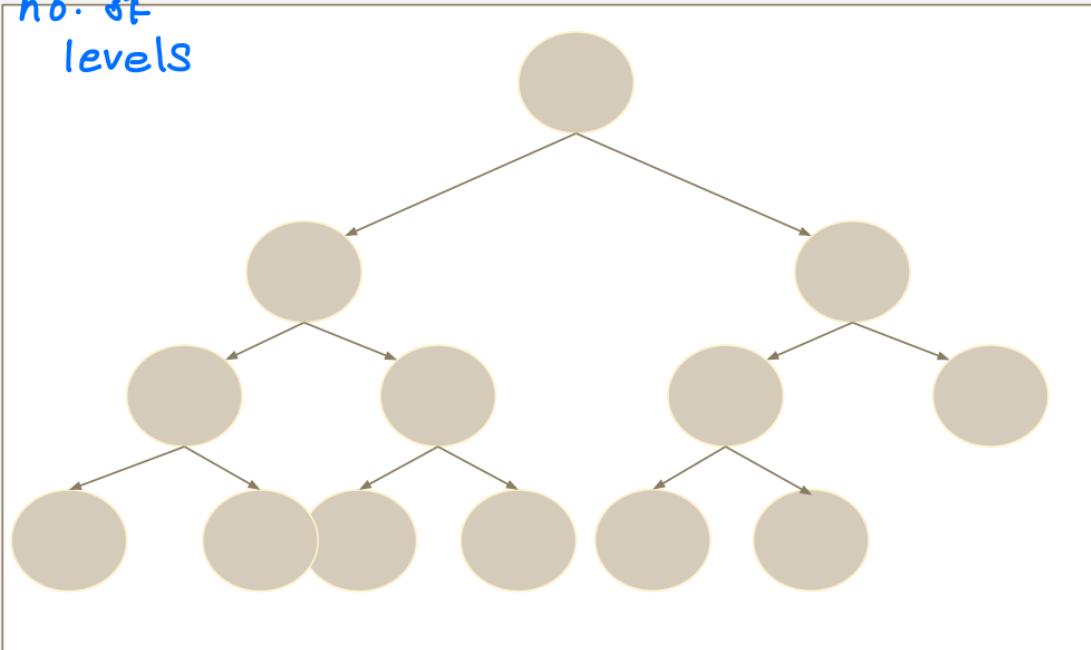
All the levels are completely filled except possibly the last level and the last level has all keys as left as possible

For 13 nodes, 4 levels

For  $N$  nodes, how many levels?

when we divide in  
2 equal parts

complexity =  $\log_2 N$



# Full Binary Tree

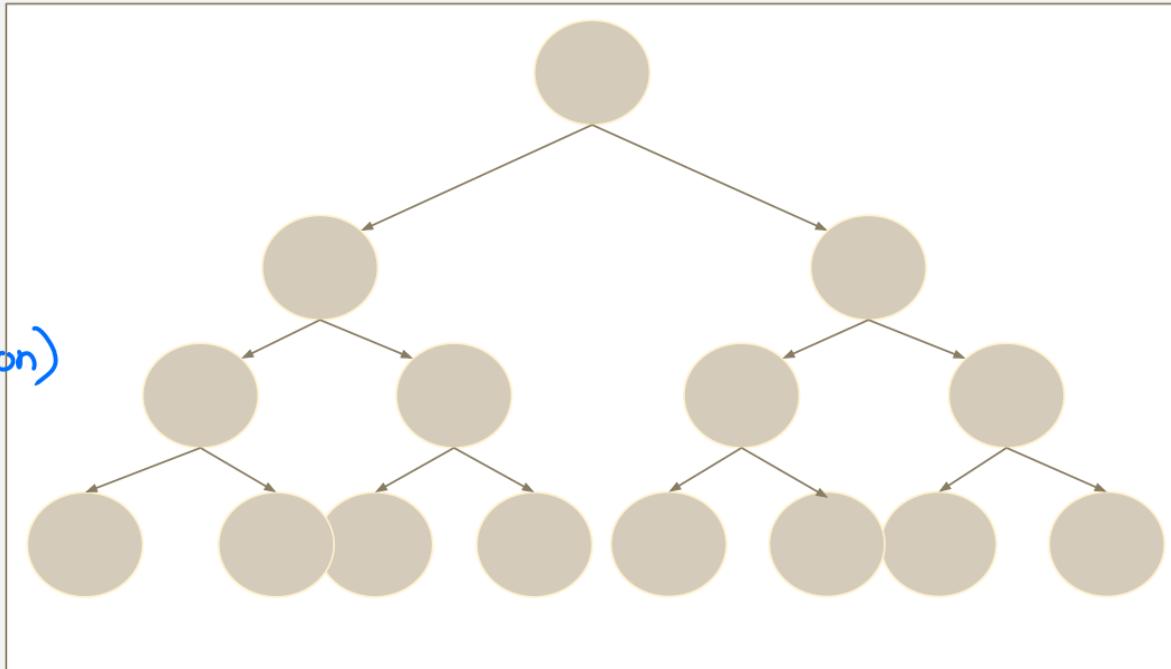
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If BST has **4** levels, how many nodes in BST?

For **k** levels, how many nodes?

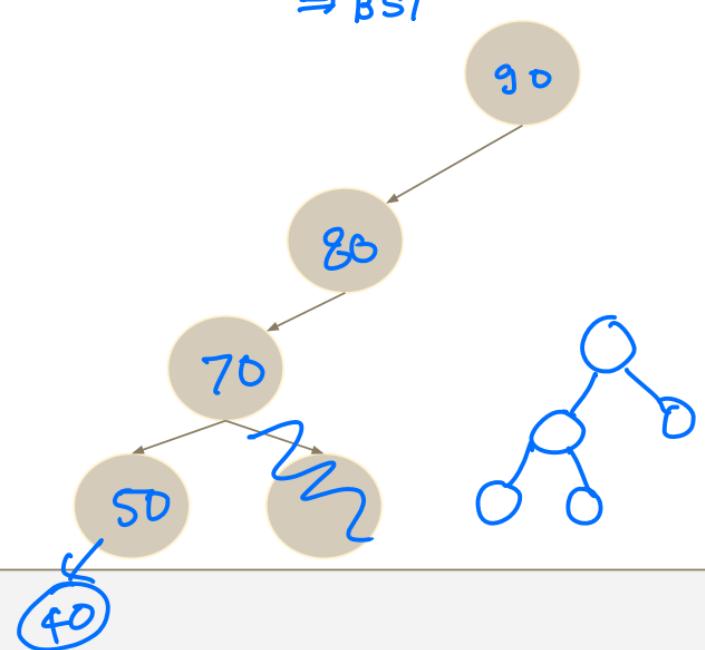
flipped question)

$$N = 2^k \text{ nodes}$$



# Is BST always full / complete?

randomness  $\Rightarrow$  average  
case  
 $\Rightarrow$  BST



No

order in which we receive the nodes, decide the height of the tree

<https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/BST.html>

height = no. of levels = 5  
no. of nodes = 5



worst case  $\Rightarrow$  BST acts like linked list

# Operations on BST

- Initializing an empty binary tree
- Inserting a node into the BST
- Removing (deleting) a node in the BST
- Searching for a specific item in the collection
  - traversal

} similar to linked list

# Implementing BST

Restaurant review app Kelp

Start by creating a CDT(composite data type for restaurant):

```
typedef struct Restaurant_Score
{
    char restaurant_name[MAX_STRING_LENGTH];
    char restaurant_address[MAX_STRING_LENGTH];
    int score;
} Review;
```

*tag*

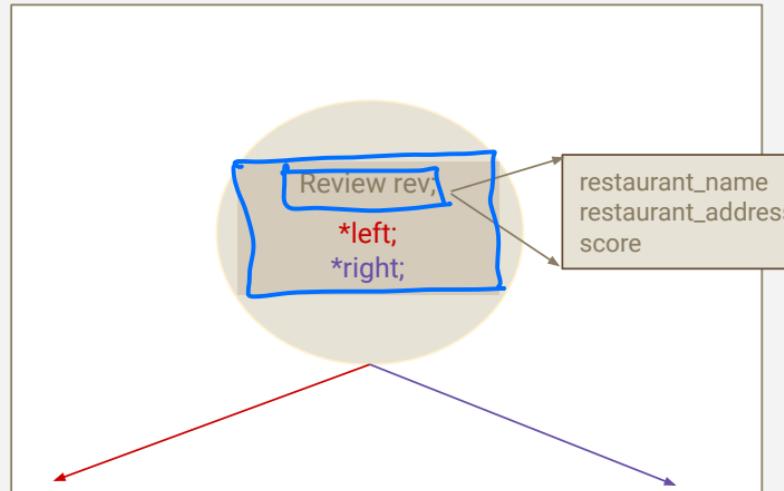
*.name*

# Creating Node

self referential pointer  
(cannot use nickname  
BST\_node)

```
typedef struct BST_Node_Struct
{
    Review rev; // Stores one review
    struct BST_Node_Struct *left; // A pointer to
    its left child
    struct BST_Node_Struct *right; // and a pointer
    to its right child
} BST_Node;
```

CDT inside another CDT



# Initializing a node

arrow pointer

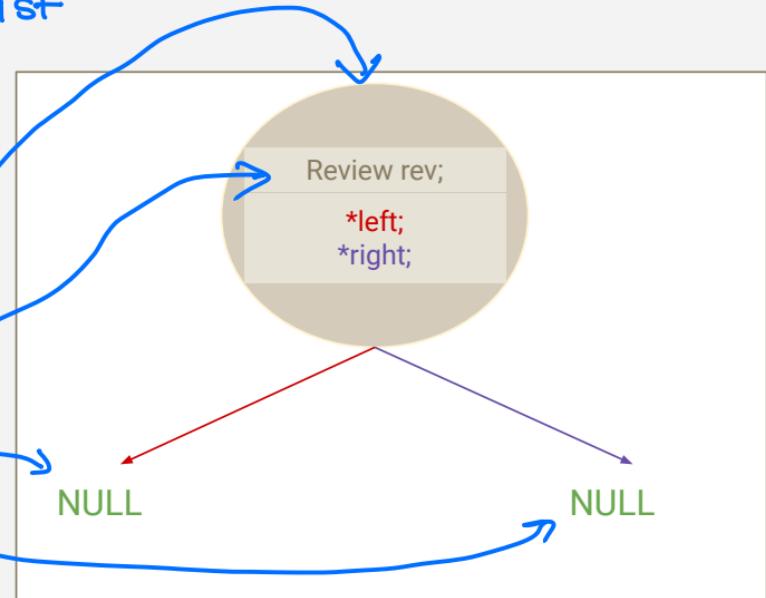
) because  
pointer variable  
new\_review

similar to linked list

```
PST_Node *new_BST_Node(void)
{
    BST_Node *new_review=NULL; // Pointer to the new node

    new_review=(BST_Node *)calloc(1, sizeof(BST_Node));

    new_review->rev.score=-1;
    strcpy(new_review->rev.restaurant_name, "");
    strcpy(new_review->rev.restaurant_address, "");
    new_review -> left = NULL;
    new_review -> right = NULL;
    return new_review;
}
```



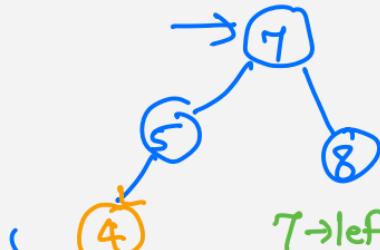
# Inserting Nodes in BST

- Differences from inserting into a linked list
  - Pointer to **root** instead of head
  - **BST property** must be enforced when new **key** is inserted ↗ keeps the data structure sorted (always)
- What could be a **key** in Review CDT??



good idea to keep an id to uniquely identify  
key

Insert 4



# Inserting Nodes

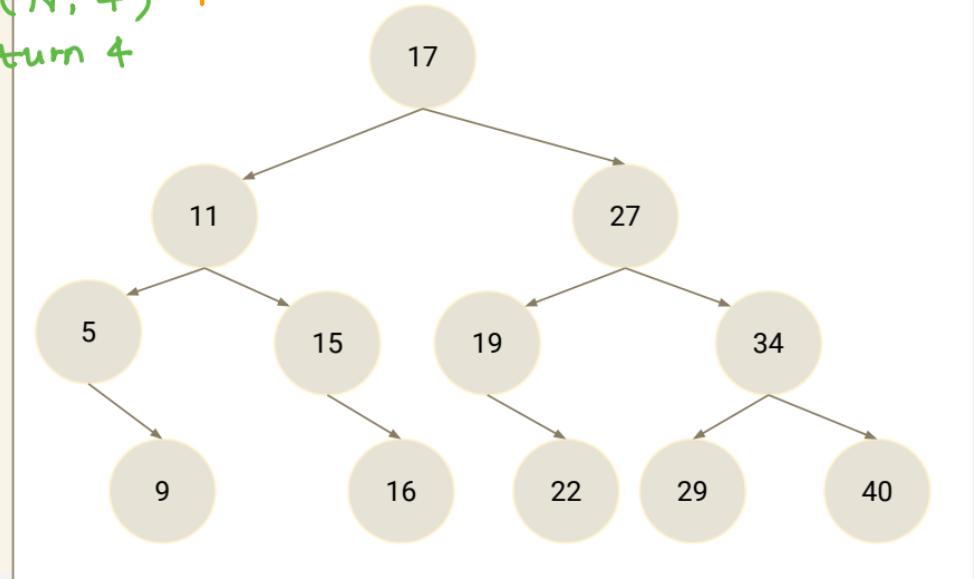
BST\_insert(7, 4)

7->left = BST\_insert(5, 4)

5->left = BST\_insert(4, 4) 4

Review rev;  
\*left;  
\*right;

```
BST_Node *BST_insert(BST_Node *root, BST_Node  
*new_review)  
{  
    if (root==NULL) // Tree is empty, new node  
    becomes  
        return new_review; // the root  
    // Determine which subtree the new key should be  
    in  
    if (strcmp(new_review->rev.restaurant_name,\n  
              root->rev.restaurant_name)<=0)  
        root->left=BST_insert(root->left,new_review);  
    else  
        root->right=BST_insert(root->right,new_review);  
    return root;  
}
```

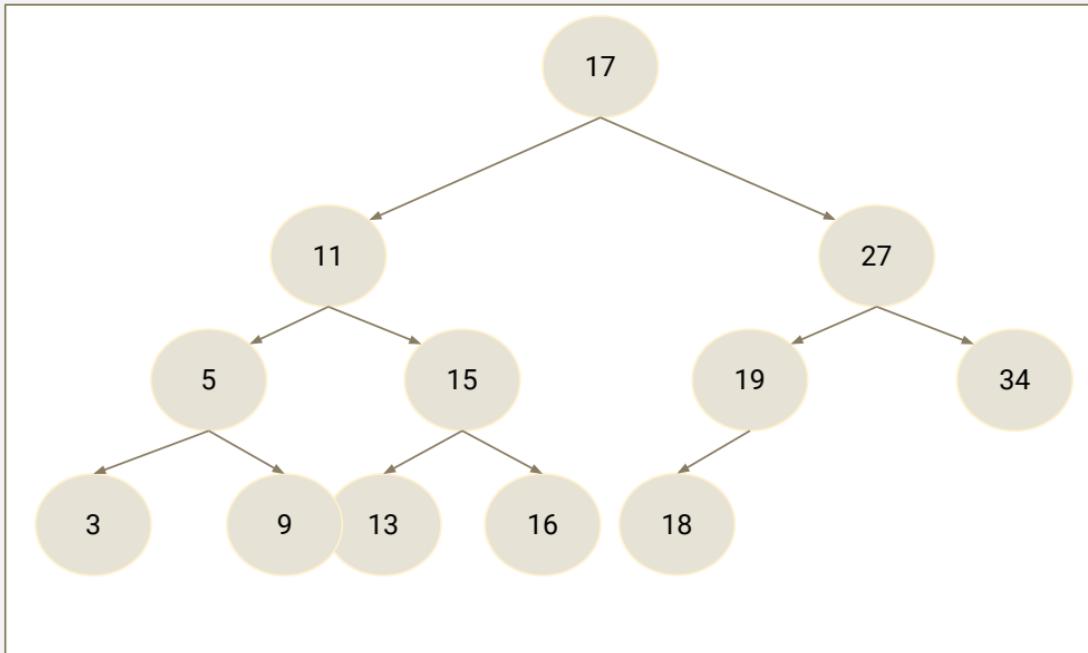


# Recursion

Function calls itself directly or indirectly

```
BST_Node *BST_insert(BST_Node *root, BST_Node *new_review)
{
    if (root==NULL) // Tree is empty, new node becomes
        return new_review; // the root
    // Determine which subtree the new key should be in
    if (strcmp(new_review->rev.restaurant_name,\n
                root->rev.restaurant_name)<=0)
        root->left=BST_insert(root->left,new_review);
    else
        root->right=BST_insert(root->right,new_review);
    return root;
}
```

# Every subtree of a BST is also a BST



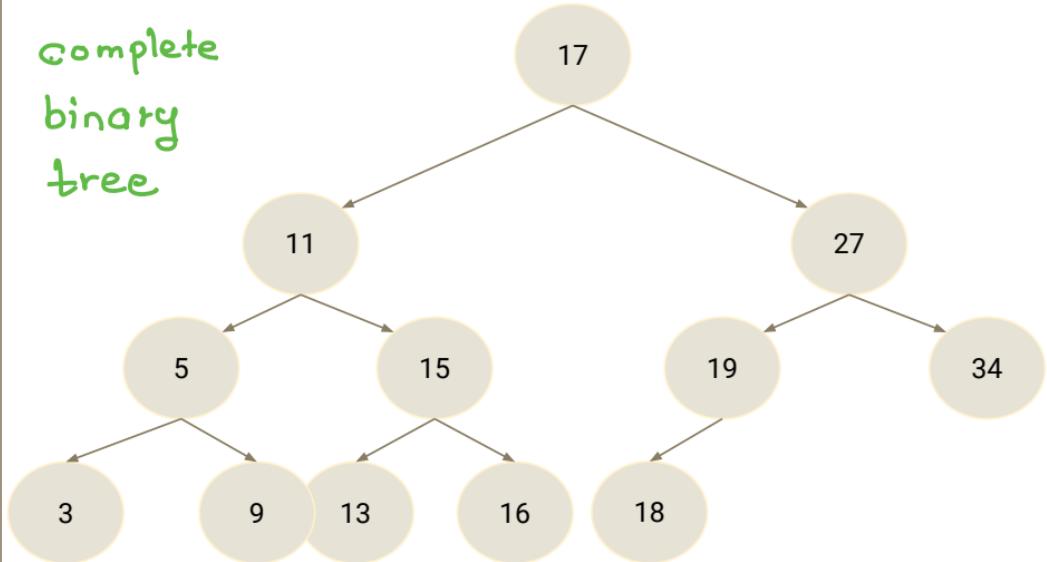
# Insertion Example

nodes we want to insert



```
If root == NULL  
    Insert at the root  
Compare the inserting element with  
root,  
if less than root,  
    then recursively call left  
    subtree,  
else  
    recursively call right subtree.
```

complete  
binary  
tree



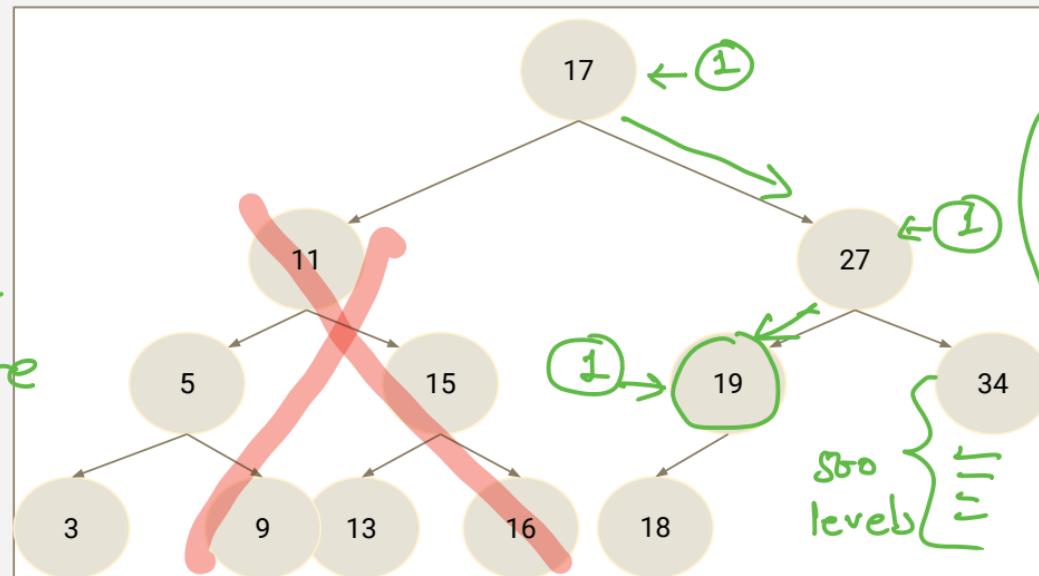
# Revisit the complexity of search in BST

How to calculate the search complexity of BST??

depends on the height of the tree, and we also know that on a full BST the height of the tree is  $\lceil \log_2(N) \rceil$ ,

ceiling function

Insert & search are similar



$$O(\log_2 N)$$

amount of work at each level  
\*  
no. of levels  
constant time  $\log_2 N$   
how many comparison?

# Search in BST

since its key  
↓

```
BST_Node *BST_search(BST_Node *root, char name[1024])
{
    if (root==NULL) // Tree or subtree is empty
        return NULL;
    // Check if this node contains the review we want, if so,
    // return // a pointer to it
    if (strcmp(root->rev.restaurant_name)==0) ] success
        return root;
    // Not in this node, search the corresponding subtree ]
    if (strcmp(name, root->rev.restaurant_name)==0)
        return BST_search(root->left, name);
    else
        return BST_search(root->right, name);
}
```

Fail

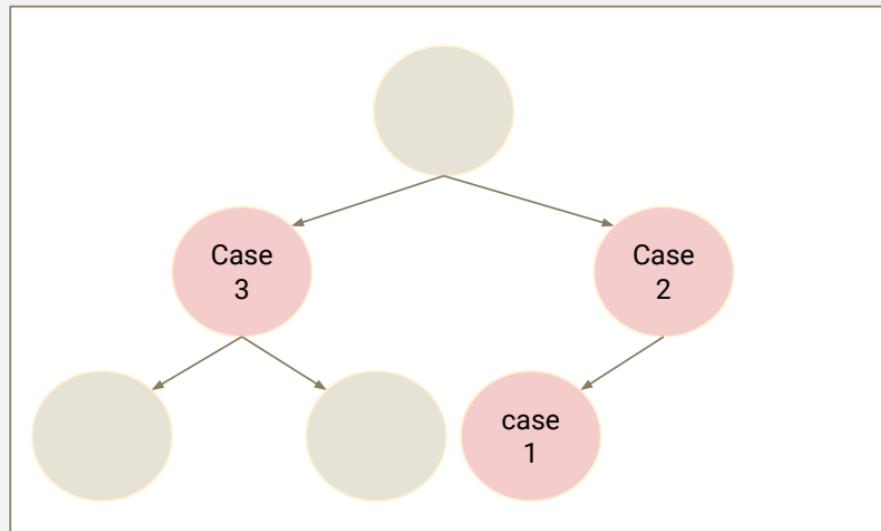
# Updating in BST

- Similar to searching followed by updating
- No updates allowed on the keys since we don't want  
to change the keys
- Why??

# Deleting items from BST

- Case 1: Deleting leaf node
- Case 2: Deleting non-leaf node with one child
- Case 3: Deleting non-leaf nodes with two children

**Goal:**  
Always maintain BST property

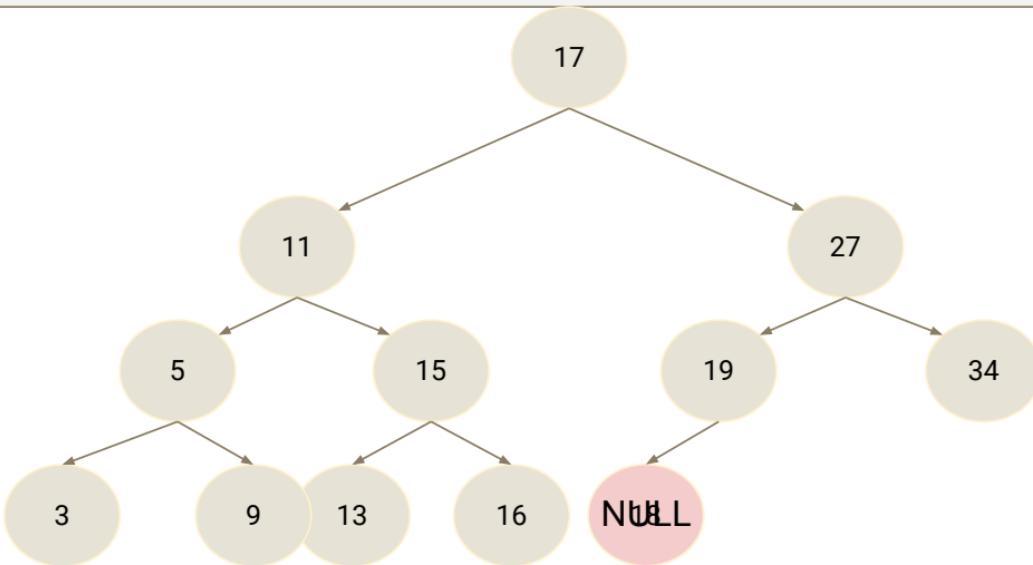


# Function to delete a node

```
BST_Node *BST_delete(BST_Node *root, char name[1024])  
{  
    if (root==NULL)  
        return NULL; // Tree or sub-tree is empty  
  
    else if (strcmp(name, root->rev.restaurant_name) < 0)  
        root->left = BST_delete(root->left, name);  
  
    else if (strcmp(name, root->rev.restaurant_name) > 0)  
        root->right = BST_delete(root->right, name);  
  
    else ← (when you find the node to delete)  
    {  
        ✓ //case1  
  
        ✓ //case2  
  
        ✓ //case3  
  
    }  
    return root; ??
```

bit restructured

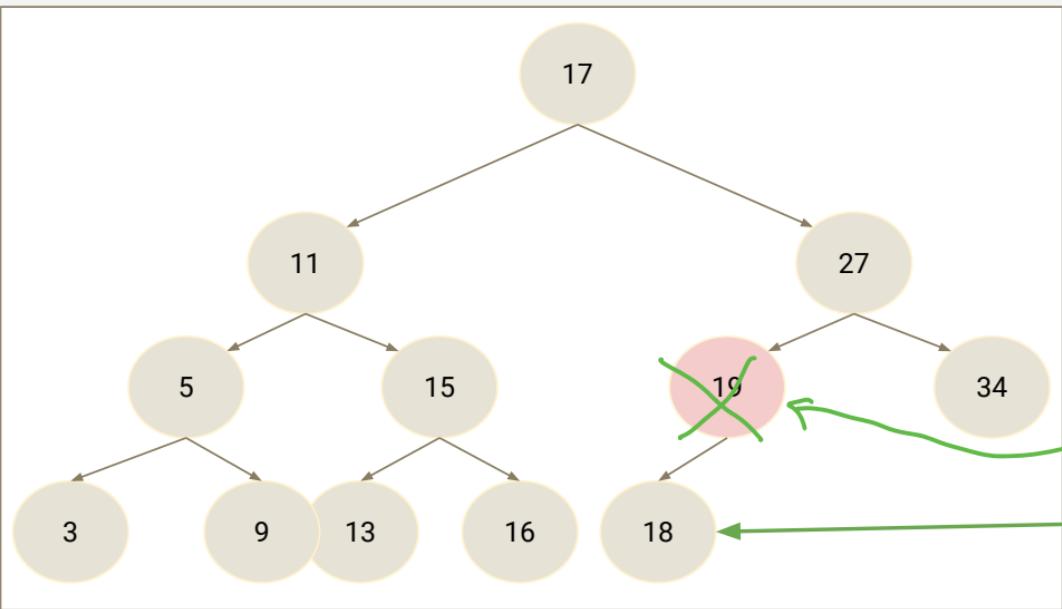
# Case 1: Deleting leaf node



**Case1:**

```
if (root->left==NULL && root->right==NULL)
{
    free(root);
    return NULL;
}
```

## Case 2: Deleting non-leaf node with one child



Case 2:

pointer to BST\_node

```
BST_Node *tmp;  
if (root->right==NULL)  
{  
    tmp = root->left;  
    free(root);  
    return tmp;  
}
```

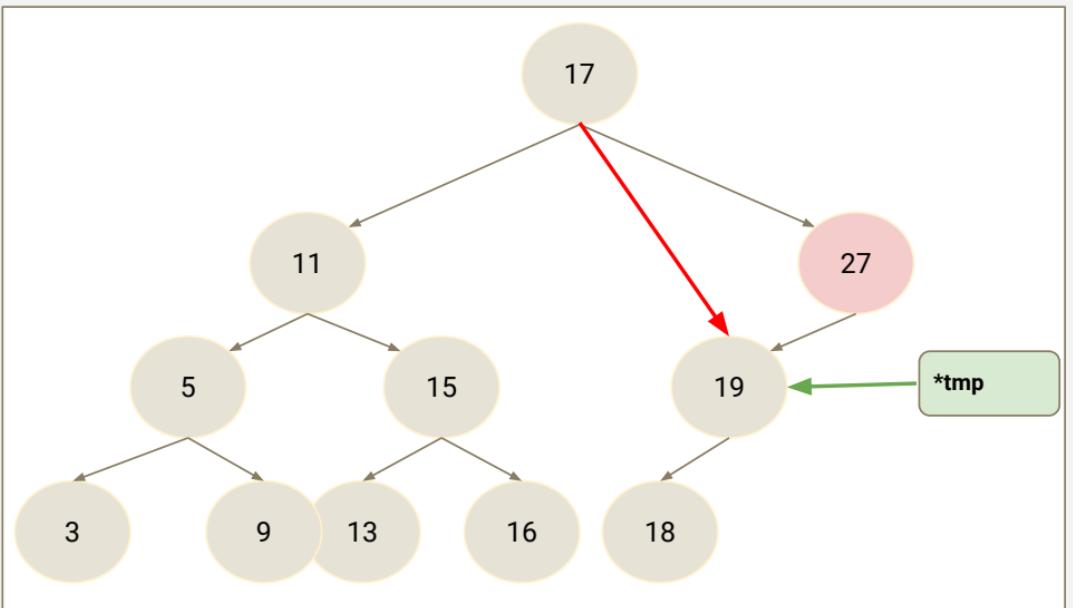
\*tmp

what's root ??

Anything missing? 19

yes connection bet' 18 and 27

# Case 2: Deleting non-leaf node with one child



## Case 2:

```
BST_Node *tmp;  
else if (root->right==NULL)  
{  
    tmp = root->left;  
    free(root);  
    return tmp;  
}
```

The red arrow is fixed in the recursive call:

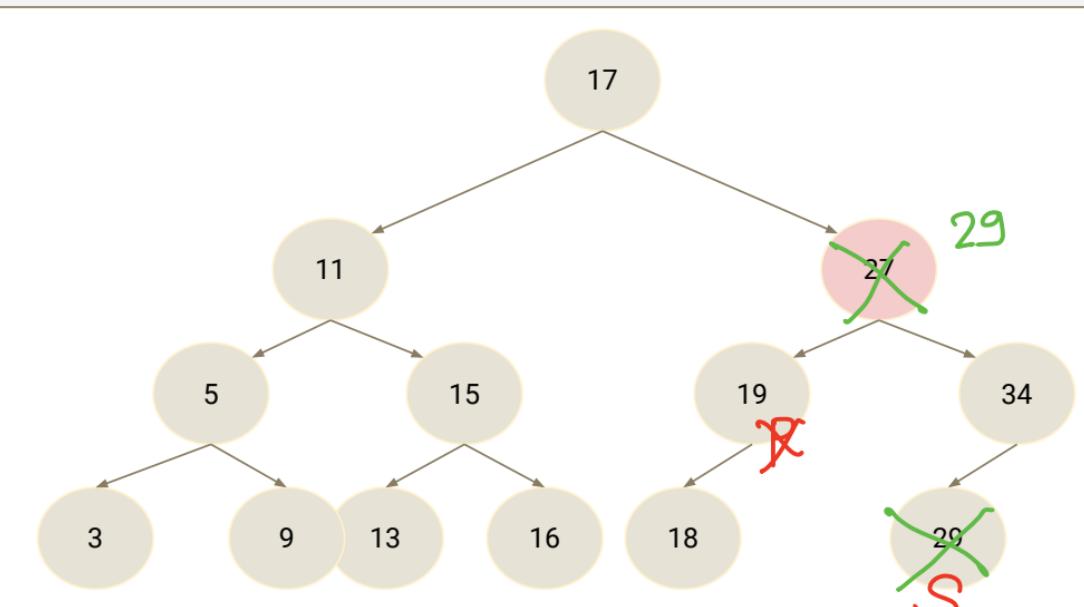
```
root->right = BST_delete(root->right, name);
```

17

# Case 3: Deleting non-leaf nodes with two children

~~predecessor~~

Always use successor



Which node should replace 27??

Answer: Successor of 27

**Successor?**

Smallest element in the right subtree of 27

Successor of 27: **29**

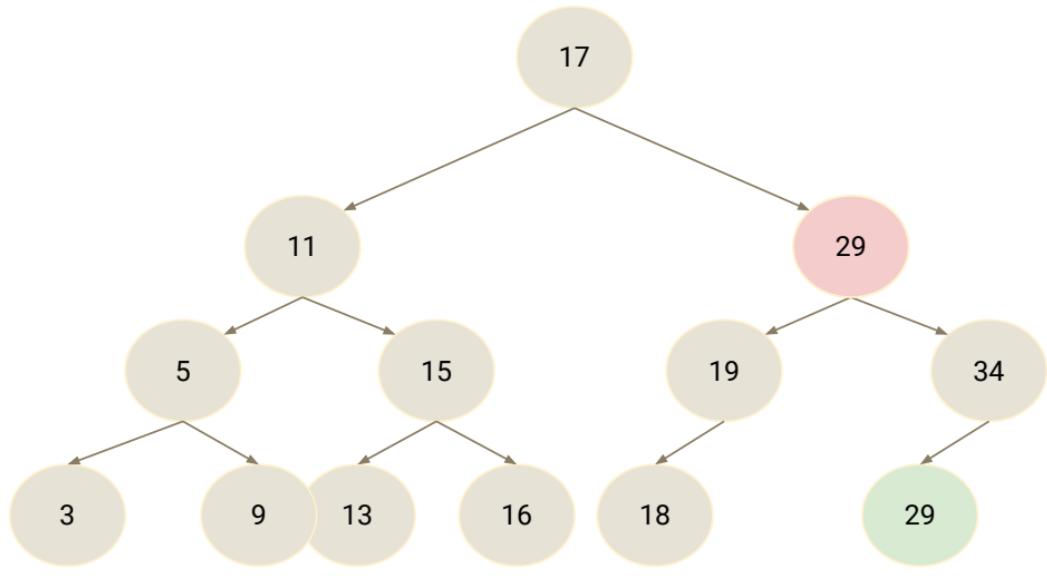
Next?

- Copy content of successor to node we want to delete
- Delete successor

what if 29 had 2 children? NO

Even if it had 1 child  $\Rightarrow$  Is it going to be left or right?

# Case 3: Deleting non-leaf nodes with two children



## Case 3:

//Find the minimum in the right subtree of root(successor)

//copy successor's data to root's data

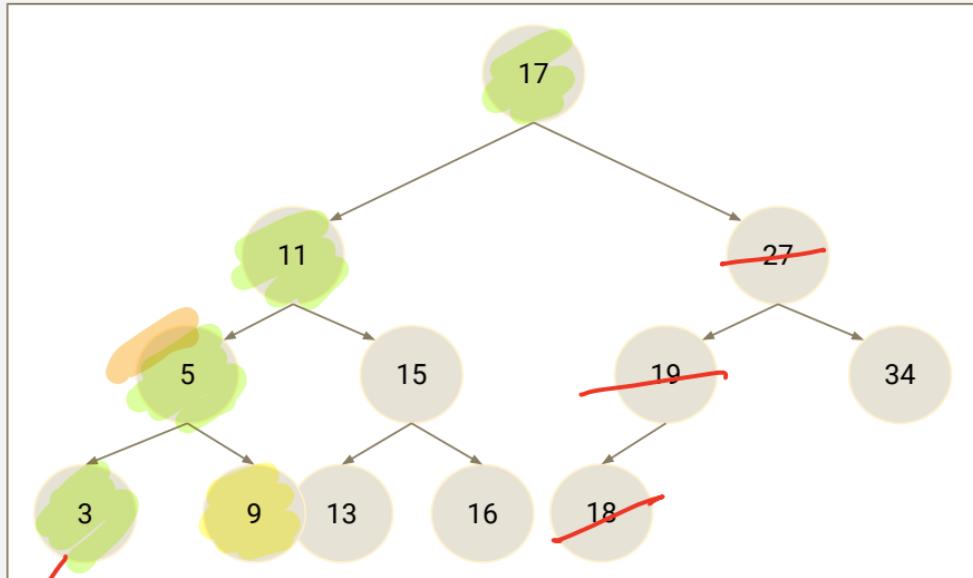
//BST\_delete successor node

# Tree Traversal

- Iterating over all nodes in some manner
- BST is a self-referential (recursively defined) data structure, hence traversal can be defined using recursion
- Unlike linear data structures, BST can be traversed in multiple ways:
  - In-order
  - Pre-order
  - Post-order

(left child, root, right child)

# In-order traversal



## Algorithm *in-order(tree)*

1. Traverse the left subtree *in-order(left-subtree)*
2. Visit the root.
3. Traverse the right subtree *in-order(right-subtree)*

*in-order(17)*

• *visit 17*

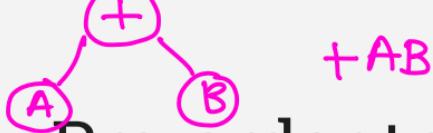
*in-order(27)*

*in-order(19)*

*in-order(18)*

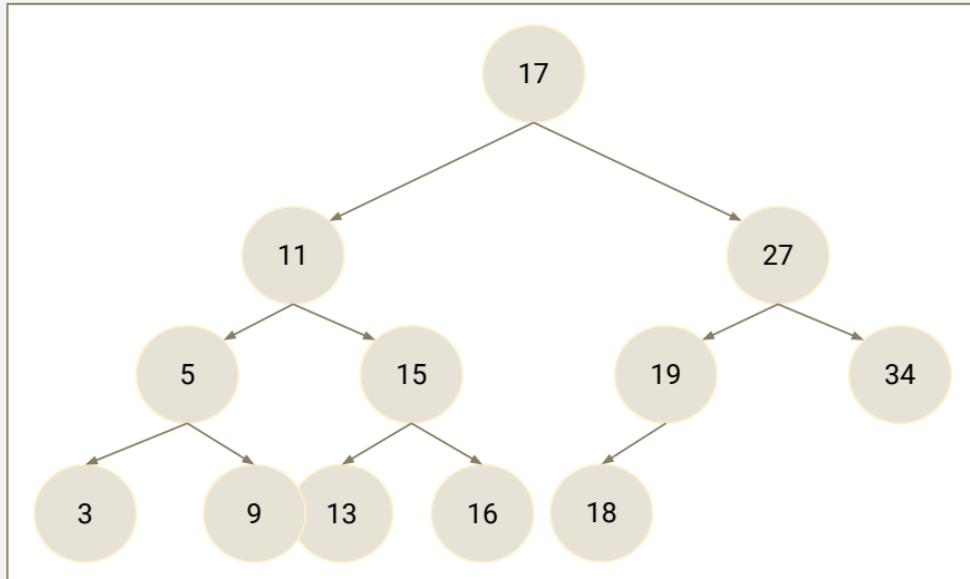


Prefix expression



## Pre-order traversal

(Root then children)



Algorithm `preorder(tree)`

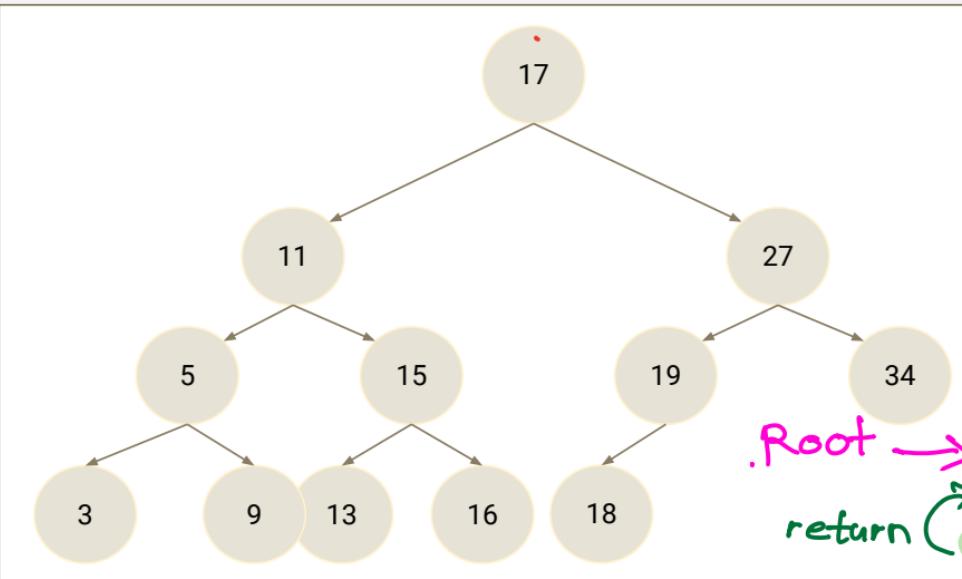
1. Visit the root
2. Traverse the left subtree `preorder(left-subtree)`
3. Traverse the right subtree `preorder(right-subtree)`



Pre-order is used to copy the tree

# Post-order traversal

(children first  
then root)



Algorithm  $\text{post-order}(\text{tree})$

1. Traverse the left subtree  $\text{post-order}(\text{left-subtree})$
2. Traverse the right subtree  $\text{post-order}(\text{right-subtree})$
3. Visit the root

$\text{PO}(17)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{PO}(11)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{PO}(5)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{PO}(3)$   $\text{PO}(9)$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{PO}(N)$   $\text{PO}(N)$



Post-order is also used to delete the tree

Efficiency of search op<sup>n</sup> using data structure

Have we solved the problem?

	<u>Linked List</u>	<u>BST</u>
Building the data structure	<p><u>N items</u> complexity of 1 item Insertion complexity : <math>O(1)</math></p> <p><u>N items</u> Insertion complexity <math>\underbrace{N * O(1)}_{\text{worst}} = O(N)</math></p>	<p><u>N items</u> complexity Insertion complexity <math>\underbrace{1 \text{ item}}_{\text{average}} O(\log_2 N)</math></p> <p><u>N items</u> <math>N * O(\log_2 N)</math> <math>O(N \log_2 N) \leq \text{avg}</math></p>

# Have we solved the problem?

	Array	BST
Sorting the Data Structure	<p>Bubble sort</p> <p>Quicksort <math>O(N \log_2 N)</math></p> <p>↑</p> <p>average complexity</p>	<p>Building BST</p> <p>On average</p> <p><math>O(N \log_2 N)</math></p>

# Have we solved the problem?

	Sorted Array	BST	Linked List
Search complexity	Binary Search $O(\log_2 N)$ ↑ worst	$O(\log_2 N)$ ↑ average	$O(N)$ ↑ worst case
∴ BST is not always the winner			

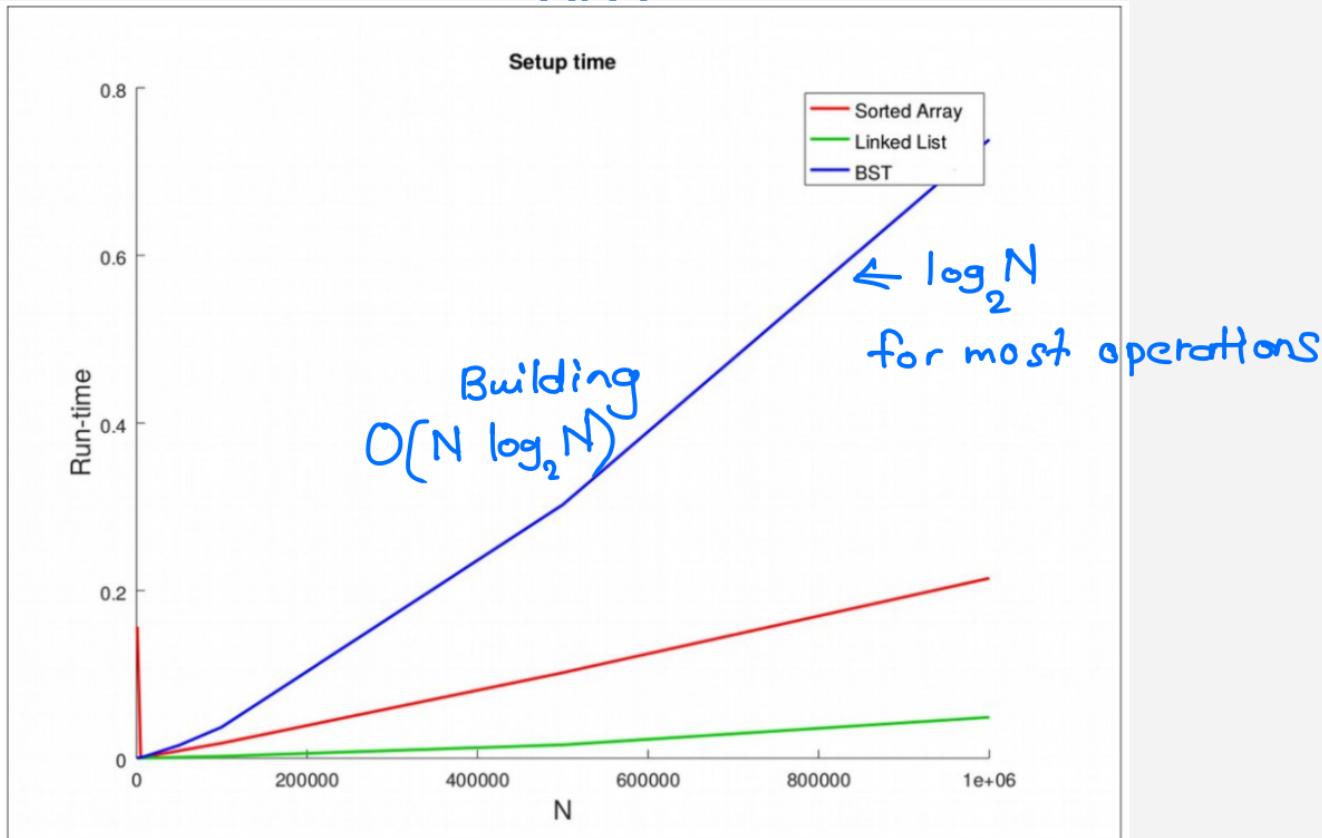
# Have we solved the problem?

	Sorted Array	BST	Linked List
Storage	<p></p> <p>if full copy &amp; insert</p> <p>NOT GOOD</p> <p>OPTION</p>	<p> <math>O(N)</math></p> <p>dynamic</p> <p>large CDT</p> <p>GOOD OPTION</p>	<p> <math>O(N)</math></p> <p>dynamic</p>

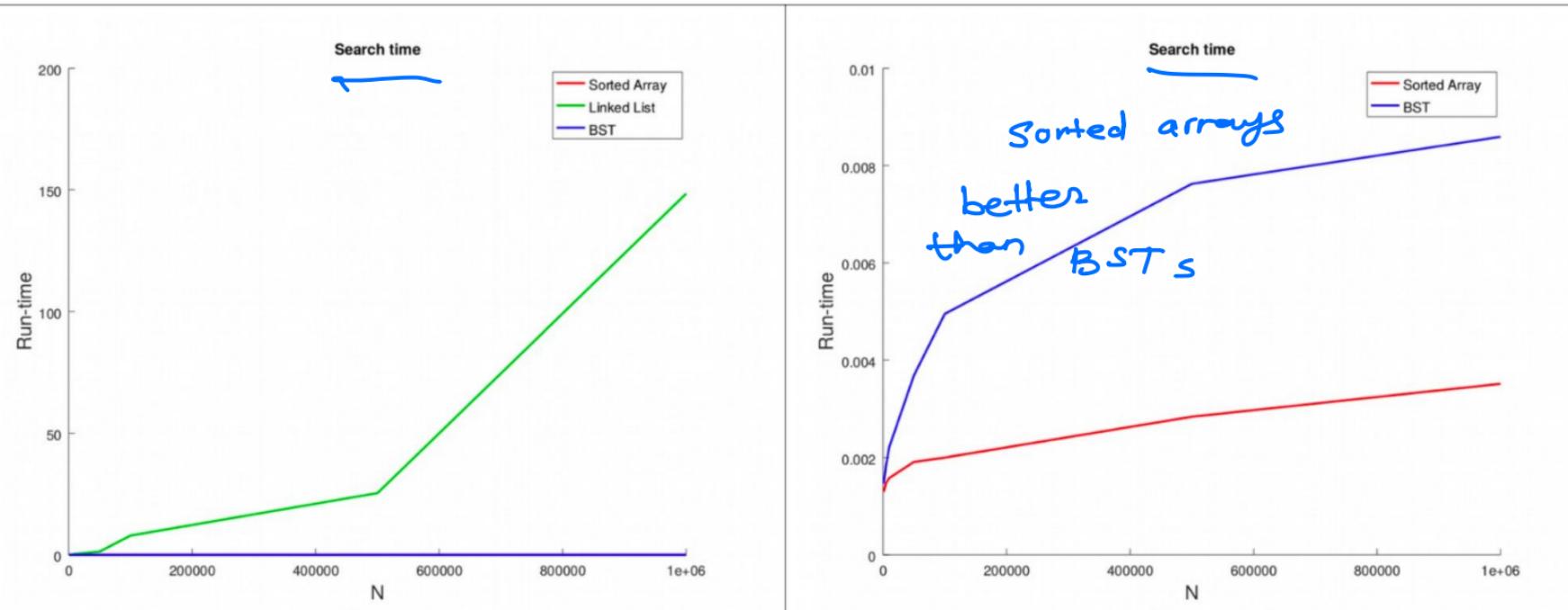
# How to choose? between all data structures?

- Size of input(N)
  - Large N (best Big O complexity for common operations like insert, delete, and search) **prob. BST**
    - What kind of data? (for storage requirement)
      - Numeric data: (arrays not that bad!) *wastage will be smaller*
      - CDTs: (linked list or BSTs) *wastage more*
  - Smaller N
    - Ease of implementation
    - Performance of Data structure  $\Rightarrow$  *may go for bubble sort*
- Kind of operations
  - Access to all items all the time (linked lists or arrays)
  - Frequent insertions, search and deletions, (data structure with best big O for these operations)

# (Sorted array+binary search) vs linked list vs BST

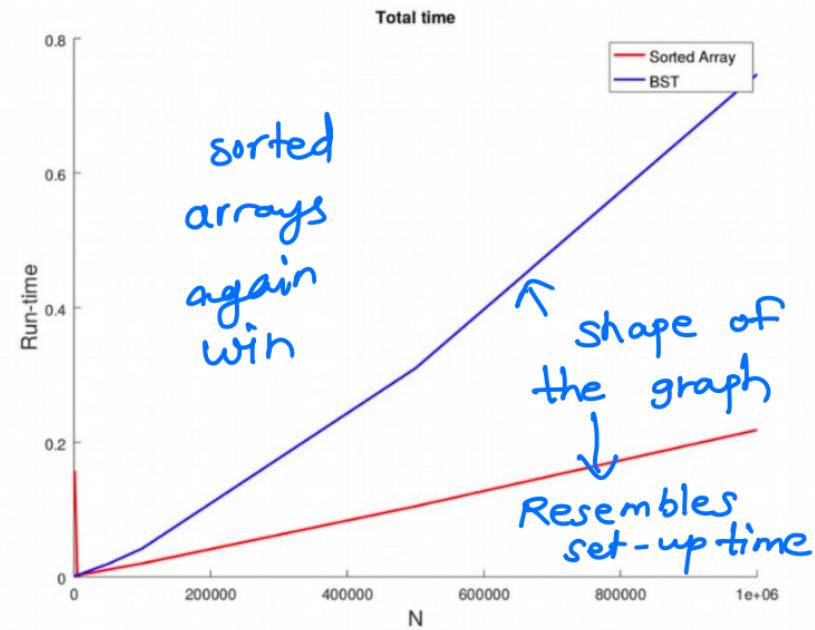
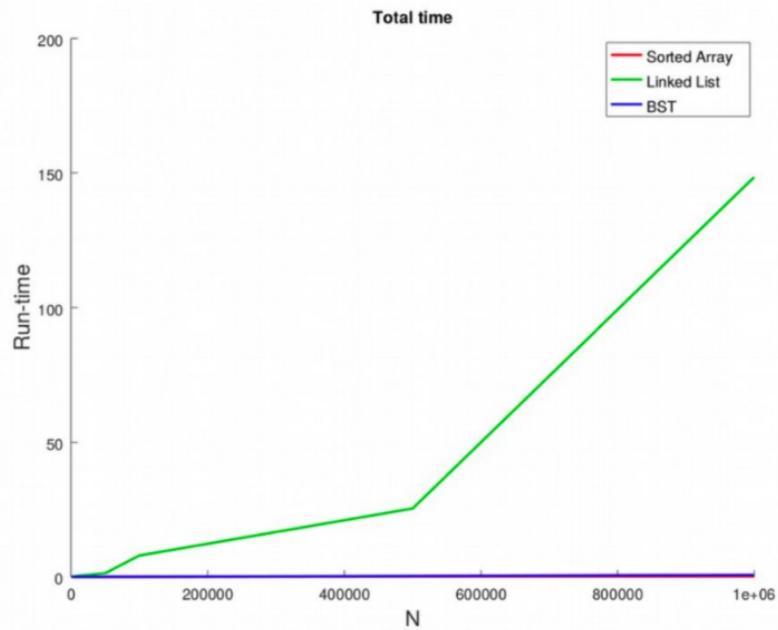


# (Sorted array+binary search) vs linked list vs BST



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build + search



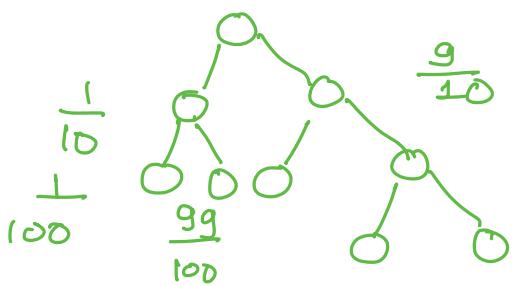
50 iterations for each (10,000) queries

# Unit 4 takeaways!

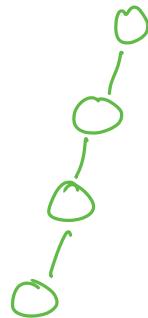
- How to measure complexity of algorithms, problems, data structures
  - Worst case complexity
  - Average case complexity
    - Not reliable for safety critical applications or real time applications
- How to choose an ADT for an application
  - Implementation of BST
  - Linked lists vs Arrays vs BSTs

average case is closer to worst case

$$\left( \log_{\frac{10}{7}} N \right)$$



worst\_case  
(N)



$$\left( \log_{\frac{10}{7}} N \right)$$

$\approx$  diff. base