

# BINARY SEARCH TREES

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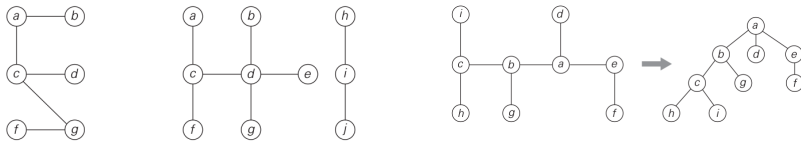


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# Trees<sup>1</sup>

A free tree: a connected acyclic graph

- Forest: acyclic graph not necessarily connected
- Rooted tree (root typically on the top)



**Applications:** implement dictionaries, fault analysis, etc.

<sup>1</sup> Source: A. Levitin. Introduction to the Design and Analysis of Algorithms. 2011.



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# Trees: terminology for rooted trees

- Parent
- Siblings
- Subtree
- Internal vertices
- Ancestors / descendants (proper)



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# Trees: terminology for rooted trees

- Leaf: no children
- Depth/level of  $v$ : length of the unique path from the root to  $v$
- Height: length of the longest unique path from the node to a leaf
- $m$ -ary tree: every internal vertex has no more than  $m$  children
  - Complete  $m$ -ary tree: levels filled from top to bottom, left to right
  - Full  $m$ -ary tree: exactly  $m$  children
  - $m$ -ary tree, where  $m = 2$ : binary tree
- Ordered tree
  - Ordered binary tree: binary search tree (BST)
- Balanced tree



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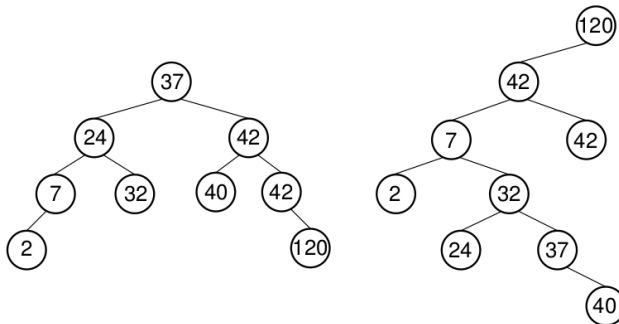


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# Binary search trees<sup>2</sup>

**Left tree:** insertion order = 37, 24, 42, 7, 2, 40, 42, 32, 120

**Right tree:** insertion order = 120, 42, 42, 7, 2, 32, 37, 24, 40



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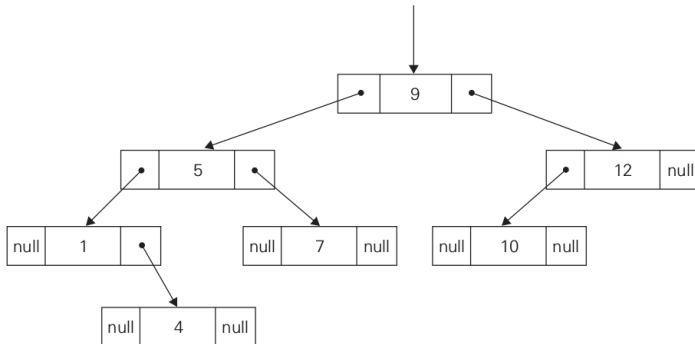
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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs<sup>3</sup>

Typical implementation: **based on references** (pointers)



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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

Composite type (BSTNode):

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```

1  Key key;
2  E element;
3  BSTNode left;           // left child
4  BSTNode right;         // right child

```

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**Algorithm:** BSTNode create\_bstnode(Key k, E e)

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```

1  n.key  $\leftarrow$  k;
2  n.element  $\leftarrow$  e;
3  n.left  $\leftarrow$  n.right  $\leftarrow$  NULL;
4  return n;

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Composite type (BST):

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```

1  BSTNode root;
2  int nodecount;                                // number of elements

```

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**Algorithm:** BST create\_bst()

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```

1  bst.root  $\leftarrow$  NULL;
2  bst.nodecount  $\leftarrow$  0;
3  return bst;

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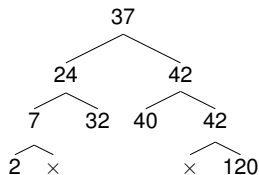
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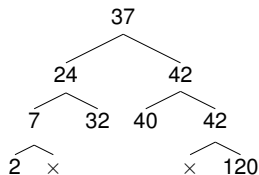
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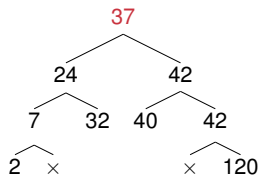
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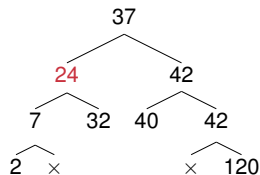
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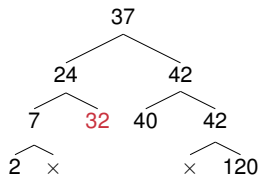
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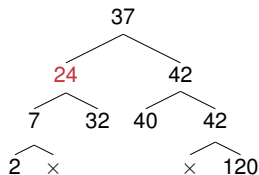
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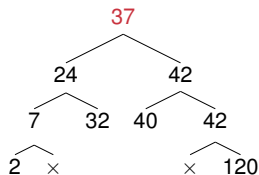
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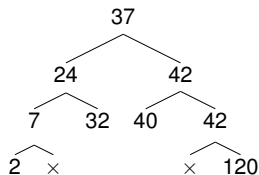
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**Algorithm:** void insert(BST bst, Key k, E e)

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- 1  $bst.root \leftarrow inserthelp(bst.root, k, e);$
  - 2  $bst.nodecount++;$
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**Algorithm:** BSTNode inserthelp(BSTNode rt, Key k, E e)

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- 1 **if**  $rt = NULL$  **then** **return**  $create\_bstnode(k, e);$
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  - 4 **else**
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  - 6 **return**  $rt;$
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Important: **repeated keys**  
go to the **right subtree**



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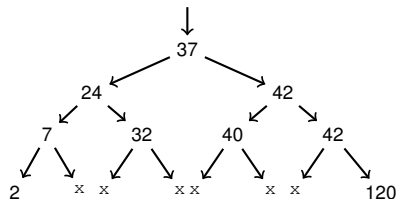
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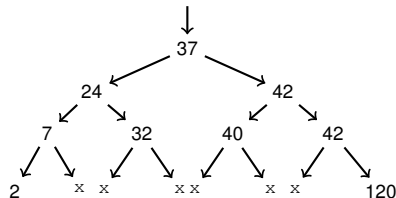
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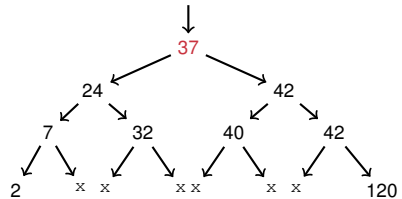
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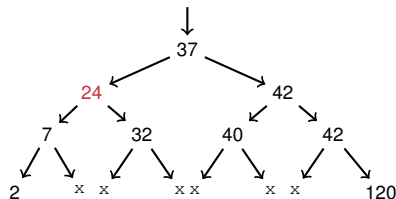
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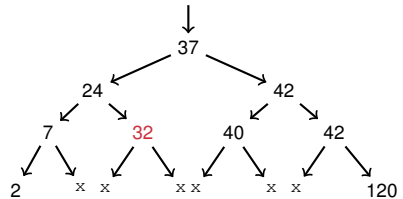
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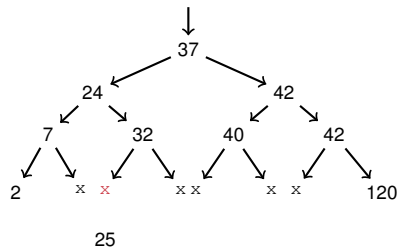
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Returning the reference  
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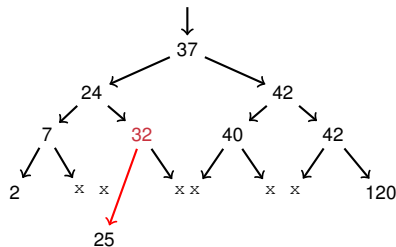
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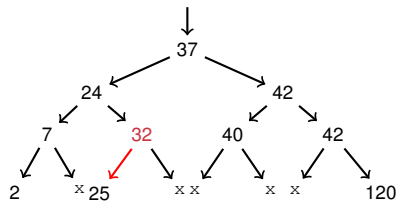
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Better presented this way

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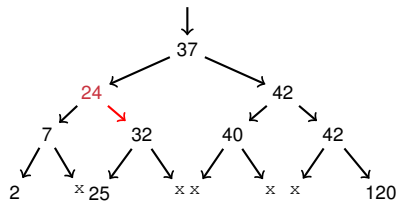
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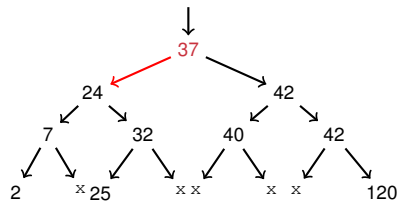
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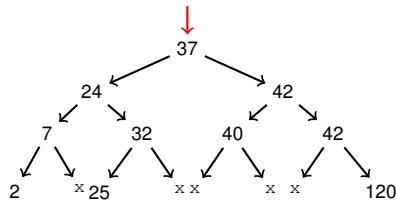
```

1  if rt = NULL then return
   create_bstnode(k, e) ;
2  if rt.key > k then
3  |   rt.left ← inserthelp(rt.left, k, e);
4  else
5  |   rt.right ←
   inserthelp(rt.right, k, e);
6  return rt;

```

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insert(., 25, .)



Updating the reference  
to the root node



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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

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## Algorithm: E remove(BST bst, Key k)

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```

1  E  $temp \leftarrow findhelp(bst.root, k);$ 
2  if  $temp \neq NULL$  then
3       $bst.root \leftarrow removehelp(bst.root, k);$ 
4       $bst.nodecount--;$ 
5  return  $temp;$ 

```

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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

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**Algorithm:** BSTNode removehelp(BSTNode rt, Key k)

---

```

1  if rt = NULL then return NULL;
2  if rt.key > k then
3    rt.left  $\leftarrow$  removehelp(rt.left, k);
4  else if rt.key < k then
5    rt.right  $\leftarrow$  removehelp(rt.right, k);
6  else
7    if rt.left = NULL then return rt.right ;
8    else if rt.right = NULL then return rt.left ;
9    else
10     BSTNode temp  $\leftarrow$  getmin(rt.right);
11     rt.element  $\leftarrow$  temp.element;
12     rt.key  $\leftarrow$  temp.key;
13     rt.right  $\leftarrow$  deletemin(rt.right);
14 return rt;

```



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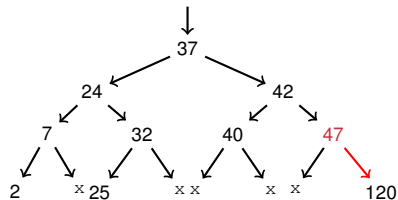
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7  else
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9  |   rt.right;
10 |   else if rt.right = NULL then
11 |   return rt.left ;
12 |   else
13 |   |   BSTNode
14 |   |   temp ← getmin(rt.right);
15 |   |   rt.element ← temp.element;
16 |   |   rt.key ← temp.key;
17 |   |   rt.right ←
18 |   |   deletemin(rt.right);
19 return rt;
```

Let  $rt$  be the node to be removed, three cases:

- (i)  $rt.left = NULL$ ,
- (ii)  $rt.right = NULL$ , and
- (iii) otherwise.

$remove(., 47)$



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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

**Algorithm:** BSTNode

removehelp(BSTNode rt, Key k)

```

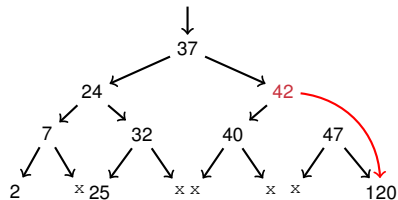
1  if rt = NULL then return NULL;
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**Algorithm:** BSTNode

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```

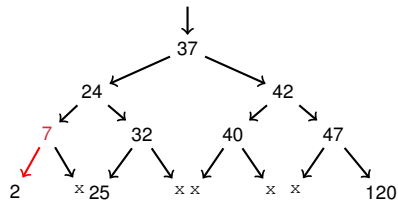
1  if rt = NULL then return NULL;
2  if rt.key > k then
3  |   rt.left ← removehelp(rt.left, k);
4  else if rt.key < k then
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6  |   removehelp(rt.right, k);
7  else
8  |   if rt.left = NULL then return
9  |   rt.right ;
10 |   else if rt.right = NULL then
11 |   return rt.left;
12 |   else
13 |   |   BSTNode
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17 |   |   rt.right ←
18 |   |   deletemin(rt.right);
19 |   return rt;

```

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$remove(., 7)$



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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

**Algorithm:** BSTNode

removehelp(BSTNode rt, Key k)

```

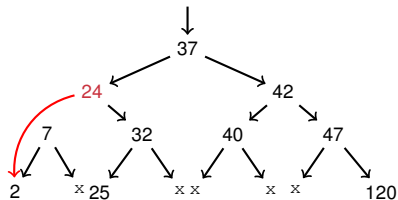
1  if rt = NULL then return NULL;
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4  else if rt.key < k then
5  |   rt.right ←
6  |   |   removehelp(rt.right, k);
7  else
8  |   if rt.left = NULL then return
9  |   |   rt.right ;
10 |   else if rt.right = NULL then
11 |   |   return rt.left ;
12 |   else
13 |   |   BSTNode
14 |   |   |   temp ← getmin(rt.right);
15 |   |   |   rt.element ← temp.element;
16 |   |   |   rt.key ← temp.key;
17 |   |   |   rt.right ←
18 |   |   |   deletemin(rt.right);
19 |   |   return rt;
20 return rt;

```

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$remove(., 7)$



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**Algorithm:** BSTNode

removehelp(BSTNode rt, Key k)

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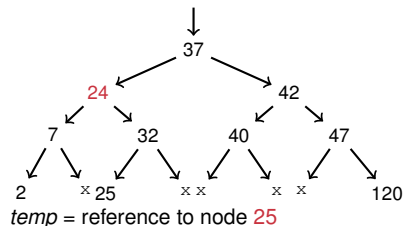
1  if rt = NULL then return NULL;
2  if rt.key > k then
3  |   rt.left ← removehelp(rt.left, k);
4  else if rt.key < k then
5  |   rt.right ←
6  |   removehelp(rt.right, k);
7  else
8  |   if rt.left = NULL then return
9  |   rt.right ;
10 |   else if rt.right = NULL then
11 |   return rt.left ;
12 |   else
13 |   |   BSTNode
14 |   |   temp ← getmin(rt.right);
15 |   |   rt.element ← temp.element;
16 |   |   rt.key ← temp.key;
17 |   |   rt.right ←
18 |   |   deletemin(rt.right);
19 |   return rt;

```

Let  $rt$  be the node to be removed, three cases:

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remove (\_, 24)



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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

**Algorithm:** BSTNode

removehelp(BSTNode rt, Key k)

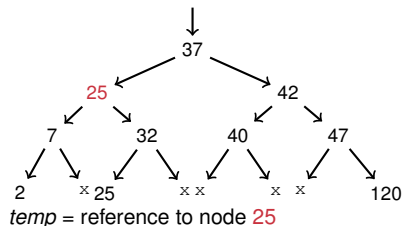
```

1  if rt = NULL then return NULL;
2  if rt.key > k then
3  |   rt.left ← removehelp(rt.left, k);
4  else if rt.key < k then
5  |   rt.right ←
6  |   removehelp(rt.right, k);
7  else
8  |   if rt.left = NULL then return
9  |   rt.right ;
10 |   else if rt.right = NULL then
11 |   return rt.left ;
12 |   else
13 |   |   BSTNode
14 |   |   temp ← getmin(rt.right);
15 |   |   rt.element ← temp.element;
16 |   |   rt.key ← temp.key;
17 |   |   rt.right ←
18 |   |   deletemin(rt.right);
19 return rt;
```

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remove (\_, 24)



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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

**Algorithm:** BSTNode

removehelp(BSTNode rt, Key k)

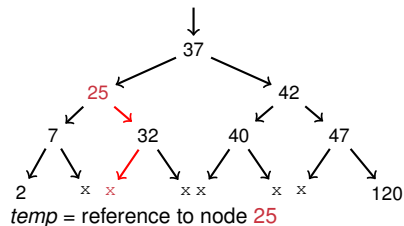
```

1  if rt = NULL then return NULL;
2  if rt.key > k then
3  |   rt.left ← removehelp(rt.left, k);
4  else if rt.key < k then
5  |   rt.right ←
6  |   removehelp(rt.right, k);
7  else
8  |   if rt.left = NULL then return
9  |   rt.right ;
10 |   else if rt.right = NULL then
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19 return rt;
```

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remove(., 24)



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# Dictionaries implemented as BSTs

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**Algorithm:** BSTNode getmin(BSTNode rt)

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```
1  if rt.left = NULL then return rt;  
2  return getmin(rt.left);
```

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**Algorithm:** BSTNode deletemin(BSTNode rt)

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```
1  if rt.left = NULL then return rt.right;  
2  rt.left ← deletemin(rt.left);  
3  return rt;
```

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# Asymptotic efficiency of BSTs<sup>4</sup>

Average case: considering a **balanced** BST

| Data Structure     | Time Complexity   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   | Space Complexity    |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                    | Average           |                   |                   |                   | Worst             |                   |                   |                   | Worst               |
|                    | Access            | Search            | Insertion         | Deletion          | Access            | Search            | Insertion         | Deletion          |                     |
| Array              | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Stack              | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Queue              | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Singly-Linked List | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Doubly-Linked List | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Skip List          | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n \log(n))$ |
| Hash Table         | N/A               | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | $\Theta(1)$       | N/A               | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Binary Search Tree | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Cartesian Tree     | N/A               | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | N/A               | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |
| B-Tree             | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Red-Black Tree     | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(n)$         |
| Splay Tree         | N/A               | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | N/A               | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(n)$         |
| AVL Tree           | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(n)$         |
| KD Tree            | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(\log(n))$ | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$       | $\Theta(n)$         |

<sup>4</sup>Source: <http://bigocheat sheet.com/>

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# Binary tree traversals: preorder

The **root** is processed **before** the **left** and the **right** subtrees

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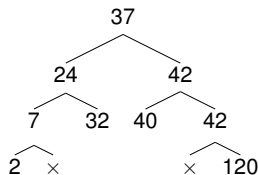
**Algorithm:** void  
preorder(BSTNode rt)

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```

1  if  $rt \neq \text{NULL}$  then
    // do something with  $rt$ 
2      preorder( $rt.\text{left}$ );
3      preorder( $rt.\text{right}$ );
  
```

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Let **do something** be printing the root's key

37, 24, 7, 2, 32, 42, 40, 42, 120



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# Binary tree traversals: inorder

The **root** is processed **after** the **left** subtree, but **before** the **right** subtree

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**Algorithm:** void  
inorder(BSTNode rt)

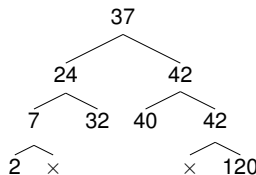
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```

1  if  $rt \neq \text{NULL}$  then
2  |   inorder( $rt.\text{left}$ );
   // do something with  $rt$ 
3  |   inorder( $rt.\text{right}$ );

```

---



Let **do something** be printing the root's key

2, 7, 24, 32, 37, 40, 42, 42, 120

An **inorder** traversal visits the keys  
in a **non-decreasing order**



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# Binary tree traversals: posorder

The **root** is processed **after** the **left** and the **right** subtrees

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**Algorithm:** void  
posorder(BSTNode rt)

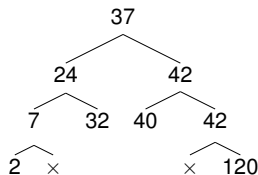
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```

1  if rt ≠ NULL then
2      posorder(rt.left);
3      posorder(rt.right);
   // do something with rt

```

---



Let **do something** be printing the root's key

2, 7, 32, 24, 40, 120, 42, 42, 37



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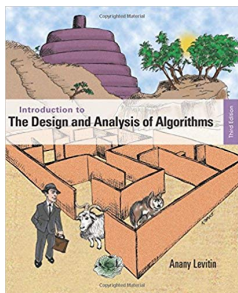


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