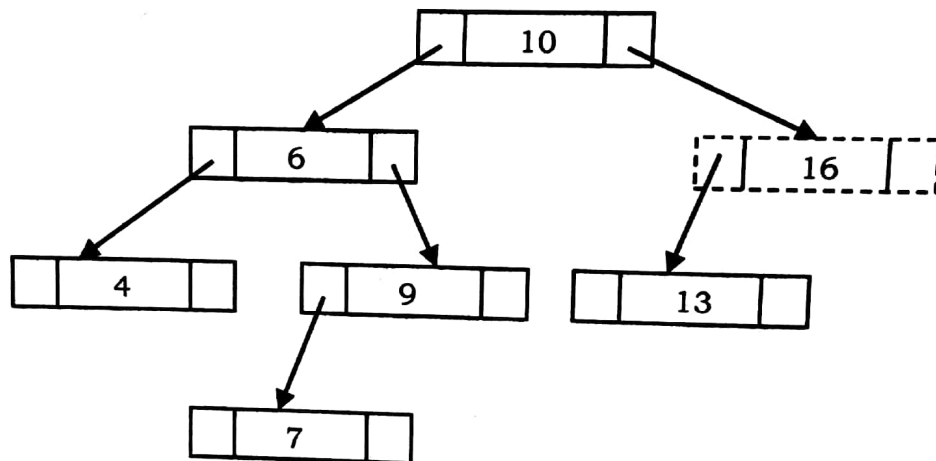


Finding Maximum Element in Binary Search Trees

In BSTs, the maximum element is the right-most node, which does not have right child. In the BST, the maximum element is 16.

```
struct BinarySearchTreeNode *FindMax(struct BinarySearchTreeNode *root) {  
    if(root == NULL)  
        return NULL;  
    else if( root->right == NULL )  
        return root;  
    else return FindMax( root->right );  
}
```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$, in worst case (when BST is a *right skew* tree).
Space Complexity: $O(n)$, for recursive stack.



Non recursive version of the above algorithm can be given as:

```
struct BinarySearchTreeNode *FindMax(struct BinarySearchTreeNode * root ) {  
    if( root == NULL )  
        return NULL;  
    while( root->right != NULL )  
        root = root->right;  
    return root;  
}
```

Time Complexity: $O(n)$. Space Complexity: $O(1)$.