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Lecture 13: Binary Search Trees

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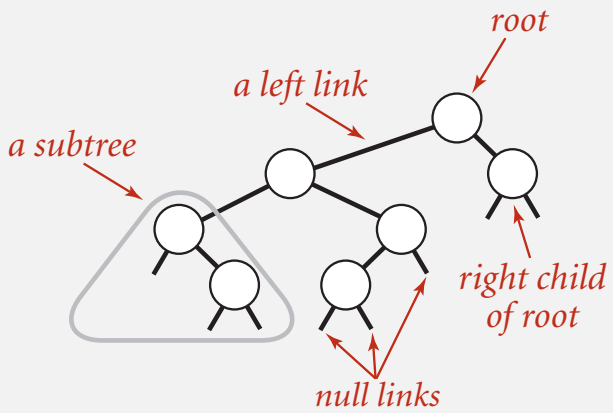
Binary search trees

Definition. A BST is a binary tree in symmetric order.

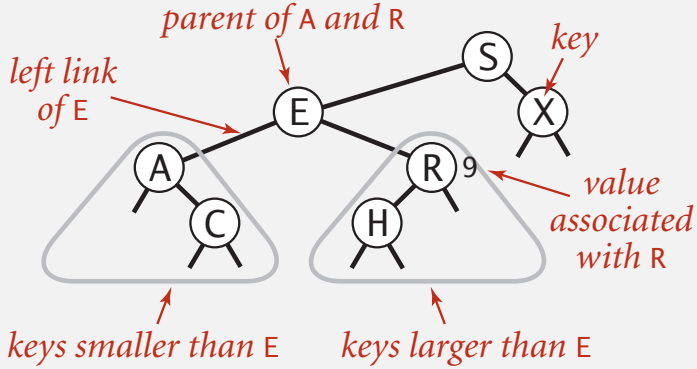


A binary tree is either:

- Empty.
- Two disjoint binary trees (left and right).

Symmetric order. Each node has a key, and every node's key is:

- Larger than all keys in its left subtree.
- Smaller than all keys in its right subtree.



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- → **leaves** of tree: the nodes with no child nodes
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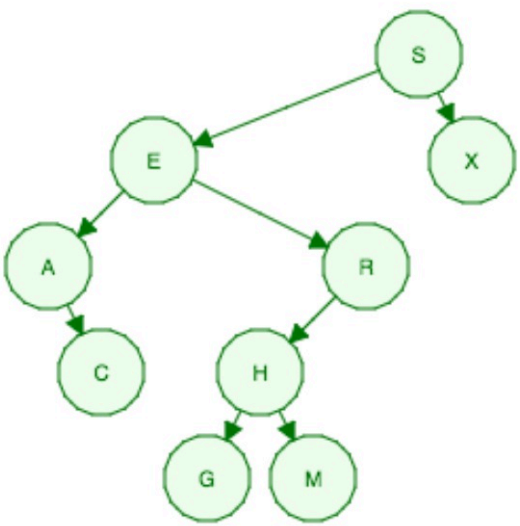

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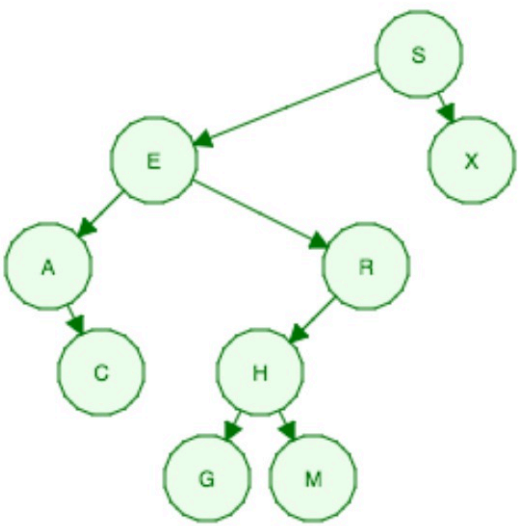

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Q: how many levels in this tree?
Q: what is the size of this tree?
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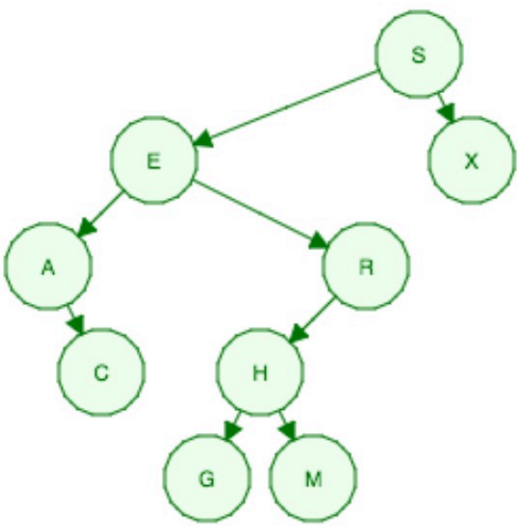
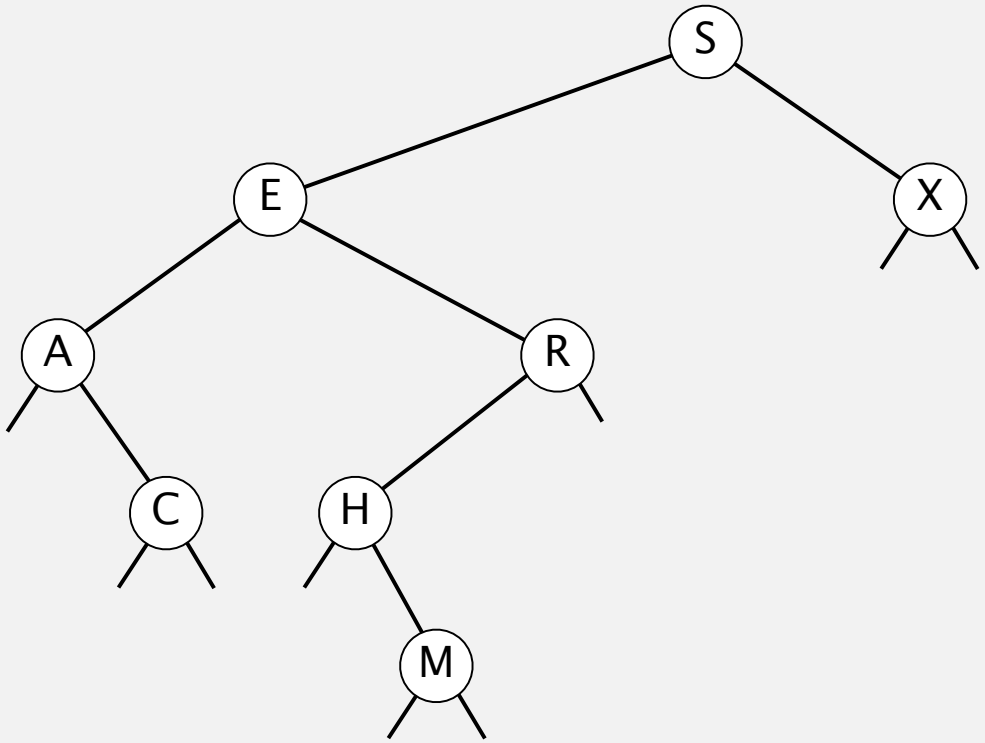


Q: how many leafs in this tree? 4
Q: what is the height of this tree? 4
Q: how many levels in this tree? 5
Q: what is the size of this tree? 9
Q: what is the depth of 'H'? 3

Binary search tree demo

Search. If less, go left; if greater, go right; if equal, search hit.

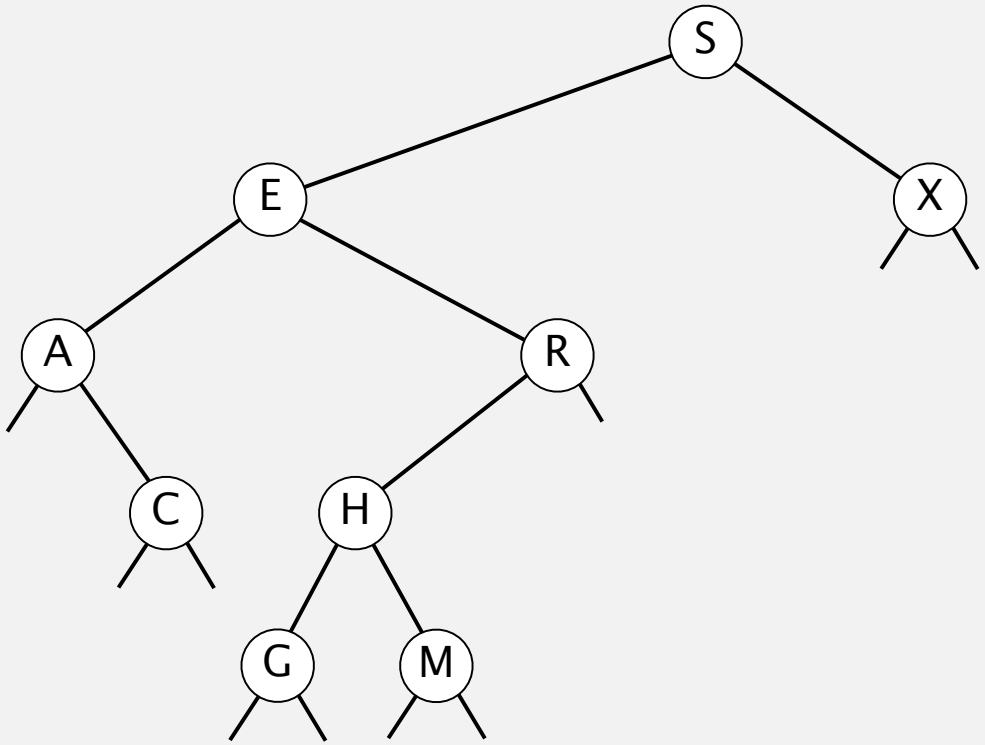
successful search for H



Binary search tree demo

Insert. If less, go left; if greater, go right; if null, insert.

insert G



BST representation in Java

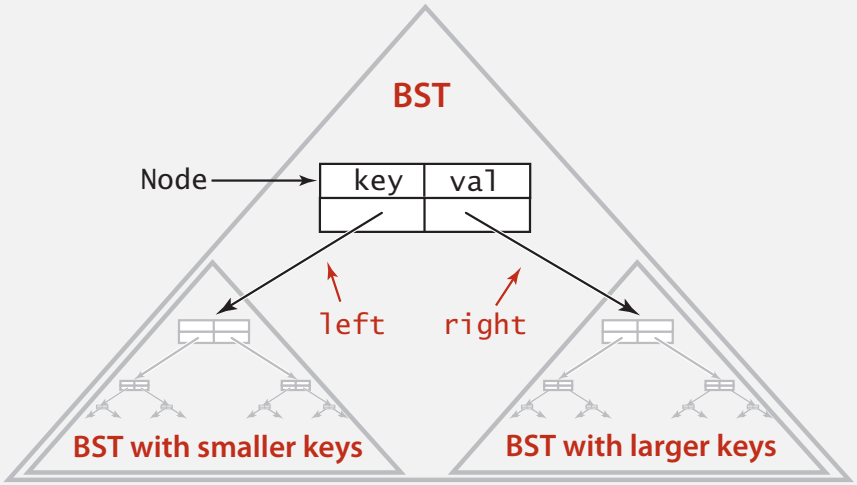
Java definition. A BST is a reference to a root `Node`.

A `Node` is composed of four fields:

- A `Key` and a `Value`.
- A reference to the left and right subtree.

smaller keys larger keys

```
private class Node
{
   private Key key;
   private Value val;
   private Node left, right;
   public Node(Key key, Value val)
   {
      this.key = key;
      this.val = val;
   }
}
```



Binary search tree

`Key` and `Value` are generic types; `Key` is `Comparable`

BST implementation (skeleton)

```
public class BST<Key extends Comparable<Key>, Value>
{
   private Node root;

   private class Node
   {  /* see previous slide */  }

   public void put(Key key, Value val)
   {  /* see next slides */  }

   public Value get(Key key)
   {  /* see next slides */  }

   public void delete(Key key)
   {  /* see next slides */  }

   public Iterable<Key> iterator()
   {  /* see next slides */  }

}
```

root of BST

BST search: Java implementation

Get. Return value corresponding to given key, or `null` if no such key.

```
public Value get(Key key)
{
   Node x = root;
   while (x != null)
   {
      int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
      if      (cmp  < 0) x = x.left;
      else if (cmp  > 0) x = x.right;
      else if (cmp == 0) return x.val;
   }
   return null;
}
```

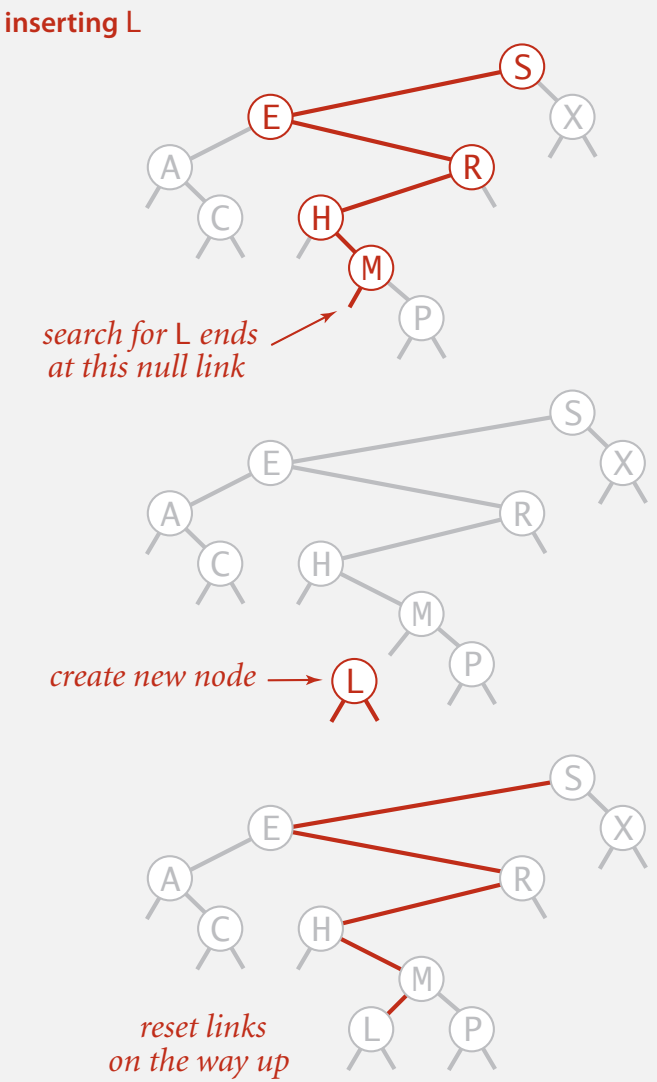
Cost. Number of compares is equal to 1 + depth of node.

BST insert

Put. Associate value with key.

Search for key, then two cases:

- Key in tree ⇒ reset value.
- Key not in tree ⇒ add new node.



Insertion into a BST

BST insert: Java implementation

Put. Associate value with key.

concise, but tricky, recursive code; read carefully!

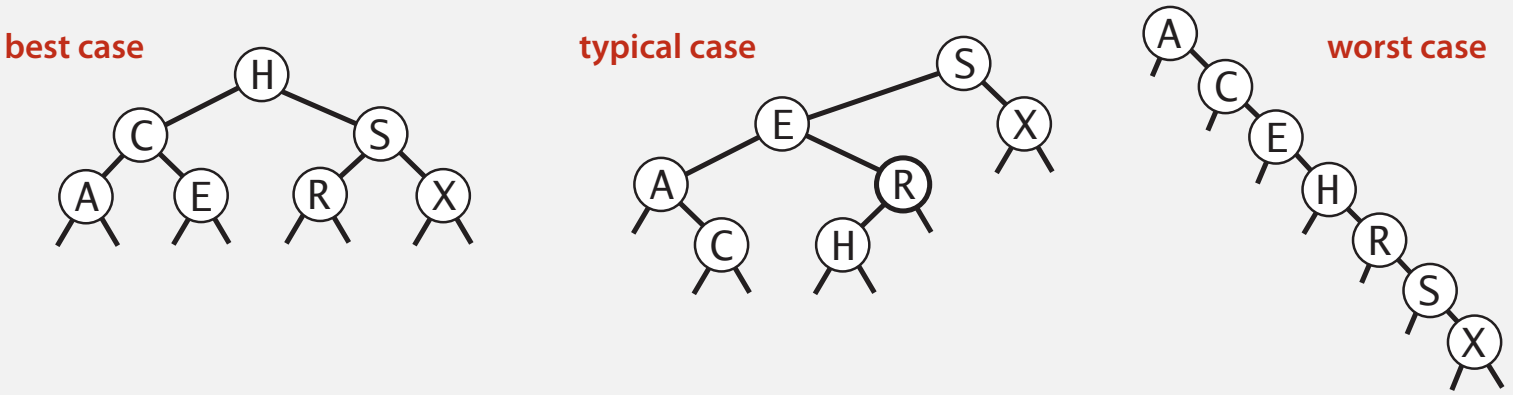
```
public void put(Key key, Value val)
{  root = put(root, key, val);  }

private Node put(Node x, Key key, Value val)
{
   if (x == null) return new Node(key, val);
   int cmp = key.compareTo(x.key);
   if      (cmp  < 0)
      x.left  = put(x.left,  key, val);
   else if (cmp  > 0)
      x.right = put(x.right, key, val);
   else if (cmp == 0)
      x.val = val;
   return x;
}
```

Cost. Number of compares is equal to 1 + depth of node.

Tree shape

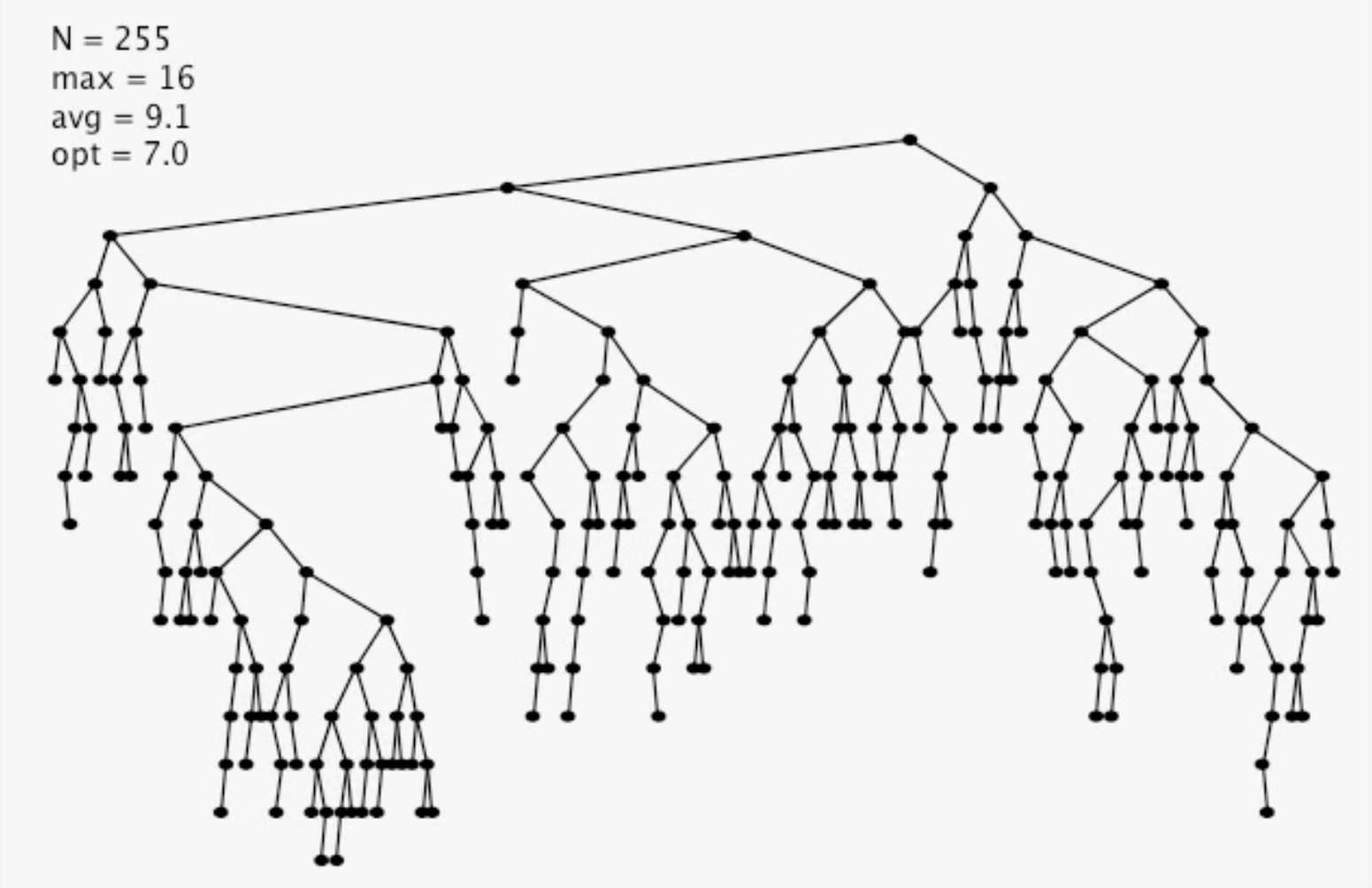
- Many BSTs correspond to same set of keys.
- Number of compares for search/insert is equal to 1 + depth of node.



Bottom line. Tree shape depends on order of insertion.

BST insertion: random order visualization

Ex. Insert keys in random order.

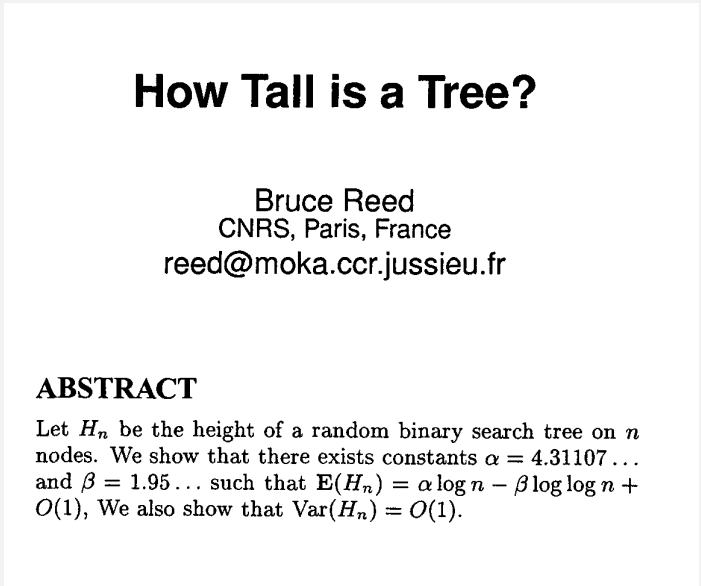


BSTs: mathematical analysis

Proposition. If N distinct keys are inserted into a BST in random order, the expected number of compares for a search/insert is $\sim 2 \ln N$.

Pf. 1–1 correspondence with quicksort partitioning.

Proposition. [Reed, 2003] If N distinct keys are inserted in random order, expected height of tree is $\sim 4.311 \ln N$.



How Tall is a Tree?

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ABSTRACT

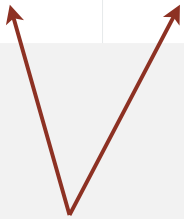
Let H_n be the height of a random binary search tree on n nodes. We show that there exists constants $\alpha = 4.31107\ldots$ and $\beta = 1.95\ldots$ such that $\mathbf{E}(H_n) = \alpha \log n - \beta \log \log n + O(1)$, We also show that $\mathrm{Var}(H_n) = O(1)$.

But... Worst-case height is N.

[exponentially small chance when keys are inserted in random order]

ST implementations: summary

implementation	guarantee		average case		operations on keys
	search	insert	search hit	insert	
sequential search (unordered list)	N	N	$\frac{1}{2}\ N$	N	`equals()`
binary search (ordered array)	$\lg N$	N	$\lg N$	$\frac{1}{2}\ N$	`compareTo()`
BST	N	N	$1.39 \lg N$	$1.39 \lg N$	`compareTo()`



Why not shuffle to ensure a (probabilistic) guarantee of 4.311 ln N?

QUIZ

Q: Which of the following are Binary Search Trees? Why?