Data structures and Algorithms

Binary Search Trees

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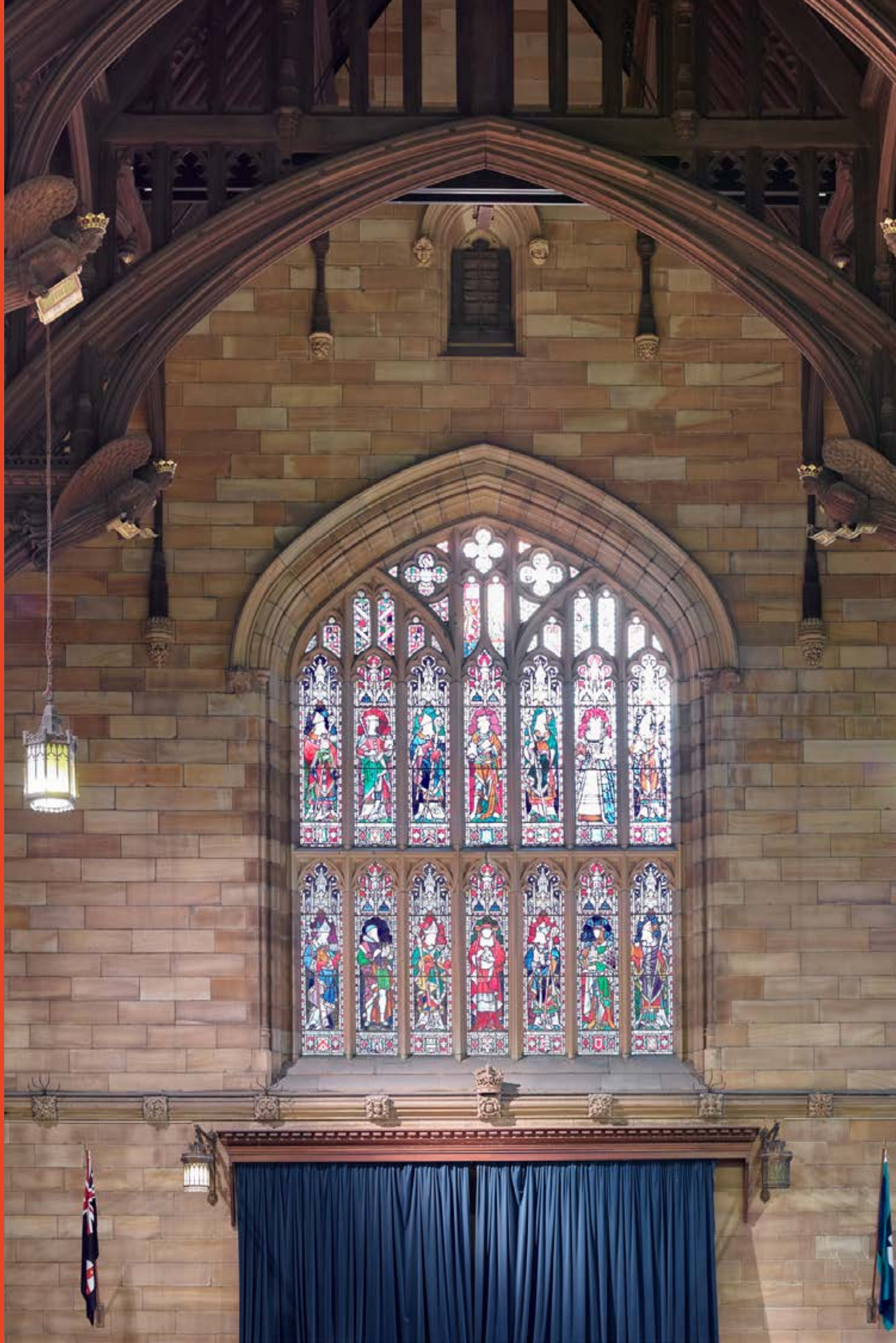

Recap

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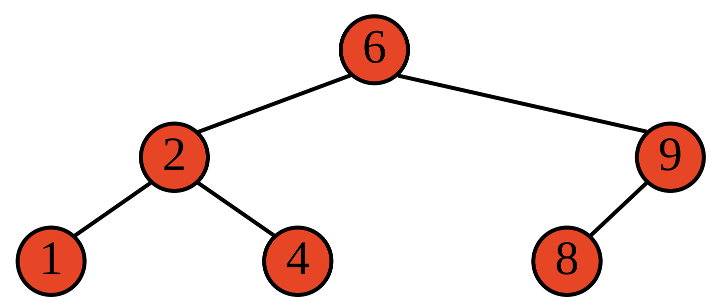
Binary Search Trees (BST)

A binary search tree is a binary tree storing keys (or key-value pairs) satisfying the following BST property

For any node v in the tree and
any node u in the left subtree of v and
any node w in the right subtree of v,

key(u) < key(v) < key(w)

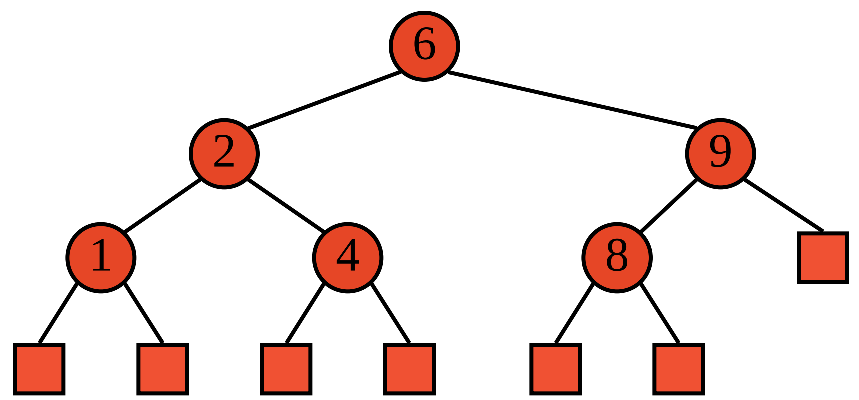
Note that an inorder traversal of a binary search tree visits the keys in increasing order.



BST Implementation

To simplify the presentation of our algorithms, we only store keys (or key-value pairs) at internal nodes

External nodes do not store items (and with careful coding, can be omitted, using null to refer to such)

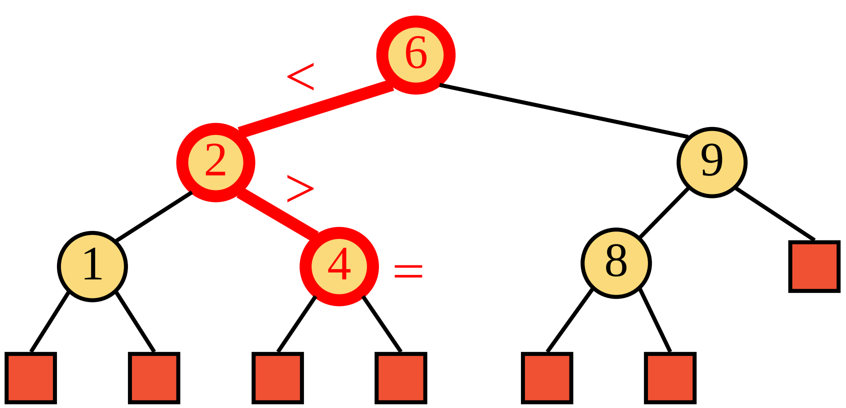


Searching with a Binary Search Tree

To search for a key k, we trace a downward path starting at the root

To decide whether to go left or right, we compare the key of the current node v with k

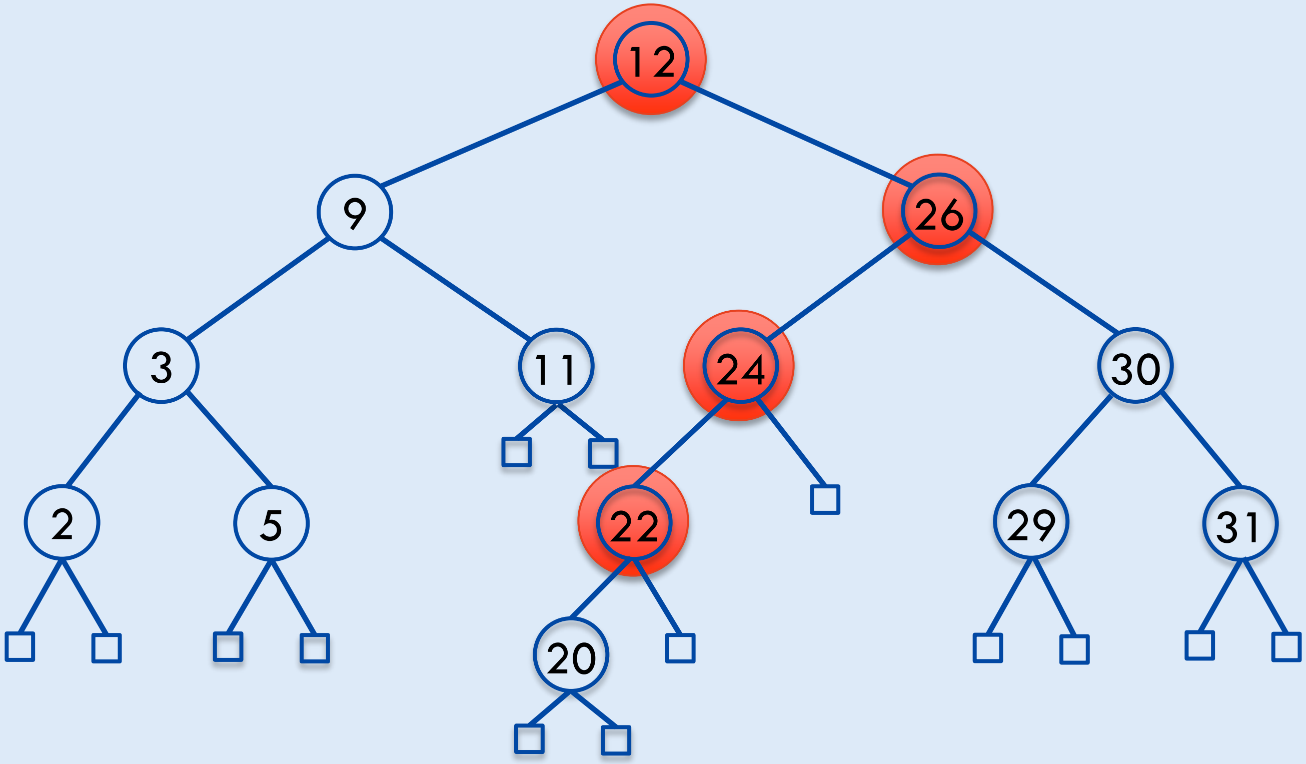
If we reach an external node, this means that the key is not in the data structure




```
def search(k, v)
    if v.isExternal() then
        # unsuccessful search
        return v
    if k = key(v) then
        # successful search
        return v
    else if k < key(v) then
        # recurse on left subtree
        return search(k, v.left)
    else
        # that is  k > key(v)
        # recurse on right subtree
        return search(k, v.right)
```

Interactive Example: Find 22

S={2,3,5,9,11,12,20,22,24,26,29,30,31}



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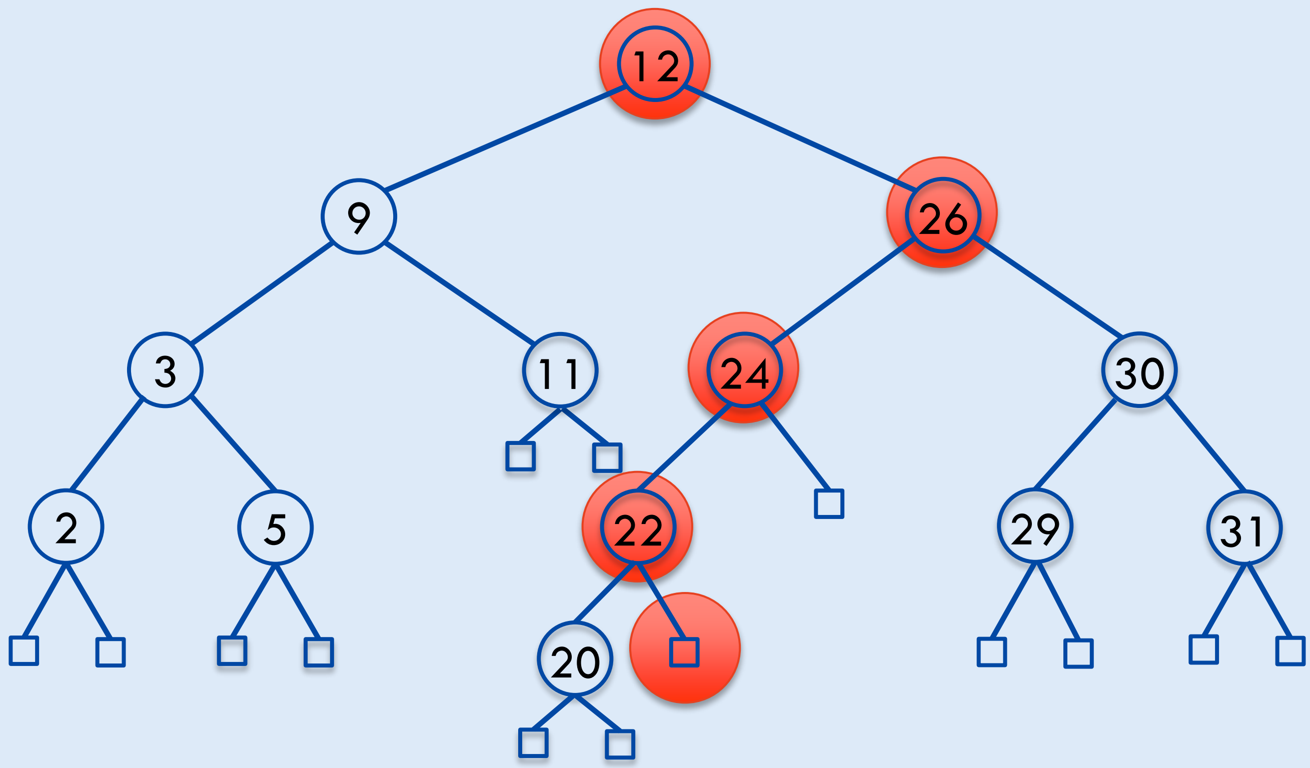
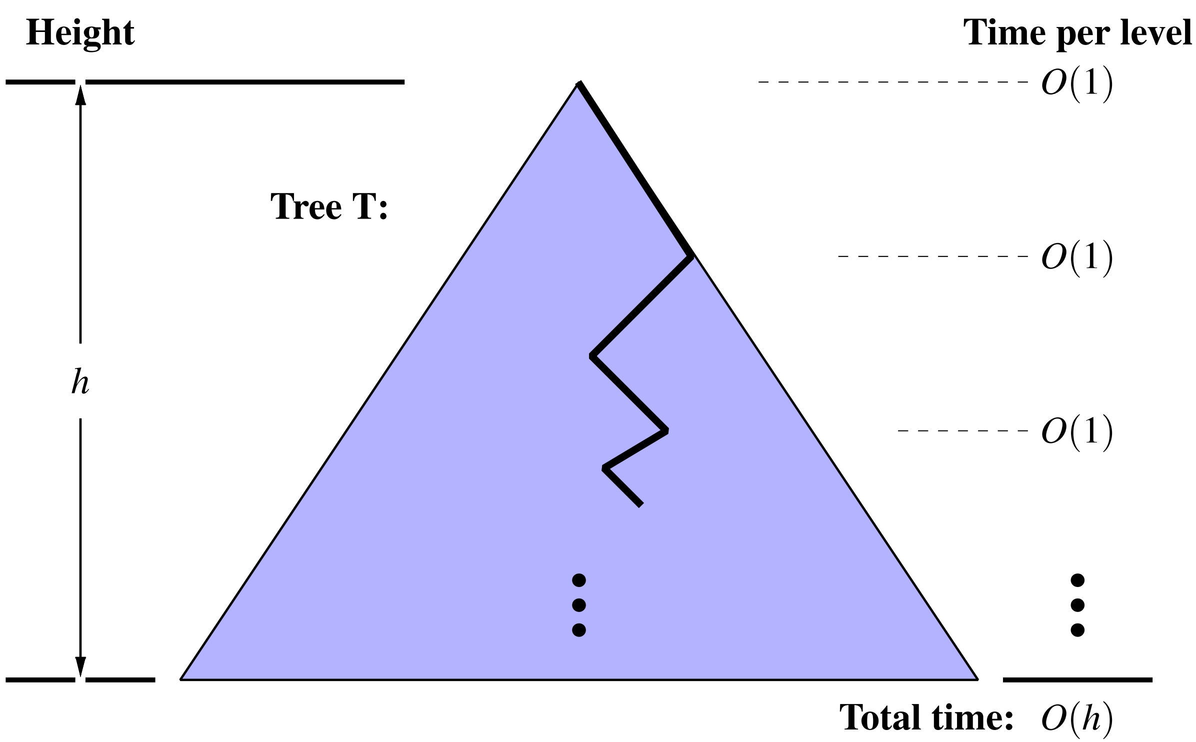


Analysis of Binary Tree Searching

Runs in $O(h)$ time, where h is the height of the tree

- worst case is $h = n - 1$
- best case is $h \leq \log_2 n$

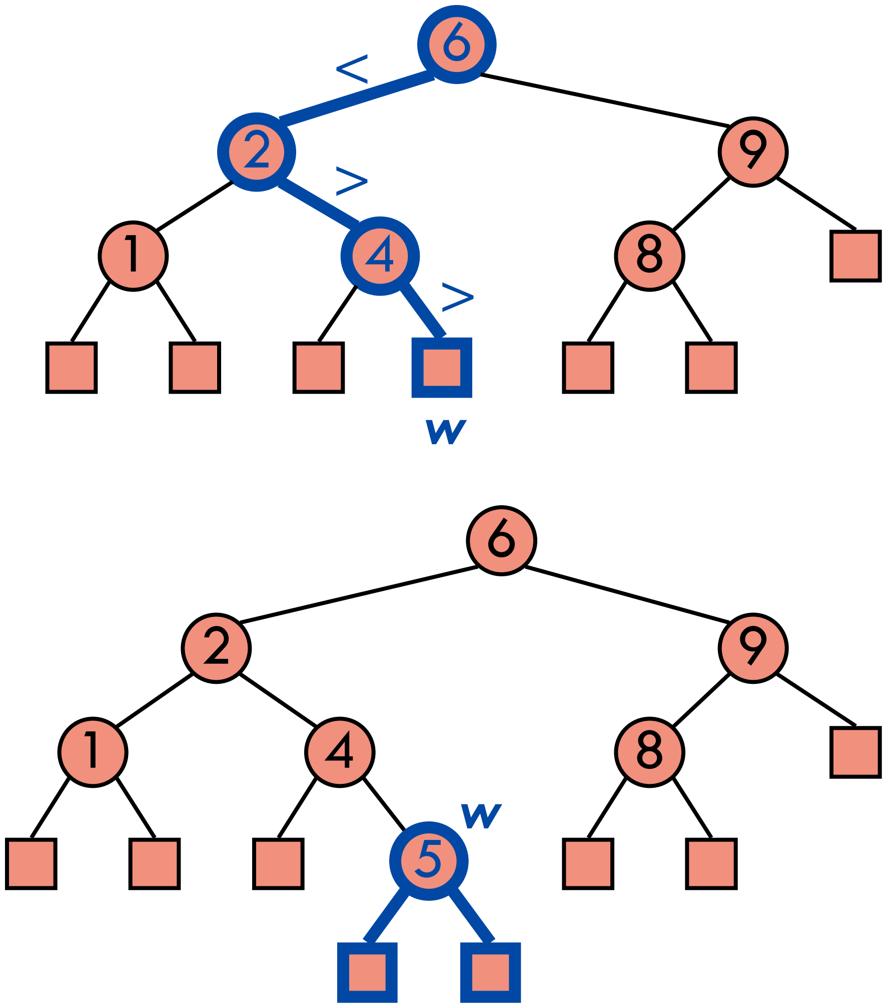


Insertion

To perform operation put(k, o), we search for key k (using search)

If k is found in the tree, replace the corresponding value by o

If k is not found, let w be the external node reached by the search. We replace w with an internal node holding (k, o)



Interactive Example: Insert 23

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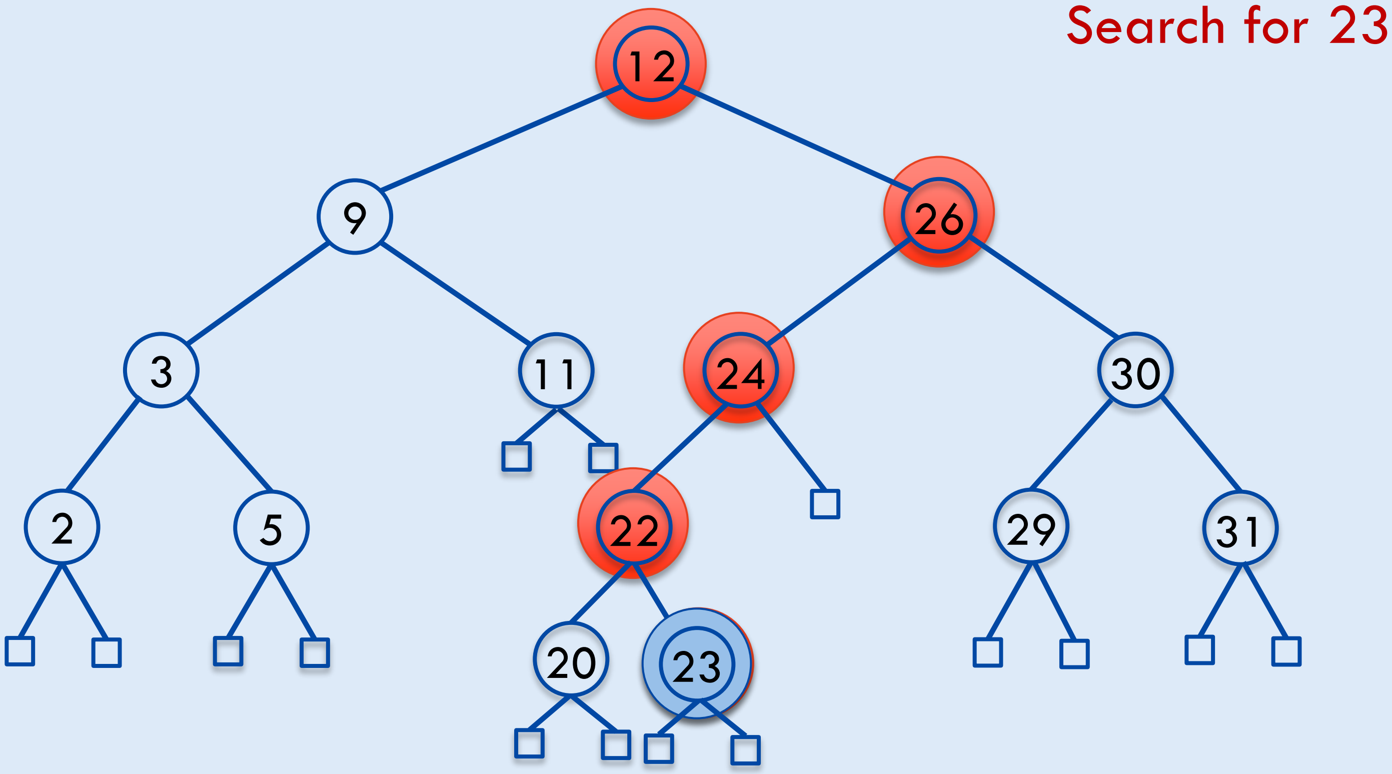
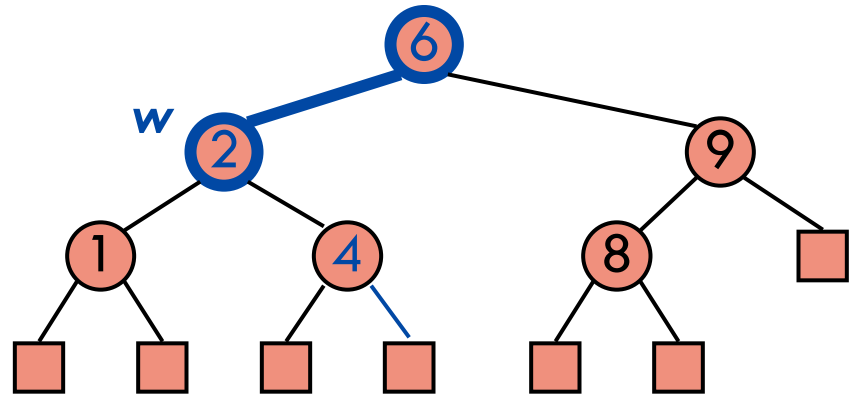


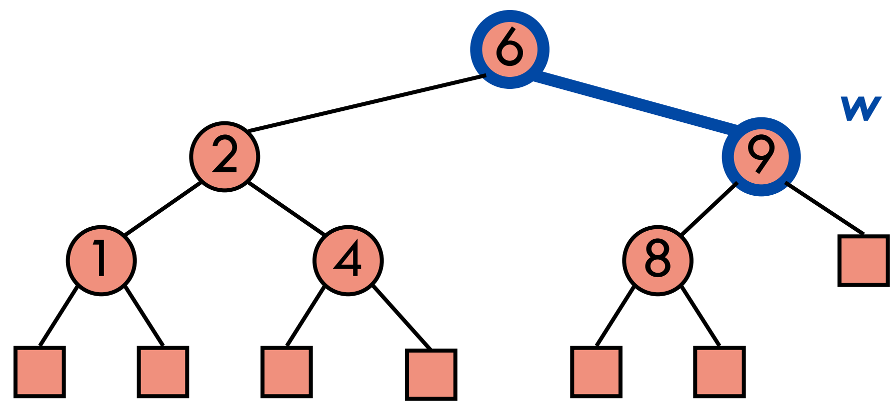
Delete

To perform operation remove(k), we search for key k (using search) to find the node w holding k



We distinguish between two cases

– w has one external child
– w has two internal children



If k is not in the tree we can either throw an exception or do nothing depending on the ADT specs

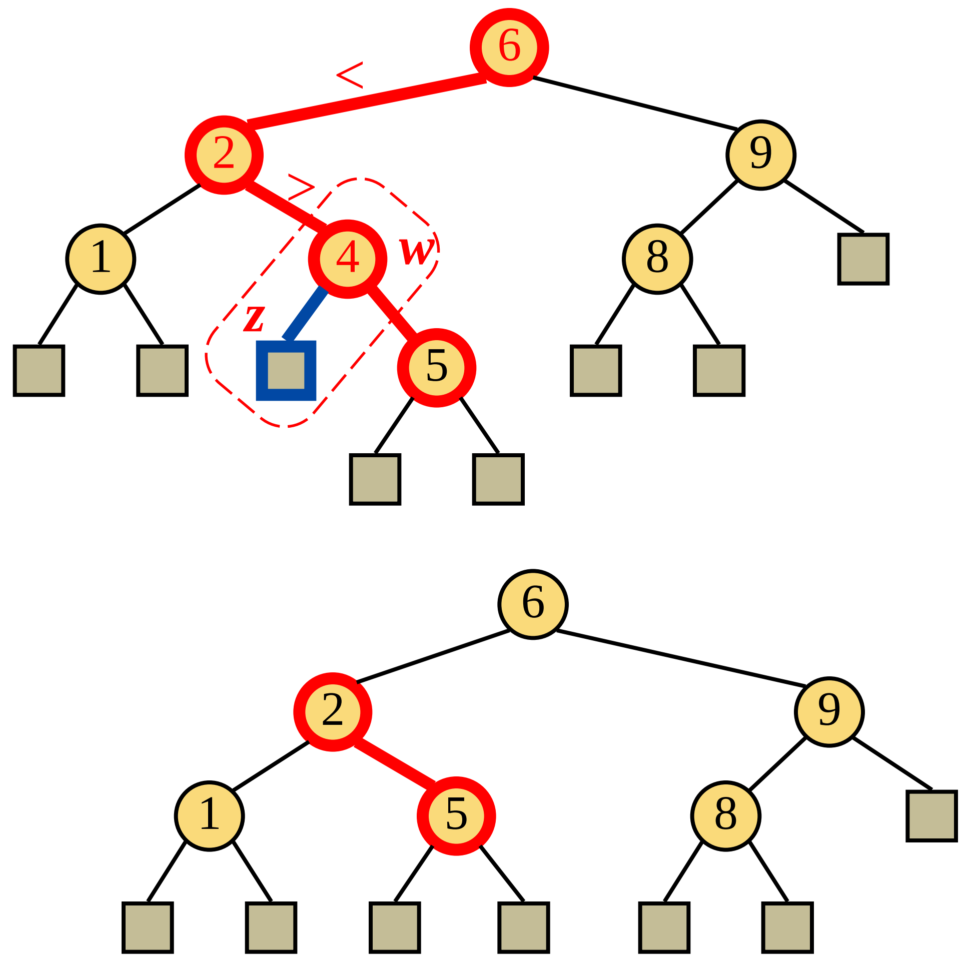
Deletion Case 1

Suppose that the node w we want to remove has an external child, which we call z.

To remove w we

- remove w and z from the tree
- promote the other child of w to take w's place

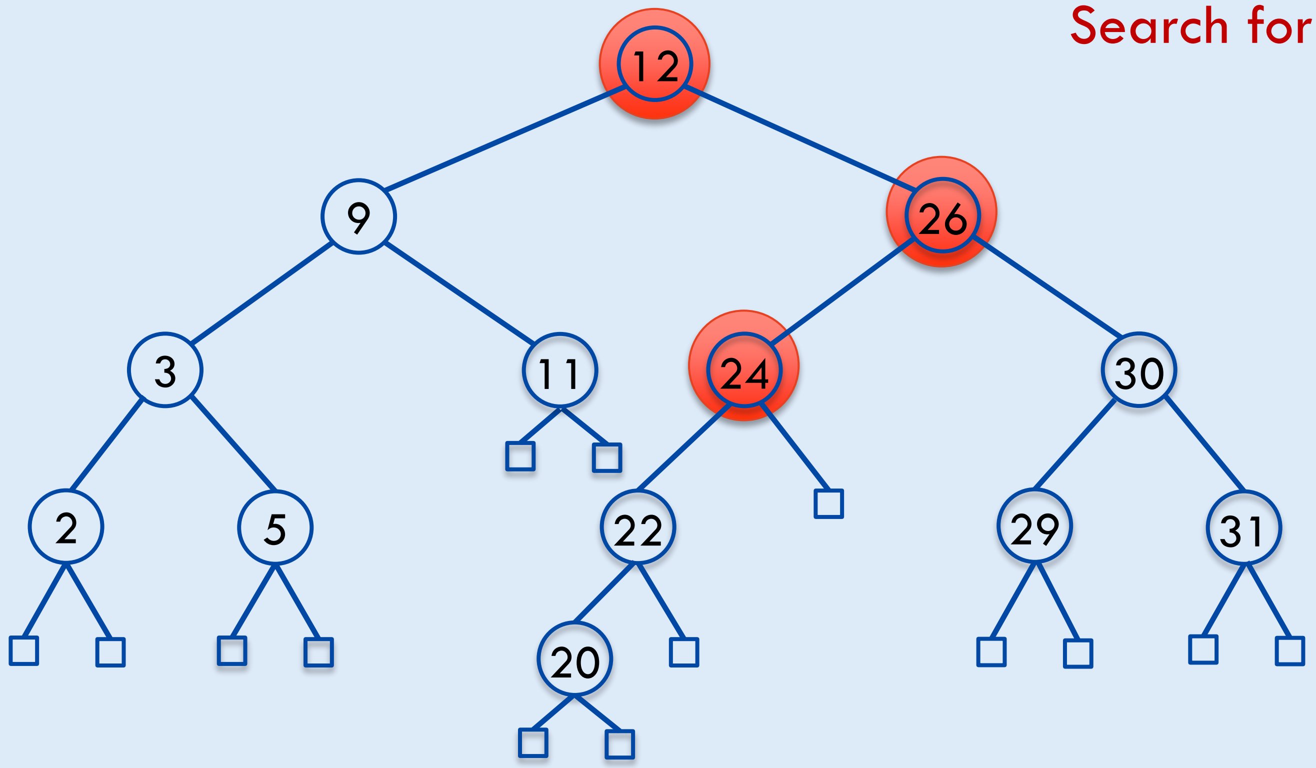
This preserves the BST property



Interactive Example: Delete 24

S={2,3,5,9,11,12,20,22,24,26,29,30,31}

Search for 24



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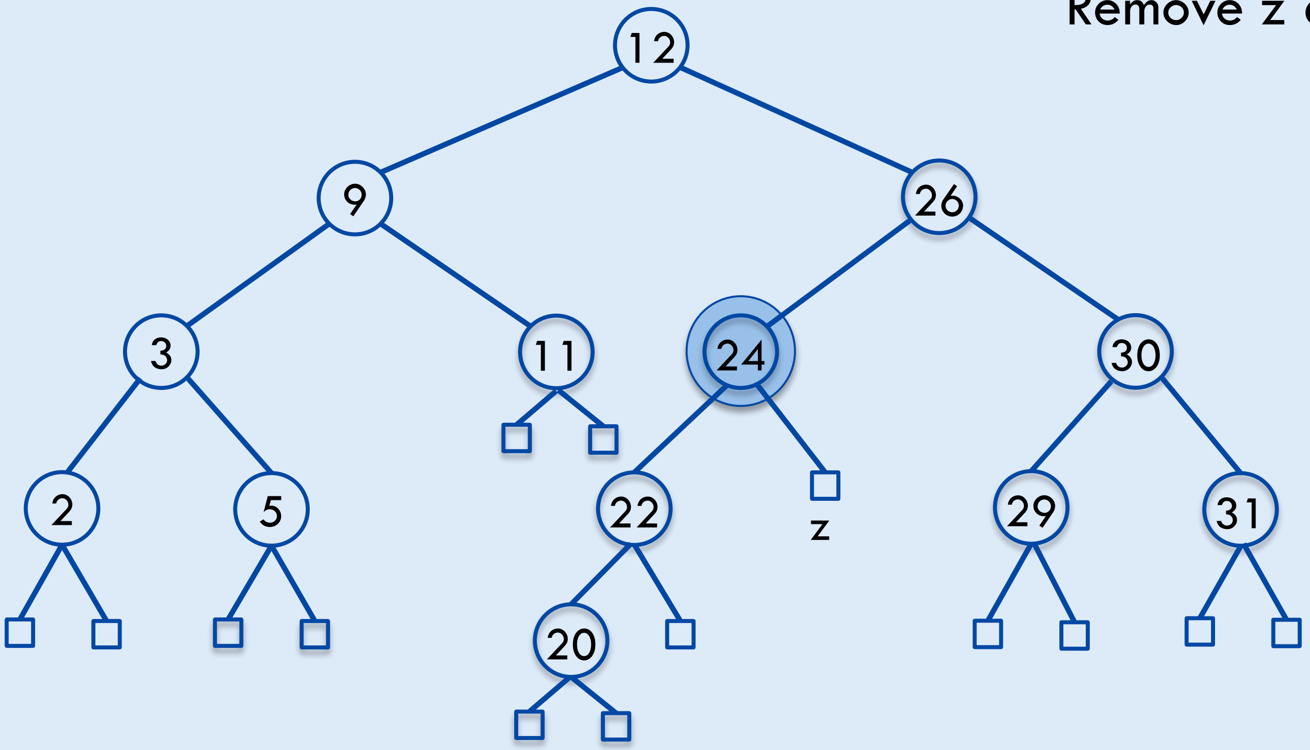
Remove z and w



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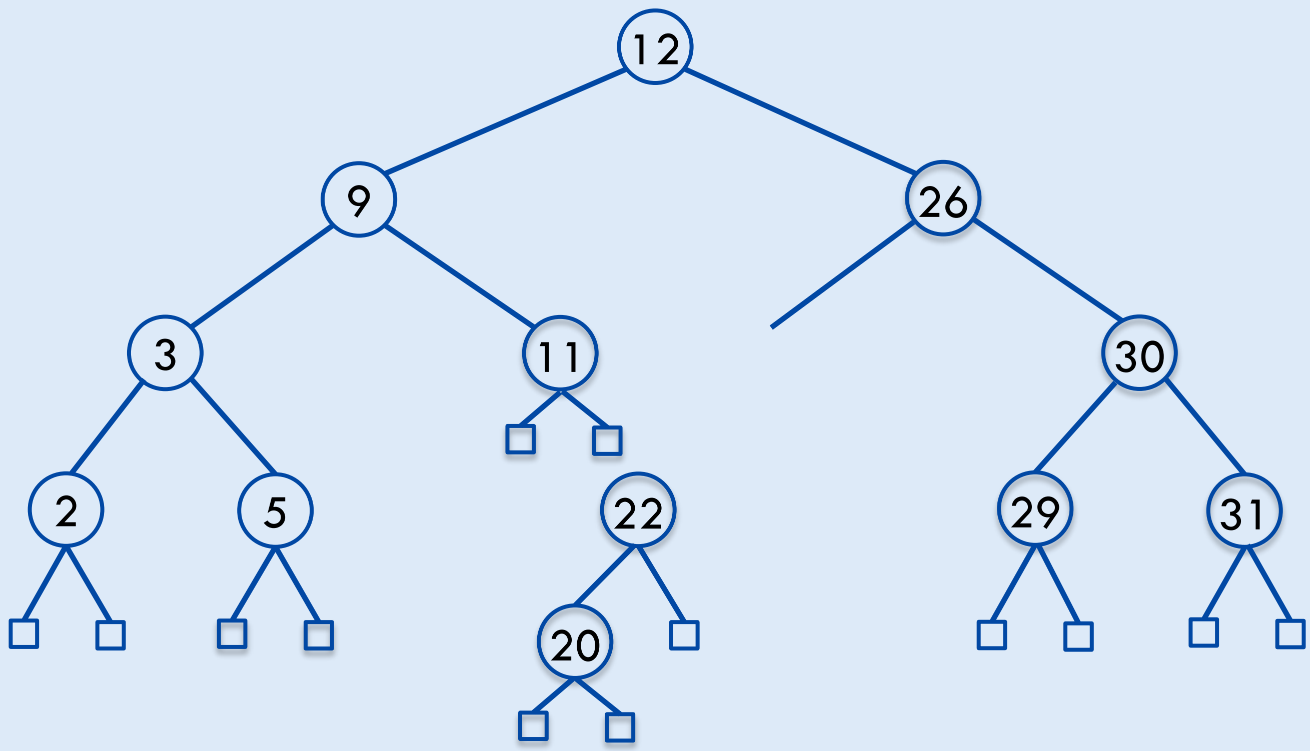

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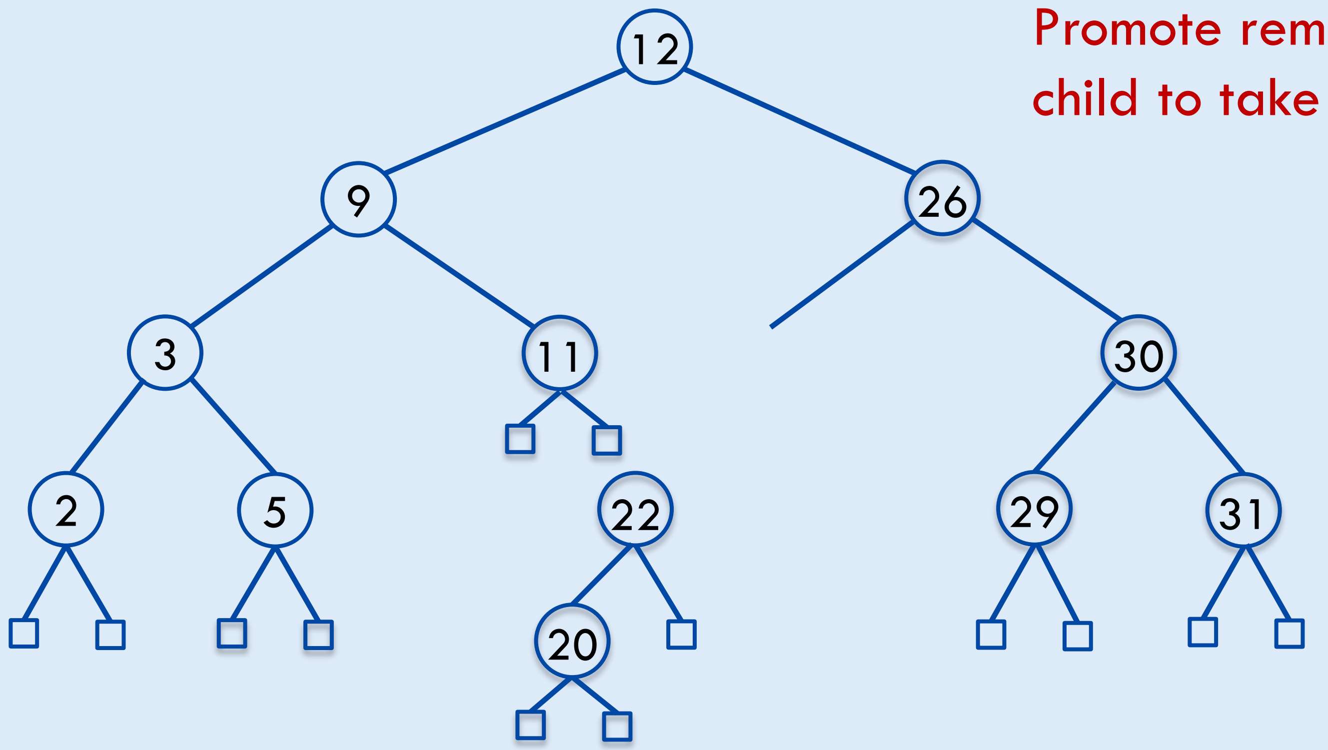
Promote remaining child to take spot of w



Deletion : Case 2

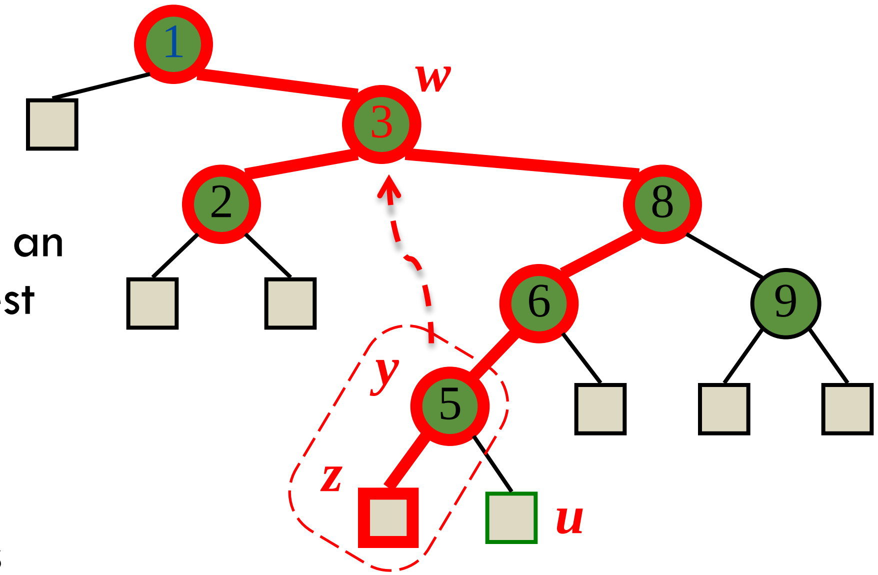
Suppose that the node w we want to remove has two internal children.

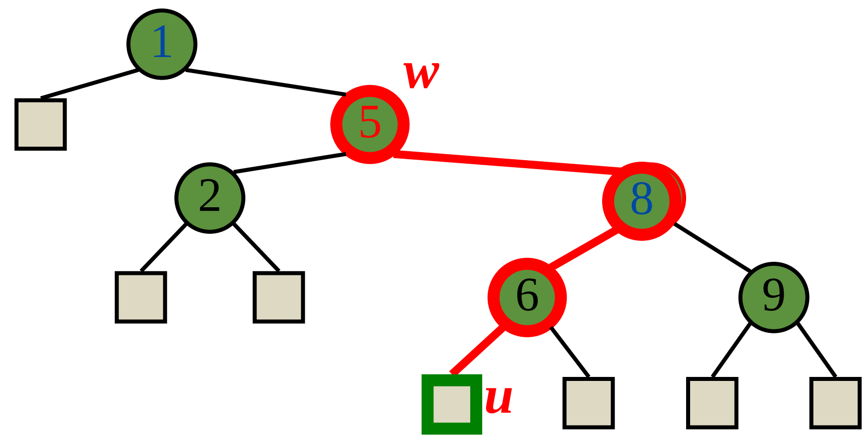
To remove w we

- find the internal node y following w in an inorder traversal (i.e., y has the smallest key among the right subtree under w)
- we copy the entry from y into node w
- we remove node y and its left child z, which must be external, using previous case

This preserves the BST property

Example: remove(3)





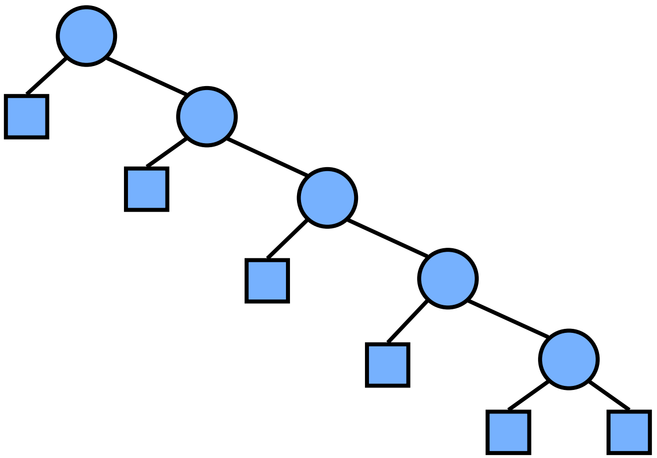
Deletion algorithm

```
def remove(k)
    w ← search(k, root)
    if w.isExternal() then
        # key not found
        return null
    else if w has at least one external child z then
        remove z
        promote the other child of w to take w's place
        remove w
    else
        # y is leftmost internal node in the right subtree of w
        y ← immediate successor of w
        replace contents of w with entry from y
        remove y as above
```

Complexity

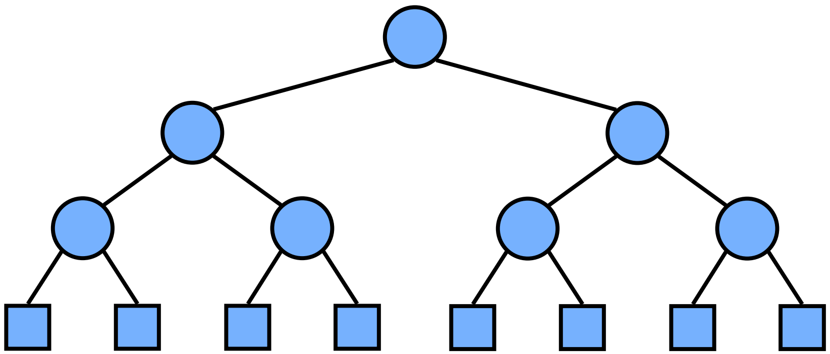
Consider a binary search tree with n items and height h:

– the space used is O(n)
– get, put and remove take O(h) time



The height h can be n in the worst case and log n in the best case.

Therefore the best one can hope is that tree operations take O(log n) time but in general we can only guarantee O(n). But the former can be achieved with better insertion routines.



Range Queries

A range query is defined by two values k_1 and k_2. We are to find all keys k stored in T such that $k_1 \leq k \leq k_2$

E.g., find all cars on eBay priced between 10K and 15K.

The algorithm is a restricted version of inorder traversal. When at node v:

- if $key(v) < k_1$: Recursively search right subtree
- if $k_1 \leq key(v) \leq k_2$: Recursively search left subtree, add v to range output, search right subtree
- if $k_2 < key(v)$: Recursively search left subtree

Pseudo-code

```
def range_search(T, k1, k2)
    output ← []
    range(T.root, k1, k2)
```

```
def range(v, k1, k2)
    if v is external then
        return null
    if key(v) > k2 then
        range(v.left, k1, k2)
    else if key(v) < k1 then
        range(v.right, k1, k2)
    else
        range(v.left, k1, k2)
        output.add(v)range(v.right, k1, k2)
```

Python-code

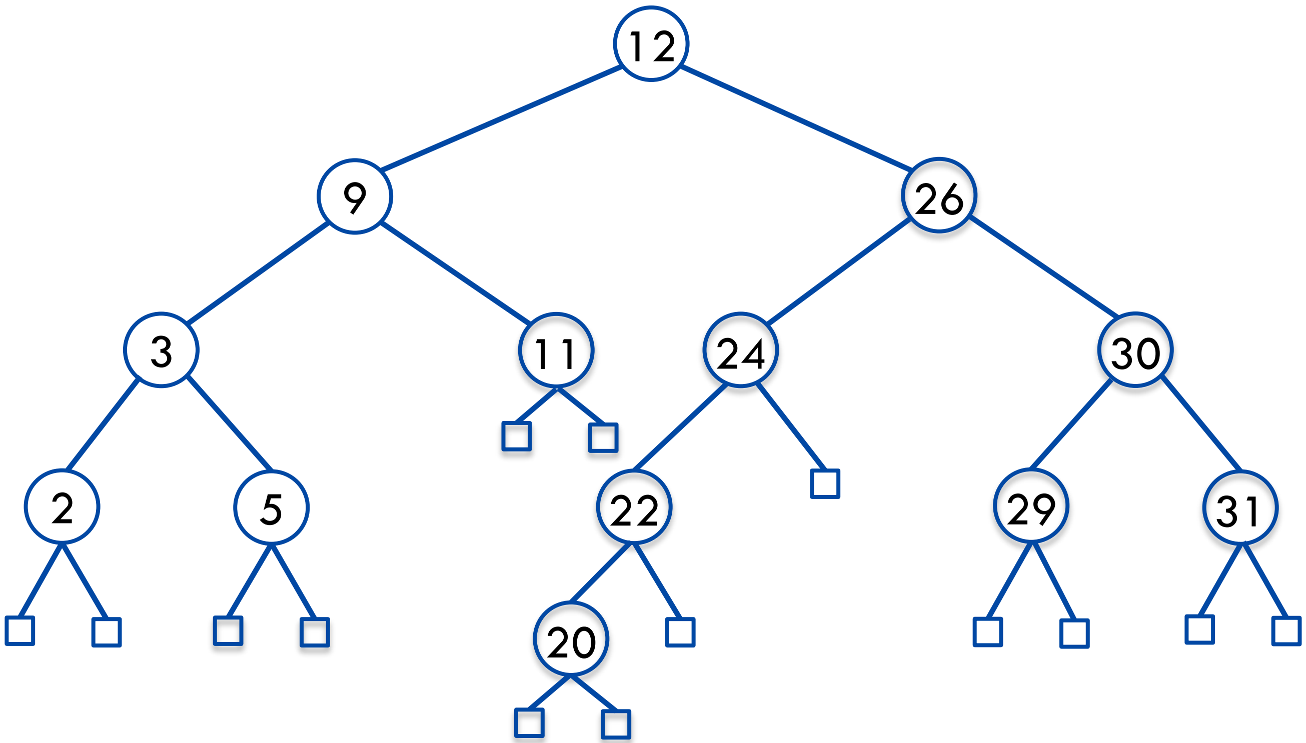
```python
def range_search(T, k1, k2):
    output = []
    range (T.root, k1, k2)
```

```python
def range (v, k1, k2):
    if v is None:
        return

    if v.value > k2:
        range (v.left, k1, k2)
    elif v.value < k1:
        range (v.right, k1, k2)
    else:
        range (v.left, k1, k2)
        output.append(v.value)
        range (v.right, k1, k2)
```

Range queries

S={2,3,5,9,11,12,20,22,24,26,29,30,31}

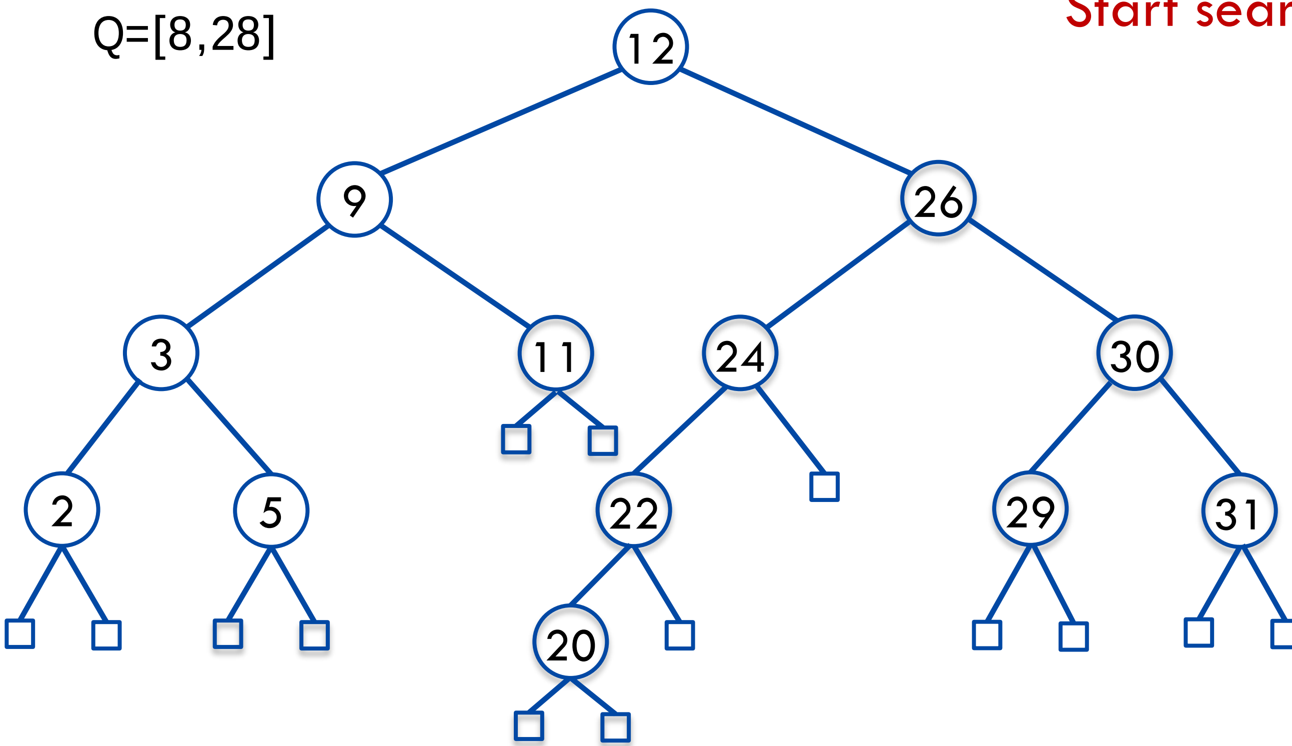


Range queries

S={2,3,5,9,11,12,20,22,24,26,29,30,31}

Q=[8,28]

Start search



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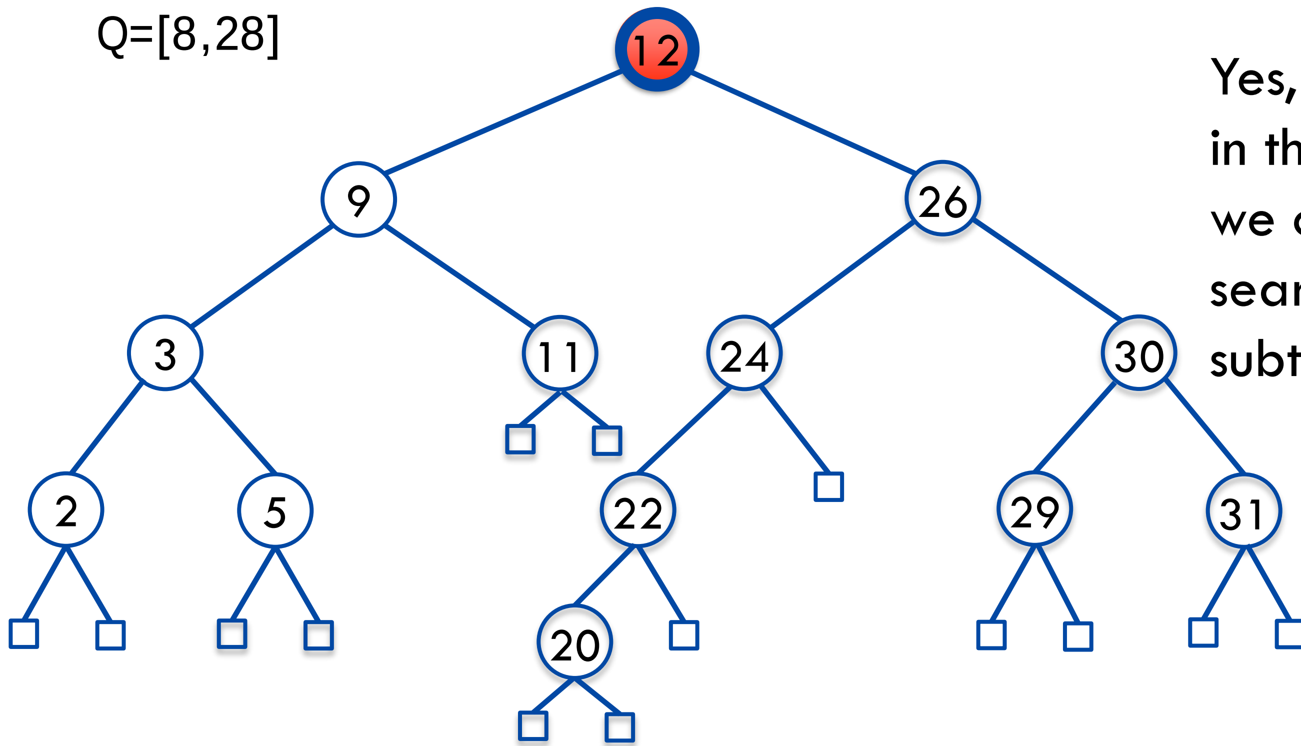
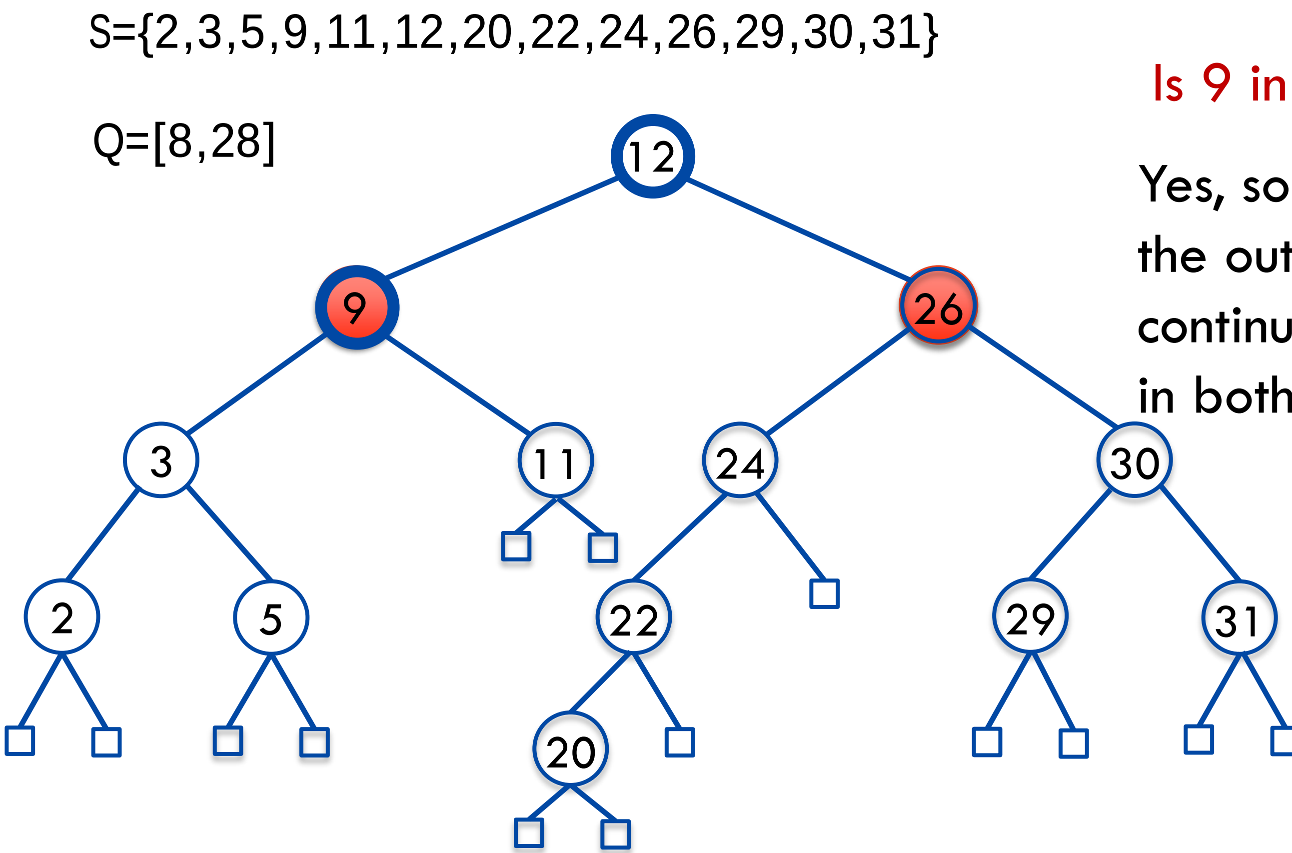


Is 12 in Q?

Yes, so 12 will be in the output and we continue the search in both subtrees

Range queries



Is 9 in Q?

Yes, so 9 will be in the output and we continue the search in both subtrees

Range queries

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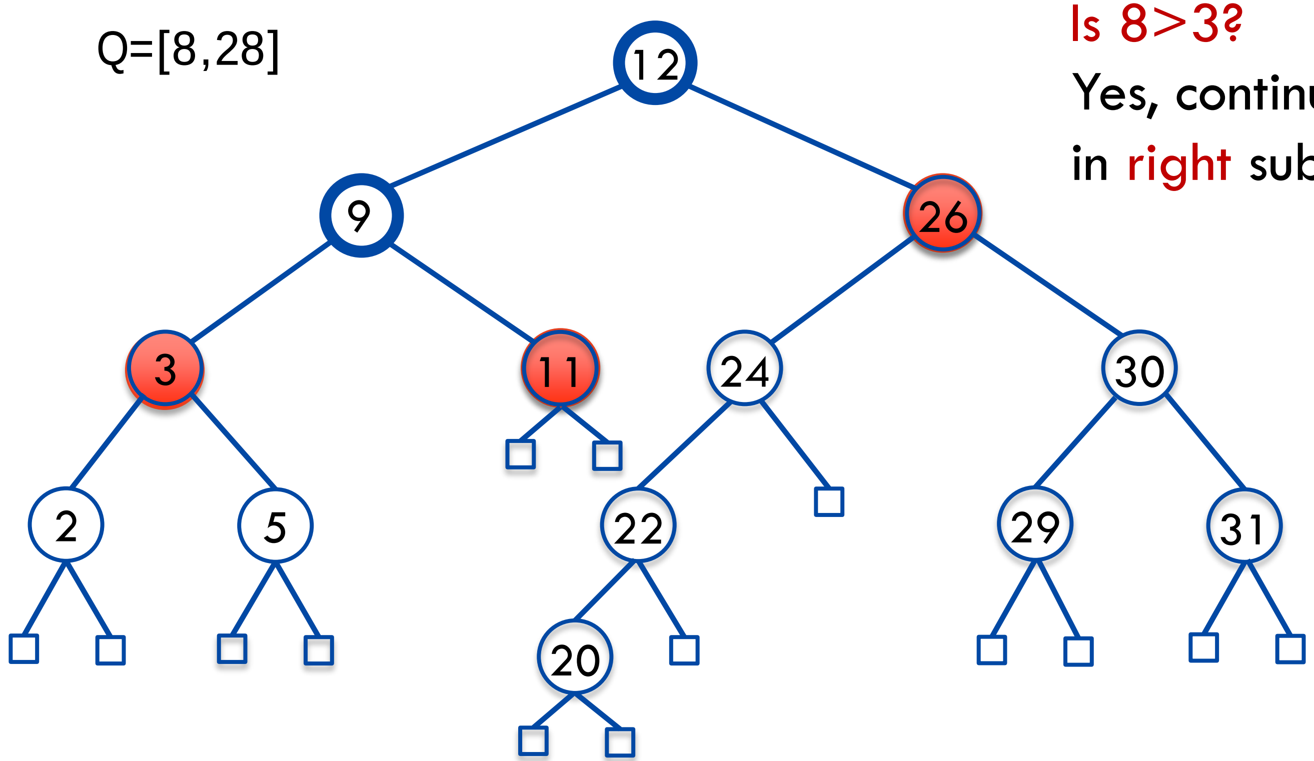

Is 8>3?

Yes, continue search in right subtree.

Range queries

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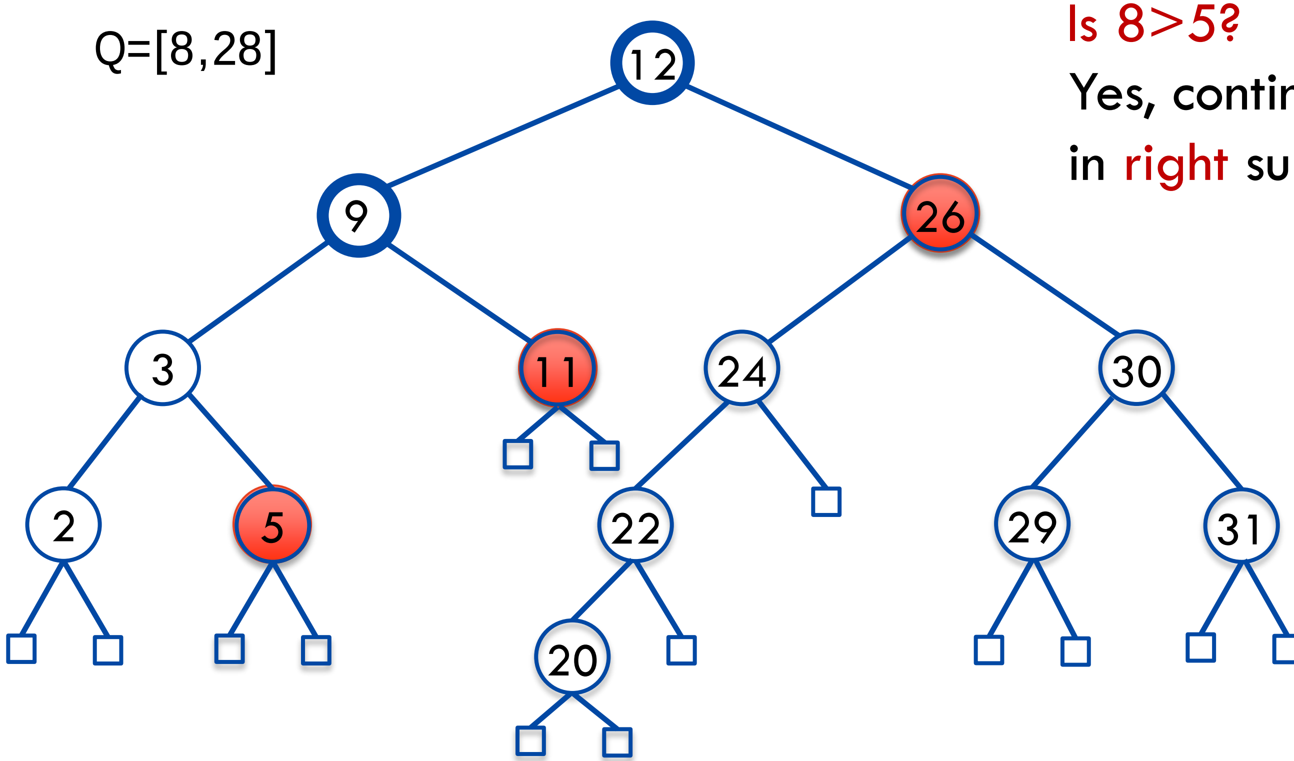

Is 8>5?

Yes, continue search in right subtree.

Range queries

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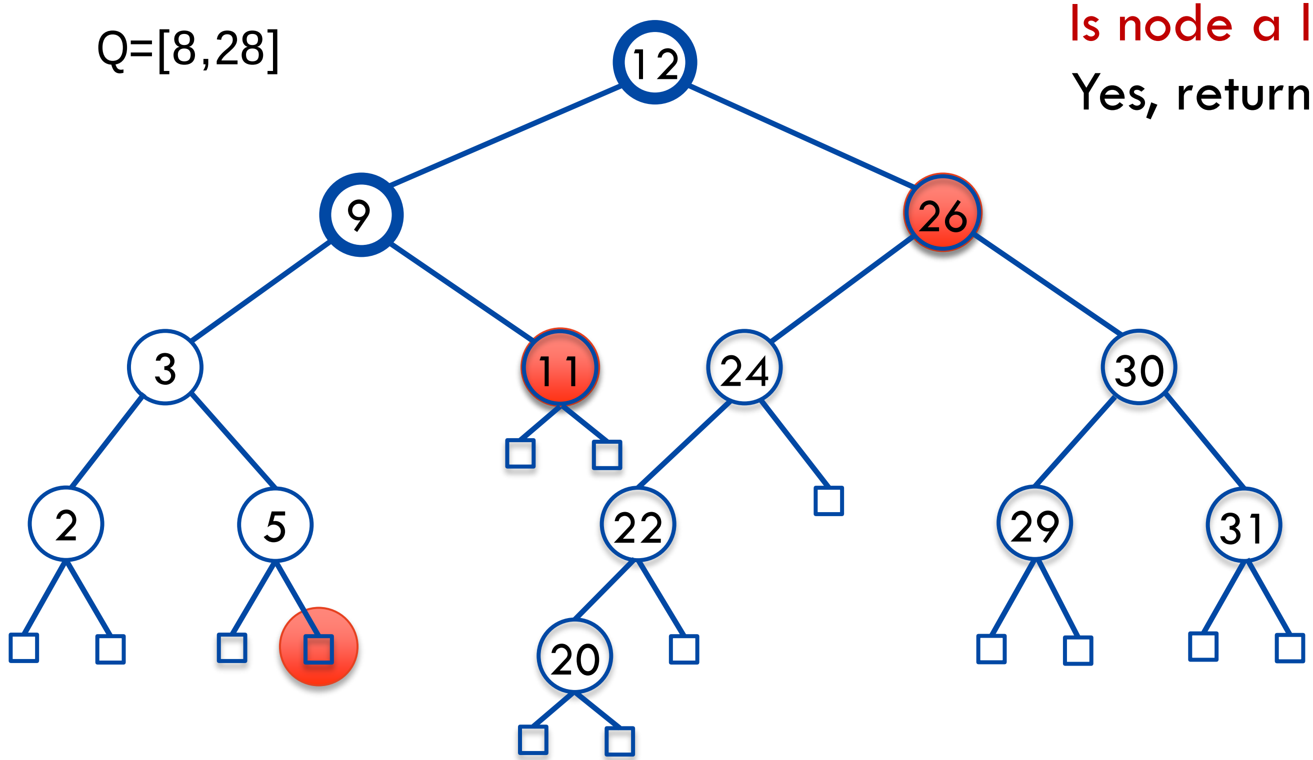
Q=[8,28]

Is node a leaf?

Yes, return ∅.



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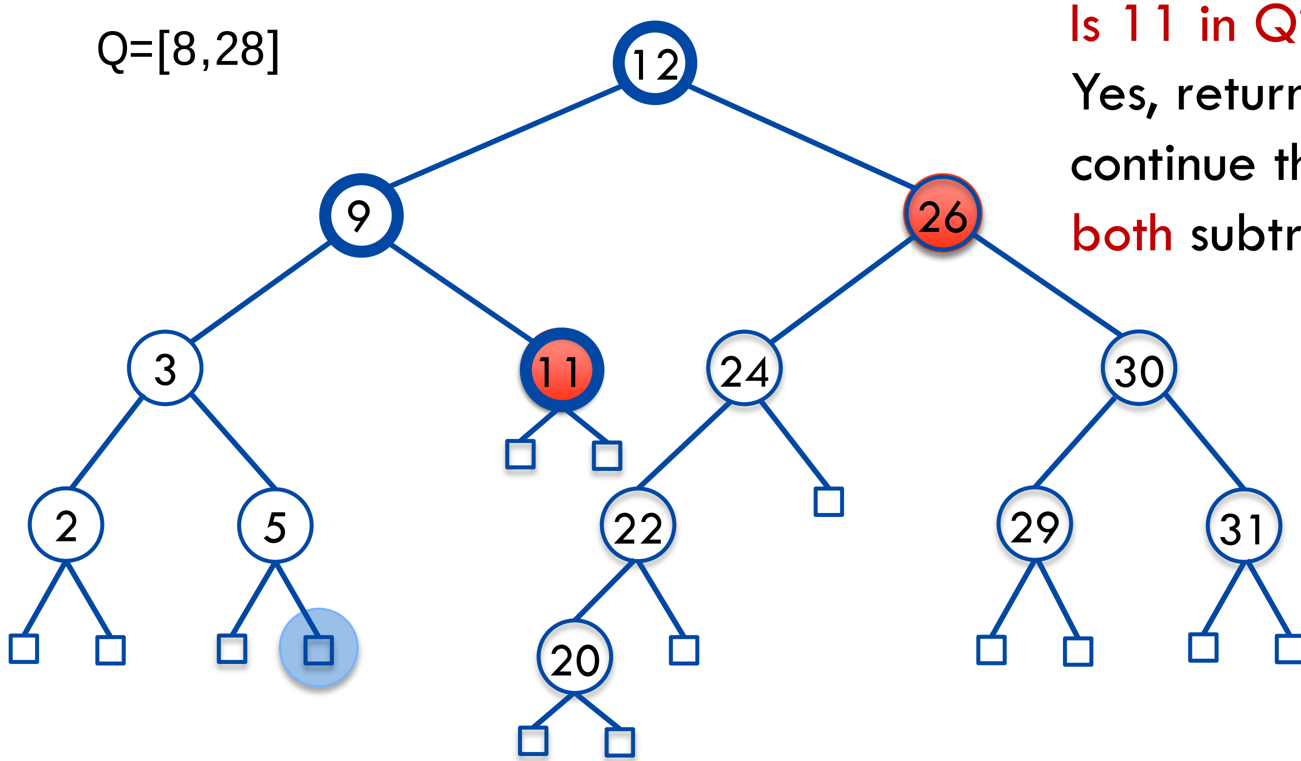


Is 11 in Q?

Yes, return 11 and continue the search in both subtrees.

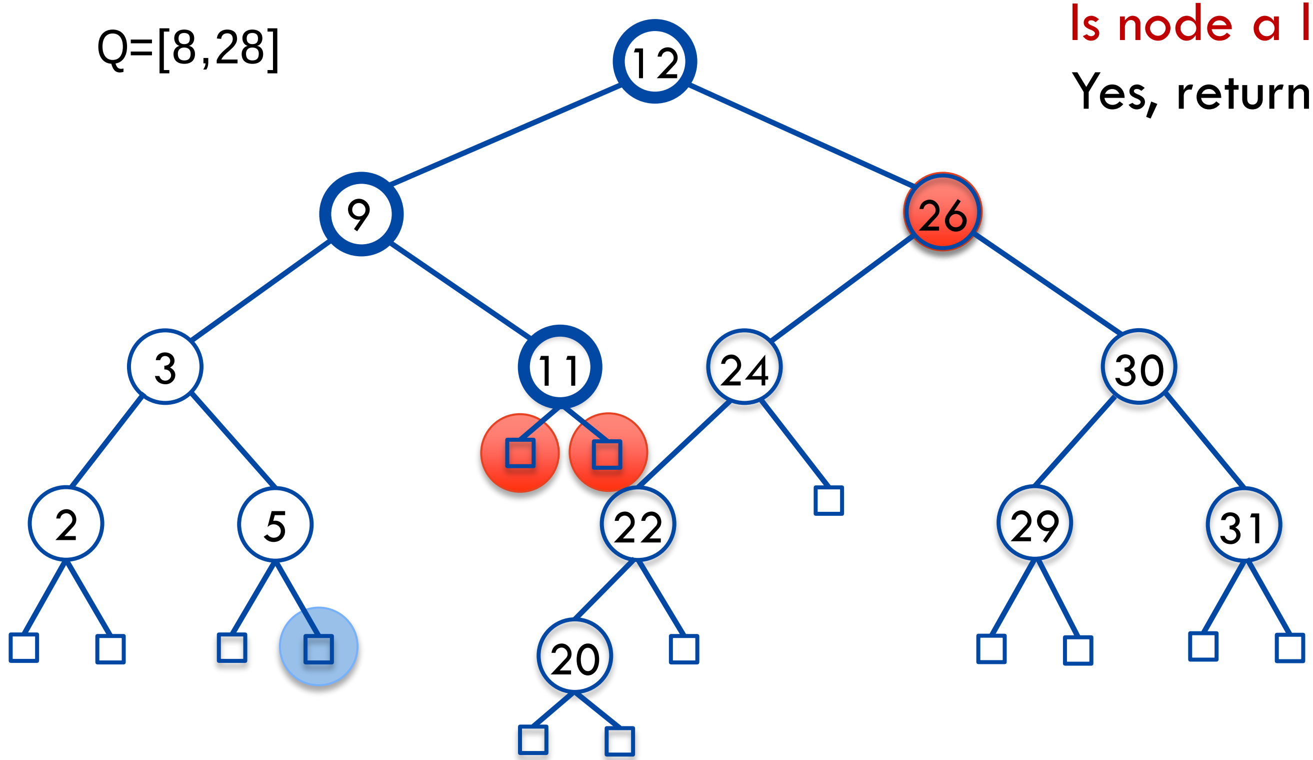
Range queries

S={2,3,5,9,11,12,20,22,24,26,29,30,31}

Q=[8,28]

Is node a leaf (×2)?

Yes, return ∅.



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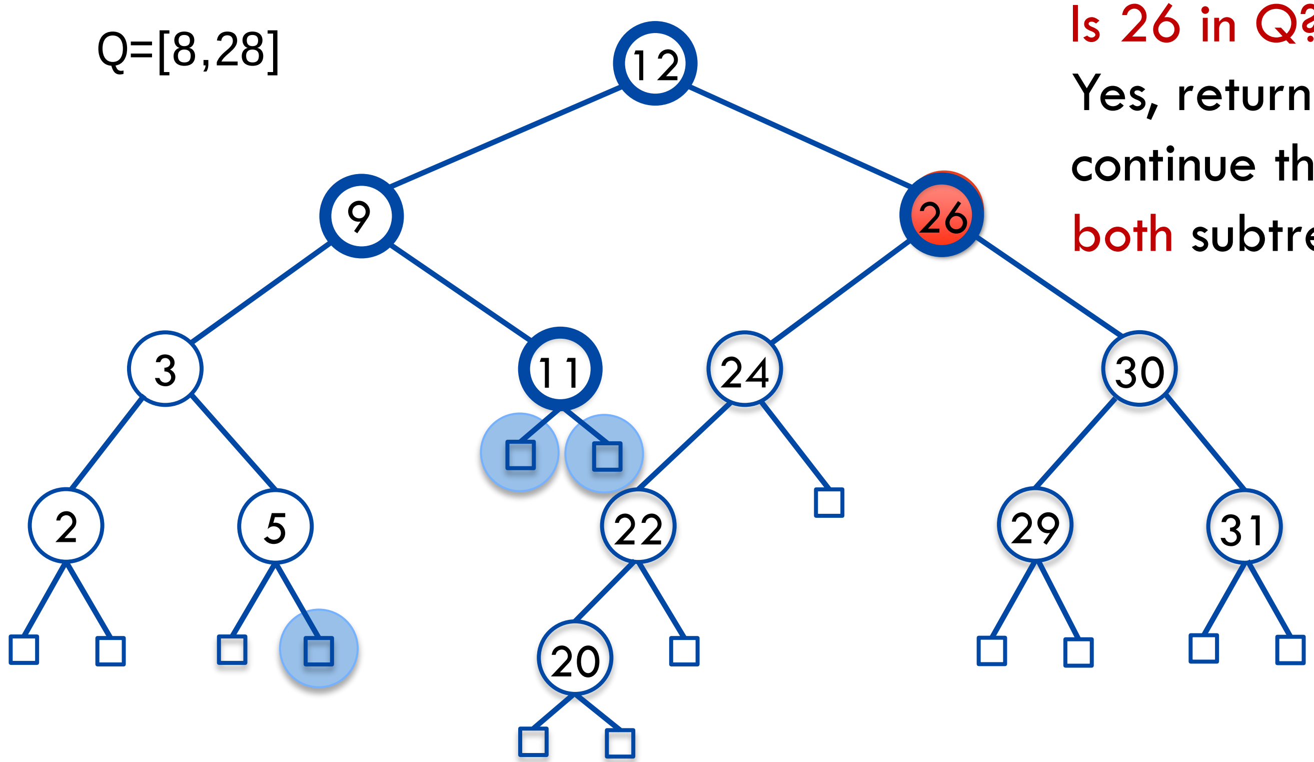

Is 26 in Q?

Yes, return 26 and continue the search in both subtrees.

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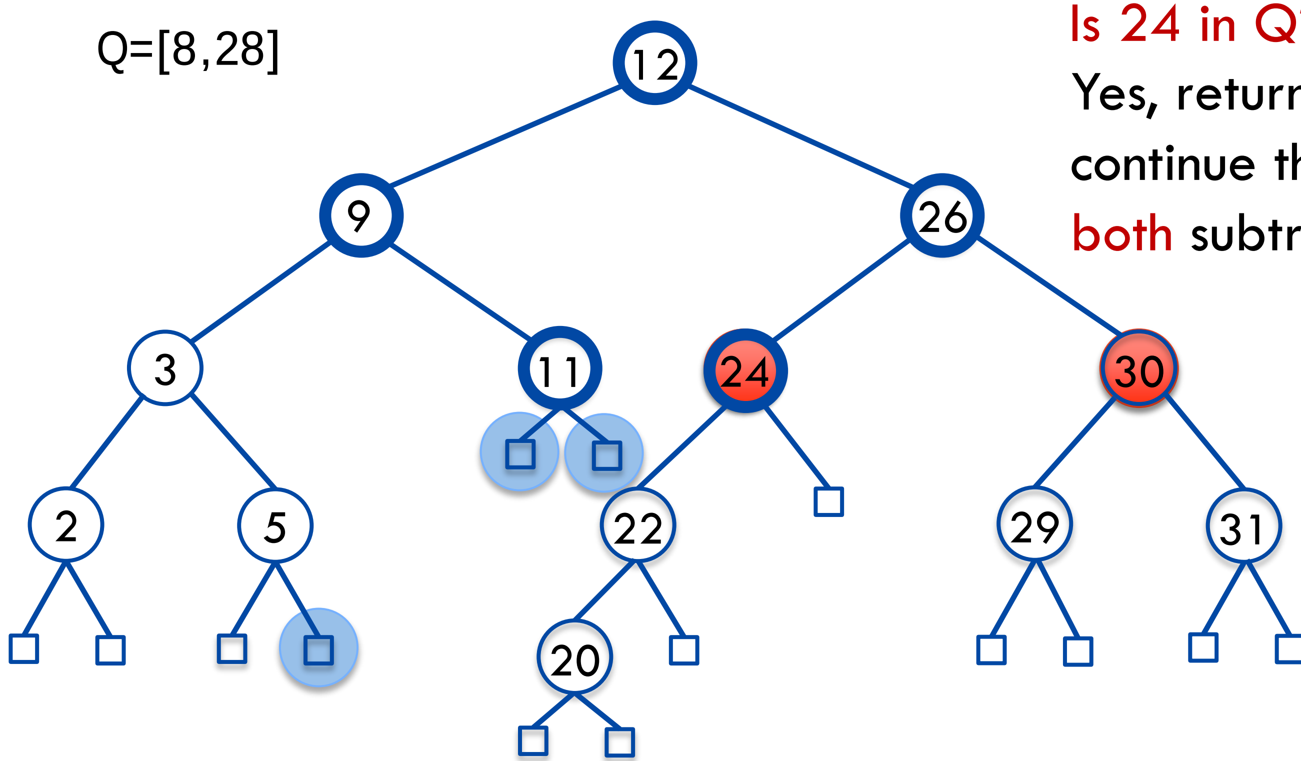

Is 24 in Q?

Yes, return 24 and continue the search in both subtrees.

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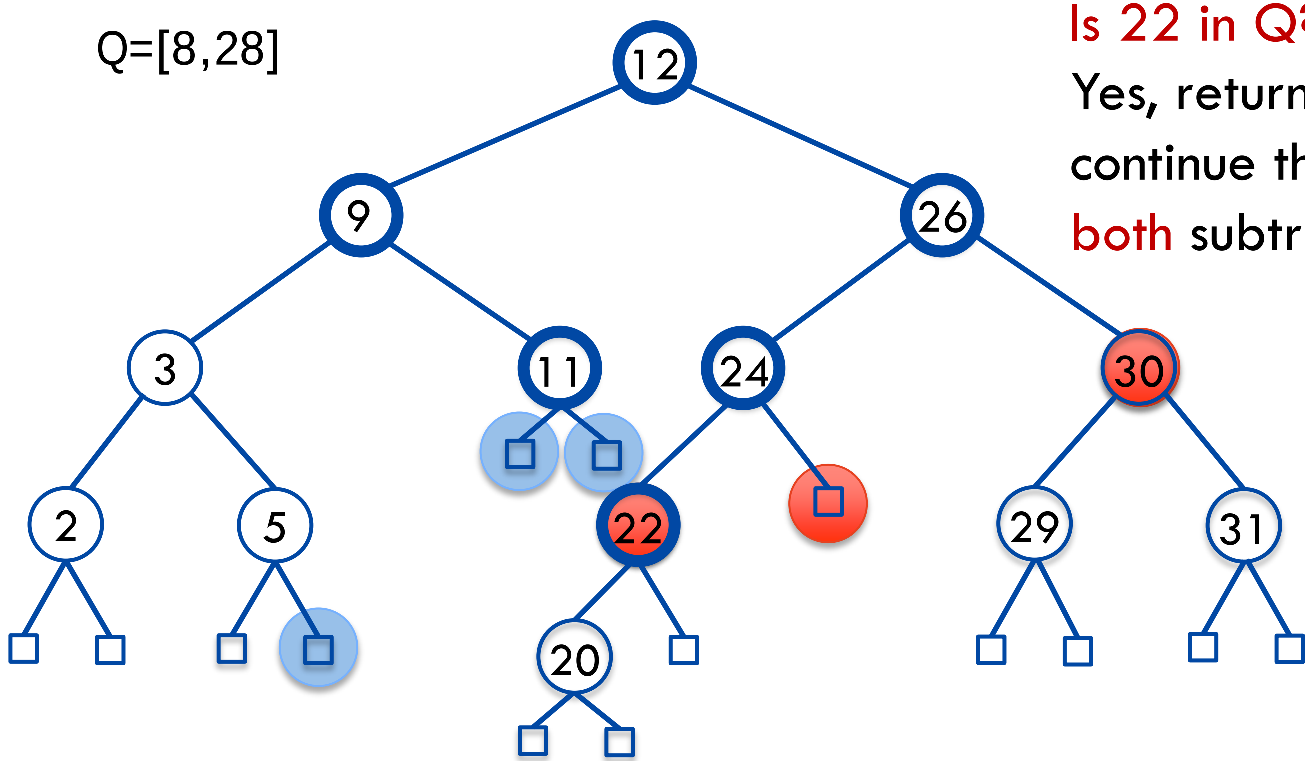

Is 22 in Q?

Yes, return 22 and continue the search in both subtrees.

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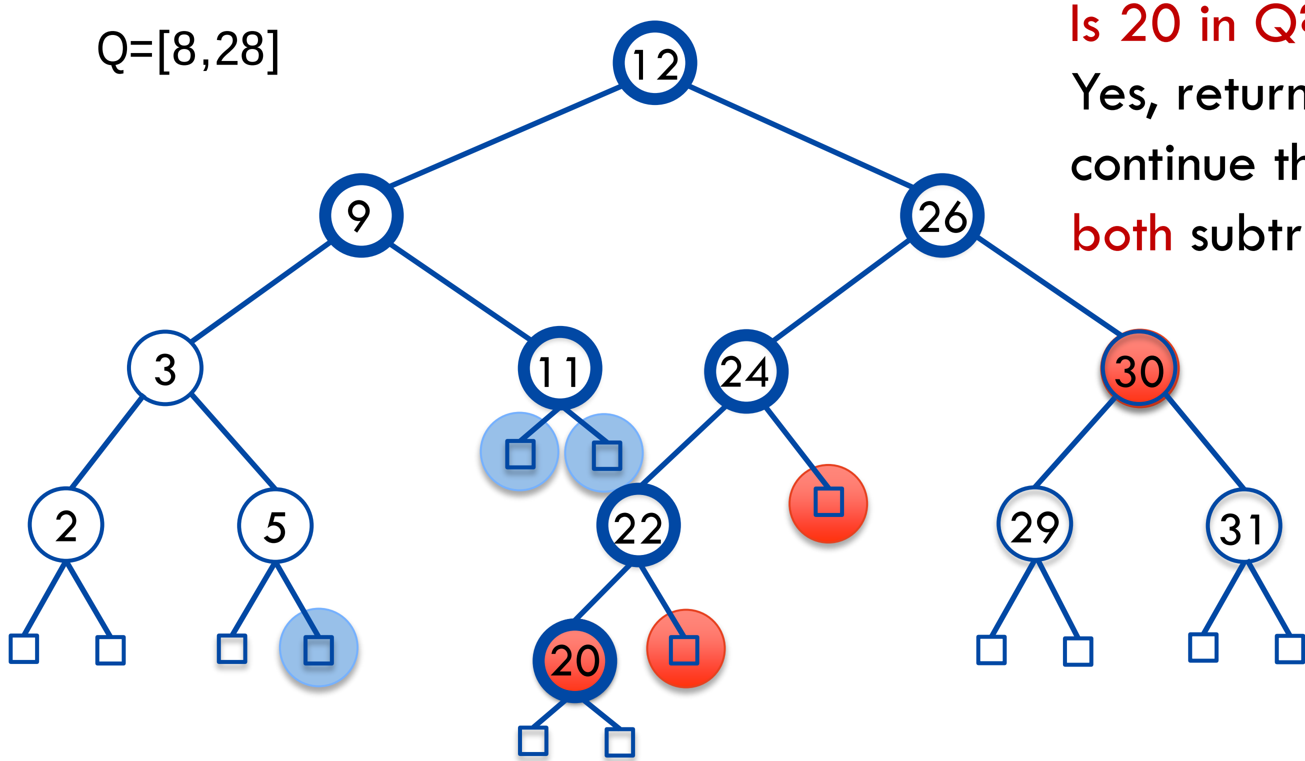

Is 20 in Q?

Yes, return 20 and continue the search in both subtrees.

Range queries

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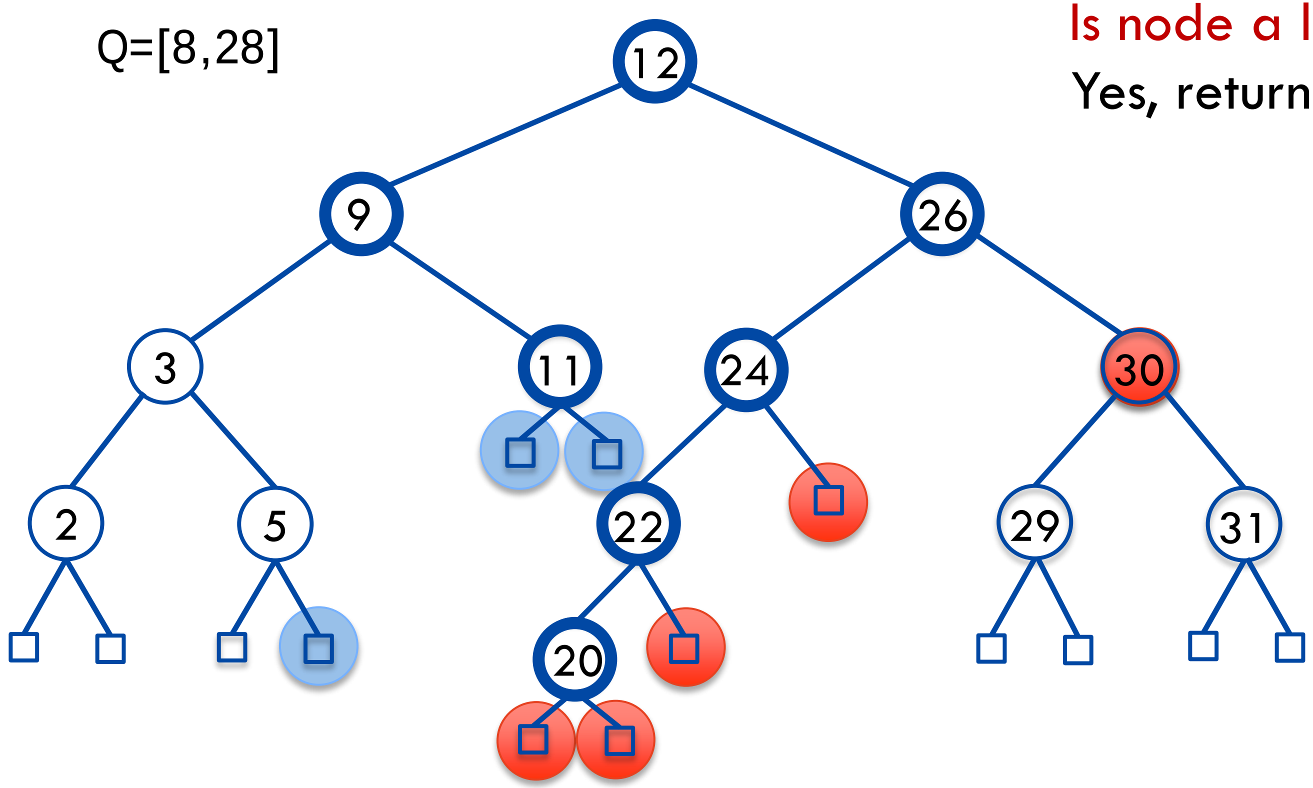
Q=[8,28]

Is node a leaf (×4)?

Yes, return ∅.



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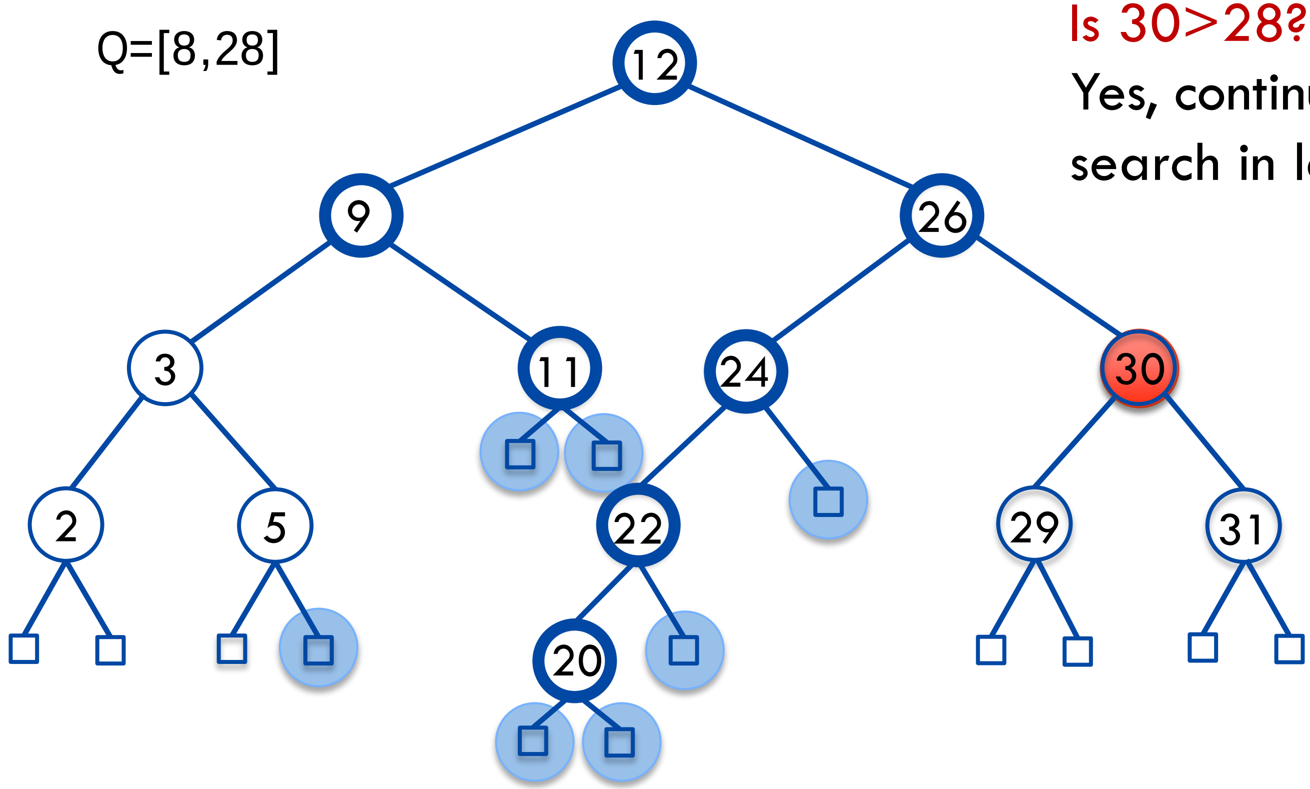

Is 30>28?

Yes, continue the search in left subtree.

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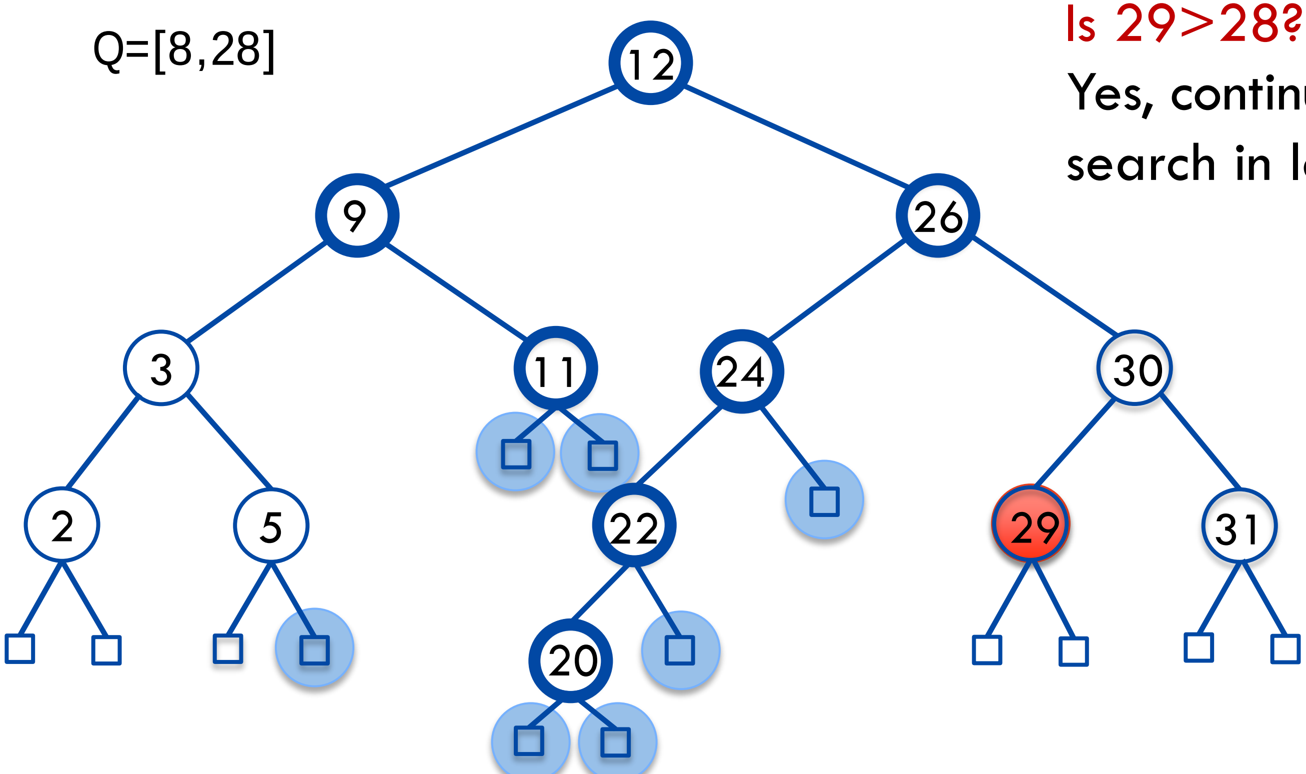

Is 29>28?

Yes, continue the search in left subtree.

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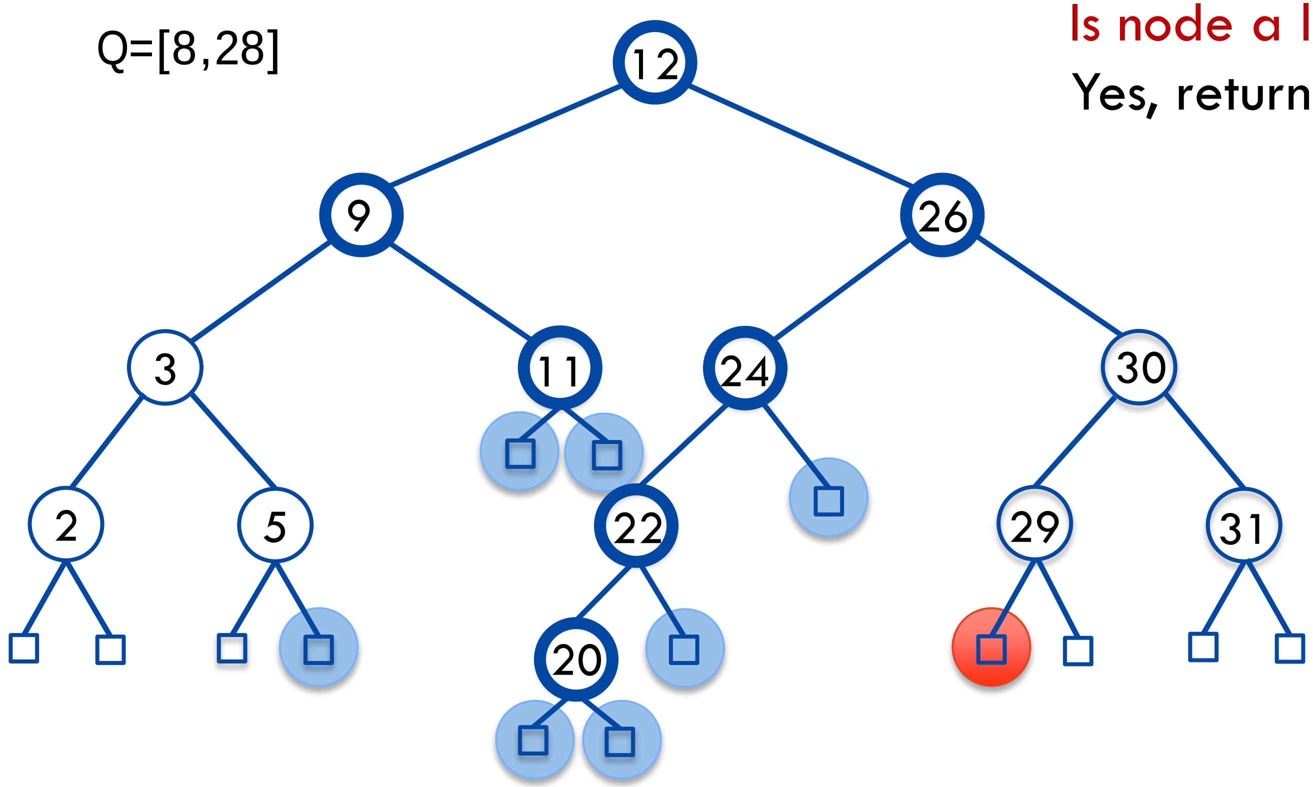

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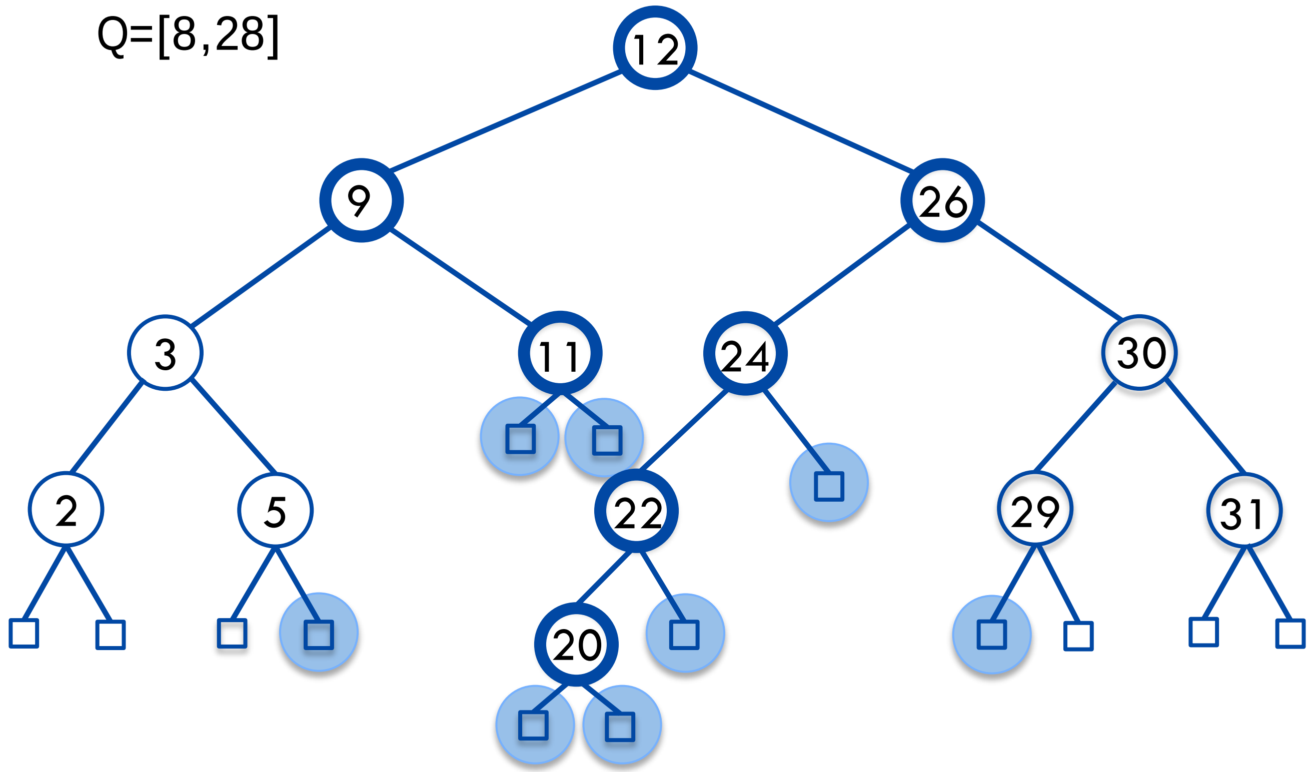


Performance

Let P_1 and P_2 be the binary search paths to k_1 and k_2
We say a node v is a:

- boundary node if v in P_1 or P_2
- inside node if key(v) in $[k_1, k_2]$ but not in P_1 or P_2
- outside node if key(v) not in $[k_1, k_2]$ but not in P_1 or P_2

The algorithm only visits boundary and inside nodes and

- |inside nodes| ≤ |output|
- |boundary node| ≤ 2 * tree height

Therefore, since we only spend $O(1)$ time per node we visit, the total running time of range search is $O(|output| + \text{tree height})$

Rank-balanced Trees

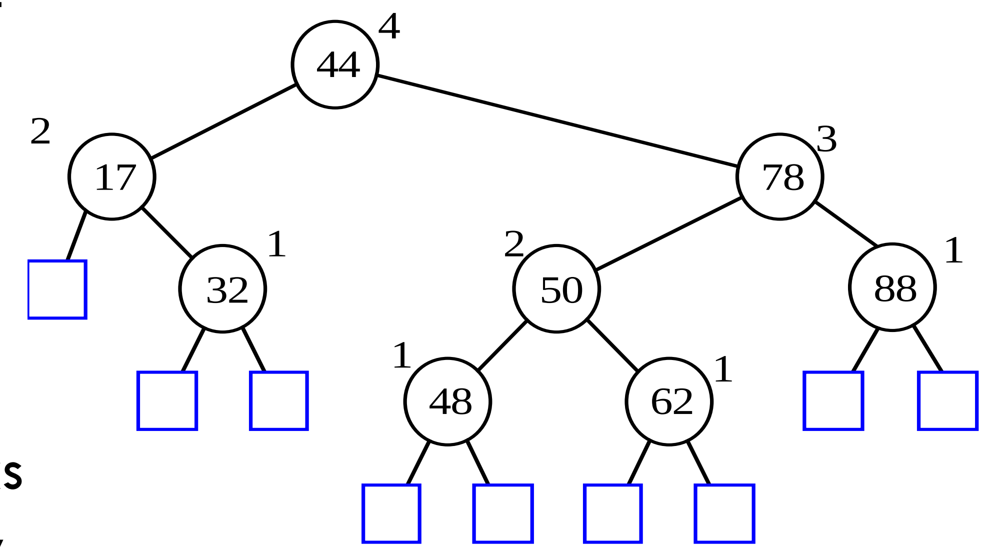
A family of balanced BST implementations that use the idea of keeping a “rank” for every node, where $r(v)$ acts as a proxy measure of the size of the subtree rooted at v

Rank-balanced trees aim to reduce the discrepancy between the ranks of the left and right subtrees:

– AVL Trees (now)
– Red-Black Trees (book)

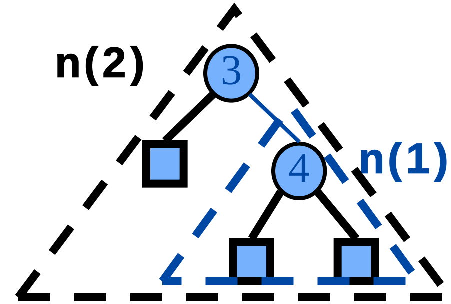
AVL Tree Definition

AVL trees are rank-balanced trees, where r(v) is its height of the subtree rooted at v



Balance constraint: The ranks of the two children of every internal node differ by at most 1.

Height of an AVL Tree



Fact: The height of an AVL tree storing n keys is O(log n).

Proof (by induction):

- Let N(h) be the minimum number of keys of an AVL tree of height h.
- We easily see that $N(1) = 1$ and $N(2) = 2$
- Clearly $N(h) > N(h-1)$ for any $h \geq 2$
- For $h > 2$, the smallest AVL tree of height h contains the root node, one AVL subtree of height h-1 and another of height at least h-2:

$$N(h) \geq 1 + N(h-1) + N(h-2) > 2\,N(h-2)$$

- By induction we can show that for h even

$$N(h) \geq 2^{h/2}$$

- Taking logarithms: $h < 2 \log N(h)$
- Thus the height of an AVL tree is O(log n)

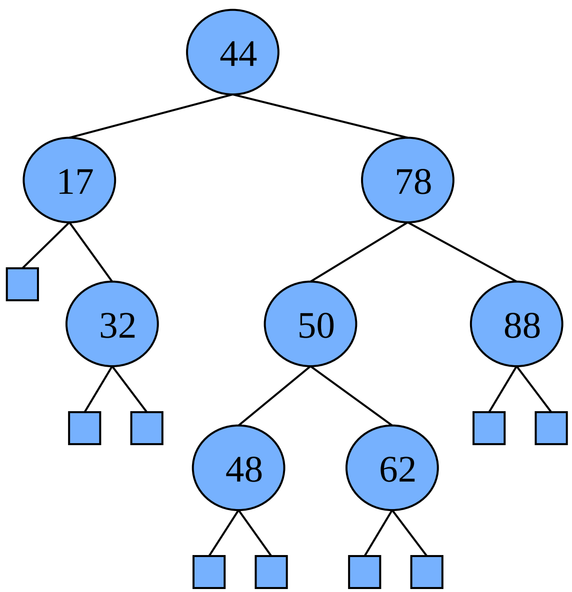
Insertion in AVL trees

Suppose we are to insert a key k into our tree:

1. If k is in the tree, search for k ends at node holding k
   There is nothing to do so tree structure does not change
2. If k is not in the tree, search for k ends at external node w.
   Make this be a new internal node containing key k
3. The new tree has BST property, but it may not have AVL balance property at some ancestor of w since
   - some ancestors of w may have increased their height by 1
   - every node that is not an ancestor of w hasn't changed its height
4. We use rotations to re-arrange tree to re-establish AVL property, while keeping BST property

Re-establishing AVL property

- Let w be location of newly inserted node
- Let z be *lowest* ancestor of w, whose children heights differ by 2
- Let y be the child of z that is ancestor of w (taller child of z)
- Let x be child of y that is ancestor of w



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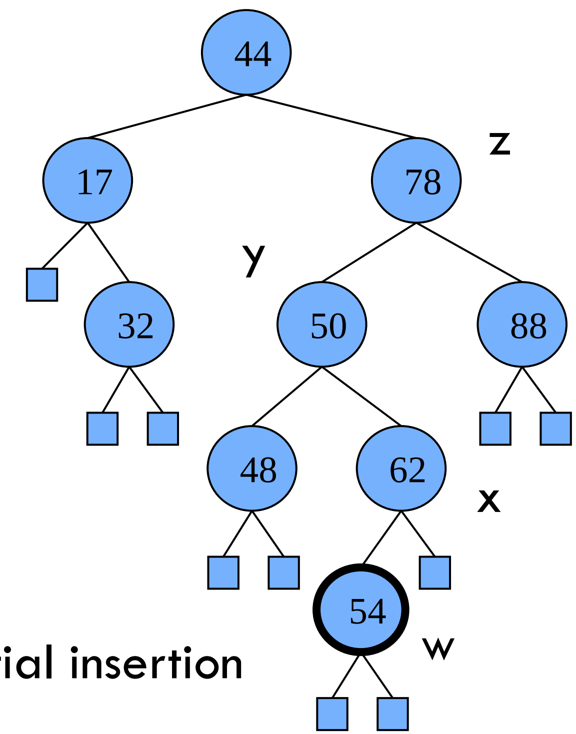
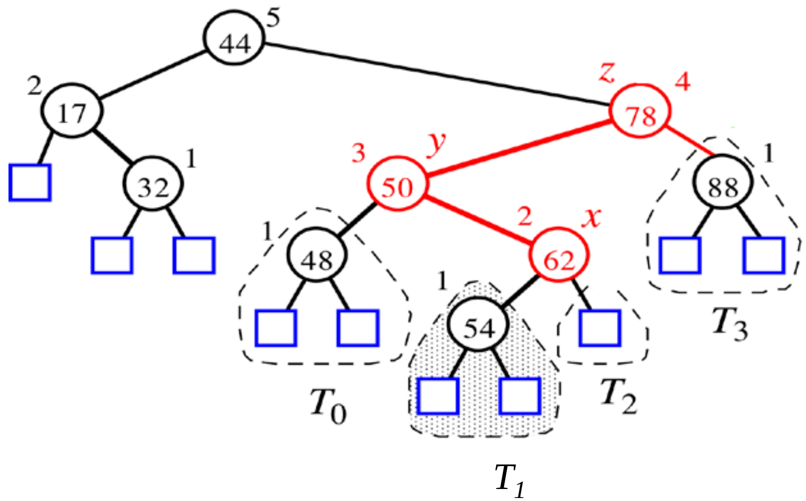


after initial insertion

Re-establishing AVL property



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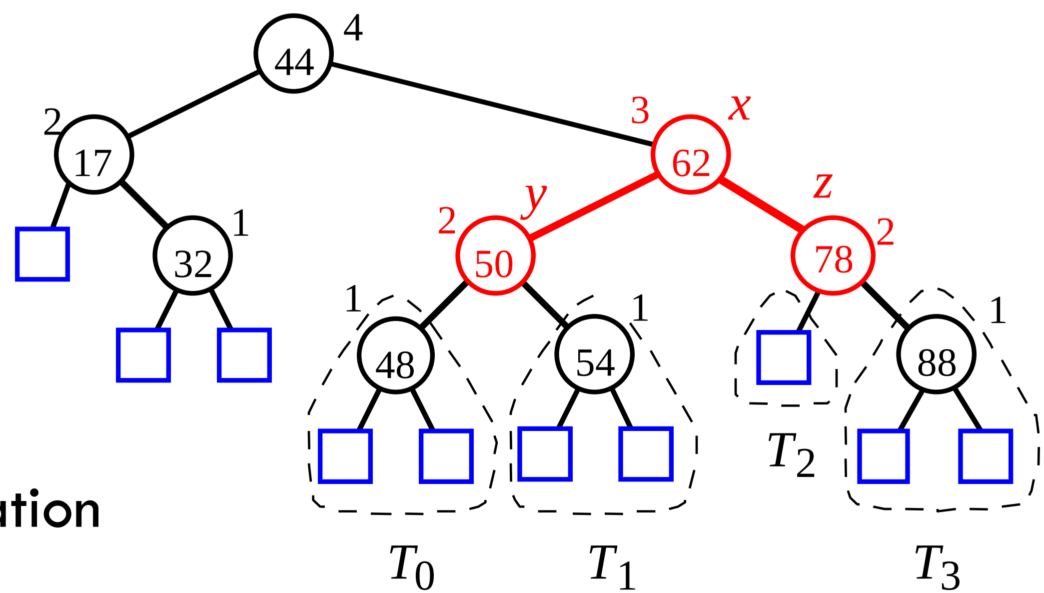
It can be argued that tree has AVL property after operation



Augmenting BST with a height attribute

But how do we know the height of each node? If we had to compute this from scratch it would take $O(n)$ time

Therefore, we need to have this pre-computed and update the height value after each insertion and rebalancing operation:

– After we create a node w, we should set its height to be 1, and then update the height of its ancestors.
– After we rotate (z, y, x) we should update their height and that of their ancestors.

Thus, we can maintain the height only using $O(h)$ work per insert

Improving Balance: Trinode Restructuring

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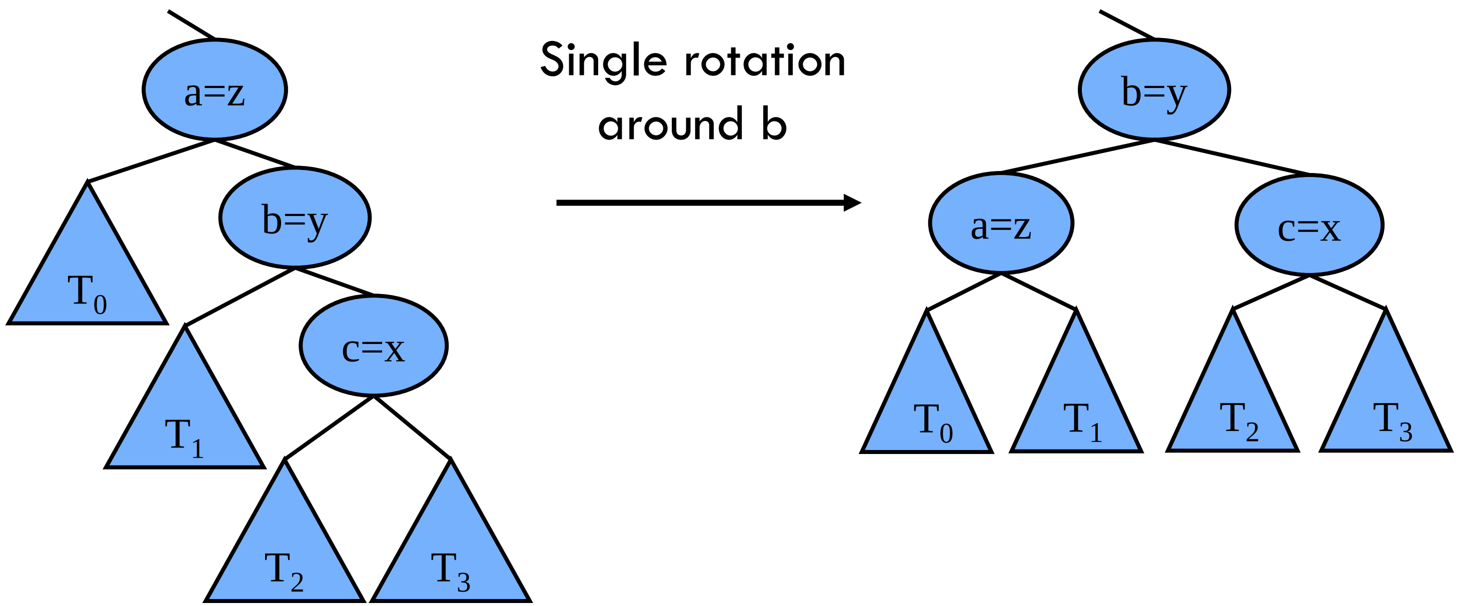
Perform the rotations so as to make b the topmost node of the three.



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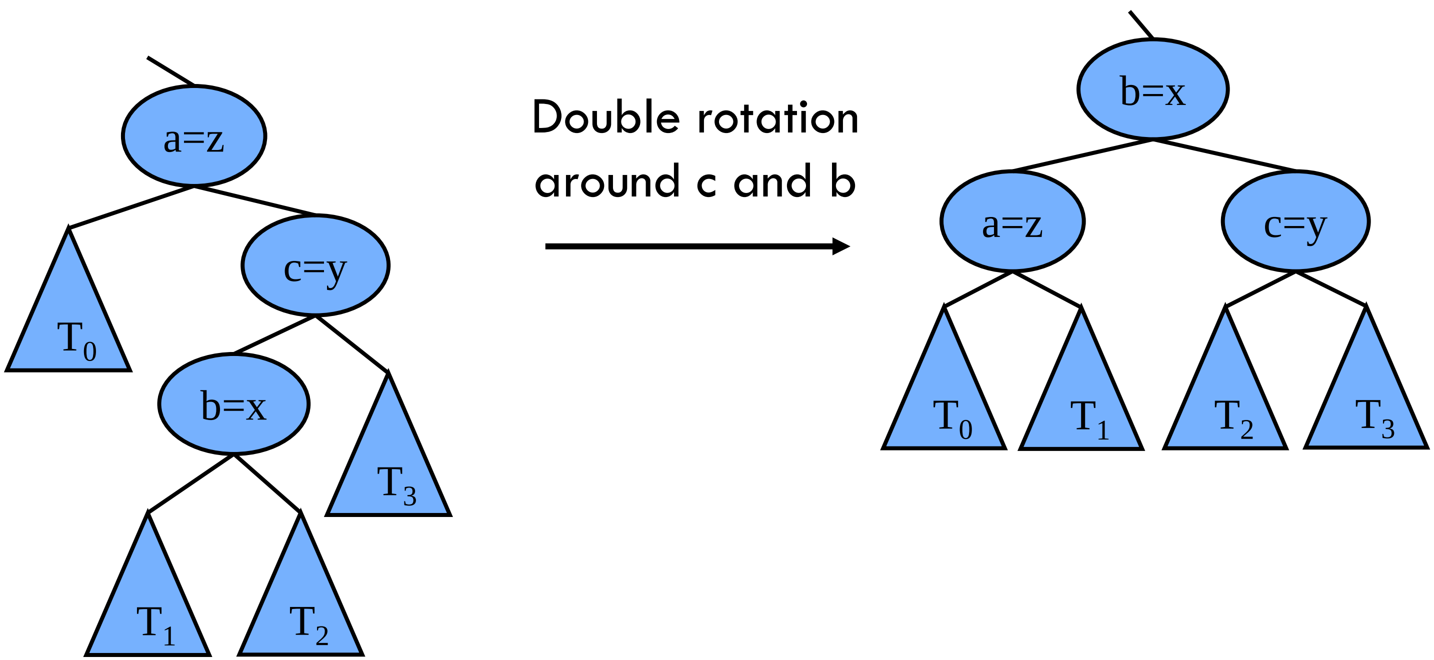

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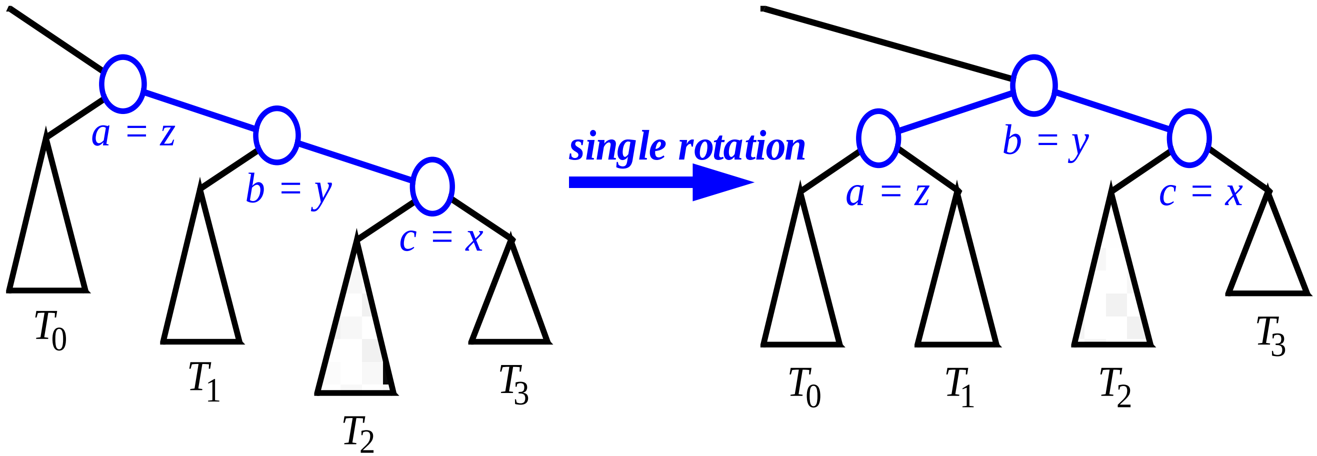

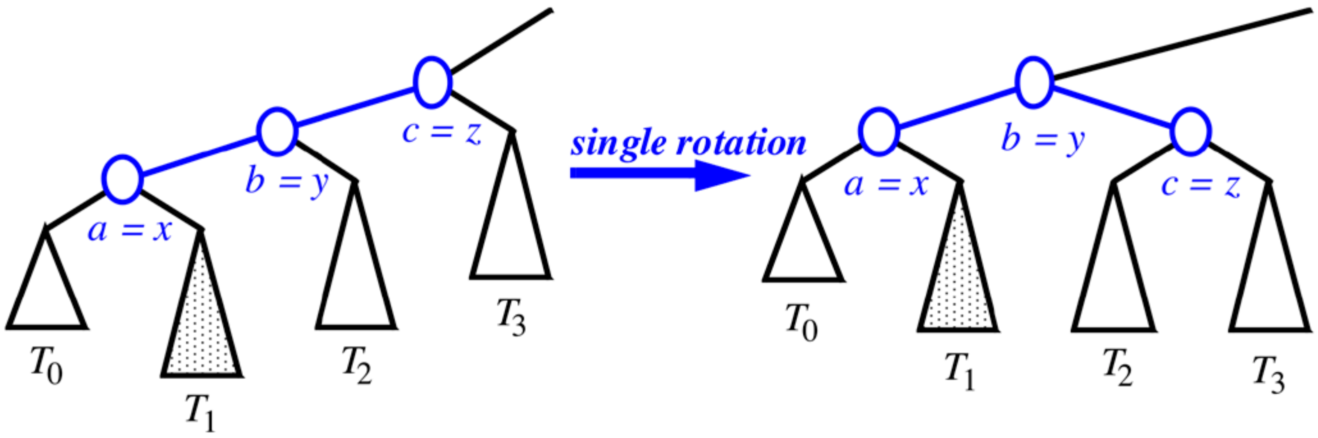

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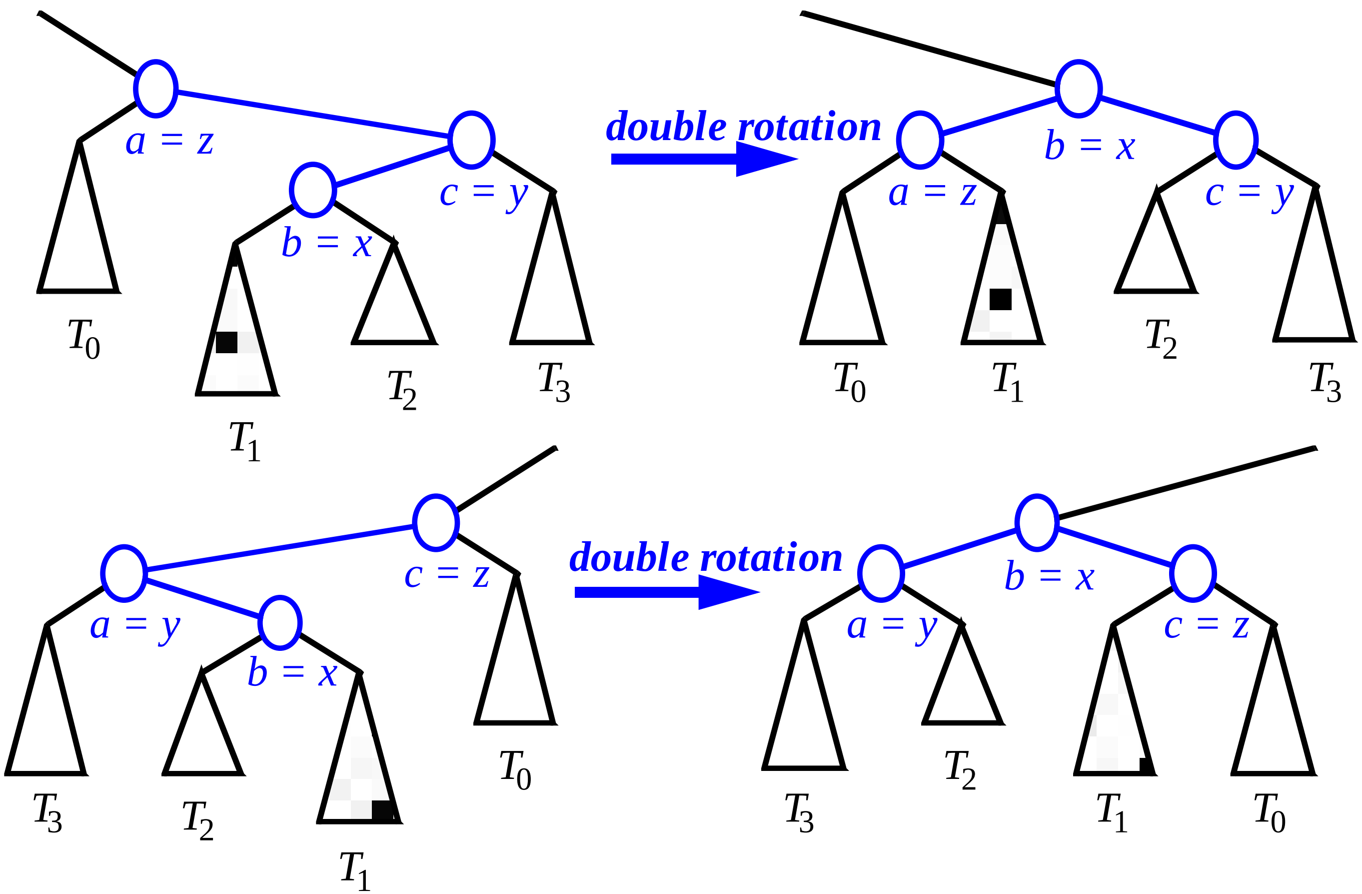
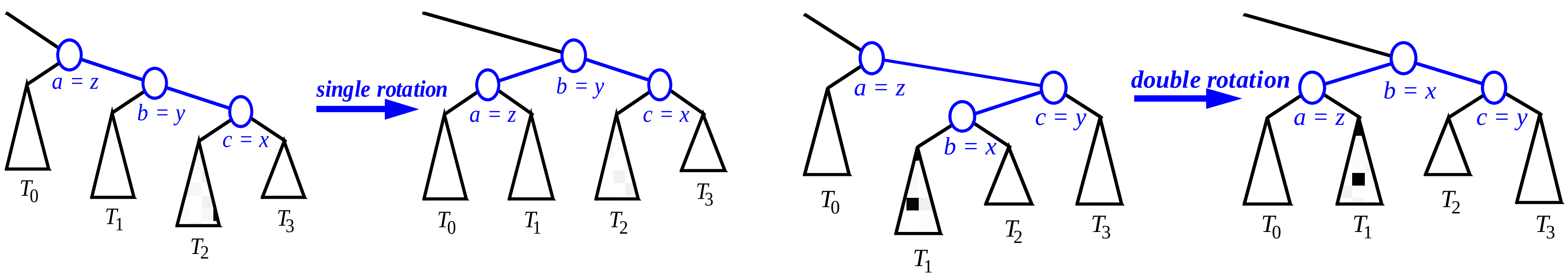
Double rotations:



Performance

Assume we are given a reference to the node x where we are performing a trinode restructure and that the binary search tree is represented using nodes and pointers to parent, left and right children

A single or double rotation takes O(1) time, because it involves updating O(1) pointers.



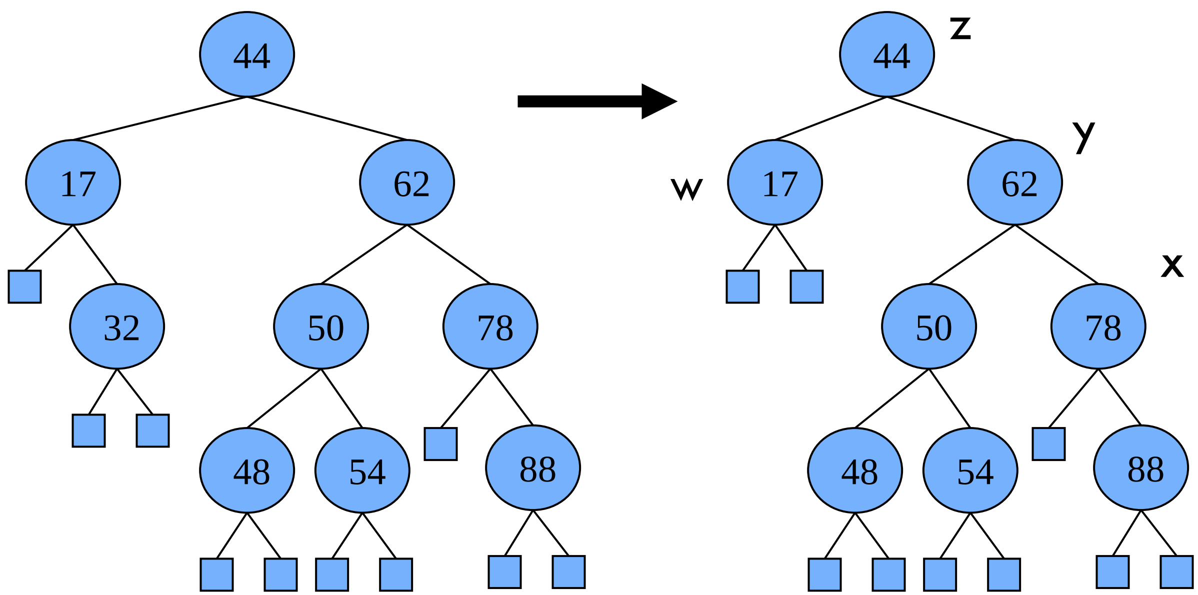
Removal in AVL trees

Suppose we are to remove a key k from our tree:

1. If k is not in the tree, search for k ends at external node
   There is nothing to do so tree structure does not change
2. If k is in the tree, search for k performs usual BST removal leading to removing a node with an external child and promoting its other child, which we call w
3. The new tree has BST property, but it may not have AVL balance property at some ancestor of w since
   - some ancestors of w may have decreased their height by 1
   - every node that is not an ancestor of w hasn't changed its heights
4. We use rotations to rearrange tree and re-establish AVL property, while keeping BST property

Re-establishing AVL property

- Let w be the parent of deleted node
- Let z be *lowest* ancestor of w, whose children heights differ by 2
- Let y be the child of z with larger height (y is not an ancestor of w)
- Let x be child of y with larger height

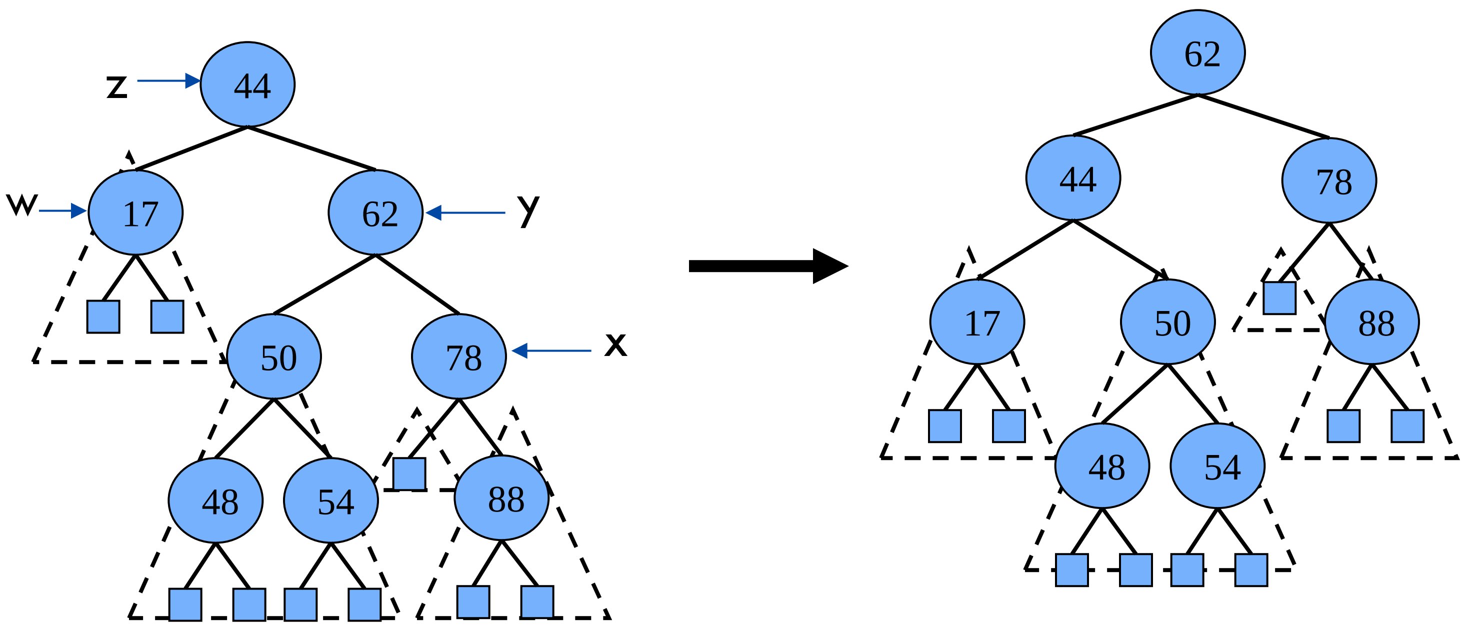


before deletion of 32 after initial deletion

Re-establishing AVL property

– If tree does not have AVL property, do a trinode restructure at x, y, z

– This restores the AVL property at z but it may upset the balance of another node higher in the tree, we must continue checking for balance until the root of T is reached



AVL Tree Performance

Suppose we have an AVL tree storing n items then

- The data structure uses O(n) space
- Height of the tree O(log n)
- Searching takes O(log n) time
- Insertion takes O(log n) time
- Removal takes O(log n) time

Today we just saw a sketch of how insertions and removals are performed. Working out all the details behind these operations is too heavy for the lecture, but I hope you got a flavor for what they entail and I encourage you to read the details on your own.