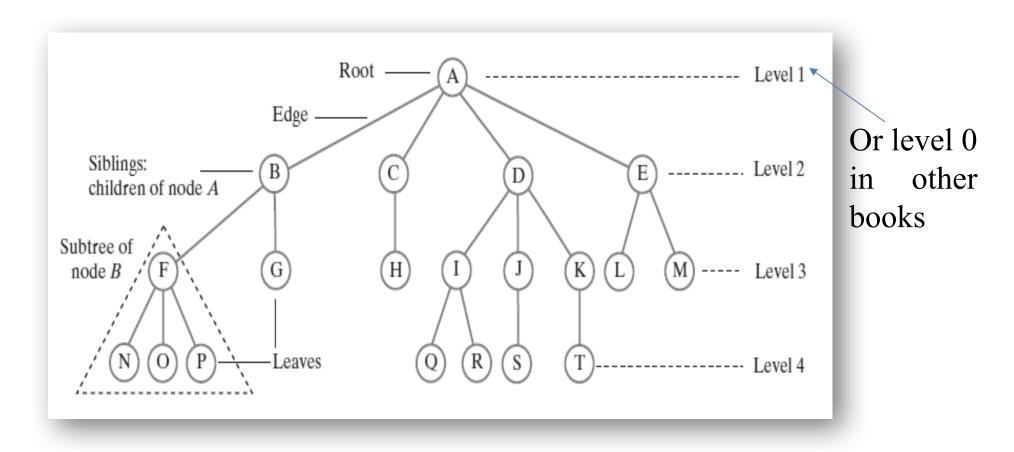
Binary Search Tree

WIA1002/WIB1002 : Data Structure

Objectives

- To design and implement a binary search tree.
- To represent binary trees using linked data structures.
- To search an element in binary search tree.
- To **insert** an element into a binary search tree.
- To traverse elements in a binary tree.
- To **delete** elements from a binary search tree.

Tree – hierarchical structure



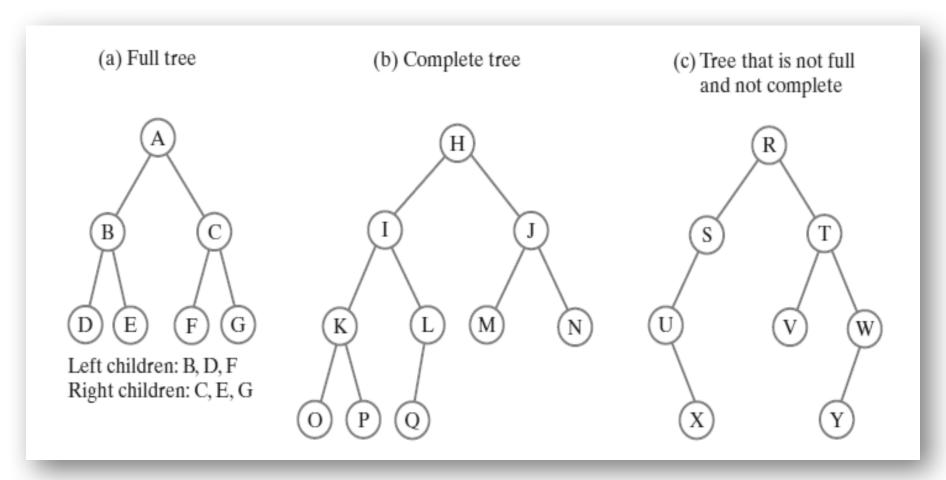
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Tree

- In general, each node in a tree can have an arbitrary number of children. We sometimes call such a tree a **general tree**. If each node has no more than *n* children, the tree is called an *n*-ary tree.
- Not every general tree is an *n*-ary tree. If each node has at most two children, the tree is called a **binary tree**.

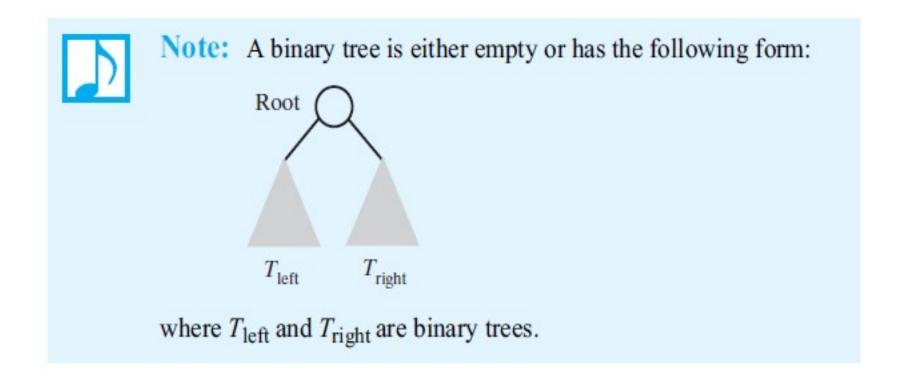
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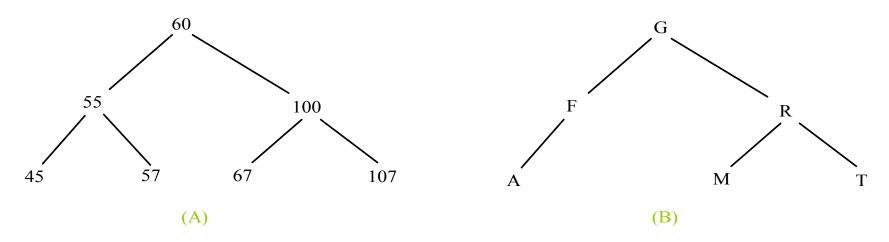
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Binary Trees

A **binary tree** is a <u>hierarchical structure</u>. It is either empty or consists of an element, called the *root*, and two distinct binary trees, called the *left subtree* and *right subtree*, either or both of which may be empty



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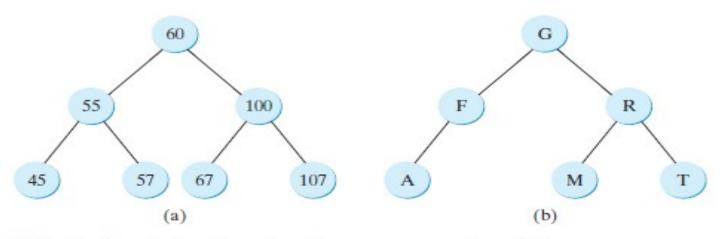
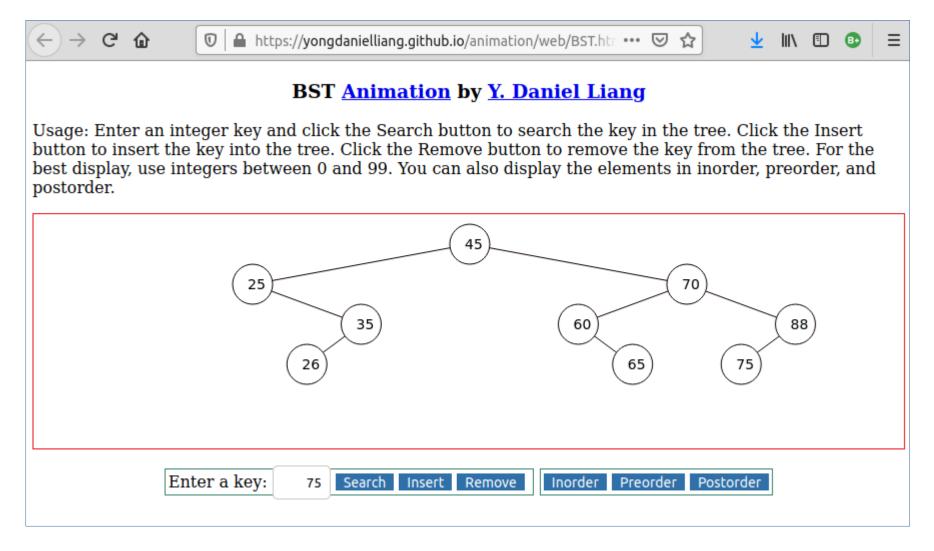


FIGURE 25.1 Each node in a binary tree has zero, one, or two subtrees.

Terms:

- Length of path number of edges in the path (eg:60-45 \rightarrow 2)
- Depth length of path from root to node (eg: $60 \rightarrow 0$; $55 \rightarrow 1$)
- Level set of all nodes at a given depth (e.g:55,100)
- Siblings nodes share same parent node (eg: 45-57)
- Left child- root of the left subtree of a node
- Leaf node without children (eg: A)
- Height length of path fr root node to its furthest leaf (e.g 2)

See How a Binary Tree Works



https://yongdanielliang.github.io/animation/web/BST.html

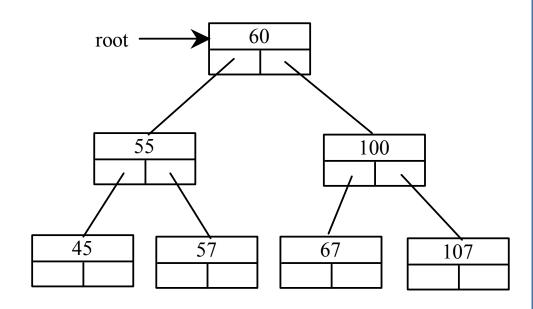
Binary Tree Terms

• A special type of binary tree called a *binary search* tree is often useful.

• A binary search tree (with **no duplicate elements**) has the property that for every node in the tree the value of any node in its *left subtree* is <u>less than</u> the value of the node and the value of any node in its *right subtree* is greater than the value of the node.

Representing Binary Trees

A binary tree can be represented using a set of linked nodes. Each node contains a value and two links named *left* and *right* that reference the left child and right child, respectively as shown below.



```
class TreeNode<E> {
    E element;
    TreeNode<E> left;
    TreeNode<E> right;

    public TreeNode(E o) {
       element = o;
    }
}
```

Create node

- Variable root refers to the root node of the tree.
- If tree is empty, root is null.
- Create root node:

```
TreeNode<Integer> root = new TreeNode<Integer>(new Integer(60));
```

Create left child node:

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root.left = new TreeNode<Integer>(new Integer(55));
```

Create right child node:

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root.right = new TreeNode<Integer>(new Integer(100));
```

Searching an Element in a BST

```
public boolean search(E element) {
  TreeNode<E> current = root; // Start from the root
  while (current != null)
    if (element < current.element) {</pre>
      current = current.left; // Go left
    else if (element > current.element) {
      current = current.right; // Go right
    else // Element matches current.element
      return true; // Element is found
  return false; // Element is not in the tree
```

Inserting an Element to a BST

If a <u>BST is empty</u>, <u>create a root node</u> with the new element.

Otherwise, **locate** the **parent node** for the new element node.

If the new element is less than the parent element, the node for the new element becomes the left child of the parent.

If the new element is greater than the parent element, the node for the new element becomes the right child of the parent. Here is the algorithm/code:

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                                                                   root
    else
      return false; // Duplicate node not inserted
                                                                       55
                                                                                              100
  // Create the new node and attach it to the parent node
  if (element < parent.element)</pre>
    parent.left = new TreeNode(elemenet);
  else
    parent.right = new TreeNode(elemenet);
                                                                 45
                                                                             57
                                                                                                      107
  return true; // Element inserted
                                                                                                 101
                                                                                    59
```

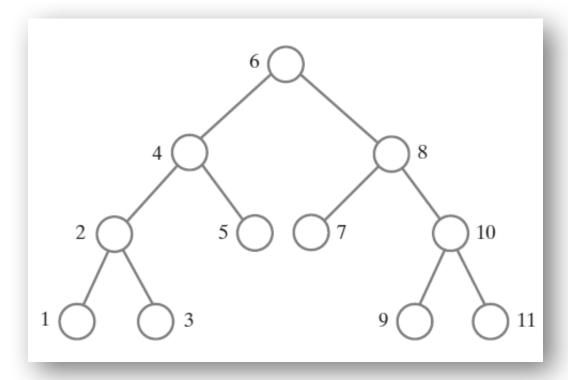
Tree Traversal

- Tree traversal is the process of visiting each node in the tree exactly once.
- We will say that traversal can pass through a node without visiting it at that moment.
- Traversals of a binary tree are somewhat easier to understand
- There are several ways to traverse a tree:
 - Inorder
 - Postorder
 - Preorder (depth-first), and
 - Breadth-first (level-order)

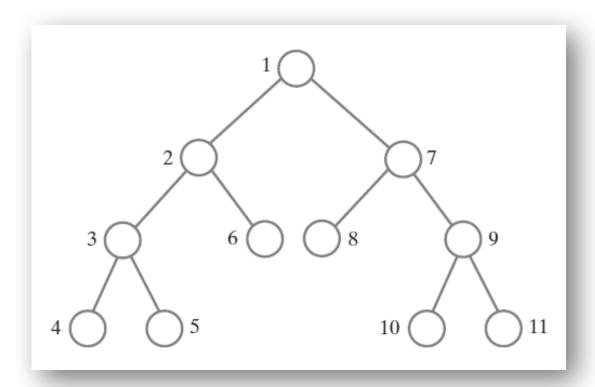
The inorder traversal is to

visit the left subtree of the current node first recursively, then the current node itself, and

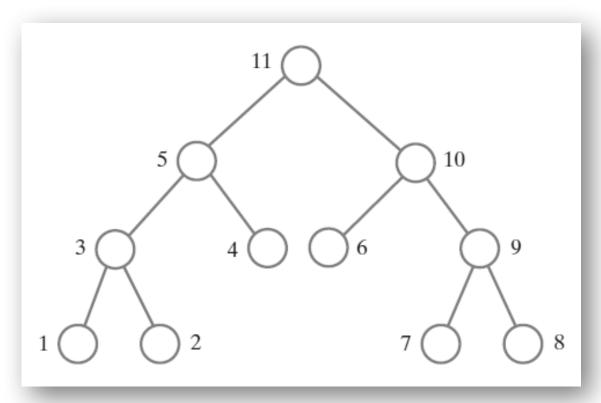
finally the right subtree of the current node recursively.



The preorder/depth-first search traversal is to visit the current node first, then the left subtree of the current node recursively, and finally the right subtree of the current node recursively.



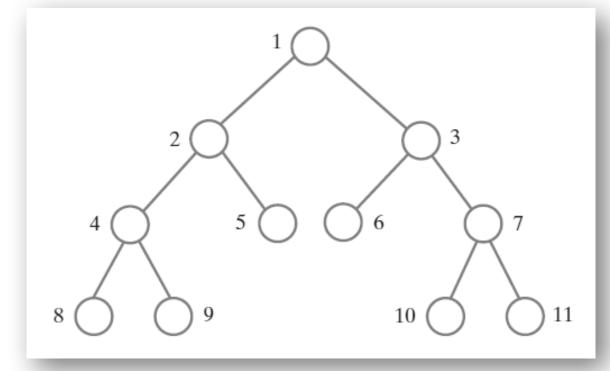
The postorder traversal is to visit the left subtree of the current node first, then the right subtree of the current node, and finally the current node itself.



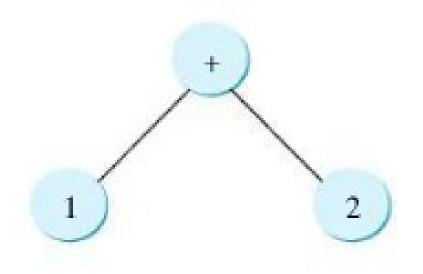
The breadth-first (level-order) traversal is to visit the nodes level by level.

First visit the root, then all children of the root from left to right, then grandchildren of the root from left to right, and so

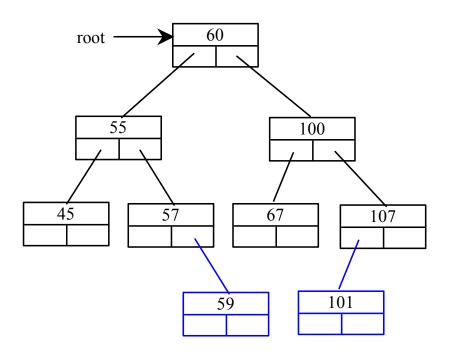
on.



Remembering traversal order



- Inorder is 1 + 2
- Postorder is 12+
- Preorder + 1 2



For example, in the tree above, the inorder is 45 55 57 59 60 67 100 101 107. the postorder is 45 59 57 55 67 101 107 100 60. the preorder is 60 55 45 57 59 100 67 107 101. the breadth-first traversal is 60 55 100 45 57 67 107 59 101.

The Tree Interface

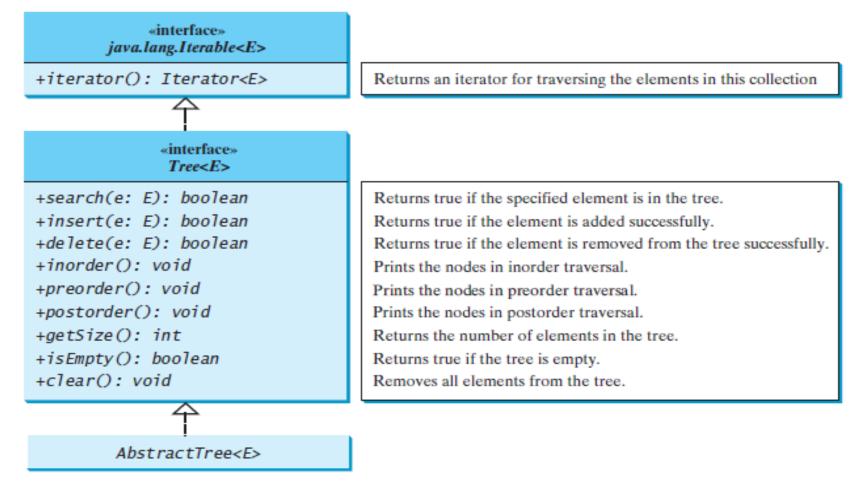
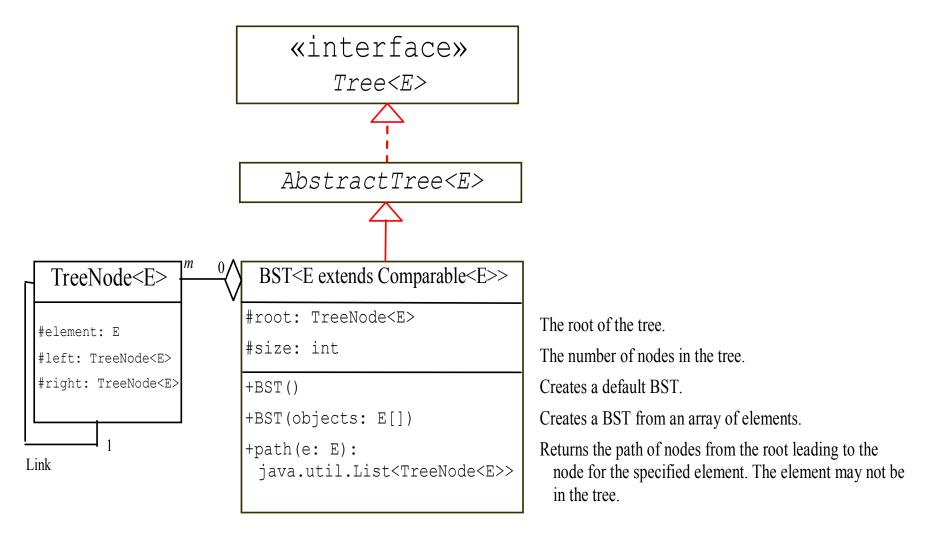


FIGURE 25.7 The Tree interface defines common operations for trees, and the AbstractTree class partially implements Tree.

The BST Class

A concrete **BST** class can be defined to extend **AbstractTree**.

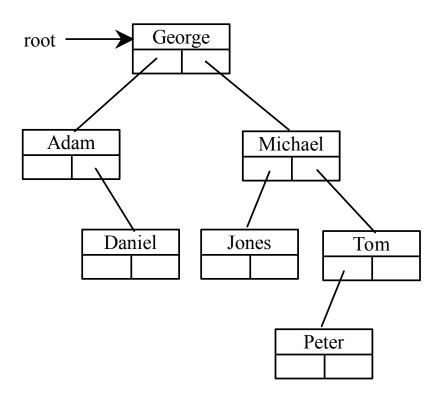


TestBST class

Write a test program that creates a binary search tree using <u>BST</u>. Add strings into the tree and traverse the tree in inorder, postorder, and preorder.

```
public class TestBST {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
   BST<String> tree = new BST<String>();
   tree.insert("George");
   tree.insert("Michael");
   tree.insert("Tom");
   tree.insert("Adam");
   tree.insert("Jones");
   tree.insert("Peter");
   tree.insert("Daniel"):
   System.out.print("Inorder (sorted): ");
   tree.inorder();
   System.out.print("\nPostorder: ");
   tree.postorder();
   System.out.print("\nPreorder: ");
   tree.preorder();
   System.out.print("\nThe number of nodes is " + tree.getSize());
   System.out.print("\nIs Peter in the tree? " +
     tree.search("Peter"));
   System.out.print("\nA path from the root to Peter is: ");
   java.util.ArrayList<BST.TreeNode<String>> path
     = tree.path("Peter");
   for (int i = 0; path != null \&\& i < path.size(); i++)
     System.out.print(path.get(i).element + " ");
   Integer[] numbers = \{2, 4, 3, 1, 8, 5, 6, 7\};
   BST<Integer> intTree = new BST<Integer>(numbers);
   System.out.print("\nInorder (sorted): ");
   intTree.inorder();
```

Tree After Insertions



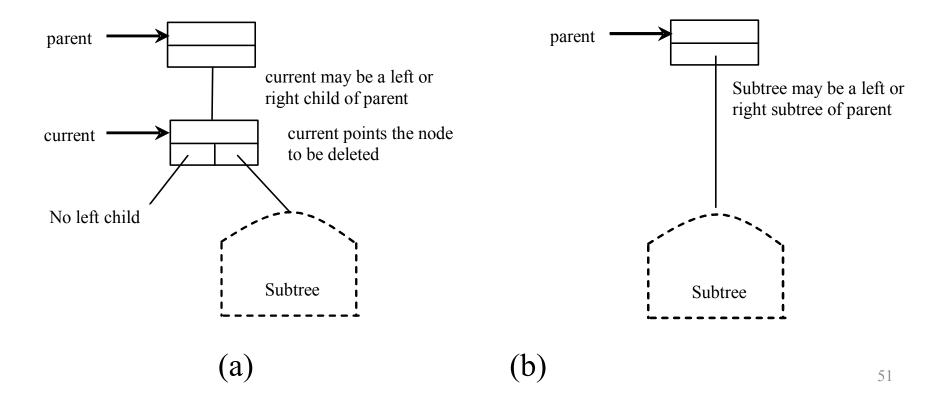
Inorder: Adam, Daniel George, Jones, Michael, Peter, Tom

Postorder: Daniel Adam, Jones, Peter, Tom, Michael, George

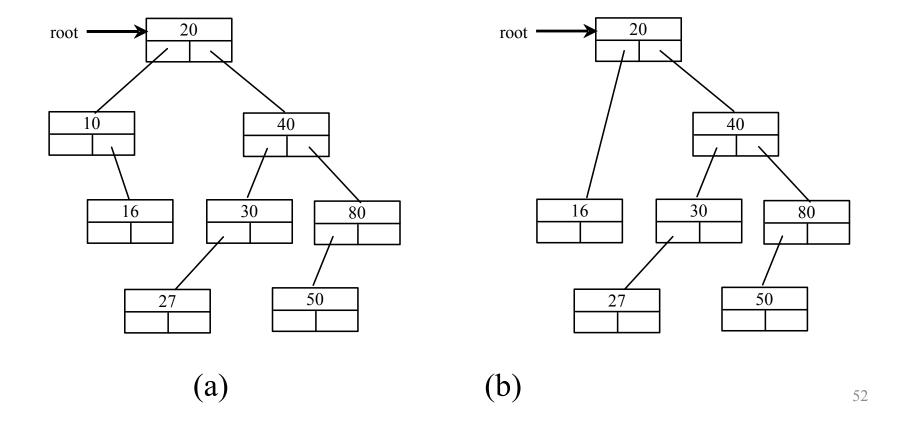
Preorder: George, Adam, Daniel, Michael, Jones, Tom, Peter

- Need to first locate the node that contains the element and also its parent node.
- Let <u>current</u> point to the node that contains the element in the binary tree and <u>parent</u> point to the parent of the <u>current</u> node.
- The <u>current</u> node <u>may be</u> a <u>left</u> child <u>or</u> a <u>right</u> child <u>of</u> the <u>parent</u> node. There are two cases to consider:

Case 1: The current node does not have a left child, as shown in this figure (a). Simply connect the parent with the right child of the current node, as shown in this figure (b).



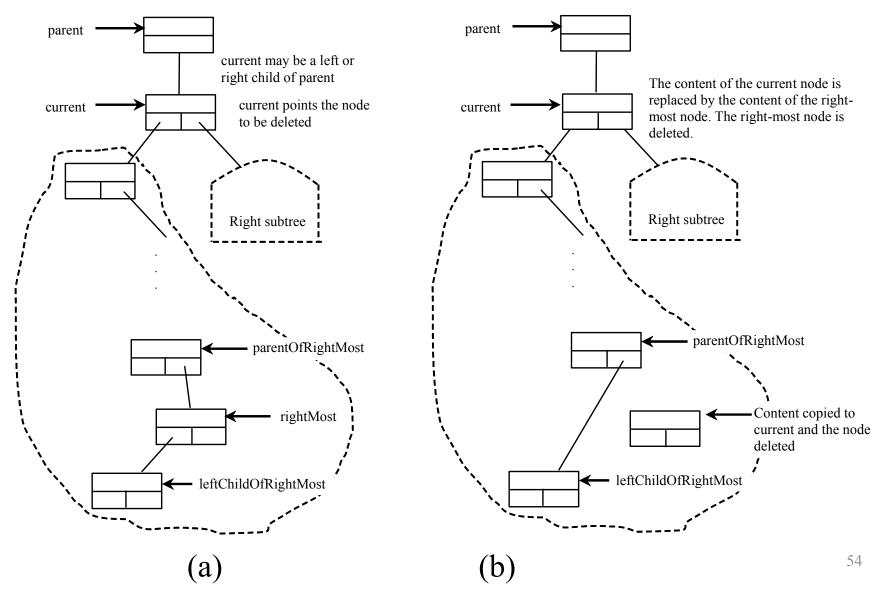
For example, to delete node <u>10</u> in figure below. Connect the parent of node <u>10</u> with the right child of node <u>10</u> as shown in part (b).



Case 2: The current node has a left child.

- Let <u>rightMost</u> point to the node that contains the largest element in the left subtree of the current node and parentOfRightMost point to the **parent** node **of** the **rightMost node**, as shown in next figure part (a).
- Note that the <u>rightMost</u> node cannot have a right child, but may have a left child.
- Replace the element value in the current node with the one in the rightMost node, connect the parentOfRightMost node with the left child of the rightMost node, and delete the rightMost node, as shown in next figure part 53

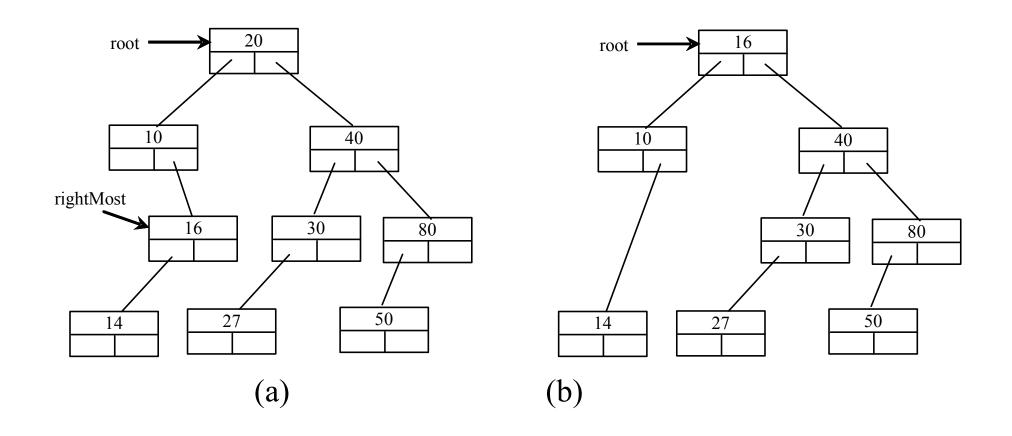
Case 2:



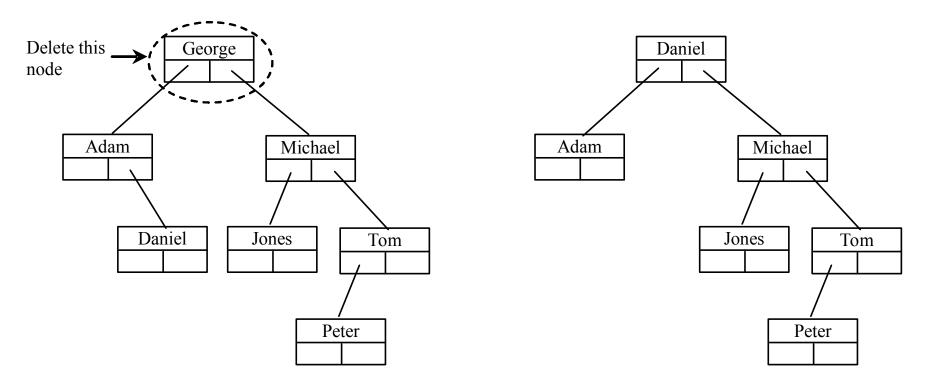
Algorithm for deleting an element

```
boolean delete(E e) {
     Locate element e in the tree;
     if element e is not found
        return true;
      Let current be the node that contains e and parent be
        the parent of current;
      if (current has no left child) // Case 1
10
        Connect the right child of
11
          current with parent; now current is not referenced, so
12
        it is eliminated:
13
      else // Case 2
14
        Locate the rightmost node in the left subtree of current.
        Copy the element value in the rightmost node to current.
15
        Connect the parent of the rightmost node to the left child
16
17
          of rightmost node;
18
19
      return true; // Element deleted
20
```

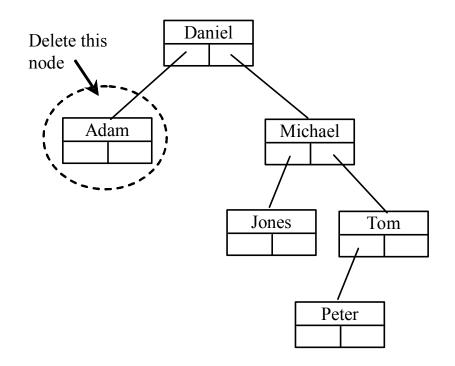
Case 2 example: delete 20

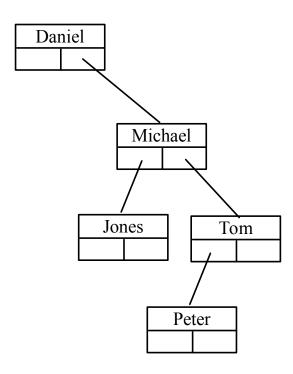


Examples

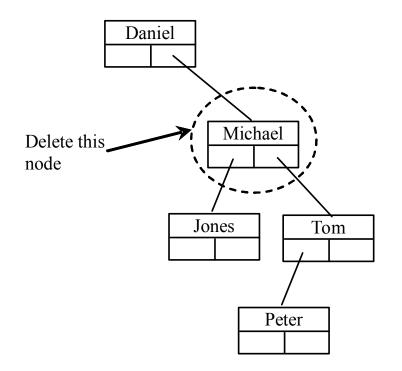


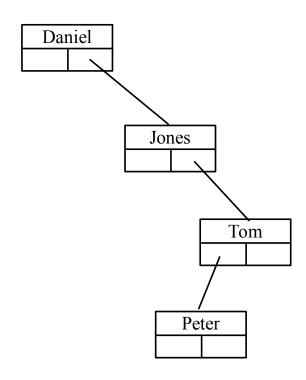
Examples





Examples





```
public class TestBSTDelete {
  public static void main(String[] args) {
    BST<String> tree = new BST<String>();
   tree.insert("George");
   tree.insert("Michael");
   tree.insert("Tom");
   tree.insert("Adam");
   tree.insert("Jones");
   tree.insert("Peter");
   tree.insert("Daniel");
   printTree(tree);
   System.out.println("\nAfter delete George:");
   tree.delete("George");
   printTree(tree);
   System.out.println("\nAfter delete Adam:");
   tree.delete("Adam");
   printTree(tree);
   System.out.println("\nAfter delete Michael:");
   tree.delete("Michael");
    printTree(tree);
  public static void printTree(BST tree) {
    // Traverse tree
    System.out.print("Inorder (sorted): ");
   tree.inorder();
    System.out.print("\nPostorder: ");
    tree.postorder();
    System.out.print("\nPreorder: ");
   tree.preorder();
    System.out.print("\nThe number of nodes is " + tree.getSize());
    System.out.println();
```

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