

# 6.5 Binary Search Tree Implementation and Search

## TREE:

- **Empty tree:**
  - `_root = None`
  - `List = []` for the subtrees

## BINARY SEARCH TREE:

- **Empty tree:**
  - `_root = None`
  - `_left = None`
  - `_right = None`
  - ONLY CASE WHEN **ANY** OF THE VALUES CAN BE NONE.
- **Non-empty tree:**
  - `_root` has a value `!= None`
  - `_left` and `_right` might refer to empty BUT AREN'T NONE
- `_left` and `_right` aren't set as parameters, since there is **more restriction** on where values can be located in the tree
- FOR EVERY NODE:
  - **The right children must be greater and the left children must be less**
- MAX: the rightmost node
- MIN: the leftmost node

## SEARCHING A BINARY SEARCH TREE:

- Binary search: comparing the target item with the middle of the list
- **Search algorithm:**
  - compare the item against the root
  - then search in each of the subtrees until item is found/ all subtrees have been searched

## IMPLEMENTATION:

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from __future__ import annotations
from typing import Optional, Any
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class BinarySearchTree:
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    """Binary Search Tree class.
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    This class represents a binary tree satisfying the Binary Search Tree
    property: for every node, its value is  $\geq$  all items stored in its left
    subtree, and  $\leq$  all items stored in its right subtree.
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    === Private Attributes ===
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_root: The item stored at the root of the tree, or None if the tree is empty.
_left: The left subtree, or None if the tree is empty.
_right: the right subtree, or None if the tree is empty.
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_root: Optional[Any]
_left: Optional[BinarySearchTree]
_right: Optional[BinarySearchTree]

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# === Representation Invariants ===

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# If _root is None , so are _left and _right -> REPRESENTS AN EMPTY BST
# If _root is not None, then _left and _right are BinarySearchTrees.
# (BST Property): All items in _left <= _root, All items in _right >= _root.

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def __init__(self, root: Optional[Any]) -> None:
    """Initialize a new BST containing only the given root value.
    If <root> is None, initialize an empty BST.
    """

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    if root is None:
        self._root = None
        self._left = None
        self._right = None

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    else:
        self._root = root
        self._left = BinarySearchTree(None) # Empty BST
        self._right = BinarySearchTree(None) # Empty BST

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def is_empty(self) -> bool:
    """Return whether this binary search tree is empty or not"""
    return self._root is None

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# VERSION 1

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def __contains2__(self, item: Any) -> bool:
    """Return whether <item> is in this BST."""
    if self.is_empty():
        return False # THE ITEM DOESN'T EXIST IN AN EMPTY
    else:
        if item == self._root:
            return True
        elif item < self._root:
            return self._left.__contains2__(item) # to show the recursiveness but,
            # you can also write item in self._left
        else:
            return self._right.__contains2__(item) # to show the recursiveness but,
            # you can also write item in self._right

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# VERSION 2

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def __contains__(self, item: Any) -> bool:
    """Return whether <item> in this BST"""
    if self.is_empty():
        return False
    elif item == self._root:
        return True
    elif item < self._root:
        return item in self._left
    else:
        return item in self._right

```