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Module 7: Binary Search Trees



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Binary Search Tree

- A binary search tree (BST) is a binary tree that is **sorted or ordered** according to a rule.
- ■In general, the information contained in each node is a record one part of the record is called the **key**.
- ■BST Rule: A BST is a binary tree in which, for every node x
 - the keys in all nodes in the left subtree of x are smaller than the key in x.
 - the keys in all nodes in the right subtree of x are larger than the key in x.
- Duplicate keys are generally not allowed in a BST.



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BINARY SEARCH TREE EXAMPLES

Example: Building a Binary Search Tree with names of students as keys

BINARY SEARCH TREE OPERATIONS

SEARCH FOR A GIVEN KEY

Compare target key with the value in the root. If it is equal, target found. Exit. If an empty subtree is reached, target not found. Exit. Otherwise,

if target is < value in the root, search the left subtree if target is > value in the root, search the right subtree

INSERT A VALUE INTO A BST

In order to insert a value, the search process is employed to force a failure, and the new value is inserted at the place where the search failed.

Note that the new node always becomes the leaf node in the BST.

DELETE A NODE WITH A GIVEN VALUE FROM A BST

First locate the value in the BST. Let it be found in node X.

Case 1: X is a leaf node

Simply delete X, that is, detach X from its parent.

Case 2: X has one child

Make the child of X the child of the parent of X.

Then delete X by delinking it from its parent.

Case 3: X has two children

Replace the value in X by the largest value in the left subtree of X. Let that value be found in node Y. Delete Y. This step will be either Case 1 or Case 2. Why?

BST Exercise: Starting from an empty BST, perform the following operations in sequence. Show the tree after each operation:

- a) Insert 8, 10, 5, 1, 7, 11, 20, 15, 14
- b) Delete 11
- c) Insert 6
- d) Delete 8
- e) Insert 9

BINARY SEARCH TREE CLASS

AttributesBinaryTree<T> tree; int size;

Constructors

BinarySearchTree()	Creates an empty binary search tree

Methods

Name	What it does	Header	Price (complex	tag city)
getTree	Returns the BinaryTree			
isEmpty	Checks if the tree is empty			
size	Returns the size of the binary tree			
search	Searches for a given key and returns the node with the key			
insert	Inserts a given item into the binary search tree			
delete	Delete the node with the given key			

We will also add two more methods findPredecessor and deleteHere. These are helper methods for the delete method.

IMPLEMENTATION

```
public class BinarySearchTree<T extends Comparable<T>>
        //attributes
        private BinaryTree<T> tree;
        private int size;
        //constructor
        public BinarySearchTree()
                tree = new BinaryTree<T>();
                size = 0;
        //other methods
        public BinaryTree<T> getTree()
        {
                return tree;
        public boolean isEmpty()
                return tree.isEmpty();
        public int size()
                return size;
        //Search for a given key and return the reference to that node; return null if key not found
        public BinaryTree<T> search(T key)
```

```
//insert an item into a binary search tree
public void insert(T item)
{
    //first create a new single node Binary Tree with the item
    BinaryTree<T> newNode = new BinaryTree<T>();
    newNode.setData(item);

    //if this is the first node in the binary search tree
    if (size===0){
        tree = newNode;
        size++;
        return;
    }

    //Otherwise, start at the root of the binary search tree and find the place to insert
    BinaryTree<T> t = tree;
    boolean done = false;
```

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//findPredecessor – helper method for the delete method
//returns the largest node in the left subtree of the given node
public BinaryTree<T> findPredecessor(BinaryTree<T> node)
     if (node == null)
            return null:
     BinaryTree<T> pred = node.getLeft();
     while (pred.getRight()!=null)
            pred = pred.getRight();
     return pred;
}
//deleteHere – helper method for the delete method
//deletes a given node and attaches its subtree(s) to its parent node
public void deleteHere(BinaryTree<T> deleteNode, BinaryTree<T> attach)
{
     if (deleteNode == null)
            return;
     BinaryTree<T> parent = deleteNode.getParent();
     if (parent == null)
            return;
     if (attach == null)
            if (parent.getLeft()== deleteNode)
                    parent.setLeft(null);
            else
                    parent.setRight(null);
            return;
     if (deleteNode==parent.getRight()){
            parent.detachRight();
            deleteNode.setParent(null);
            parent.attachRight(attach);
            attach.setParent(parent);
     else
            parent.detachLeft();
            deleteNode.setParent(null);
            parent.attachLeft(attach);
            attach.setParent(parent);
     deleteNode.clear();
```

```
//delete method: deletes a node with a given key
public void delete (T key)
       if (size == 0) {
              System.out.println("Can't delete. Empty tree");
              return;
       }
       BinaryTree<T> deleteNode = search(key);
       if (deleteNode == null) {
              System.out.println("Can't delete. Key not found");
               return;
       }
       BinaryTree<T> hold = null;
       //Case 1: deleteNode has no children
       //Case 2: deleteNode has one child (left child)
       //Case 2: deleteNode has one child (right child)
       //Case 3: deleteNode has two children
```