Algorithms & Data Structures

Lesson 6: Binary Search Trees

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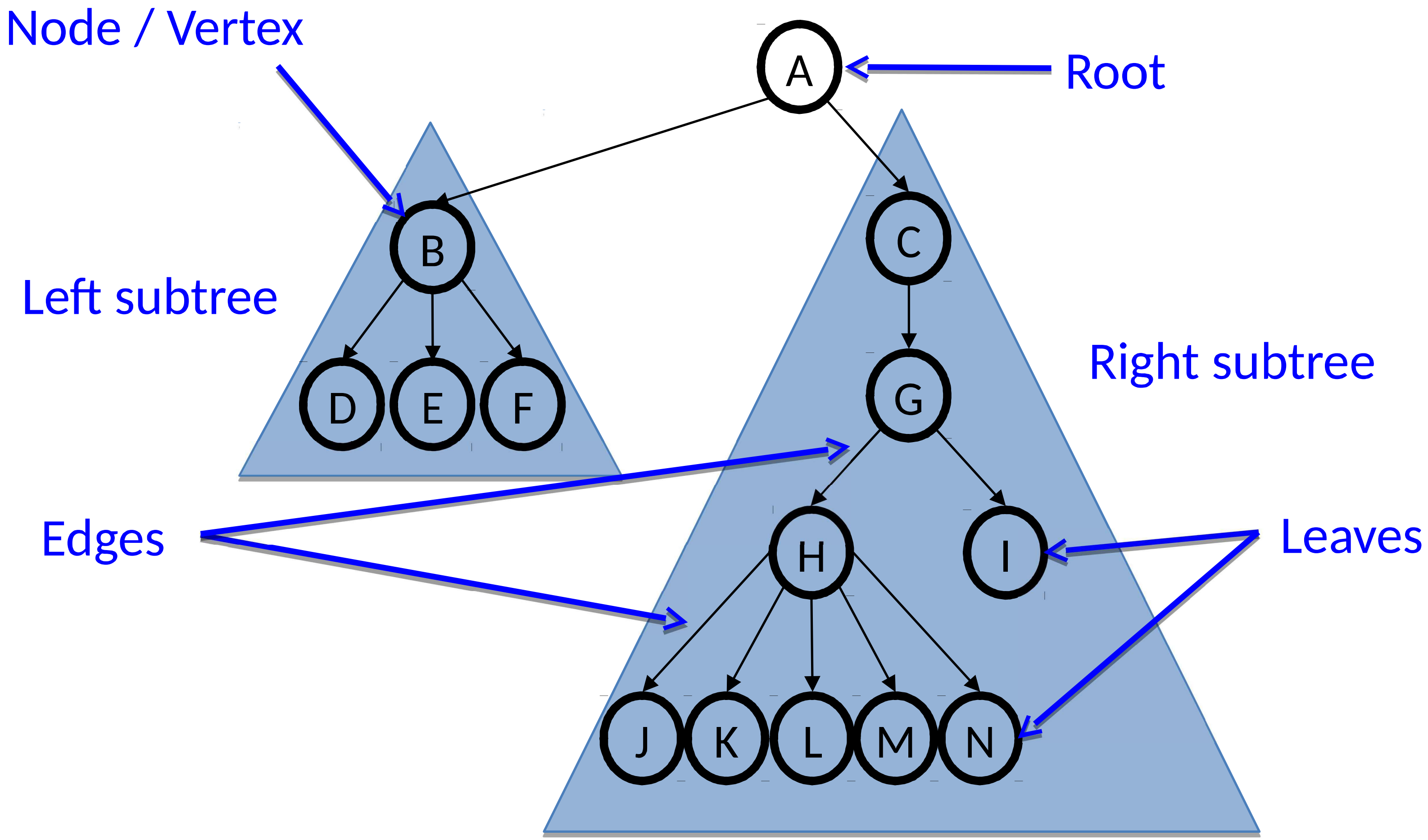
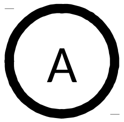
Reminder: Tree terminology



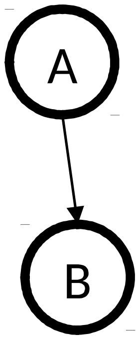
Example Tree Calculations

Recall: Height of a tree is the maximum number of edges from the root to a leaf.

What is the height of this tree?

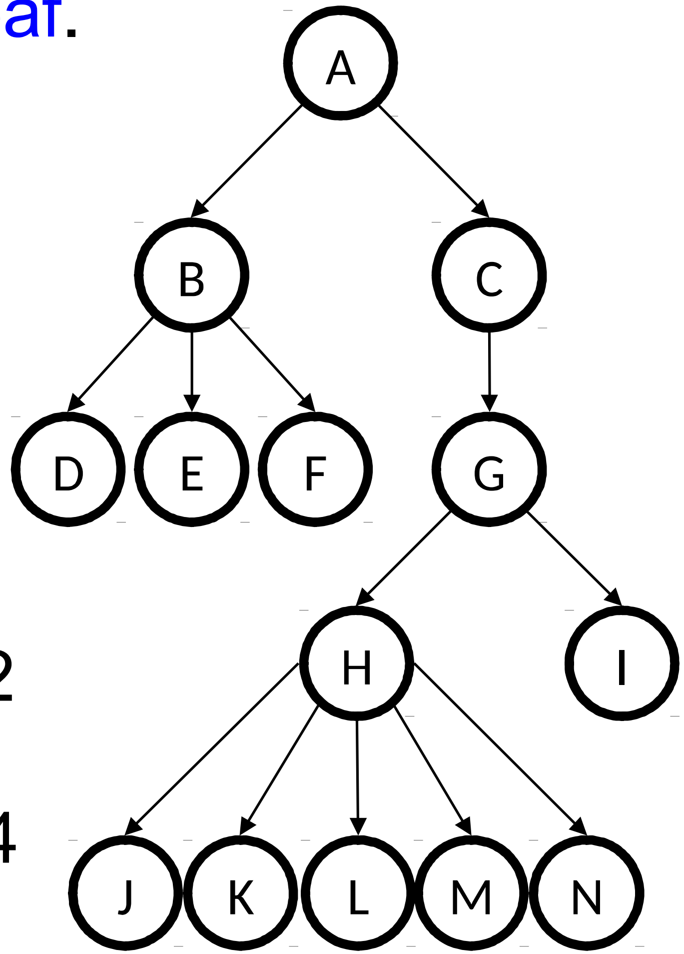


Height = 0



Height = 1

Height = 4

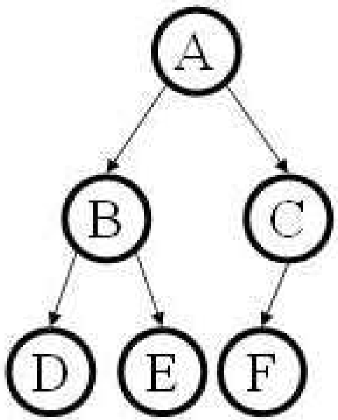


What is the depth of node G? Depth = 2

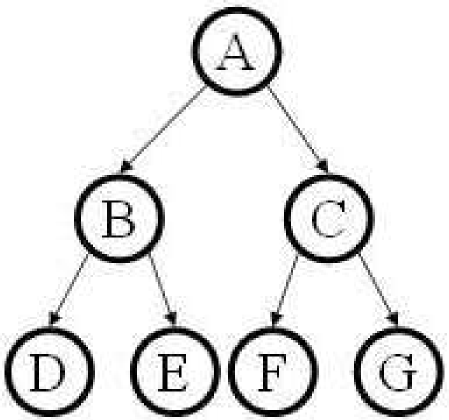
What is the depth of node L? Depth = 4

Binary Trees

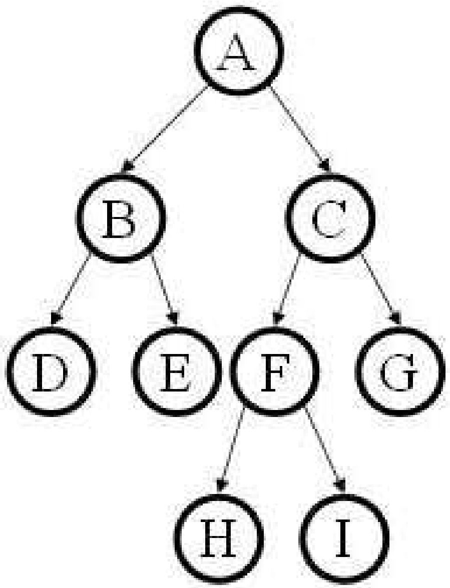
- Binary tree: Each node has at most 2 children (branching factor 2)
- Binary tree is
  - A root *(with data)*
  - A left subtree *(may be empty)*
  - A right subtree *(may be empty)*
- Special Cases



Complete Tree



Perfect Tree

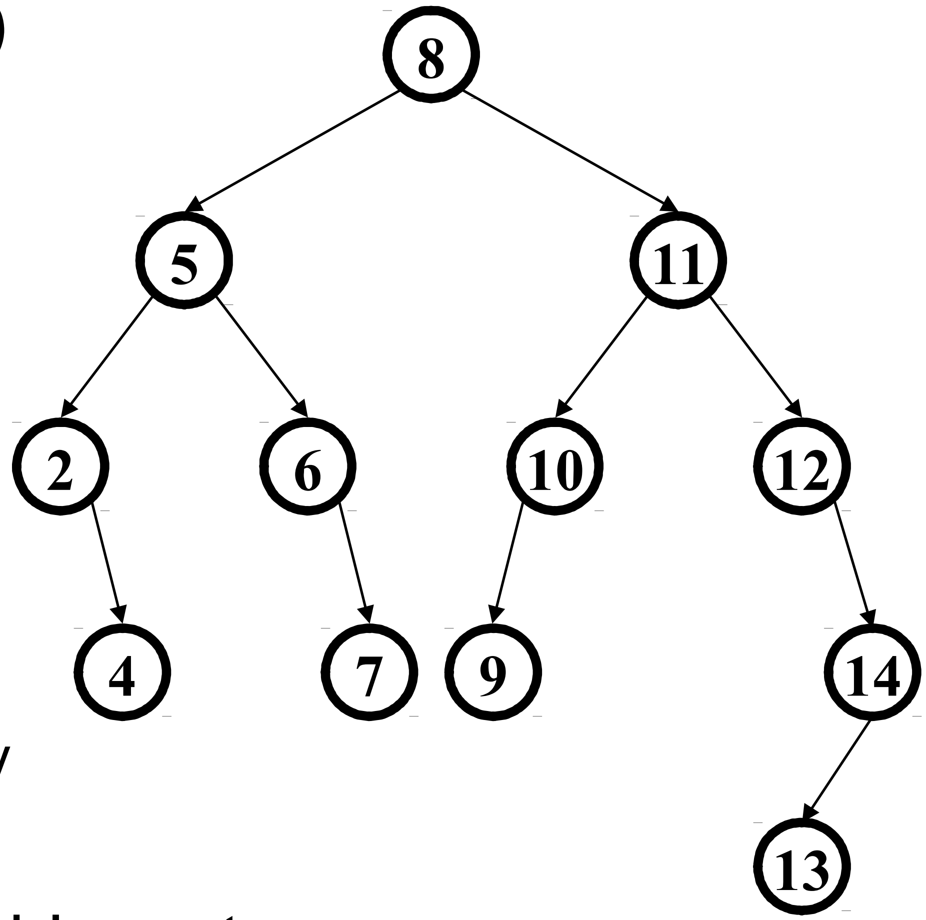


Full Tree

Binary Search Tree (BST) Data Structure

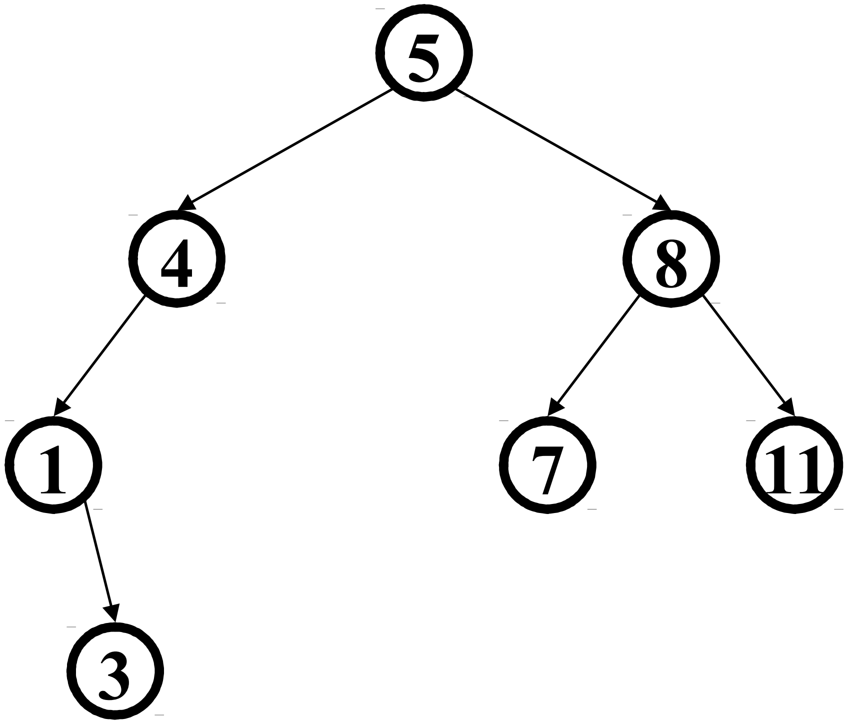
- Structure property (binary tree)
  - Each node has ≤ 2 children
  - Result: keeps operations simple

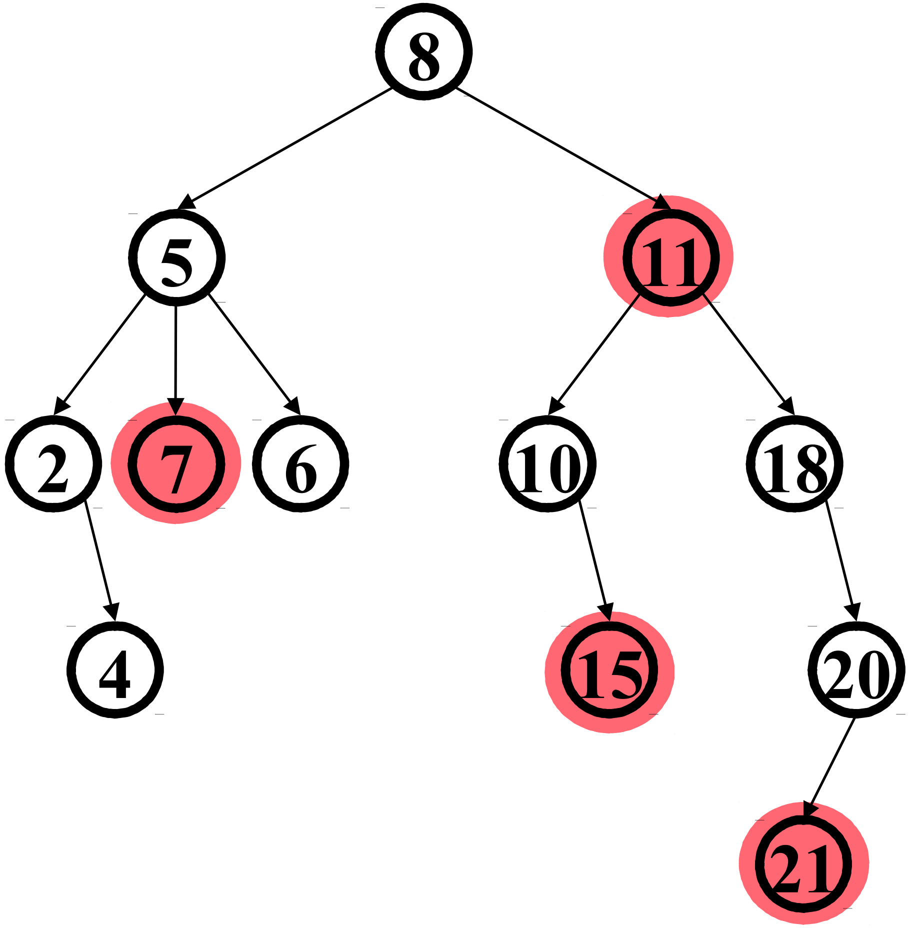
- Order property
  - All keys in left subtree smaller than node's key
  - All keys in right subtree larger than node's key
  - Result: easy to find any given key



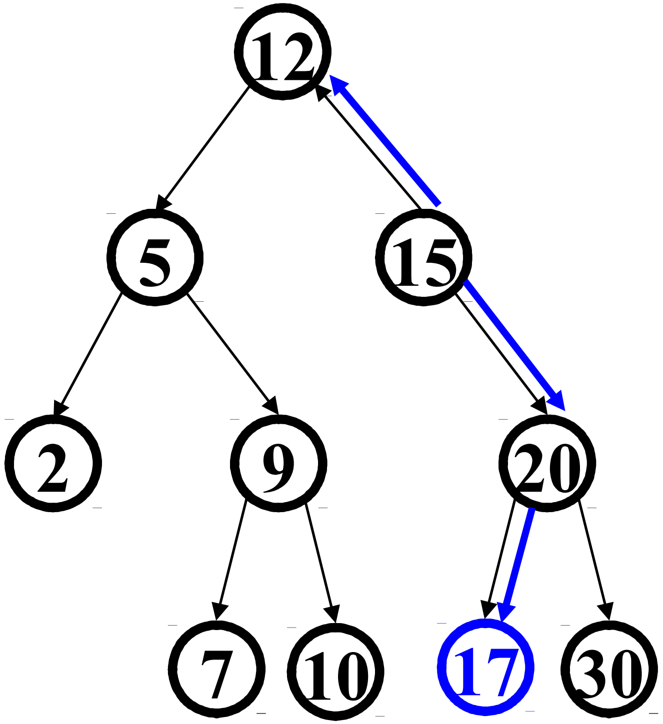
A binary search tree is a type of binary tree
(but not all binary trees are binary search trees!)

Are these BSTs?





Find in BST, Recursive

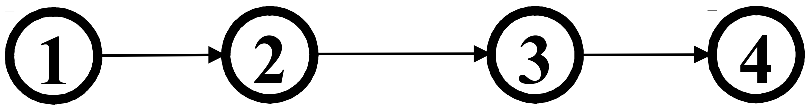



```
Data find(Key key, Node root){
 if(root == null)
   return null;
 if(key < root.key)
   return find(key,root.left);
 if(key > root.key)
   return find(key,root.right);
 return root.data;
}
```

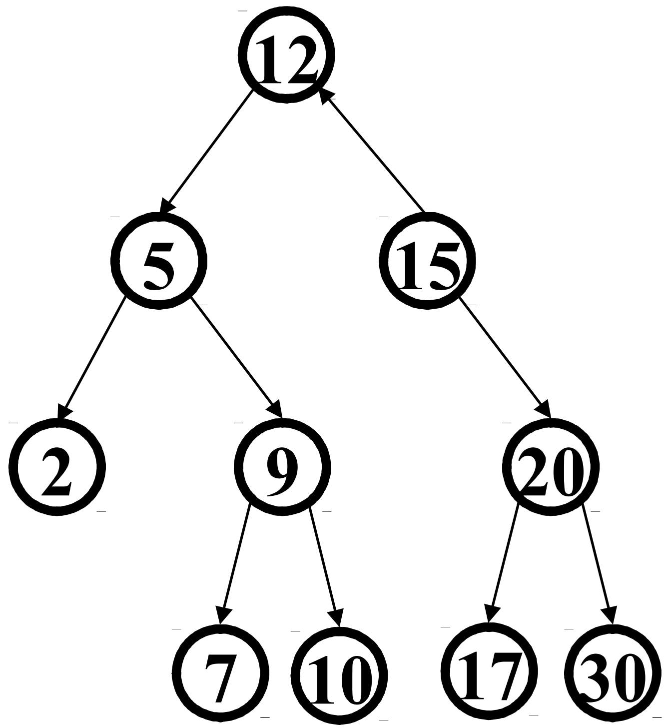
What is the running time?

Worst case running time is O(h)

O(n) happens if the tree is very lopsided (e.g. list)



Find in BST, Iterative




```
Data find(Key key, Node root){
 while(root != null
        && root.key != key) {
  if(key < root.key)
    root = root.left;
  else(key > root.key)
    root = root.right;
 }
 if(root == null)
    return null;
 return root.data;
}
```

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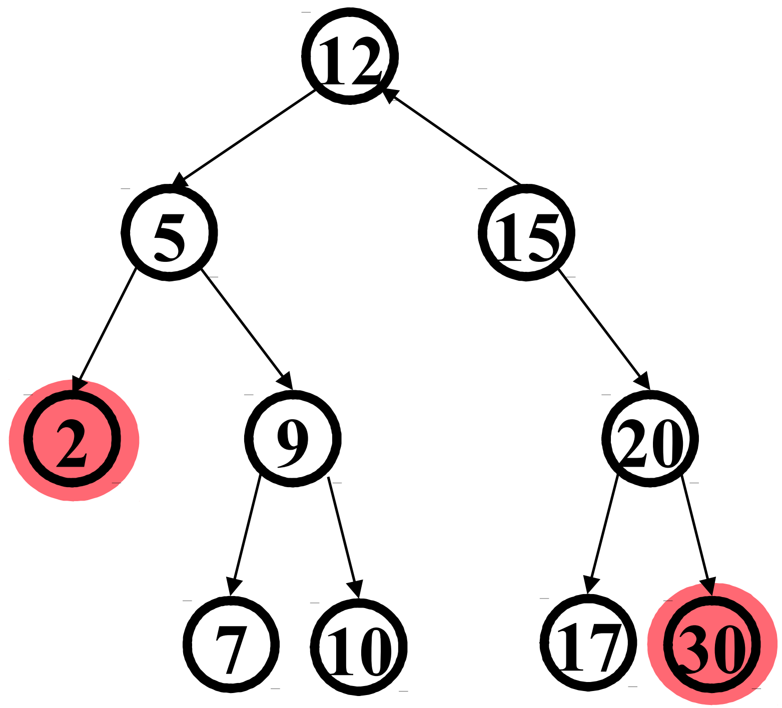
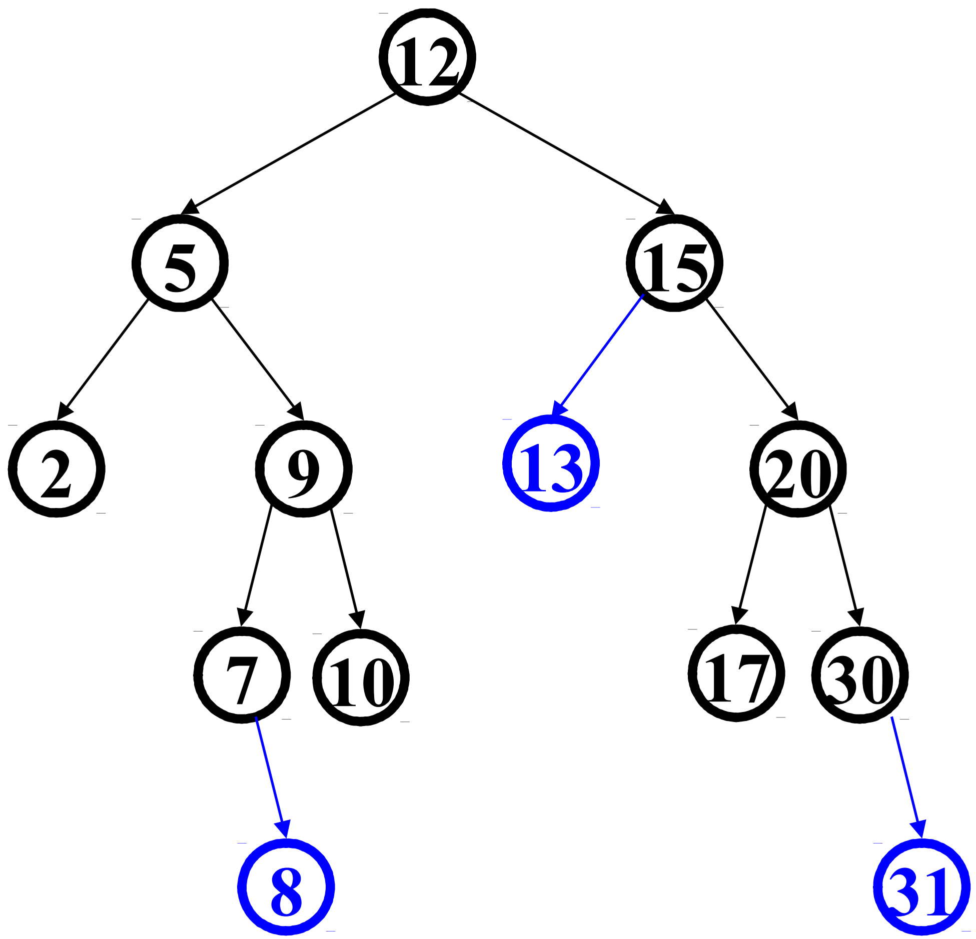
Bonus: Other BST "Finding" Operations

- **`FindMin`**: Find *minimum* node
  - Left-most node
- **`FindMax`**: Find *maximum* node
  - Right-most node



Insert in BST

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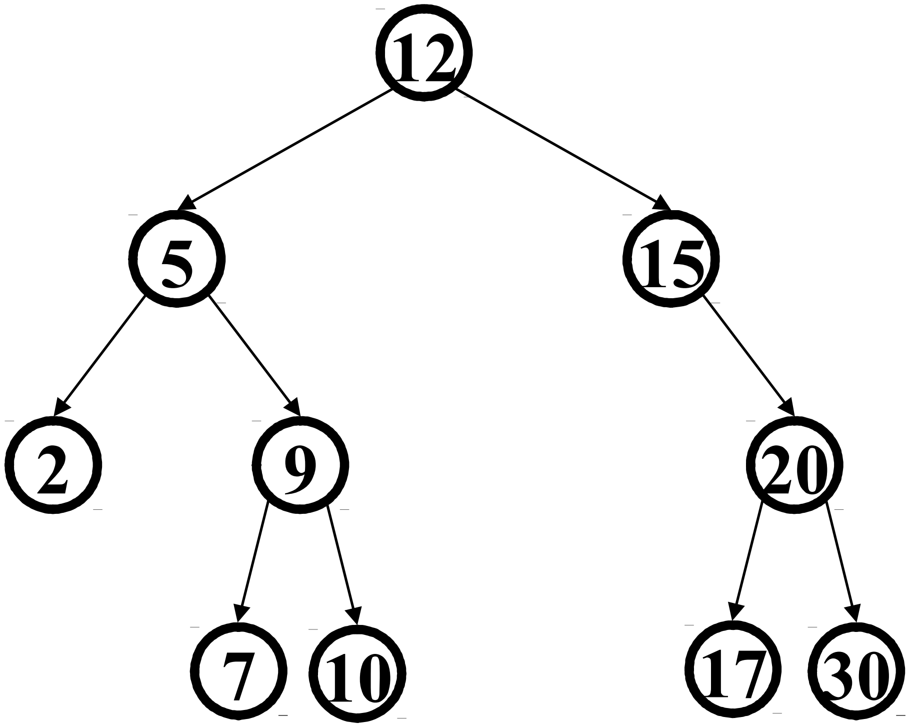
insert(13)
insert(8)
insert(31)
```

(New) insertions happen only at leaves – easy!

Again… worst case running time is O(h), which equals O(n) if the tree is not balanced.

Deletion in BST



Why might deletion be harder than insertion?

Removing an item may disrupt the tree structure!

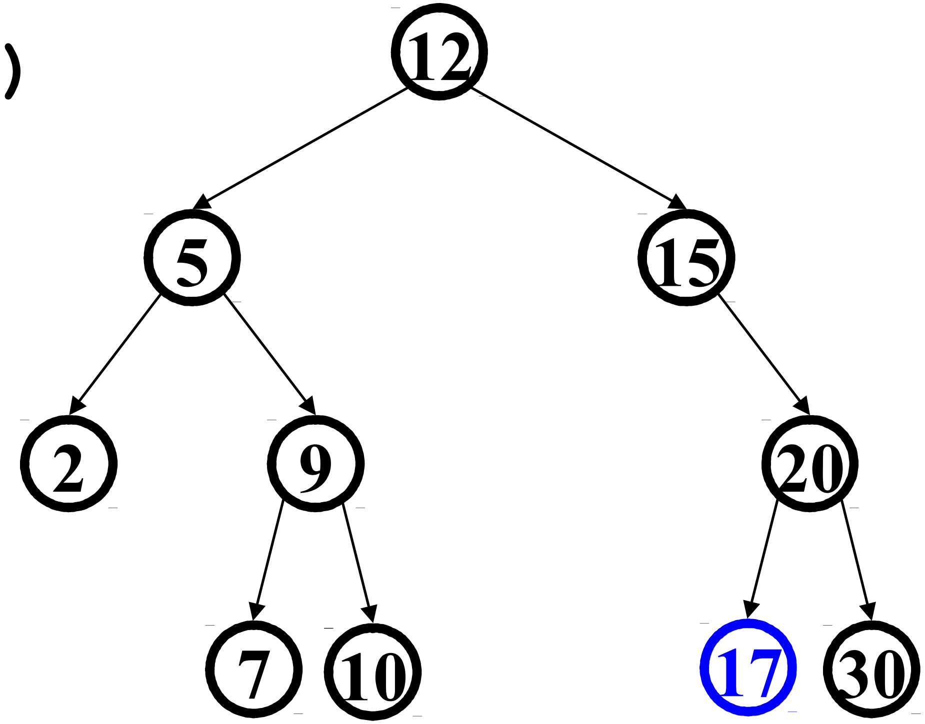
Deletion in BST

- Basic idea: **`find`** the node to be removed, then "fix" the tree so that it is still a binary search tree

- Three potential cases to fix:
  - Node has no children (leaf)
  - Node has one child
  - Node has two children

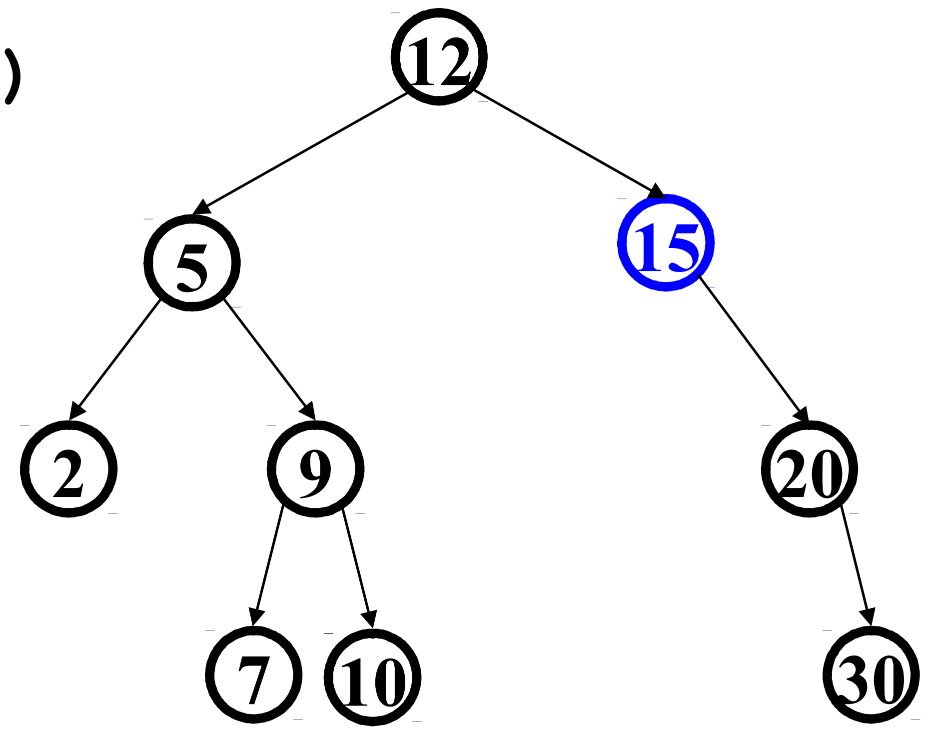
Deletion – The Leaf Case

`delete(17)`



Deletion – The One Child Case

`delete(15)`



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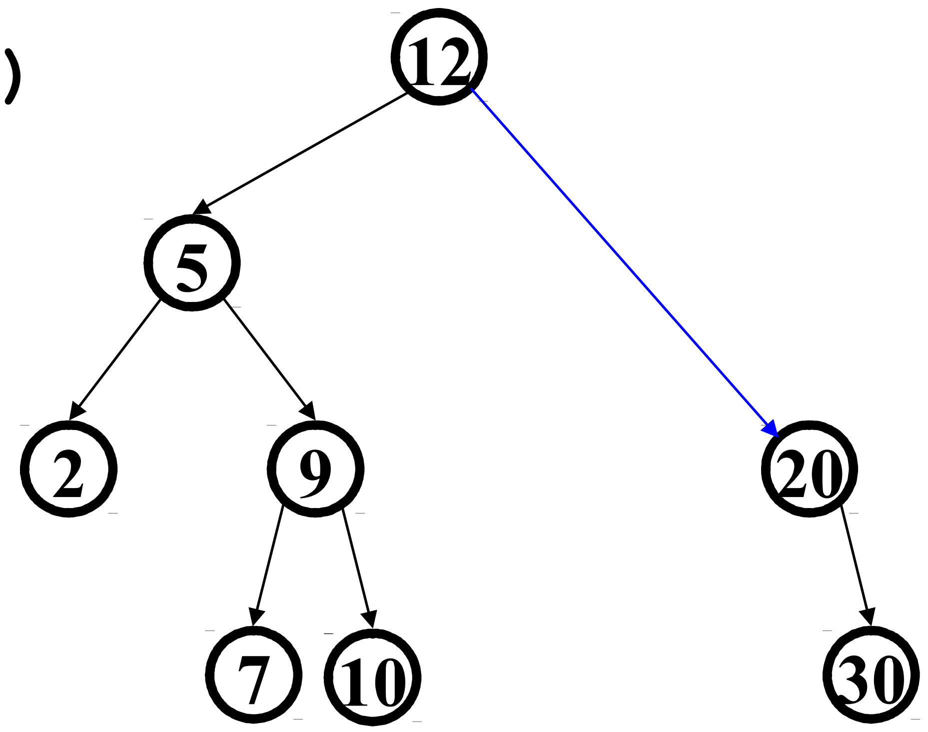
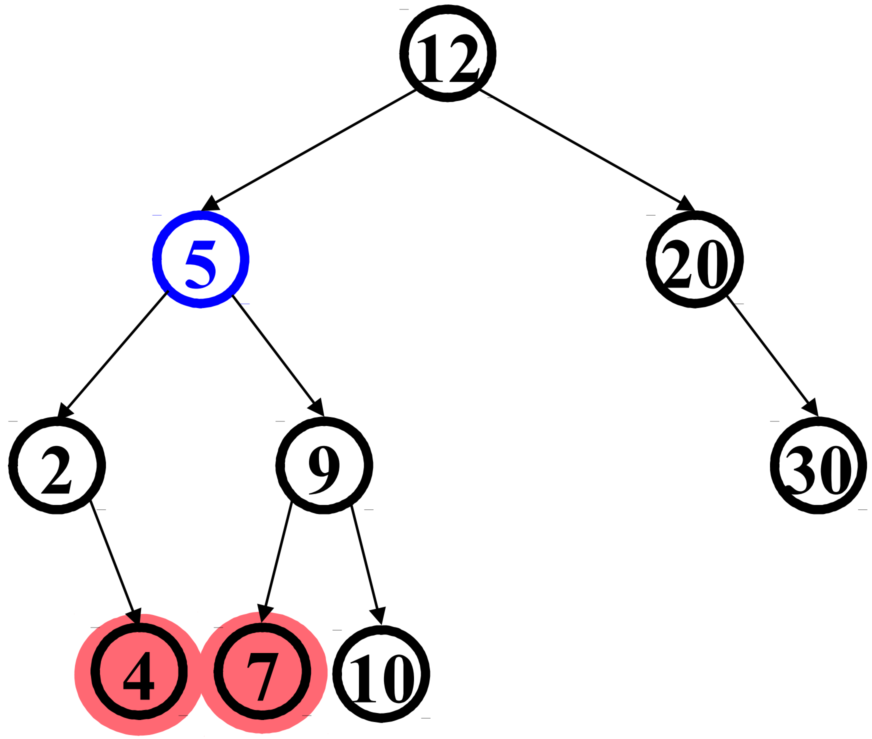


Deletion – The Two Child Case

`delete(5)`



What can we replace 5 with?

Deletion – The Two Child Case

Idea: *Replace the deleted node with a value guaranteed to be between the two child subtrees*

Options:

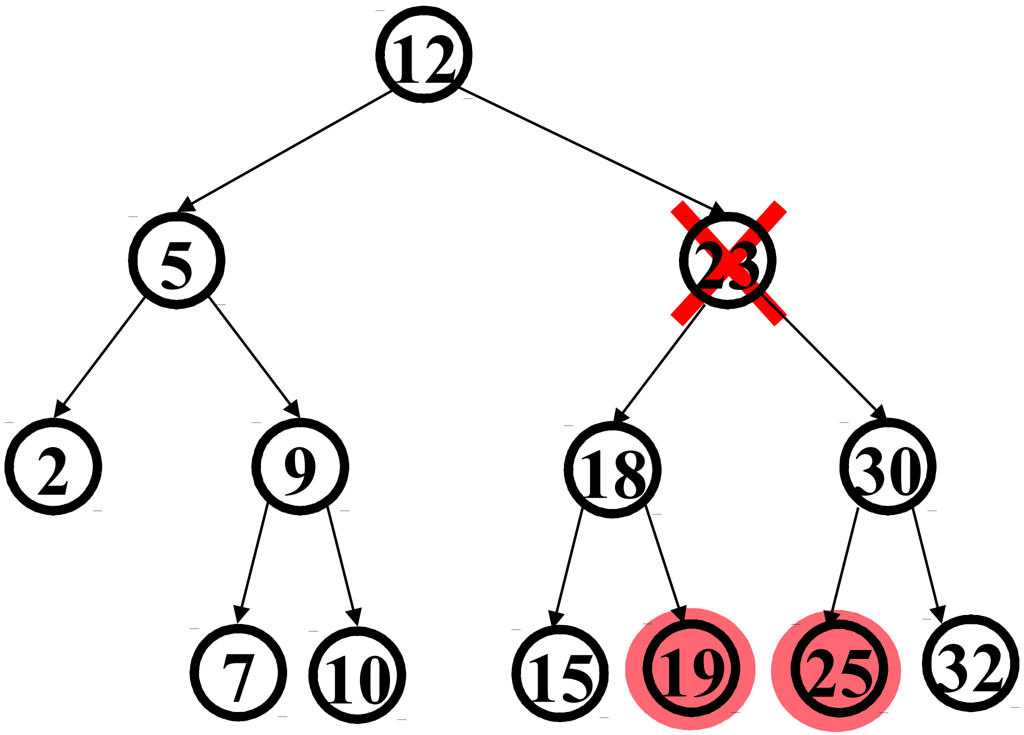
- *successor* minimum node from right subtree
  `findMin(node.right)`

- *predecessor* maximum node from left subtree
  `findMax(node.left)`

Now delete the original node containing *successor* or *predecessor*

Deletion: The Two Child Case (example)

`delete(23)`



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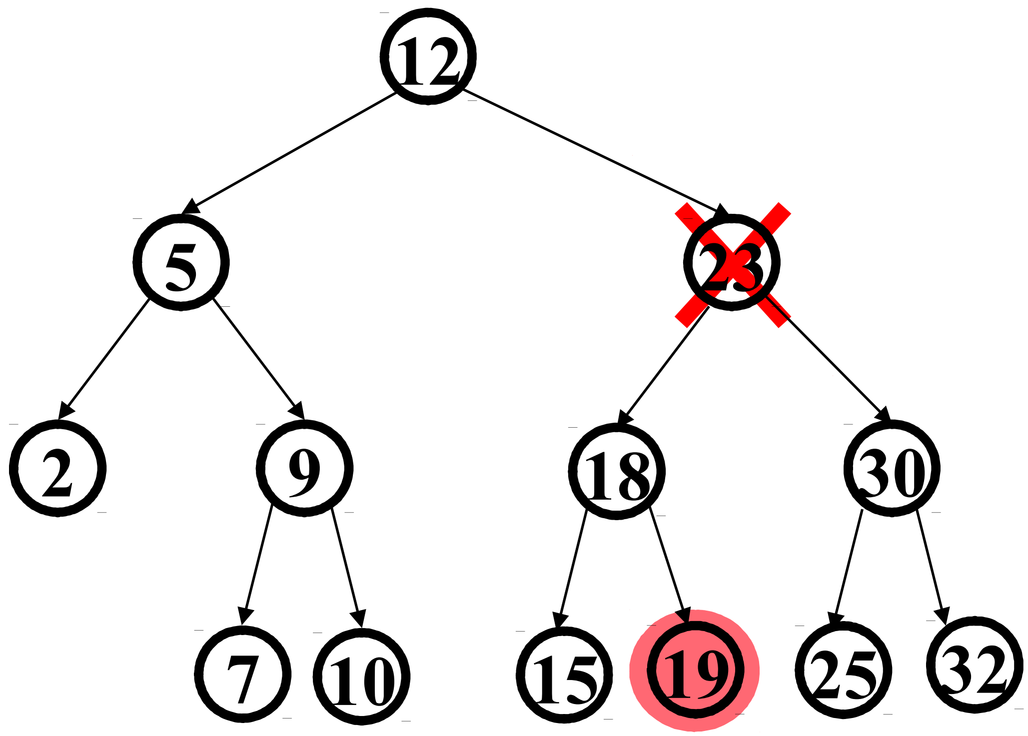

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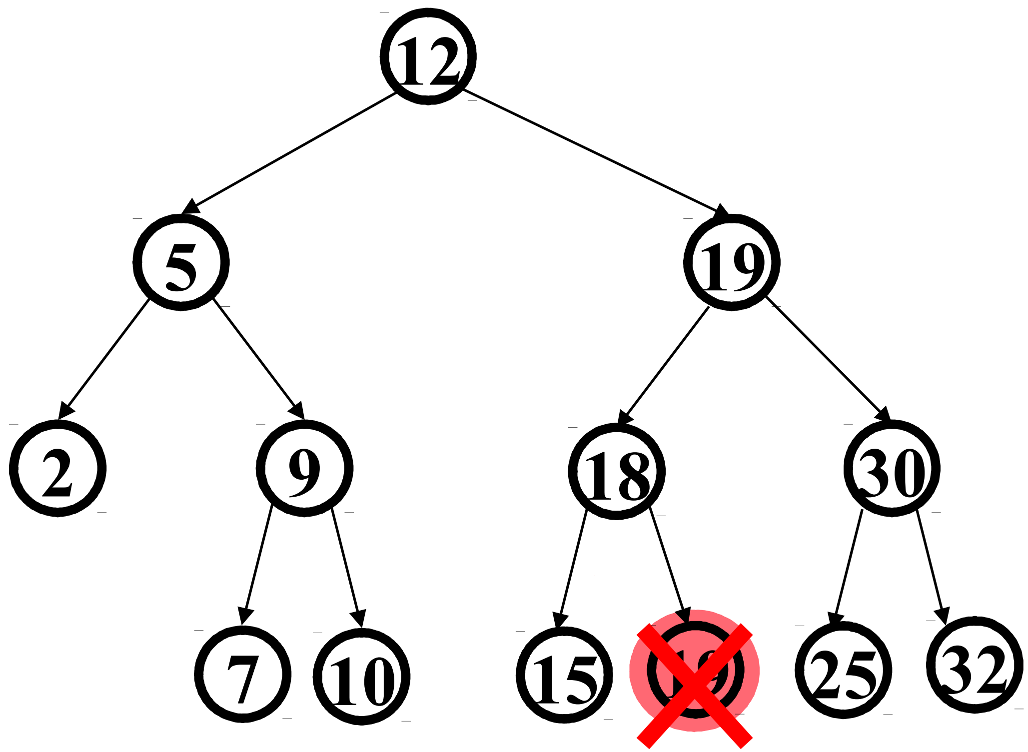

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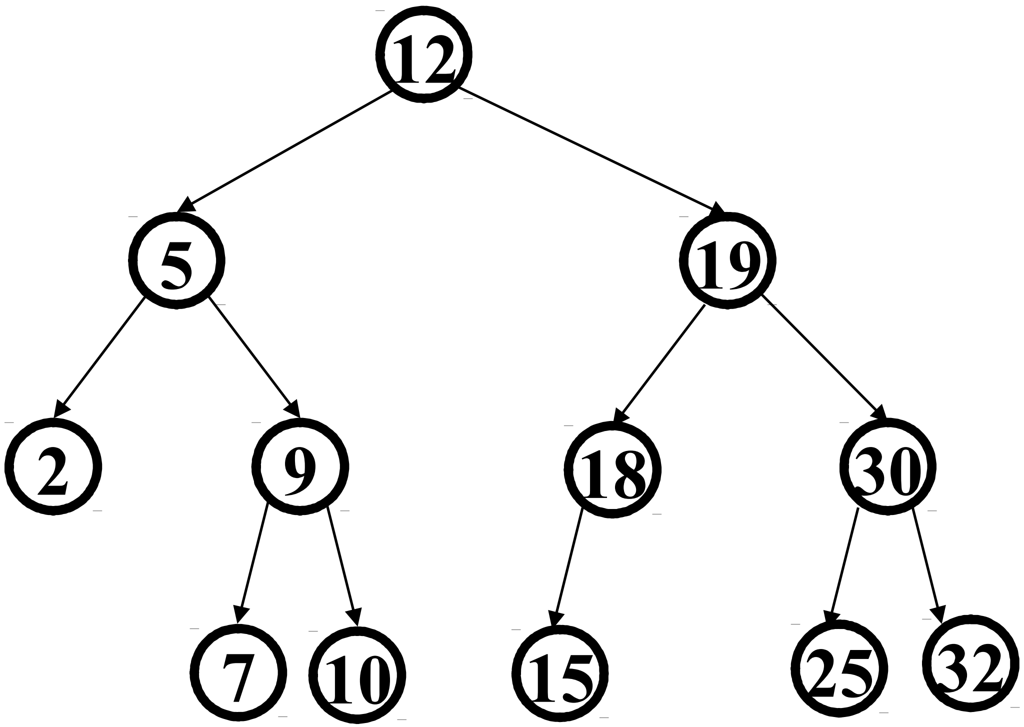


Success!!

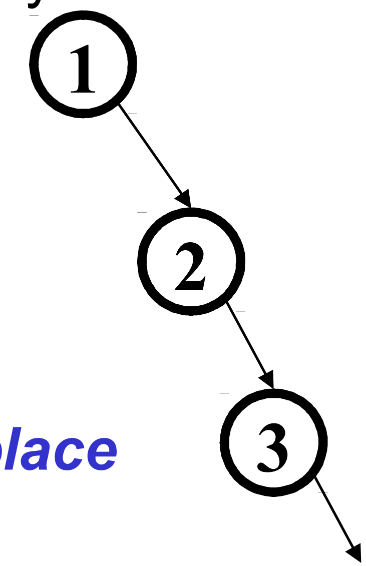
BuildTree for BST

- Let's consider **`buildTree`**
  - Insert all, starting from an empty tree

- Insert keys 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 into an empty BST
  - If inserted in given order, what is the tree?
  - What big-O runtime for this kind of sorted input?
  - Is inserting in the reverse order any better?

$O(n^2)$

Not a happy place



BuildTree for BST

- Insert keys 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 into an empty BST
- What we if could somehow re-arrange them
  - median first, then left median, right median, etc.
  - 5, 3, 7, 2, 1, 4, 8, 6, 9
  - What tree does that give us?
  - What big-O runtime?

O(n* log *n), definitely better

  - **So the order the values come in is important!**