

# Binary Search Tree Iterator

This problem is about iterating a BST in in-order traversal efficiently, using  $O(h)$  space and  $O(1)$  amortized time per operation.

## Key Insight:

- In-order traversal of BST gives elements in sorted ascending order.
- Instead of storing the entire traversal ( $O(n)$  space), we use a stack to simulate recursion:
  - Push all left children from the current node onto the stack.
  - When `next()` is called:
    - Pop from stack (smallest element not yet visited).
    - Process its right subtree (push its left children).
- `hasNext()` simply checks if the stack is non-empty.

## Algorithm:

Initialisation:

- Constructor: push all leftmost nodes starting from root.

`next()`:

1. Pop the top node (smallest).
2. Push all leftmost nodes of its right child (if exists).
3. Return the popped value.

`hasNext()`:

- Return true if stack is not empty.

## Complexity:

- Time (Amortized):  $O(1)$  per `next()` and `hasNext()`.  
(Each node is pushed/popped at most once).
- Space:  $O(h)$ , where  $h$  is tree height (stack depth).