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# CSC3100 Data Structures

## Lecture 8: Tree, binary tree, binary search tree

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# Outline

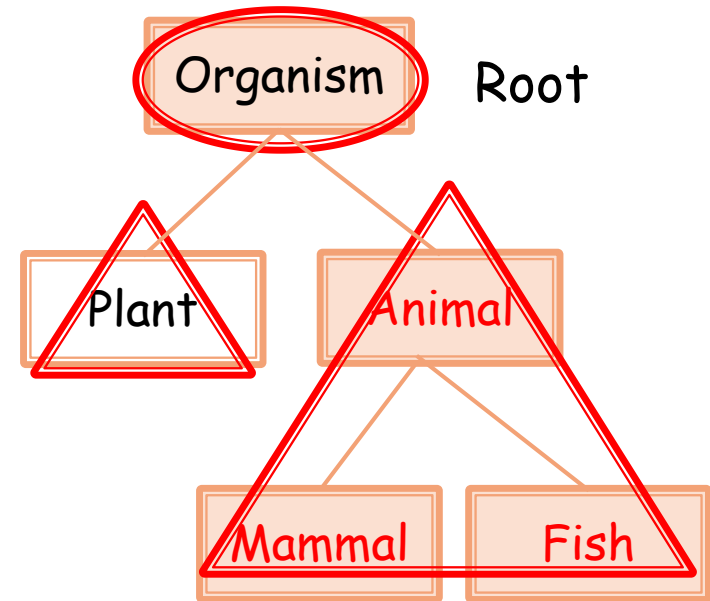
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- ▶ In this lecture, we will learn
  - Basic concept of trees
  - Binary tree
  - Binary search tree - search in  $O(\log N)$  average time



# Tree Definition

- ▶ A tree is a finite set of one or more nodes such that
  - Each node stores an element
  - There is a specially node called the *root*
  - The remaining nodes are partitioned into  $n \geq 0$  disjoint sets  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  where each of these sets is a tree
  - We call  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  the *subtrees* of the root
- A tree with  $N$  nodes has one root, and  $N-1$  edges
- Every node in the tree is the root of some subtree (recursive definition)





# Definitions

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## ▶ Parent

- Node  $A$  is the parent of node  $B$  if  $B$  is the root of the left or right sub-tree of  $A$

## ▶ Left (Right) Child

- Node  $B$  is the left (right) child of node  $A$  if  $A$  is the parent of  $B$

## ▶ Sibling

- Node  $B$  and node  $C$  are siblings if they have the same parent

## ▶ Leaf

- A node is called a leaf if it has no children



# Definitions

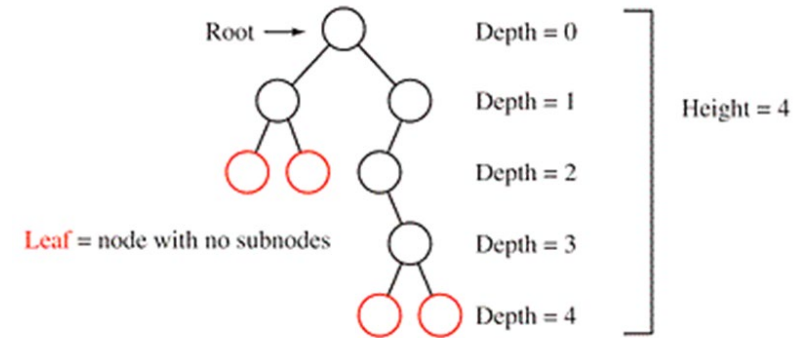
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- ▶ A path from node  $n_1$  to  $n_k$ 
  - A sequence of nodes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  such that  $n_i$  is the parent of  $n_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i < k$
  
- ▶ Length of a path
  - The length of this path is the number of edges on the path, namely  $k-1$
  - Notice that in a tree, there is exactly one path from the root to each node



# Definitions

- ▶ Depth of a node  $n_i$ 
  - is the length of the unique path from the root to  $n_i$
  - the root is at depth 0
- ▶ Height of a node  $n_i$ 
  - The height of  $n_i$  is the length of the longest path from  $n_i$  to a leaf
  - All leaves are at height 0

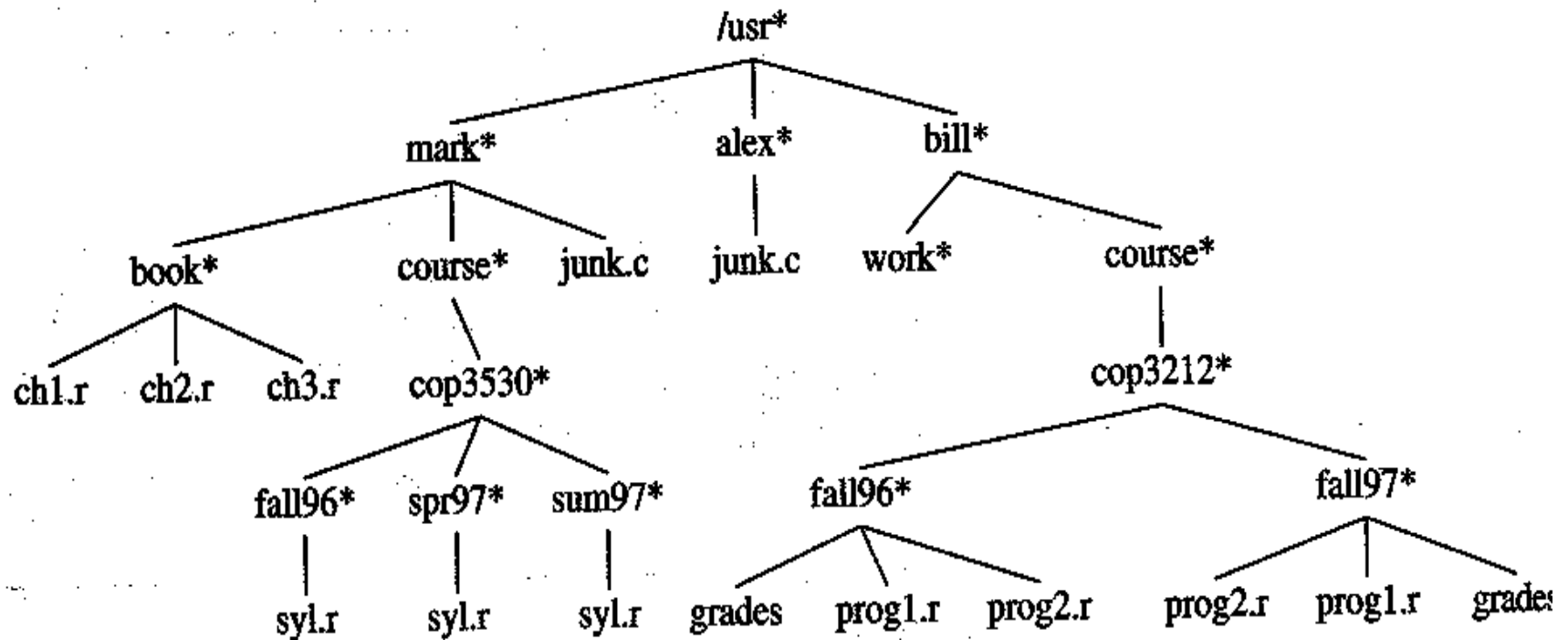


Note 1: The height of a tree is equal to the height of the root.

Note 2: The depth of a tree = the depth of the deepest leaf.



# Applications - Unix file system

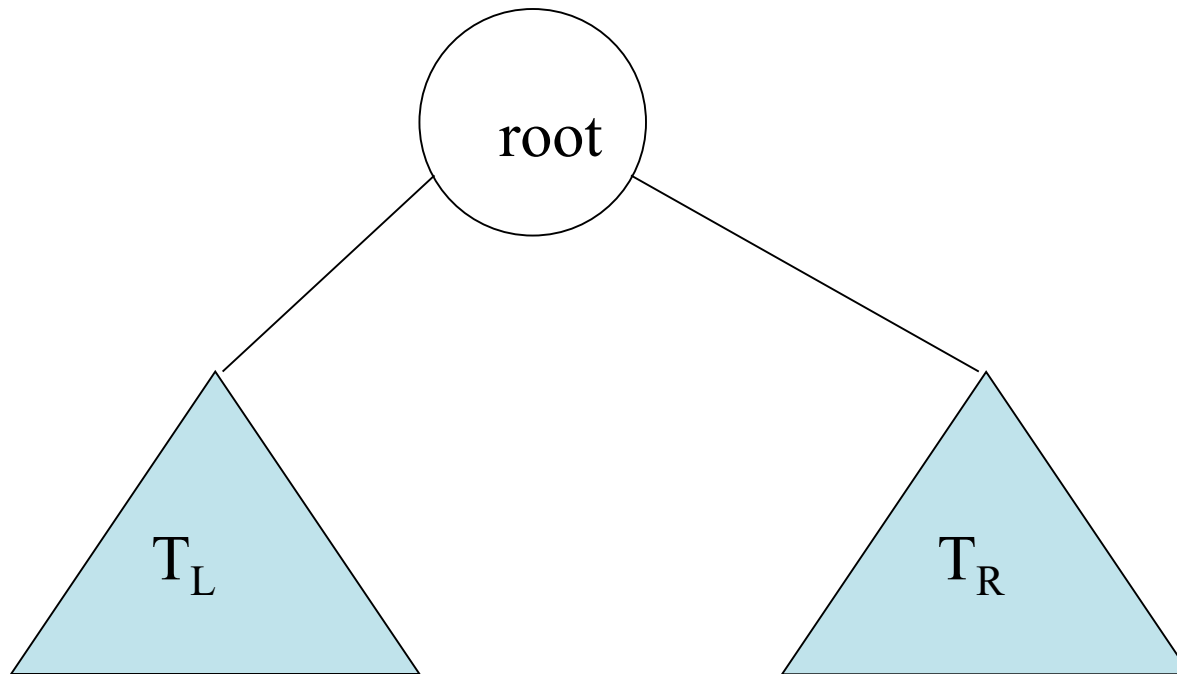




# Binary tree

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- ▶ A binary tree is a tree
  - in which no node can have more than two children (subtrees):  $T_L$  and  $T_R$ , both of which could possibly be empty







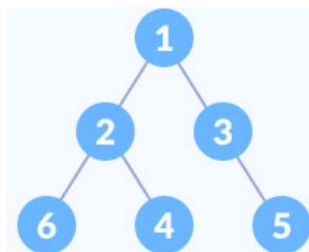
# Binary tree

## ▶ Full binary tree

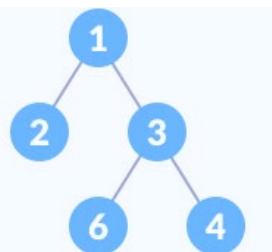
- A binary tree where all the nodes have either **two or no** children

## ▶ Complete binary tree

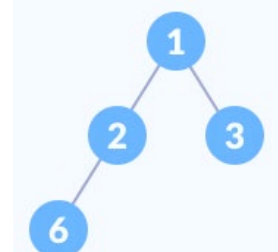
- A binary tree where **all the levels are completely filled** except possibly the lowest one, which is filled from **the left**



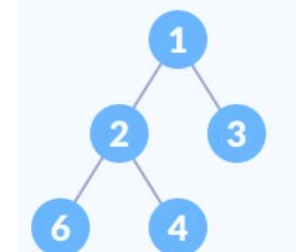
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# Binary Tree ADT

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## ► Operations:

- **Create(bintree):** creates an empty binary tree
- **Boolean IsEmpty(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return TRUE else FALSE
- **MakeBT(bintree1,element,bintree2):** return a binary tree whose left subtree is **bintree1** and right subtree is **bintree2**, and whose root node contains the data **element**
- **Lchild(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return error else return the left subtree of **bintree**
- **Rchild(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return error else return the right subtree of **bintree**
- **Data(bintree):** if **bintree** is empty return error else return the **element** data stored in the root node of **bintree**



# Binary Tree Design

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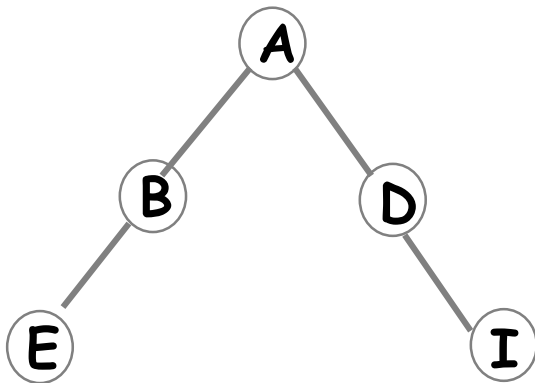
- ▶ Two solutions
  - Using pointers
    - More intuitive solution
    - We will see the pseudo-code
  - Array
    - Need more complicated design, and cannot efficiently handle all operations (thus will omit its implementations for each operation)
    - Will be used for heap, a special type of complete binary tree



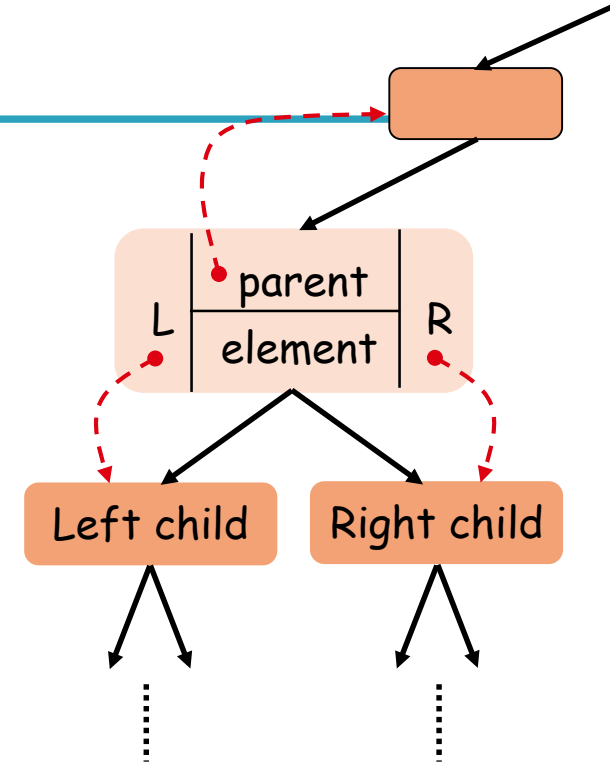
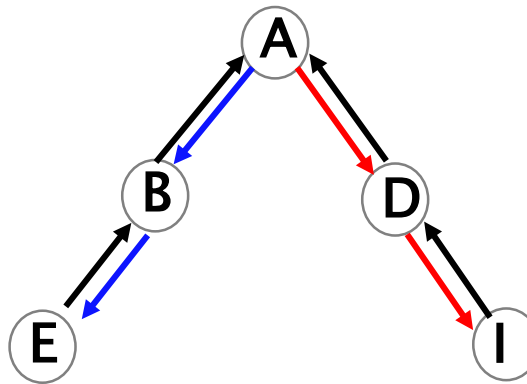
# Binary Tree Design

## ► Using pointers

- For each node **node**, we maintain
  - node.parent**: store the address its parent,
  - node.leftchild**: store the address of its left child,
  - node.rightchild**: store the address of its right child
  - node.element**: store the values



→ parent  
→ leftchild  
→ rightchild  
(Omitted links points to NULL)





# Binary Tree: Pointer Implementation

## ► Create(bintree)

Algorithm: *create(bintree)*

```
1 bintree = NULL
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## ► isEmpty(bintree)

Algorithm: *isEmpty(bintree)*

```
1 return bintree == NULL
```

## ► MakeBT(bintree1, element, bintree2)

Algorithm: *MakeBT(bintree1, element, bintree2)*

```
1 rootNode <- allocate new memory
2 rootNode.element = element
3 rootNode.parent = NULL
4 rootNode.leftchild = bintree1
5 rootNode.rightchild = bintree2
6 if bintree1 != NULL
7     bintree1.parent = rootNode
8 if bintree2 != NULL
9     bintree2.parent = rootNode
10 return rootNode
```



# Binary Tree: Pointer Implementation

## ► Lchild(bintree)

Algorithm: *Lchild(bintree)*

```
1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.leftchild
```

## ► Rchild(bintree)

Algorithm: *Lchild(bintree)*

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1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.rightchild
```

## ► Data(bintree)

Algorithm: *Data(bintree)*

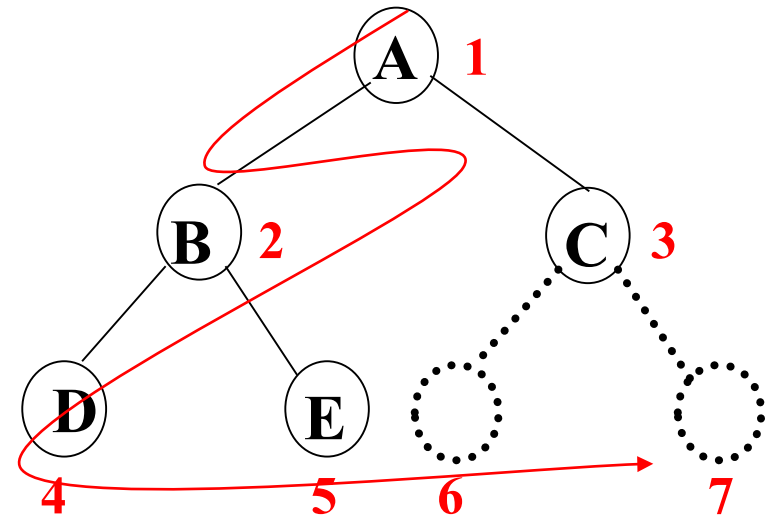
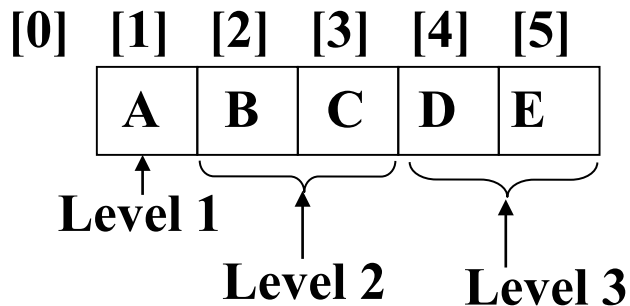
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1 if bintree == NULL
2   error "empty tree"
3 return bintree.element
```



# Binary Tree Design (ii)

## ► An array representation

- Given a complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes, for any  $i$ -th node,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,
  - parent( $i$ ) is  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$
  - leftChild( $i$ ) is at  $2i$  if  $2i \leq n$ . Otherwise,  $i$  has no left child
  - rightChild( $i$ ) is at  $2i + 1$  if  $2i + 1 \leq n$ ; otherwise,  $i$  has no right child

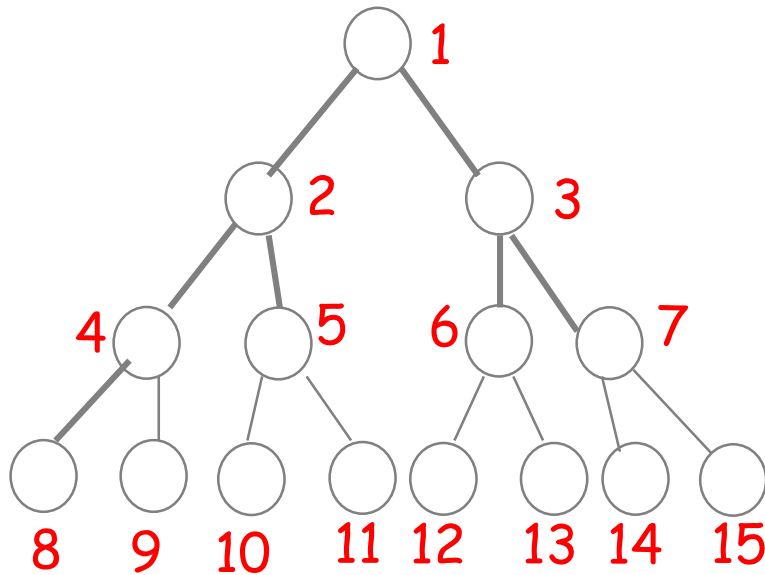




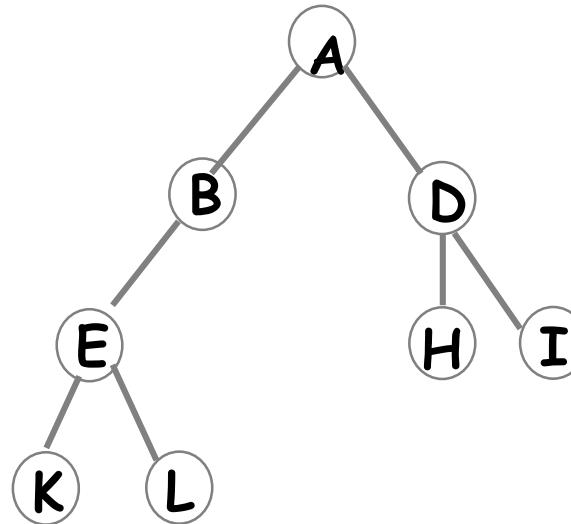
# Binary Tree Design (ii)

## ► An array representation

- Generalize to all binary trees
- Efficient for complete binary trees
- But inefficient for skewed binary trees
- Inefficient to implement the ADT



full binary tree



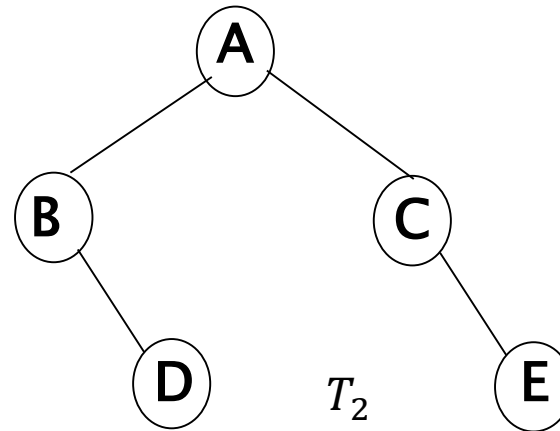
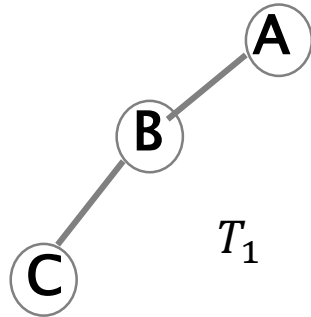
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4	E		
5		}	Level 3
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7	I		
8	K		
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# Practice

- ▶ What are the array representation of the following binary trees?
  - Show the content in the array.
  - Hint: first obtain the ID for each node



*arr*

[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]



# Traversing Strategy

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- ▶ Preorder (depth-first)
  - Visit the node
  - Traverse the left subtree in preorder
  - Traverse the right subtree in preorder
  
- ▶ Inorder
  - Traverse the left subtree in inorder
  - Visit the node
  - Traverse the right subtree in inorder
  
- ▶ Postorder
  - Traverse the left subtree in postorder
  - Traverse the right subtree in postorder
  - Visit the node



# Traversing Binary Tree

When the binary tree is empty, it is "traversed" by doing nothing, otherwise:

## preorder traversal

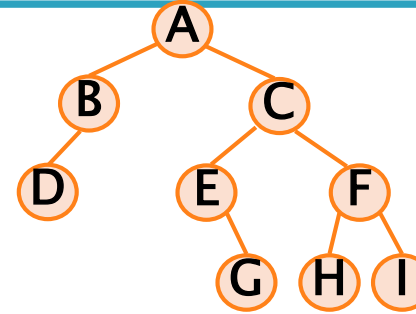
Visit the root

Traverse the left subtree

Traverse the right subtree

**A B D C E G F H I**

Example:



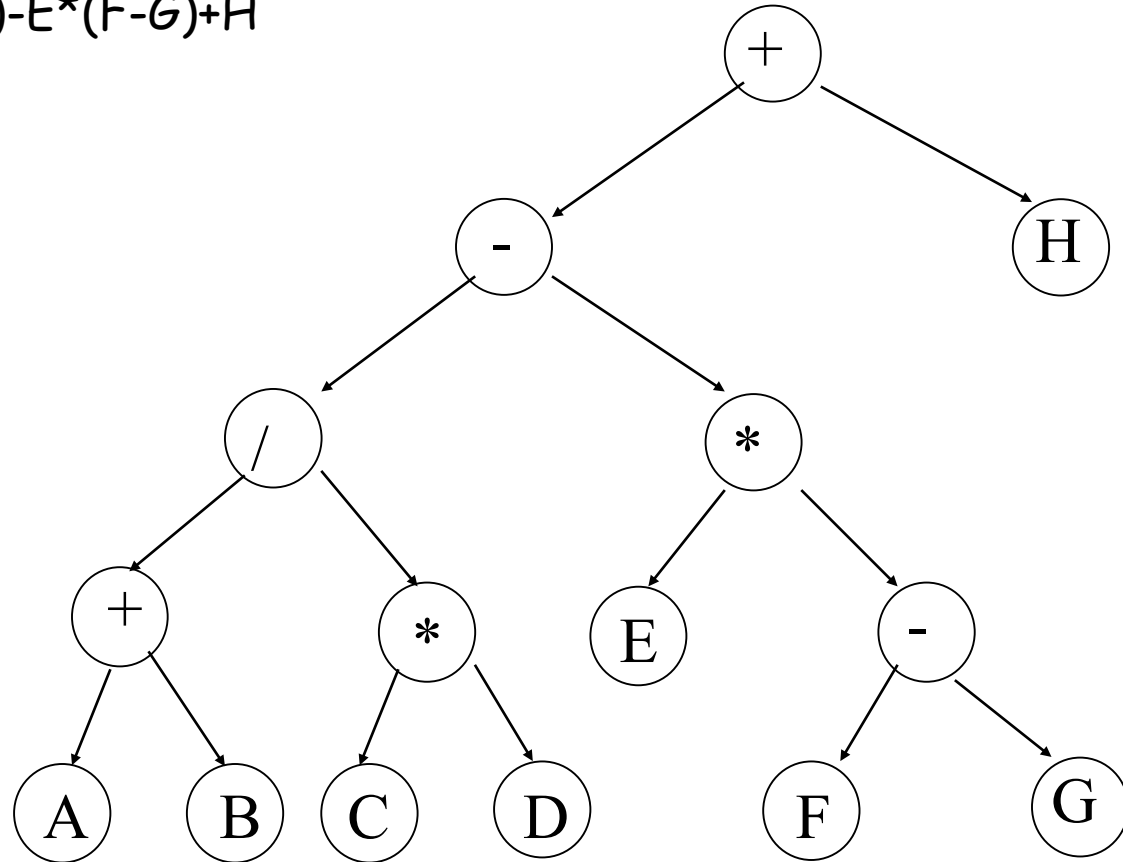
Result:

= A (A's left) (A's right)  
= A B (B's left) (B's right = NULL) (A's right)  
= A B (B's left) (A's right)  
= A B D (D's left=NULL) (D's right = NULL) (A's right)  
= A B D (A's right)  
= A B D C (C's left) (C's right)  
= A B D C E (E's left=NULL) (E's right) (C's right)  
= A B D C E (E's right) (C's right)  
= A B D C E G (G's left=NULL) (G's right = NULL) (C's right)  
= A B D C E G (C's right)  
= A B D C E G F (F's left) (F's right)  
= A B D C E G F H (H's left=NULL) (H's right = NULL) (F's right)  
= A B D C E G F H I (I's left=NULL) (I's right = NULL)  
= A B D C E G F H I



# Example

$$(A+B)/(C*D)-E*(F-G)+H$$





# Example

Preorder:

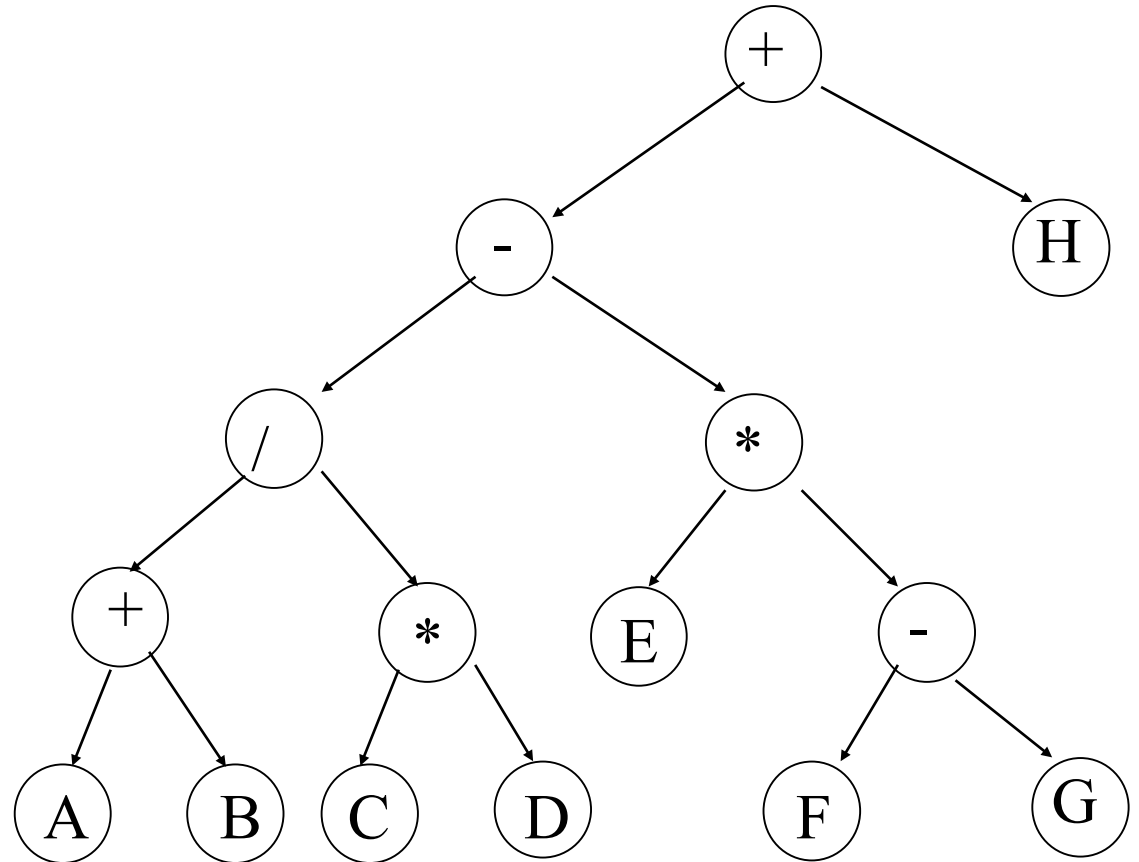
$+ - / + A B * C D * E - F G H$

Inorder :

$A + B / C * D - E * F - G + H$

Postorder:

$A B + C D * / E F G - * - H +$



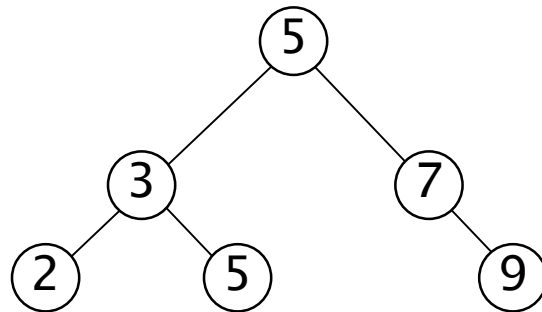


# Implementation

INORDER-TREE-WALK( $x$ )

1. **if**  $x \neq \text{NIL}$
2.     **then** INORDER-TREE-WALK ( left [ $x$ ] )
3.         print key [ $x$ ]
4.         INORDER-TREE-WALK ( right [ $x$ ] )

E.g.:



Output: 2 3 5 5 7 9

- ▶ Running time:
  - $\Theta(n)$ , where  $n$  is the size of the tree rooted at  $x$



# Traversing Binary Tree

## Reconstruction of Binary Tree from its preorder and Inorder sequences

**Example:** Given the following sequences, find the corresponding binary tree:

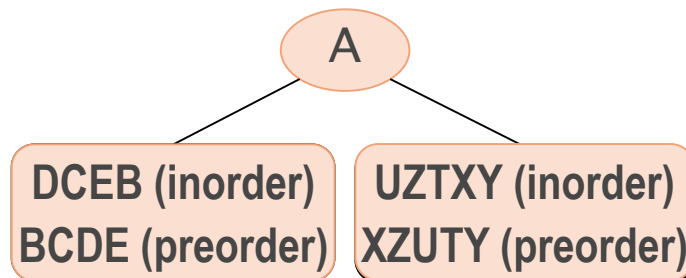
inorder : DCEBAU~~U~~ZTX~~Y~~

preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

Looking at the whole tree:

- ▶ "preorder : ABCDEXZUTY"  
==> A is the root.
- ▶ Then, "inorder : DCEBAUZTX~~Y~~"

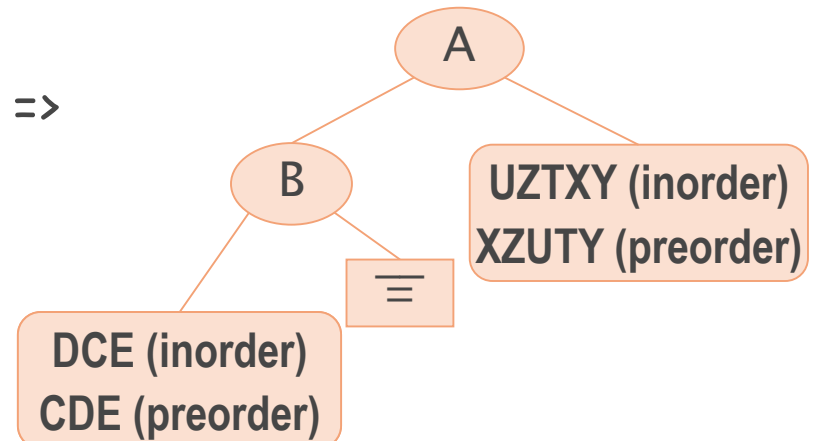
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Looking at the left subtree of A:

- "preorder : BCDE"  
==> B is the root
- Then, "inorder: DCEBB"

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# Traversing Binary Tree

## Reconstruction of Binary Tree from its preorder and Inorder sequences

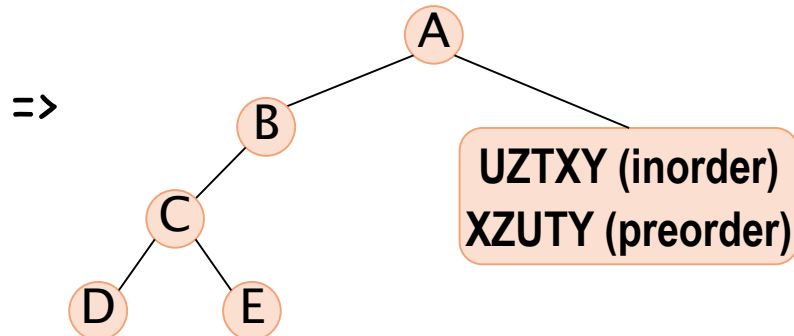
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inorder : DCEBAUZTX~~Y~~

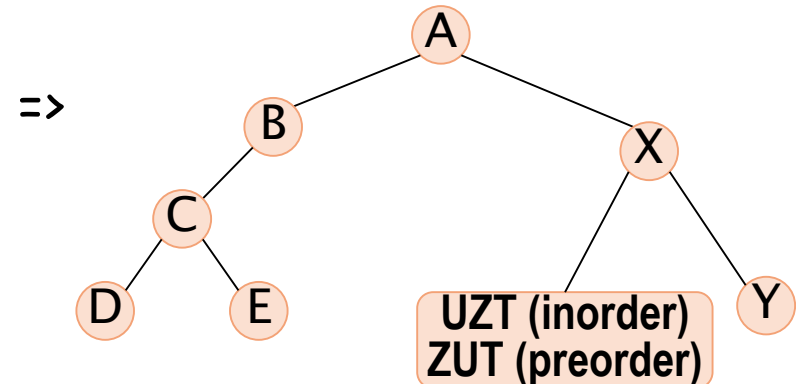
preorder : ABCDEXZUT~~Y~~

Looking at the left subtree of B:      Looking at the right subtree of A:

- "preorder : CDE"  
==> C is the root
- Then, "inorder: DCE"



- "preorder : XZUT~~Y~~"  
==> X is the root
- Then, "inorder: UZTXY"







# Traversing Binary Tree

**Reconstruction of Binary Tree from its preorder and inorder sequences**

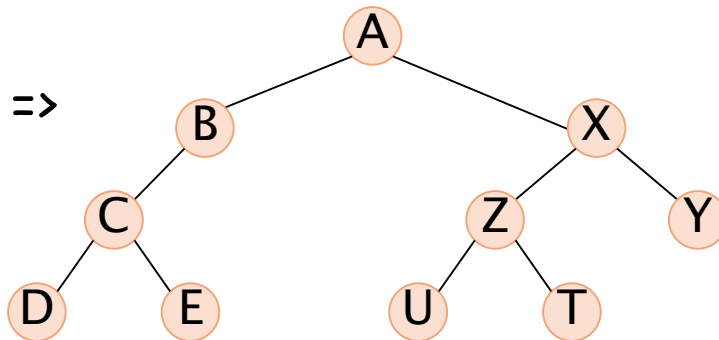
**Example:** Given the following sequences, find the corresponding binary tree:

inorder : DCEBAUZTXY

preorder : ABCDEXZUTY

**Looking at the left subtree of X:**

- "preorder : ZUT"  
==> Z is the root
- Then, "inorder: UZT"



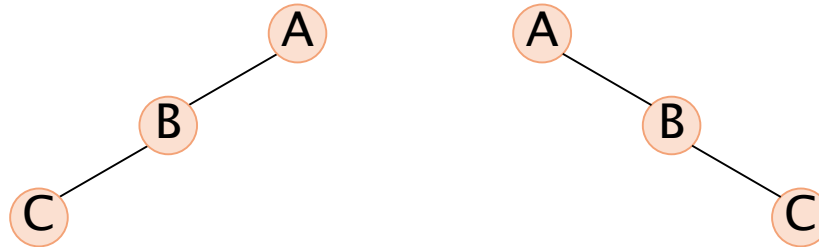


# Traversing Binary Tree

**But:** A binary tree may not be uniquely defined by its preorder and postorder sequences.

**Example:**      Preorder sequence:    **ABC**  
                         Postorder sequence:    **CBA**

We can construct 2 different binary trees:

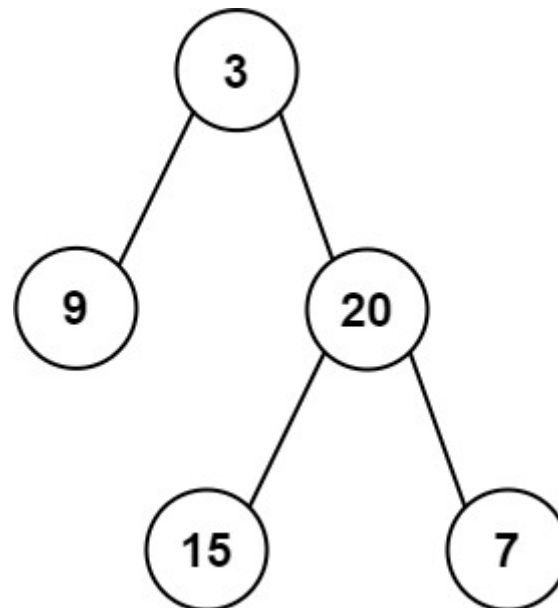




# Exercise

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- ▶ Construct a binary tree such that
  - preorder=[3,9,20,15,7]
  - inorder=[9,3,15,20,7]



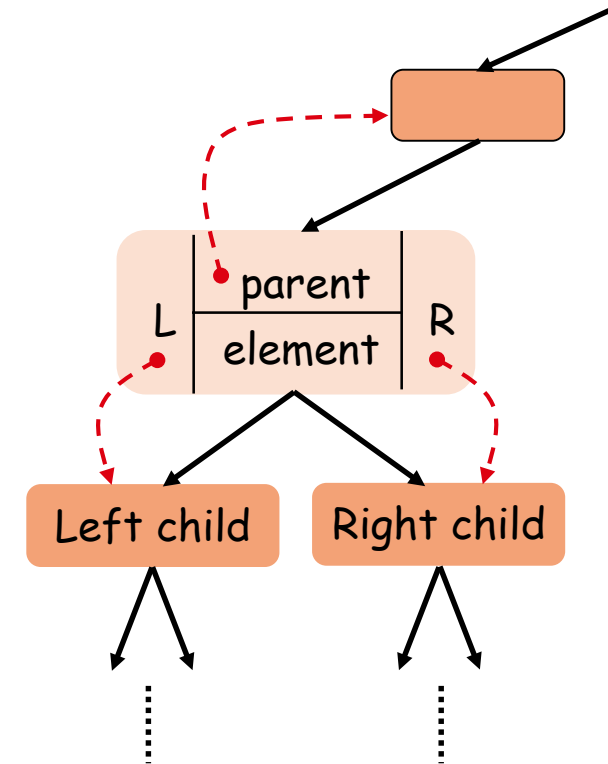
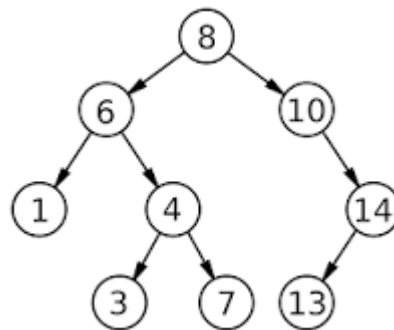
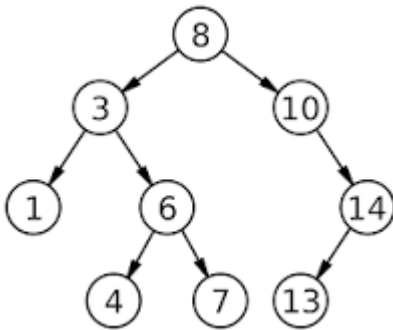


# Binary search tree (BST)



# Binary Search Tree (BST) Property

- ▶ For every node,  $T$ , in the tree
  - the key values in its left subtree are *smaller* than the key value of  $T$
  - the key values in its right subtree are *larger* than the key value of  $T$





# Binary Search Trees

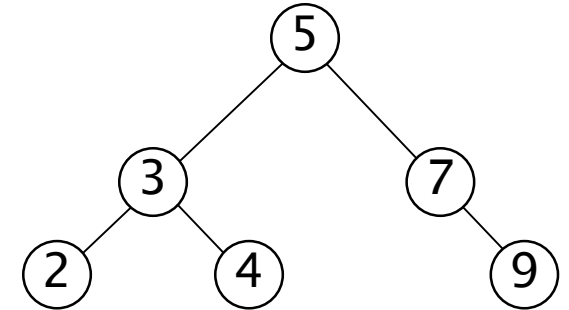
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- ▶ Support many dynamic set operations
  - find, findMin, findMax, predecessor, successor, insert, delete
- ▶ Running time of basic operations on binary search trees
  - On average:  $\Theta(\log n)$ 
    - The expected height of the tree is  $\log n$
  - In the worst case:  $\Theta(n)$ 
    - The tree is a linear chain of  $n$  nodes



# Searching for a Key

- ▶ Given a pointer to the root of a tree and a key  $k$ :
  - Return a pointer to a node with key  $k$  if one exists
  - Otherwise return NIL

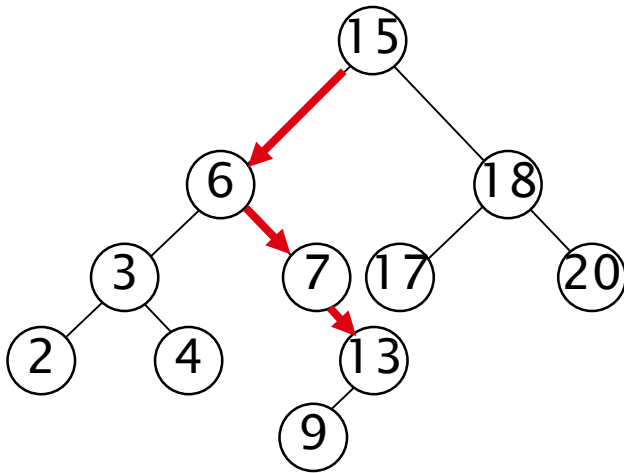


- ▶ Idea
  - Starting at the root: trace down a path by comparing  $k$  with the key of the current node:
    - If the keys are equal: we have found the key
    - If  $k < \text{key}[x]$  search in the left subtree of  $x$
    - If  $k > \text{key}[x]$  search in the right subtree of  $x$



# Example

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- ▶ Search for key 13:
  - $15 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 13$

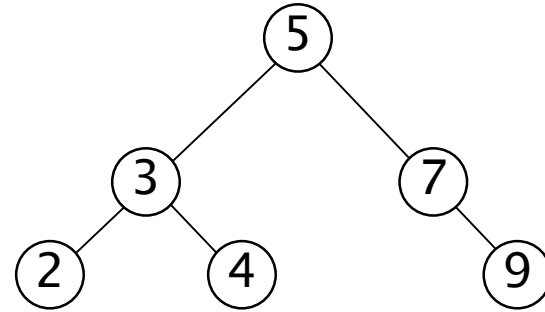




# Searching for a Key

`find(x, k)`

1. `if x = NIL or k = key [x]`
2. `then return x`
3. `if k < key [x]`
4. `then return find(left [x], k )`
5. `else return find(right [x], k )`



Running Time:  $O(h)$ ,  
h is the height of the tree

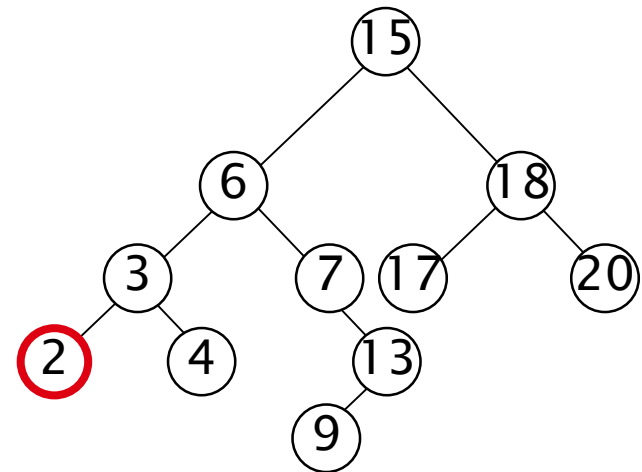


# Finding the Minimum

- ▶ Goal: find the minimum value in a BST
  - Following left child pointers from the root, until a NIL is encountered

findMin(x)

1. **while** left [x]  $\neq$  NIL
2.     **do** x  $\leftarrow$  left [x]
3. **return** x



Minimum = 2

Running time:  $O(h)$   
h is the height of tree

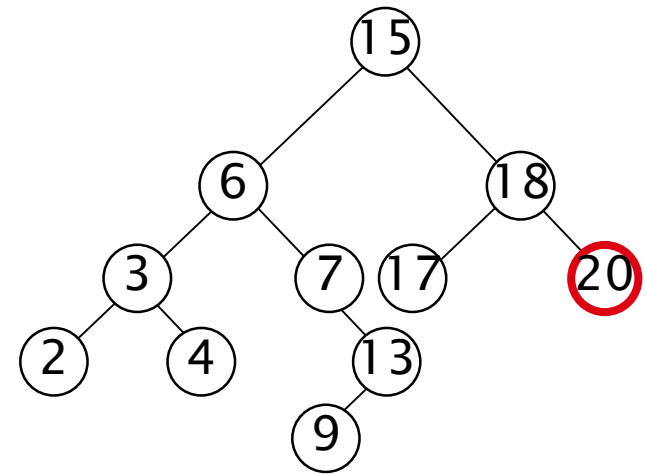


# Finding the Maximum

- ▶ Goal: find the maximum value in a BST
  - Following right child pointers from the root, until a NIL is encountered

findMax(x)

1. **while** right [x]  $\neq$  NIL
2.       **do**  $x \leftarrow$  right [x]
3. **return** x



Maximum = 20

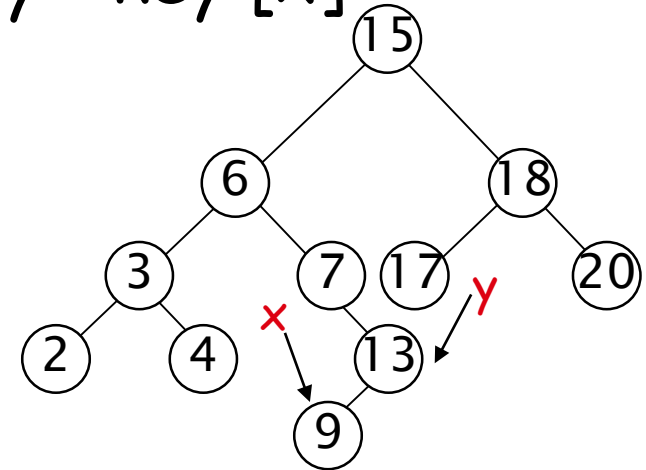
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# Successor

**Def:**  $\text{successor}(x) = y$ , such that  $\text{key}[y]$  is the smallest key  $> \text{key}[x]$

- ▶ **E.g.:**  $\text{successor}(15) = 17$   
 $\text{successor}(13) = 15$   
 $\text{successor}(9) = 13$



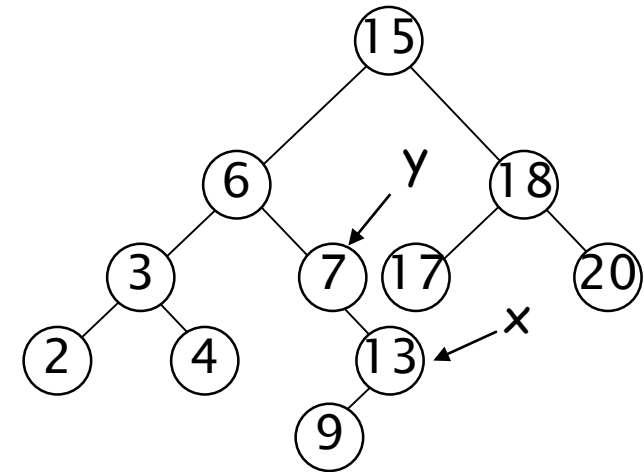
- ▶ **Case 1: right (x) is non empty**
  - $\text{successor}(x) = \text{the minimum in right}(x)$
- ▶ **Case 2: right (x) is empty**
  - go up the tree until the current node is a left child:  
 $\text{successor}(x)$  is the parent of the current node
  - if you cannot go further (and you reached the root):  
 $x$  is the largest element



# Successor

successor(x)

1. **if** right [x]  $\neq$  NIL
2.     **then return** findMin(right [x])
3.  $y \leftarrow p[x]$
4. **while**  $y \neq \text{NIL}$  and  $x = \text{right } [y]$
5.     **do**  $x \leftarrow y$
6.      $y \leftarrow p[y]$
7. **return** y



Running time:  $O(h)$

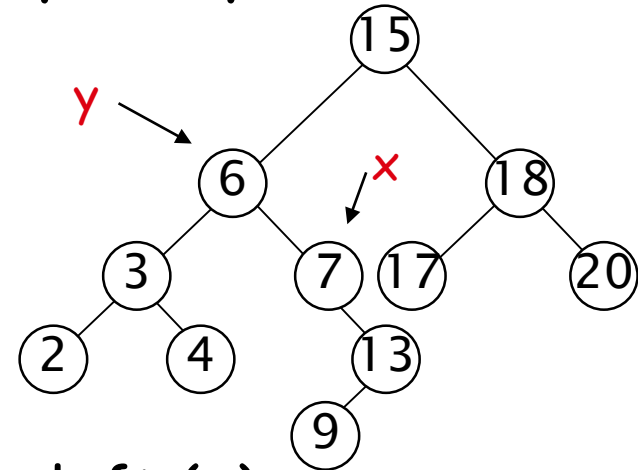
$h$  is the height of the tree



# Predecessor

**Def:** predecessor ( $x$ ) =  $y$ , such that key [ $y$ ] is the biggest key  $<$  key [ $x$ ]

- ▶ **E.g.:** predecessor (15) = 13  
predecessor (9) = 7  
predecessor (7) = 6



- ▶ **Case 1: left ( $x$ ) is non empty**
  - predecessor ( $x$ ) = the maximum in left ( $x$ )
- ▶ **Case 2: left ( $x$ ) is empty**
  - go up the tree until the current node is a right child:  
predecessor ( $x$ ) is the parent of the current node
  - if you cannot go further (and you reached the root):  
 $x$  is the smallest element