

Practice Question 1

Given a Binary Search Tree (BST) that stores country names as keys and their GDP (in billions) as values. Write the steps and pseudo-code for a method that takes the root node of the BST as input and prints the top K countries by GDP in descending order. Assume that $K=7$. The time complexity of your solution must be $O(K)$.

Solution for Practice Question 1

Steps to Solve:

- o **Perform a reverse in-order traversal of the BST. This traversal visits nodes in descending order (right, root, left).**
- o **Keep a counter to ensure exactly K nodes are processed.**
- o **Stop the traversal once K nodes have been printed.**

Pseudo-Code:

```
void printTopKCountries(TreeNode* root, int K) {  
    static int count = 0; // Counter for visited nodes  
    if (root == nullptr || count >= K)  
        return;  
  
    // Traverse the right subtree first (descending order)  
    printTopKCountries(root->right, K);  
  
    // Process the current node  
    if (count < K) {
```

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        cout << root->key << " - GDP: " << root->value << endl;

        count++;
    }

    // Traverse the left subtree
    printTopKCountries(root->left, K);
}
```

Time Complexity Analysis:

- The reverse in-order traversal will stop early once K nodes are visited, so the time complexity is $O(K)$.

Practice Question 2

Given a Binary Search Tree (BST) that stores book titles as keys and their sales (in millions) as values. Write the steps and pseudo-code for a method that takes the root node of the BST as input and prints the $K=9$ best-selling books in descending order of sales. Ensure the time complexity is $O(K)$.

Practice Question 3

Given a Binary Search Tree (BST) that stores university names as keys and their global rankings as values. Write the steps and pseudo-code for a method that takes the root node of the BST as input and prints the $K=6$ highest-ranked universities (smallest rank values) in ascending order. Ensure the time complexity is $O(K)$.