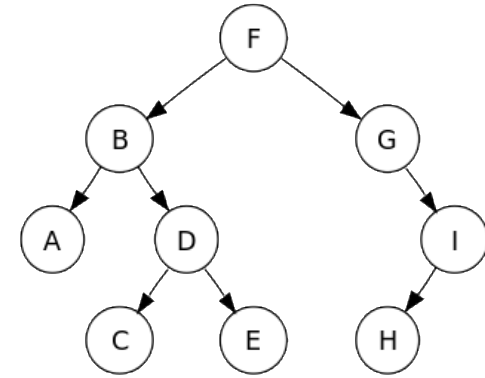


# Advanced Data Structure and Algorithm

Binary Search Trees

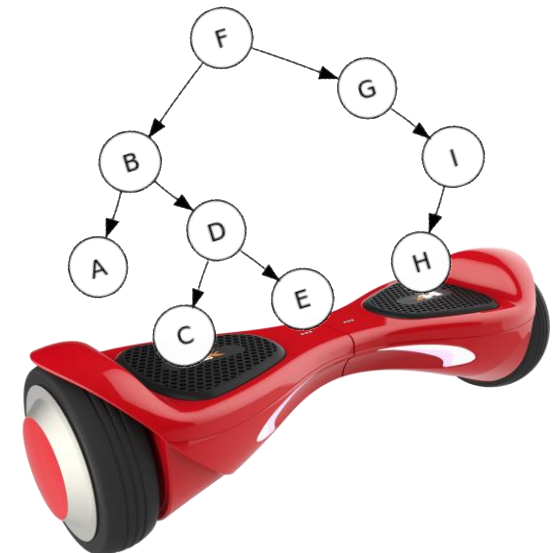
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  - They are better when they're balanced.



this will lead us to...

- Self-Balancing Binary Search Trees
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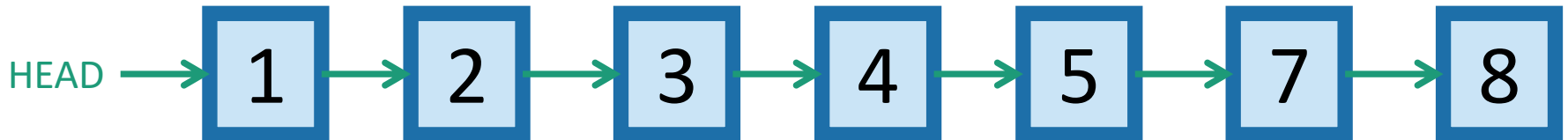
# Some data structures

for storing objects like **5** (aka, **nodes** with **keys**)

- (Sorted) arrays:



- (Sorted) linked lists:



- Some basic operations:
  - **INSERT, DELETE, SEARCH**

# Sorted Arrays



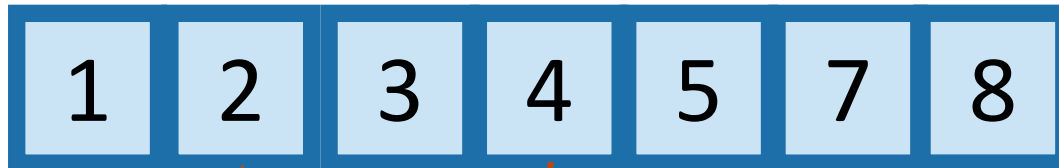
- $O(n)$  INSERT/DELETE:

- First, find the relevant element (time  $O(\log(n))$  as below), and then move a bunch elements in the array:



eg, insert 4.5

- $O(\log(n))$  SEARCH:



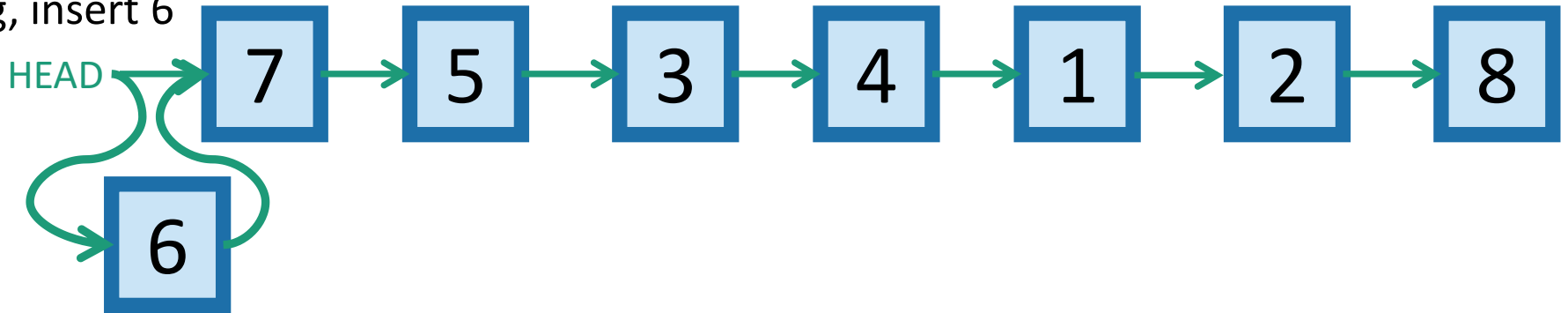
eg, Binary search to see if 3 is in A.

# UNSorted linked lists

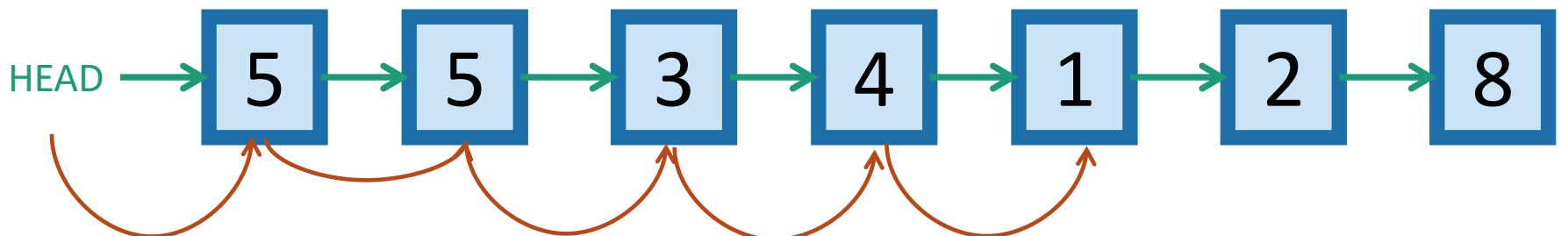


- $O(1)$  INSERT:

eg, insert 6



- $O(n)$  SEARCH/DELETE:



eg, search for 1 (and then you could delete it by manipulating pointers).

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For today all keys are distinct.

# Binary tree terminology

Each node has two **children**.

The **left child** of **3** is **2**

The **right child** of **3** is **4**

The **parent** of **3** is **5**

**2** is a **descendant** of **5**

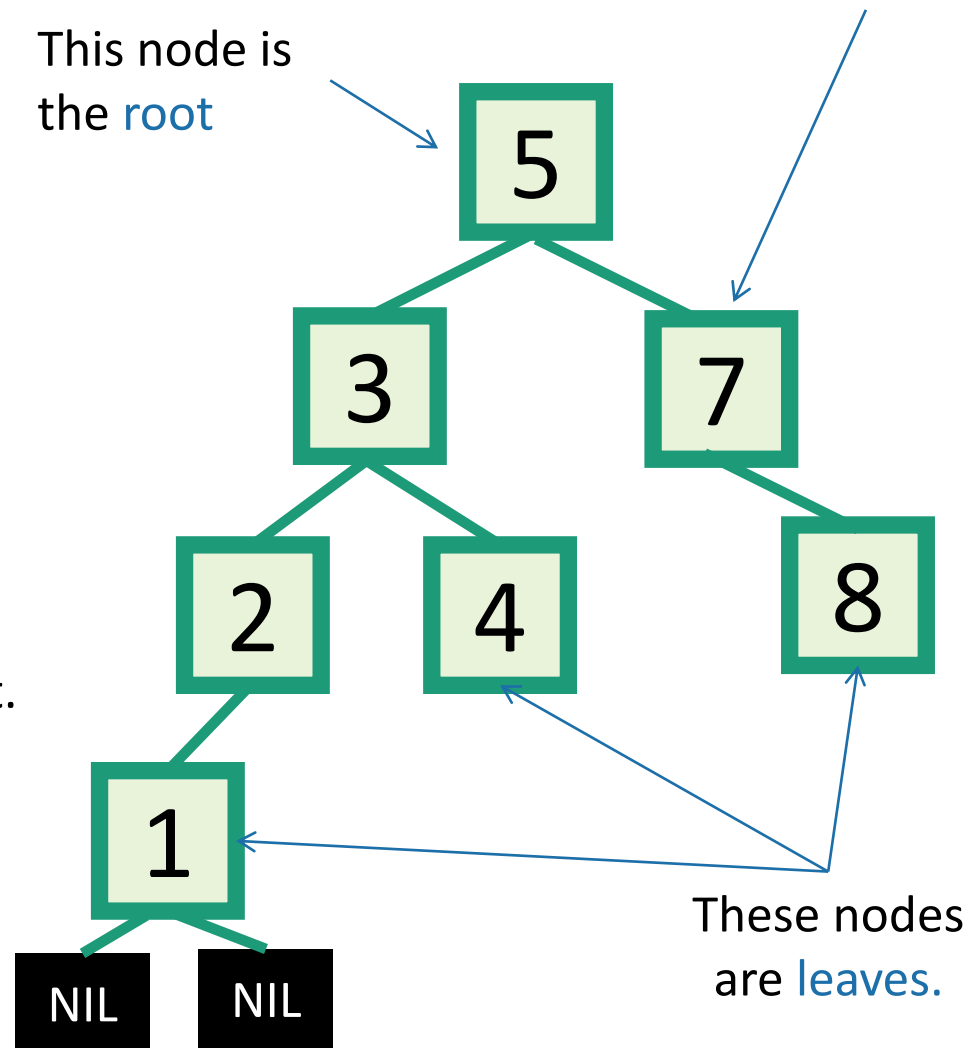
Each node has a pointer to its left child, right child, and parent.

Both **children** of **1** are NIL.  
(Not usually drawn).

The **height** of this tree is 3.  
(Max number of edges from the root to a leaf).

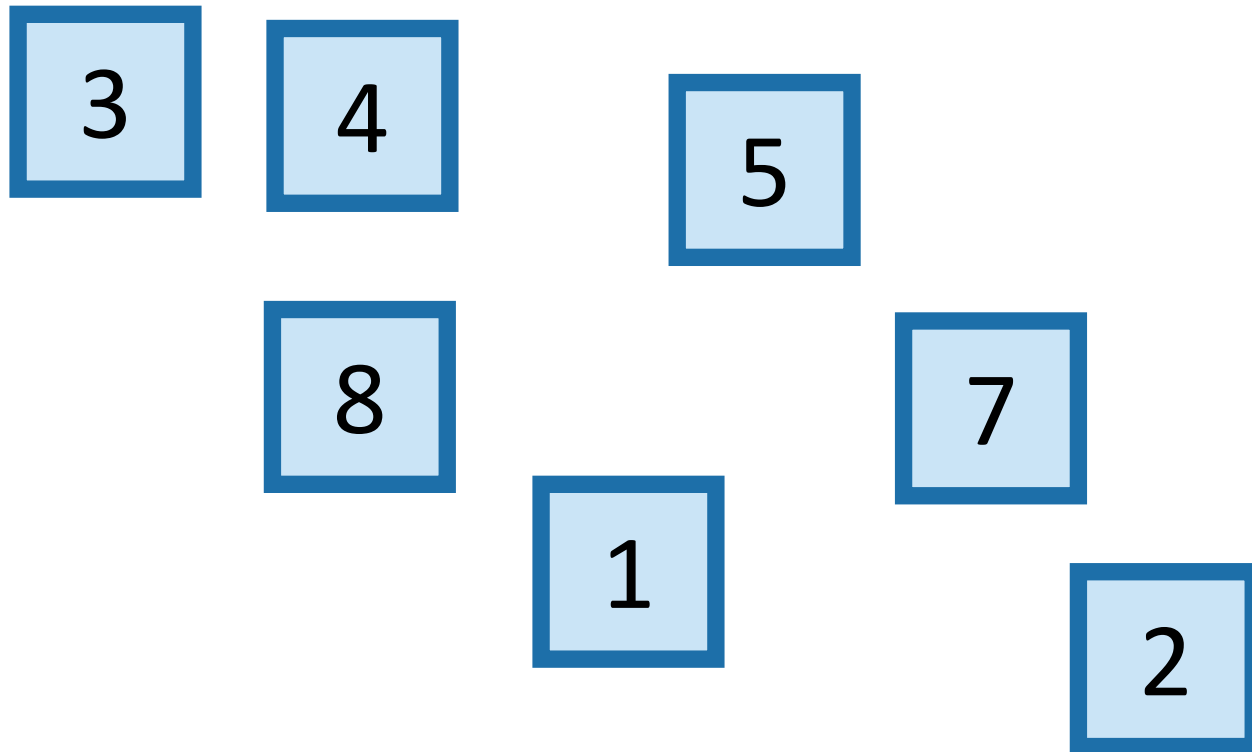
This node is the **root**

This is a **node**.  
It has a **key** (7).



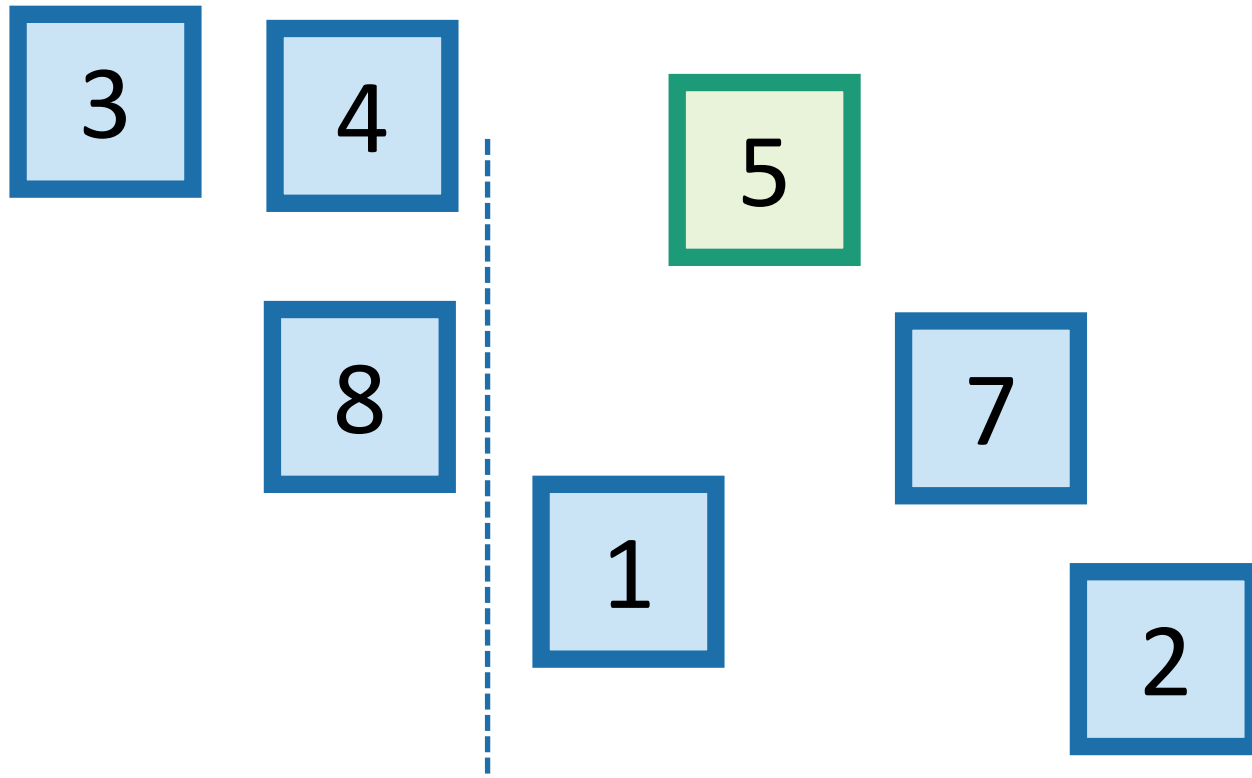
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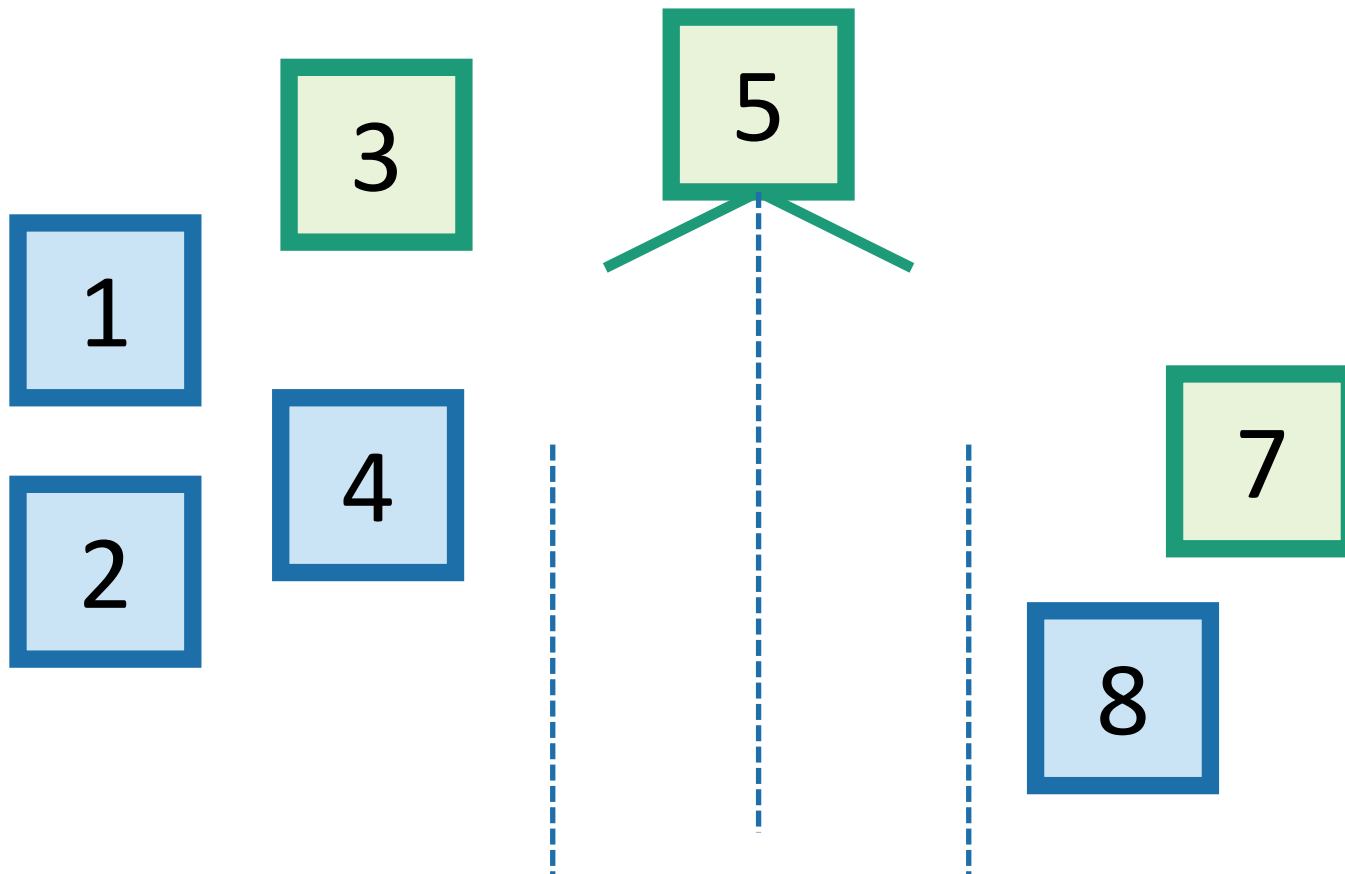
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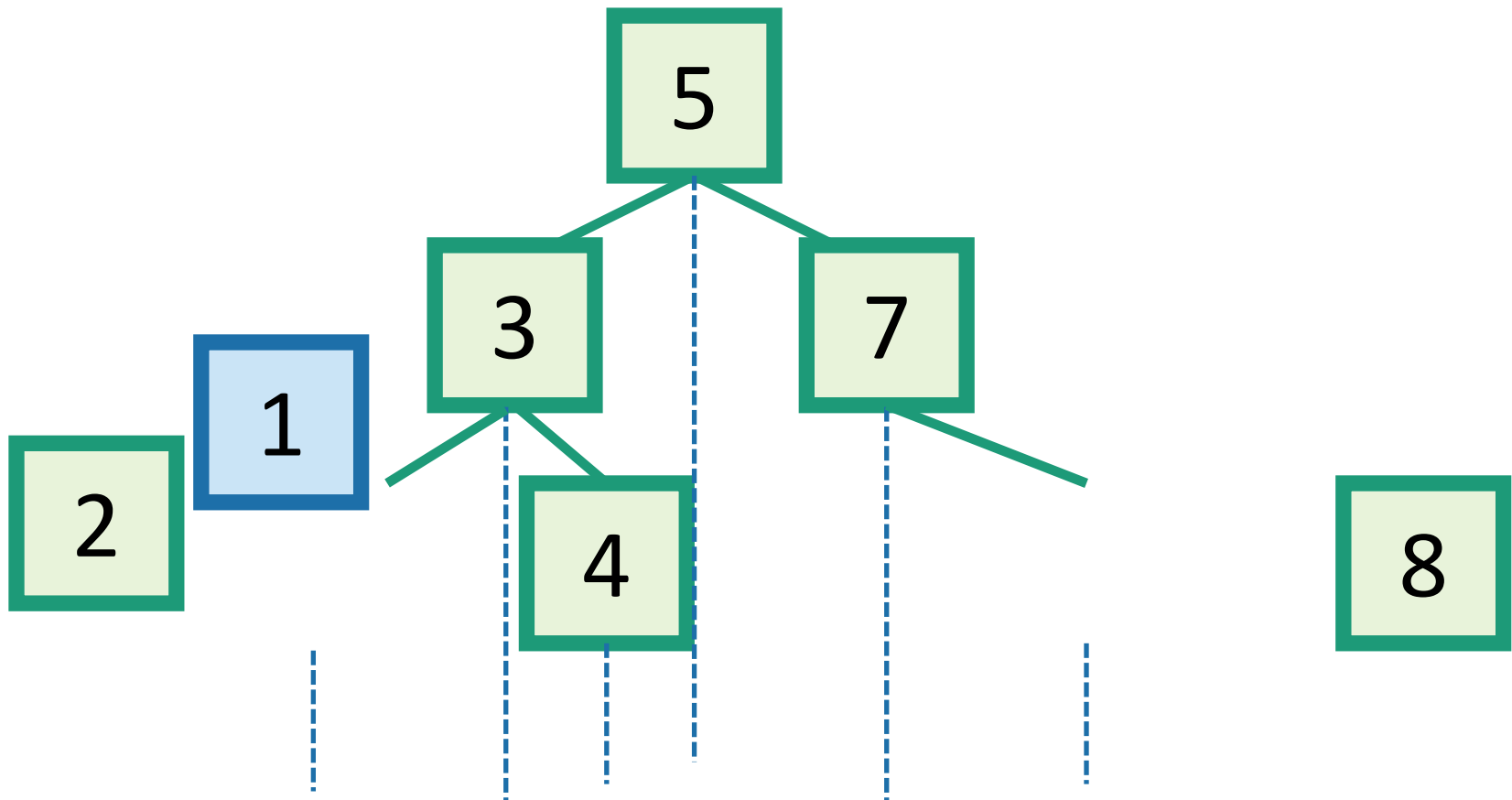
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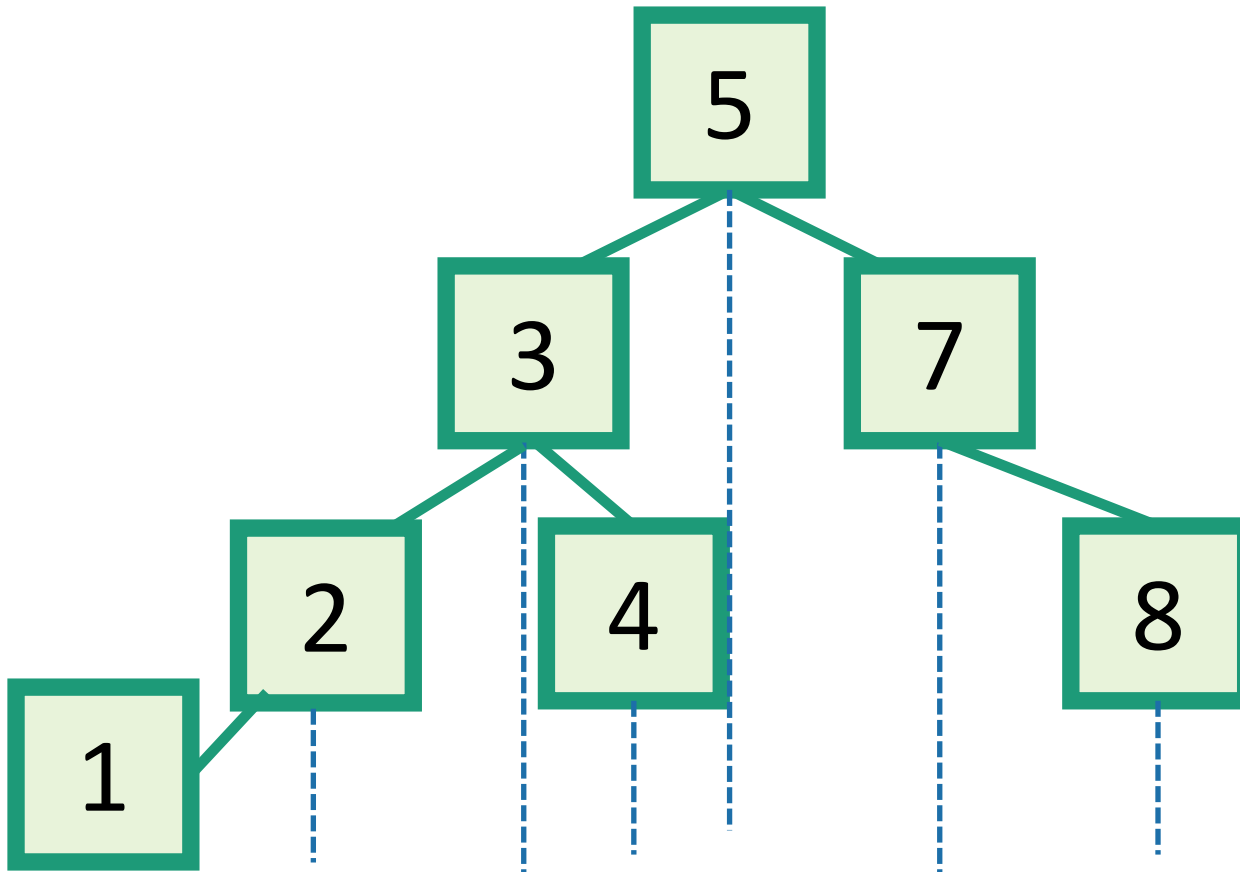
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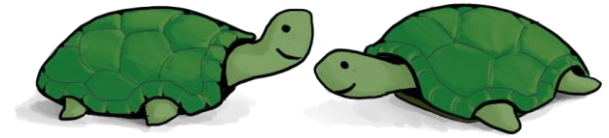


Q: Is this the only binary search tree I could possibly build with these values?

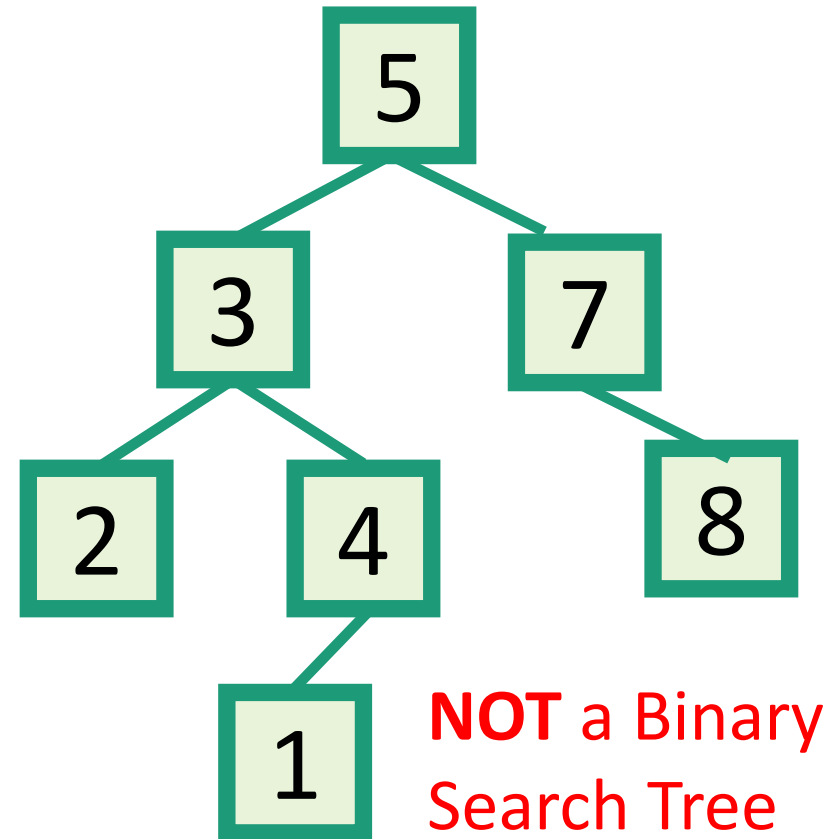
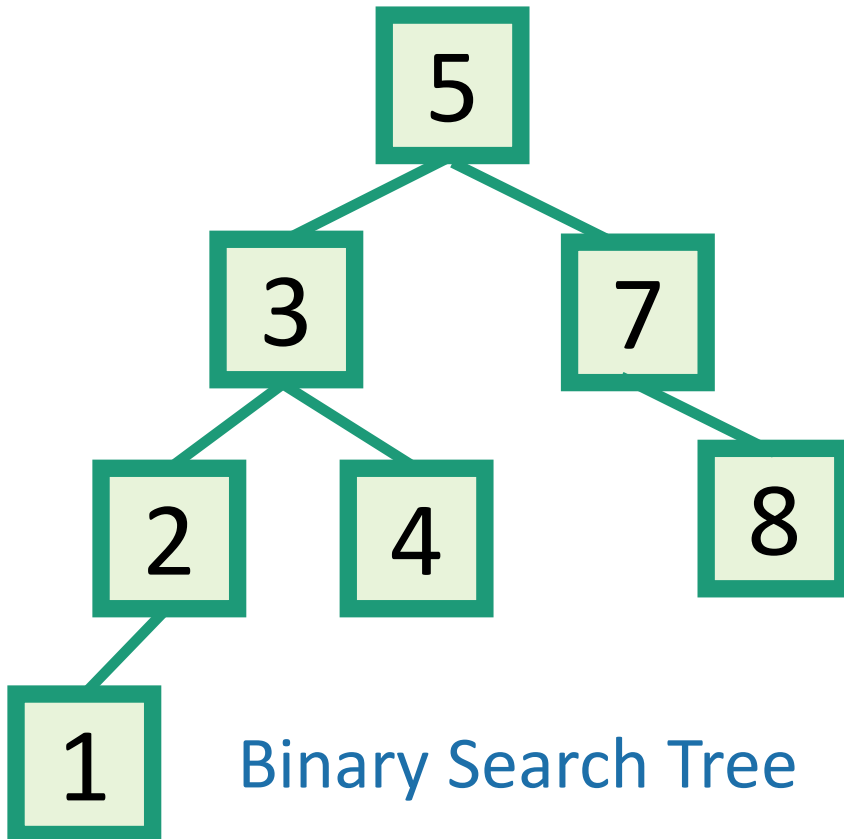
A: **No.** I made choices about which nodes to choose when. Any choices would have been fine.

# Binary Search Trees

Which of these is a BST?



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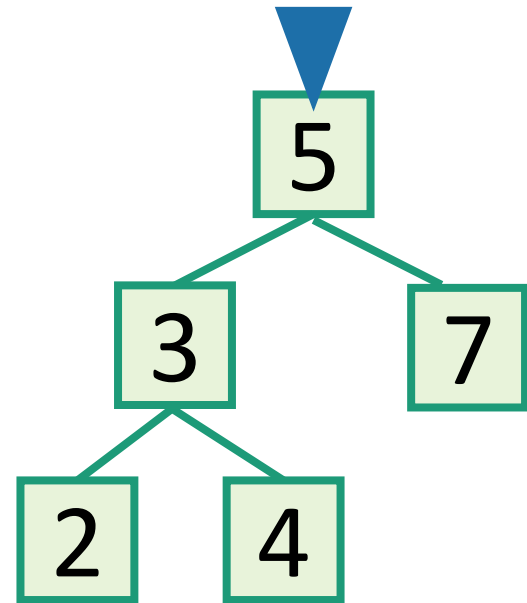




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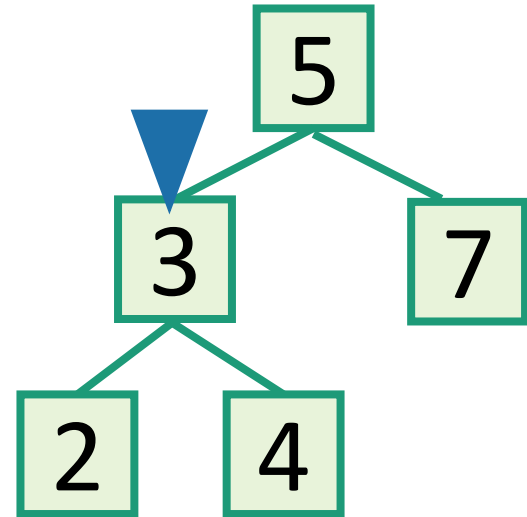
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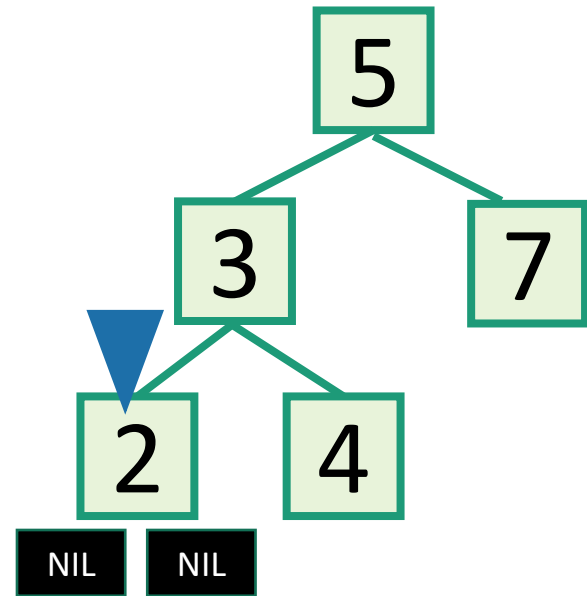
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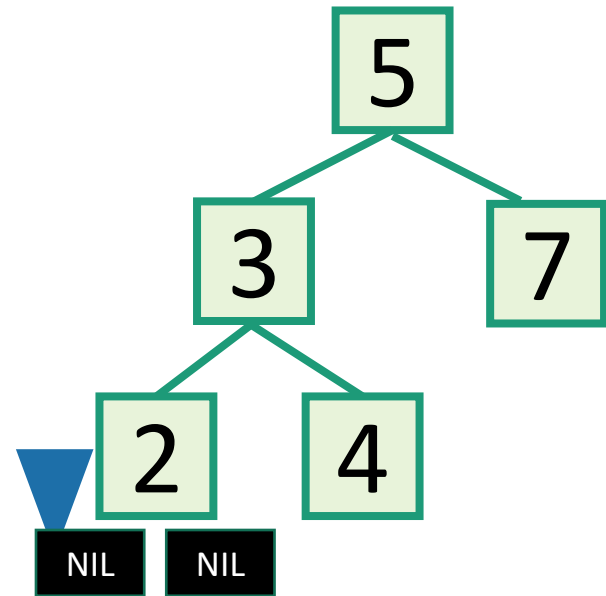
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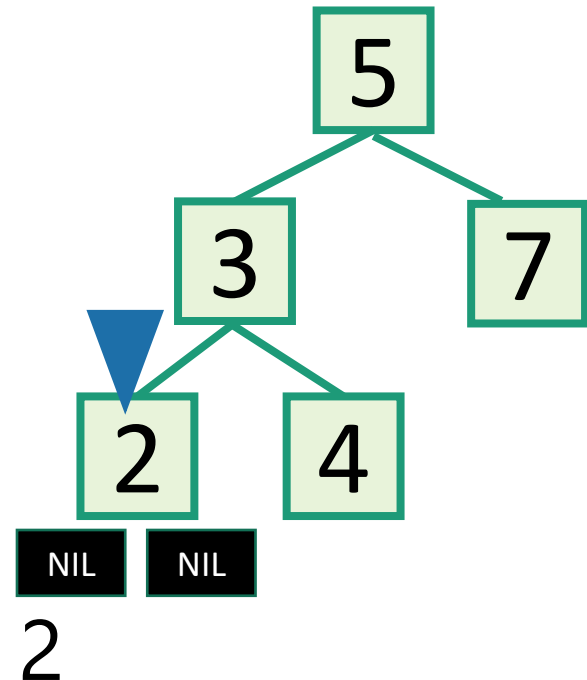
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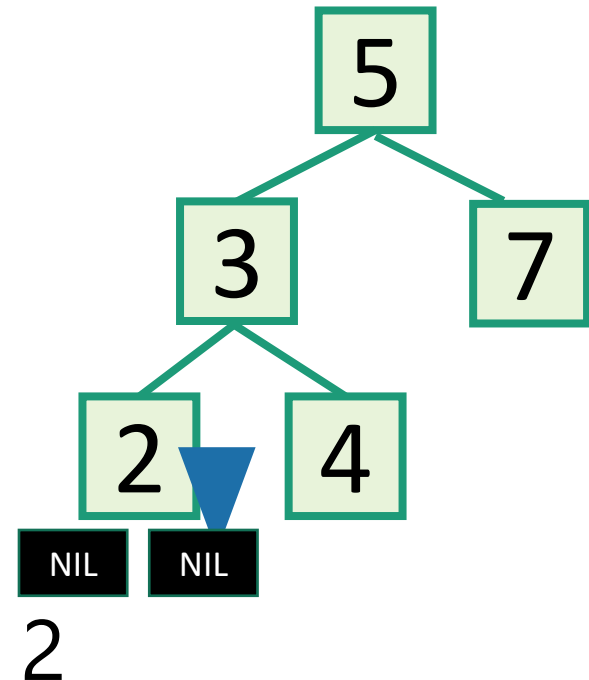
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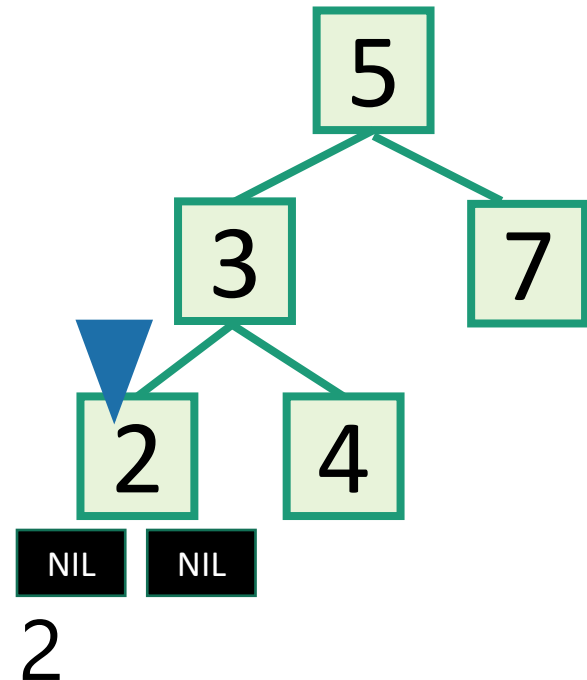
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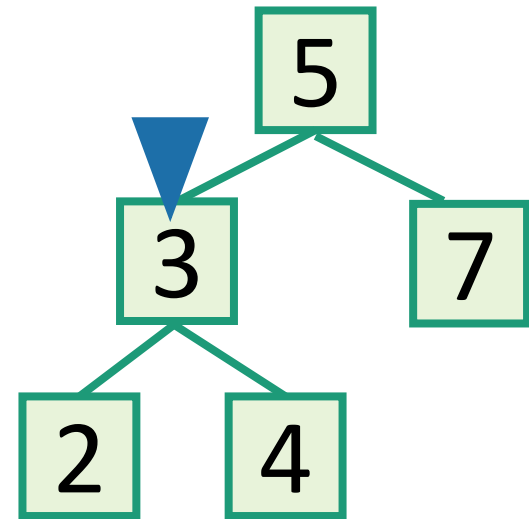
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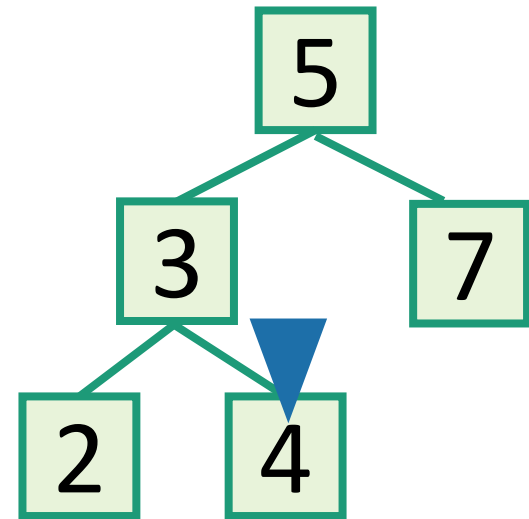


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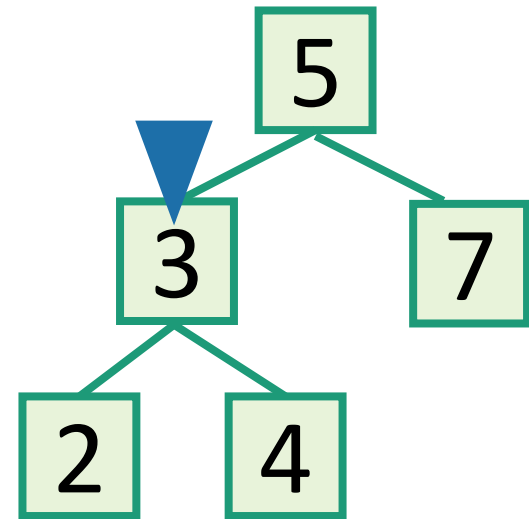
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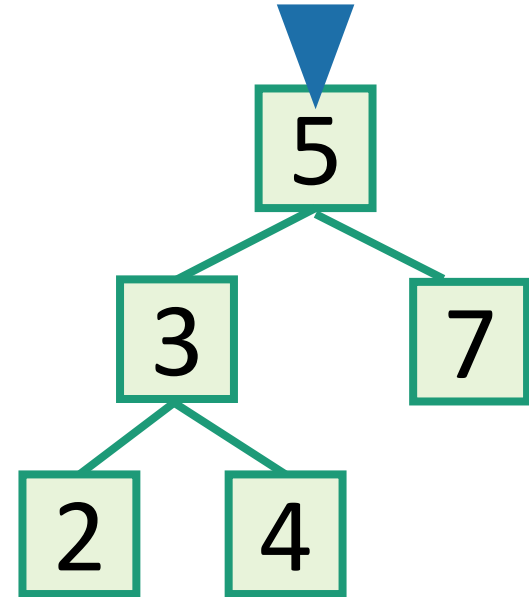


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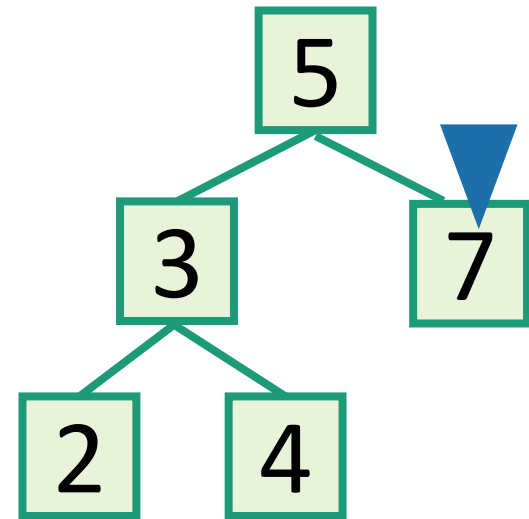


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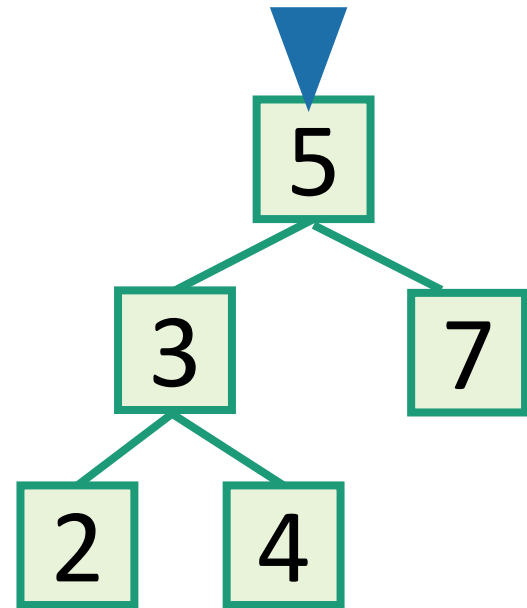


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- Runs in time  $O(n)$ .

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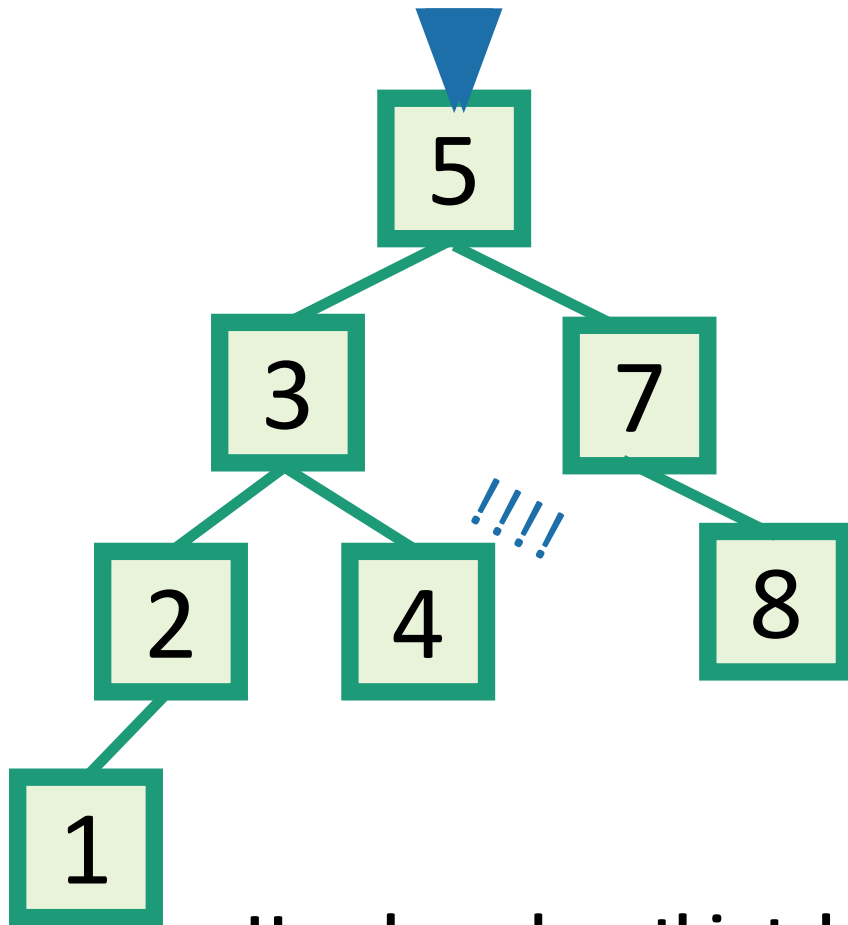
# Back to the goal

## Fast **SEARCH**/**INSERT**/**DELETE**

Can we do these?

# SEARCH in a Binary Search Tree

definition by example



**How long does this take?**

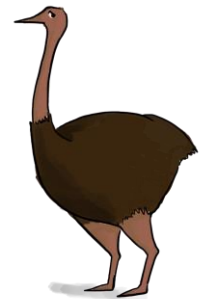
$O(\text{length of longest path}) = O(\text{height})$

**EXAMPLE:** Search for 4.

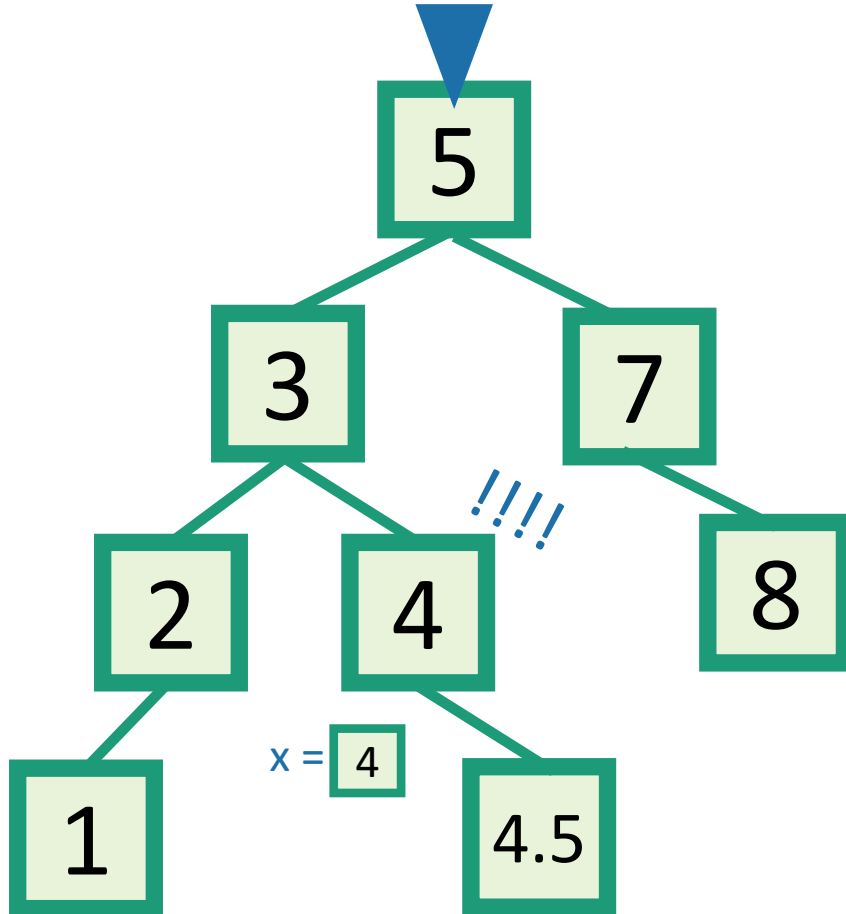
**EXAMPLE:** Search for 4.5

- It turns out it will be convenient to **return 4** in this case
- (that is, **return** the last node before we went off the tree)

Write pseudocode  
(or actual code) to  
implement this!



# INSERT in a Binary Search Tree



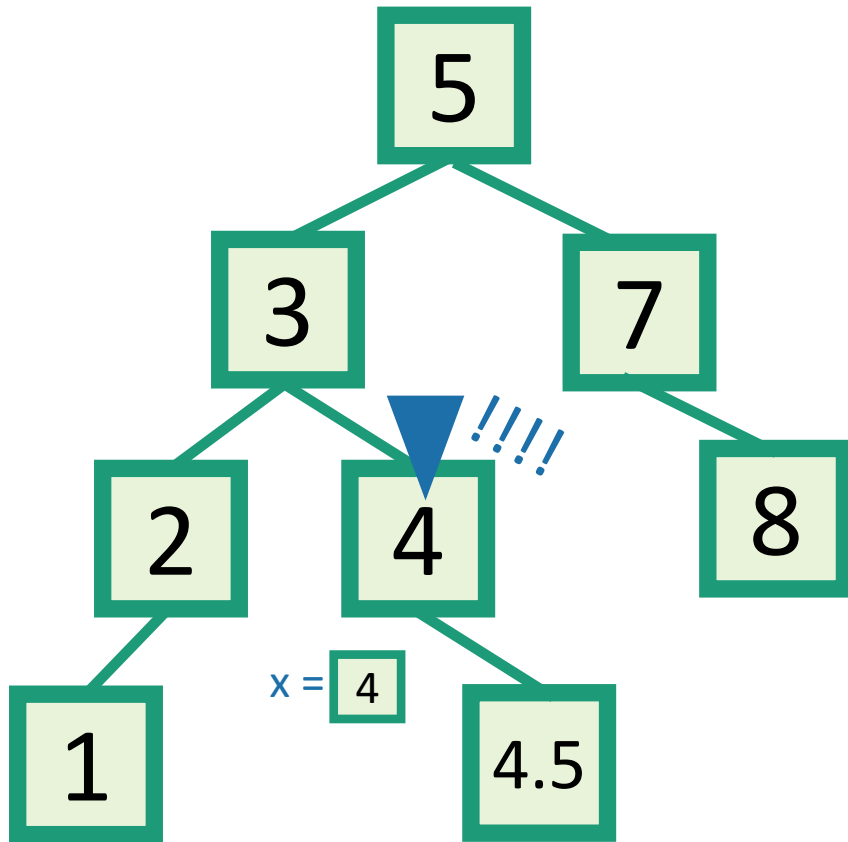
## EXAMPLE: Insert 4.5

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  - $x = \text{SEARCH}(\text{key})$
  - **Insert** a new node with desired key at  $x$ ...



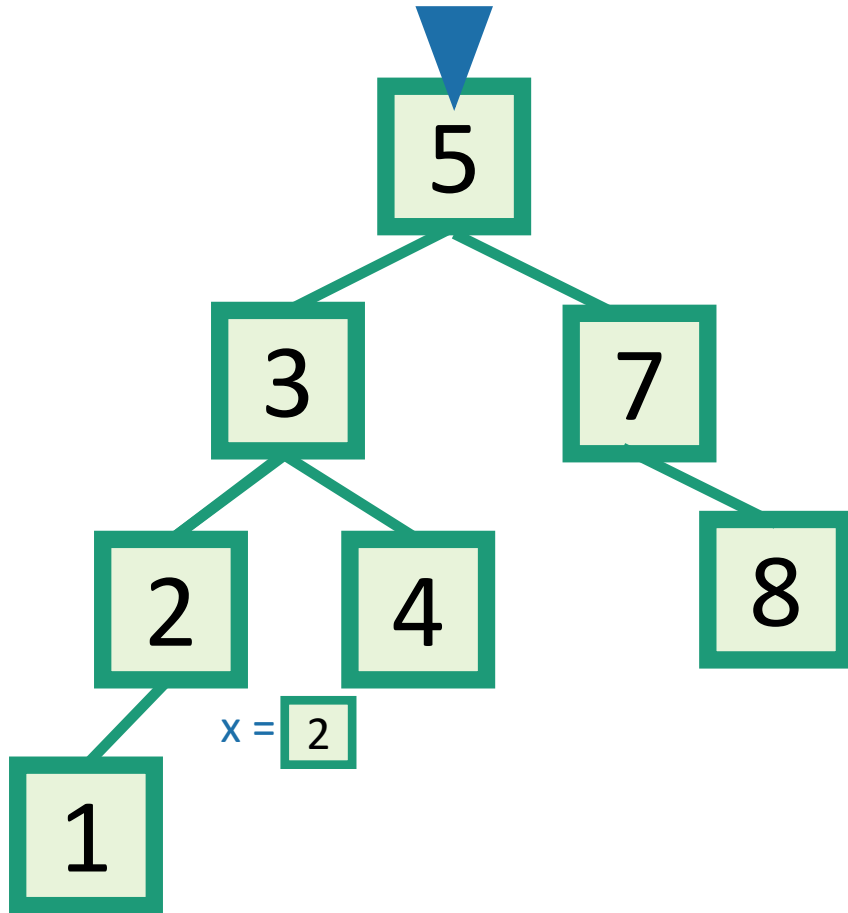
# INSERT in a Binary Search Tree

## EXAMPLE: Insert 4.5



- **INSERT**(key):
  - $x = \text{SEARCH}(\text{key})$
  - **if**  $\text{key} > x.\text{key}$ :
    - Make a new node with the correct key, and put it as the right child of  $x$ .
  - **if**  $\text{key} < x.\text{key}$ :
    - Make a new node with the correct key, and put it as the left child of  $x$ .
  - **if**  $x.\text{key} == \text{key}$ :
    - **return**

# DELETE in a Binary Search Tree



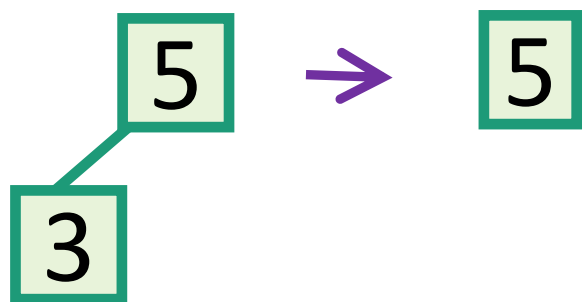
## EXAMPLE: Delete 2

- **DELETE**(key):
  - $x = \text{SEARCH}(\text{key})$
  - **if**  $x.\text{key} == \text{key}$ :
    - ....delete  $x$ ....

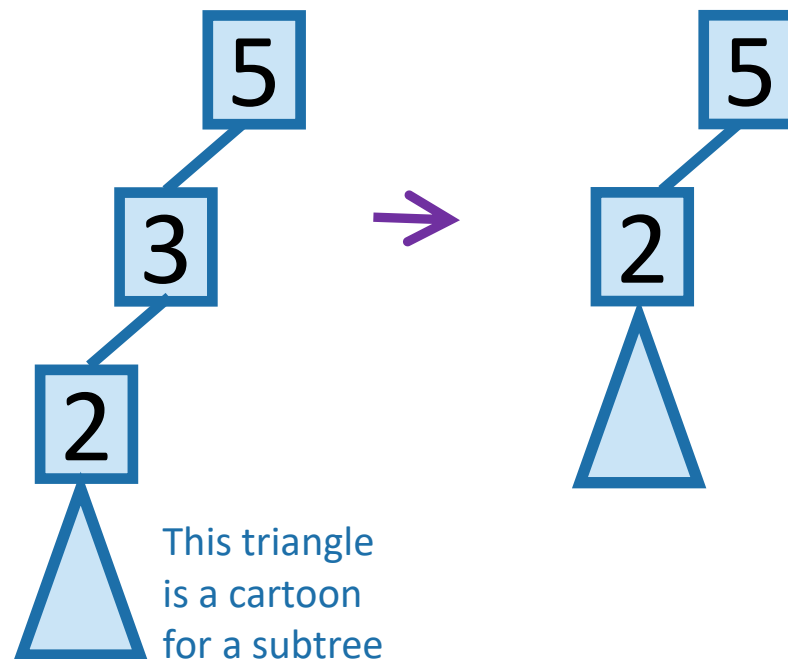
# DELETE in a Binary Search Tree

several cases (by example)

say we want to delete 3



**Case 1:** if 3 is a leaf,  
just delete it.



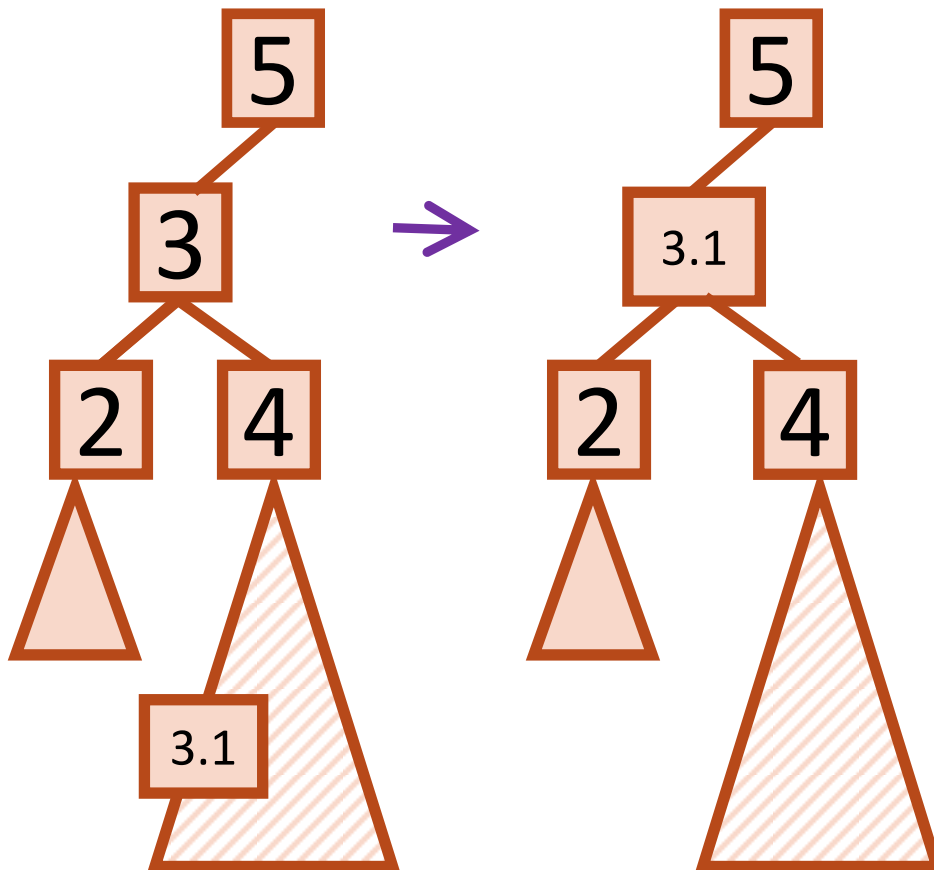
**Case 2:** if 3 has just one child,  
move that up.

Write pseudocode for all of these!



# DELETE in a Binary Search Tree

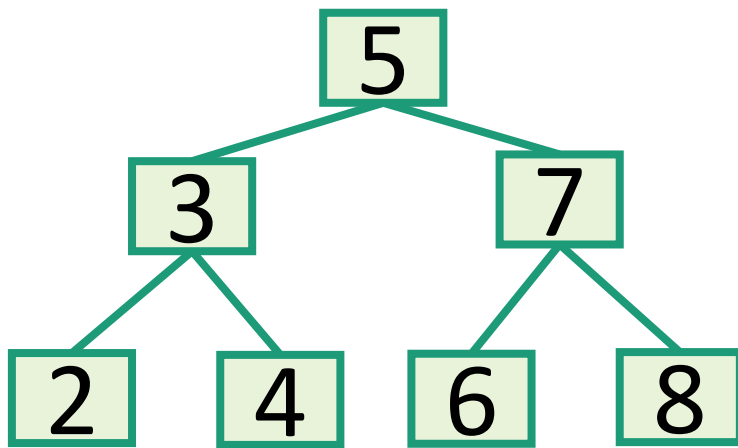
**Case 3:** if 3 has two children,  
replace 3 with its **immediate successor**.  
(aka, next biggest thing after 3)



- Does this maintain the BST property?
  - Yes.
- How do we find the immediate successor?
  - SEARCH for 3 in the subtree under 3.right
- How do we remove it when we find it?
  - If [3.1] has 0 or 1 children, do one of the previous cases.
- What if [3.1] has two children?
  - It doesn't. (can not have two children)

# How long do these operations take?

- **SEARCH** is the big one.
  - Everything else just calls **SEARCH** and then does some small  $O(1)$ -time operation.

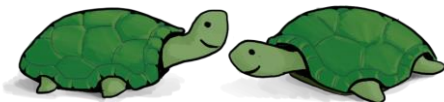


Time =  $O(\text{height of tree})$

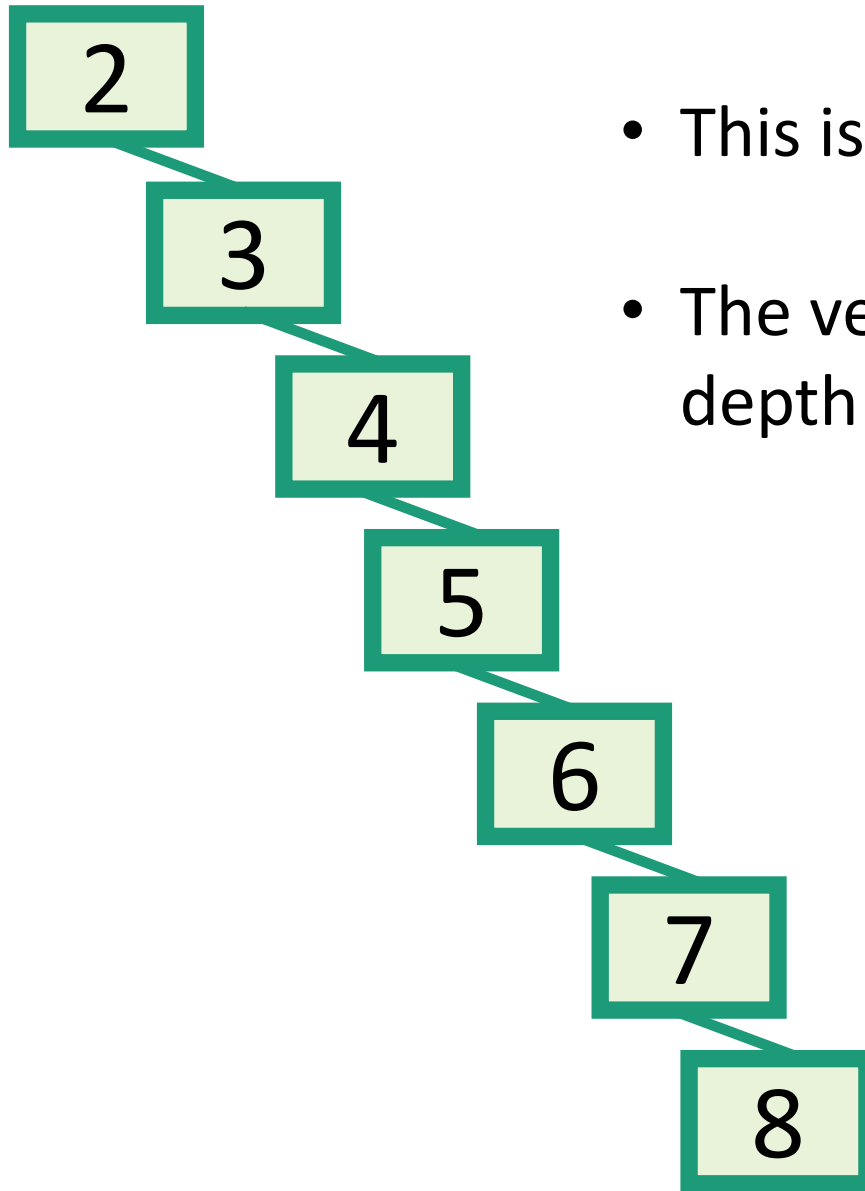
Trees have depth  $O(\log(n))$ . **Done!**

Wait a second...

How long does search take?



# Search might take time $O(n)$ .



- This is a valid binary search tree.
- The version with  $n$  nodes has depth  $n$ , **not**  $O(\log(n))$ .

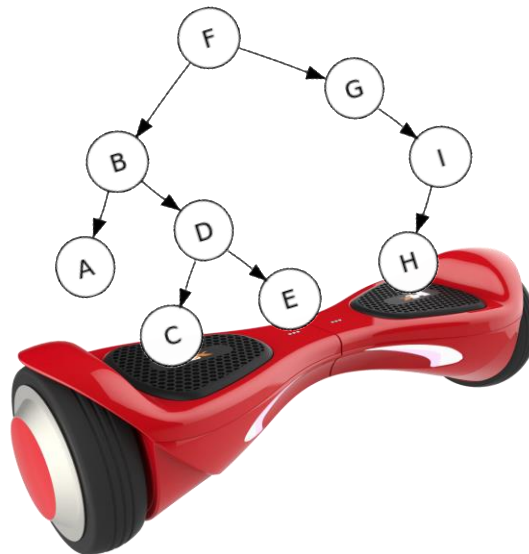
# What to do?

How often is “every so often” in the worst case?  
It’s actually pretty often!



- Goal: Fast **SEARCH/INSERT/DELETE**
- All these things take time  $O(\text{height})$
- And the height might be big!!! ☹️
- Idea 0:
  - Keep track of how deep the tree is getting.
  - If it gets too tall, re-do everything from scratch.
    - At least  $\Omega(n)$  every so often....
- Turns out that’s not a great idea. Instead we turn to...

# Self-Balancing Binary Search Trees

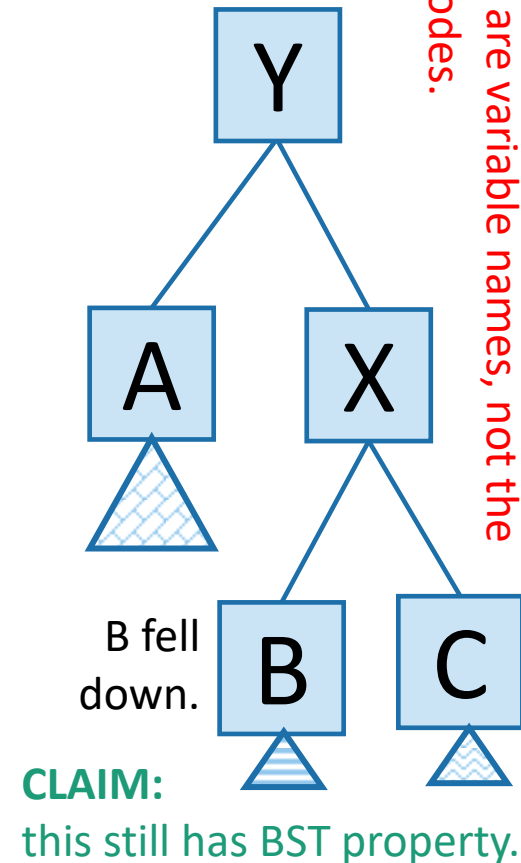
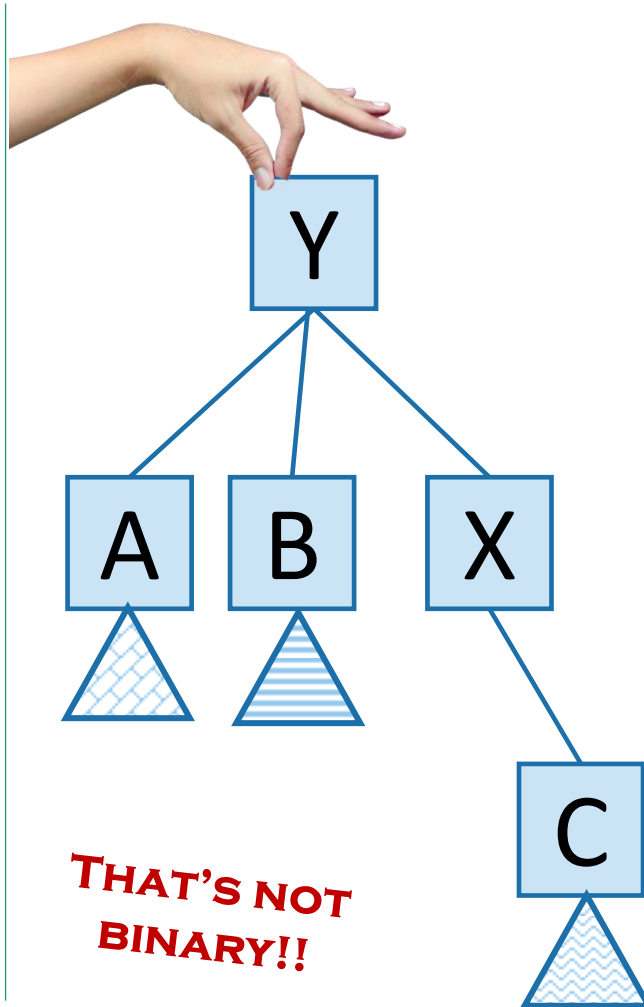
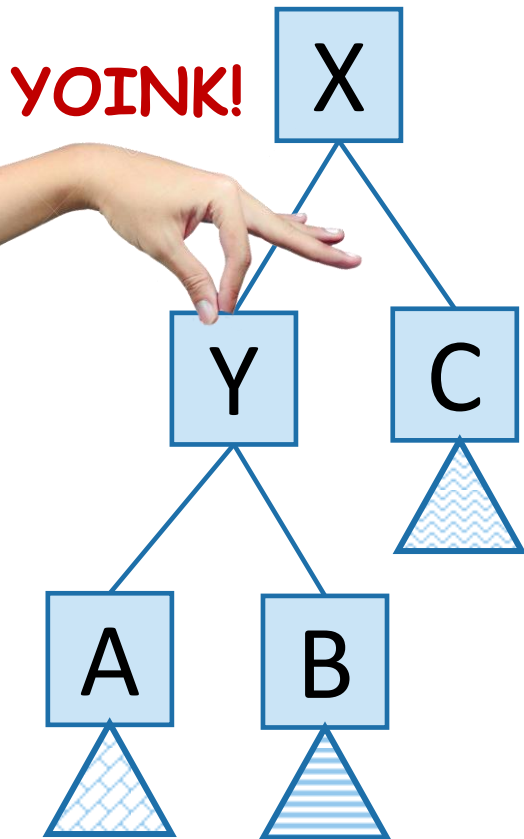




# Idea 1: Rotations

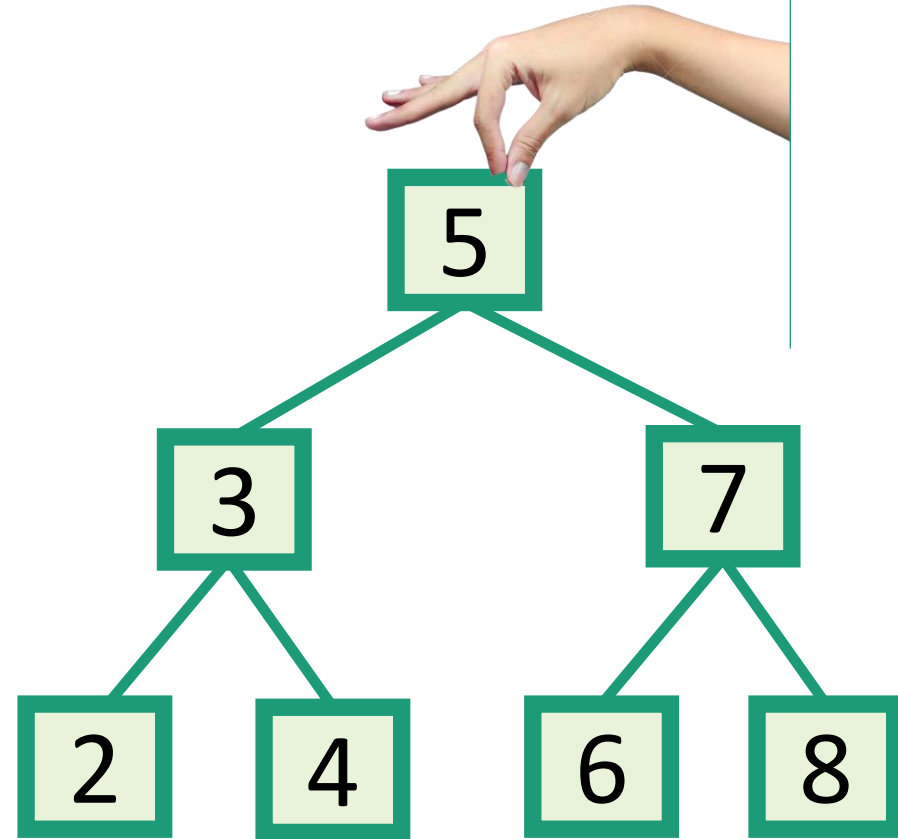
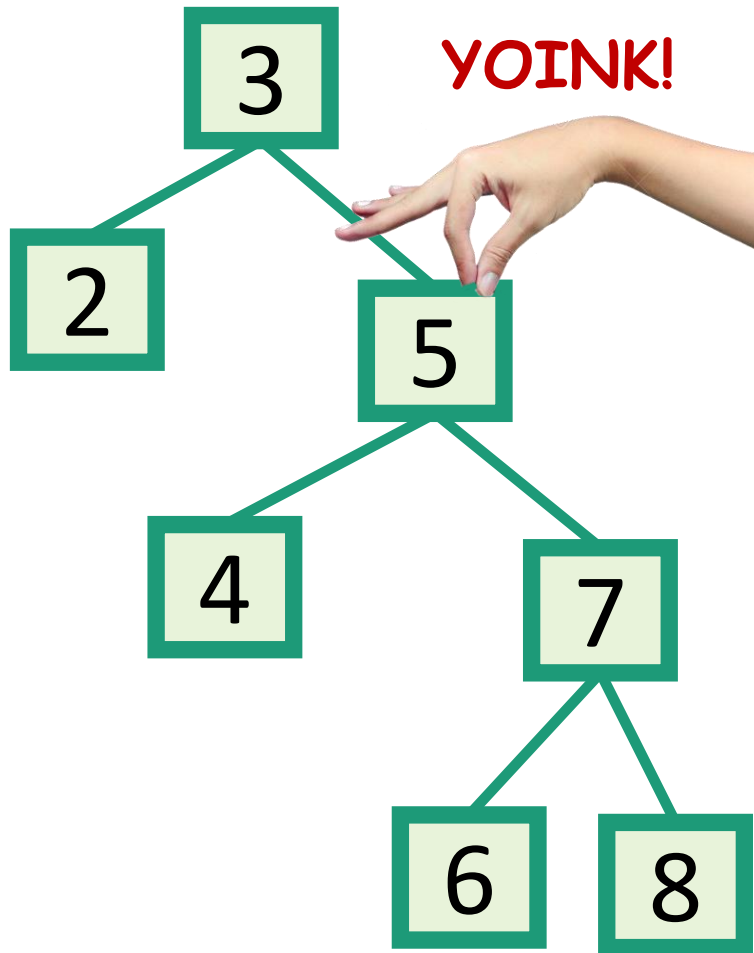
No matter what lives underneath A,B,C,  
this takes time  $O(1)$ . (Why?)

- Maintain Binary Search Tree (BST) property, while moving stuff around.



Note: A, B, C, X, Y are variable names, not the contents of the nodes.

This seems helpful



# Strategy?

- Whenever something seems unbalanced, do rotations until it's okay again.



This is pretty vague.

What do we mean by  
“seems unbalanced”?

What’s “okay”?

# Idea 2: have some proxy for balance

- Maintaining **perfect balance** is too hard.
- Instead, come up with some **proxy for balance**:
  - If the tree satisfies **[SOME PROPERTY]**, then it's pretty balanced.
  - We can maintain **[SOME PROPERTY]** using rotations.

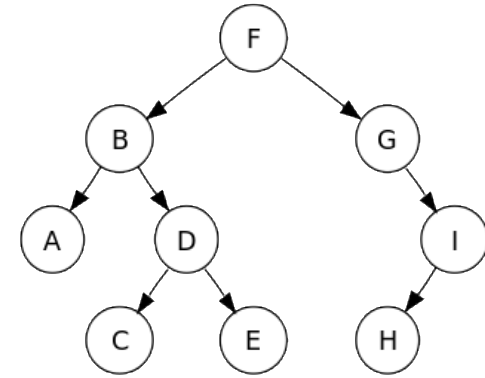


There are actually several ways to do this, but we'll see:

1. **AVL Tree** (Covered in DSA)
2. **Multiway-Search Tree (2-4 Tree)**
3. **Red-Black Tree**

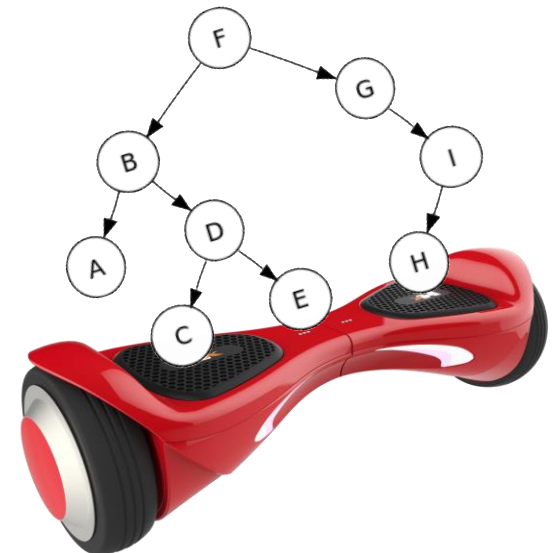
# Today

- Begin a brief foray into data structures!
- Binary search trees
  - They are better when they're balanced.



this will lead us to...

- Self-Balancing Binary Search Trees
  - AVL Tree
  - Multiway-Search Tree
  - Red-Black Tree



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