

BINARY SEARCH TREES

~ SORTED BINARY TREE

- EVERY NODE HAS TWO CHILDREN OR LESS, WITH CHILDREN THEMSELVES BEING BINARY TREES

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CONDITIONS:

1. EACH NODE HAS AT MOST TWO SUBTREES
2. EACH ITEM IS \geq ALL ITEMS IN LEFT SUBTREE, \leq ALL ITEMS IN RIGHT SUBTREE.

THIS IS TRUE FOR ALL ITEMS, NOT JUST THE ROOT.

if $\text{self} == \text{None}$ or $\text{self} == \text{EMPTY}$:

→ RETURN FALSE

else:

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① if $\text{self} == \text{root} == \text{item}$:

→ RETURN TRUE

② elif $\text{self} == \text{root} < \text{item}$:

→ RETURN $\text{self} == \text{right} == \text{CONTAINS}(\text{item})$

③ ELSE:

→ RETURN $\text{self} == \text{left} == \text{CONTAINS}(\text{item})$