

# Binary Search Tree

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# Binary Search Tree (BST)

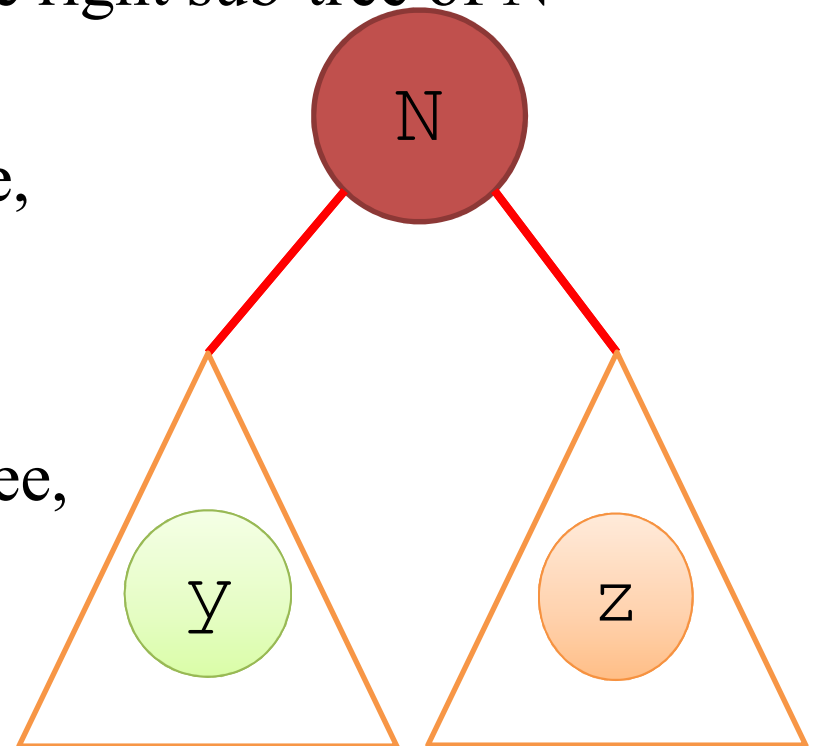
- A binary tree  $T$  is a binary search tree if the value at each node  $N$  is greater than every value in the left sub-tree of  $N$  and is less than every value in the right sub-tree of  $N$

- For any node  $y$  in the left subtree,

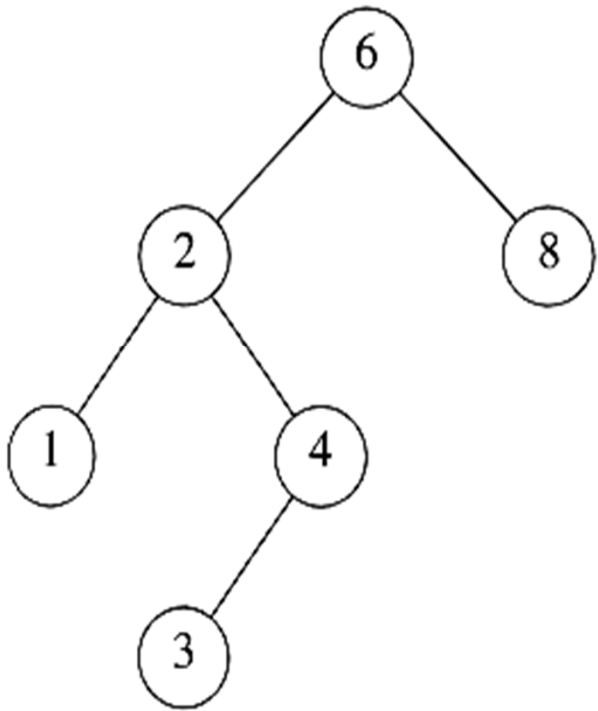
$$\text{key}(y) < \text{key}(N)$$

- For any node  $z$  in the right subtree,

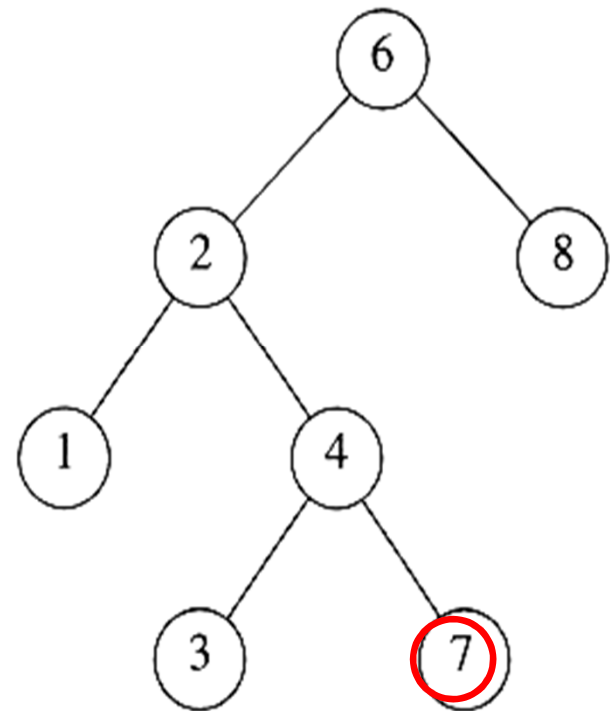
$$\text{key}(z) > \text{key}(N)$$



# Binary Search Trees



A binary search tree



Not a binary search tree

# Searching and Inserting in BST

Algorithm to find the location of **ITEM** in the BST **T** or insert **ITEM** as a new node in its appropriate place in the tree

- [a] Compare ITEM with the root node N of the tree
  - (i) If  $\text{ITEM} < N$ , proceed to the left child of N
  - (ii) If  $\text{ITEM} > N$ , proceed to the right child of N

# Searching and Inserting in BST

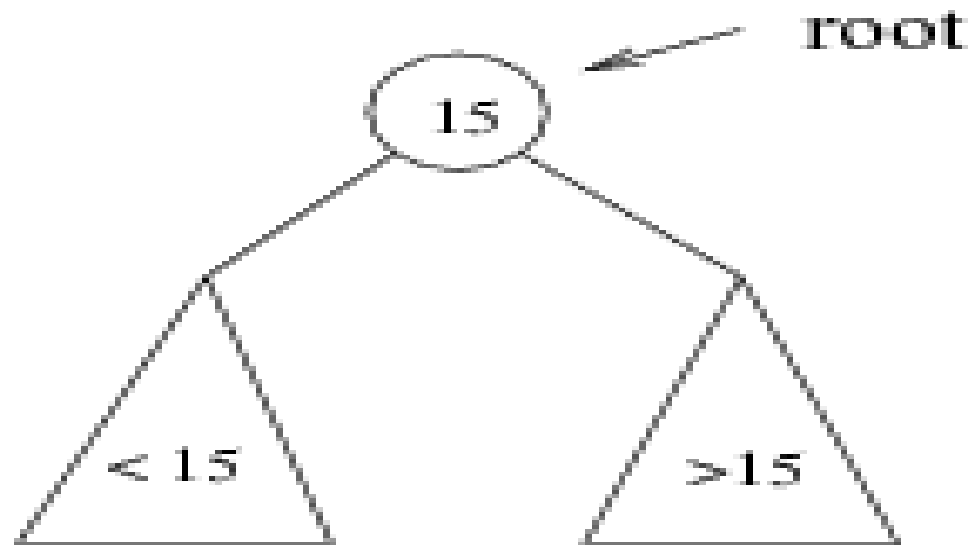
[b] Repeat Step (a) until one of the following occurs

(i) We meet a node  $N$  such that  $ITEM = N$ . In this case search is successful

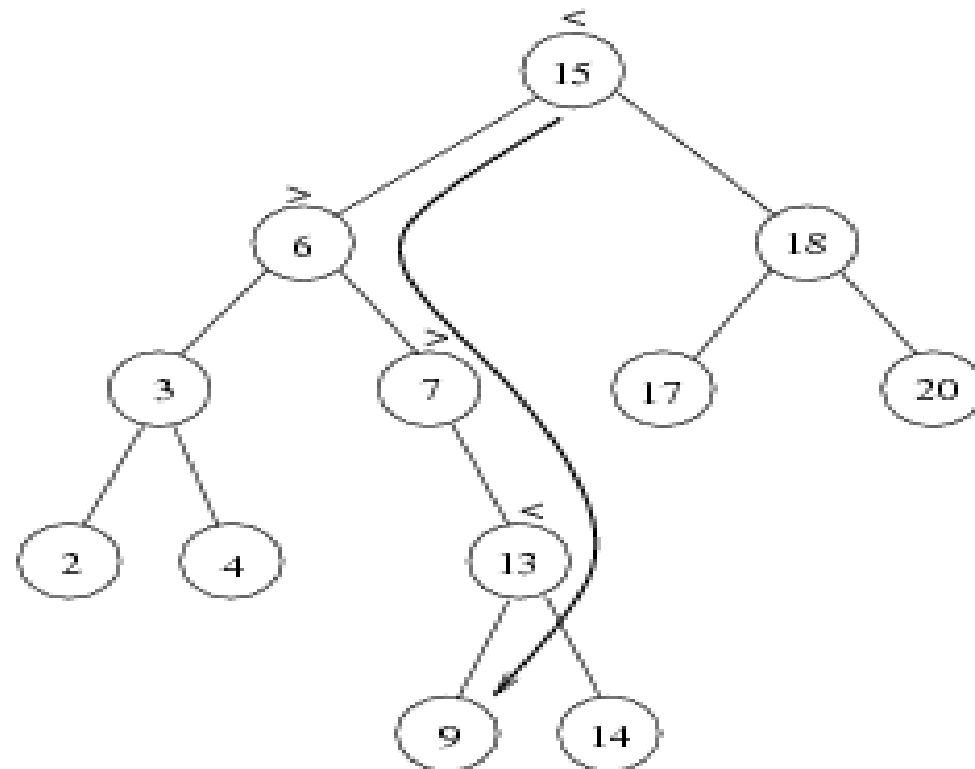
(ii) We meet an empty sub-tree, which indicates that search is unsuccessful and we insert  $ITEM$  in place of empty subtree

# Searching BST

- If we are searching for 15, then we are done.
- If we are searching for a key  $< 15$ , then we should search in the left subtree.
- If we are searching for a key  $> 15$ , then we should search in the right subtree.



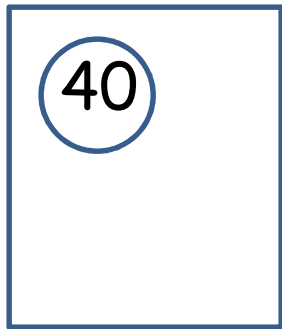
*Example: Search for 9 ...*



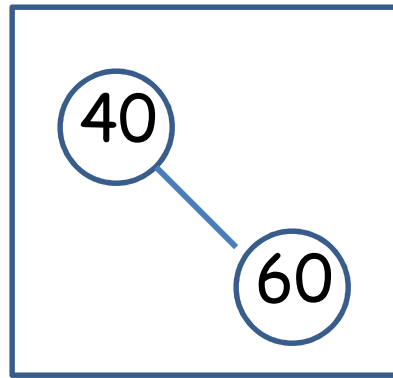
Search for 9:

1. compare 9:15(the root), go to left subtree;
2. compare 9:6, go to right subtree;
3. compare 9:7, go to right subtree;
4. compare 9:13, go to left subtree;
5. compare 9:9, found it!

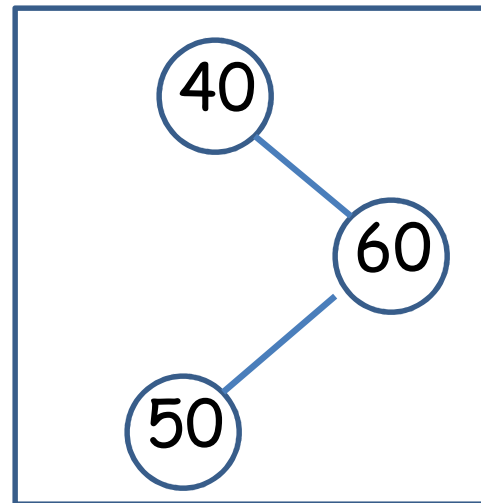
Insert 40, 60, 50, 33, 55, 11 into an empty BST



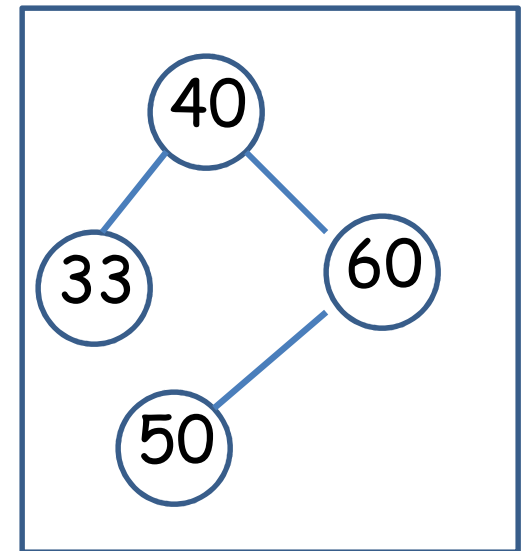
1. ITEM = 40



2. ITEM = 60



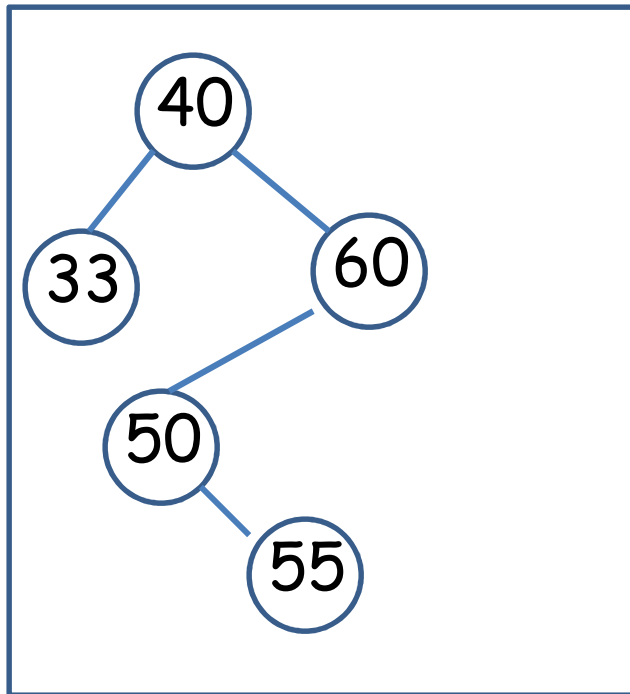
3. ITEM = 50



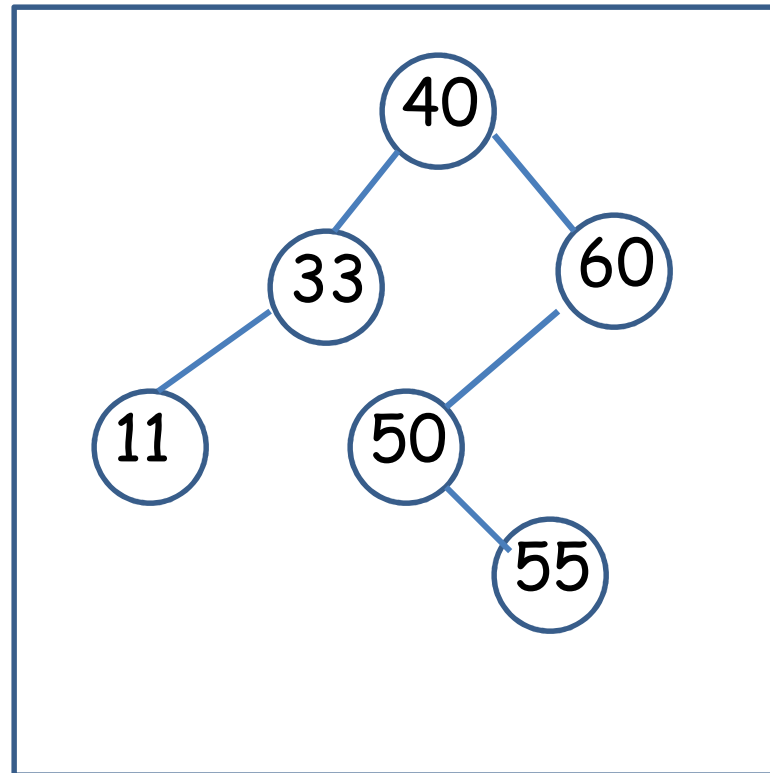
4. ITEM = 33



Insert 40, 60, 50, 33, 55, 11 into an empty BST



5. ITEM = 55



6. ITEM = 11

# Locating an ITEM

A binary search tree **T** is in memory and an **ITEM** of information is given. This procedure finds the location **LOC** of **ITEM** in **T** and also the location of the parent **PAR** of **ITEM**.

## **FIND(INFO,LEFT,RIGHT,ROOT,ITEM,LOC,PAR)**

[1] [Tree empty ?]

    If  $ROOT == NULL$ , then

        Set  $LOC = NULL$ ,  $PAR = NULL$ , Exit

[2] [ITEM at root ?]

    If  $ROOT \rightarrow INFO == ITEM$ , then

        Set  $LOC = ROOT$ ,  $PAR = NULL$ , Exit

[3] [Initialize pointer PTR and SAVE]

    If  $ITEM < ROOT \rightarrow INFO$  then

        Set  $PTR = ROOT \rightarrow LEFT$ ,  $SAVE = ROOT$

    Else

        Set  $PTR = ROOT \rightarrow RIGHT$ ,  $SAVE = ROOT$

[4] Repeat Step 5 and 6 while  $PTR \neq \text{NULL}$

[5] [ITEM Found ?]

    If  $\text{ITEM} == PTR \rightarrow \text{INFO}$ , then

        Set  $\text{LOC} = PTR$ ,  $\text{PAR} = \text{SAVE}$ , Exit

[6]     If  $\text{ITEM} < PTR \rightarrow \text{INFO}$ , then

        Set  $\text{SAVE} = PTR$ ,  $PTR = PTR \rightarrow \text{LEFT}$

    Else

        Set  $\text{SAVE} = PTR$ ,  $PTR = PTR \rightarrow \text{RIGHT}$

[7] [Search Unsuccessful]

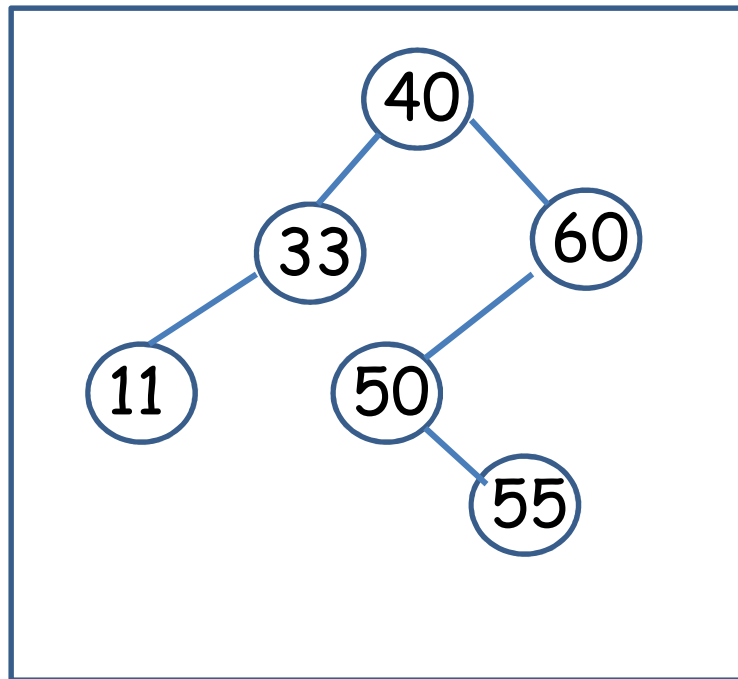
    Set  $\text{LOC} = \text{NULL}$ ,  $\text{PAR} = \text{SAVE}$

[8] Exit

# Locating an ITEM

Four outcomes of **FIND**:

- [1]  $LOC == NULL$  and  $PAR == NULL$ , tree is empty
- [2]  $LOC \neq NULL$  and  $PAR == NULL$ , ITEM is the root of T
- [3]  $LOC == NULL$  and  $PAR \neq NULL$ , ITEM is not in T and can be added to T as child of the node N with location PAR.
- [4]  $LOC \neq NULL$  and  $PAR \neq NULL$ , ITEM is present but not at the root of T.



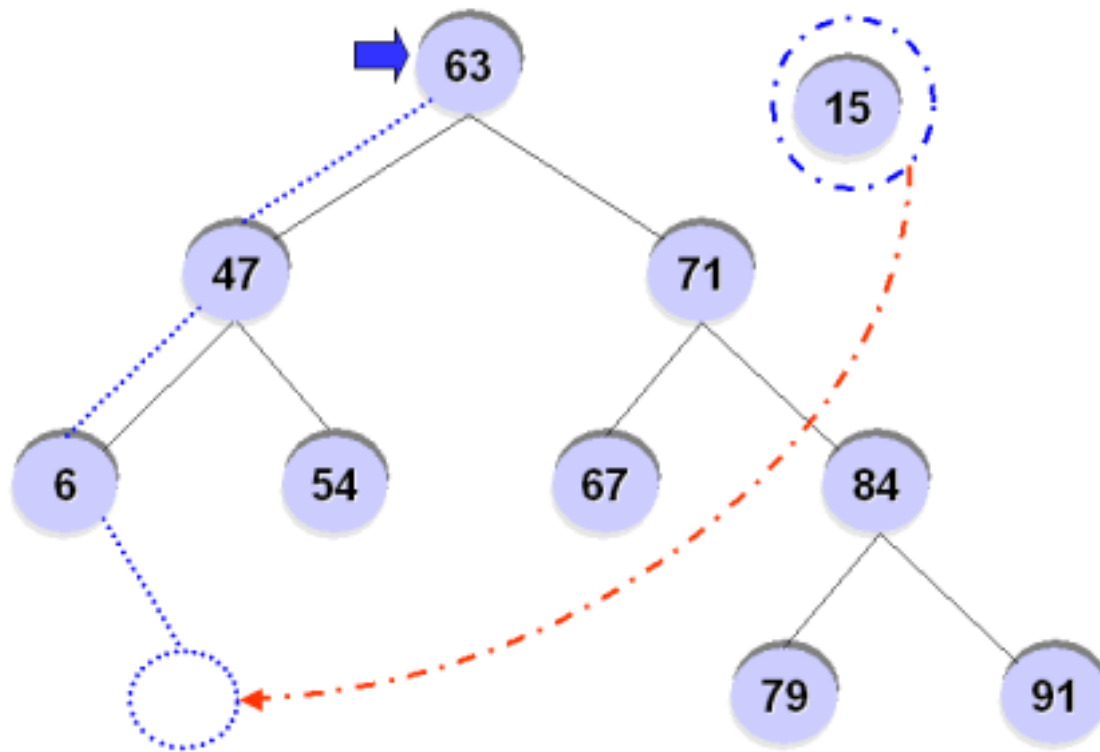
# Insertion to BST

A binary search Tree  $T$  is in memory and an ITEM of information is given. Algorithm to add ITEM as a new node in  $T$ , if doesn't exist.

- [1] Call FIND(INFO, LEFT, RIGHT, ROOT, ITEM, LOC, PAR)
- [2] If  $LOC \neq \text{NULL}$ , then Exit //ITEM exists, no insertion
- [3] [Copy the ITEM into the node NEW]
  - (a) Create a node NEW
  - (b)  $\text{NEW} \rightarrow \text{INFO} = \text{ITEM}$
  - (c) Set  $\text{LOC} = \text{NEW}$ ,  
 $\text{NEW} \rightarrow \text{LEFT} = \text{NULL}$ ,  
 $\text{NEW} \rightarrow \text{RIGHT} = \text{NULL}$
- [4] [Add NEW node to tree]
  - If  $\text{PAR} = \text{NULL}$   
Set  $\text{ROOT} = \text{NEW}$
  - Else  
If  $\text{ITEM} < \text{PAR} \rightarrow \text{INFO}$ , then  
Set  $\text{PAR} \rightarrow \text{LEFT} = \text{NEW}$
  - Else  
Set  $\text{PAR} \rightarrow \text{RIGHT} = \text{NEW}$
- [5] Exit

# Binary Search Tree

For example, inserting '15' into the BST?





# Deletion from BST

T is a binary search tree. Delete an ITEM from the tree T

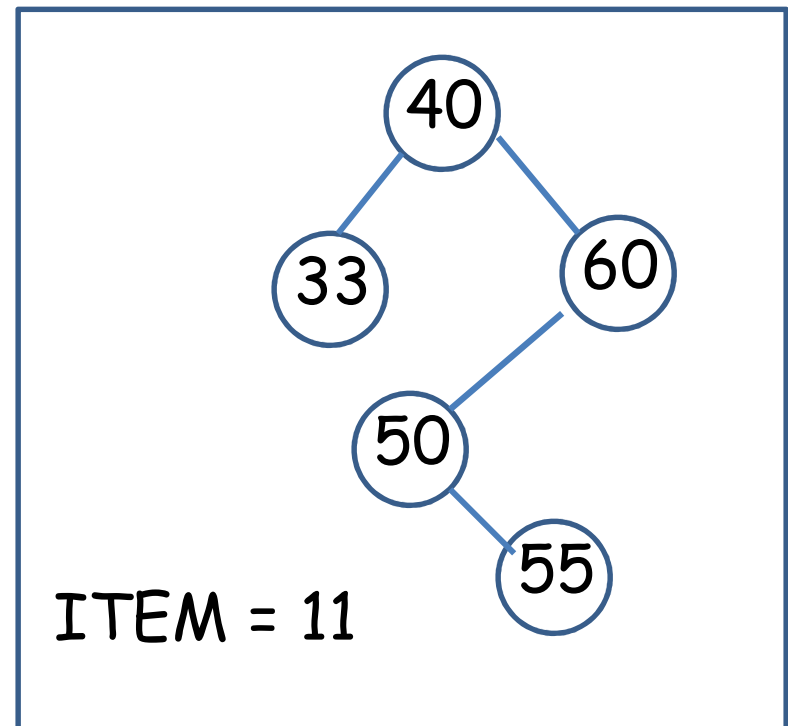
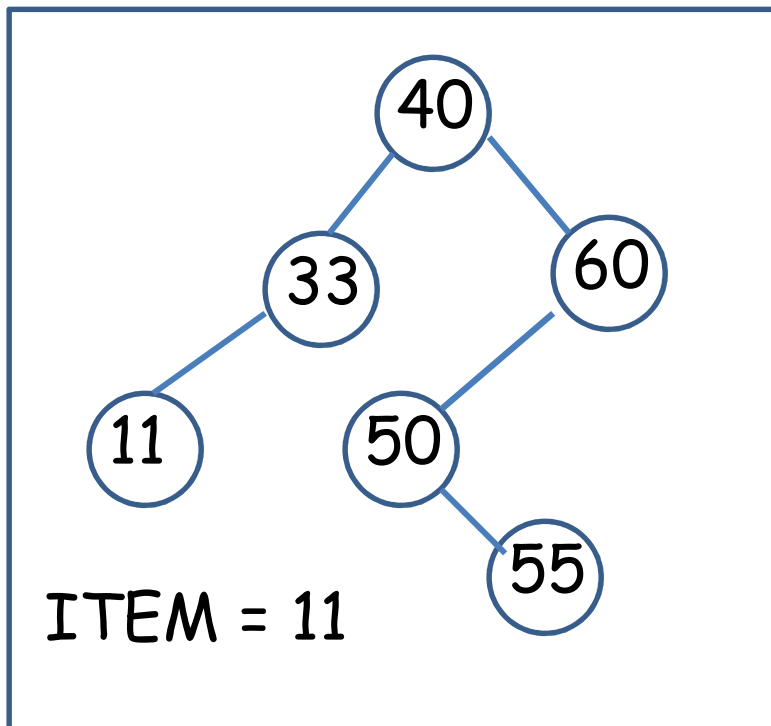
Deleting a node **N** from tree depends primarily on the number of children of node **N**

# Deletion

There are three cases in deletion

**Case 1.** N has no children.

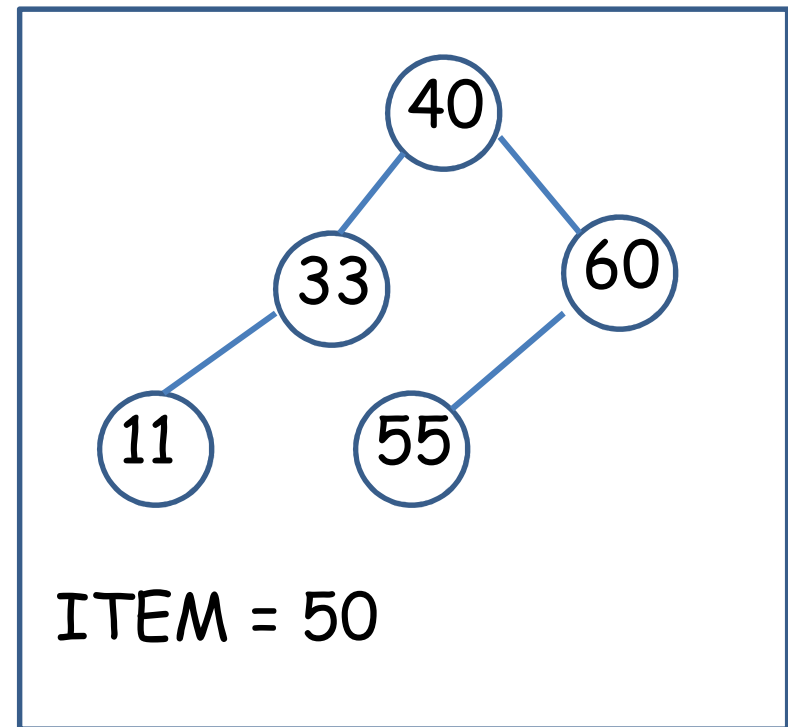
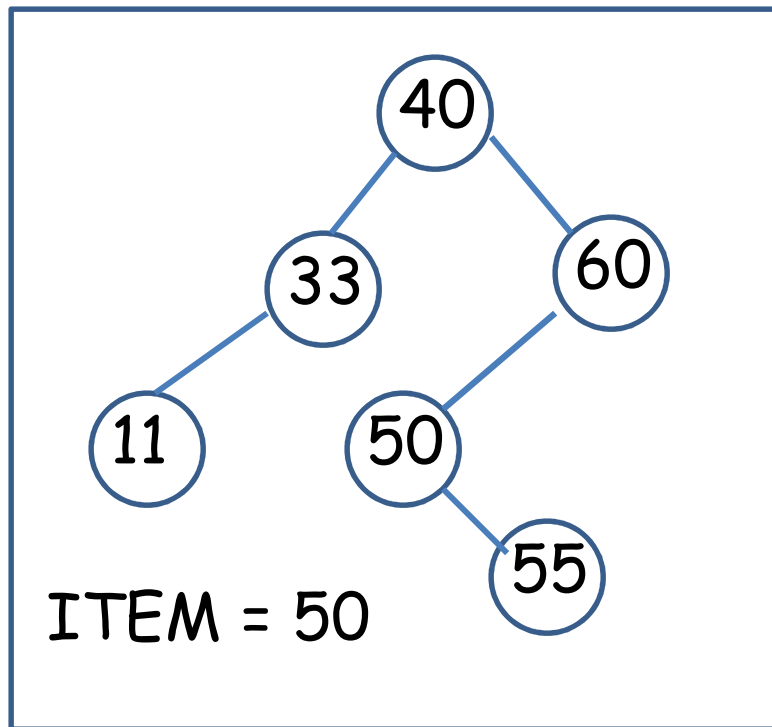
N is deleted from the T by replacing the location of N in the parent node of N by null pointer



# Deletion

**Case 2.** N has exactly one child.

N is deleted from the T by simply replacing the location of N in the parent node of N by the location of the only child of N

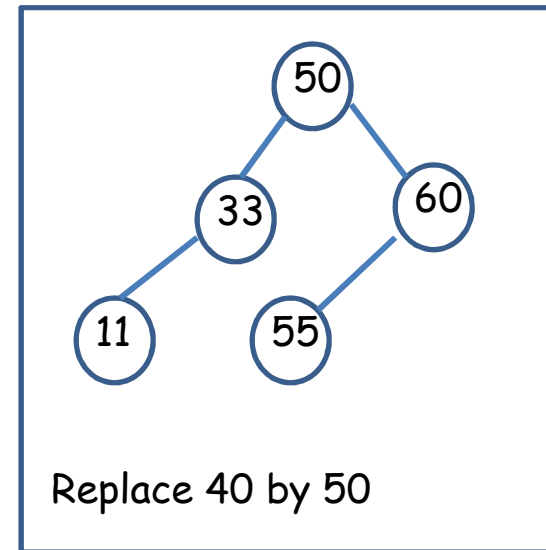
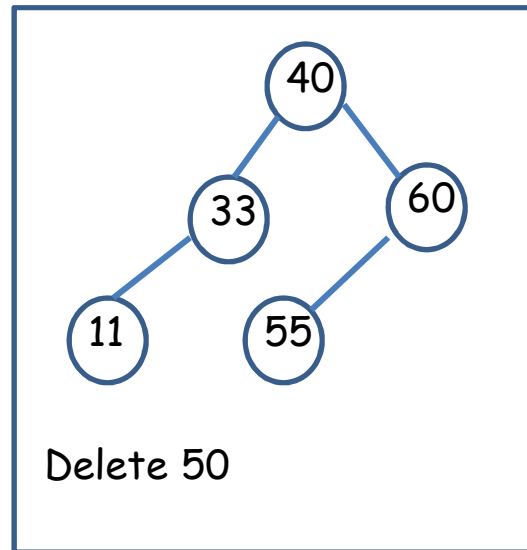
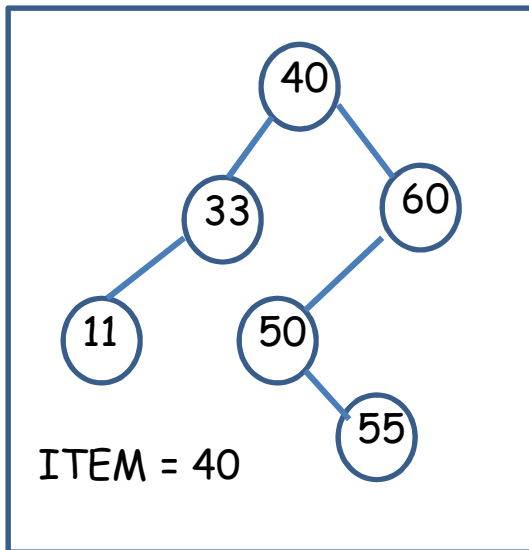


# Deletion

**Case 3.** N has two children.

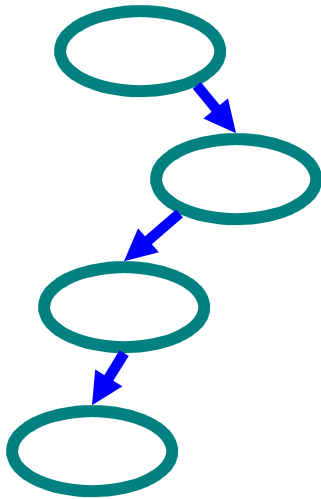
Let  $S(N)$  denote the in-order successor of N.

Then N is deleted from the T by  
deleting  $S(N)$  from T and then  
replacing node N in T by the node  $S(N)$

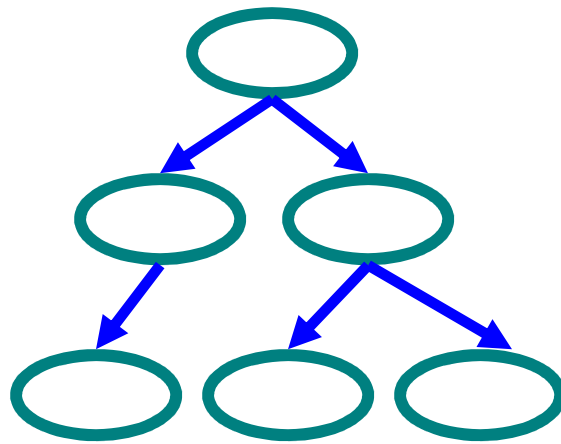


# Types of Binary Trees

- Degenerate – only one child
- Balanced – mostly two children



Degenerate  
binary tree

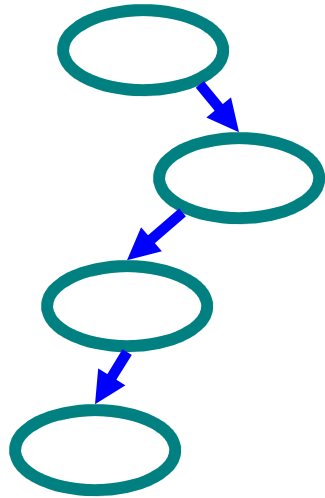


Balanced binary  
tree

# Binary Trees Properties

- Degenerate

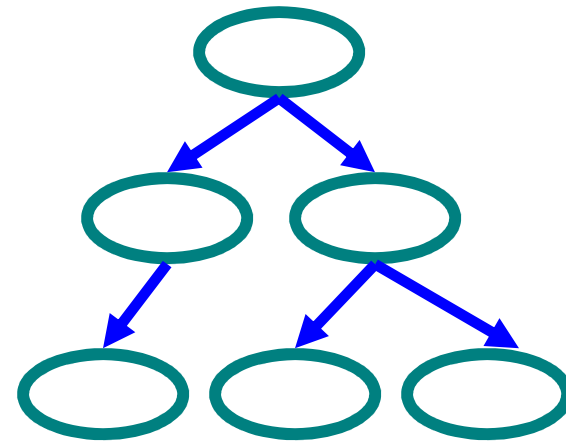
- Height =  $O(n)$  for  $n$  nodes
- Similar to linear list



Degenerate  
binary tree

- Balanced

- Height =  $O(\log(n))$  for  $n$  nodes
- Useful for searches



Balanced binary  
tree