
Algorithm 3 predecessor(T, k)

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1:  $x = T.root$ 
2:  $y = nil$ 
3:  $i = 1$ 
4:  $j = 1$ 
5: while true do
6:    $i = 1$ 
7:   while  $i \leq x.n$  and  $k > x.key_i$  do
8:      $i += 1$ 
9:   end while
10:  if  $i \neq 1$  then
11:     $y = x$ 
12:     $j = i$ 
13:  end if
14:  if  $i \leq x.n$  and  $k == x.key_i$  then
15:    break
16:  end if
17:   $x = x.c_i$ 
18: end while
19: if  $x.leaf$  then
20:   if  $i == 1$  then
21:     if  $j == 1$  then
22:       return NO PREDECESSOR
23:     else
24:       return  $y.key_{j-1}$ 
25:     end if
26:   else
27:     return  $x.key_{i-1}$ 
28:   end if
29: else
30:   return maximum( $x, c_n$ )
31: end if
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