

Binary Search Trees: Search Trees

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Learning Objectives

- Describe how a Binary Search Tree data structure is constructed.
- Determine whether a tree is properly sorted.

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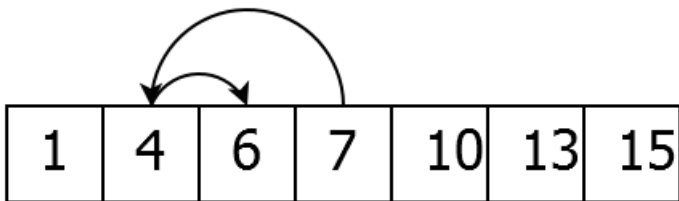
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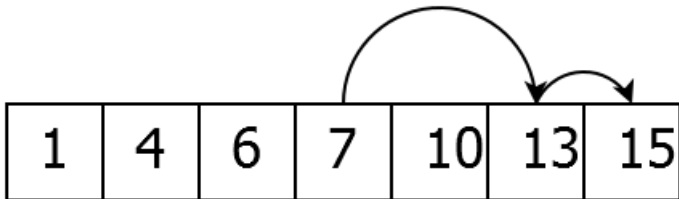
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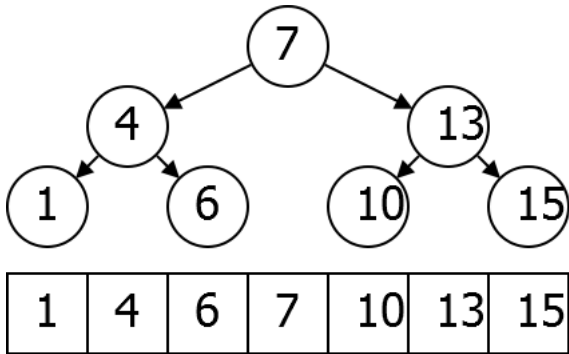
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Search Tree

Consider questions asked:



The search tree is much easier to insert into.

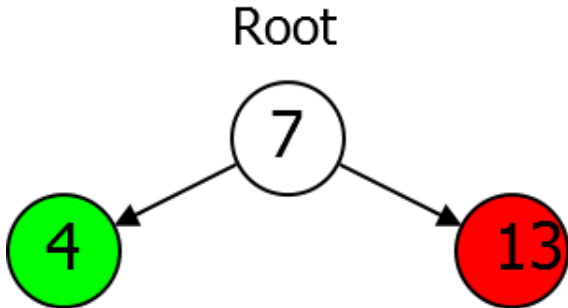
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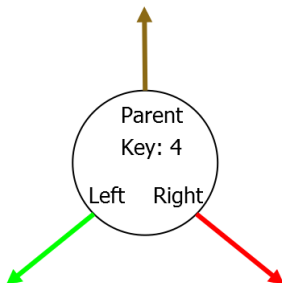
Parts of a Tree

- Root node.
- Left subtree smaller keys.
- Right subtree bigger keys.



Tree Node Data Type

- Key
- Parent
- Left Child
- Right Child

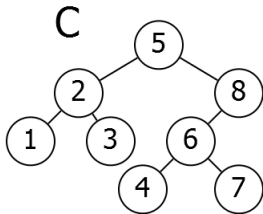
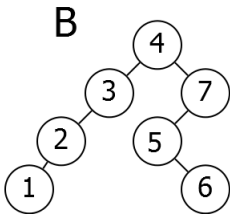
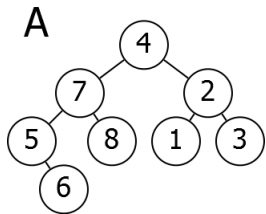


Search Tree Property

X 's key is larger than the key of any descendent of its left child, and smaller than the key of any descendant of its right child.

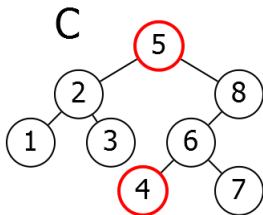
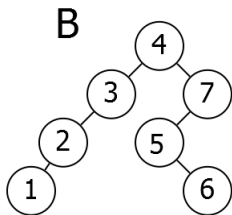
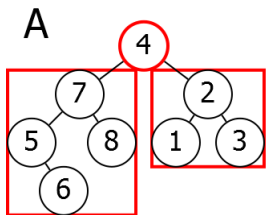
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Next Time

How to do basic operations on Binary Search Trees.