

Data Structures

BST Insertion

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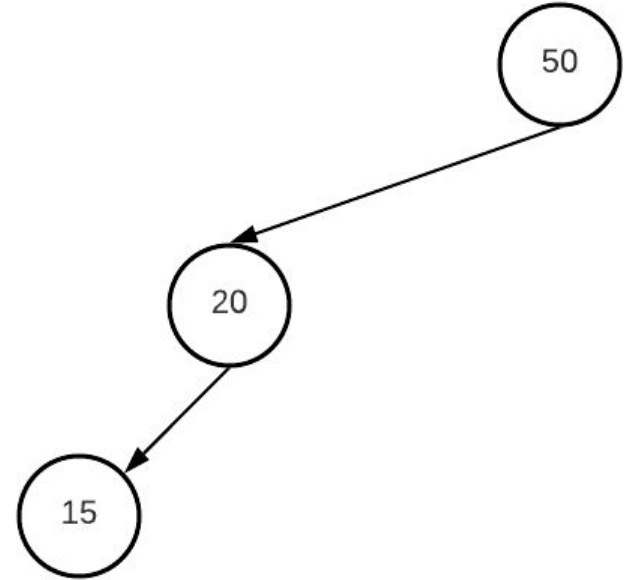
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Insertion

- Assume we have the following BST
- How can we insert values: 45, 35?
- We need to find the right parent and add the value
- Try to code: void **insert**(int target)



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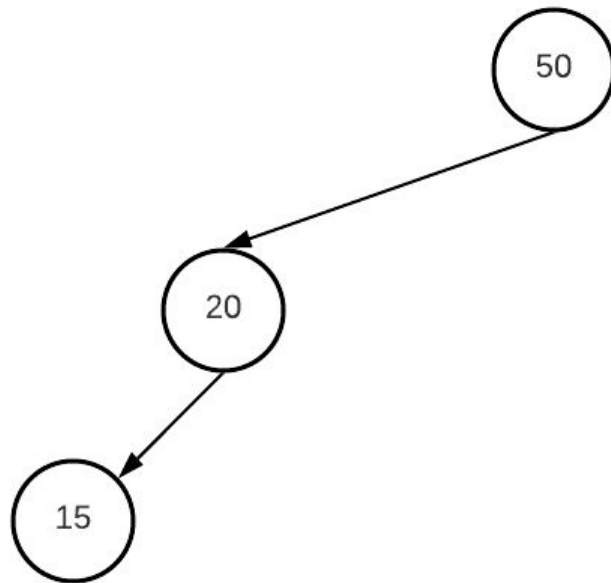
- Given value, we identify where to insert

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Insert 45

- At 50: go left
- At 20: go right
 - No right
 - Create right(45)

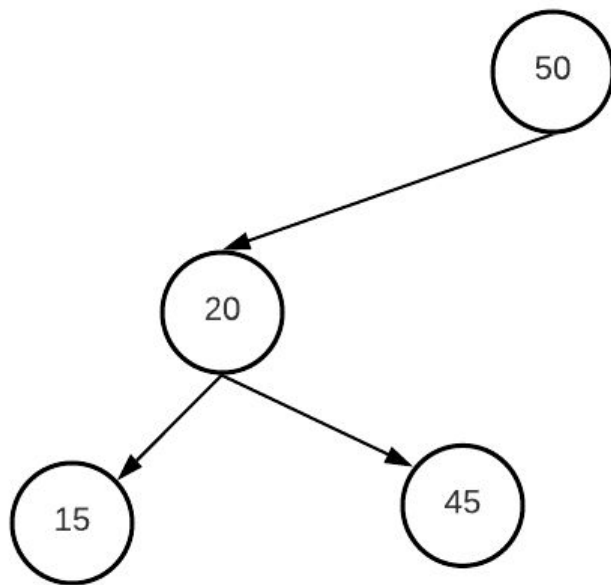
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Insert 35

- At 50: go left
- At 20: go right
- At 45: go left
 - No left
 - Create left(35)

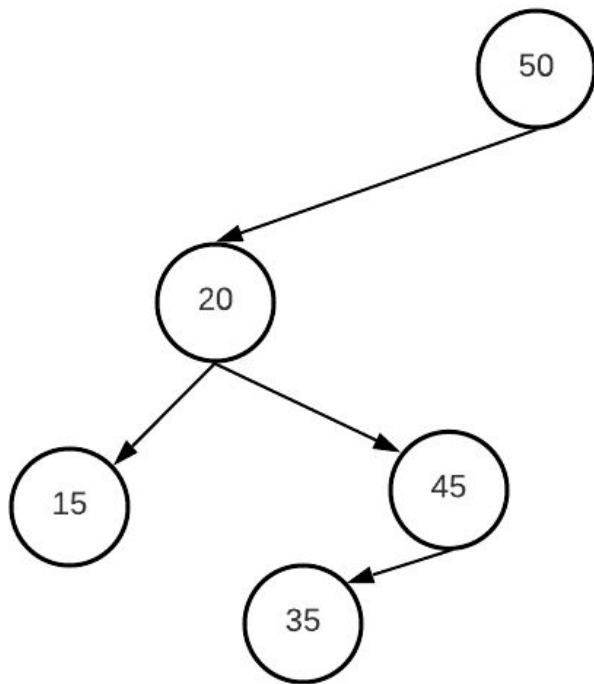
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Insert 70

- At 50: go right
- No right
 - Create right(70)

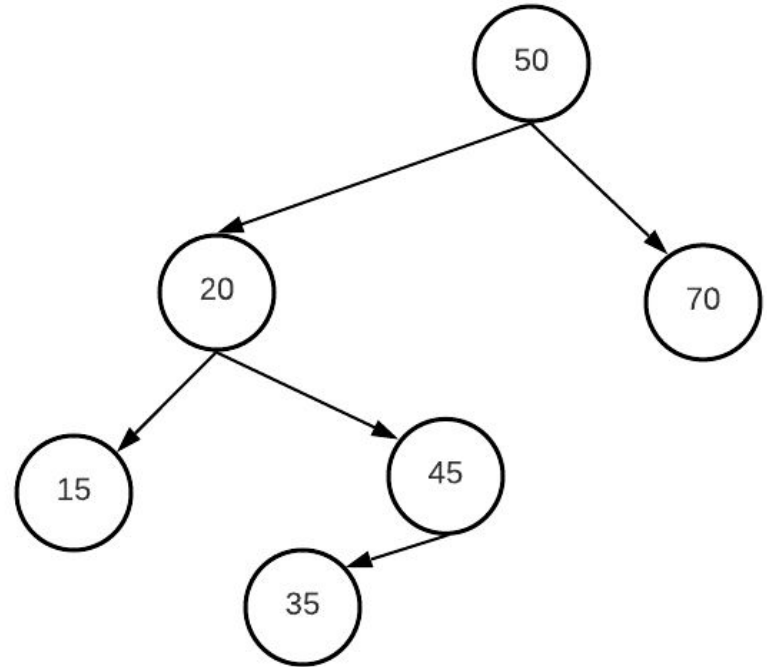
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Insert 60

- At 50: go right
- At 70: go left
 - No left
 - Create left(60)

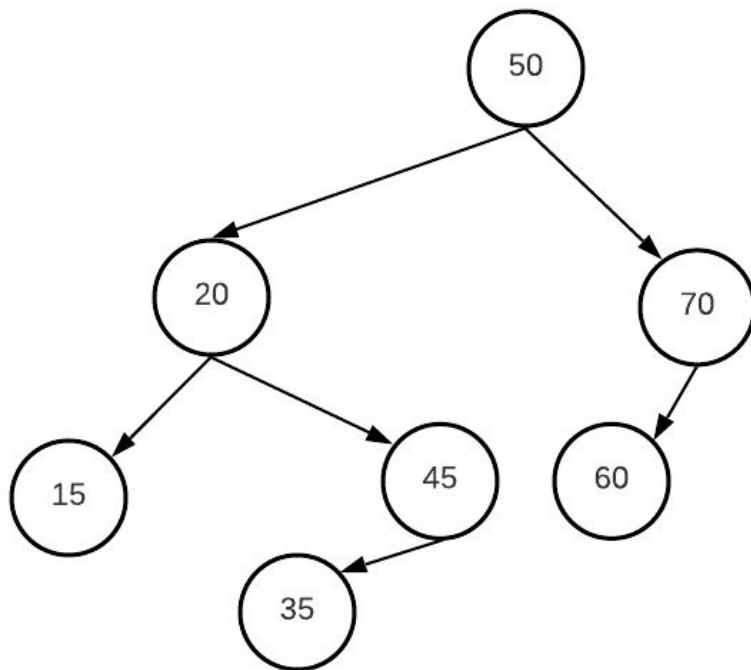
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Insert 73

- At 50: go right
- At 70: go right
 - No right
 - Create right(73)

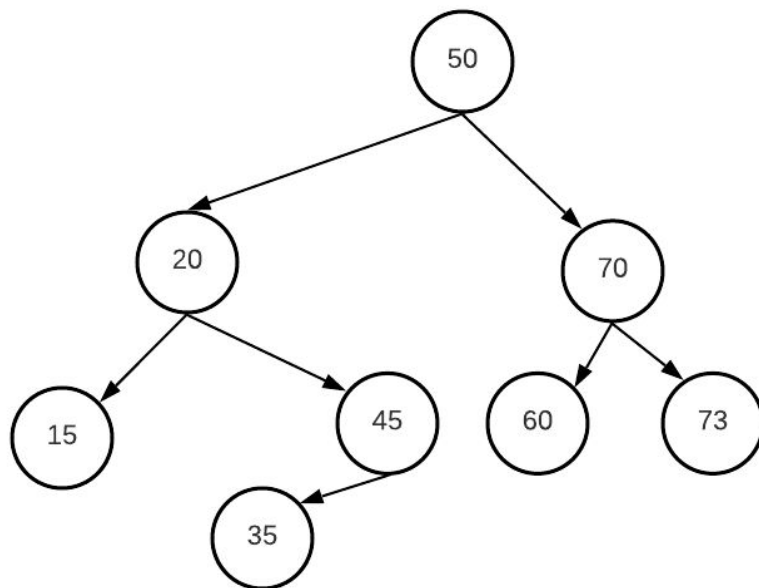
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Insertion complexity

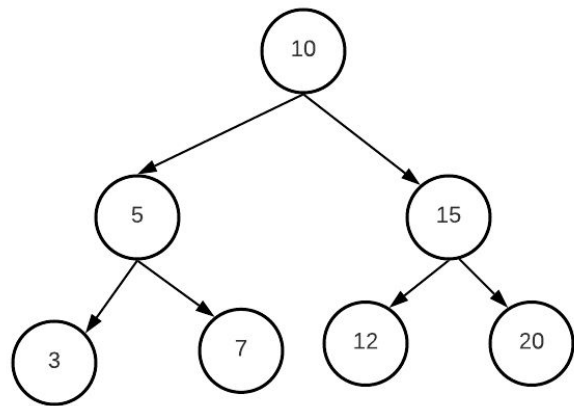
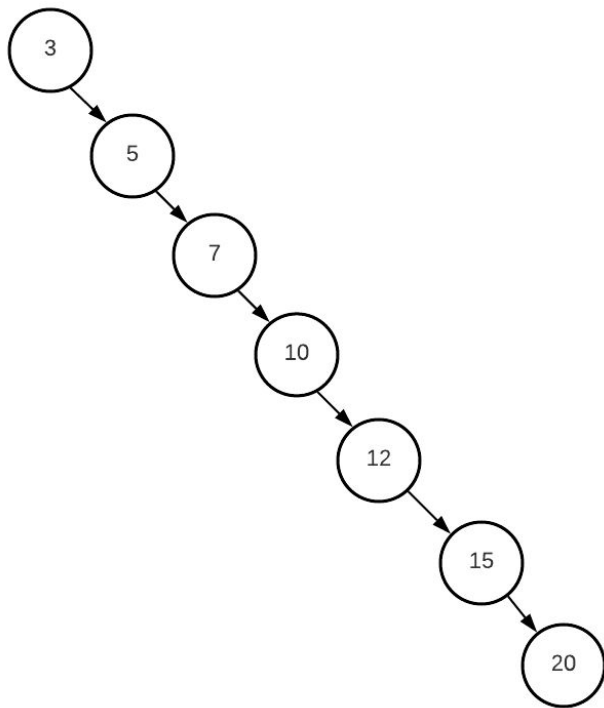
- $O(h)$ time and memory
 - Time as we go chain for an element
 - Memory: Auxiliary for stack

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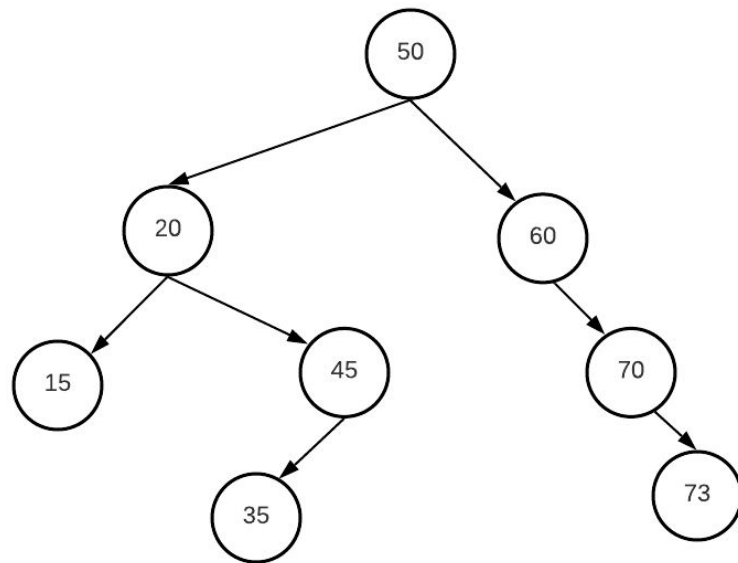
Order of insertion

- Tree shape depends on **insertion order**
- In **best case**, we can have balanced tree
- But in **worst cast** it could be degenerate!
- Shape affects insertion/search time
 - From $O(\log n)$ to $O(n)$



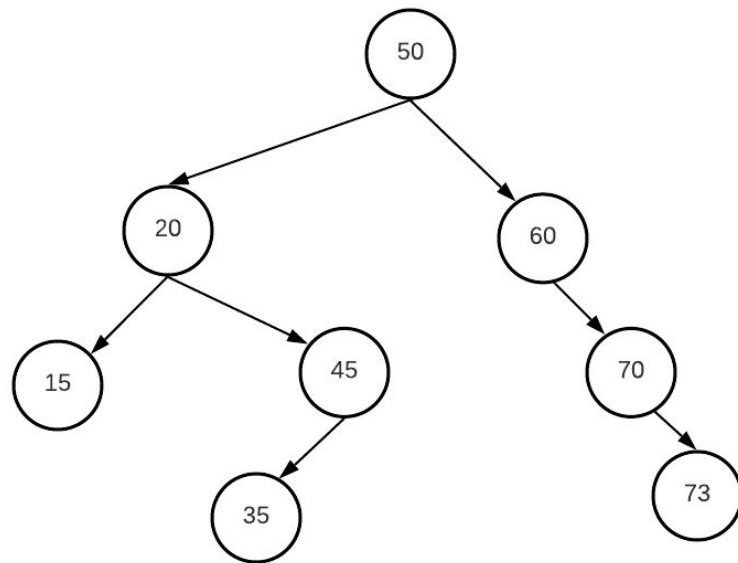
Minimum?

- Given a subtree root, what is the minimum value in it? Max value?



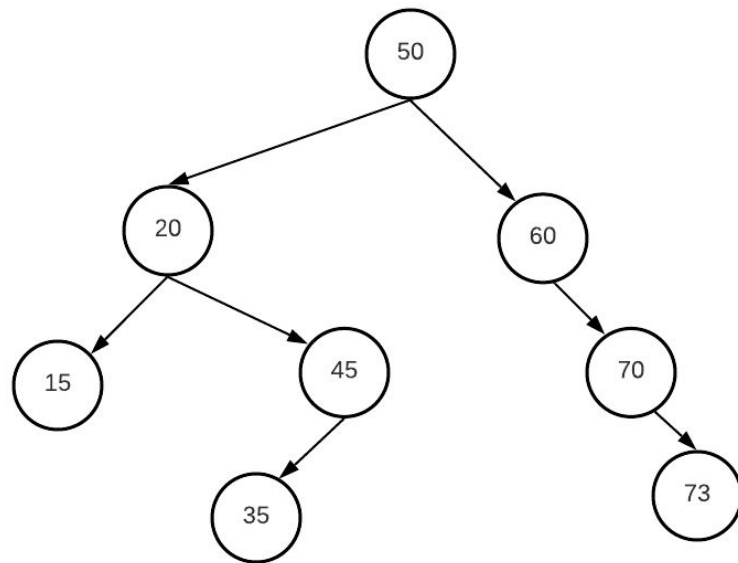
Inorder **Successor** in Binary Search Tree?

- Given node x , find node y that is the smallest $y > x$ [in $O(h)$]
- In other words: get inorder traversal
 - 15 20 35 45 50 60 70 73
 - It is the **next value** in the array
 - $70 \Rightarrow 73$
 - $20 \Rightarrow 35$
 - $45 \Rightarrow 50$
 - $35 \Rightarrow 45$
- Think for 15 min in 2 cases:
 - 1) x has right 2) x doesn't have right



Node deletion?

- Think for 20 minutes how can we delete a node given value?
 - The remaining tree must be BST
 - Utilize successor idea
- Consider 3 cases:
 - 73 [no children]
 - 60 [1 child]
 - 20 [2 children]



“Acquire knowledge and impart it to the people.”

“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”