

# Data Structures in Java

Lecture 10: Proofs by Structural Induction  
Binary Search Trees

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# Structural Induction over Trees

# Proofs by Induction

- We are proving a theorem **T**. (“this property holds for all cases.”).
- Step 1: Base case. We know that **T** holds (trivially) for some small value.
- Step 2: Inductive step:
  - Inductive Hypothesis: Assume **T** holds for all cases up to some limit  $k$ .
  - Show that **T** also holds for  $k+1$ .
- This proves that **T** holds for any  $k$ .

# Strong Induction Example

- Statement: Any integer  $n \geq 2$  has a factorization into prime numbers.
- Base case: Clearly true for  $n = 2$  because **2** is itself prime.
- Inductive step:
  - Hypothesis: Assume the statement holds **for all integers**,  $2 \leq n \leq k$
  - Need to show that it also holds for  $k+1$ .

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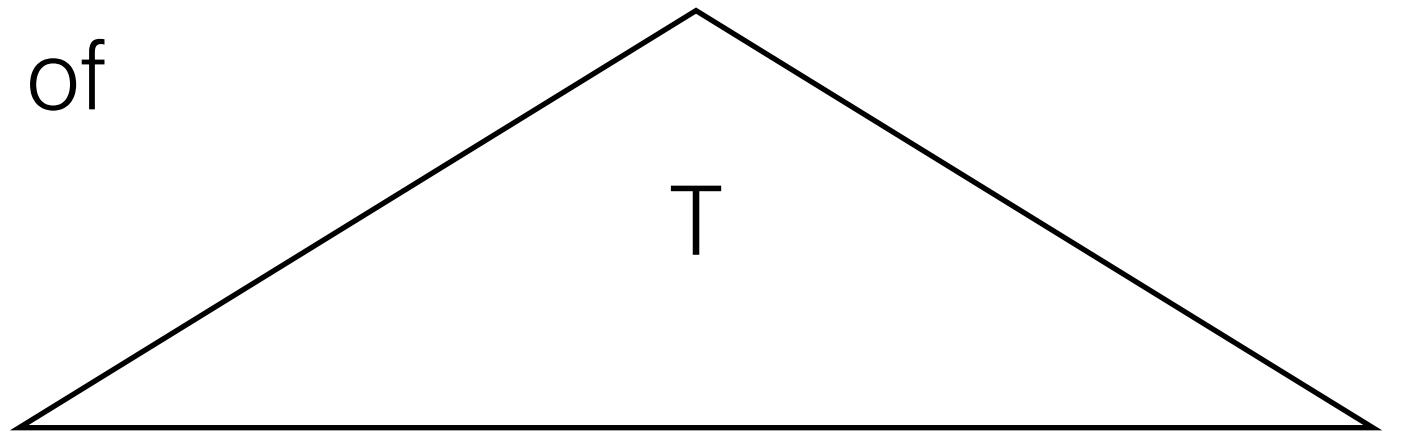
- Inductive step continued (show that  $k+1$  can be factorized).
- There are 2 cases.
  - Case 1:  $k+1$  is a prime number.  
Then  $k+1$  can be factored into itself.
  - Case 2:  $k+1$  is not a prime number, so  $k+1 = p \cdot q$  where  $p \leq k$  and  $q \leq k$ .  
By the inductive hypothesis  $p$  and  $q$  have factorizations, so  $k+1$  must have a factorization.

# Proof by Structural Induction

- We often want to prove properties over tree structures.
- Can use induction:
  - Assume that the property holds for some smaller structure and show that it also needs to hold for larger structures.
  - Structural induction over trees comes in two forms: induction over the height, and induction over the number of nodes.

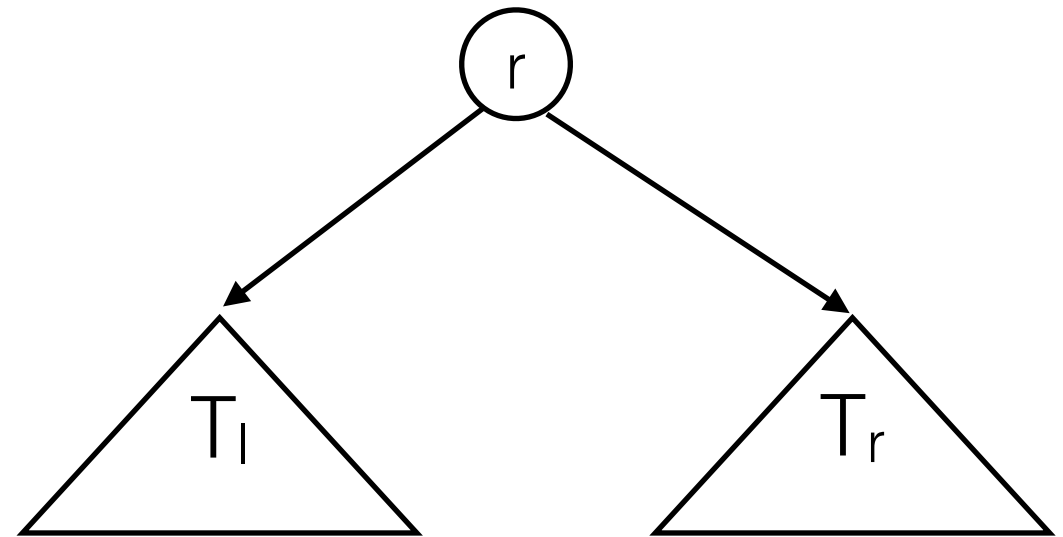
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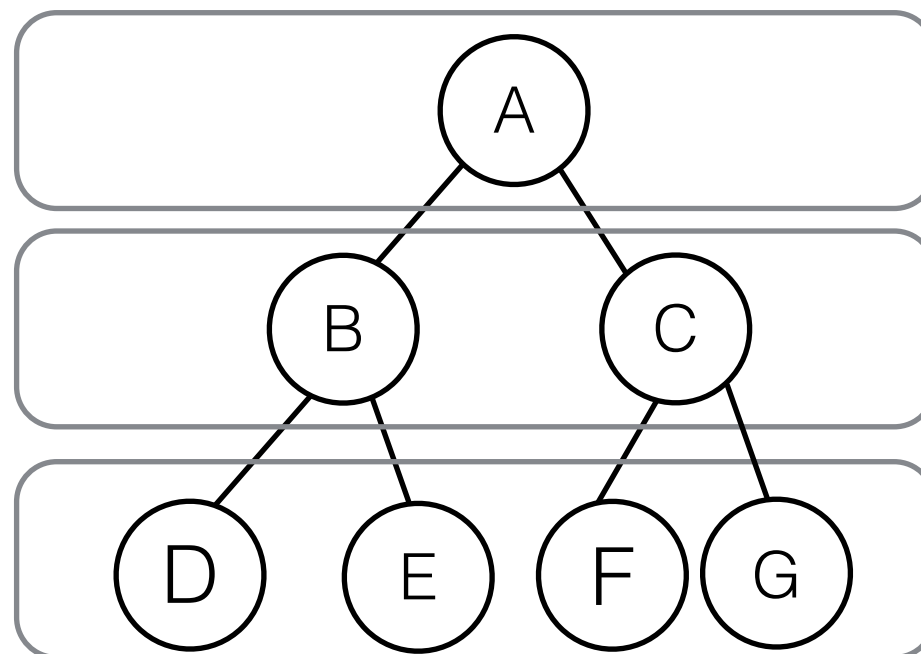


# Structural Induction for Binary Trees - Induction over the height

- We want to show that a property holds for all binary trees.
- Base case: the property holds for a single node.
- Inductive step:
  - Assume the property holds for each possible subtree.
  - Show that it holds for all trees by combining the subtrees with a parent.

# Perfect Binary Tree

- A perfect binary tree is one in which all levels are completely filled (including the leaf level).
- Note that there are binary trees that are both full and complete, but not perfect.



# Example Proof

## (Induction over height)

- Want to show:  
A *perfect* binary tree of height  $h$  has  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes.
- Base case:  
A tree of height 0 has  $2^{0+1} - 1 = 1$  nodes.
- Inductive step:
  - Hypothesis: Assume any perfect binary tree of height  $k$  has  $2^{k+1} - 1$  nodes .
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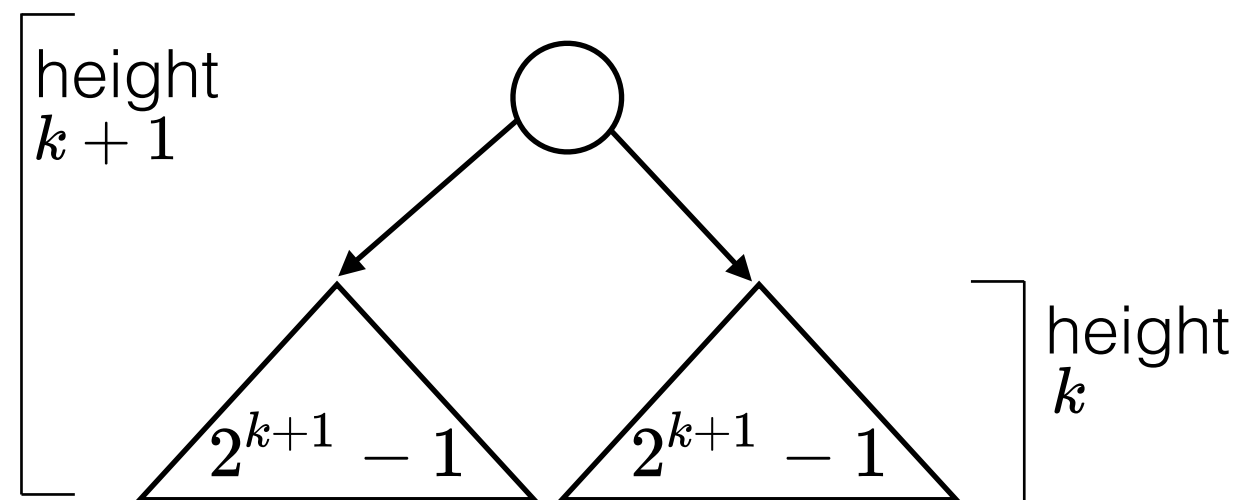
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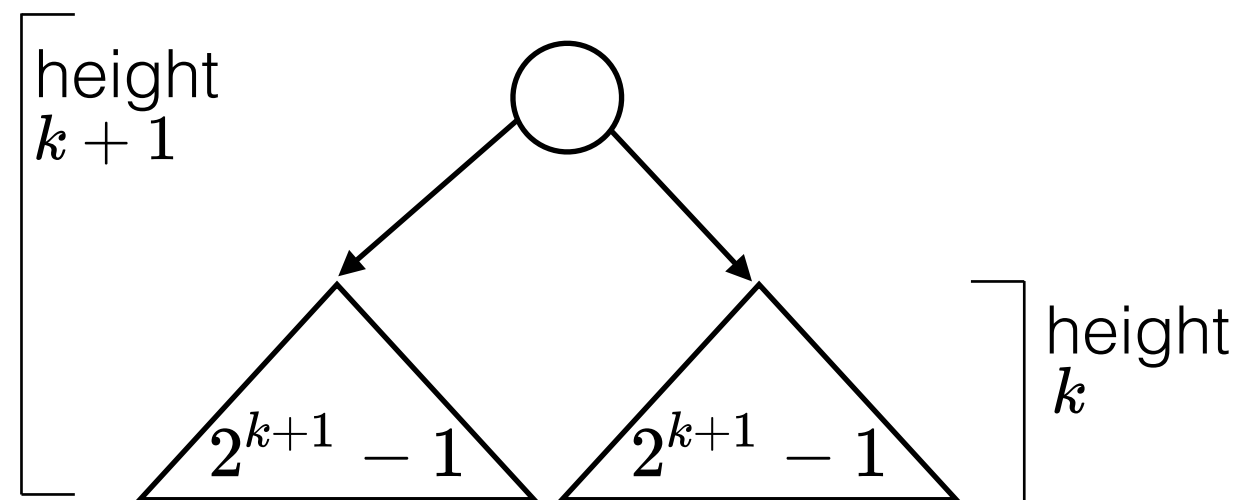
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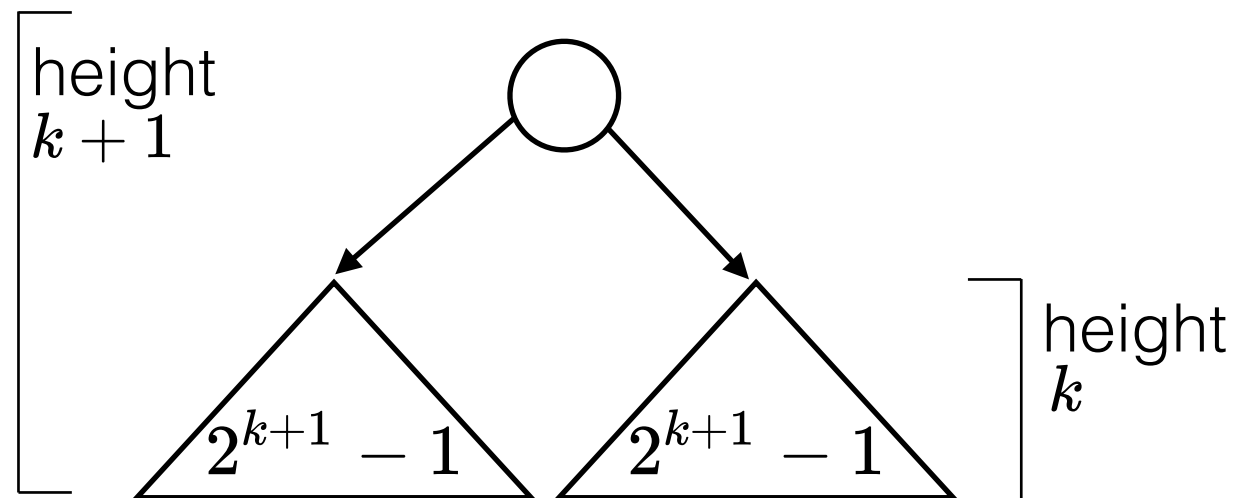


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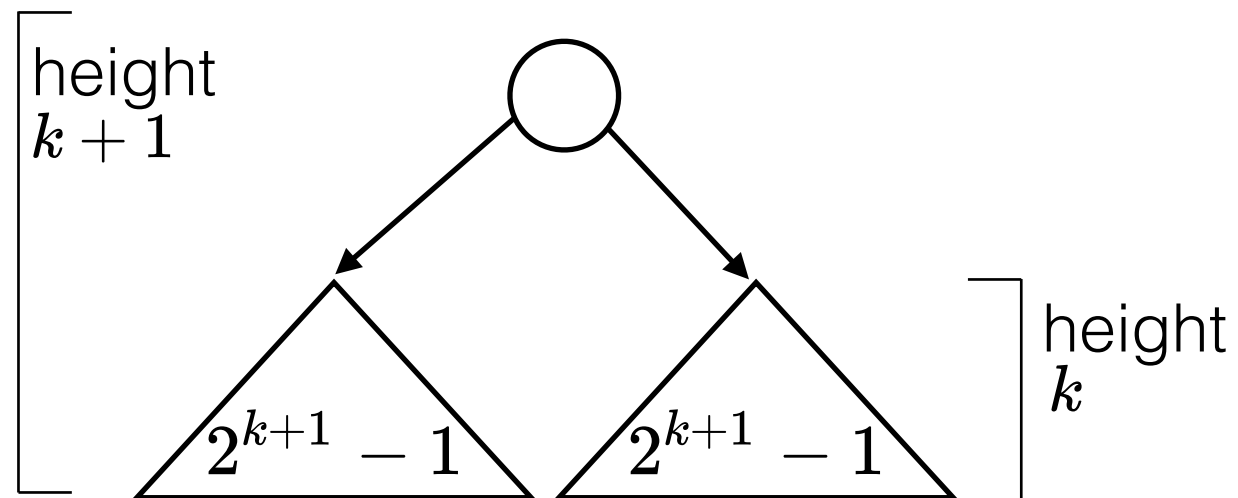
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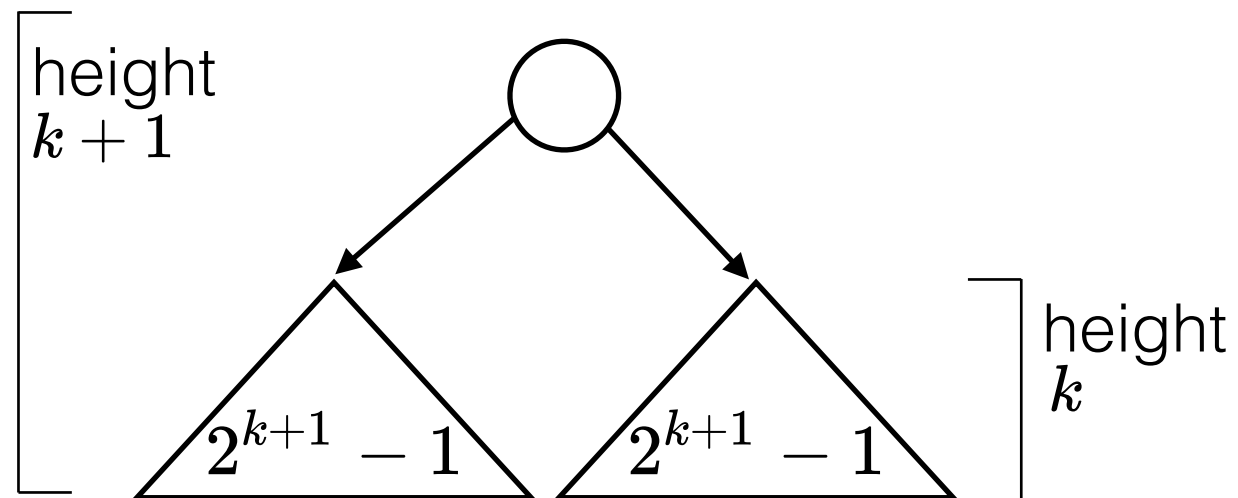
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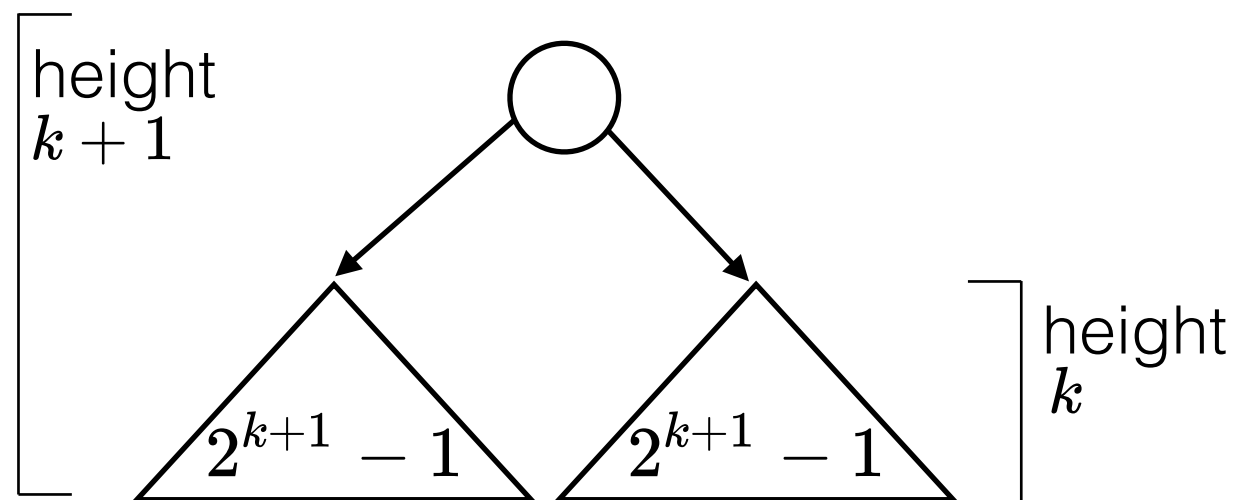
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# Minimum Height of a Binary Tree

- A binary tree of height  $h$  has *at most*  $n = 2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes.  
(perfect tree is an upper bound)
- Therefore, a binary tree of  $n$  nodes has at least height  $\log(n + 1) - 1$ .

$$n + 1 = 2^{h+1}$$

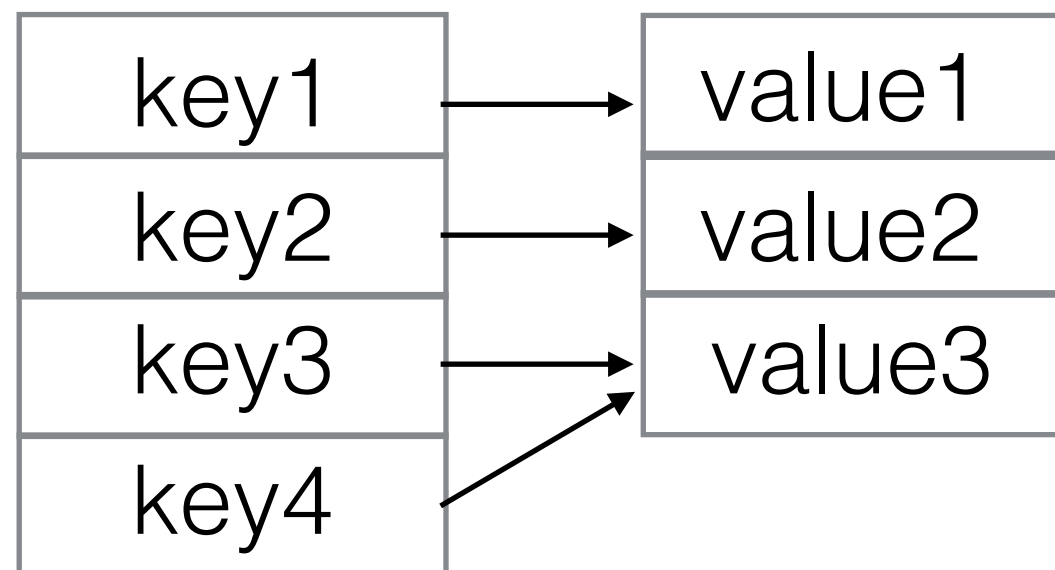
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# Binary Search Trees

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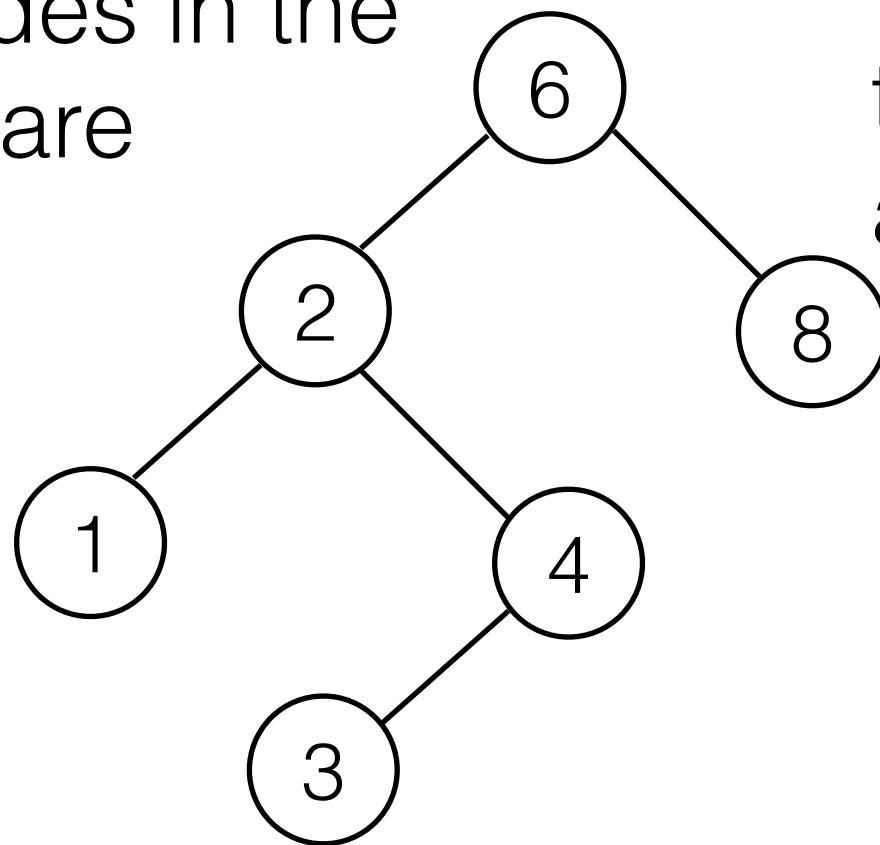
- A *map* is collection of *(key, value)* pairs.
- Keys are unique, values need not be.
- Two operations:
  - `get(key)` returns the value associated with this key
  - `put(key, value)` (overwrites existing keys)



How do we implement map operations efficiently?

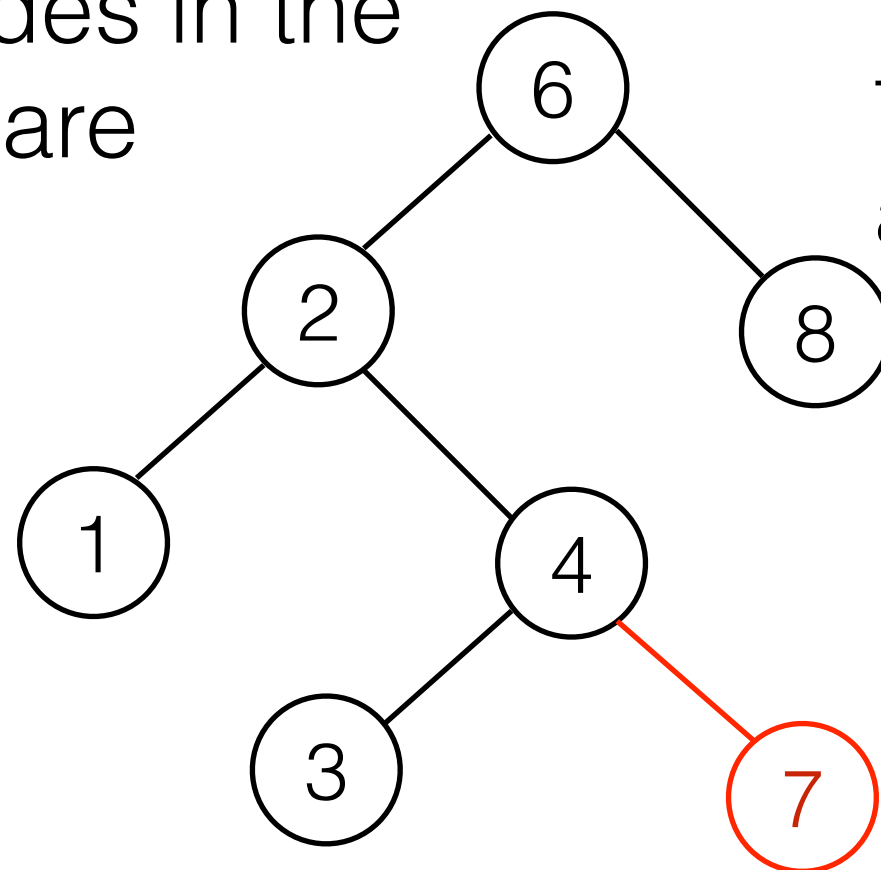
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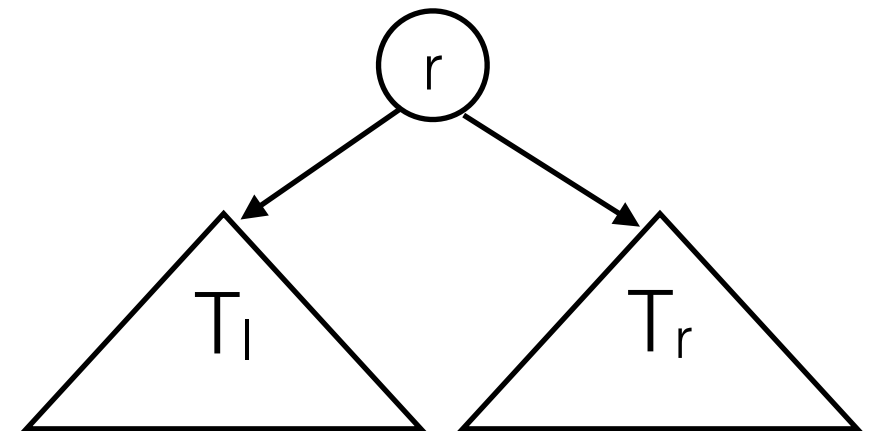
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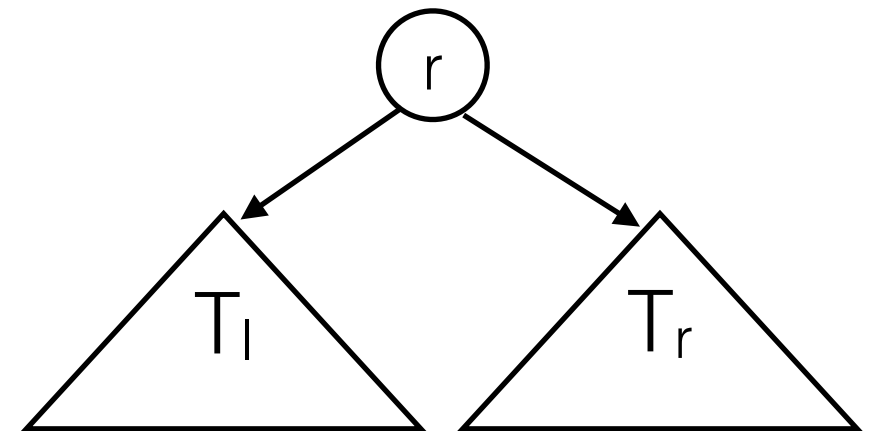
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  - For all nodes  $s$  in  $T_l$ ,  $s_{\text{item}} < r_{\text{item}}$ .
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- No key appears more than once in the BST.

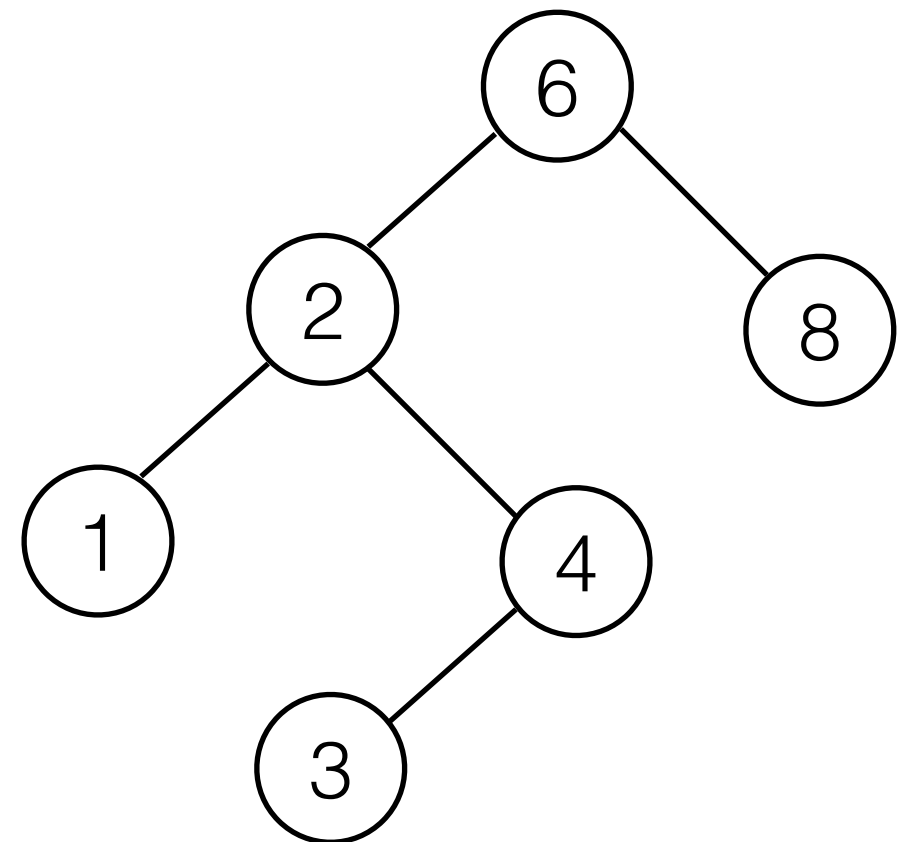


# BST operations

- `insert(x)` - add key `x` to `T`.
- `contains(x)` - check if key `x` is in `T`.
- `findMin()` - find smallest key in `T`.
- `findMax()` - find largest key in `T`.
- `remove(x)` - remove a key from `T`.

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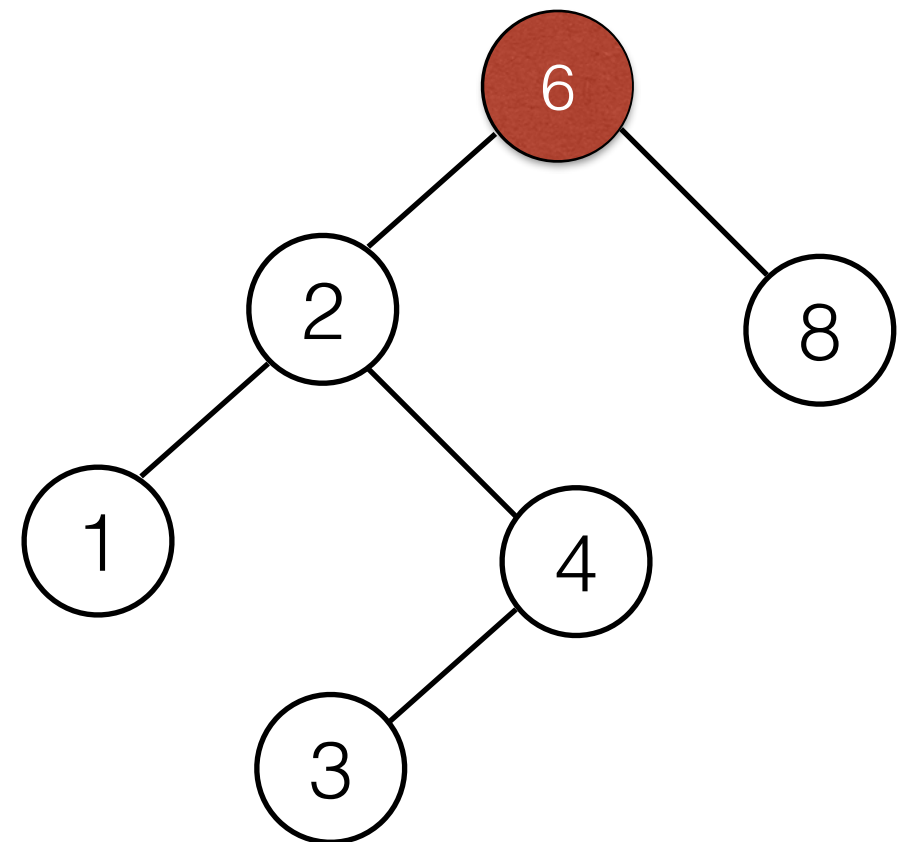
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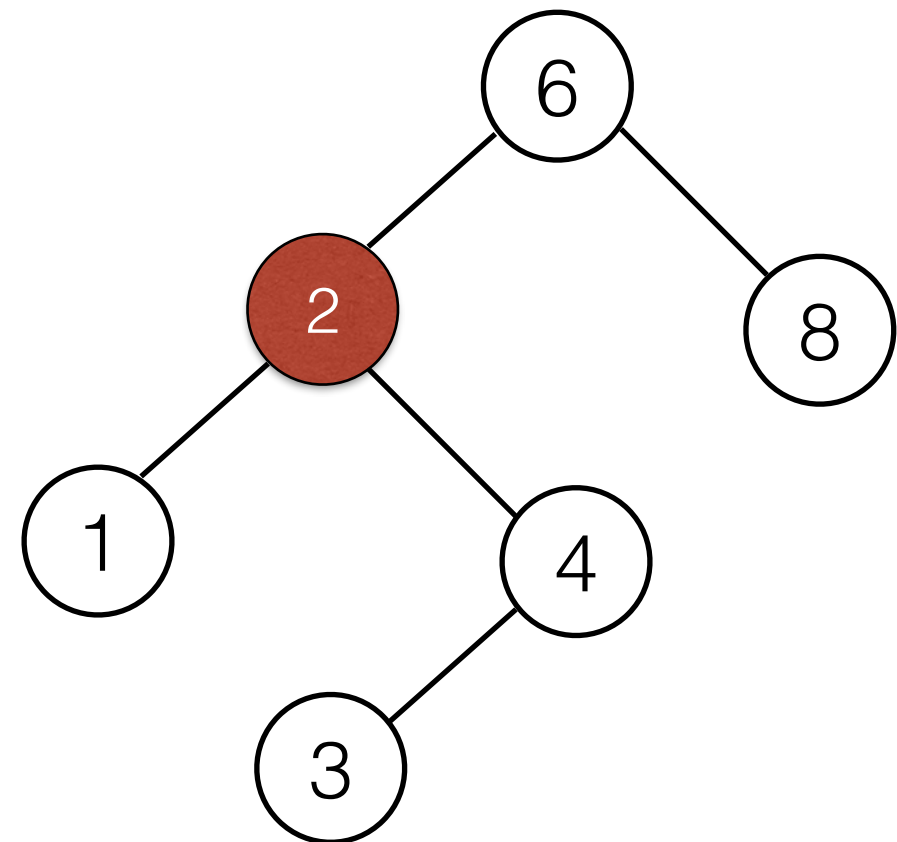
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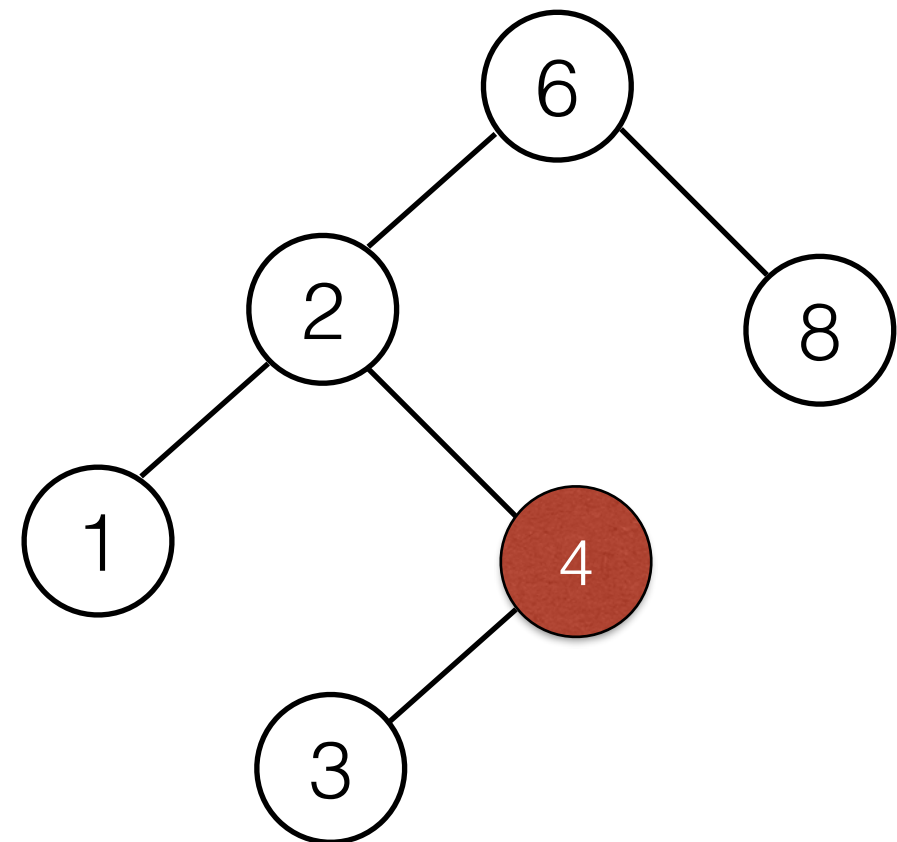
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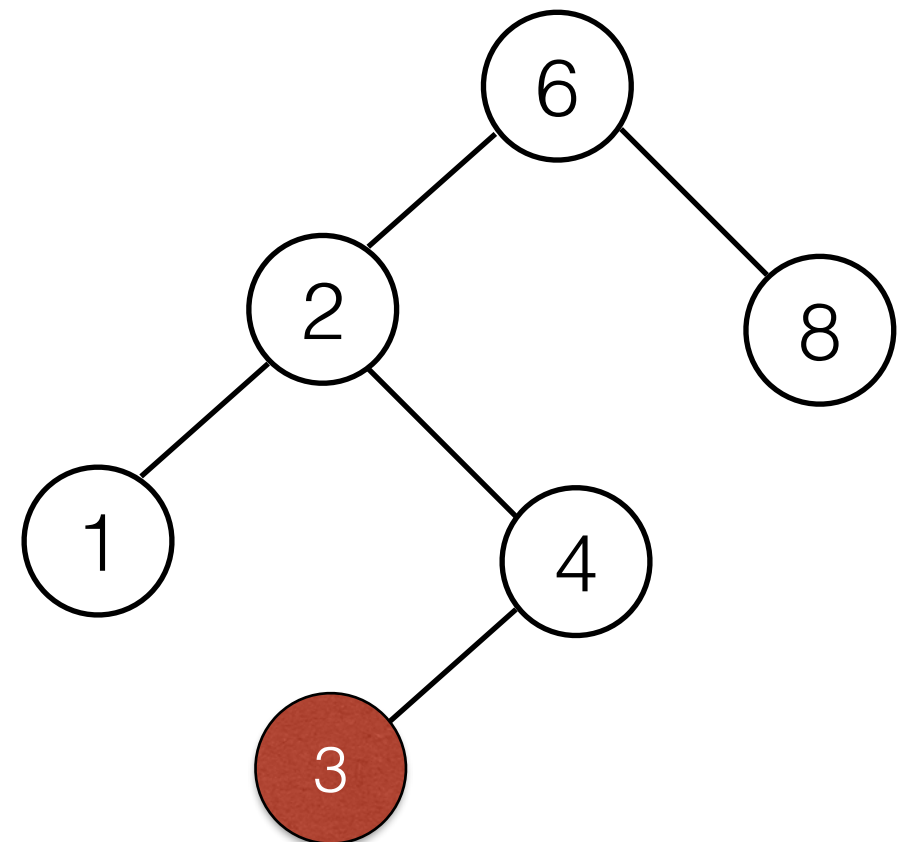
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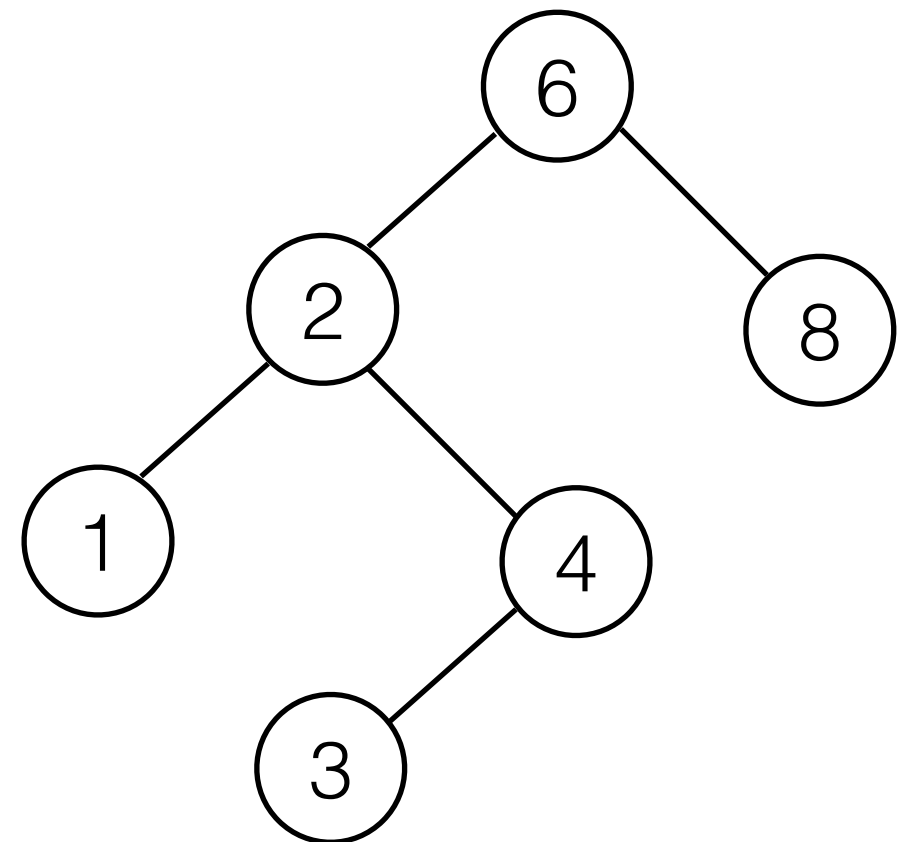
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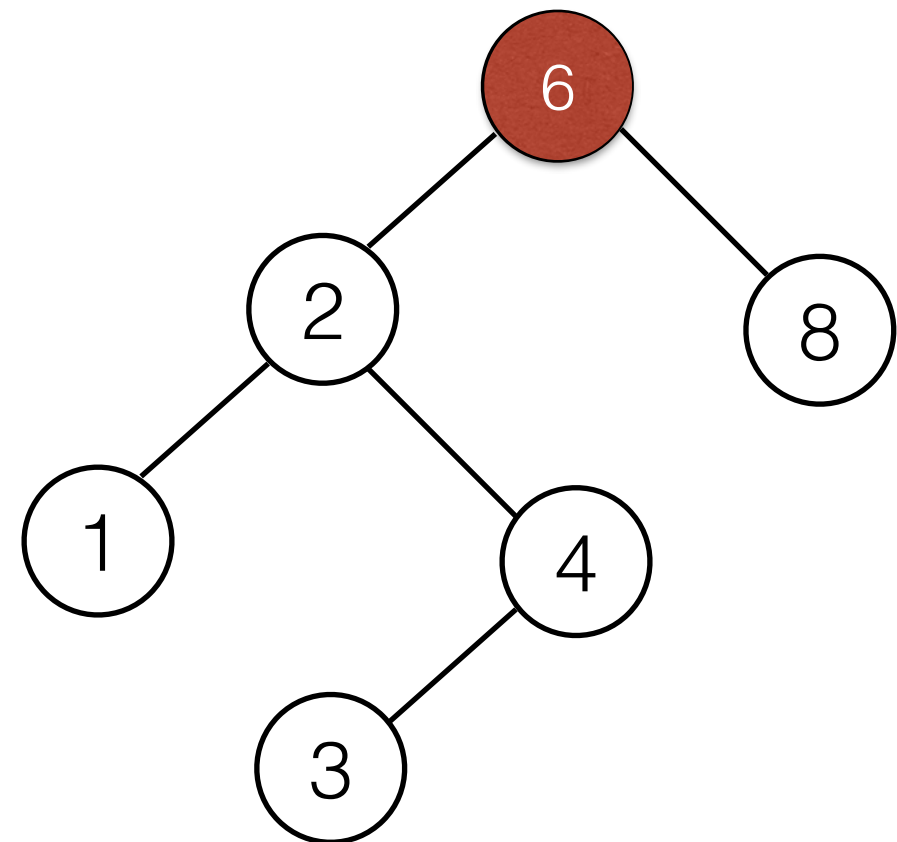


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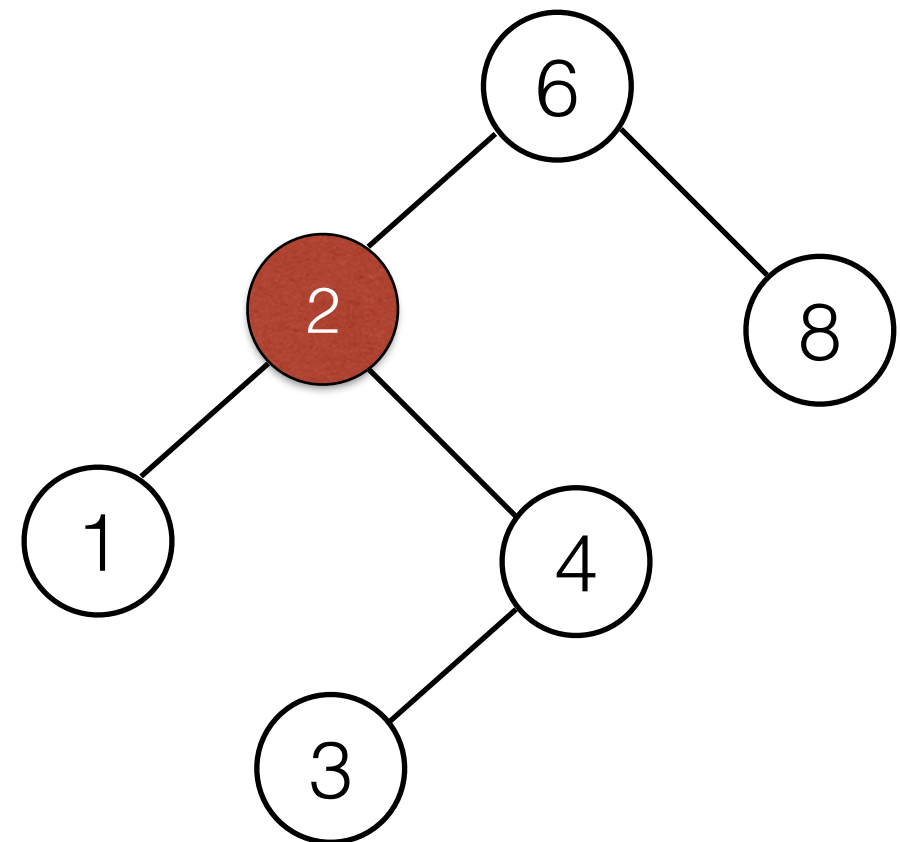


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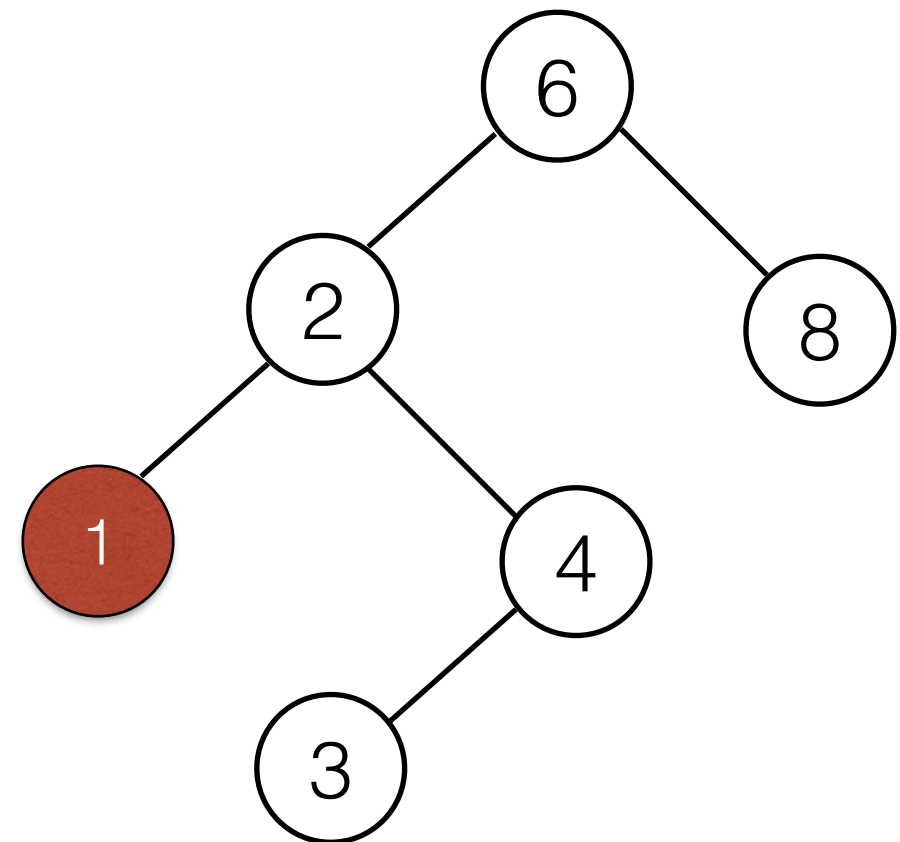


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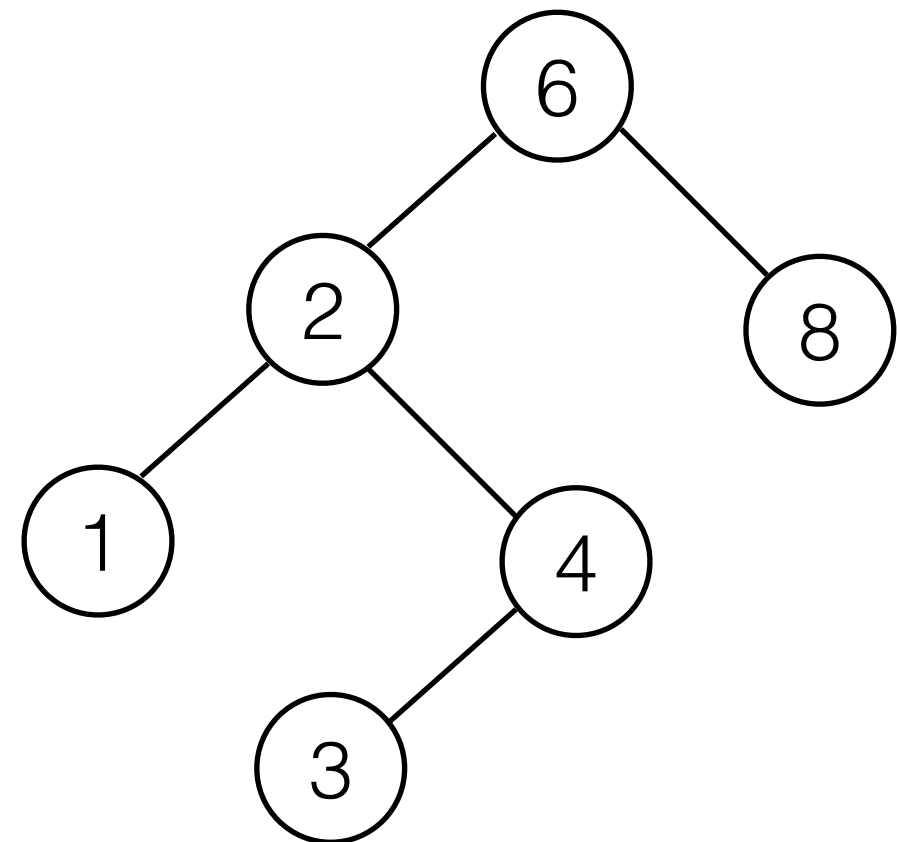
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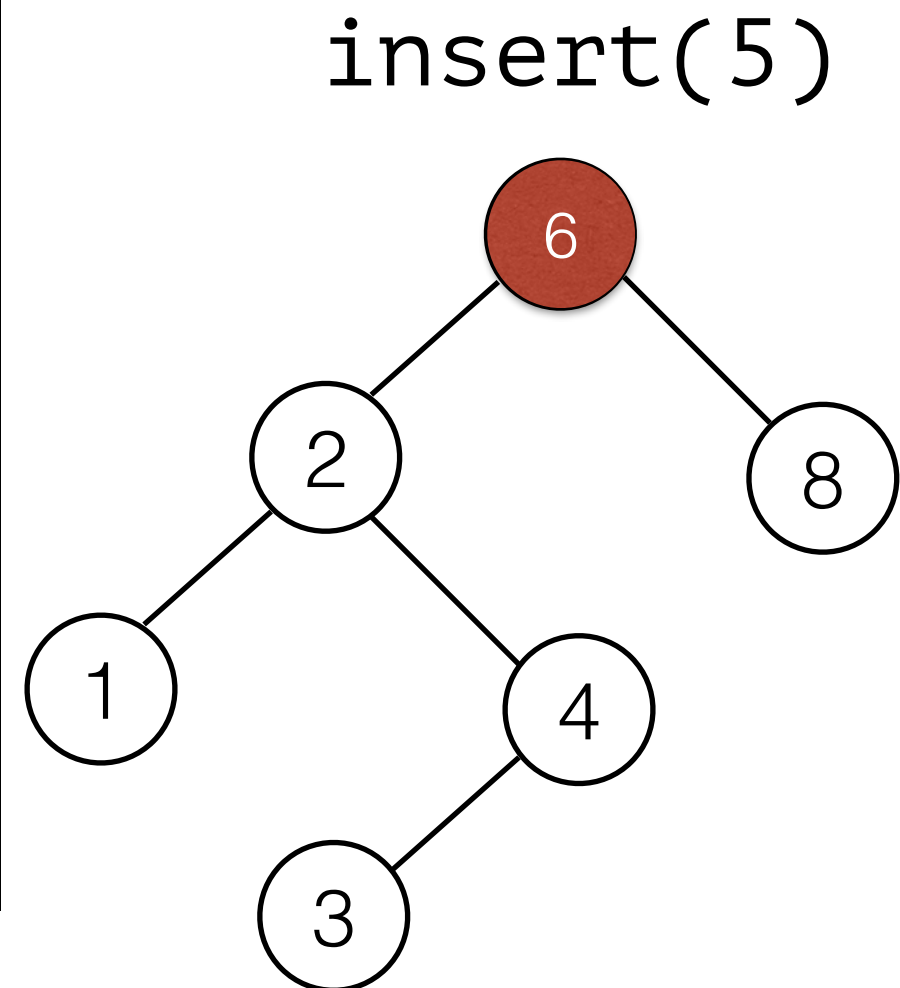
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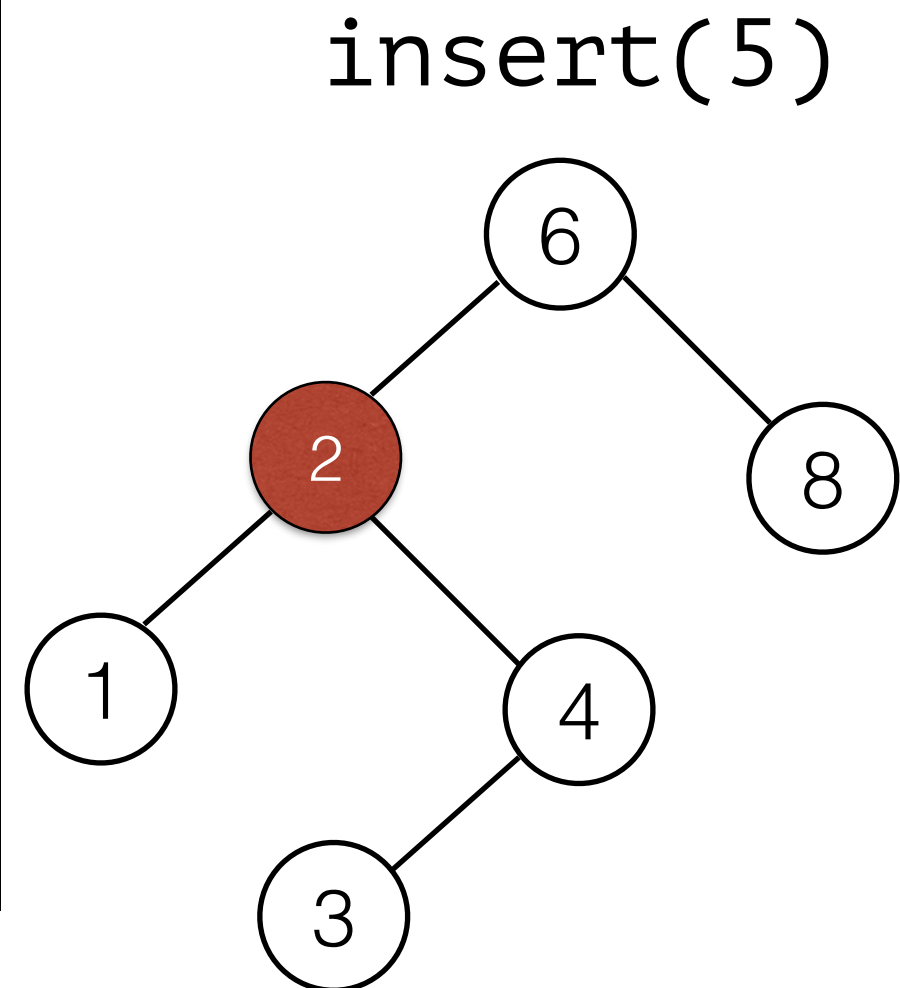


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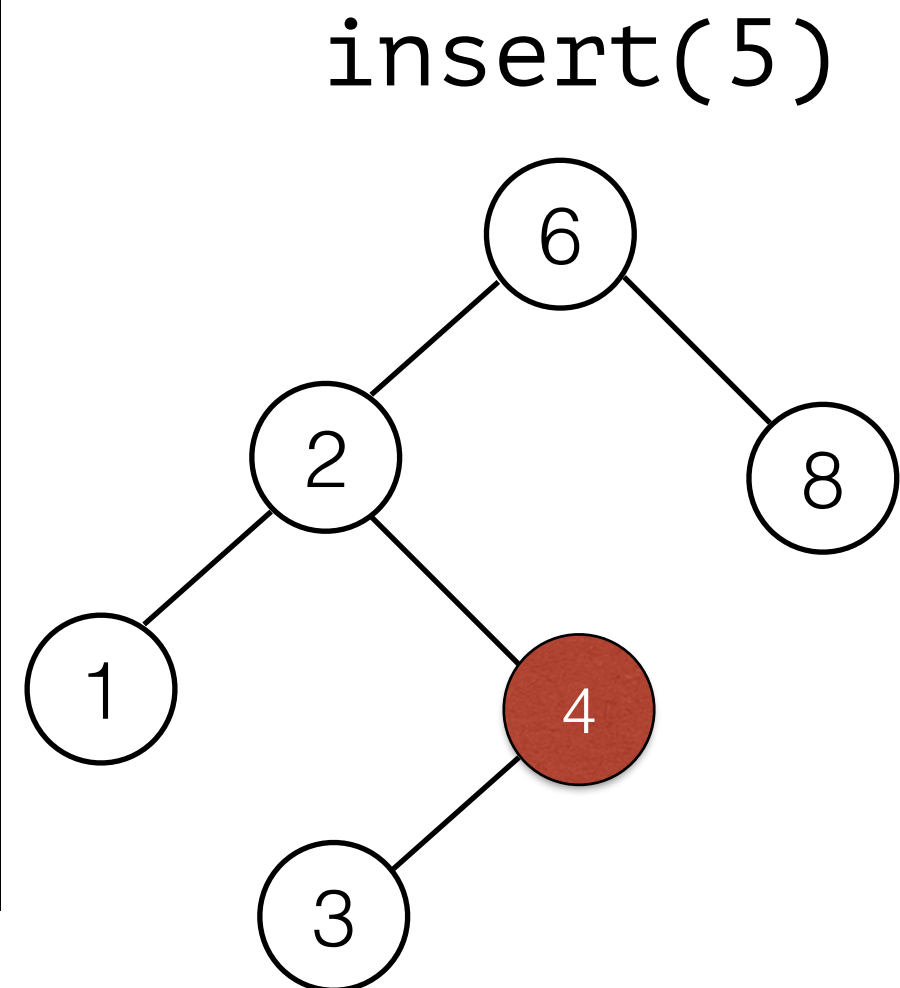


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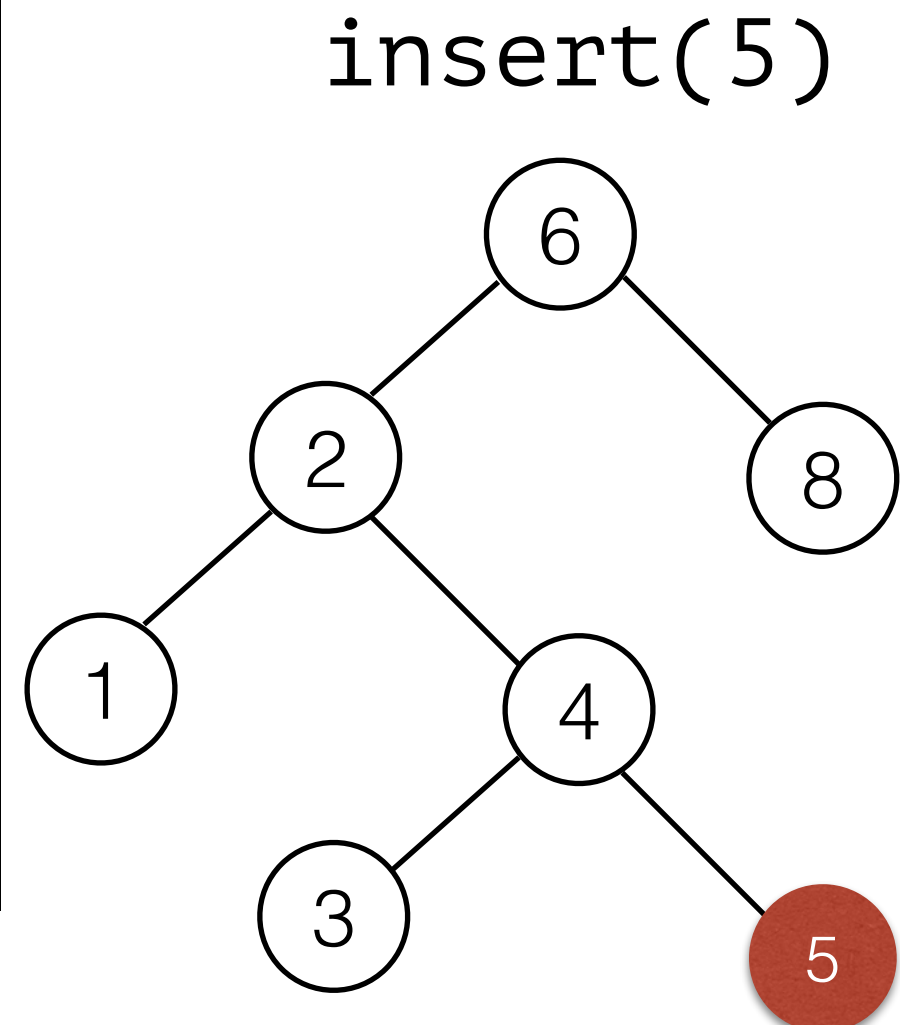


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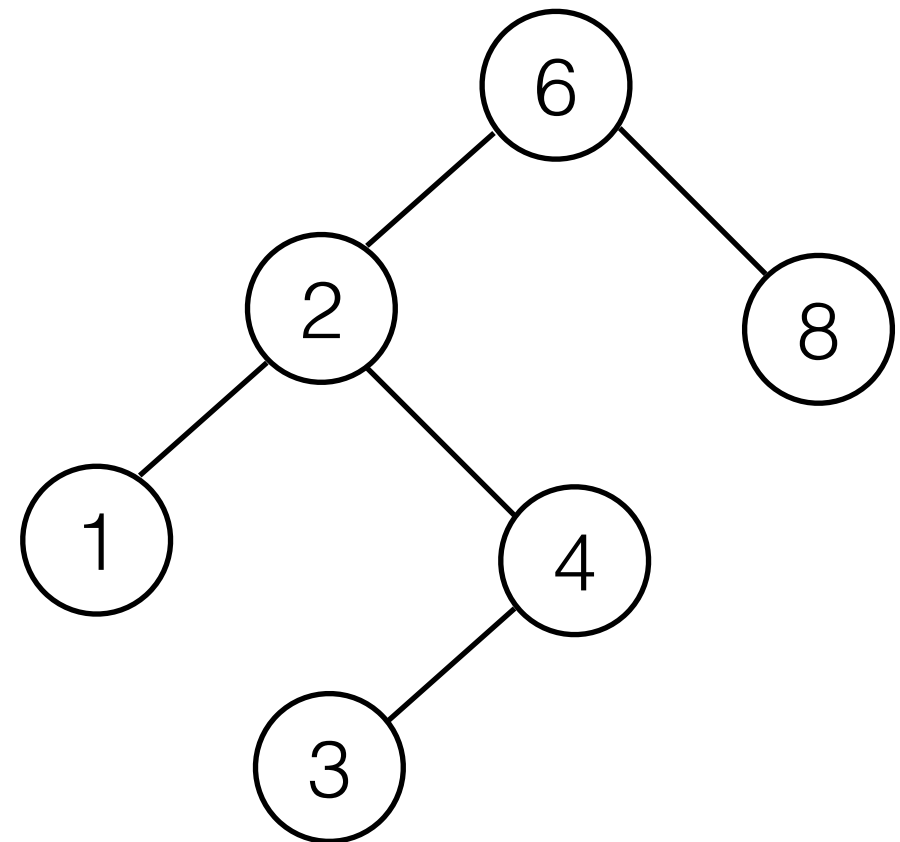
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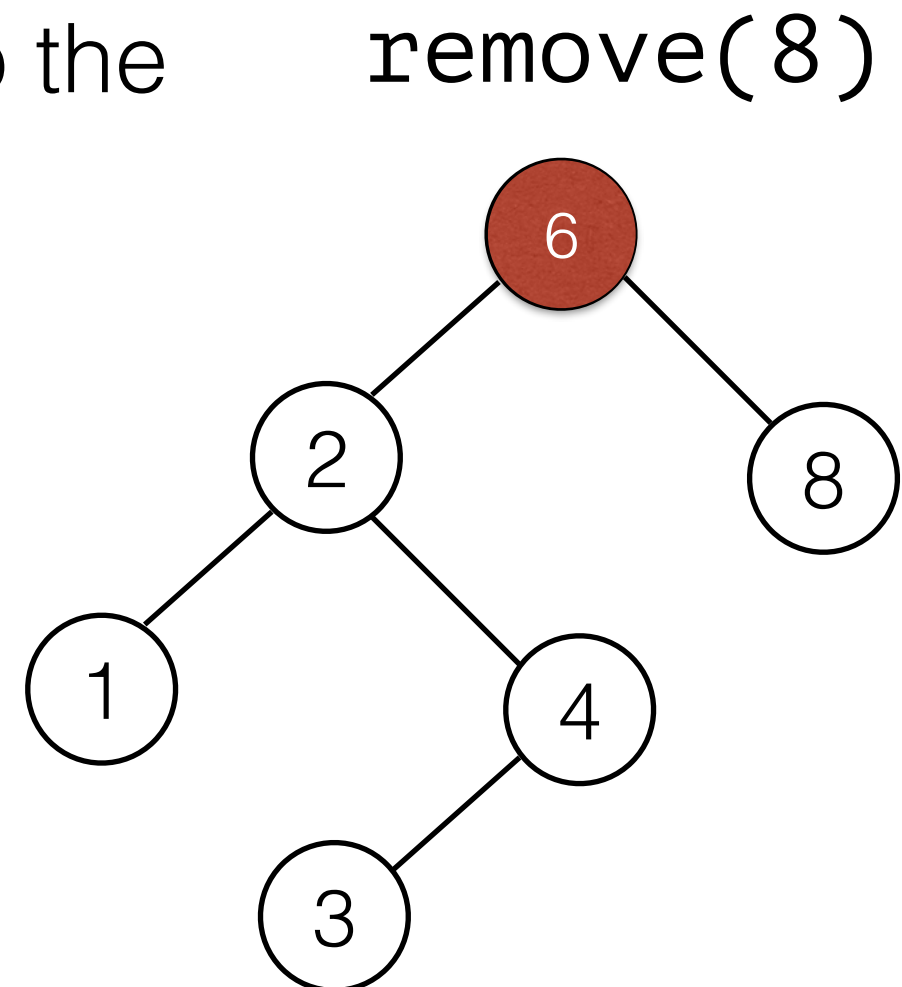
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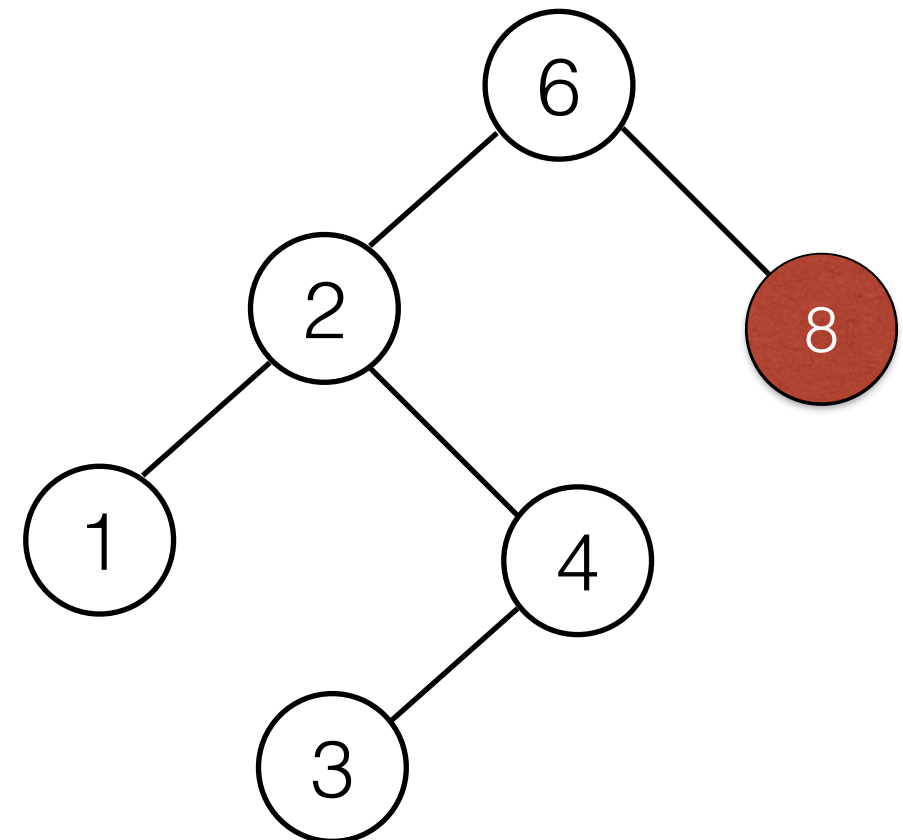
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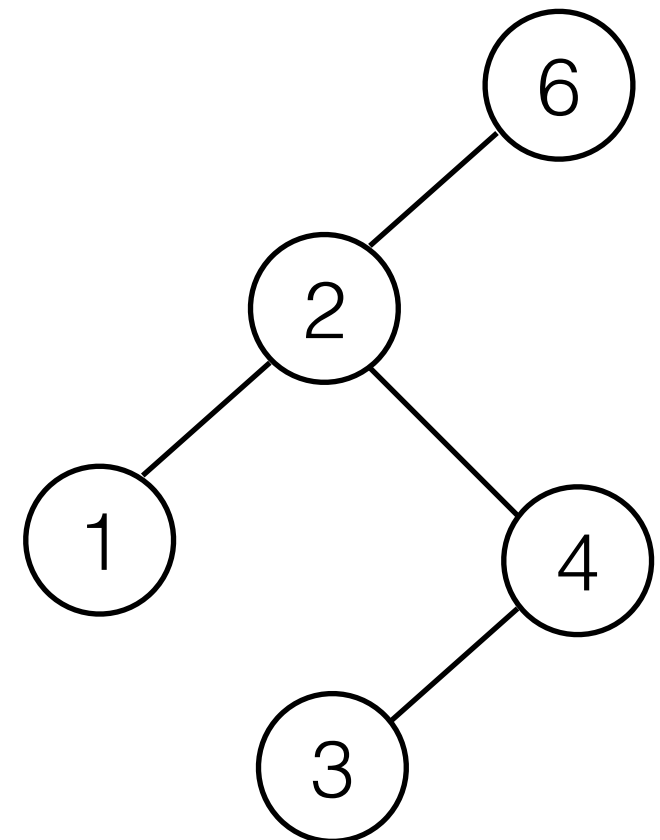
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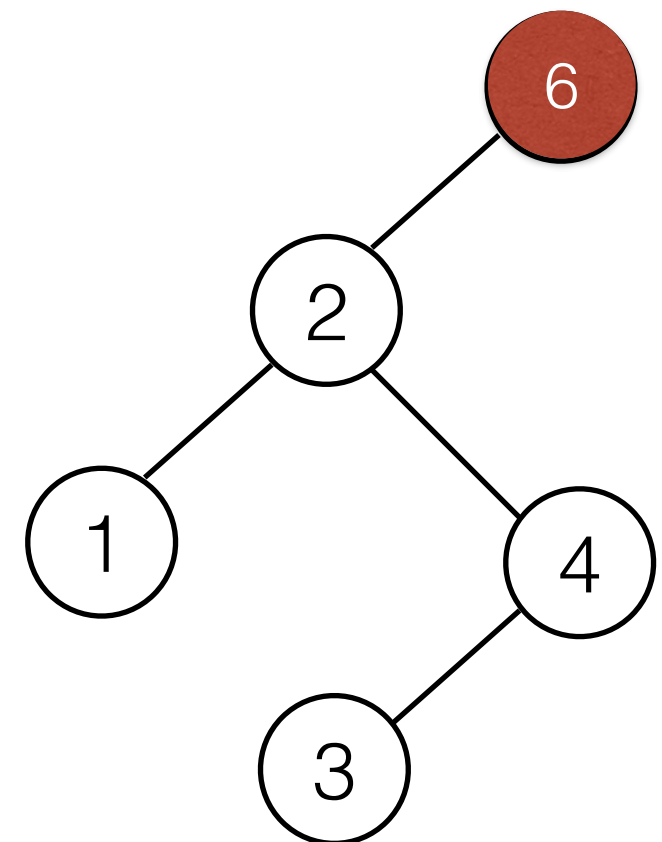
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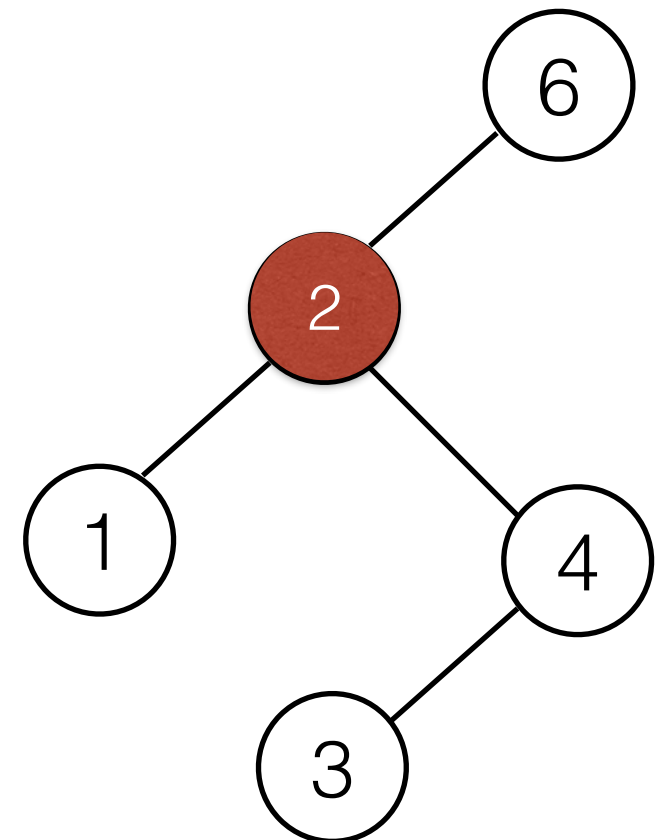
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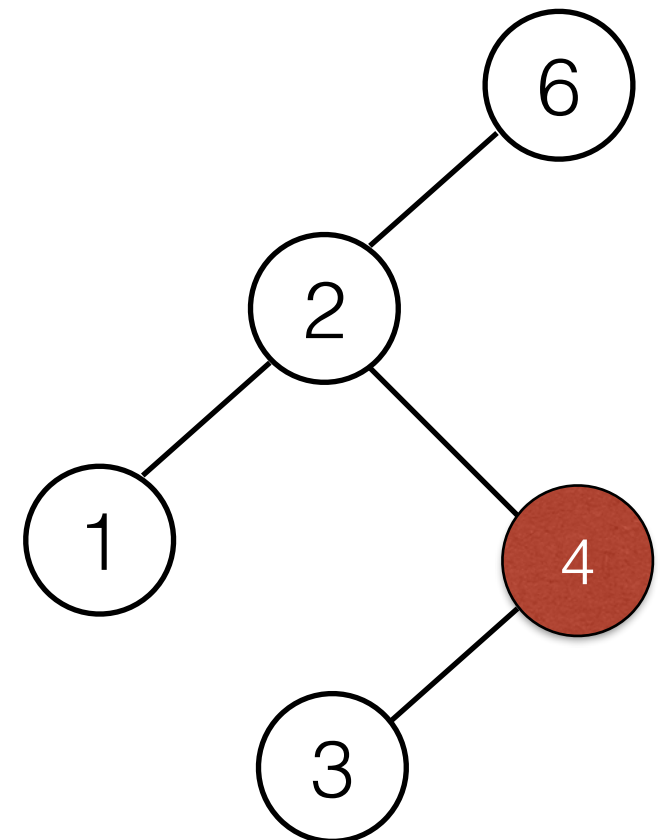
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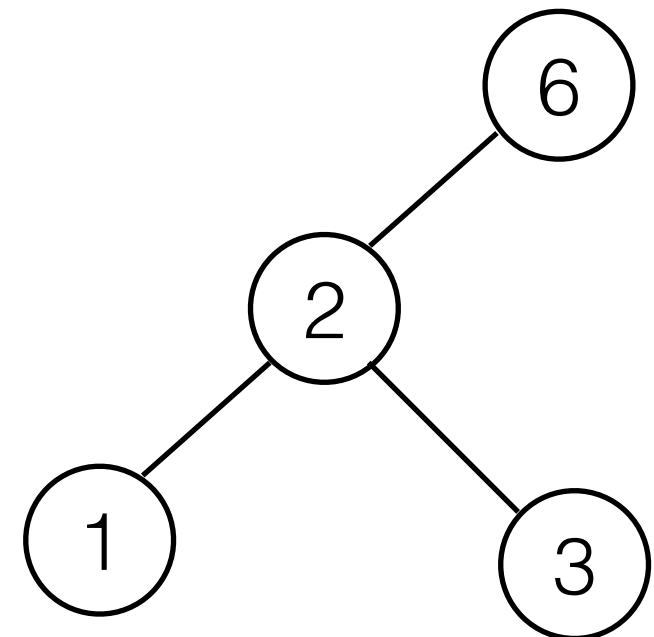
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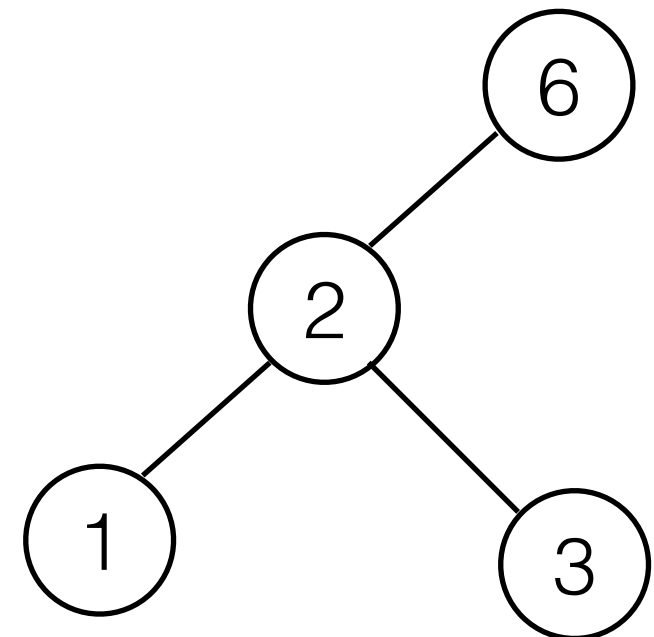


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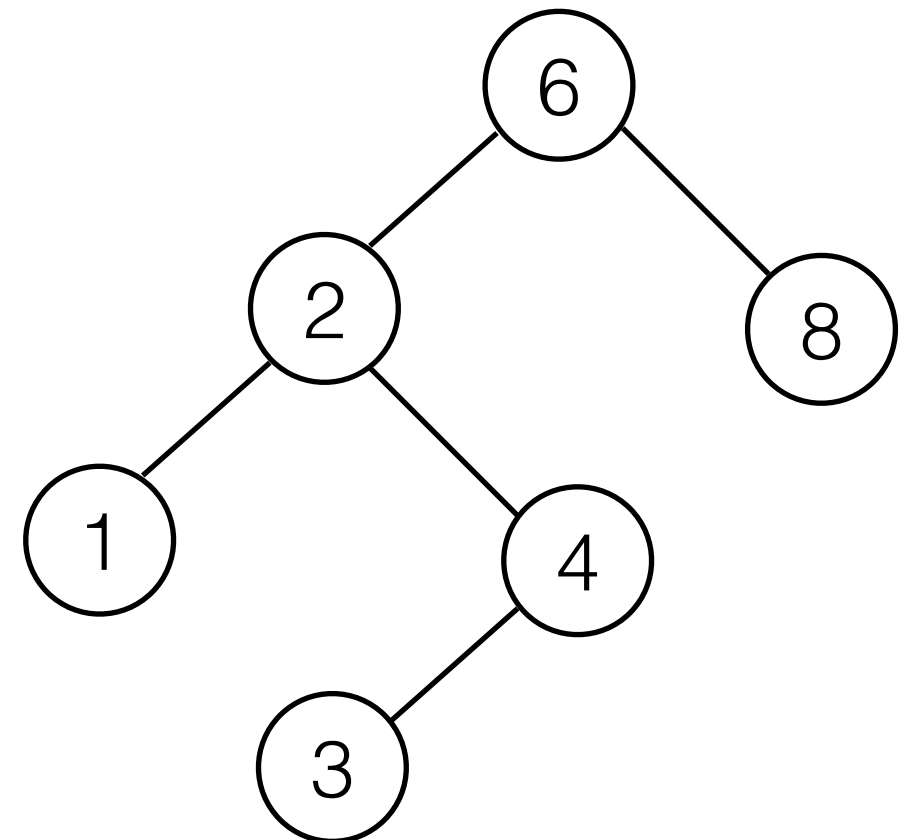
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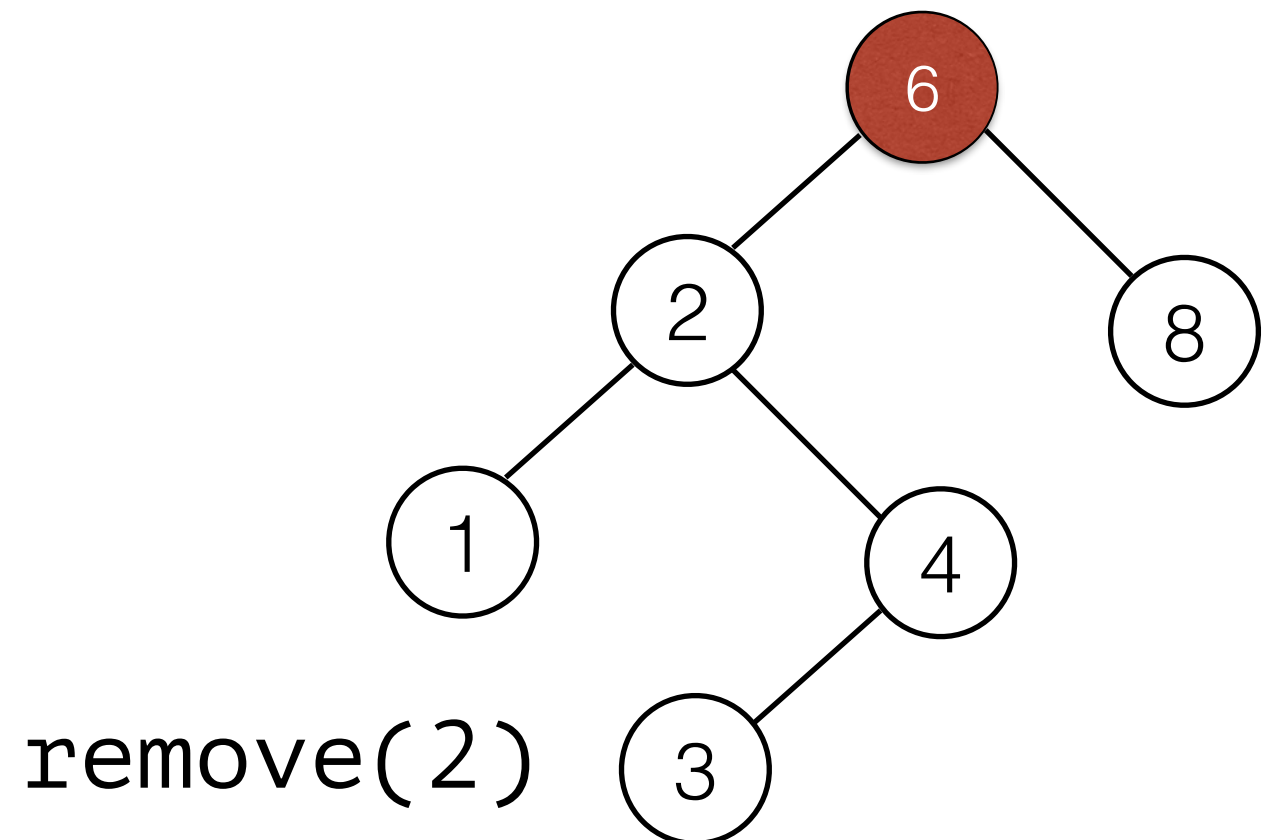


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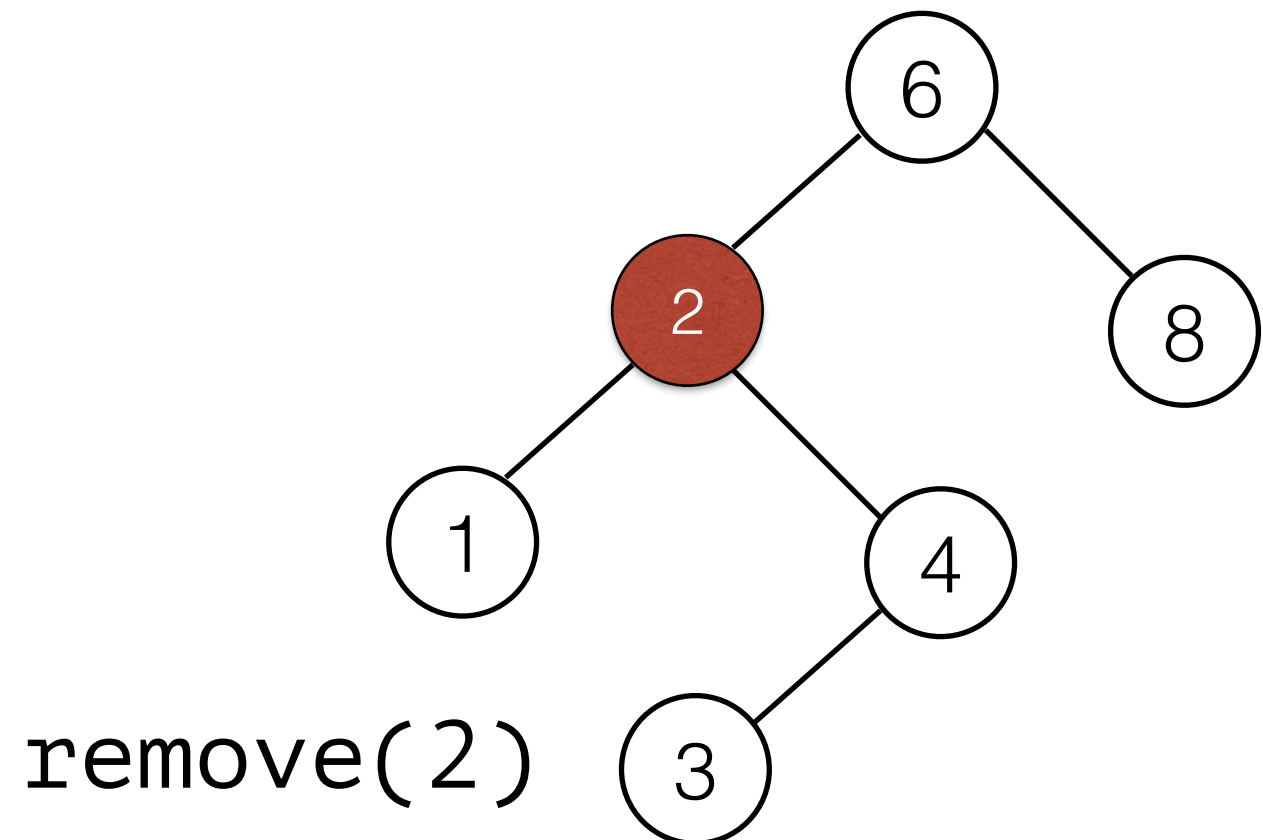


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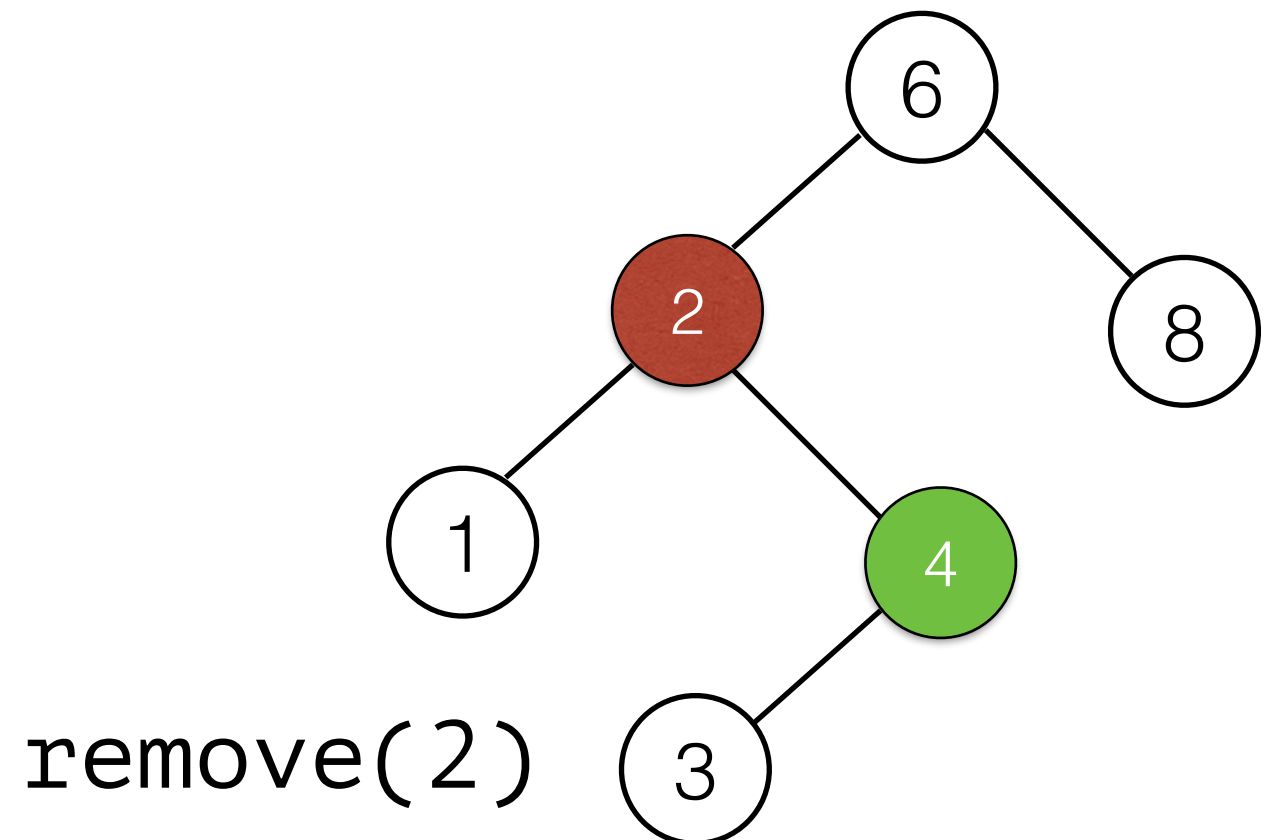


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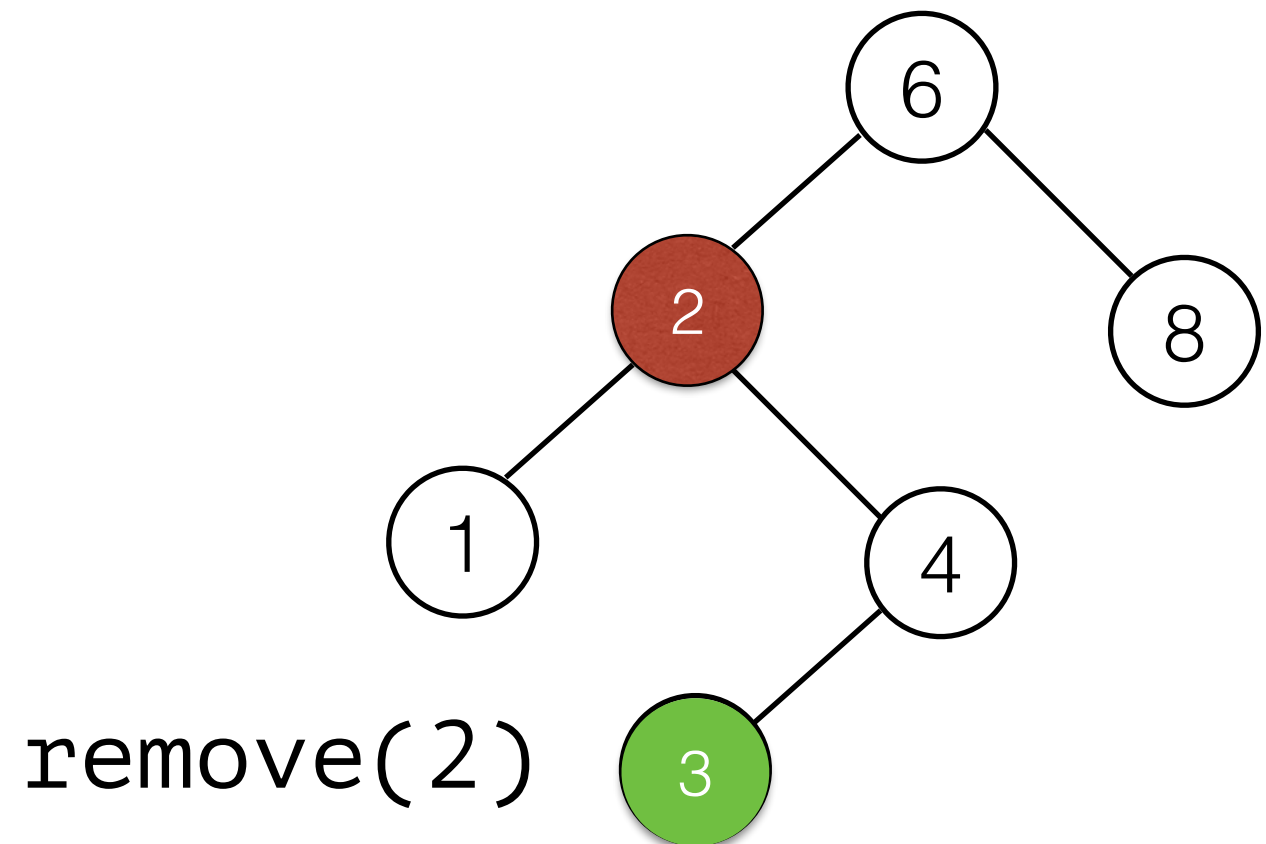


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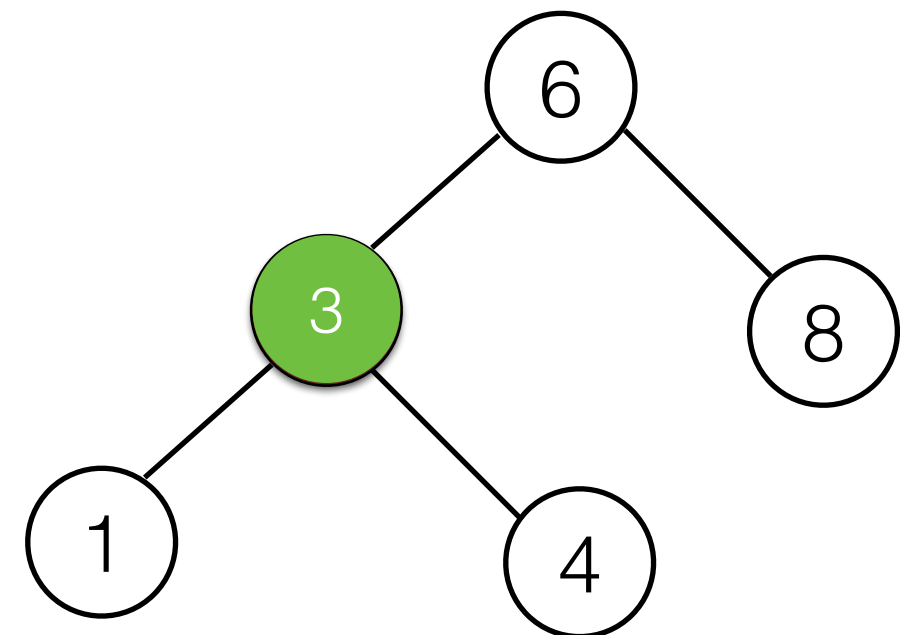


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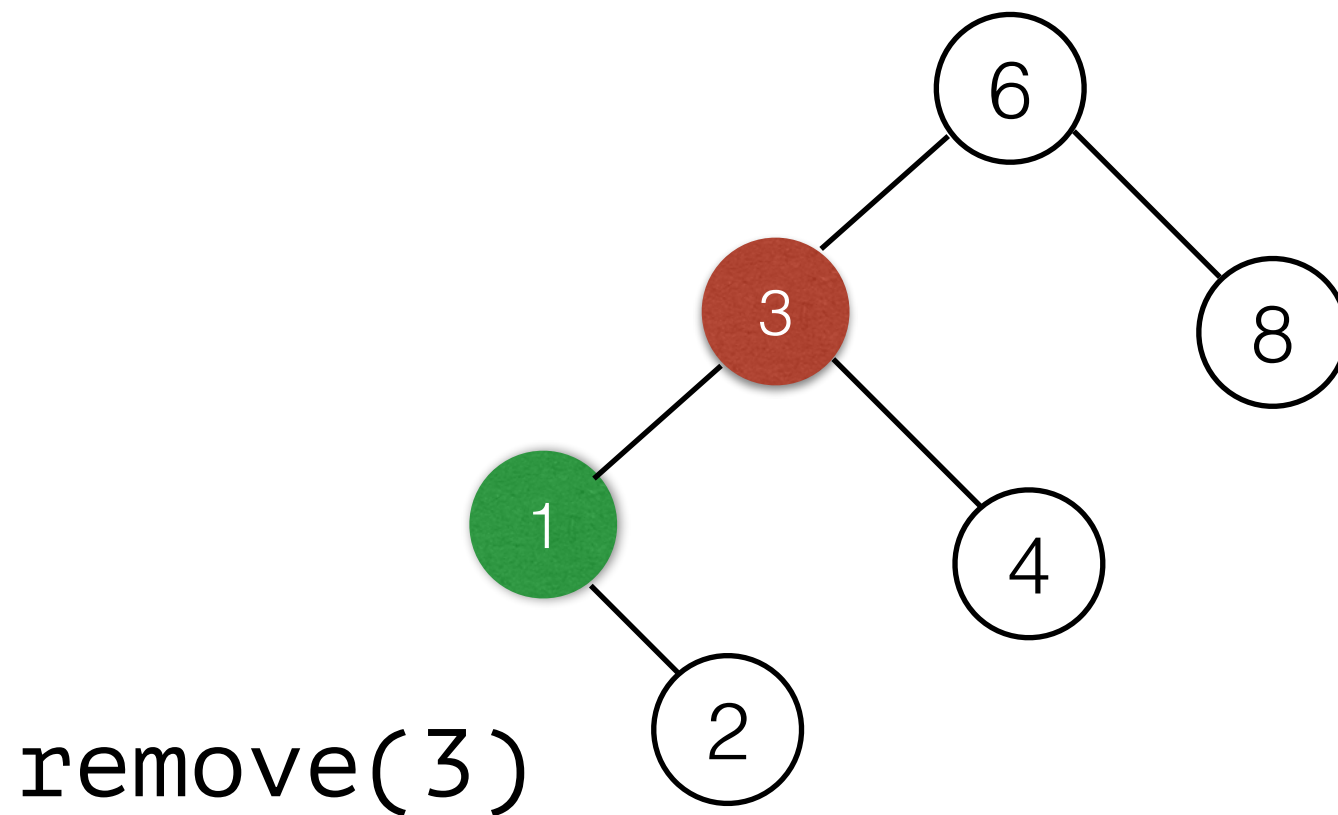
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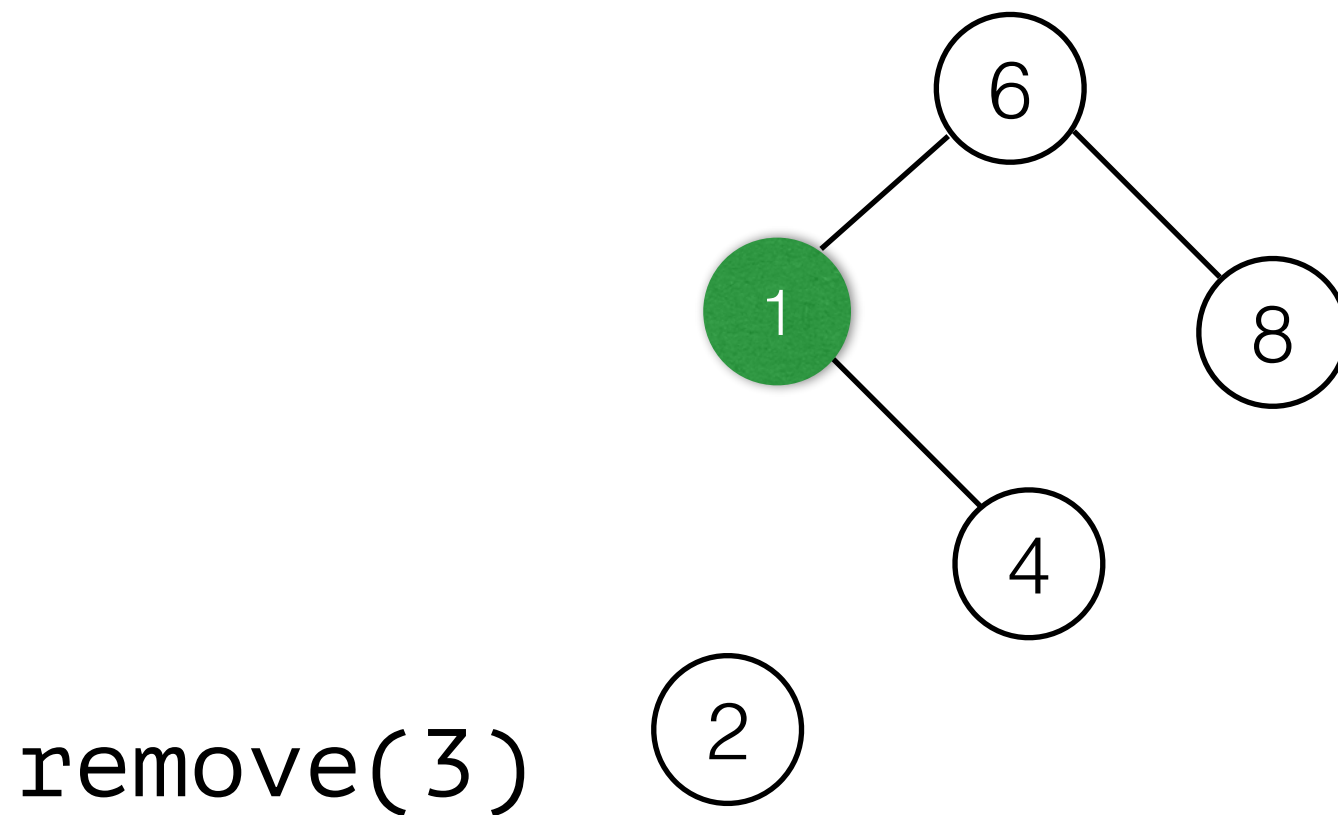
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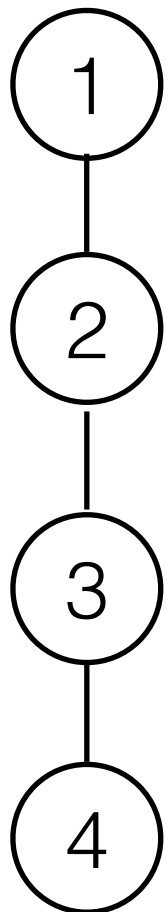
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private BinaryNode remove( Integer x, BinaryNode t ){  
    if( t == null )  
        return t; // Item not found; do nothing  
  
    if (x < t.data )  
        t.left = remove( x, t.left );  
    else if(t.data < x )  
        t.right = remove( x, t.right );  
  
    else //found x  
        if( t.left != null && t.right != null ) { // 2 children  
            t.element = findMin( t.right ).element;  
            t.right = remove( t.element, t.right );  
        } else  
            if (t.left != null) // 1 or 0 children.  
                return t.left;  
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                return t.right;  
}
```

# Running Time Analysis for BST Operations

- How long do the BST operations take?
- Given a BST  $T$ , we need a single pass down the tree to access some node  $s$  in  $depth(s)$  steps.
- What is the best/expected/worst-case depth of a node in any BST?

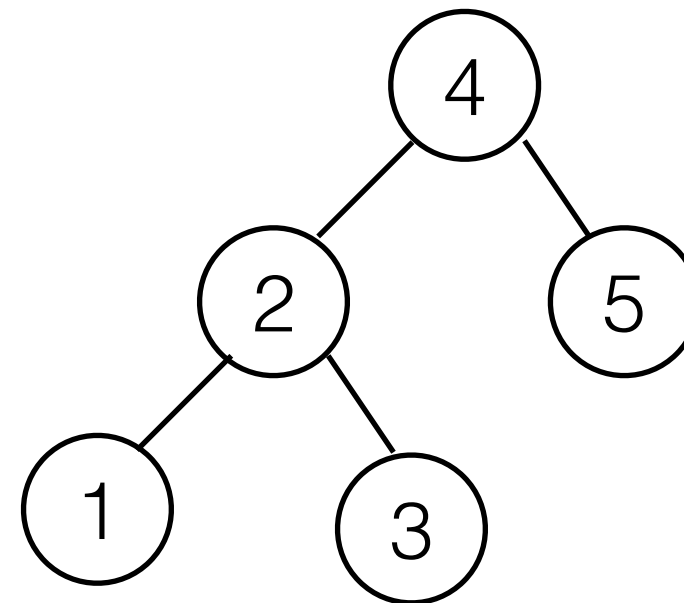
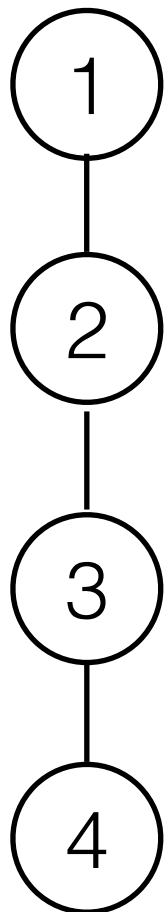
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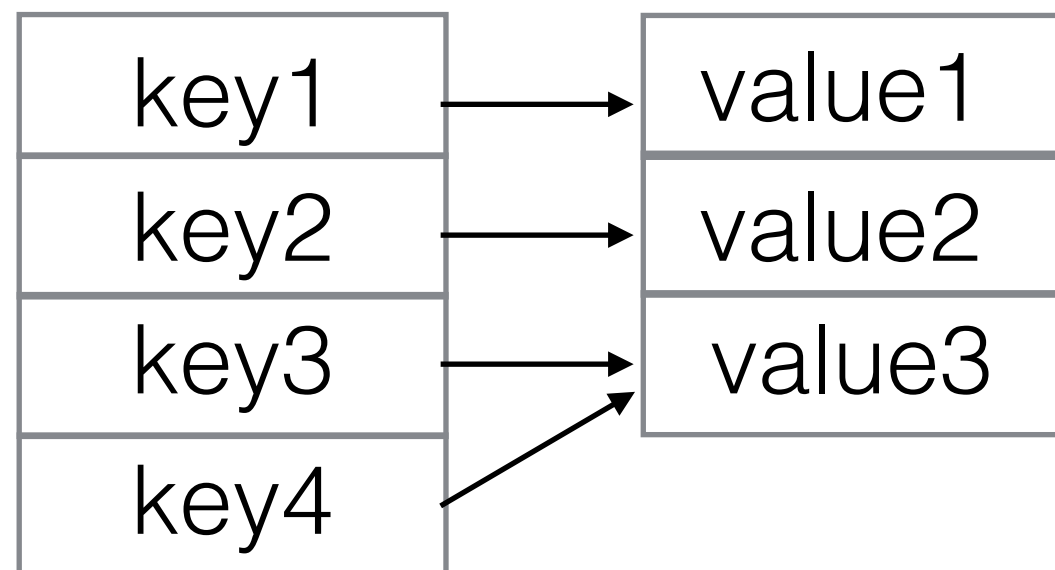
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**complete binary tree.**

# Map ADT

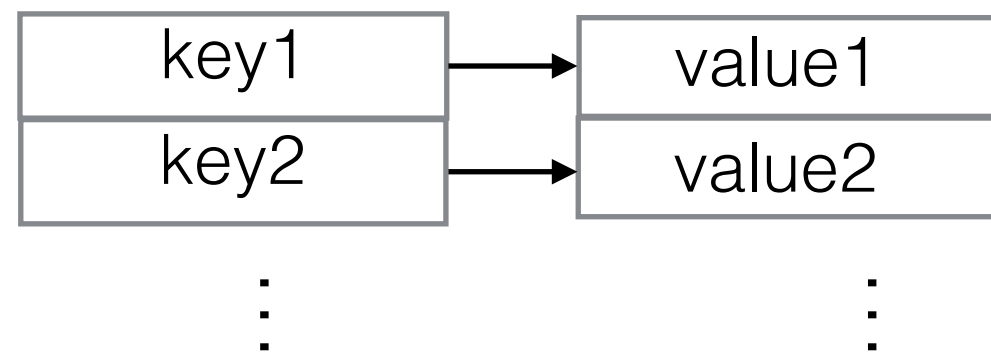
- A *map* is collection of *(key, value)* pairs.
- Keys are unique, values need not be.
- Two operations:
  - `get(key)` returns the value associated with this key
  - `put(key, value)` (overwrites existing keys)



How do we implement map operations efficiently?

# Comparing Complex Items

- So far, our BSTs contained `Integers`.
- One Goal of BSTs: Implement efficient lookup for Map keys and sorted Sets.



- We can implement generic BSTs that can contain any kind of element, including (key,value) pairs.
- But we must be able to *sort* the elements, i.e. compare them using `<`, `>`, and `=`. The (key, value) pair class should implement `Comparable`.

# Example (key/value) Pair Implementation

```
private class Pair<K extends Comparable<K>, V>  
    implements Comparable<Pair<K, ?>> {  
    public K key;  
    public V value;  
  
    public Pair(K theKey, V theValue) {  
        key = theKey; value = theValue;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public int compareTo(Pair<K, ?> other) {  
        return key.compareTo(other.key);  
    }  
}
```