## **Balanced Binary Search Tree**

Intermediate - java

Given a sorted array of numbers a, write a function balancedBst(a) to create a balanced binary search tree. A balanced Binary Search Tree has no more than one level of depth difference between the right and left sides of the tree.

Each value in the array a should correspond to a node value. The return value of balancedBst() will be the root node of the balanced tree. An empty array passed to balancedBst() should return null.

For example, given an array  $a = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ , you want to create a balanced tree that may resemble the following:



The above figure represents a balanced tree because there is at most 1 level of difference between the depths of each side of the tree.

For this challenge you are given the class TreeNode with the members:

- value: the node value
- left: the left child node; defaults to null
- right: the right child node; defaults to null

The <a href="mint()">print()</a> function is also implemented in the class <a href="mint()">TreeNode</a>, so at any time you can print the root node to see a basic representation of the tree.

This challenge and variations of it were reported to have been asked at interviews with Google. If you've covered the material in <u>Pass the Technical Interview with Java</u> or an equivalent, you should be able to solve this challenge. If you have trouble, try refreshing your knowledge there first.