

Binary Search Tree

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BST

Binary Search Tree is a node-based binary tree data structure.

Properties

- 1) The left subtree of a node contains nodes with keys less than the node's key and the right subtree with keys greater than node's key.**
- 2) The left and right subtree each must also be a binary search tree and there must be no duplicate nodes.**

BST

1) Insertion

2) Searching

3) Delete

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Once a leaf node is found, the new node is added as a child of the leaf node.

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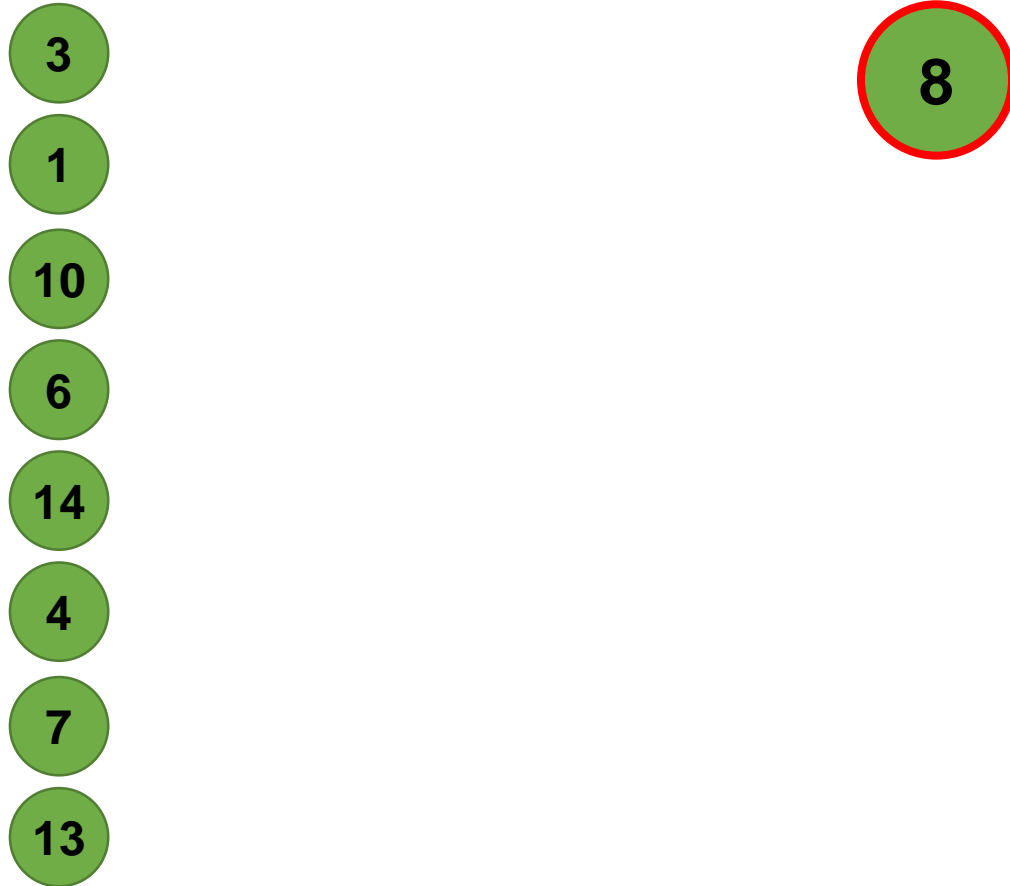
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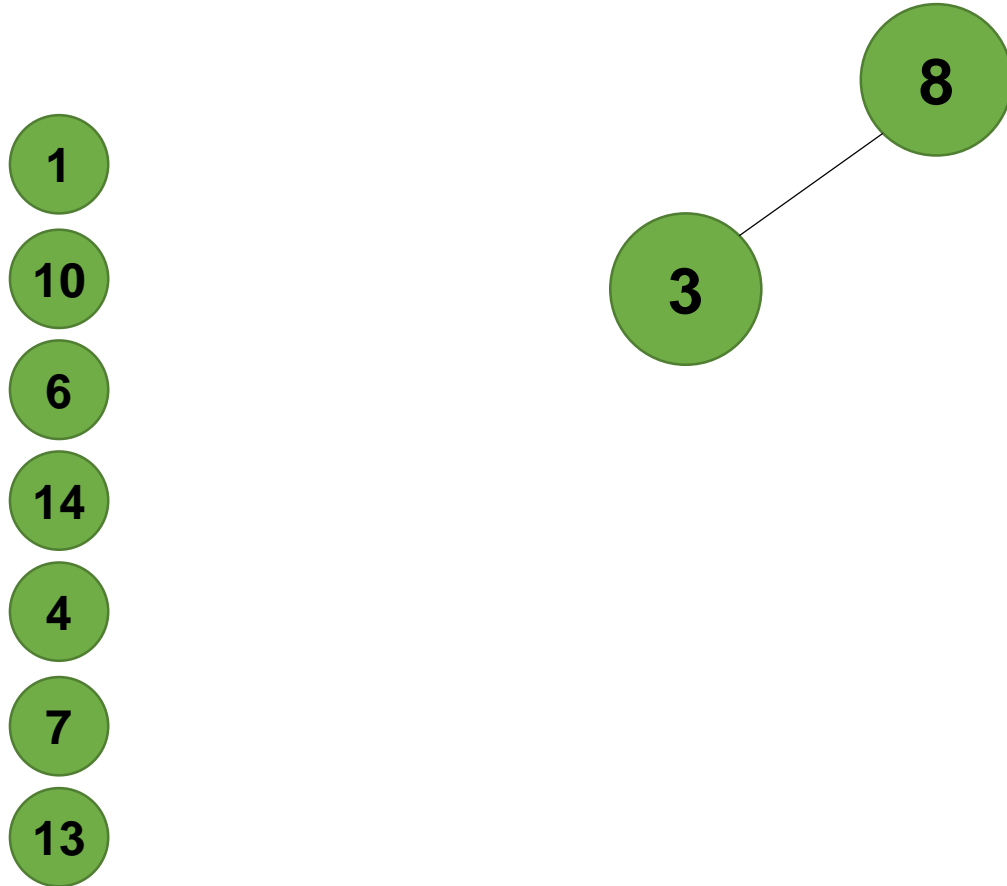
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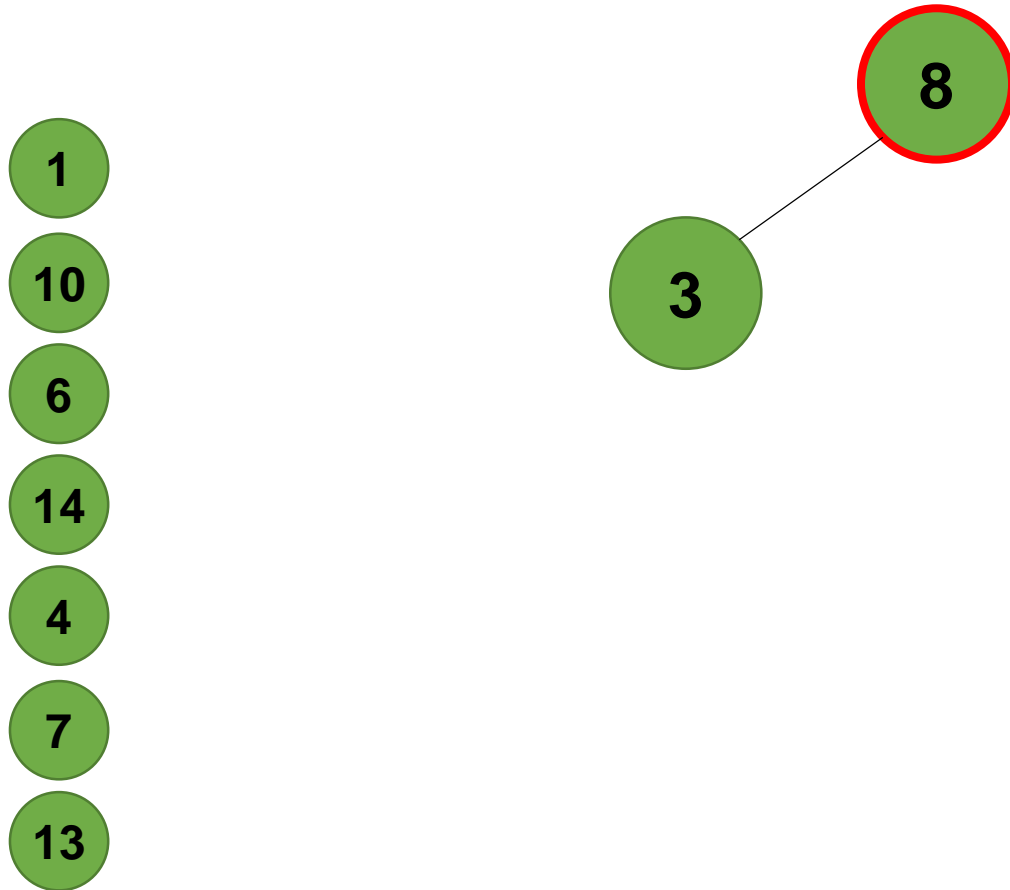
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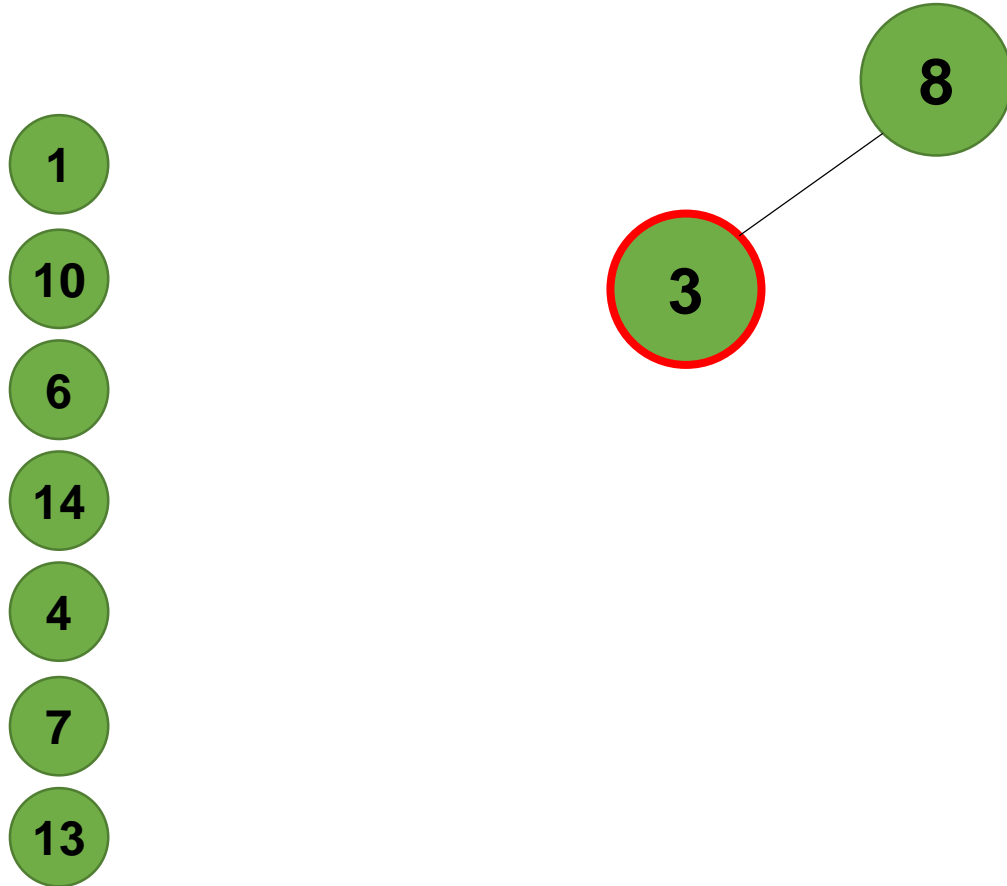
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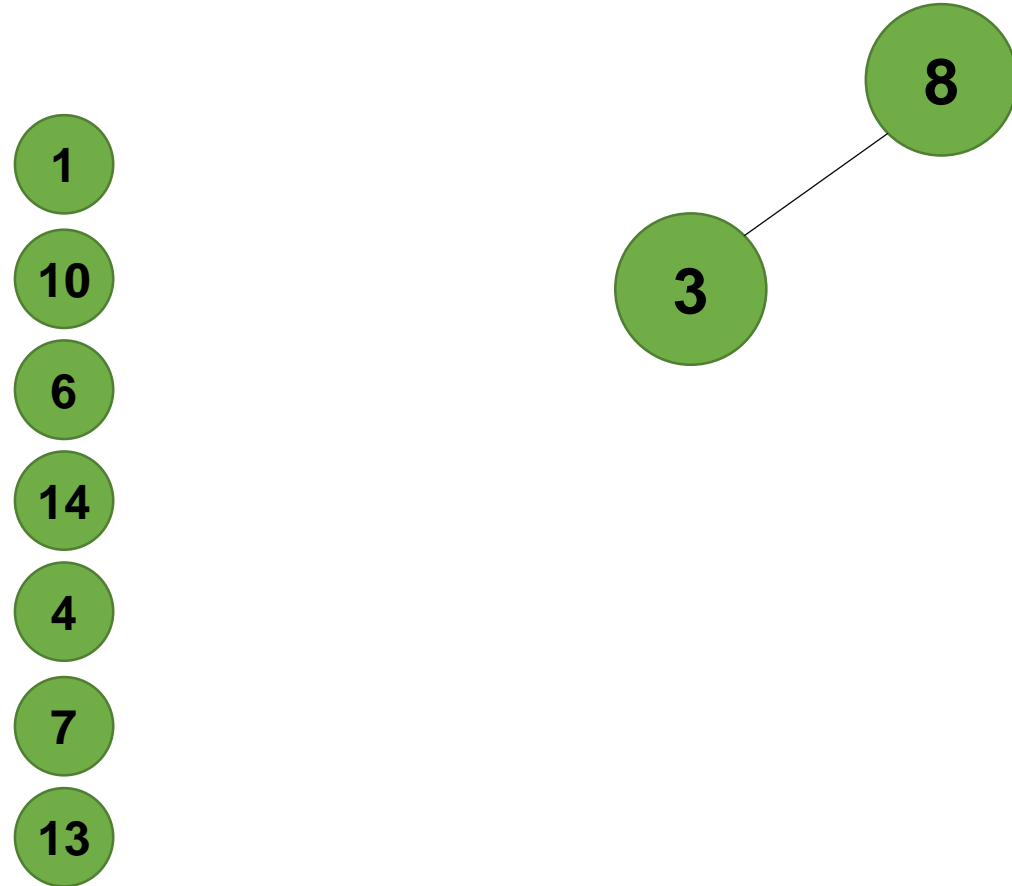
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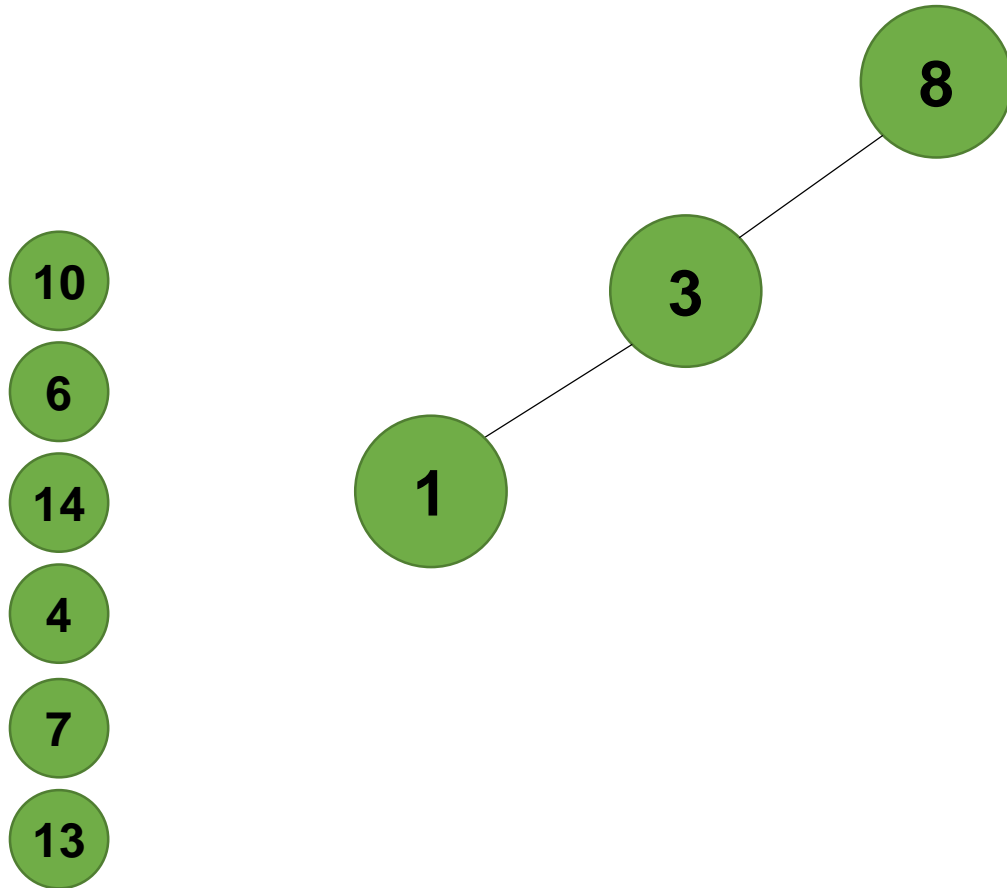
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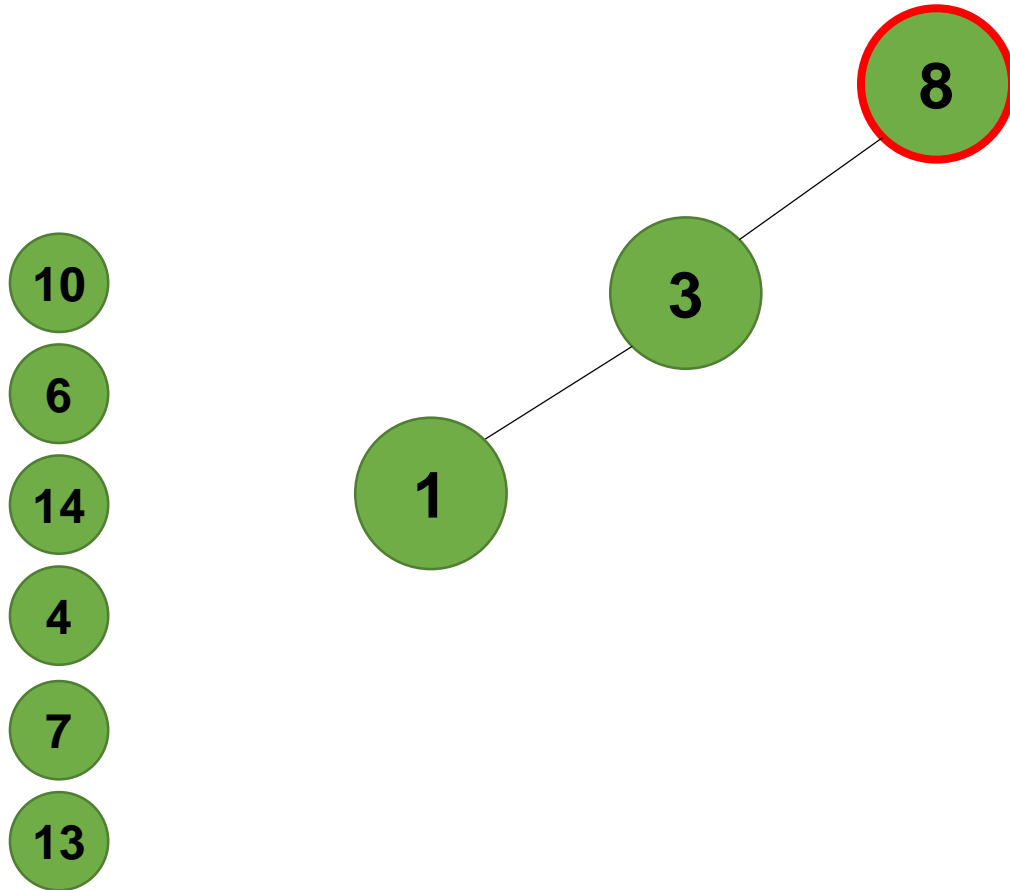
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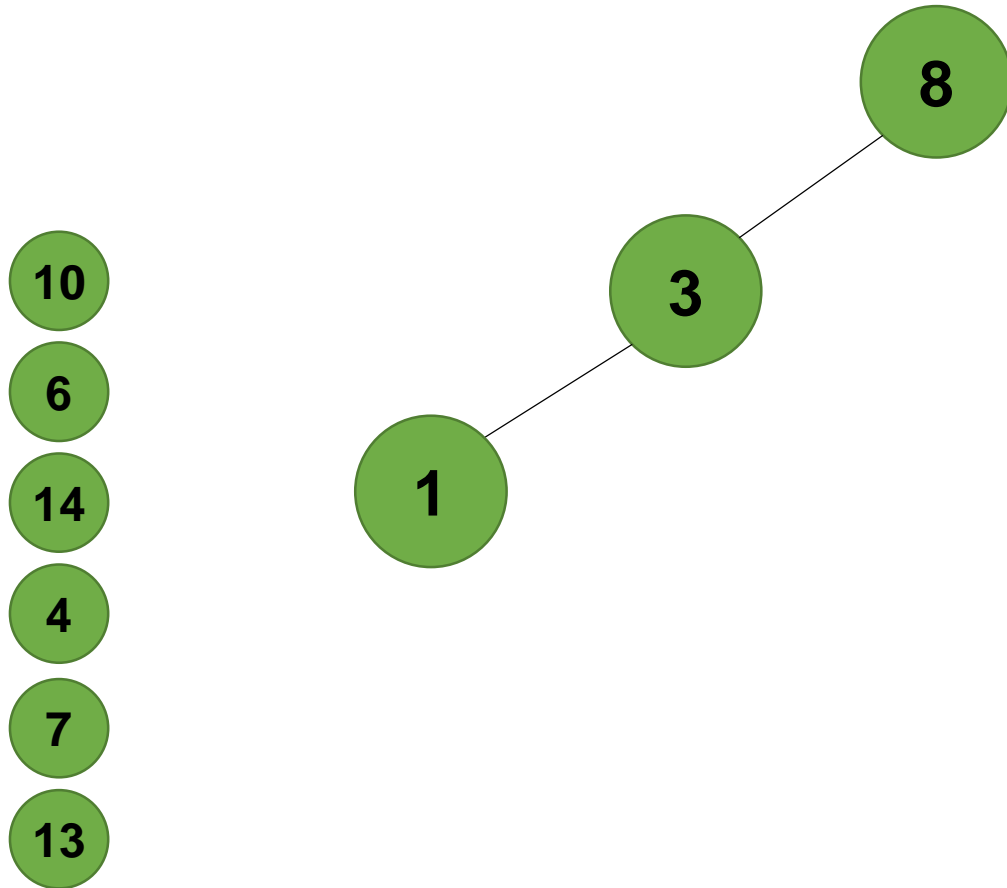
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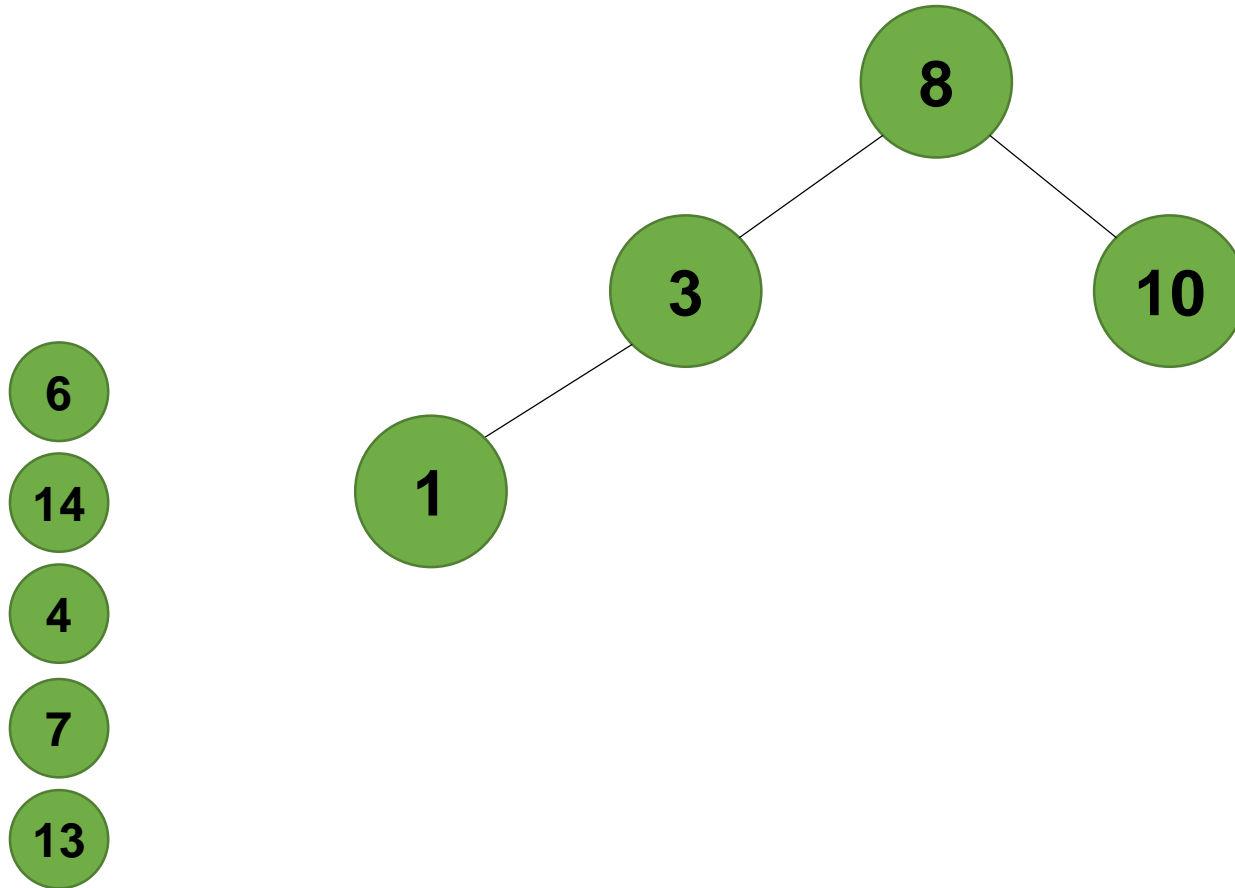
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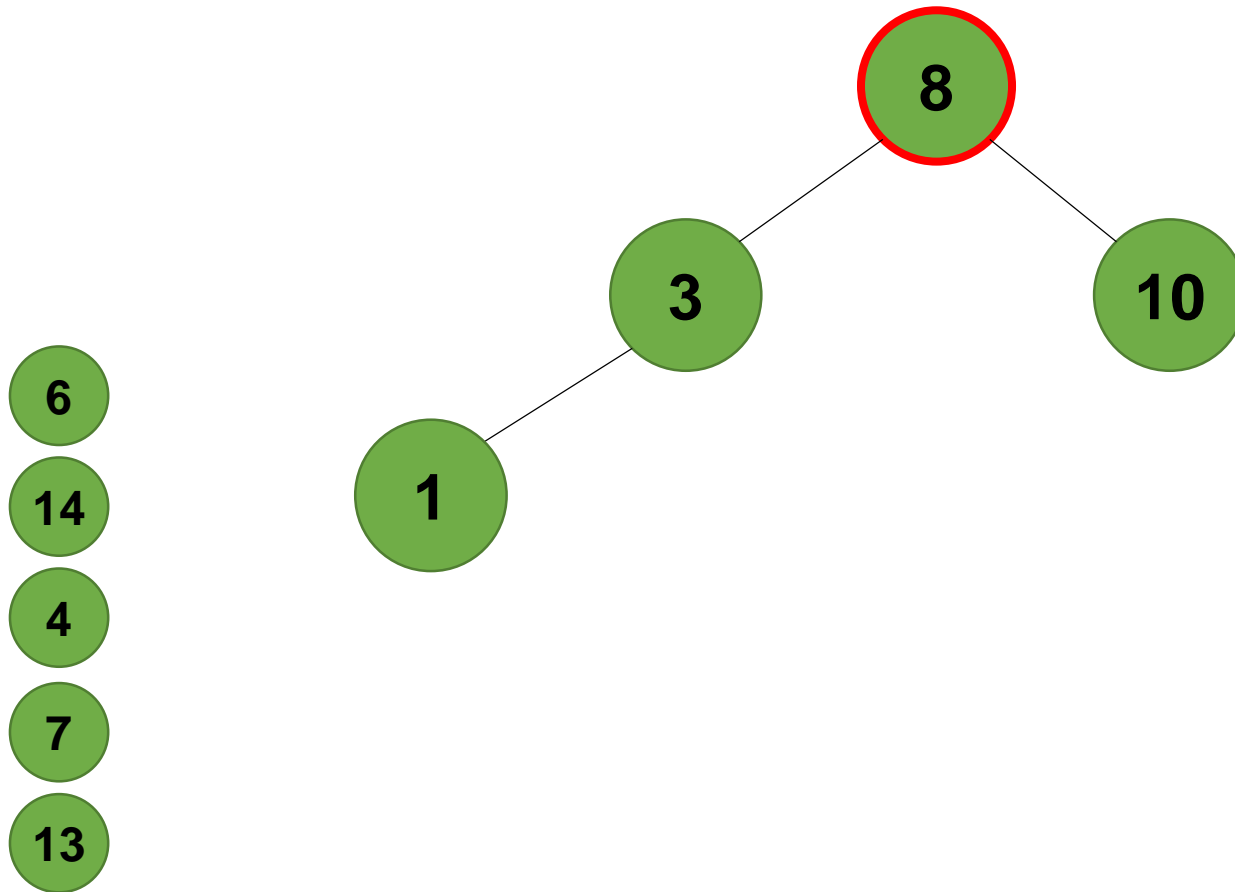
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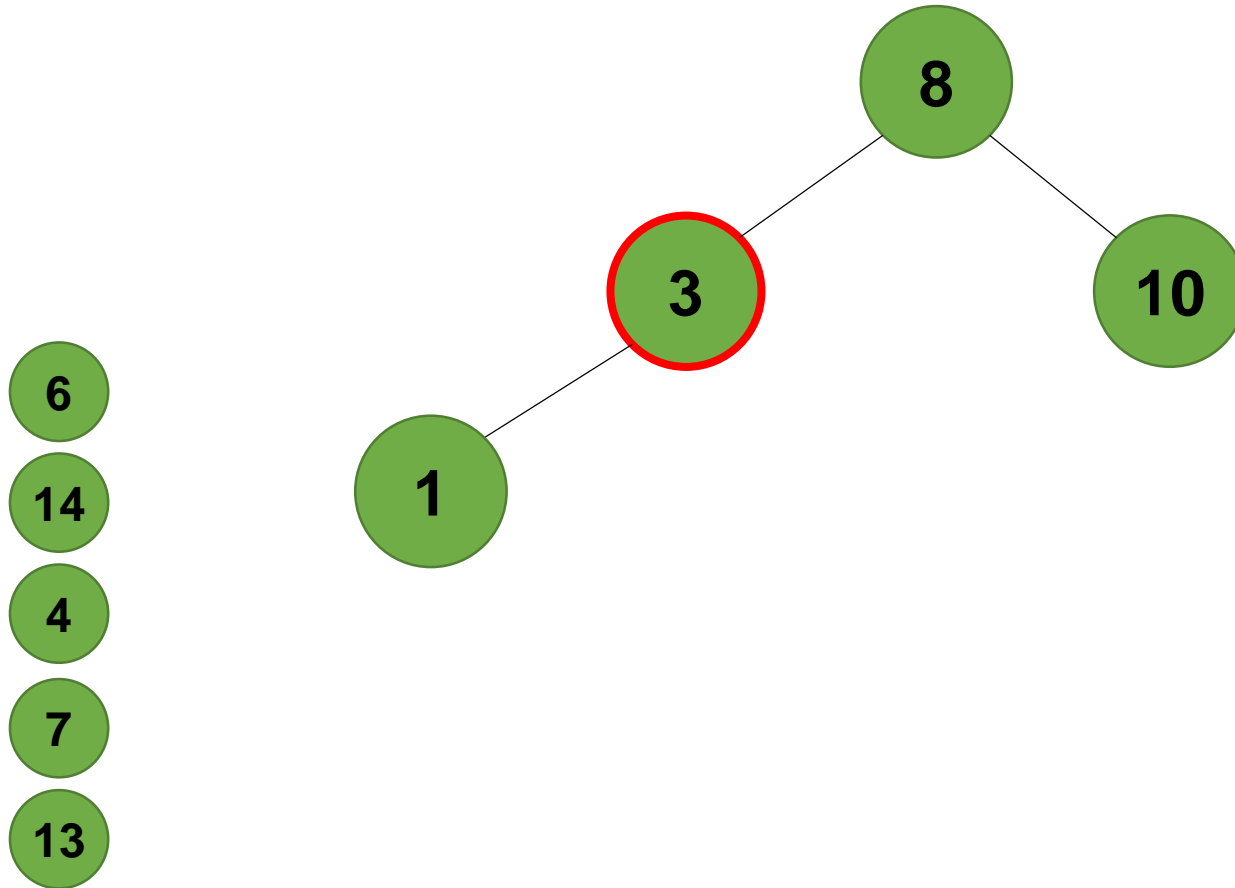
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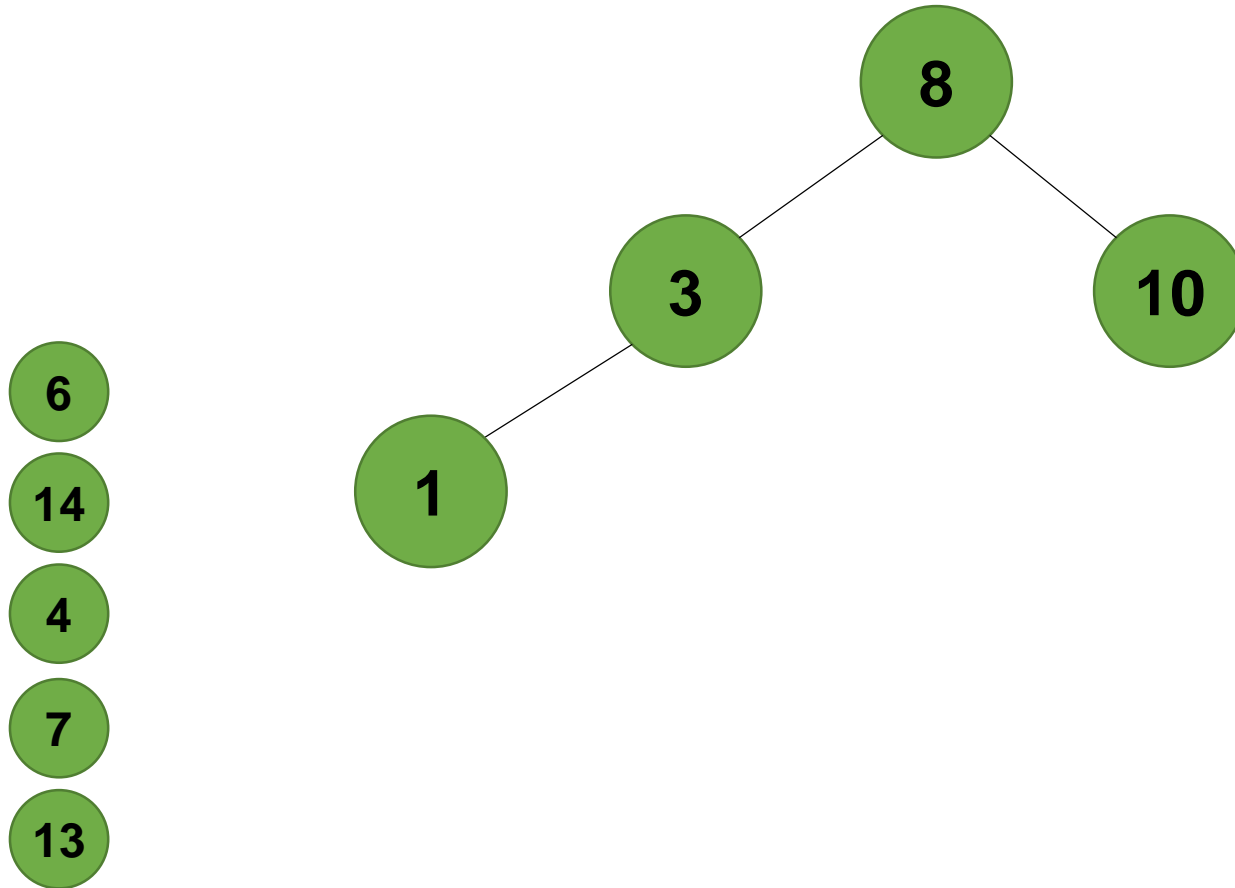
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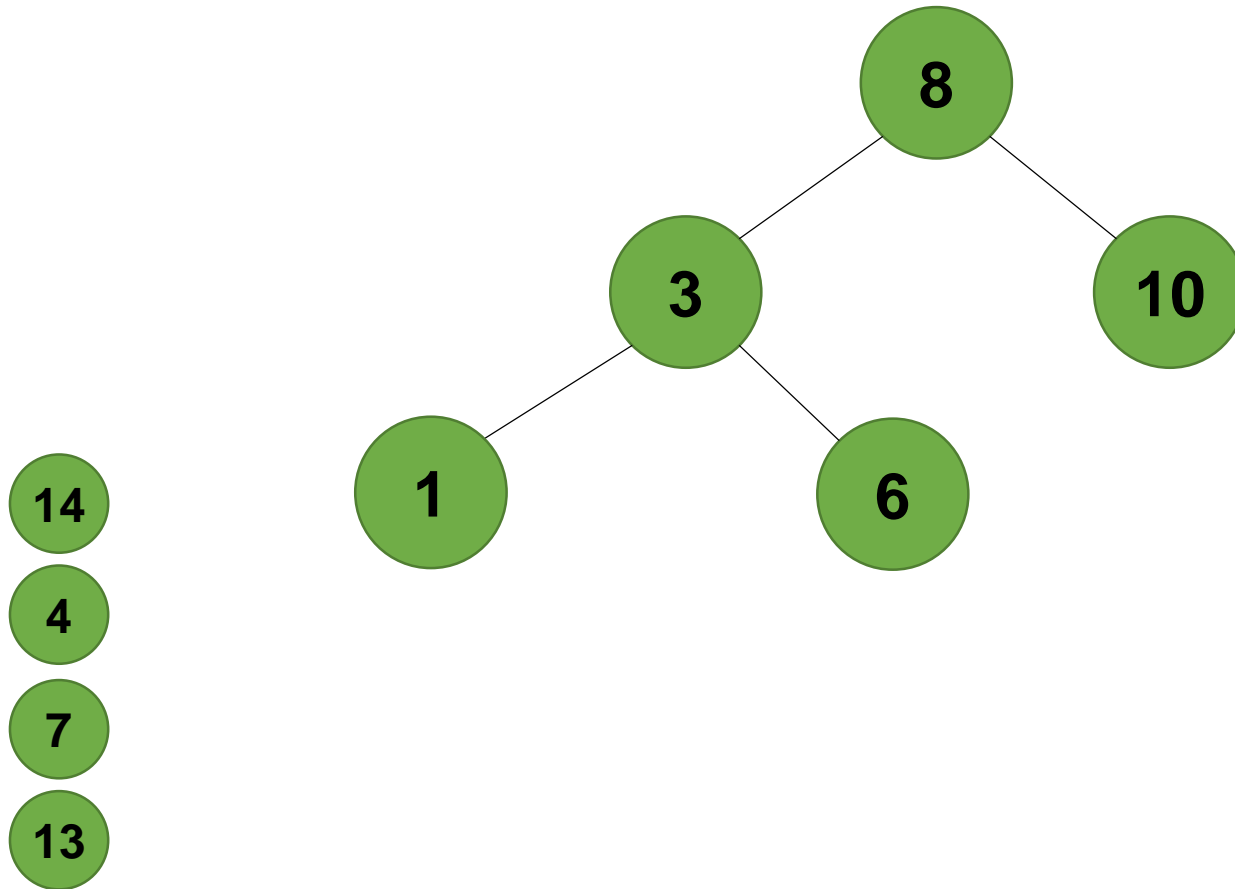
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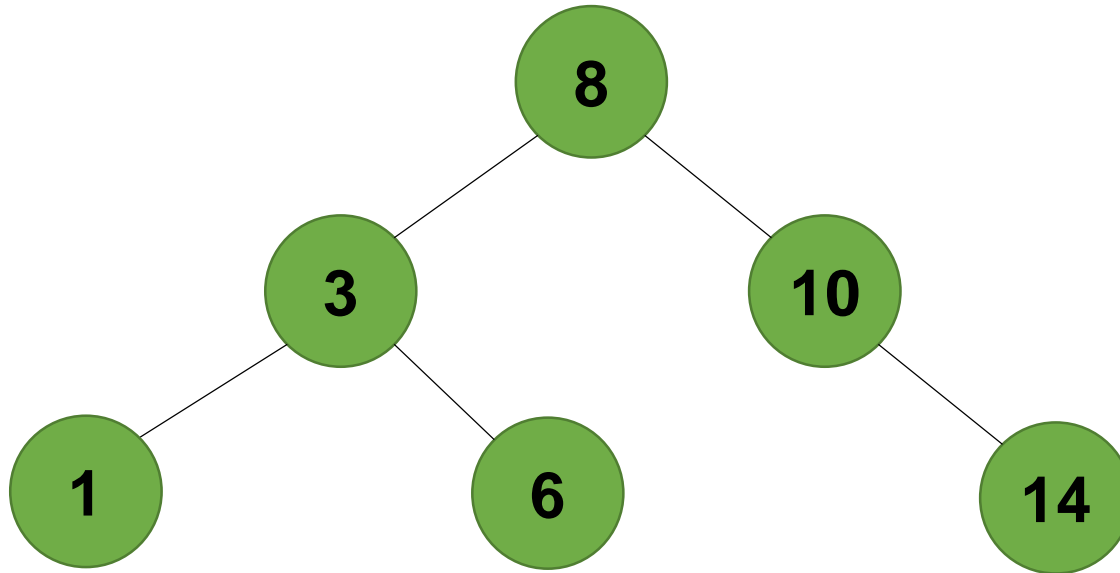
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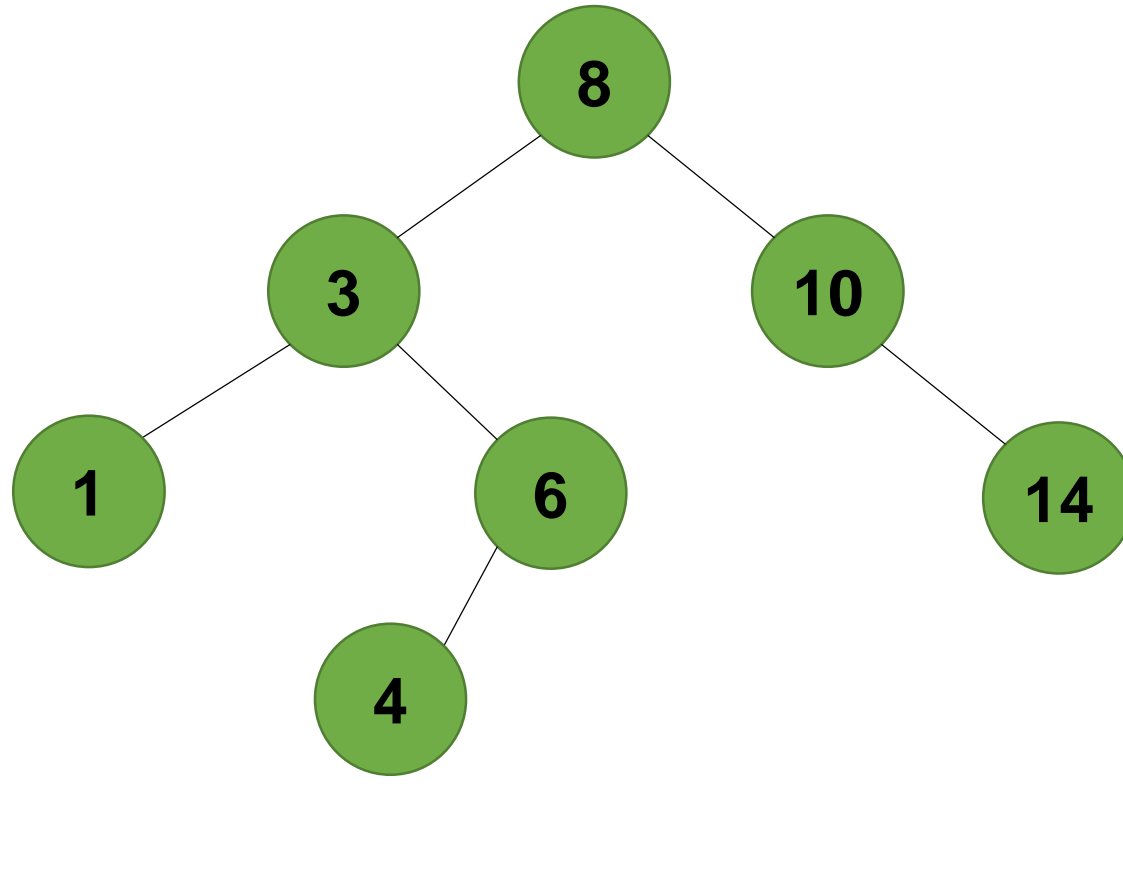
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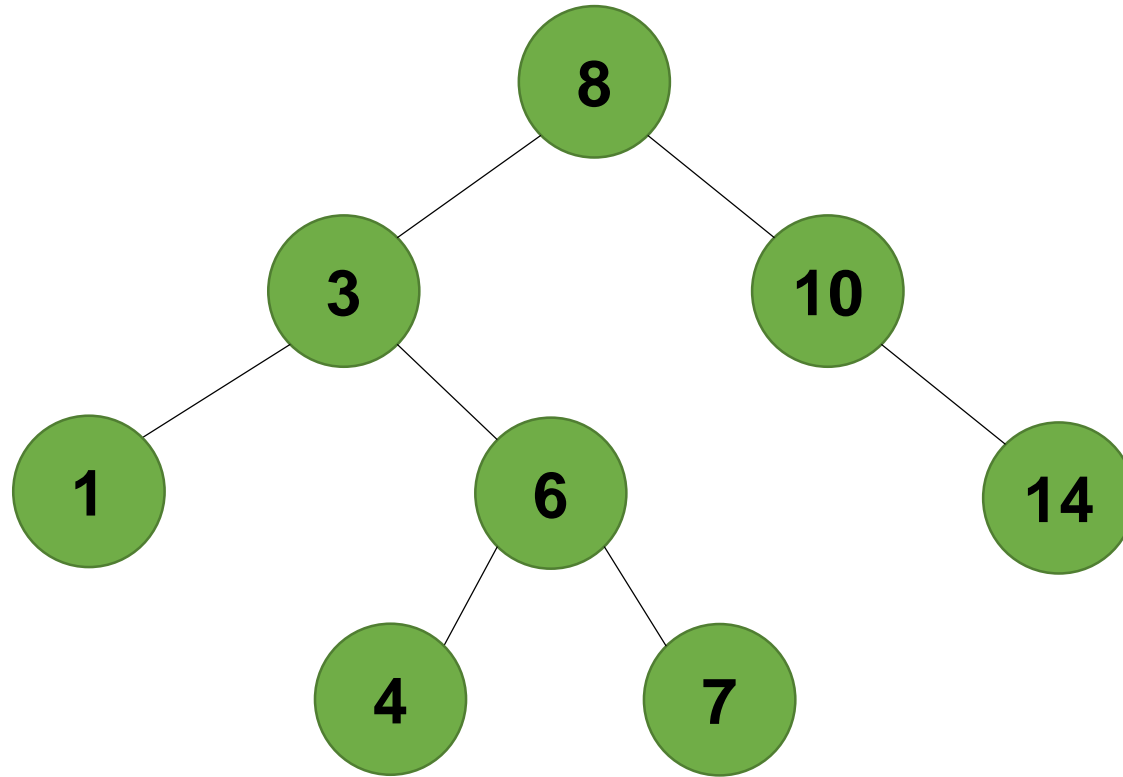
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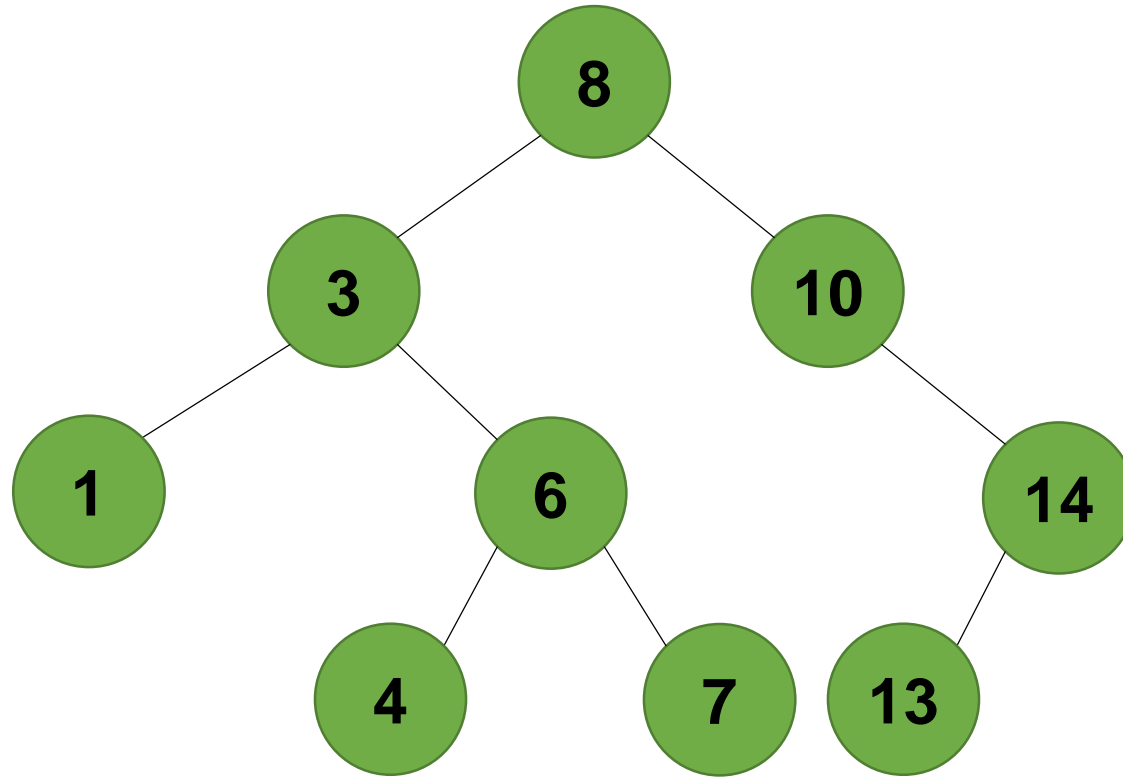
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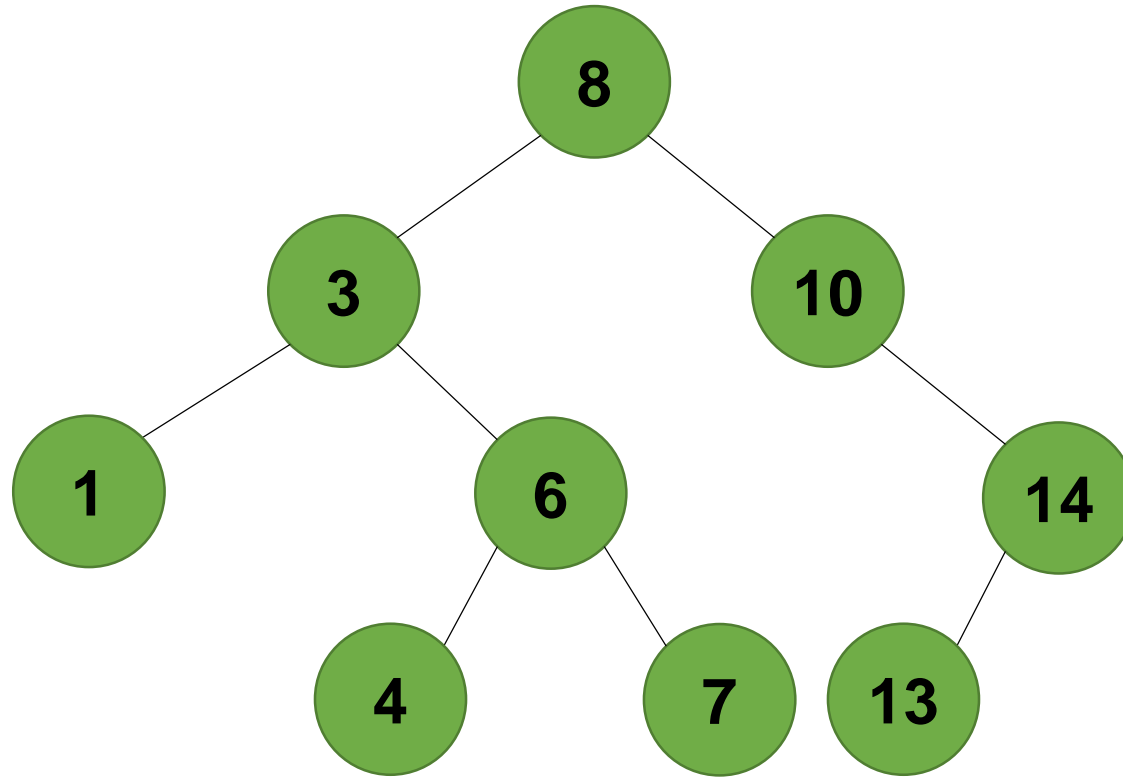
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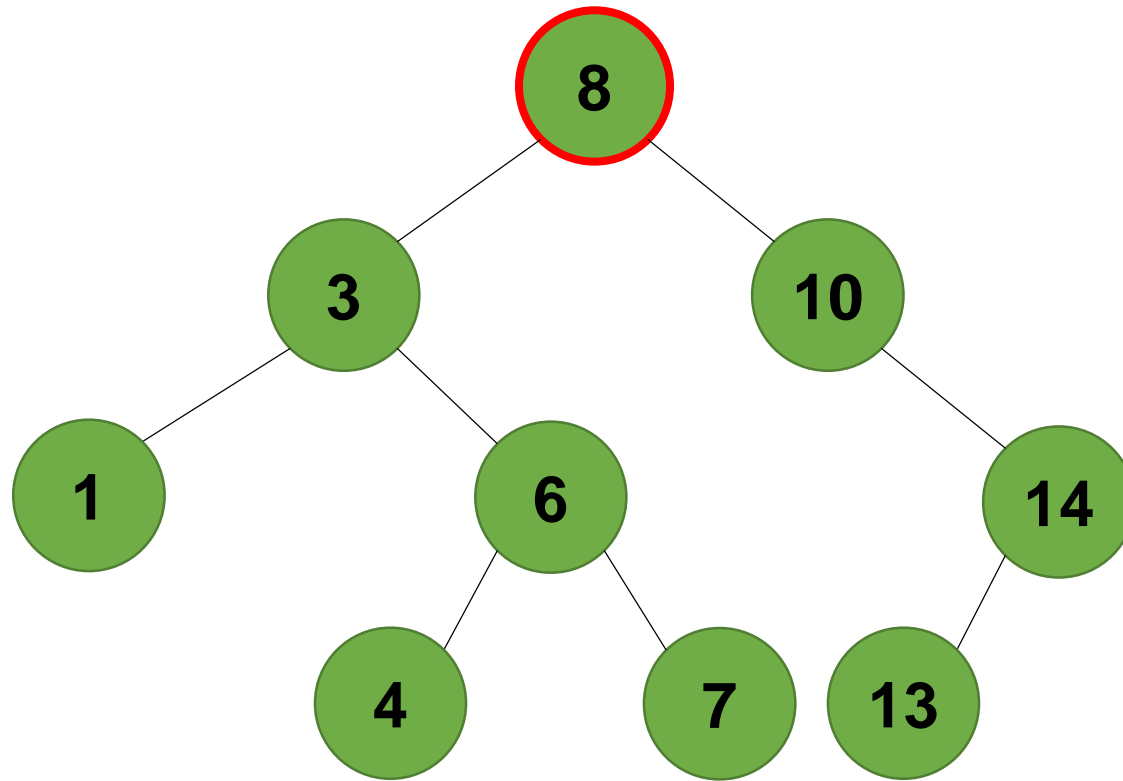
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Let's search the key '4' from the BST we made earlier.

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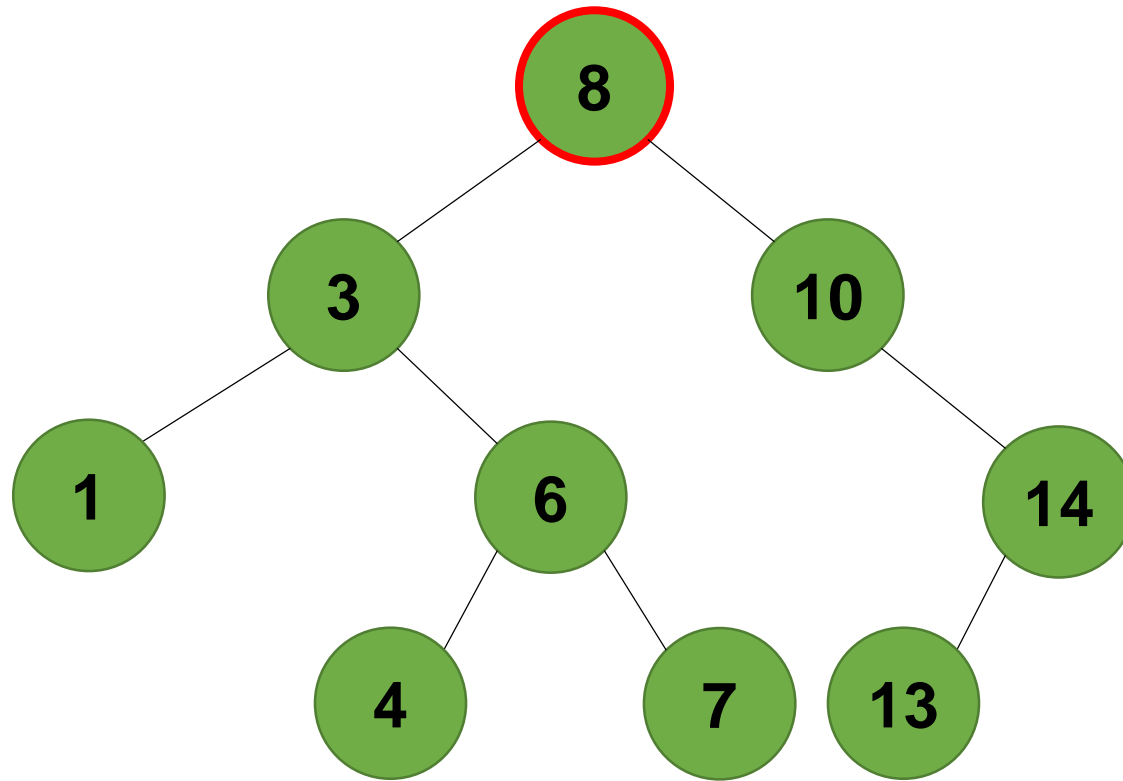
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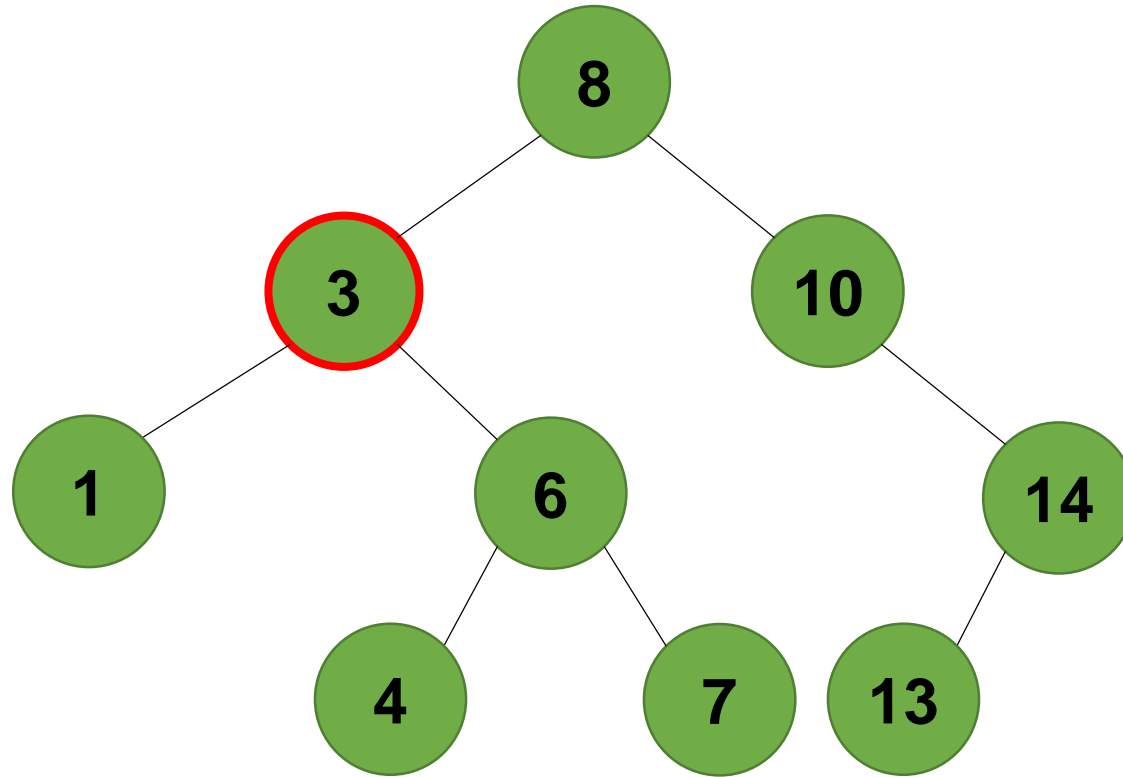
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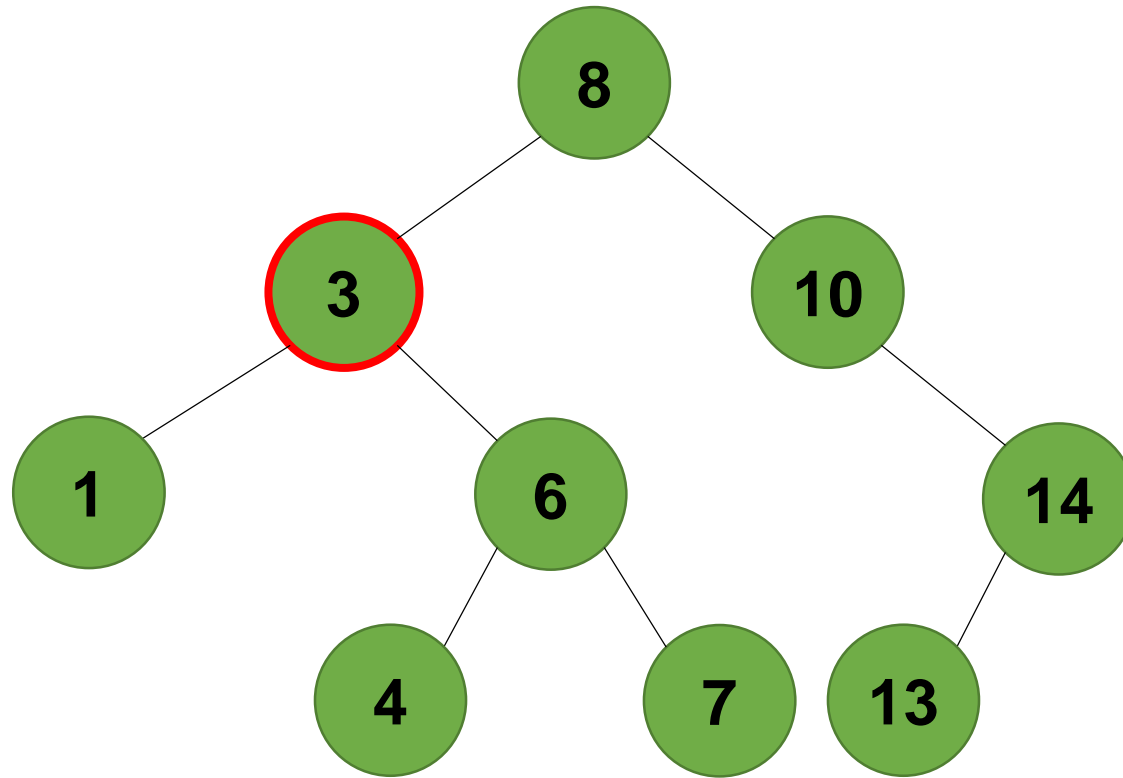
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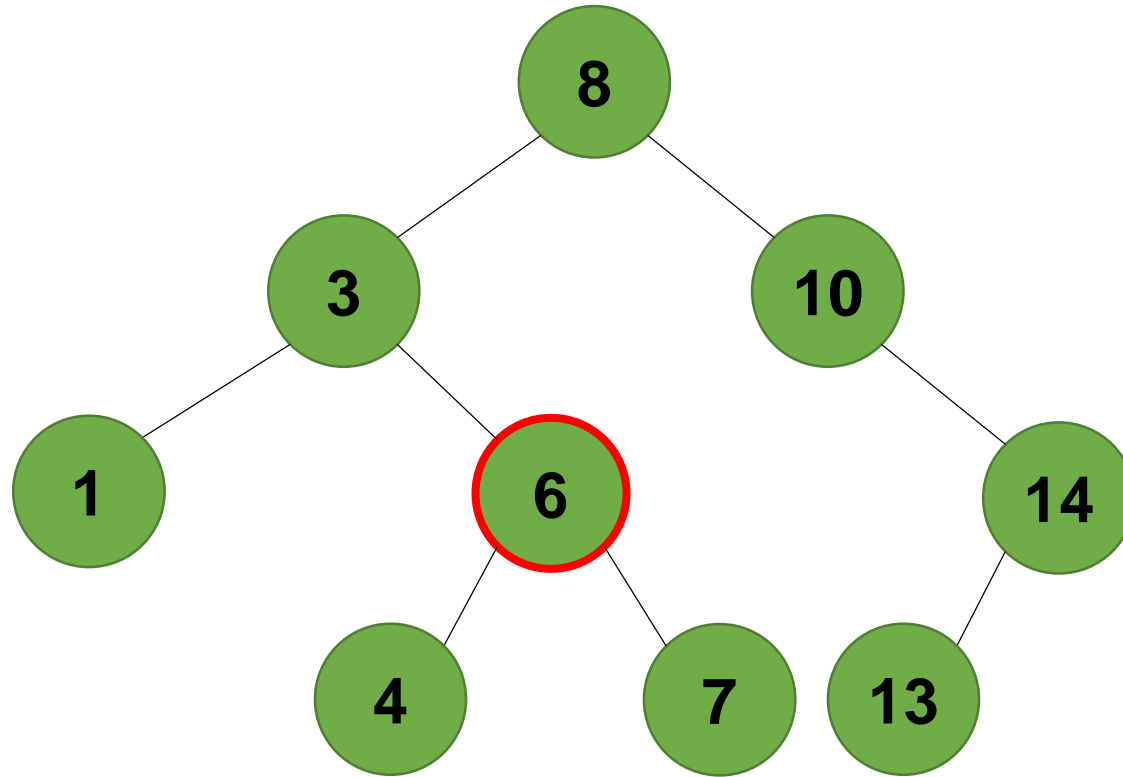
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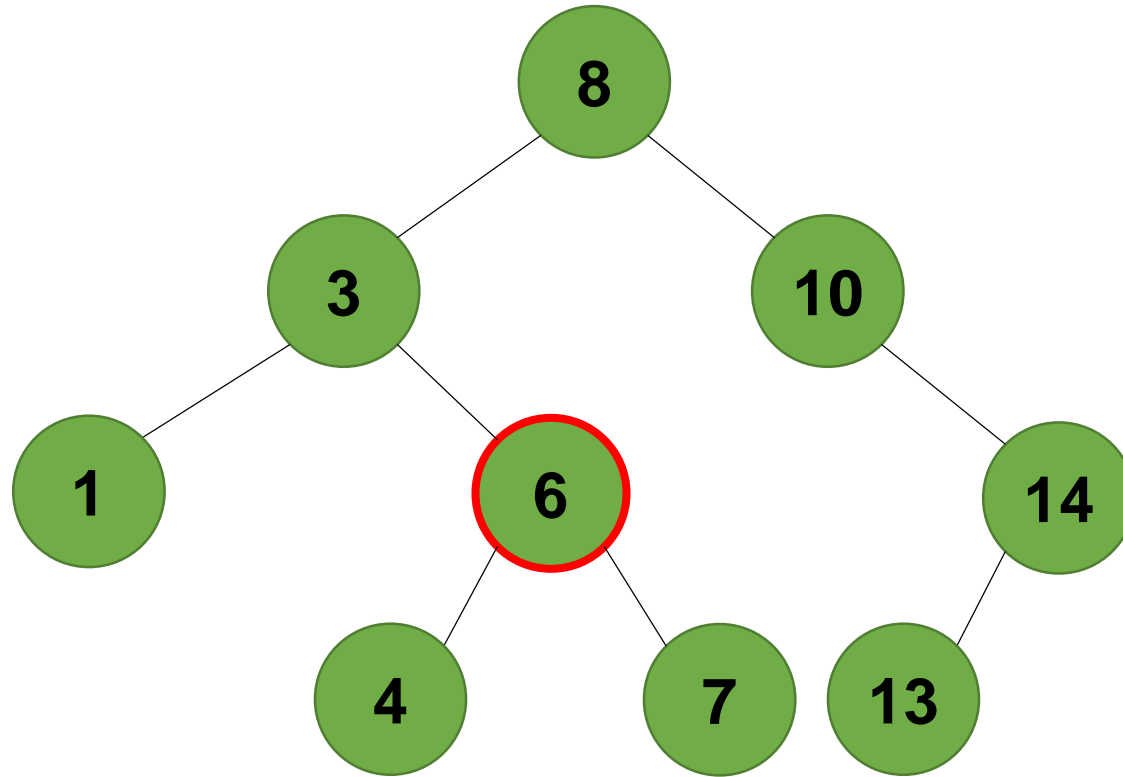
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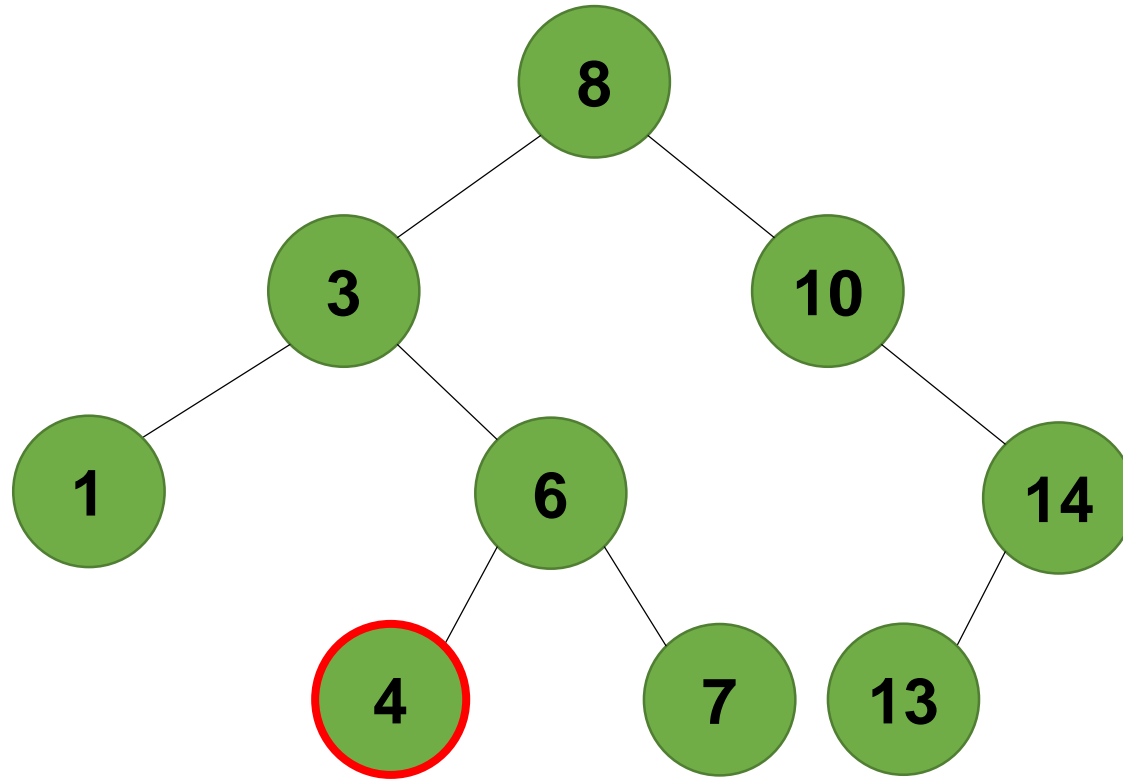
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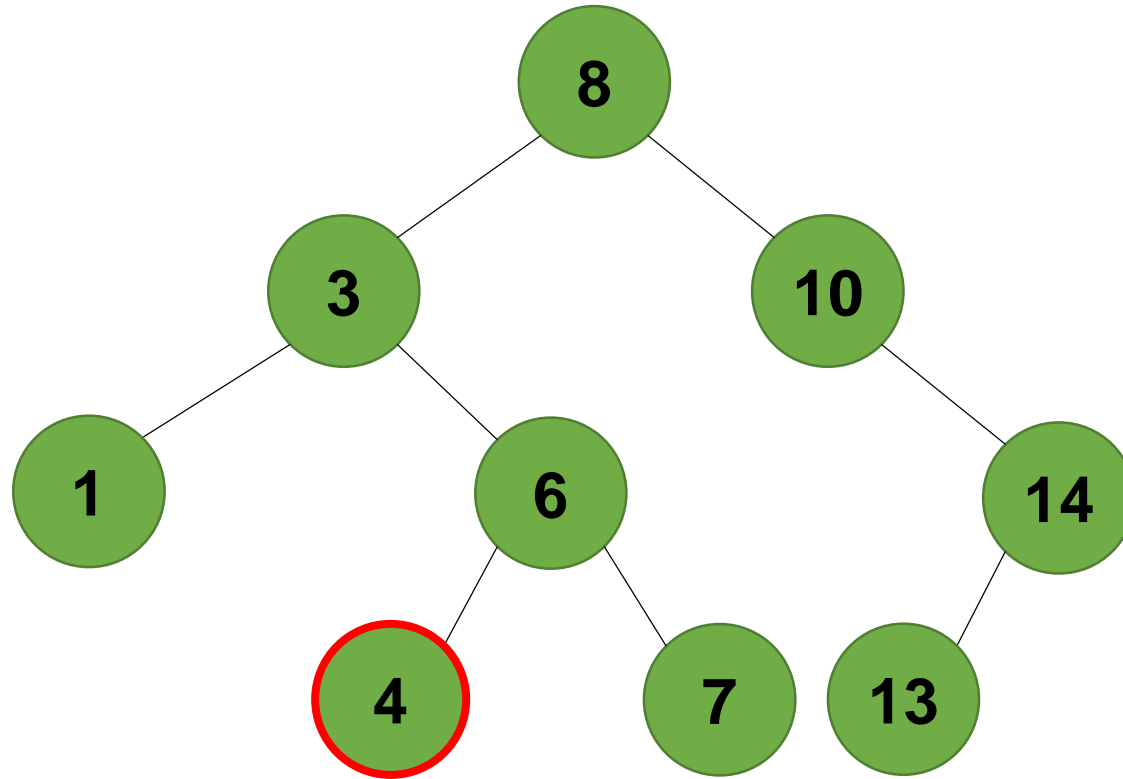
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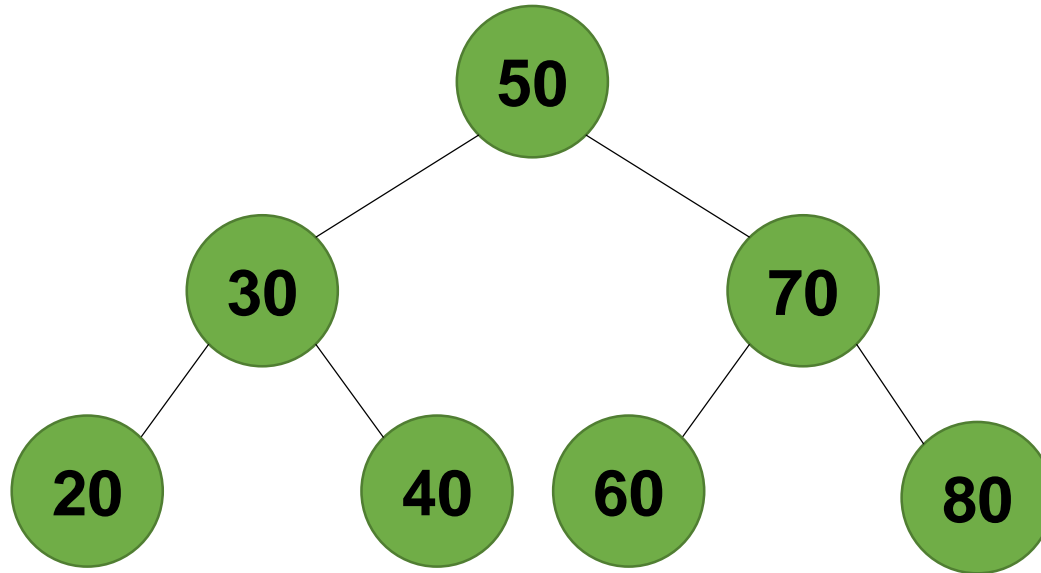
On average, $h \approx \log n \rightarrow O(\log n)$

Deletion in a BST

Deletion in BST has been divided into 3 cases.

- 1) Node to be deleted is leaf.**
- 2) Node to be deleted has only one child.**
- 3) Node to be deleted has two children.**

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Case 1: Node to be deleted is leaf: Let's delete the node with value '20'

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struct node* deleteNode(struct node* root, int key)
{
    if (root == NULL) return root;

    if (key < root->key)
        root->left = deleteNode(root->left, key);

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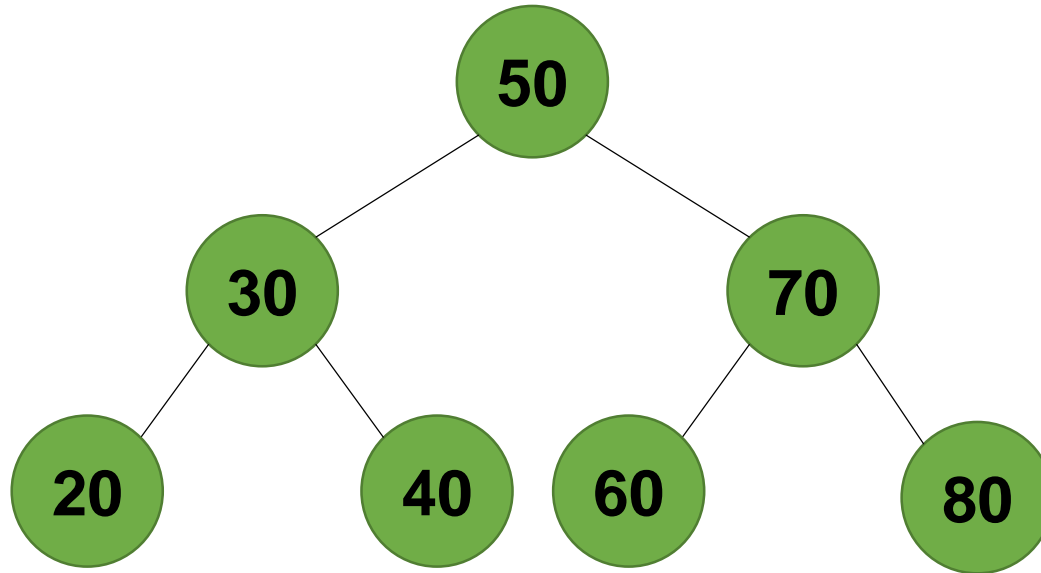
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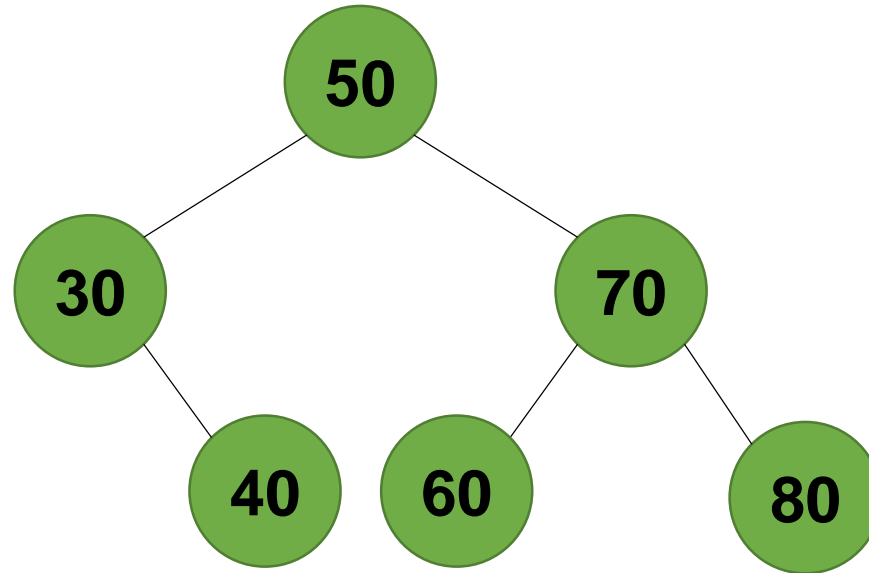
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}
```

Deletion in a BST



To delete a leaf node simply remove it from the tree.

```
struct node* deleteNode(struct node* root, int key)
{
    if (root == NULL) return root;

    if (key < root->key)
        root->left = deleteNode(root->left, key);

    else if (key > root->key)
        root->right = deleteNode(root->right, key);

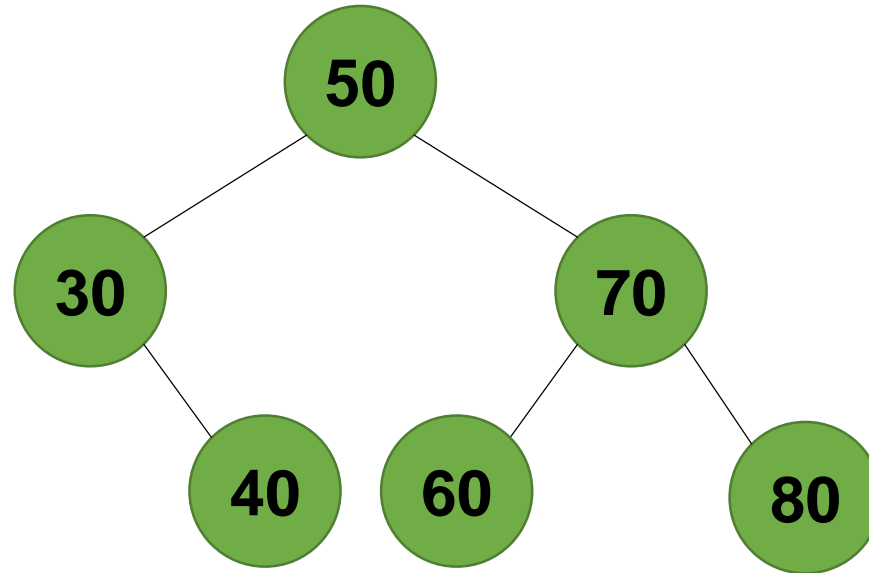
    else
    {
        // node with only one child or no child
        if (root->left == NULL)
        {
            struct node *temp = root->right;
            free(root);
            return temp;
        }
        else if (root->right == NULL)
        {
            struct node *temp = root->left;
            free(root);
            return temp;
        }

        struct node* temp = minValueNode(root->right);

        root->key = temp->key;

        root->right = deleteNode(root->right, temp->key);
    }
    return root;
}
```

Deletion in a BST



Since it was a leaf node, we deleted it from the tree without making any other changes.

```
struct node* deleteNode(struct node* root, int key)
{
    if (root == NULL) return root;

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        root->left = deleteNode(root->left, key);

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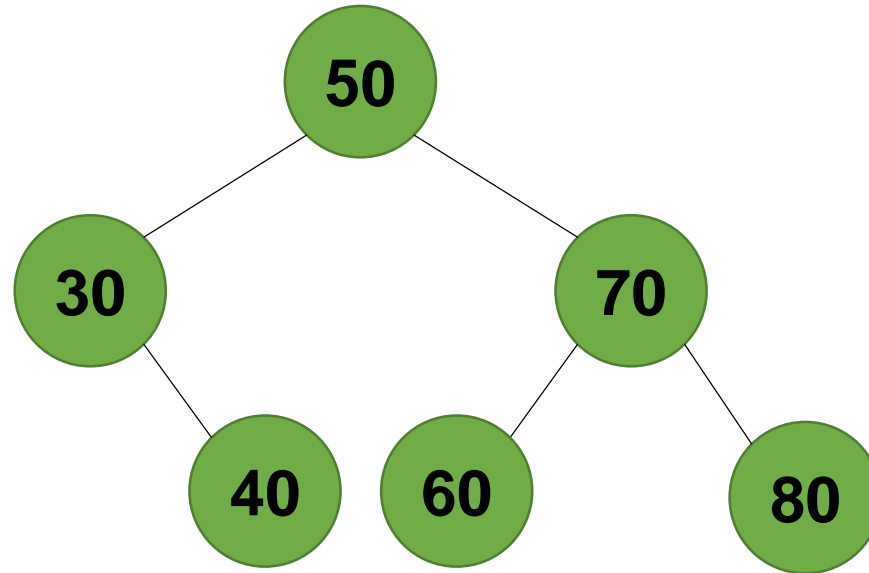
    else
    {
        // node with only one child or no child
        if (root->left == NULL)
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        }
        else if (root->right == NULL)
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            free(root);
            return temp;
        }

        struct node* temp = minValueNode(root->right);

        root->key = temp->key;

        root->right = deleteNode(root->right, temp->key);
    }
    return root;
}
```

Deletion in a BST



Case 2: Node to be deleted has only one child: Let's delete the node with value '30'

```
struct node* deleteNode(struct node* root, int key)
{
    if (root == NULL) return root;

    if (key < root->key)
        root->left = deleteNode(root->left, key);

    else if (key > root->key)
        root->right = deleteNode(root->right, key);

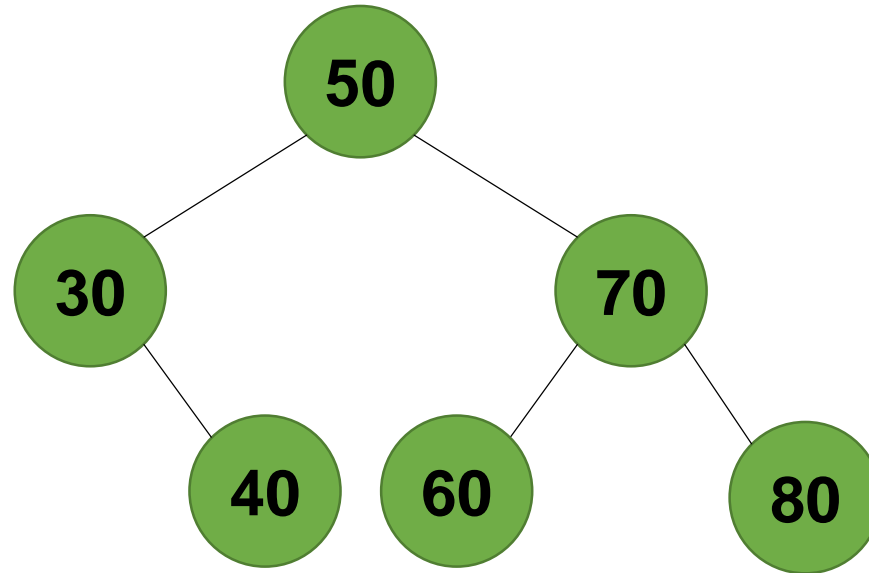
    else
    {
        // node with only one child or no child
        if (root->left == NULL)
        {
            struct node *temp = root->right;
            free(root);
            return temp;
        }
        else if (root->right == NULL)
        {
            struct node *temp = root->left;
            free(root);
            return temp;
        }

        struct node* temp = minValueNode(root->right);

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Deletion in a BST



To delete this node, copy the child to the node and delete the child.

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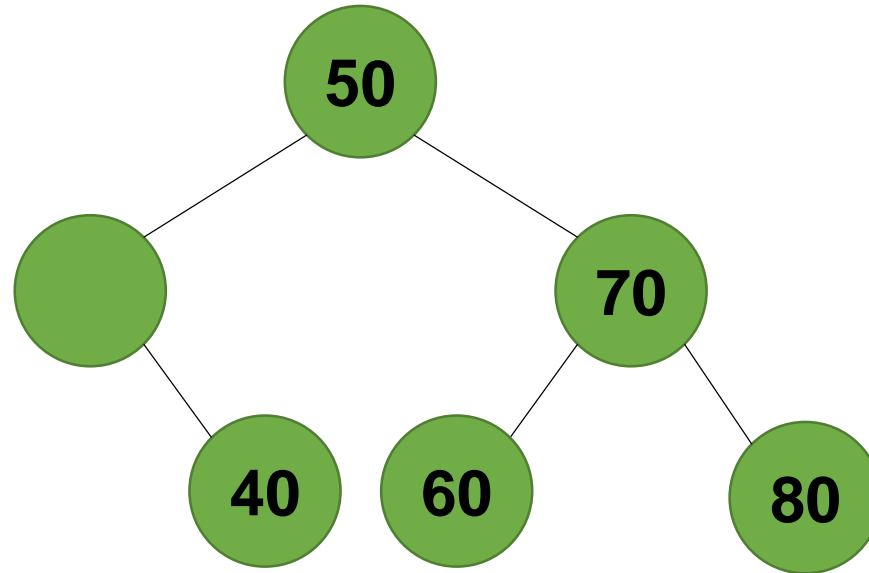
    else
    {
        // node with only one child or no child
        if (root->left == NULL)
        {
            struct node *temp = root->right;
            free(root);
            return temp;
        }
        else if (root->right == NULL)
        {
            struct node *temp = root->left;
            free(root);
            return temp;
        }

        struct node* temp = minValueNode(root->right);

        root->key = temp->key;

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}
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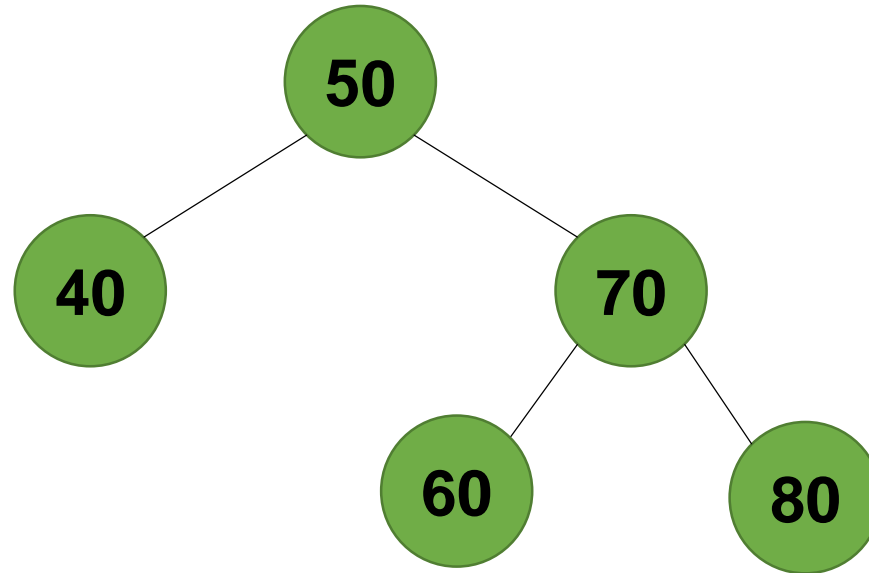
    else
    {
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        if (root->left == NULL)
        {
            struct node *temp = root->right;
            free(root);
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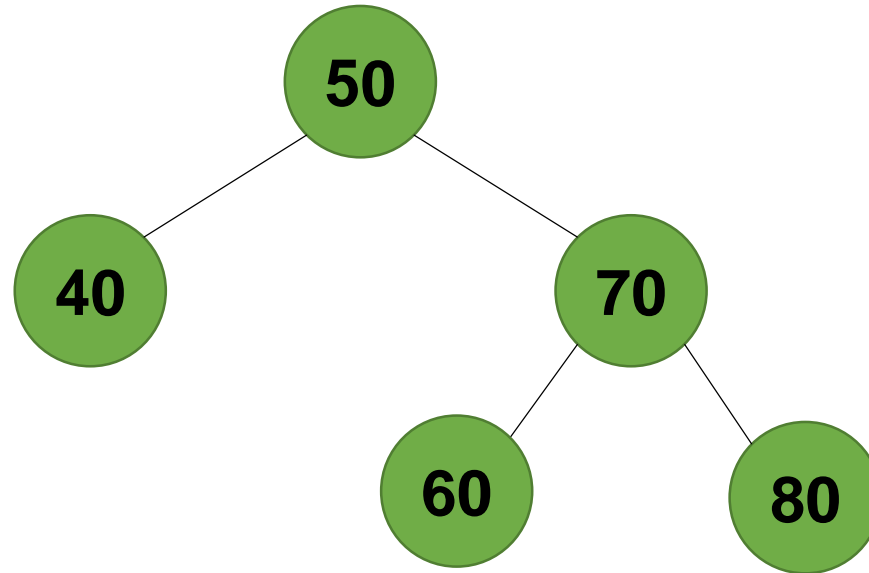
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    return root;
}
```

Deletion in a BST



The node had only one child so we copied its child's value to it and deleted its child.

```
struct node* deleteNode(struct node* root, int key)
{
    if (root == NULL) return root;

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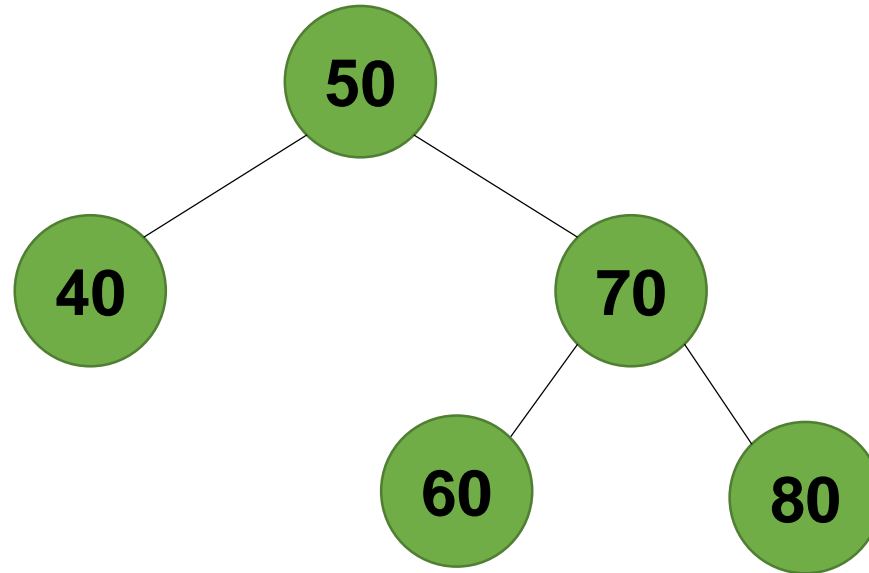
    else
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        {
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            return temp;
        }
        else if (root->right == NULL)
        {
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        }

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        root->key = temp->key;

        root->right = deleteNode(root->right, temp->key);
    }
    return root;
}
```

Deletion in a BST



**Case 3: Node to be deleted has two children:
Let's delete the root node with value '50'**

```
struct node* deleteNode(struct node* root, int key)
{
    if (root == NULL) return root;

    if (key < root->key)
        root->left = deleteNode(root->left, key);

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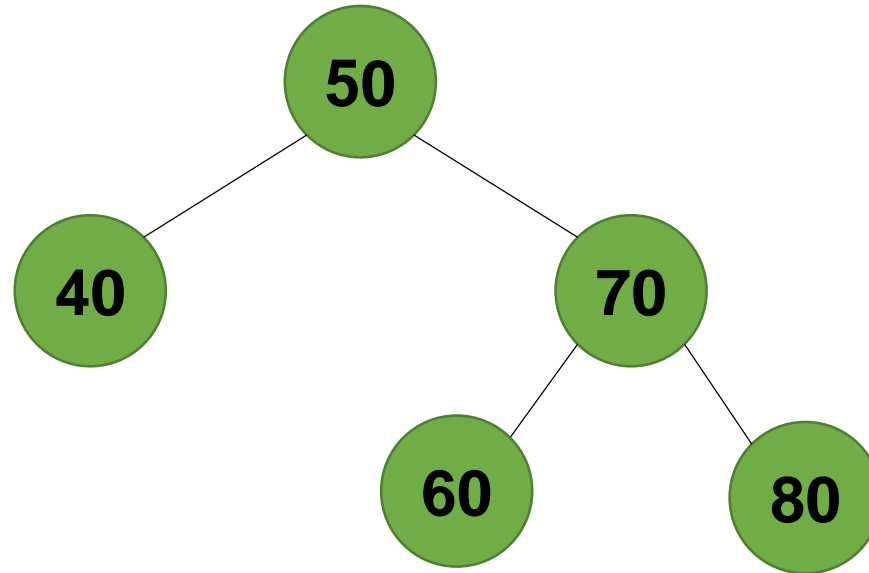
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        {
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            return temp;
        }
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        }

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        root->key = temp->key;

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    }
    return root;
}
```

Deletion in a BST



First, find inorder successor of the node.

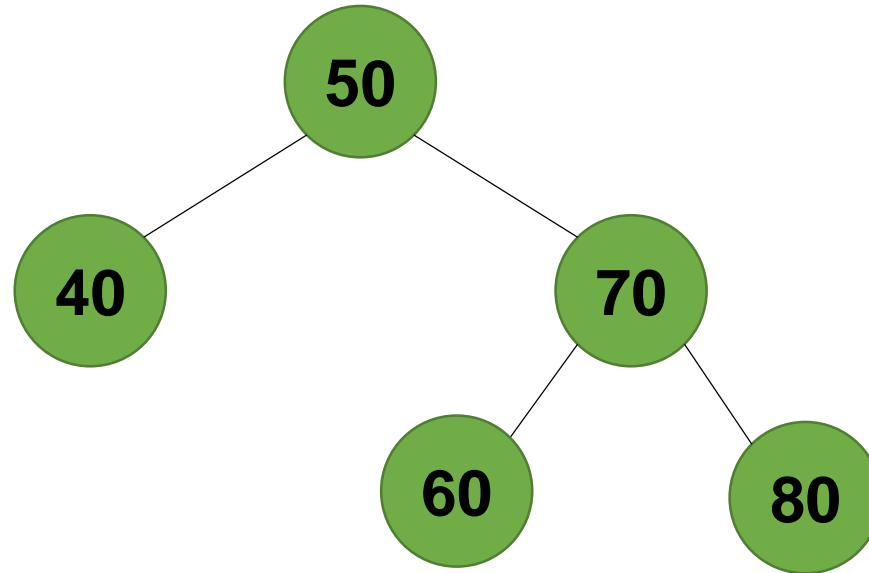
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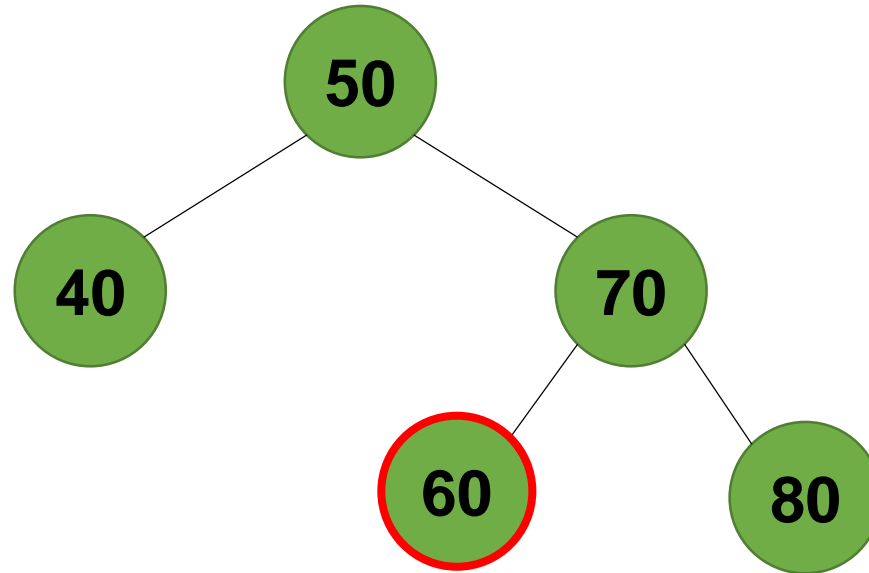
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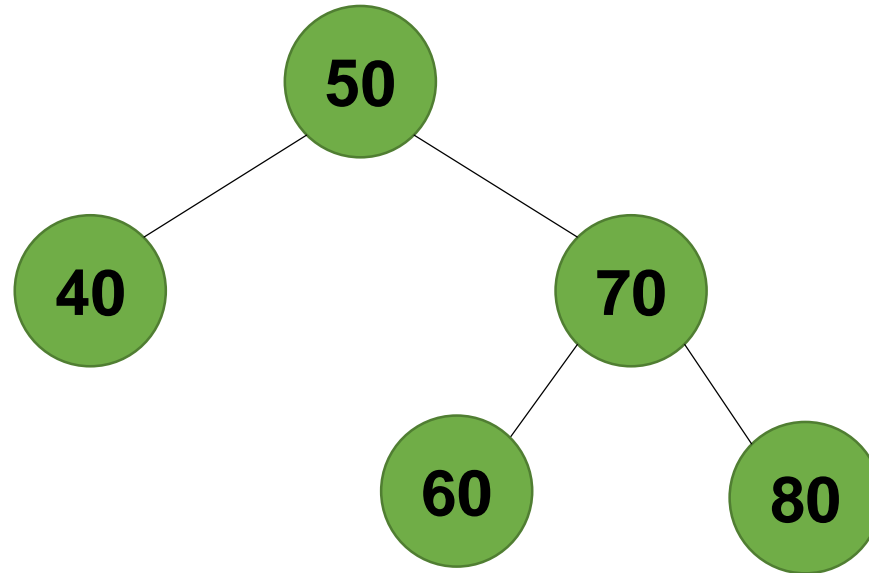
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Deletion in a BST



Now copy contents of the inorder successor to the node and delete the inorder successor.

```
struct node* deleteNode(struct node* root, int key)
{
    if (root == NULL) return root;

    if (key < root->key)
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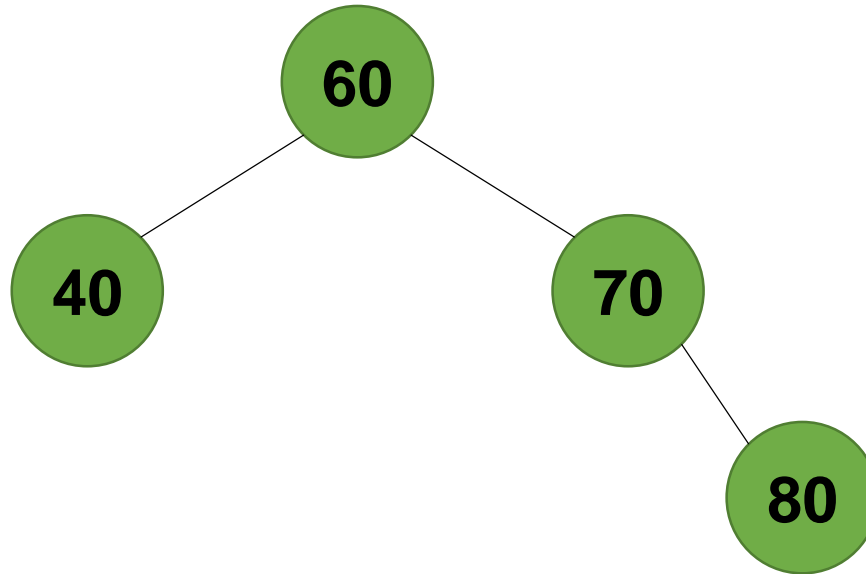
    else if (key > root->key)
        root->right = deleteNode(root->right, key);

    else
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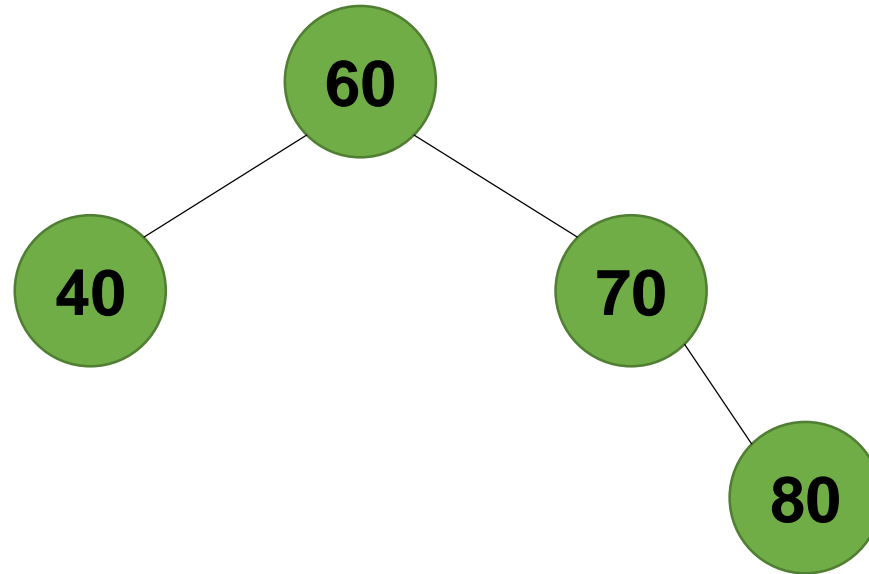
    else if (key > root->key)
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The inorder predecessor can also be used in the same manner.

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The worst case time complexity: $O(h)$

If the height of a skewed tree becomes n , the time complexity is $O(n)$.

On average, $h \approx \log n \rightarrow O(\log n)$

BST vs Hash Table

Hash Table supports following operations in $\Theta(1)$ time:

1. Search
2. Insert
3. Delete

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