

CS2040S

Recitation 5
AY24/25S2

BST and AVL recap

If it's helpful to you, here is a set of my old slides for BST and AVL recap: [BST and AVL slides](#)

Recitation goal

Show how augmentation is a powerful means for trees to "summarize" data of its subtrees.

Problem 1

Heights and Grades

- Given a set of students with heights and grades
- Implement an ADT to efficiently answer the question: “What is the average grade of all students taller than ____?”
- For instance, the average CAP of all students taller than John is $(4.2 + 4.5 + 3.6 + 5.0 + 3.9) / 5 = 4.24$

Name	Height (cm)	Grade (CAP)
Charles	176	4.2
Bob	162	4.5
Mary	180	3.6
John	155	4.1
Wick	186	5.0
Alice	170	3.9

Problem 1.a.

How do you capture the information of each student? What should the data type for each of their attributes be?

ADT

Operation	Behaviour
<code>insert(name, height, grade)</code>	Inserts student into the dataset.
<code>findAverageGrade(name)</code>	Returns the average grade among all the students that are taller than the given student.

Problem 1.b.

How do you design a Data Structure (DS) that serves as an efficient implementation of the given ADT?

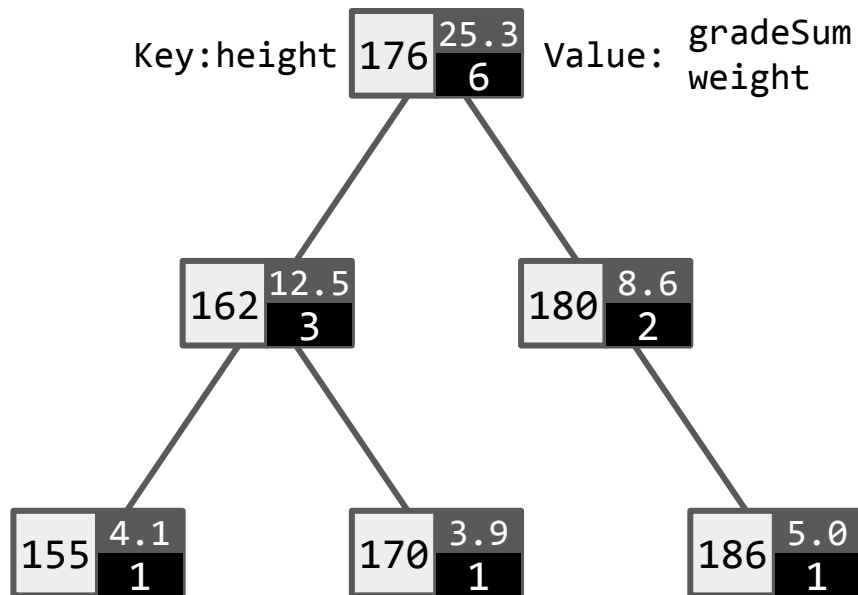
You may assume that name and height are unique.

2 stage query

nameTable

Key	Value
"Charles"	176
"Bob"	162
"Mary"	180
"John"	155
"Wick"	186
"Alice"	170

heightTree



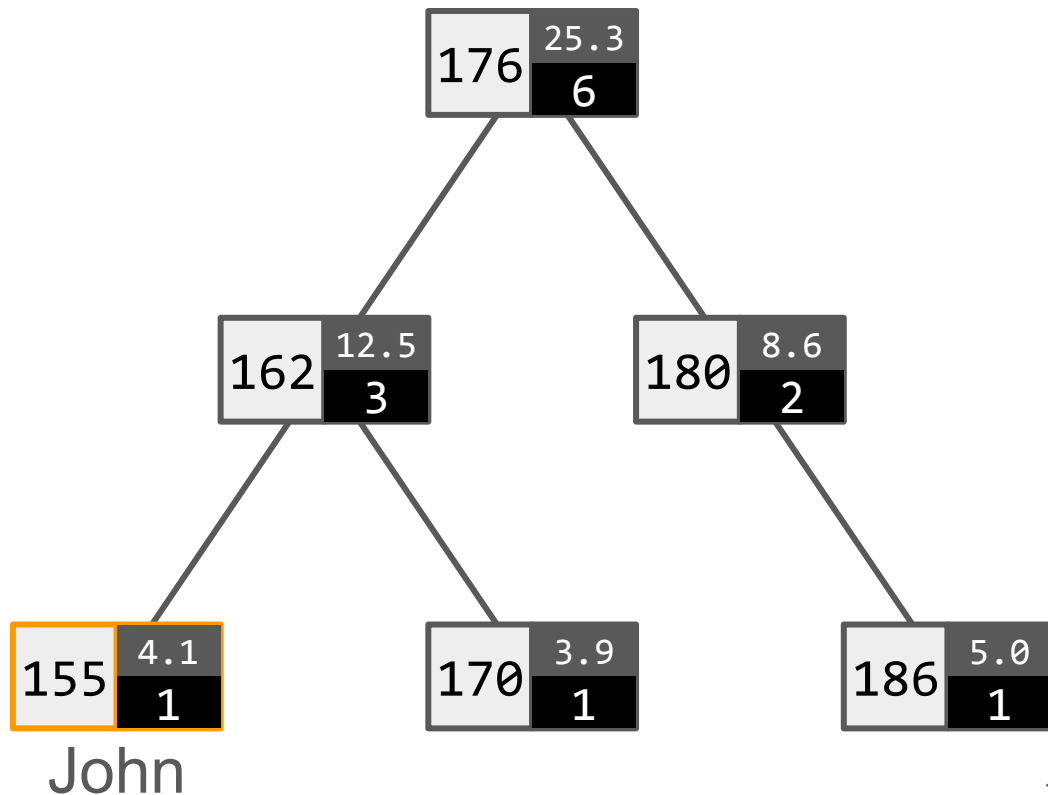
findAverageGrade("John")

Finding average grade now is simple for this case:

In `heightTree`, remove John's `gradeSum` and `weight` from root, then divide like so:

$$(25.3 - 4.1) / (6 - 1) = 4.24$$

Is this strategy always correct?
I.e. Do we simply deduct target node's value away from root?

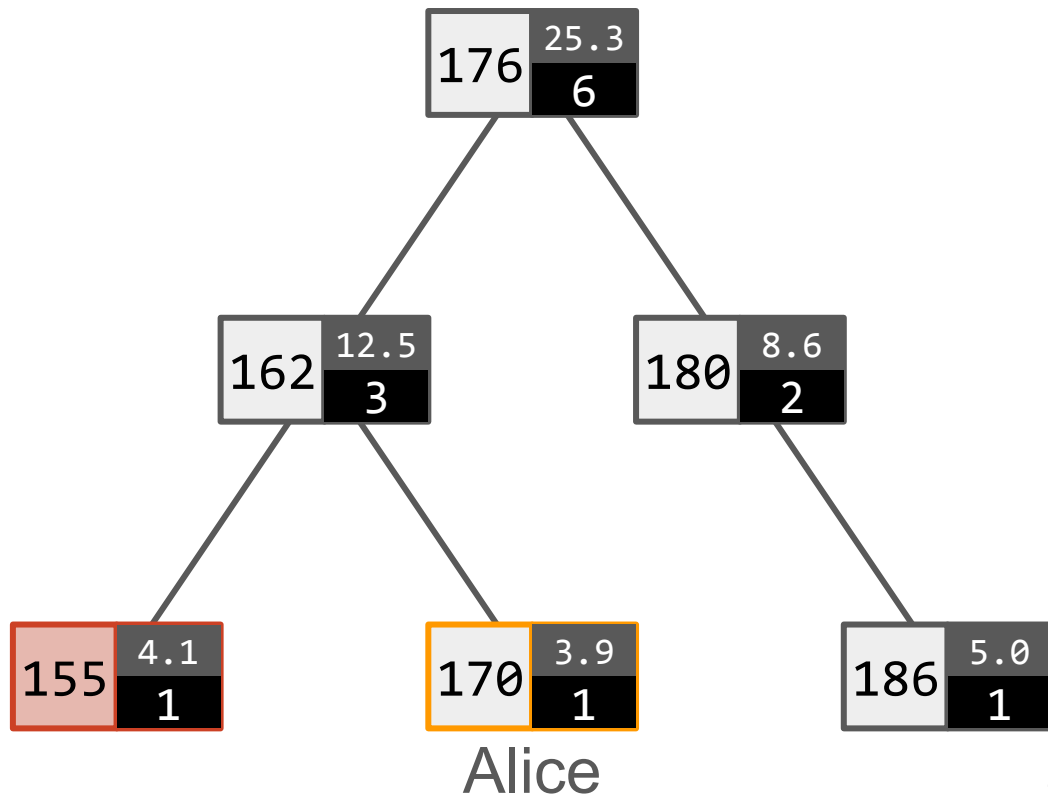


findAverageGrade("Alice")

What happens in this case?

If we follow the same naive strategy as before, we would have erroneously also counted in the people who are shorter than us!

We must therefore *traverse the tree* and figure out what to add/subtract!

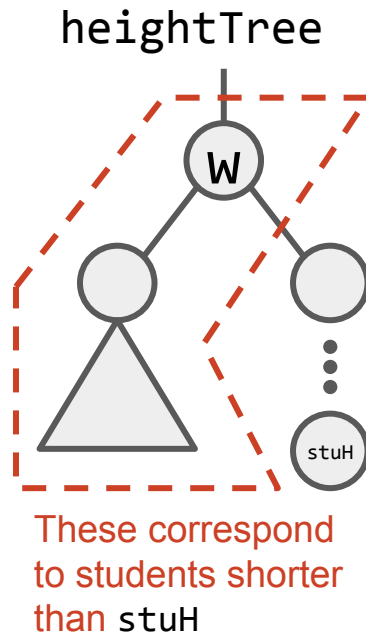


findAverageGrade strategy

- In `heightTree`, the root node's value stores the total number of students (`root.weight`) as well as their combined grade (`root.gradeSum`)
- We just need to deduct from `root`'s value the value of our query student (`stuH`), **as well as** all those values of students who are shorter than `stuH`
- Doing so will leave us with the total number of students taller than `stuH` as well as their combined grade

findAverageGrade algorithm

1. Initialize variables for decumulation
 - `tallerGradeSum = root.gradeSum`
 - `tallerWeight = root.weight`
2. We traverse from root down to `stuH`, suppose current node is `w`
 - Once we have to recurse down to right child **in the next step**
 - From `tallerGradeSum` and `tallerWeight` respectively, we deduct
 - `w`'s grade and 1
 - `w.leftChild`'s gradeSum and weight
 - Realize this is nothing but first deducting `w`'s values then adding by `w.rightSubtree`'s values (because we over-deducted)
 - Not forgetting to also finally deduct `stuH` and its left child (if exist)
3. Return `tallerGradeSum/tallerWeight`



findAverageGrade strategy

- Here I only presented one possible solution
- There are obviously various ways to solve this problem
- Some of you have proposed variations of the following:
 - Instead of traversing downwards from `root` to `stuH`, traverse upwards from `stuH` to `root`
 - Instead of decumulation, accumulate the values of students taller than `stuH`
 - Design each node in `heightTree` to only store `gradeSum` and `weight` of its right child
- All of them are potentially workable solutions! Try implementing them in pseudocode and trace them out!
- Key thing here is that you are using data-summarisation ability of augmented trees to help you compute the answer so you don't have to visit every node in the tree

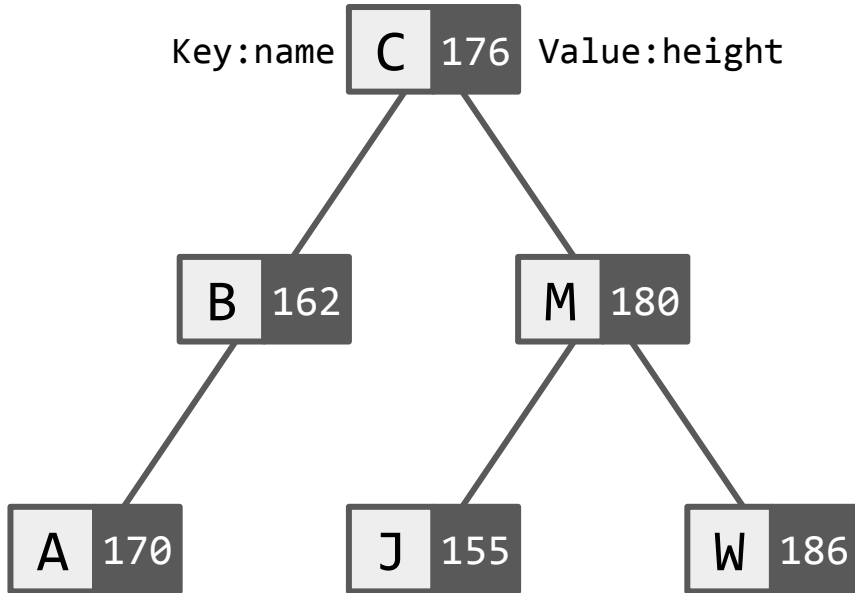
Test yourself!

What if we disallow hashtables?

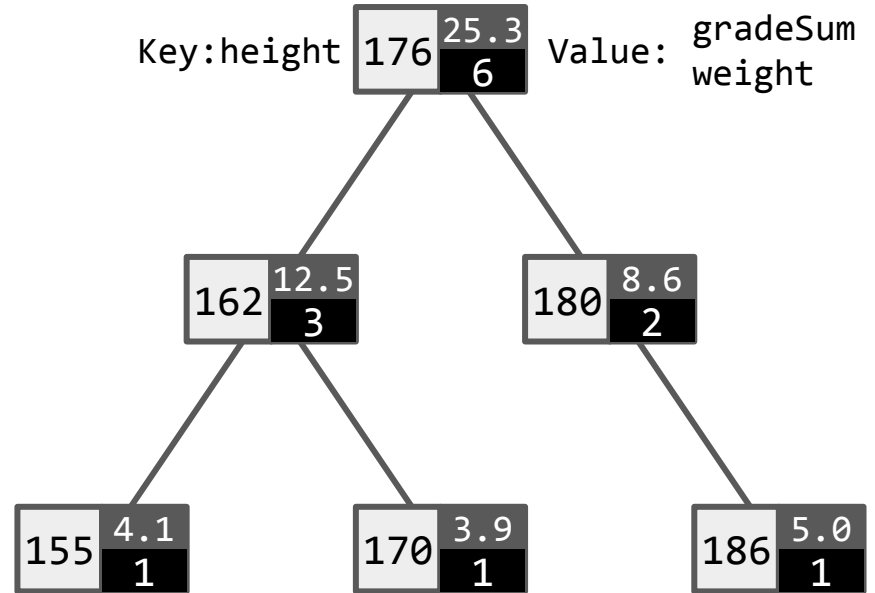
Can you come up with an alternative for `nameTable`?

2 BSTs!

nameTree



heightTree



Problem 1.c.

What if height is now not unique?

What issue(s) will arise from this?

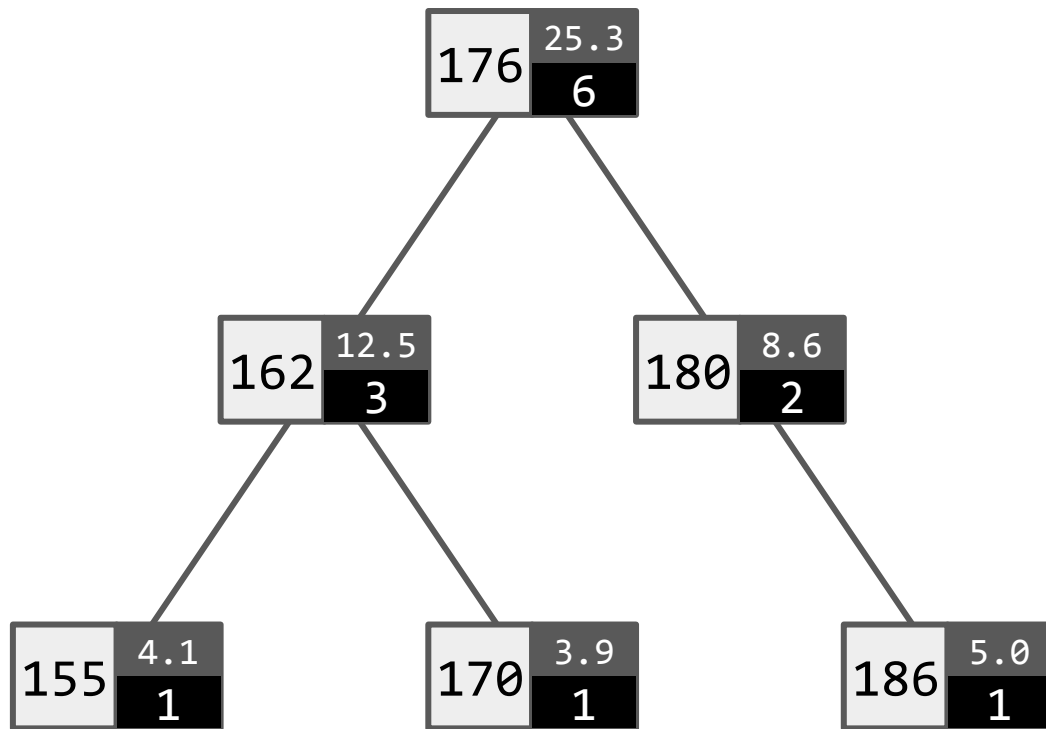
How might you modify your solution in the previous part to resolve the issue(s)?

`insert("Peter", 176, 4.8)`

So now we have a new student Peter who is 176cm tall.

We already have a student (Charles) with height 176.

What do we do now???



Key duplicates

Realistically speaking, the data might contain certain keys with high duplicate count. This is especially true for something like height in a large group of people.

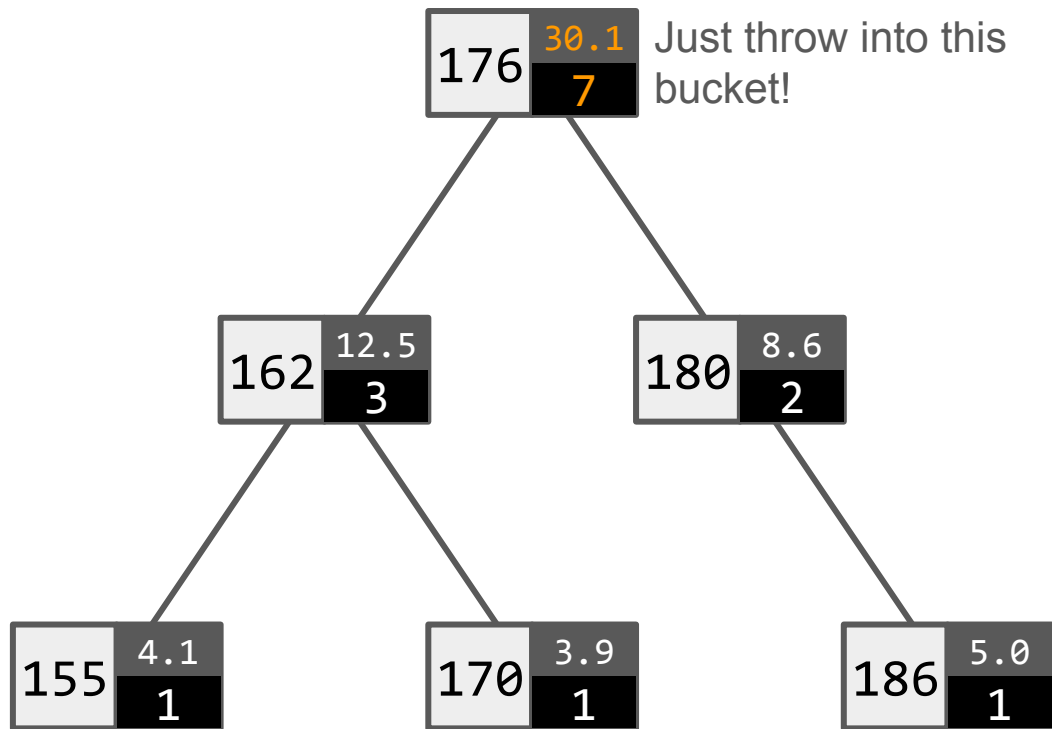
Having too many duplicate keys in a BST can lead to non-optimal insertion and a potentially complicated (read: bug-prone) querying process.

There exists an easy and optimal solution to handle duplicate height in this problem :)

`insert("Peter", 176, 4.8)`

We can simply treat each node as a bucket of students!

You should convince yourself that doing so wouldn't affect any operation.



Challenge yourself!

Depending on your answer for 1.a. along with other reasonable assumptions, there is another possible solution which requires $O(n \log n)$ preprocessing time and thereafter $O(1)$ query time!

Can you come up with such a solution?

Challenge yourself!

We have conveniently avoided mentioning about tree rebalancing in an augmented BST tree.

How would rebalancing work with augmented nodes in the tree here?

Problem 2

A game of cards

Suppose you have a deck of n cards.

They are spread out in front of you on the table from left to right.

Each card indexed from 1 to n .

Each card can either be facing up or down.

ADT

Operation	Behaviour
<code>query(i)</code>	Return whether card at index <code>i</code> is facing up or down.
<code>turnOver(i,j)</code>	Turn over all cards in the subsequence specified by the index range <code>[i, j]</code> .

Problem 2.a.

Given n cards already laid out on the table, how do you design a DS that implements such an ADT?

Can you achieve `turnOver(i,j)` in less than $O(n)$ time? Just like magic!

Problem 2.a. — Approach

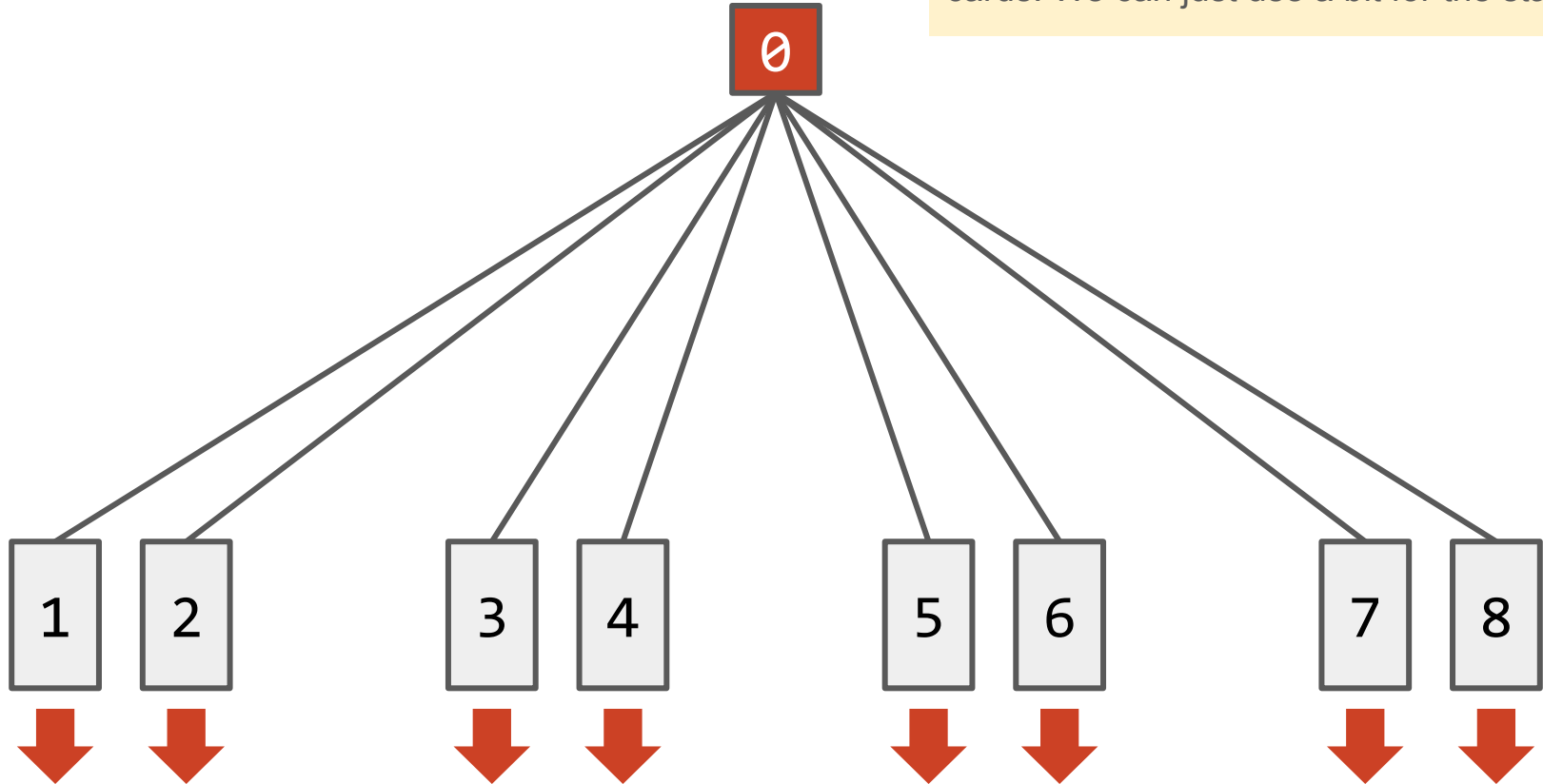
Perhaps let's start with a simpler problem.

Suppose all cards (say we have 8) are initially facing downwards.

How can we use augmented trees to turn over all cards at once?

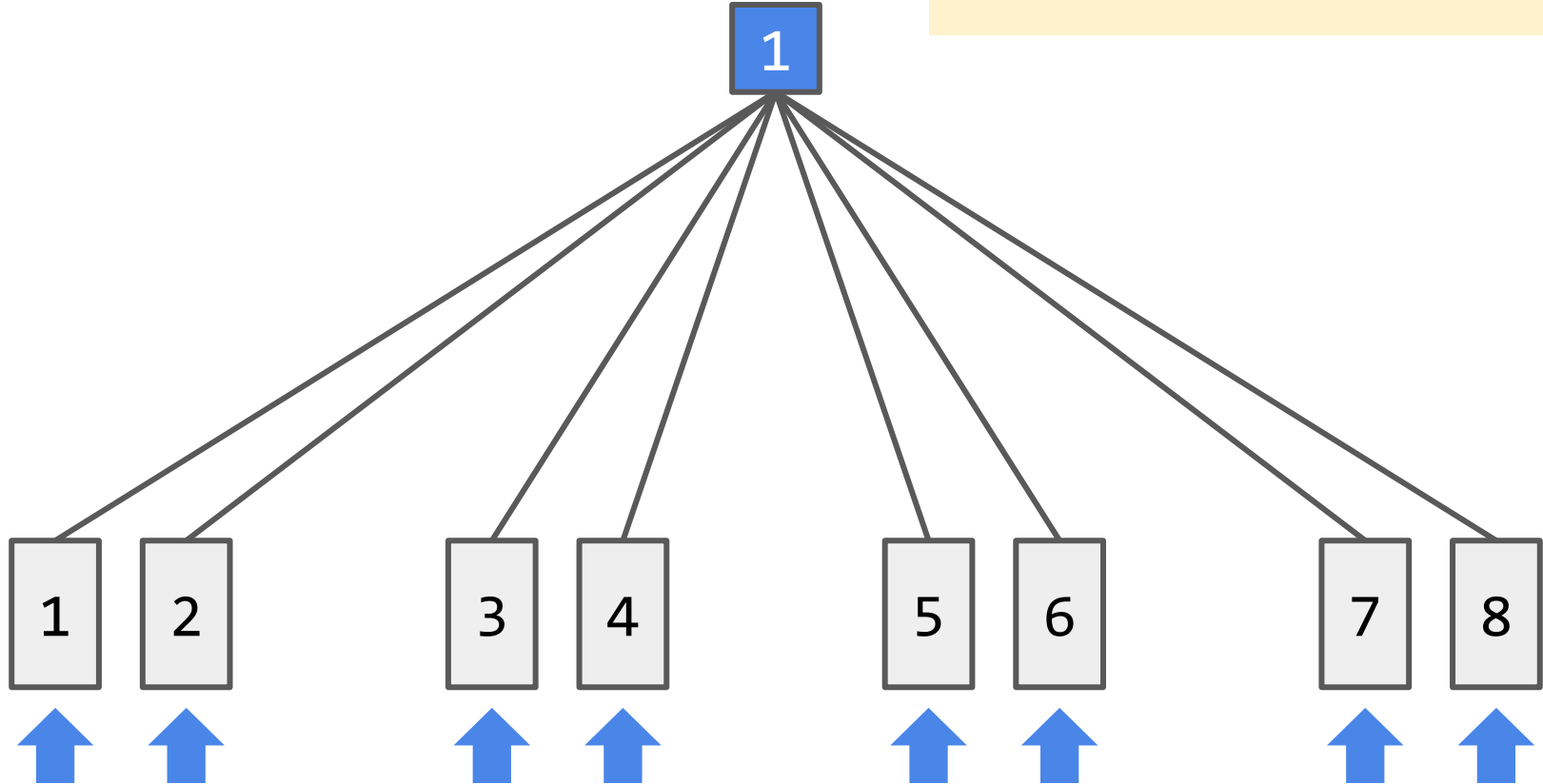
Toggling all cards

Use an augmented tree with root summarising face direction for all the cards! We can just use a bit for the state.



Toggling all cards

Toggle state bit at root node to turn over all the cards



Problem 2.a. — Approach

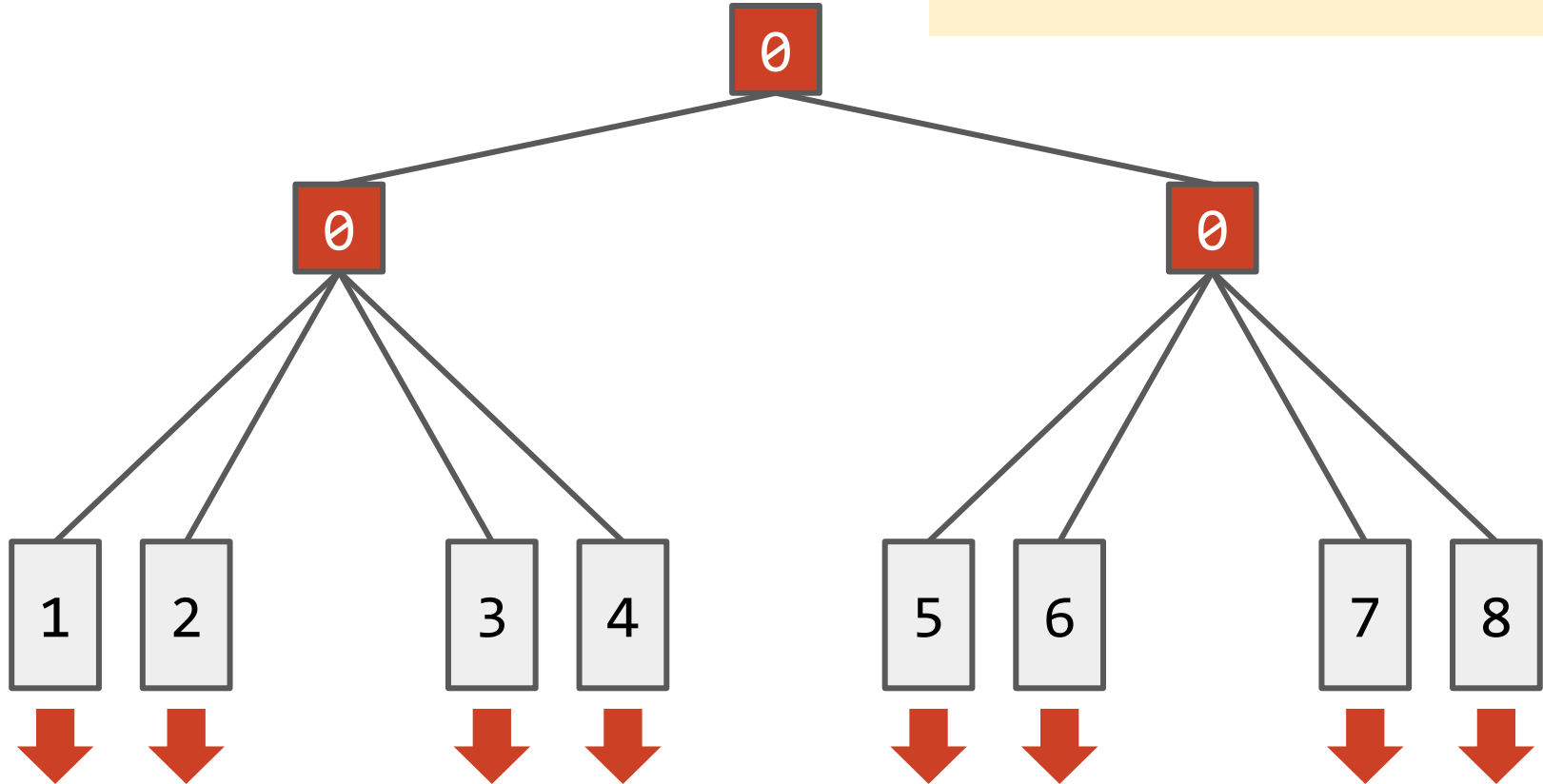
Ok that was easy!

Now let's solve a slightly harder problem.

What if, in addition to having the ability of turning over all cards at once, we can *a/so* choose to turn over half of them?

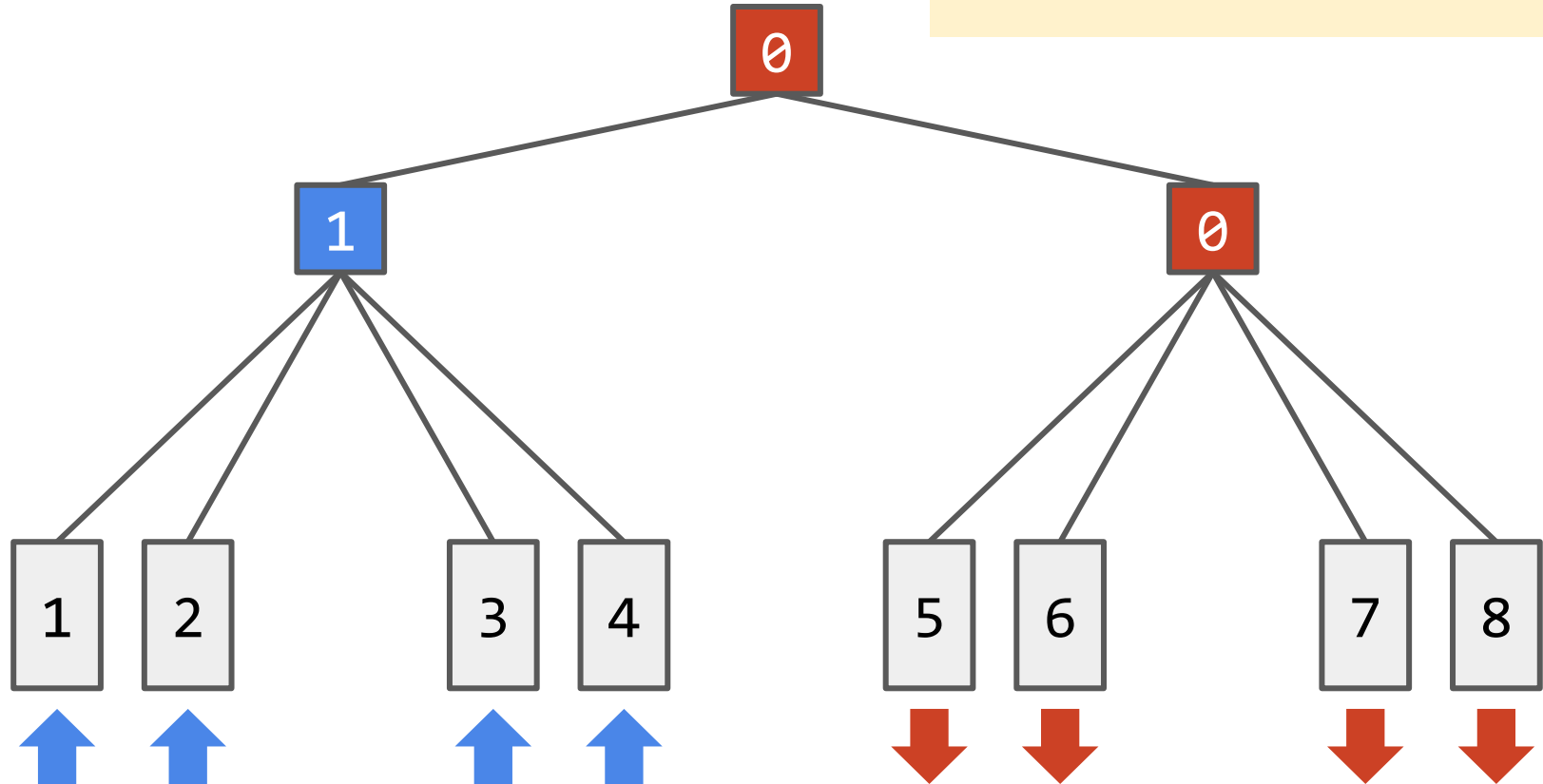
Also toggling $\frac{1}{2}$ the cards

We just add another layer after the root node. Simple!



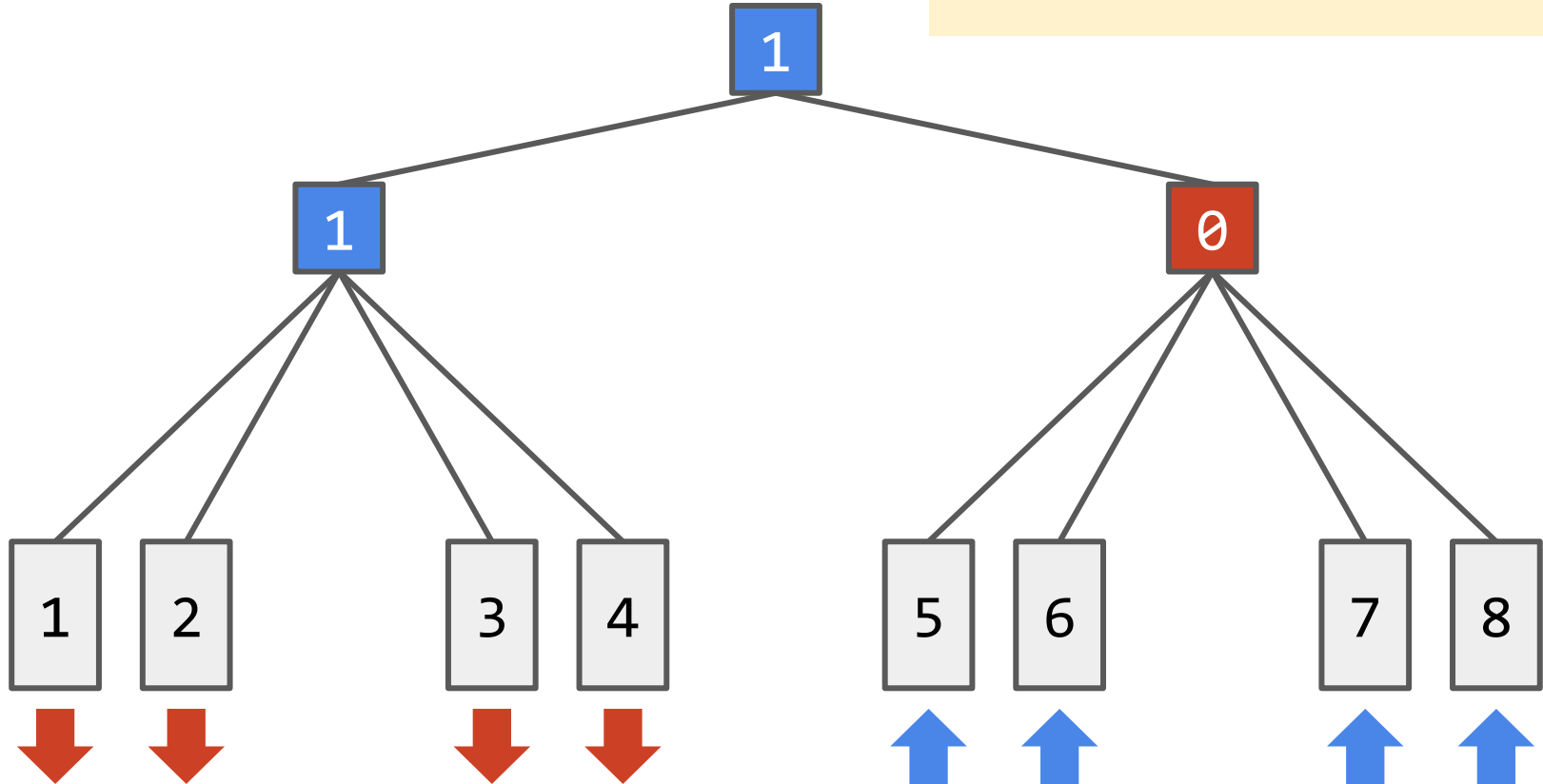
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Toggling that new node now turns over half the cards!



Also toggling $\frac{1}{2}$ the cards

Toggling the root node still turns over all the cards.



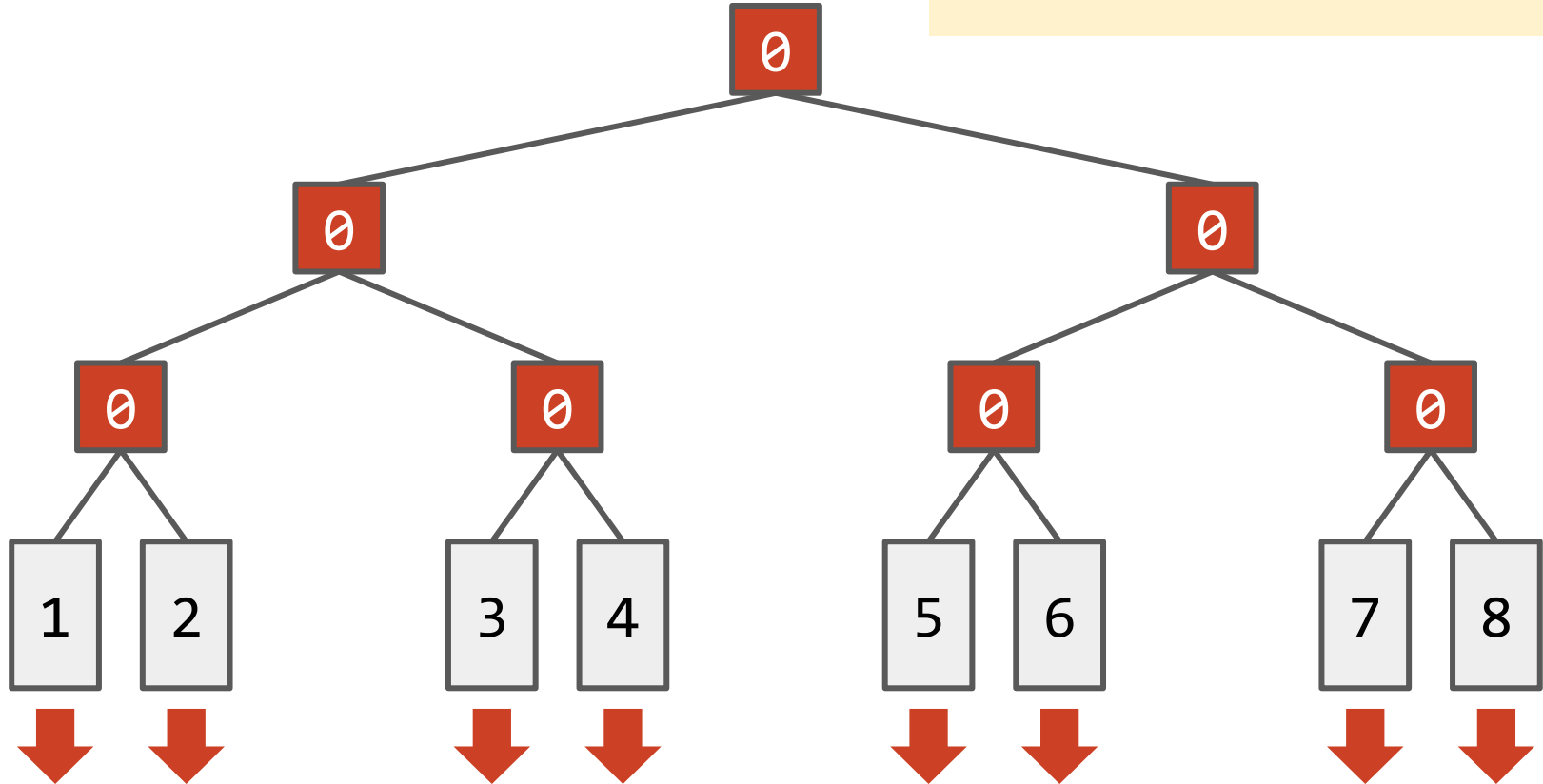
Problem 2.a. — Approach

Ok that was easy too!

Now what about *a*/so being able to turn over a quarter of the cards?

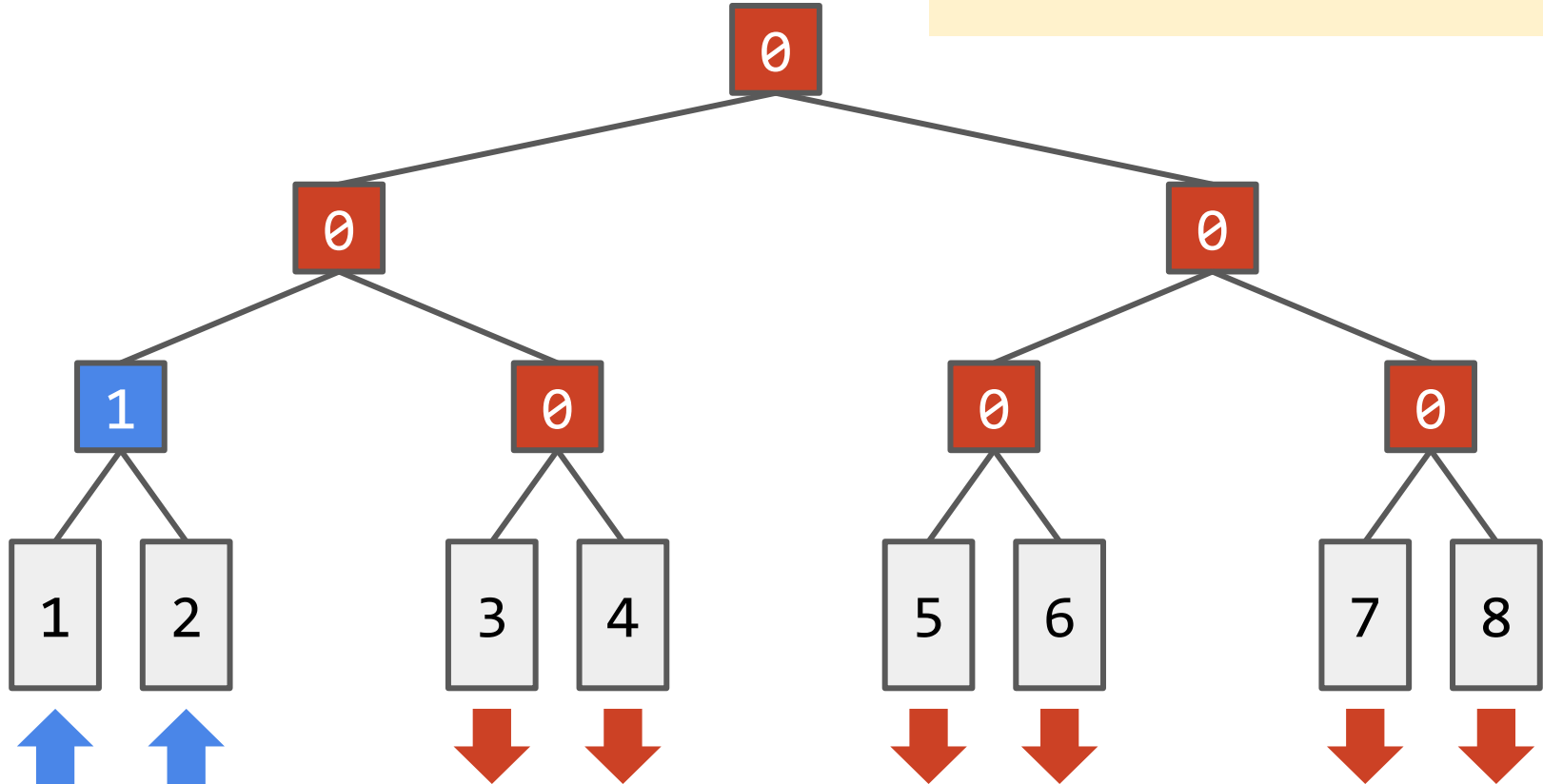
Also toggling $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cards

We just add another layer after the root node. Simple!



Also toggling $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cards

Toggling that new node now turns over a quarter of the cards!

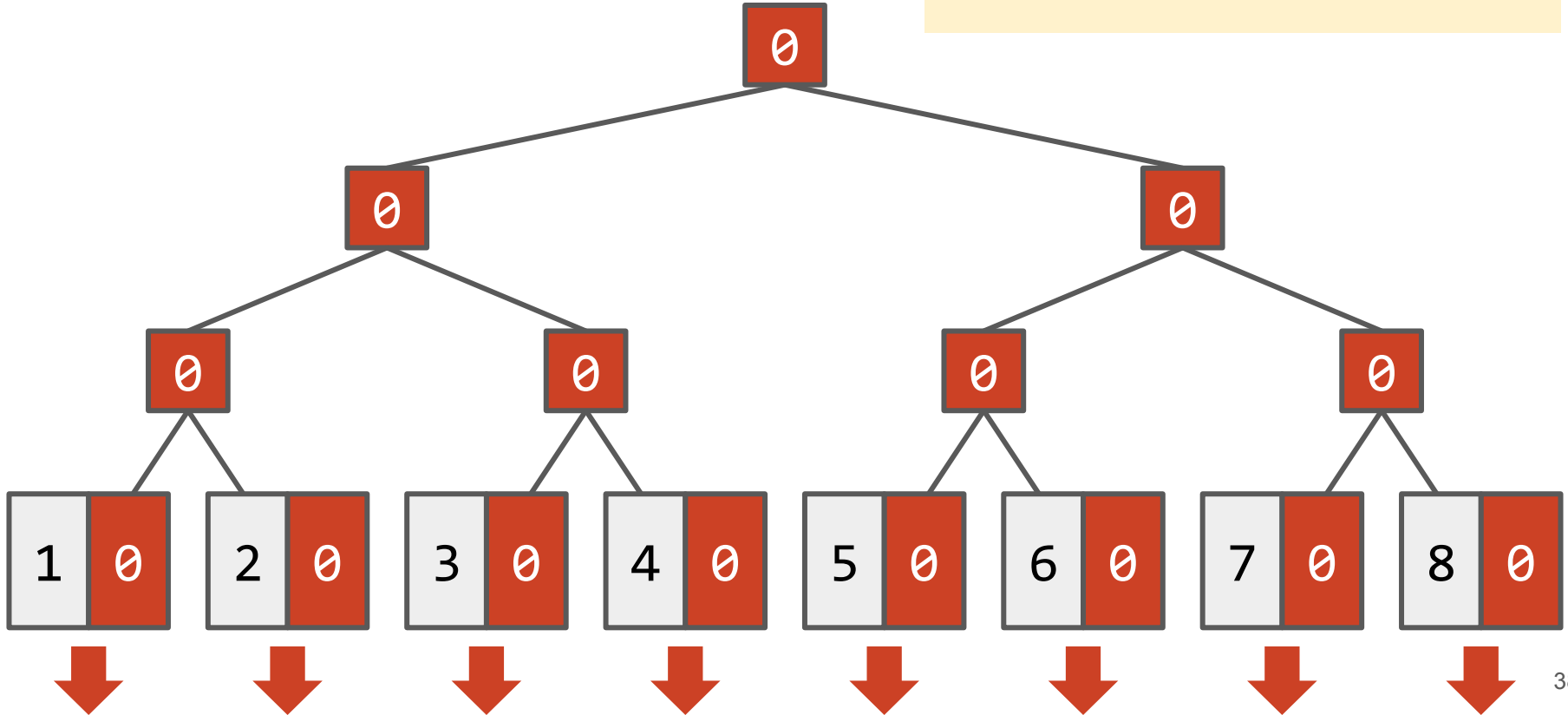


Problem 2.a. — Approach

Now what about also being able to turn over every single card individually?

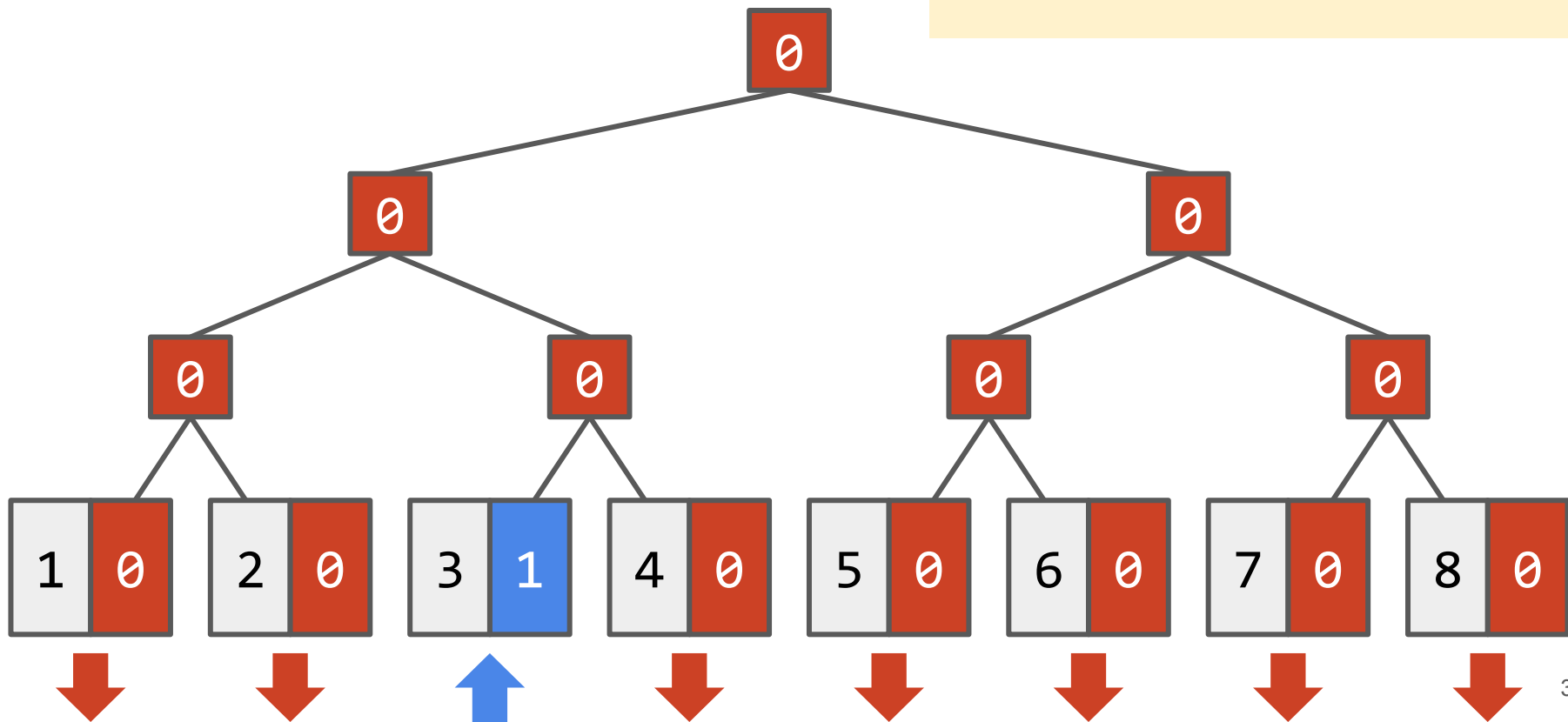
Also toggling every single card

We also attach a bit to every card!



Also toggling every single card

So turning over card 3 is as simple as this!



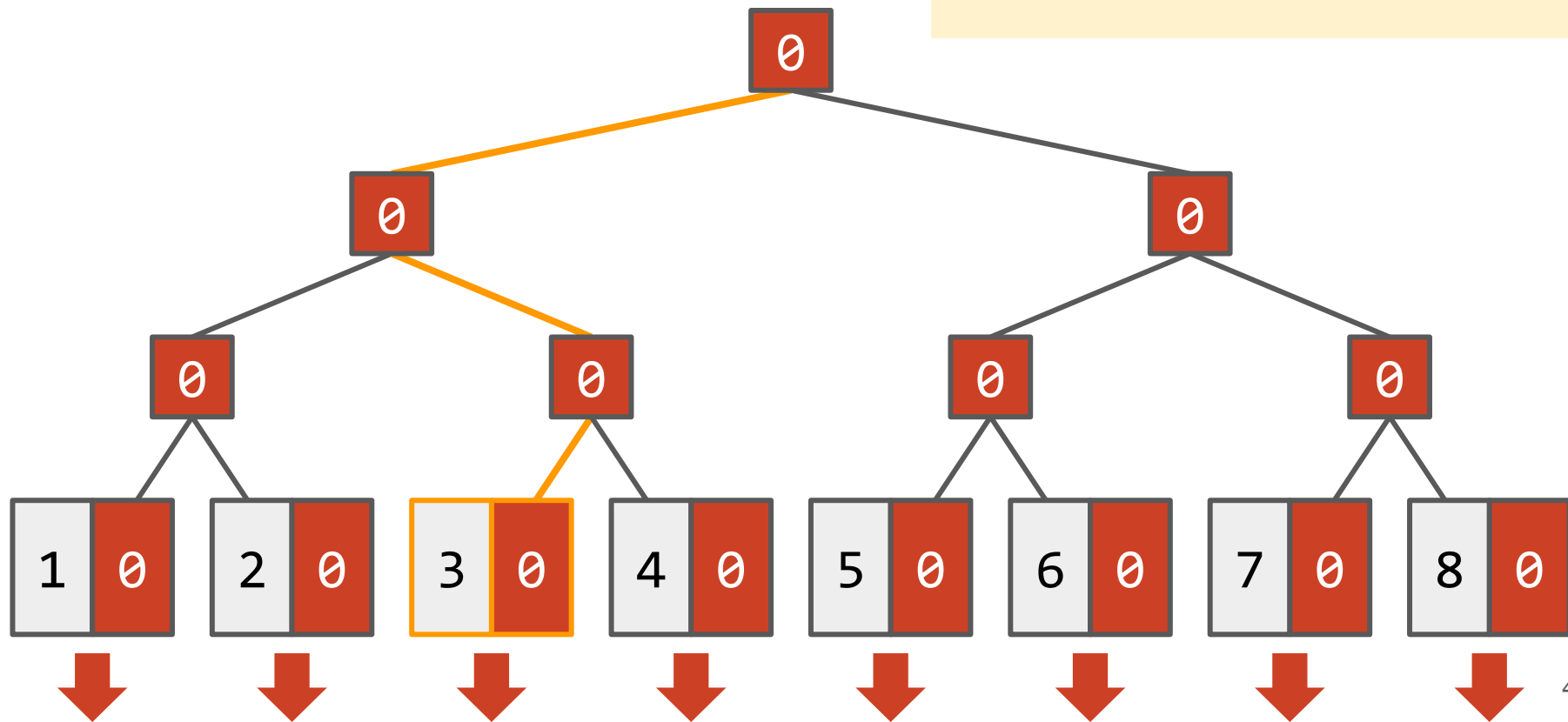
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But wait a minute!

How do we even find the card we want to flip in the first place?

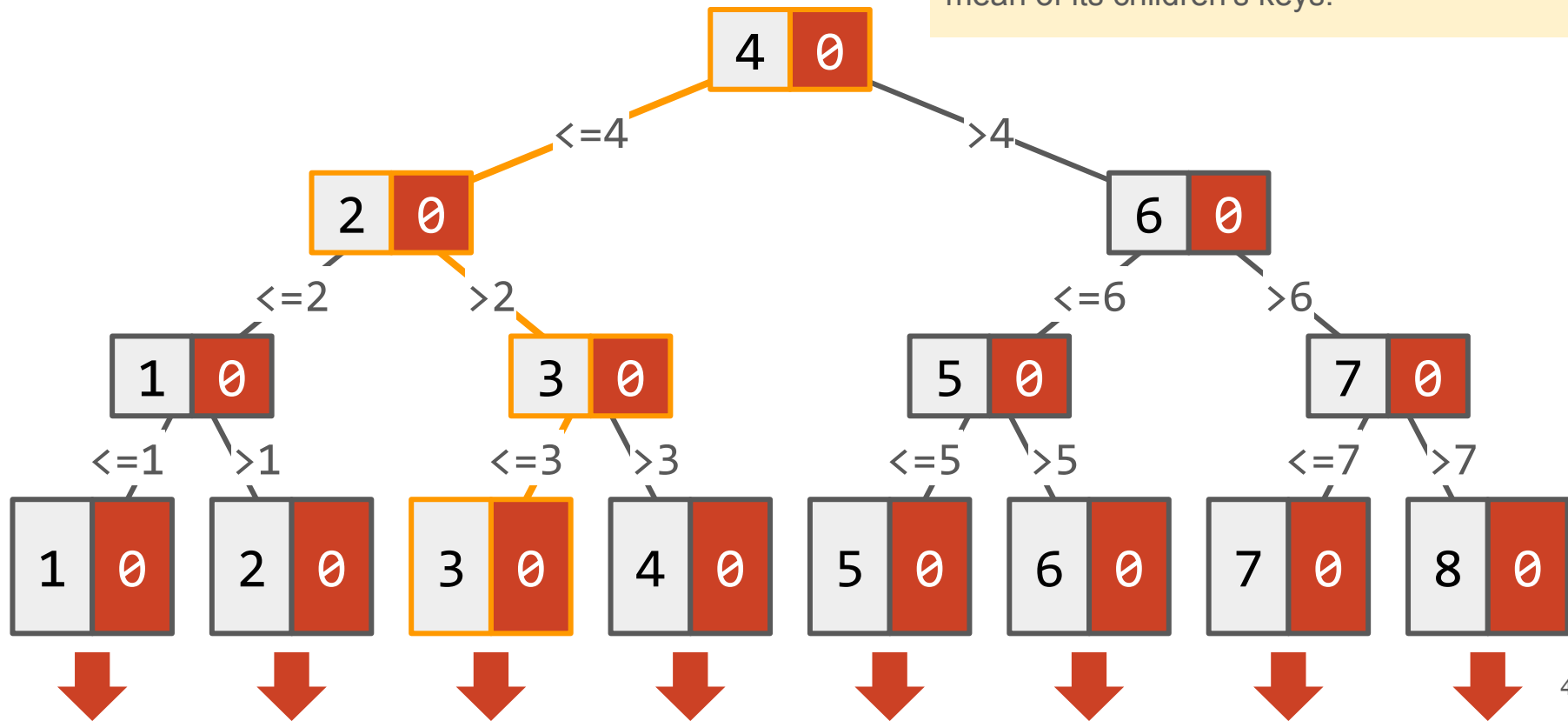
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How do we even navigate such a tree to do search?



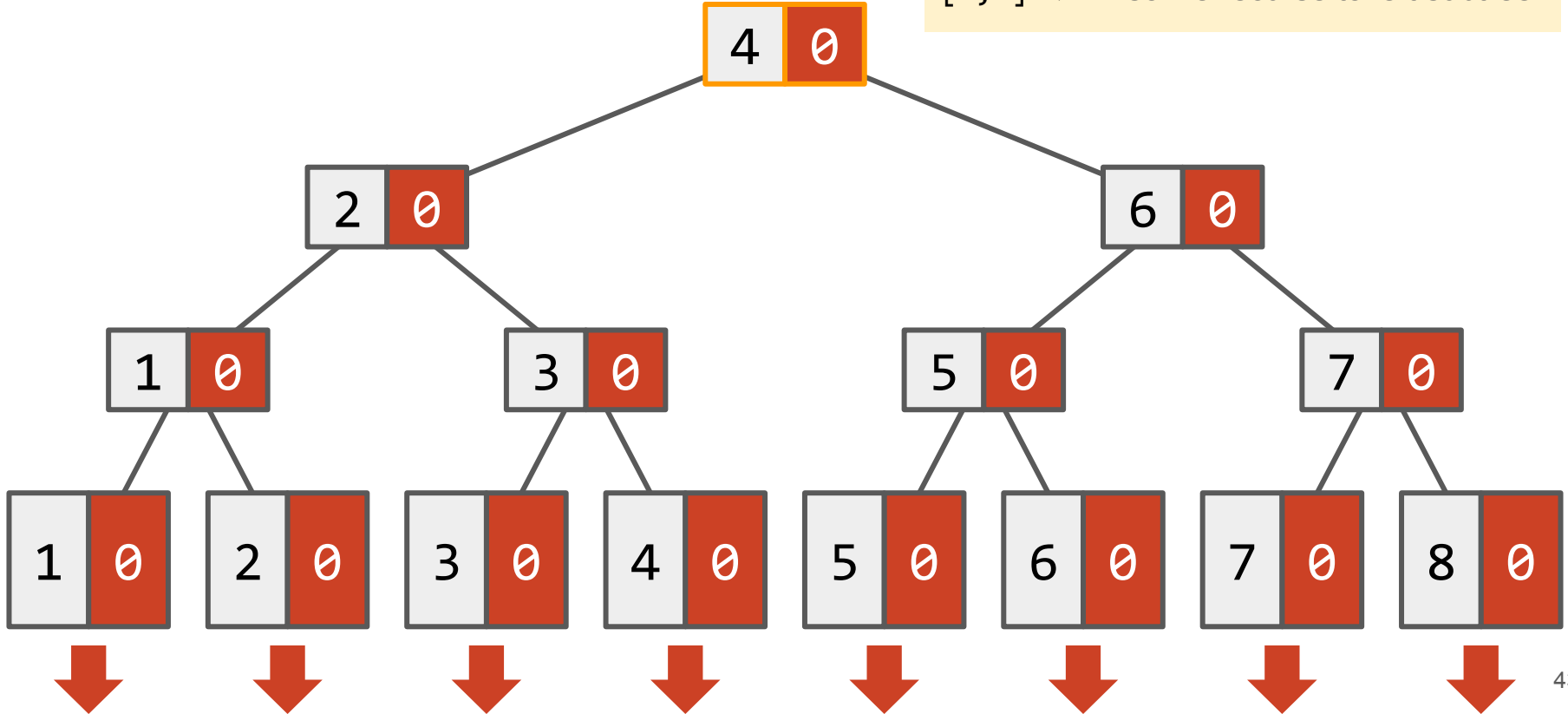
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Simple! We, turn it into a BST!
Keys of each node here is simply the mean of its children's keys.



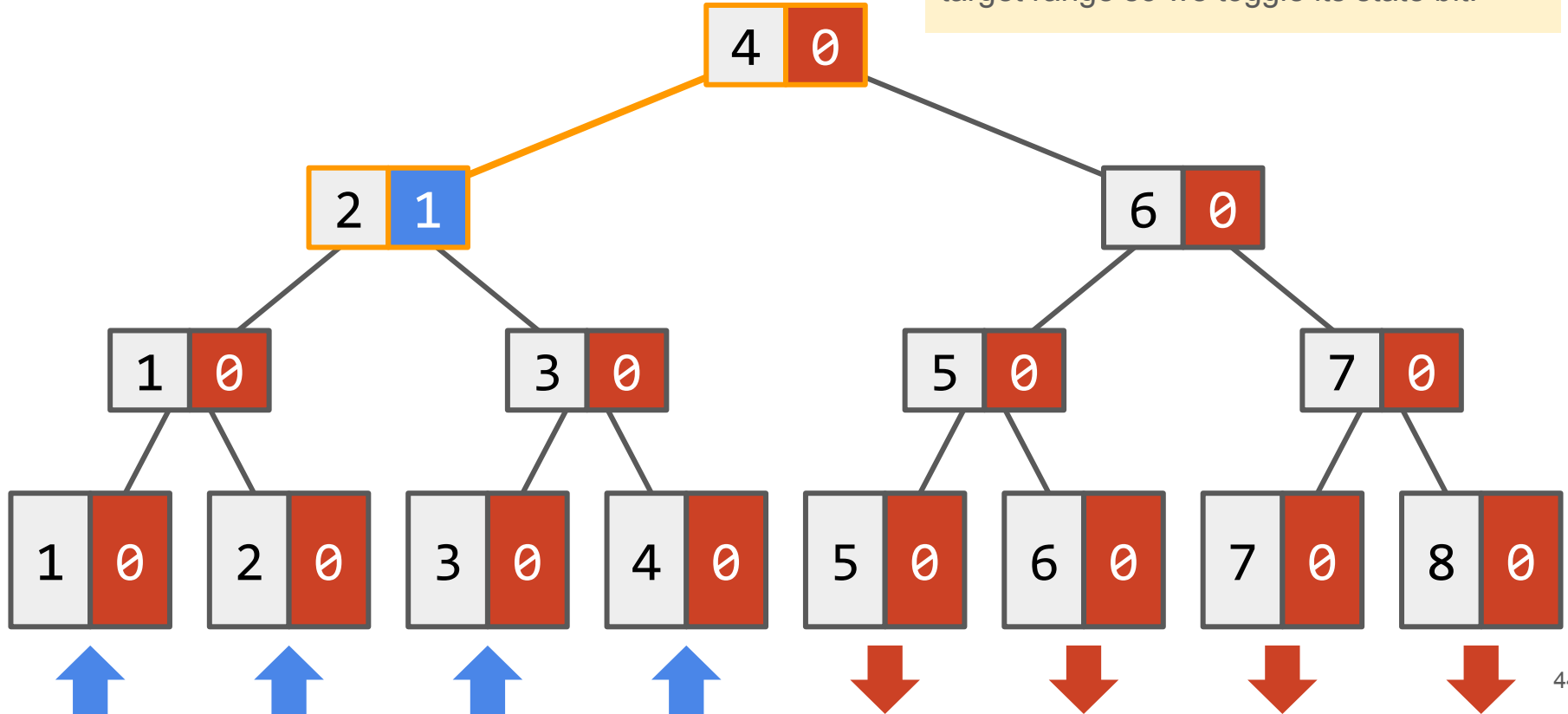
turnOver(1,4)

Start out at the root node.
Key range of current node is [1,8]
[1,4] \leq 4 so we recurse to left subtree



turnOver(1,4)

Current node has key range [1,4].
[1,4] \leq 4 completely contains our
target range so we toggle its state bit.



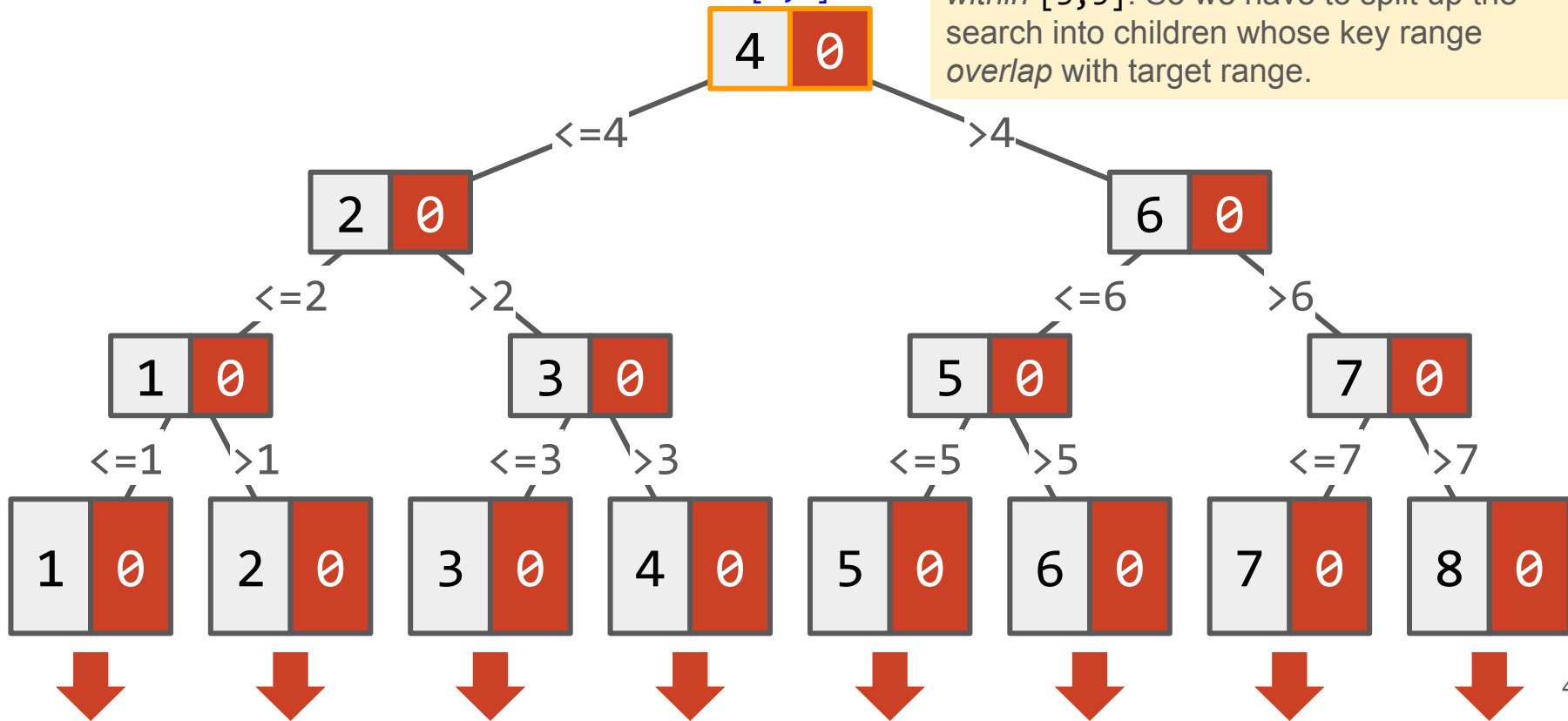
Problem 2.a. — Approach

Can we now turn over cards in any subsequence?

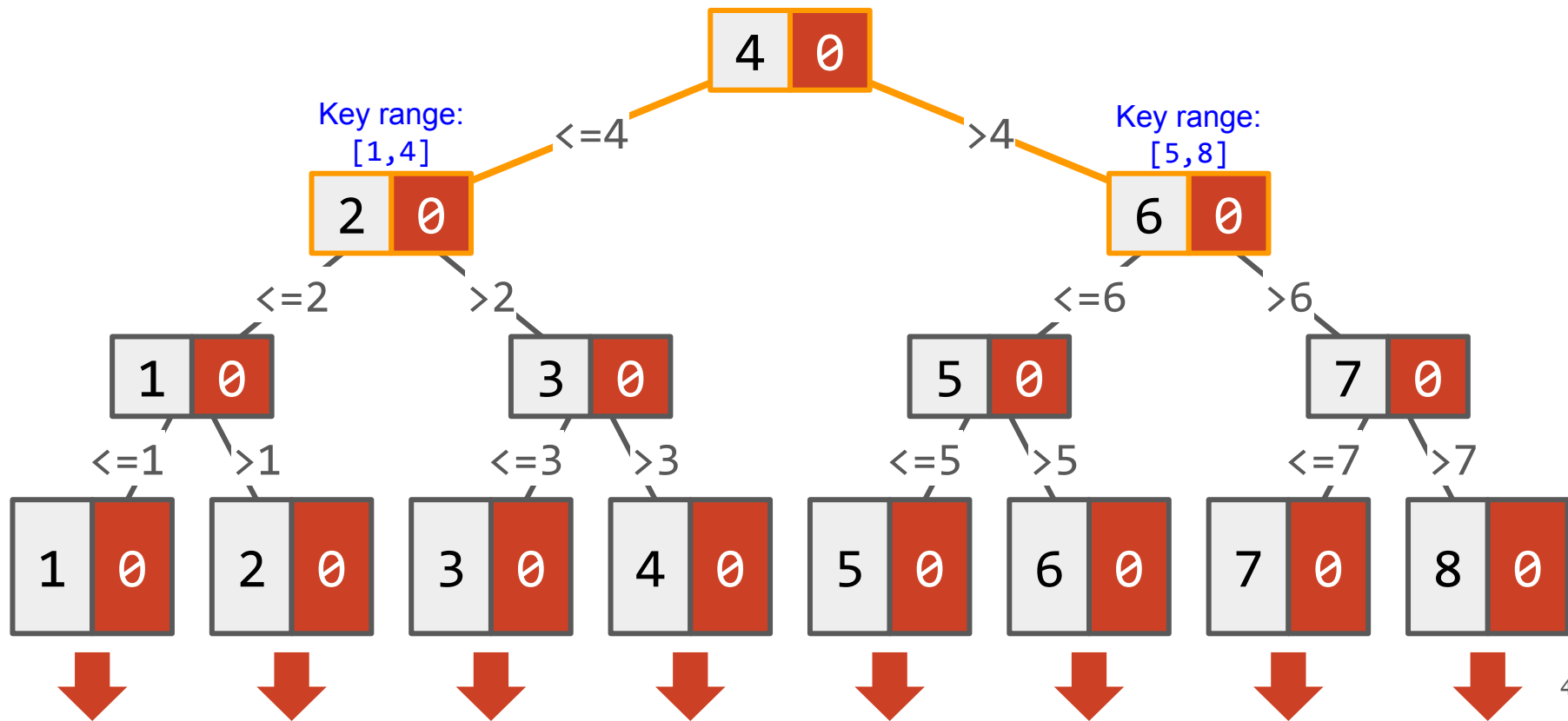
turnOver(3,5)

Key range:
[1,8]

Target range is [3,5]. We start at root. Current node key range [1,8] is not *within* [3,5]. So we have to split up the search into children whose key range overlap with target range.

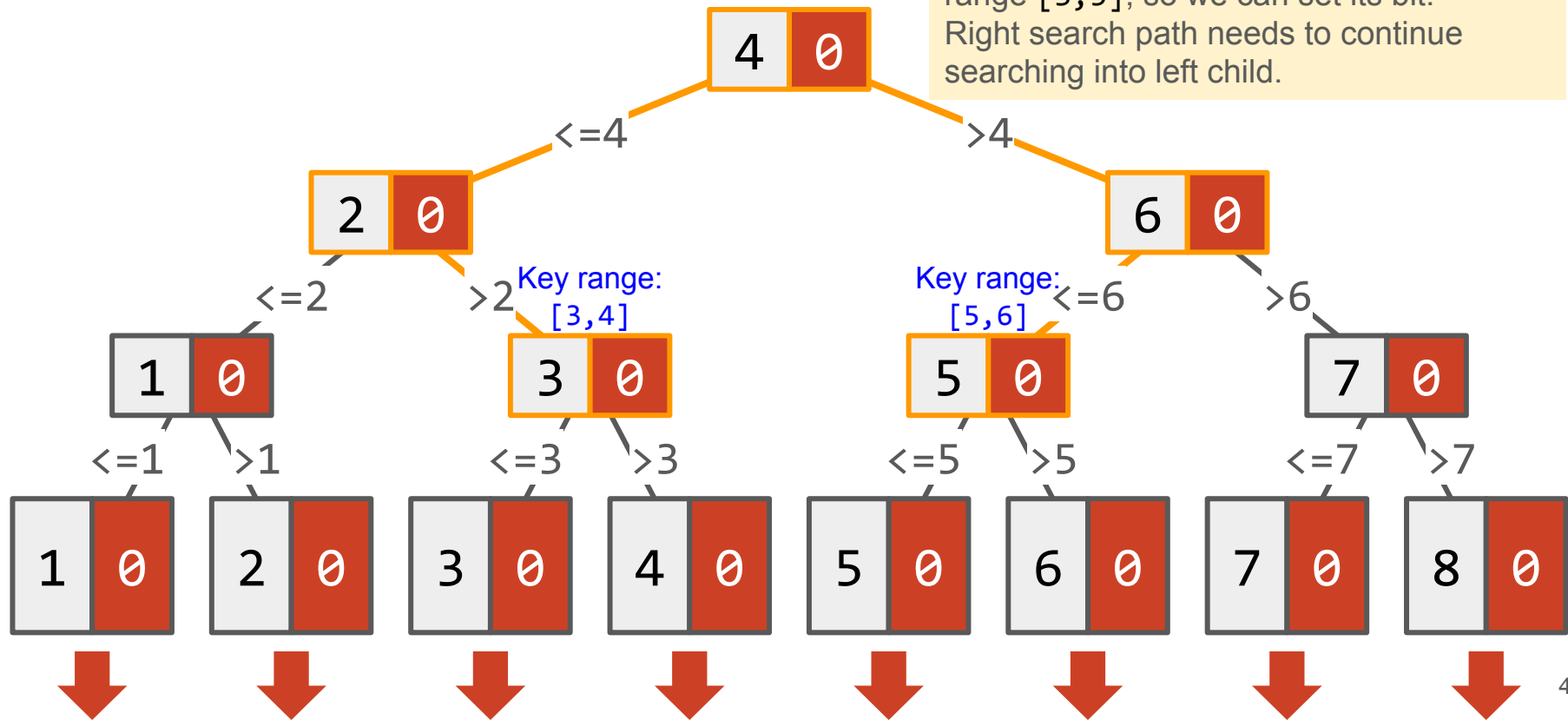


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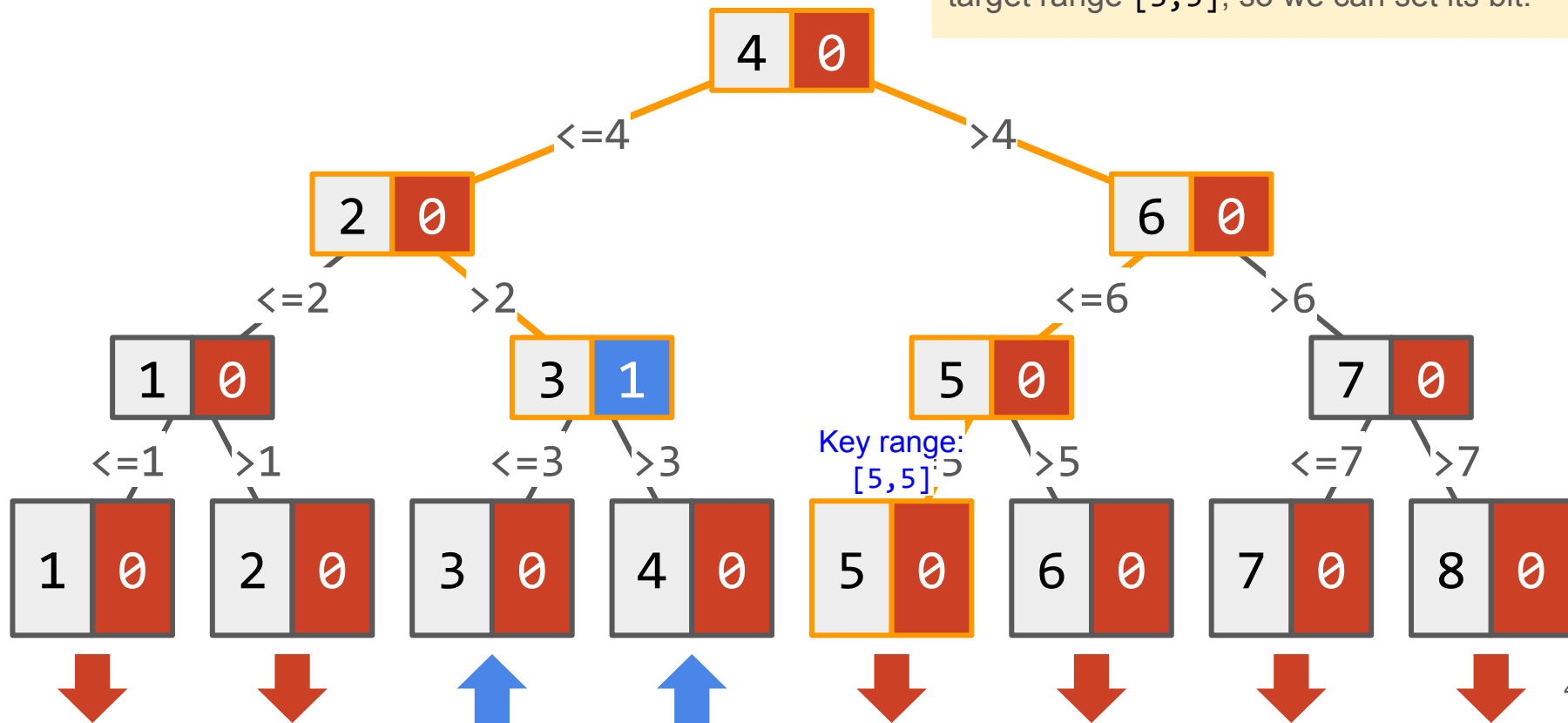
turnOver(3,5)

Key range [3,4] of current node on left search path sits completely within target range [3,5], so we can set its bit. Right search path needs to continue searching into left child.



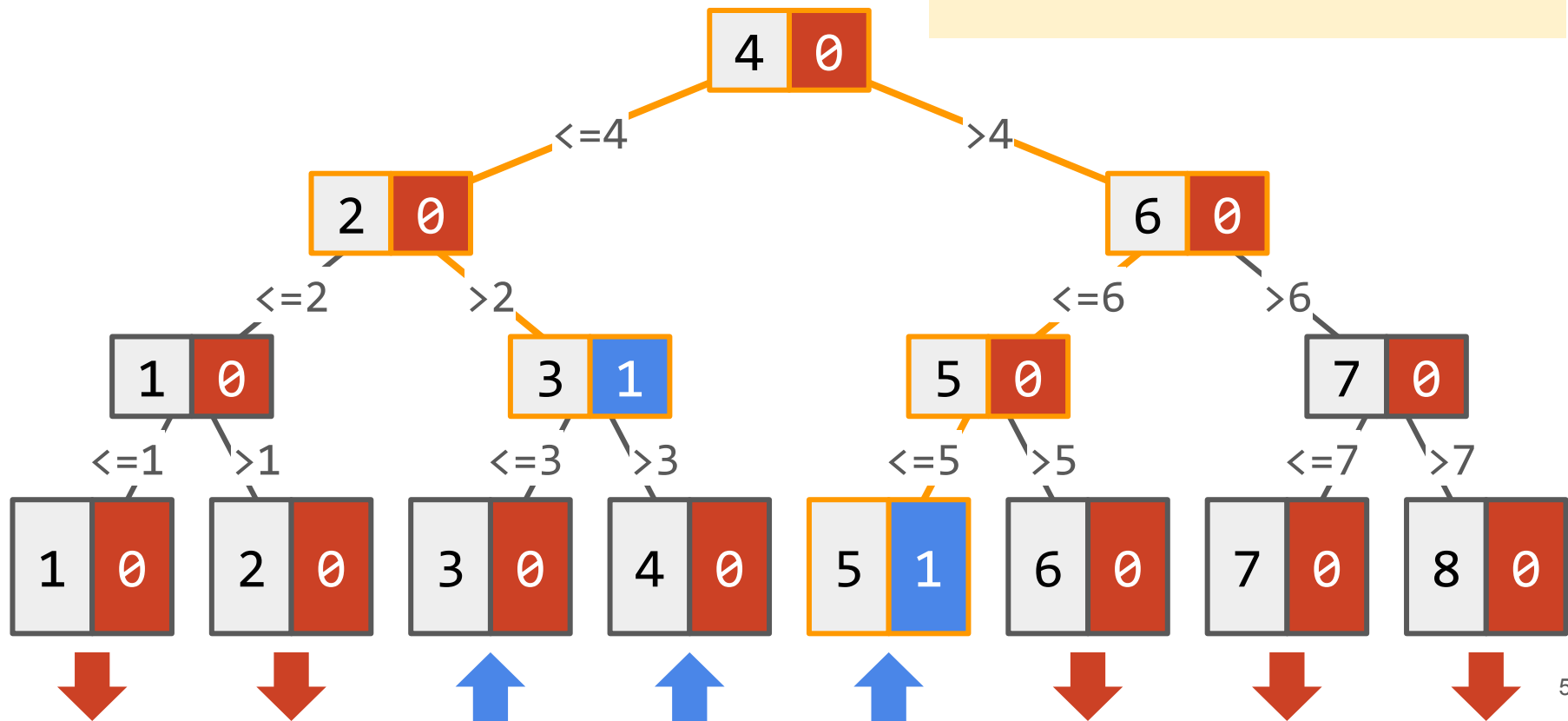
turnOver(3, 5)

Key range $[5, 5]$ of current node on right search path now sits completely within target range $[3, 5]$, so we can set its bit.



turnOver(3,5)

We are done!



turnOver pseudocode

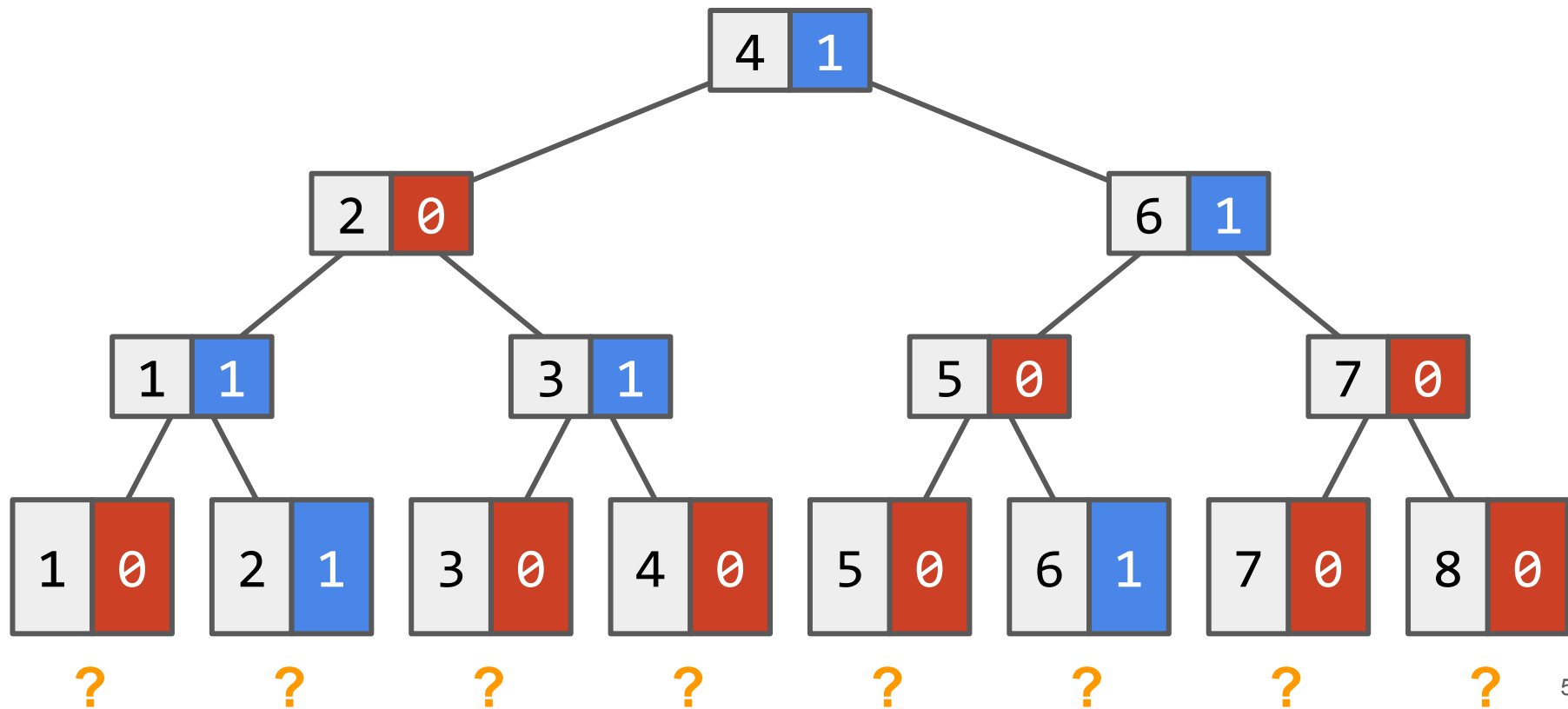
```
void turnOver(Node z, Range tarRange) {  
    if (isWithin(z.keyRange, tarRange)) {  
        z.state = 1; // set bit  
        return;      // we are done  
    }  
    if (isOverlap(z.leftChild.keyRange, tarRange))  
        turnOver(z.leftChild, tarRange);  
    if (isOverlap(z.rightChild.keyRange, tarRange))  
        turnOver(z.rightChild, tarRange);  
}  
// ...  
turnOver(root, new Range(i,j));
```

Problem 2.a.

But wait a minute!

How do we determine the face direction of a card?

What are the face directions?



Key observation

Bits in the tree store all state changes of the cards, we just need to figure out which of them affect our card of interest.

Therefore to determine the face direction of a card, we just need to look along the path from the card (leaf) to the root node.

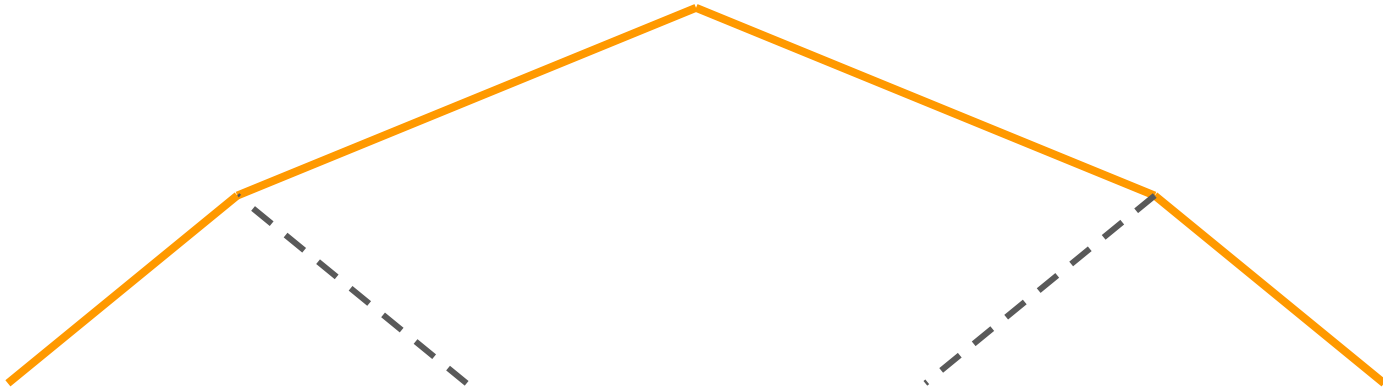
What are the face directions?

3 equivalent methods:

1. Count the number of 1's in the root-to-leaf path, even number means card is same as initial state, odd means otherwise
2. XOR all the bits encountered in the root-to-leaf path, result of 0 means card is same as initial state, 1 means otherwise
3. Initialize a variable direction d with initial face direction of cards; traverse the tree from root to leaf, every time we encounter a 1, we toggle the direction of d ; at the end of the traversal, d will be the card's final face direction

Test yourself!

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Answer: No. This would lead to a non-contiguous subsequence.

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So what are some bad cases for `turnOver`?

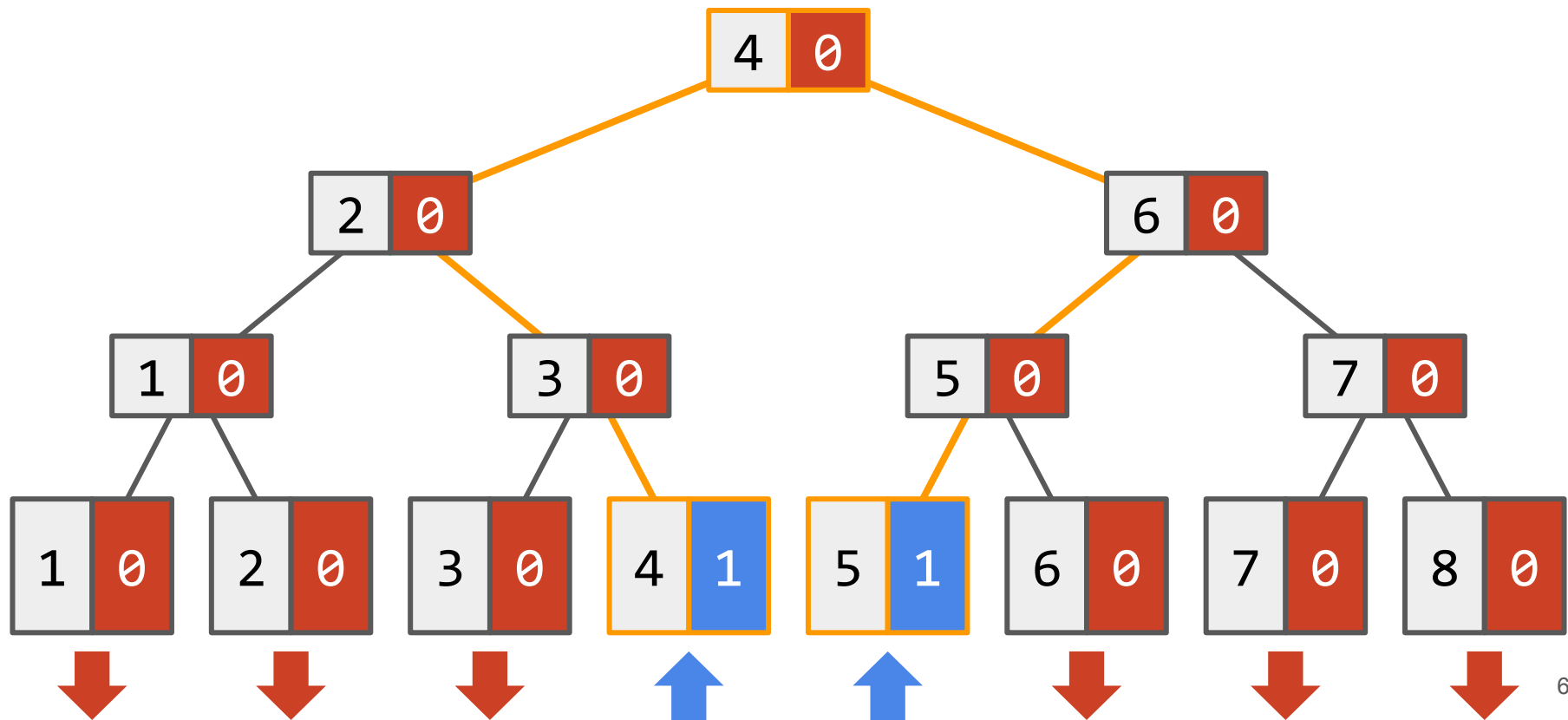
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Answer:

- `turnOver(i,i)`
- `turnOver($\lfloor n/2 \rfloor, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1$)`
- `turnOver(2, $n-1$)`

turnOver(4,5)



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Answer: Worst case takes $2 \log n$

Therefore time complexity is $O(\log n)$.

Challenge yourself!

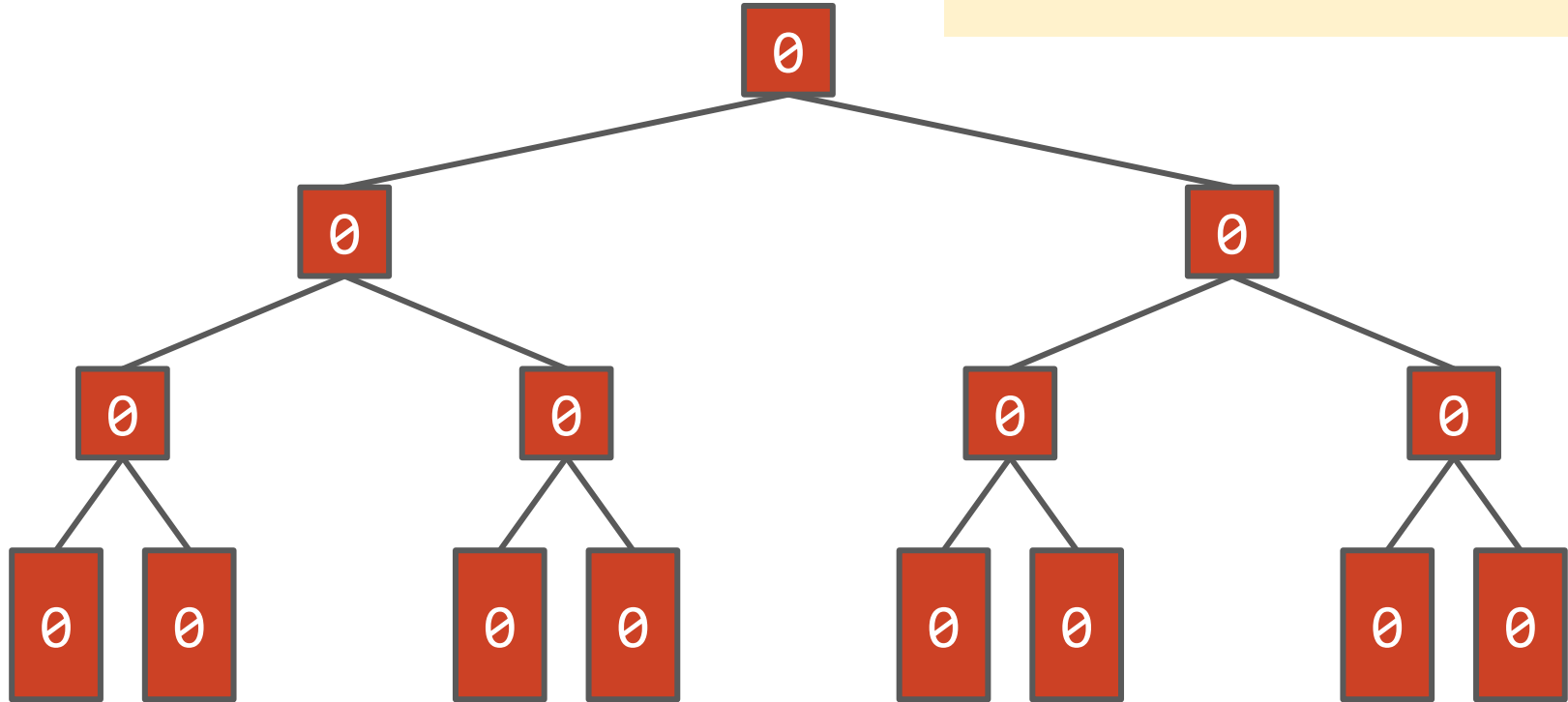
Do we actually need a BST to help us navigate the search?

Can we just store the state at each node and do away with the key?

Can we still support search without key ranges?

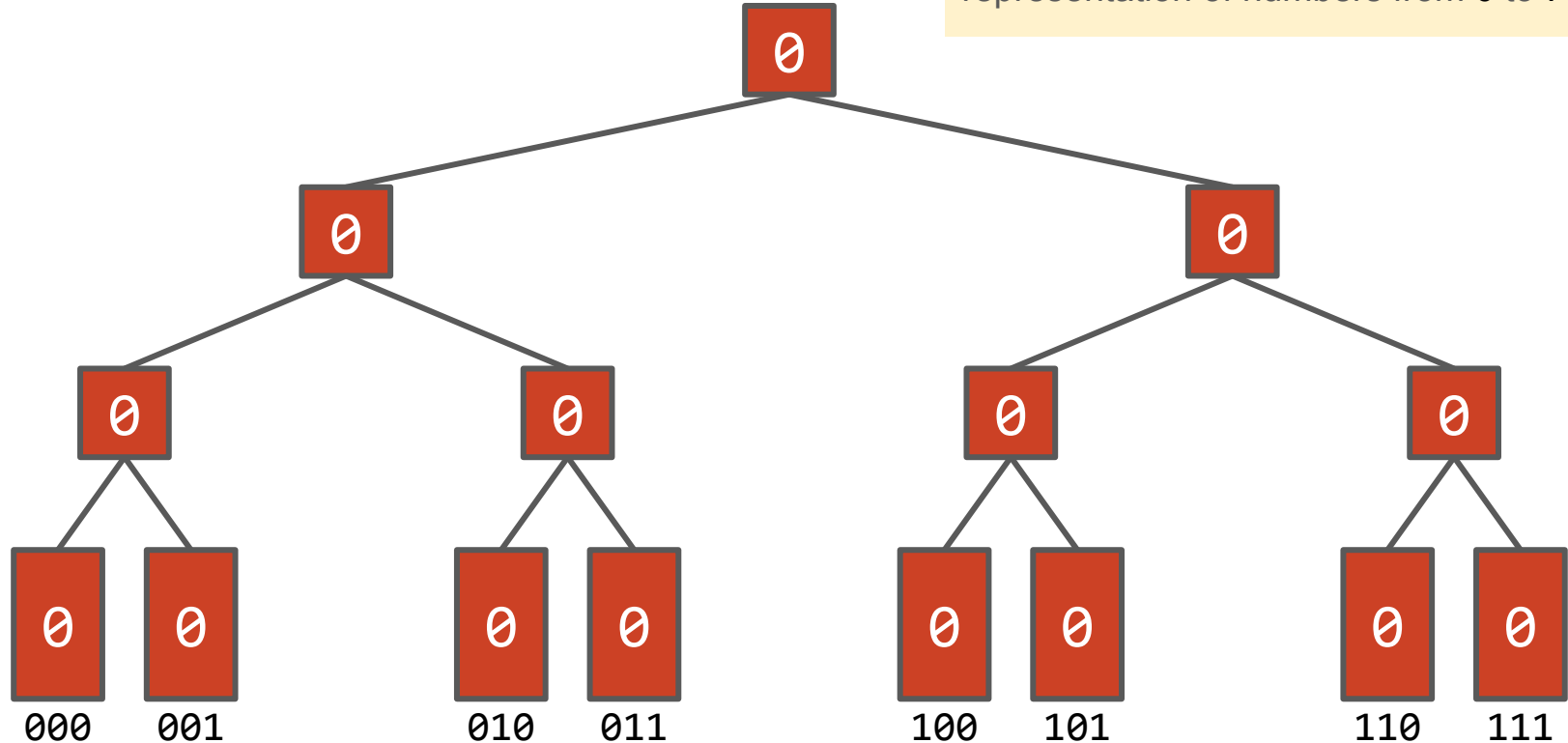
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In other words, can we just leave it like this?



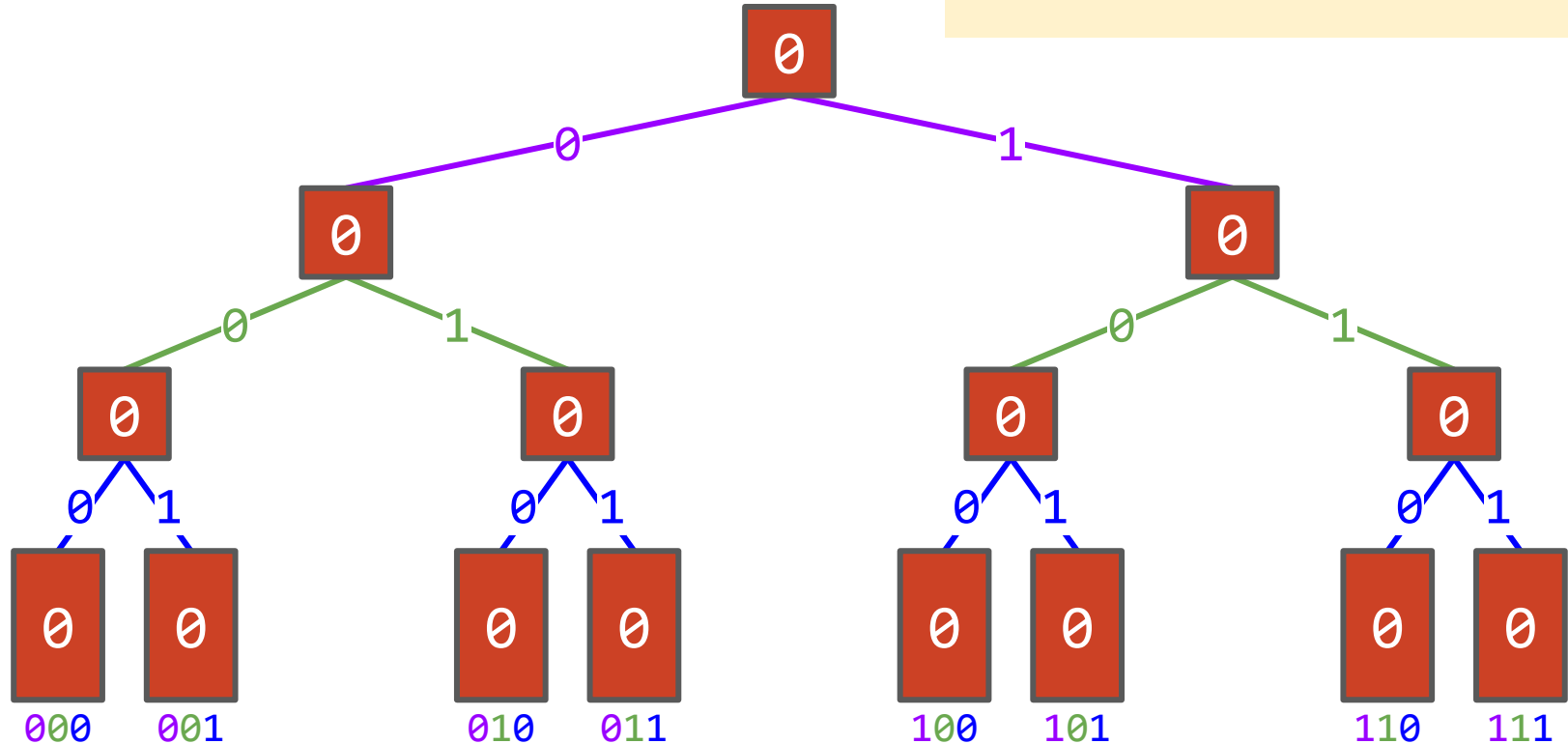
Challenge yourself!

We index cards from 0 to 7
What do you observe from the binary
representation of numbers from 0 to 7?



Challenge yourself!

Go left: 0
Go right: 1



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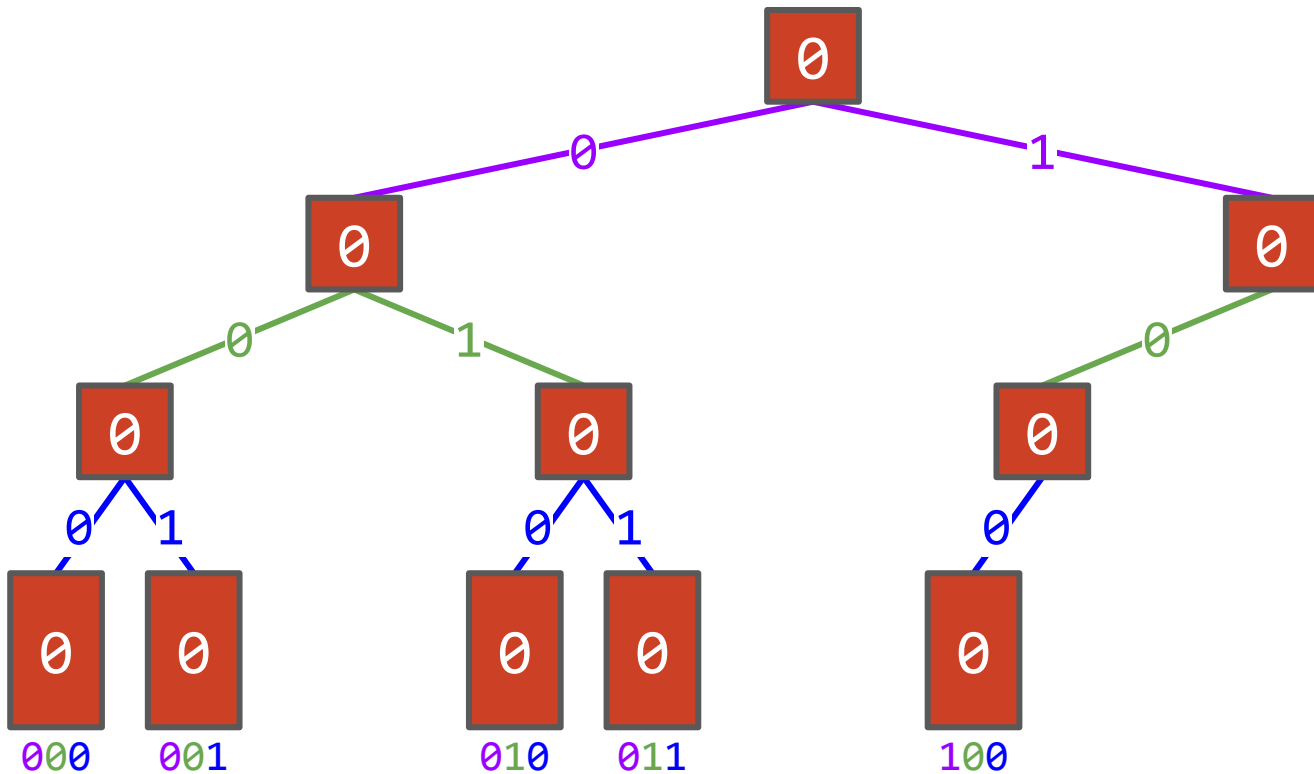
Answer: Number of binary bits needed to encode 8 numbers is simply $\log_2 8$. That is nothing but the number of times we can divide it until we obtain 1 (i.e height of a full binary tree)

Test yourself!

But what if the number of cards we have isn't a power of 2?

Tree with 5 cards

Here, levels needed to capture 5 cards is $\lceil \log_2 5 \rceil$ which is still 3



Problem 2

(Alternate solution)

Decompose `turnOver(i,j)` into
`turnOver(i,n)` queries.

ADT transformation

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ADT transformation

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$\text{query}(i)$	Return whether card at index i is facing up or down. = count number of flips affecting i . = number of flips before i .
$\text{turnOver}(i,j)$ = $\text{turnOver}(i,n)$ + $\text{turnOver}(j+1,n)$	Turn over all cards in the subsequence specified by the index range $[i, j]$.
$\text{turnOver}(i,n)$	Turn over all cards in the subsequence specified by the index range $[i, n]$.

Alternative solution: Overview

- Cards are indexed from 1 to n
- Maintain a BST B (initially empty) where the keys within are card indices
- If card i is in B , it means that we performed $\text{turnOver}(i, n)$
- Insight: $\text{turnOver}(i, j)$ can be decomposed into $\text{turnOver}(i, n)$ and $\text{turnOver}(j+1, n)$, let's call them *sub-toggles*
- To encode a $\text{turnOver}(i, j)$ in B , we want to toggle the keys i and $j+1$
 - If key is not yet in B , insert it
 - Else remove key
- To determine the face direction of a card i , we just need to check the number of *overlapping* sub-toggles affecting it
 - If the number of overlapping sub-toggles is odd then the card is flipped from its initial state, else it's even then there is no net resultant change
 - The number of overlapping toggles is the number of keys less than i in B

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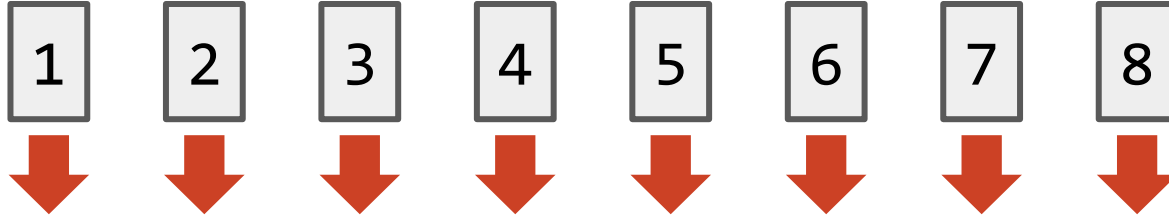
Answer: it's the rank of i in the BST.

The rank of a key can be obtained in $O(\log n)$ if nodes in the BST (with n nodes) is augmented with weight.

Alternative solution: Example

Initial state

Cards:

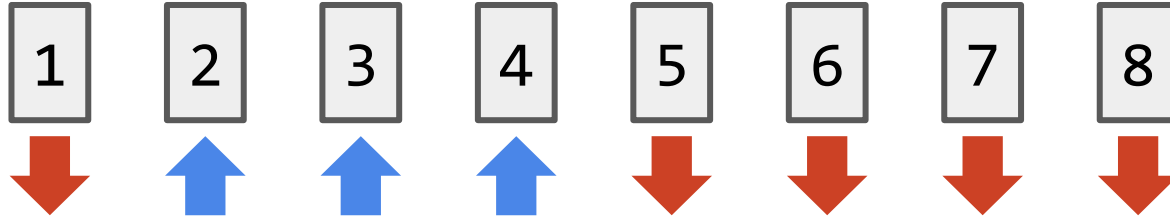


BST:

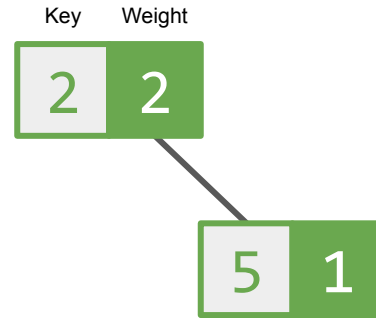
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turnOver(2,4): insert keys 2 and 5 into BST

Cards:



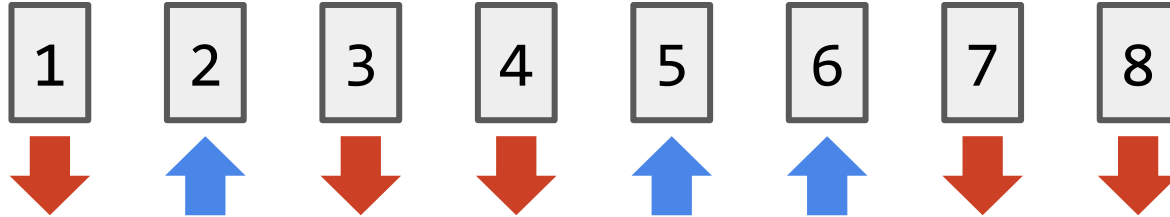
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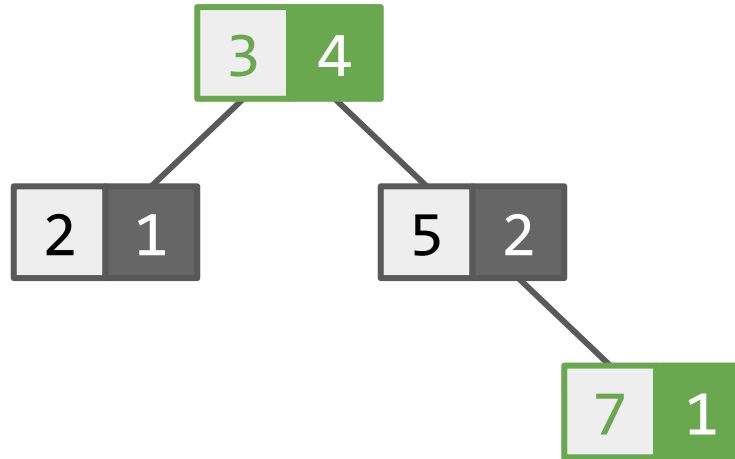
turnOver(3,6): insert keys 3 and 7 into BST

Cards:



BST:

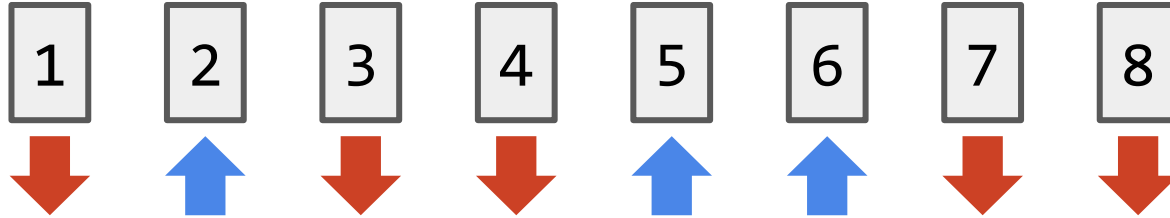
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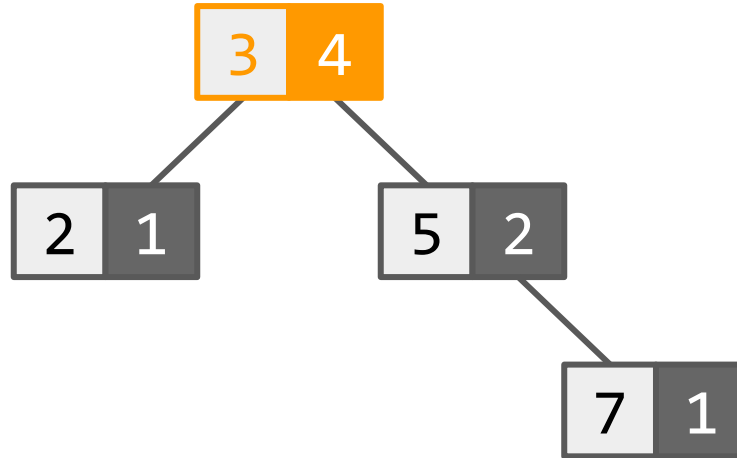
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query(3): key 3 in BST has rank 2 (even)
so same as initial state.

Cards:



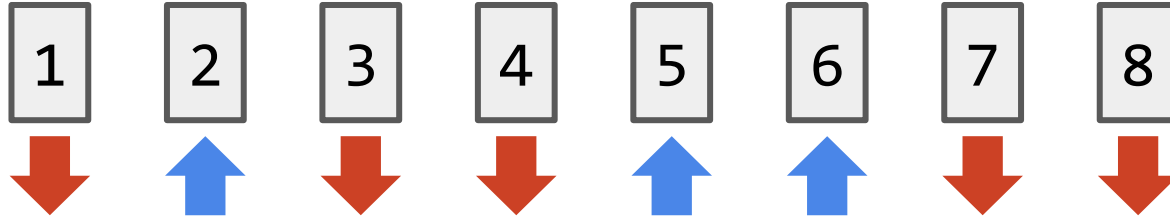
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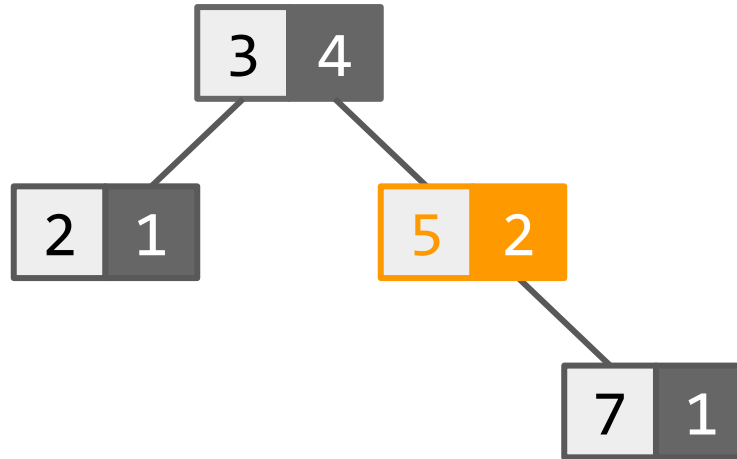
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query(5): key 5 in BST has rank 3 (odd)
so opposite of initial state.

Cards:



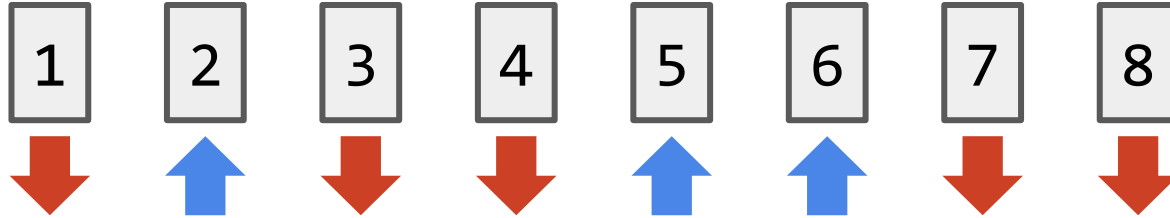
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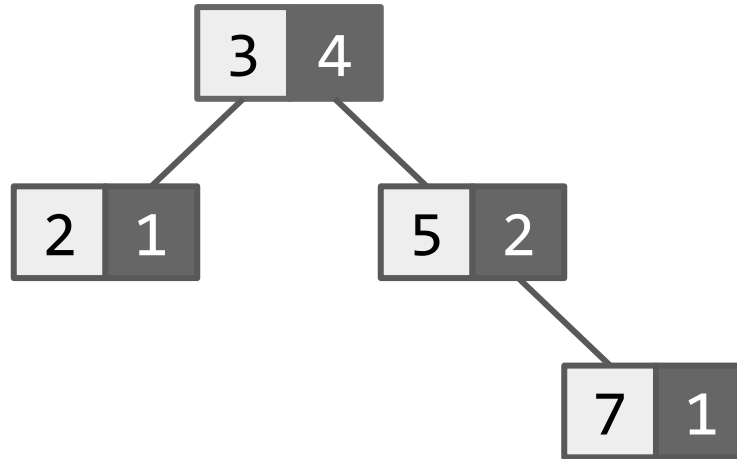
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query(4): There are 2 (even) keys less than 4 it in BST so same as initial state.

Cards:



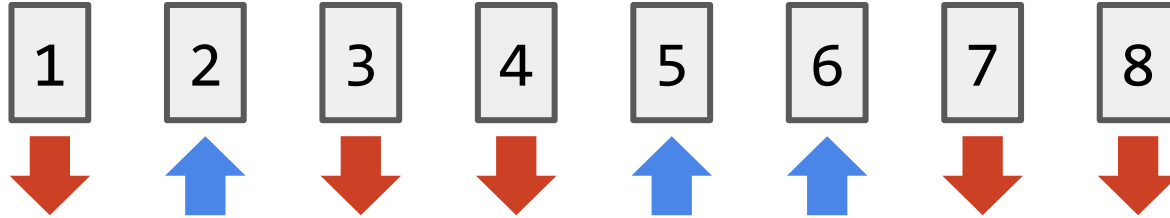
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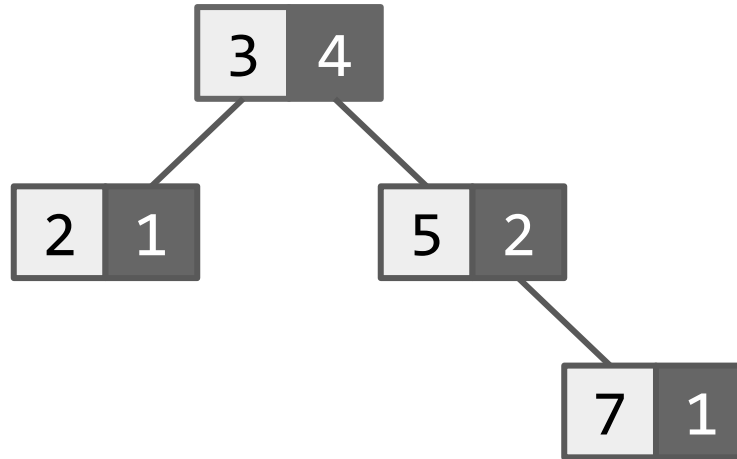
Alternative solution: Example

query(6): There are 3 (odd) keys less than 6 it in BST so opposite of initial state.

Cards:



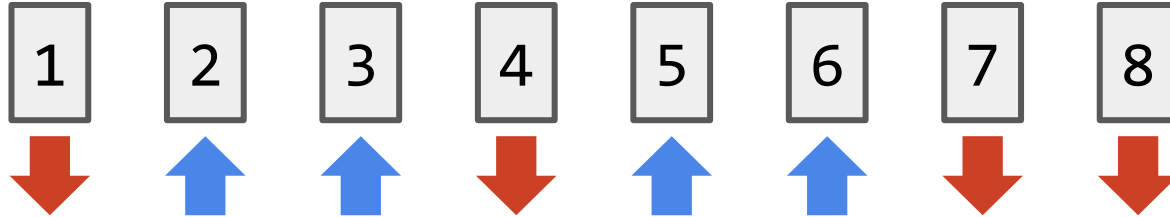
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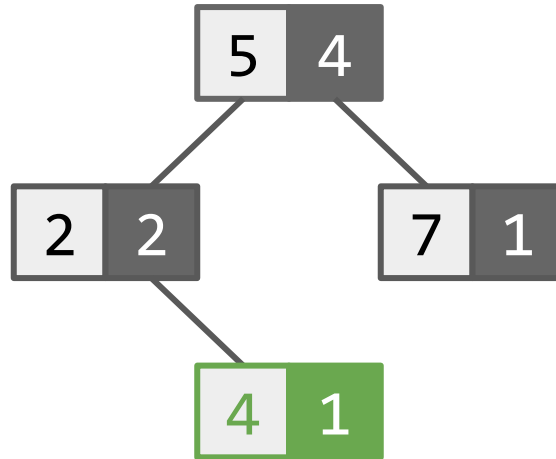
Alternative solution: Example

turnOver(3,3): delete key 3, insert key 4 into BST

Cards:



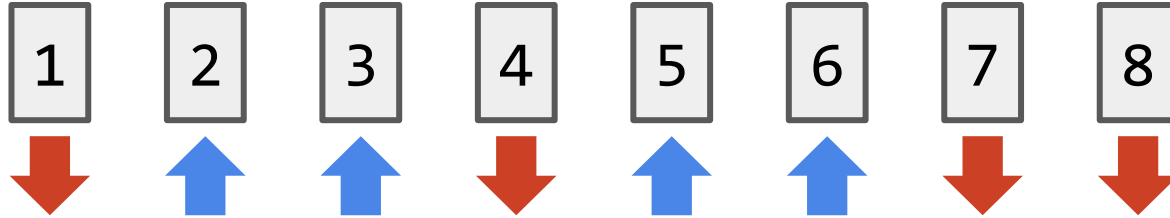
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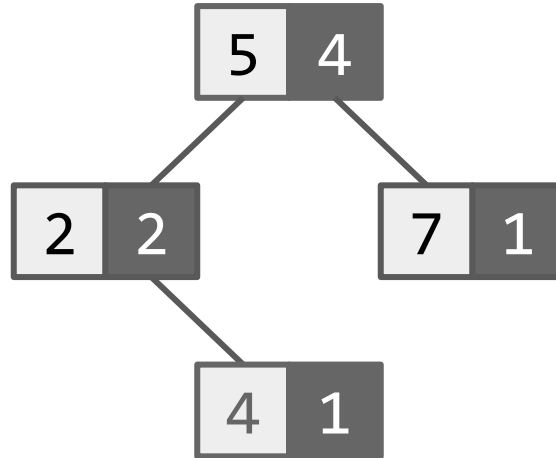
Alternative solution: Example

query(3): There are 1 (odd) keys less than 3 it in BST so opposite of initial state.

Cards:



BST:



Alternative solution: Time complexity

Assuming there are k number of `turnOver` operations called and therefore $2k$ nodes in the BST in the worst case.

`query(i)`: $O(\log k)$ to find out the rank of i . (What if i is not in the tree?)

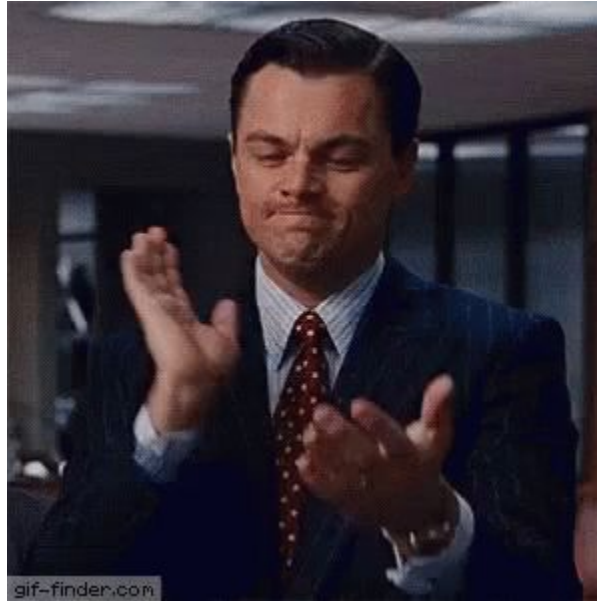
`turnOver(i, j)`: $O(\log k)$ since 2 key searches needed, each search will traverse the $O(\log k)$ height of the tree in the worst case.

Alternative solution: Space complexity

Space complexity is simply $O(n)$ since in the worst case, all the card indices are in the tree.

Alternative solution: Credits

Kudos to Lee Yat Bun for first presenting this clever solution!



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