

# CSCI 104

## Binary Search Trees

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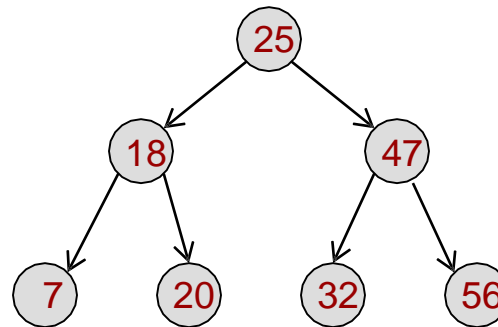
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Properties, Insertion and Removal

# **BINARY SEARCH TREES**

# Binary Search Tree

- Binary search tree = binary tree where all nodes meet the property that:
  - All values of nodes in left subtree are less than or equal to the parent's value
  - All values of nodes in right subtree are greater than the parent's value



**If we wanted to print the values in sorted order would you use an pre-order, in-order, or post-order traversal?**

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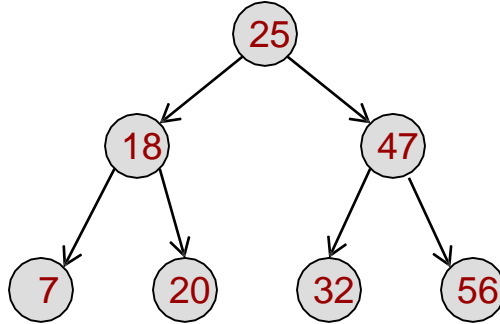
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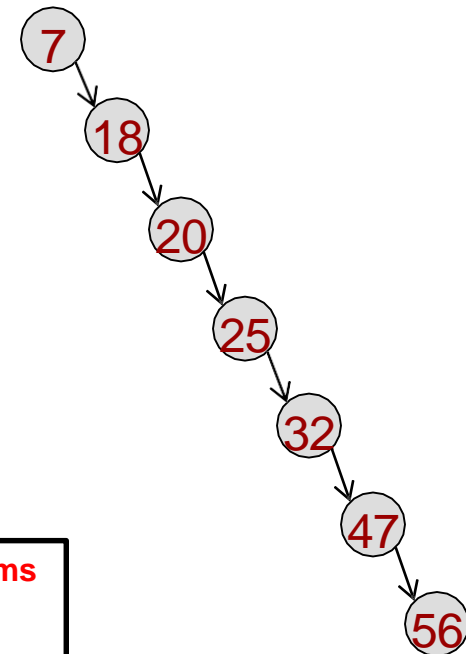
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- <https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/BST.html>

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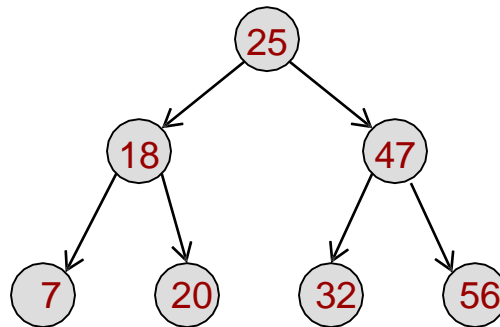
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A major topic we will talk about is algorithms to keep a BST balanced as we do insertions/removals

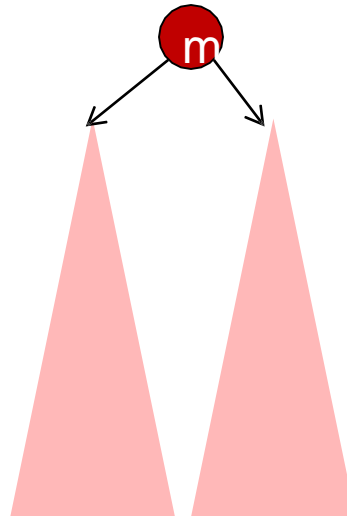
# BST Find

- Exercise: Given a node to a root of a tree and a value, write a recursive function **find** that returns a pointer to the node containing the value or nullptr if not found:
- **shared\_ptr<Node> find(shared\_ptr<Node> root, int value);**



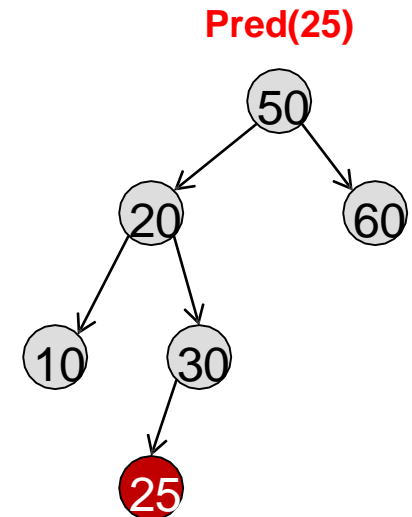
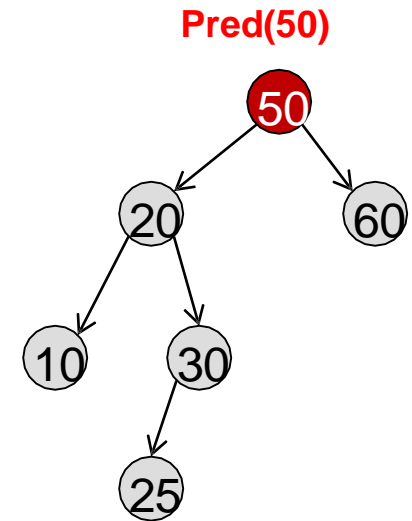
# Successors & Predecessors

- Let's take a quick tangent that will help us understand how to do **BST Removal**
- Given a node in a BST
  - Its predecessor is defined as the next smallest value in the tree
  - Its successor is defined as the next biggest value in the tree
- Where would you expect to find a node's successor?
- Where would find a node's predecessor?



# Predecessors

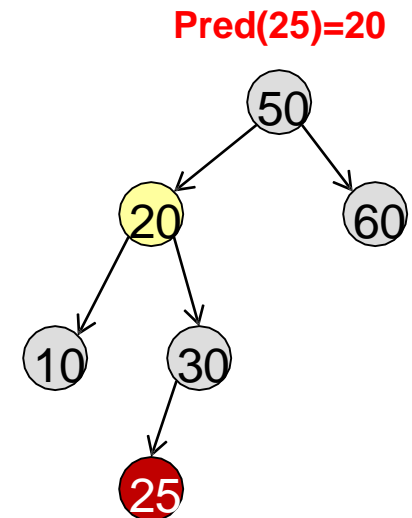
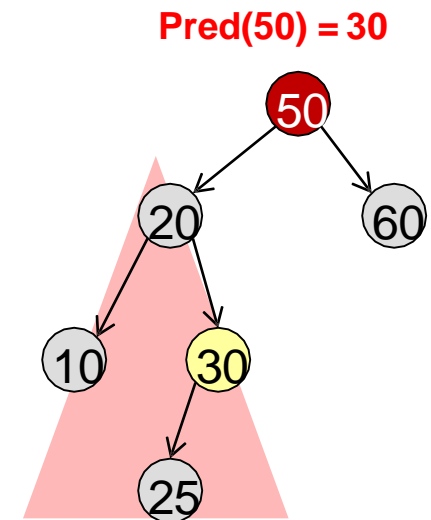
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- Else walk up the ancestor chain
  - if traverse the first right child pointer
    - Parent of right child is predecessor (case 2)
- else
  - reach root, then there is no predecessor (case 3)





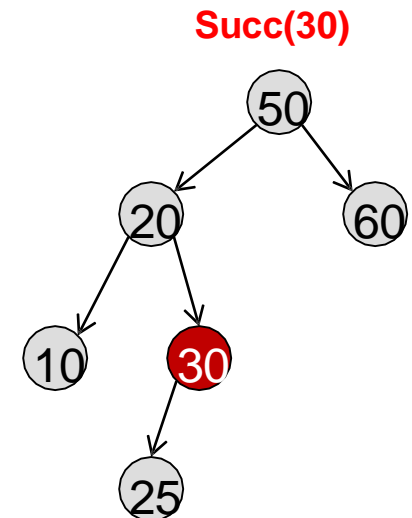
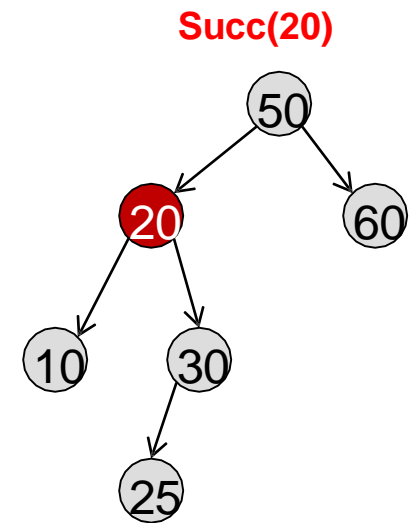
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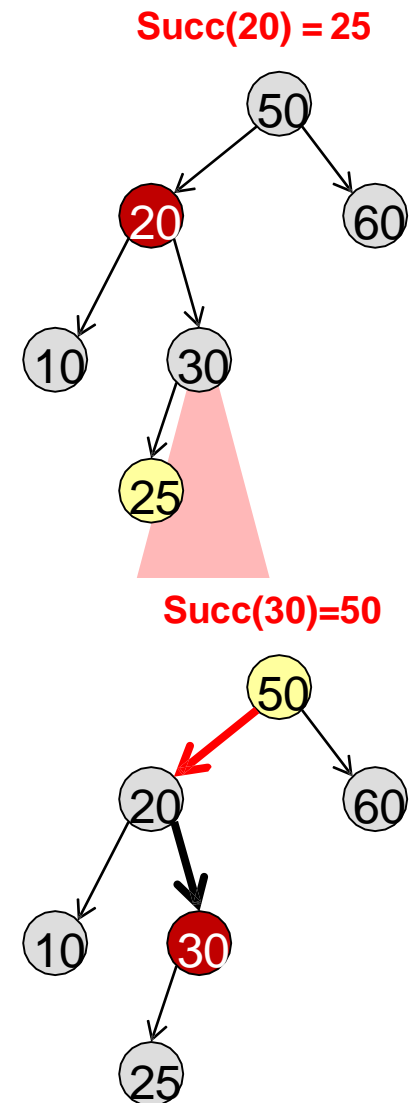
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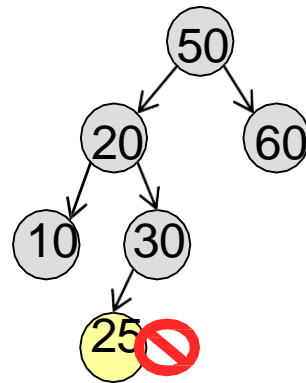
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  - First find the node containing value using search
  - If the node is in a leaf node, simply remove that leaf node

Remove 25

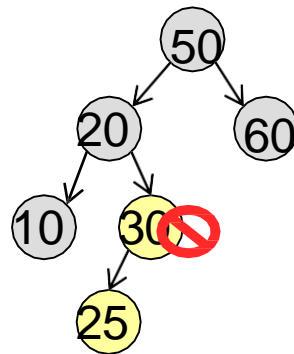


Leaf node so  
just delete it

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  - If the value is in a non-leaf node with only one child, promote the child

Remove 30

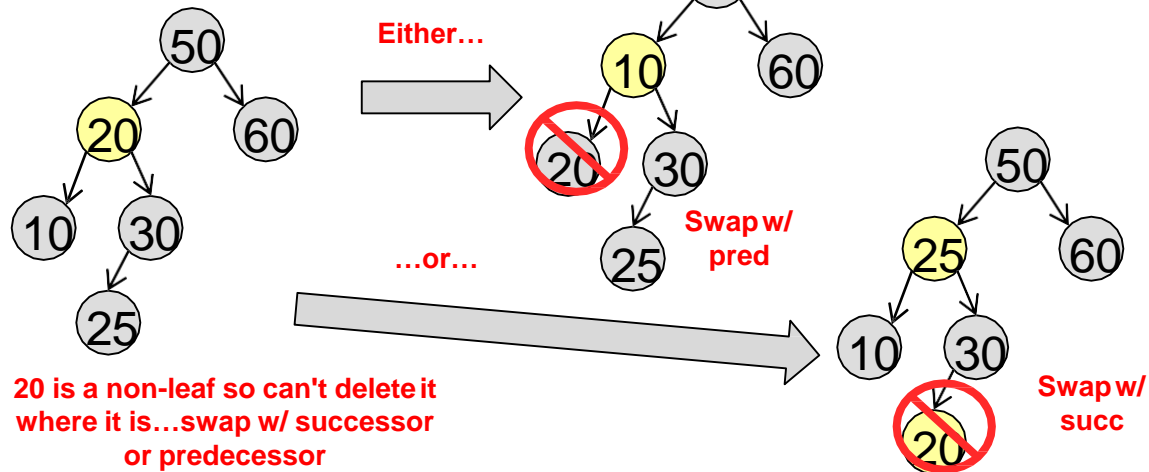


1-Child so just  
promote child

# BST Removal

- To remove a value from a BST...
  - First find the node containing value using search
  - If non-leaf node with two children, swap the value with its in-order successor or predecessor and then remove the value
  - What if successor and predecessor are not leaf nodes?

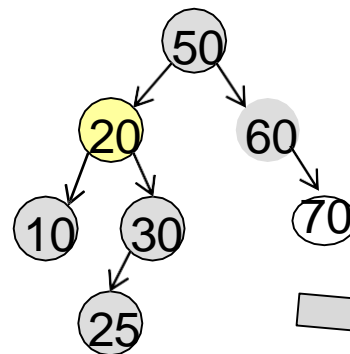
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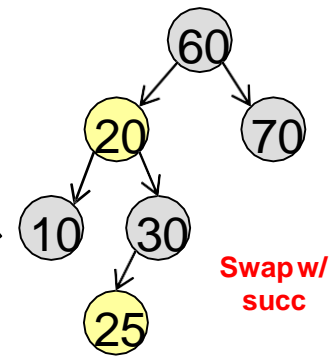
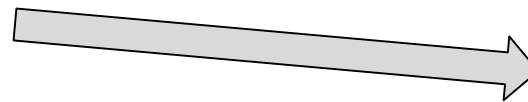
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  - If the node non-leaf node with two children, swap the value with its in-order successor or predecessor and then remove the value
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Remove 50



If successor (or predecessor) is child of node to remove,  
Promote its subtree

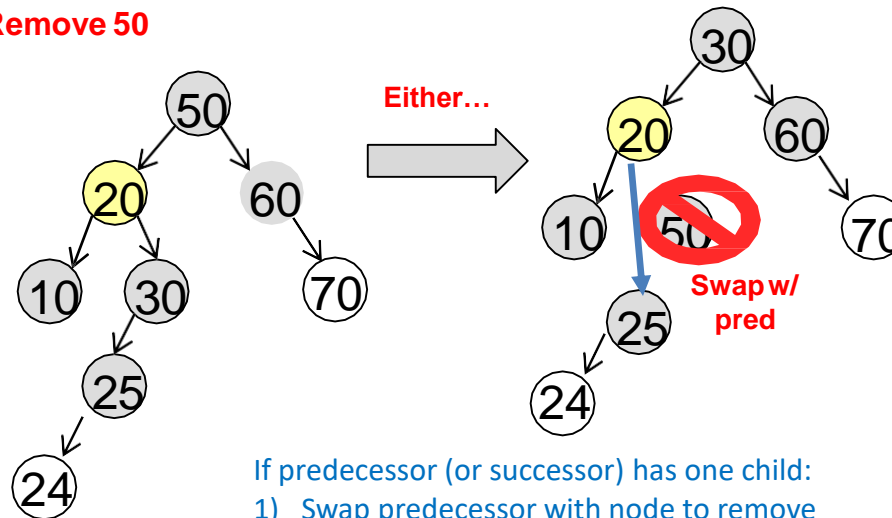


Swap w/  
succ

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Remove 50



If predecessor (or successor) has one child:

- 1) Swap predecessor with node to remove
- 2) Remove the predecessor node and promote its only child (and its subtree)



# BST Efficiency

- Insertion
  - Balanced:  $O(\log n)$
  - Unbalanced:  $O(n)$
- Removal
  - Balanced :  $O(\log n)$
  - Unbalanced:  $O(n)$
- Find/Search
  - Balanced :  $O(\log n)$
  - Unbalanced:  $O(n)$

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;

// Bin. Search Tree
template <typename T>
class BST
{
public:
    BTree();
    ~BTree();
    virtual bool empty() = 0;
    virtual void insert(const T& v) = 0;
    virtual void remove(const T& v) = 0;
    virtual T* find(const T& v) = 0;
};
```

# Trees & Maps/Sets

- C++ STL "maps" and "sets" use binary search trees internally to store their keys (and values) that can grow or contract as needed
- This allows  $O(\log n)$  time to find/check membership
  - BUT ONLY if we keep the tree balanced!

