# **Trees**

CS 240 Spring 19

# **Binary Search Trees**

### **Problems with Sequences**

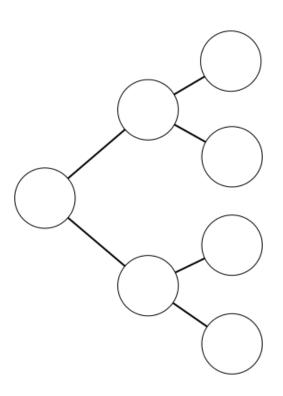
- What are some limitations of sequences?
  - searching
    - *O(n)*:
      - length of the list
  - sorting
    - best case: n logn

#### A Better ADT

- Vectors make working with arrays easier, but no real performance improvements
- Linked list improves the array
  - using nodes gives us memory flexibility, but sacrifices random access
- How can we improve?
  - What if we add additional node pointers to each node
    - we can divide the problem in half

### A Tree is a Linked List

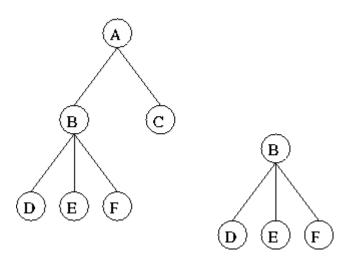
- If we add 1 additional 'next' pointer, we have a logarithmic traversal time
  - CRUD is much faster, but the data structure is more complex
- Problem: we now need to know what 'path' to take
  - Different kinds of trees are all solving this problem of what 'path' to take to find your data



#### The Tree ADT

#### Definition:

A finite set of nodes such that one node is designated as the root. All other nodes are partitioned into sets, each of which is a tree.



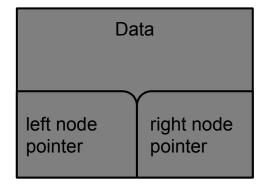
## **Terminology**

- Root node
  - The 'top'-most node in the tree
- Branch
  - o the connection to a child node that may or may not contain a subtree
- Subtree
  - subnode that contains subnodes

### **Properties of a Tree**

- max # of leaves
  - all nodes that do not have branches
- max # of nodes
  - all nodes in the tree
- Height for a tree
  - path depth
    - The number of branches between the current node and the farthest leaf
  - max depth
    - The number of branches between the root node and and the farthest leaf

A Binary Node



#### **Parents and Children**

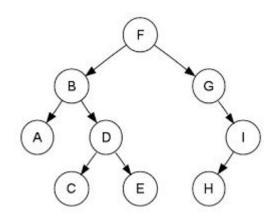
- Parent Node
  - The immediate predecessor node in the tree structure
- Child Node
  - the immediate following node in the tree structure

A D F H Child Node to I

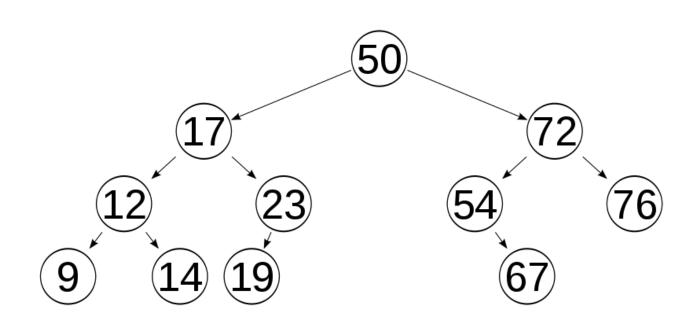
Parent Node to A

## Height

- A tree's depth is the number of 'steps' to get to a leaf
  - Only count branches, not nodes
  - O What is the depth of A? H?
- A tree's height is based on its maximum depth
  - O What is the tree's height?



## **Binary Search Tree**



### **Binary Search Tree**

- Binary Search tree is one of many different kinds of Tree Data Structures
  - Each node has two branches
  - Branches may point to another node, or NULL
  - o all data in every node of the left subtree are less than the data in the node
  - o all data in every node of the right subtree are greater than the data in the node
  - All data in a BST is unique

### **Implementation**

- Array
  - You can use an array to implement your tree
  - o left child index = 2\*(Parent Index)+1
  - o right child index = 2\*(*Parent Index*)+2
  - o parent index = (Child Index-1)/2 (truncate)
- Pros:
  - Constant time Access
- Cons:
  - Complexity
  - Array Max Size must be known

- Linked
  - a linked list using structs and pointers
  - a data field
  - o a left child field with a pointer to a node
  - o a right child field with a pointer to a node
- a parent field with a pointer to the parent node
- Pros:
  - Dynamic Memory size
- Cons:
  - Complexity
  - Linked Traversal

#### The BST ADT

#### Made up of two structs:

- Tree
  - Node \* root
- Node
  - Node \* left
  - Node \* right
  - Data \* data
  - Node \* parent (optional, but recommended)

#### **Nested Classes**

- A nested class is declared inside another enclosing class.
  - A nested class is a member object and has the same access rights as any other member.
- Member objects of an enclosing class don't have any special access to member object of a nested class
  - the usual access rules (public, private) are enforced

### **Nested Class Example**

```
class Enclosing {
  private:
    int x;

    class Nested {
        int y;
        void nestedFun(Enclosing *e) {
            std::cout<<e->x; // works fine: nested class can access
        }
        }; // declaration Nested class ends here
}; // declaration Enclosing class ends here
```

### **BST's use recursion**

- Recursion is the process of a function calling itself to perform iteration
  - Basically, using the stack as your loop
- Why use recursion
  - Simplifies code greatly
- Why not use recursion?
  - Uses more memory
  - Can be very slow

### Recursion has two parts

- Recursion requires two parts within the recursive function:
  - A base case that defines an atomic object
    - an end to the recursion.
  - A recursive step that defines how objects can be modified, reduced, or combined to produce another object closer to the atomic object

#### Recursion Rules

- Every recursive method must have a base case -- a condition under which no recursive call is made -- to prevent infinite recursion.
- Every recursive method must make progress toward the base case to prevent infinite recursions

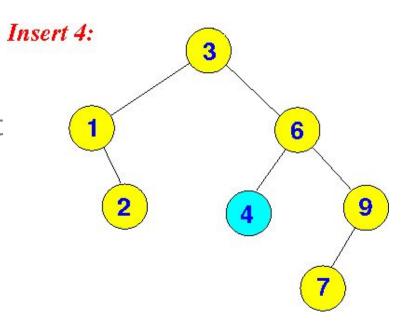
#### **Tree Traversal**

- Traversal, whether for insertion, deletion, or read, is much simpler with recursion
- A method is recursive if it can call itself directly or indirectly
  - A function, foo(), is indirectly recursive if it calls, bar() which in turn calls foo()

#### **Recursive Insert**

#### Recursive insert

- Check if value is greater than or less than the value in the current node
  - If greater, go right, check again
  - o If less, go left, check again
  - o If null, add a leaf to the tree
  - if equal, NOOP

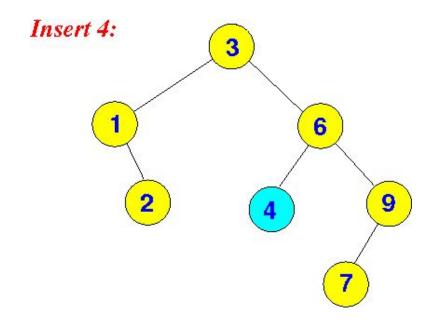


### Inserting a node into an existing tree

- Operations:
  - Use recursion to traverse through the tree
  - Insert node as a leaf
- What information do you need?
  - Data inserted
  - current node visited
    - with access to child nodes

## Insert (pseudocode)

```
insert(node, data){
      if (data < node.data)
            if(node.left == NULL)
                  addLeaf(node, data);
            else
                  insert(node.left, data)
      else if (data > node.data)
            if(node.right == NULL)
                  addLeaf(node, data);
            else
                  insert (node.right, data)
```



<sup>\*</sup>must handle special case where tree is empty

#### **Problems**

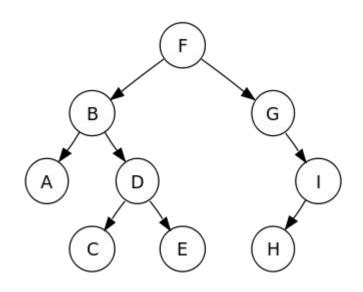
- How to choose the root node?
  - What happens if you choose a bad root node?
    - Becomes a linked list
- Insertion (with a well chosen root)
  - Best Case?
    - *O(1)*
  - O Worst Case?
    - **■** *O*(*logn*)

#### **Recursive Read**

- Almost identical to insert
  - Requires a return statement
    - Reference or pointer
- Check if value is greater than or less than the value in the current node
  - If greater, go right, check again
  - If less, go left, check again
  - If equal, return data
  - If null, error message

### Read (pseudocode)

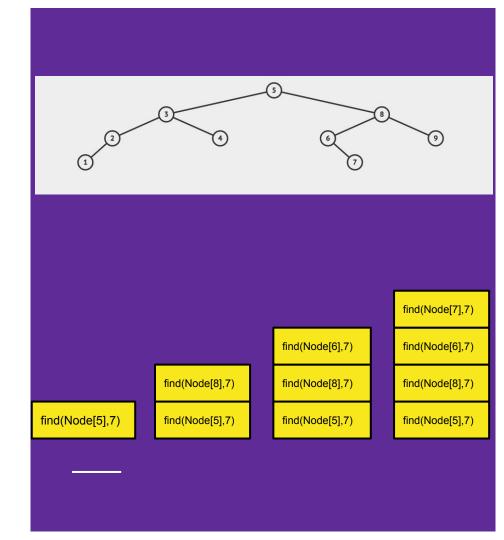
```
read(node, data){
      if(data == node.data)
            return node.data
      else if (data < node.data)
            if(node.left == NULL)
                  print("value not found");
            else
                  return read(node.left, data)
      else if (data > node.data)
            if(node.right == NULL)
                  print("value not found");
            else
                  return read (node.right, data)
```



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## Classwork

Trees



#### Delete

- Basic Deletion process
  - Remove the pointer(s) to the node
    - Non-leaf nodes will need to update their children's parent pointers as well
  - delete node
- Operations required
  - Tree Traversal to find the node
  - Must always keep track of the parent node
    - This is where maintaining a parent pointer in the node is helpful

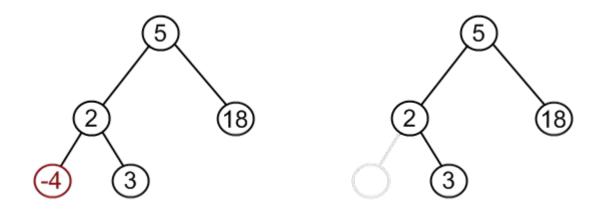
### **Delete - 3 Scenarios**

- What are the primary cases for deleting a node?
  - Delete a leaf node
    - set parent node pointer to null
    - delete node
  - Delete a 1 branch parent node
    - Can't just delete the node, because then our tree would "fall apart."
  - Delete a 2 branch parent node
    - We must promote one of the children to become the new parent.

### **Delete Algorithm**

```
remove(7)
node = findNode(data);
if ( node not in BST )
     return;
else if ( node has no subtrees ){
      deleteLeaf(node);
}else if ( node has 1 tree ) {
      shortCircuit(node);
                                                                                       before deletion
                                                                                                           after deletion
}else if(node has 2 subtrees){
      promotion(node);
                                                                                                        remove(2)
```

# **Deleting Leaf Nodes**



#### DeleteLeaf Pseudocode

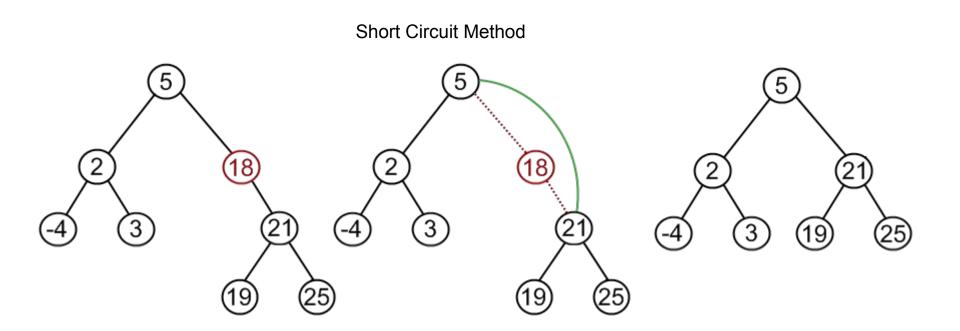
```
void removeLeaf(Node * leaf)
     if leaf->parent->right == leaf
          leaf->parent->right = NULL
     else
          leaf->parent->left = NULL
     delete leaf
What if the leaf is the root?
     Delete root
     Set root to null to signify an empty tree
```

### **Short Circuit Algorithm**

- The Short Circuit Algorithm sets the child node's child to be the child of the parent, then deletes the extra leaf node
- When deleting a parent node in a BST, you must ensure that the new parent is:
  - o bigger than all the other children in the left tree
  - smaller than all the other children in the right tree

You must maintain the BST structure

# **Deleting Single Branch Nodes**



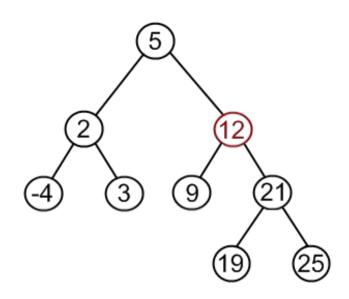
### **Short Circuit Pseudocode**

```
void shortCircuit(Node * node)
      if( node->parent->right == node)
            if node->right == NULL
                  parent->right = node->left
                  node->left->parent = node->parent
            else
                  parent->right = node->right
                  node->right->parent = node->parent
      else
      delete node
```

What if the node to be delete is the root?

We have to promote the child node to become the root

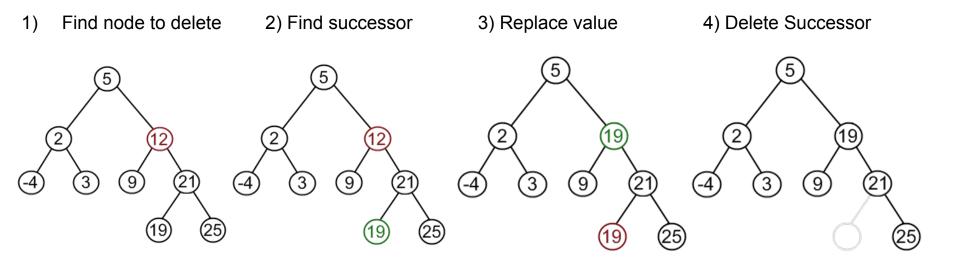
## **Deleting 2 Child Nodes**



### **Promotion**

- We must promote a node to a higher space in the tree
- There are at most two possible candidates:
  - the rightmost child of the left subtree
    - Traverse left once, then right as far as possible
  - the leftmost child of the right subtree
    - Traverse right once, then left as far as possible
- It doesn't matter which one we pick,
  - both choices will maintain the BST structure
  - Successor node
    - the node in the right subtree that is min value -or-
    - the node in the left subtree that is max value

#### **Promote Successor**

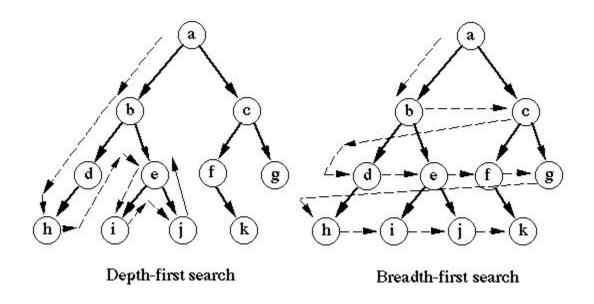


#### **Promotion Selection**

- functions needed
  - Node \* getMaxNode(Node \* node)
  - Node \* getMinNode(Node \* node)
- What if the min or max is not a leaf node?
  - We call our short circuit algorithm
  - o min value has right subtree?
    - Run single subtree (short-circuit) algorithm
- What if the delete node is the root node?
  - Special case: must promote leftmost max or rightmost min to root node

# **Promotion Algorithm**

```
void promotion(Node * n){
     d_node = searchMin(n->right);
     n->data = d_node->data;
     //Leaf
     if(d_node>left==NULL && d_node->right==NULL){
           removeLeaf(d_node);
     //one branch
     }else{
           shortCircuit(d_node);
```

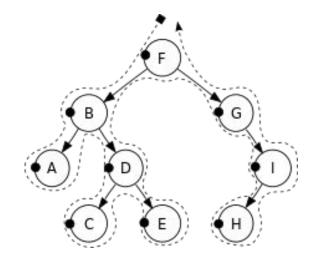


### **Depth First Traverse**

- Depth First travels down the tree structure to find a value
- Basic Algorithm:
  - Start at the root node,
    - traverse down the left until finding a leaf
    - traverse back up until finding a right branch
    - repeat until no right branch

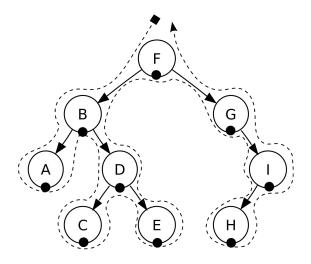
#### **PreOrder**

- Process each node as you reach it in traversal order
- Algorithm:
  - preorderTraversal(node):process(node)preorderTraversal(node->left)
    - preorderTraversal(node->right)



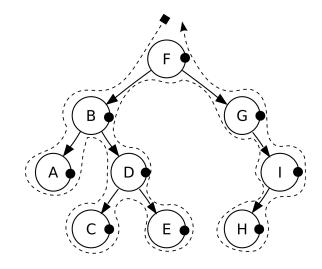
#### **InOrder**

- Visit each node in ascending order
- Algorithm:
  - inorderTraversal(node):
     inorderTraversal(node->left)
     process(node)
     inorderTraversal(node->right)



#### **PostOrder**

- Visit each node as you reach it in final traversal order
- Algorithm:
  - postorderTraversal(node):
     postorderTraversal(node->left)
     postorderTraversal(node->right)
     process(node)



# Classwork: Tree Traversal

#### **Use Cases**

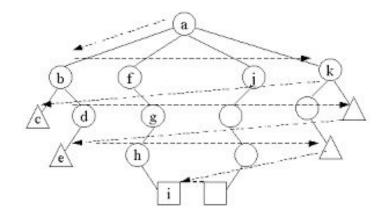
- Basic required Tree operations:
  - Deep Copy Tree
  - Delete Tree
  - Sorted Print
- Depth First Search
  - Traverse as far as possible down a single path
- Determine use case for each DFS Operation
  - PreOrder: copy of the tree
  - InOrder: gives nodes in non-decreasing order
  - PostOrder: used to delete the tree

#### **Breadth First Search**

- So far we have looked at depth first search
  - We traverse deep into the tree along a single path until we cannot go farther
- What is we want to traverse by level
  - Breadth First Traversal
    - Also called Level order
- Visit every node on a particular level before going to the next level

# **Breadth First Helper ADT**

- How to Implement?
  - Not really a recursive algorithm
    - Can still implement recursively, but not traditionally done with recursion
  - Use a helper Data Structure to store the next level
- Which data structure would work best?
  - A Queue
    - Enforces first in first out



## **Breadth First Search Algorithm**

 Assume a tree where each node has an unknown number of children

## **Balancing a BST**

- Binary Search Trees use strict ordering
  - There is only one place an inserted value can go
- In order to balance the tree, we will have to restructure it
  - There are many different variations of BST that ensures a balanced tree (AVL, Red/Black, Splay, etc)
- We are going to look at the simplest method of keeping a BST balanced

## **Creating a Balanced BST**

- We first need to pull everything out of our tree so we can rebuild it
  - Use inorder traversal to sort the tree
  - Store in an array
- Divide our sorted array to insert in the optimal order
  - Remove the middle element of the array and insert into a new tree
  - Divide remaining array into two parts, left and right
    - Repeat on both left and right array until the array is empty
  - Return the new tree

# **Creating a Balanced BST**

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