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# **CE1007/CZ1007 DATA STRUCTURES**

Review : **Binary Search Trees**

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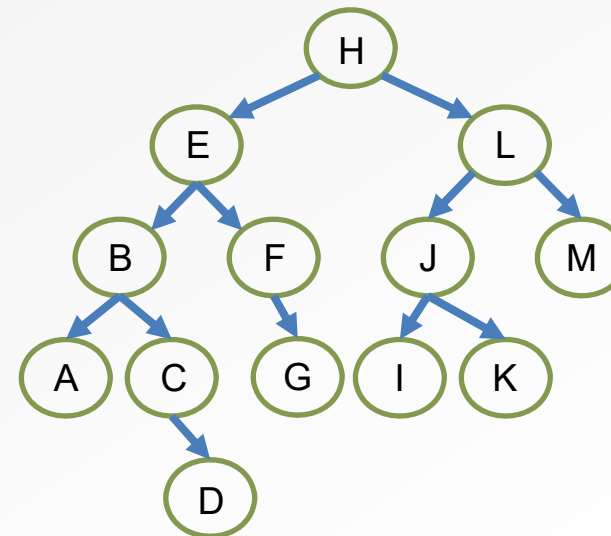
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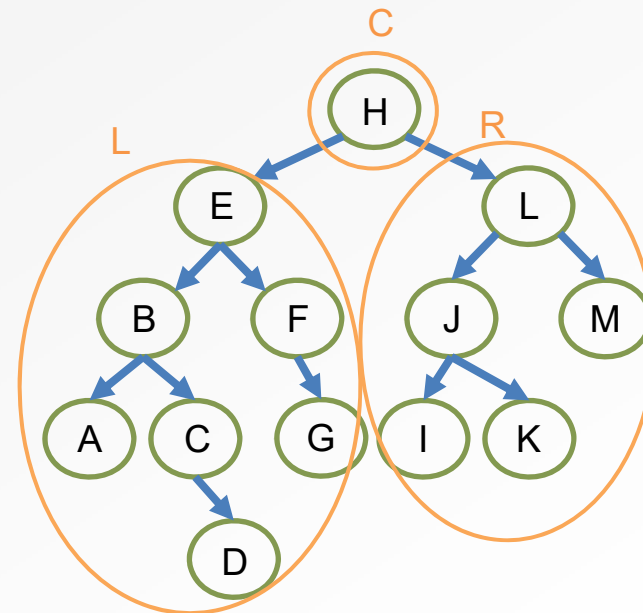
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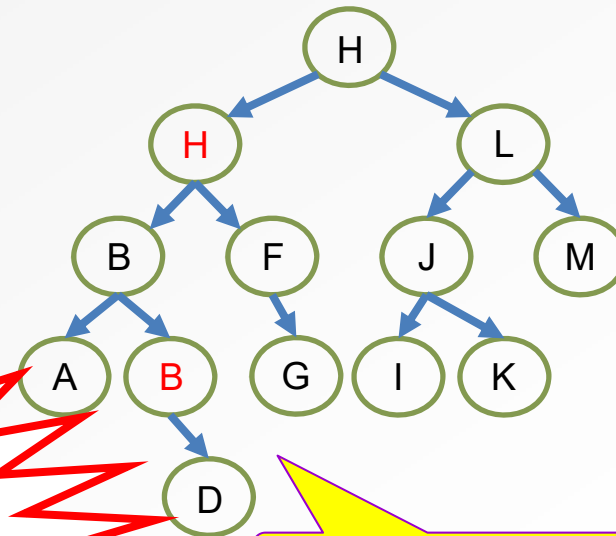
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$L \leq C \leq R$ , where

- C is the data in the current node
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**NO = in the BST!**  
There must be no duplicate nodes in BST!



**This is not a BST!**

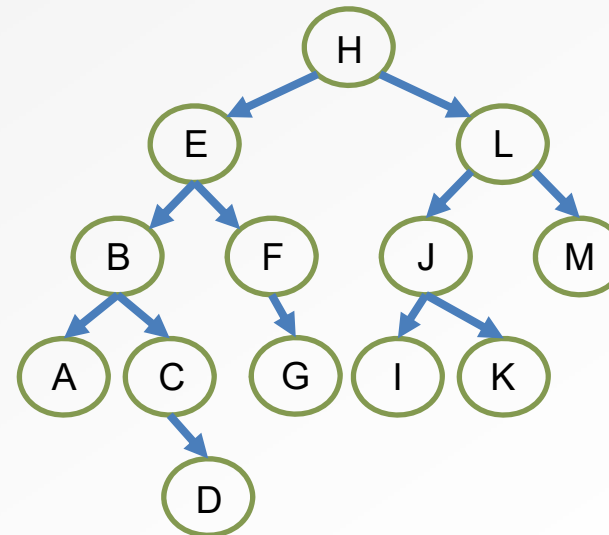
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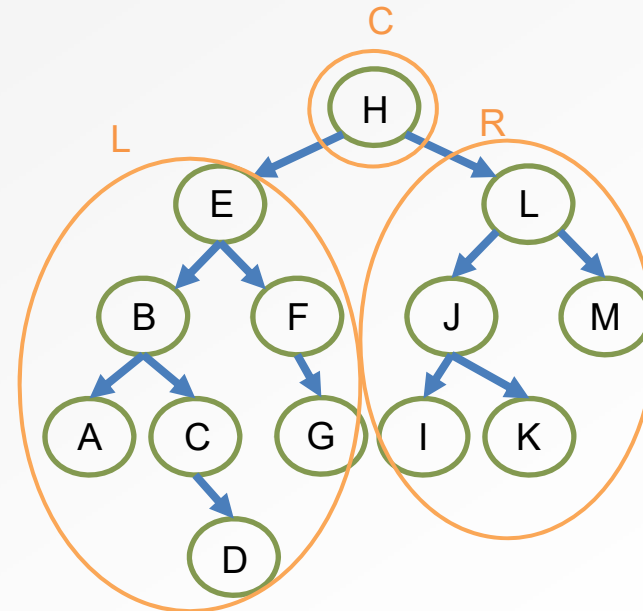
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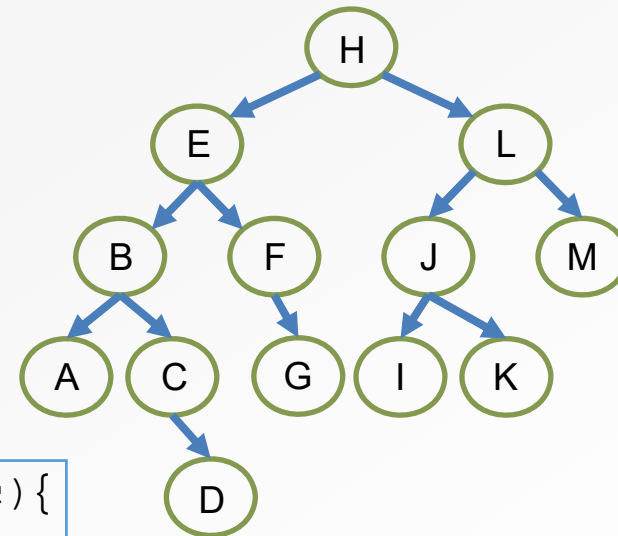
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# BST TRAVERSAL (BSTT)

- BSTT() traverses a BST to search for a node with a matching item
- Begin with TreeTraversal template



```
void BSTT(BTNode *cur, char c){  
    if (cur == NULL)  
        return;  
  
    // Do something  
  
    BSTT(cur->left);  
    BSTT(cur->right);  
}
```

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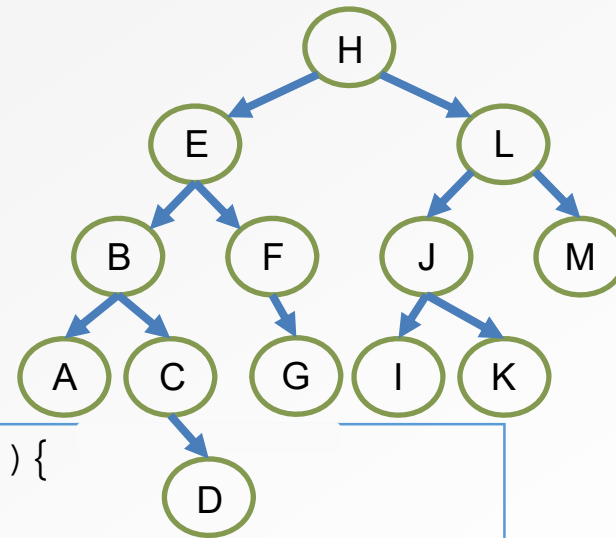
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- Now, at each node, we need to determine which subtree to keep visiting (and which subtree to ignore)



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```

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    if (cur == NULL) return;
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    //do something
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```
    if (c < cur->item)
```

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        BSTT(cur->left, c);
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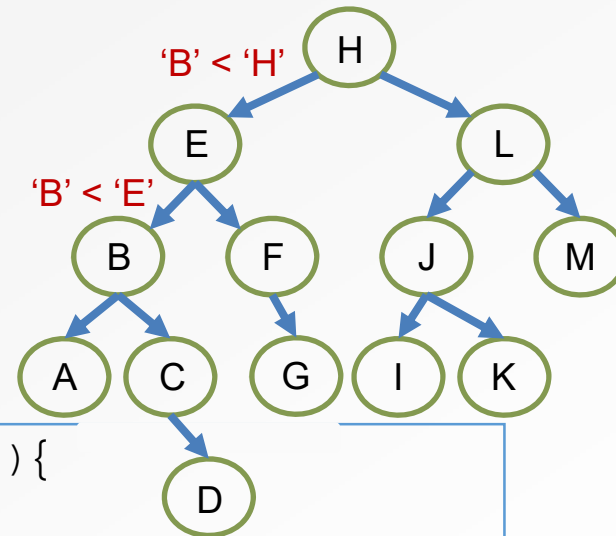
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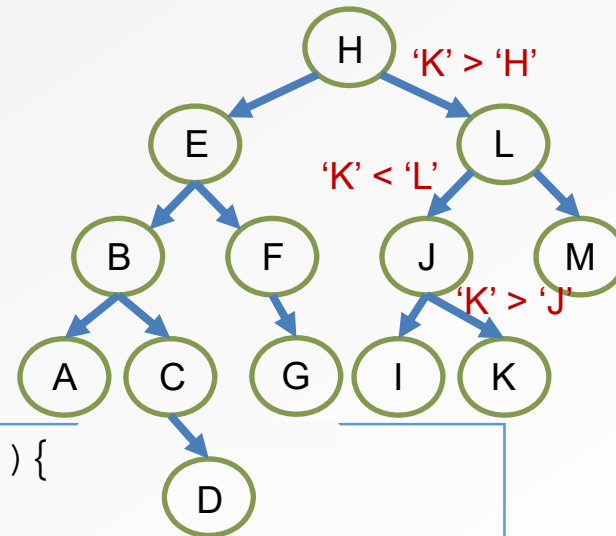
- Check the traversal pattern for **BSTT(root, 'B')**



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    if (c==cur->item)
    { printf("found!\n"); return;}
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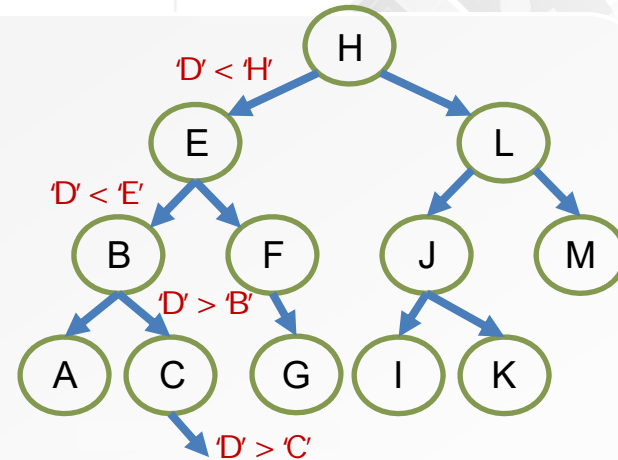
- Check the traversal pattern for **BSTT(root, 'K')**



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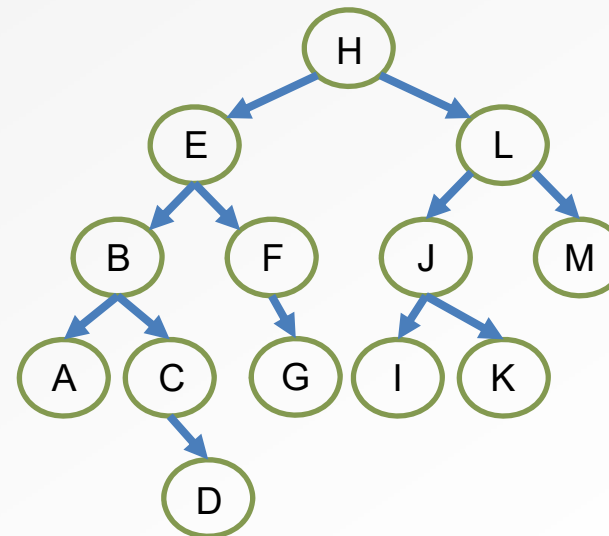
- What if the item doesn't exist?
- If we remove node 'D', and then check the traversal pattern for **BSTT(root, 'D')**



```
void BSTT(BTNode *cur, char c){
    if (cur == NULL){
        printf("can't find!"); return;
    }
    if (c==cur->item){
        printf("found!\n"); return;
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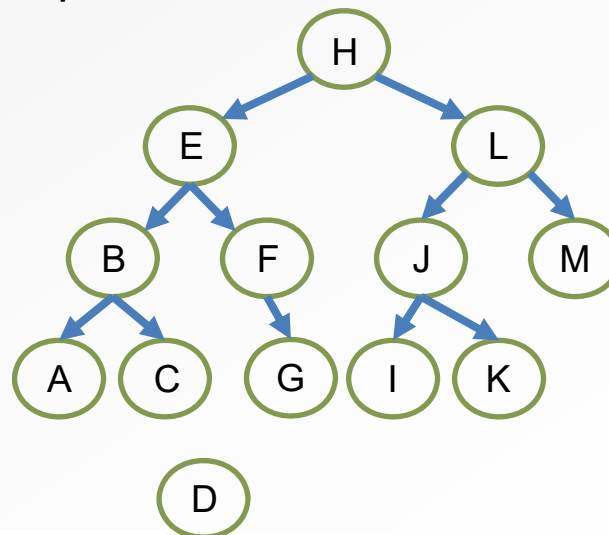
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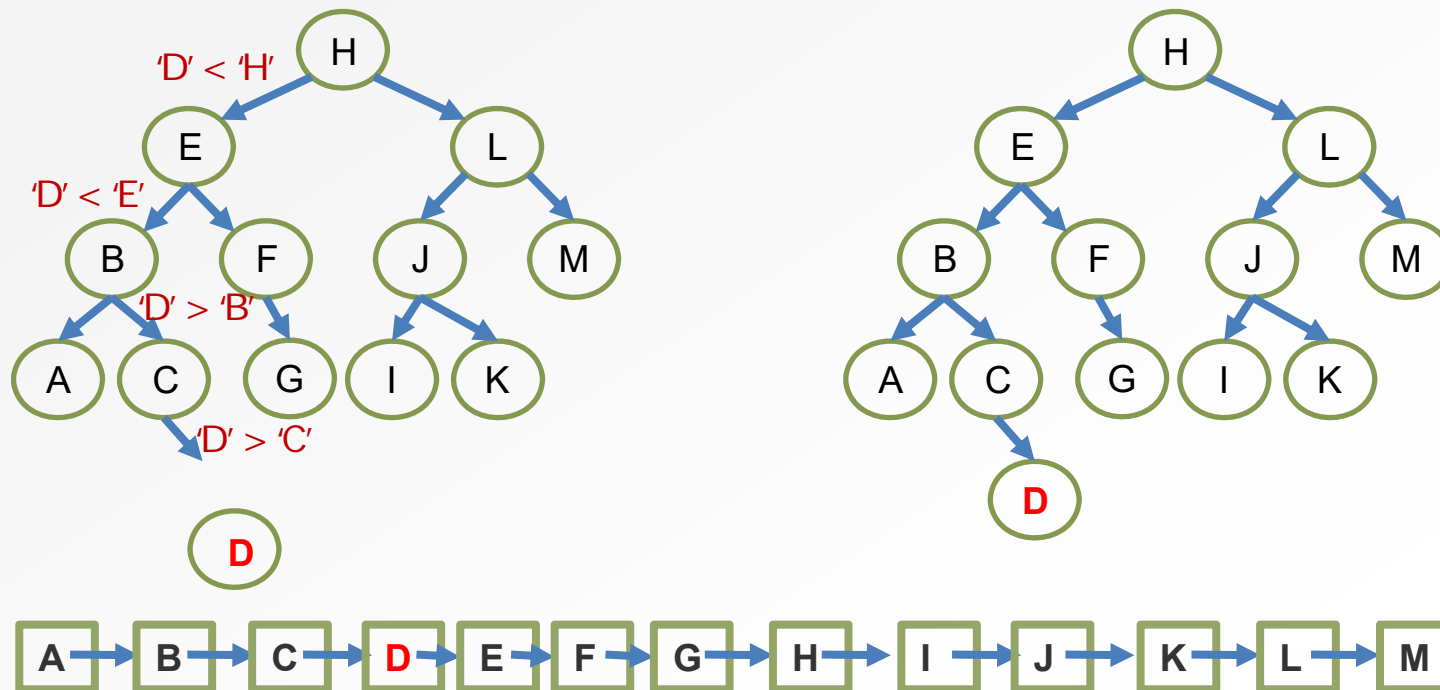
# INSERTING A NODE INTO A BST

- Given an existing BST, an insertion operation must result in a BST
- How do we know where to place a new node 'D'?
- Given an existing BST and a new value to store, there is always a unique position for the new value



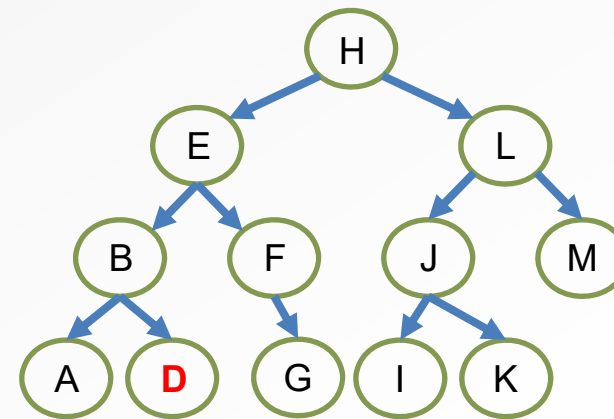
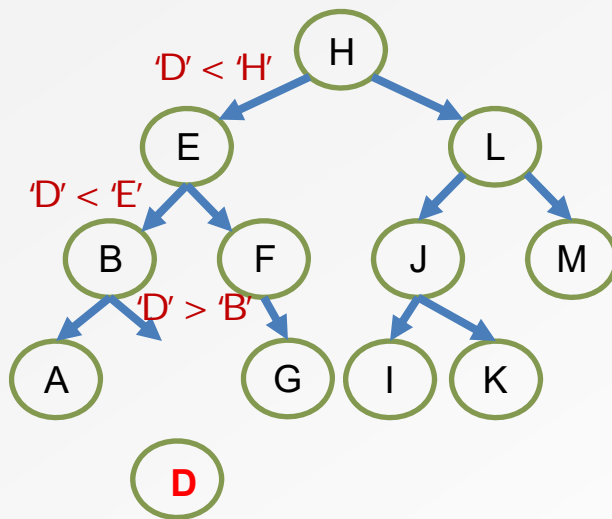
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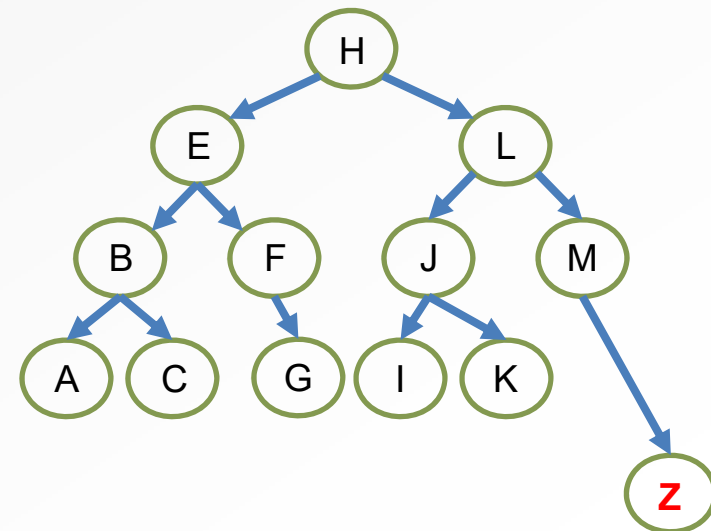
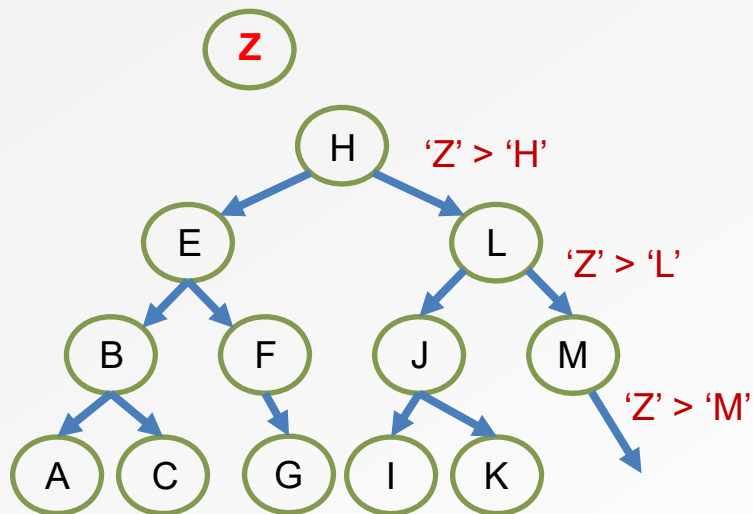
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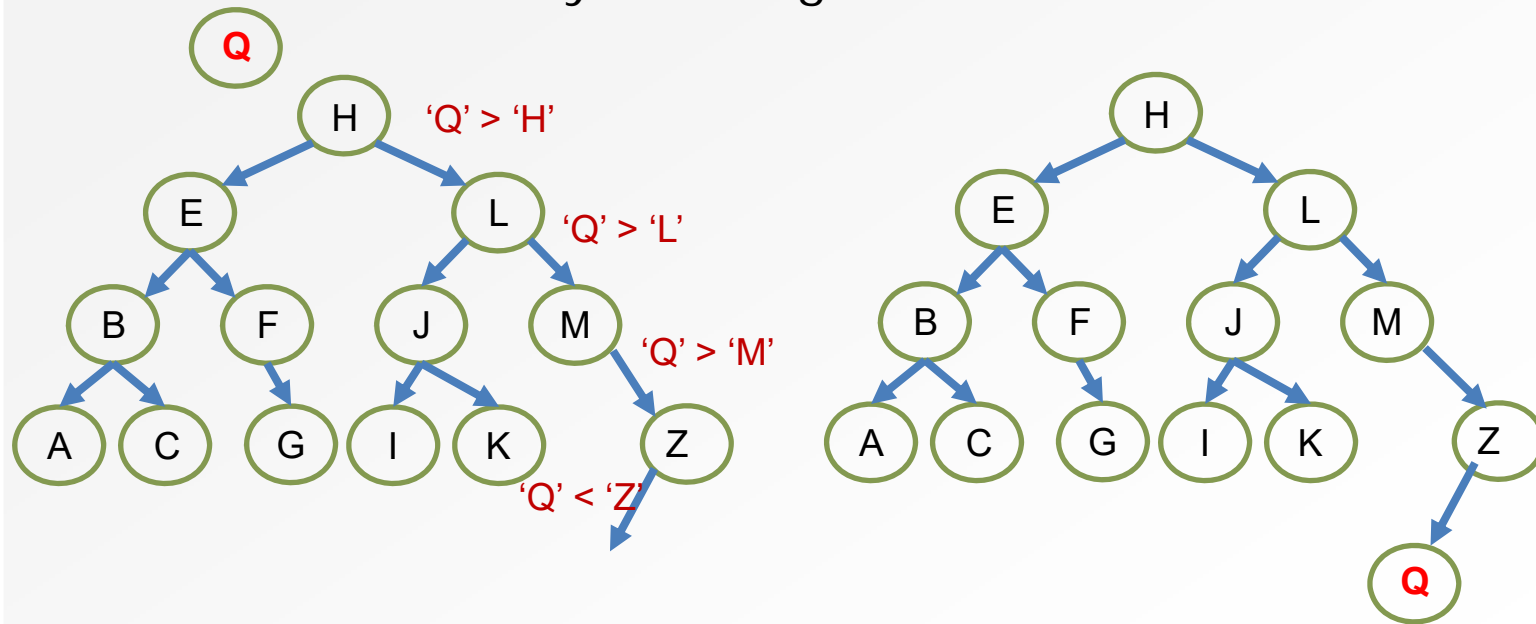
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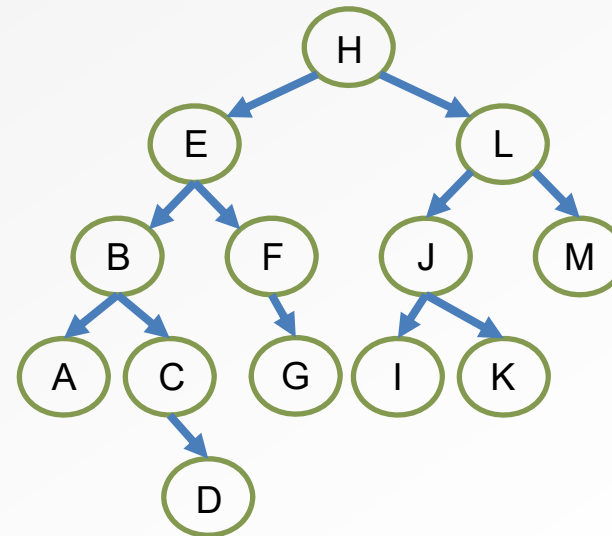
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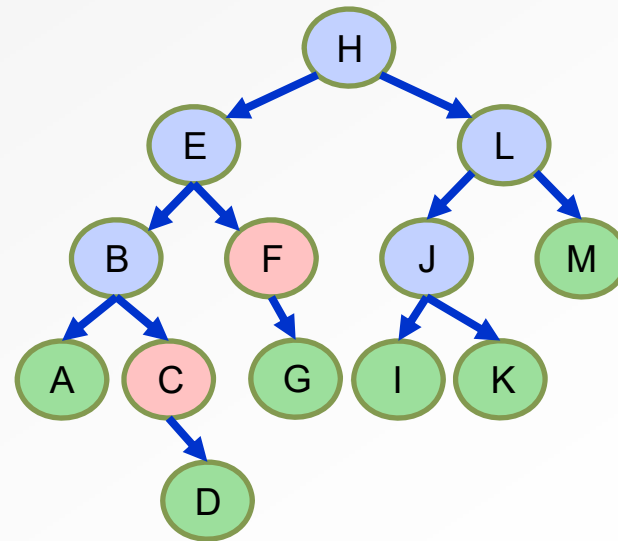
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- Node removal is more complicated
- Beginning with a BST, the resulting tree after removing a node must still be a BST

Obey the BST rule:  $L < C < R$

# REMOVING A NODE FROM A BST

- Remove node X - a bit tricky
- 3 cases:
  1. **x has no children:**
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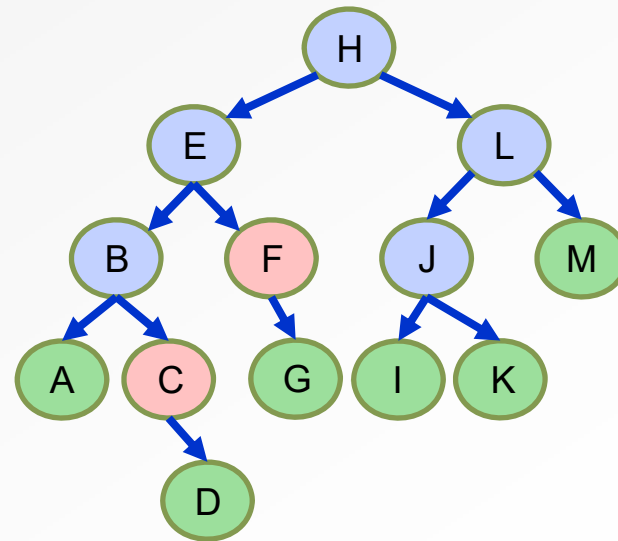
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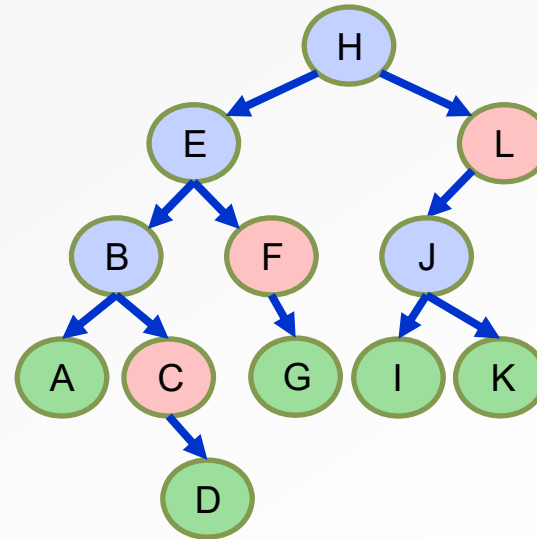
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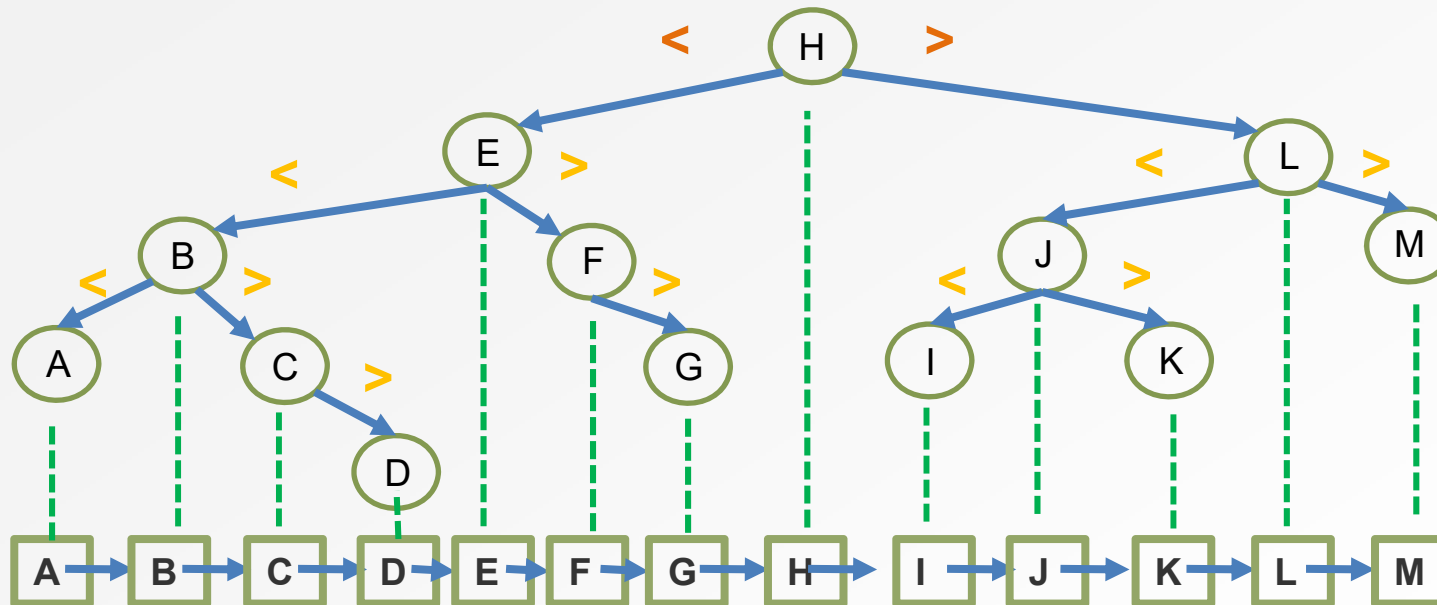
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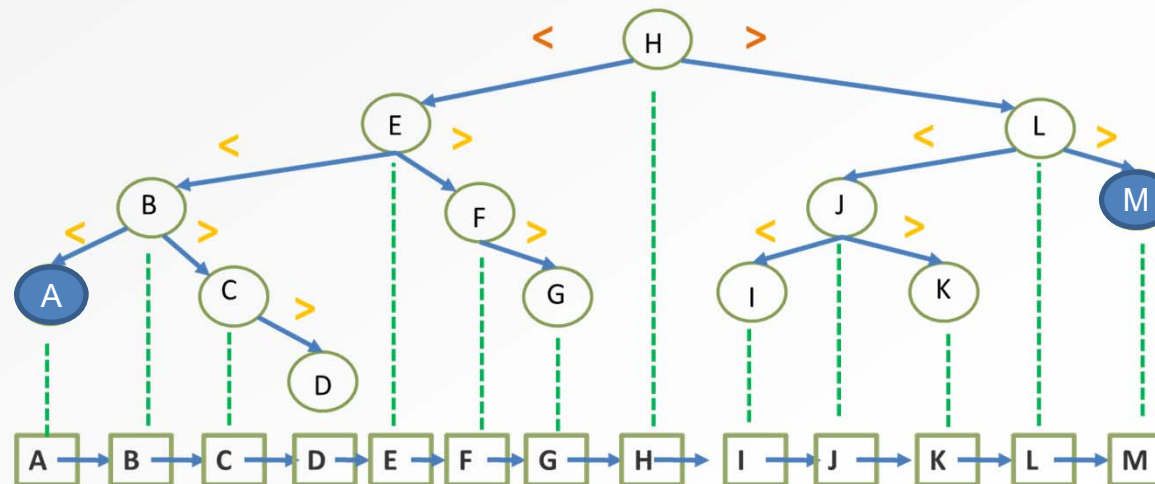
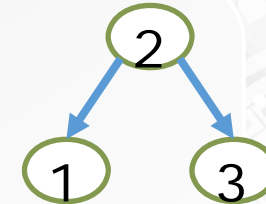
## MAPPING: TREE(IN-ORDER) → LIST



- If we draw the BST carefully:
  - **Left subtree on the left side of the current node;**
  - **Right subtree on the right side of the current node;**
- Mapping to X-axis will produce **a sorted list.**

# FEATURES

- BST's in-order traversal produces a sorted list!
  - $L < C < R$  rule ensures sorted order
- The binary-search-tree property guarantees that:
  - The **minimum** is located at the **left-most** node
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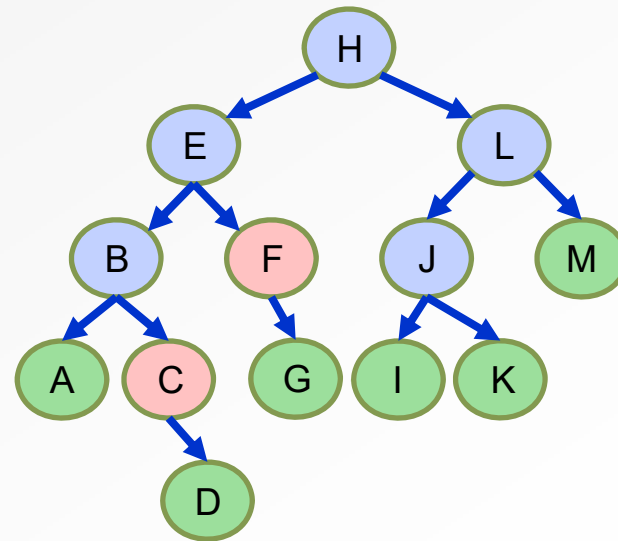
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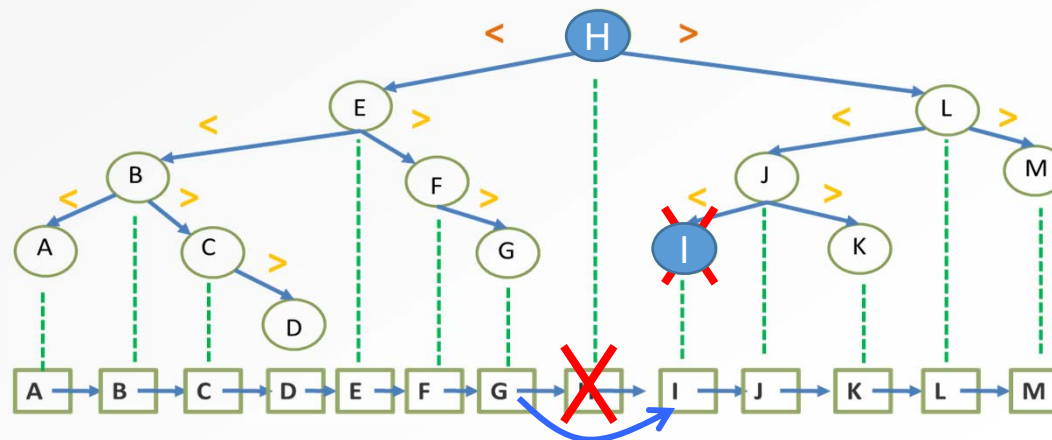
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**Successor is:**

- The node immediately after it in the sorted list, or
- The next node visited using an in-order traversal

X has two children, so X's successor is minimum node in its right subtree.

E.g.: H's successor is I, E's successor is F, J's successor is K.



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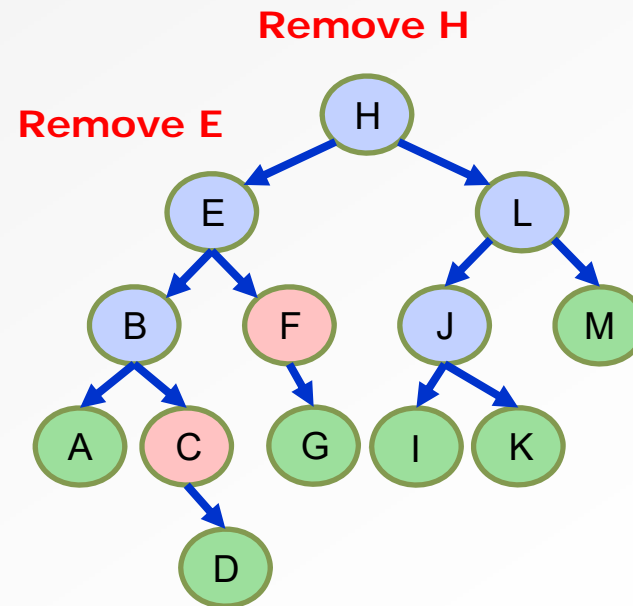
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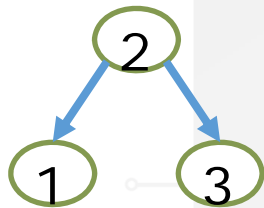
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## QUESTIONS



- **Why will case 3 always go to case 1 or case 2?**

A: because when  $X$  has 2 children, its successor is  $> X$  but the **minimum** in its **right** subtree, so the successor should not have left child.

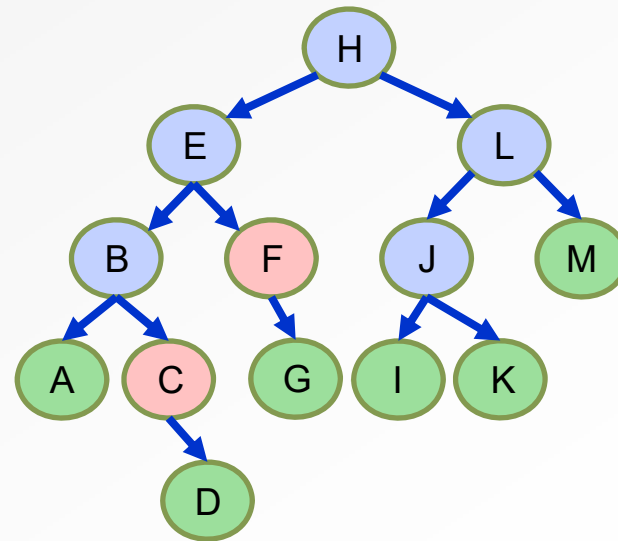
It might have no child(case 1) or one right child(case 2).

- **Could we swap  $x$  with predecessor instead of successor?**

A: yes.

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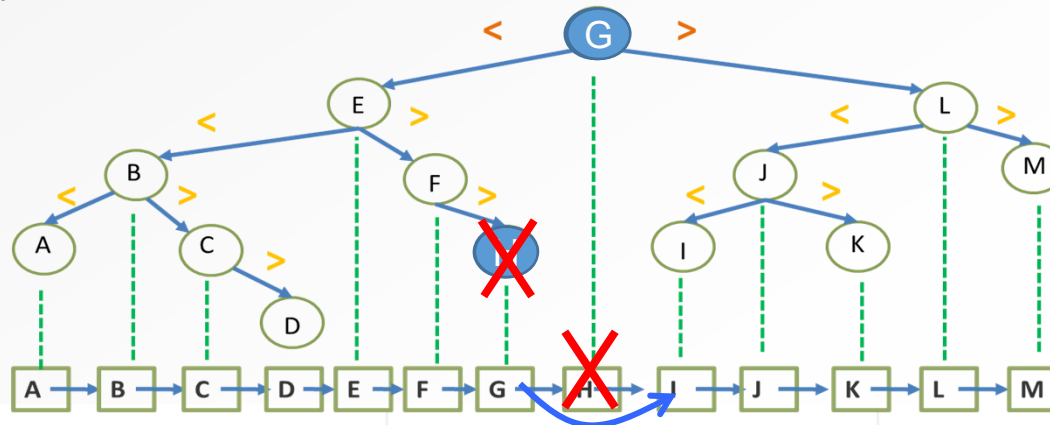
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## TODAY YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO

- Define a Binary Search Tree
- From a list, how do we construct a Binary Search Tree?  
Is it efficient?
- How do we traverse a BST to search a item?
- How do we insert/remove a node from a BST?