

Homework 10 sample solution

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Describe a modification of a Binary Search Tree dictionary that can return the minimum value in the dictionary in $\Theta(1)$ time. This change should *not* increase the asymptotic complexity of any other dictionary operation.

1. What new field(s) does the data structure need?

Add a *min* field to the BST, which points to the node containing the *min* value. New BSTs should have *min* = NIL.

2. How does this change impact the min, insert, and delete methods of the BST? Note that insertion and deletion may change the minimum value in the BST.

Reference implementations of the min, insert, and delete functions appear below.

<pre>1 Algorithm: BSTDict.min() 2 return <i>min</i></pre>

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1 Algorithm: BSTDict.insert(new)
2 node = root
3 while node isn't NIL do
4   if node.value ≤ new then
5     if node.left = NIL then
6       | Add new as left child of node
7       | node = node.left
8     end
9     node = node.left
10  else
11    if node.right = NIL then
12      | Add new as right child of node
13      | node = node.right
14    end
15    node = node.right
16  end
17 end
18 if new < min.value then
19   | Let min be the added node
20 end

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1 Algorithm: BSTDict.delete(node)
2 if node = min then
3   if node has a right child then
4     min = node.right
5     while min has a left child do
6       min = min.left
7     end
8   else
9     min = parent
10  end
11  /* min = min.successor() would also be acceptable */
12 end
13 if node has two children then
14   swapnode = right
15   while swapnode has a left child do
16     swapnode = swapnode.left
17   end
18   Swap node's parent and children links with swapnode
19   if node is the BST root then
20     Set root to be swapnode
21   end
22 end
23 if node has no children then
24   if node is the root then
25     Set root to be NIL
26   else
27     Set node.parent's child to be NIL
28   end
29 else
30   /* node must have one child */
31   if node is the root then
32     Set root to be node's child
33   else
34     Set node.parent's child to be node's child
35   end
36   Set node's child's parent to be node.parent
37 end

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