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Data Structures and Algorithms



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Binary Search Trees

Definition and Structure

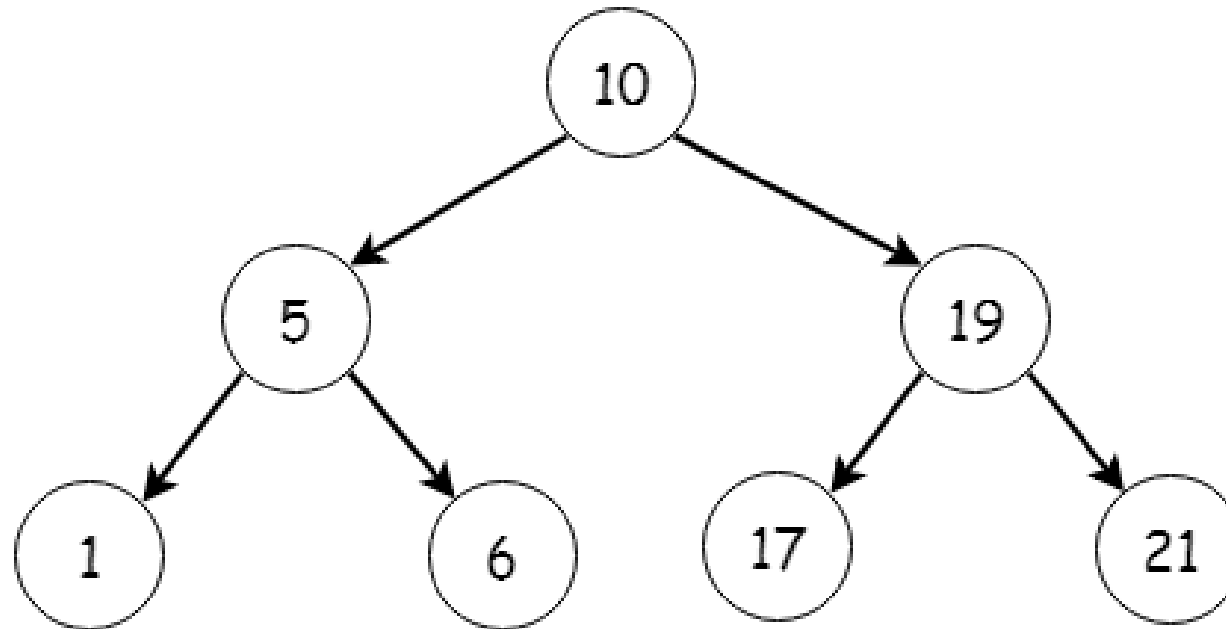
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Overview

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- BST Structure

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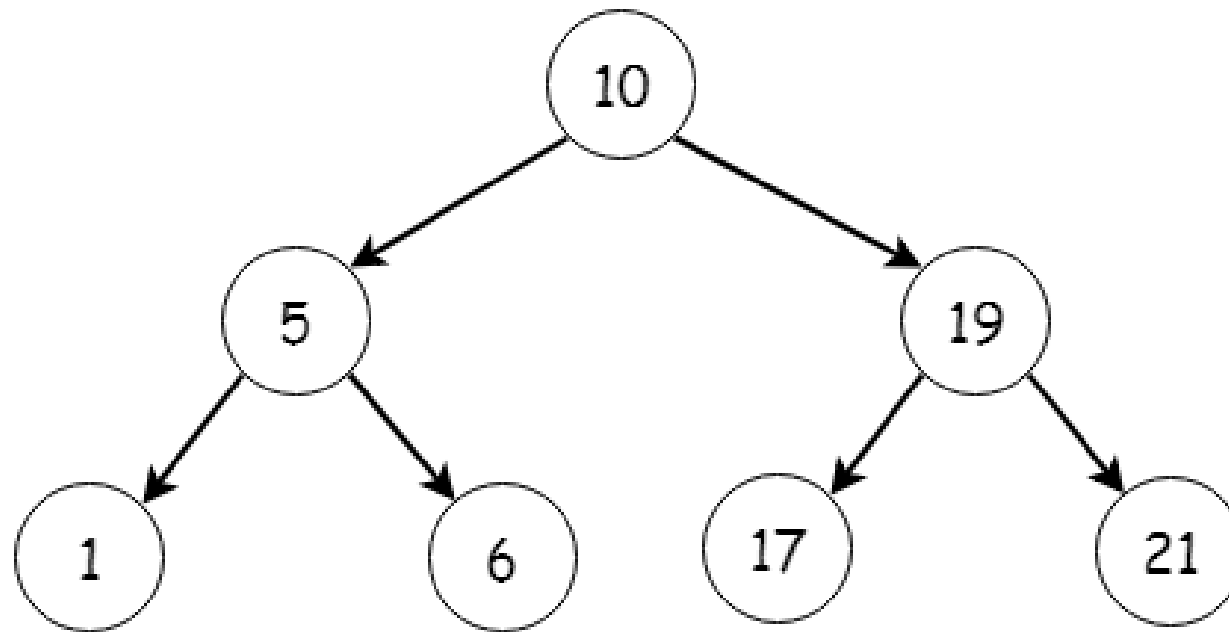
- Abstract data type that supports logarithmic search times.
- Organisation of data generally “halves” search space.



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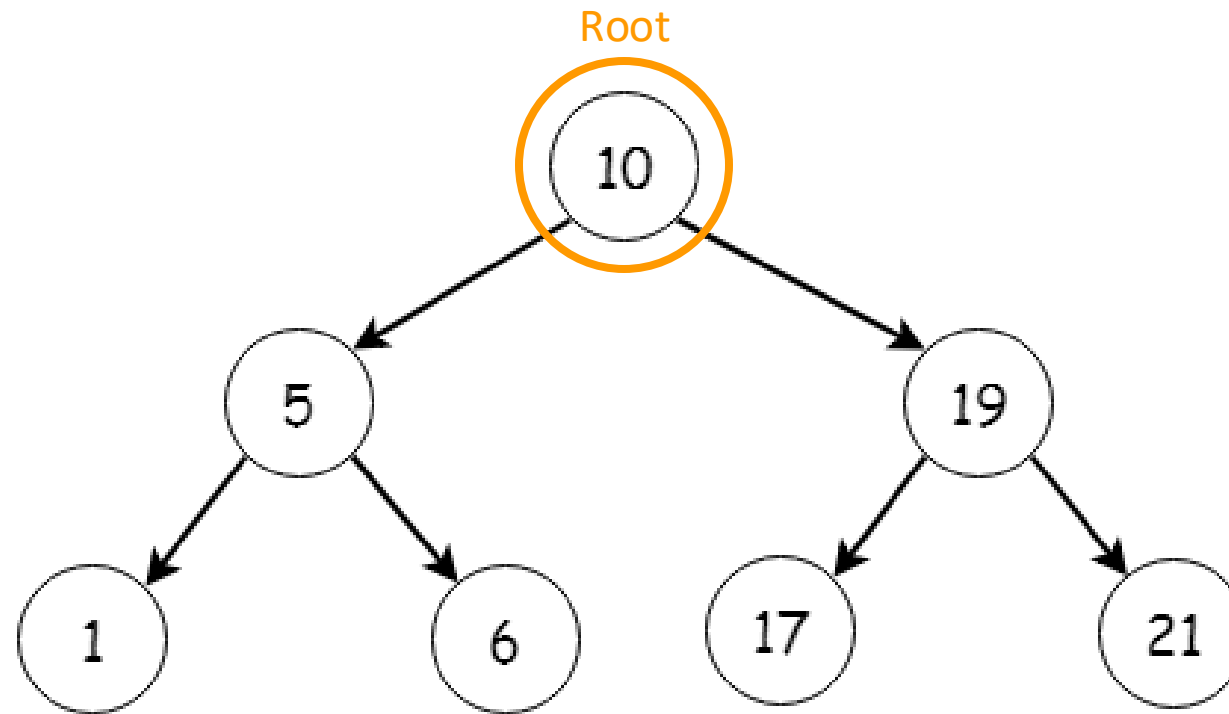
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- Each node has a value and two subtrees (left and right).
- Each subtree is another BST.
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- What about equal to?
- The root node is the "parent" of the two subtrees. The two nodes at the root of the two subtrees are called "children".
- A node with no children is called a "leaf" node.
- All nodes in the subtrees are "descendants" of a particular root node.
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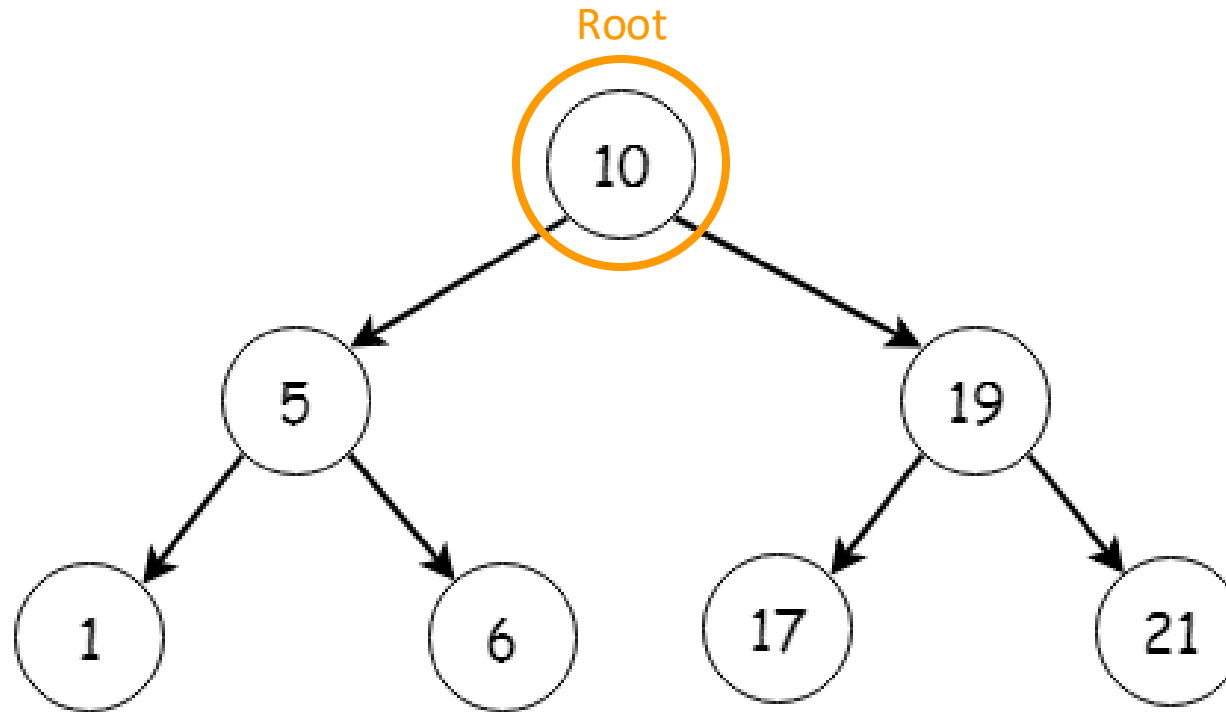
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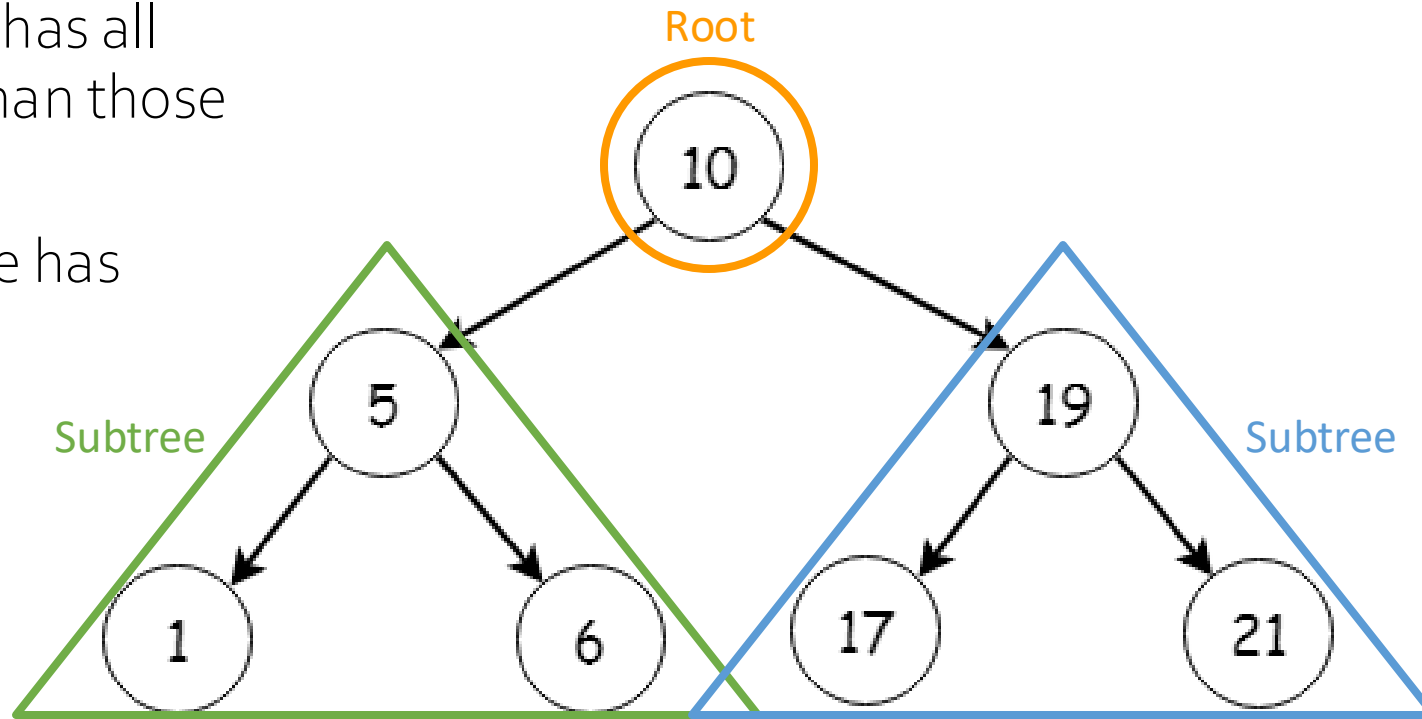
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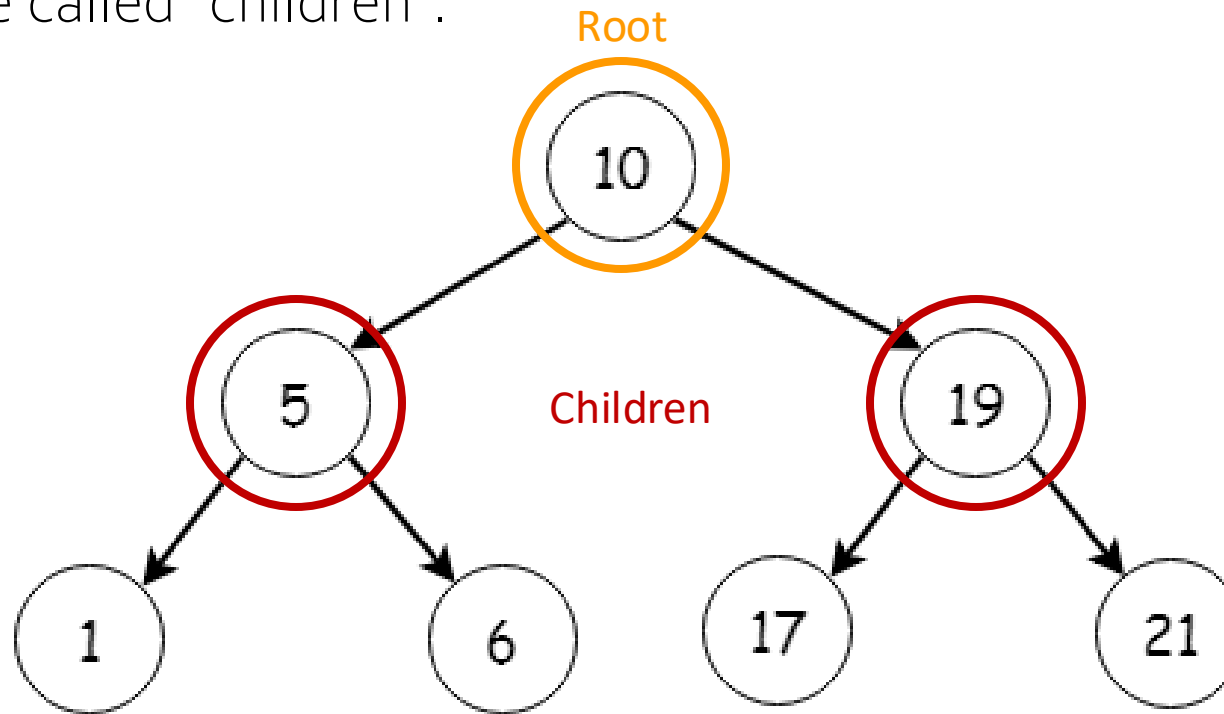
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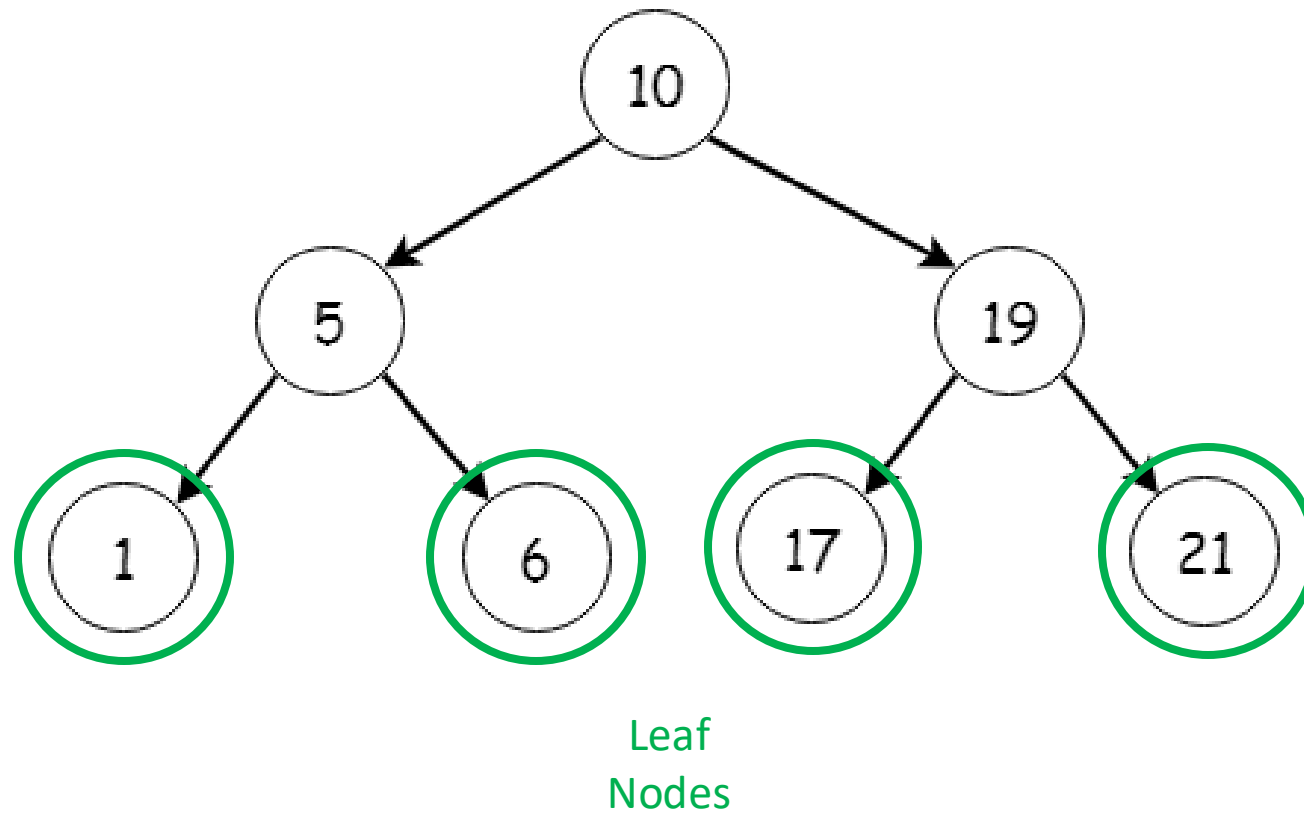
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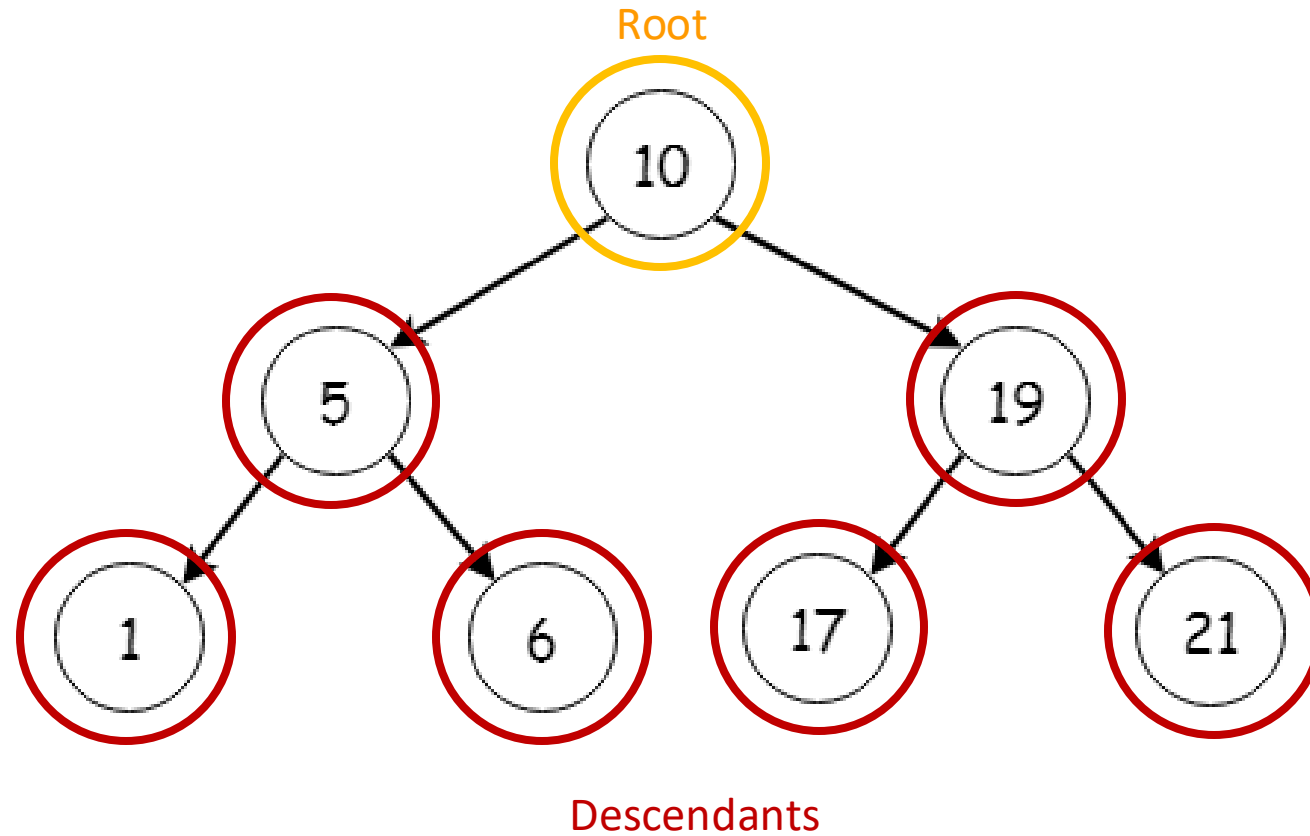
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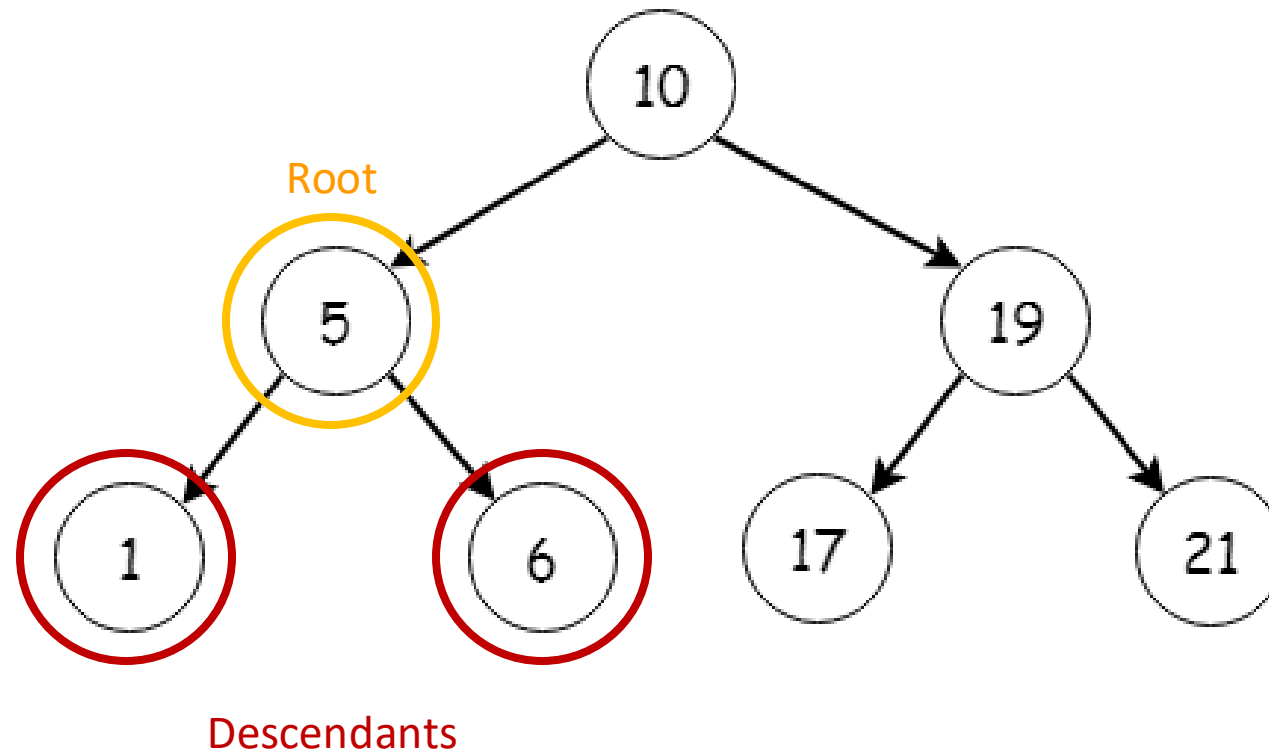
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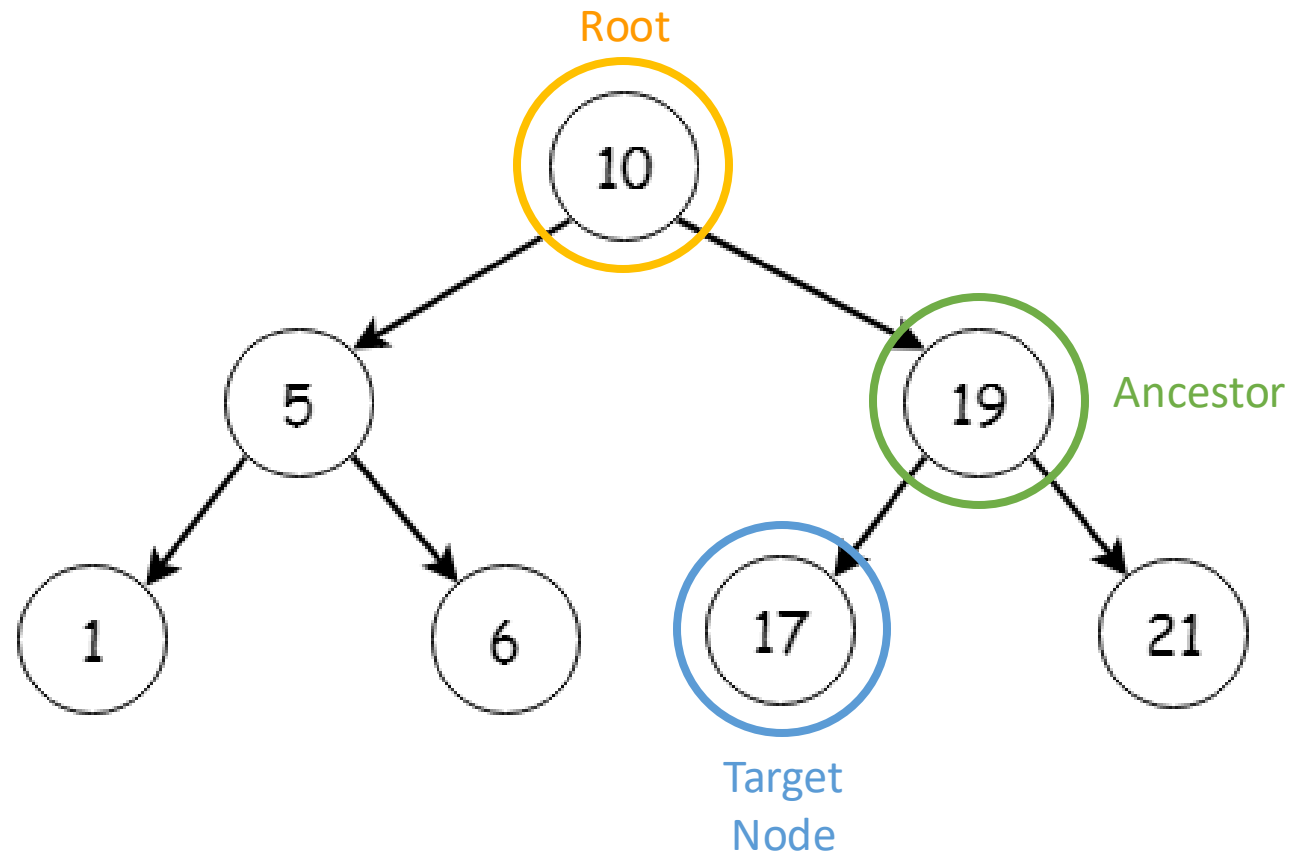
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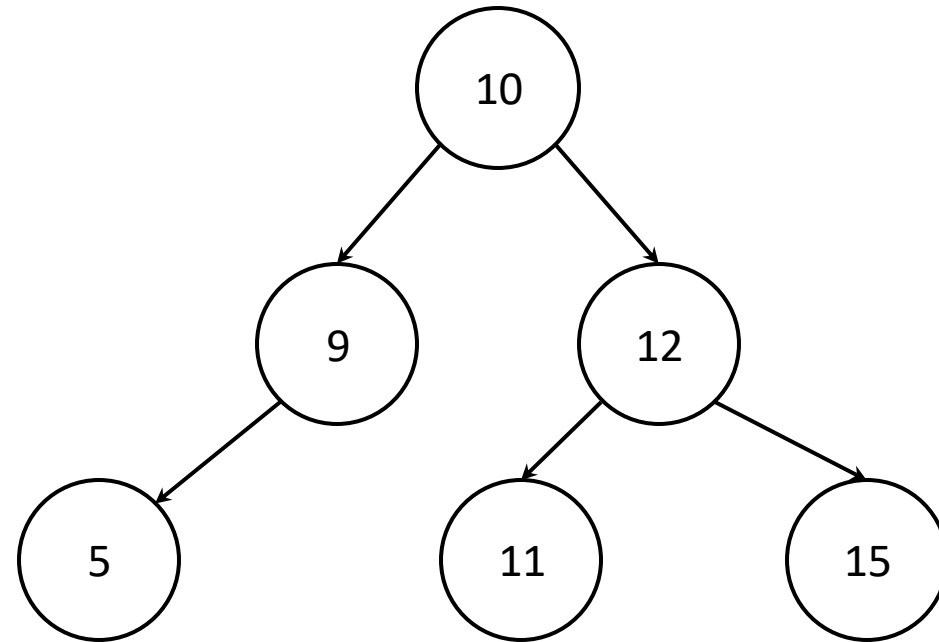
Operations

- Searching
- Insertion
- Deletion

BST searching

- Start at the top of the tree (the “root” node, like the “head” of a list).
- If root node is empty, the tree is empty
- If the value matches our target value, we have the correct node
- If our value is smaller repeat the process in the left subtree
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- Makes it easy to use recursion!

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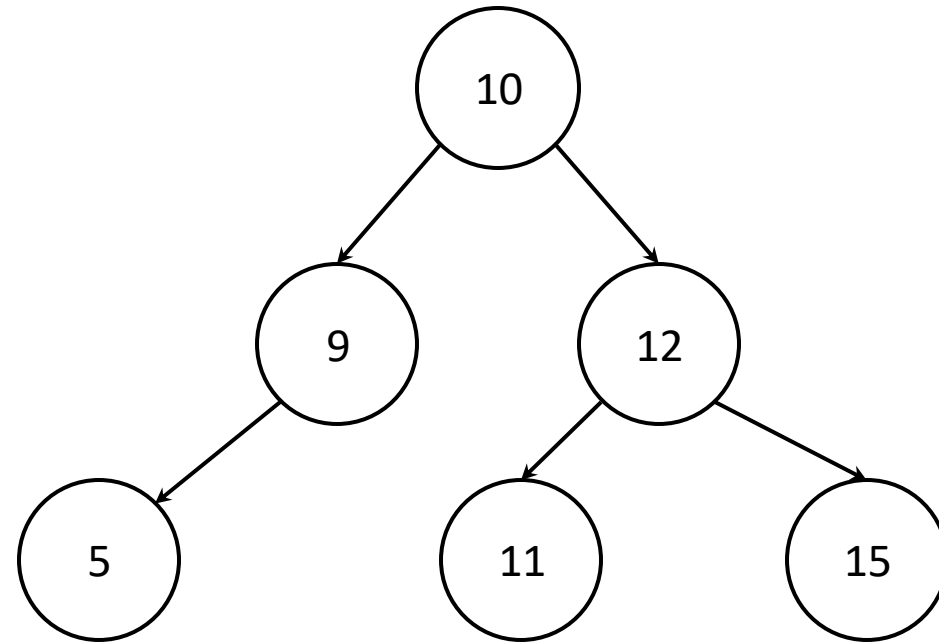
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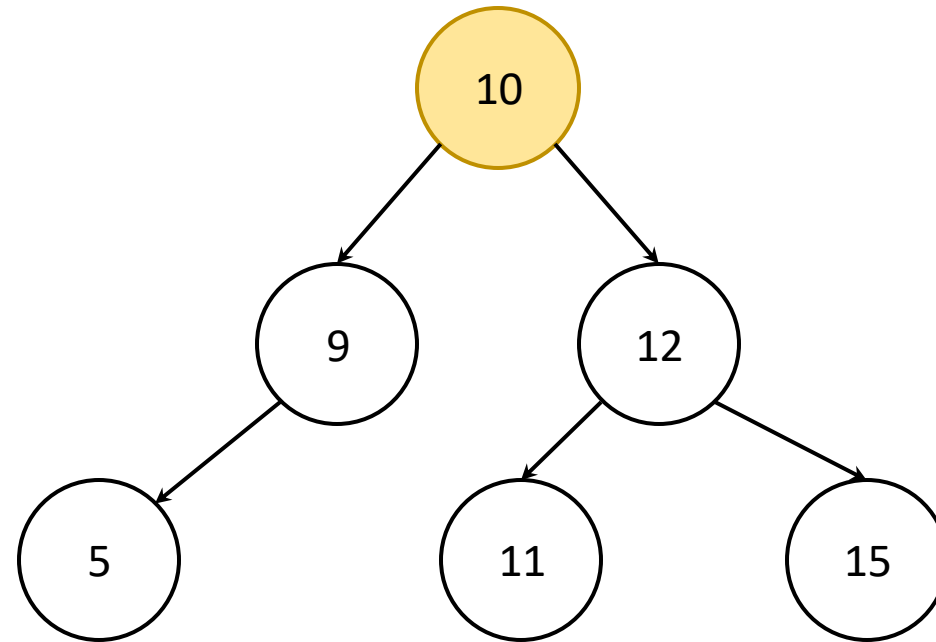
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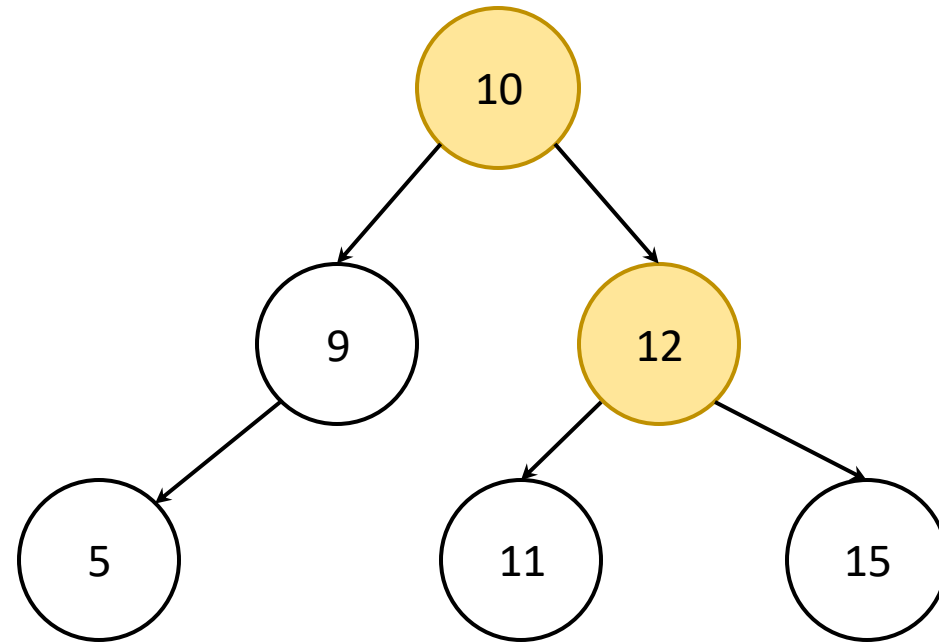
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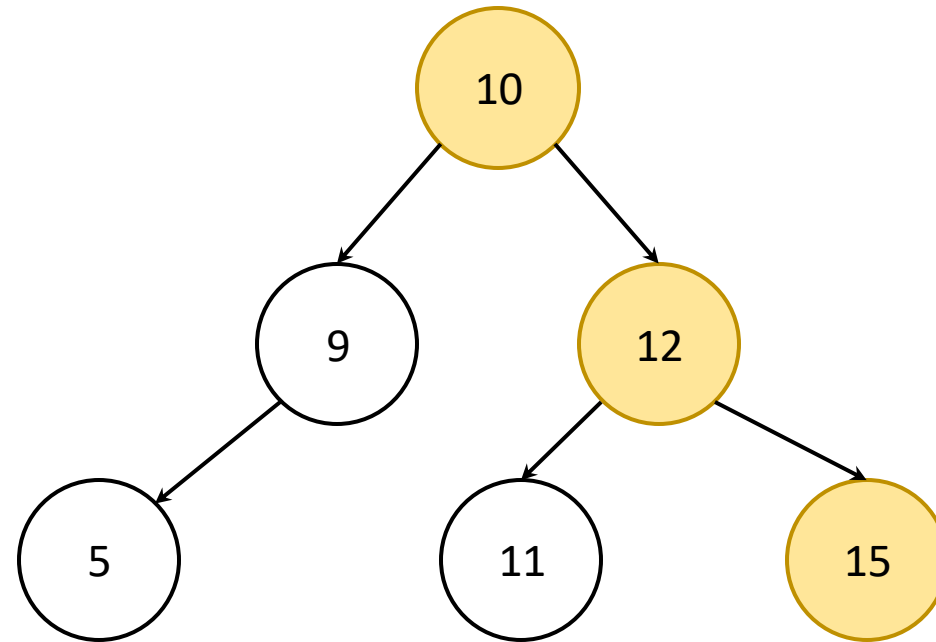
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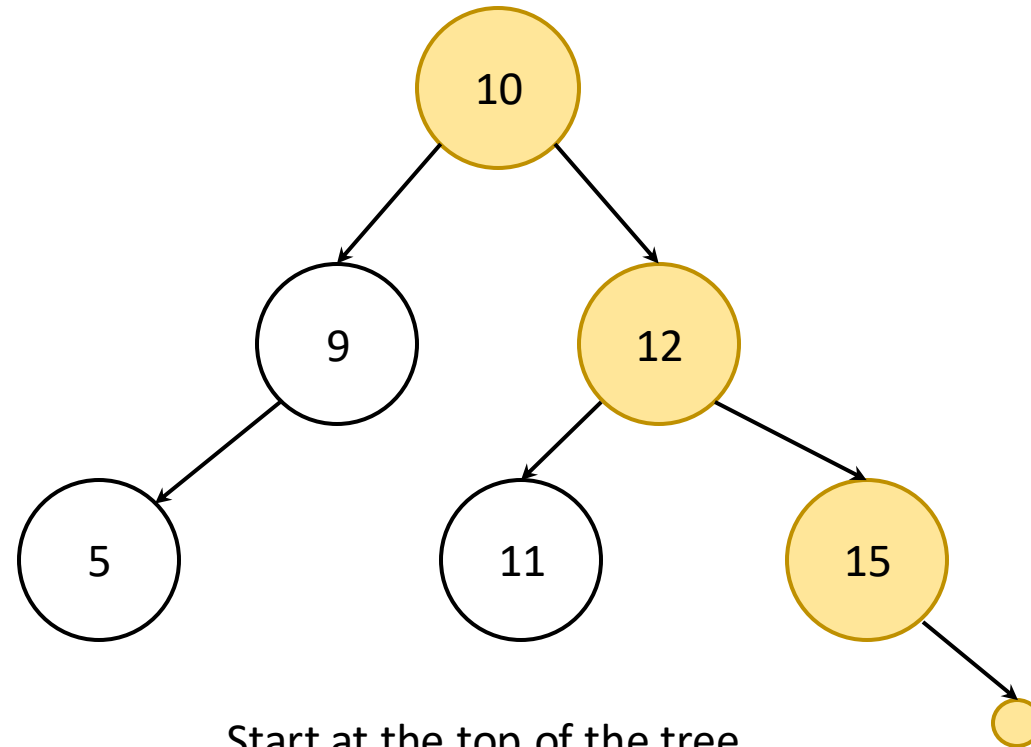
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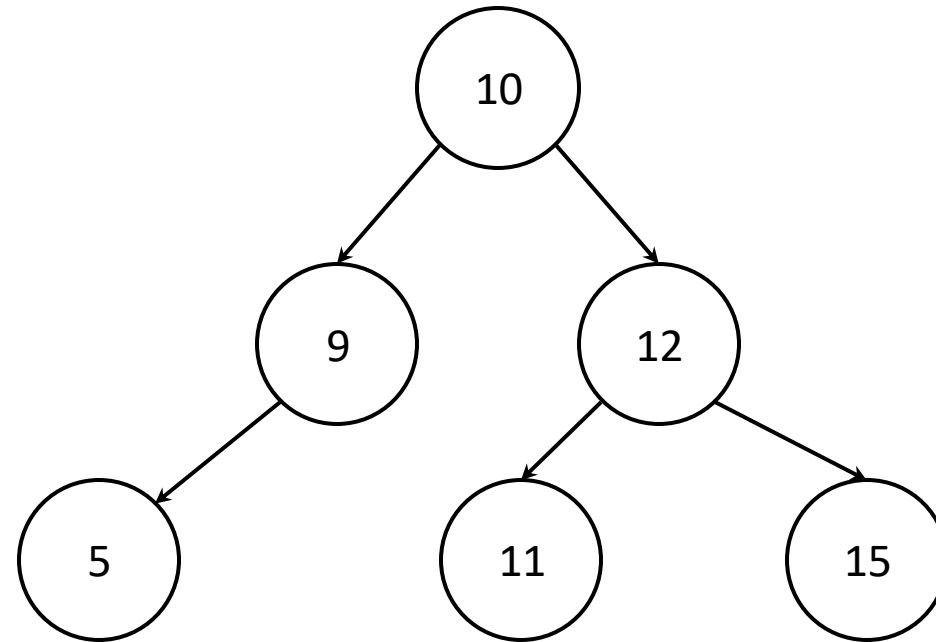
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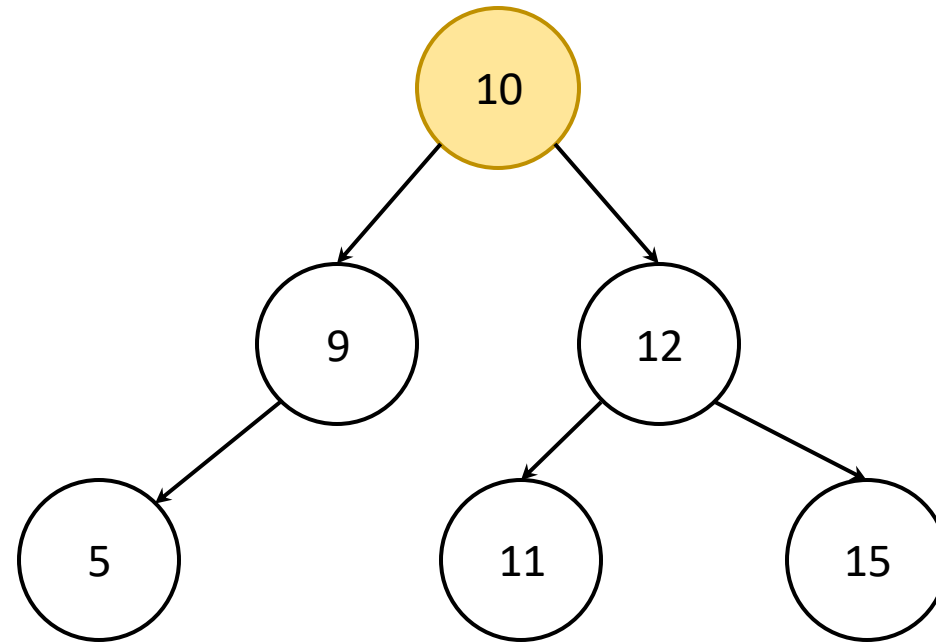
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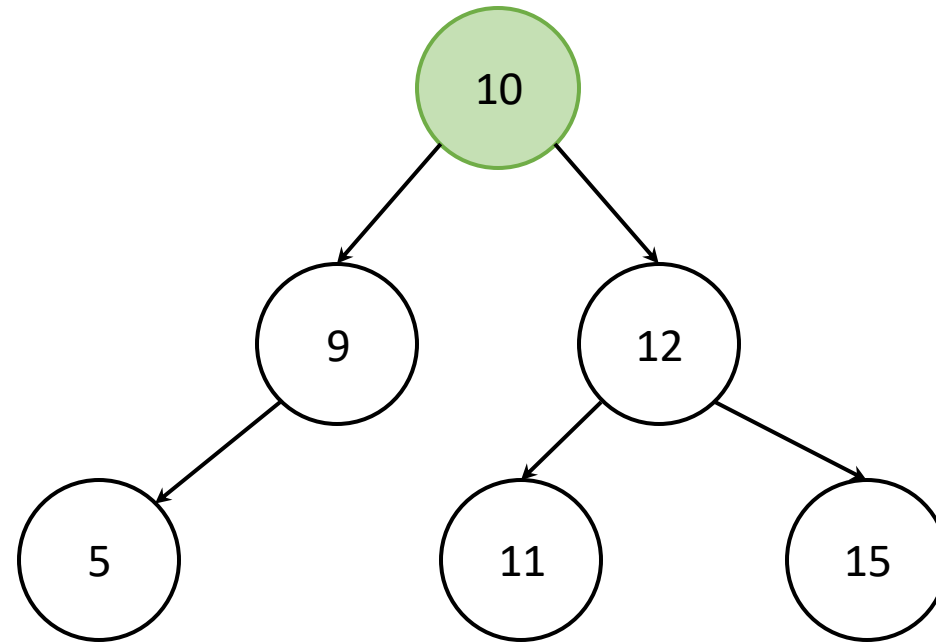
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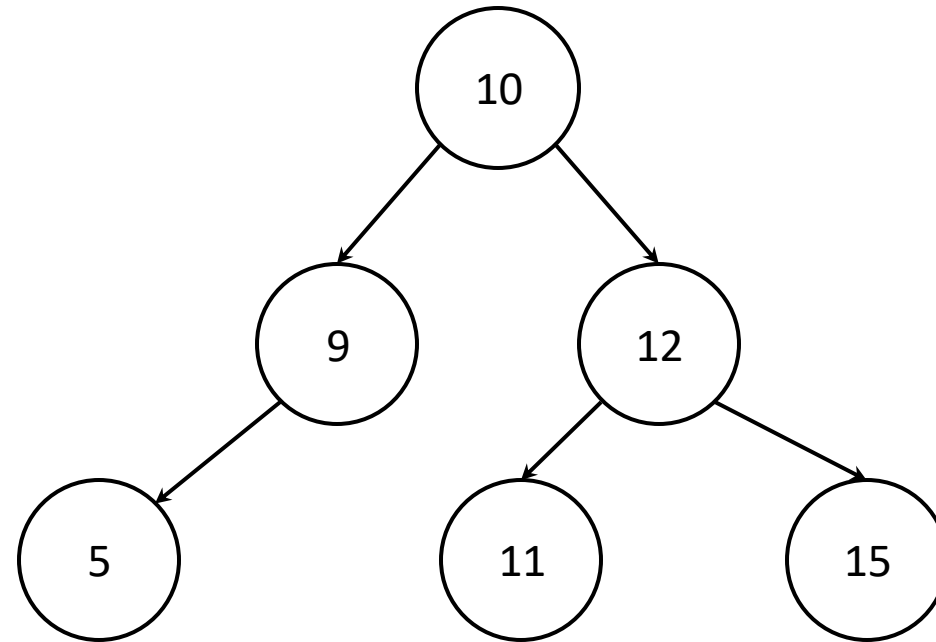
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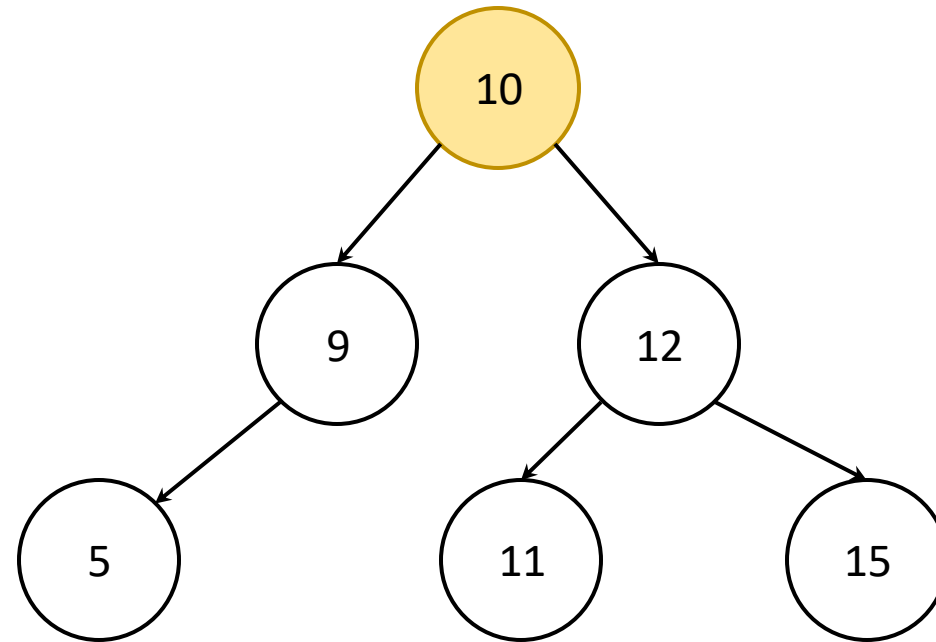
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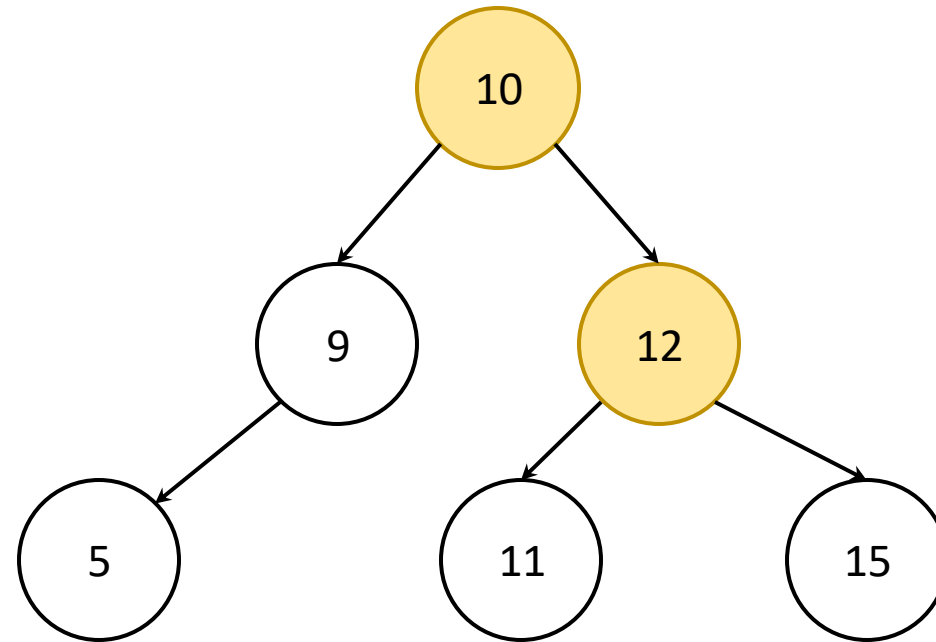
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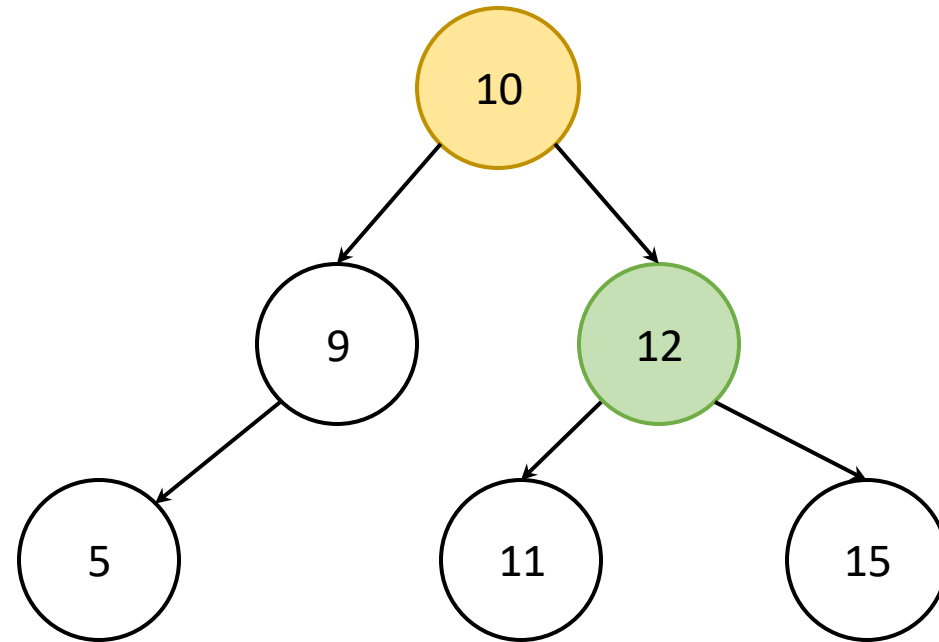
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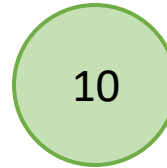
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BST insertion

- If the root is empty, use new node as root.
- Otherwise we need to compare and determine which subtree the node belongs in.
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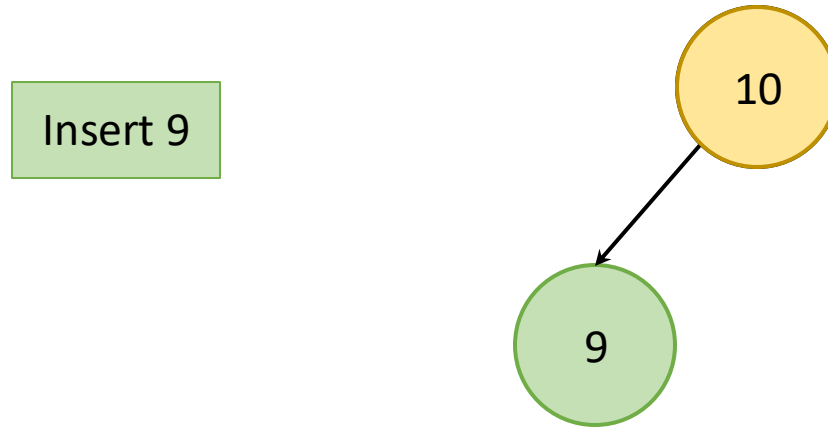
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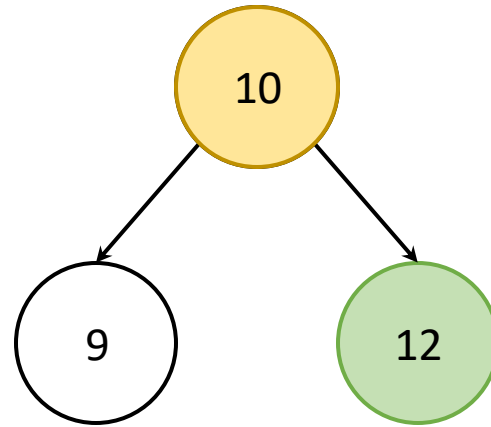
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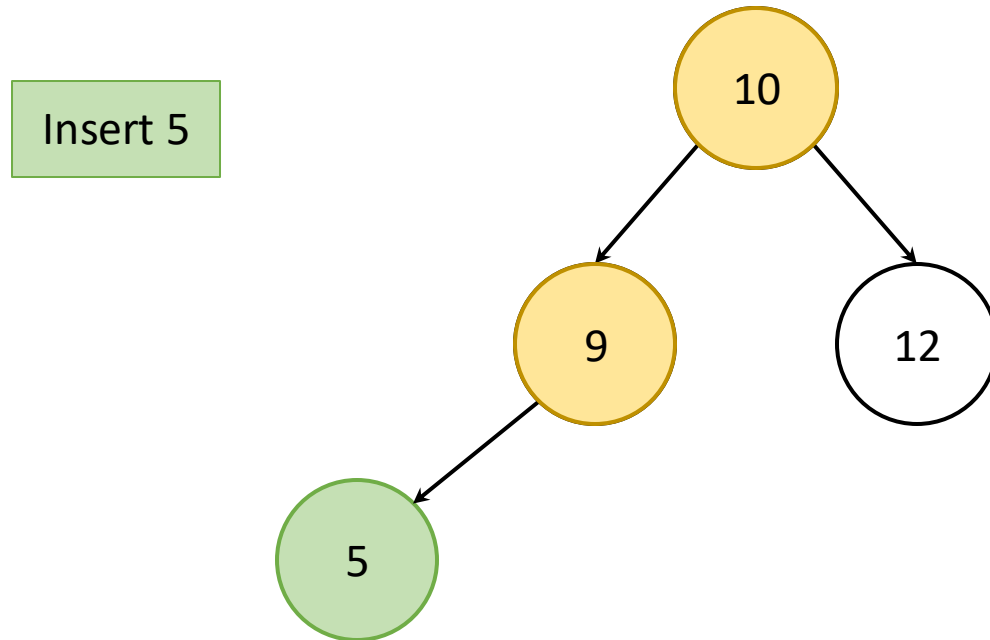
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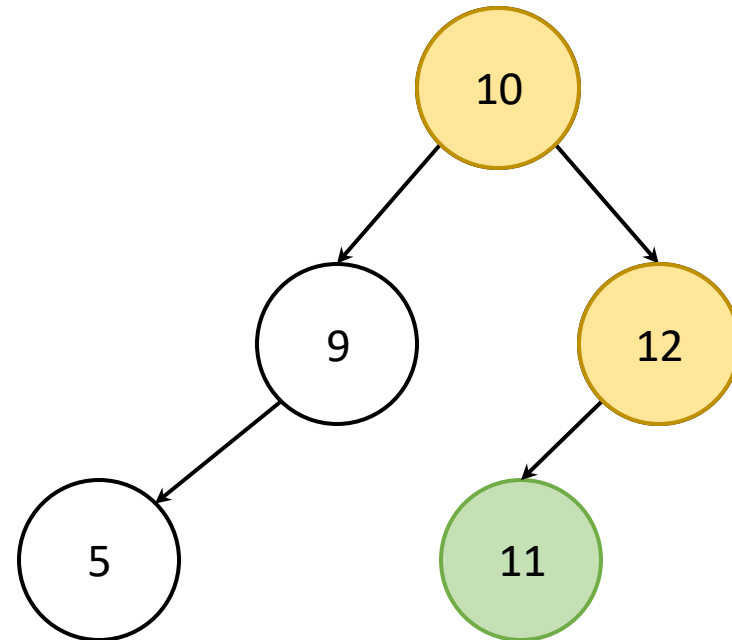
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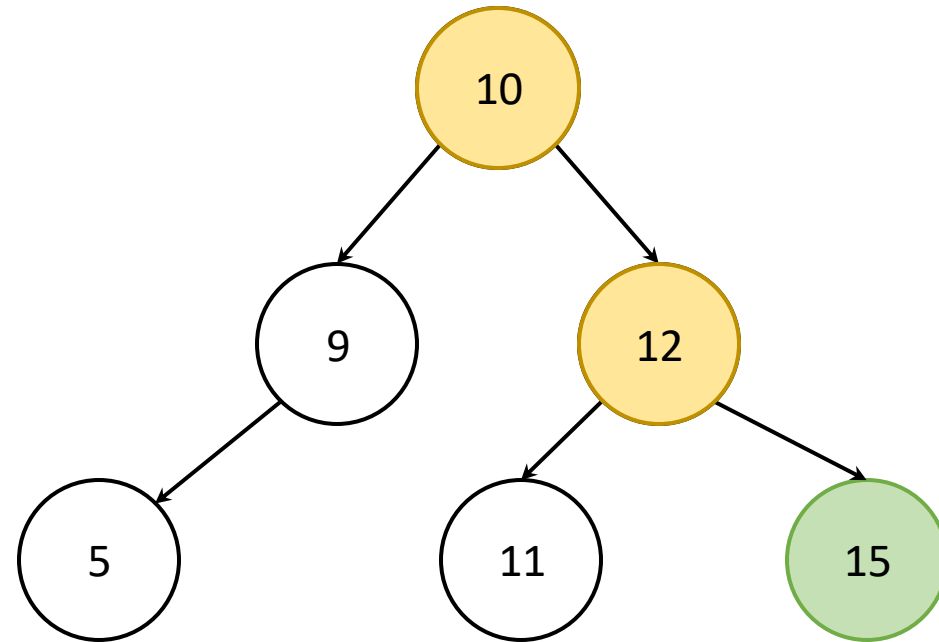
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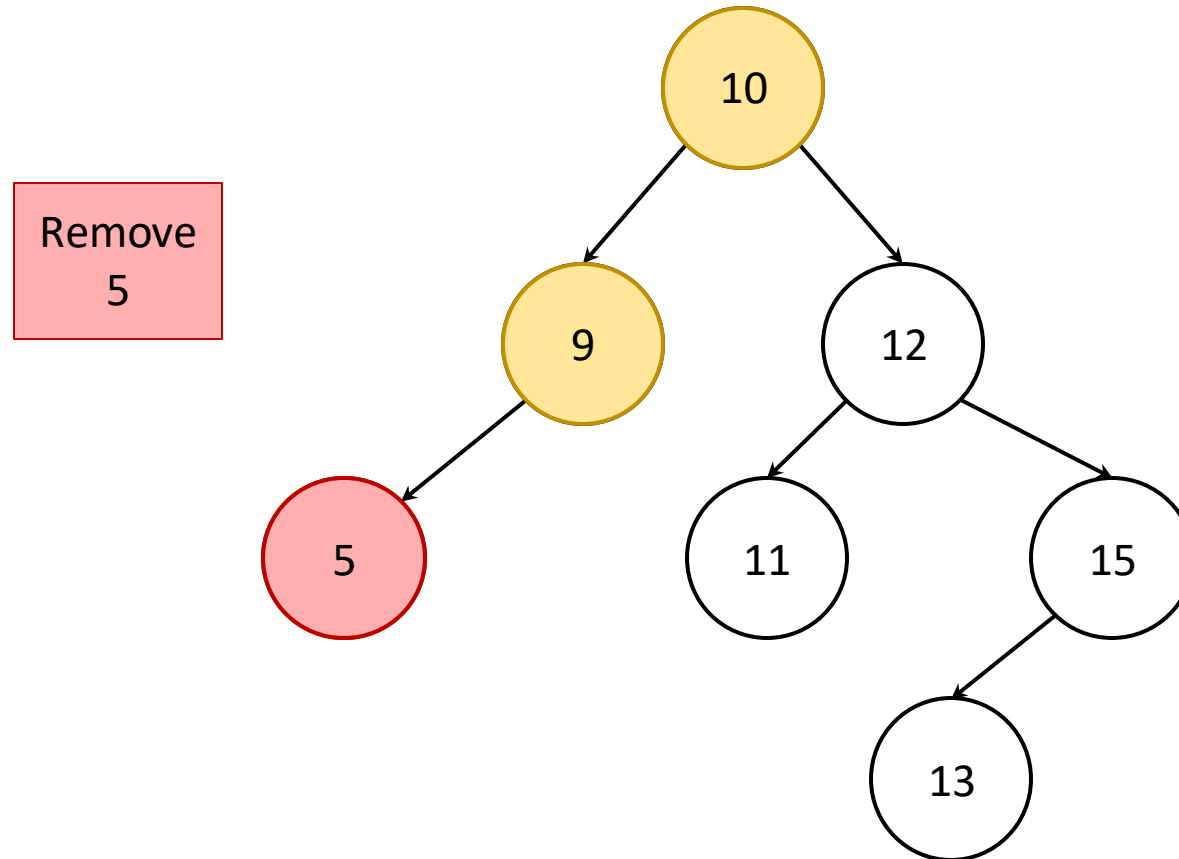
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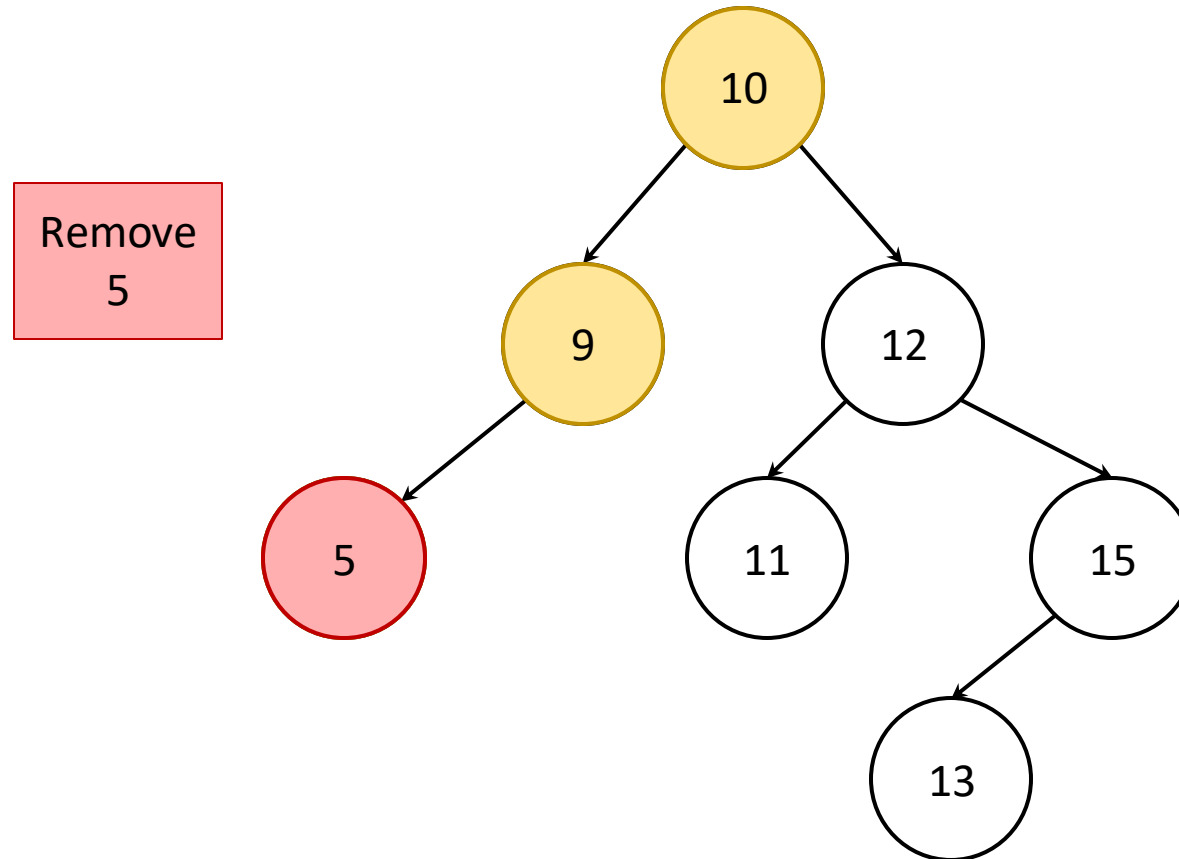


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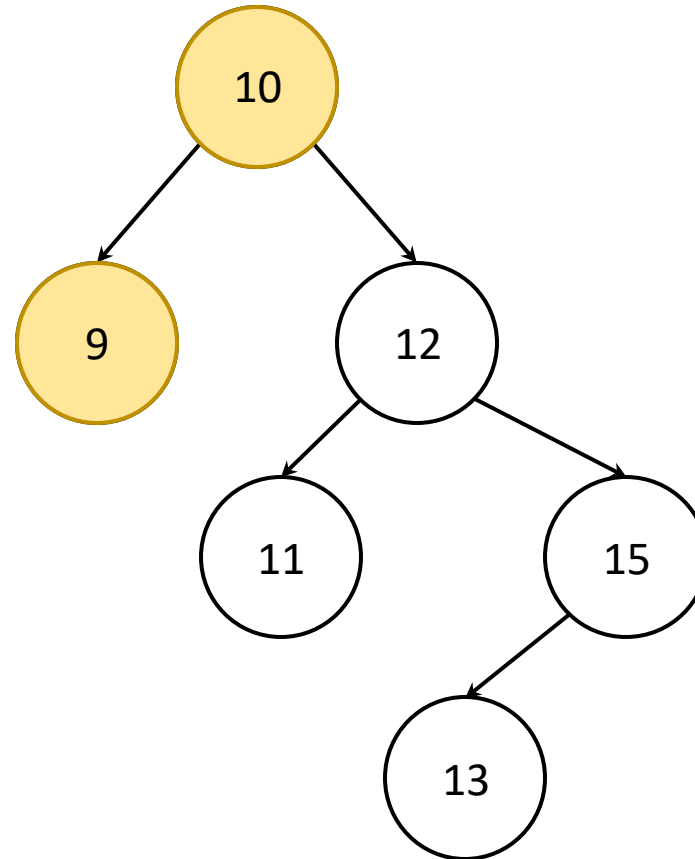
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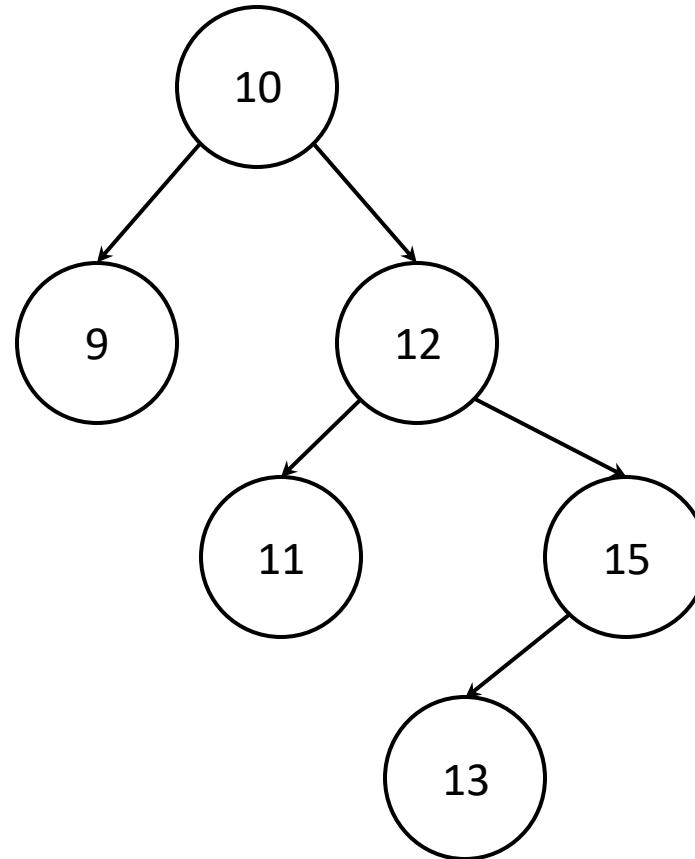


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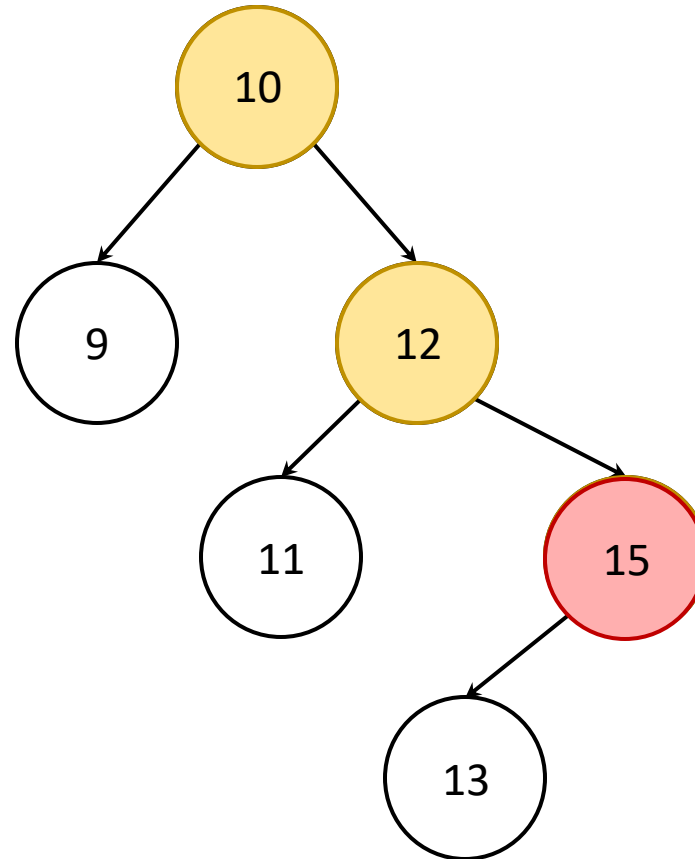
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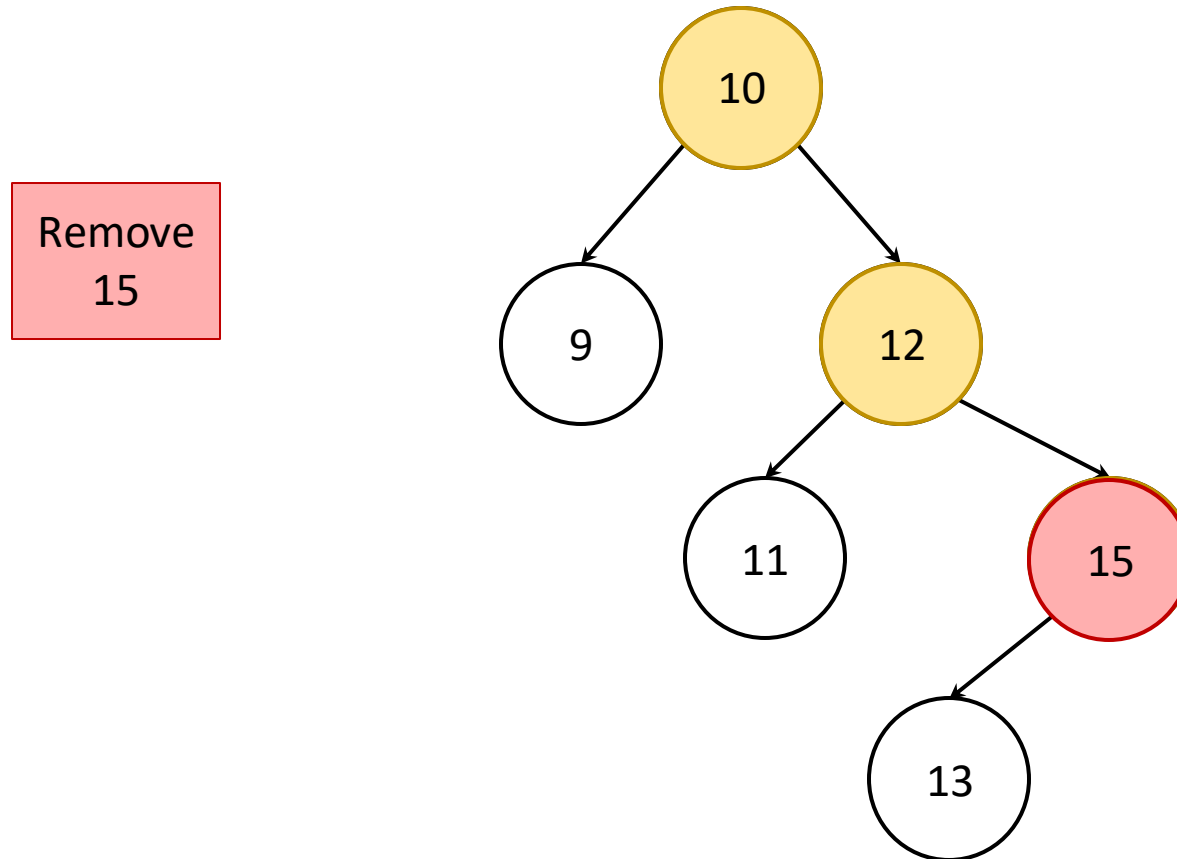


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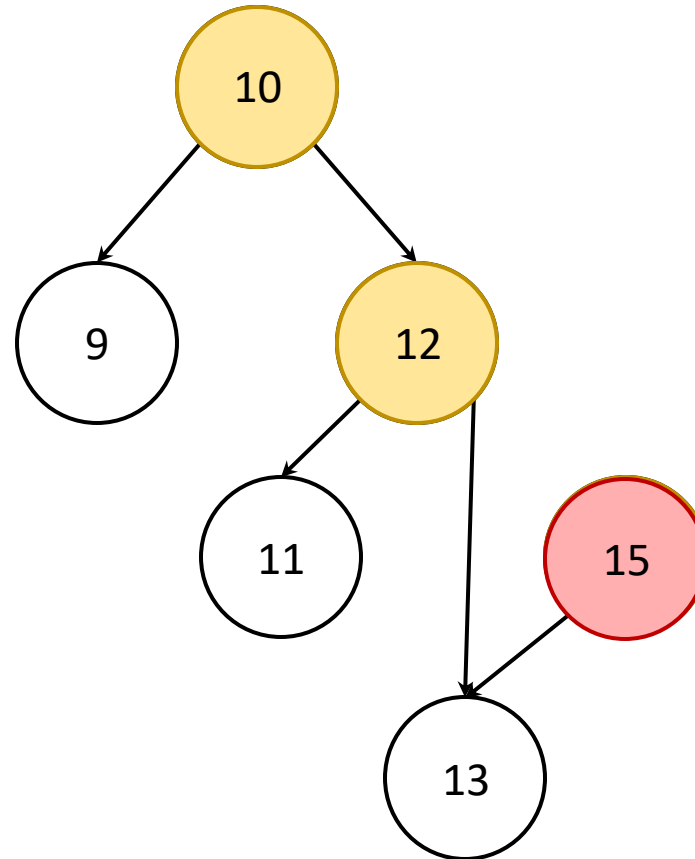
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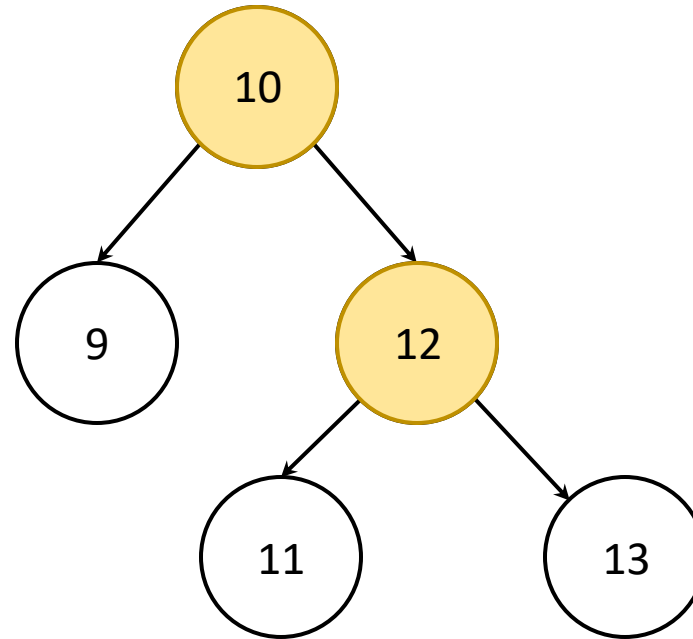
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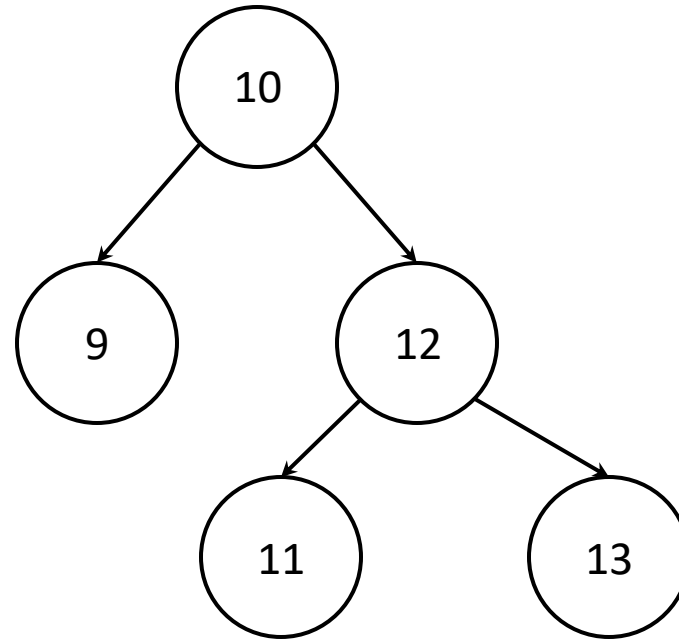


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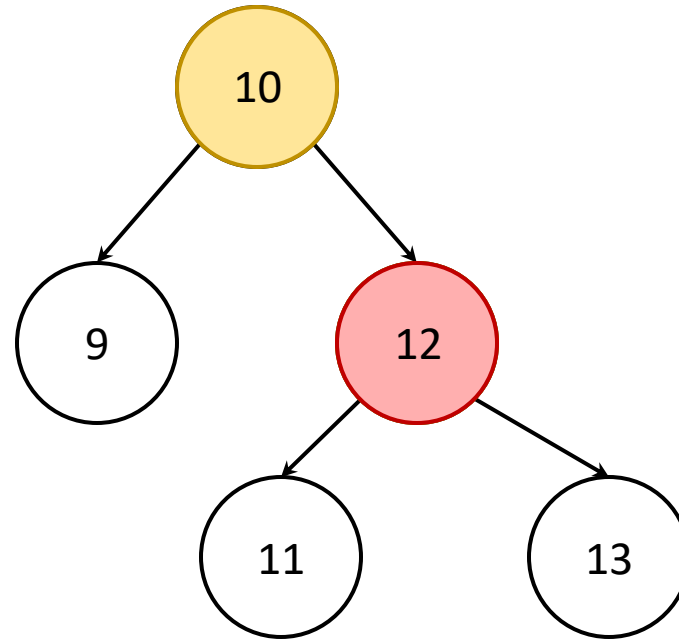
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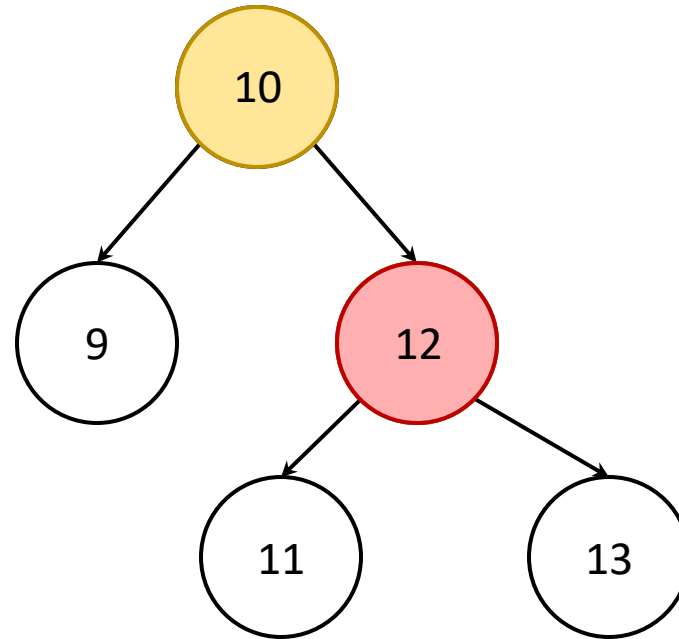
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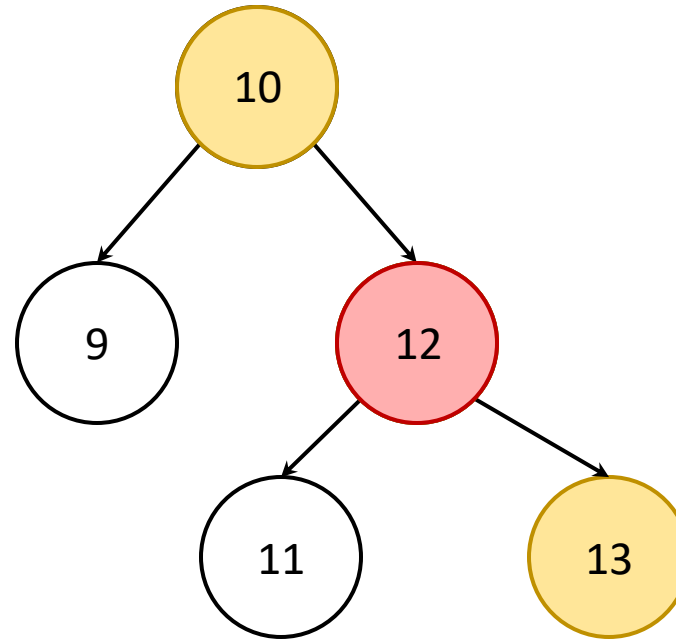
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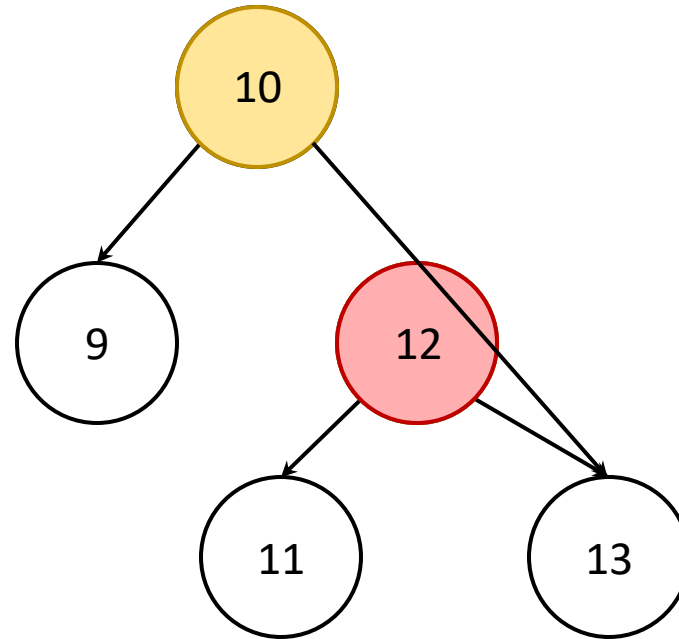
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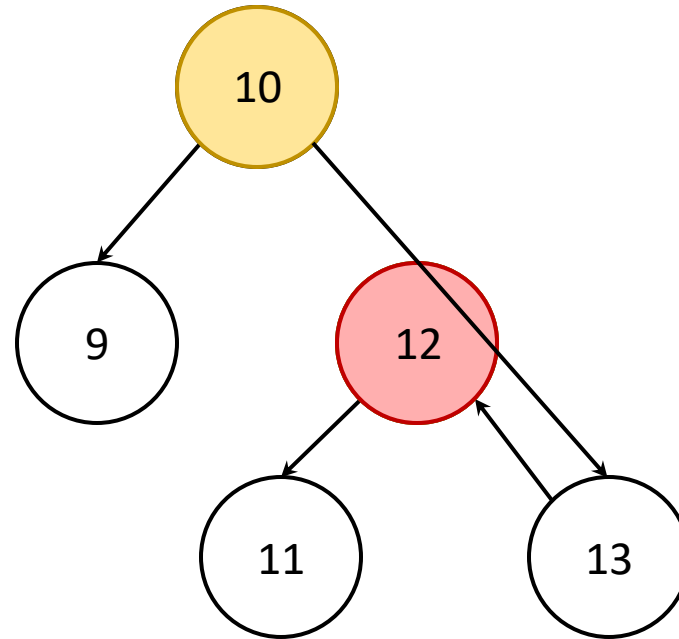
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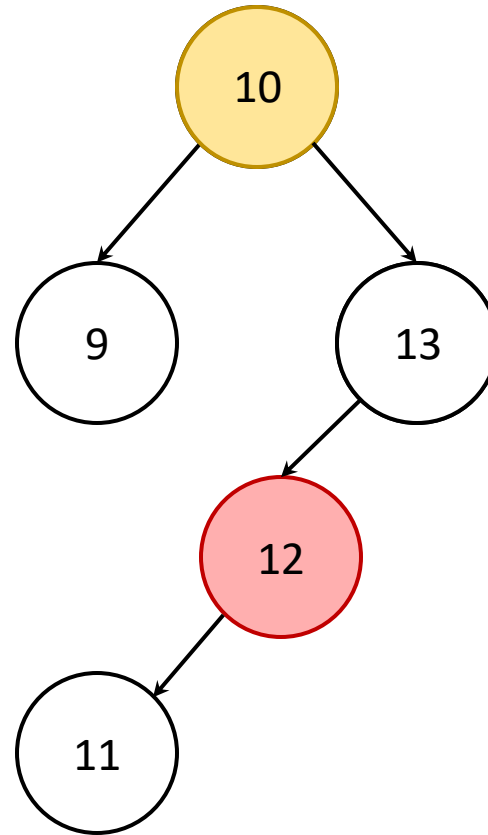
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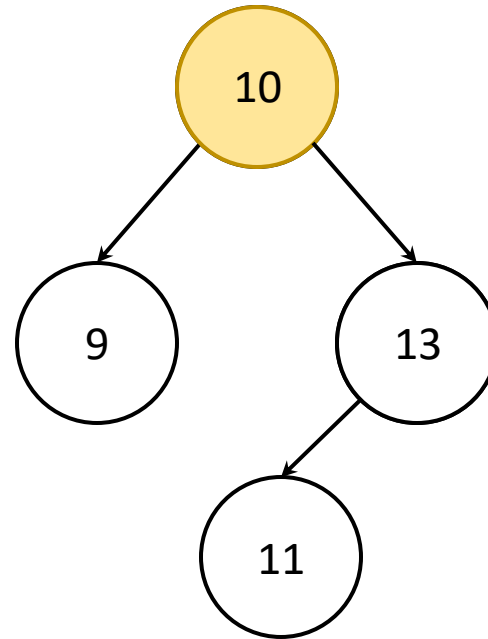
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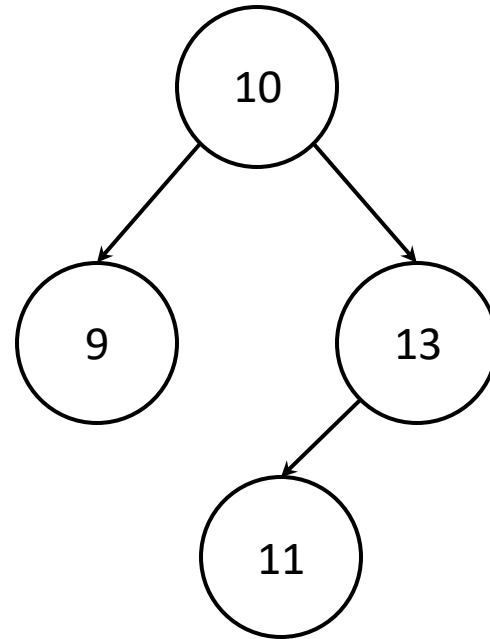


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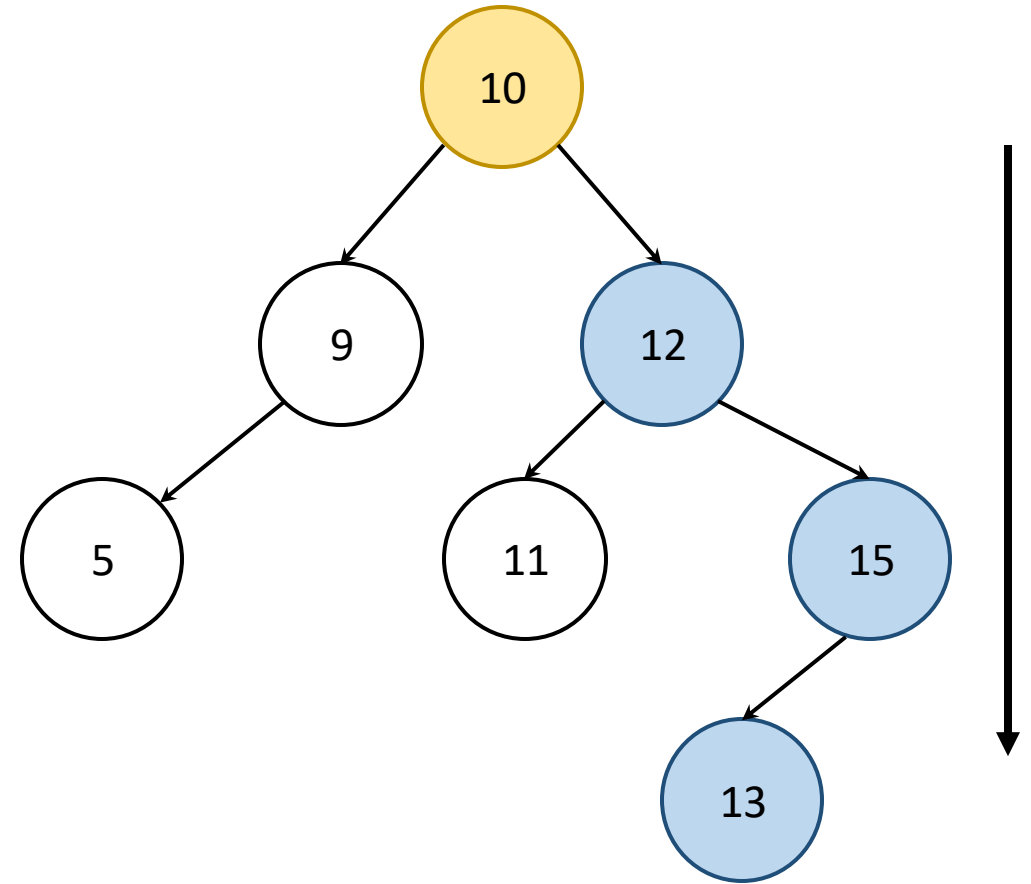
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- Depth
- Traversal
- Balancing

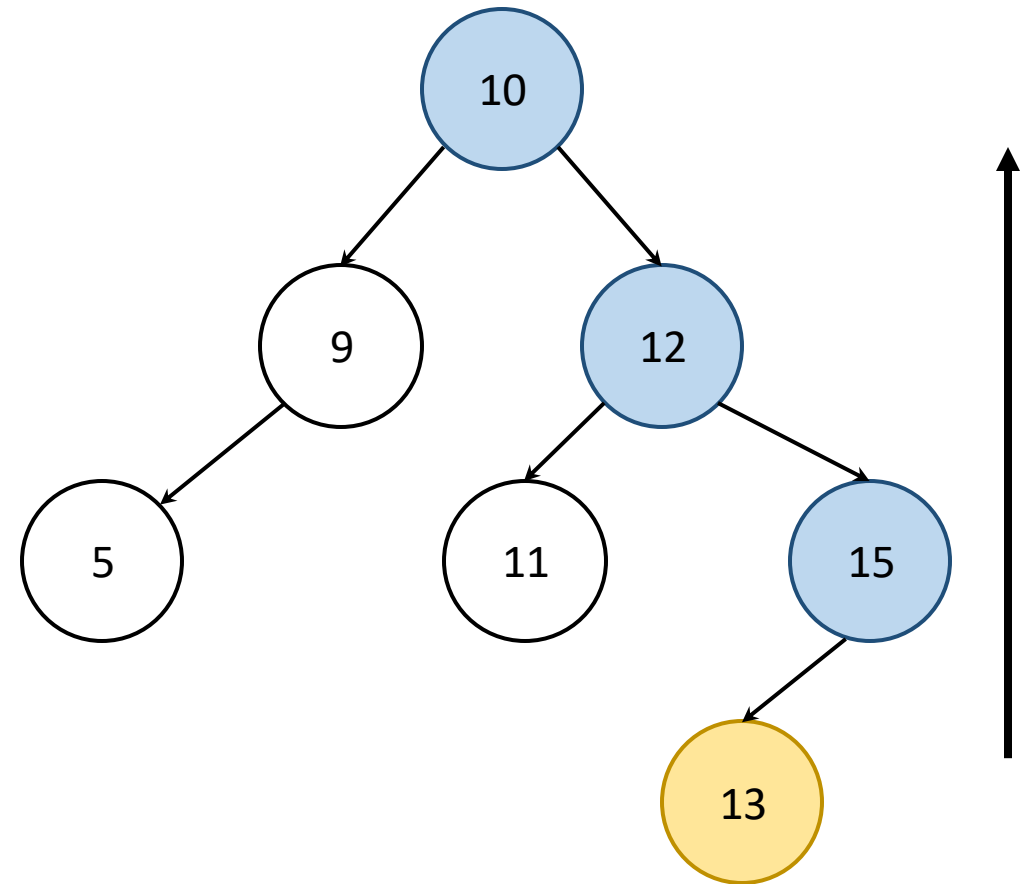
BST Height

- The longest path from some node to a leaf is said to be the “height” of the tree.
- Height is useful for “balancing” the tree.

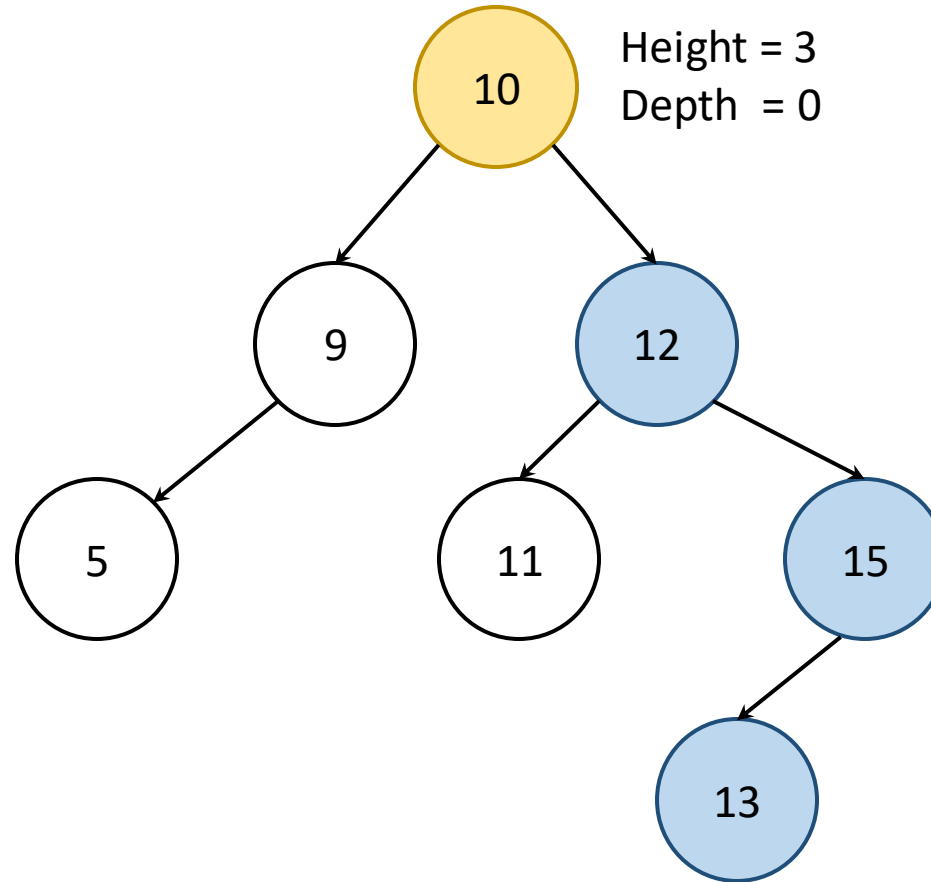


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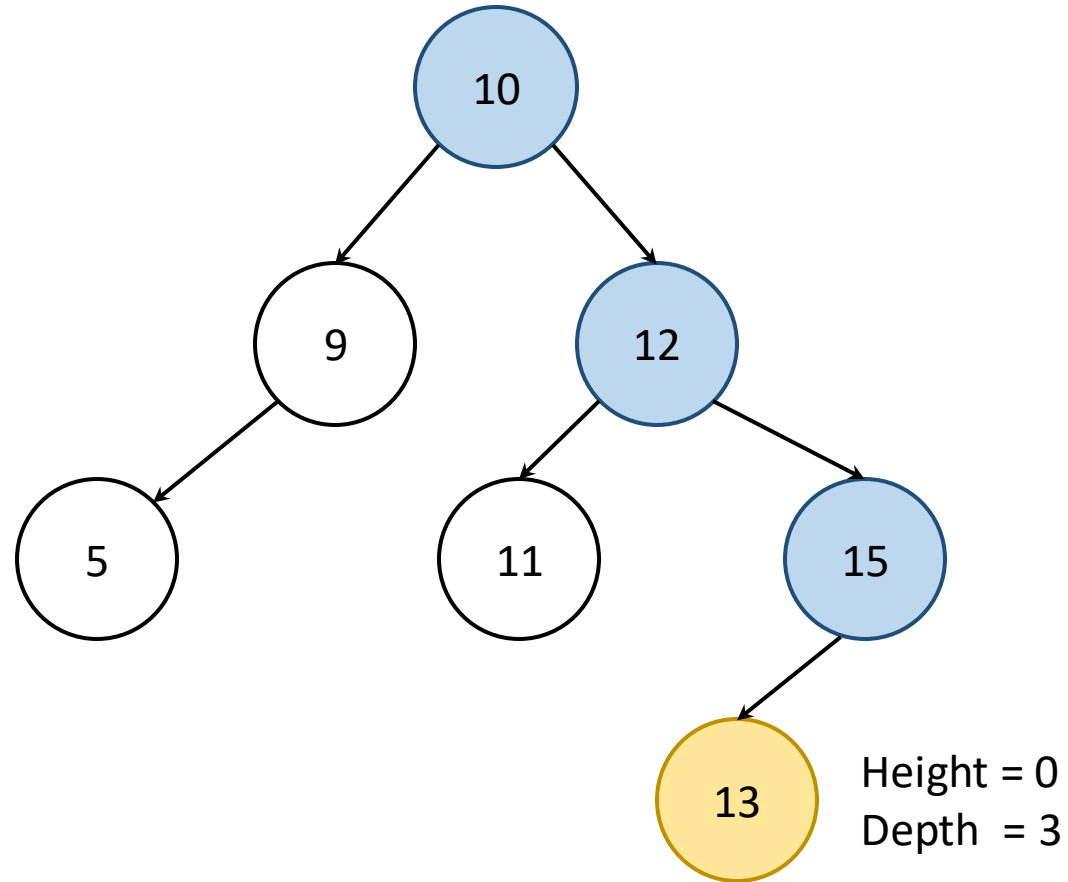


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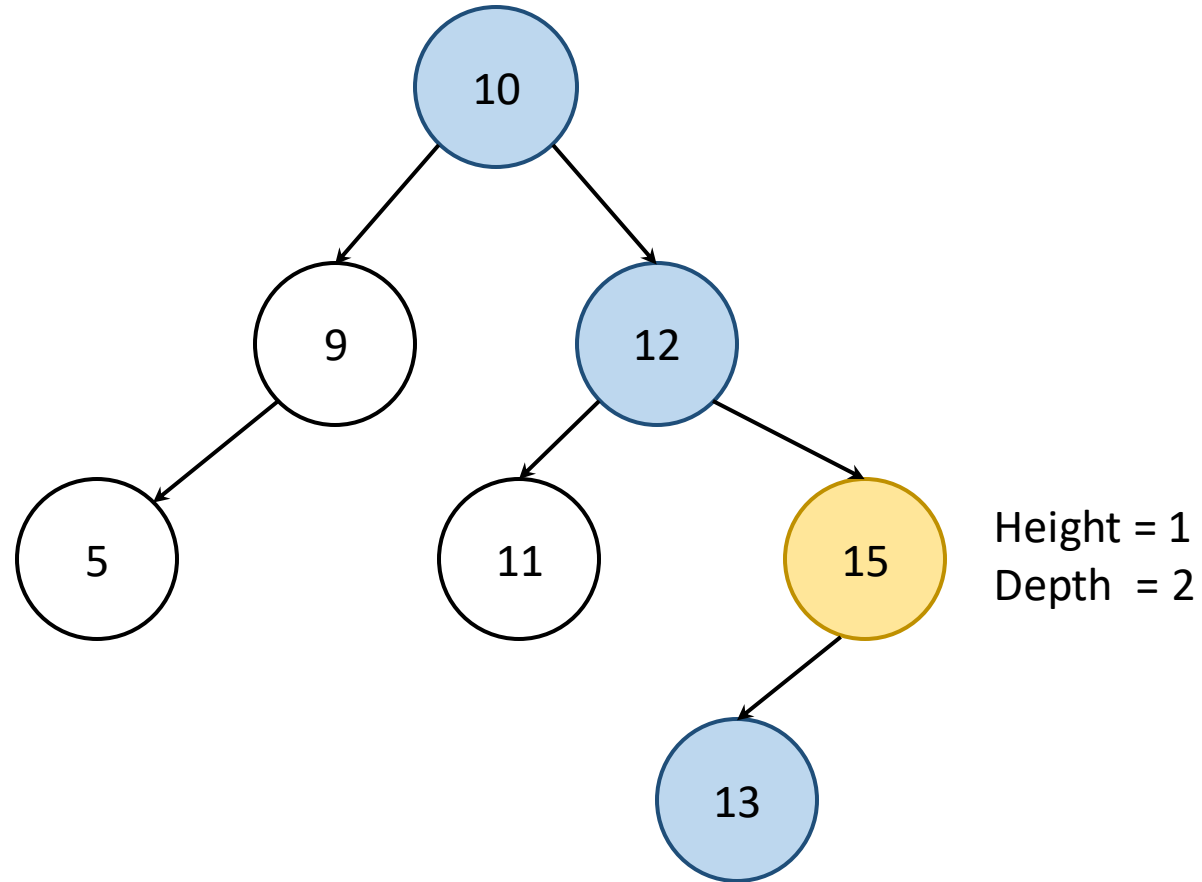
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BST traversal

- Visiting all nodes in a tree is called a “traversal”.
- Involves moving through all nodes in linear time (just like a list)

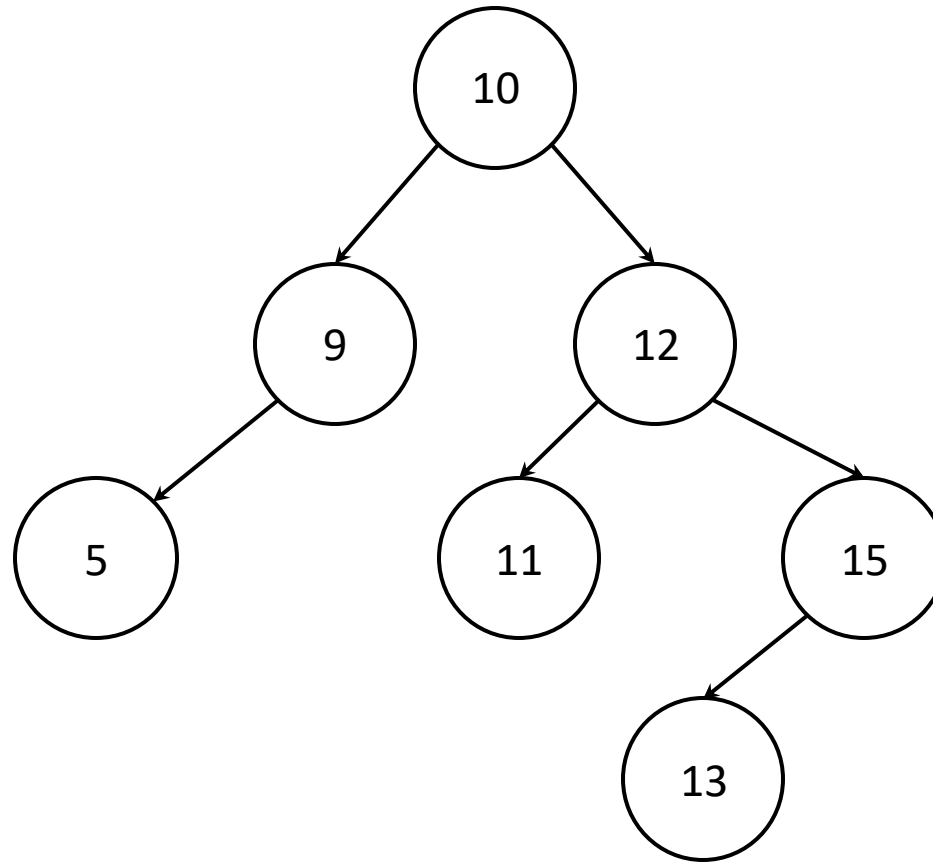
```
public void traverse () {  
    CALL traverse on left subtree  
    PROCESS the root node  
    CALL traverse on right subtree  
}
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- Everything in the left sub-tree is processed first before moving to the right.
- So nodes get processed in order.
- Note algorithm doesn't show how to stop recursion or what to do when the root is null.

BST traversal

- There are several types of traversal:
- Depth-first:
 - In-order: traverse the tree as discussed on previous slide.
 - Pre-order: process root, then left and right subtrees.
 - Post-order: traverse left and right subtrees, then the root.
 - Iterative deepening: only search to a certain depth and increase until an item is found.
- Breadth-first: traverses the tree in a breadth-ward motion (uses a queue to track nodes).
- ... and others ...

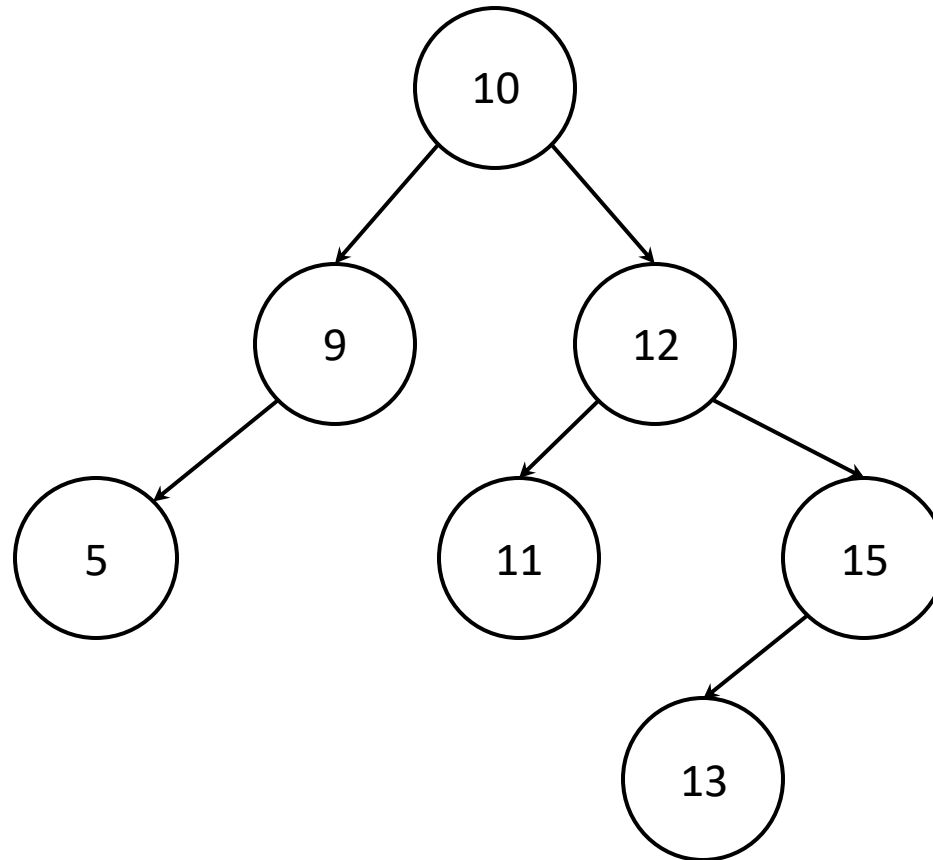
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Process the root node
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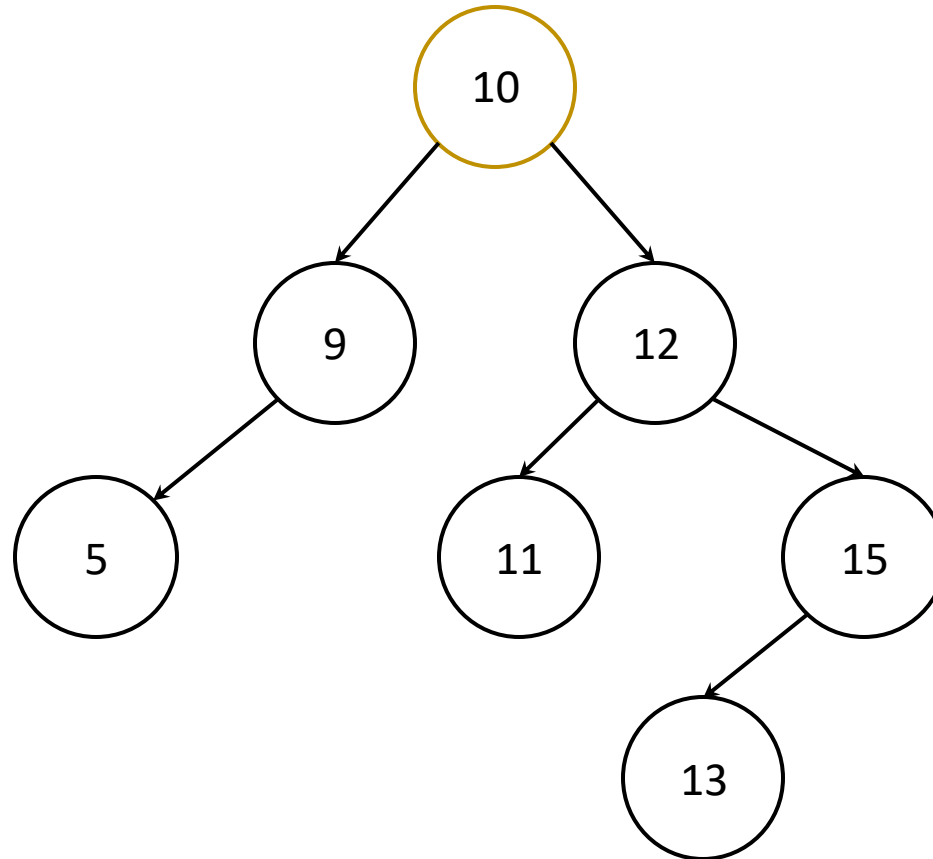
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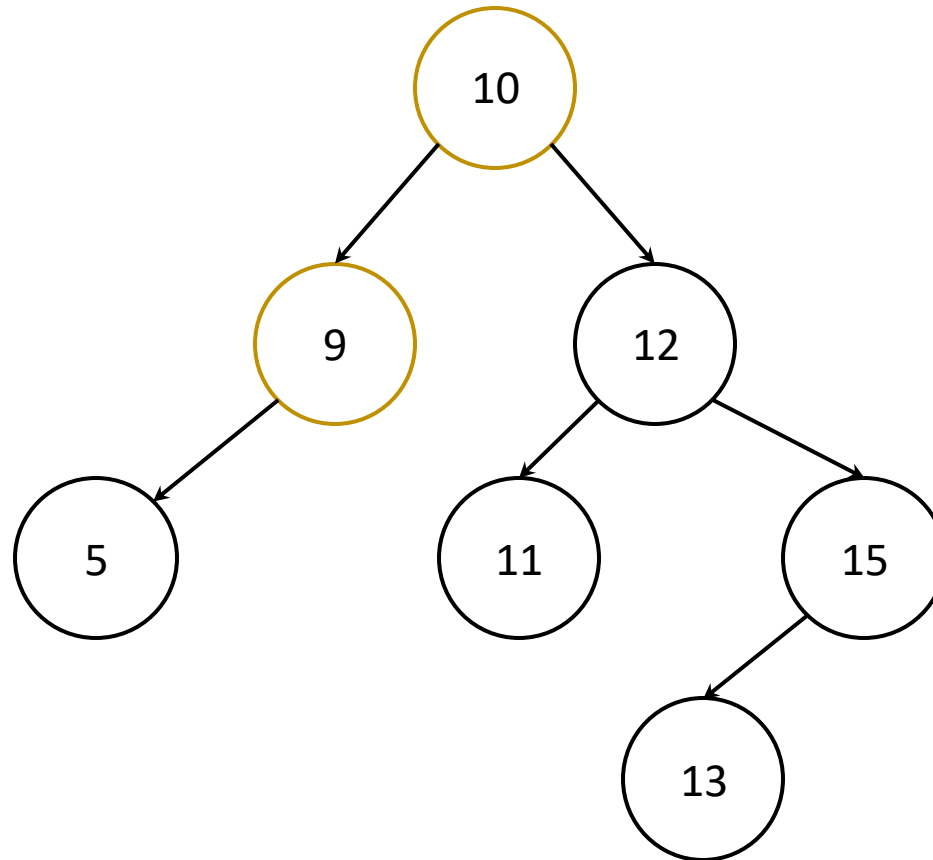
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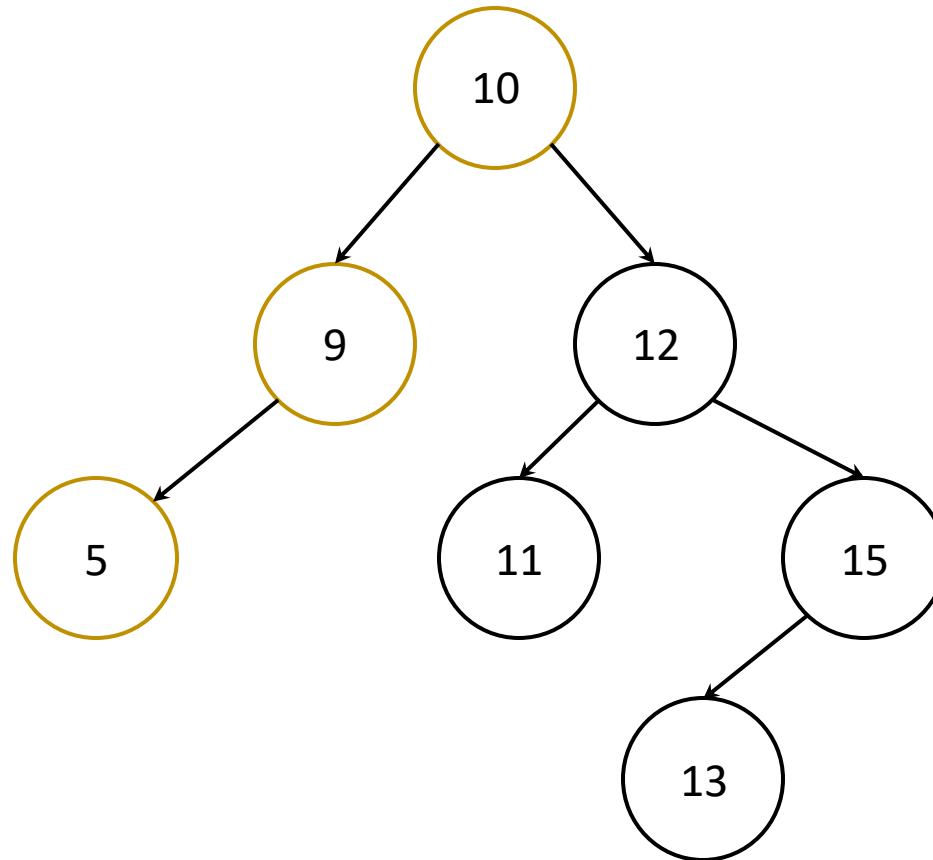
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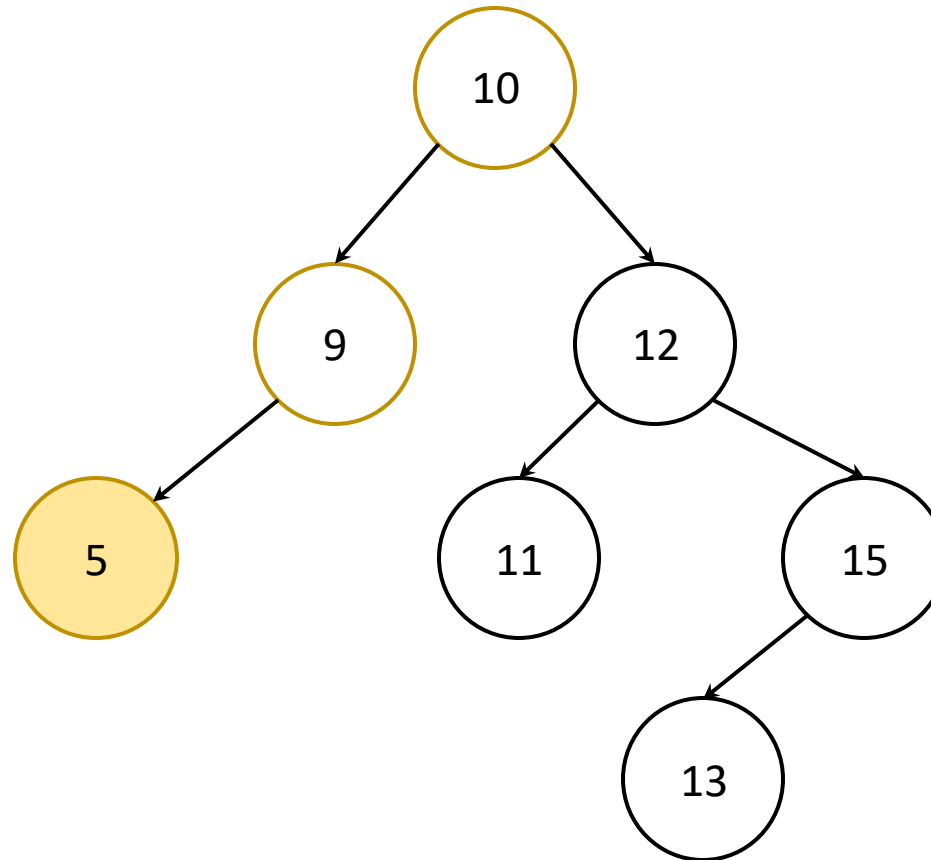
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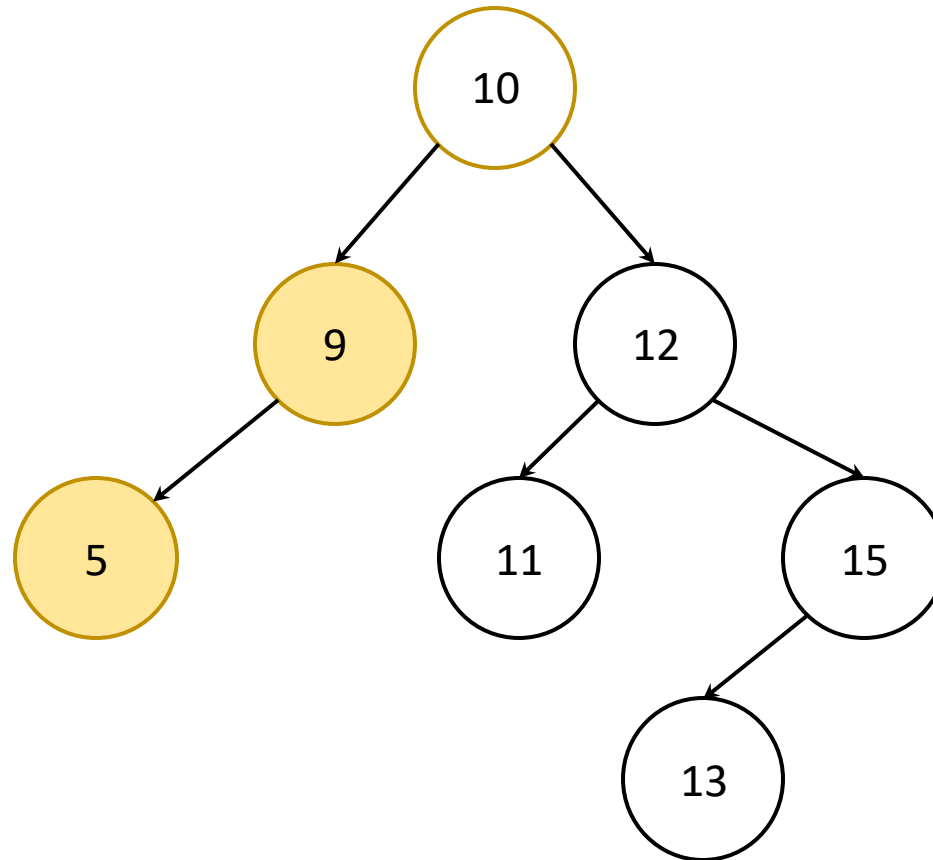
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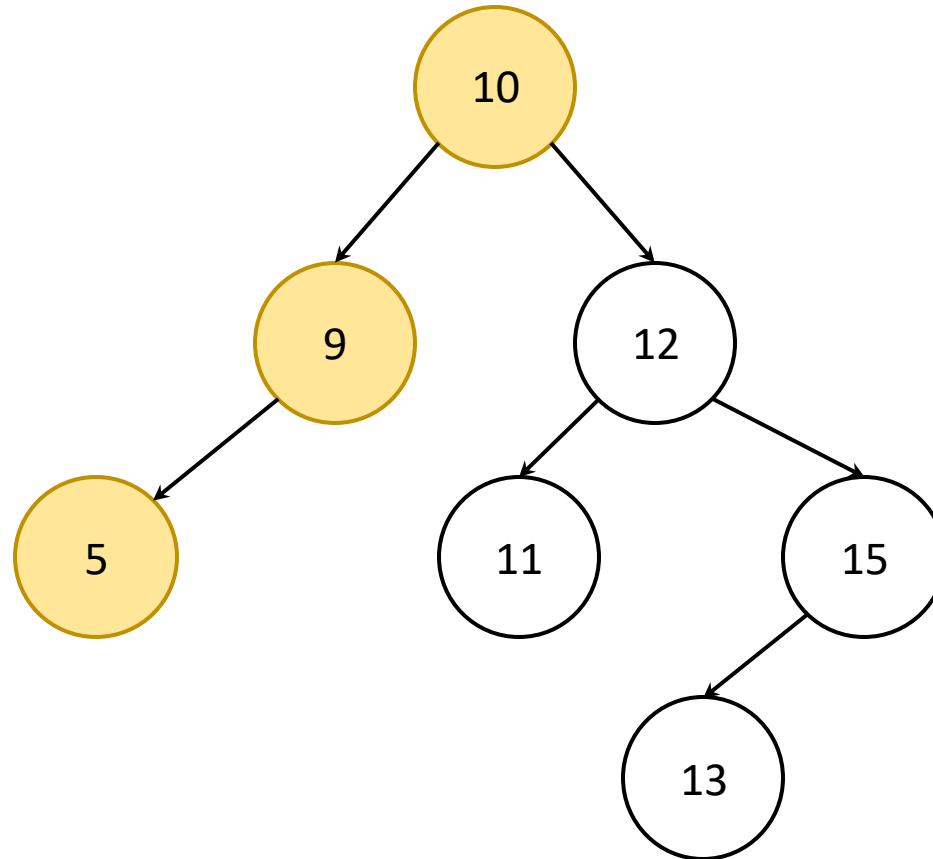
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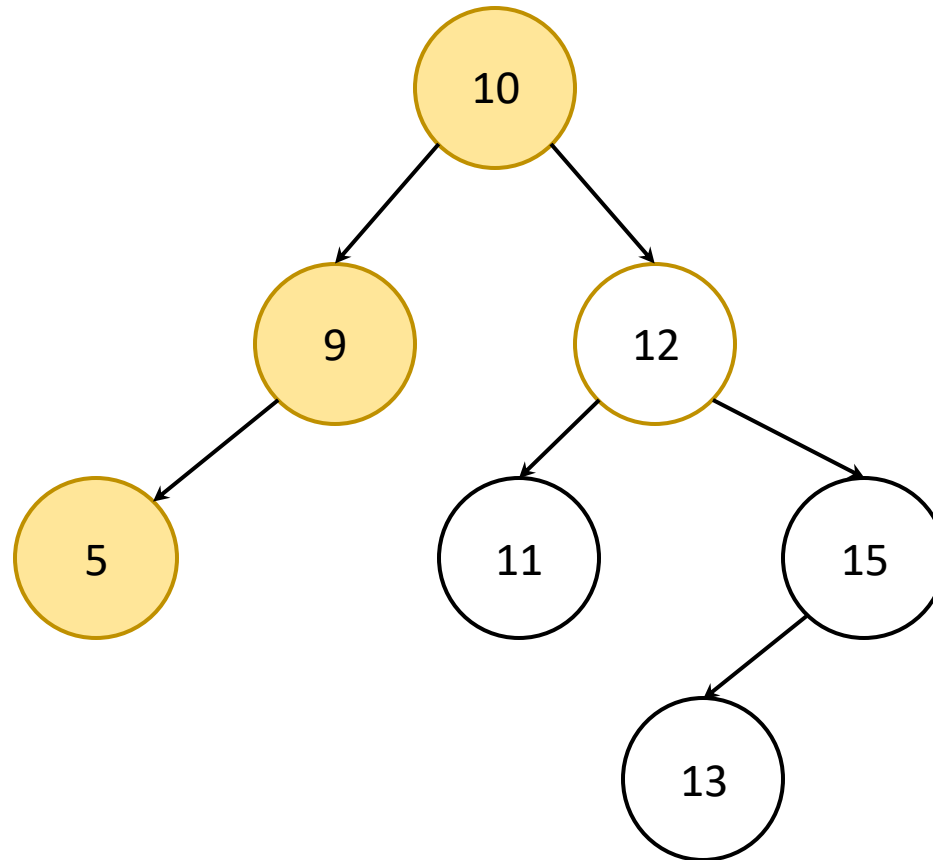
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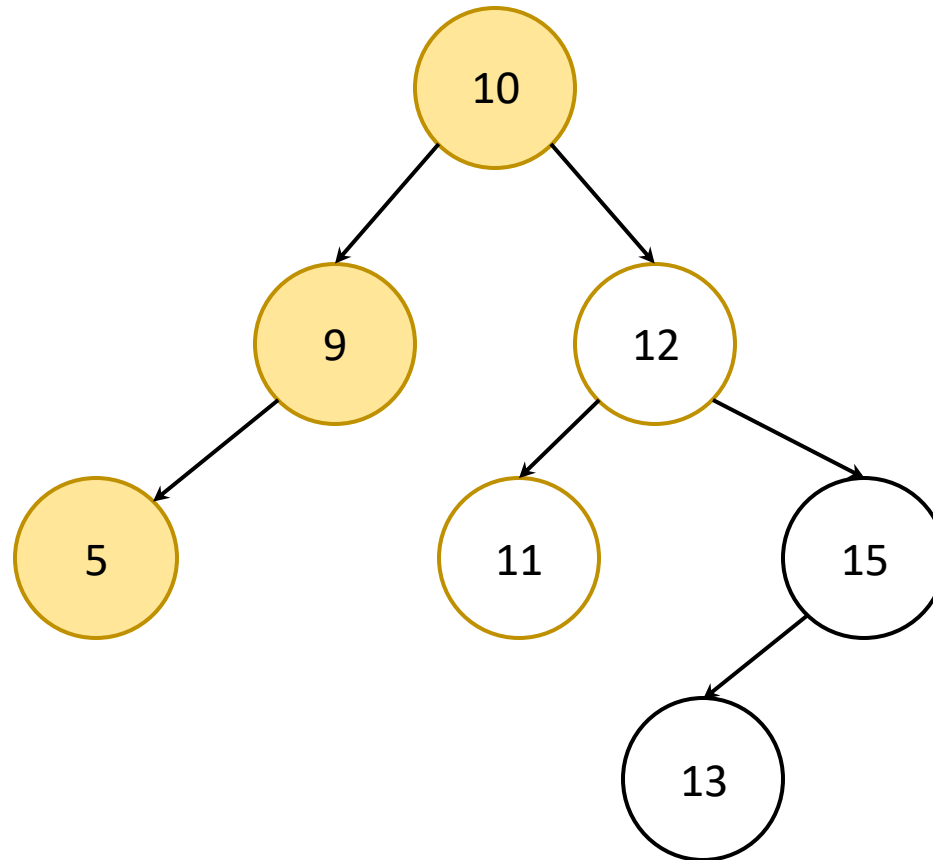
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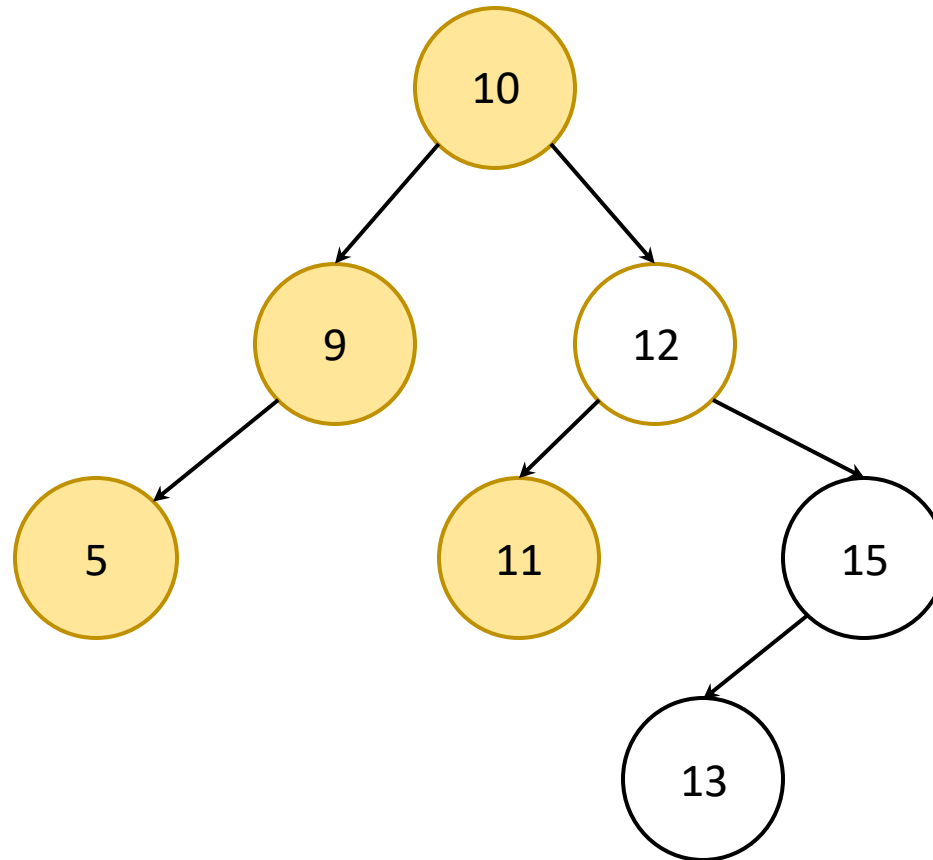
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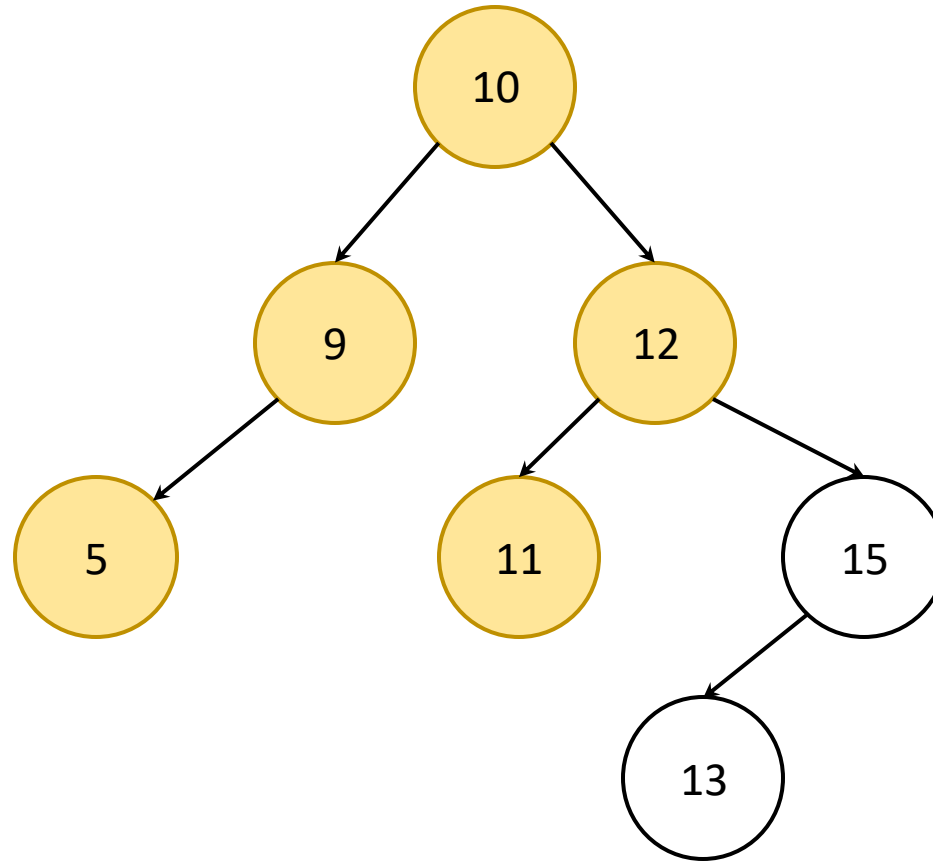
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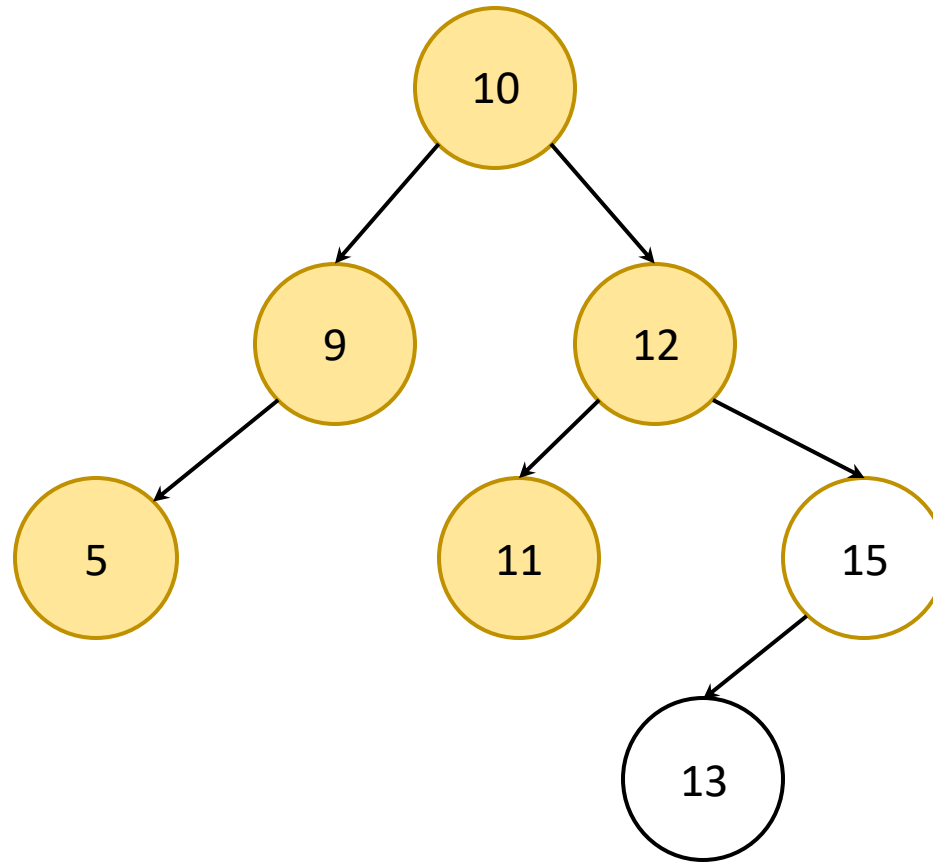
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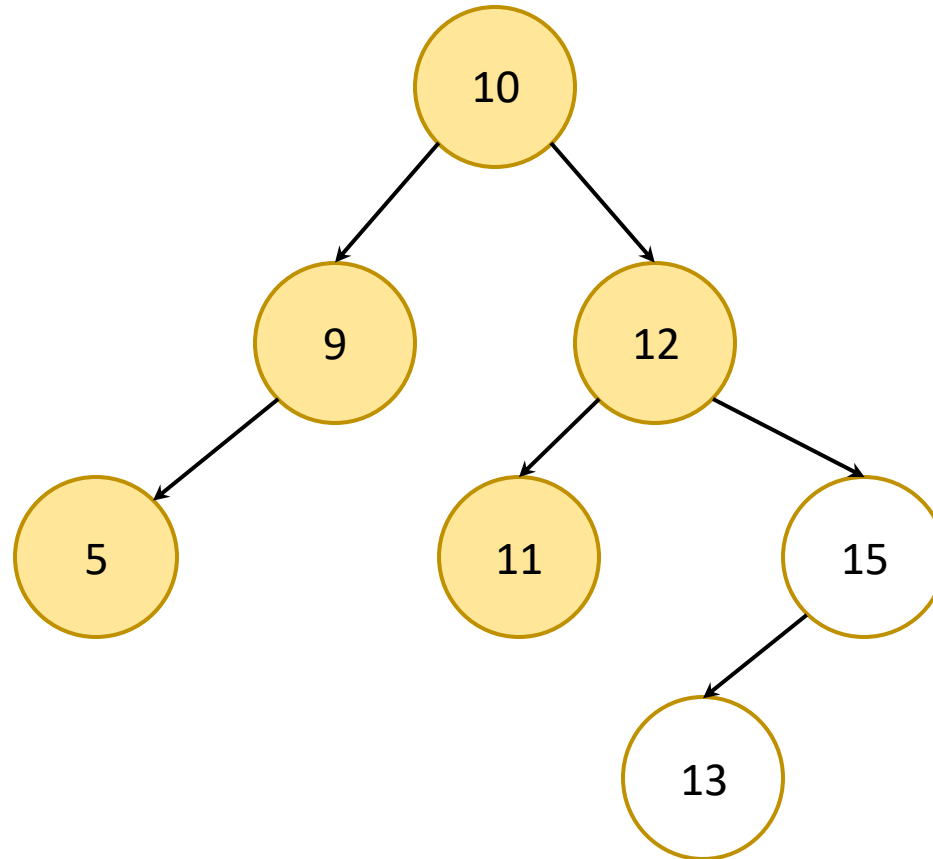
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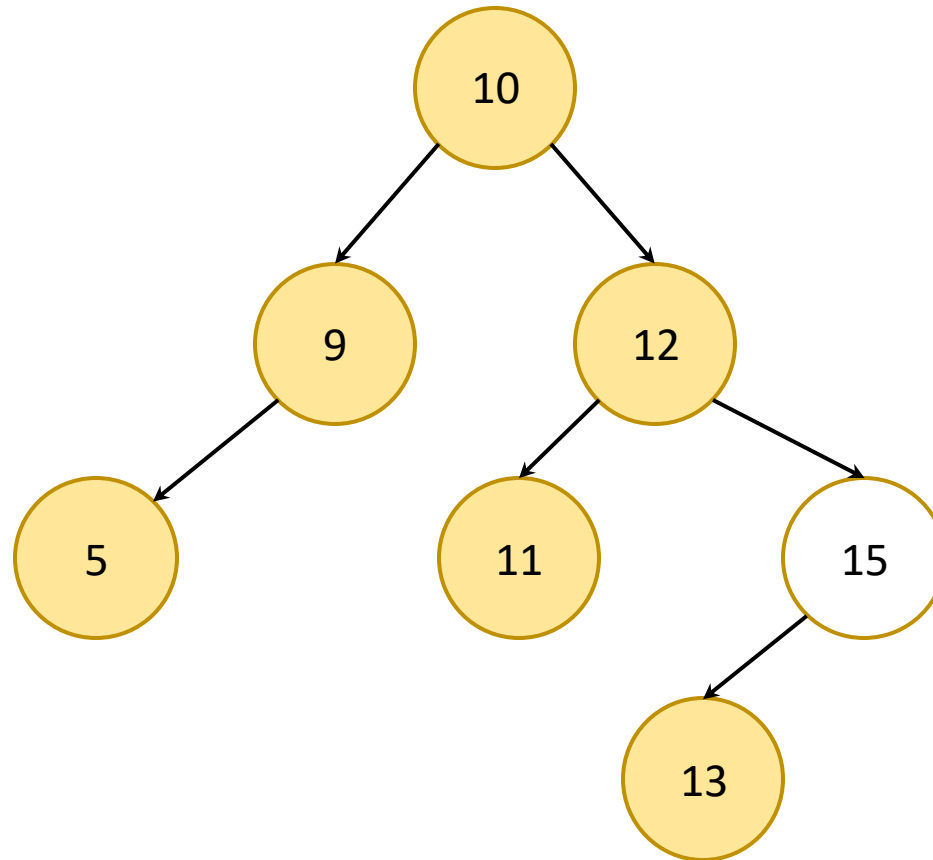
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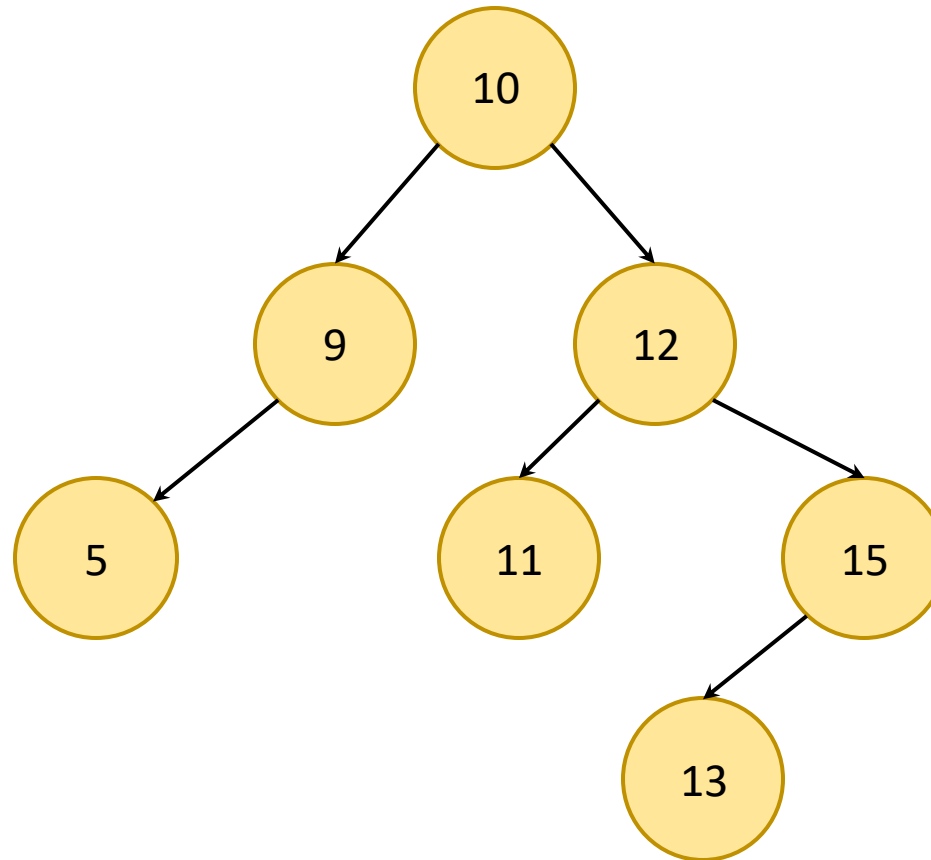
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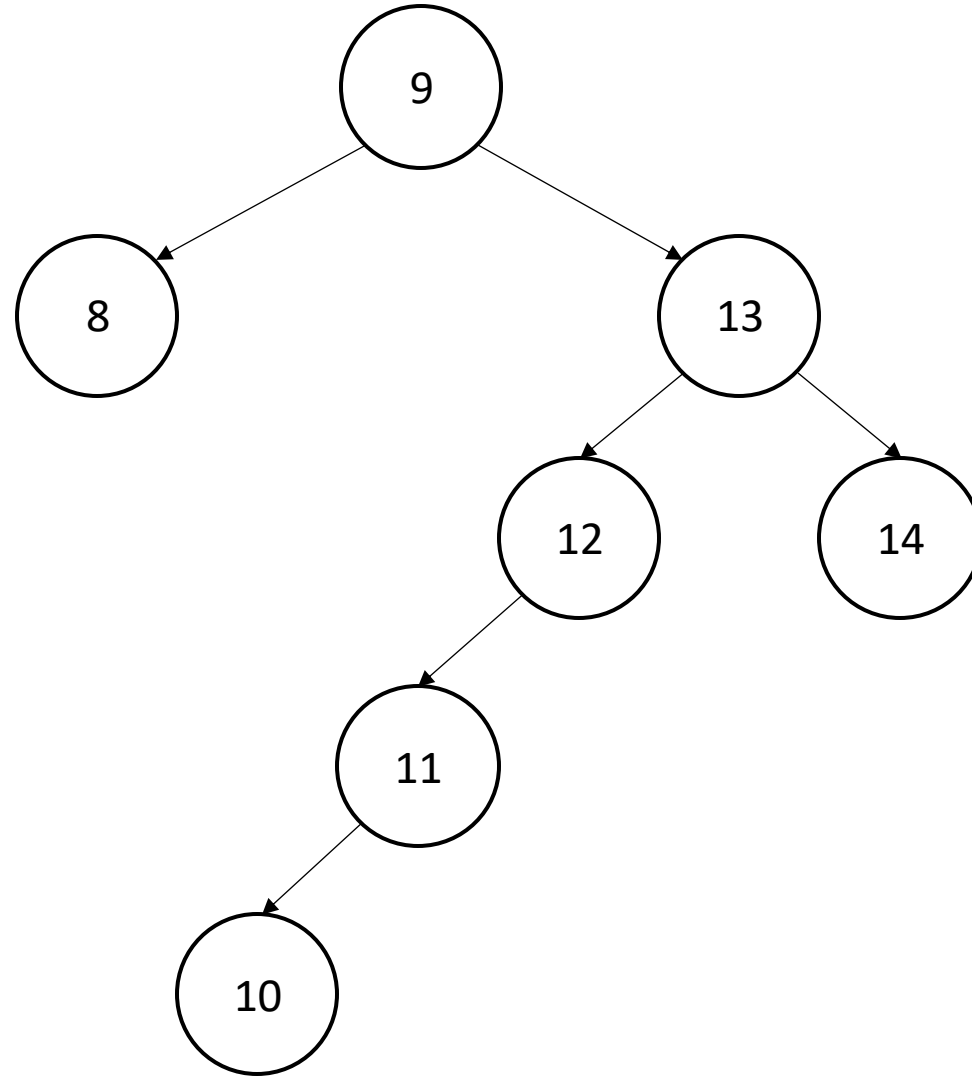


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BST Balancing

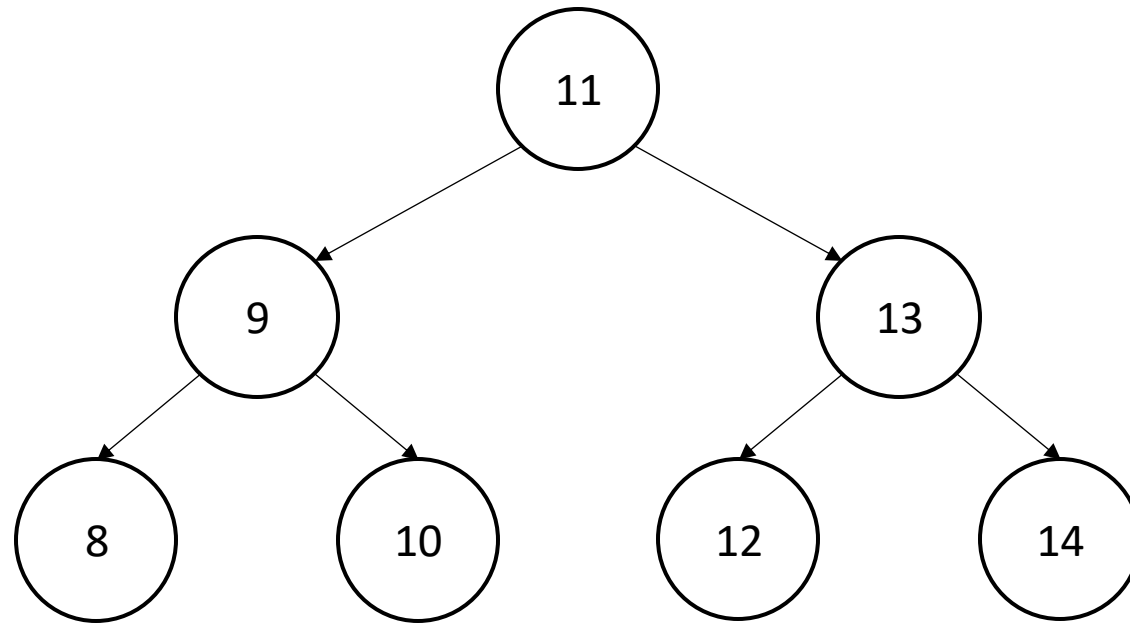
- If the height of a left subtree is as near equal as possible to the height of the right subtree of a node.
- This must be true for all descendants.
- If both of these conditions are true the tree is “balanced”.
- A balanced search tree has, on average, logarithmic search times...
- ... because when searching for a node, results in either finding what you’re looking for or halving the remaining search space.
- Balanced BST with n nodes are proportionate to $\log_2 n$.

Unbalanced BST



If the height of a left subtree is as near equal as possible to the height of the right subtree of a node.
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Balanced BST



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