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- The slides will focus on 2-4 trees, which are B-trees with an order of 4.



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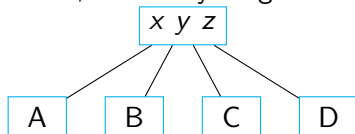
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- The first child is less than the first data item, the second child is between the first data item and the second data item, the third child is between the second data item and third data item, and the fourth child is greater than the third data item.





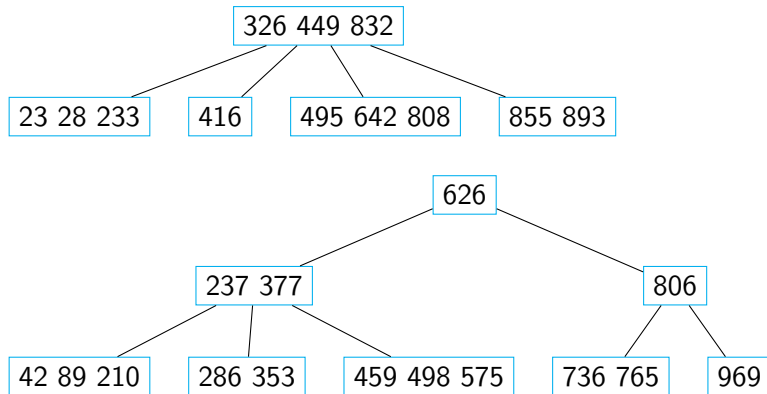
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In the node below, everything in node A is less than  $x$ , everything in node B is between  $x$  and  $y$ , everything in node C is between  $y$  and  $z$ , and everything in node D is greater than  $z$ .





## Example 2-4 Tree





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- Because of these rules, a B-tree will always be balanced, and searching, adding to, or removing from a B-tree will be worst case  $O(\log n)$ .



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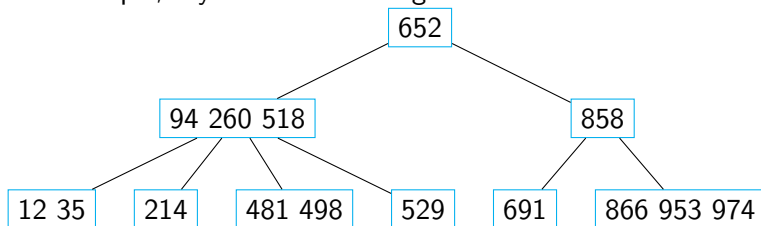
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- Repeat the previous step, until you find the data in the tree or go off of the tree, in which case the data you're looking for isn't in the tree.



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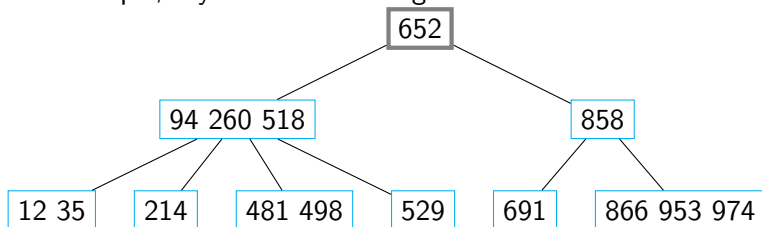
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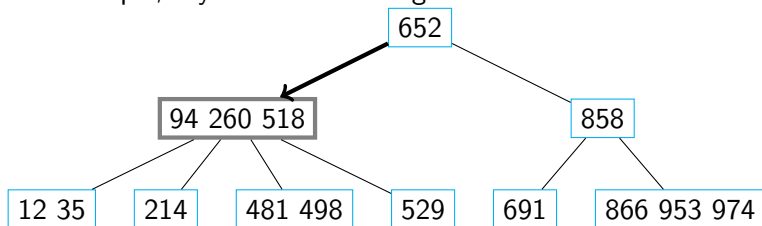
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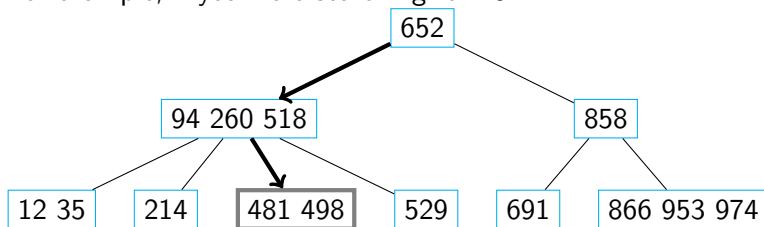
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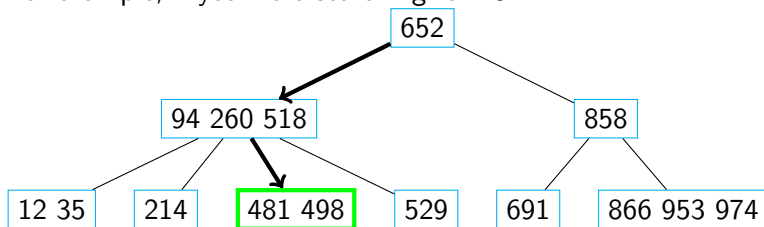
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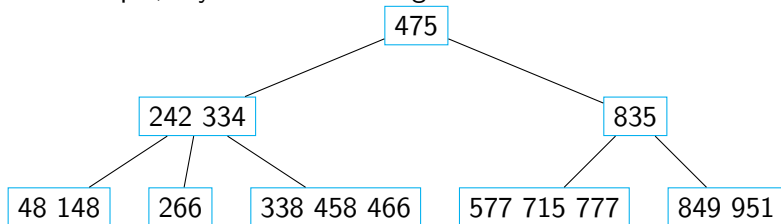
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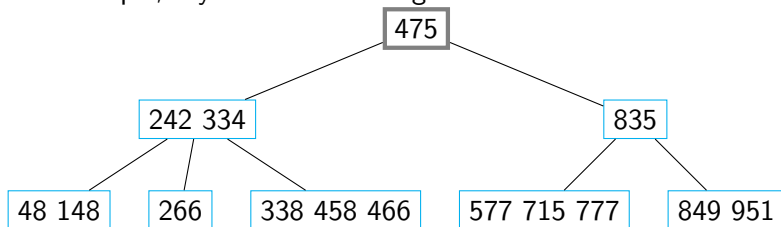
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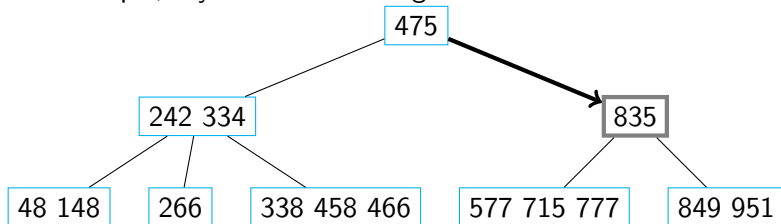
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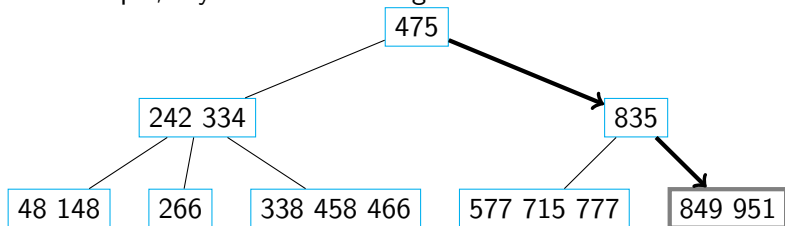
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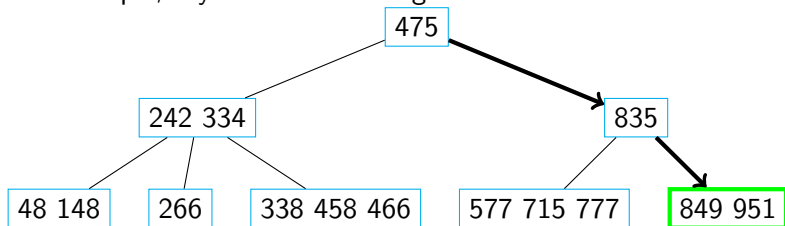
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  else  
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      if  $data = node.data[i]$  then  
        return TRUE  
      else if  $data < node.data[i]$  then  
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child  $\leftarrow$  last child node  
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- These slides will promote the third item in a 2-4 tree node.





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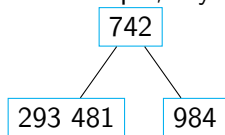
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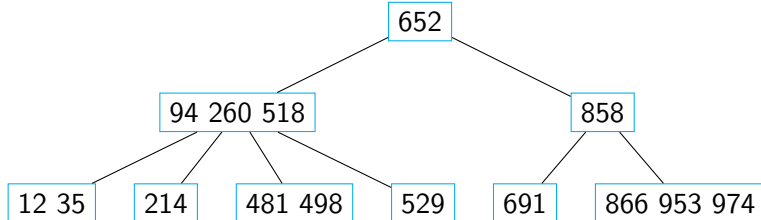
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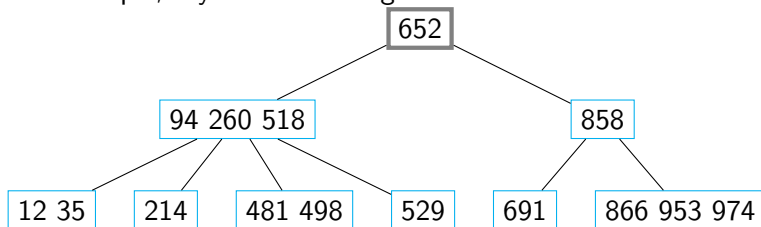
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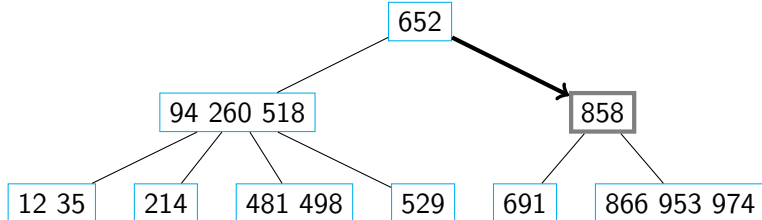
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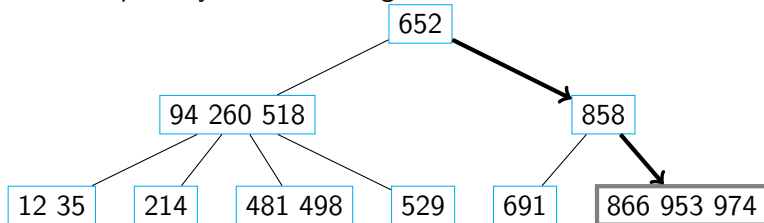
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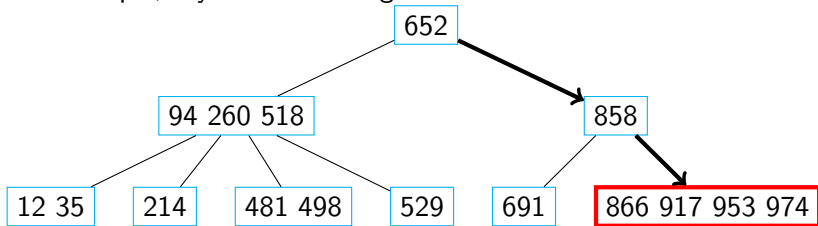






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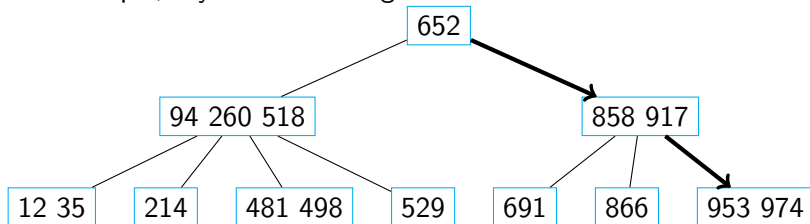


Note how the node has 4 items instead of the maximum of 3 items.



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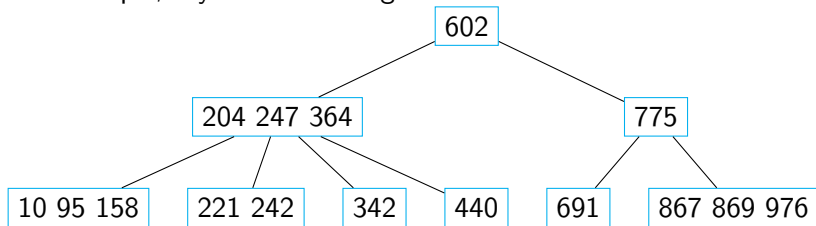
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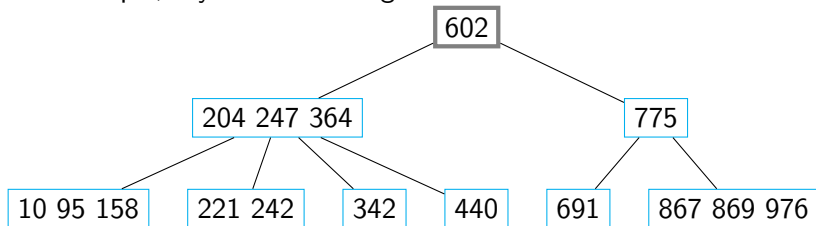
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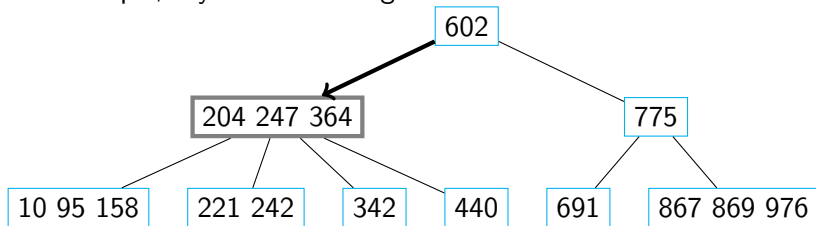
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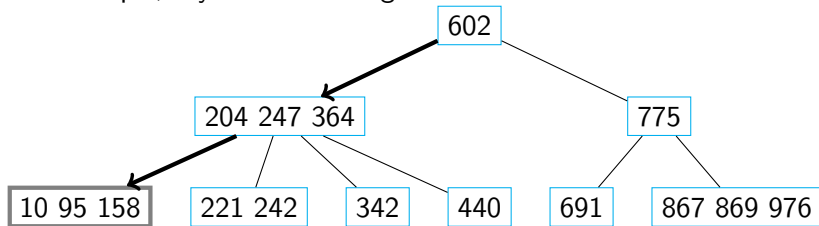
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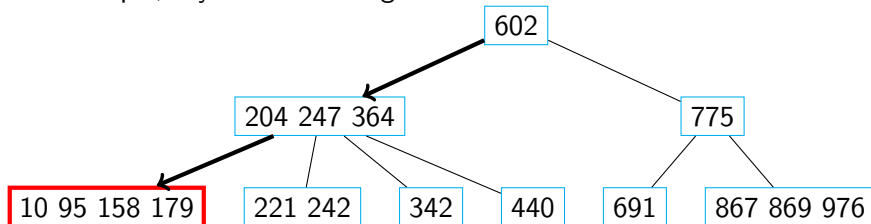
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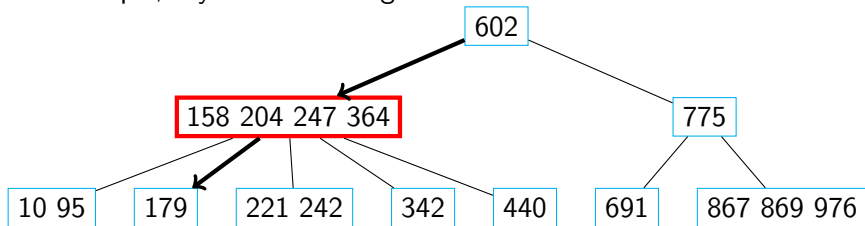
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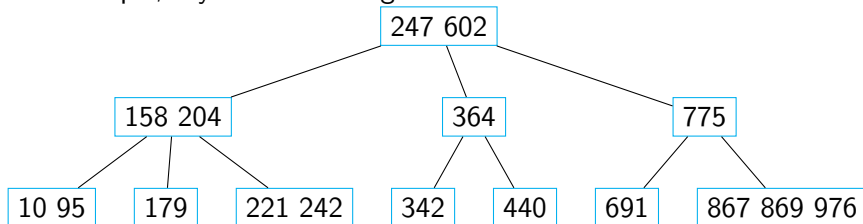






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  for  $i \leftarrow 1, n$  do
    if  $data = node.data[i]$  then
      implementation-defined behavior
    else if  $data < node.data[i]$  then
      if node has any children then
         $child \leftarrow i^{th}$  child node
        ADD(data, child)
        if child has too many items then
          Break child up into two nodes, promoting the
middle item
      end if
    return

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    else
        Add data into this node in the  $i^{th}$  position
    return
end if
end if
end for
if node has any children then
    child  $\leftarrow$  last child node
    ADD(data, child)
    if child has too many items then
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else
    Add data into the last slot of this node
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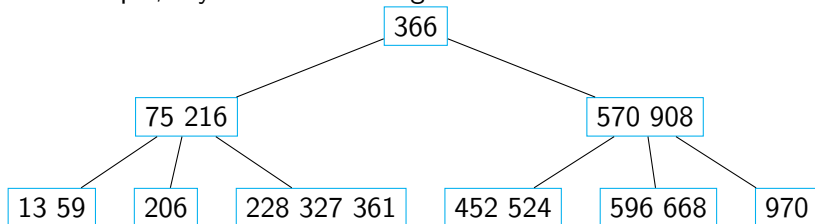
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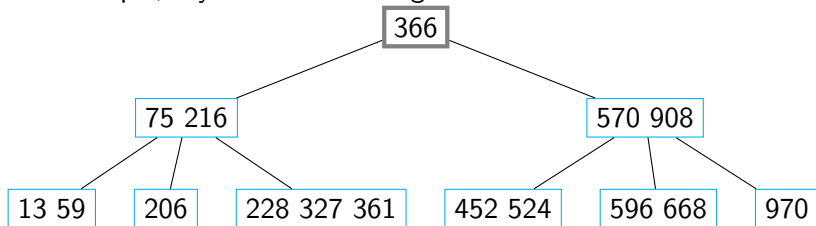
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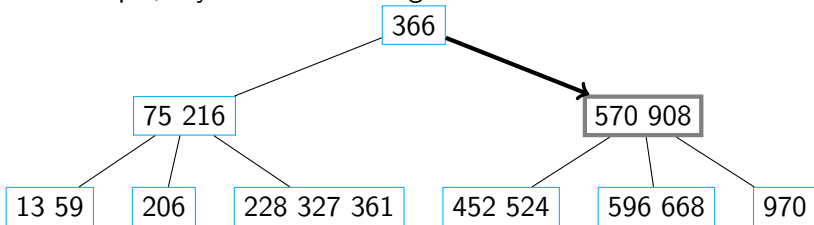
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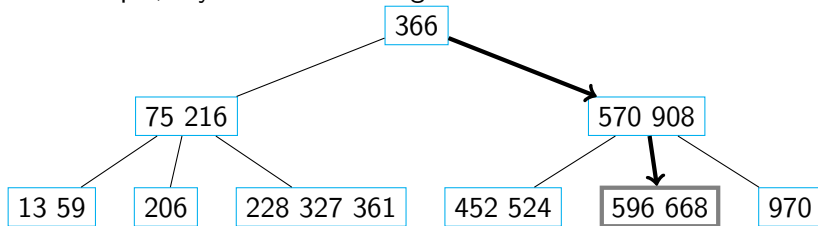
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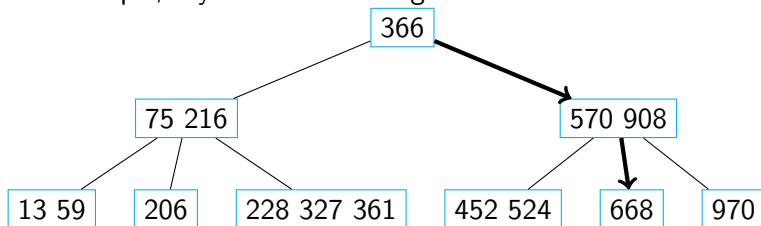
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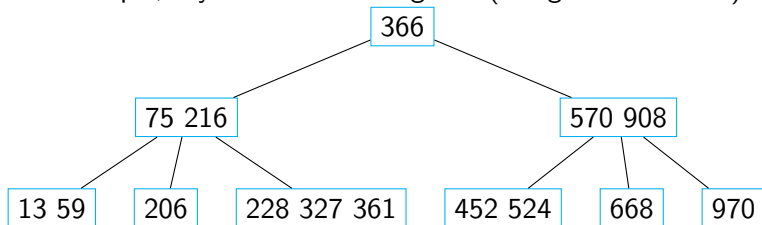
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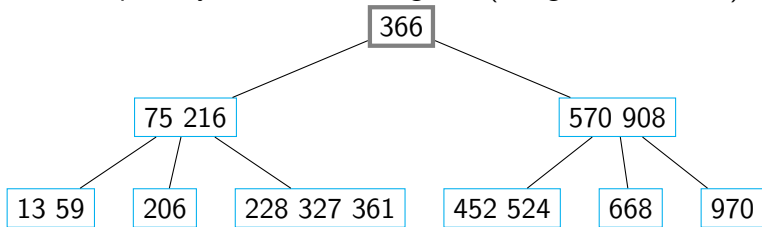






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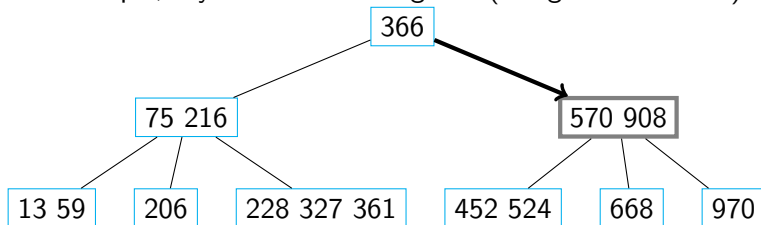
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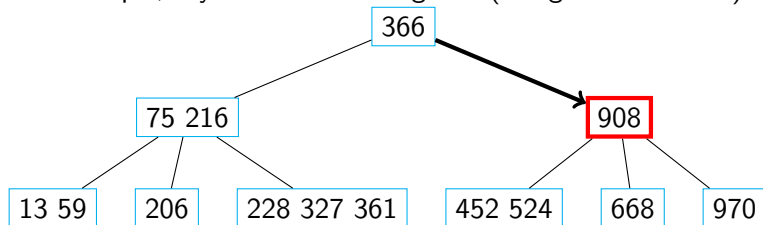
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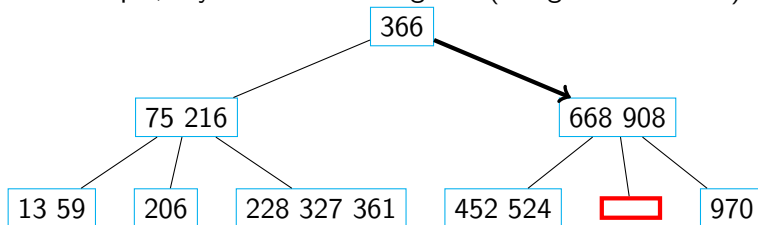
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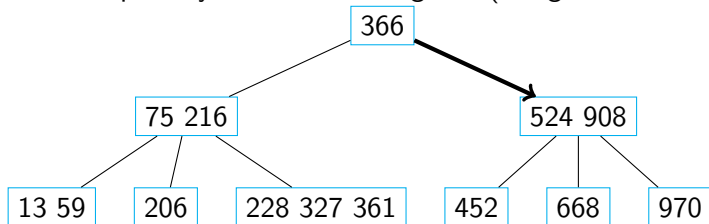
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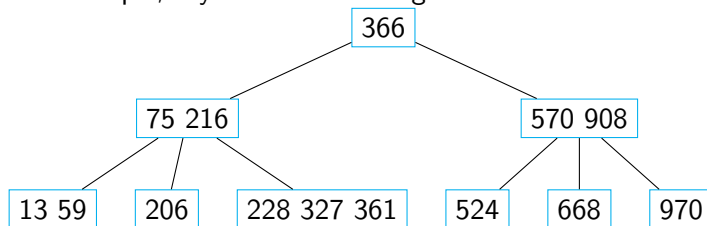
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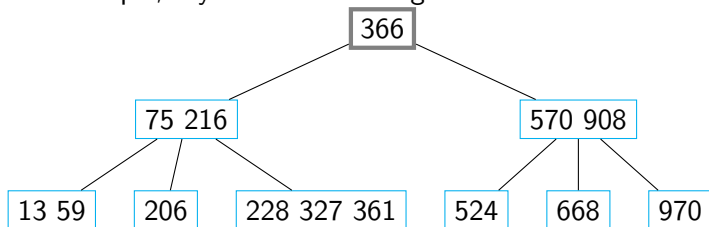
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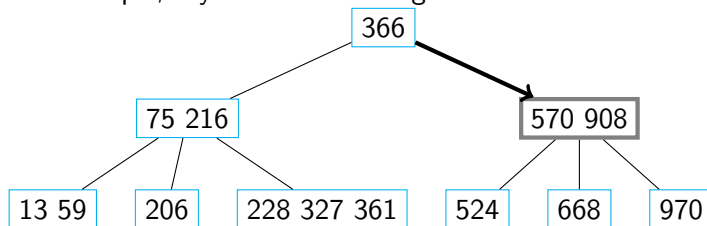
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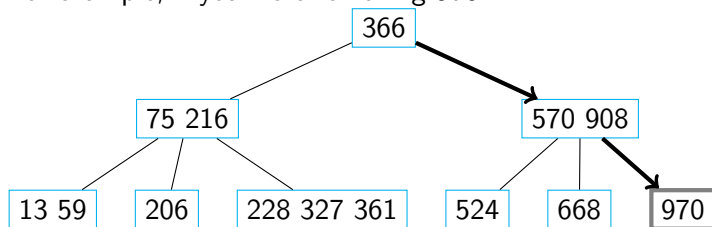






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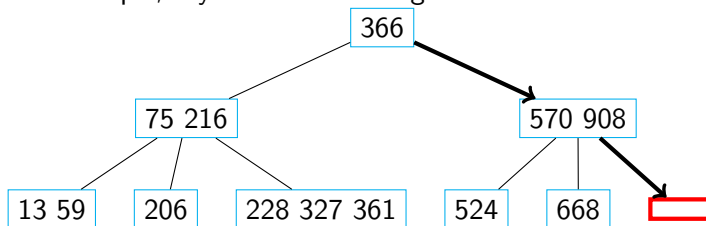
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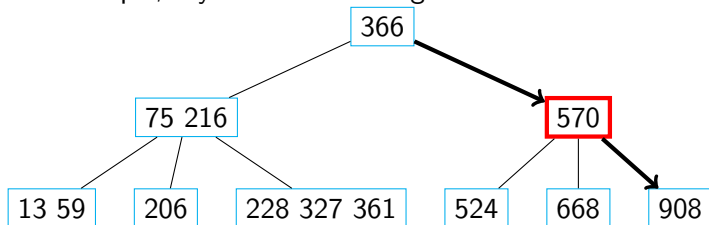
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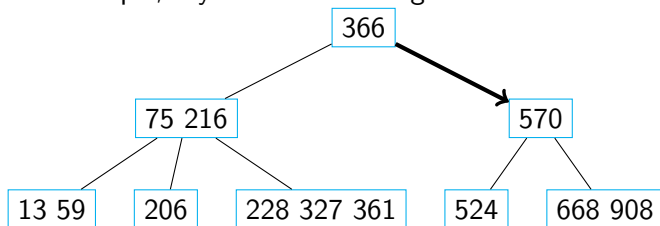
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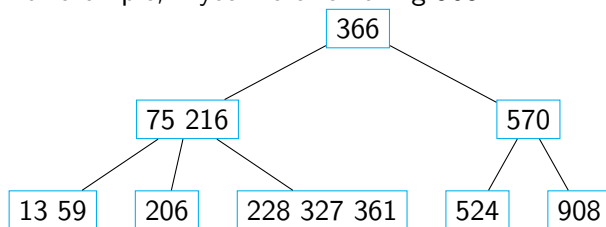
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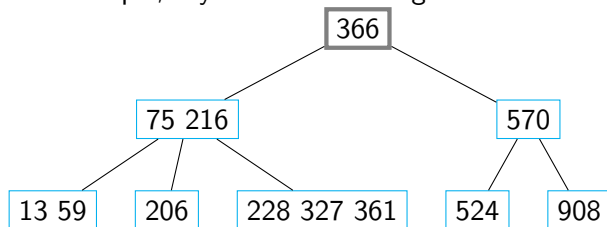
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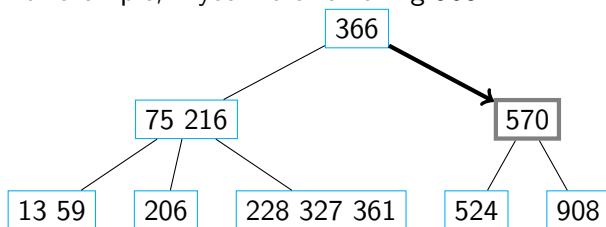
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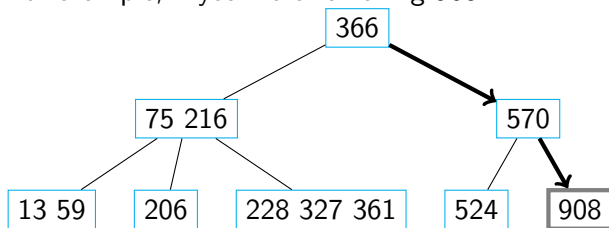
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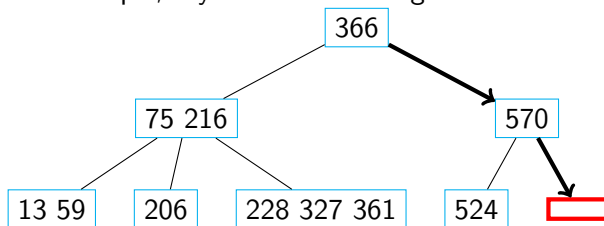






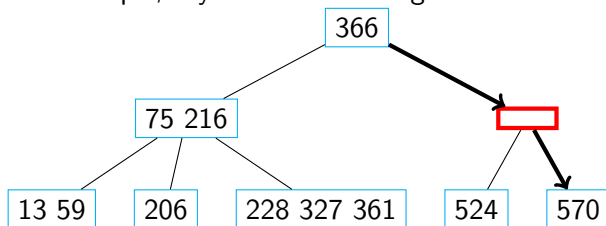
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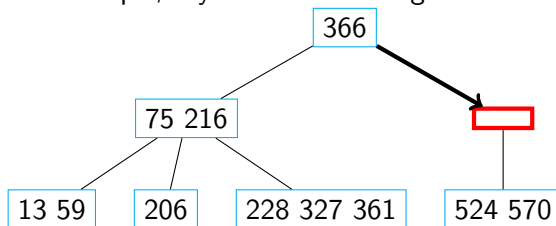
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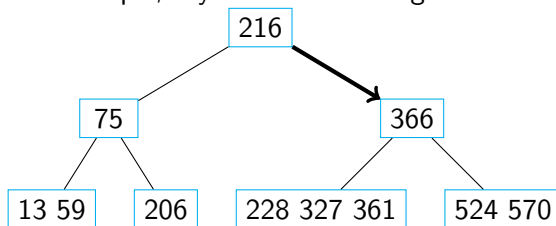
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