

Design and Analysis  
of Algorithms I

# Data Structures

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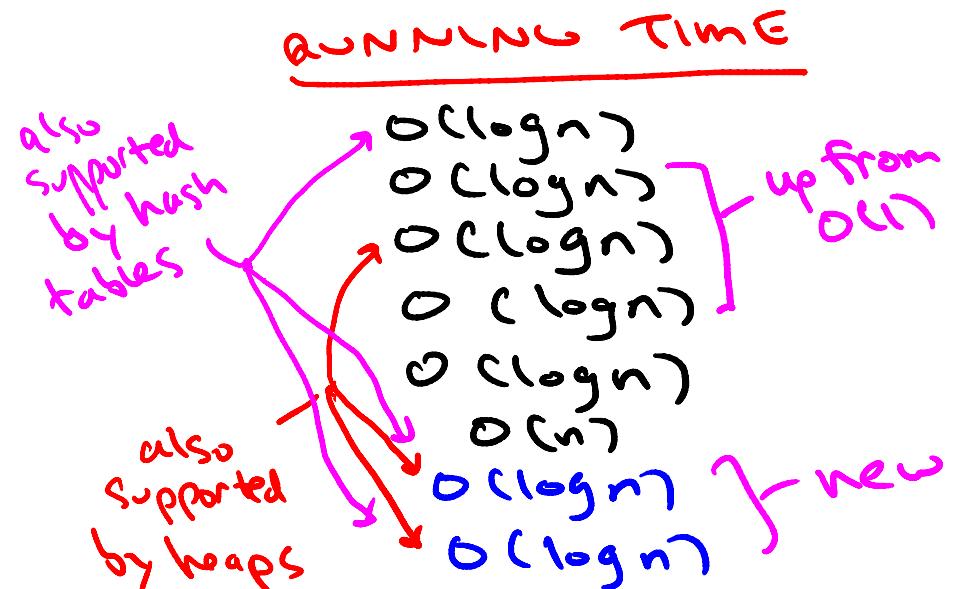
Binary Search  
Tree Basics

# Balanced Search Trees: Supported Operations

Raison d'être: like sorted array + fast (logarithmic) inserts & deletes!

## OPERATION

SEARCH  
SELECT  
MIN/MAX  
PREDECESSOR  
RANK  
OUTPUT IN SORTED ORDER  
INSERT  
DELETE

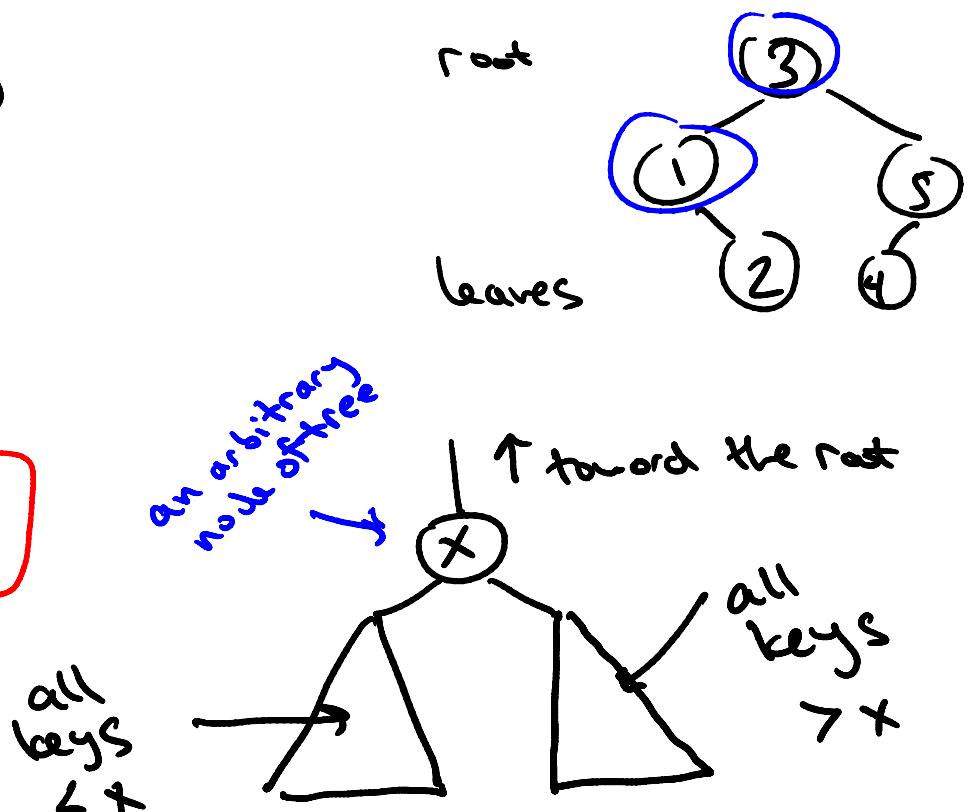


# Binary Search Tree Structure

- exactly one node per key
- most basic version:  
each node has
  - left child pointer
  - right child pointer
  - parent pointer

## SEARCH TREE PROPERTY:

(should hold at  
every node of  
the search tree)

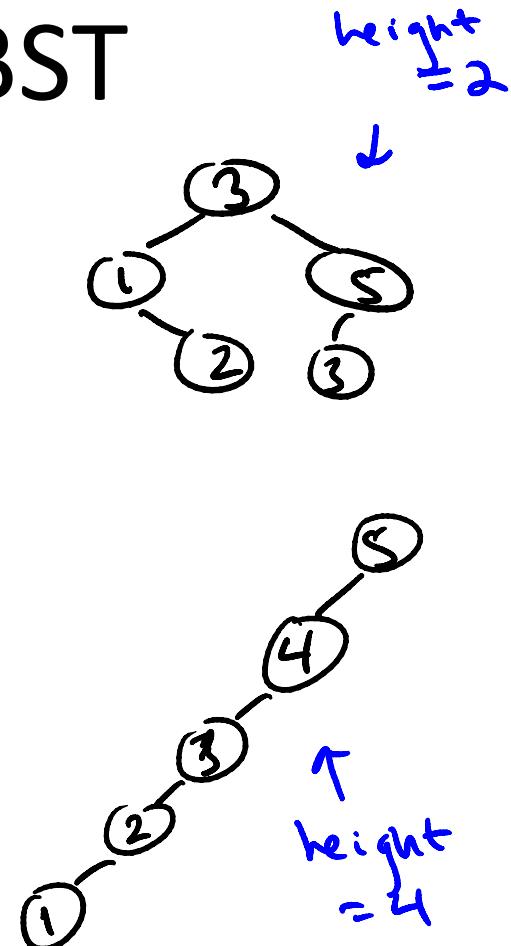


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# The Height of a BST

Note: many possible trees for a set of keys.

Note: height could be anywhere from  $\approx \log_2 n$  to  $\approx n$ .  
worst case, a chain  
(also depth) longest root-leaf path  
best case, perfectly balanced



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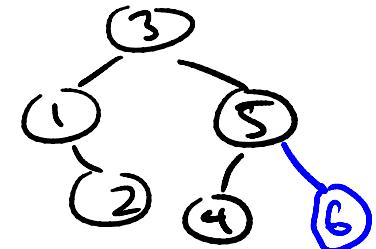
# Searching and Inserting

## To SEARCH for key $k$ in tree $T$

- start at the root
- traverse left / right child pointers as needed
  - if  $k < \text{key}$  at current node
  - if  $k > \text{key}$  at current node
- return node with key  $k$  or NULL, as appropriate

## To INSERT a new key $k$ into a tree $T$

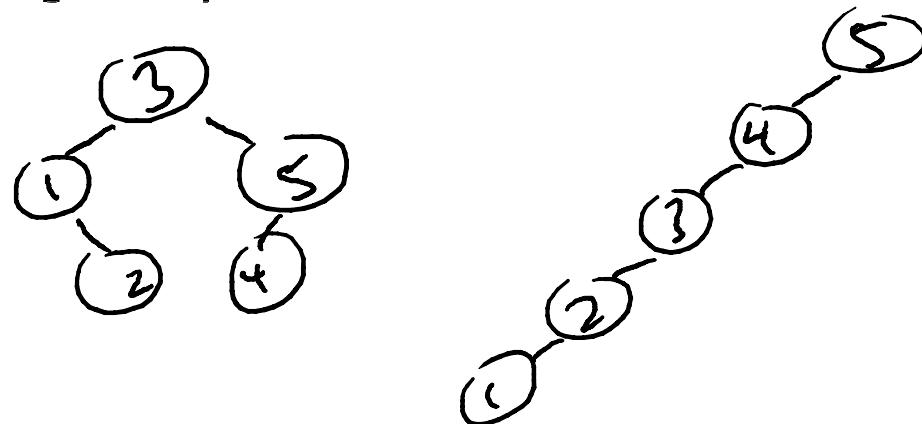
- search for  $k$  (unsuccessfully)
- rewire final NULL ptr to point to new node with key  $k$



Exercise:  
preserves  
Search tree  
property!

The worst-case running time of Search (or Insert) operation in a binary search tree containing  $n$  keys is...?

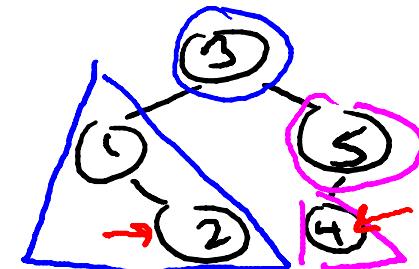
- $\theta(1)$
- $\theta(\log_2 n)$
- $\theta(\text{height})$
- $\theta(n)$



# Min, Max, Pred, And Succ

TO COMPUTE THE MINIMUM KEY OF A TREE  
(maximum)

- start at root (right pts. for maximum)
- follow left child pointers until you can't anymore (return last key found)



TO COMPUTE THE PREDECESSOR OF KEY  $k$

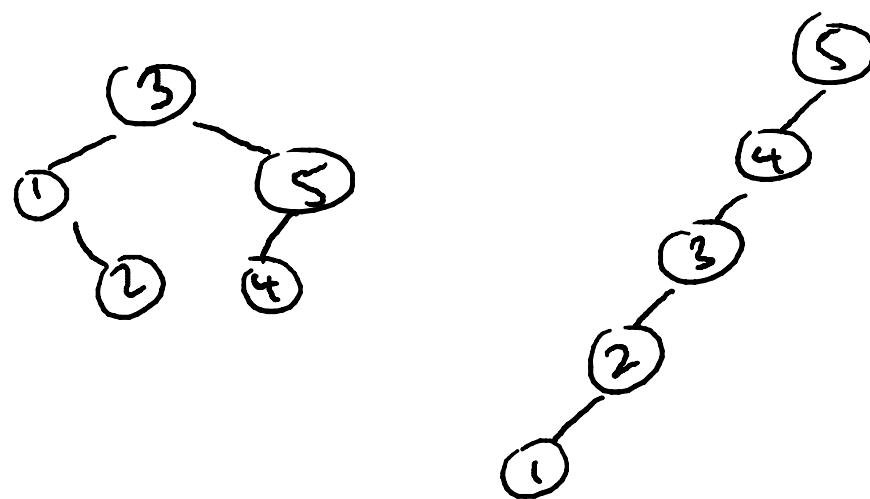
- easy case: if  $k$ 's left subtree nonempty, return max key in left subtree
- otherwise: follow parent pointers until you get to a key less than  $k$

exercise:  
prove  
this  
works!

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The worst-case running time of the Max operation in a binary search tree containing  $n$  keys is...?

- $\theta(1)$
- $\theta(\log_2 n)$
- $\theta(\text{height})$
- $\theta(n)$

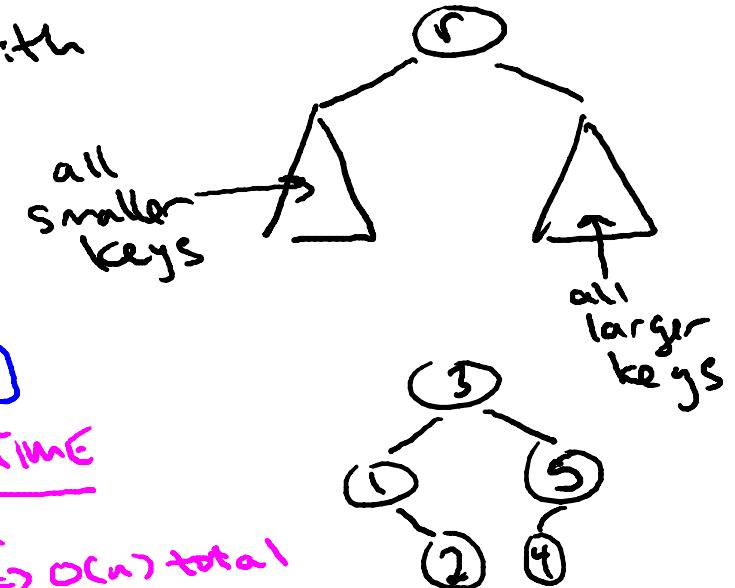


# In-Order Traversal

TO PRINT OUT KEYS IN INCREASING ORDER

- let  $r$  = root of search tree, with subtrees  $T_L$  and  $T_R$
- recurse on  $T_L$   
(by recursion induction, prints out keys of  $T_L$  in increasing order)
- print out  $r$ 's key
- recurse on  $T_R$   
(prints out keys of  $T_R$  in increasing order)

RUNNING TIME  
 $O(n)$  time,  $n$  recursive calls  $\Rightarrow O(n)$  total



# Deletion

TO DELETE A KEY  $k$  FROM A SEARCH TREE

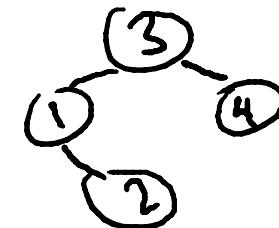
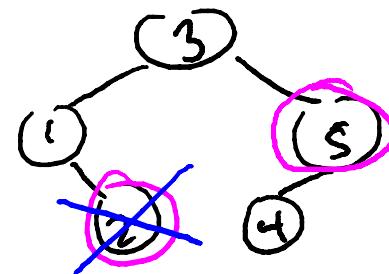
- SEARCH for  $k$

EASY CASE ( $k$ 's node has no children)

- just delete  $k$ 's node from tree, done

MEDIUM CASE ( $k$ 's node has one child)

- just "splice out"  $k$ 's node  
(unique child assumes position previously held by  $k$ 's node)



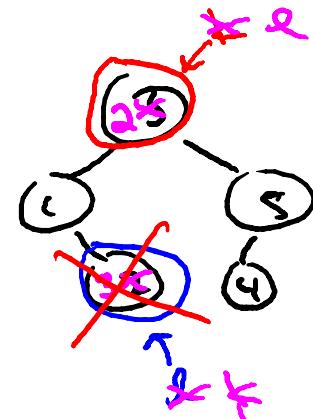
# Deletion (con'd)

DIFFICULT CASE (k's node has 2 children)

- Compute k's predecessor l  
(i.e., traverse k's (non-NULL) left child ptr, then right child ptrs until no longer possible)
- Swap k and l!

Note: in its new position, k has no right child!  
⇒ easy to delete or splice out k's new node

Exercise: at end, have a valid search tree!



Running Time:  
 $O(\text{height})$

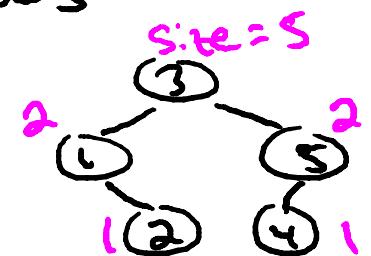
# Select and Rank

Idea: store a little bit of extra info at each tree node about the tree itself (i.e., not about the data)

Example Augmentation:  $\text{size}(x) = \# \text{ of tree nodes}$  in subtree rooted at  $x$ .

Note: if  $x$  has children  $y$  and  $z$ ,  
then  $\text{size}(y) + \text{size}(z) + 1$

population in left subtree      right subtree      x itself



Also: easy to keep sizes up-to-date during an Insertion or Deletion (you check!)

## Select and Rank (con'd)

How to SELECT  $i^{\text{th}}$  ORDER STATISTIC from  
AUGMENTED SEARCH TREE (with subtree sizes)

- Start at root  $x$ , with children  $y$  and  $z$
- Let  $a = \text{size}(y)$  [ $a=0$  if  $x$  has no left child]
- if  $a=i-1$  return  $x$ 's key
- if  $a \geq i$  recursively compute  
 $i^{\text{th}}$  order statistic of search tree rooted at  $y$
- if  $a < i-1$  recursively compute  
 $(i-a-1)^{\text{th}}$  order statistic of search tree rooted at  $z$



RUNNING TIME =  $\Theta(\text{height})$ . [EXERCISE: how to implement RANK?]

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