

VIRTUAL LABS ASSIGNMENT

Computer Science & Engineering

Experiment: Binary Search Tree (BST)

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Platform: Virtual Labs (IIIT Hyderabad – Data Structures I)

Experiment link inside report & README

Objective

Perform Binary Search Tree (BST) operations using Virtual Labs: Insertion, Search, and Deletion. Observe how the BST property maintains an ordered structure that supports efficient lookup.

A BST is a binary tree in which each node's key is greater than all keys in its left subtree and less than all keys in its right subtree. The average-case time for search/insert/delete is $O(\log n)$ given balanced structure. This assignment demonstrates these operations visually.

Background (Theory - brief)

References:

- Virtual Labs – Binary Search Tree (IIIT Hyderabad)
<https://ds1-iiith.vlabs.ac.in/exp/binary-search-trees/index.html>

- 1) Open the experiment entry page and read Aim/Concept.
- 2) Go to BST-Insert → Demo and insert the sequence: 50, 30, 70, 20,
- 3) Observe the visual tree after each insertion.
- 4) Take a screenshot of the final tree (Win: Win+Shift+S, macOS: Shift+Command+4).
- 5) Optionally, test Search (e.g., look up 60 and 35) and Delete (e.g., delete 30).
- 6) Save the screenshot as images/bst_result.png and include it in the report.

Procedure (What you will do on vlab.co.in)

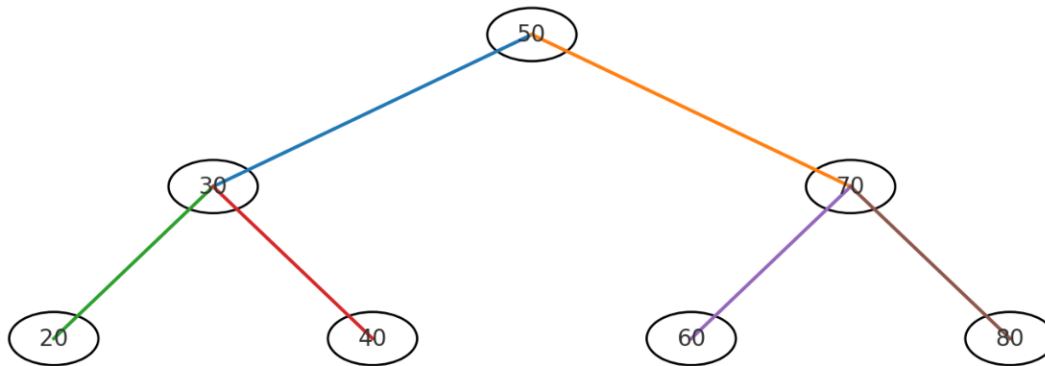
Experiment links:

- Entry: <https://ds1-iiith.vlabs.ac.in/exp/binary-search-trees/index.html>
- Insert: <https://ds1-iiith.vlabs.ac.in/exp/binary-search-trees/bst-insert/bstInsert.html>
- Search: <https://ds1-iiith.vlabs.ac.in/exp/binary-search-trees/bst-search/bstSearch.html>
- Delete: <https://ds1-iiith.vlabs.ac.in/exp/binary-search-trees/bst-delete/bstDelete.html>

Observations:

- Newly inserted keys appear as leaves, preserving the BST ordering.
- Searching descends left/right depending on comparison with the current node.
- Deletion uses lazy deletion (leaf child, two-children replacement by inorder successor).

Binary Search Tree after insertions: 50, 30, 70, 20, 40, 60, 80



Q1: What is the BST property?

A1: For any node, keys in the left subtree are smaller; keys in the

Viva Voce (Sample) Q2: What are the average and worst-case time complexities of search

A2: Average $O(\log n)$ (balanced); worst-case $O(n)$ (skewed).

Q3: How do you delete a node with two children?

A3: Replace it with its inorder successor (or predecessor), then del

Conclusion: The Virtual Labs BST modules illustrate how insert/search/delete mai
ordering, affecting search performance. Visualization helps connect the algorithm
structure.