

## Binary Search Trees

**Motivation:** for storing numbers / sortable values:

Sorted arrays: search  $O(\log n)$

insert  $O(n)$

delete  $O(n)$

Linked lists: search  $O(n)$

insert  $O(1)$

delete  $O(n)$

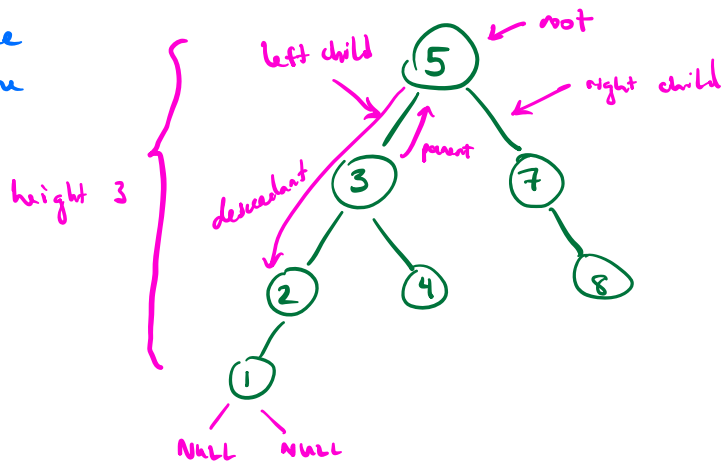
Binary search trees: search  $O(\log n)$

(when balanced)

insert  $O(\log n)$

delete  $O(\log n)$

Binary tree  
structure



## Binary search trees

for any parent node:

→ all left descendants have keys less than parent

→ all right descendants have keys greater than parent

## In-order traversal:

```
traverse(x):  
    if x:  
        traverse(x.left)  
        print(x.key)  
        traverse(x.right)
```

$O(n)$  time

## Search

```
search(x, parent, key)  
    if !x:  
        return parent  
    if x.key == key:  
        return x  
    if x.key > key:  
        return search(x.left, parent, key)  
    else:  
        return search(x.right, parent, key)
```

$O(\log n)$  time ( $O(n)$  if imbalanced)

## Insert

```
insert(key):  
    x = search(key)  
    if key < x.key:  
        x.left = key  
    else:  
        x.right = key  
 $O(T(\text{search}))$  time
```

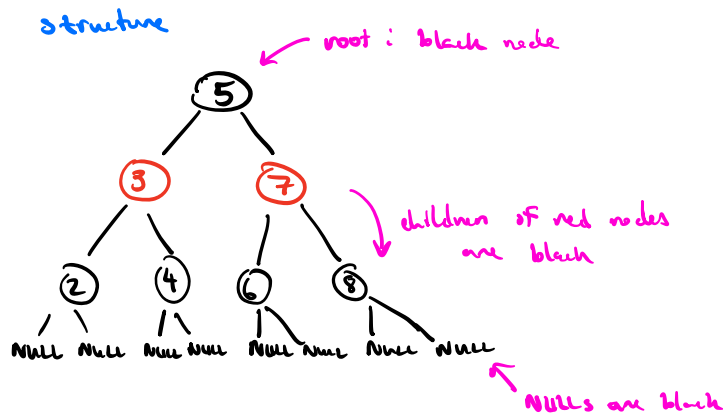
## Delete

```
delete(key):  
    x = search(key)  
    if x.key == key:  
        delete key (separate cases for leaf vs internal nodes)
```

$O(T(\text{search}))$  time

## Red-Black Trees

→ self-balancing BST: ensures black nodes are balanced + not too many red nodes.



For all nodes  $x$ , all paths from  $x$  to NULLs have same # black nodes on them.

→ rules: proxy for balance.

→ can maintain using rotations on insert/delete

## RB-tree height theorem

Thm. Height of an RB-Tree with  $n$  non-NULL nodes is at most  $2 \log(n+1)$

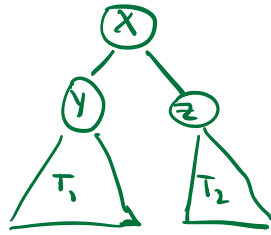
Claim: at least  $2^{b(x)} - 1$  non-NULL nodes in the subtree under  $x$ , including  $x$ , where  $b(x)$  is #black nodes in any path from  $x$  to NULL

Ind. hyp.: Claim holds for trees of ht  $\leq k$

Base case:  $k=0$



Ind. step: Say IH holds for  $n=t-1$ , show for  $n=t$ :



$$b(y) = b(x) \text{ or } b(x) - 1$$

↑  
if y is red
↑  
if y is black

$$\Rightarrow b(y) \geq b(x) - 1$$

$$b(z) \geq b(x) - 1$$

$$\#nodes \geq 1 + (\#nodes \text{ in } T_1) + (\#nodes \text{ in } T_2) \geq$$

$$1 + (2^{b(y)} - 1) + (2^{b(z)} - 1)$$

$$\geq 1 + (2^{b(x)-1} - 1) + (2^{b(x)-1} - 1)$$

$$= 2^{b(x)} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n \geq 2^{b(\text{root})} - 1$$

$$\geq 2^{\text{height}/2} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n+1 \geq 2^{\text{height}/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{height} \leq 2 \log(n+1)$$