



Data Structures

Lecture 6: BST

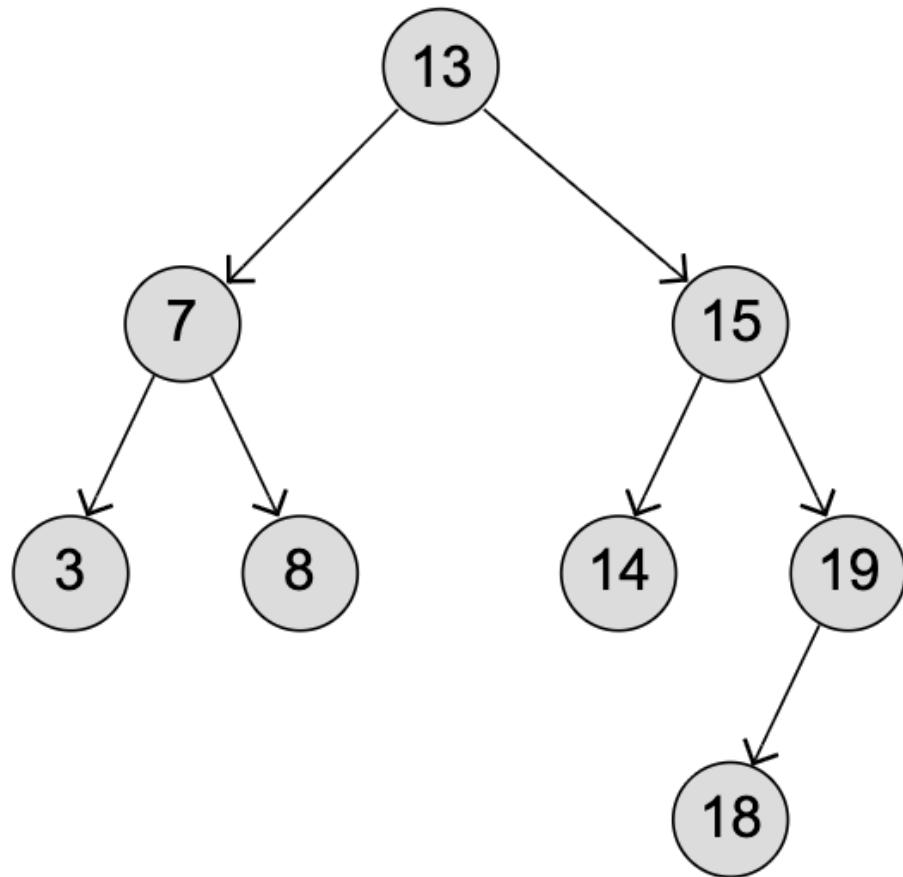
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Binary Search Tree (BST)

- A BST is a *Binary Tree* where every node's **left child has a lower value**, and every node's **right child has a higher value**.
[Left < Root < Right]
- A clear advantage with BST is that operations like **search, delete, and insert** are fast and done without having to shift values in memory.
- Following properties must be true for any node **X** in the tree:
 - The **X** node's left child and all of its **descendants (children, children's children, and so on)** have lower values than X's value.
 - The right child, and all its descendants have higher values than X's value.
 - Left and right subtrees must also be Binary Search Trees.

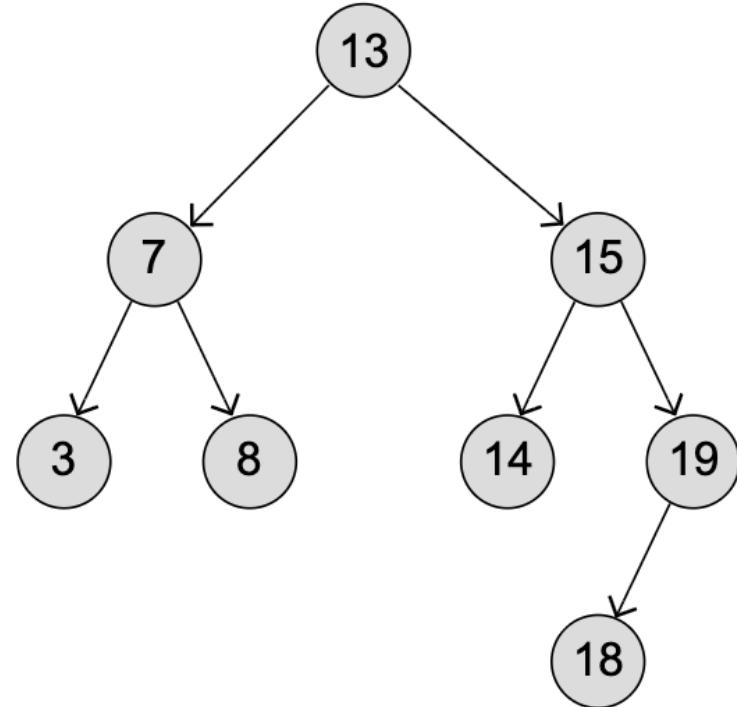


Operations in BST

- Traversal
- Search
- Insert
- Delete

Traversal in BST

- Traversal in BST is same as Binary Tree.
 - Preorder
 - ***Inorder (Provides a sorted list)***
 - Postorder
 - Level-order (BFS)
- For the given tree:
 - Preorder: 13, 7, 3, 8, 15, 14, 19, 18
 - Inorder: 3, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19
 - Postorder: 3, 8, 7, 14, 18, 19, 15, 13
 - Level-order: 13, 7, 15, 3, 8, 14, 19, 18

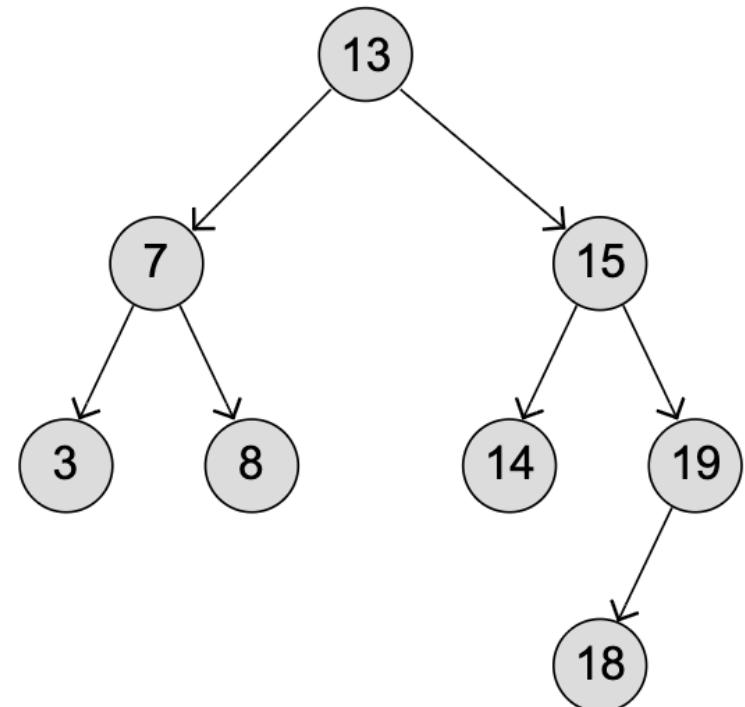


Search in BST

- **Searching** for a value in a BST is very *similar* to how we found a value using *Binary Search on an array*.
- **How it Works:**
 1. Start at the root.
 2. If *key == root's data* → found.
 3. If *key < root's data* → go to left subtree.
 4. If *key > root's data* → go to right subtree.
 5. Continue until found or reach NULL.
- So, it behaves exactly like binary search.

Insert a Node in BST

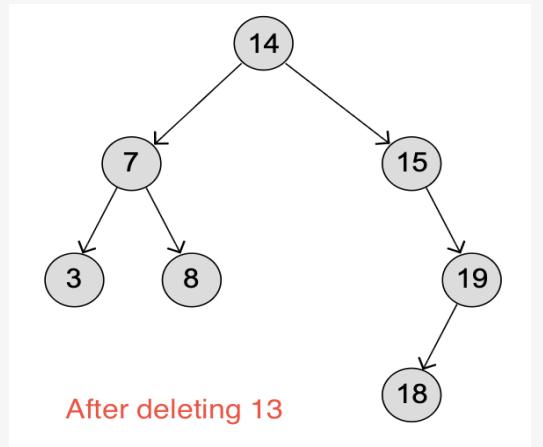
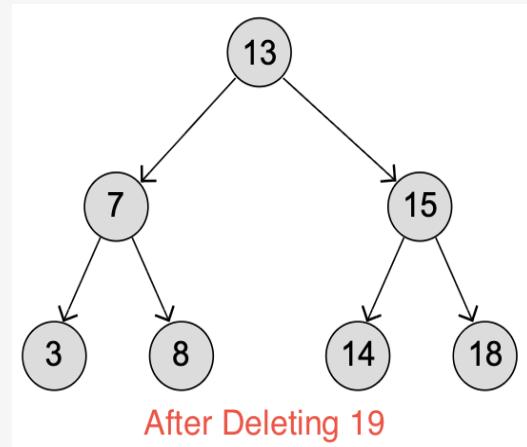
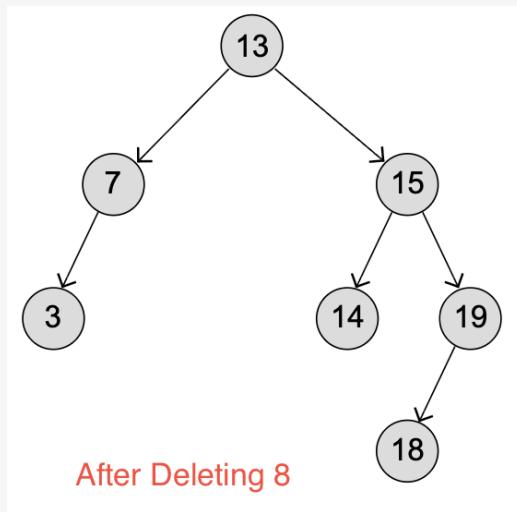
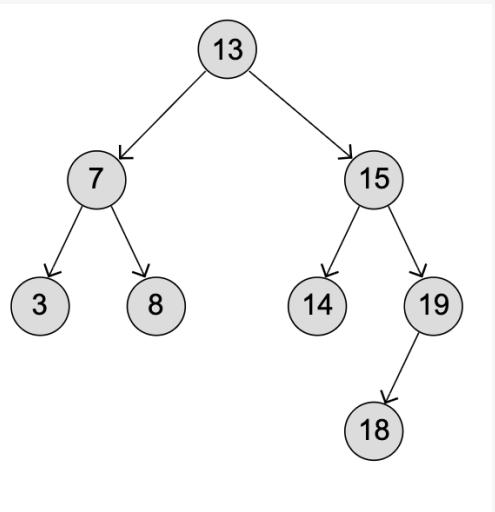
- **Inserting** a node in a BST is **similar to searching** for a value.
- **Process:**
 1. Start at the root.
 2. Compare new value with current node:
 - If **new value < node** → go left
 - If **new value > node** → go right
 3. Repeat until you reach an empty spot.
 4. Insert the new value there.
- **Insert: 10, 16**



Delete a Node in BST

- To delete a node, our function must first **search** the BST to find it.
- After the node is found there are **three different cases** where deleting a node must be done differently.
 1. If the node is a **leaf node**, **remove it** by removing the link to it.
 2. If the node only has one child node, connect the **parent node** of the node you want to remove **to that child node**.
 3. If the node has both right and left child nodes:
 - a. Find **inorder successor** (smallest value in right subtree) or **inorder predecessor** (largest value in left subtree).
 - b. Replace the node's value with successor's value and Delete the successor or predecessor.

Delete Nodes [8, 19, 13, 15]



Construct a Binary Tree

- ***Similar to Binary Tree***
- It follows: Preorder, inorder, and postorder
- ***Constructing tree from random list: 10, 6, 4, 3, 5, 8, 18, 15, 21, 22***

M-ways Tree

- B Tree
- B+ Tree

Tree → Binary Tree → Binary Search Tree → AVL Tree

References

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Thank You