

## Week 10

### Things to Note ...

- Mid-semester test result
- Assignment 2 under way

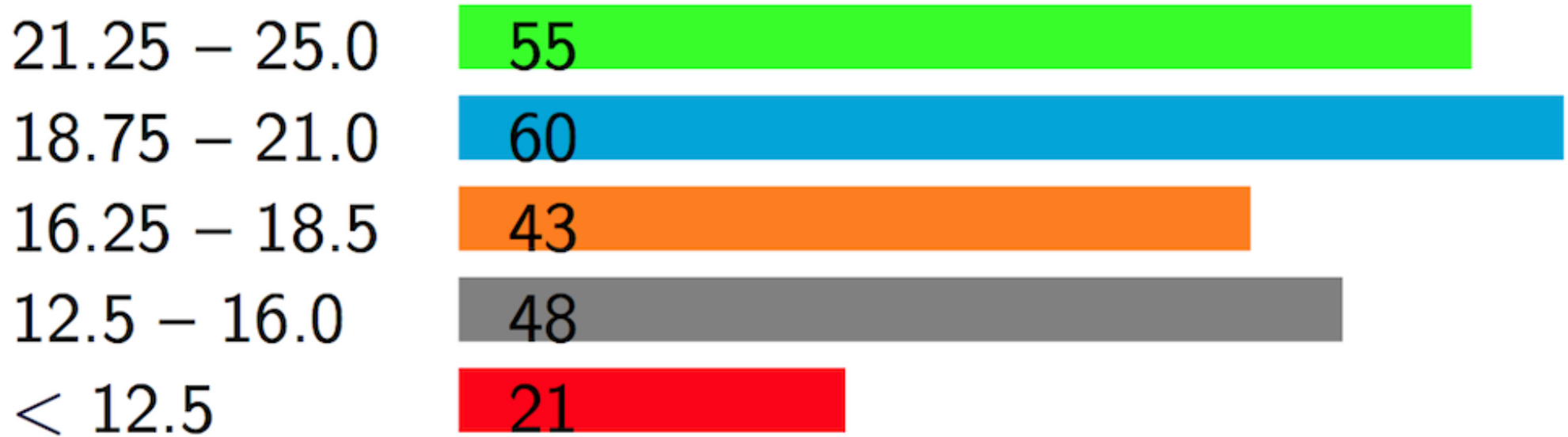
### In This Lecture ...

- Search Tree Algorithms ([S] Ch.12.5-12.6,12.8-12.9)

### Coming Up ...

- Balanced Search Trees ([S] Ch.13)

## Mid-semester Test Statistics



Final exam: Thursday, 9 November, 8:45am (2 hours)

## Assignment 2 Tips

Mandatory style requirements:

- structured code (no **break/continue**)
- good commenting (must explain your code)

Test your program thoroughly

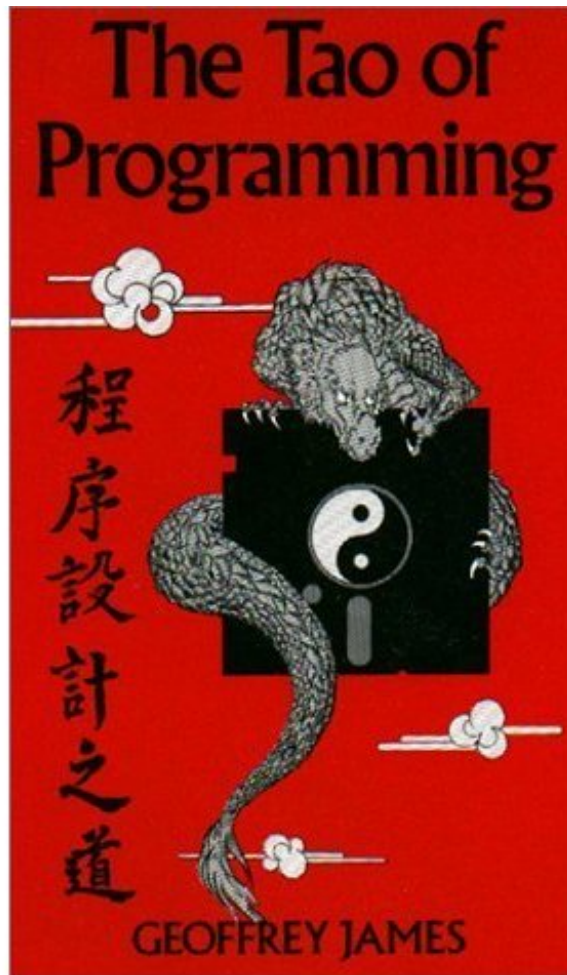
- Just passing the **dryrun**-tests is not enough
- Try to **break** your program with your own test cases
  - can use arbitrary strings, of course (e.g. **abc**, **acc**, **cbc**, **cc**, ...)

Do not forget to add time complexity  $O(\dots)$  for task 1 and  $O(\dots)$  for task 2, *not* for every function

- with explanation

# The Tao of Programming

Next in a series of advices from the Tao of Programming ...



Thus spake the Master Programmer:

*"When a program is being tested, it is too late to make design changes."*

## The Tao of Programming (cont)

Book 4

Chapter 4.1

*A program should be light and agile, its subroutines connected like a string of pearls.*

*The spirit and intent of the program should be retained throughout.*

*There should be neither too little nor too much. Neither needless loops nor useless variables; neither lack of structure nor overwhelming rigidity.*

*If the program fails in these requirements, it will be in a state of disorder and confusion. The only way to correct this is to rewrite the program.*

## Searching

An extremely common application in computing

- given a (large) collection of **items** and a **key** value
- find the item(s) in the collection containing that key
  - item = (key, val<sub>1</sub>, val<sub>2</sub>, ...) (i.e. a structured data type)
  - key = value used to distinguish items (e.g. student ID)

Applications: Google, databases, .....

## Searching (cont)

Since searching is a very important/frequent operation, many approaches have been developed to do it

Linear structures: arrays, linked lists, files

Arrays = random access. Lists, files = sequential access.

Cost of searching:

	Array	List	File
Unsorted	$O(n)$ (linear scan)	$O(n)$ (linear scan)	$O(n)$ (linear scan)
Sorted	$O(\log n)$ (binary search)	$O(n)$ (linear scan)	$O(\log n)$ ( <i>seek, seek&gt;/\$&gt;, ...</i> )

- $O(n)$  ... linear scan (search technique of last resort)
- $O(\log n)$  ... binary search, [search trees](#) (trees also have other uses)

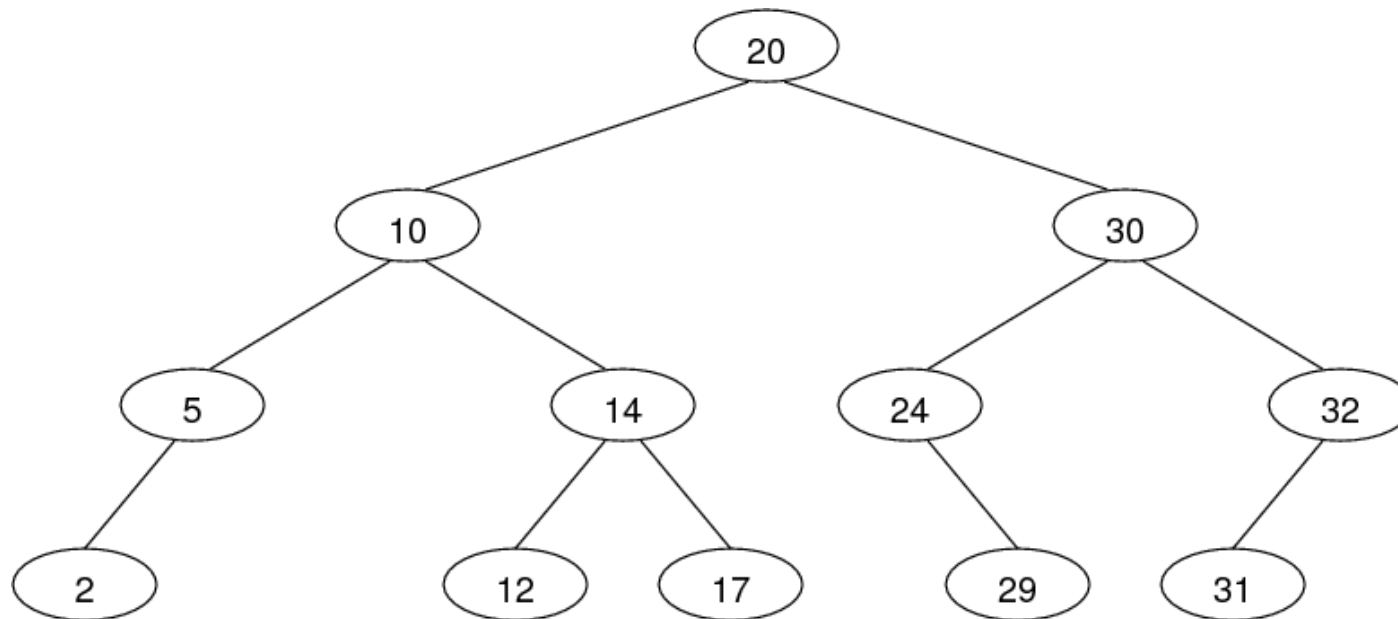
Also (cf. COMP9021): hash tables ( $O(1)$ , but only under optimal conditions)

## Searching (cont)

Maintaining the order in sorted arrays and files is a costly operation.

**Search trees** are as efficient to search but more efficient to maintain.

Example: the following tree corresponds to the sorted array  
[2, 5, 10, 12, 14, 17, 20, 24, 29, 30, 31, 32]:



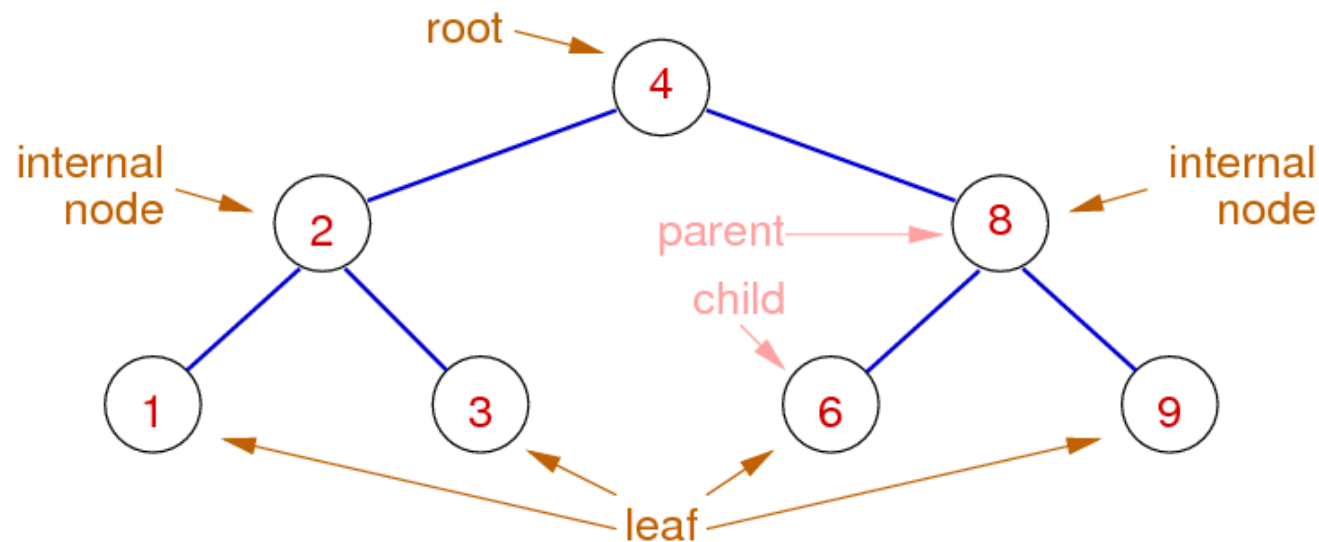


# Tree Data Structures

# Trees

Trees are connected graphs

- consisting of nodes and edges (called *links*), with no cycles (no "up-links")
- each node contains a **data** value (or key+data)
- each node has **links** to  $\leq k$  other child nodes ( $k=2$  below)

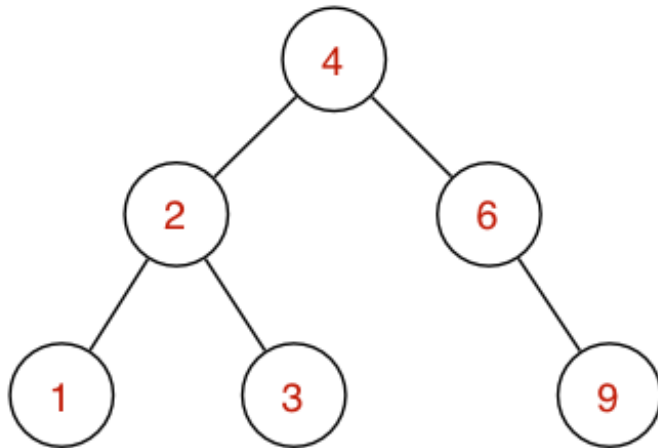


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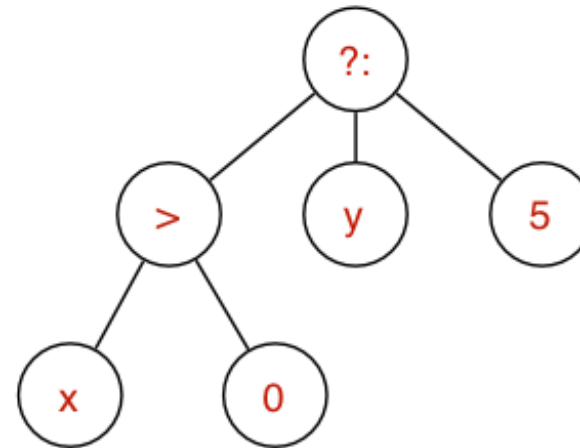
Trees are used in many contexts, e.g.

- representing hierarchical data structures (e.g. expressions)
- efficient searching (e.g. sets, symbol tables, ...)

Search Tree



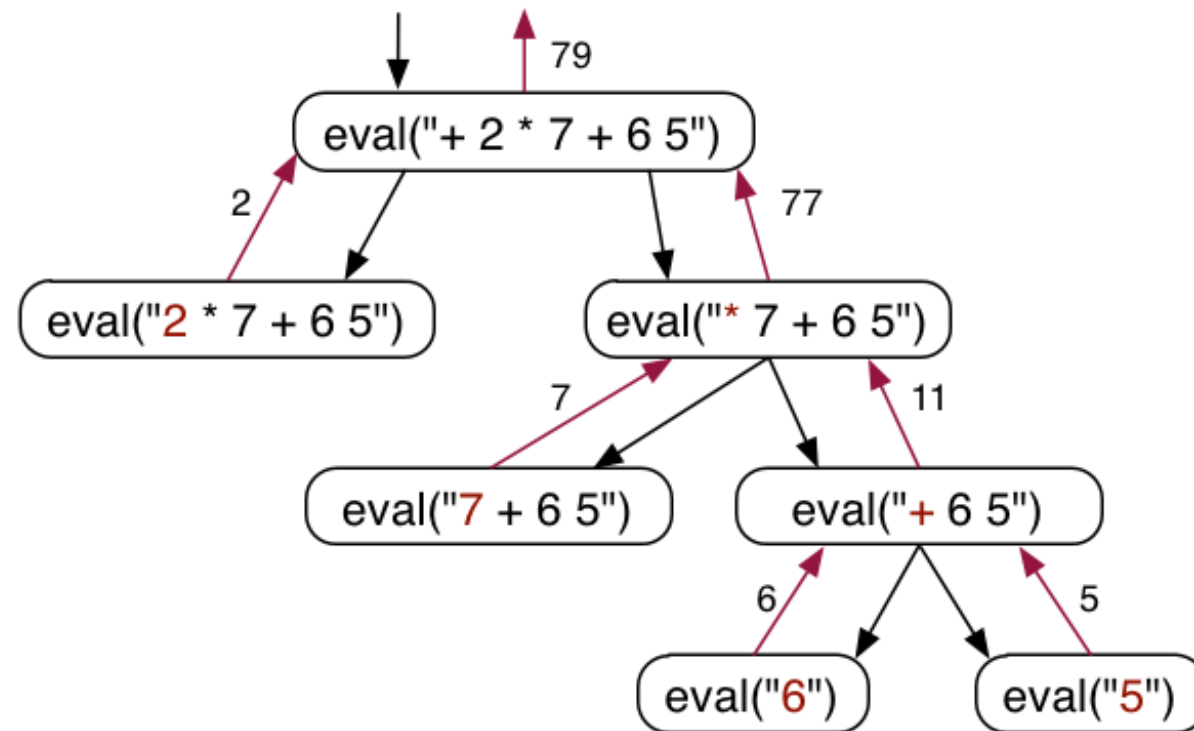
Expression Tree



## Trees (cont)

Trees can be used as a data structure, but also for illustration.

E.g. showing evaluation of a prefix arithmetic expression

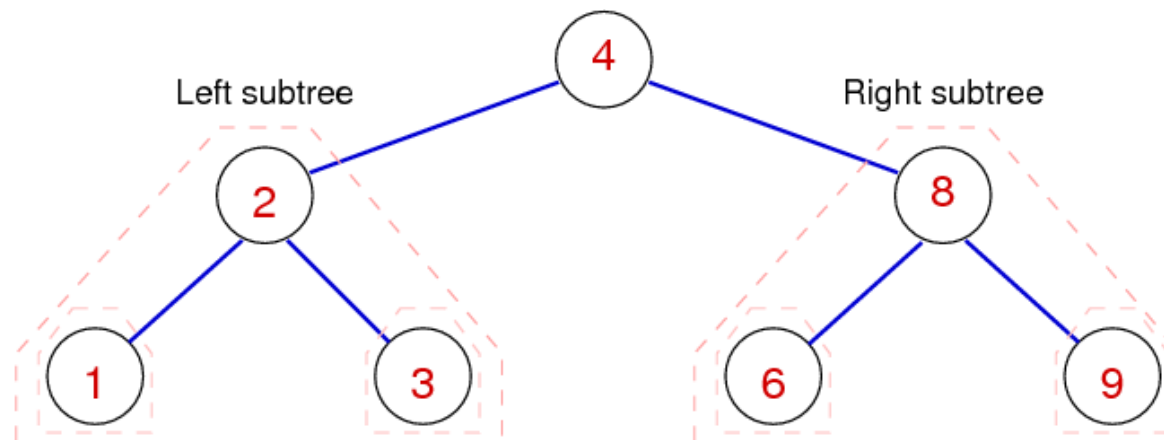


## Trees (cont)

**Binary trees** ( $k=2$  children per node) can be defined recursively, as follows:

A *binary tree* is either

- empty (contains no nodes)
- consists of a **node**, with two **subtrees**
  - node contains a value
  - left and right subtrees are *binary trees*



## Trees (cont)

### Other special kinds of tree

- ***m*-ary tree**: each internal node has exactly  $m$  children
- **Ordered tree**: all left values  $<$  root, all right values  $>$  root
- **Balanced tree**: has  $\cong$  minimal height for a given number of nodes
- **Degenerate tree**: has  $\cong$  maximal height for a given number of nodes

# Search Trees

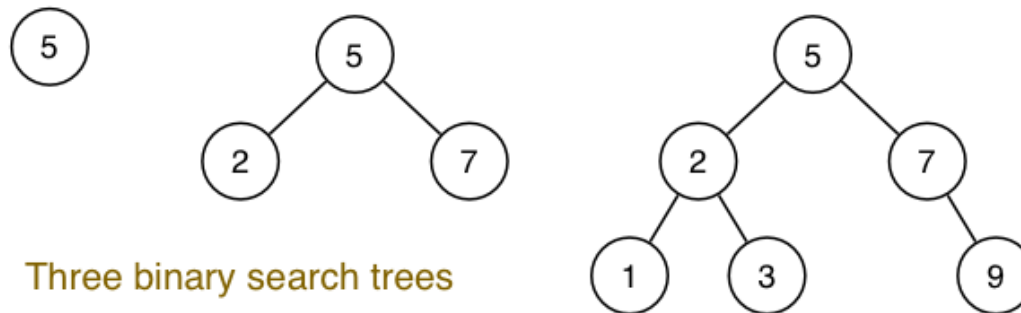
## Binary Search Trees

Binary search trees (or BSTs) have the characteristic properties

- each node is the root of 0, 1 or 2 subtrees
- all values in any left subtree are less than root
- all values in any right subtree are greater than root
- these properties applies over all nodes in the tree

(perfectly) balanced trees have the properties

- #nodes in left subtree = #nodes in right subtree
- this property applies over all nodes in the tree





## Binary Search Trees (cont)

Operations on BSTs:

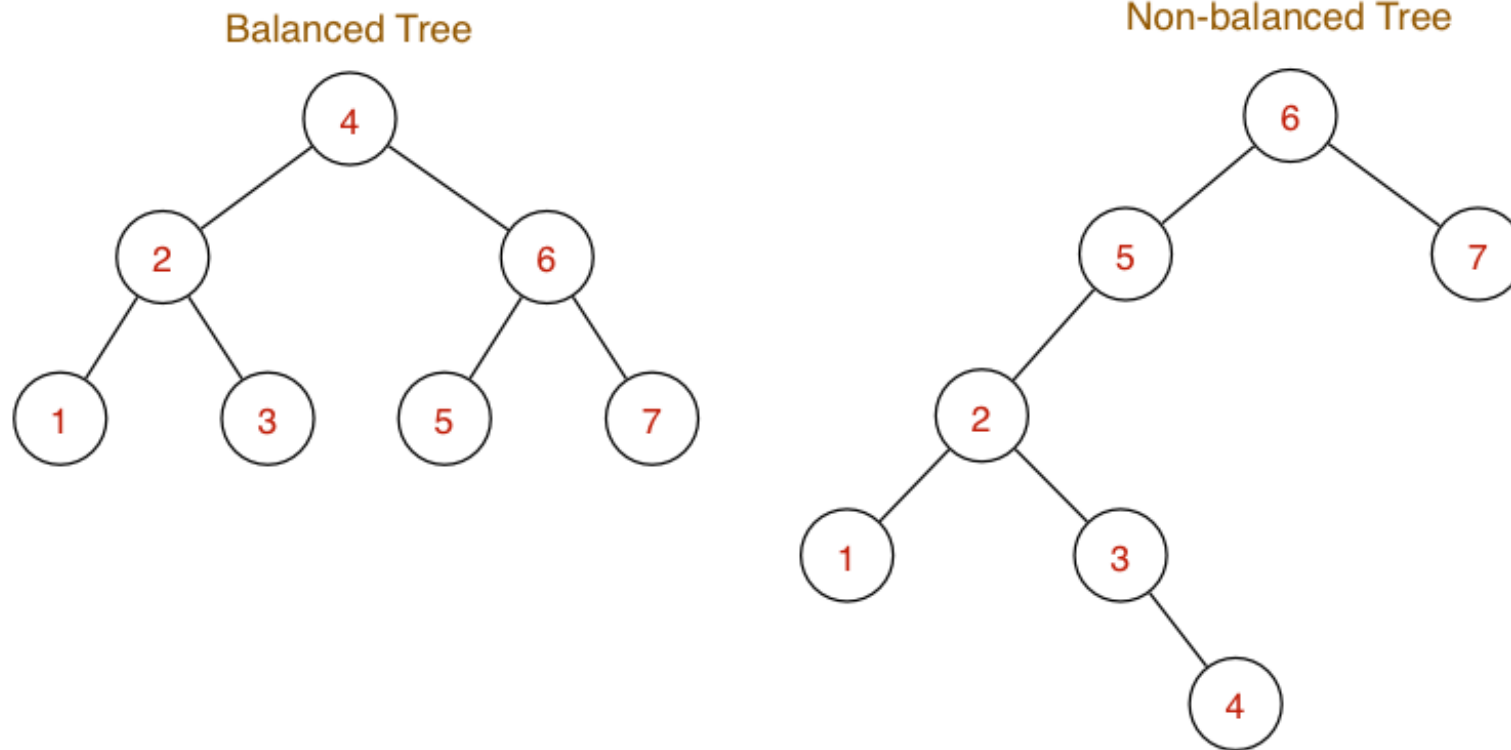
- `insert(Tree,Item)` ... add new item to tree via key
- `delete(Tree,Key)` ... remove item with specified key from tree
- `search(Tree,Key)` ... find item containing key in tree
- plus, "bookkeeping" ... `new()`, `free()`, `show()`, ...

Notes:

- nodes contain **Items**; we just show **Item.key**
- keys are unique (not technically necessary)

## Binary Search Trees (cont)

Examples of binary search trees:

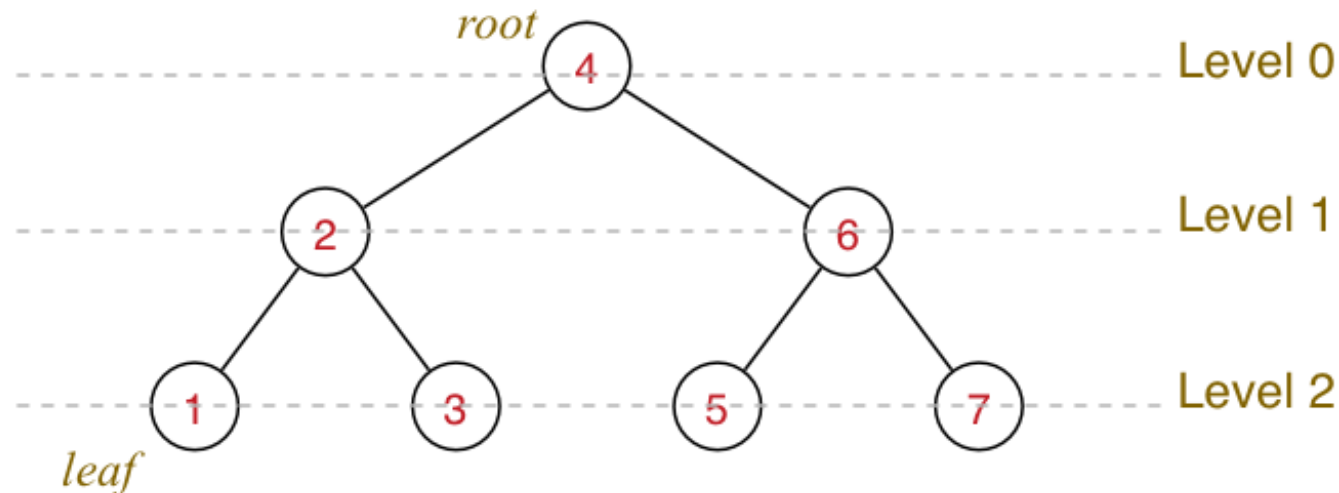


Shape of tree is determined by order of insertion.

## Binary Search Trees (cont)

**Level** of node = path length from root to node

**Height** (or: **depth**) of tree = max path length from root to leaf



**Height-balanced tree:**  $\forall$  nodes:  $\text{height}(\text{left subtree}) = \text{height}(\text{right subtree})$

Time complexity of tree algorithms is typically  $O(\text{height})$

## Exercise #1: Insertion into BSTs

For each of the sequences below

- start from an initially empty binary search tree
- show tree resulting from inserting values in order given

(a) 4 2 6 5 1 7 3

(b) 6 5 2 3 4 7 1

(c) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Assume new values are always inserted as new leaf nodes

- (a) the balanced tree from 3 slides ago (height = 2)
- (b) the non-balanced tree from 3 slides ago (height = 4)
- (c) a fully degenerate tree of height 6

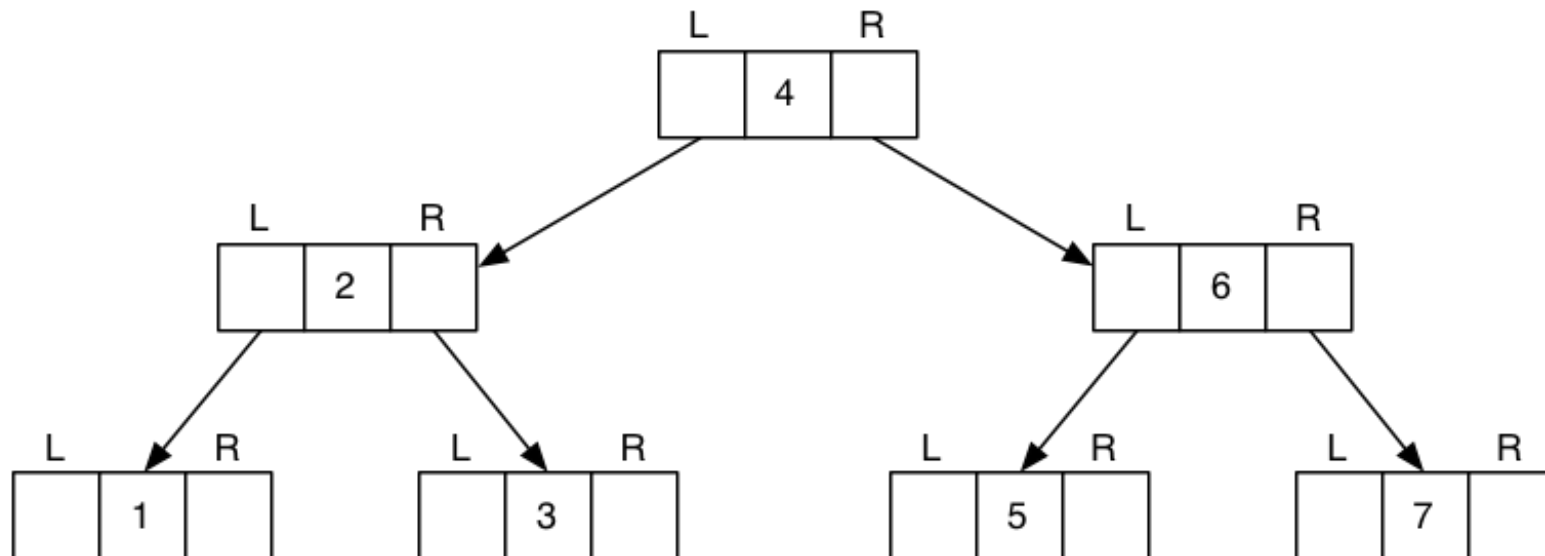
## Representing BSTs

Binary trees are typically represented by node structures

- containing a value, and pointers to child nodes

Most tree algorithms move *down* the tree.

If upward movement needed, add a pointer to parent.



## Representing BSTs (cont)

Typical data structures for trees ...

```
// a Tree is represented by a pointer to its root node
typedef struct Node *Tree;

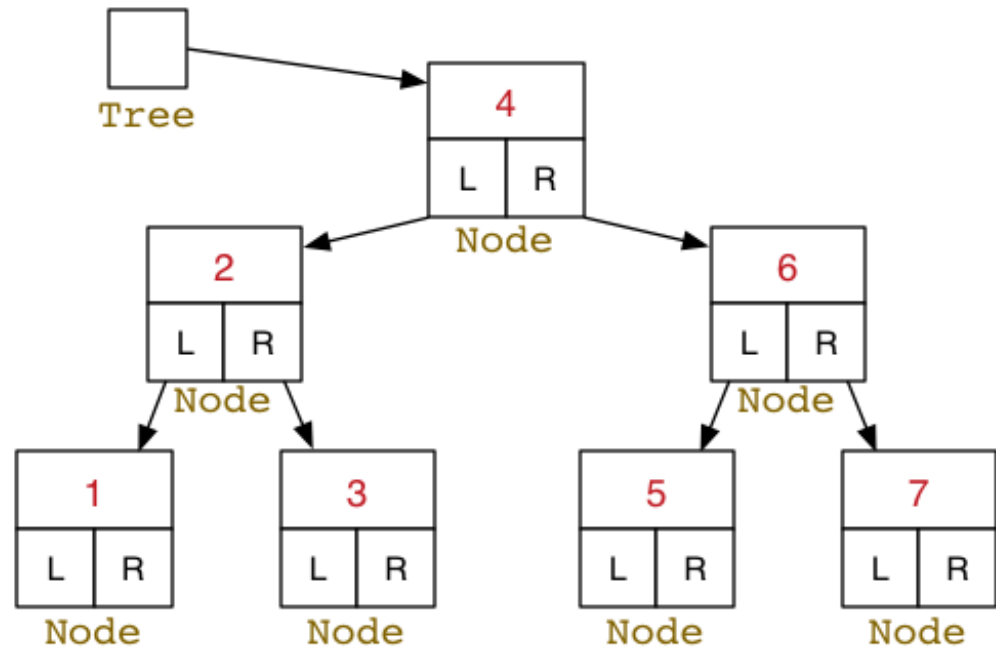
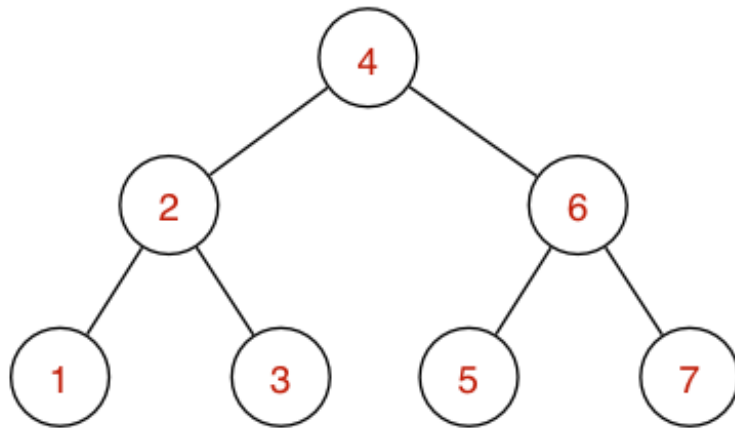
// a Node contains its data, plus left and right subtrees
typedef struct Node {
    int data;
    Tree left, right;
} Node;

// some macros that we will use frequently
#define data(tree) ((tree)->data)
#define left(tree) ((tree)->left)
#define right(tree) ((tree)->right)
```

We ignore items  $\Rightarrow$  **data** in **Node** is just a key

## Representing BSTs (cont)

Abstract data vs concrete data ...





# Tree Algorithms

## Searching in BSTs

Most tree algorithms are best described recursively:

```
TreeSearch(tree,item):  
  Input  tree, item  
  Output true if item found in tree, false otherwise  
  
  if tree is empty then  
    return false  
  else if item < data(tree) then  
    return TreeSearch(left(tree),item)  
  else if item > data(tree) then  
    return TreeSearch(right(tree),item)  
  else // found  
    return true  
  end if
```

## Insertion into BSTs

Insert an item into appropriate subtree:

```
insertAtLeaf(tree,item):
    Input  tree, item
    Output tree with item inserted

    if tree is empty then
        return new node containing item
    else if item < data(tree) then
        return insertAtLeaf(left(tree),item)
    else if item > data(tree) then
        return insertAtLeaf(right(tree),item)
    else
        return tree          // avoid duplicates
    end if
```

# Tree Traversal

Iteration (traversal) on ...

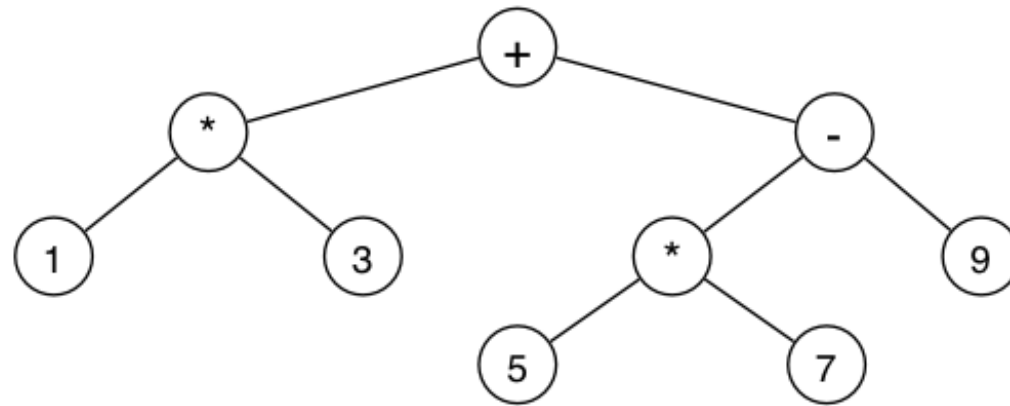
- **Lists** ... visit each value, from first to last
- **Graphs** ... visit each vertex, order determined by DFS/BFS/...

For binary **Trees**, several well-defined visiting orders exist:

- **preorder** (NLR) ... visit root, then left subtree, then right subtree
- **inorder** (LNR) ... visit left subtree, then root, then right subtree
- **postorder** (LRN) ... visit left subtree, then right subtree, then root
- **level-order** ... visit root, then all its children, then all their children

## Tree Traversal (cont)

Consider "visiting" an expression tree like:



NLR: + \* 1 3 - \* 5 7 9 (prefix-order: useful for building tree)

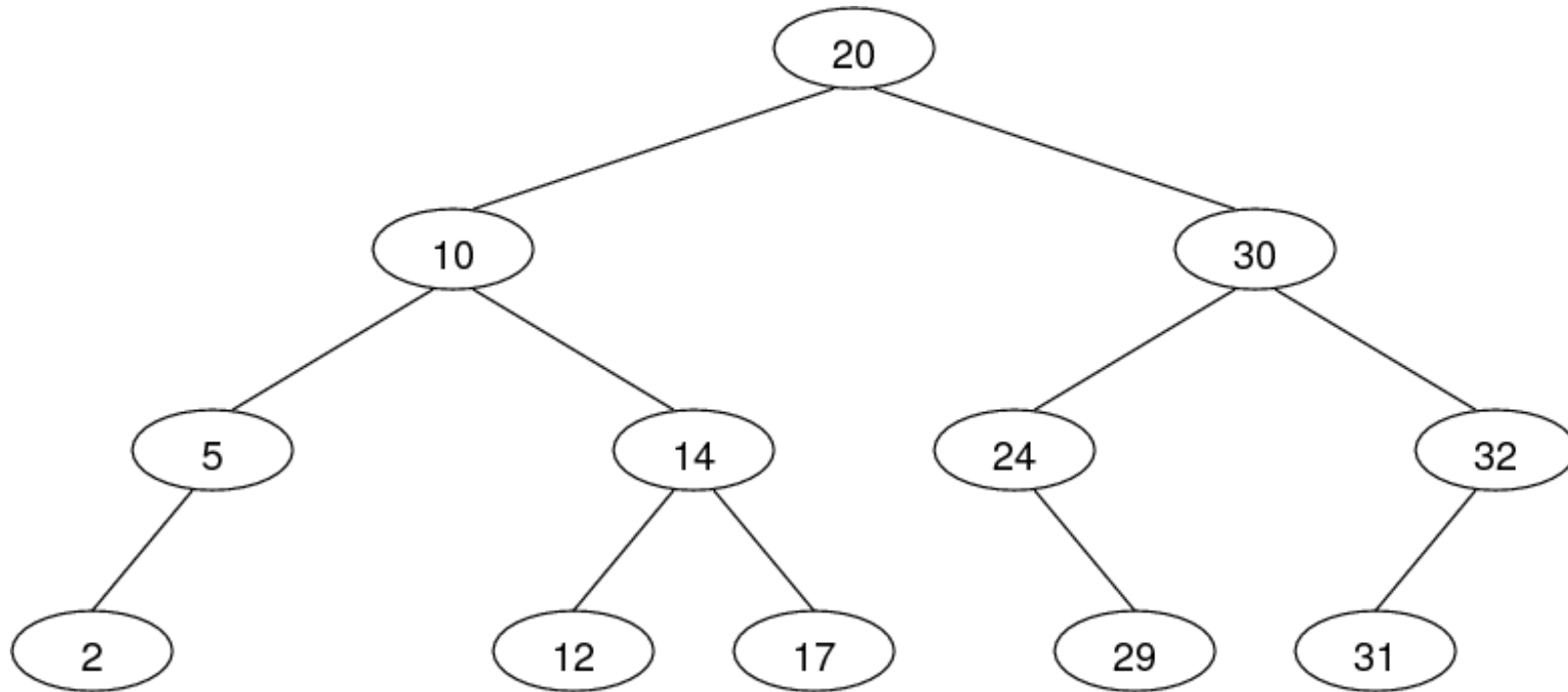
LNR: 1 \* 3 + 5 \* 7 - 9 (infix-order: "natural" order)

LRN: 1 3 \* 5 7 \* 9 - + (postfix-order: useful for evaluation)

Level: + \* - 1 3 \* 9 5 7 (level-order: useful for printing tree)

## Exercise #2: Tree Traversal

Show NLR, LNR, LRN traversals for the following tree:



NLR (preorder): 20 10 5 2 14 12 17 30 24 29 32 31

LNR (inorder): 2 5 10 12 14 17 20 24 29 30 31 32

LRN (postorder): 2 5 12 17 14 10 29 24 31 32 30 20

## Exercise #3: Non-recursive traversals

Write a non-recursive *preorder* traversal algorithm.

Assume that you have a stack ADT available.



```
showBSTreePreorder(t):  
    Input tree t  
  
    push t onto new stack S  
    while stack is not empty do  
        t=pop(S)  
        print data(t)  
        if right(t) is not empty then  
            push right(t) onto S  
        end if  
        if left(t) is not empty then  
            push left(t) onto S  
        end if  
    end while
```

## Joining Two Trees

An auxiliary tree operation ...

Tree operations so far have involved just one tree.

An operation on two trees:  $t = \text{joinTrees}(t_1, t_2)$

- Pre-conditions:
  - takes two BSTs; returns a single BST
  - $\max(\text{key}(t_1)) < \min(\text{key}(t_2))$
- Post-conditions:
  - result is a BST (i.e. fully ordered)
  - containing all items from  $t_1$  and  $t_2$

## Joining Two Trees (cont)

Method for performing tree-join:

- find the min node in the right subtree ( $\mathbf{t}_2$ )
- replace min node by its right subtree
- elevate min node to be new root of both trees

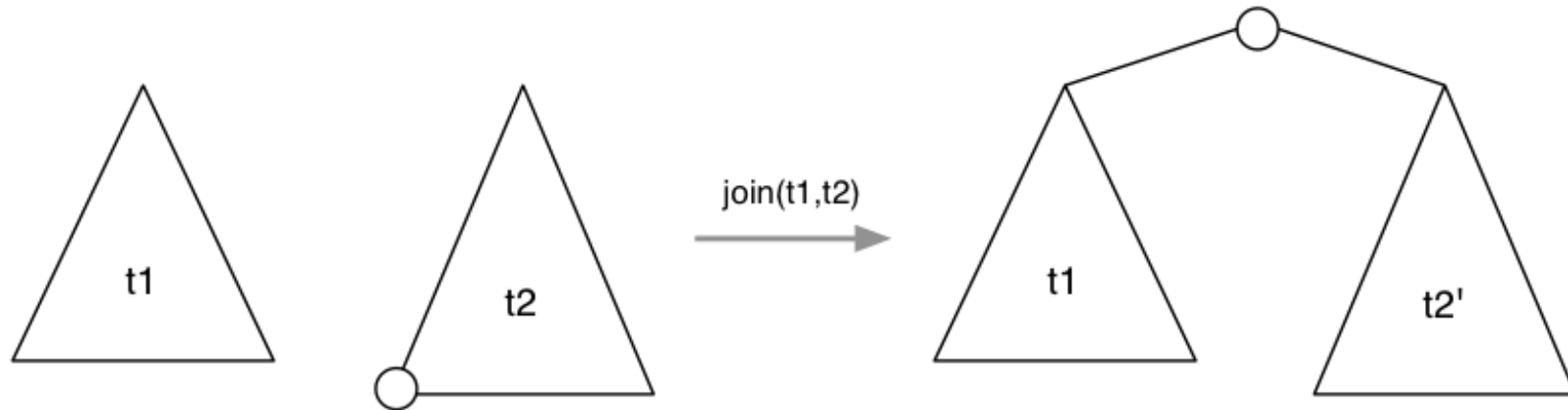
Advantage: doesn't increase height of tree significantly

$x \leq \text{height}(\mathbf{t}) \leq x+1$ , where  $x = \max(\text{height}(\mathbf{t}_1), \text{height}(\mathbf{t}_2))$

Variation: choose deeper subtree; take root from there.

## Joining Two Trees (cont)

Joining two trees:



Note:  $t2'$  may be less deep than  $t2$

## Joining Two Trees (cont)

Implementation of tree-join:

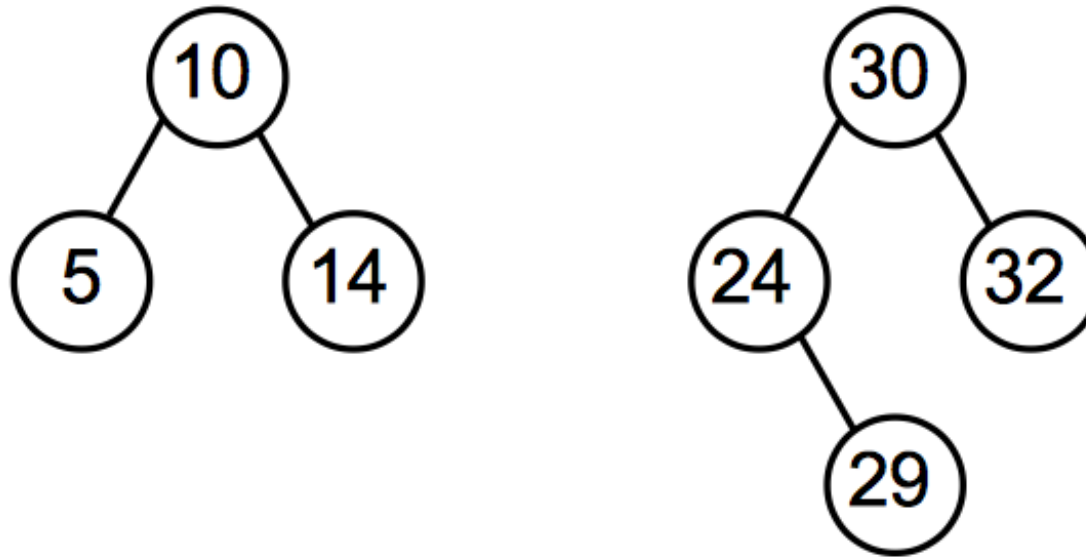
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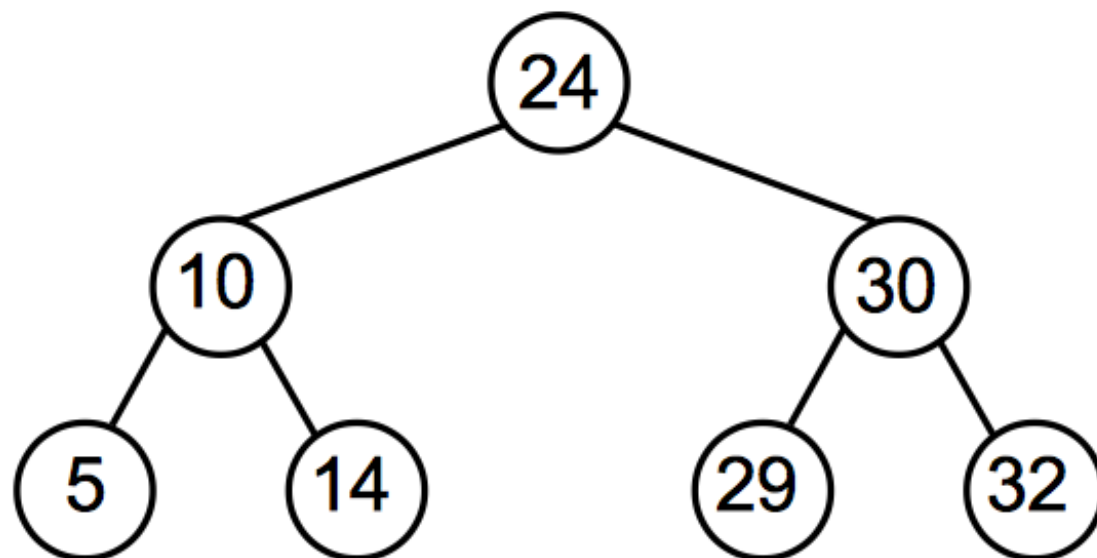
joinTrees( $t_1, t_2$ ):
|   Input   trees  $t_1, t_2$ 
|   Output  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  joined together
|
|   if  $t_1$  is empty then return  $t_2$ 
|   else if  $t_2$  is empty then return  $t_1$ 
|   else
|       curr= $t_2$ , parent=NULL
|       while left(curr) is not empty do           // find min element in  $t_2$ 
|           parent=curr
|           curr=left(curr)
|       end while
|       if parent≠NULL then
|           left(parent)=right(curr)  // unlink min element from parent
|           right(curr)= $t_2$ 
|
|       end if
|       left(curr)= $t_1$ 
|       return curr                               // curr is new root
|   end if

```

## Exercise #4: Joining Two Trees

Join the trees





## Deletion from BSTs

Insertion into a binary search tree is easy.

Deletion from a binary search tree is harder.

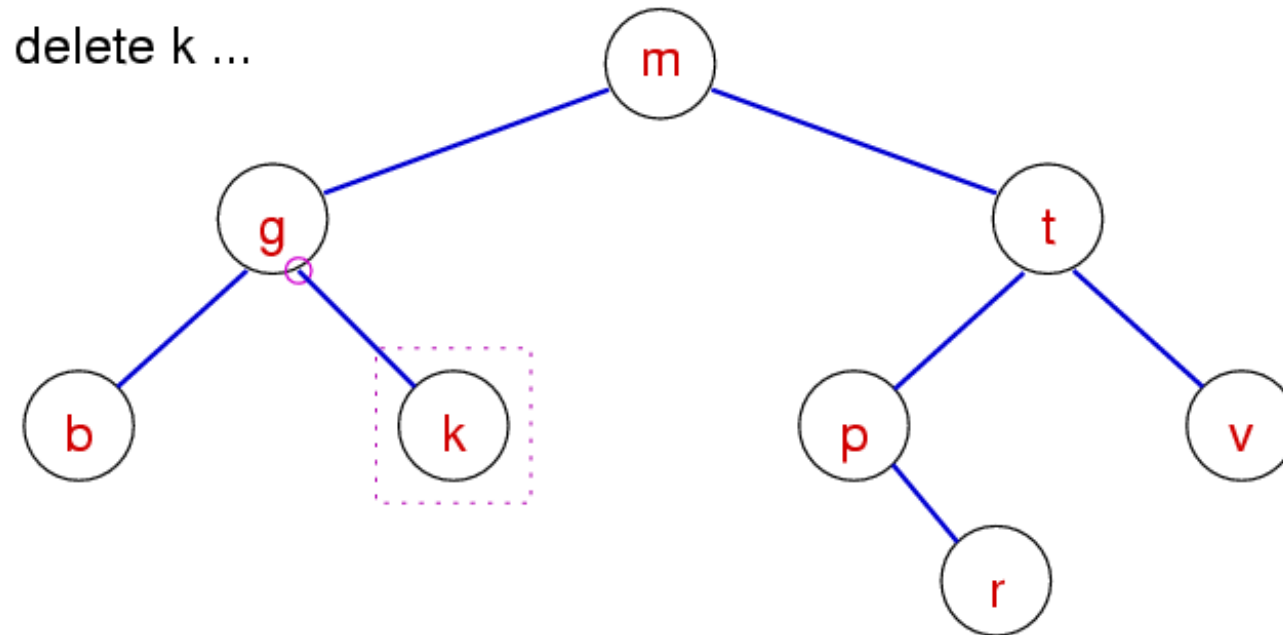
Four cases to consider ...

- empty tree ... new tree is also empty
- zero subtrees ... unlink node from parent
- one subtree ... replace by child
- two subtrees ... replace by successor, join two subtrees



## Deletion from BSTs (cont)

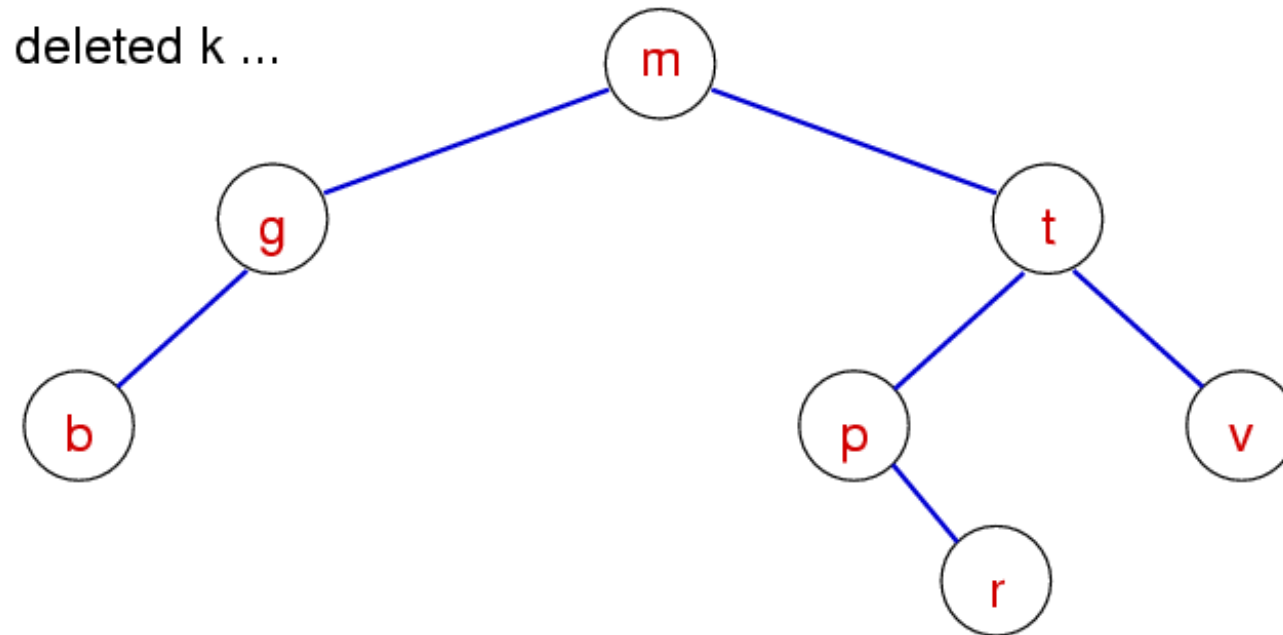
Case 2: item to be deleted is a leaf (zero subtrees)



Just delete the item

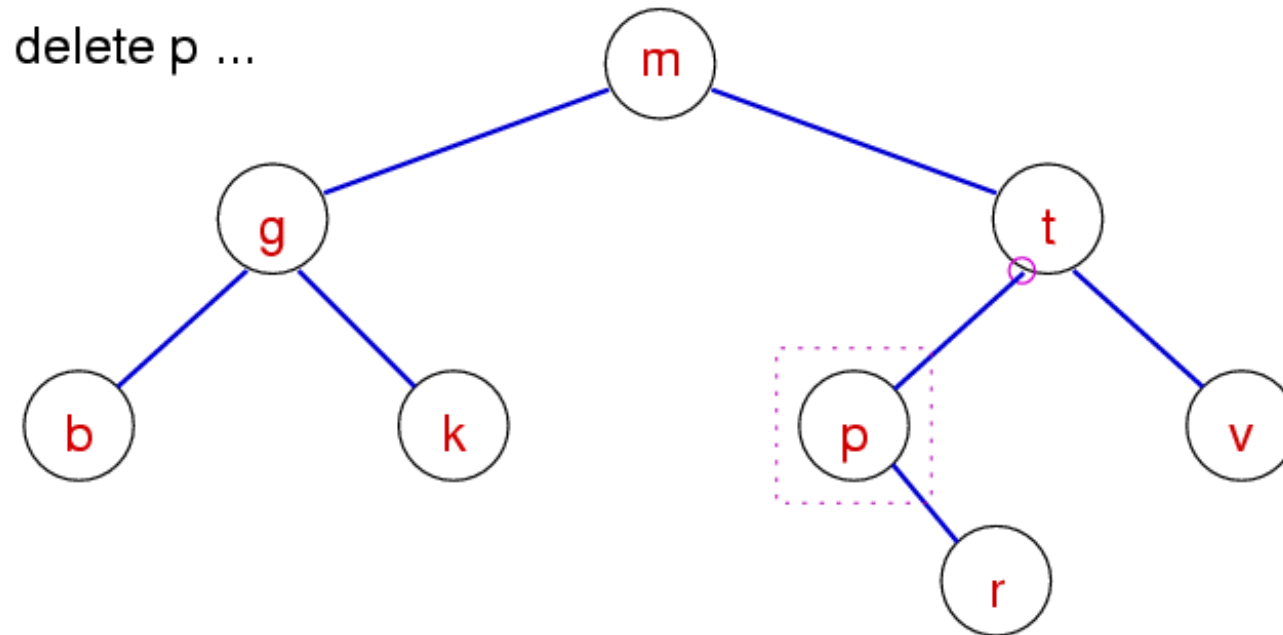
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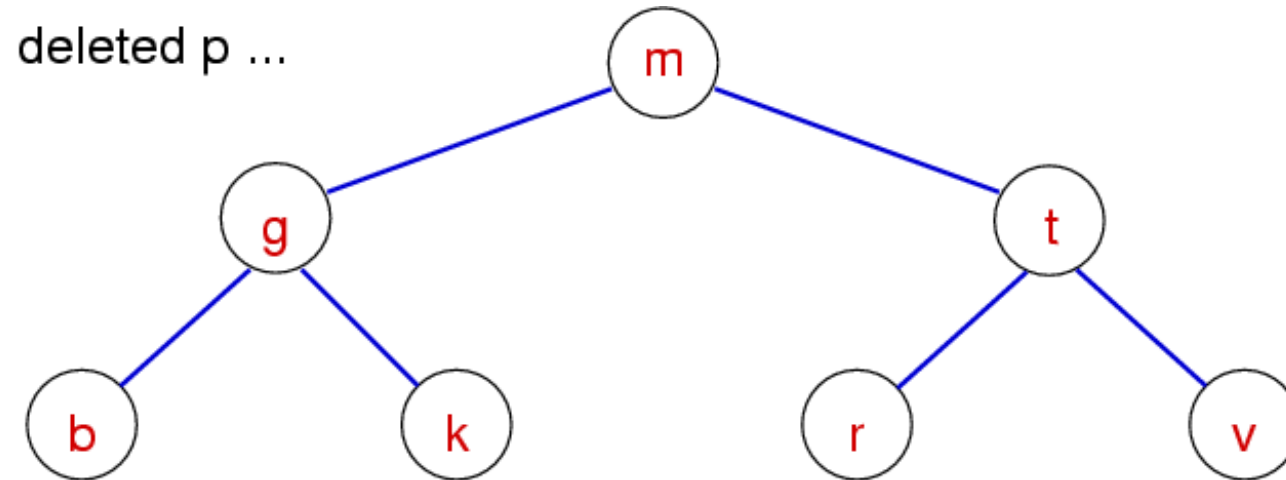
Case 3: item to be deleted has one subtree



Replace the item by its only subtree

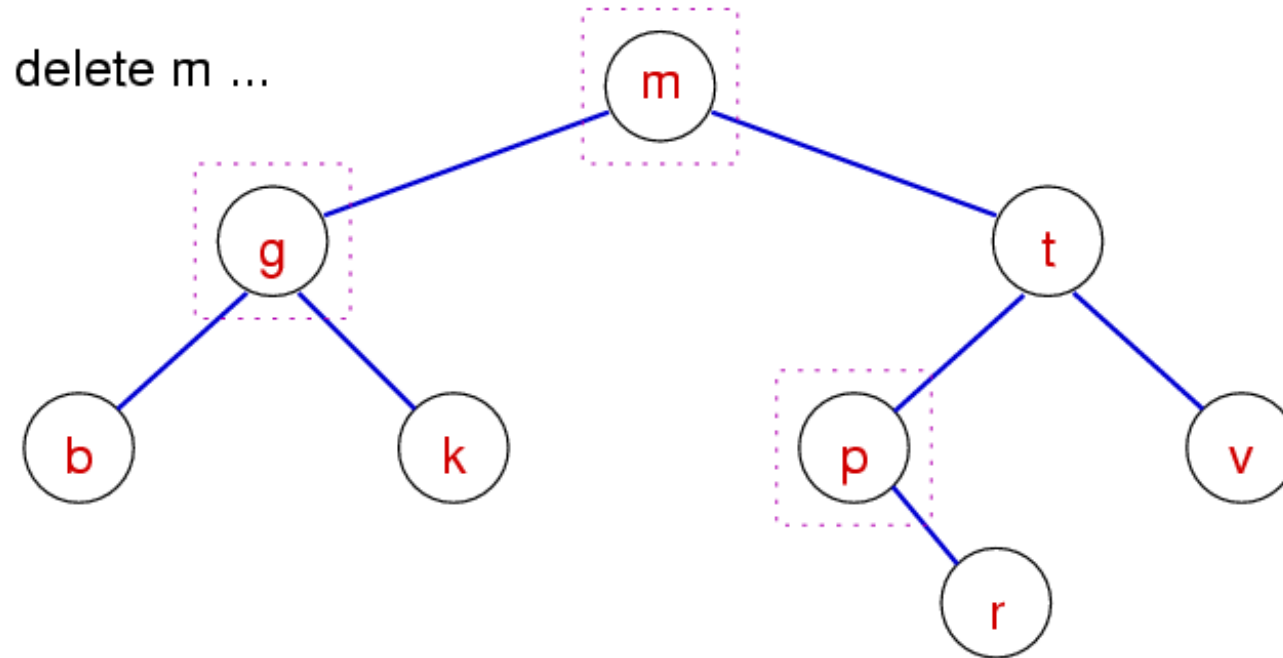
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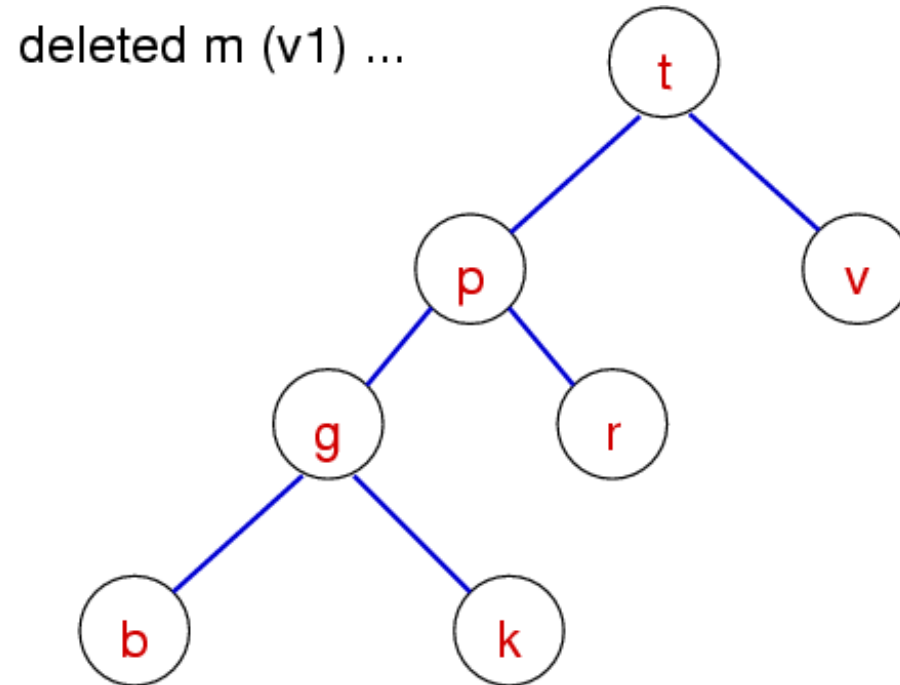
Case 4: item to be deleted has two subtrees



Version 1: right child becomes new root, attach left subtree to min element of right subtree

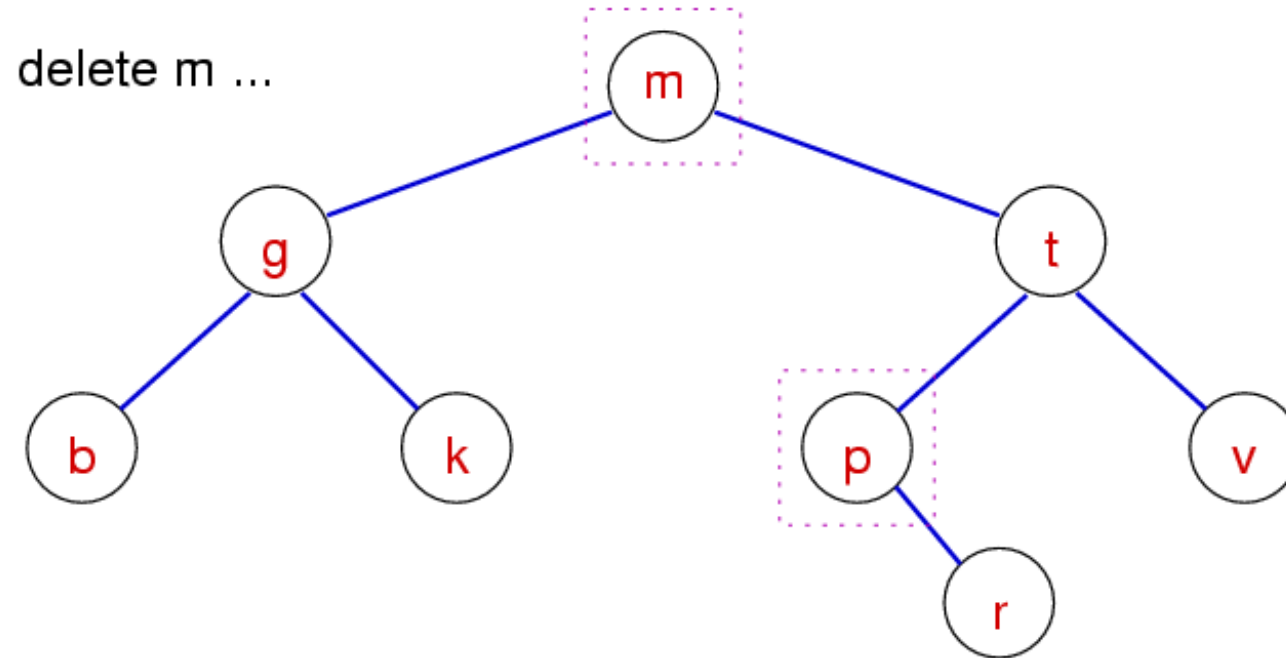
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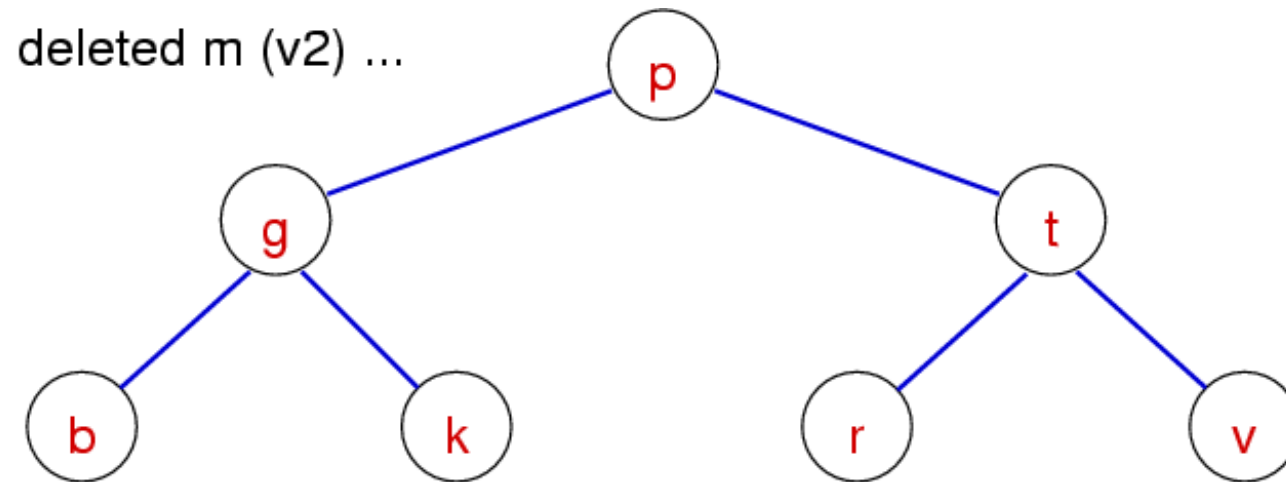
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Version 2: *join* left and right subtree

## Deletion from BSTs (cont)

Case 4: item to be deleted has two subtrees





## Deletion from BSTs (cont)

Pseudocode (version 2):

```

TreeDelete(t,item):
    Input  tree t, item
    Output t with item deleted

    if t is not empty then                // nothing to do if tree is empty
        if item < data(t) then           // delete item in left subtree
            left(t)=TreeDelete(left(t),item)
        else if item > data(t) then       // delete item in left subtree
            right(t)=TreeDelete(right(t),item)
        else                             // node 't' must be deleted
            if left(t) and right(t) are empty then
                new=empty tree             // 0 children
            else if left(t) is empty then
                new=right(t)               // 1 child
            else if right(t) is empty then
                new=left(t)                // 1 child
            else
                new=joinTrees(left(t),right(t)) // 2 children
            end if
            free memory allocated for t
            t=new
        end if
    end if
    return t

```

# Balanced BSTs

## Balanced Binary Search Trees

Goal: build binary search trees which have

- minimum height  $\Rightarrow$  minimum worst case search cost

Perfectly balanced tree with  $N$  nodes has

- $\text{abs}(\text{\#nodes}(\text{LeftSubtree}) - \text{\#nodes}(\text{RightSubtree})) < 2$ , for every node
- height of  $\log_2 N \Rightarrow$  worst case search  $O(\log N)$

Three *strategies* to improving worst case search in BSTs:

- **randomise** — reduce chance of worst-case scenario occurring
- **amortise** — do more work at insertion to make search faster
- **optimise** — implement all operations with performance bounds

## Operations for Rebalancing

To assist with rebalancing, we consider new operations:

Left rotation

- move right child to root; rearrange links to retain order

Right rotation

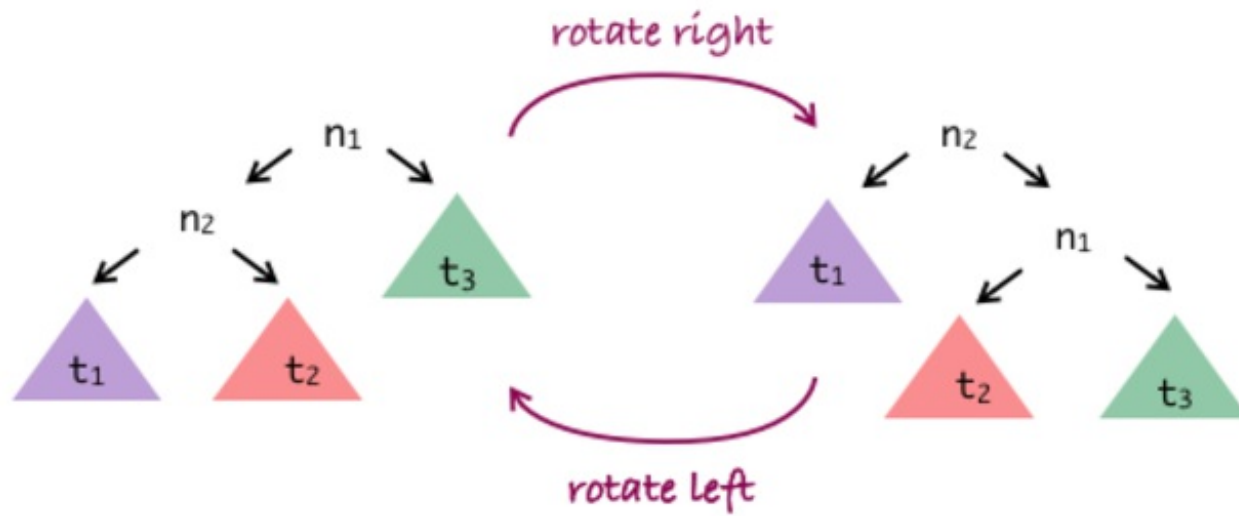
- move left child to root; rearrange links to retain order

Insertion at root

- each new item is added as the new root node

## Tree Rotation

In tree below:  $t_1 < n_2 < t_2 < n_1 < t_3$



## Tree Rotation (cont)

Method for rotating tree T right:

- $N_1$  is current root;  $N_2$  is root of  $N_1$ 's left subtree
- $N_1$  gets new left subtree, which is  $N_2$ 's right subtree
- $N_1$  becomes root of  $N_2$ 's new right subtree
- $N_2$  becomes new root

Left rotation: swap left/right in the above.

Cost of tree rotation:  $O(1)$

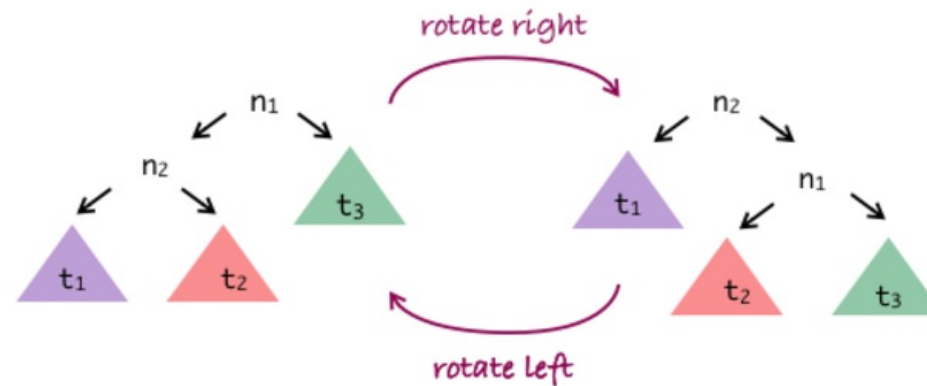
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Algorithm for right rotation:

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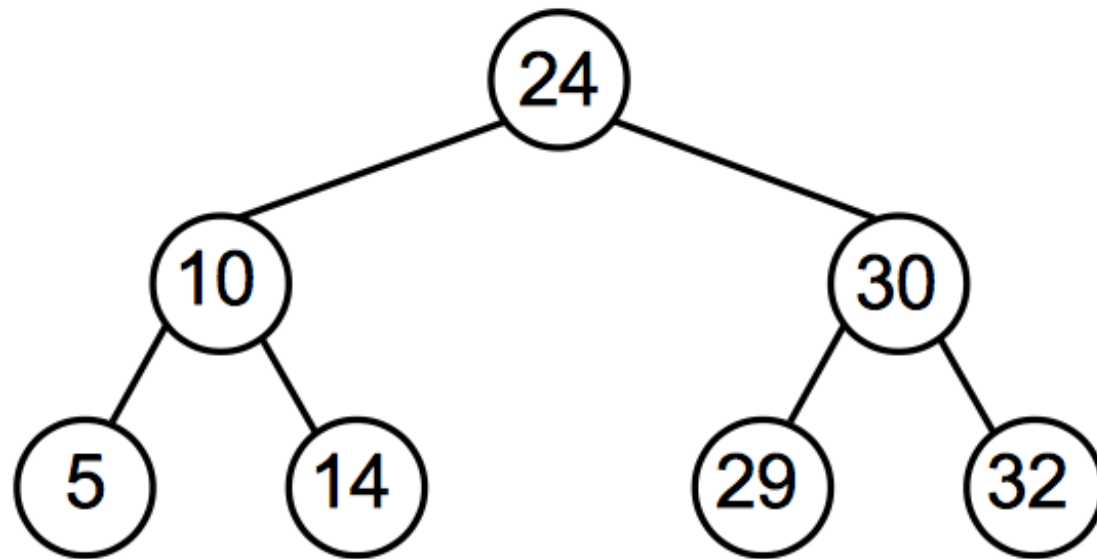
rotateRight( $n_1$ ):
  Input   tree  $n_1$ 
  Output  $n_1$  rotated to the right

  if  $n_1$  is empty  $\vee$  left( $n_1$ ) is empty then
    return  $n_1$ 
  end if
   $n_2 = \text{left}(n_1)$ 
  left( $n_1$ ) = right( $n_2$ )
  right( $n_2$ ) =  $n_1$ 
  return  $n_2$ 
  
```



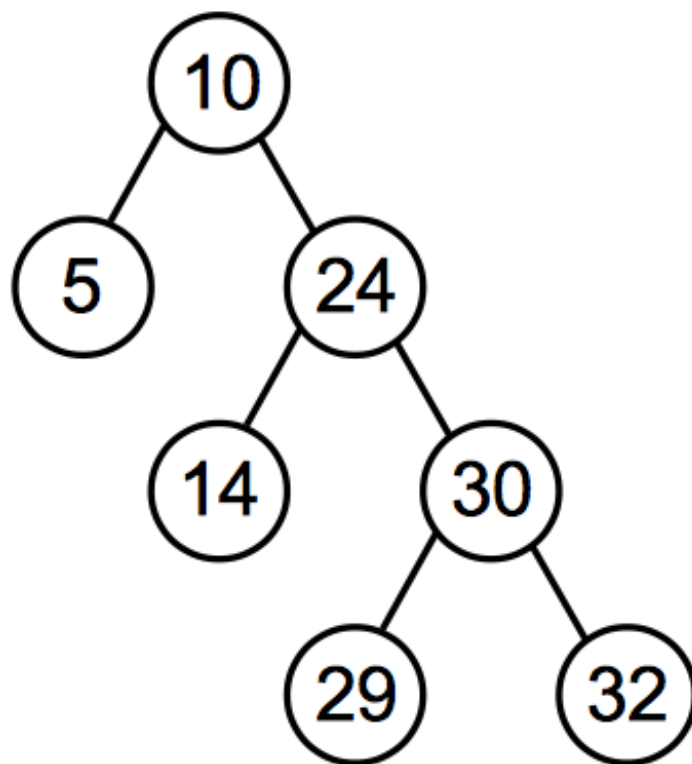
## Exercise #5: Tree Rotation

Consider the tree  $t$ :



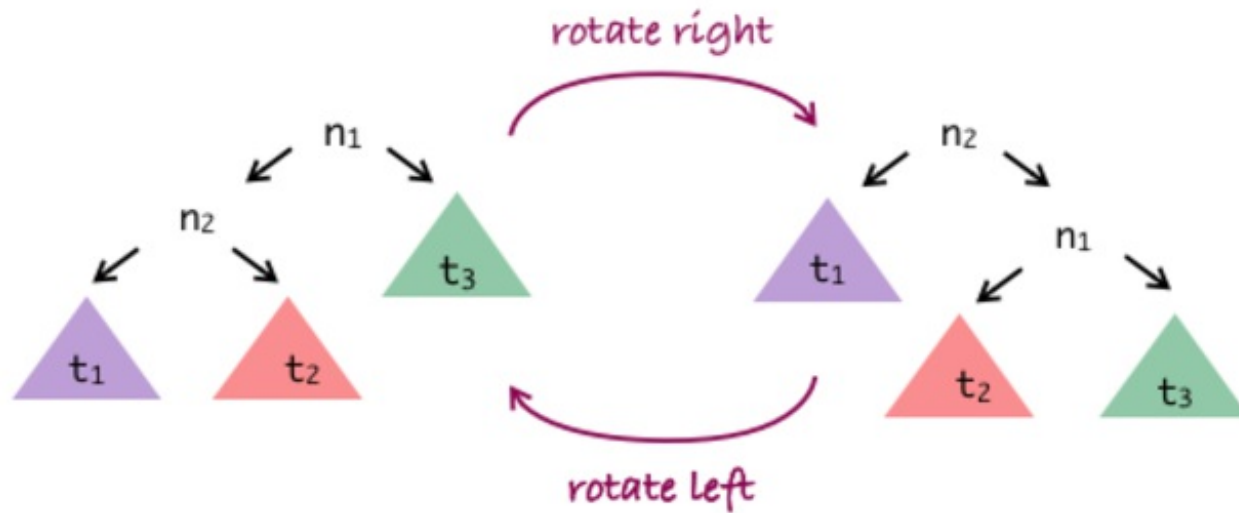
Show the result of `rotateRight( $t$ )`





## Exercise #6: Tree Rotation

Write the algorithm for left rotation



```
rotateLeft(n2):  
|   Input   tree n2  
|   Output n2 rotated to the left  
  
|   if n2 is empty ∨ right(n2) is empty then  
|       return n2  
|   end if  
|   n1=right(n2)  
|   right(n2)=left(n1)  
|   left(n1)=n2  
|   return n1
```

## Insertion at Root

Previous description of BSTs inserted at leaves.

Different approach: insert new item at root.

Potential disadvantages:

- large-scale rearrangement of tree for each insert

Potential advantages:

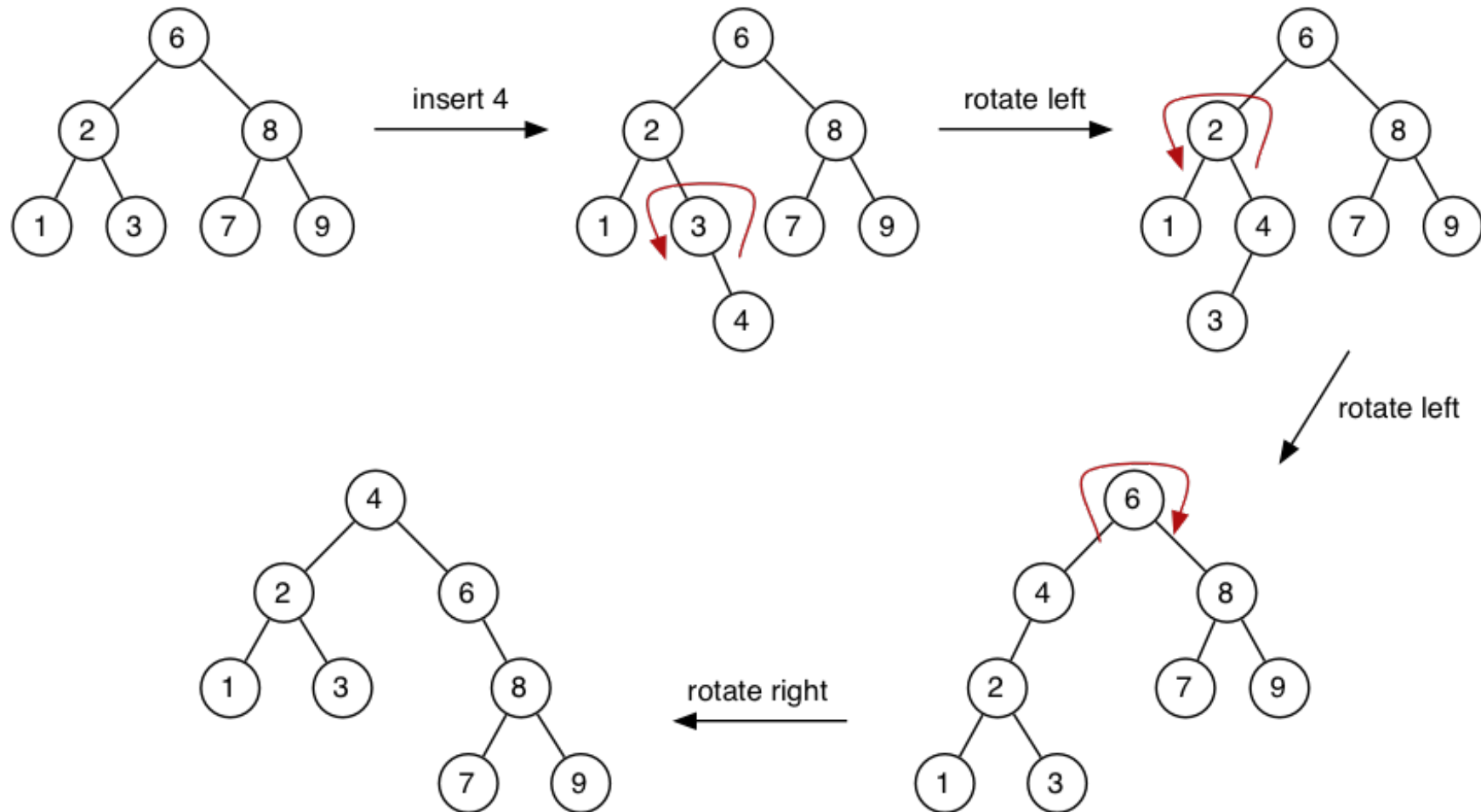
- recently-inserted items are close to root
- low cost if recent items more likely to be searched

## Insertion at Root (cont)

Method for inserting at root:

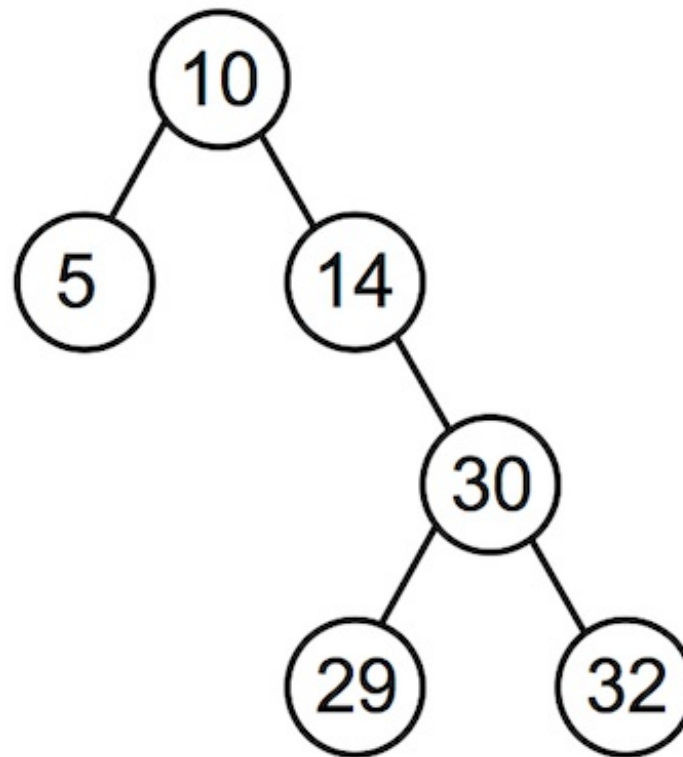
- base case:
  - tree is empty; make new node and make it root
- recursive case:
  - insert new node as root of appropriate subtree
  - lift new node to root by rotation

## Insertion at Root (cont)

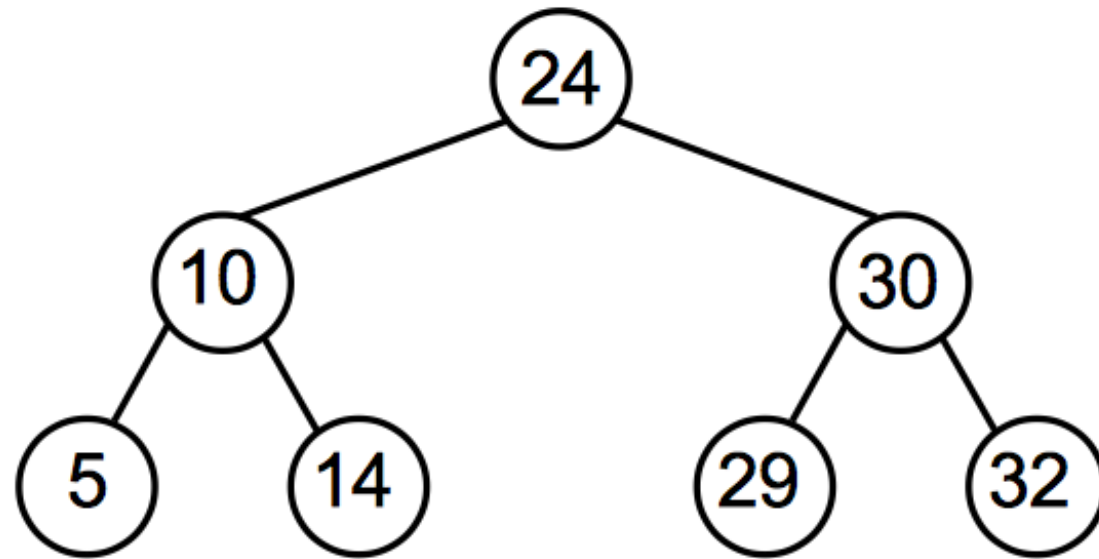


## Exercise #7: Insertion at Root

Consider the tree  $\mathbf{t}$ :



Show the result of **insertAtRoot( $\mathbf{t}$ , 24)**





## Insertion at Root (cont)

Analysis of insertion-at-root:

- same complexity as for insertion-at-leaf:  $O(\text{height})$
- tendency to be balanced, but no balance guarantee
- benefit comes in searching
  - for some applications, search favours recently-added items
  - insertion-at-root ensures these are close to root
- could even consider "move to root when found"
  - effectively provides "self-tuning" search tree

## Rebalancing Trees

An approach to balanced trees:

- insert into leaves as for simple BST
- periodically, rebalance the tree

Question: how frequently/when/how to rebalance?

```
NewTreeInsert(tree,item):
  Input   tree, item
  Output tree with item randomly inserted

  t=insertAtLeaf(tree,item)
  if #nodes(t) mod k = 0 then
    t=rebalance(t)
  end if
  return t
```

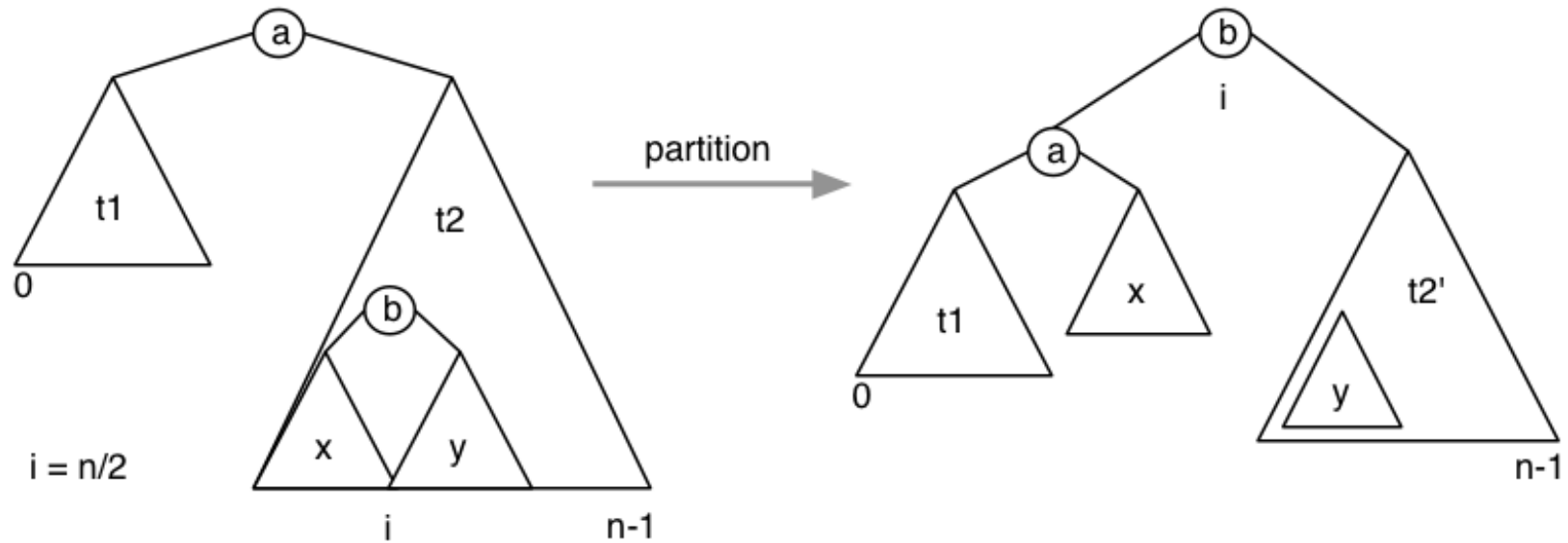
E.g. rebalance after every 20 insertions  $\Rightarrow$  choose  $k=20$

Note: To do this efficiently we would need to change tree data structure and basic operations:

```
typedef struct Node {
  int data;
  int nnodes;          // #nodes in my tree
  Tree left, right;    // subtrees
} Node;
```

## Rebalancing Trees (cont)

How to rebalance a BST? Move median item to root.



## Rebalancing Trees (cont)

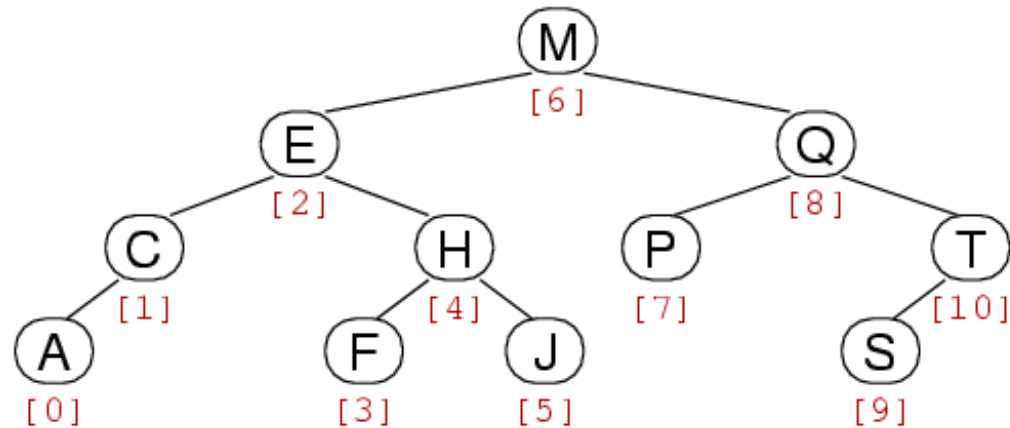
Implementation of rebalance:

```
rebalance(t):  
    Input   tree t with n nodes  
    Output t rebalanced  
  
    if n ≥ 3 then  
        | t = partition(t, ⌊n/2⌋)           // put node with median key at root  
        | left(t) = rebalance(left(t))      // then rebalance each subtree  
        | right(t) = rebalance(right(t))  
    end if  
    return t
```

## Rebalancing Trees (cont)

New operation on trees:

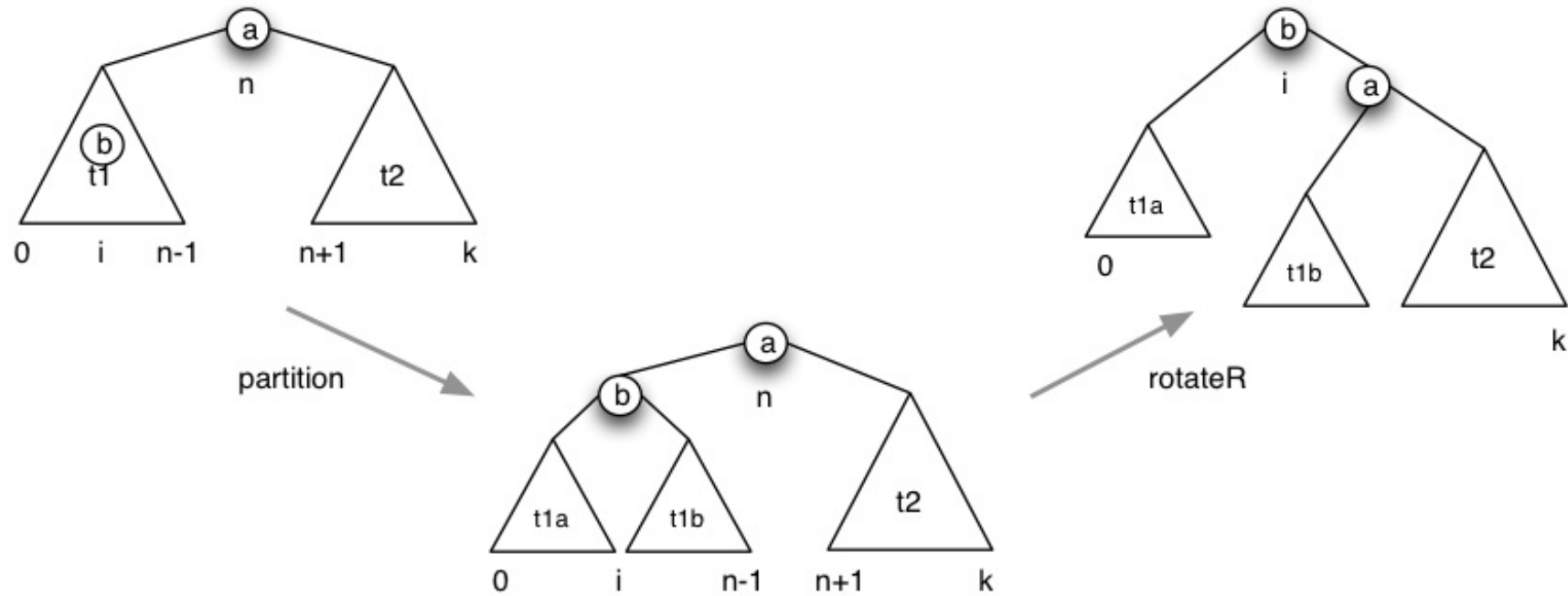
- **partition(tree, i)**: re-arrange tree so that element with index  $i$  becomes root



For tree with  $N$  nodes, indices are  $0 \dots N-1$

## Rebalancing Trees (cont)

Partition: moves  $i^{\text{th}}$  node to root



## Rebalancing Trees (cont)

Implementation of partition operation:

```

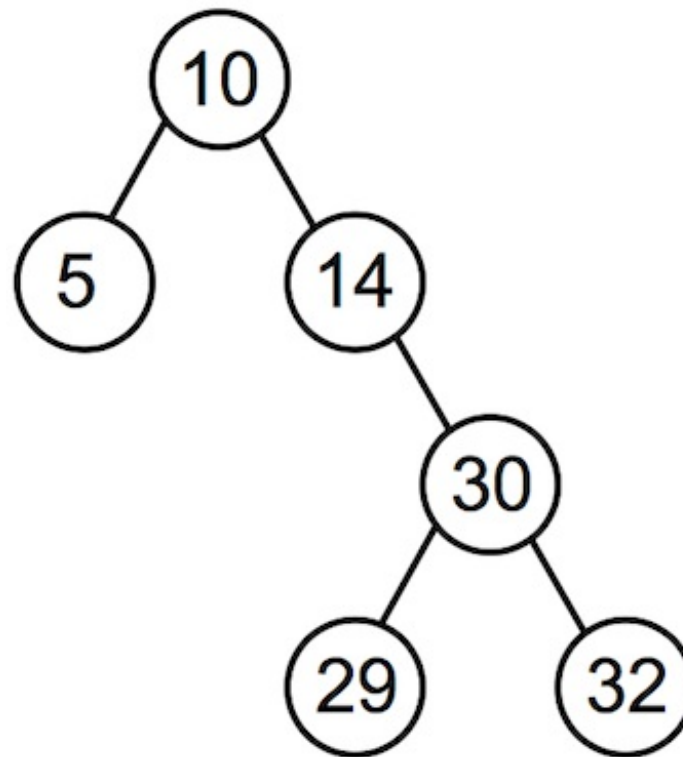
partition(tree, i):
    Input   tree with n nodes, index i
    Output tree with  $i^{\text{th}}$  item moved to the root

    m = #nodes(left(tree))
    if i < m then
        left(tree) = partition(left(tree), i)
        tree = rotateRight(tree)
    else if i > m then
        right(tree) = partition(right(tree), i - m - 1)
        tree = rotateLeft(tree)
    end if
    return tree
  
```

Note:  $\text{size}(\text{tree}) = n$ ,  $\text{size}(\text{left}(\text{tree})) = m$ ,  $\text{size}(\text{right}(\text{tree})) = n - m - 1$  (why -1?)

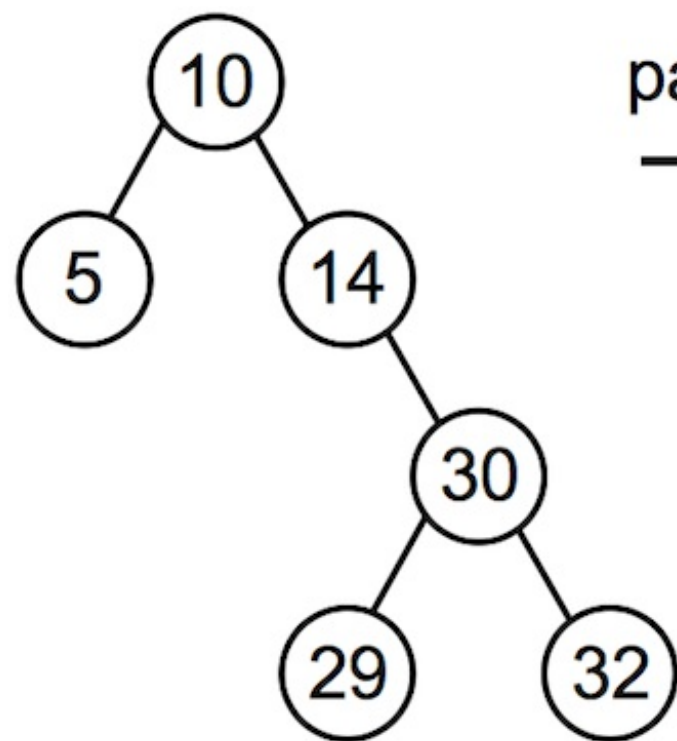
## Exercise #8: Partition

Consider the tree  $t$ :

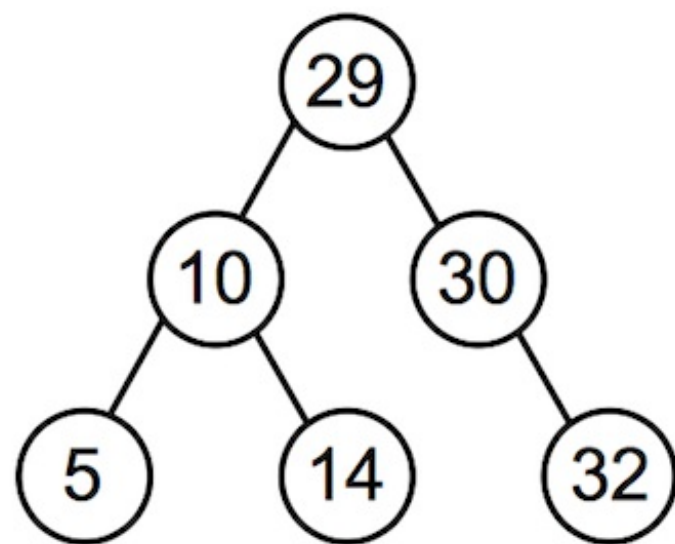


Show the result of `partition( $t$ , 3)`





partition 3



## Rebalancing Trees (cont)

Analysis of rebalancing: visits every node  $\Rightarrow O(N)$

Cost means not feasible to rebalance after each insertion.

When to rebalance? ... Some possibilities:

- after every  $k$  insertions
- whenever "imbalance" exceeds threshold

Either way, we tolerate worse search performance for periods of time.

Does it solve the problem? ... Not completely  $\Rightarrow$  Solution: real balanced trees (next week)

## Application of BSTs: Sets

Trees provide efficient search.

Sets require efficient search

- to find where to insert/delete
- to test for set membership

Logical to implement a set ADT via **BSTree**

## Application of BSTs: Sets (cont)

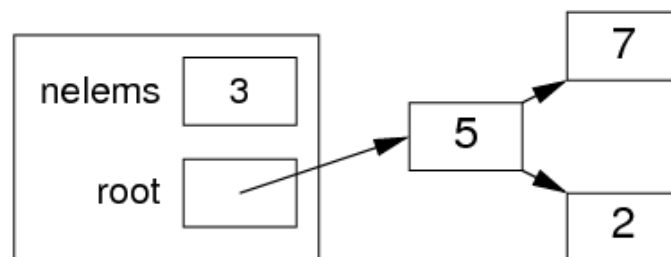
Assuming we have **Tree** implementation

- which precludes duplicate key values
- which implements

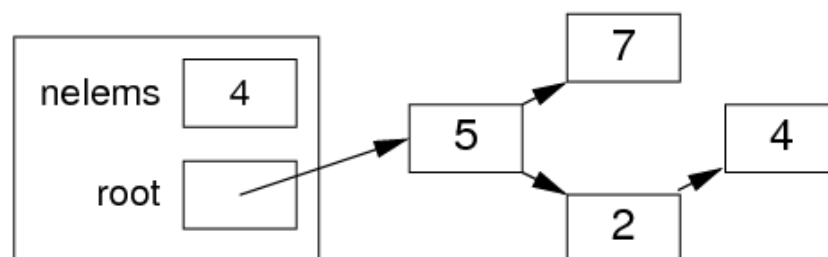
then **Set** implementation is

- **SetInsert (Set, Item)  $\equiv$  TreeInsert (Tree, Item)**
- **SetDelete (Set, Item)  $\equiv$  TreeDelete (Tree, Item.Key)**
- **SetMember (Set, Item)  $\equiv$  TreeSearch (Tree, Item.Key)**

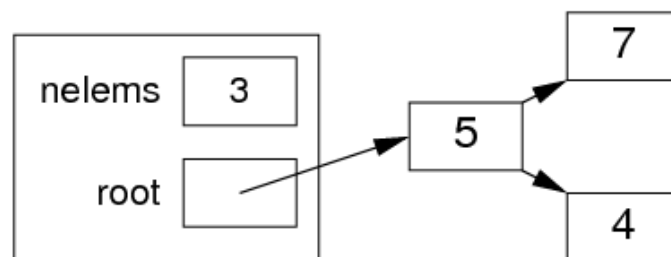
## Application of BSTs: Sets (cont)



After SetInsert(s,4):



After SetDelete(s,2):



## Application of BSTs: Sets (cont)

Concrete representation:

```
#include <BSTree.h>

typedef struct SetRep {
    int    nelems;
    Tree   root;
} SetRep;

Set newSet() {
    Set S = malloc(sizeof(SetRep));
    assert(S != NULL);
    S->nelems = 0;
    S->root = newTree();
    return S;
}
```

## Summary

- Binary search tree (BST) data structure
- BST insertion and deletion
- Other tree operations
  - tree rotation
  - tree partition
  - joining trees
- Suggested reading:
  - Sedgewick, Ch.12.5-12.6,12.8-12.9