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Binary Search Trees

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Depth First Traversal

The BinarySearchTree Python class has a .depth_first_traversal() instance method that prints the in-order depth-first traversal of the tree. The output will always be in ascending order. It takes no variables and returns nothing.

def depth_first_traversal(self): if (self.left is not None): self.left.depth_first_traversal() print(f'Depth={self.depth}, Value= {self.value}') if (self.right is not None): self.right.depth_first_traversal()

Getting a Node by Value

The BinarySearchTree Python class has a .get_node_by_value() instance method that takes in a value and returns the corresponding BinarySearchTree node, or None if it doesn't exist. The method uses recursion to search through the sides of the tree. On an averagely balanced binary search tree with N nodes, the performance would be O(logN), just like the Binary Search algorithm.

def get_node_by_value(self, value): if (self.value == value): return self elif ((self.left is not None) and (value < self.value)): return self.left.get_node_by_value(value) elif ((self.right is not None) and (value >= self.value)): return self.right.get_node_by_value(value) else: return None

Insertion

The BinarySearchTree Python class has an .insert() method that takes in a value and uses recursion to add a new node to the tree while maintaining the binary tree property. The method returns nothing. On an averagely balanced binary search tree with N nodes, the performance would be O(logN).

```
def insert(self, value):
   if (value < self.value):</pre>
     if (self.left is None):
        self.left = BinarySearchTree(value,
self.depth + 1)
        print(f'Tree node {value} added to the left
of {self.value} at depth {self.depth + 1}')
      else:
        self.left.insert(value)
    else:
      if (self.right is None):
        self.right = BinarySearchTree(value,
self.depth + 1)
        print(f'Tree node {value} added to the
right of {self.value} at depth {self.depth + 1}')
      else:
        self.right.insert(value)
```

Constructor

The Python implementation of the BinarySearchTree class should contain value and depth instance variables, as well as left and right pointers. The constructor has the following parameters:

- value
- depth, which has a default value of 1

The left and right pointers are set to None in the constructor.

```
def __init__(self, value, depth=1):
 self.value = value
 self.depth = depth
 self.left = None
 self.right = None
```

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