

# CSCI 136

# Data Structures &

# Advanced Programming

Traversing Trees using Iterators

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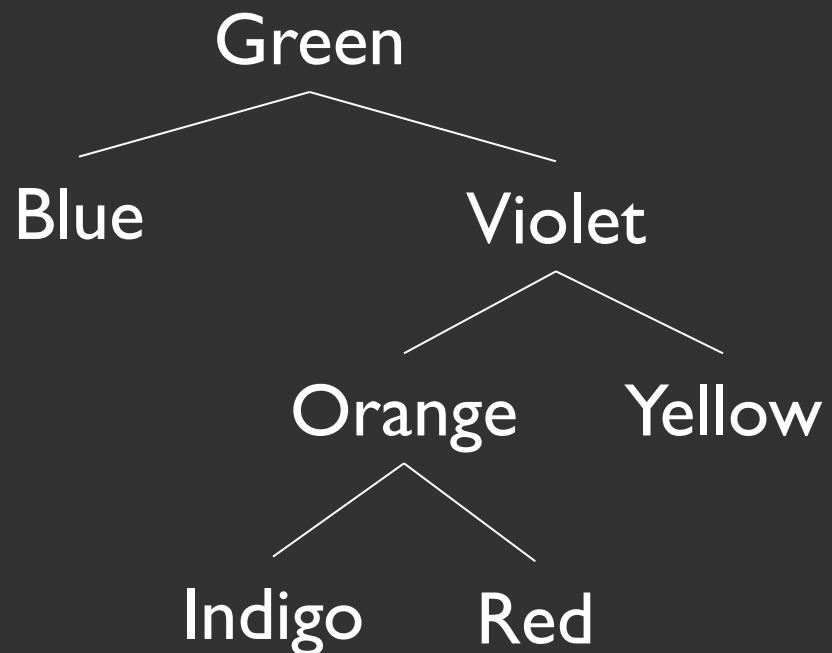
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- **Challenge:** We must phrase algorithm steps in terms of `next()` and `hasNext()`
  - Recursive methods don't convert as easily, so, let's start with the most "straightforward" traversal order: level-order!

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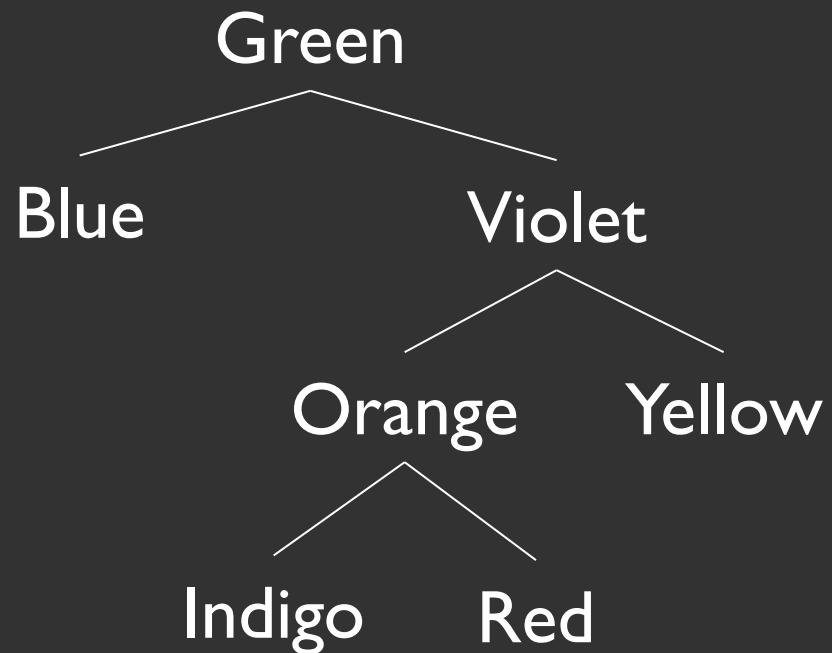
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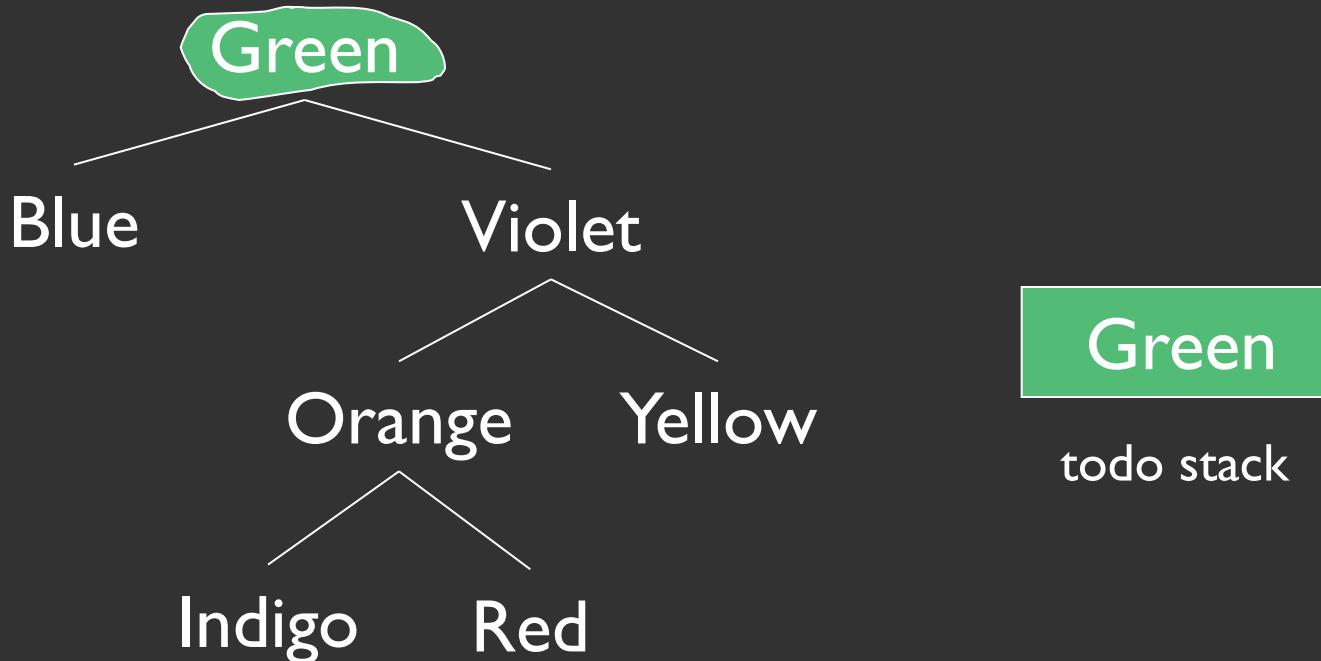
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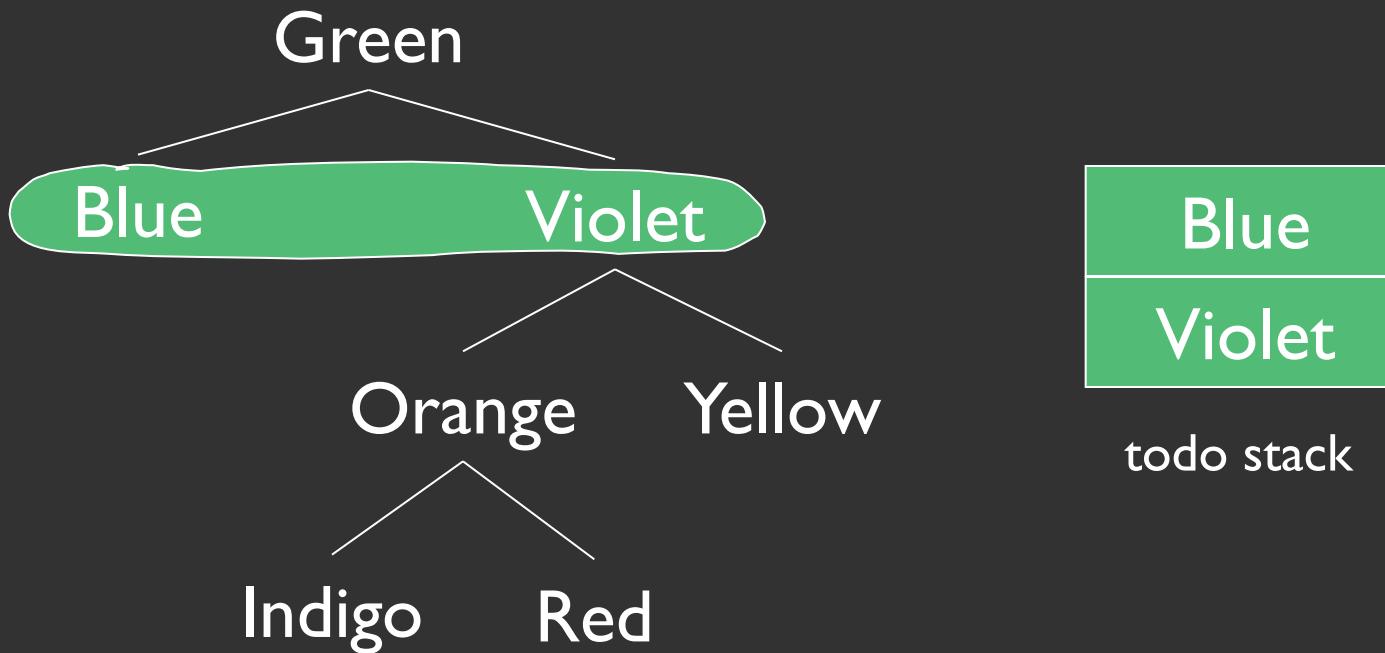
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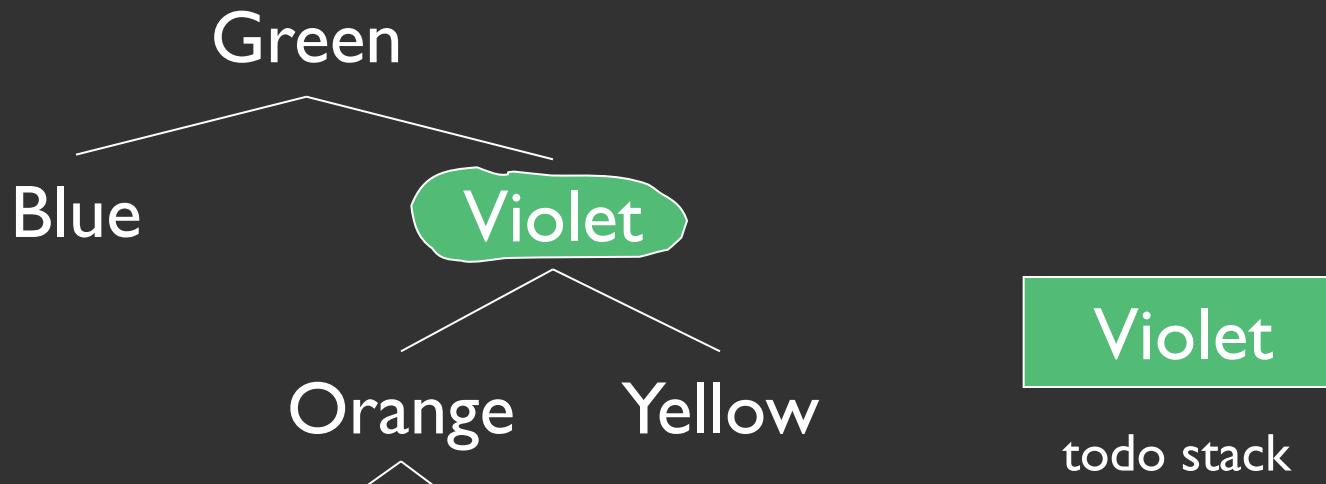
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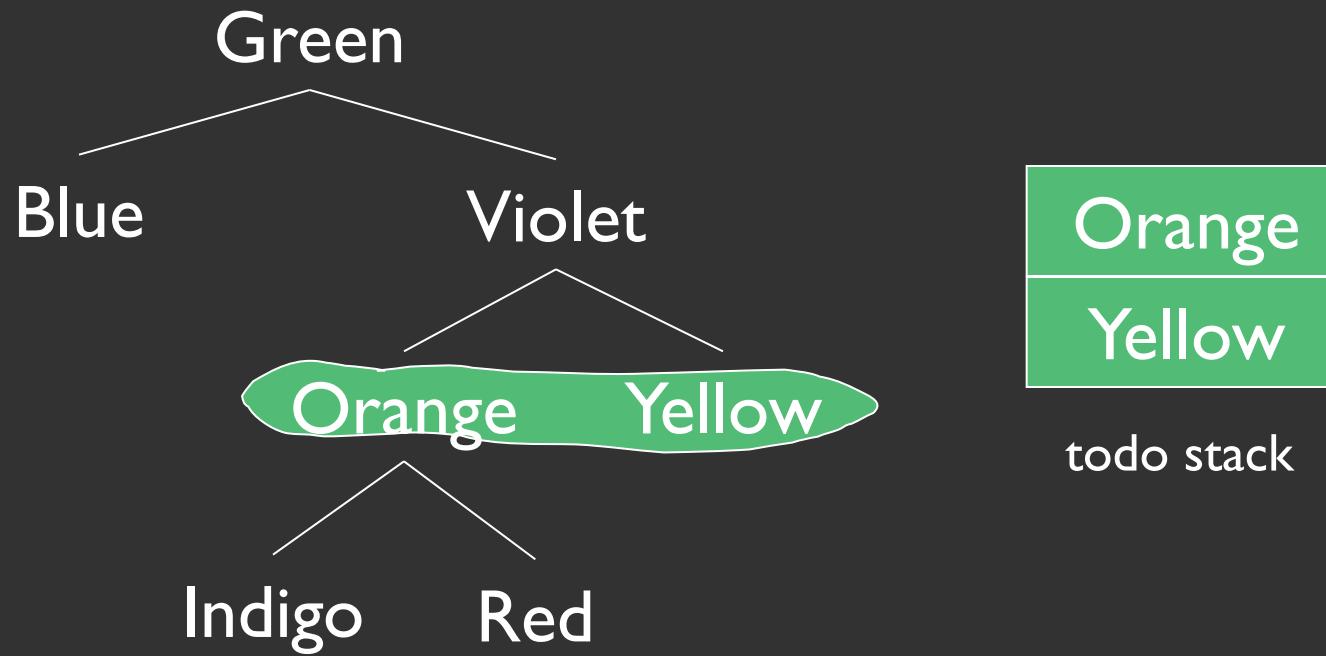
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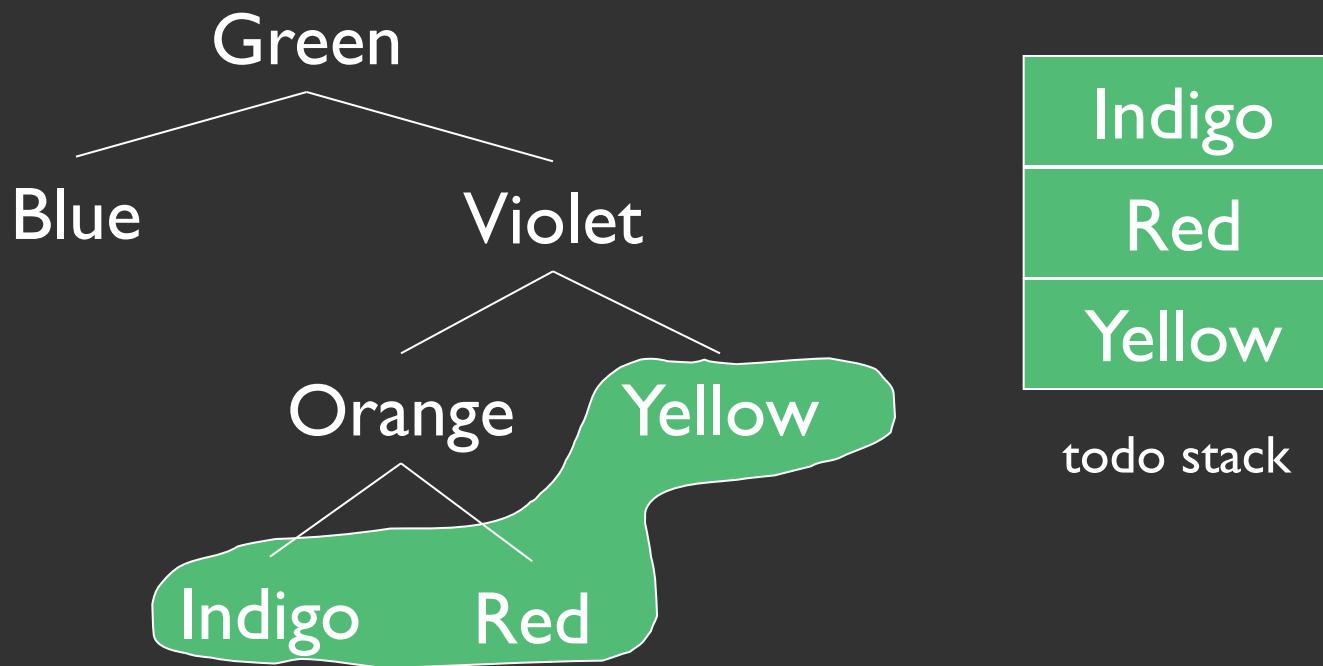
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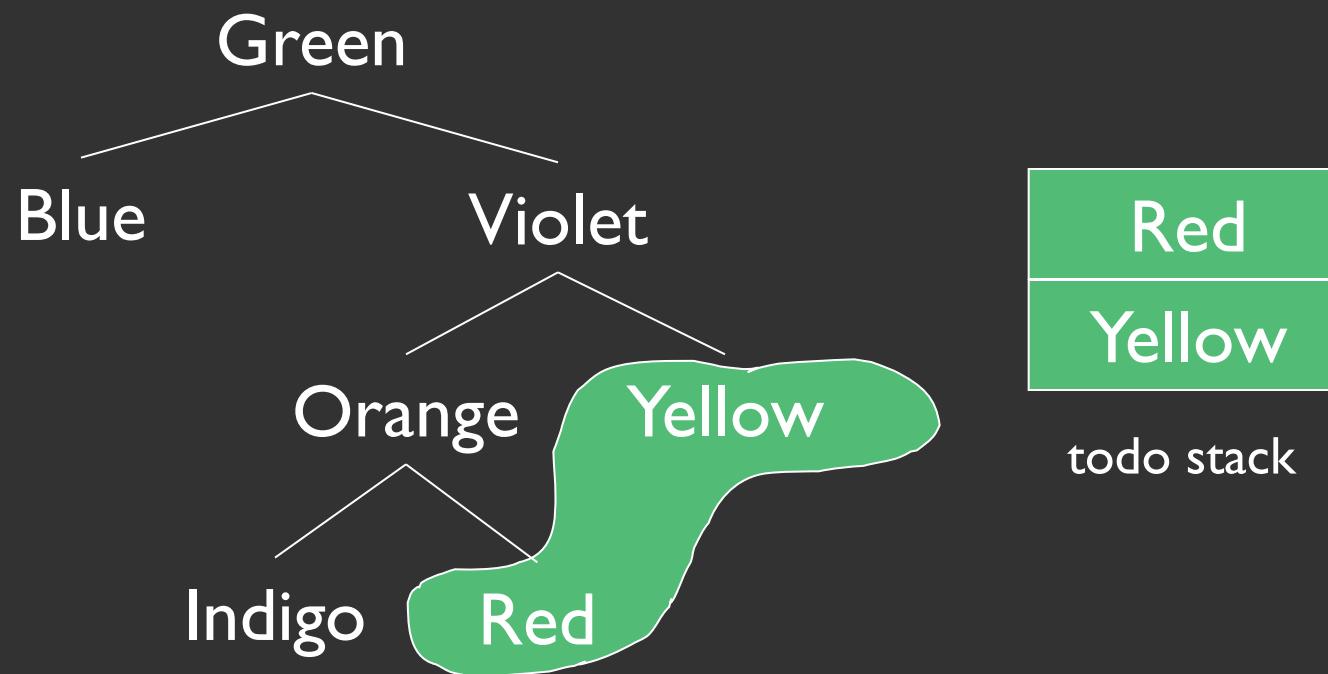
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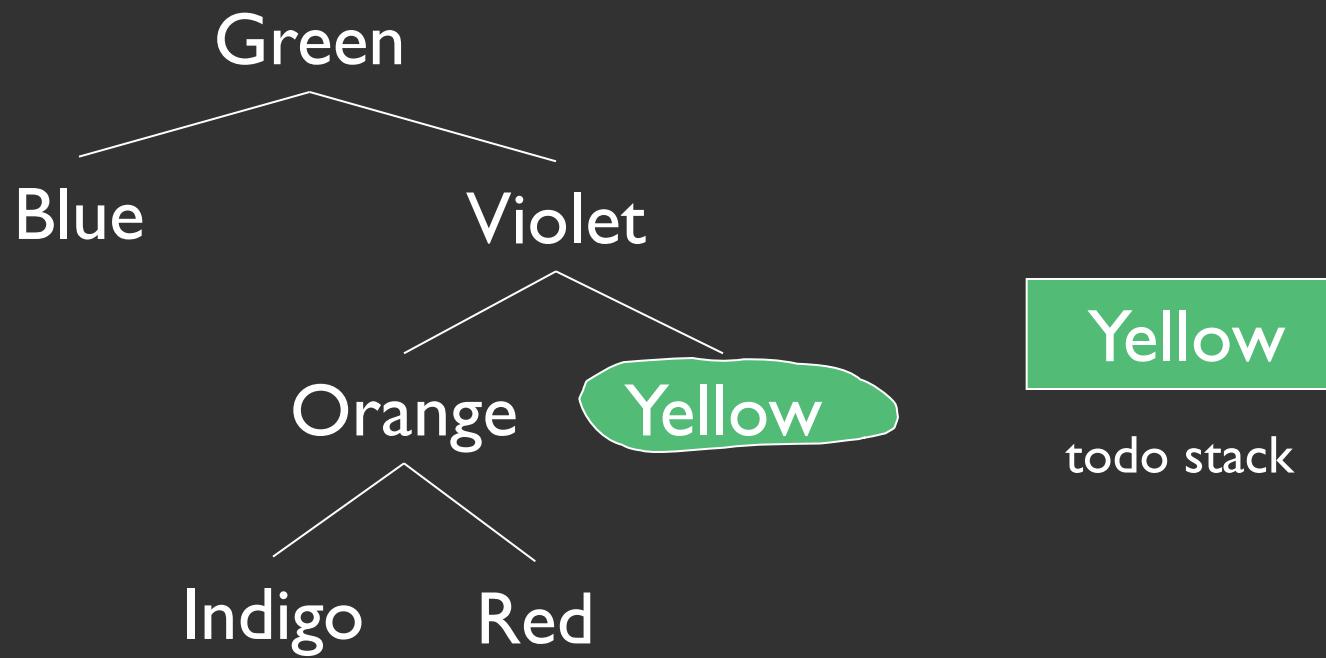
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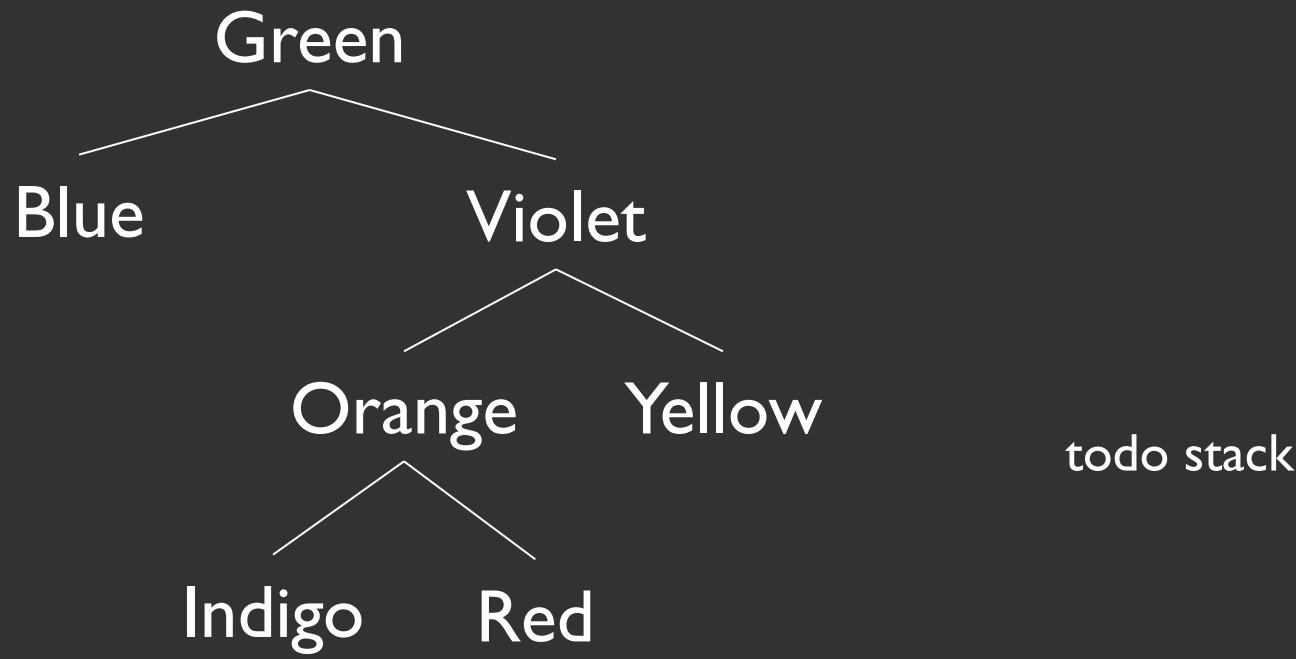
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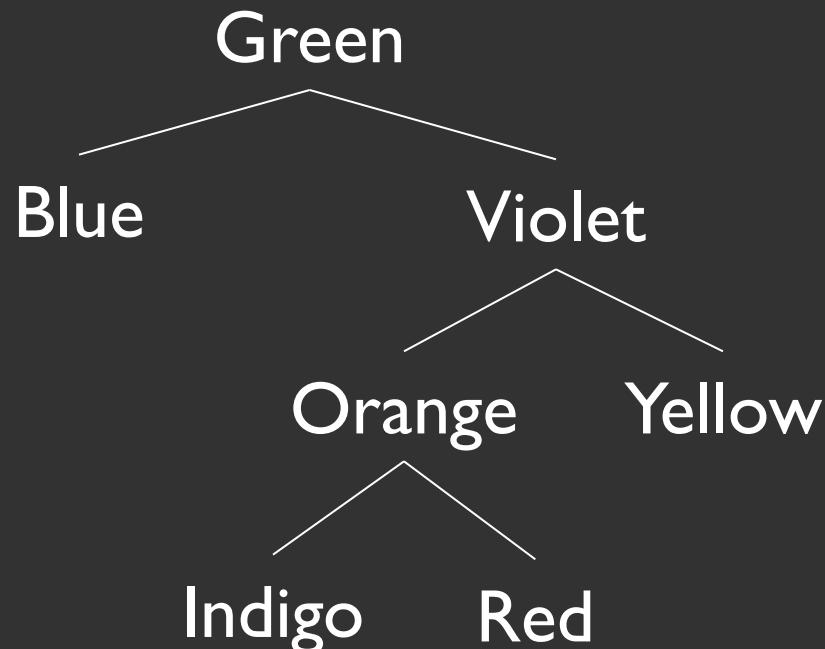
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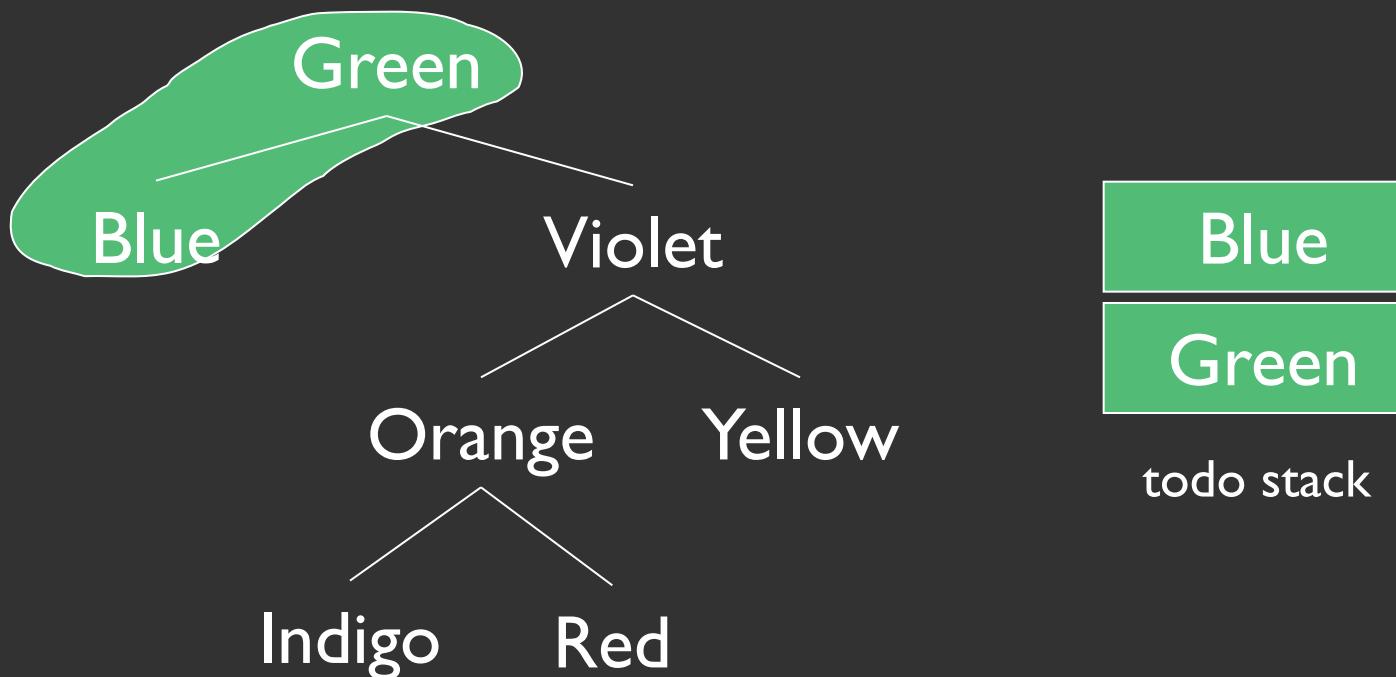
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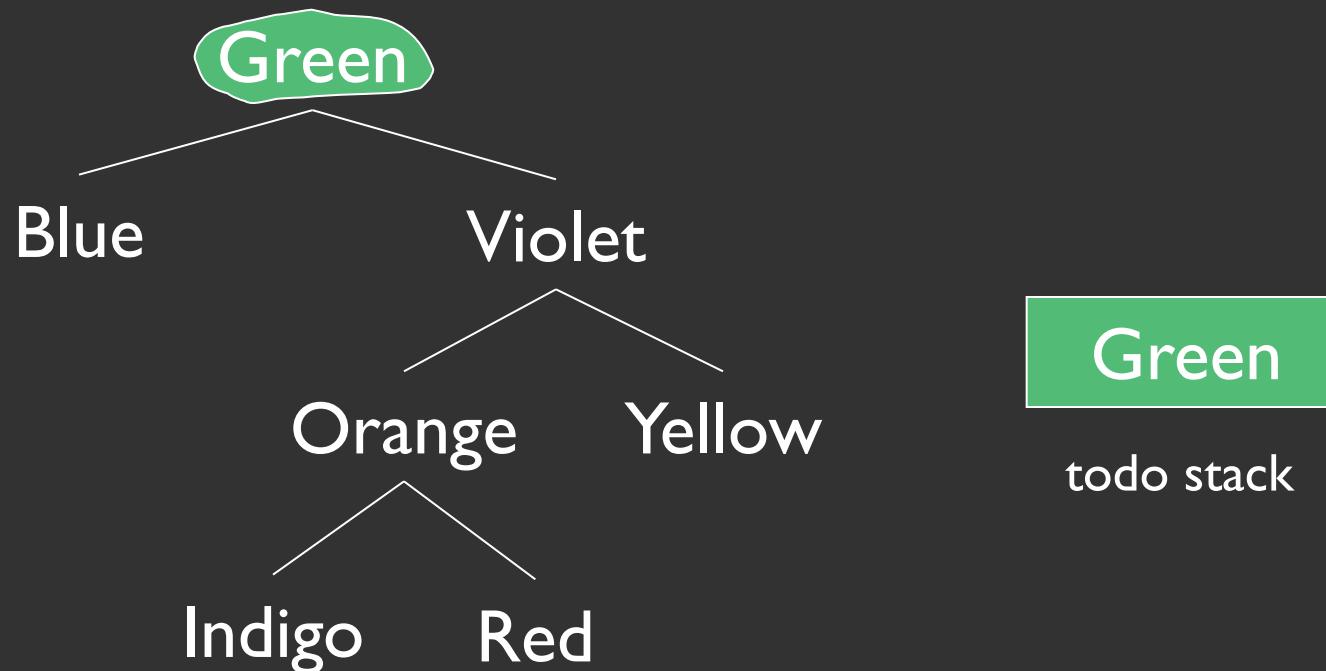
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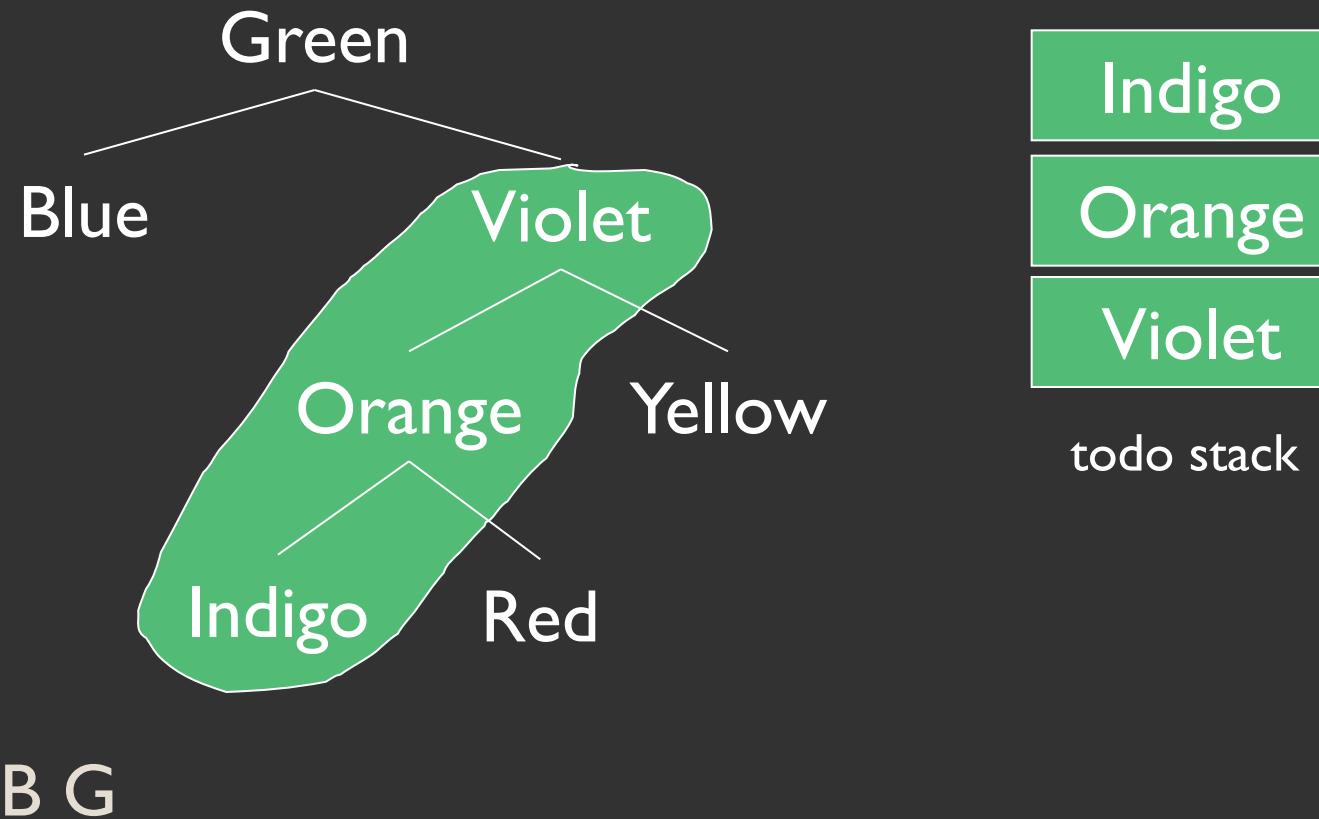
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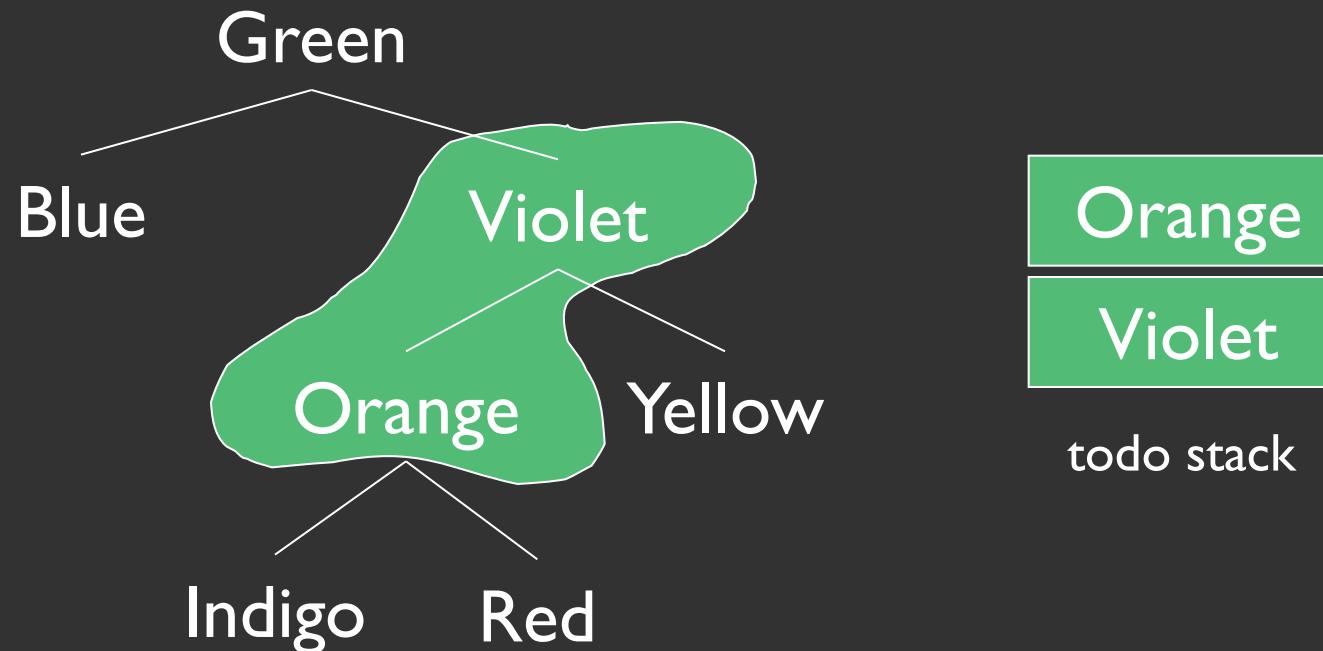
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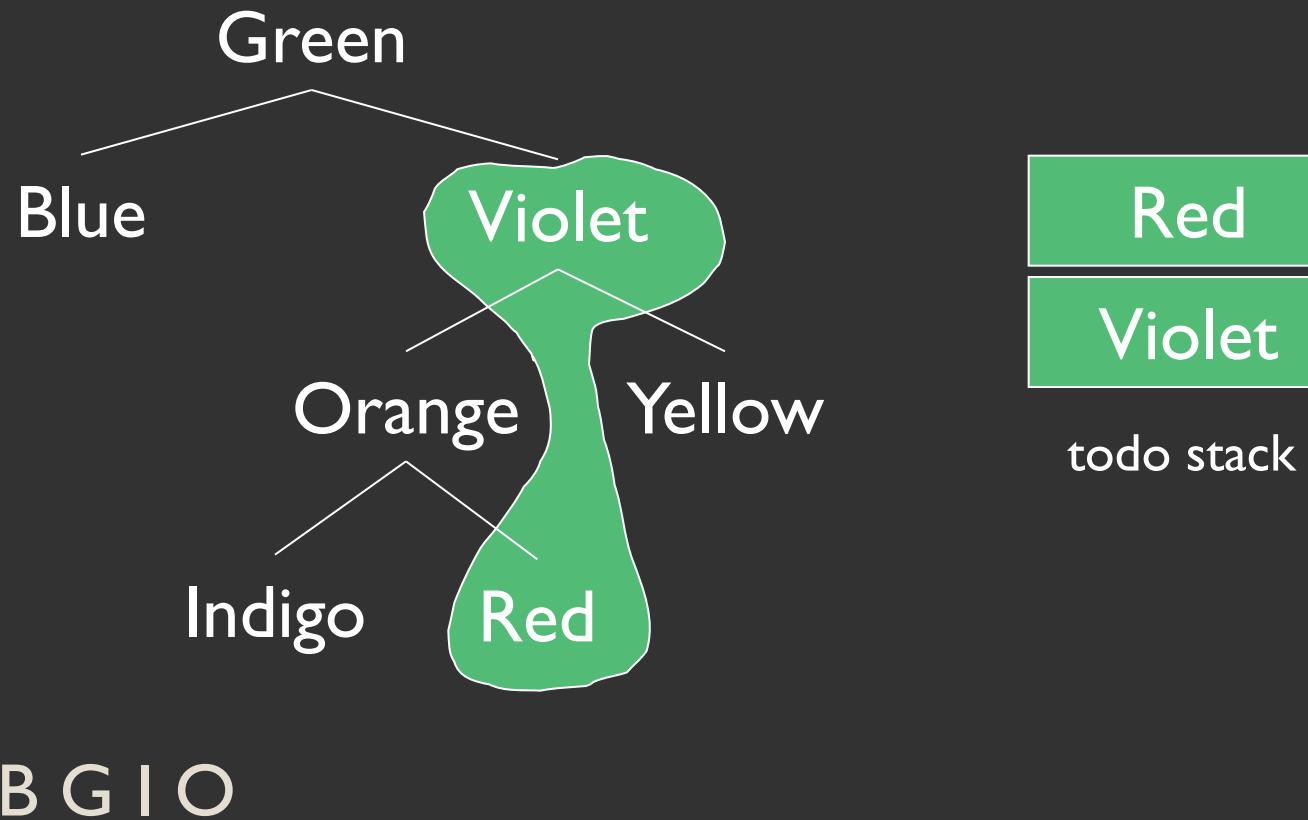
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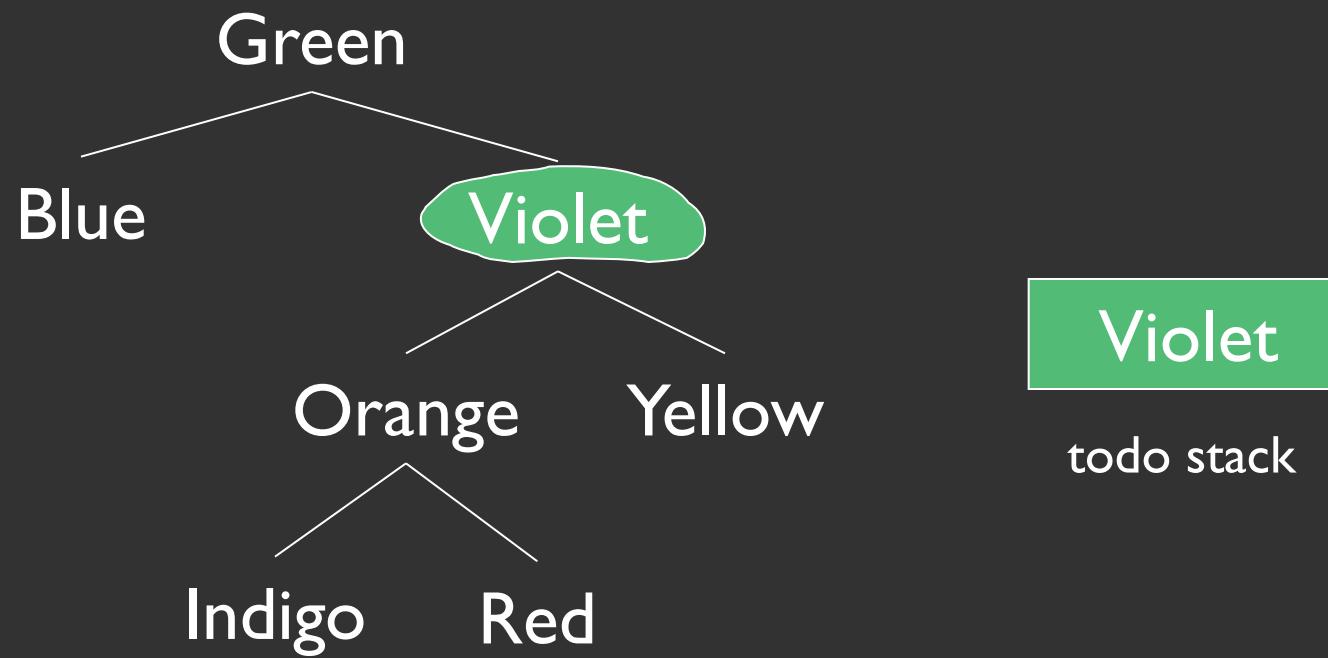
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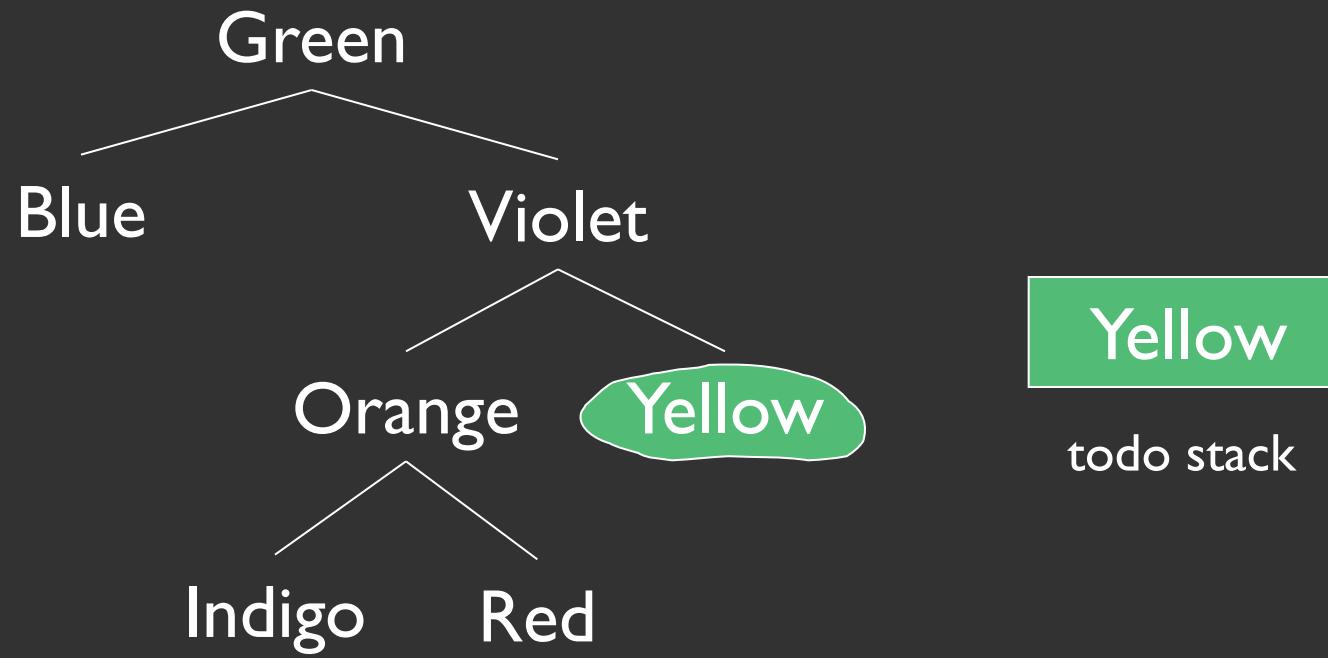
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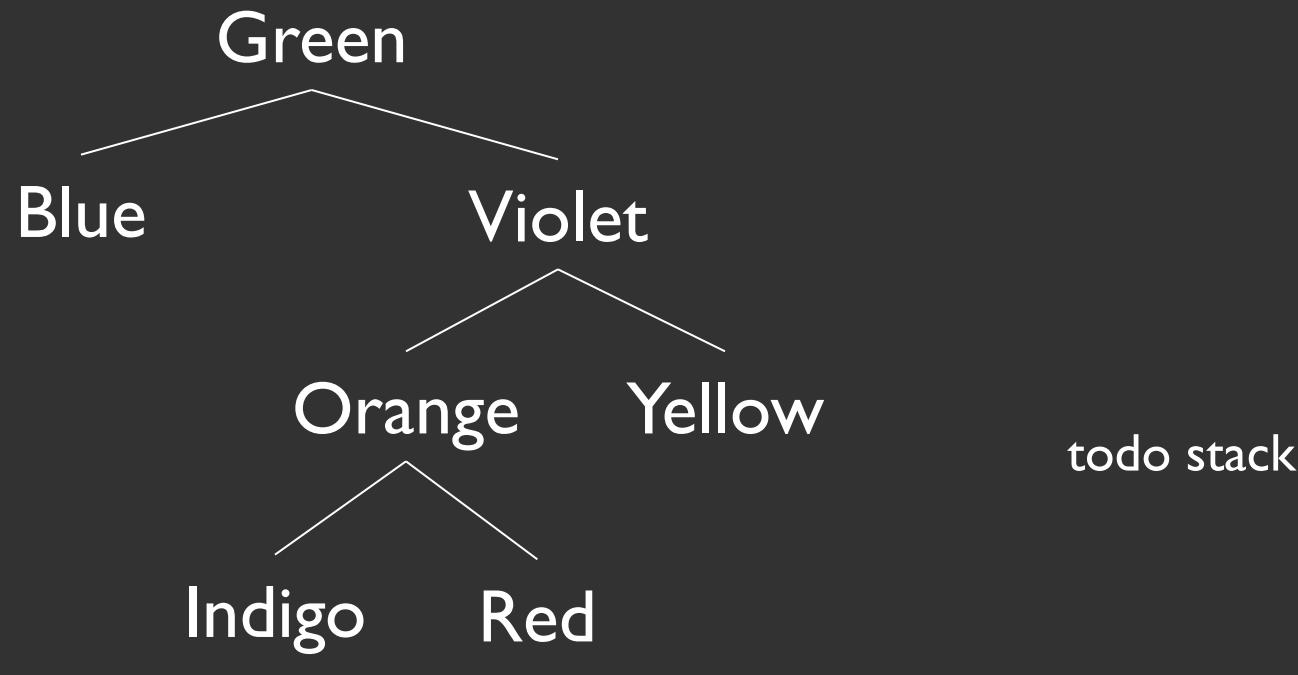
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    reset();  
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        children  
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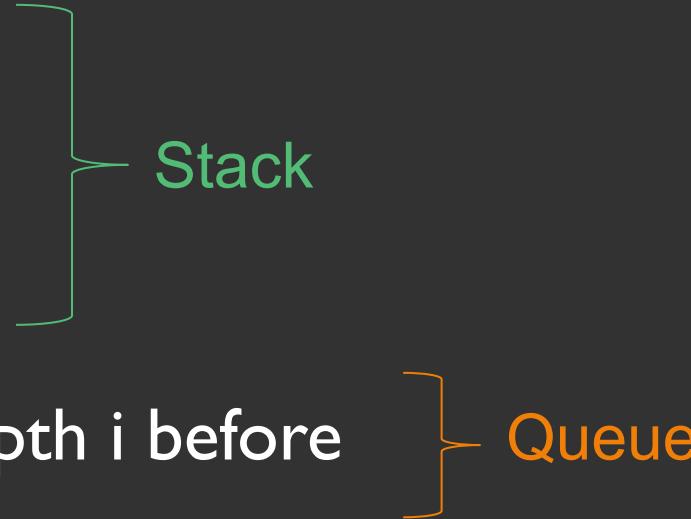
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# Final Thoughts

- Iterators continue to provide a useful service: common structure to enumerate the contents of a data structures
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- The best iterator for the task at hand will depend on our problem and our goals. So think critically!



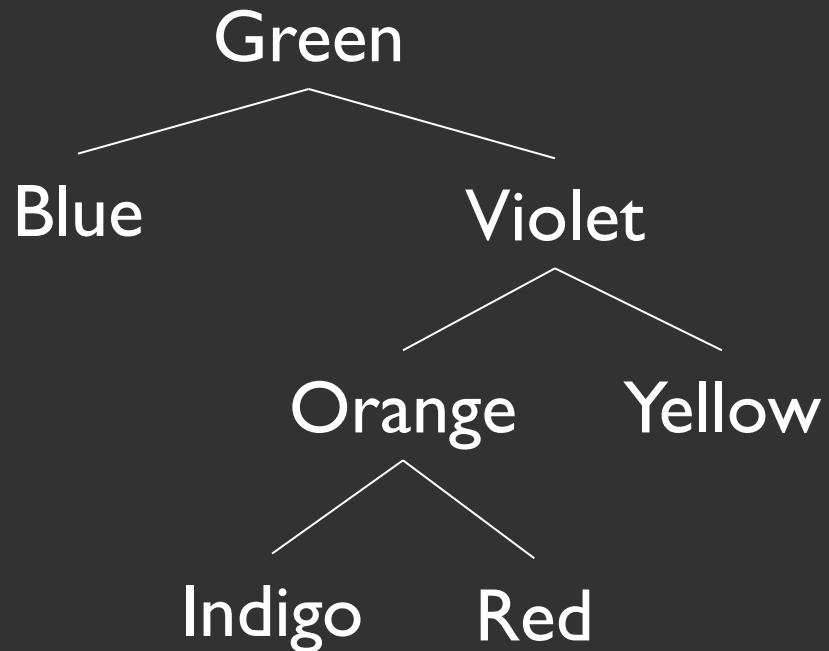
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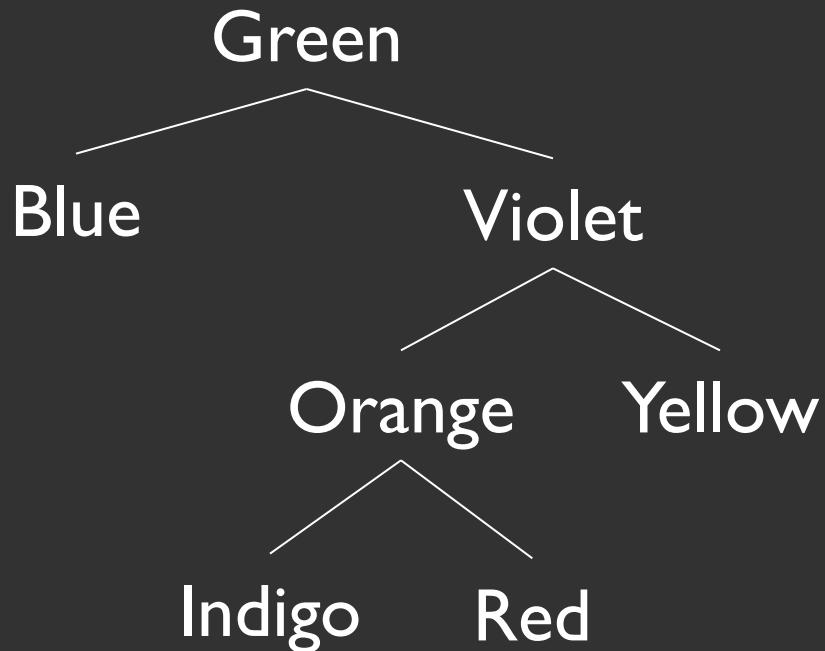
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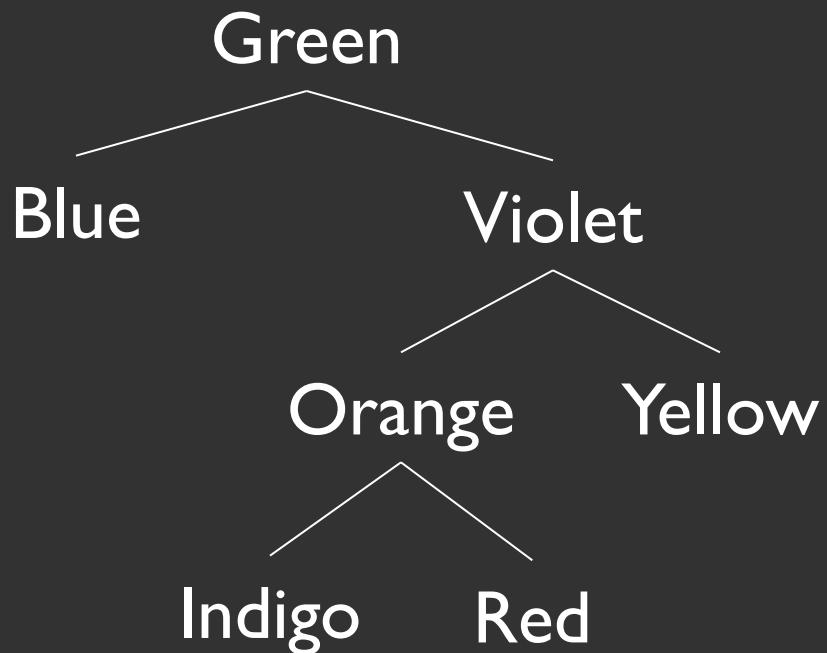


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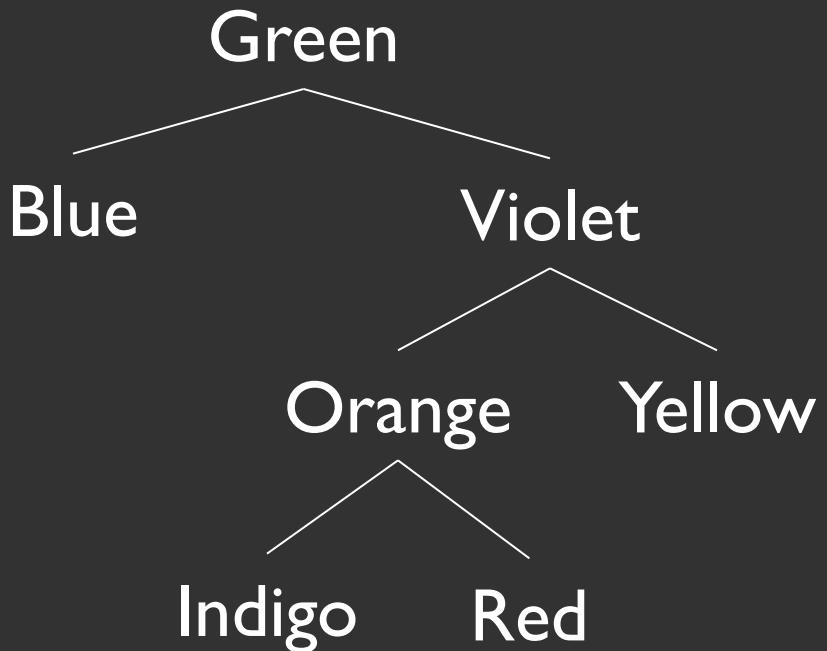
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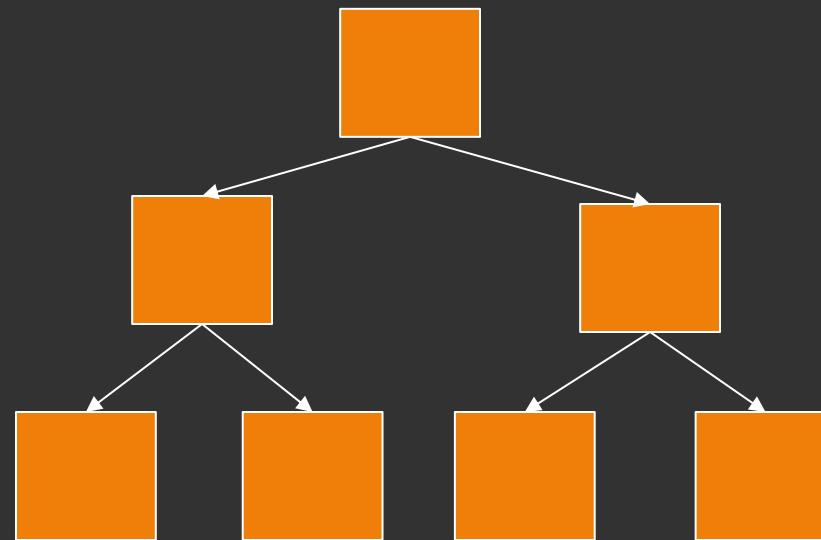
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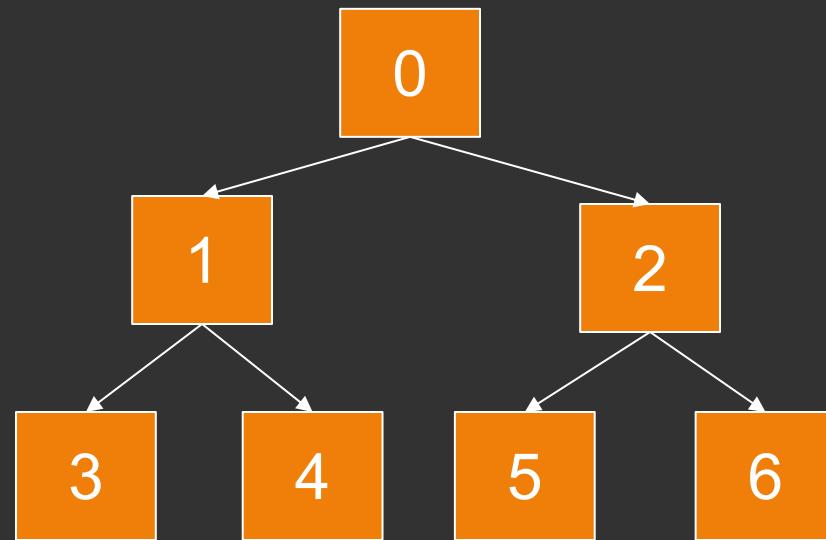


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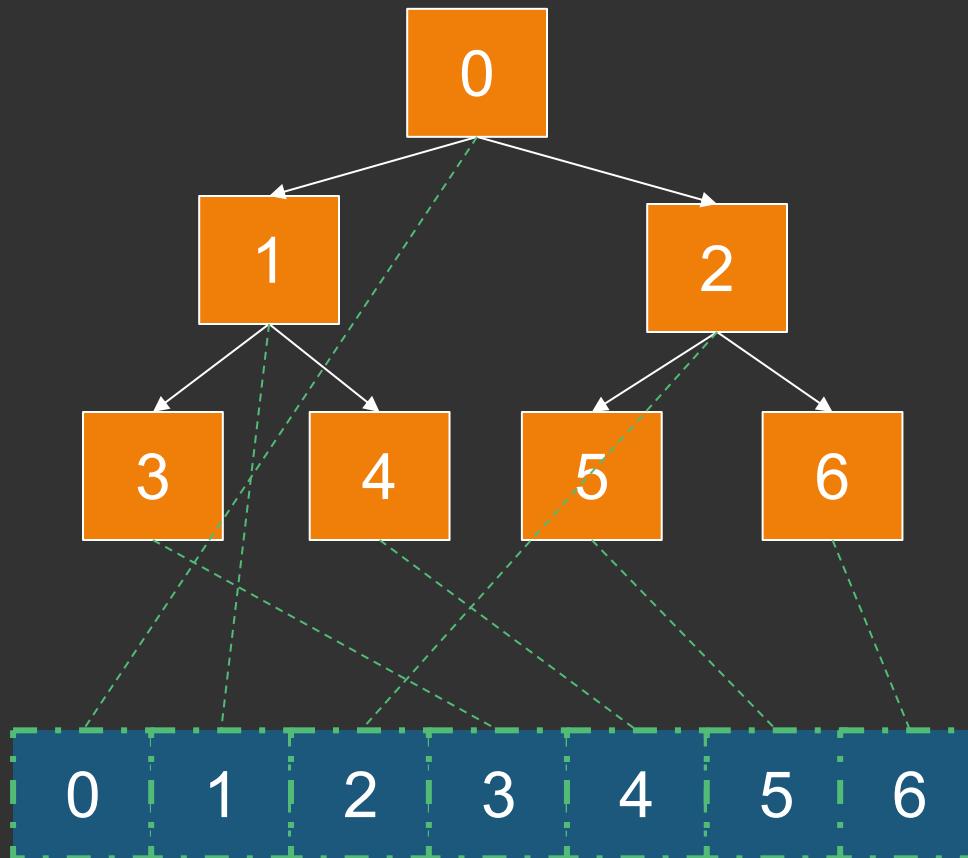
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# Store them in An Array at that Index!



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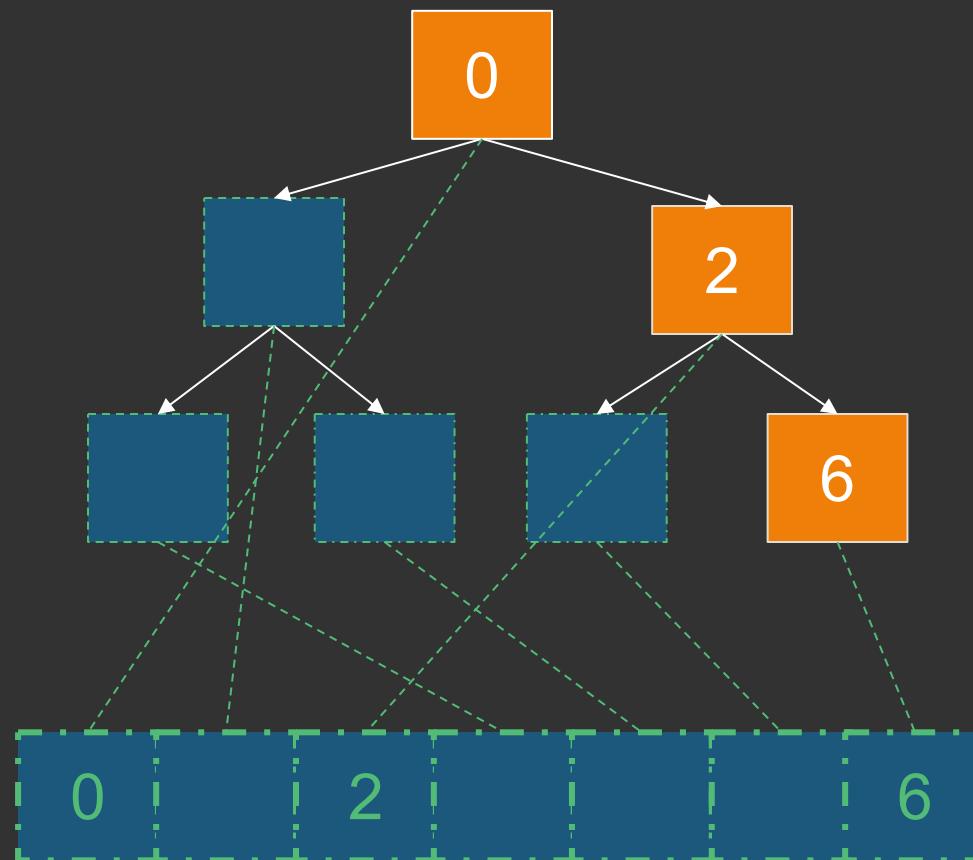
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  - Tree of height of  $n$  requires  $2^{n+1}-1$  array slots even if only  $O(n)$  elements

# We Leave Gaps for Nodes That Could Exist



# Final Thoughts

- For “dense” trees, an array representation is efficient
  - There are many contexts where a dense tree is a reasonable assumption
- If we can design a data structure that always preserves tree completeness, we should strongly consider an array representation
  - (Remember this when we get to heaps!)