CS350: Data Structures Binary Search Trees

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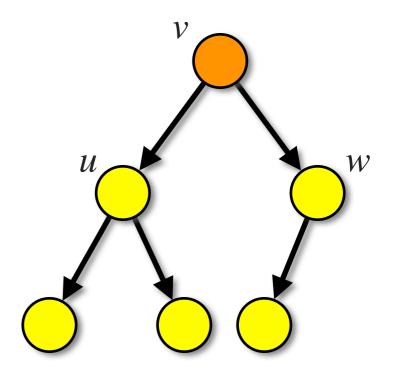


Introduction to Binary Search Trees

- A binary search tree is a binary tree that stores keys (or keyelement pairs) in such a way as to satisfy the following:
 - For every node X in the tree, the values of all the keys in the left subtree are smaller than the key in X
 - For every node X in the tree, the values of all the keys in the right subtree are larger than the key in X

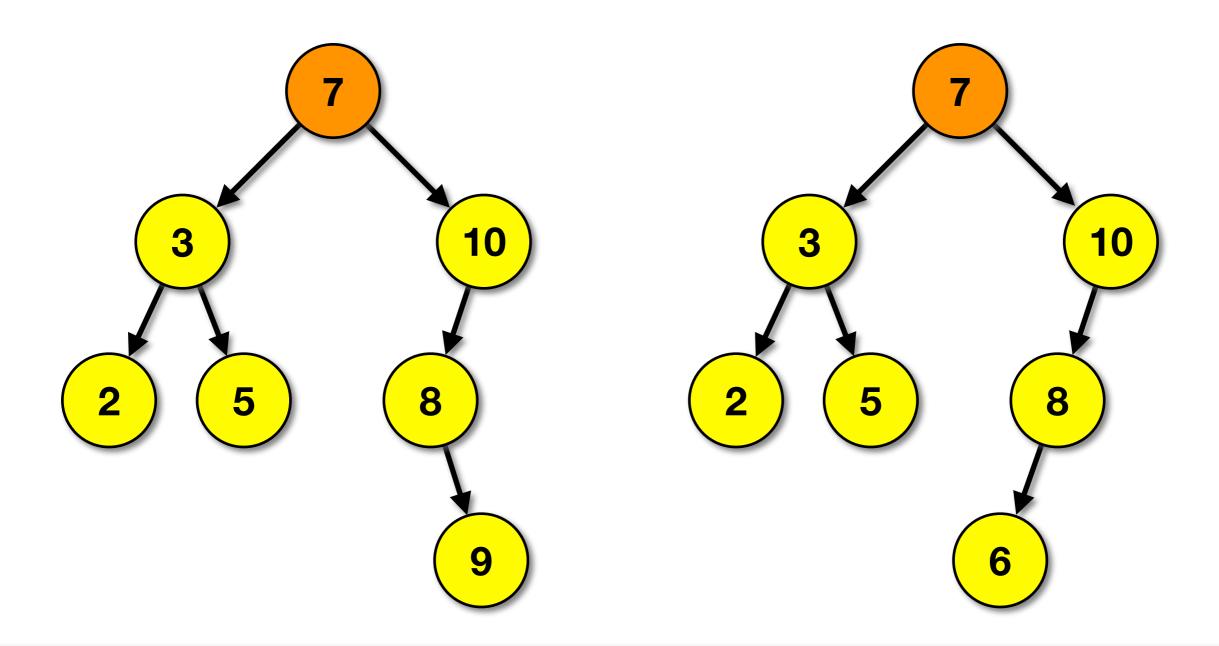
 \forall nodes n in subtree u, key(n) < key(v)

 \forall nodes n in subtree w, key(n) > key(v)



Binary Search Trees

Which of these is not a BST? Why?



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 Which of these is not a BST? Why? This tree is NOT a BST 10 10 3 2 8 8 Node 6 must be in the left subtree of node 7!

Typical Binary Search Tree Operations

- isEmpty checks to see if the BST is empty
- makeEmpty empties the BST
- find searches for and returns the node with a specified key in the BST
- findMin returns the node with the smallest key (or the key itself)
- findMax returns the node with the largest key (or the key itself)
- insert inserts a new node into the tree while maintaining the properties of a BST; all nodes are inserted as leaves
- remove removes a node from the tree while maintaining the properties of a BST

Implementation of a Binary Search Tree

- BST nodes are implemented similarly to other tree nodes
 - Contains pointers to left and right subtrees
 - Contains a data element
 - Some implementation may contain a key-element pair where the key is used to determine where to insert the node in the tree

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class BinTreeNode<E> {
    E element;
    BinTreeNode<E> left, right;

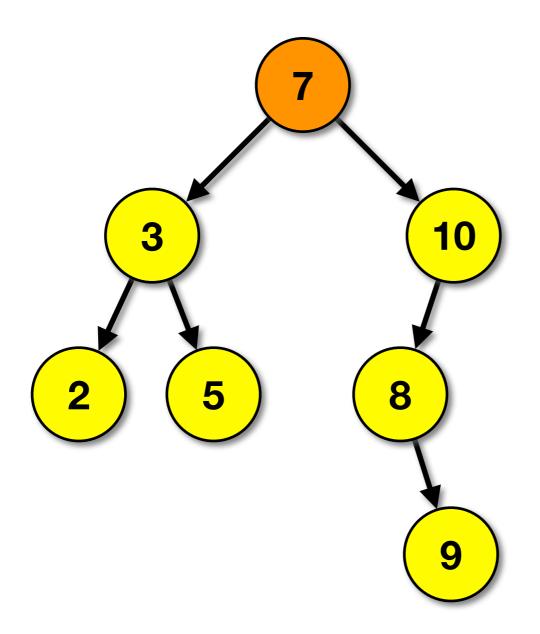
BinTreeNode(E newElement) {
    element = newElement;
    }
}
```

The find Operation

- To find a node with key k
 - Start at the root node
 - Compare k with the key at the node
 - Move to left child if k is < the key at the node
 - Move to right child if k is > the key at the node
 - Repeat until either the desired key is found or until a leaf node is found
 - If a leaf node is found and the desired key has not been found, then the desired key does not exist in the tree, return null

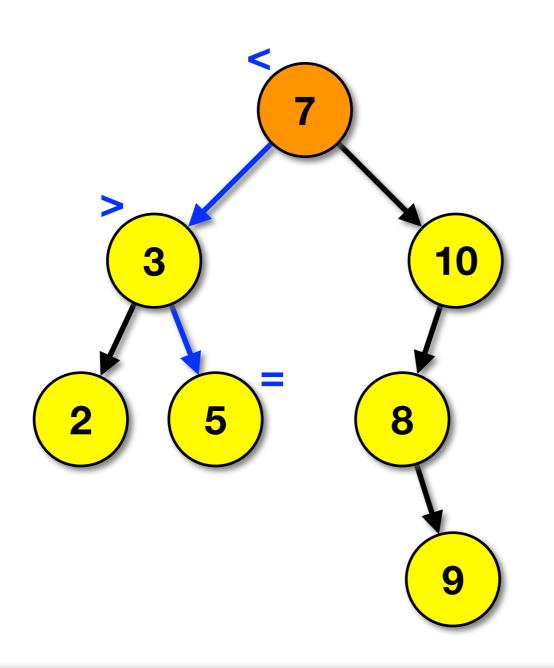
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• Example of find operation - find(5)



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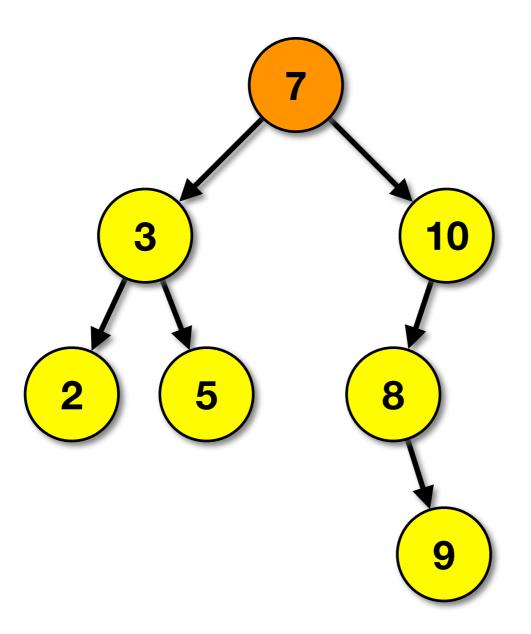
- (1) start at root node (node 7)
- (2) compare 5 to 7
- (3) 5 < 7 so move left
- (4) compare 5 to 3
- (5) 5 > 3 so move right
- (6) compare 5 to 5
- (7) found node

A Recursive Implementation of find

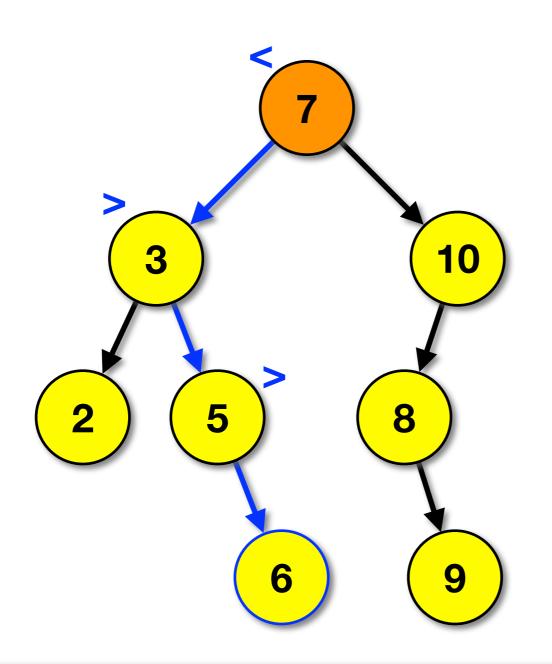
```
BinTreeNode<E> find(BinTreeNode<E> node, E element) {
   if (node == null) {
      return node;
   } else if (element == node.element) {
      return node;
   } else if (element < node.element) {
      return find(node.left, element);
   } else {
      return find(node.right, element);
   }
}</pre>
```

- To insert a node with key k
 - Start at the root node
 - Compare k with the key at the node
 - If the node is null, insert new node at current location in BST
 - Move to left child if k is < the key at the node
 - Move to right child if k is > the key at the node
 - Repeat until a null location is found in which to insert the new node
 - All insertions create a new leaf node

• Example of insert operation - insert(6)

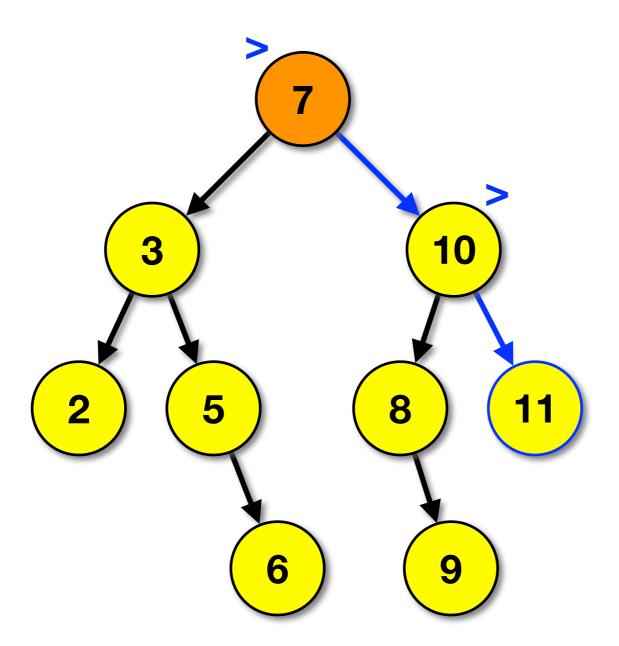


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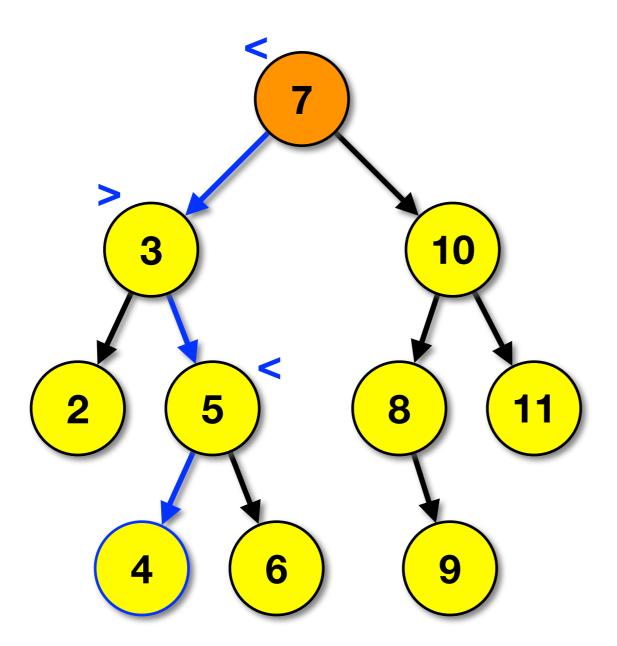


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- (5) 6 > 3 so move right
- (6) compare 6 to 5
- (7) 6 > 5 so move right
- (8) found null location, so add new node 6 there

• Example of insert operation - insert(11)



• Example of insert operation - insert(4)



A Recursive Implementation of insert

```
BinTreeNode<E> insert(BinTreeNode<E> node, E element) {
   if (node == null) {
      node = new BinTreeNode(element);
   } else if (element < node.element) {
      node.left = insert(node.left, element);
   } else {
      node.right = insert(node.right, element);
   }
   return node;
}</pre>
```

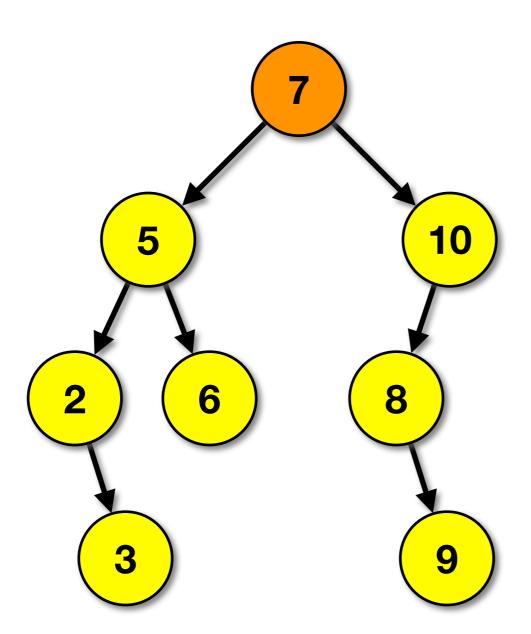
The findMin Operation

How can the node with the smallest key be found?

- To find the node in the tree with the smallest key k
 - Start at the root node
 - Repeatedly move to the left child until there are no more left children
 - Return the node

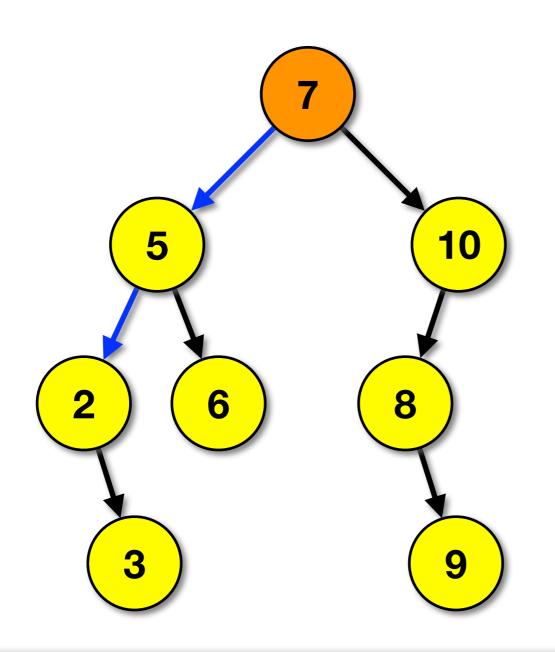
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- (1) start at root node (node 7)
- (2) move to left child (node 5)
- (3) move to left child (node 2)
- (4) no more left children, so return node 2 as minimum key in tree

A Recursive Implementation of findMin

```
BinTreeNode<E> findMin(BinTreeNode<E> node) {
   if (node.left == null) {
      return node;
   } else {
      return findMin(node.left);
   }
}
```

The findMax Operation

How can the node with the largest key be found?

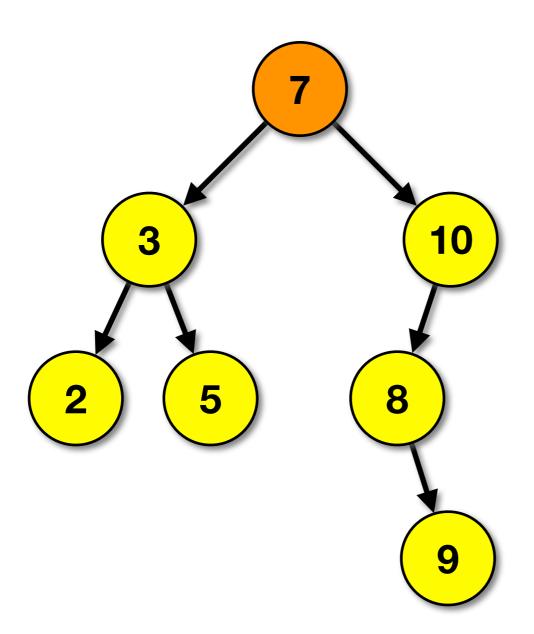
- To find the node in the tree with the largest key k
 - Start at the root node
 - Repeatedly move to the right child until there are no more right children
 - Return the node

The **remove** Operation

- Find a node N with key k and remove it from the tree
 - Start at the root node
 - Find the node requested for removal
 - Remove the node (there are several different cases that need to be considered when removing a node):
 - 1) Node N is not found -- do nothing
 - 2) Node N is a leaf node -- simply remove node N from tree
 - 3) Node N has only a single child -- remove node N and replace it with its child
 - 4) Node N has two children -- do not delete node N, instead find its inorder successor node (or in-order predecessor) (node R) and replace the values in the node N with those from node R. Then delete node R.

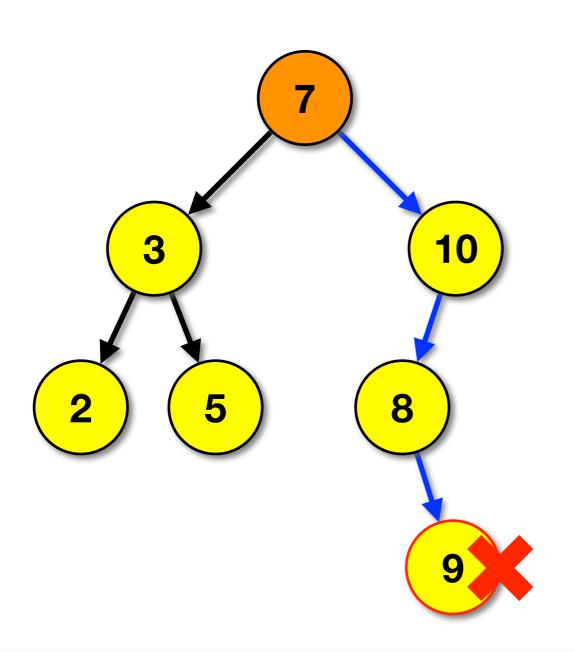
The remove Operation: Case #2 - Leaf Node

• Example of remove operation on leaf node - remove (9)



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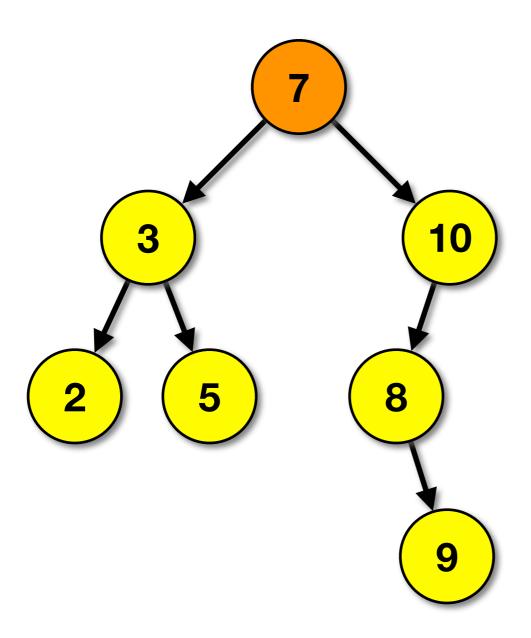
Example of remove operation on leaf node - remove (9)



- (1) start at root node (node 7)
- (2) find node 9
- (3) node 9 is a leaf node
- (4) simply delete node 9 from the tree (i.e. set node 8's right child to null)

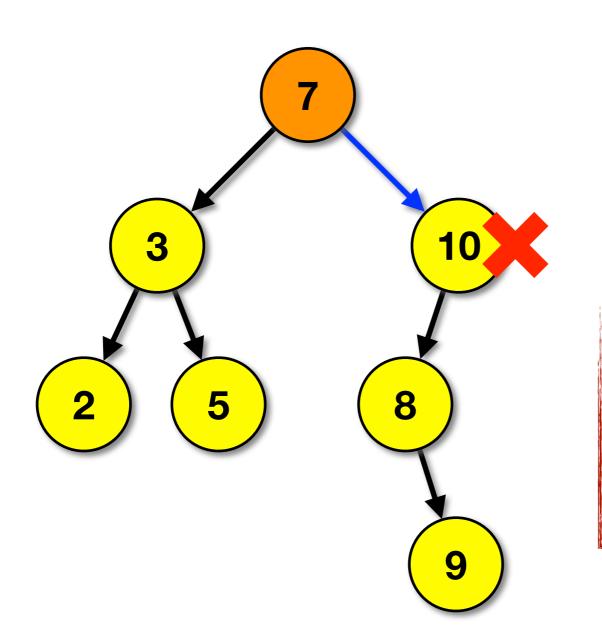
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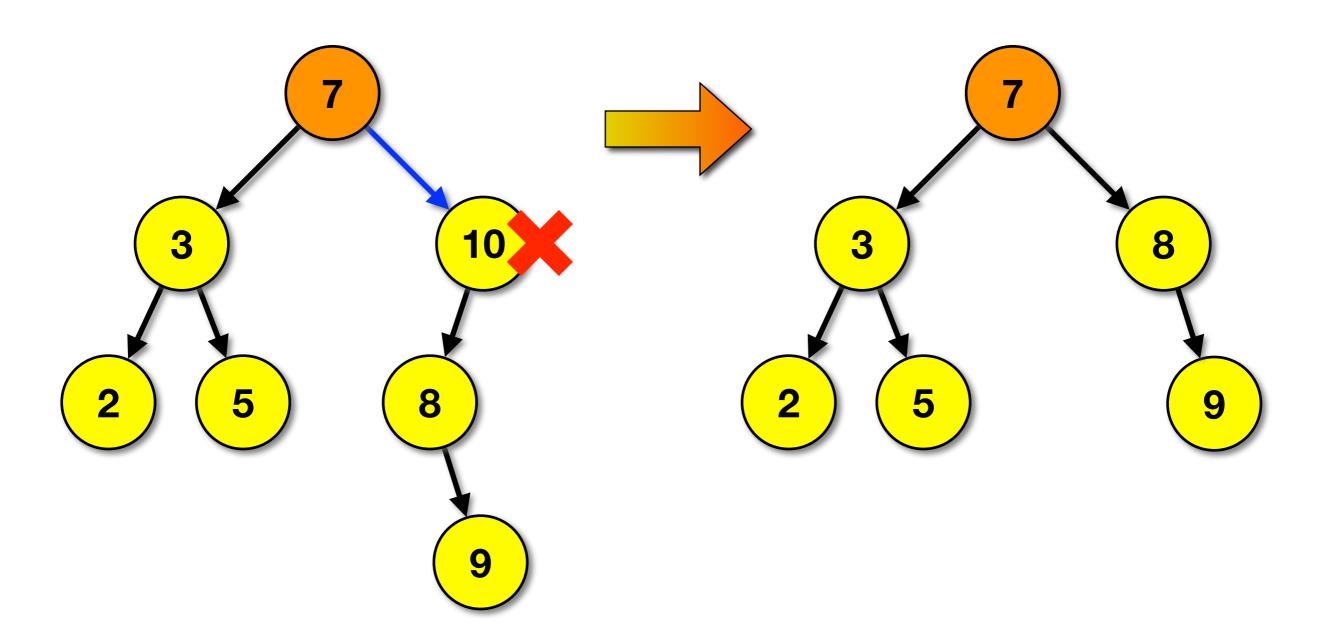
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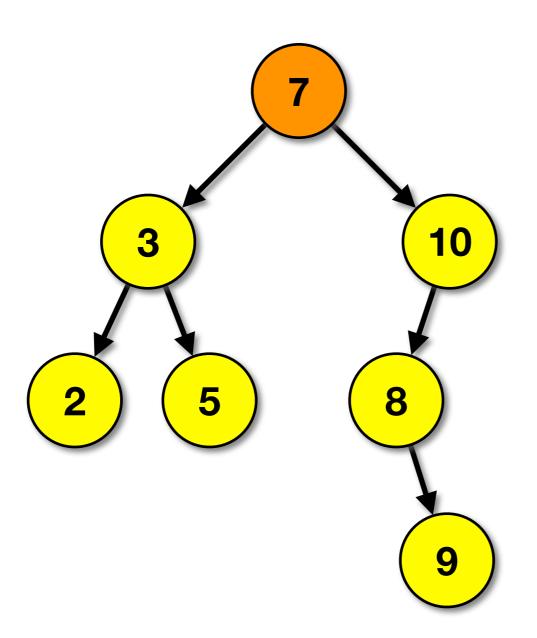
- (1) start at root node (node 7)
- (2) find node 10
- 3) node 10 has a single child
- 4) remove node 10, and replace it with its only child

The remove Operation: Case #3 - Single Child

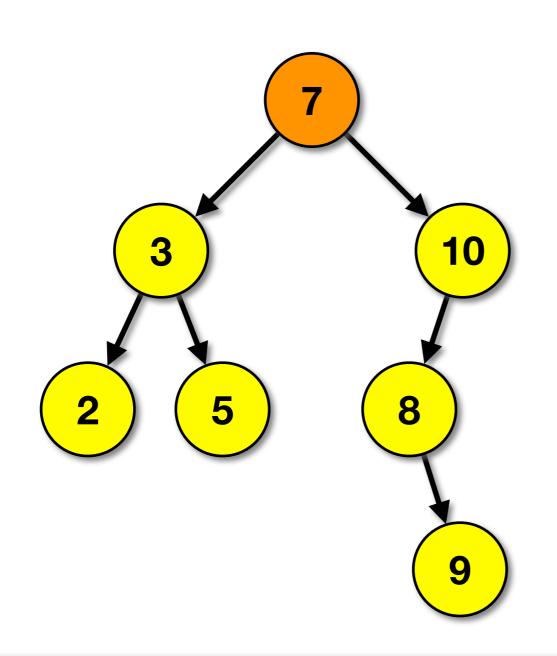
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• Example of remove operation with a two children - remove (3)

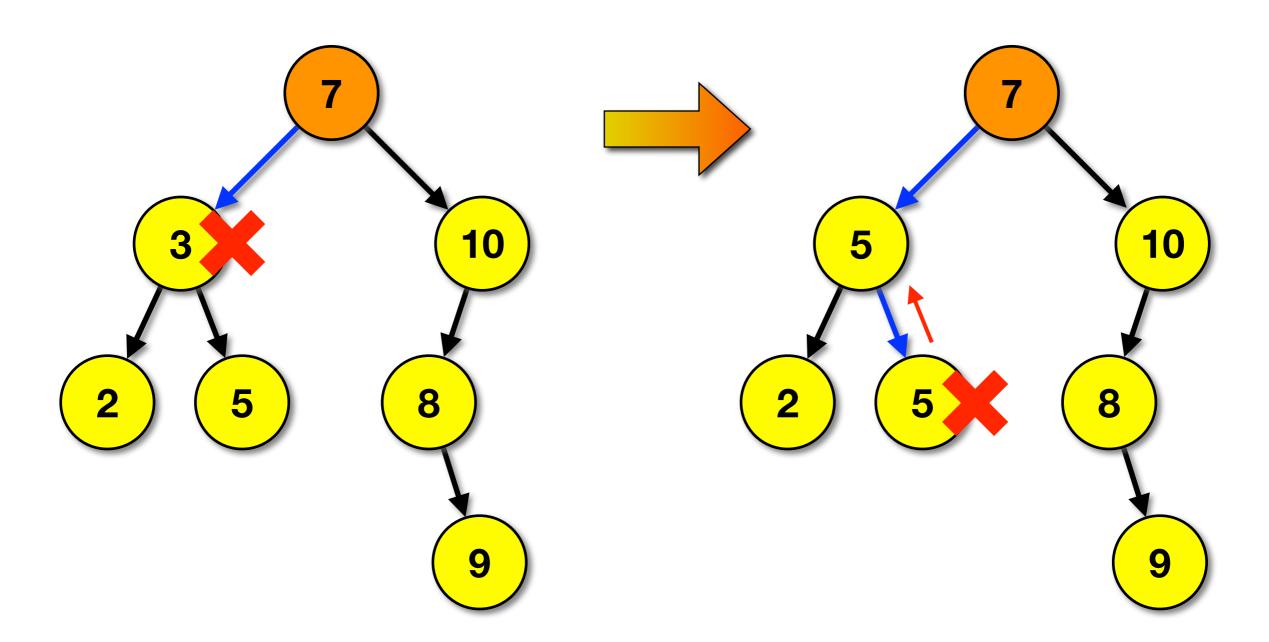


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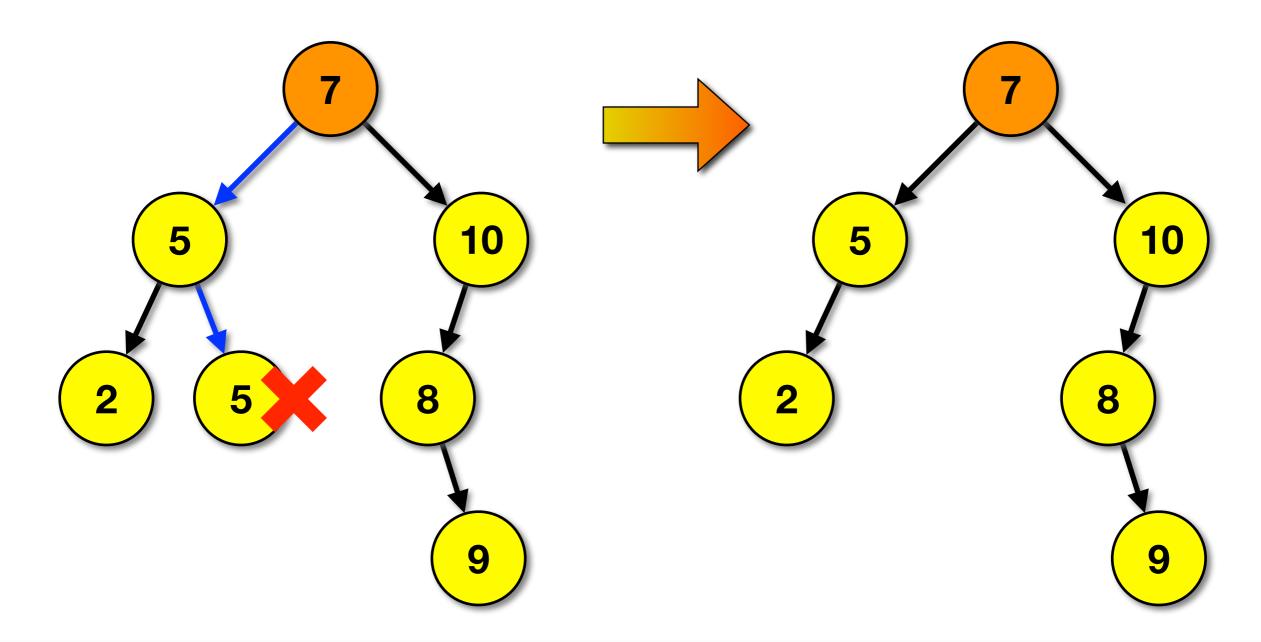
- (1) start at root node (node 7)
- (2) find node 3
- (3) node 3 is has two children
- (4) find the successor of node3 (i.e. the min value from its right subtree)
- (5) replace values of node 3 with those from successor
- (6) remove the successor(may require additional modifications to the tree)

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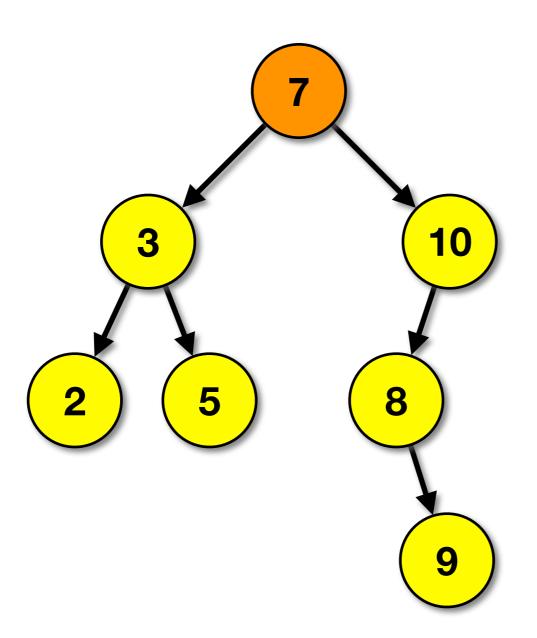
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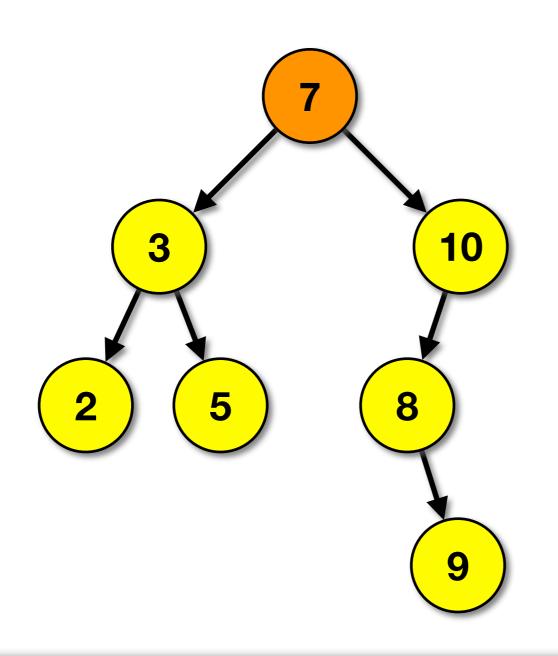


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• Example of remove operation with a two children - remove (7)

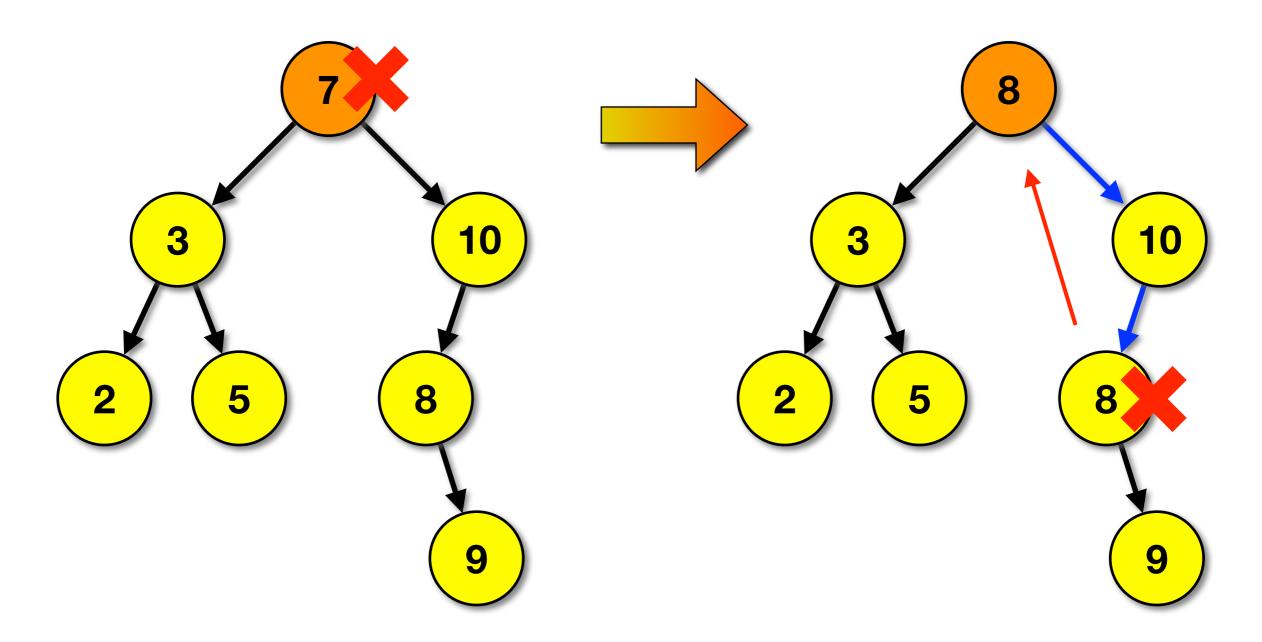


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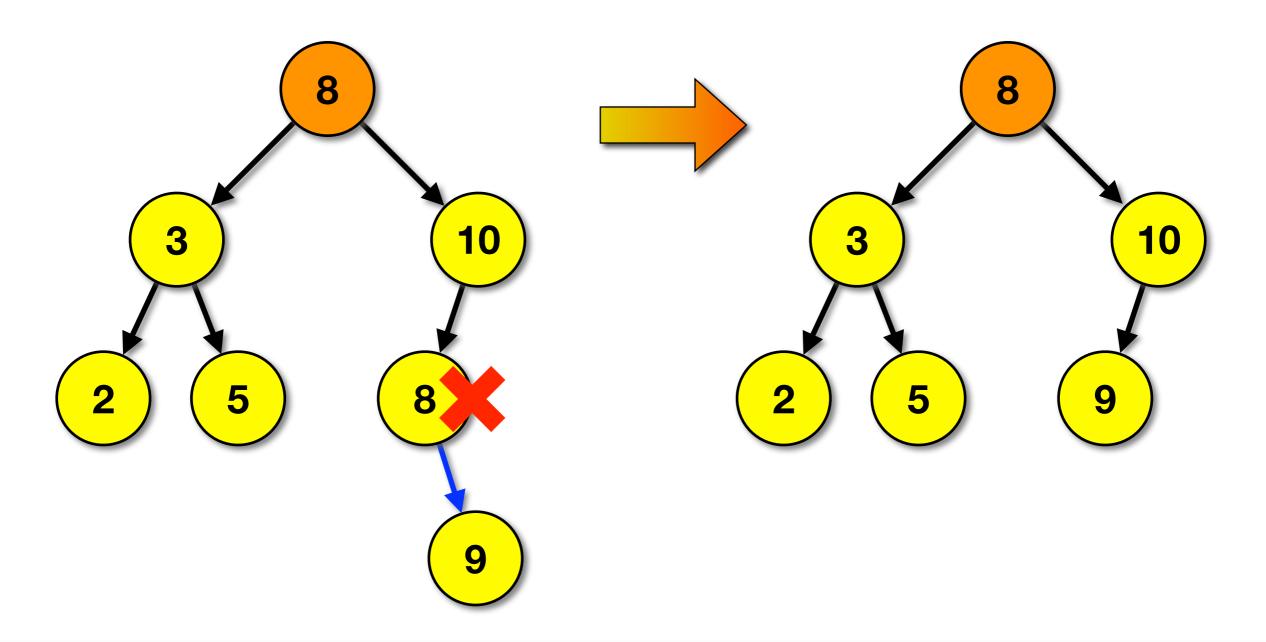


- (1) start at root node (node 7)
- (2) find node 7
- (3) node 7 is has two children
- (4) find the successor of node7 (i.e. the min value from its right subtree)
- (5) replace values of node 7 with those from successor
- (6) remove the successor(may require additional modifications to the tree)

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Analysis of BST Operations

Time complexity of BST operations

	worst case	average
find	O(N)	O(log N)
insert	O(N)	O(log N)
remove	O(N)	O(log N)