

# Binary Search Trees

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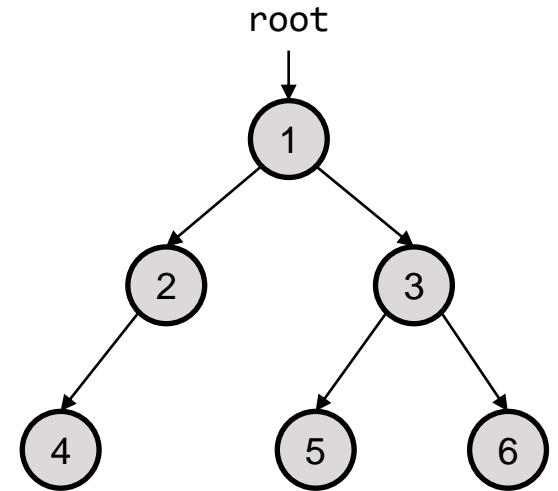


# Trees Defined

- **Tree:** Nodes linked together in some hierarchical fashion
- **Binary Tree:** A tree where each node has at most 2 children

## Recursive Definition:

- A tree is either:
  1. Empty
  2. A node with data, and a left and right subtree

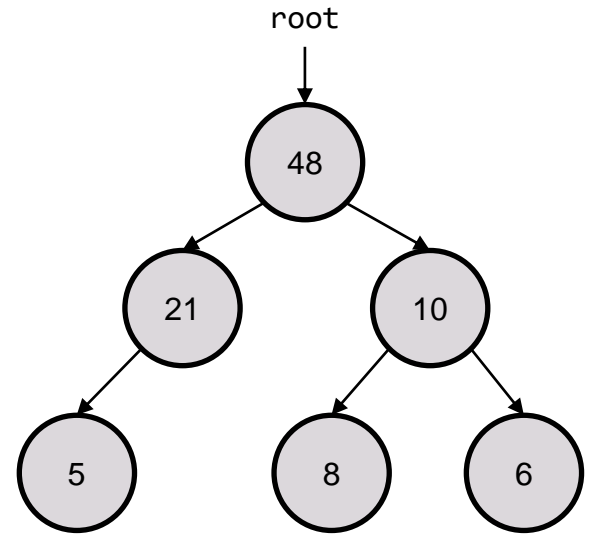


# Printing Trees

- Want to print out the contents of the tree

Different ways to do so:

Pre-order	48 21 5 10 8 6
In-order	5 21 48 8 10 6
Post-order	5 21 8 6 10 48



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  - Find the element 27

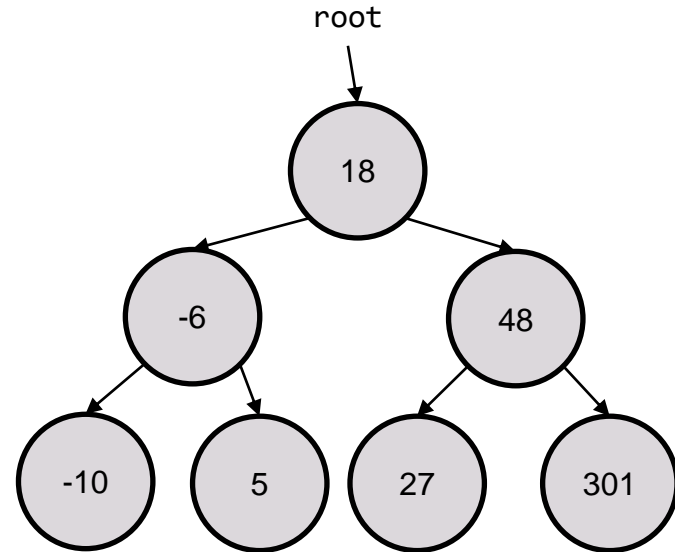
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# Binary Search Trees

- We can apply these properties to trees to speed up our searching ability
  - Think: TreeSet

**Binary Search Tree (BST):** A binary tree with the following property:

- For every non-empty node `root`:
  - elements of root's left subtree contain data "less than" root's data
  - elements of root's right subtree contain data "greater than" root's data
  - root's left and right subtrees are also binary search trees



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## What's the output of this program?

```
public static void main(String[] arg) {  
    Point p = new Point(x: 1, y: 2);  
    change1(p);  
    System.out.println(p);  
    change2(p);  
    System.out.println(p);  
}
```

1 usage

```
public static void change1(Point p) {  
    p.x = 14;  
}
```

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```
public static void change2(Point p) {  
    p = new Point(x: 7, y: 8);  
}
```



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# x = change(x)

- To modify a binary tree, need to change the overallRoot or a root's .left / .right
  - Similar to the front or .next of a linked node
- For trees we utilize the x = change(x) pattern
- A few components:
  - Pass in the original value of x
  - Change the value somehow in the method change
  - Return the updated value of x
  - Re-assign the updated value to x