

CSE 332

Data Abstractions

Dictionaries & Trees



Outline

1 Dictionaries & Sets

2 Vanilla BSTs

Where We've Been So Far

- Stack (Get LIFO)
- Queue (Get FIFO)
- Priority Queue (Get By Priority)

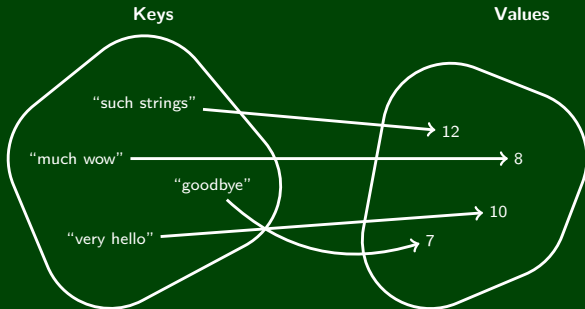
Today, we begin discussing **Maps**. This ADT is hugely important.

A New ADT: “Dictionaries” (Also called “Maps”)

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Dictionary ADT

Data	Set of Comparable (key, value) pairs
insert(key , val)	Places (key , val) in map (overwrites existing val entry)
find(key)	Returns the val currently associated to key
delete(key)	deletes any pair relating key from the map



find("such strings") → 12

Dictionaries are the **more general** structure, but, in terms of implementation, they're nearly identical.

In a Set, we store the key directly, but conceptually, there's nothing different in storing an **Entry**:

```
1 class Entry {  
2     Data key;  
3     Data value;  
4 }
```

The Set ADT usually has our favorite operations: intersection, union, etc.

Notice that union, intersection, etc. **still make sense on maps!**

As always, depending on our usage, we might choose to add/delete things from our ADT.

Bottom Line: If we have a set implementation, we also have a valid dictionary implementation (and vice versa)!

It turns out dictionaries are super useful. They're a natural generalization of arrays. Instead of storing data at an index, we store data at **anything**.

- Networks: router tables
- Operating Systems: page tables
- Compilers: symbol tables
- Databases: dictionaries with other nice properties
- Search: inverted indexes, phone directories, ...
- Biology: genome maps

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It turns out there are **many** different ways to do much better.

But they all have their own trade-offs!

So, we'll study many of them:

- “Vanilla BSTs” – today (vanilla because they're “plain”)
- “Balanced BSTs” – there are many types: we'll study **AVL Trees**
- “B-Trees” – another strategy for **a lot of data**
- “Hashtables” – a completely different strategy (lack data ordering)
- We already saw another strategy: the amortized array dictionary

Binary Search is great! It's the only thing that was even sort of fast in that table. But `insert` and `delete` are really bad into a sorted array. Store the data in a structure where **most of the data isn't accessed**.

Interestingly, this is **very similar** to what made heaps useful!

To put it another way, by storing the data in an **array**, we're paying for the constant-time access that we're never even using!

It's **okay** that it takes more time to access certain elements.

... as long as it's **never** too bad.

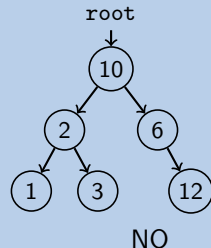
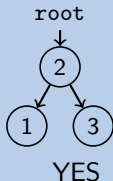
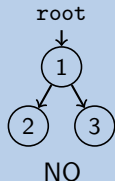
Definition (Vanilla BST)

A binary tree is a **BST** when an **in-order traversal of the tree** yields a sorted list.

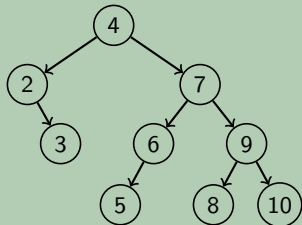
To put it another way, a binary tree is a **BST** when:

- All data “to the left of” a node is less than it
- All data “to the right of” a node is greater than it
- All sub-trees of the binary tree are also BSTs

Example (Which of the following are BSTs?)



BST Properties



Structure Property:

0, 1, or 2 children

BST Property:

Keys in Left Subtree are smaller

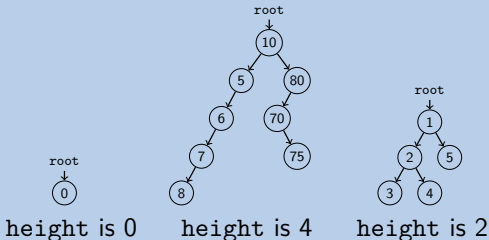
Keys in Right Subtree are larger

Definition (Height)

The **height** of a binary tree is the length of the longest **path** from the root to a leaf.

- Height of an empty tree? **-1**
- Height of \otimes ? **0**

height



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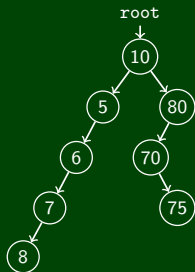
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- What is the maximum number of **nodes**? $2^{h+1} - 1$
- What is the minimum number of **leaves**? 1
- What is the minimum number of **nodes**? $h + 1$

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What about other finds?

- findMin?
- findMax?
- deleteMin?

Recursive find

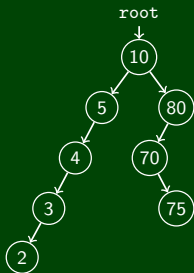
```

1 Data find(Key key, Node curr) {
2   if (curr == null) { return null; }
3   if (key < curr.key) {
4     return find(key, curr.left);
5   }
6   if (key > curr.key) {
7     return find(key, curr.right);
8   }
9   return curr.data;
10 }
  
```

Iterative find

```

1 Data find(Key key) {
2   Node curr = root;
3   while (curr != null && curr.key != key) {
4     if (key < curr.key) {
5       curr = curr.left;
6     }
7     else (key > curr.key) {
8       curr = curr.right;
9     }
10  }
11  if (curr == null) { return null; }
12  return curr.data;
13 }
  
```

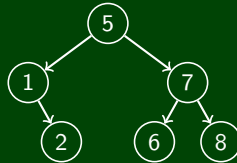



insert

- find
- create a new node

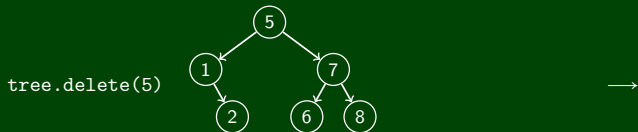
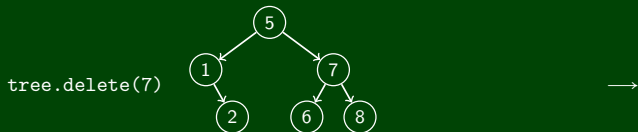
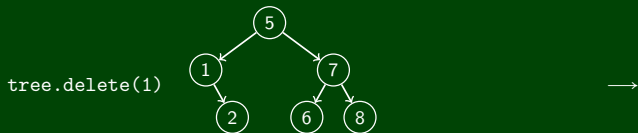
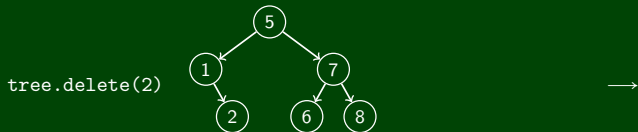
How about delete?

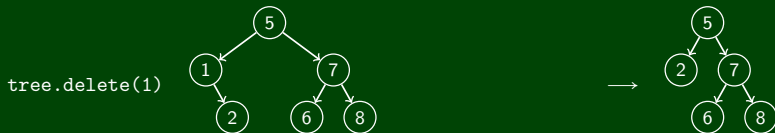
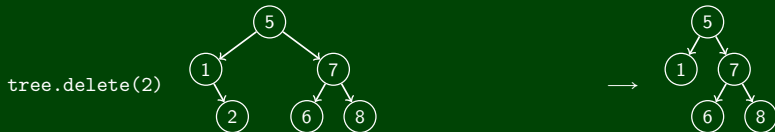
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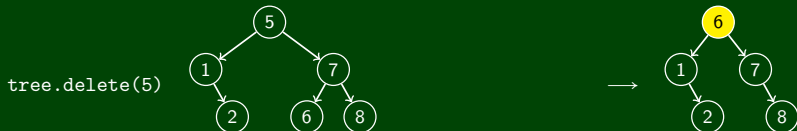
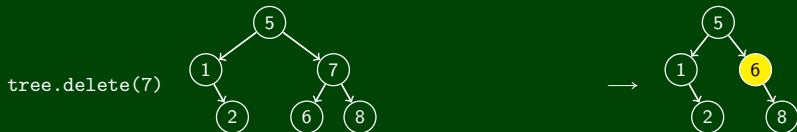
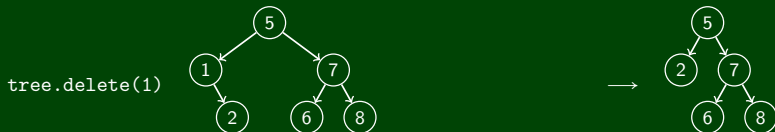
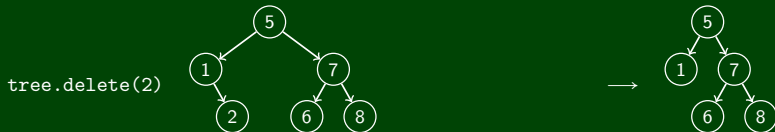


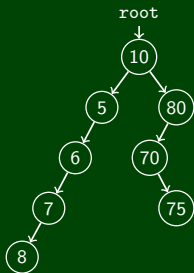
Let's try the following removals:

- `tree.delete(2)`
- `tree.delete(1)`
- `tree.delete(7)`
- `tree.delete(5)`









delete(x)

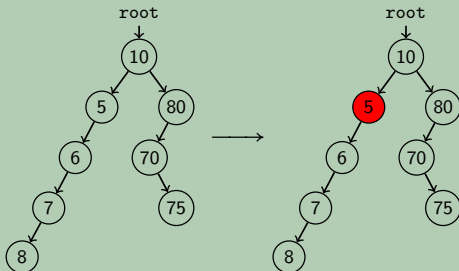
- Case 1: x is a leaf
 - Just delete x
- Case 2: x has one child
 - Replace x with its child
- Case 3: x has two children
 - Replace x with the **successor** or **predecessor** of x

The tricky case is when x has two children. If we think of the BST in sorted array form, to get the successor, we `findMin(right subtree)` (or predecessor is `findMax(left subtree)`)

Instead of doing this complicated algorithm, here's an idea:

Mark the node as “deleted” instead of doing anything

```
lazyDelete(5)
```



Then, insert and find change slightly, but the whole thing is much simpler.

This “lazy deletion” is a very useful strategy!

Pseudocode

```
1 void buildTree(int[] input) {  
2     for (int i = 0; i < input.length; i++) {  
3         insert(input[i]);  
4     }  
5 }
```

What's the best case? The worst case?

The worst case is a sorted input which is $O(n^2)$. Ouch.

The Good News

On average, we get $O(\lg n)$ height (see textbook for proof). But we want it to **always** be $O(\lg n)$ height. . .

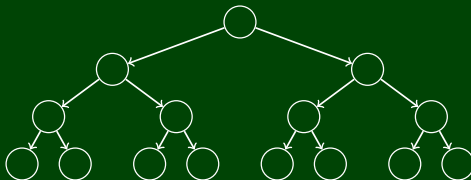
The Solution

Add restrictions on the height of the tree. Somehow, the tree should “fix itself” so it never has too large a height.

We call this condition a **Balance Condition**.

Ideas?

- Left and right subtrees ~~of the root~~ **recursively** have the same number of nodes
- Left and right subtrees ~~of the root~~ **recursively** have the same **height**



These ideas suffer from the same problem:

They're way too strong. Only **perfect** trees satisfy them.

Left and right subtrees **recursively** have heights differing by at most one.

Definition (balance)

$$\text{balance}(n) = \text{abs}(\text{height}(n.\text{left}) - \text{height}(n.\text{right}))$$

Definition (AVL Balance Property)

An AVL tree is balanced when:

$$\text{For every node } n, \text{balance}(n) \leq 1$$

- This ensures a small depth (we'll prove this next time)
- It's relatively easy to maintain (we'll see this next time)