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**Trees**

Chapter 4 Overview

- Tree Concepts
- Traversals
- Binary Trees
- Binary Search Trees
- AVL Trees
- Splay Trees
- B-Trees

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**Terminology**

Trees are **hierarchical** structures.

- root
- leaves
- parent
- children
- ancestors
- descendants
- path
- path length
- depth / level
- height
- subtrees

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**Recursive Definition:**  
 A tree is a set of nodes that is  
 a. empty or  
 b. has one node called the root from which zero or more trees descend.

General (n-ary) Arithmetic Expression Tree  
 $(A + B + ((C * D * E) / F) + G) - H$

How can we implement general trees with whose nodes can have variable numbers of children?

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**Common Traversal Orders for General Trees**

- Preorder
- Postorder

```
void print_preorder ( TreeNode T)
{
  TreeNode P;
  if ( T == NULL ) return;
  else {
    print T-> Element;
    P = T -> FirstChild;
    while ( P != NULL)
    {
      print_preorder ( P );
      P = P -> NextSibling;
    }
  }
}
```

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A **binary tree** is a tree in which each node has two subtrees--left and right.  
 Either or both may be empty.

$(A + B + ((C * D * E) / F) + G) - H$

What operations are required for a binary tree?  
 That depends ...

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- Binary Arithmetic Expression Trees

- construct from infix expression
- add or delete nodes
- traverse in preorder to produce prefix expression
- traverse in postorder to evaluate
- traverse in inorder to output infix expression

- Binary Decision Trees

- Binary Search Trees

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```

Recursive Preorder Traversal

void RPT (TreeNode T)
{
  if (T != NULL) {
    "process" T -> Element;
  }
}

Preorder Traversal with a Stack

void SPT (TreeNode T, Stack S)
{
  if (T == NULL) return; else push(T,S);
  while (!isEmpty(S)) {
    T = pop(S);
    "process" T -> Element;
    if (T -> Right != NULL) push(T -> Right, S);
    if (T -> Left != NULL) push(T -> Left, S);
  }
}

```

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**Binary Search Trees**

Search trees are **look-up tables** that are used to find a given **key value** and return associated data.

Example: look up SSN, return name and address.

A binary tree satisfies the **ordering property** if the key value in any given node is

- > all key values in the node's left subtree
- ≤ all key values in the node's right subtree

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**Operations**

- Find the node with a given key
- FindMin / FindMax key in the tree
- Insert a new key (and associated data)
- Delete a key (and associated data)

Find, FindMin, FindMax, Insert are easy.  
Delete is a little bit tricky.

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**Deletion of a Node from a Binary Search Tree**

1. Find the node with the given key value.
2. Delete that node from the tree.

Problem: When you delete a node, what do you replace it by?

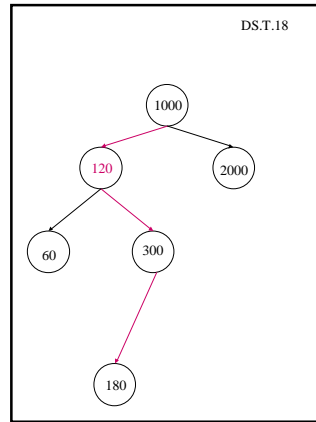
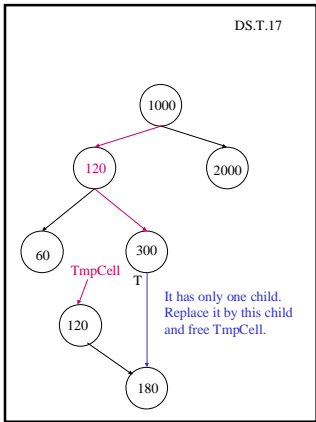
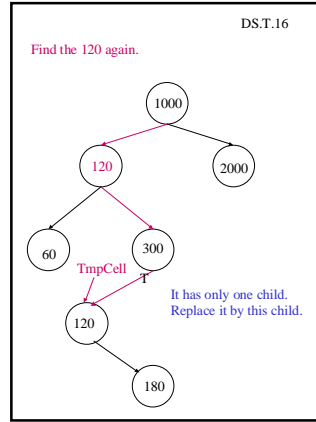
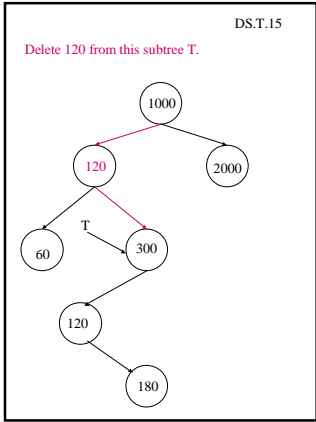
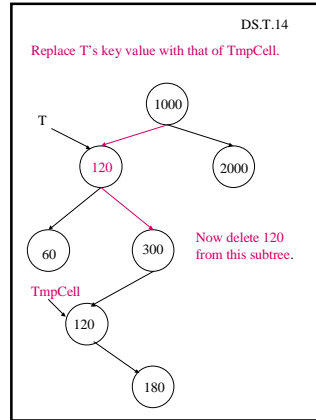
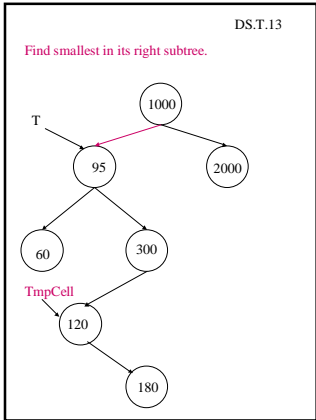
- If it has no children, by NULL.
- If it has one child, by that child.
- If it has two children, by the node with the smallest key in its right subtree.

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Delete node with key 95.

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Find the node.



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What do you think of this delete procedure?

Is it readable?

Is it efficient?

How would YOU do it?