BINARY SEARCH TREES

Problem Solving with Computers-II





A tree has following general properties:

- One node is distinguished as a **root**;
- Every node (exclude a root) is connected by a directed edge *from* exactly one other node;
 - A direction is: *parent -> children*
- Leaf node: Node that has no children





Section How do you implement the BST i.e. operations supported by it?

Sorted arrays vs Binary Search Trees (BST)

Operations	
Min	
Max	
Successor	
Predecessor	
Search	
Insert	
Delete	
Print elements in order	



Do the keys have to be integers?





32, 42, 12(12) (42)

BSTs allow efficient search! search Key roo7

45

Search for 41

50

45

50

then search for 53

341

12

Sorted array

12

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32

- Start at the root; ۰
- Trace down a path by comparing **k** with the key of the current node x:
 - If the keys are equal: we have found the key .
 - If $\mathbf{k} < \text{key}[\mathbf{x}]$ search in the left subtree of x •
 - If $\mathbf{k} > \text{key}[\mathbf{x}]$ search in the right subtree of \mathbf{x} •



Define the BST ADT

Operations

Search

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Traversing down the tree

• Suppose <u>n</u> is a pointer to the root. What is the output of the following code:

- n = n->right;
- cout<<n->data<<endl;</pre>
 - A. 42

B. 32

C. 12

E. Segfault



Traversing up the tree

- Suppose n is a pointer to the node with value 50.
- What is the output of the following code:

n = n->parent; // m= nullptr

- n = n->parent;
- n = n->left;

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cout<<n->data<<endl;</pre>
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A. 42
B 32
C. 12
D. 45
E. Segfault





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