



CSCI 241

Lecture 11 Binary Search Trees

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Goals

- Know how to perform (and code) three **tree traversals**: **pre-order**, **in-order**, and **post-order**.
- Know the definition and uses of a **binary search tree**.
- Be prepared to implement, and know the runtime of, the following BST operations:
 - searching
 - inserting
 - deleting
- Know what a **balanced BST** is and why we want it.

Tree Terminology

M is the **root** of this tree

N is the **left child** of P

S is the **right child** of P

P is the **parent** of N

G is the **root** of the **left subtree** of M

B , H , J , N , S are **leaves**

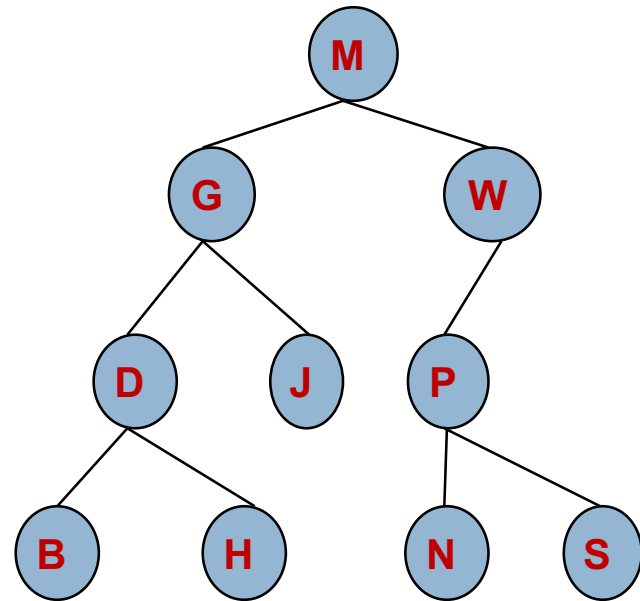
M and G are **ancestors** of D

P , N , S are **descendants** of W

J is at **depth 2**

The subtree rooted at W has **height 2**

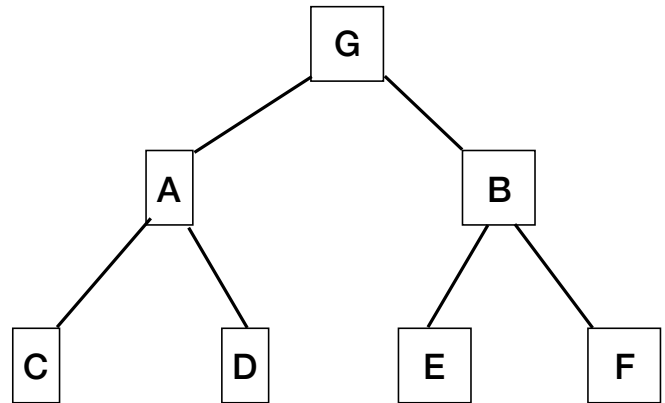
A collection of several trees is called a **forest**.





Tree Terminology: Lighting Round!

ABCD (name the node!):

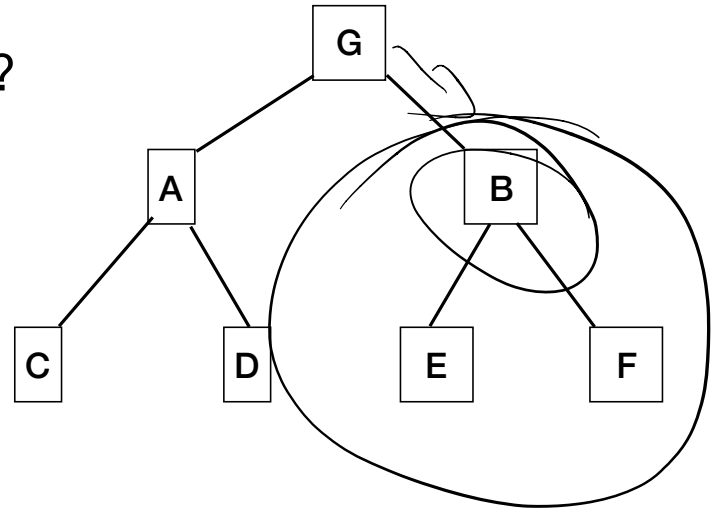




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What's the **root** of G's right **subtree**?



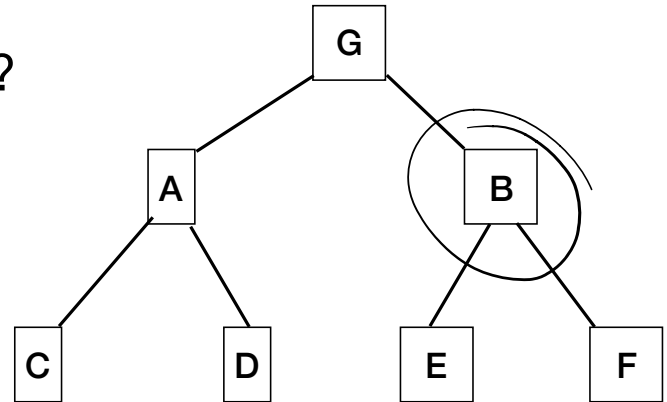


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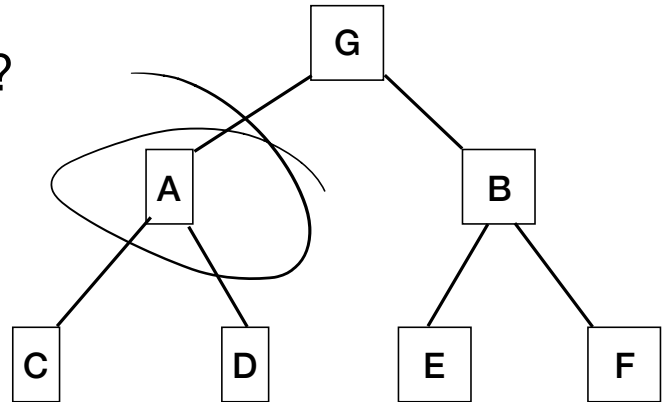
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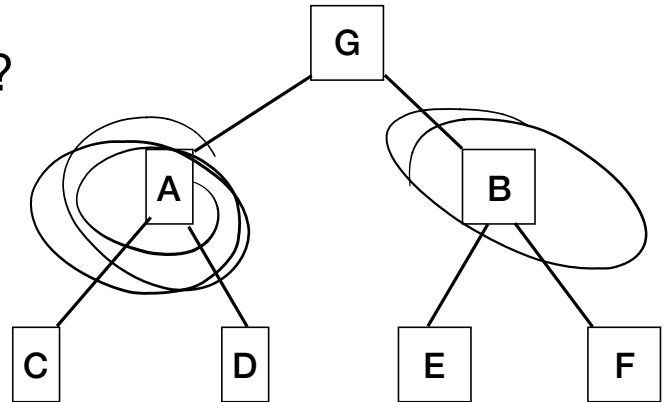
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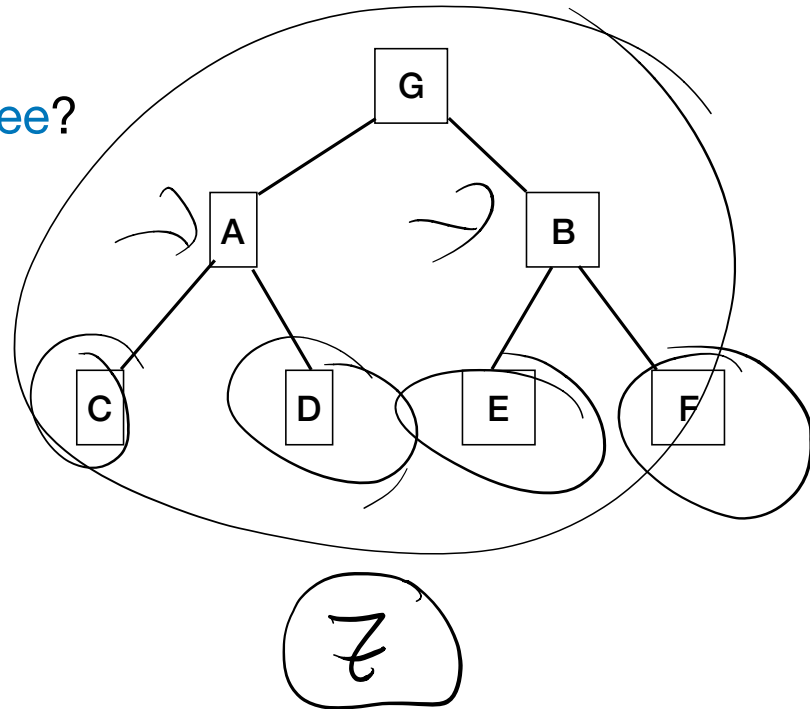
What's the **root** of G's right **subtree**?

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What's a node at **depth** 1?

What's a node at the **root** of a **subtree** of **height** 0?

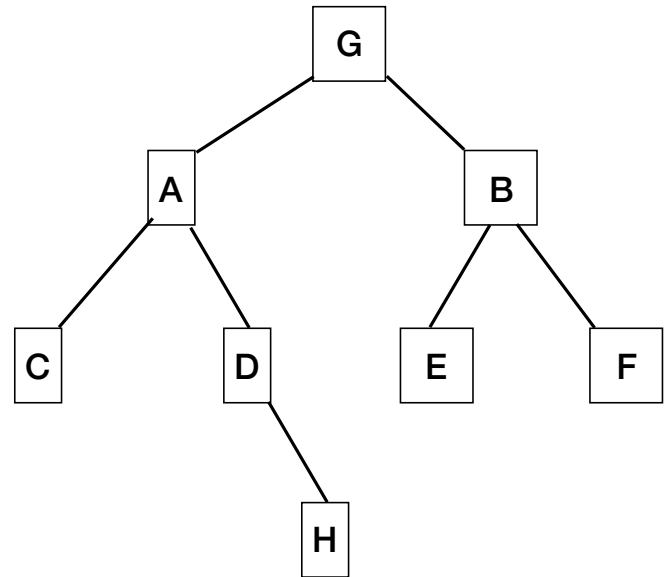




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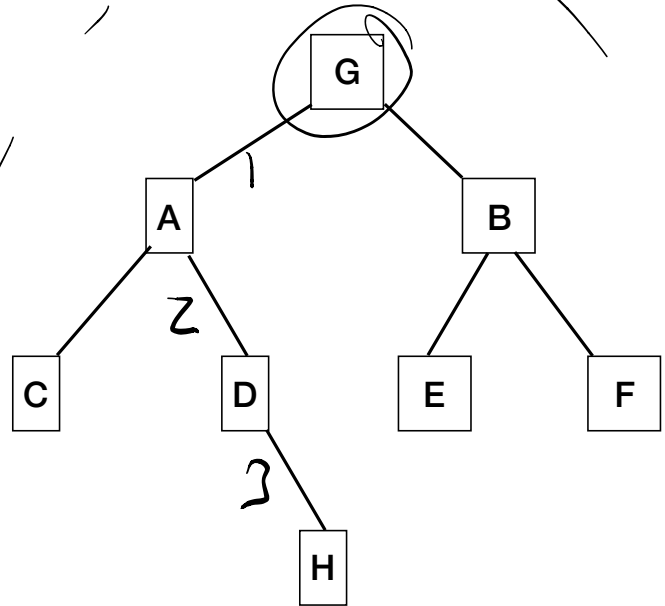


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What's the **height** of the tree rooted at G?

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3**
- D. 4

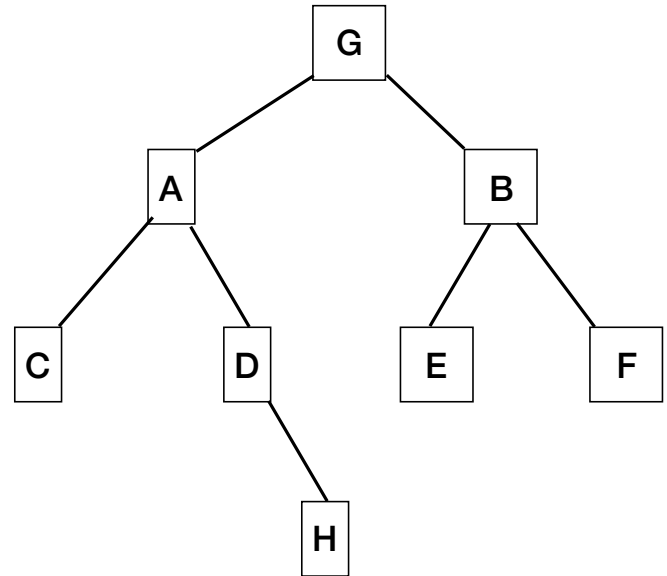




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Tree Terminology: Lighting Round!

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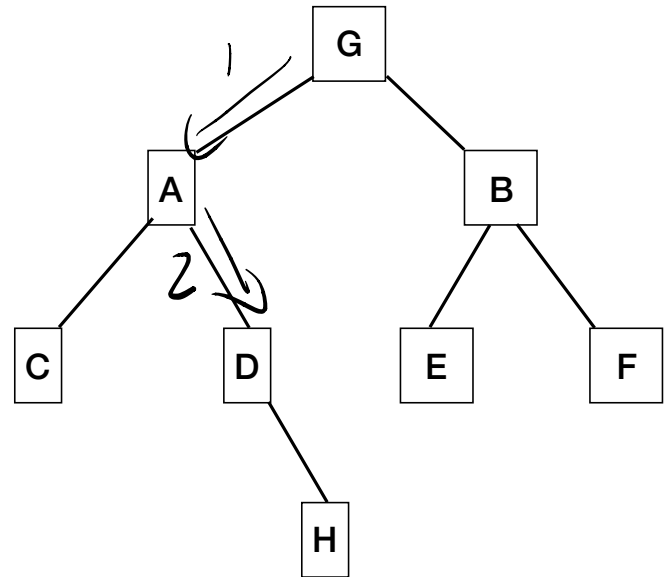
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A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4



Tree Traversals

Print (or otherwise process) every node in a tree:

- A **binary tree** is
 - Empty, or
 - Three things:
 - value
 - a left **binary tree**
 - a right **binary tree**

Tree Traversals

Print (or otherwise process) every node in a tree:

- A **binary tree** is

Print all nodes in a binary tree:

```
boolean printTree(Tree t):
```

- Empty, or

(base case - nothing to print)

```
if t == null:  
    return
```

- Three things:

- value

(print this node's value)

```
System.out.println(t.value)
```

- a left **binary tree**

(recursive call - print left subtree)

```
printTree(t.left)
```

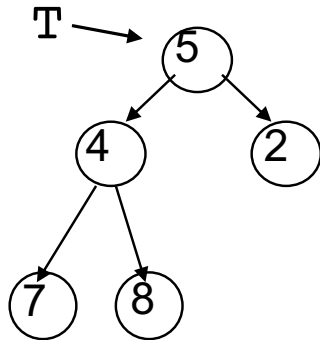
- a right **binary tree**

(recursive call - print left subtree)

```
printTree(t.right)
```


Tree Traversals

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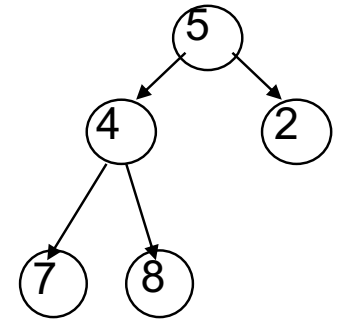
```
printTree(t.left)
```

(recursive call - print right subtree)

```
printTree(t.right)
```

Practice Exercise

- Write the values printed by a:
 - pre-order
 - in-order
 - post-order



traversal of this (or any other) binary tree.

Tree Traversals

“Walking” over the whole tree is called a **tree traversal**. This is done often enough that there are standard names. Previous example was a **pre-order traversal**:

1. **Process root**
2. Process left subtree
3. Process right subtree

Other common traversals:

in-order traversal:

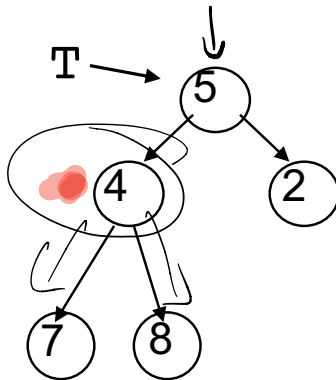
1. Process left subtree
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post-order traversal:

1. Process left subtree
2. Process right subtree
3. **Process root**

Tree Traversals

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Print all nodes in a binary tree:

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boolean preorder(Tree t):
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```

(recursive call - print left subtree)

```
printTree(t.left)
```

(recursive call - print right subtree)

```
printTree(t.right)
```

ABCD: T is a reference to the node with value 5. What is printed by the call `preorder(T)`?

A. 5 4 2 7 8

B. 7 4 8 5 2

C. 7 8 4 2 5

D. 5 4 7 8 2

5 4 7 8 2

Binary Tree

```
public class Tree {  
    int value;  
    Tree parent;  
    Tree left;  
    Tree right;  
}
```

Binary Search Tree

```
/** BST: a binary tree, in which:  
 * -all values in left are < value  
 * -all values in right are > value  
 * -left and right are BSTs */
```

```
public class BST {  
    int value;  
    BST parent; ←  
    BST left; < value  
    BST right; > value  
}
```

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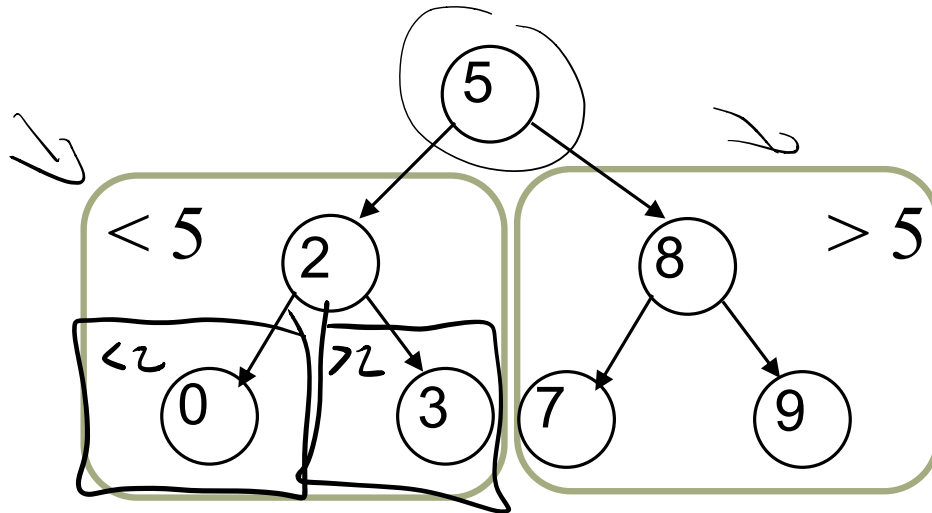
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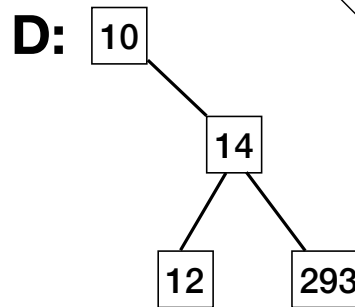
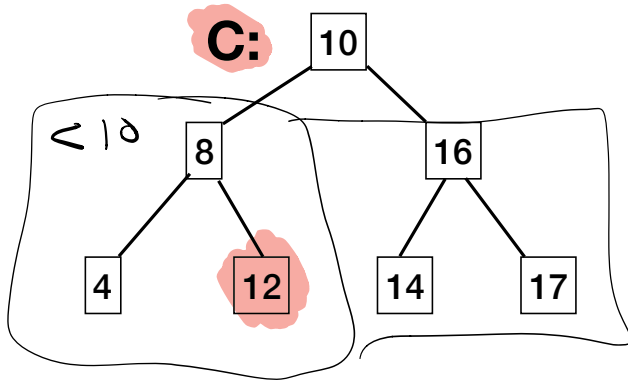
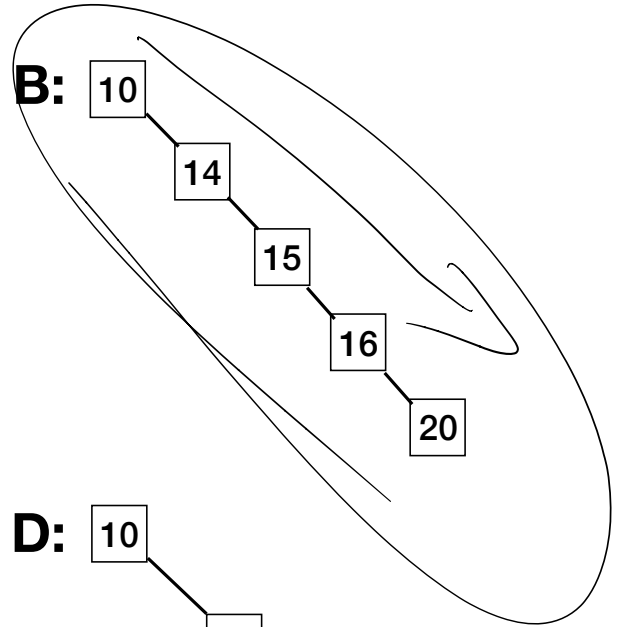
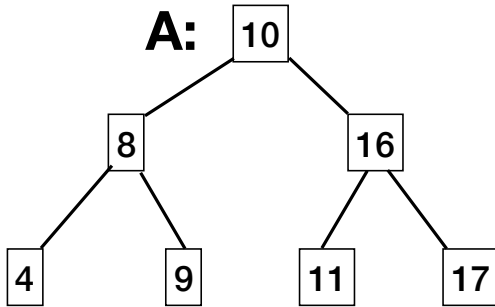
consequence: no duplicates!

Binary Search Tree





ABCD: Which of these is **not** a binary search tree?



Traversing a BST

pre-order traversal:

1. **Process root**
2. Process left subtree
3. Process right subtree

in-order traversal:

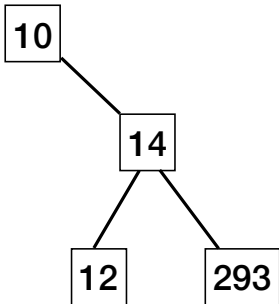
1. Process left subtree
2. **Process root**
3. Process right subtree

post-order traversal:

1. Process left subtree
2. Process right subtree
3. **Process root**

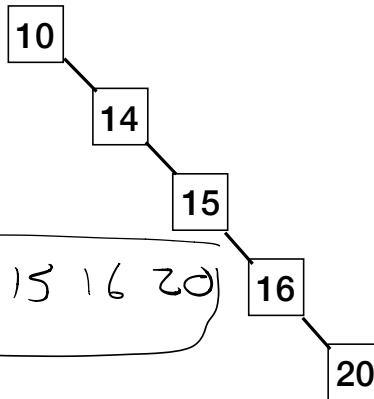
Write the values printed by an **in-order** traversal of each of the following BSTs:

10 12 14 293

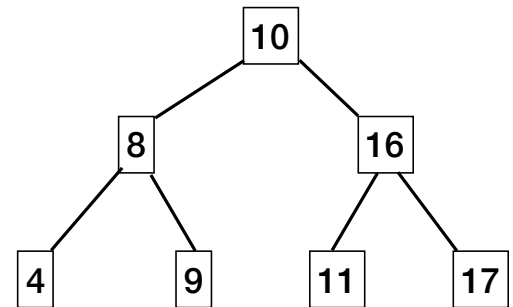


following BSTs:

4 8 9 10 11 16 17



10 14 15 16 20



(not Search!)

Searching a Binary Tree

- A **binary tree** is

(not BST!)
Find v in a binary tree:

- Empty, or

(base case - not found!)

- Three things:

- value

(base case - is this v ?)

- a left **binary tree**

(recursive call - is v in left?)

- a right **binary tree**

(recursive call - is v in right?)

(not Search!)

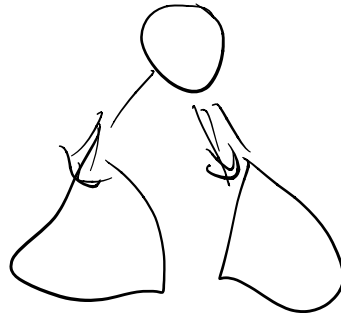
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(not BST!)

Find v in a binary tree:

```
boolean findVal(Tree t, int v):
```

(base case - not found!)

```
if t == null:
```

```
    return false
```

(base case - is this v ?)

```
if t.value == v: return true
```

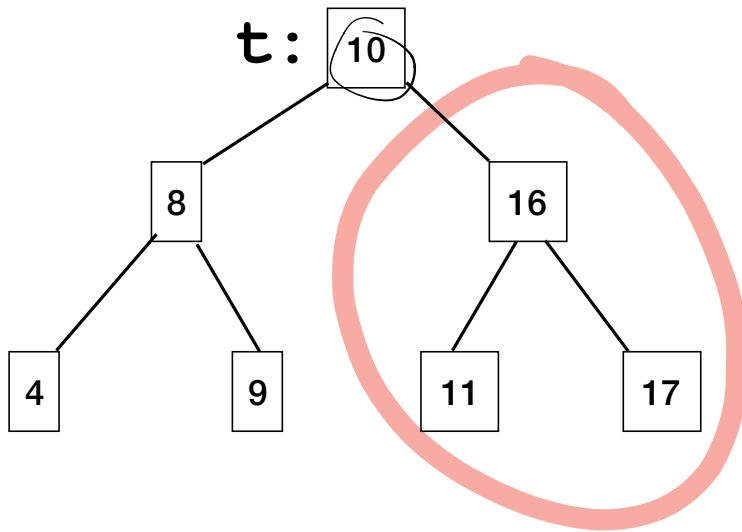
(recursive call - is v in left?)

```
return findVal(t.left)
```

```
    || findVal(t.right)
```

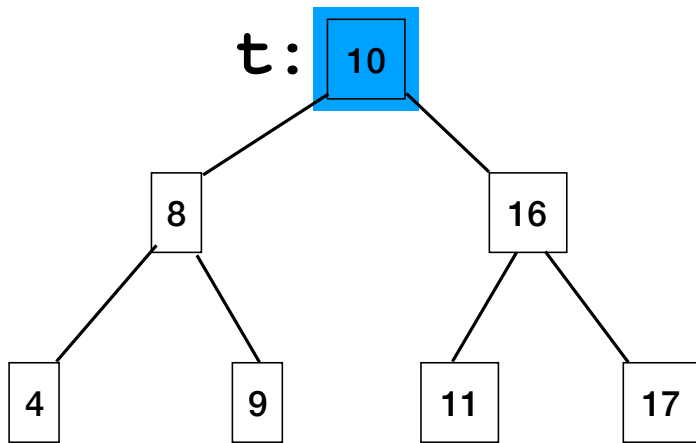
(recursive call - is v in right?)

Searching a BST



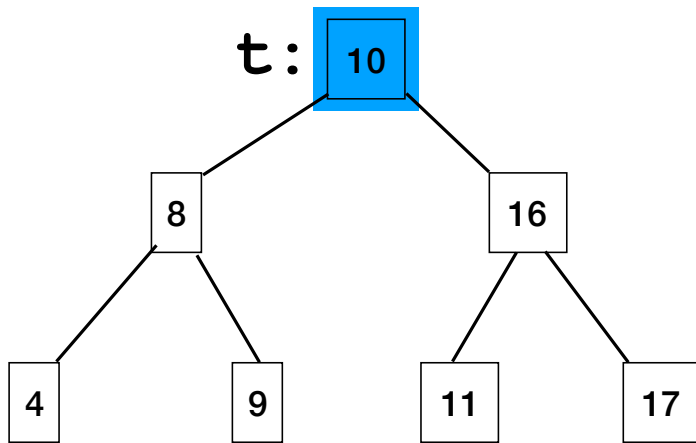
`search(t, 11)`

Searching a BST



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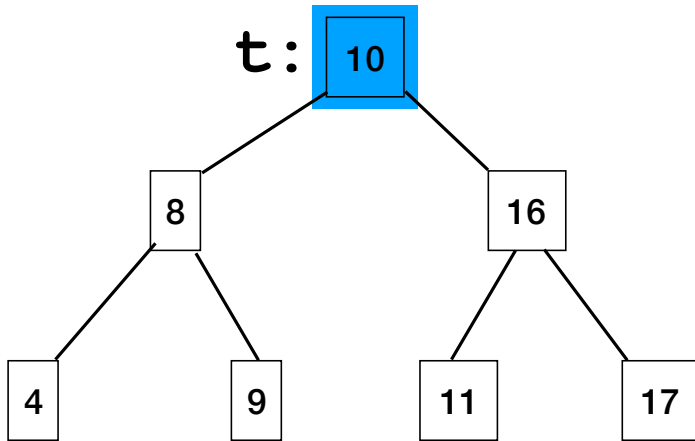
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`search(t, 11)`

$11 > 10$

Searching a BST

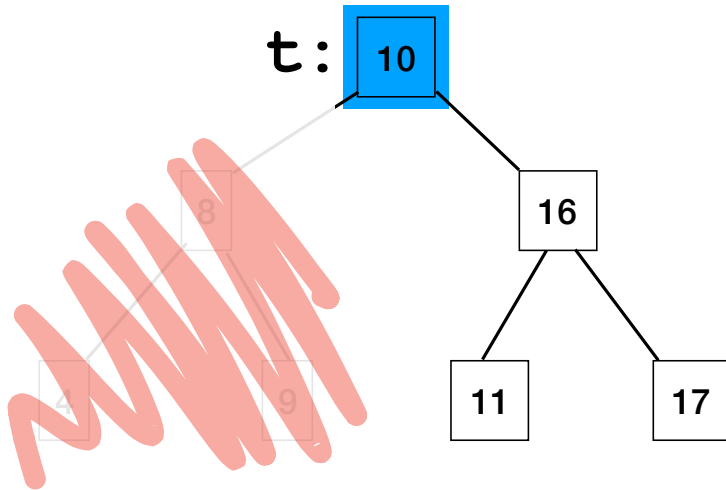


`search(t, 11)`

`11 > 10`

`search(right, 11)`

Searching a BST

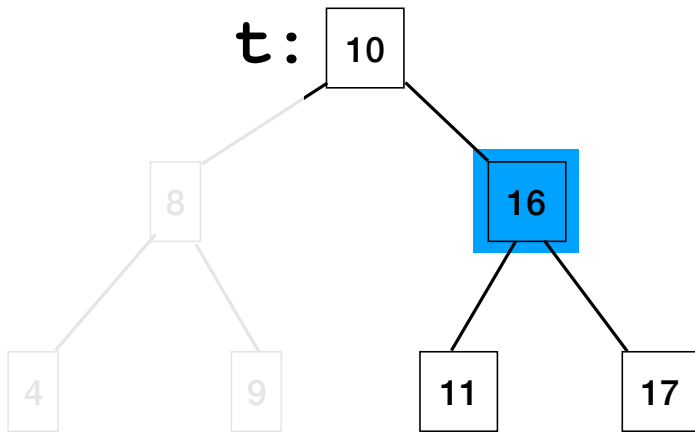


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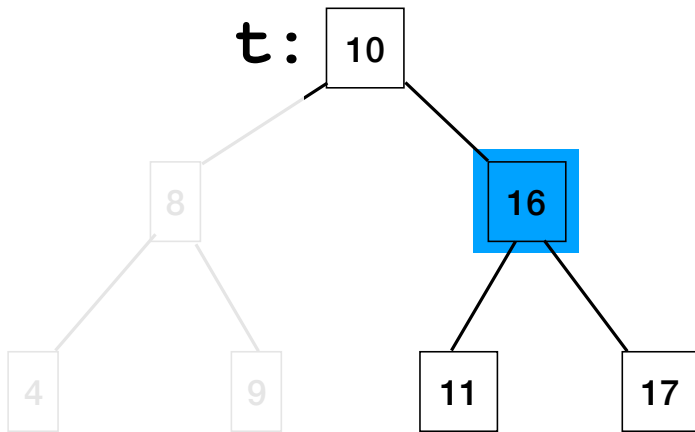


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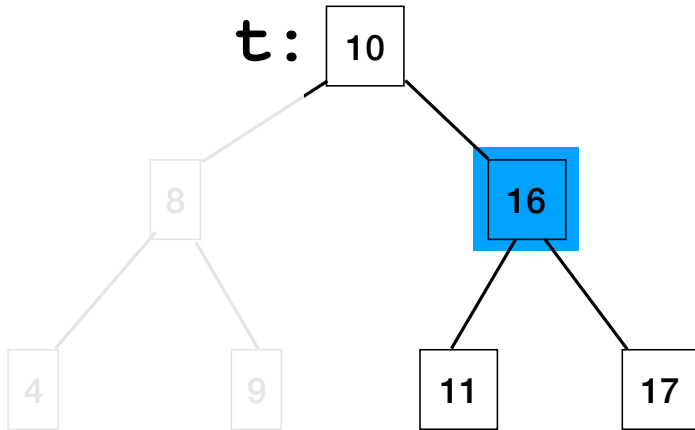
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$11 < 16$

Searching a BST



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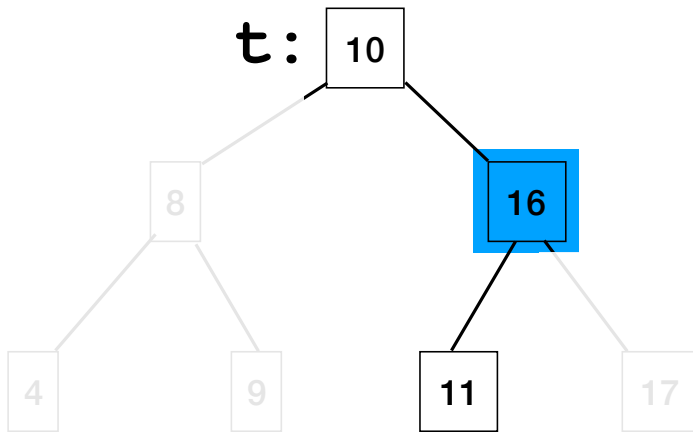
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`11 < 16`

`search(left, 11)`

Searching a BST



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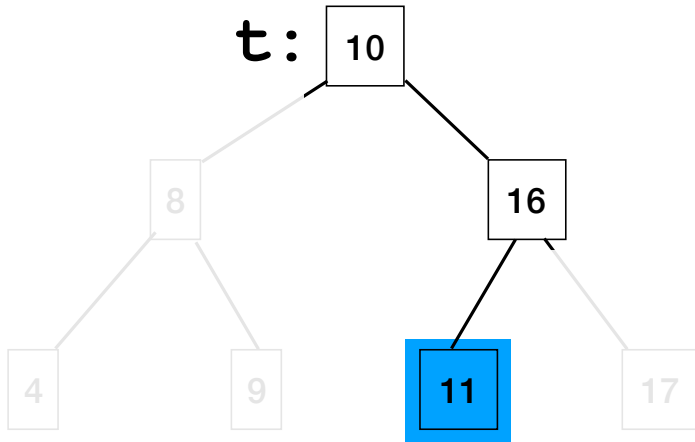
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Searching a BST



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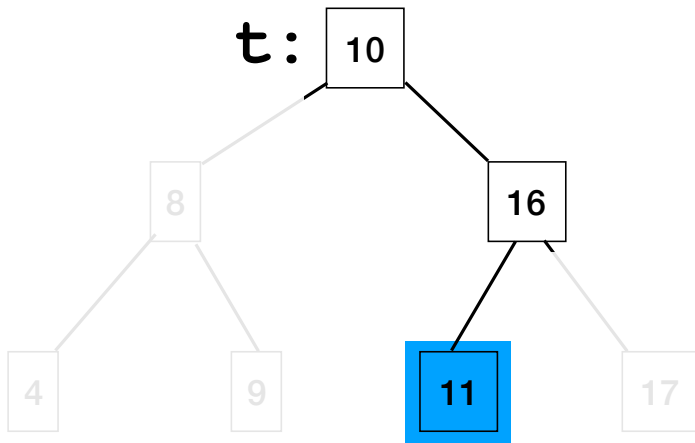
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Searching a BST



```
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```
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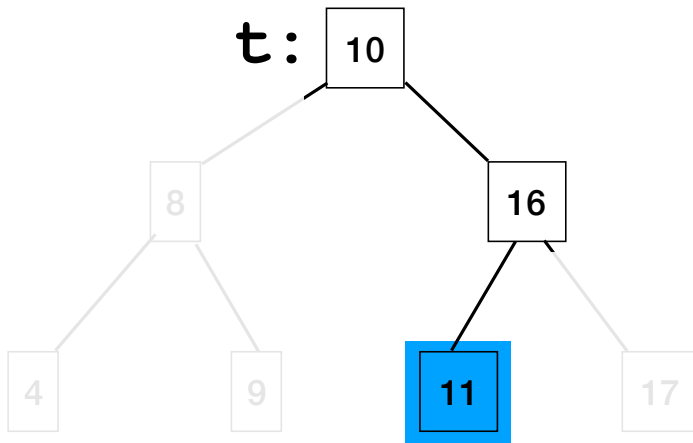
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search(right, 11)
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11 < 16
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search(left, 11)
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Searching a BST



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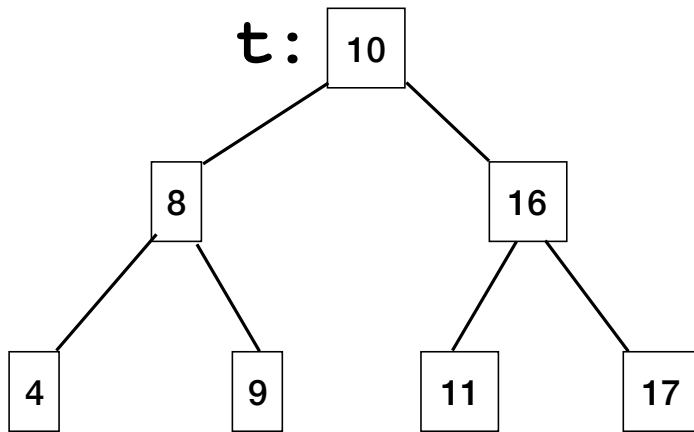
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```
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```

```
11 == 11
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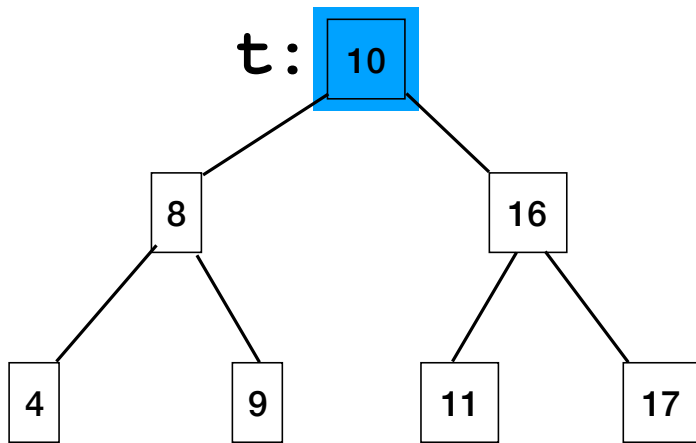
```
found it! return.
```

Searching a BST - the nonexistent case



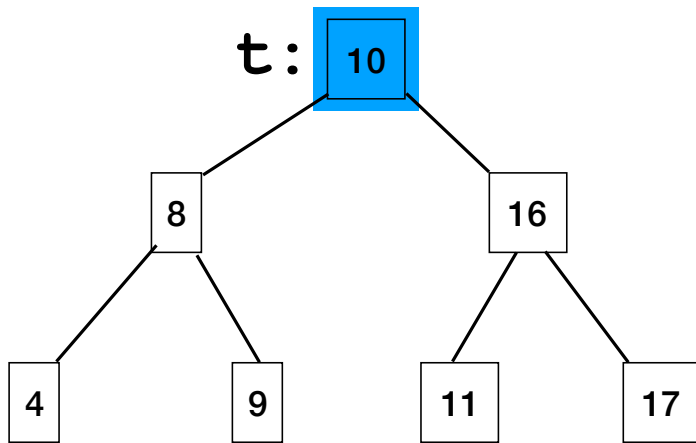
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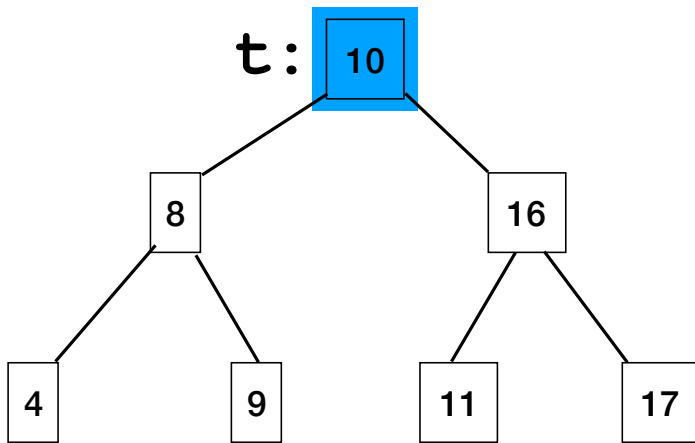
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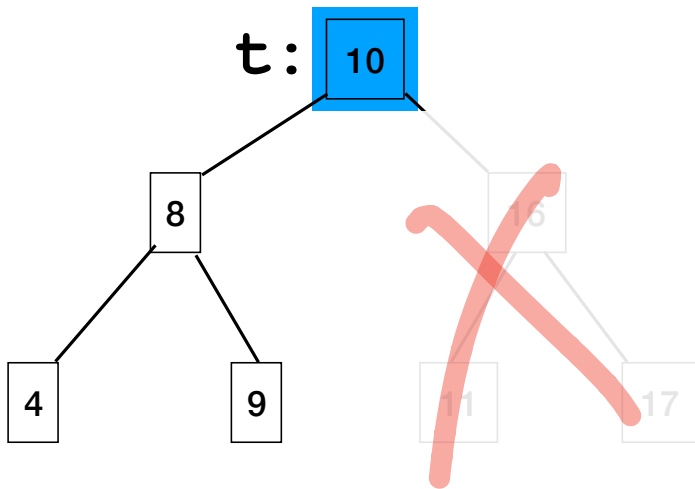


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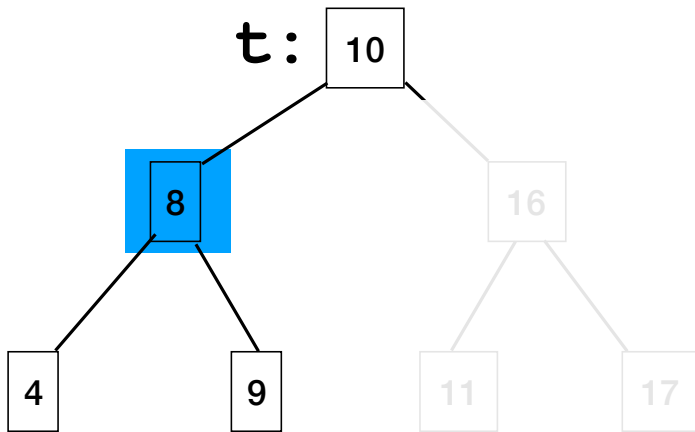


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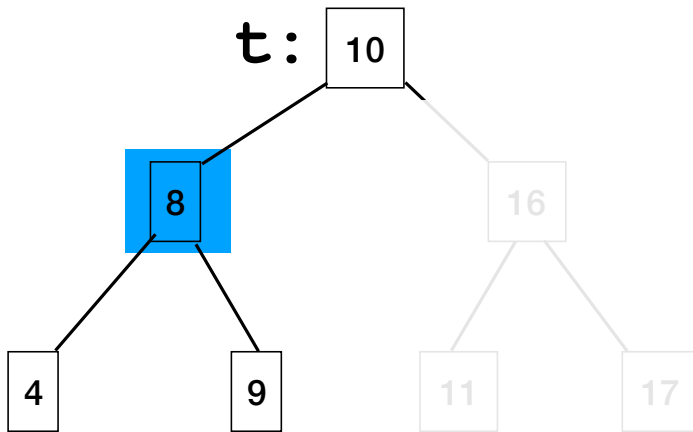


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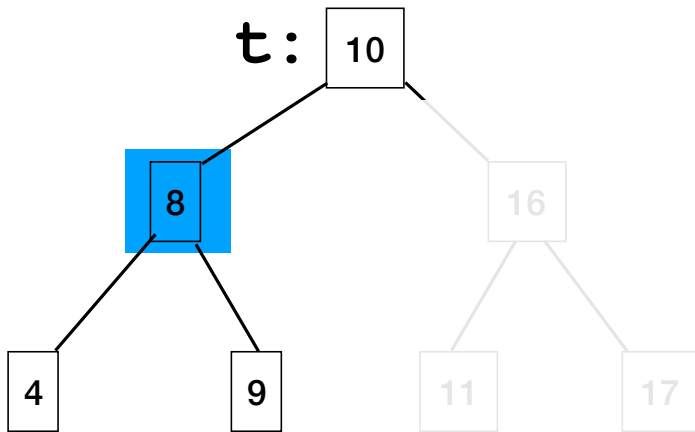
`search(t, 5)`

$5 < 10$

`search(left, 5)`

$5 < 8$

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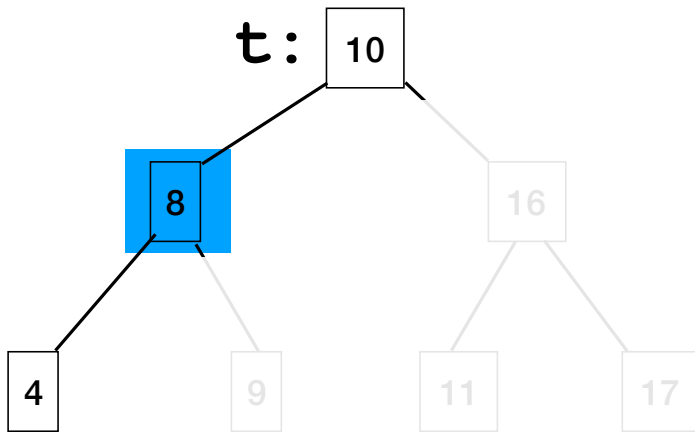
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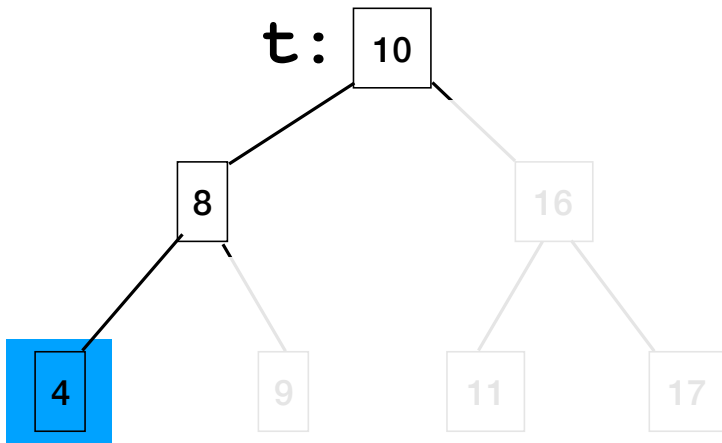
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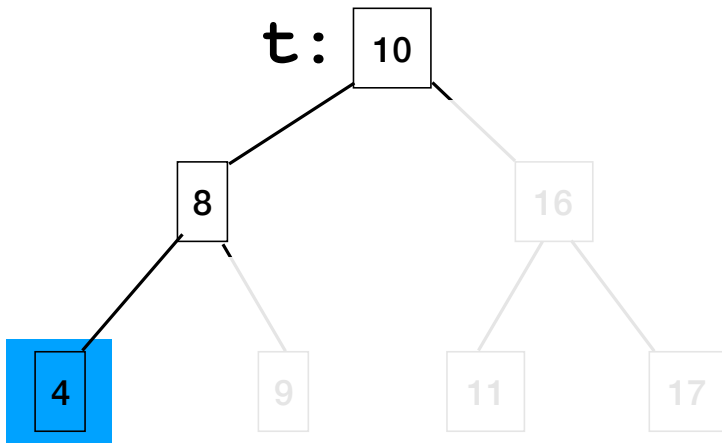
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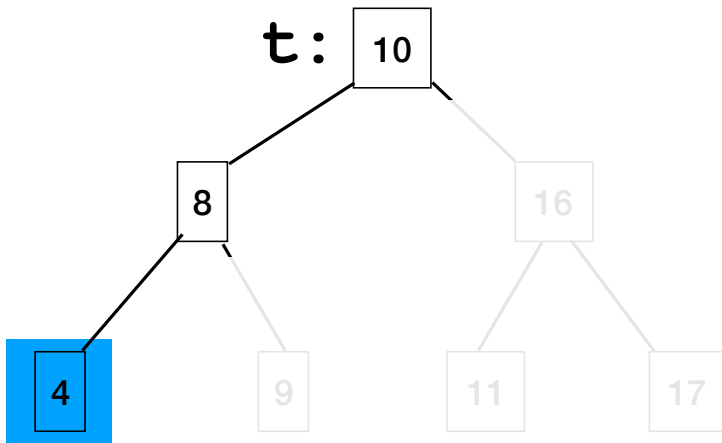
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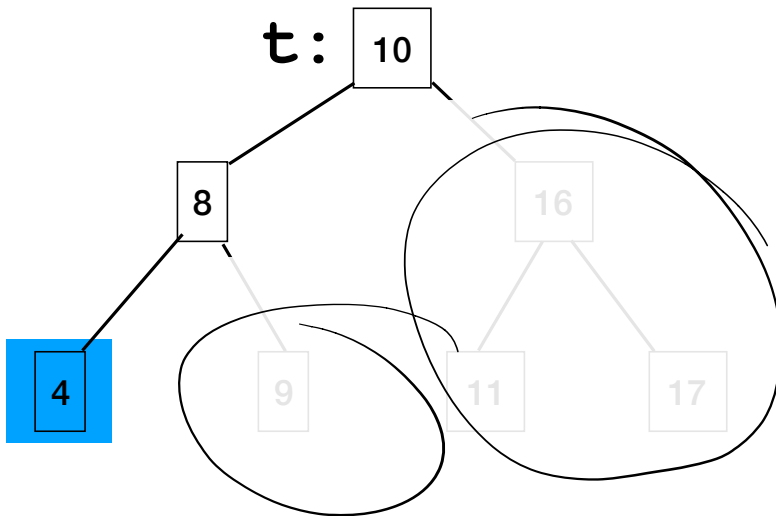
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`5 > 4`

`search(right, 5)`

`null - not found!`

Searching: BT vs BST

```
/** Searches the binary tree
 * rooted at n for value v,
 * returning true iff it is
 * in the tree. */
```

```
boolean srchBT(n, v) {
    if (n == null) {
        return false;
    }
    if (n.v == v) {
        return true;
    }
    return srchBT(n.left, v)
        || srchBT(n.right, v);
}
```

```
/** Searches the binary *search*
 * tree rooted at n for value v,
 * returning true iff it is in
 * the tree. */
```

```
public srchBST(n, v) {
    if (n == null) {
        return false;
    }
    if (n.v == v) {
        return true;
    }
    if (v < n.v) {
        return srchBST(n.left, v);
    } else {
        return srchBST(n.right, v);
    }
}
```

Searching a **BST**: What's the runtime?

```
boolean search(BST t, int v):
```

```
    if t == null:
```

```
        return false
```

```
    if t.value == v:
```

```
        return true
```

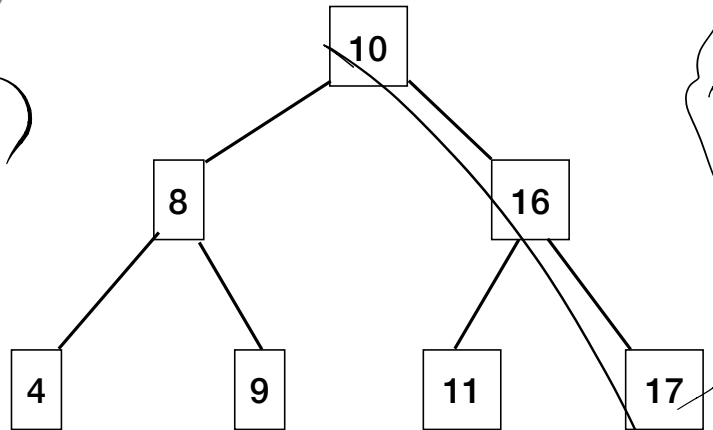
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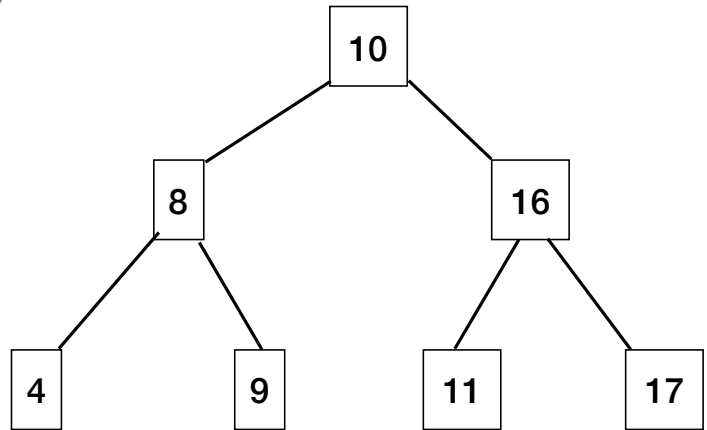


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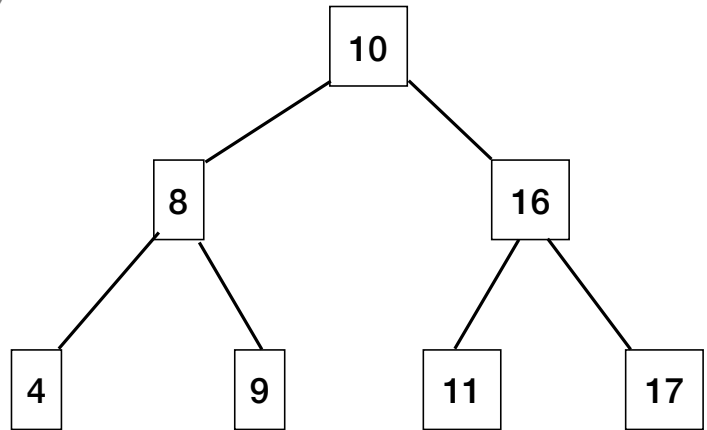


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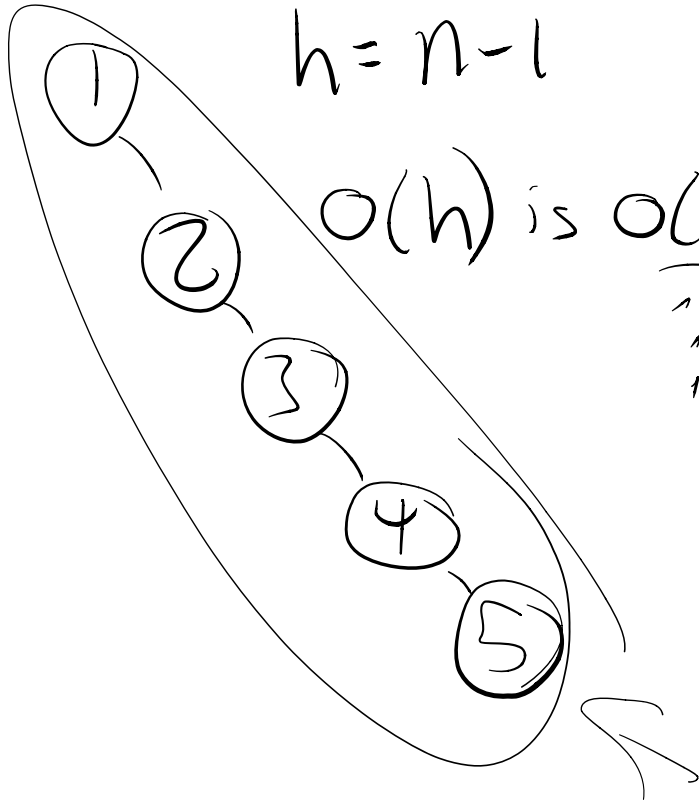
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That's great, but how does h relate to n , the number of nodes?

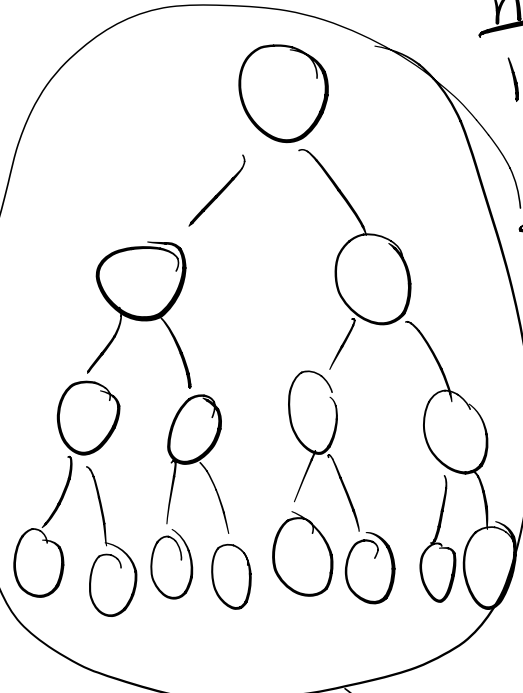
Suppose we have n nodes. What's the
 Max height?
 Min height?

$h = n - 1$

$O(h)$ is $O(n)$



Min height?

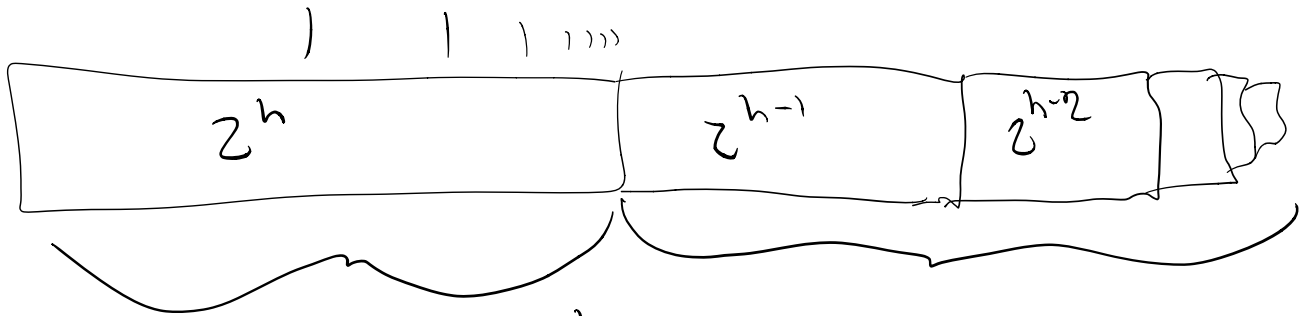


$h = O(\log n)$

n nodes	\downarrow
1	0
2	1
4	2
8	3
2^d	d

2^h at leaf level

$$n = 2^h + 2^{h-1} + 2^{h-2} + \dots + 2^0$$



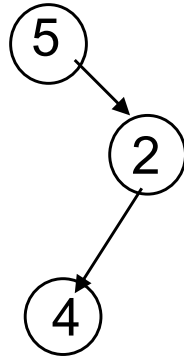
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$$O(\log_2 n) = h$$

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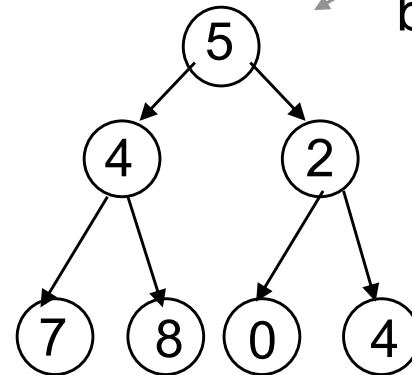


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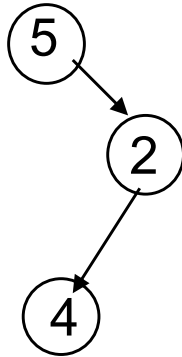
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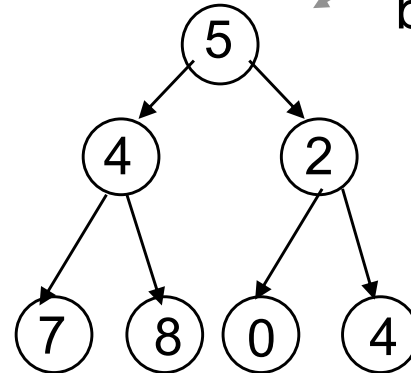


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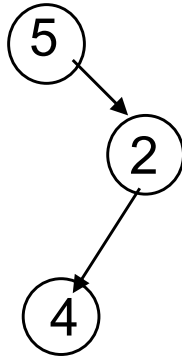
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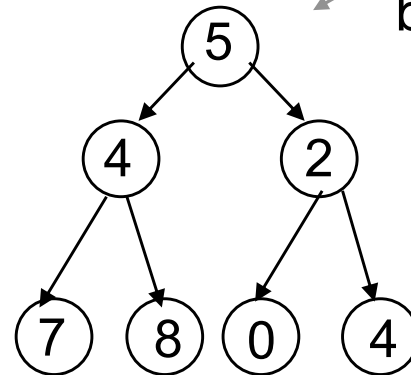


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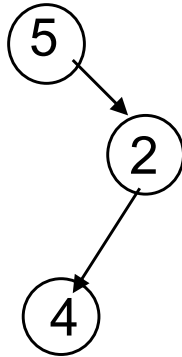
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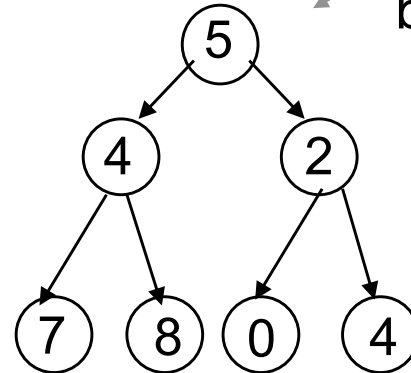


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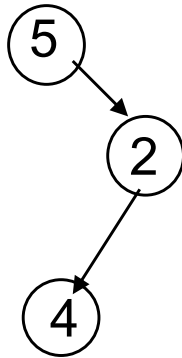
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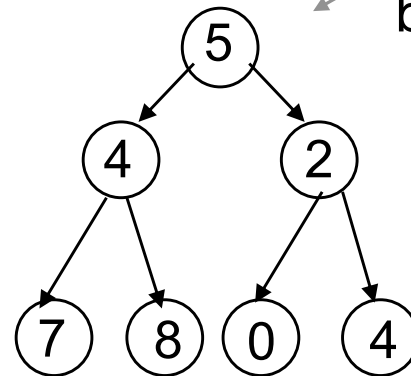


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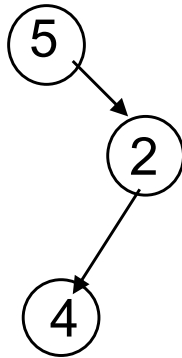
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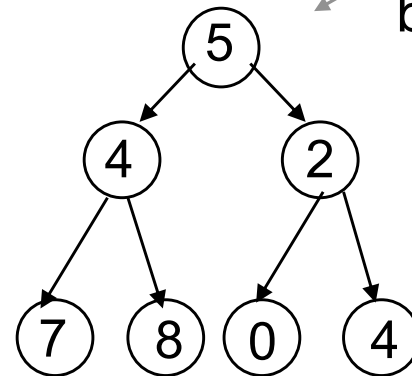
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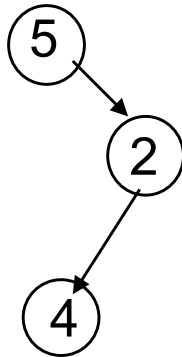
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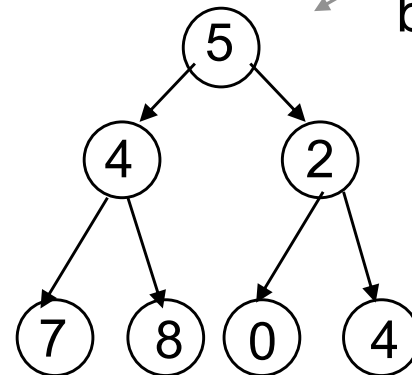


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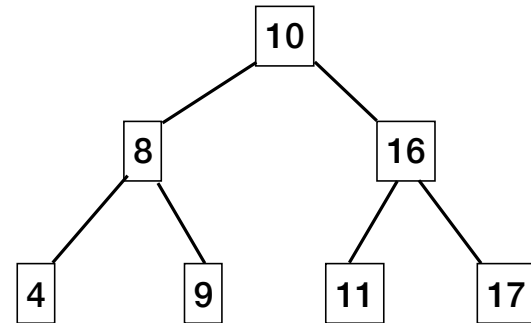
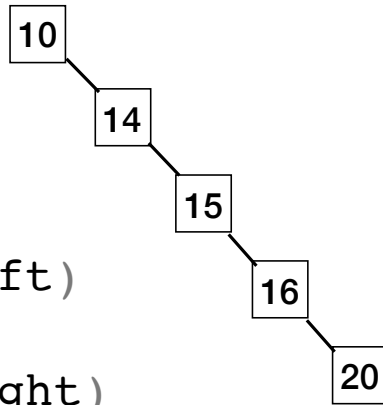
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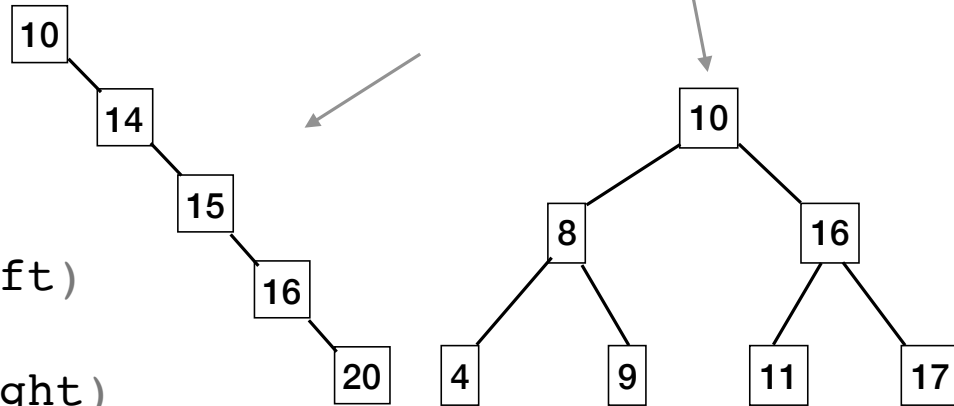
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