

Lecture 7

Binary Search Trees and Red-Black Trees

Announcements

- HW3 due Wednesday!
- Location changes!
 - Apoorva's Section (Th 4:30pm): Hewlett 201
 - HW Party (Th 6pm): Bishop
- What summations should you know?
 - We have posted a short note (in the "Resources" tab) with some useful summations!
 - We will try to remind you of these whenever you'll need them, but we will assume you are familiar with them.

Ed Heroes!

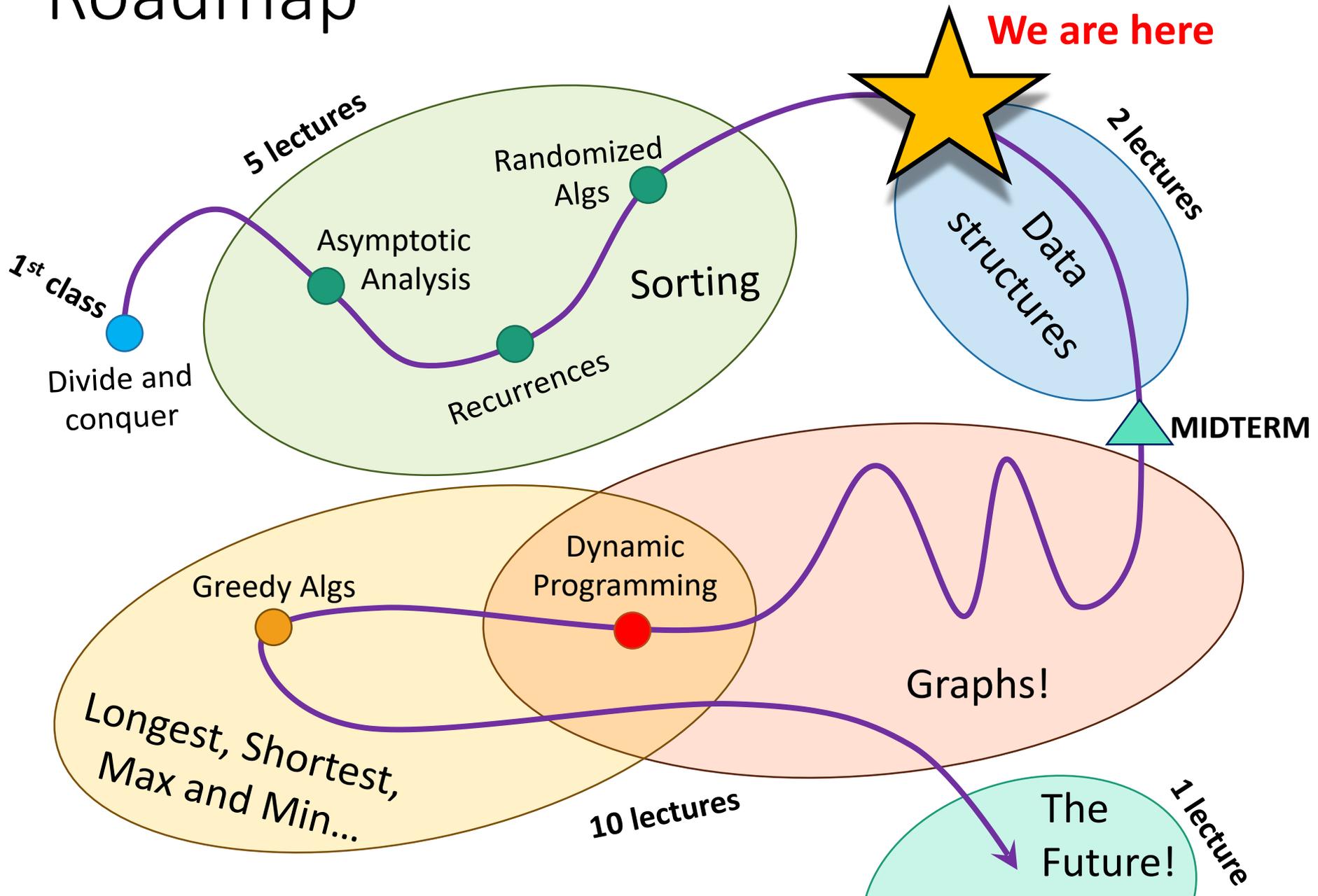
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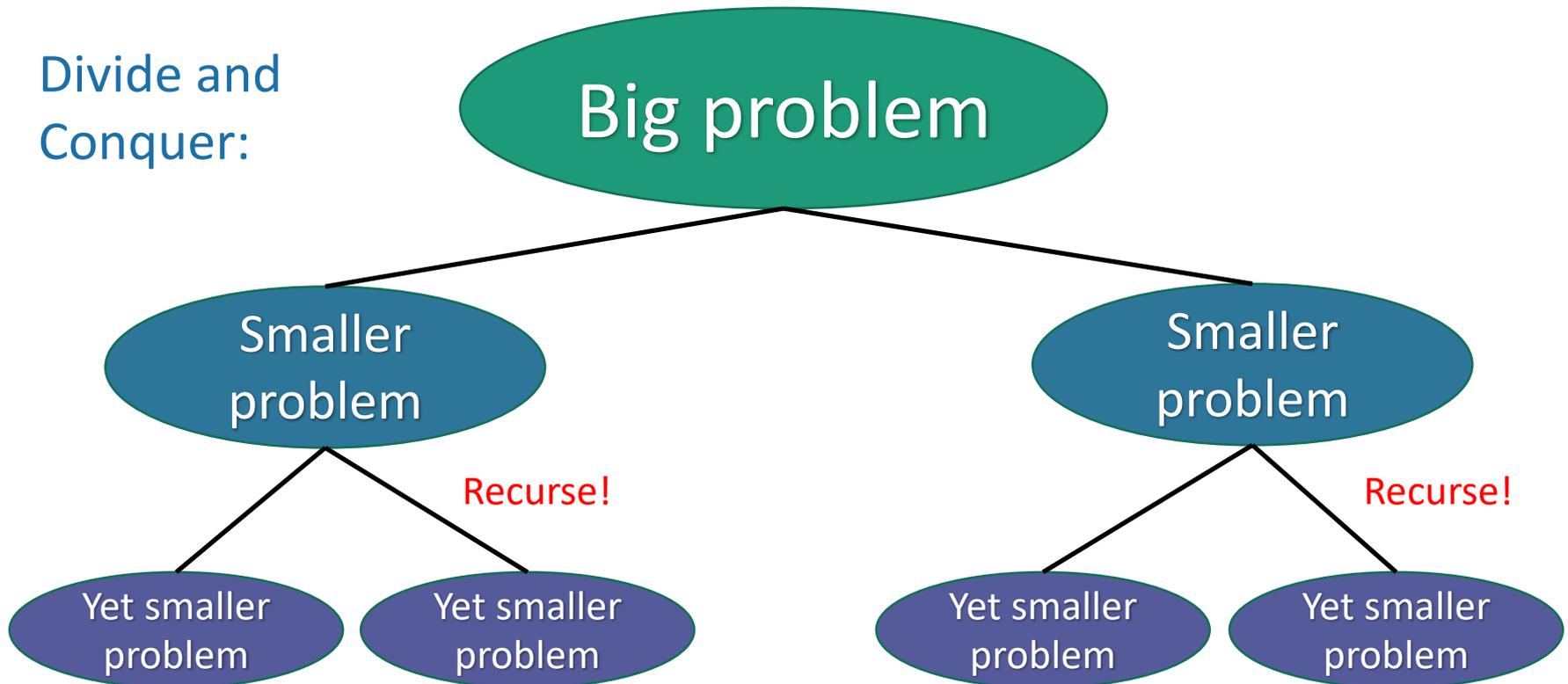
Roadmap



But first!

- A brief wrap-up of divide and conquer.

Divide and
Conquer:



How do we design divide-and-conquer algorithms?

- So far we've seen lots of examples.
 - Karatsuba
 - MergeSort
 - Select
 - QuickSort
 - Sorting flocks of ducks (HW1)
 - Sorting dancing ducks (HW2)



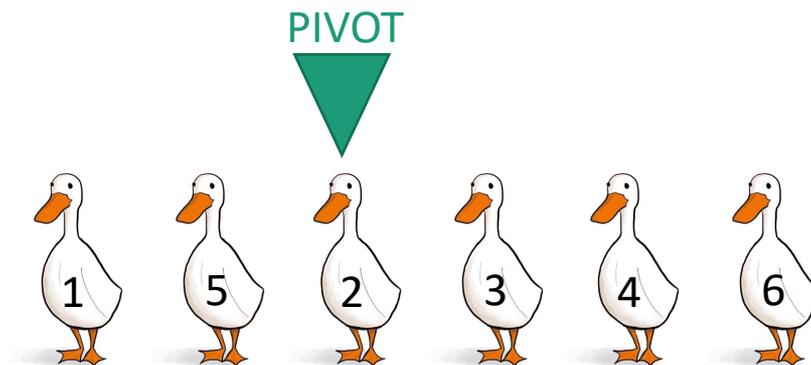
- Let's take a minute to zoom out and look at some general strategies.

One Strategy

1. Identify natural sub-problems
 - Arrays of half the size
 - Things smaller/larger than a pivot
2. Imagine you had the magical ability to solve those natural sub-problems...what would you do?
 - Just try it with all of the natural sub-problems you can come up with! Anything look helpful?
3. Work out the details
 - Write down pseudocode, etc.

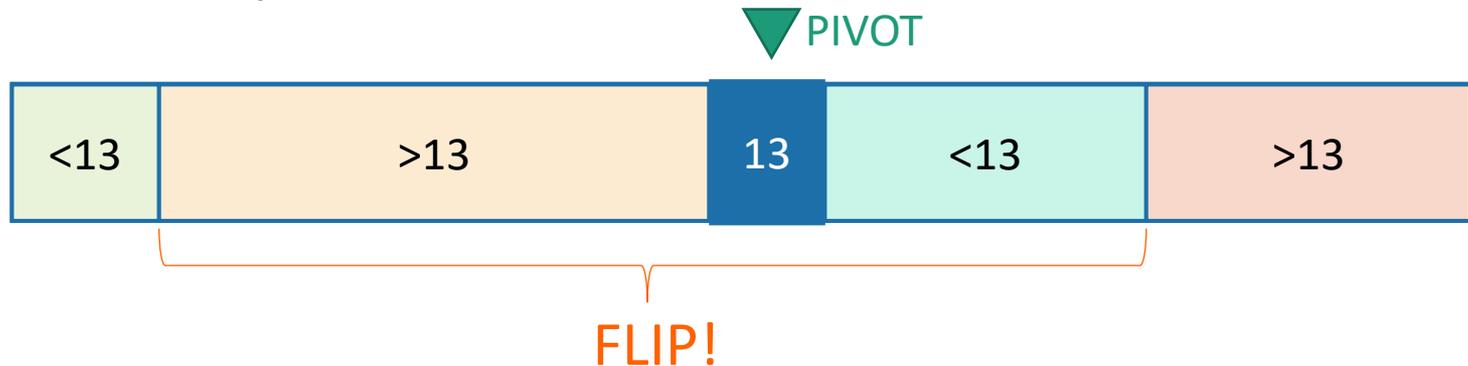
Example: dancing ducks from HW2

Goal: implement PARTITION using FLIP



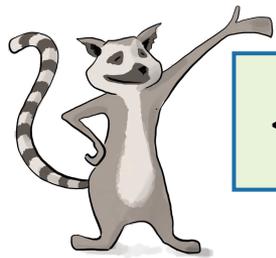
Example: dancing ducks from HW2

1. Identify natural sub-problems.
 - We already know there's a pivot, so let's say "left and right of the pivot."
2. What would happen if we could magically solve the subproblems?



How can we use the one operation we're allowed to use?

TADA!



3. Fill in the details.



Where do we put the pivot for the recursive calls? How do we do the indexing?

On a related note...

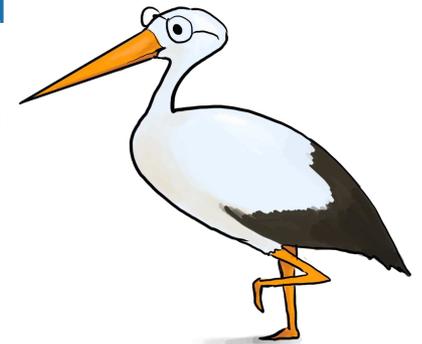


Meme credit: Jadon and Claire 😊

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Think about how you could arrive at MergeSort or QuickSort via this strategy!

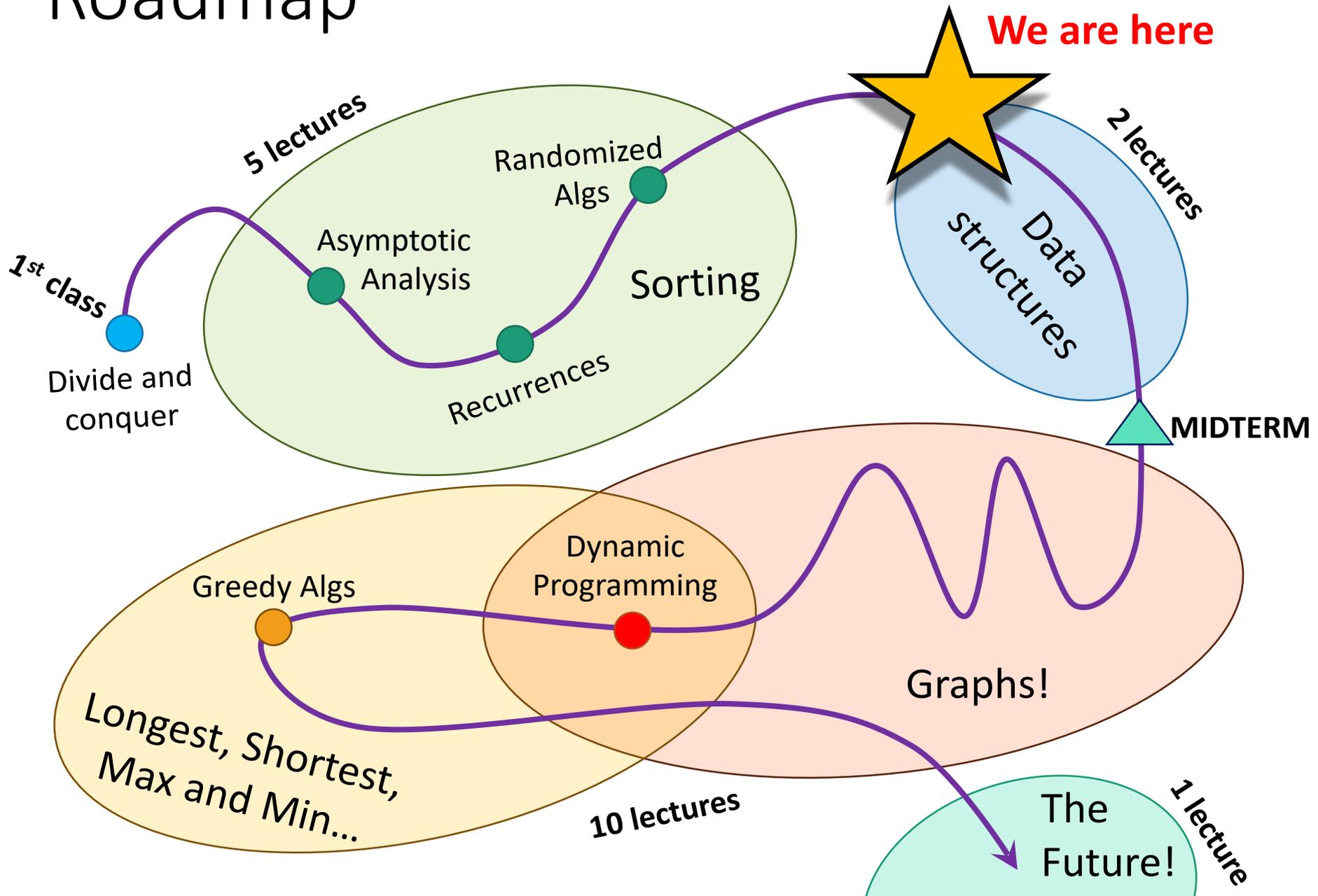


Other tips



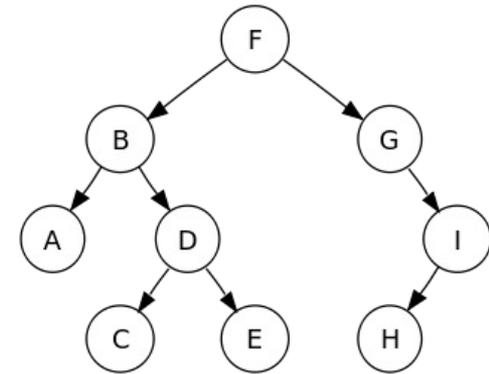
- Small examples.
 - If you have an idea but are having trouble working out the details, try it on a small example by hand.
- Gee, that looks familiar...
 - The more algorithms you see, the easier it will get to come up with new algorithms!
- Bring in your analysis tools.
 - E.g., if I'm doing divide-and-conquer with 2 subproblems of size $n/2$ and I want an $O(n \log n)$ time algorithm, I know that I can afford $O(n)$ work combining my sub-problems.
- Iterate.
 - Darn, that approach didn't work! But, if I tweaked this aspect of it, maybe it works better?
- Everyone approaches problem-solving differently...find the way that works best for you.
 - Check out our **problem-solving guide** on the course website!

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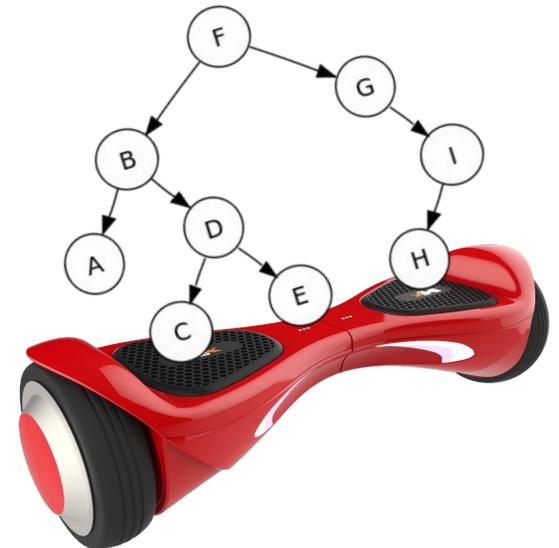
Today

- Begin a brief foray into data structures!
 - See CS 166 for more!
- Binary search trees
 - You may remember these from CS 106B
 - They are better when they're balanced.



this will lead us to...

- Self-Balancing Binary Search Trees
 - **Red-Black** trees.



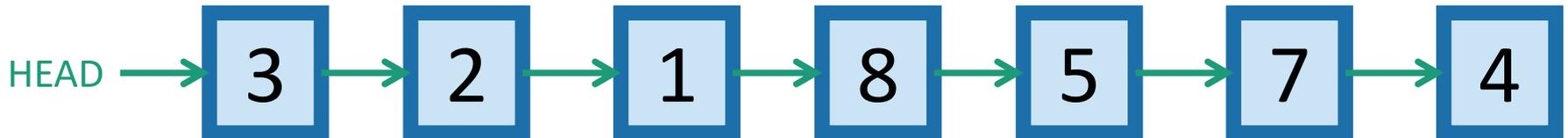
Some data structures

for storing objects like **5** (aka, **nodes** with **keys**)

- (Sorted) arrays:



- Linked lists:



- Some basic operations:
 - **INSERT, DELETE, SEARCH**

Sorted Arrays



- $O(n)$ INSERT/DELETE:

- First, find the relevant element (we'll see how below), and then move a bunch of elements in the array:



- $O(\log(n))$ SEARCH:

eg, insert 4.5



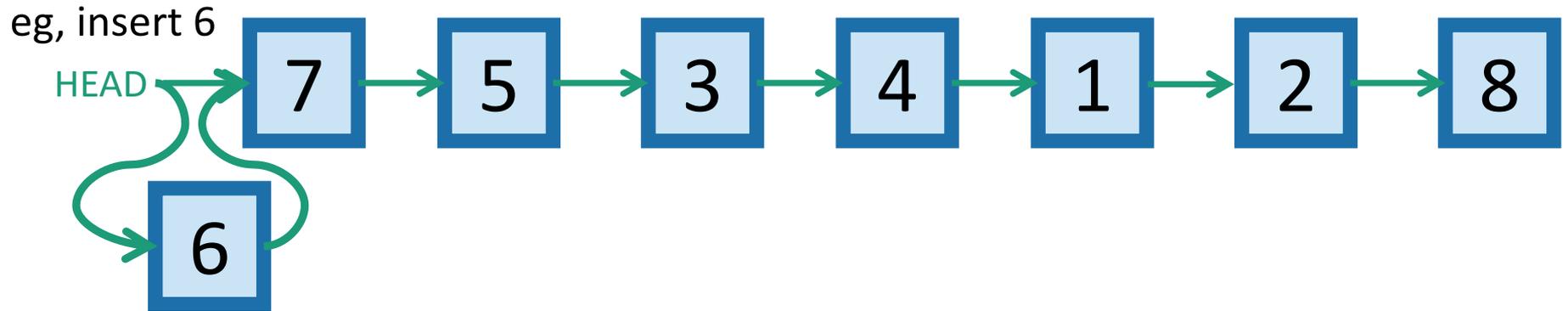
eg, Binary search to see if 3 is in A.

(Not necessarily sorted)

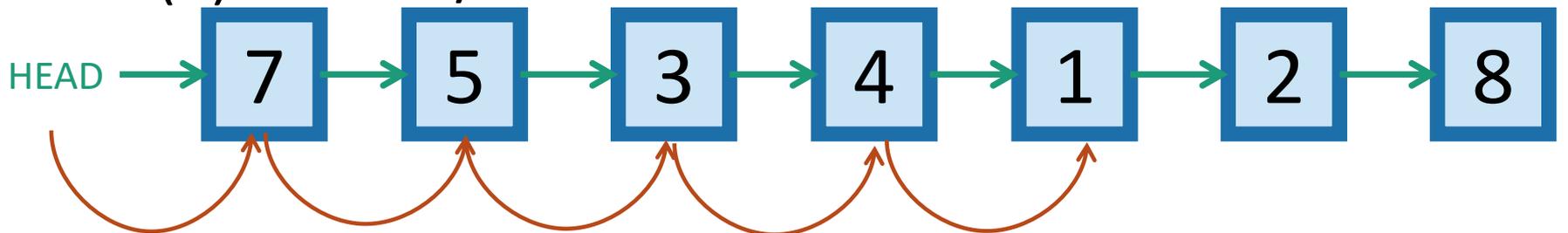
Linked lists



- $O(1)$ INSERT:



- $O(n)$ SEARCH/DELETE:



eg, search for 1 (and then you could delete it by manipulating pointers).

Motivation for Binary Search Trees

TODAY!

	Sorted Arrays	Linked Lists	(Balanced) Binary Search Trees
Search	$O(\log(n))$ 😊	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(\log(n))$ 😊
Delete	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(\log(n))$ 😊
Insert	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(1)$ 😊	$O(\log(n))$ 😊

For today all keys are distinct.

Binary tree terminology

Each node has two children.

The left child of 3 is 2

The right child of 3 is 4

The parent of 3 is 5

2 is a descendant of 5

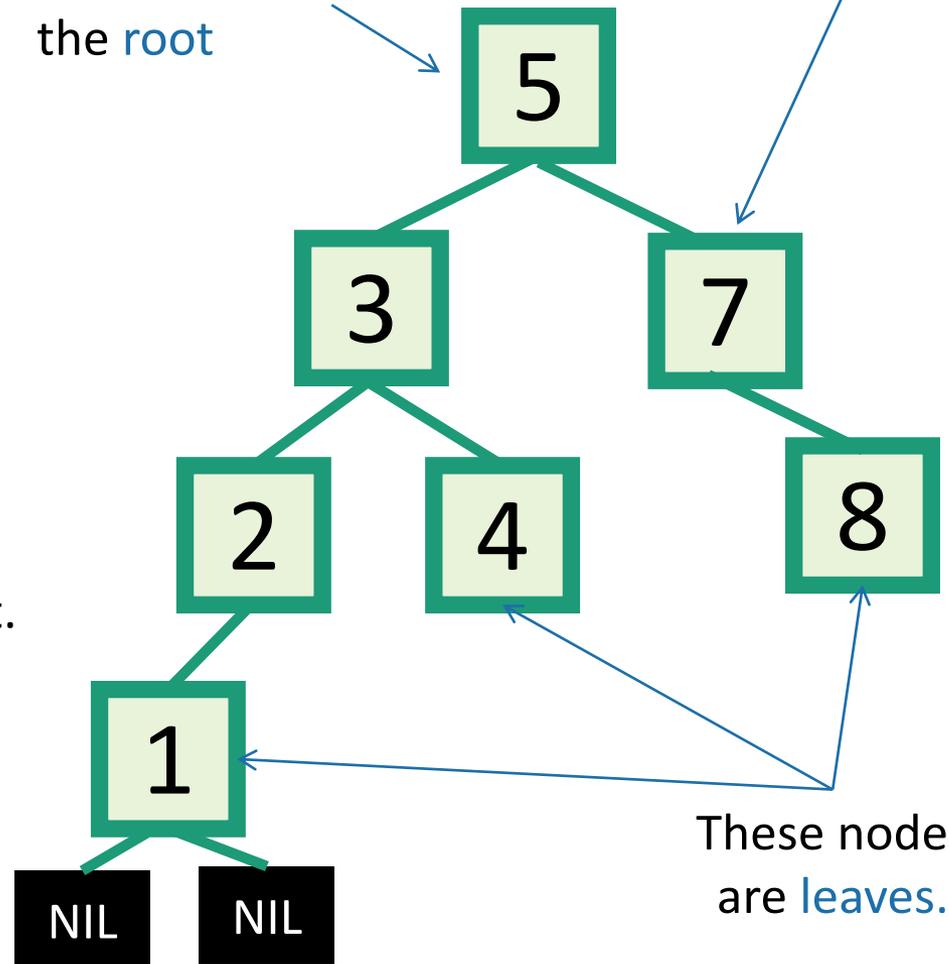
Each node has a pointer to its left child, right child, and parent.

Both children of 1 are NIL.
(I won't usually draw them).

The height of this tree is 3.
(Max number of edges from the root to a leaf).

This node is the root

This is a node.
It has a key (7).

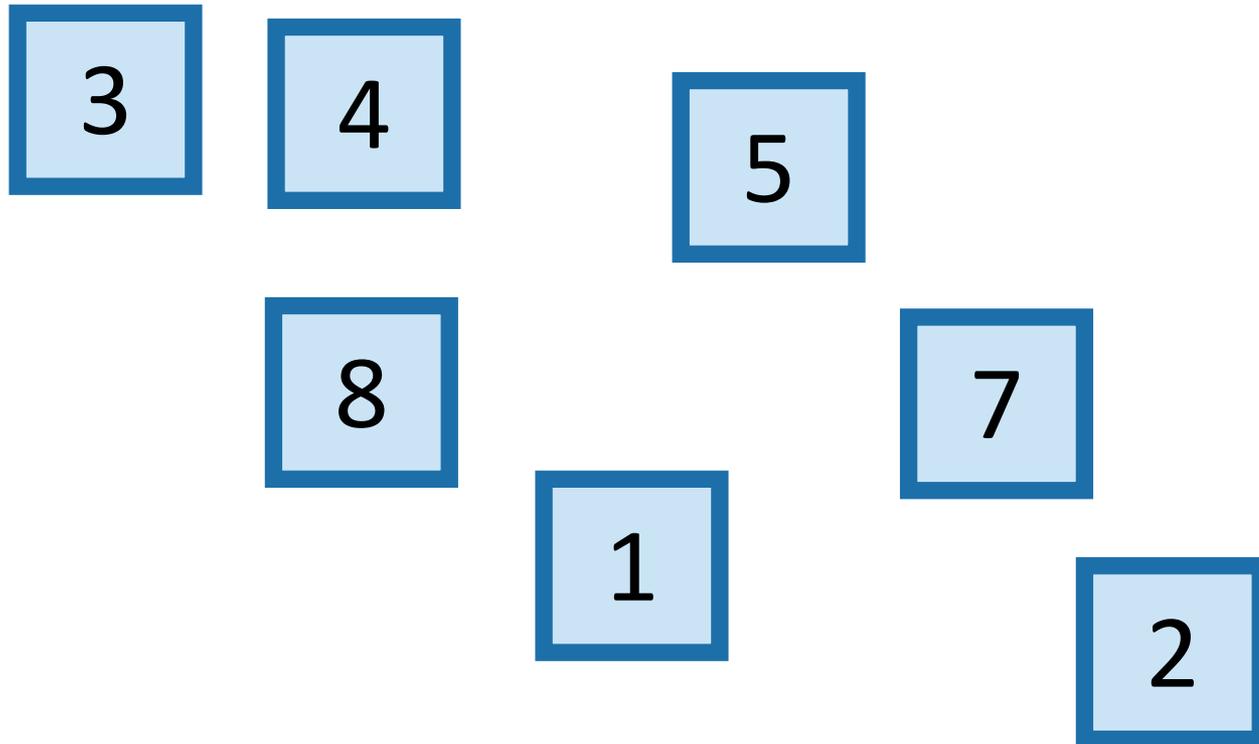


These nodes are leaves.

From your pre-lecture exercise...

Binary Search Trees

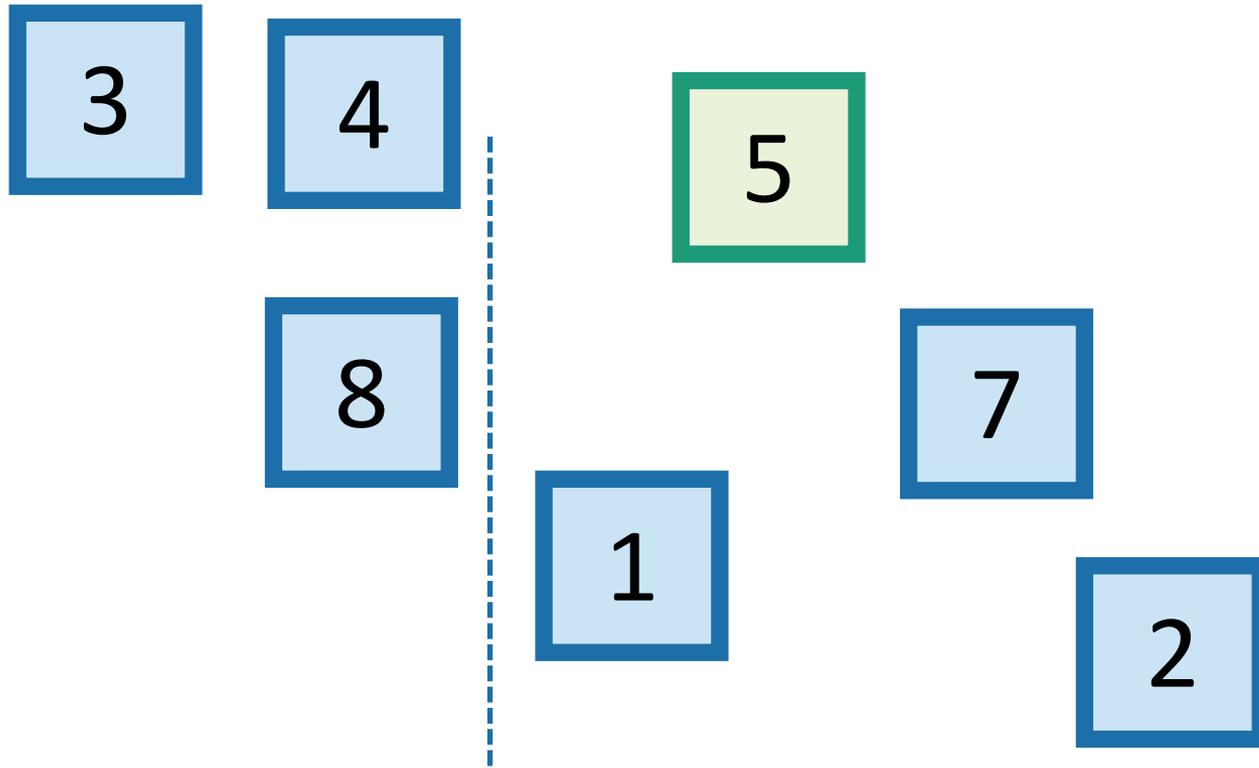
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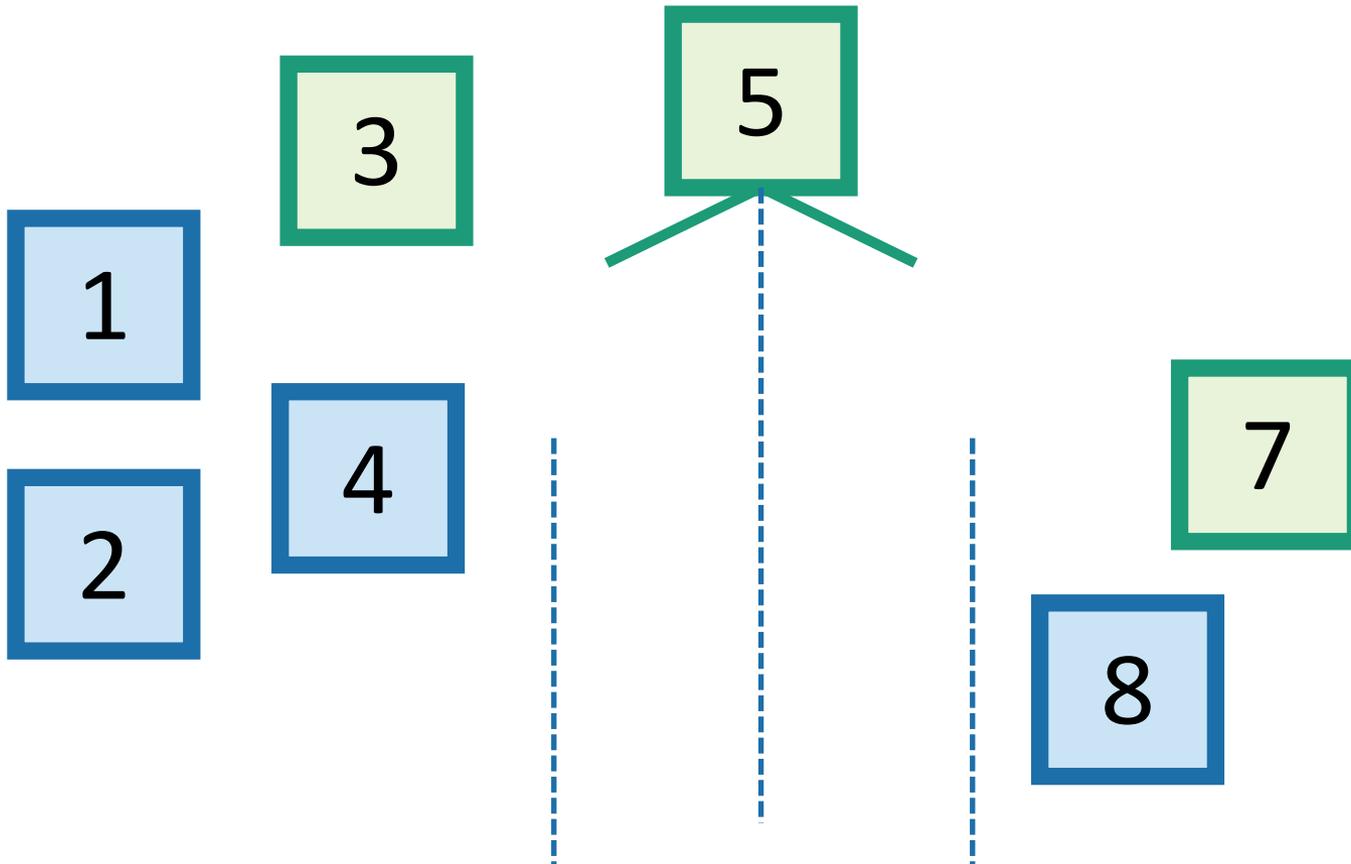
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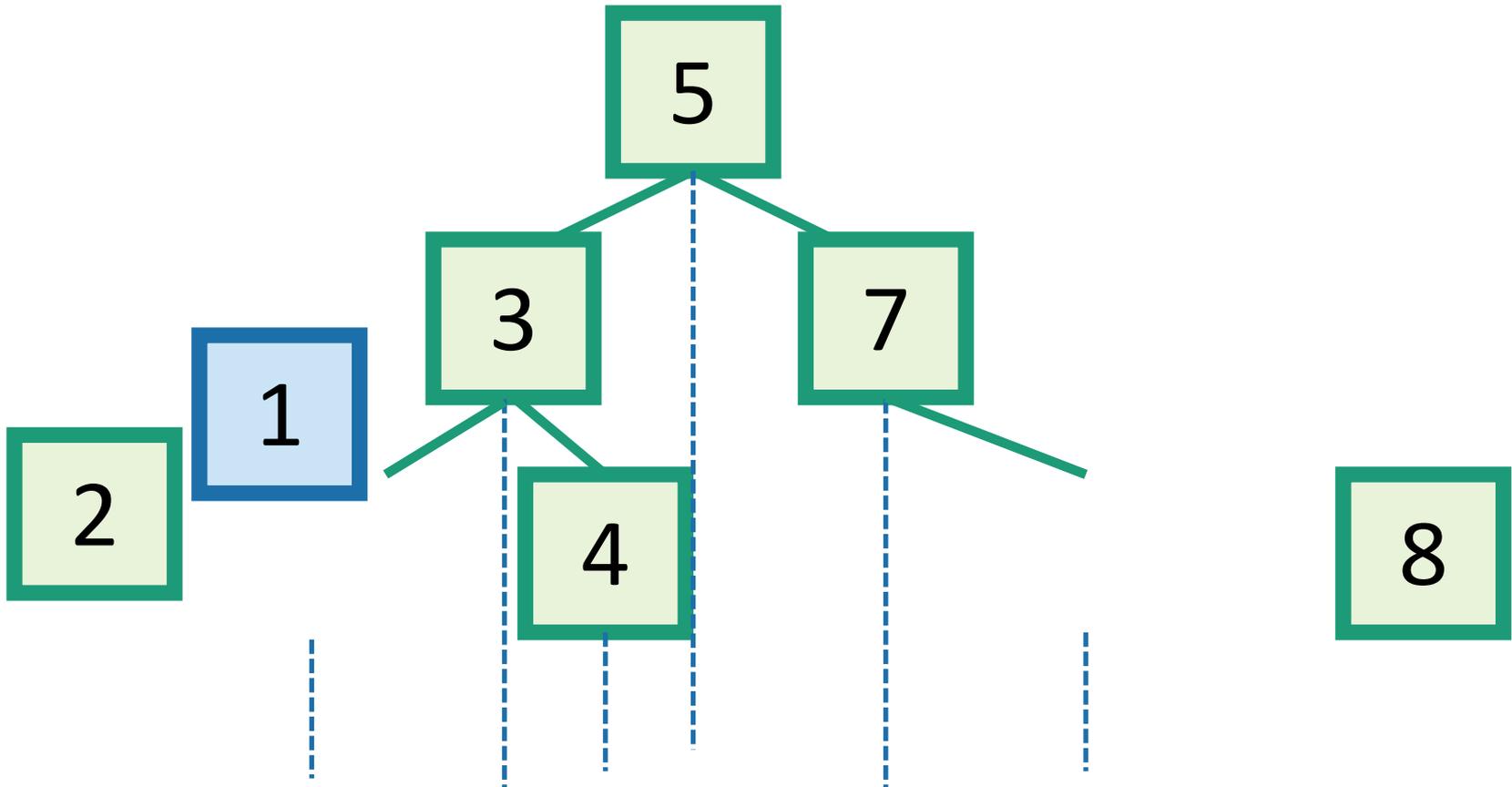
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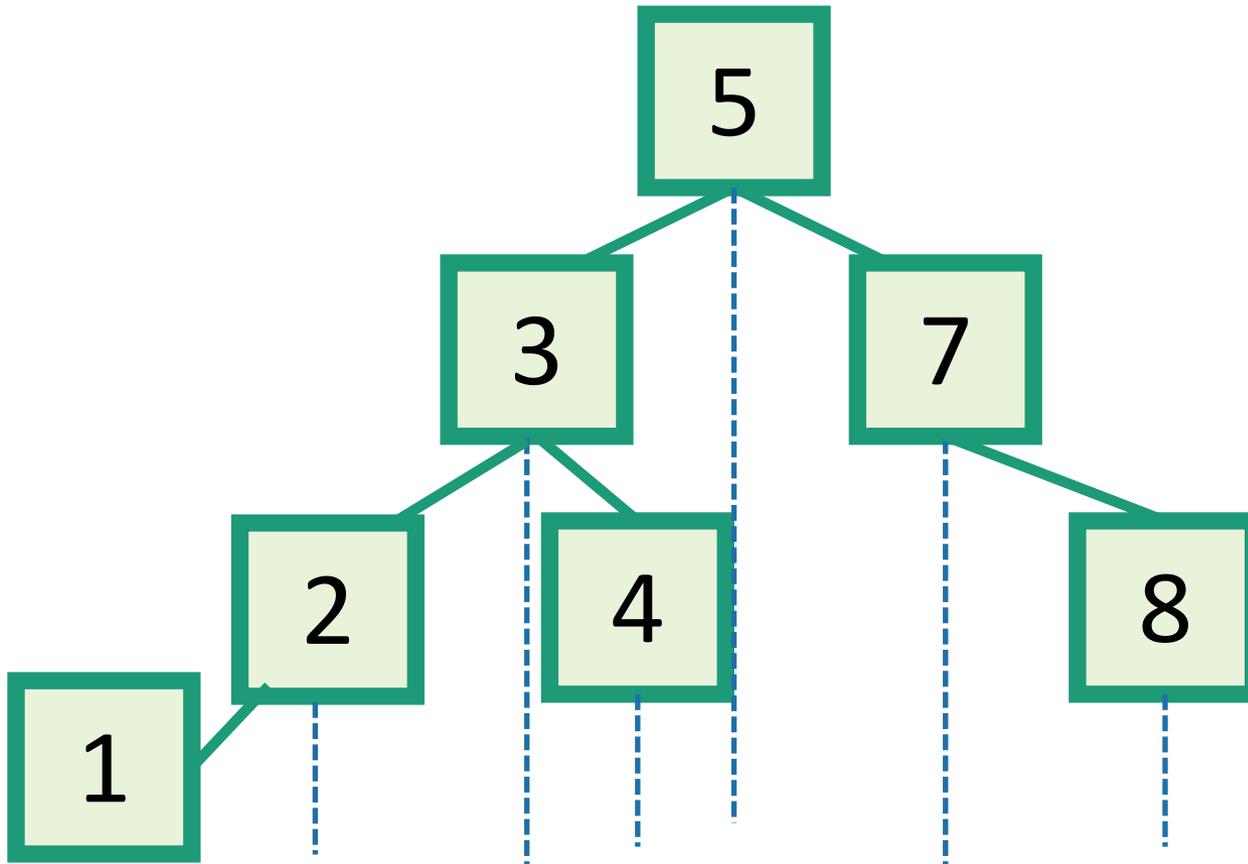
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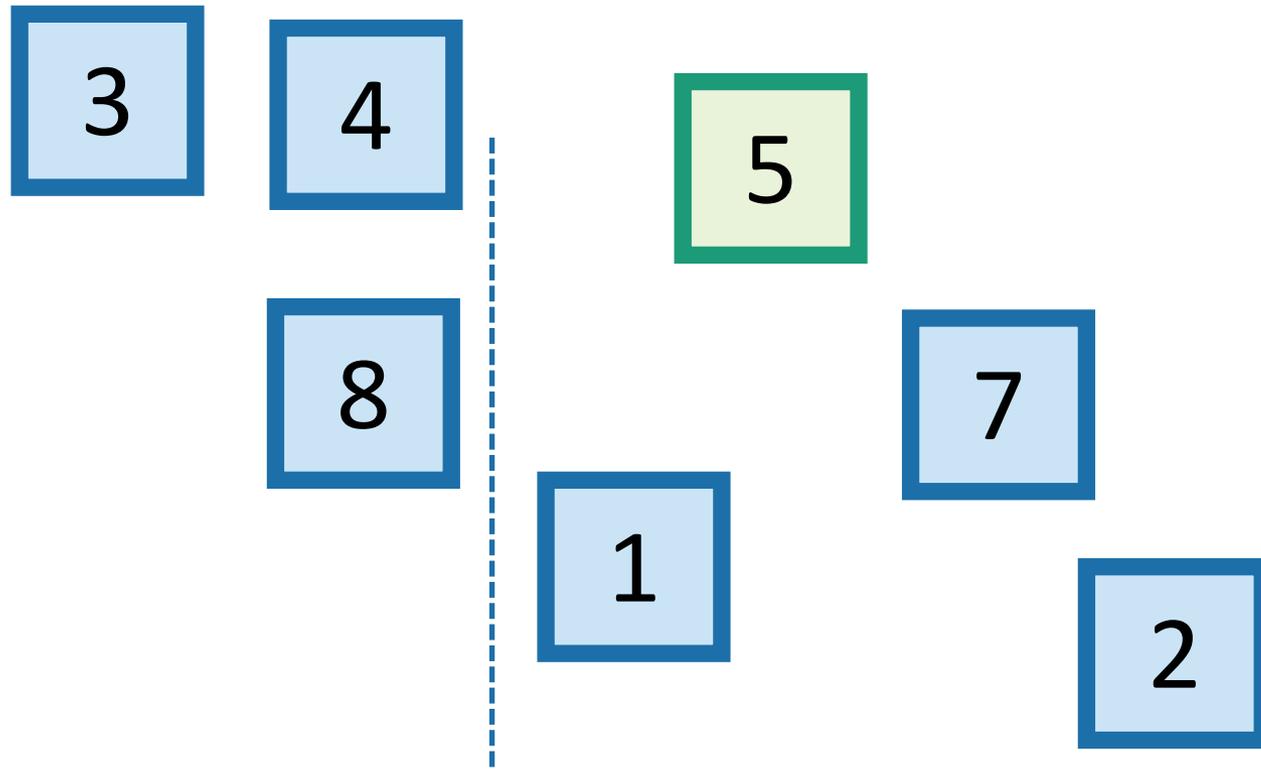
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Q: Is this the only binary search tree I could possibly build with these values?

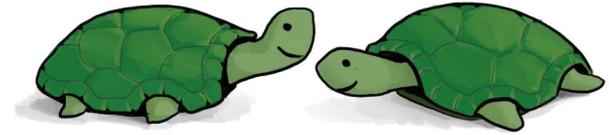
A: **No.** I made choices about which nodes to choose when. Any choices would have been fine.

Aside: this should look familiar
kinda like QuickSort



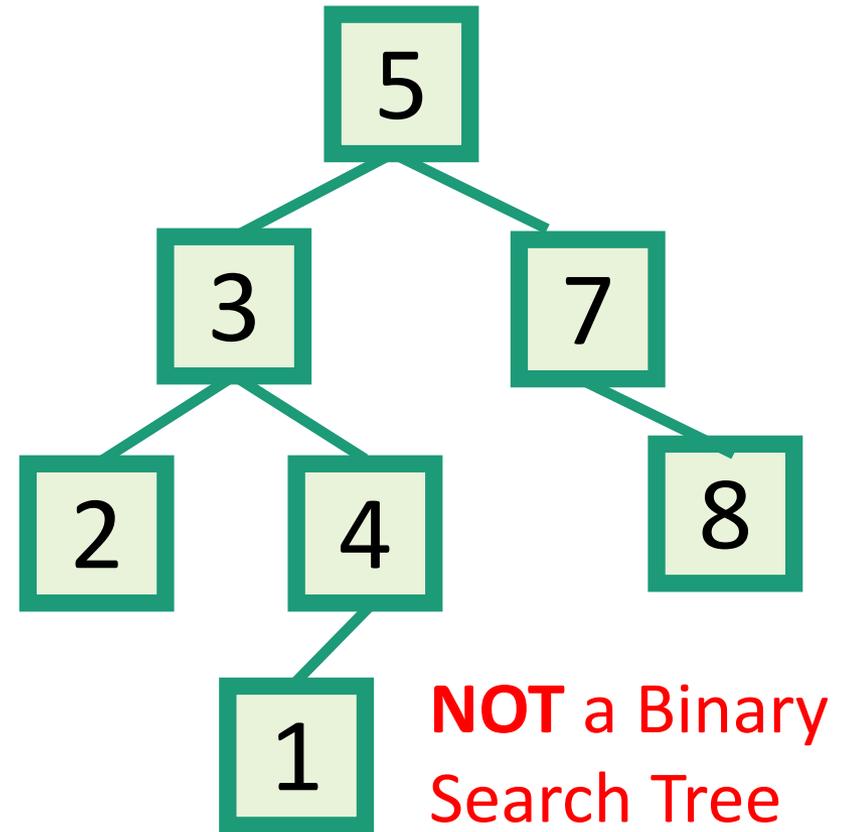
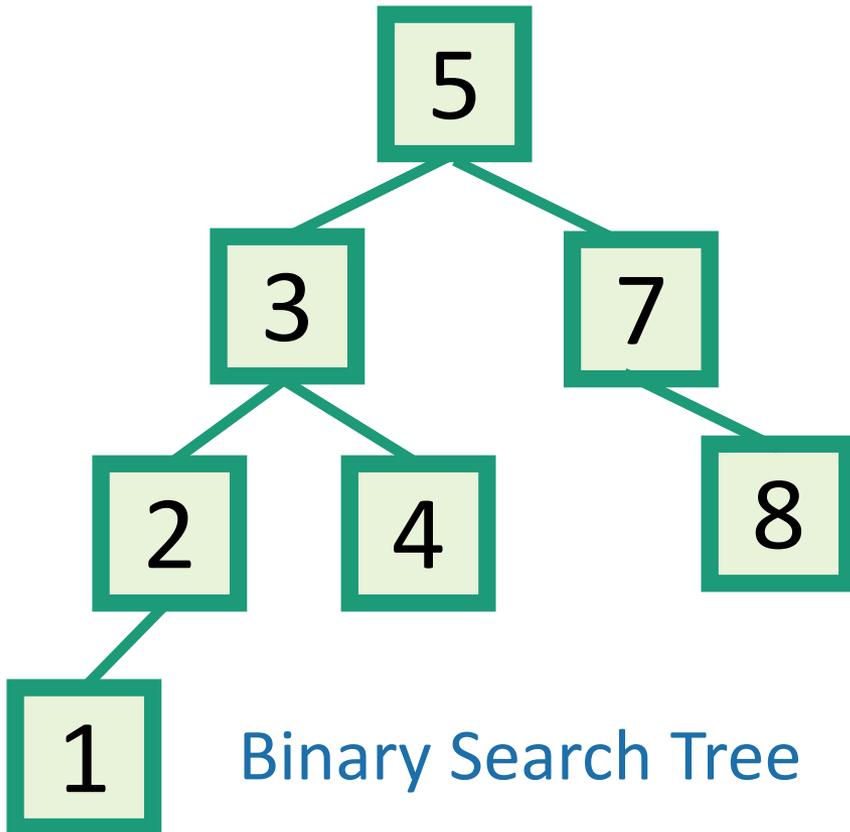
Binary Search Trees

Which of these is a BST?
1 minute Think-Pair-Share



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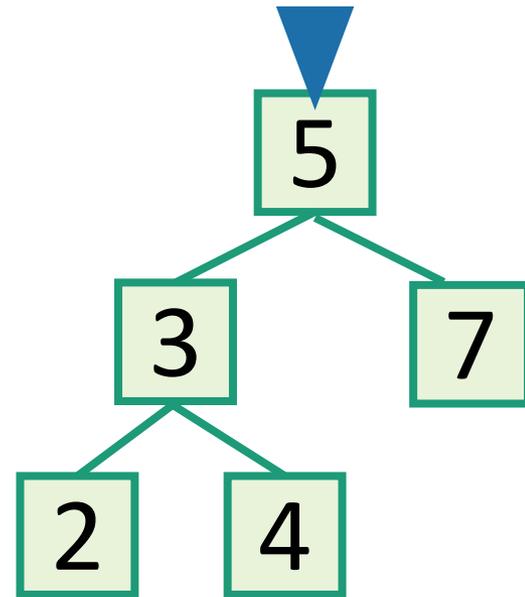
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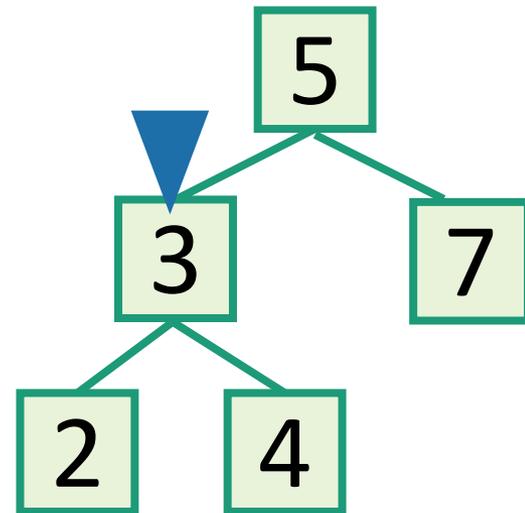
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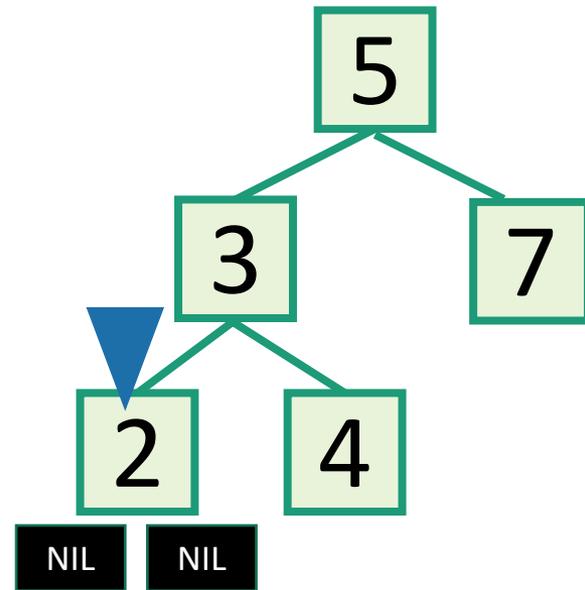
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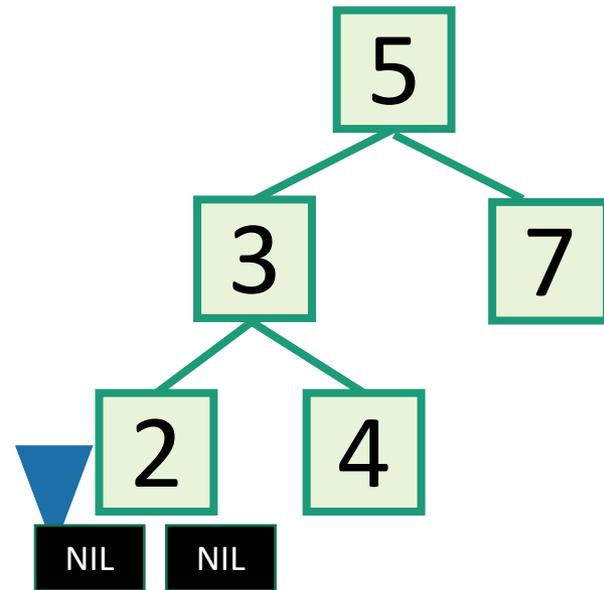
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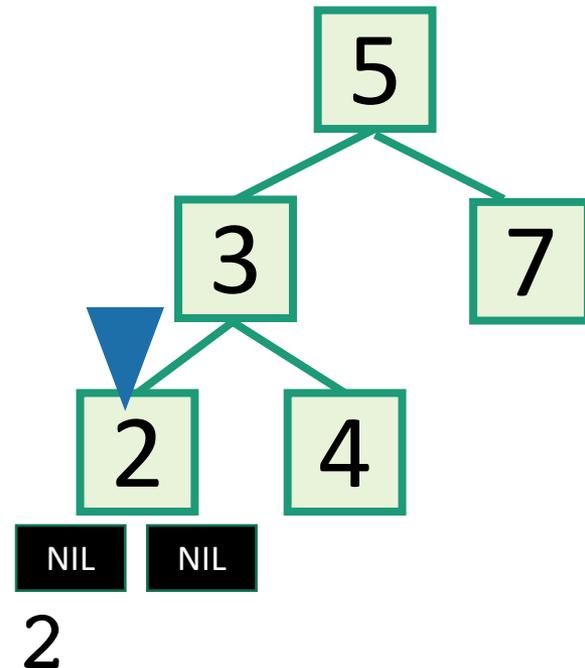
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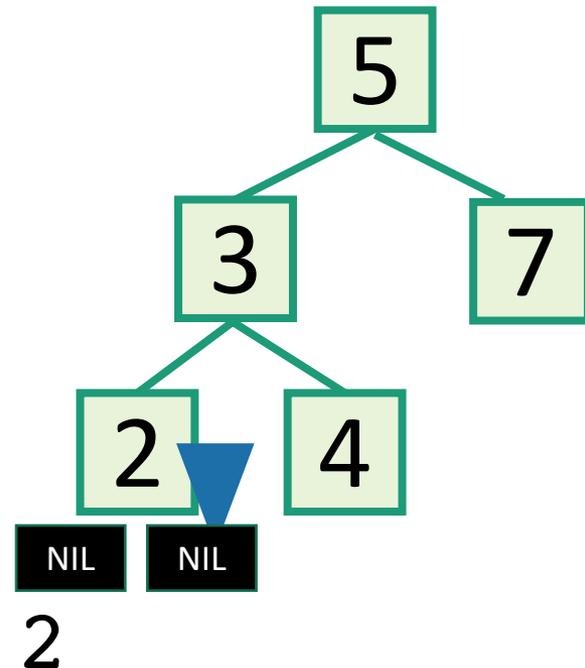
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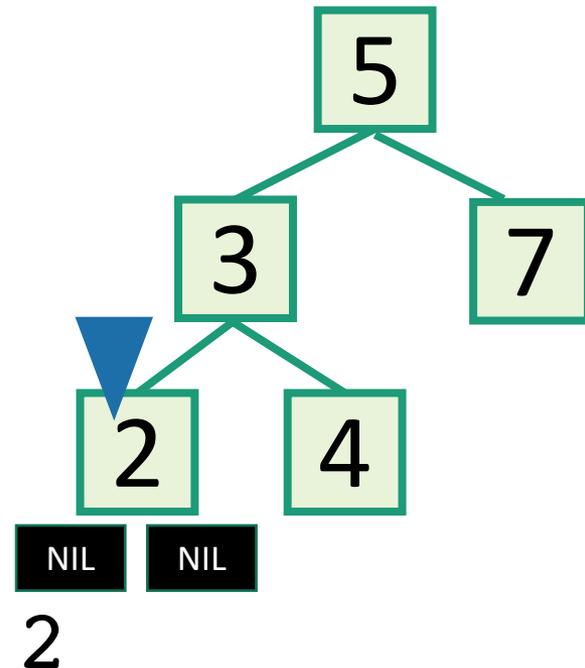
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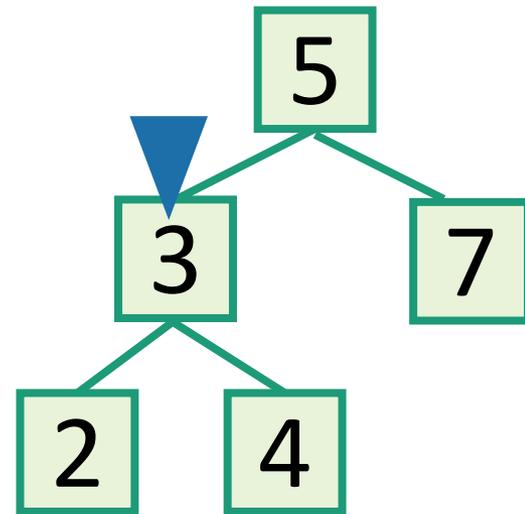
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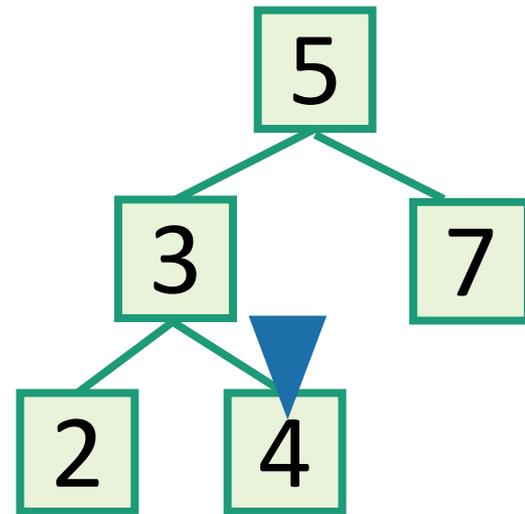


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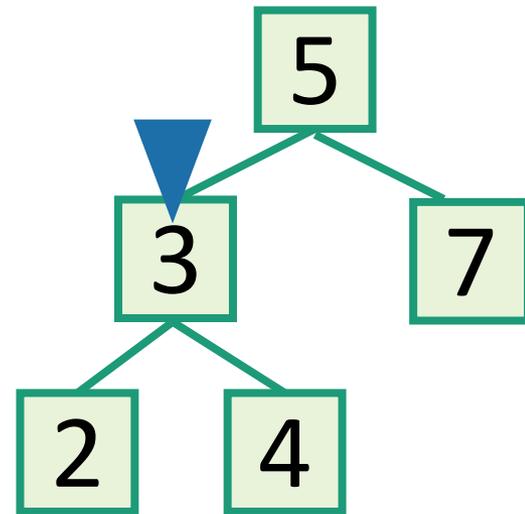
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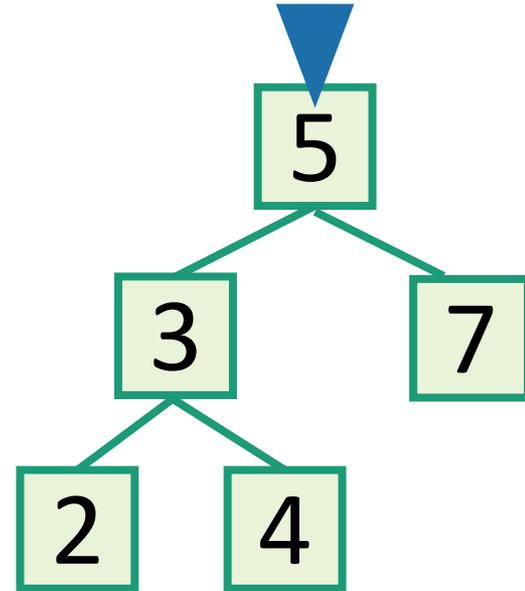


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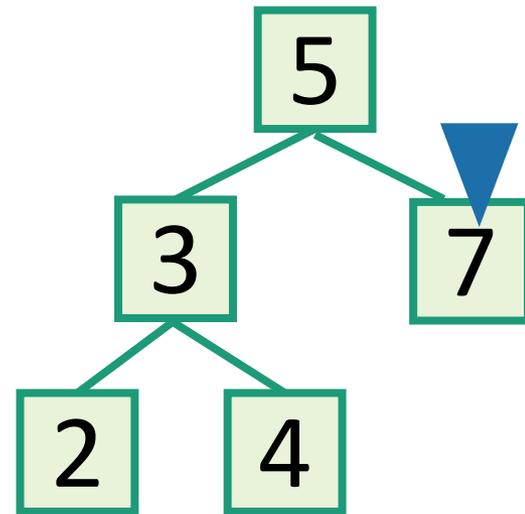


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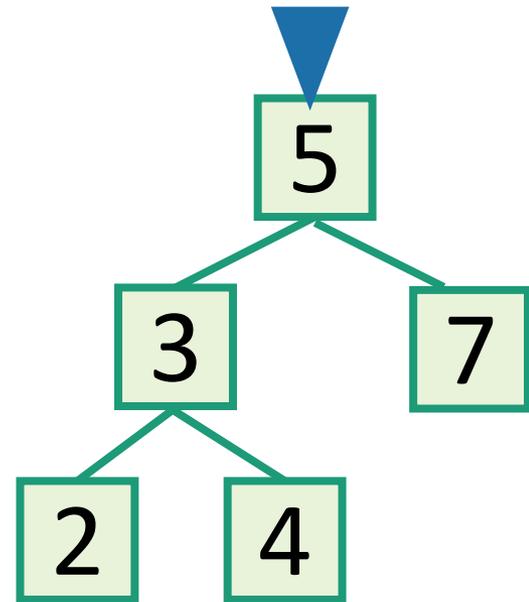


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- Runs in time $O(n)$.

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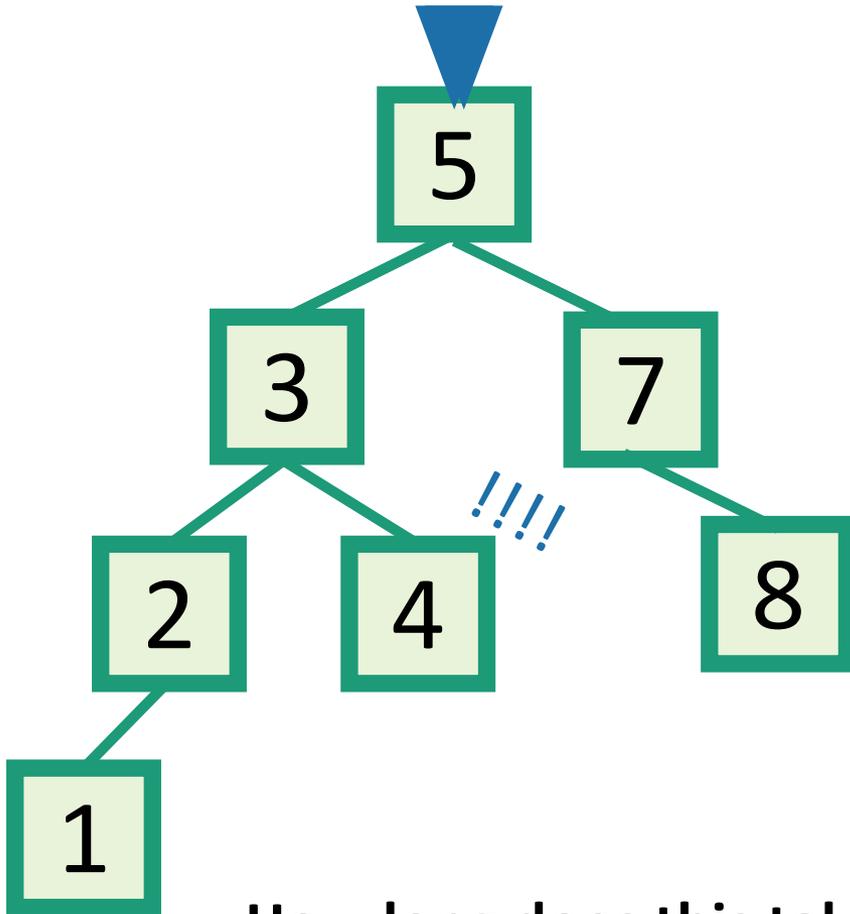
Back to the goal

Fast **SEARCH**/**INSERT**/**DELETE**

Can we do these?

SEARCH in a Binary Search Tree

definition by example



How long does this take?

$O(\text{length of longest path}) = O(\text{height})$

EXAMPLE: Search for 4.

EXAMPLE: Search for 4.5

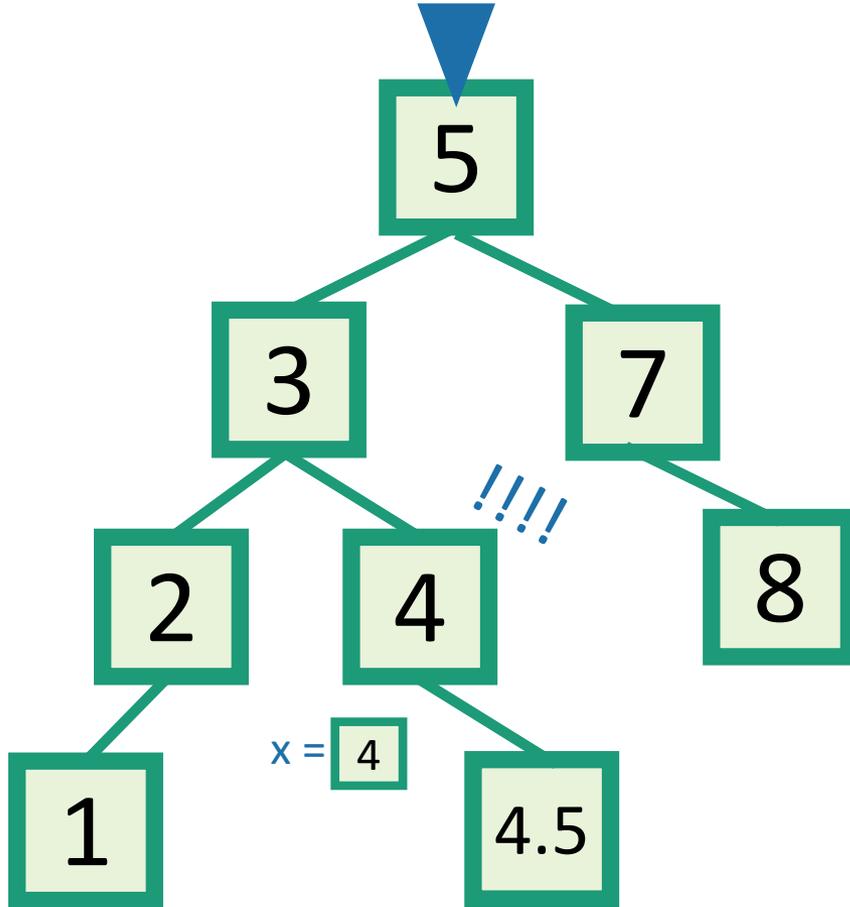
- It turns out it will be convenient to **return 4** in this case
- (that is, **return** the last node before we went off the tree)

Write pseudocode
(or actual code) to
implement this!



Ollie the over-achieving ostrich

INSERT in a Binary Search Tree



EXAMPLE: Insert 4.5

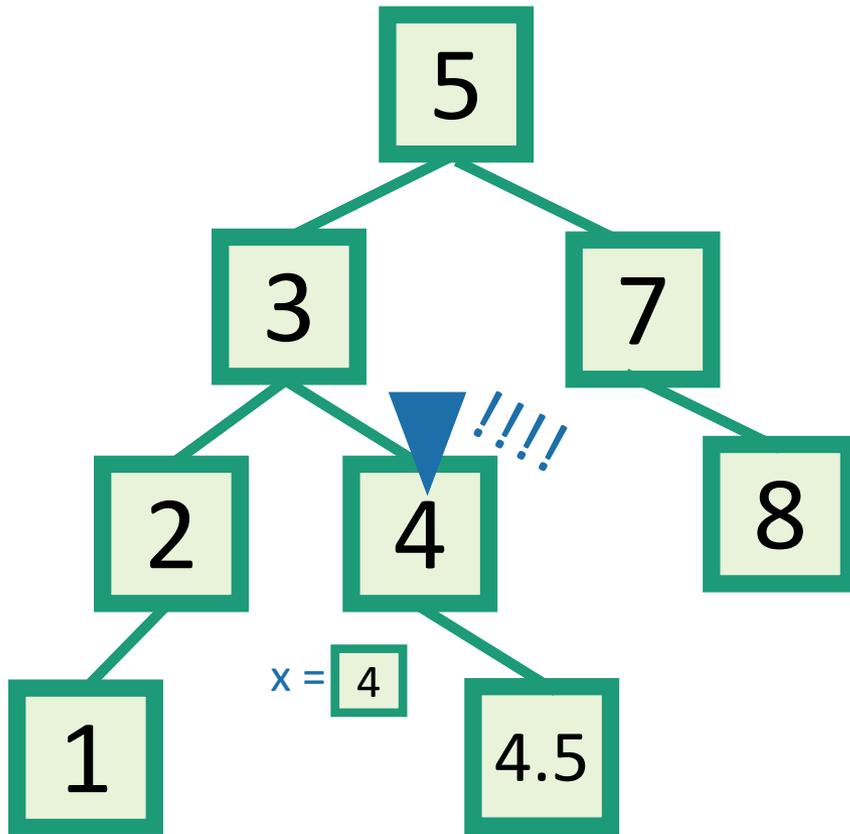
- **INSERT**(key):
 - $x = \text{SEARCH}(\text{key})$
 - **Insert** a new node with desired key at x ...

You thought about this on your pre-lecture exercise!
(See skipped slide for pseudocode.)

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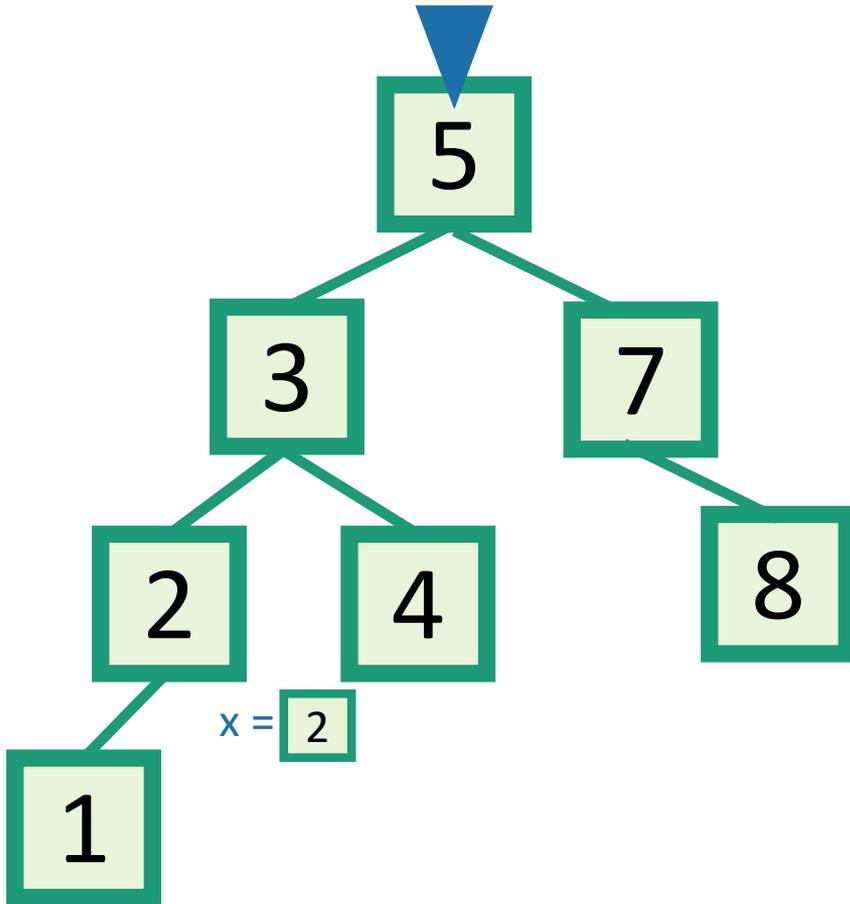
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EXAMPLE: Insert 4.5



- **INSERT(key):**
 - $x = \text{SEARCH}(\text{key})$
 - **if** $\text{key} > x.\text{key}$:
 - Make a new node with the correct key, and put it as the right child of x .
 - **if** $\text{key} < x.\text{key}$:
 - Make a new node with the correct key, and put it as the left child of x .
 - **if** $x.\text{key} == \text{key}$:
 - **return**

DELETE in a Binary Search Tree



EXAMPLE: Delete 2

- **DELETE**(key):
 - $x = \text{SEARCH}(\text{key})$
 - **if** $x.\text{key} == \text{key}$:
 - **....delete x....**



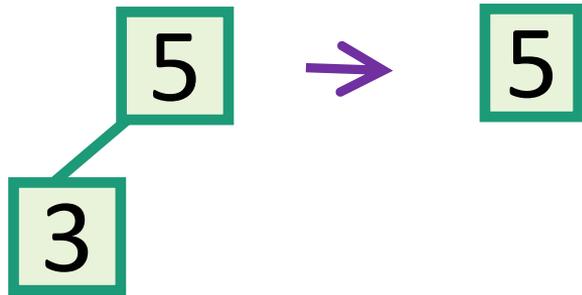
You thought about this in your pre-lecture exercise too!

This is a bit more complicated...see the skipped slides for some pictures of the different cases.

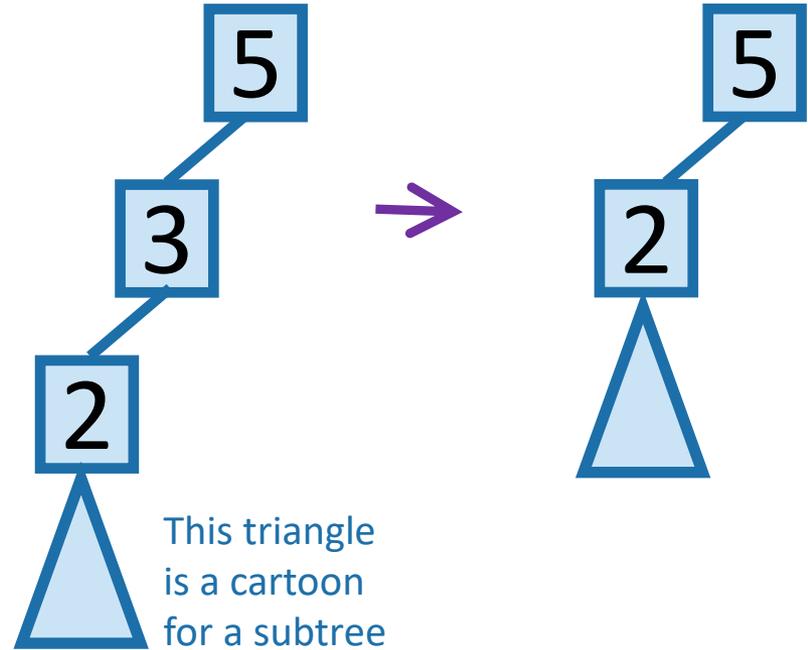
DELETE in a Binary Search Tree

several cases (by example)
say we want to delete 3

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Case 1: if 3 is a leaf, just delete it.



Case 2: if 3 has just one child, move that up.

Write pseudocode for all of these!



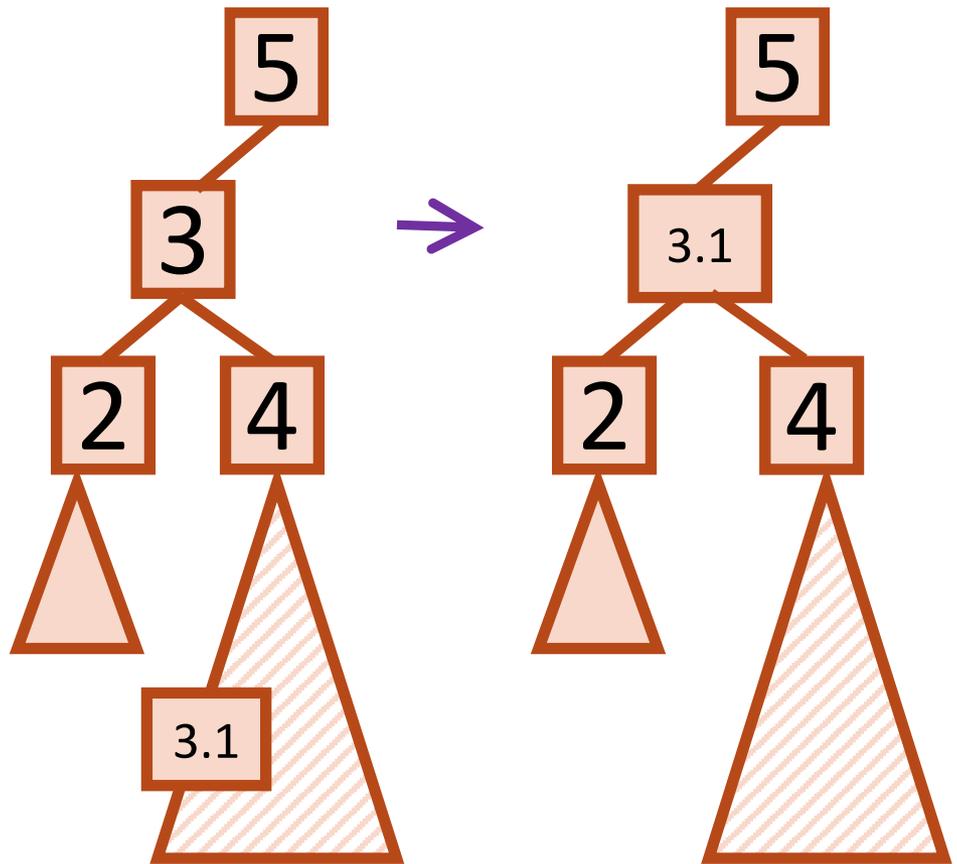
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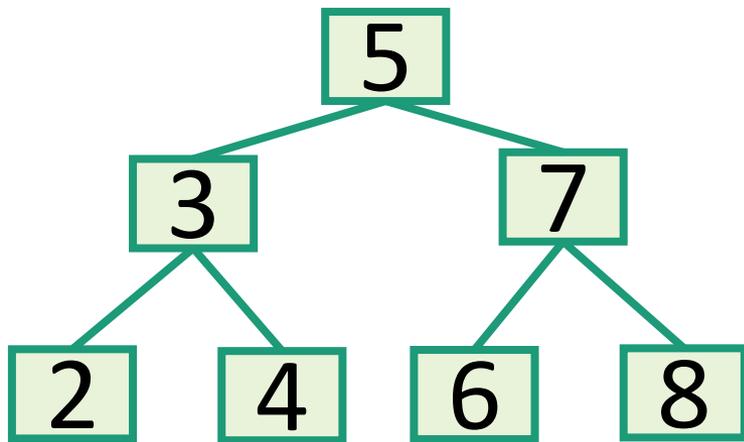
Case 3: if 3 has two children, replace 3 with its **immediate successor**. (aka, next biggest thing after 3)

- Does this maintain the BST property?
 - Yes.
- How do we find the immediate successor?
 - SEARCH for 3 in the subtree under 3.right
- How do we remove it when we find it?
 - If [3.1] has 0 or 1 children, do one of the previous cases.
- What if [3.1] has two children?
 - It doesn't.



How long do these operations take?

- **SEARCH** is the big one.
 - Everything else just calls **SEARCH** and then does some small $O(1)$ -time operation.



Time = $O(\text{height of tree})$

Trees have depth $O(\log(n))$. **Done!**

Wait a second...



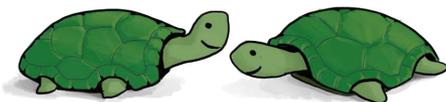
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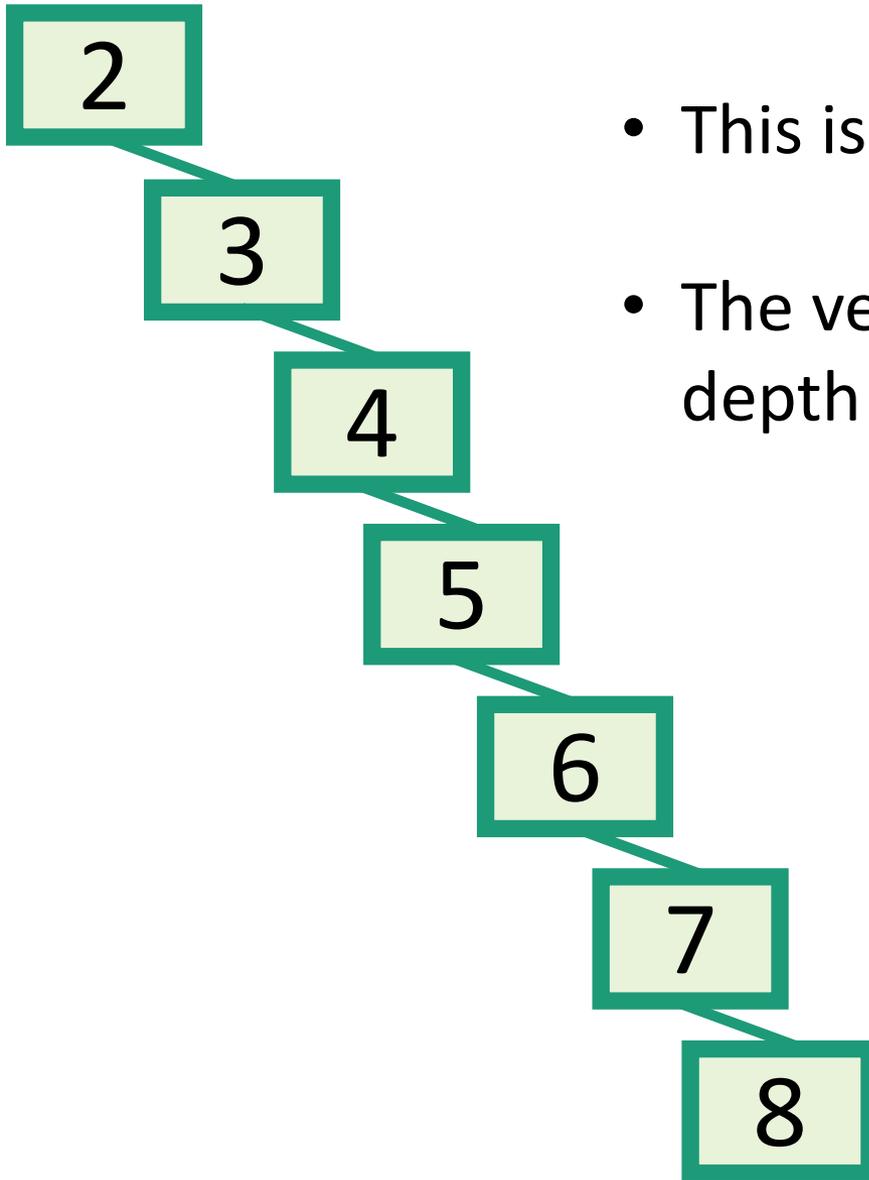
Plucky the Pedantic Penguin

How long does search take?

1 minute think; 1 minute pair+share



Search might take time $O(n)$.



- This is a valid binary search tree.
- The version with n nodes has depth n , **not** $O(\log(n))$.

What to do?

How often is “every so often” in the worst case?
It’s actually pretty often!



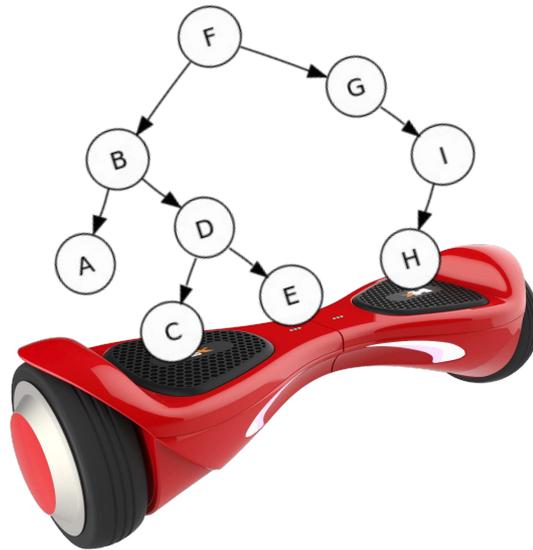
Ollie the over-achieving ostrich

- Goal: Fast **SEARCH/INSERT/DELETE**
- All these things take time $O(\text{height})$
- And the height might be big!!! ☹️

- Idea 0:
 - Keep track of how deep the tree is getting.
 - If it gets too tall, re-do everything from scratch.
 - At least $\Omega(n)$ every so often....

- Turns out that’s not a great idea. Instead we turn to...

Self-Balancing Binary Search Trees

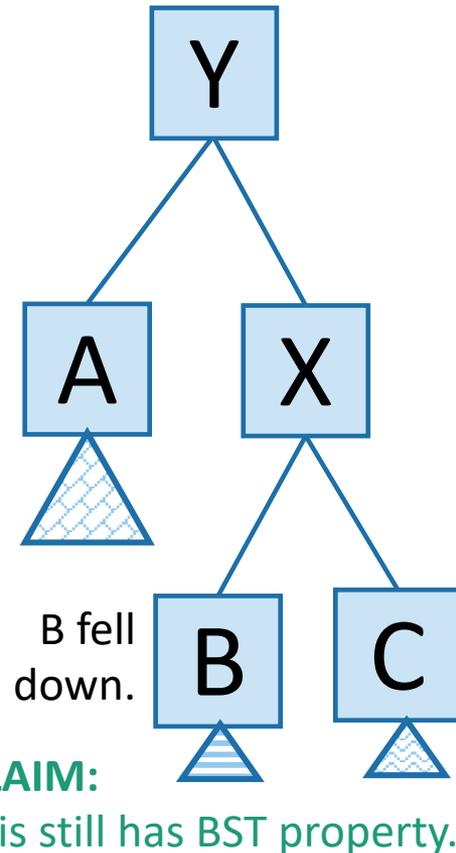
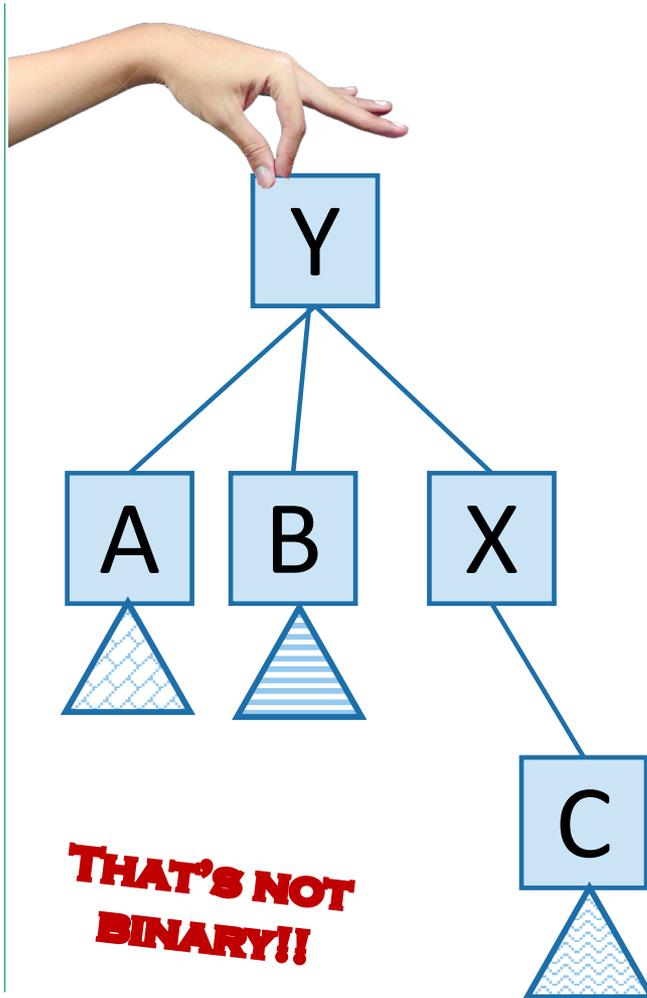
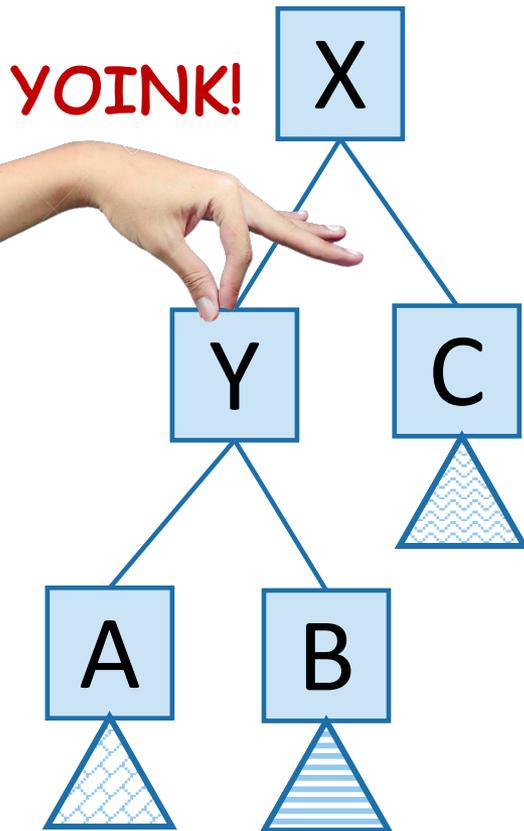


Idea 1: Rotations

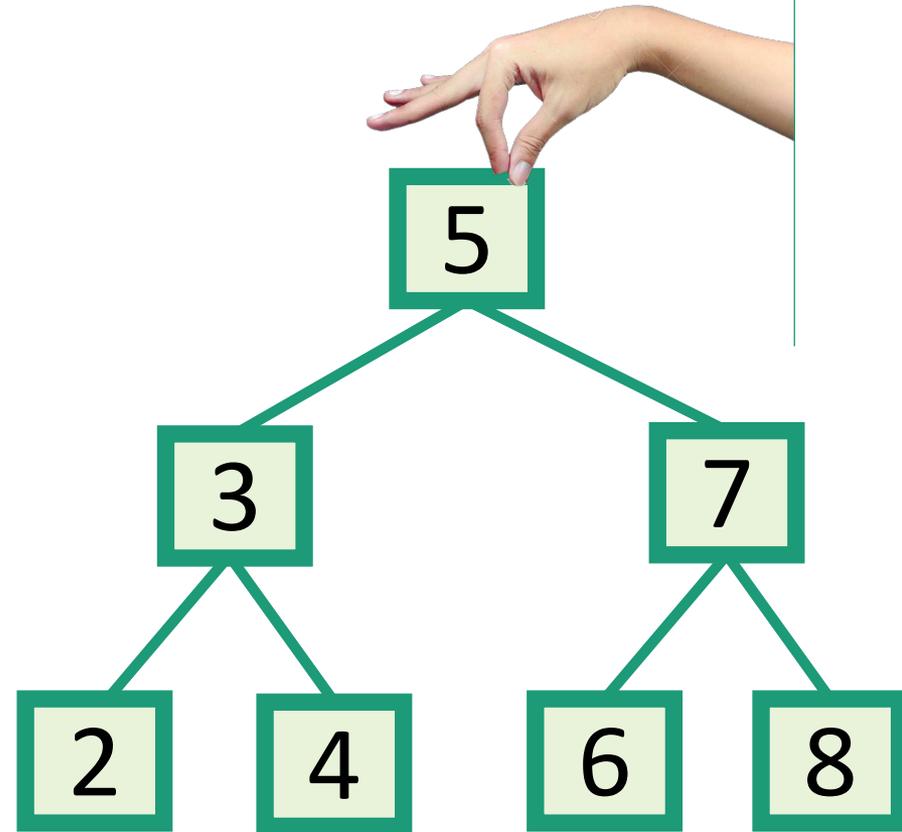
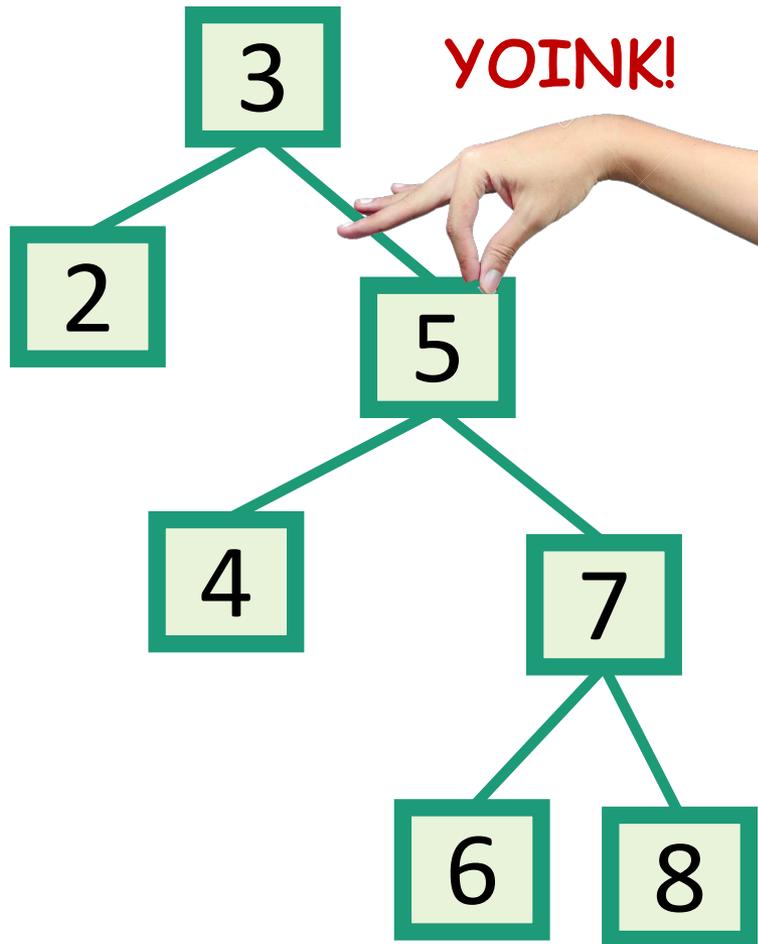
No matter what lives underneath A,B,C, this takes time $O(1)$. (Why?)

- Maintain Binary Search Tree (BST) property, while moving stuff around.

Note: A, B, C, X, Y are variable names, not the contents of the nodes.



This seems helpful



Strategy?

- Whenever something seems unbalanced, do rotations until it's okay again.



Lucky the Lackadaisical Lemur

Even for Lucky this is pretty vague.
What do we mean by “seems unbalanced”? What’s “okay”?

Idea 2: have some proxy for balance

- Maintaining **perfect balance** is too hard.
- Instead, come up with some **proxy for balance**:
 - If the tree satisfies **[SOME PROPERTY]**, then it's pretty balanced.
 - We can maintain **[SOME PROPERTY]** using rotations.



There are actually several ways to do this, but today we'll see...

Red-Black Trees

- A Binary Search Tree that balances itself!
- No more time-consuming by-hand balancing!
- Be the envy of your friends and neighbors with the time-saving...

Red-Black tree!

Maintain balance by stipulating that black nodes are balanced, and that there aren't too many red nodes.

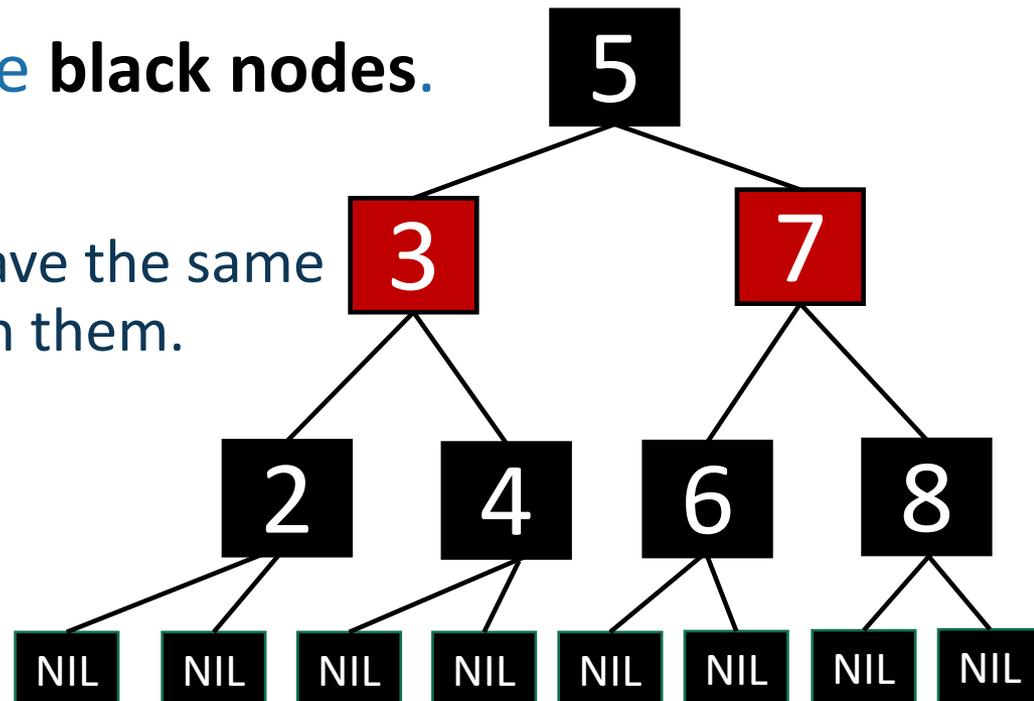
It's just good sense!



Red-Black Trees

obey the following rules (which are a proxy for balance)

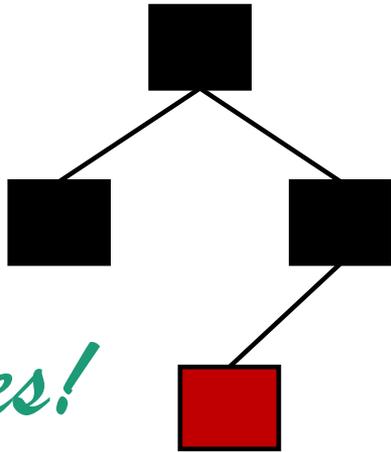
- Every node is colored **red** or **black**.
- The root node is a **black node**.
- NIL children count as **black nodes**.
- Children of a **red node** are **black nodes**.
- For all nodes x :
 - all paths from x to NIL's have the same number of **black nodes** on them.



I'm not going to draw the NIL children in the future, but they are treated as black nodes.

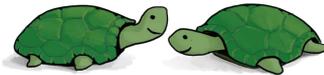
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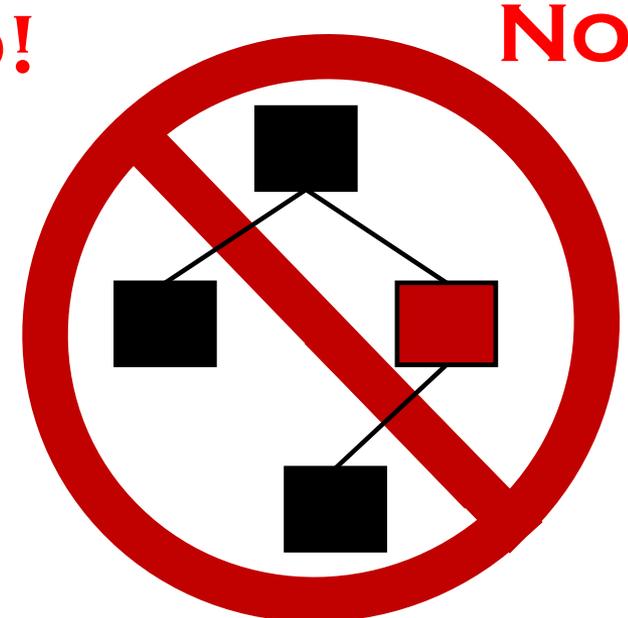
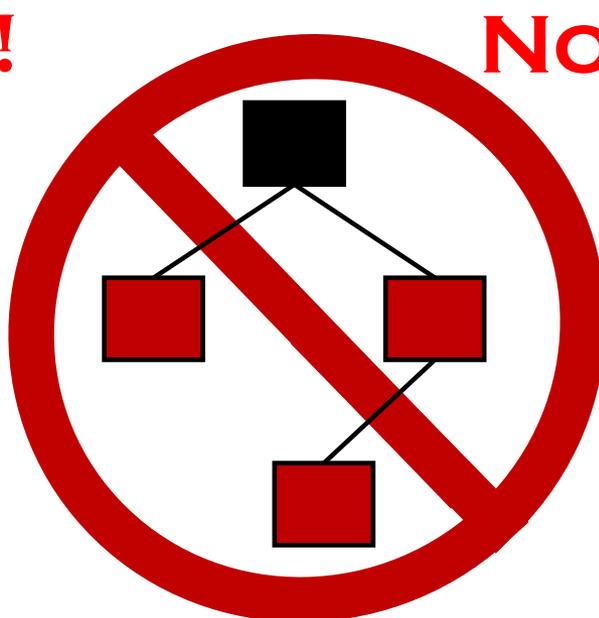
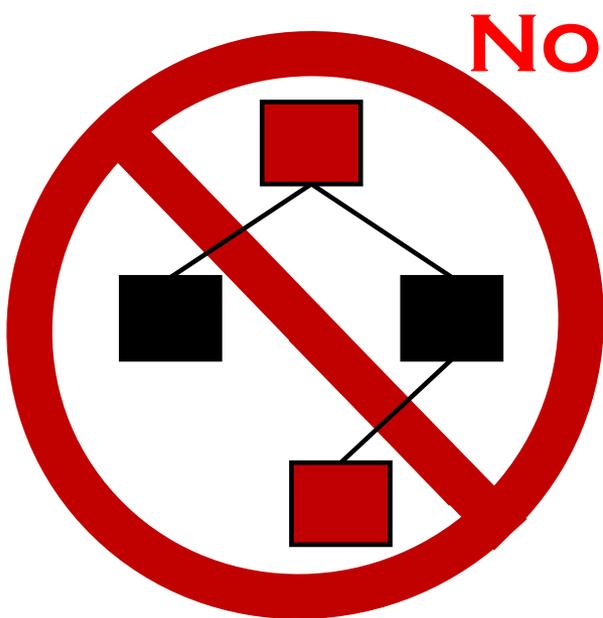


Yes!

Which of these
are red-black trees?
(NIL nodes not drawn)

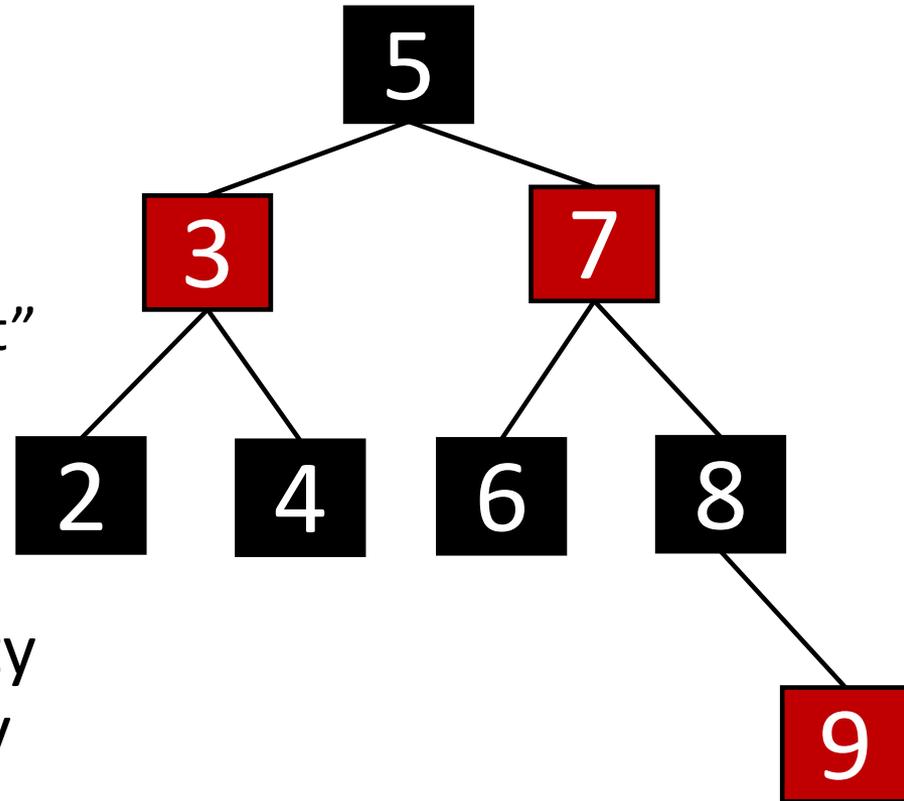


1 minute think
1 minute pair+share



Why these rules???????

- This is pretty balanced.
 - The **black nodes** are balanced
 - The **red nodes** are “spread out” so they don’t mess things up too much.
- We can maintain this property as we insert/delete nodes, by using rotations.



This is the really clever idea!

This **Red-Black** structure is a **proxy for balance**.

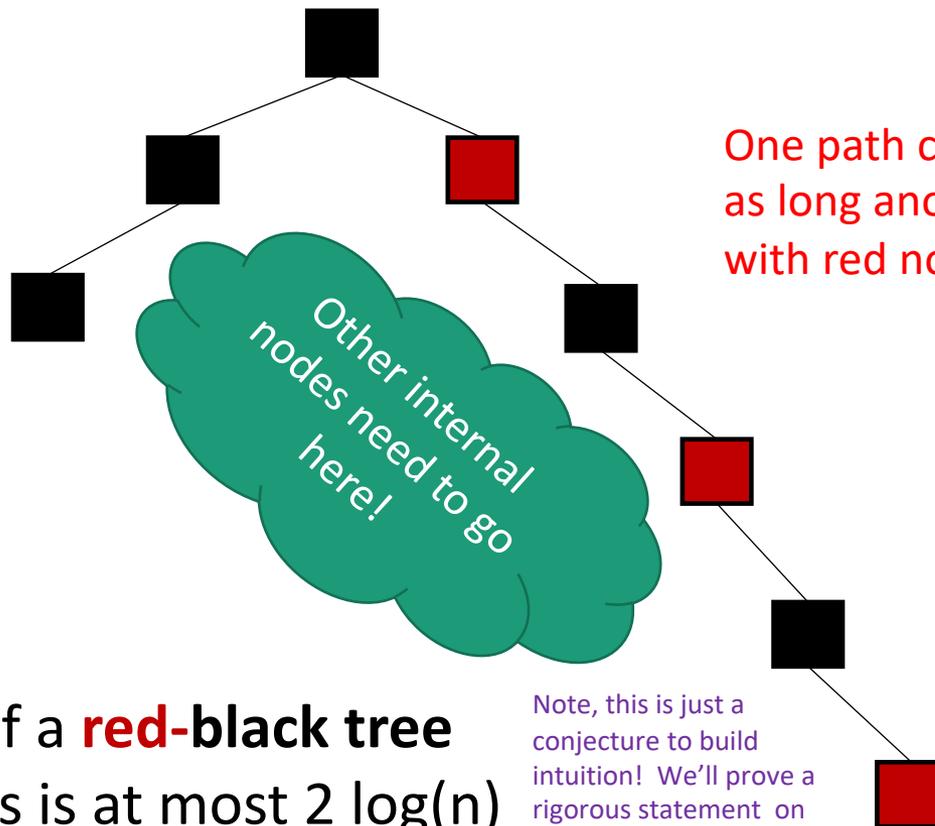
It’s just a smidge weaker than perfect balance, but we can actually maintain it!



Lucky the lackadaisical lemur

This is “pretty balanced”

- To see why, intuitively, let's try to build a Red-Black Tree that's unbalanced.



One path can be at most twice as long another if we pad it with red nodes.

Conjecture:
the height of a **red-black tree**
with n nodes is at most $2 \log(n)$

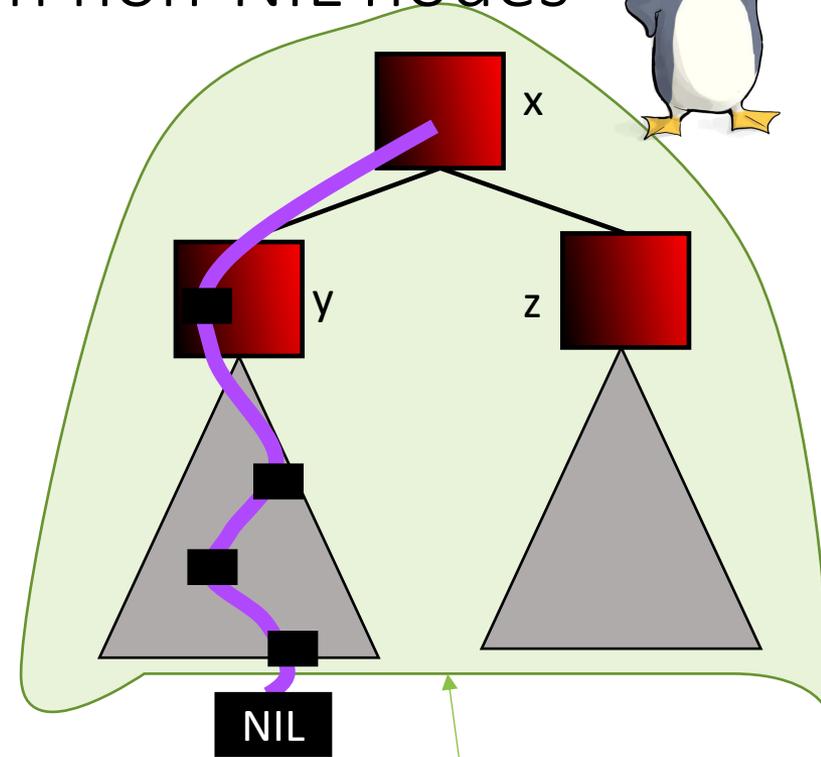
Note, this is just a conjecture to build intuition! We'll prove a rigorous statement on the next slide.



The height of a RB-tree with n non-NIL nodes is at most $2\log(n + 1)$



- Define $b(x)$ to be the number of black nodes in any path from x to NIL.
 - (excluding x , including NIL).
- Claim:
 - There are at least $2^{b(x)} - 1$ non-NIL nodes in the subtree underneath x . (Including x).
- [Proof by induction – on board if time]



Claim: at least $2^{b(x)} - 1$ nodes in this WHOLE subtree (of any color).

Then:

$$n \geq 2^{b(\text{root})} - 1 \quad \text{using the Claim}$$

$$\geq 2^{\text{height}/2} - 1 \quad b(\text{root}) \geq \text{height}/2 \text{ because of RBTree rules.}$$

Rearranging:

$$n + 1 \geq 2^{\text{height}/2} \Rightarrow \text{height} \leq 2\log(n + 1)$$

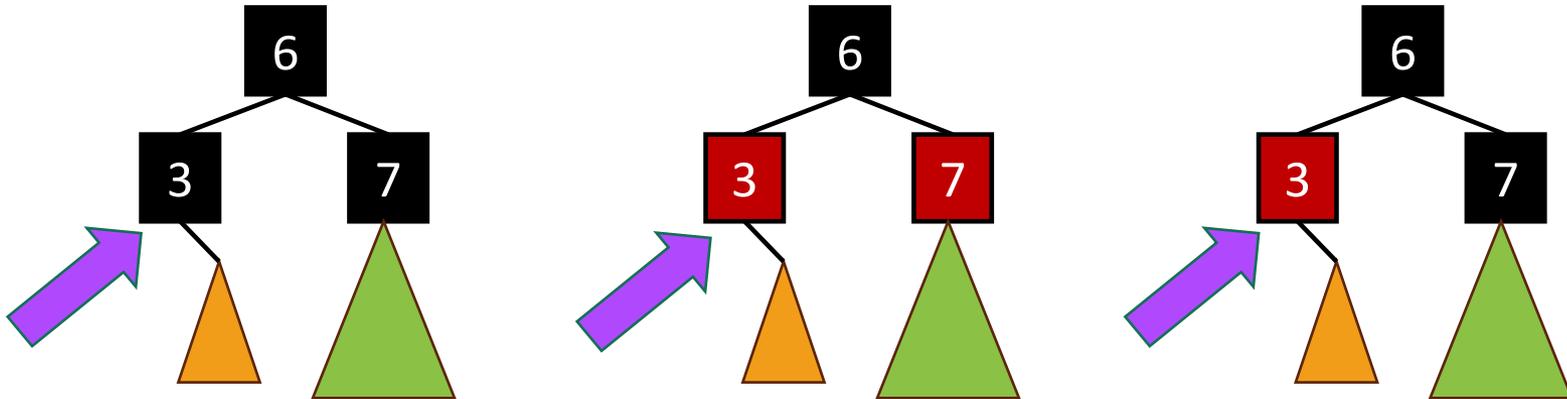
This is great!

- SEARCH in an RBTree is immediately $O(\log(n))$, since the depth of an RBTree is $O(\log(n))$.
- What about INSERT/DELETE?
 - Turns out, you can INSERT and DELETE items from an RBTree in time $O(\log(n))$, while *maintaining* the RBTree property.
 - That's why this is a good property!

INSERT/DELETE

- I expect we are out of time...
 - There are some slides which you can check out to see how to do INSERT/DELETE in RBTrees if you are curious.
 - See CLRS Ch 13. for even more details.
- You are **not responsible** for the details of INSERT/DELETE for RBTrees for this class.
 - You should know what the “proxy for balance” property is and why it ensures approximate balance.
 - You should know **that** this property can be efficiently maintained, but you do not need to know the details of how.

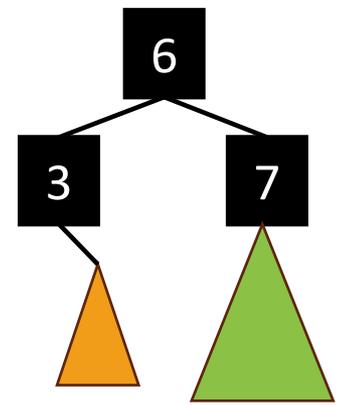
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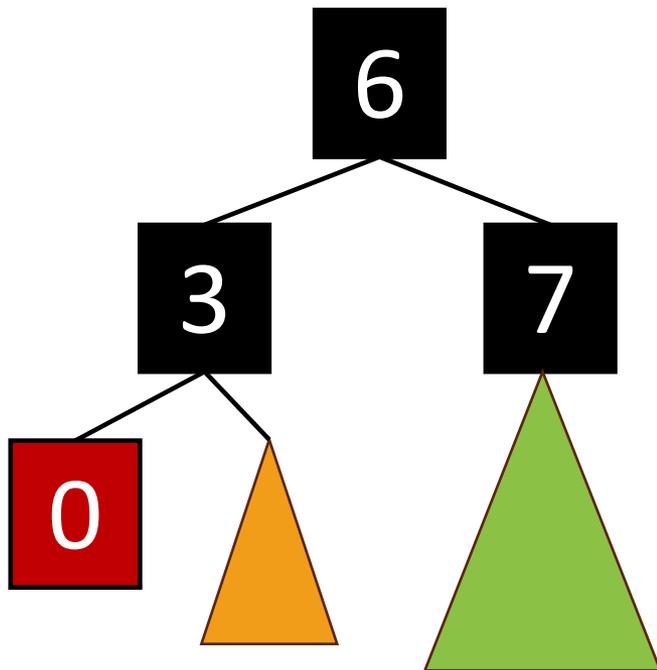
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- Make a new **red node**.
- Insert it as you would normally.



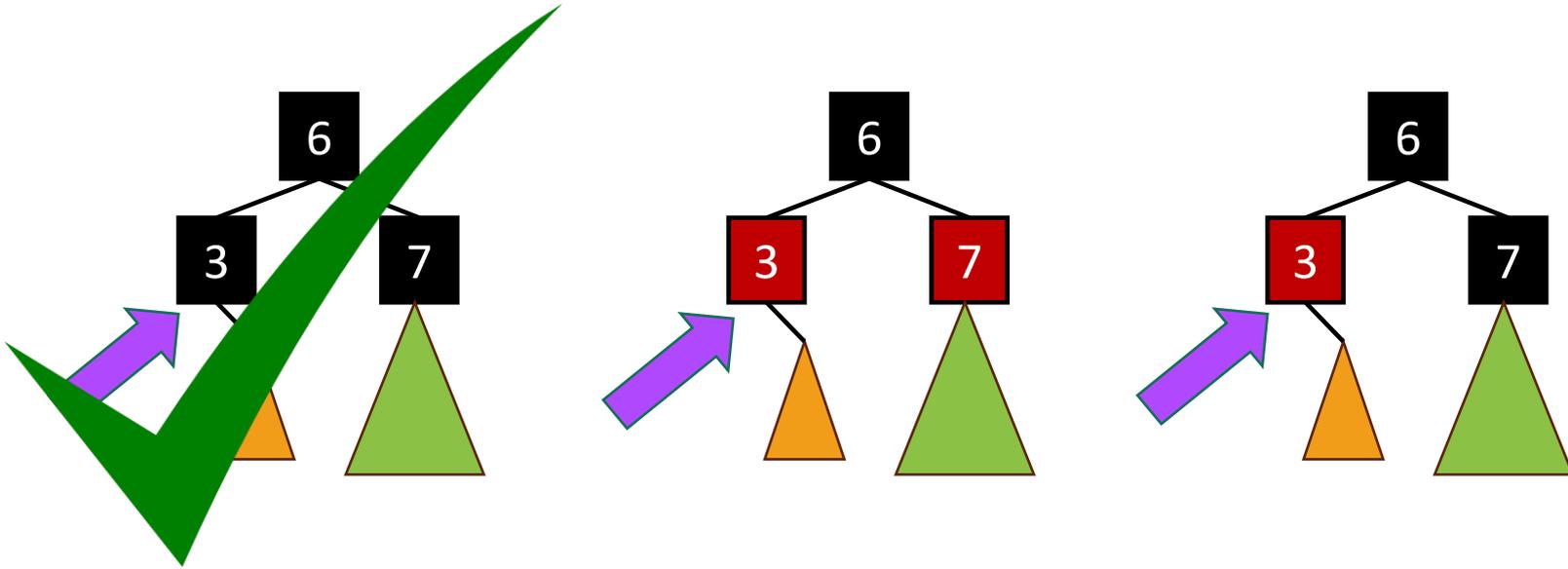
What if it looks like this?



Example: insert 0



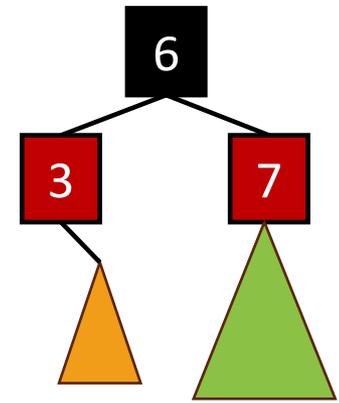
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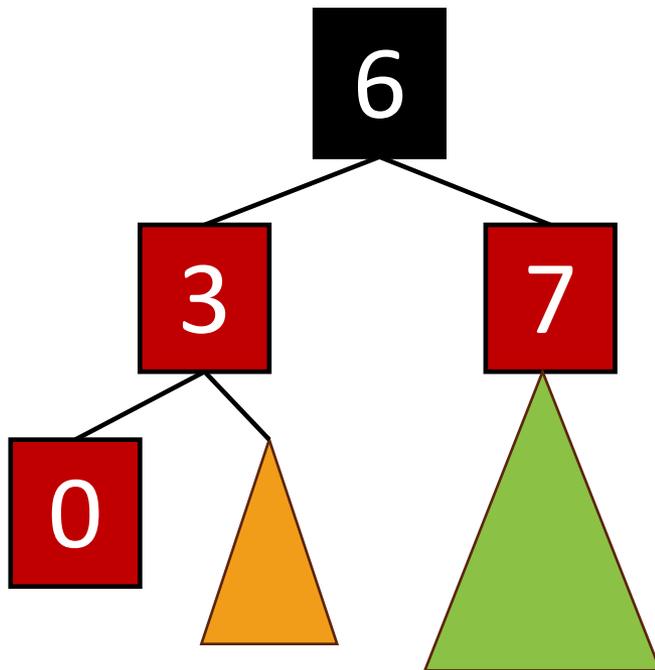
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INSERT: Case 2

- Make a new **red node**.
- Insert it as you would normally.
- **Fix things up if needed.**



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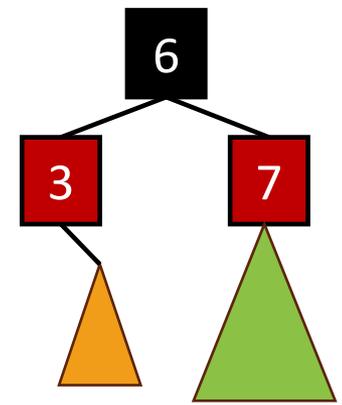


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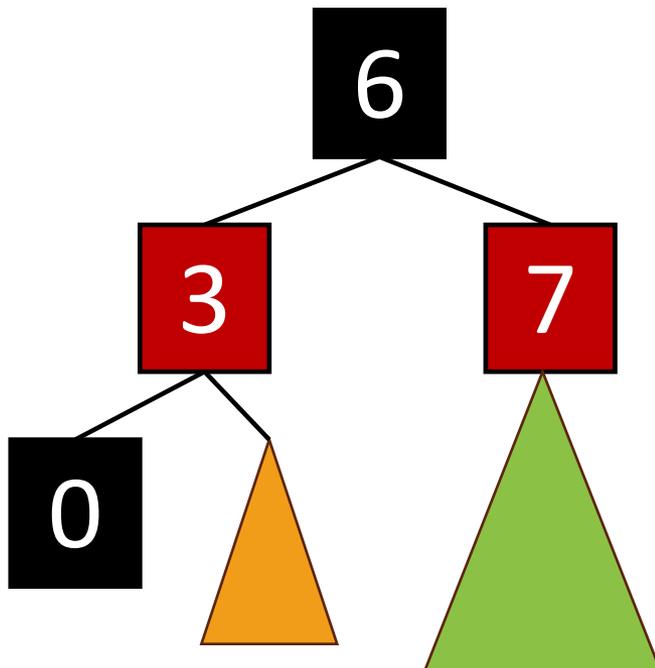


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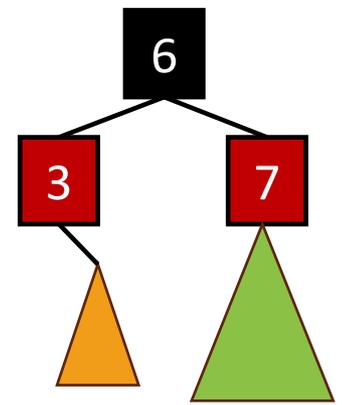


Example: insert 0

Can't we just insert 0 as a **black node**?

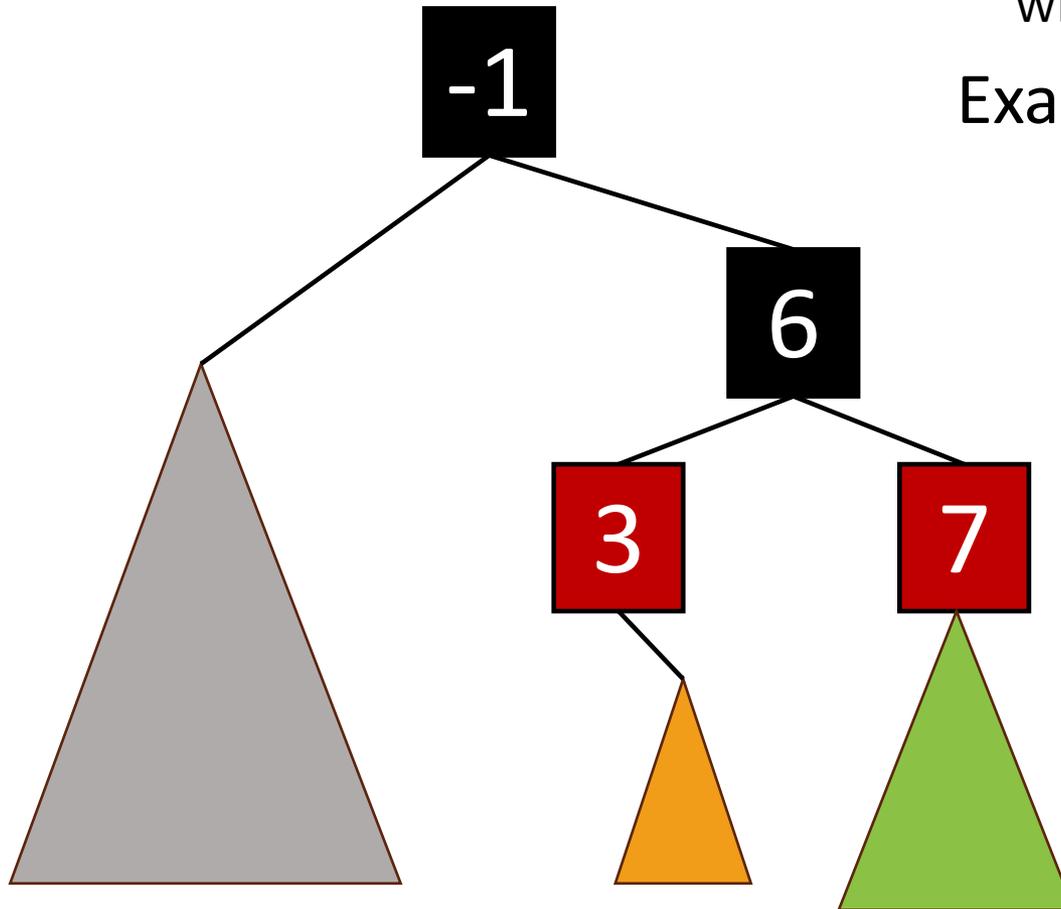


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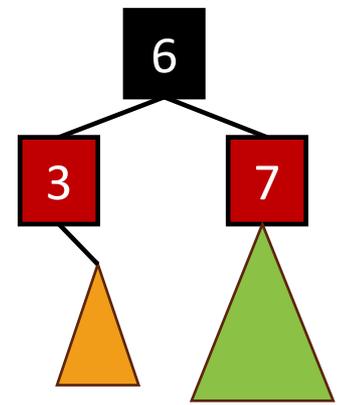
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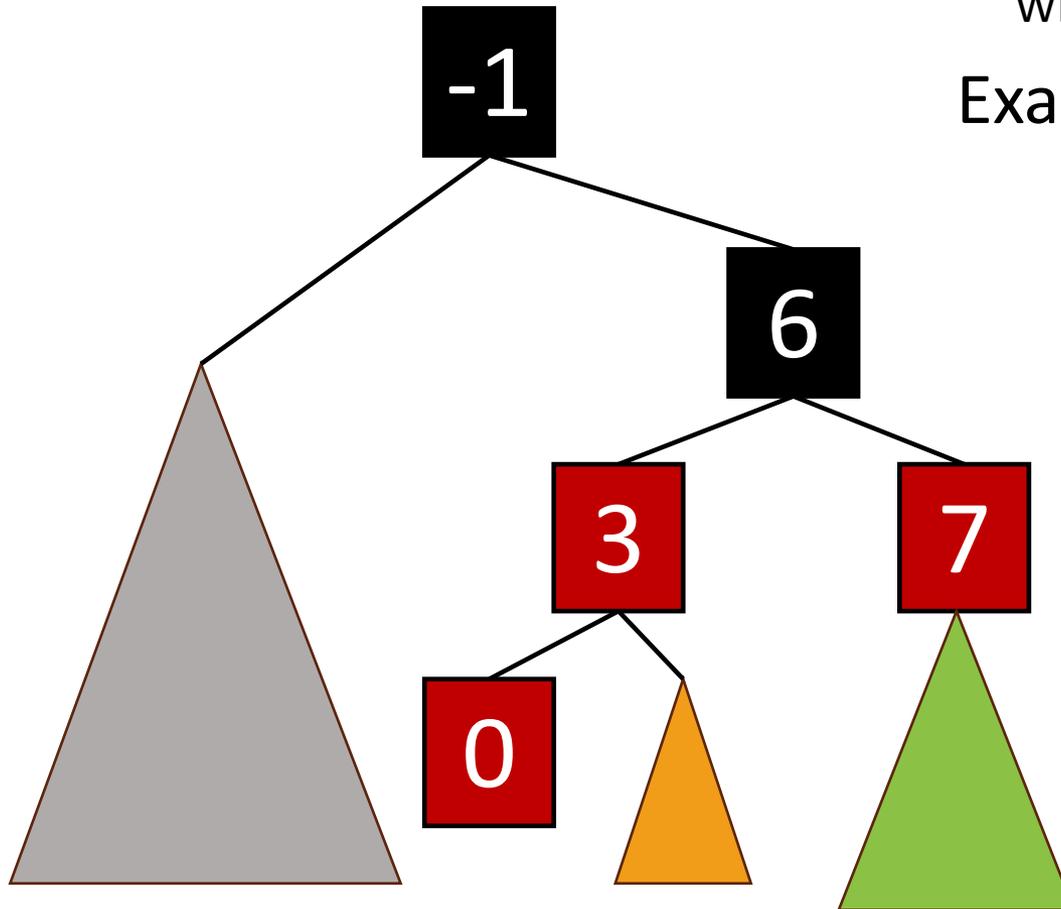
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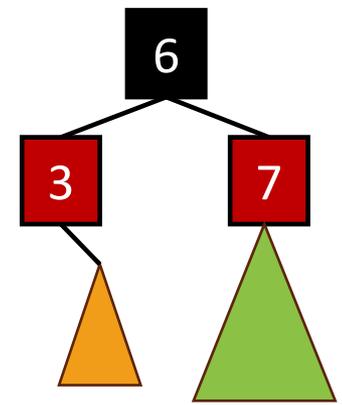
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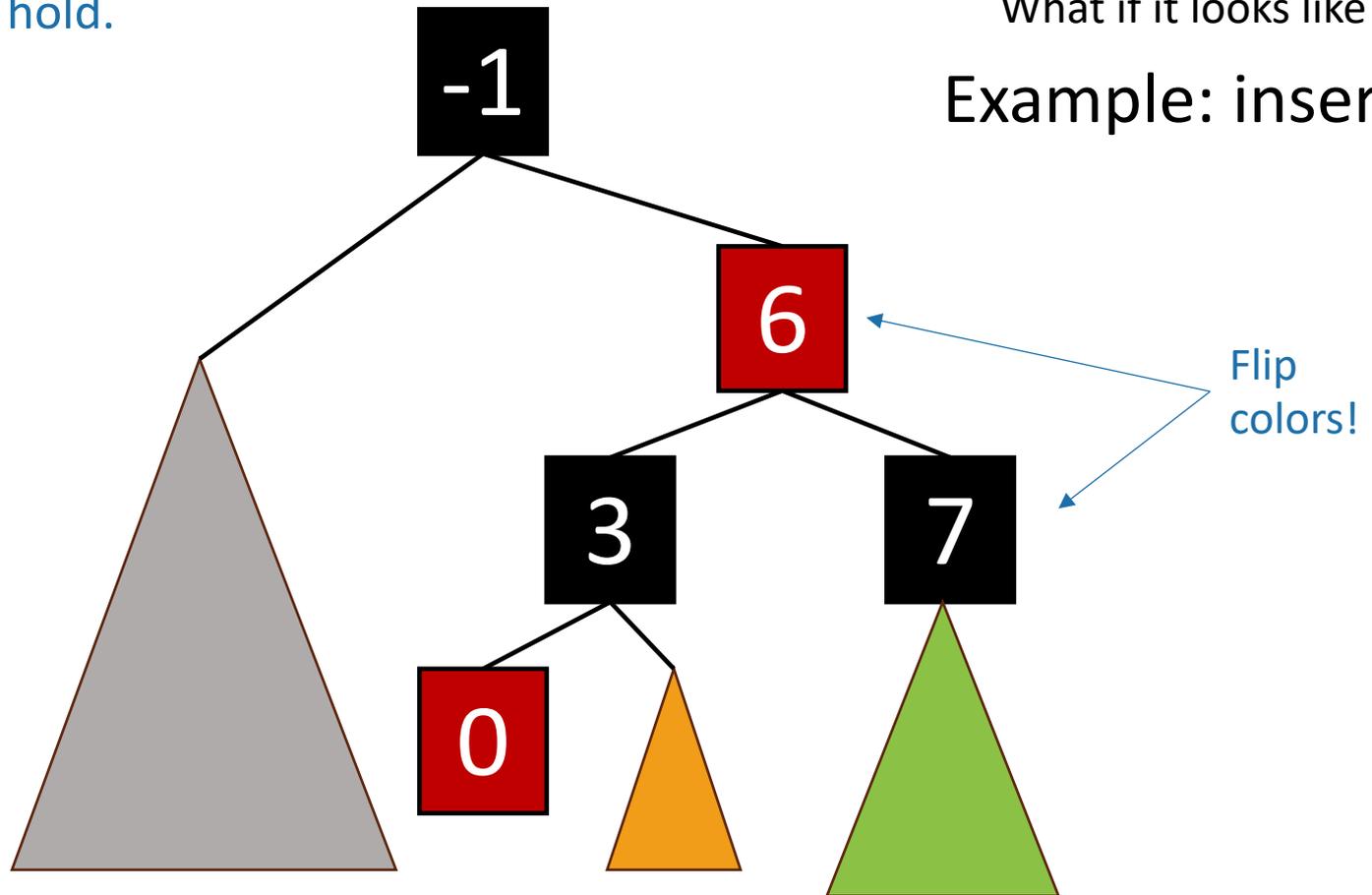
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- Add 0 as a red node.
- **Claim:** RB-Tree properties still hold.

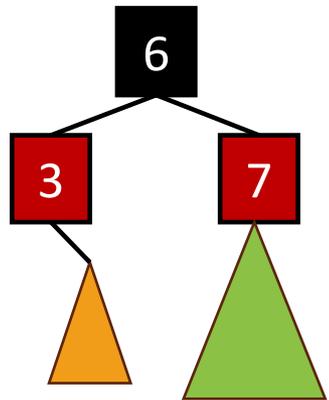
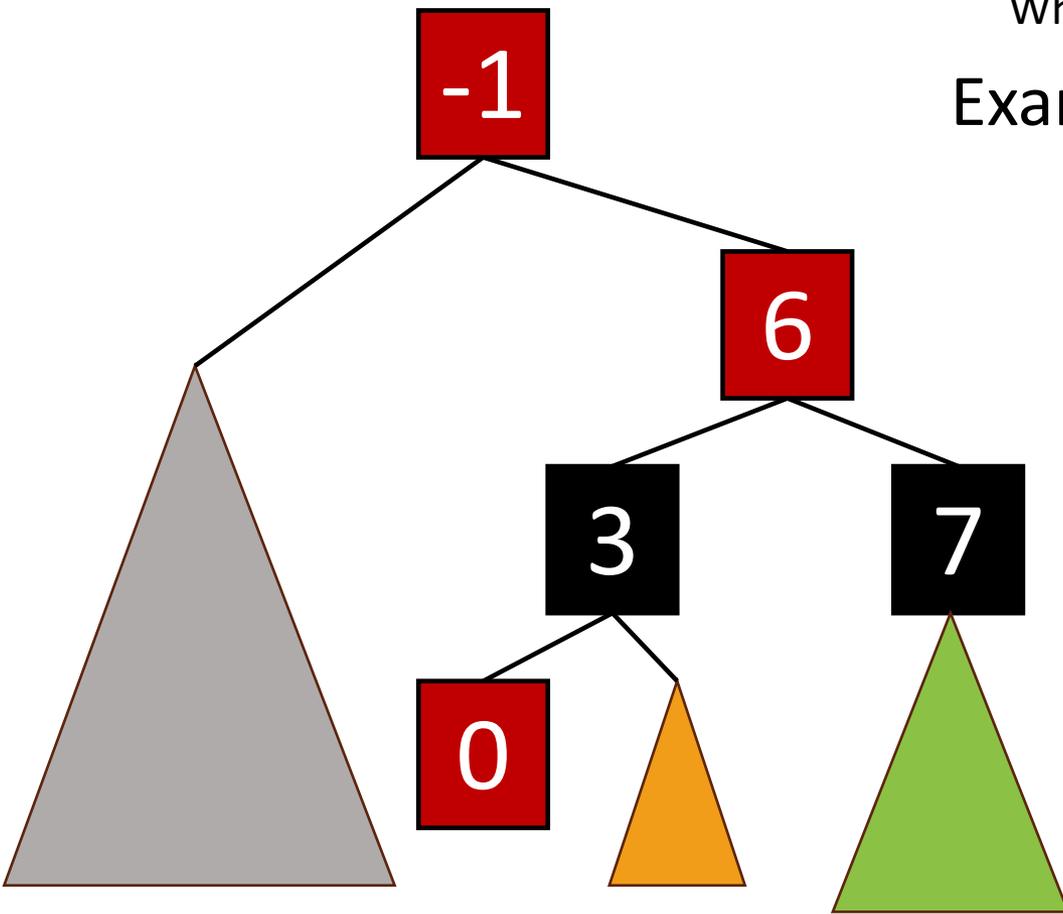
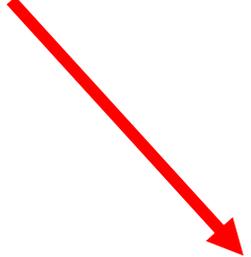


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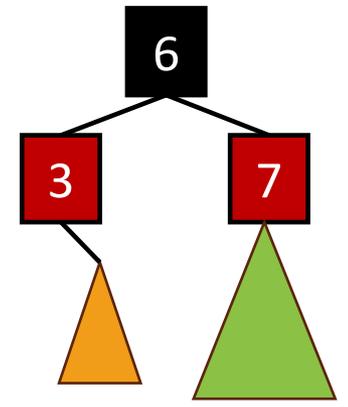
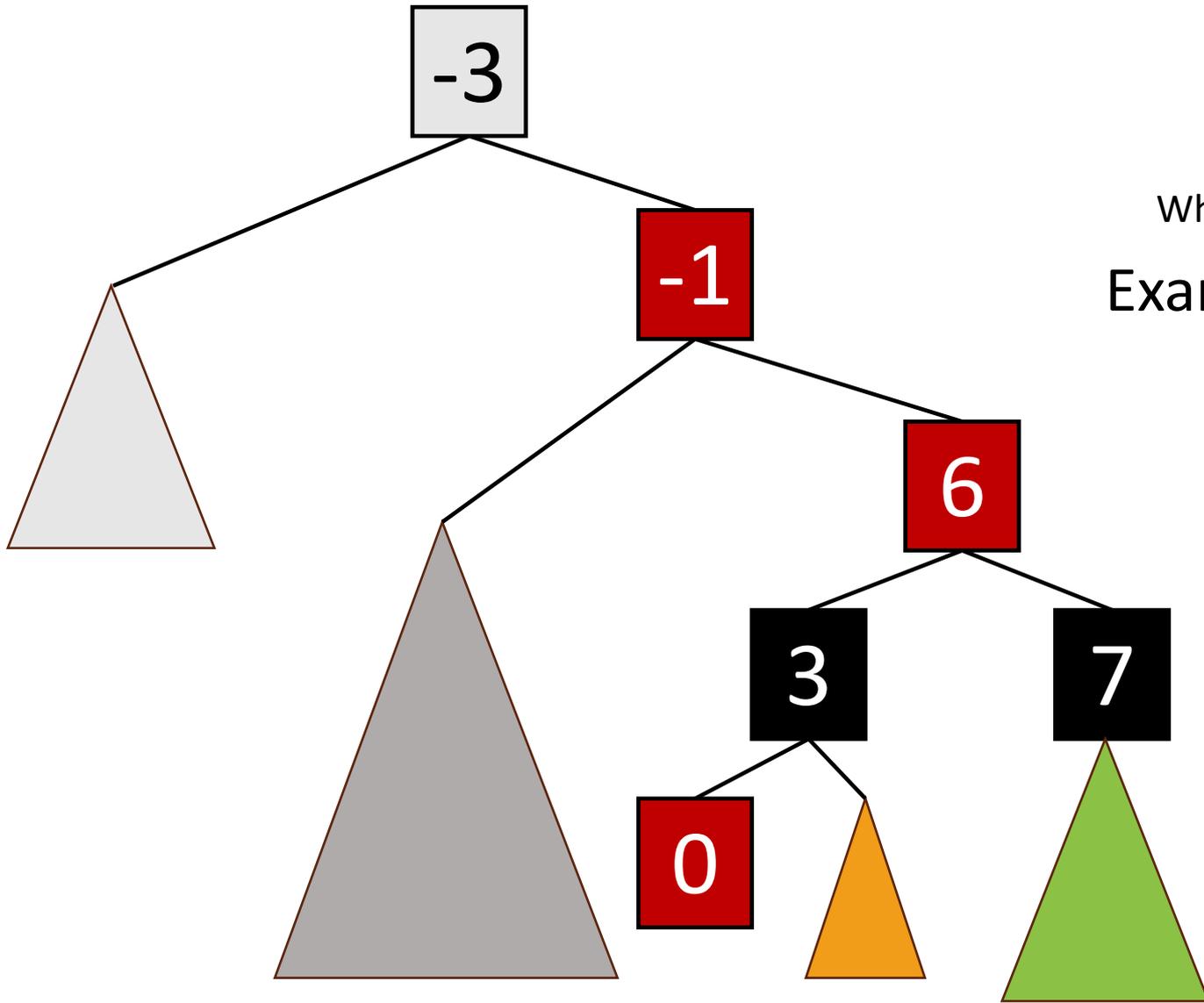


But what if **that** was red?



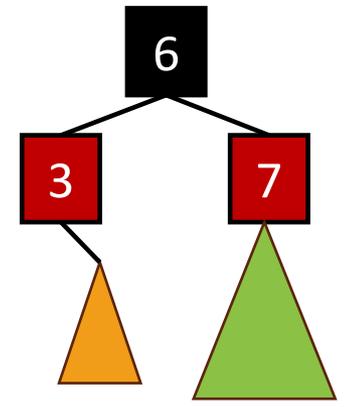
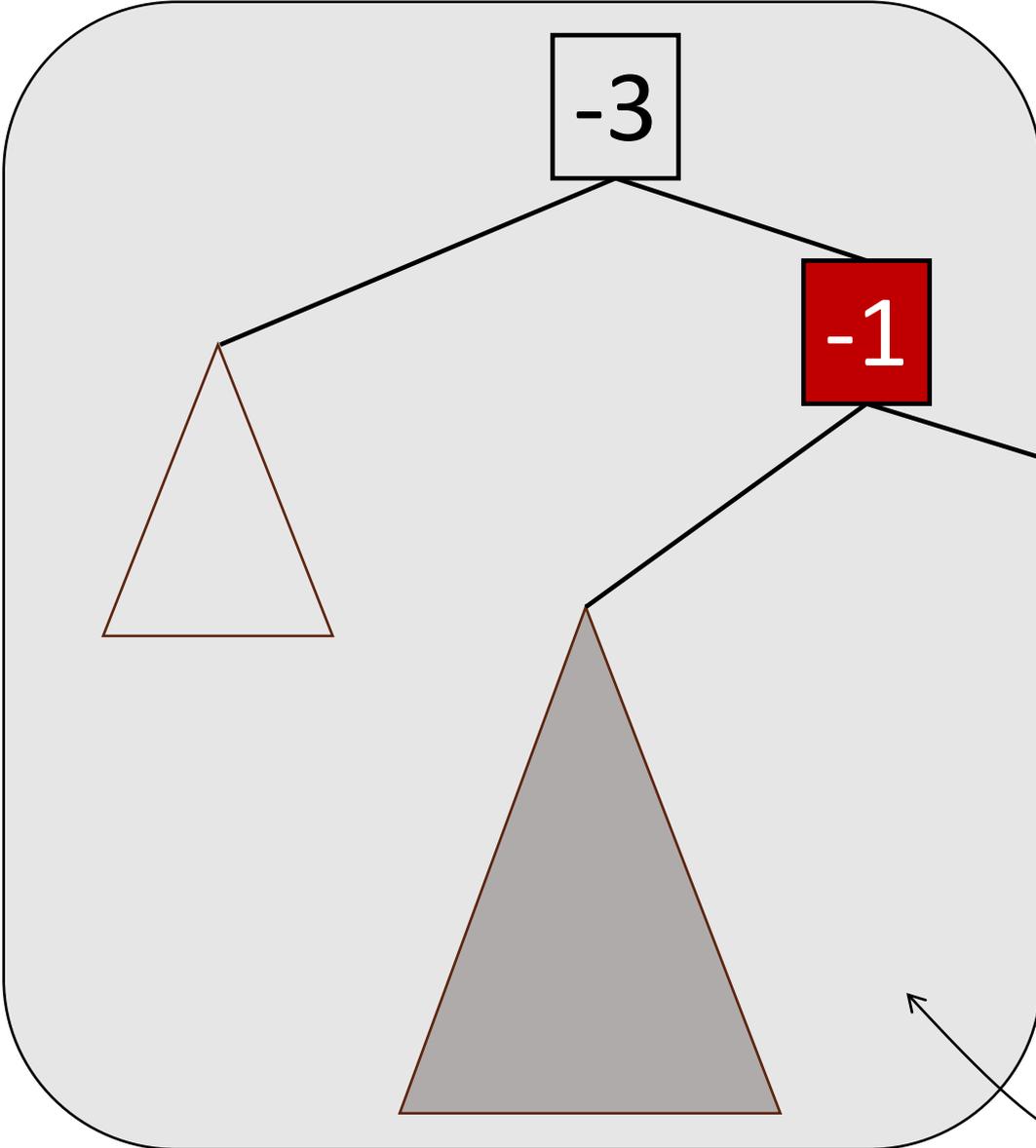
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Example: insert 0

More context...



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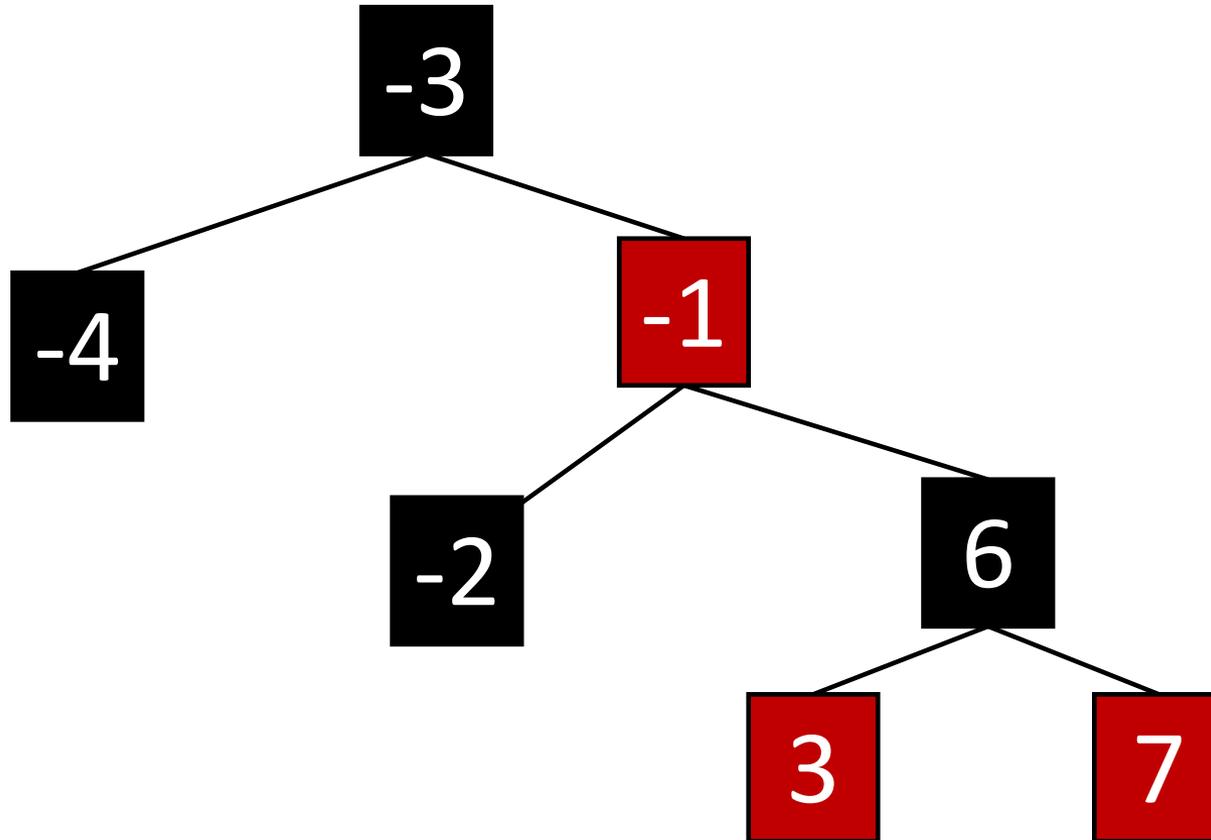
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Example: insert 0

Now we're basically inserting 6 into some **smaller tree**. Recurse!

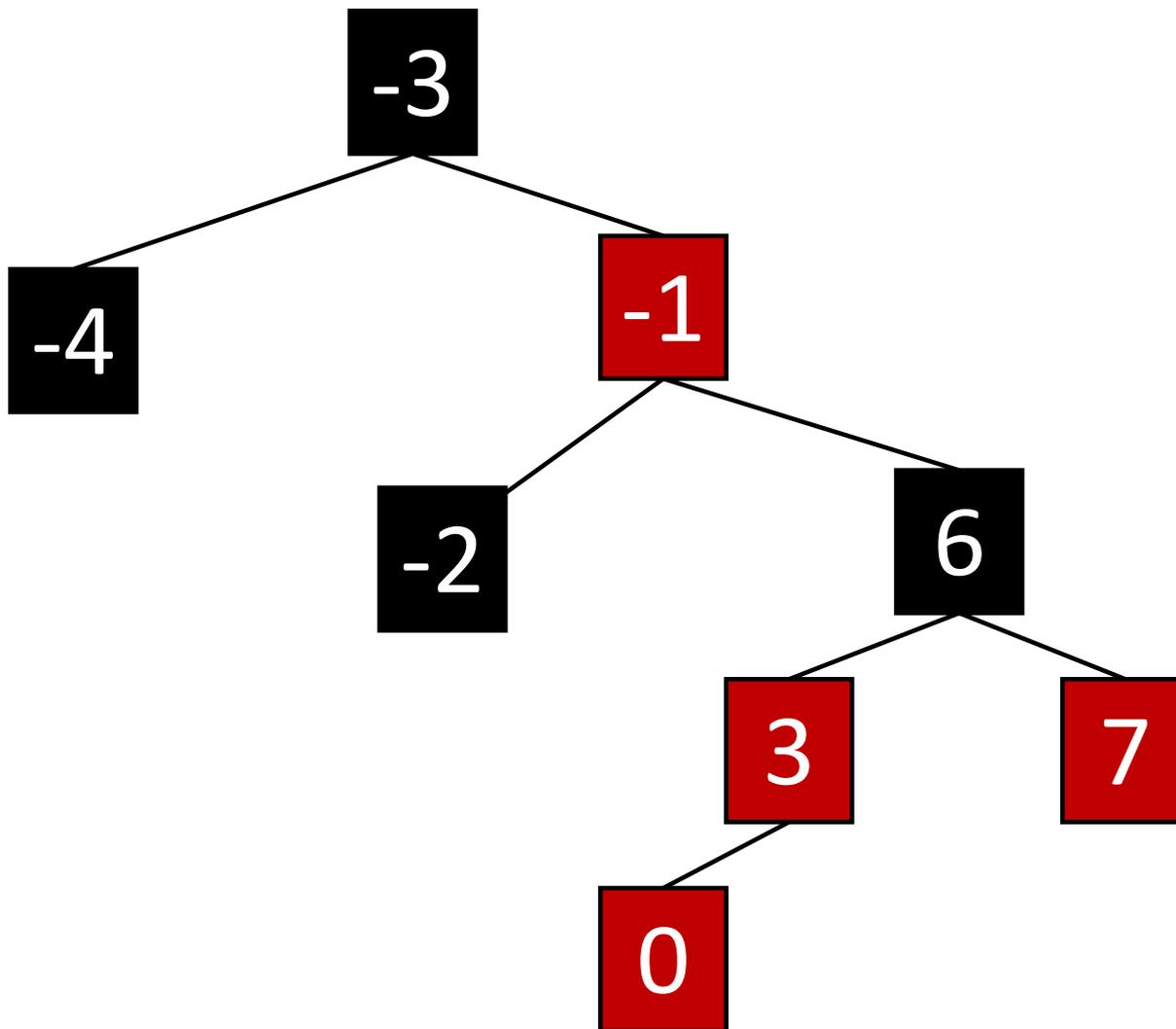
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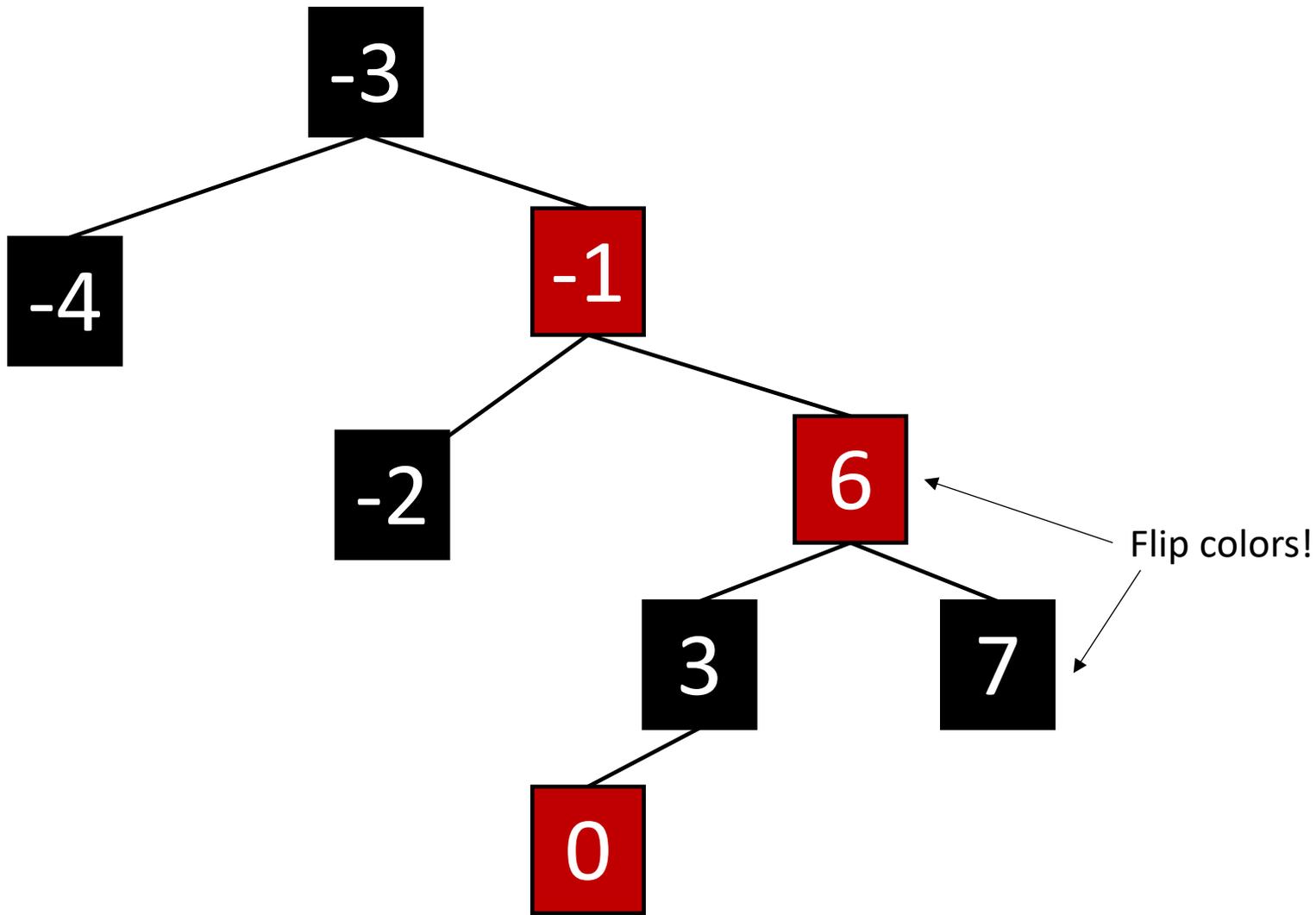


Want to
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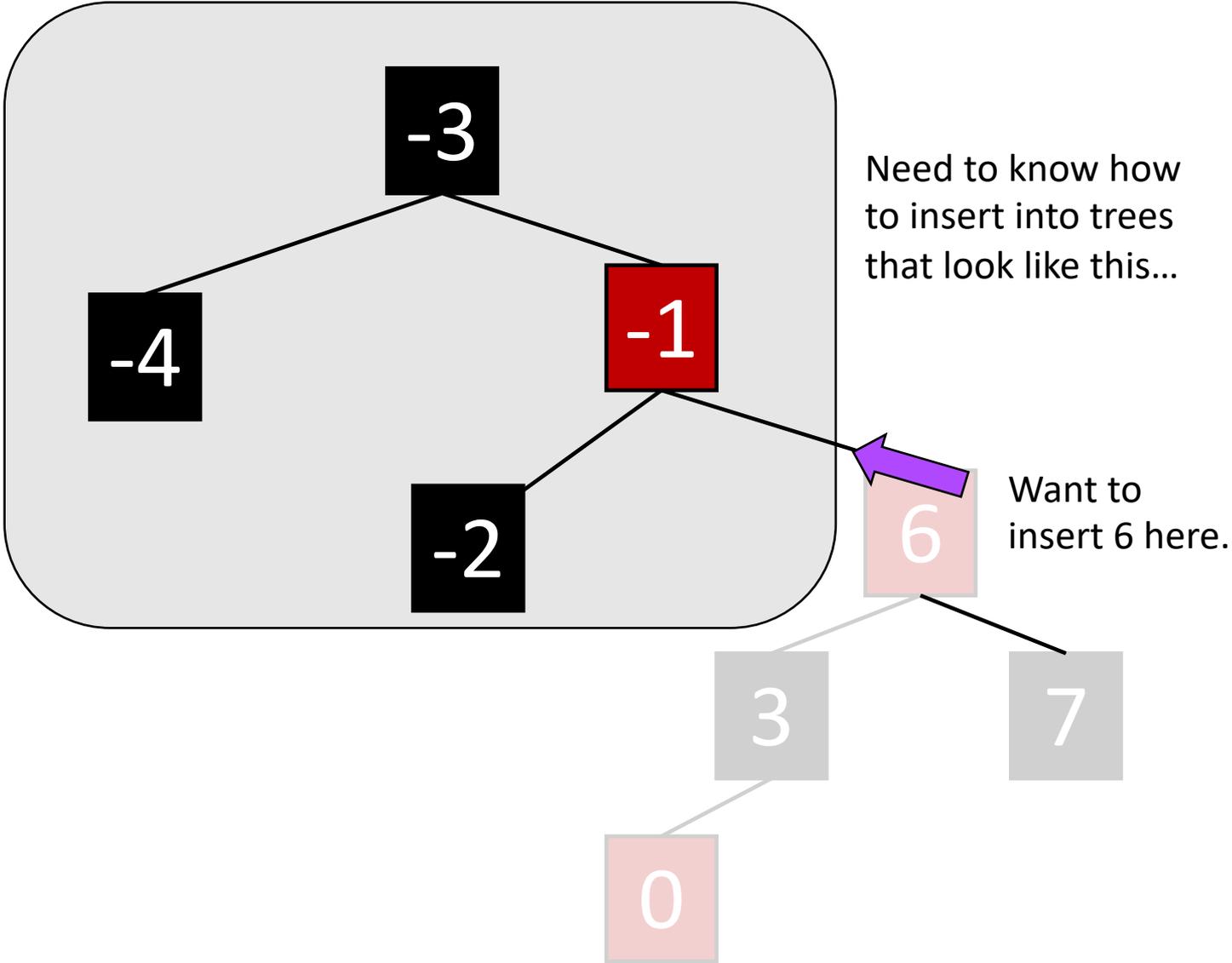
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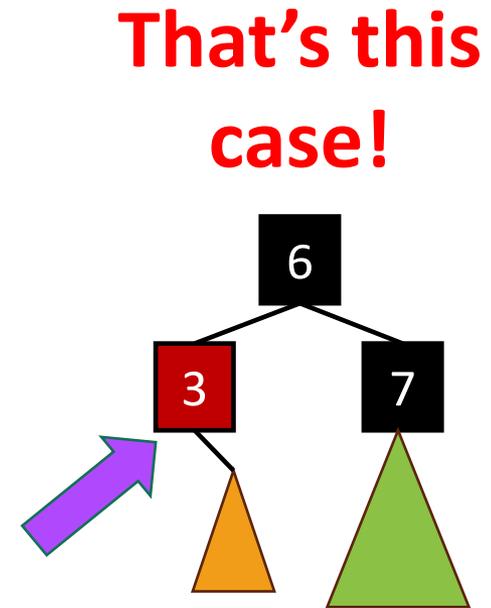
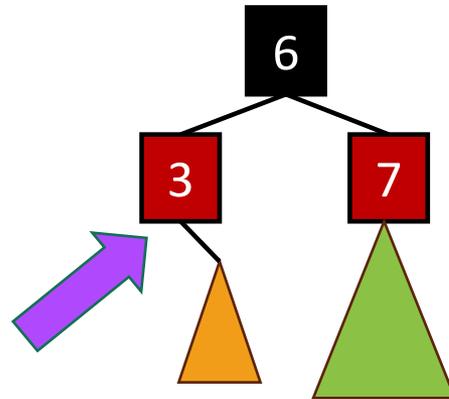
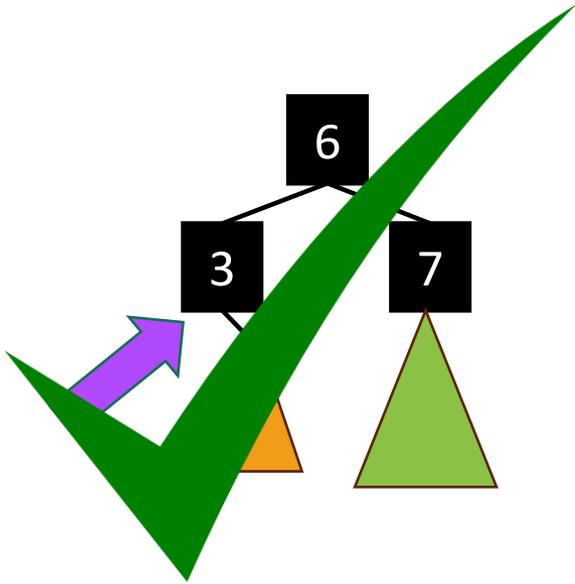
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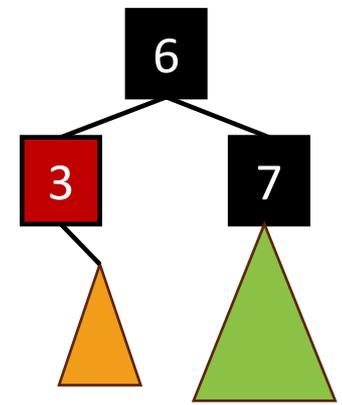
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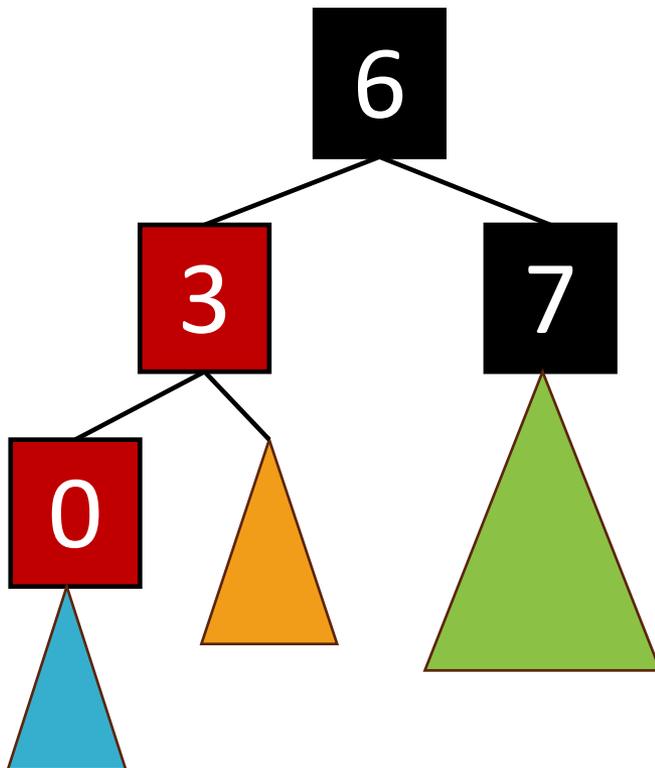
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INSERT: Case 3

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- Fix things up if needed.



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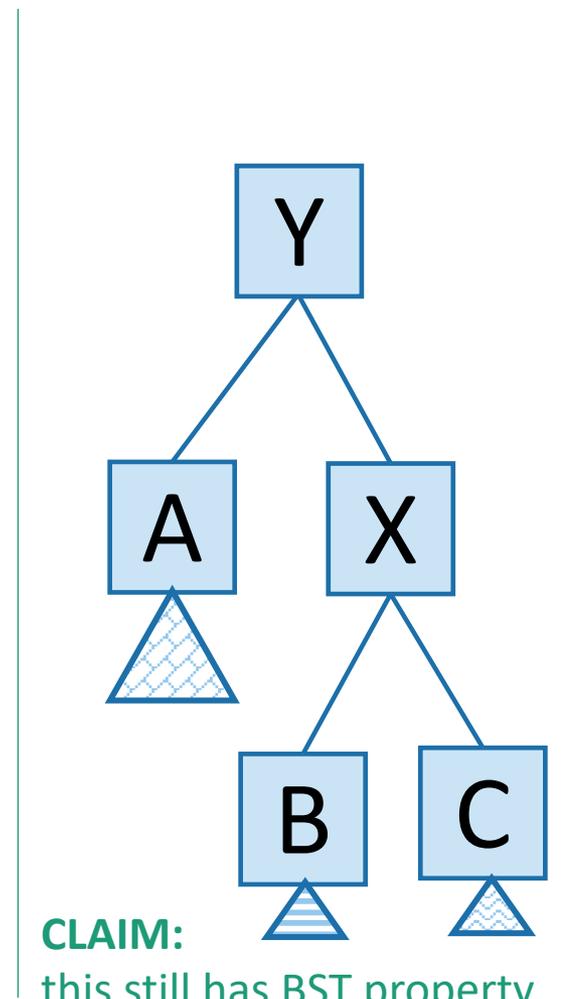
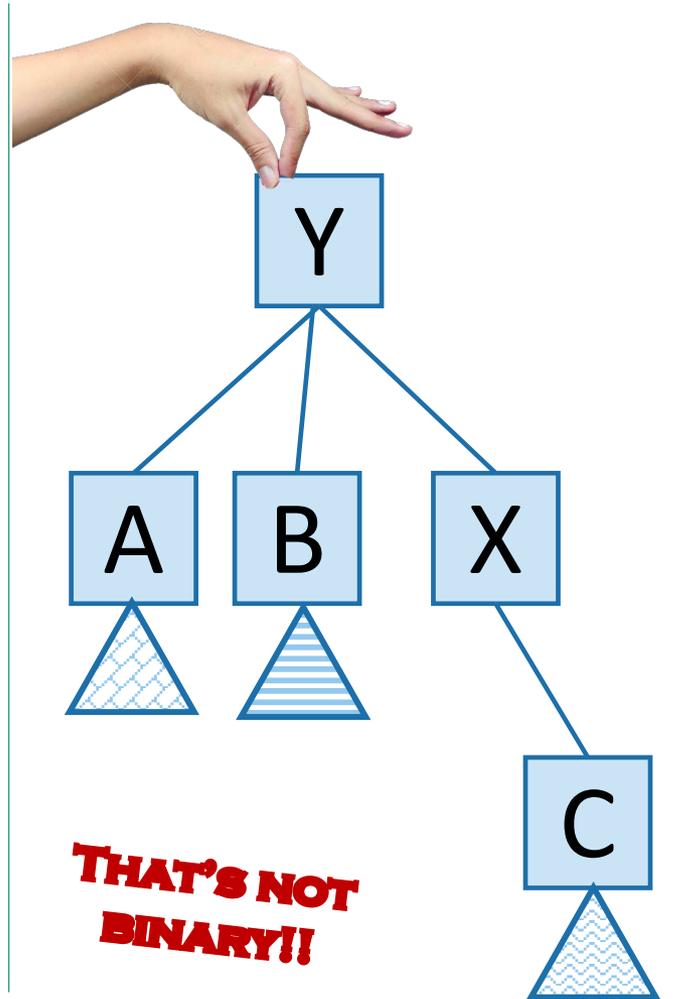
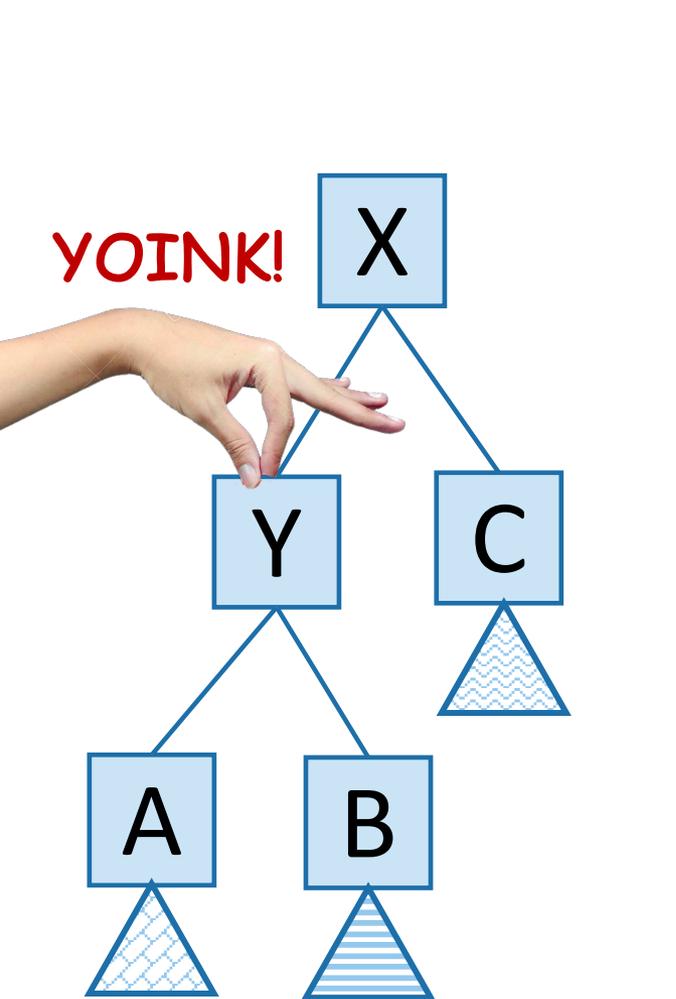


Example: Insert 0.

- Maybe with a subtree below it.

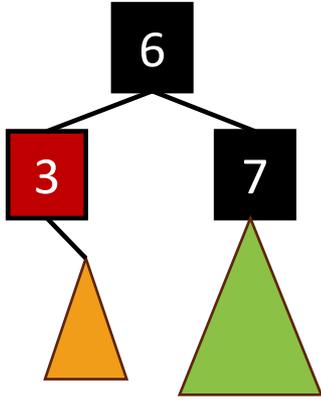
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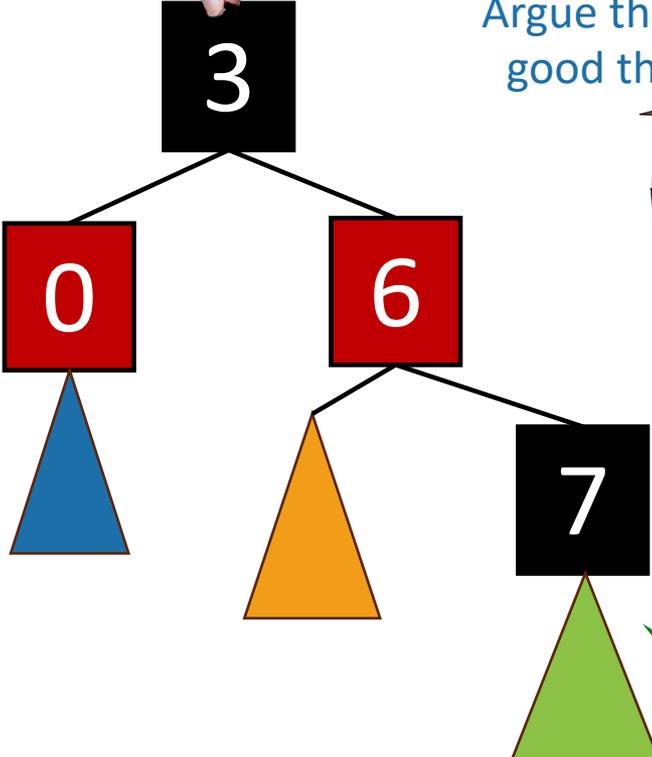
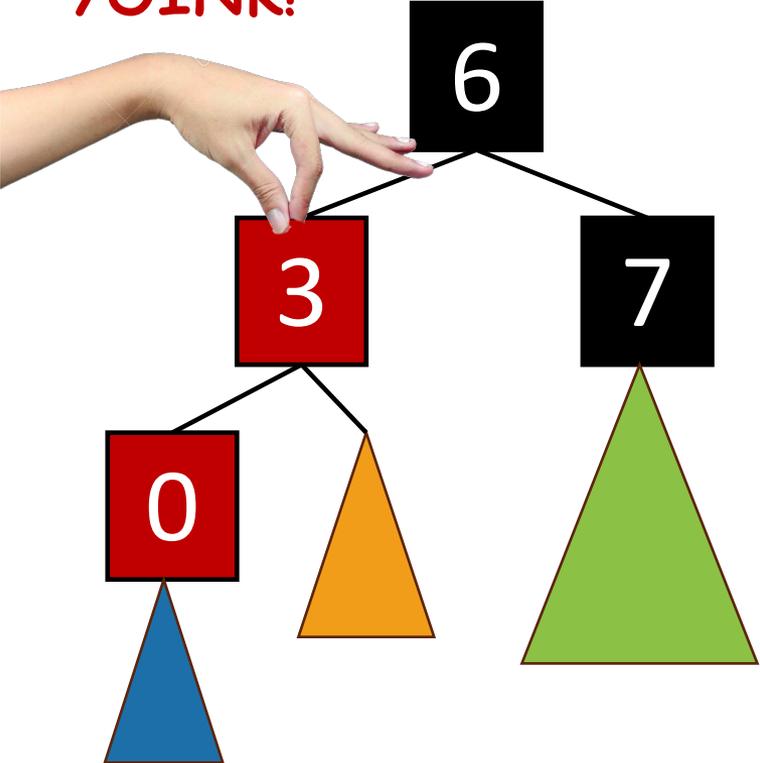
Inserting into a Red-Black Tree

- Make a new **red node**.
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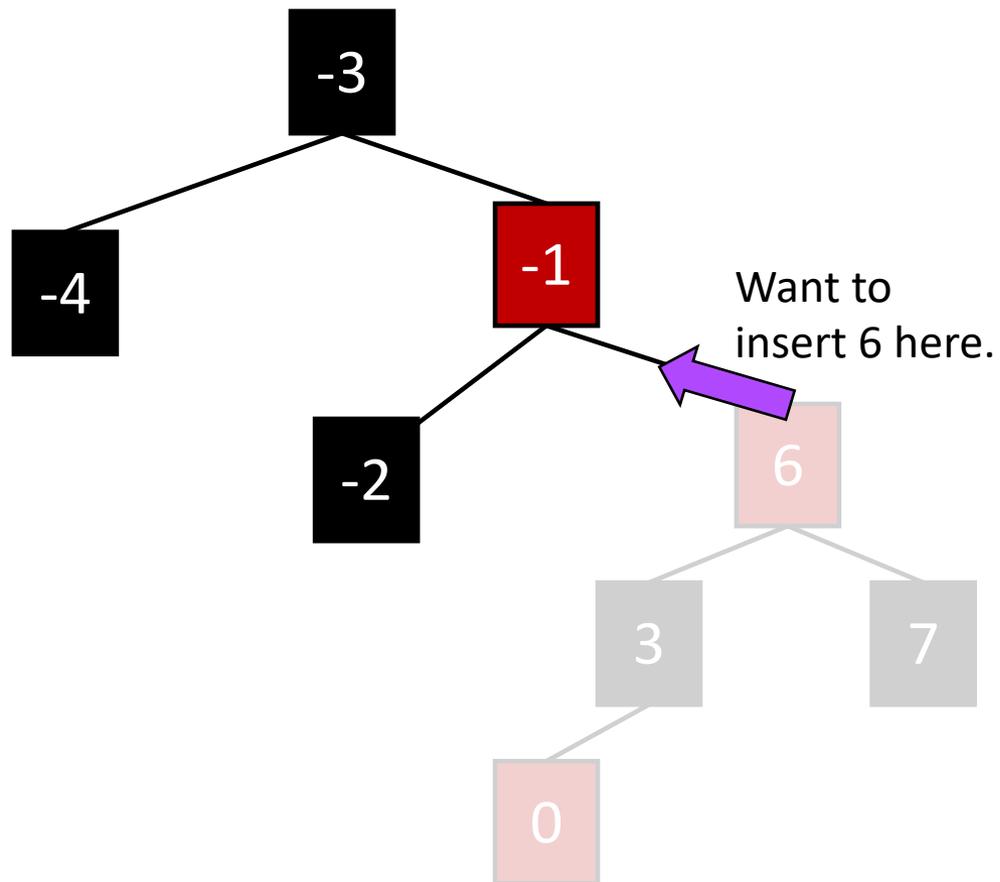
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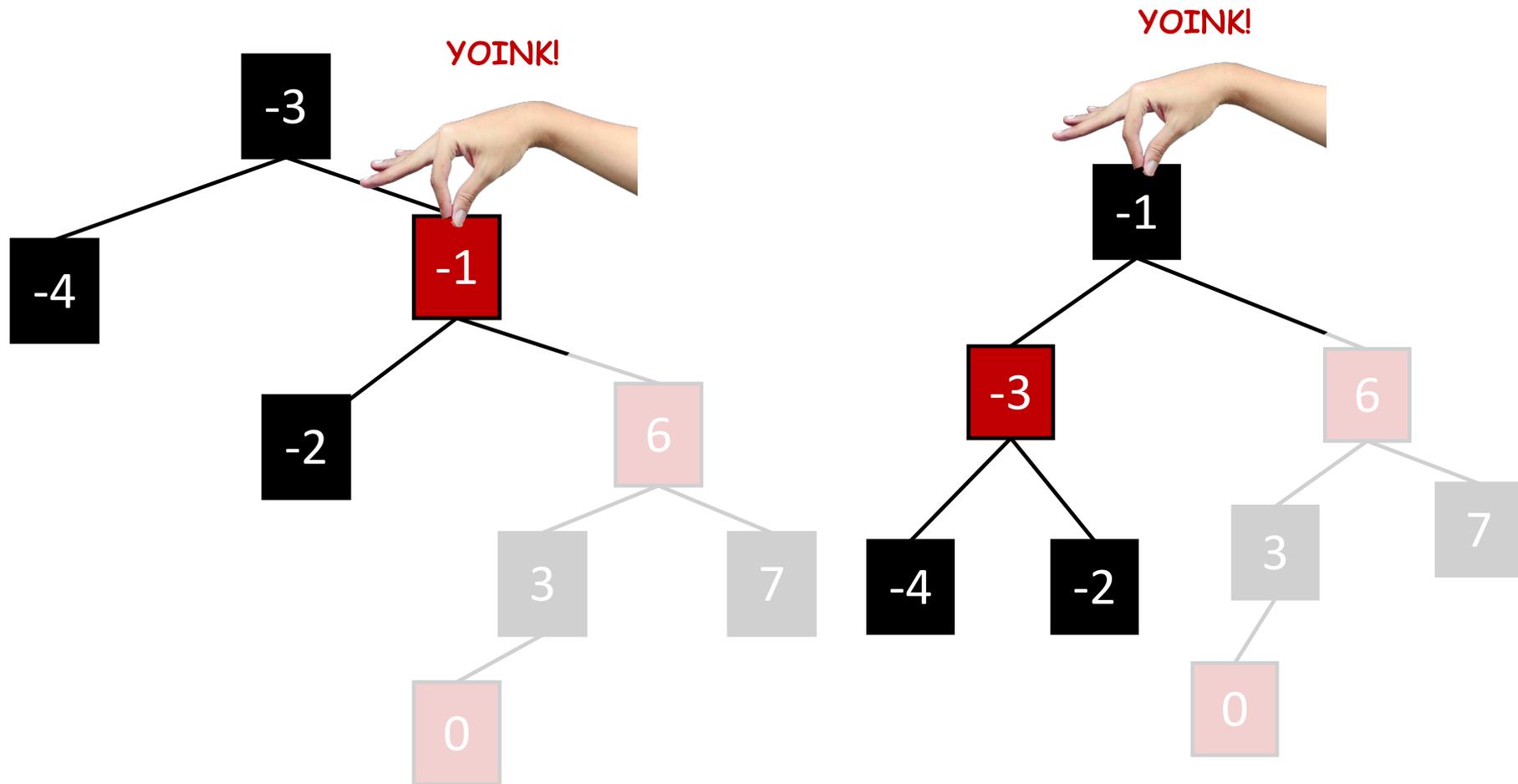
Argue that this is a good thing to do!



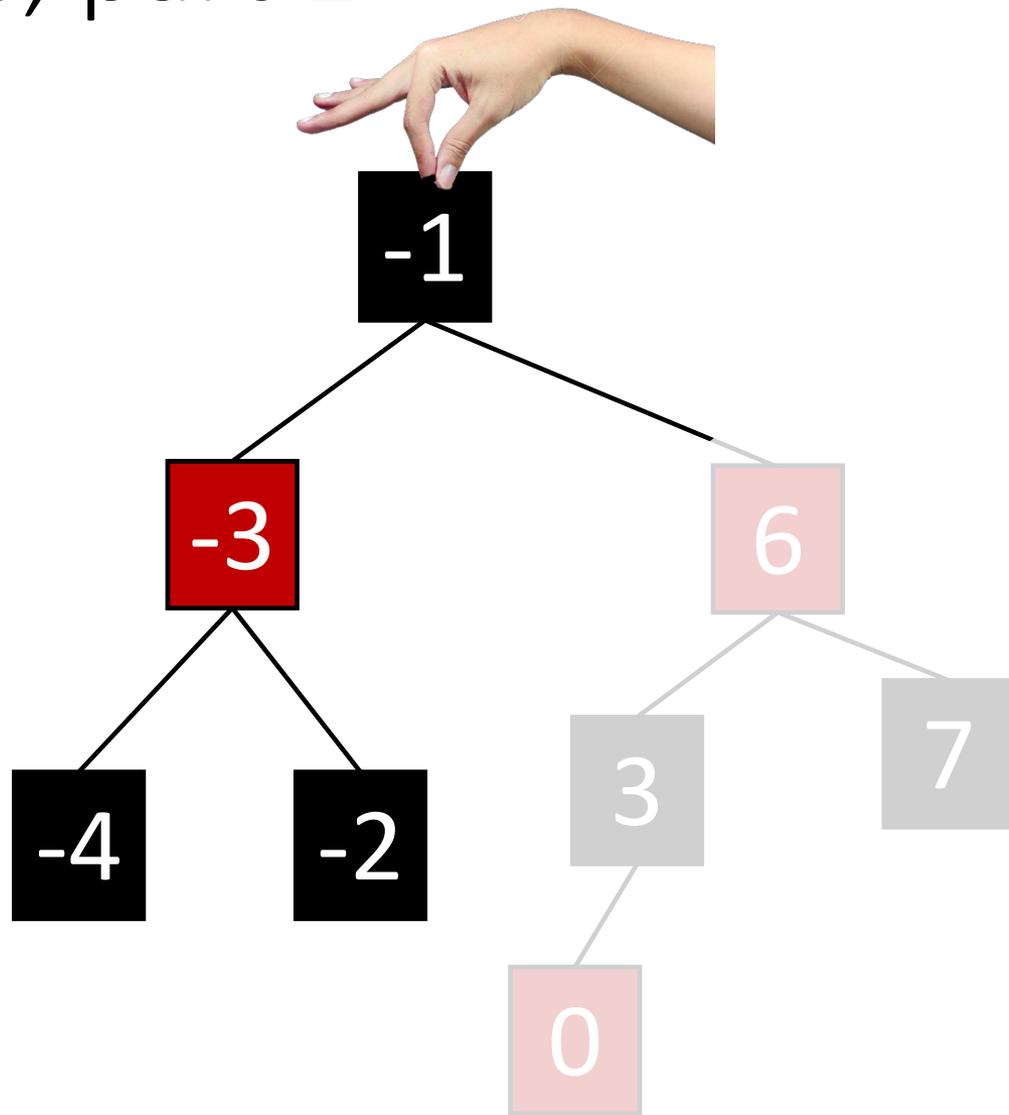
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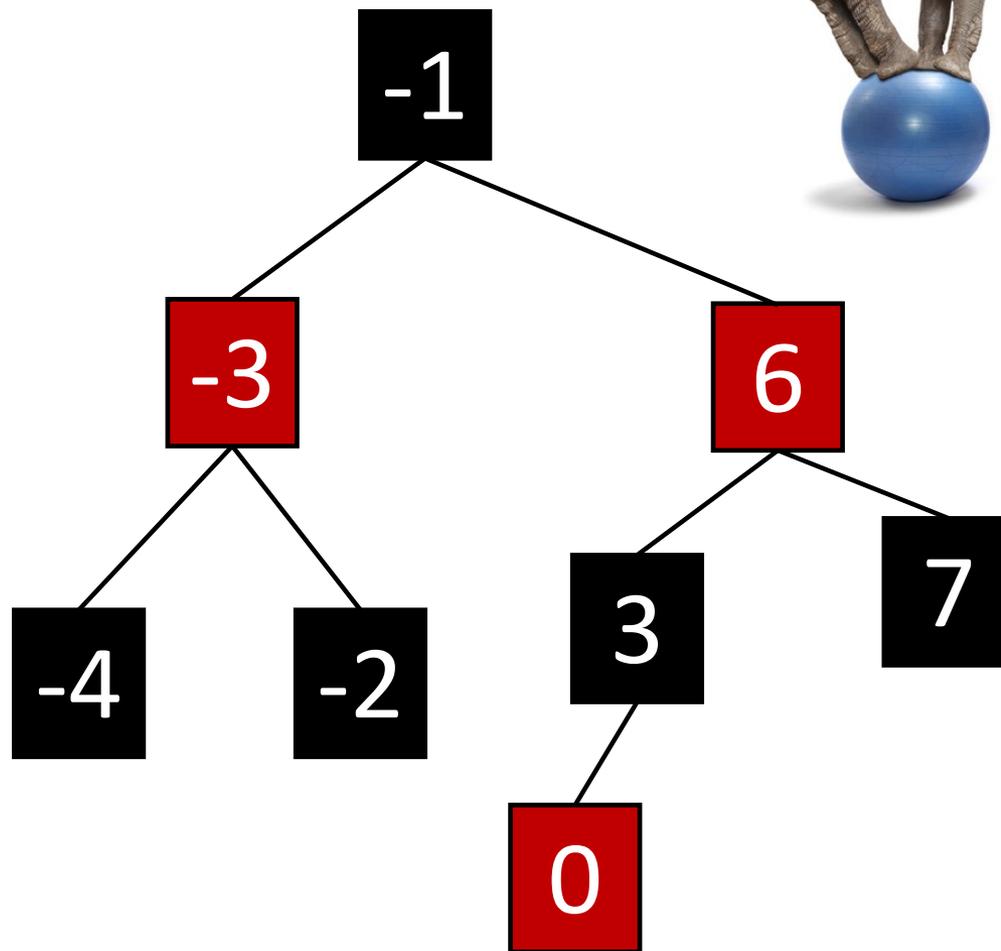


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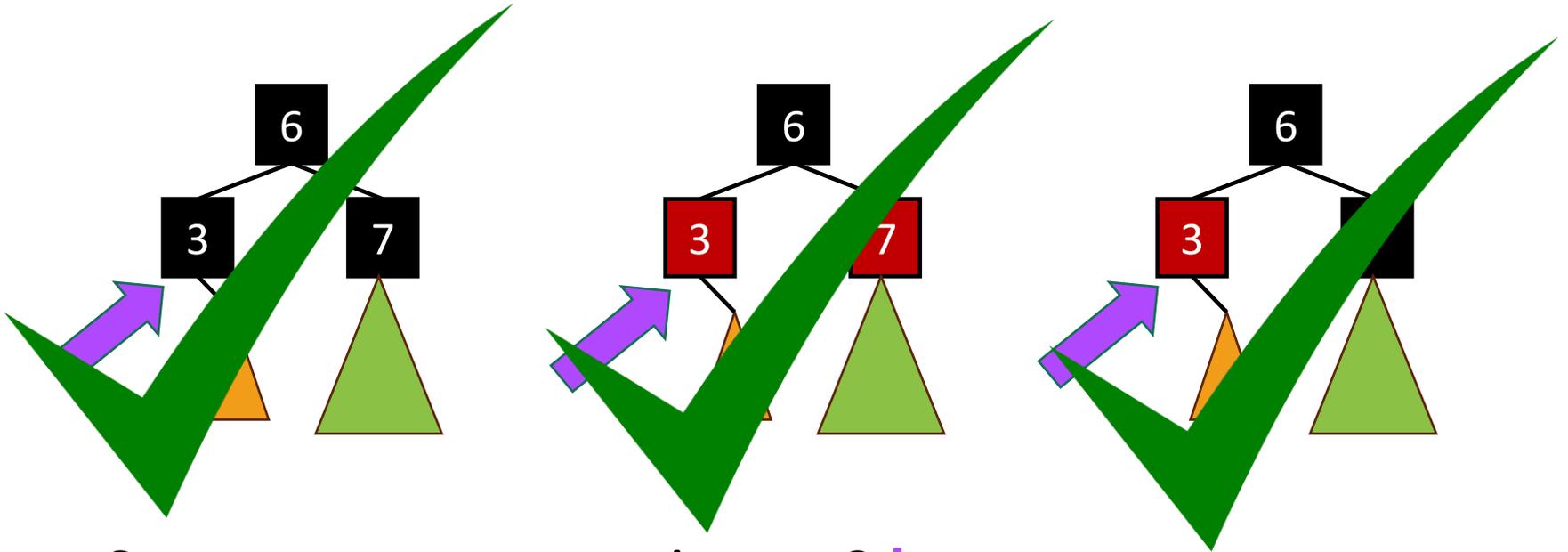


Example, part 2

TA-DA!



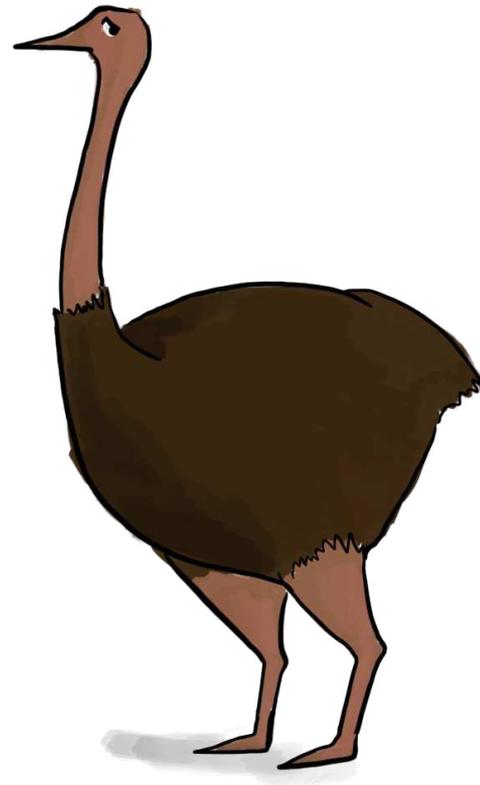
Many cases



- Suppose we want to insert 0 **here**.
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Deleting from a Red-Black tree

Fun exercise!



Ollie the over-achieving ostrich

That's a lot of cases!

- You are **not responsible** for the nitty-gritty details of Red-Black Trees. (For this class)
 - Though implementing them is a great exercise!
- You should know:
 - What are the properties of an RB tree?
 - And (more important) why does that guarantee that they are balanced?

What have we learned?

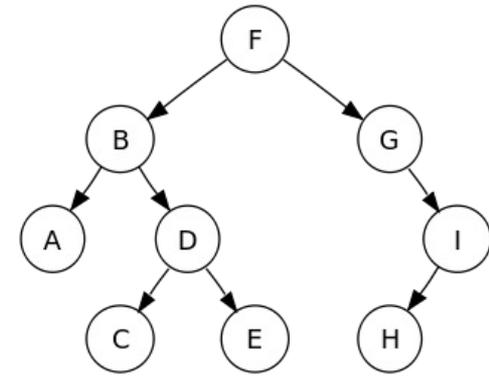
- Red-Black Trees always have height at most $2\log(n+1)$.
- As with general Binary Search Trees, all operations are $O(\text{height})$
- So all operations with RBTrees are $O(\log(n))$.

Conclusion: The best of both worlds

	Sorted Arrays	Linked Lists	Binary Search Trees*
Search	$O(\log(n))$ 😊	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(\log(n))$ 😊
Delete	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(\log(n))$ 😊
Insert	$O(n)$ 😞	$O(1)$ 😊	$O(\log(n))$ 😊

Today

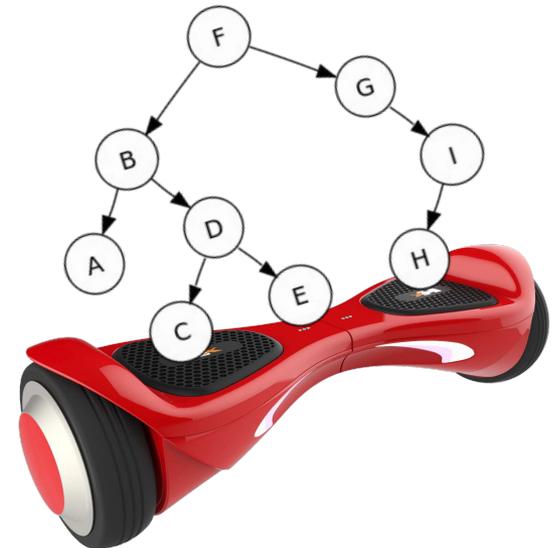
- Begin a brief foray into data structures!
 - See CS 166 for more!
- Binary search trees
 - You may remember these from CS 106B
 - They are better when they're balanced.



this will lead us to...

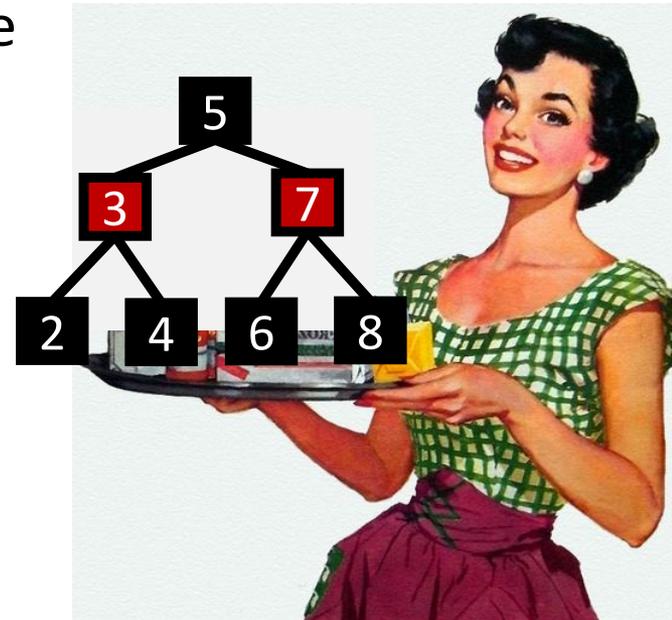
- Self-Balancing Binary Search Trees
 - **Red-Black** trees.

Recap



Recap

- Balanced binary trees are the best of both worlds!
- But we need to keep them balanced.
- **Red-Black Trees** do that for us.
 - We get $O(\log(n))$ -time INSERT/DELETE/SEARCH
 - Clever idea: have a proxy for balance



Next time

- **Hashing!**

Before next time

- Pre-lecture exercise for Lecture 8
 - More probability yay!
- Hand in HW3!