Algorithms and Data Structures for Data Science Binary Search Tree

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Learning Objectives

Review understanding of Binary Trees

Introduce the dictionary ADT

Extend ADT to Binary Search Trees

Practice recursion in the context of trees

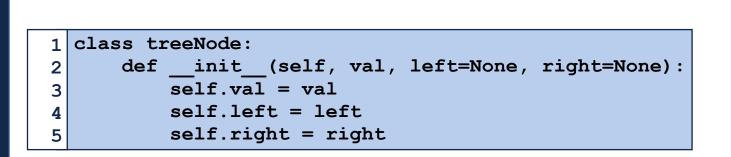
Binary Tree Recursion

A **binary tree** is a tree *T* such that:

$$T = None$$

or

$$T = treeNode(val, T_L, T_R)$$



```
1 class binaryTree:
2    def __init__(self):
3         self.root = None
4    5
```

Tree ADT

Constructor: Build a new (empty) tree

Insert: Add an object into tree

Remove: Remove a specific object from tree

Traverse: Visit every node in tree (all objects)

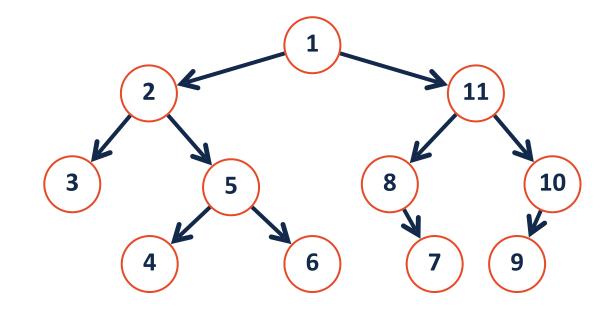
Search: Find a specific object in the tree

Binary Tree Traversal

Last class we implemented traversals using recursion, stacks, and queues.

What implementations led to a depth first search traversal?

Which lead to breadth first search?



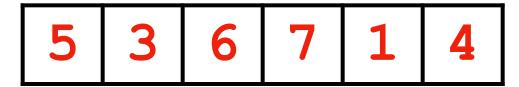
Binary Tree Utility

This week we will deep dive into useful implementations of binary trees

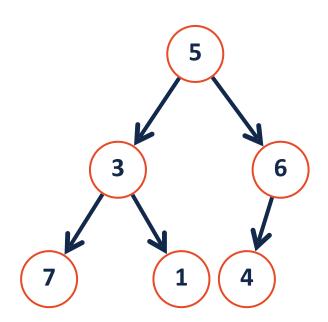
Binary Search Tree: An efficient implementation of a dictionary

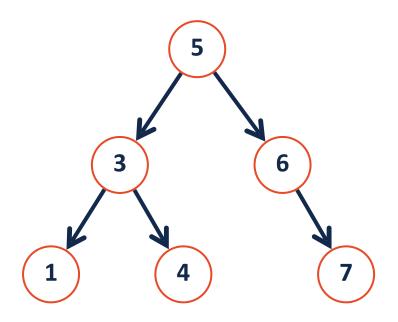
Huffman Tree: A binary tree used to define an optimal text encoding

Improved search on a binary tree







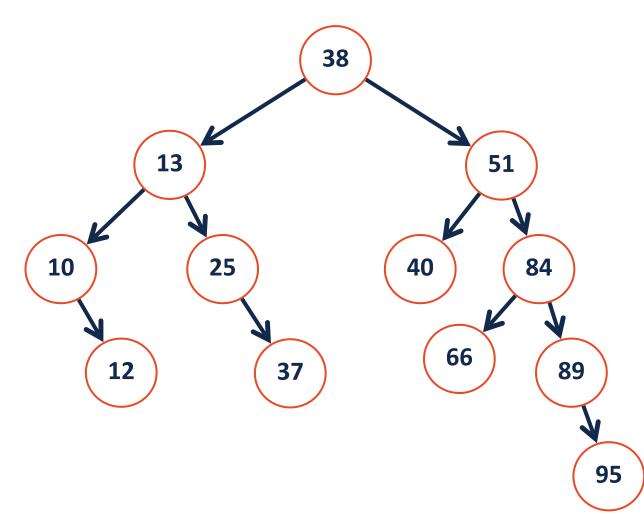


Binary Search Tree (BST)

A **BST** is a binary tree $T = treeNode(val, T_L, T_r)$ such that:

$$\forall n \in T_L, n.val < T.val$$

$$\forall n \in T_R, n.val > T.val$$



Dictionary ADT

Data is often organized into key/value pairs:

Word → Definition

Course Number → Lecture/Lab Schedule

Node → Edges

Flight Number → Arrival Information

URL → HTML Page

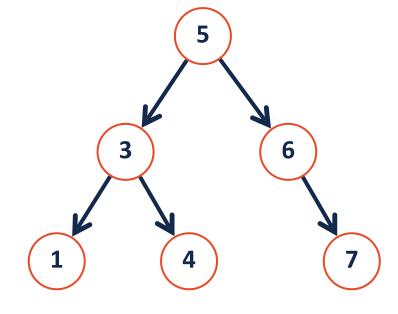
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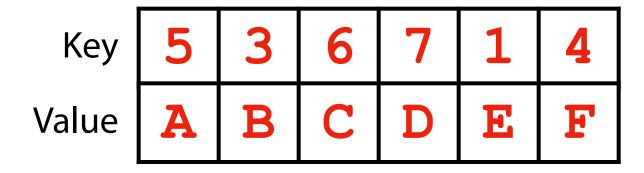
Dictionaries in Python

```
1  # The dictionary data structure
2  d = {}
3
4  # Change Value / Insert
5  d[key] = value
6  d[k2] = v2
7  d[key] = v3
8
9  # Remove value
10  d.pop(k2)
11
12  # Get Value
13  print(d[key])
```

Dictionary as a Binary Search Tree

```
class bstNode:
    def __init__(self, key, val, left=None, right=None):
        self.key = key
        self.val = val
        self.left = left
        self.right = right
```





Binary **Search** Tree ADT — what changed?



Constructor: Build a new (empty) tree

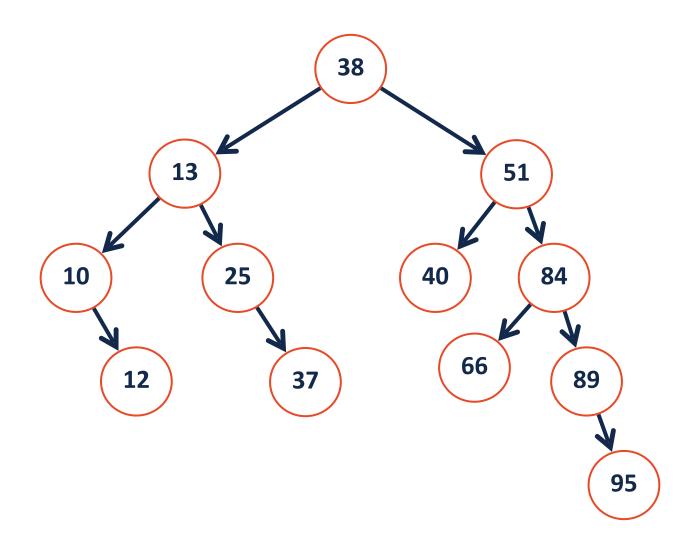
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Remove: Remove a specific object from tree

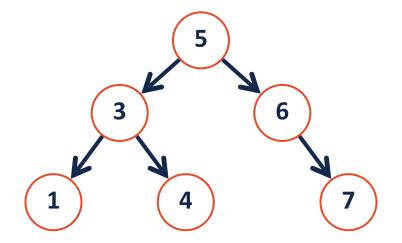
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Search: Find a specific object in the tree

BST In-Order Traversal



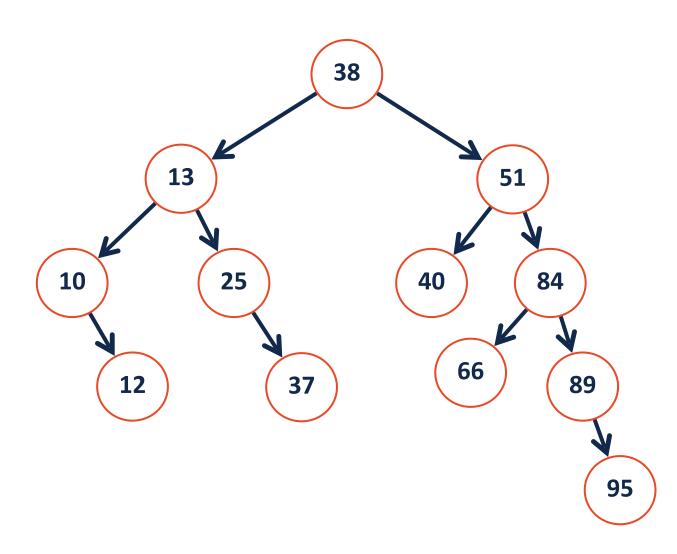
Base Case:



Recursive Step:

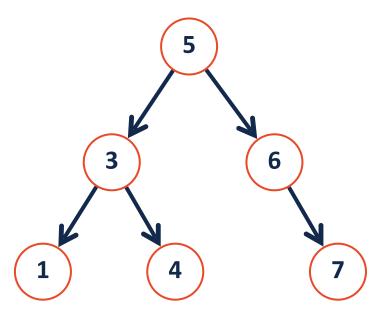
Combining:

insert(33)



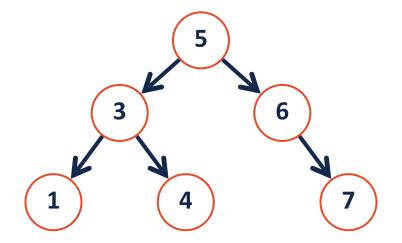


```
# inside class bst
   def insert(self, key, val):
       self.root = self.insert_helper(self.root, key, val)
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   def insert helper(self, node, key, val):
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What binary would be formed by inserting the following sequence of integers: [3, 7, 2, 1, 4, 8, 0]

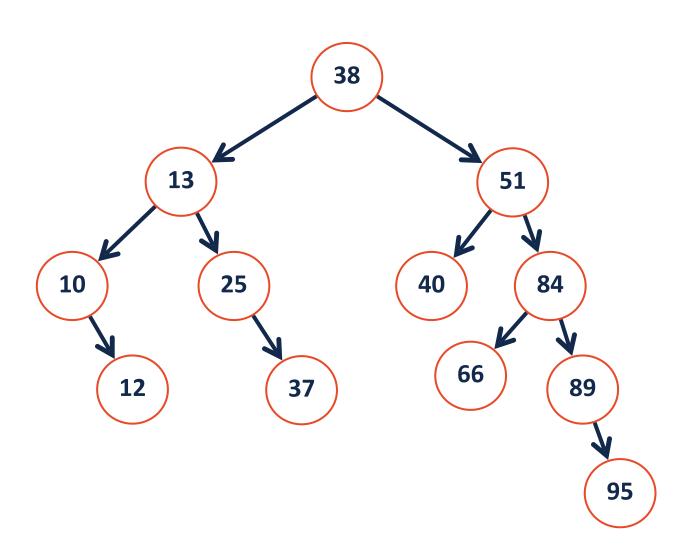
Base Case:



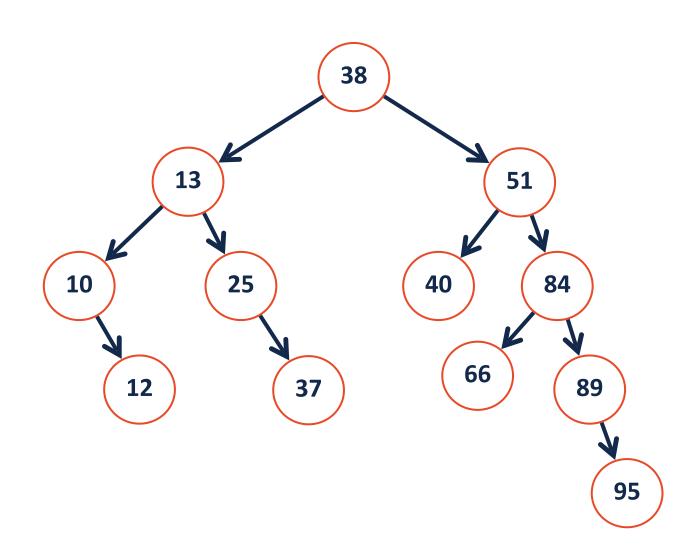
Recursive Step:

Combining:

find(66)

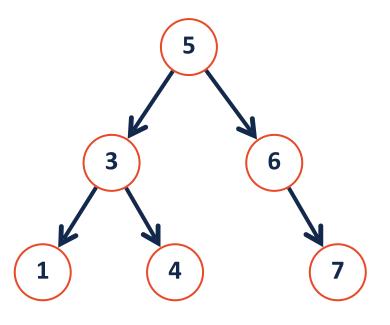


find(9)

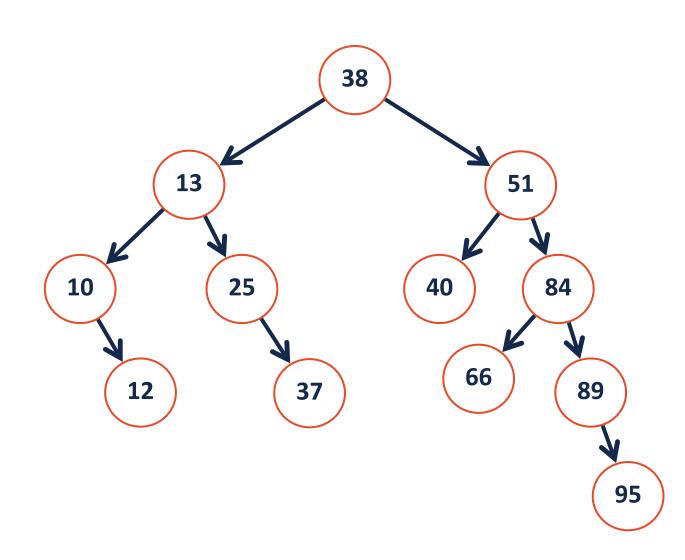




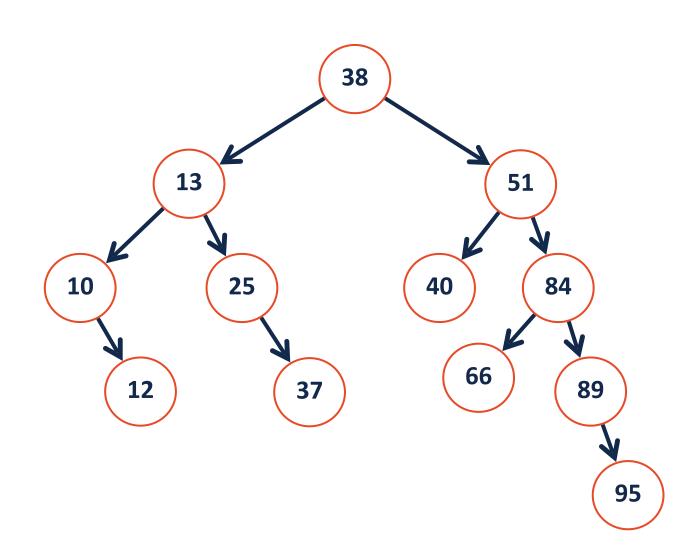
```
#inside class bst
   def find(self, key):
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 8
   def find_helper(self, node, key):
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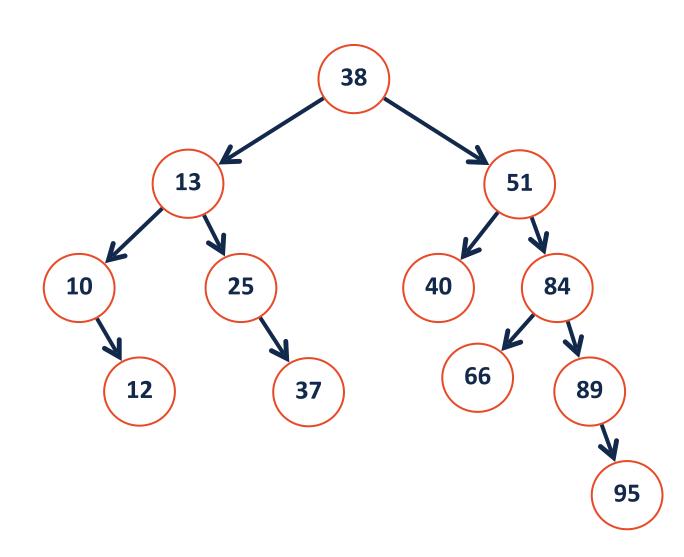
remove (40)



remove (25)

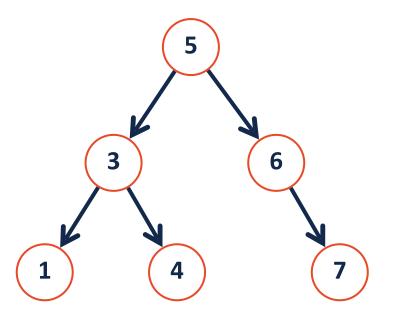


remove (13)

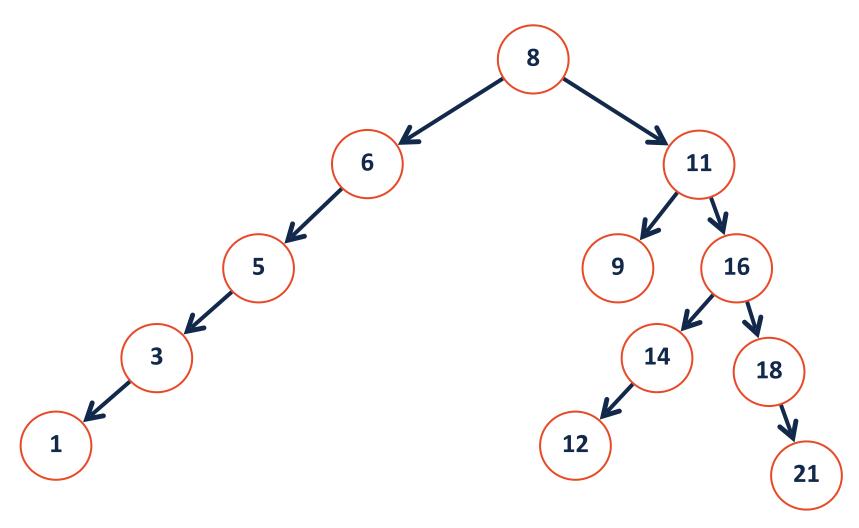




```
def remove(self, key):
       self.root = self.remove_helper(self.root, key)
   def remove_helper(self, node, key):
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What will the tree structure look like if we remove node 16 using IOS?

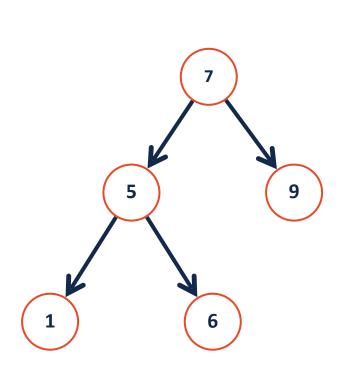


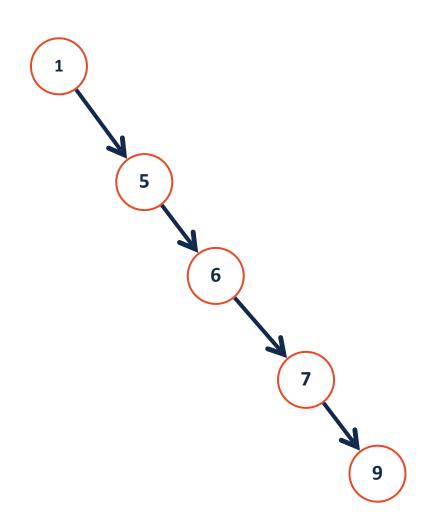
BST Analysis – Running Time



Operation	BST Worst Case
find	
insert	
delete	
traverse	

Limiting the height of a tree





Option A: Correcting bad insert order

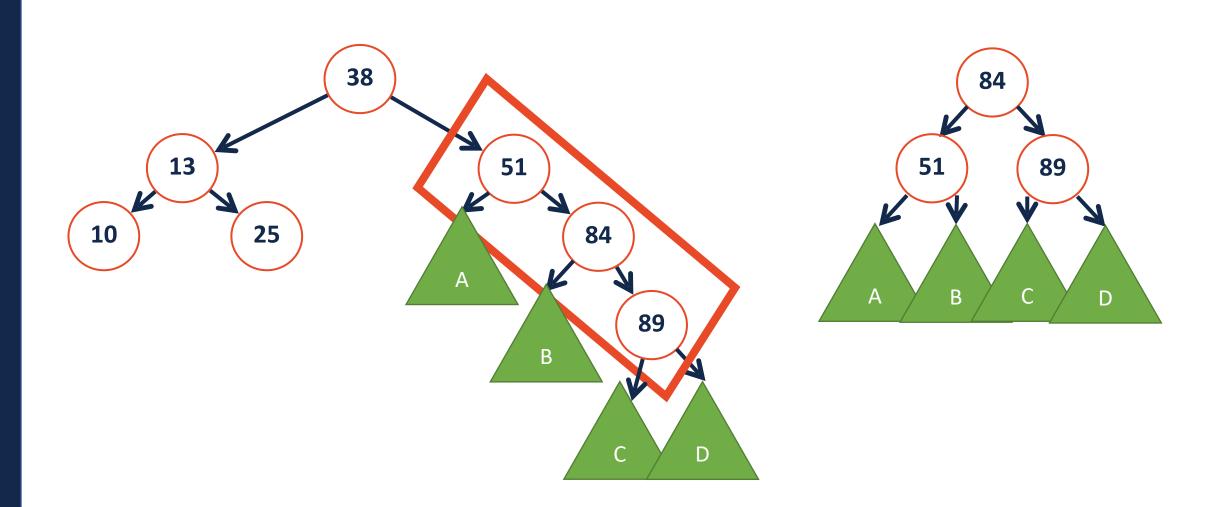
The height of a BST depends on the order in which the data was inserted

Insert Order: [1, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7]

Insert Order: [4, 2, 3, 6, 7, 1, 5]

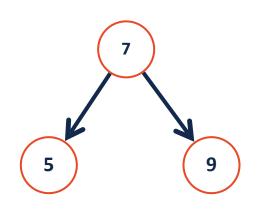
AVL-Tree: A self-balancing binary search tree

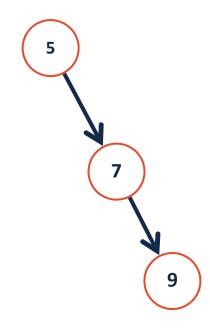
Rather than fixing an insertion order, just correct the tree as needed!



Height-Balanced Tree

What tree is better?





How would you describe this mathematically?