

DSC40B:  
Theoretical Foundations of Data  
Science II

Lecture 8: *Binary search tree*

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Using a sorted array can handle all static operations efficiently

How to have a good data structure so we can support all these operations efficiently?



# Today

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- ▶ **Binary search tree**
  - ▶ support all the operations from previous slide
    - ▶ in time proportional to height of tree
- ▶ **(Review): how to implement key operations, and time complexity**
  - ▶ search, insert (and delete)
- ▶ **Extension to **balanced** binary search tree**
- ▶ **Select query: **augmenting** data structure**
  - ▶ median, order statistics



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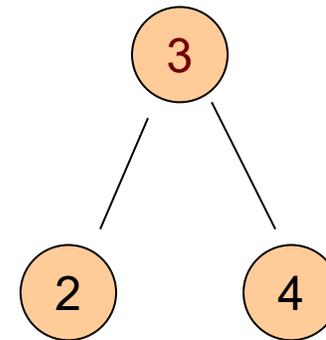
Part A:  
What is binary search tree?



# First: Binary tree

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- ▶ A binary tree is a rooted tree
  - ▶ where each node has at most 2 children
- ▶ Represented by a linked data structure
- ▶ Each node contains at least fields:
  - ▶ *Key* ↩
  - ▶ *Left* ↩
  - ▶ *Right* ↩
  - ▶ *Parent* ↩

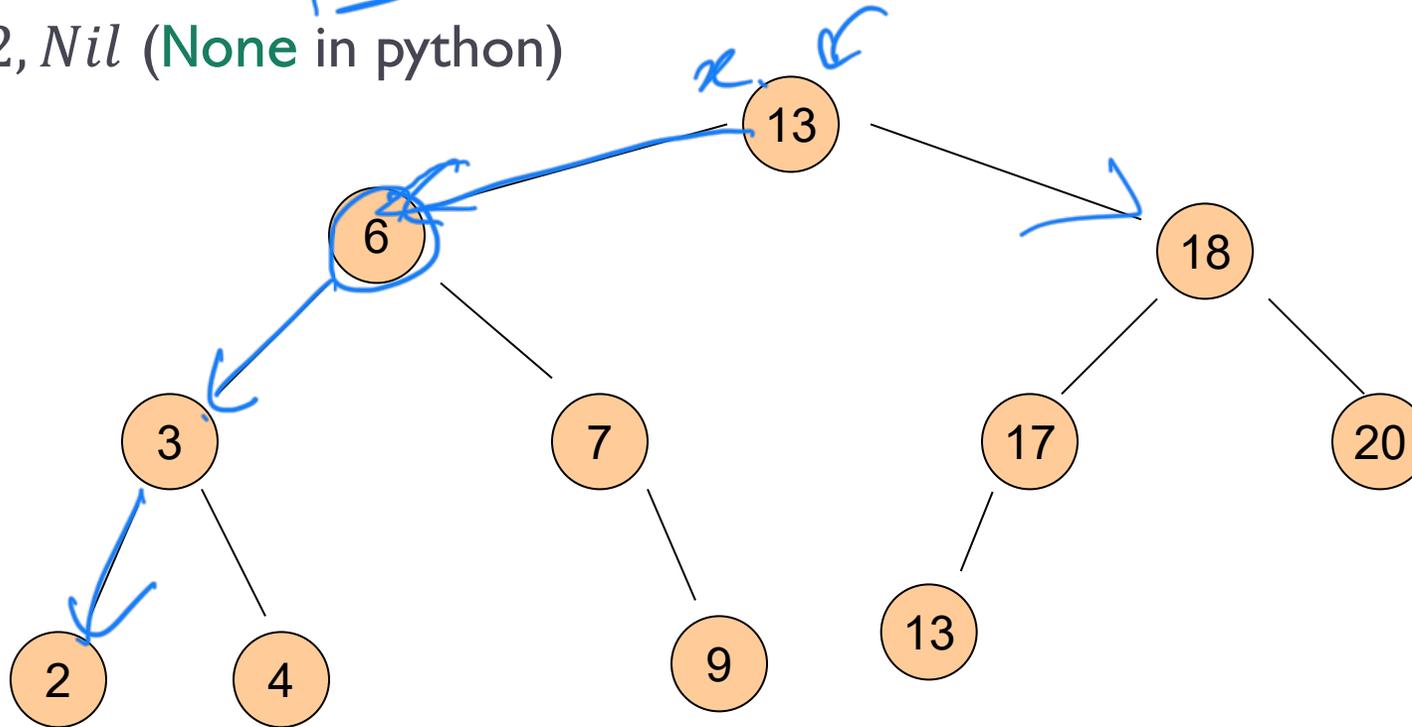


# Example

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▶ From root, following left pointers, we will visit

▶ 13, 6, 3, 2, *Nil* (**None** in python)



# Create a single node tree in Python

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```
class Node:
    def __init__(self, key, parent=None):
        self.key = key
        self.parent = parent
        self.left = None
        self.right = None
```

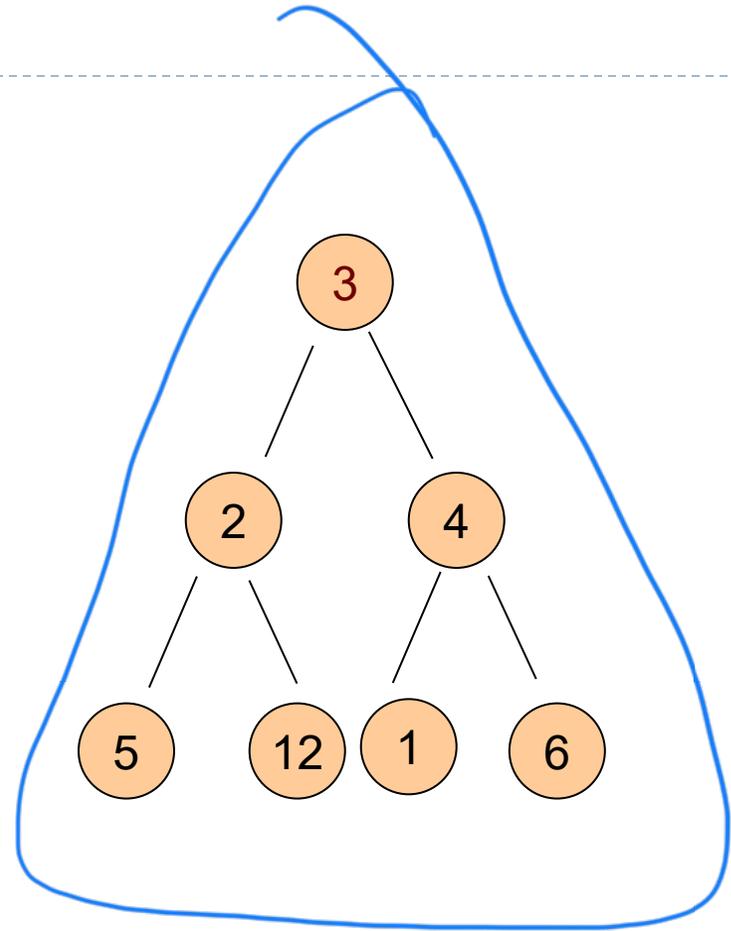
```
class BinarySearchTree:
    def __init__(self, root: Node):
        self.root = root
```



# Binary tree

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- ▶ A binary tree is a rooted tree where
  - ▶ each node has at most 2 children
- ▶ A node is the root of the tree
  - ▶ if its parent is Nil
- ▶ A node is a leaf
  - ▶ if both children are Nil
- ▶ Left sub-tree, right sub-tree
- ▶ A **complete binary tree** is a binary tree
  - ▶ where each node has two children other than leaves
  - ▶ and each level (except possibly last level) is filled, and all nodes are as left as possible.

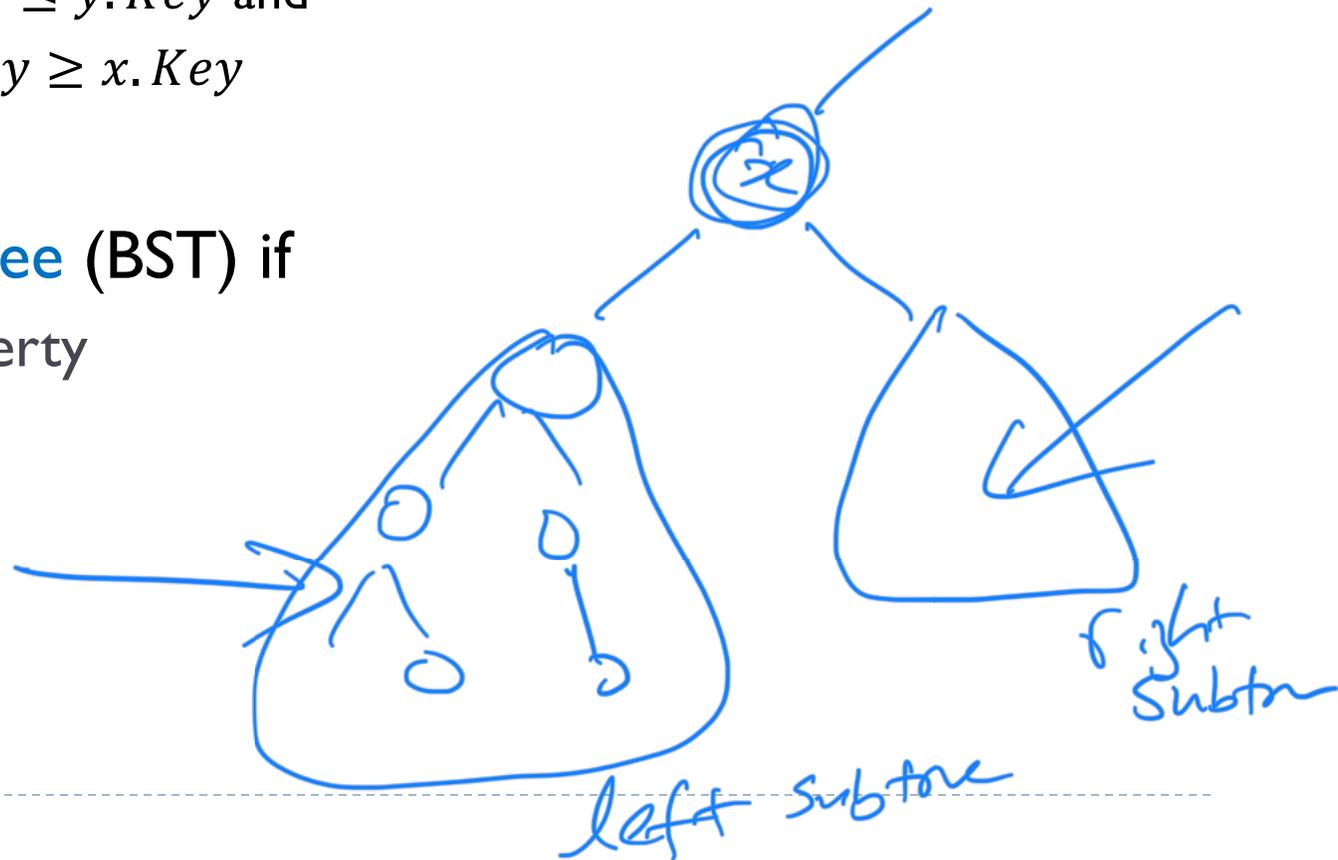


# Binary search tree (BST)

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## ▶ Binary-search-tree property

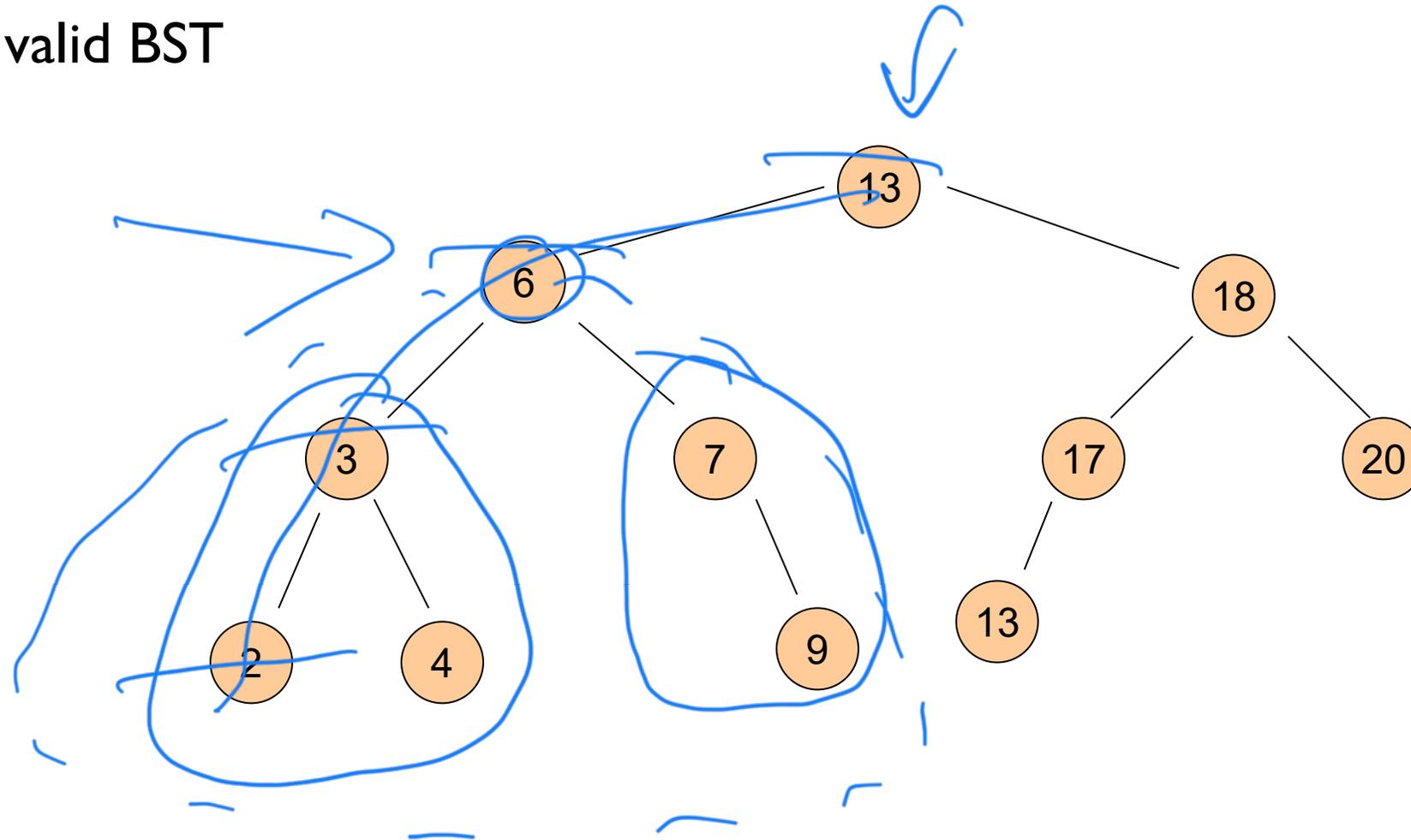
- ▶ For any node  $x \in T$ ,
  - ▶ if  $y$  is in the left subtree of  $x$ , then  $y.Key \leq x.Key$  and
  - ▶ if  $y$  is in the right subtree of  $x$ , then  $y.Key \geq x.Key$
- ▶ A binary tree  $T$  is a **binary search tree (BST)** if
  - ▶ it satisfies the binary search tree property



# Example

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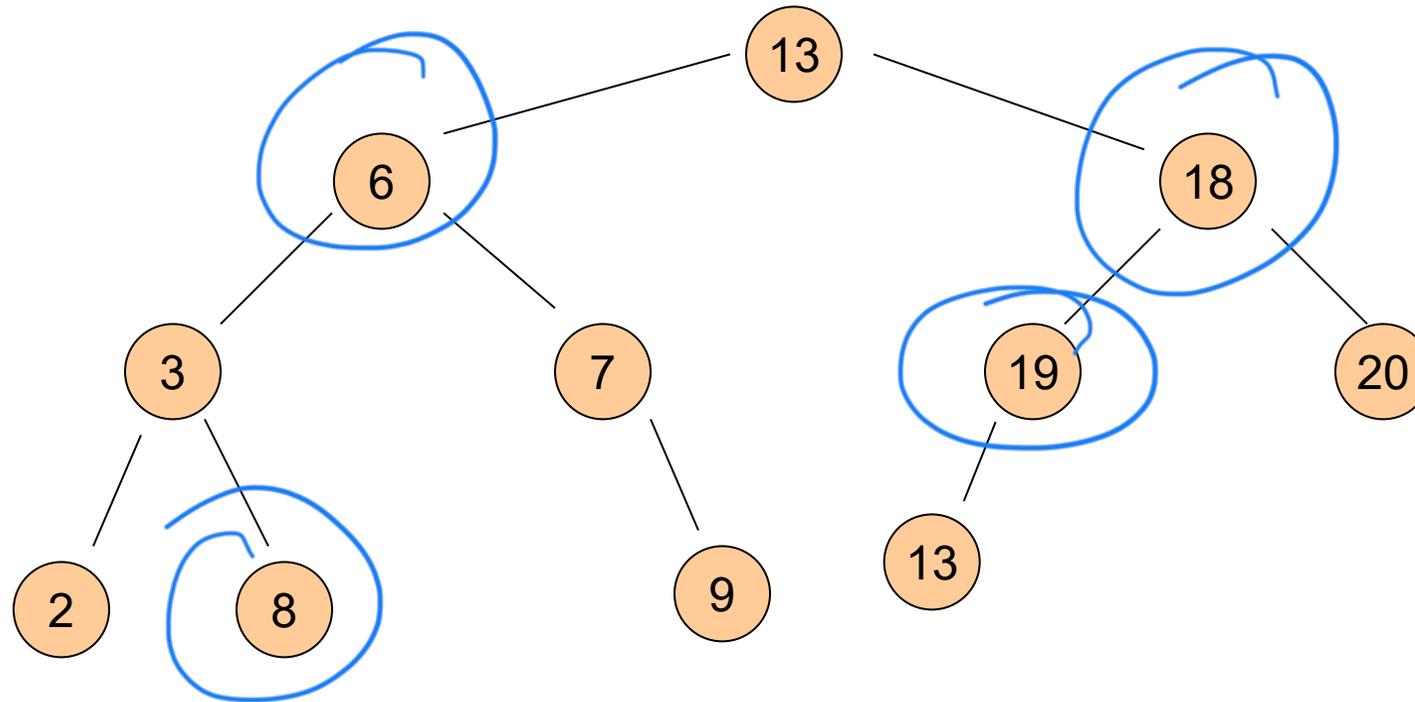
- ▶ A valid BST



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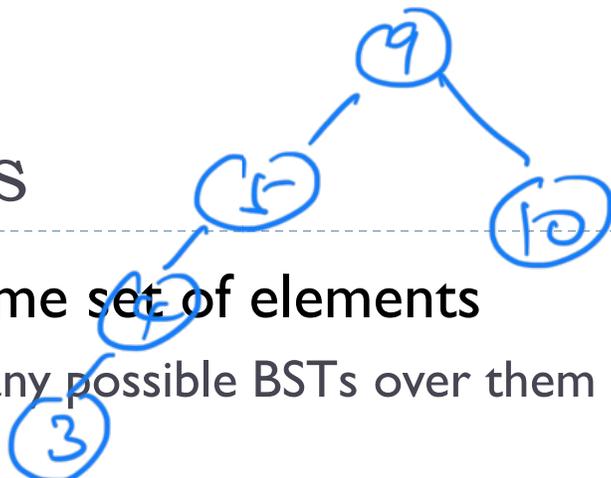
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▶ ?



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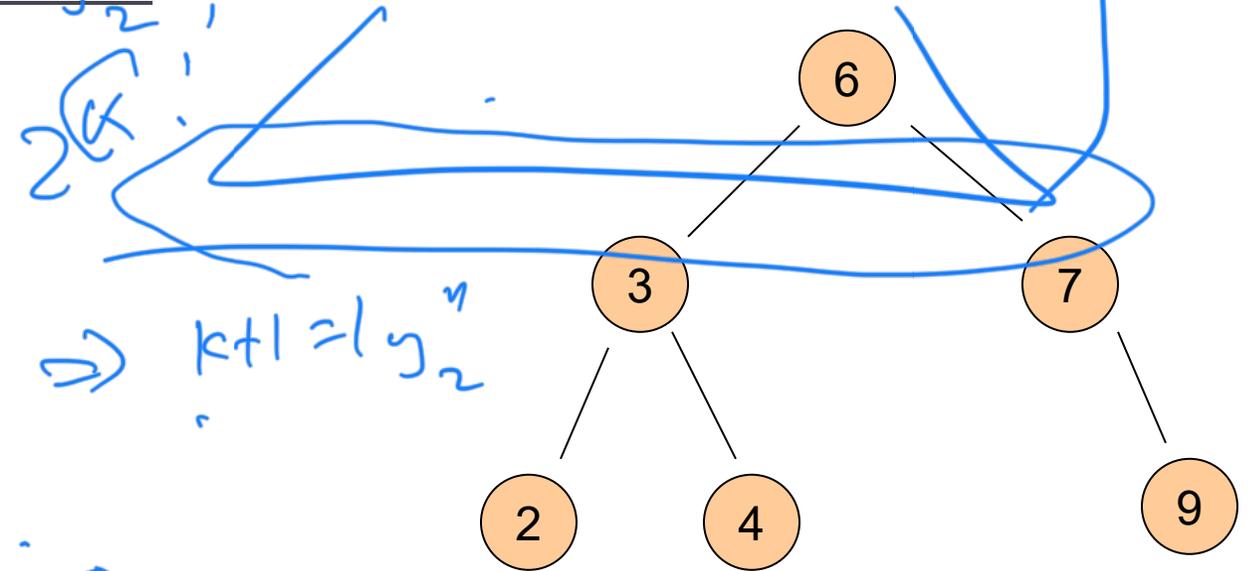
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- ▶ Given  $n$  nodes,
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3, 10, 5, 4, 9



$$\frac{1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^k}{2^{k+1} - 1} = n$$

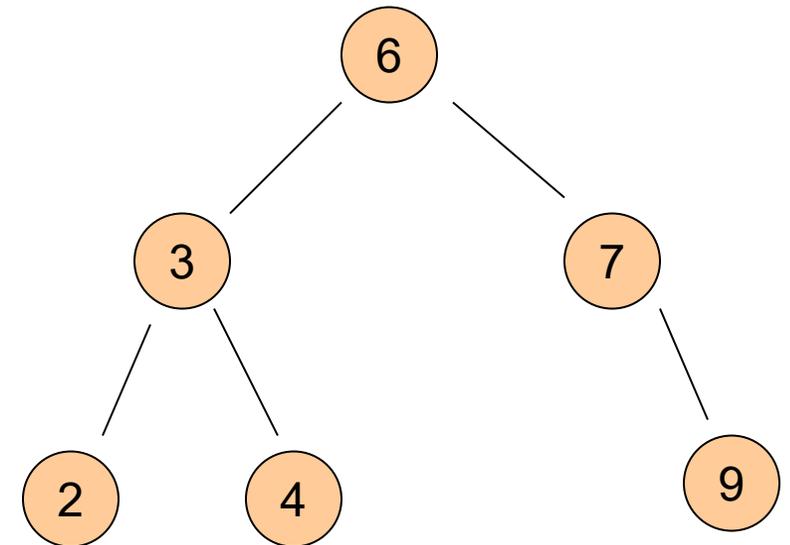


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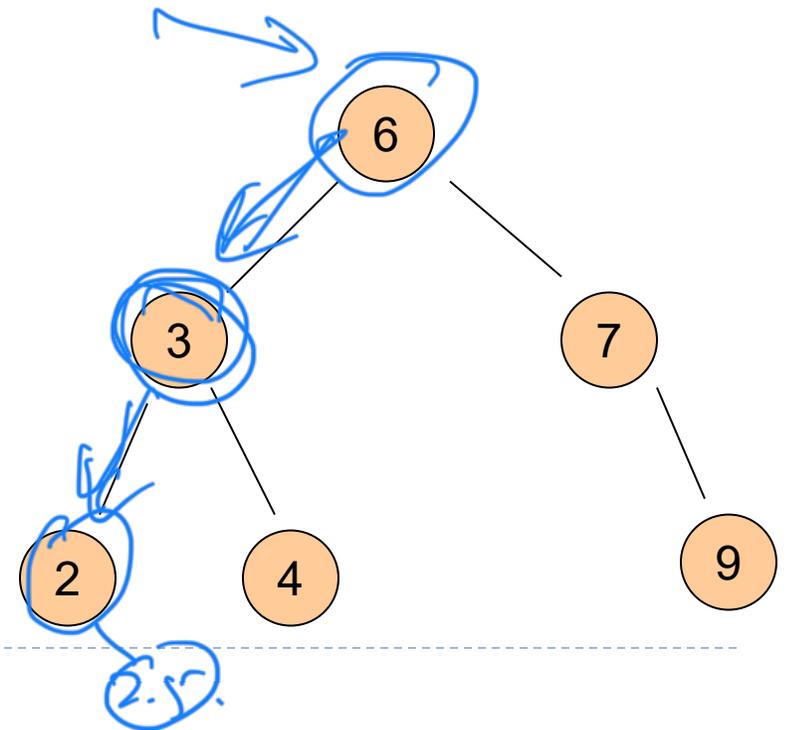
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- ▶ Minimum?
  - ▶ Does it have to be a leaf?
- ▶ Maximum?



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Part B:  
Operations in BST

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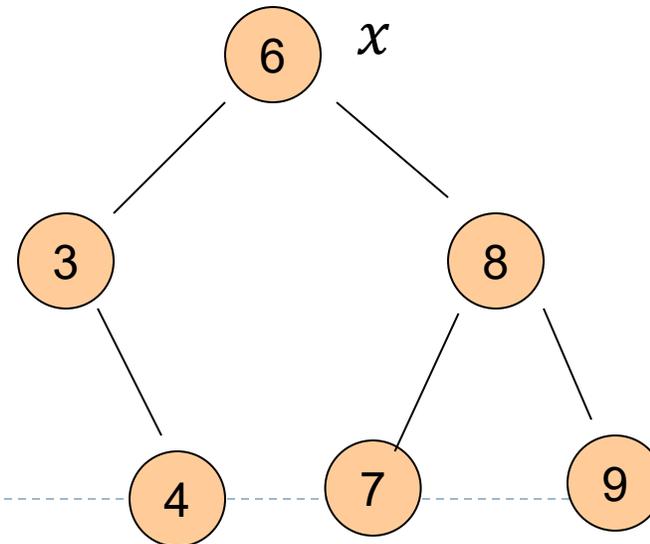
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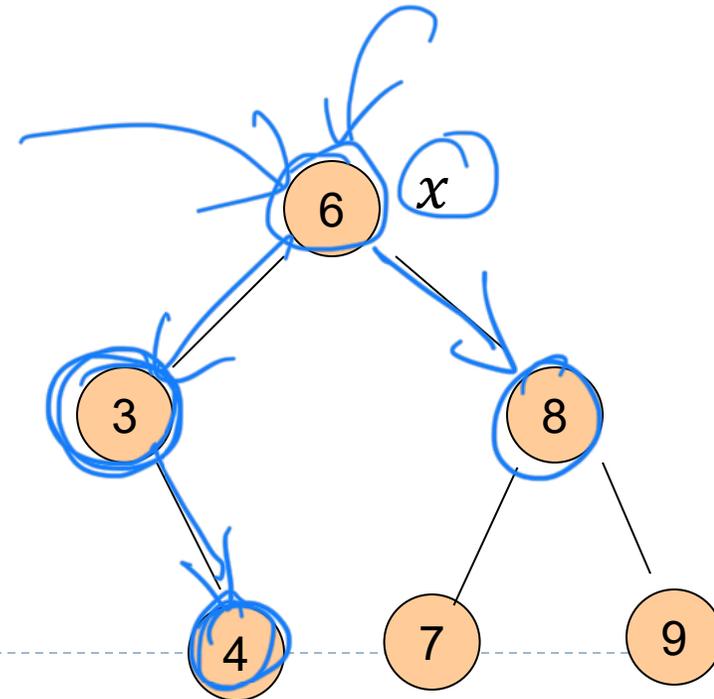
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Tree-search( $x, 8$ )

Tree-search( $x, 4$ )

Tree-search( $x, 5$ ) *NIL*



# Tree-search algorithm, recursive version

```
Tree-search ( $x, k$ )
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if  $x$  is None:
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    return False Nil
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if  $x.key == k$ 
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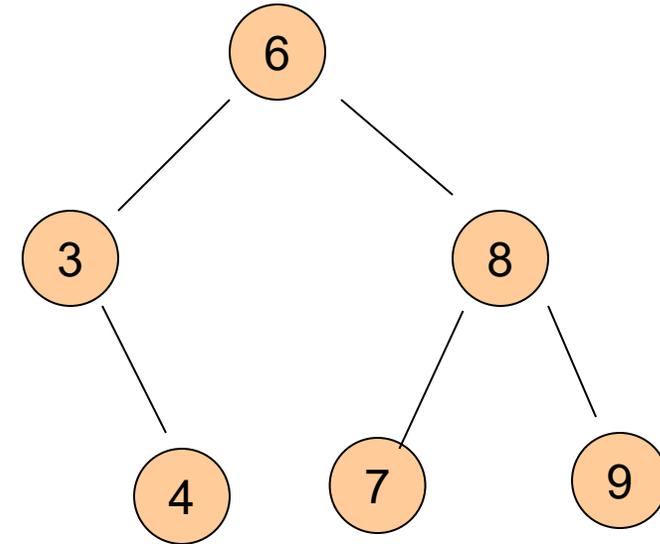
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    return  $x$ 
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elif  $k < x.key$ 
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    return Tree-search( $x.left, k$ )
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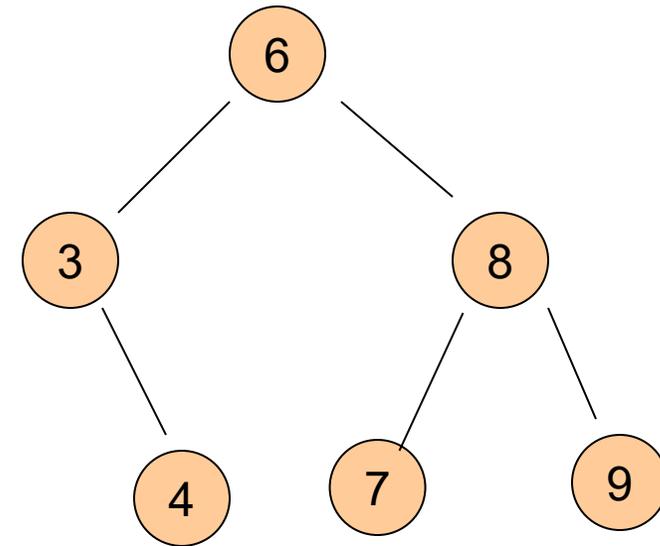
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- ▶ Given an input tree  $T$  and a key  $k$ 
  - ▶ we will start by calling Tree-search( $T.root, k$ )

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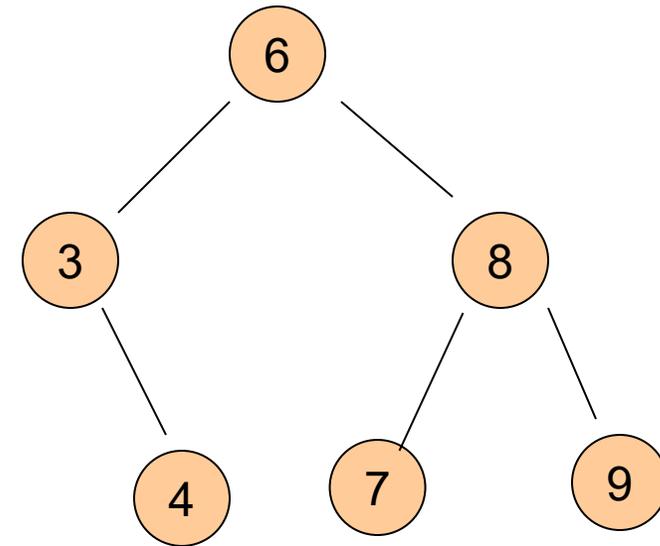
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- ▶ let  $T(n)$  denote the worst case time complexity of procedure Tree-search() on any tree of  $n$  nodes



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## ▶ Time complexity analysis

- ▶ Other than recursive call,  $\Theta(1)$  within each Tree-search call. Hence  $T(n)$  is proportional to the number of nodes  $x$  we will call Tree-search on. This implies  $T(n) = \Theta(\text{tree-height}) = O(n)$

# Tree-search: Pseudo-code of the iterative version

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```
procedure IterativeTreeSearch( $x, K$ )  
1 while ( $x = \text{NIL}$ ) and ( $K \neq x.\text{key}$ ) do  
2   | if ( $K \leq x.\text{key}$ ) then  
3   |   |  $x \leftarrow x.\text{left};$   
4   | else  
5   |   |  $x \leftarrow x.\text{right};$   
6   | end  
7 end  
8 return ( $x$ );
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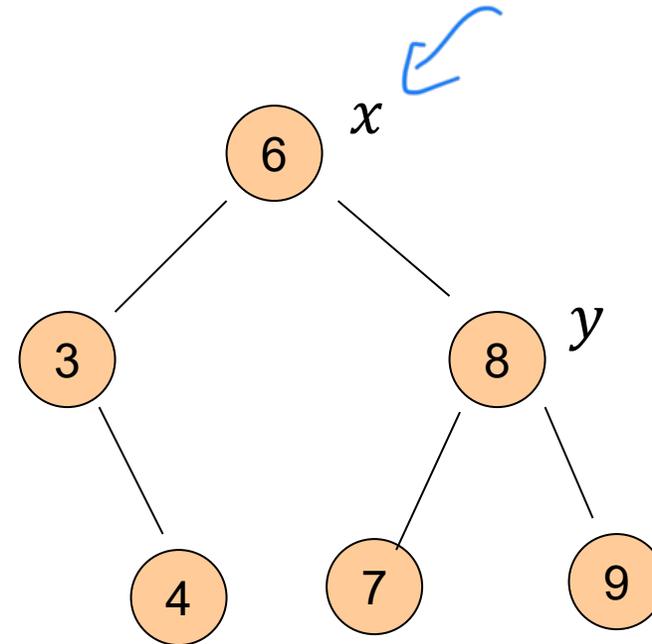


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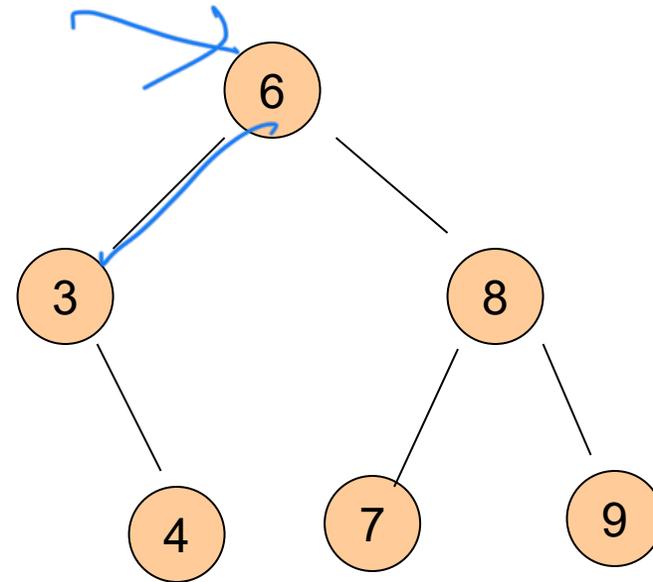
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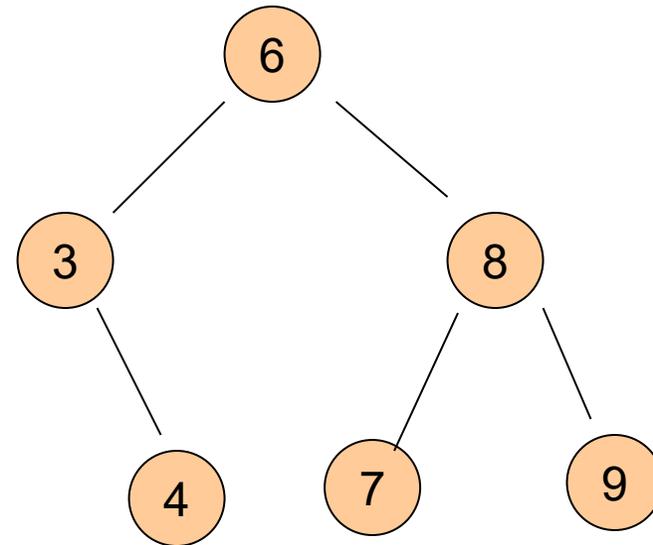
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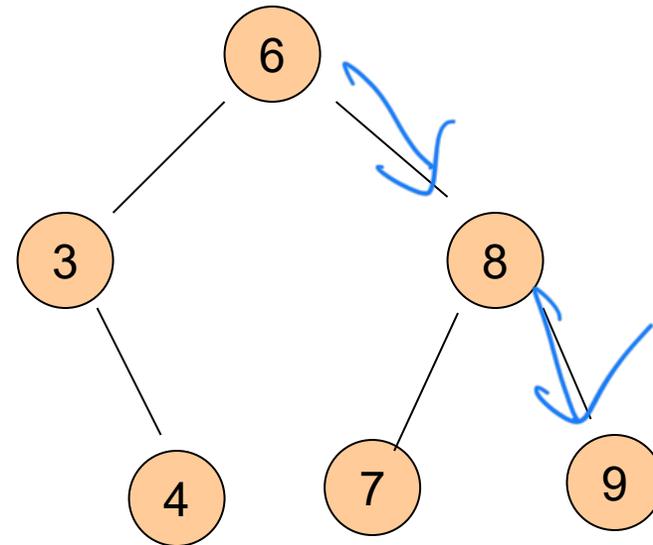
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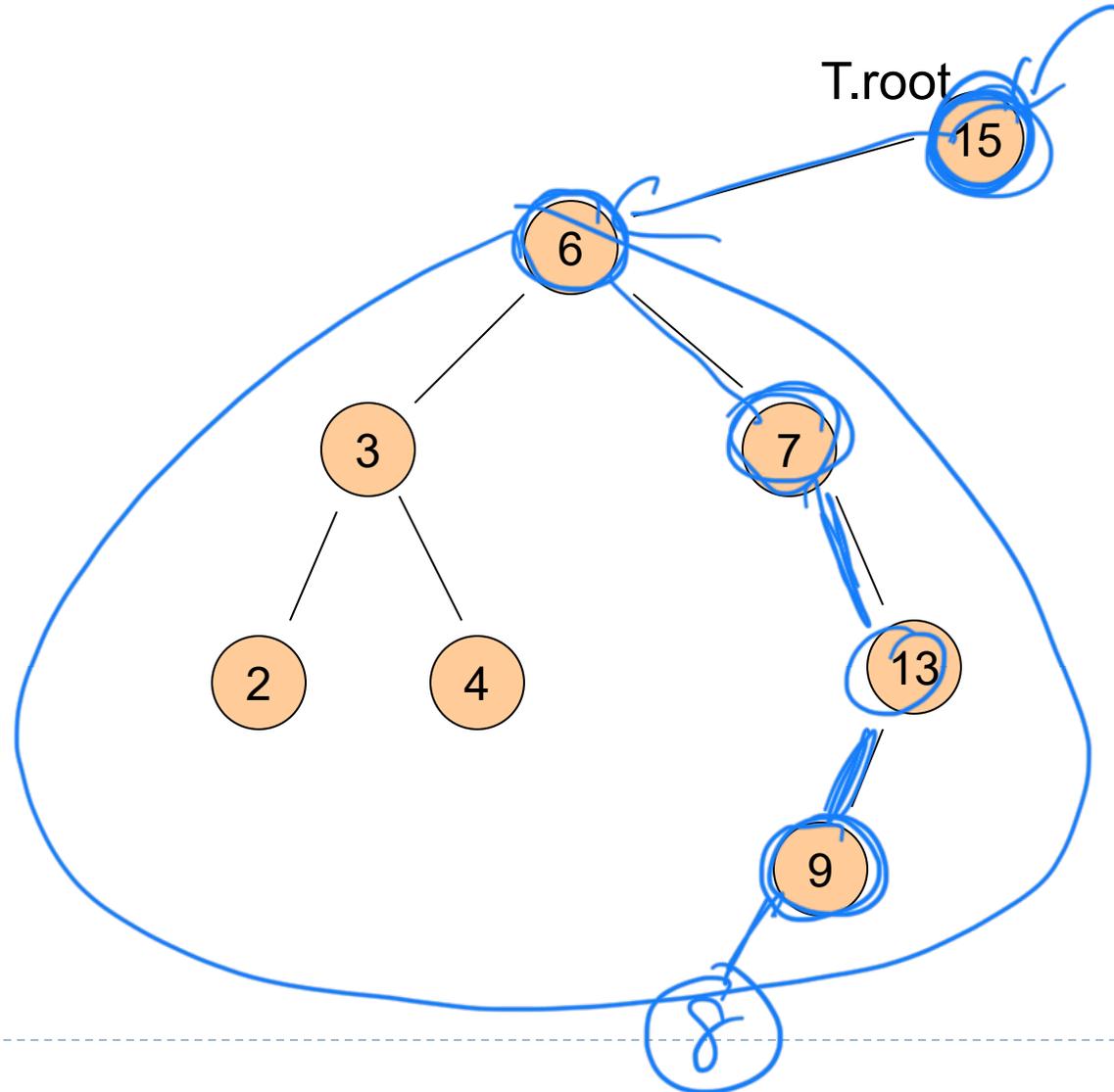
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- ▶ **Tree-insert( $x, k$ )**
  - ▶ Input: a BST tree node  $x$  and a key  $k$
  - ▶ Output: insert  $k$  to the tree rooted at  $x$  such that the resulting tree is still a binary search tree



# Examples

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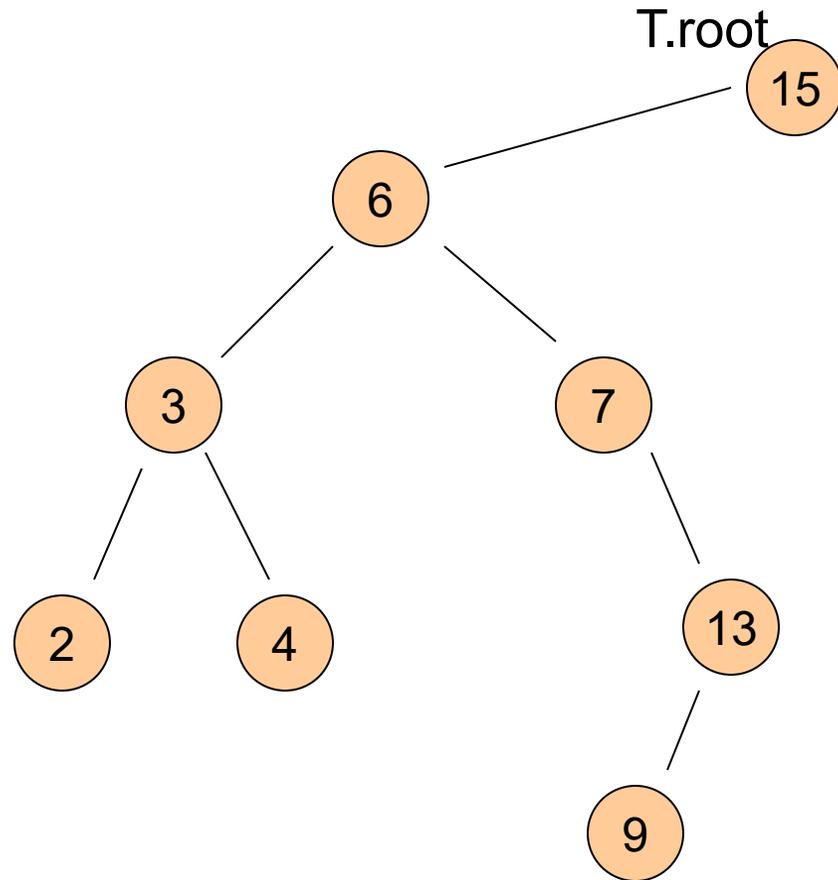
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Use tree-search !



# Pseudo-code of Tree-insert

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$y = \text{Nil}; x = T.\text{root}$

$z.\text{key} = k; z.\text{left} = \text{Nil}; z.\text{right} = \text{Nil}$

while ( $x \neq \text{Nil}$ ) do

$y = x$

    if ( $z.\text{key} < x.\text{key}$ )

        then  $x = x.\text{left}$

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- $z$  is the new node to be inserted
- Locate potential parent  $y$  of  $z$ .

- Set up  $z$  as appropriate child of  $y$

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# Tree Insert Python Code

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```
def insert(self, new_key):
    # assume new_key is unique
    current_node = self.root
    parent = None

    # find place to insert the new node
    while current_node is not None:
        parent = current_node
        if current_node.key < new_key:
            current_node = current_node.right
        else: # current_node.key > new_key
            current_node = current_node.left

    # create the new node
    new_node = Node(key=new_key, parent=parent)

    # if parent is None, this is the root. Otherwise, update the
    # parent's left or right child as appropriate
    if parent is None:
        self.root = new_node
    elif parent.key < new_key:
        parent.right = new_node
    else:
        parent.left = new_node
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- However, performance depending on height!
- Height  $h = O(n)$  and  $h = \Omega(\lg n)$

- To have good performance, we want to keep the tree height low!



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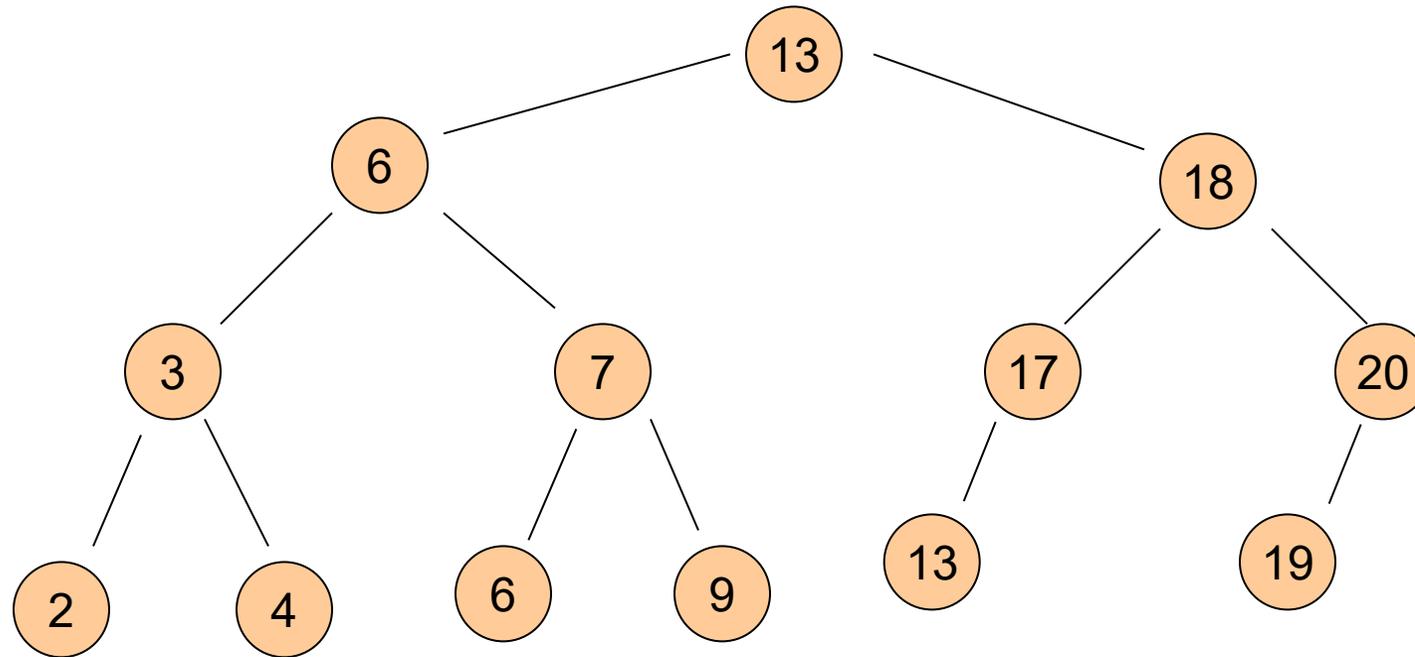
Part C:  
Balanced binary search tree

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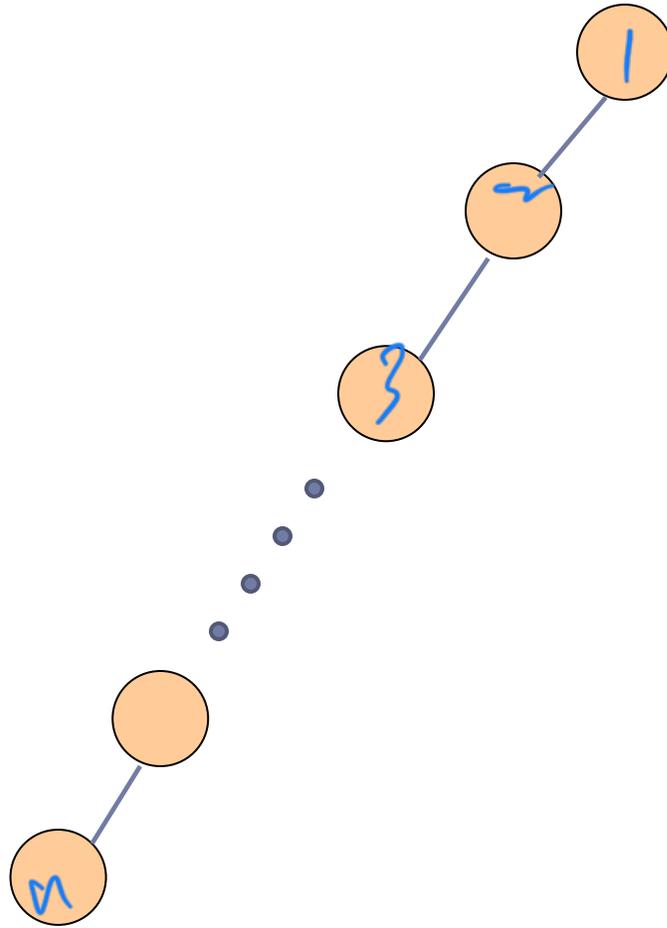
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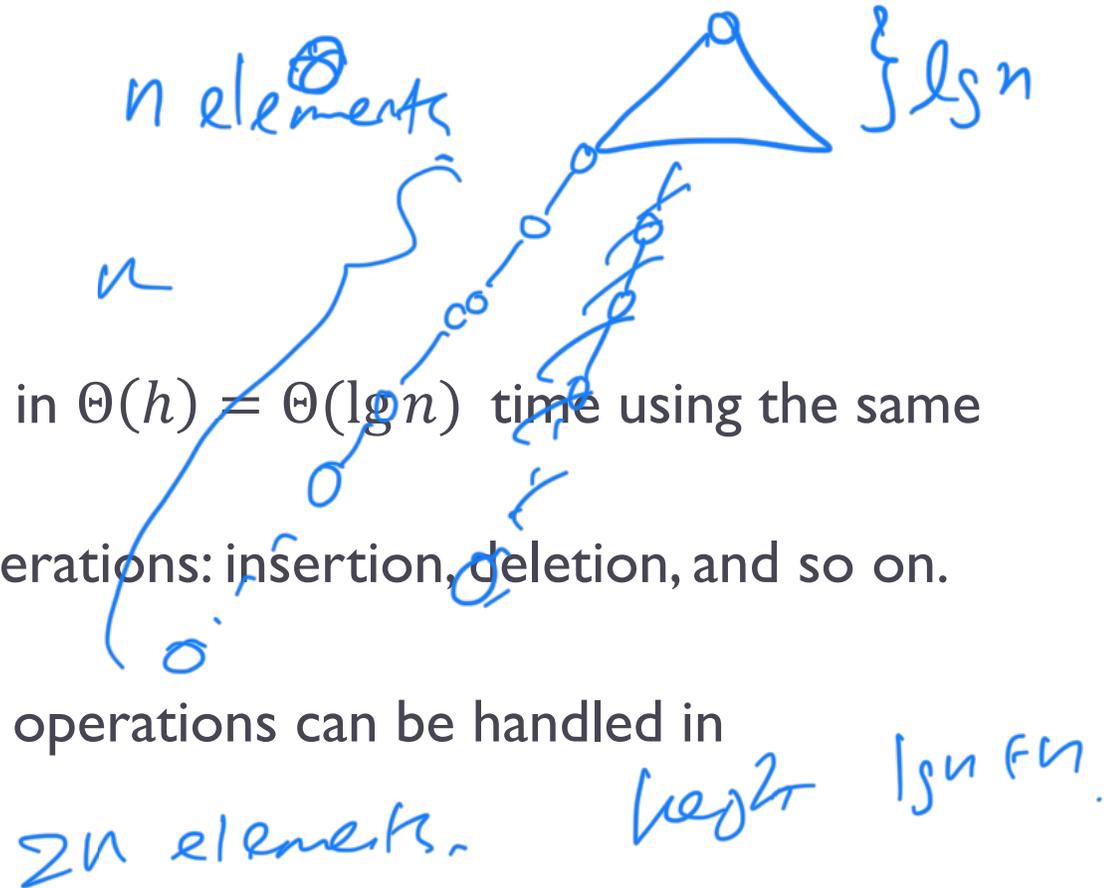
# Bad Tree

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# Balanced binary search tree

- ▶ It turns out that there are ways to add extra conditions to binary search trees, so that their height is  $\Theta(\lg n)$ 
  - ▶ E.g, red-black tree, AVL tree, etc
- ▶ Once such a tree is created,
  - ▶ it can support search, minimum, maximum etc in  $\Theta(h) = \Theta(\lg n)$  time using the same algorithms described before
  - ▶ the extra work comes at handling dynamic operations: insertion, deletion, and so on. Re-balancing is needed
  - ▶ however, for standard balanced BSTs, all these operations can be handled in  $\Theta(\lg n)$  time.



# With balanced BST

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- ▶ Suppose  $n$  input keys are already stored in a balanced BST

	Time complexity
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| ▶ Increase-key | $\Theta(\lg n)$ |

- Height of tree will be  $\Theta(\lg n)$ , where  $n$  is number of nodes in the tree



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Part D:  
*Select* queries  
augmenting data structure



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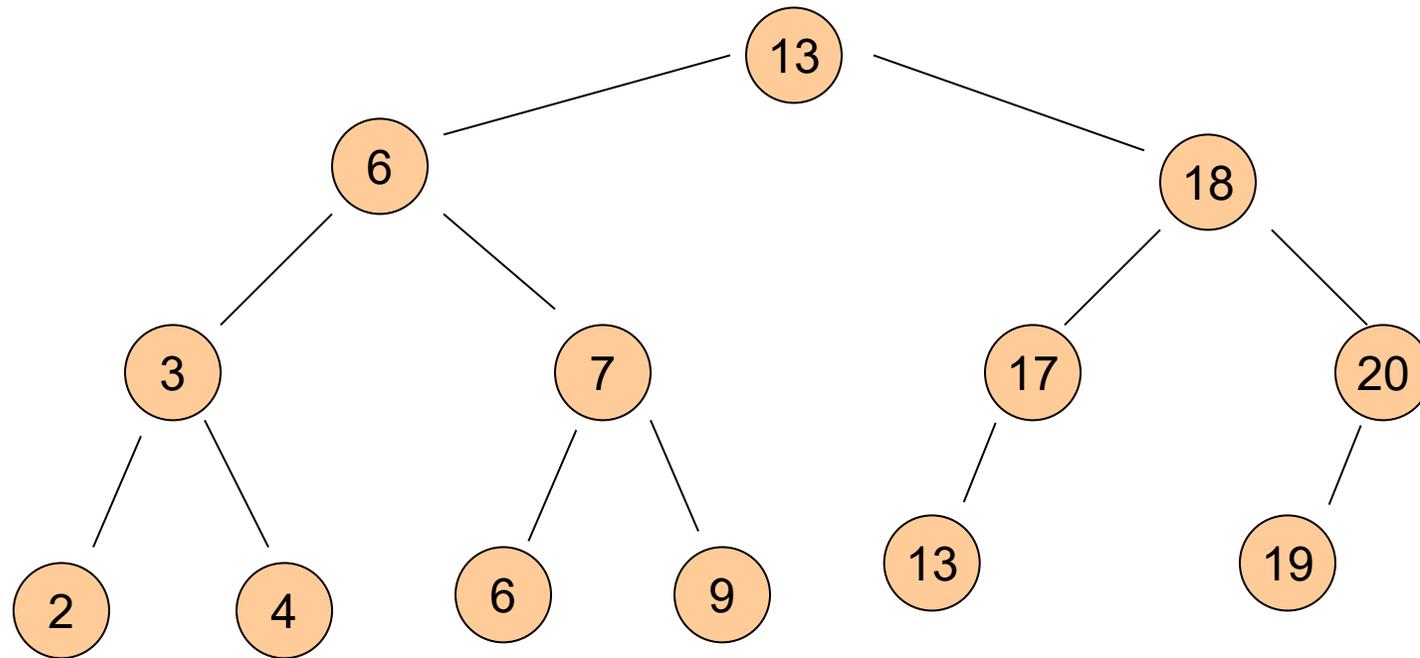


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  - ▶ But what if we also have **dynamic changes**?
    - ▶ Need a data structure that can support Select under dynamic changes



# BST

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- ▶ How to perform Select operation over BST?
  - ▶ BST-Select (  $x, k$  ):
    - ▶ Given a list of records whose keys are stored in a tree rooted at  $x$ , return the node whose key has rank  $k$ .
  - ▶ We can do linear search to find it. But can we do better?
  - ▶ Goal:
    - ▶ **Augment** the binary search tree data structure so as to support Select (  $x, k$  ) efficiently
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# In particular,

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- ▶ **BST-Select (  $x, k$  )**
- ▶ **Goal:**
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- ▶ **Ordinary binary search tree  $T$** 
  - ▶  $O(h)$  time for BST-Select( $T.root, k$ ) where  $h$  is height of tree  $T$
- ▶ **Using balanced search tree)**
  - ▶  $O(\lg n)$  time for BST-Select( $T.root, k$ )



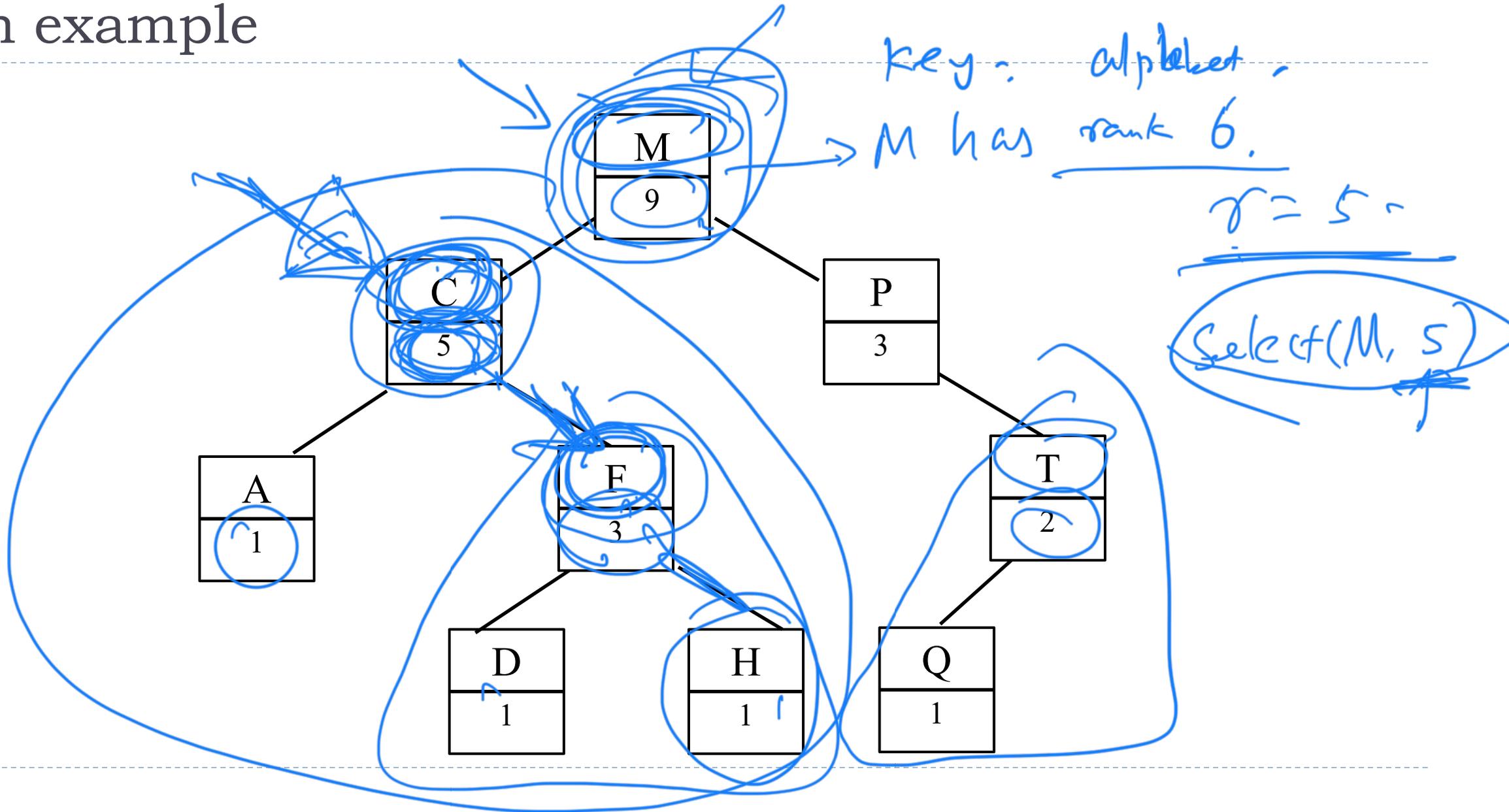
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- ▶ Space of an augmented tree:
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# An example



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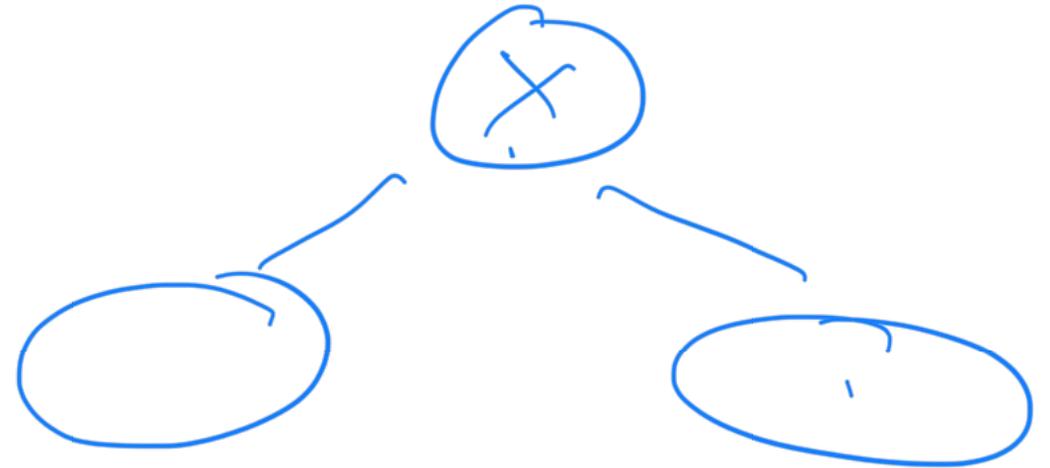
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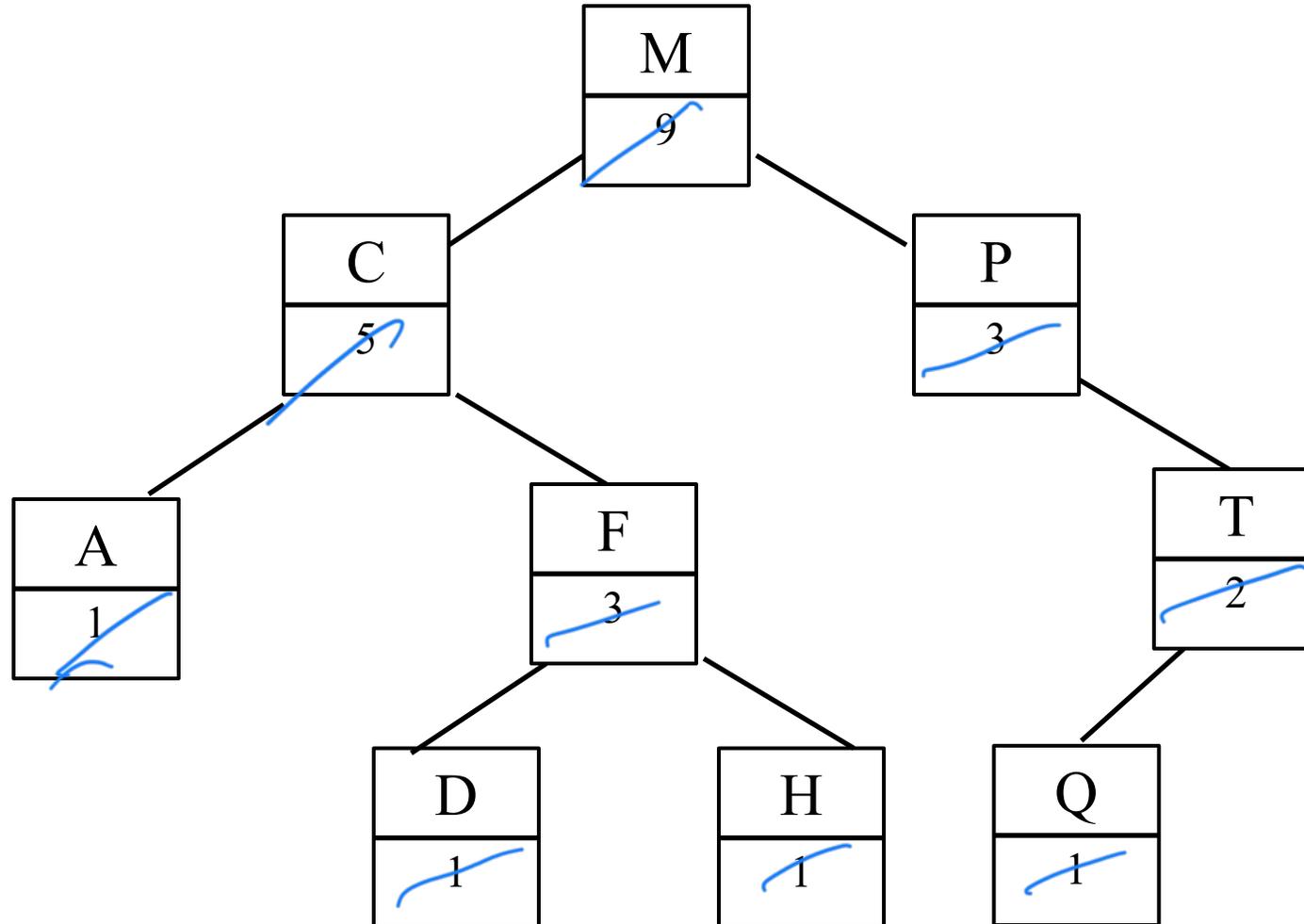
- ▶ Basic property:

- ▶  $x.size = x.left.size + x.right.size + 1$



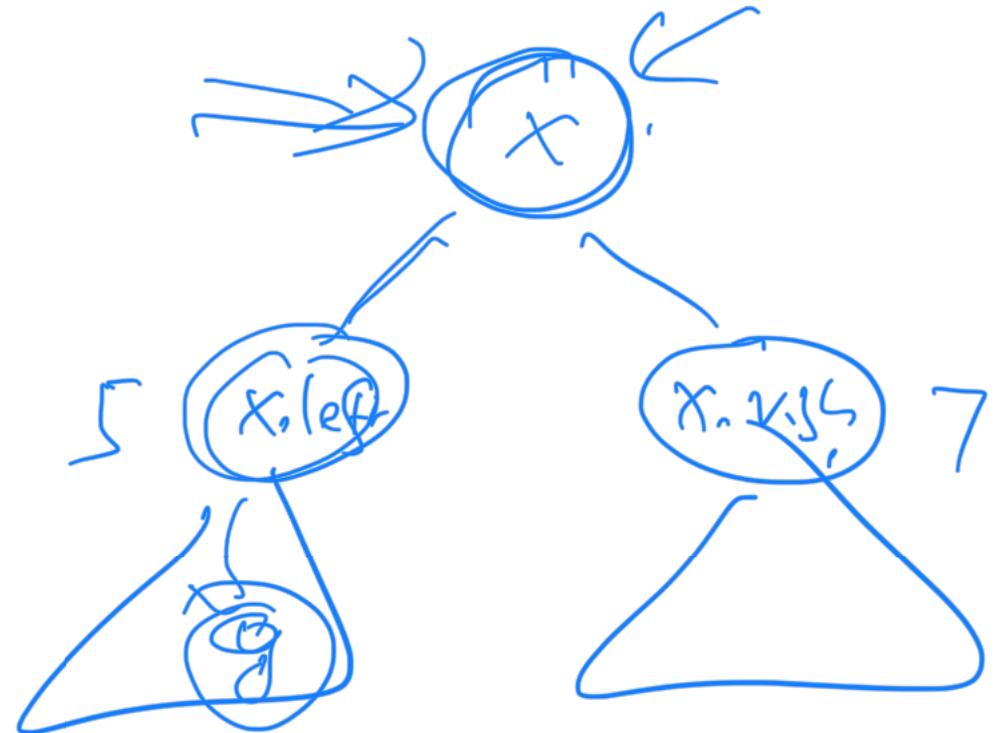
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▶ procedure AugmentSize( treenode x )
  If ( x ≠ NIL ) then
    Lsize = AugmentSize( x.left );
    Rsize = AugmentSize( x.right );
    x.size = Lsize + Rsize + 1;
    Return( x.size );
  end
  Return (0);
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► procedure *AugmentSize*( *treenode x* )

If (*x* is not *Nil*) then

*Lsize* = *AugmentSize*( *x.left* );

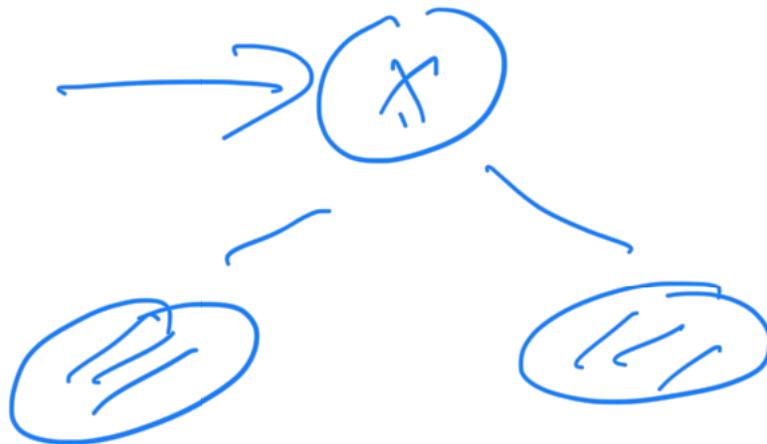
*Rsize* = *AugmentSize*( *x.right* );

*x.size* = *Lsize* + *Rsize* + 1;

Return( *x.size* );

end

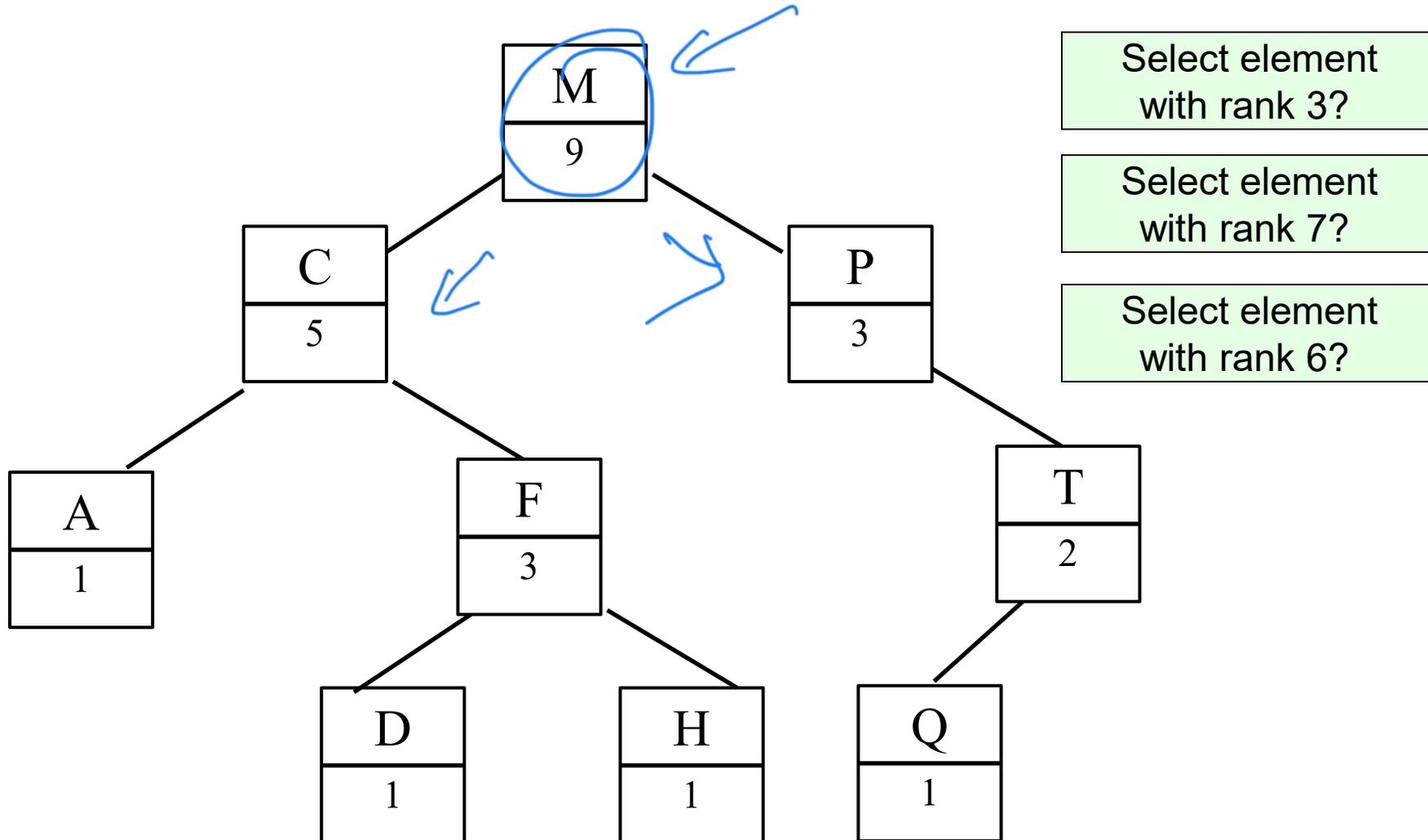
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Postorder traversal  
of the tree !

Time complexity for Augmentsize:  
 $\Theta(\text{size of tree})$

# How to perform select with aug-BST?



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- ▶ Let  $T$  be an augmented binary search tree
  - ▶  $BST\text{-}Select(x, k)$ :
    - ▶ Return the  $k$ -th smallest element in the subtree rooted at  $x$
    - ▶  $BST\text{-}Select(T.root, k)$  returns the  $k$ -th smallest elements in the entire tree.
  
  - ▶ Using ideas just described,  $BST\text{-}Select(x, k)$  can be implemented to have  $\Theta(\text{height of tree})$  time complexity
    - ▶ which is  $\Theta(\lg n)$  for a balanced binary tree.
    - ▶ See homework.
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# Are we done?

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- ▶ Need to maintain the augmented information under dynamic changes of the tree!
  - ▶ i.e, under insertions / deletions
  - ▶ in this case, just adjusting this size count as we update nodes, or under rotations, and it does not increase asymptotic time complexity of these operations
- ▶ Remark:
  - ▶ Select() in a sorted array can be done in  $\Theta(1)$  time.
  - ▶ However, an array does not support dynamic operations (insert/delete) efficiently. That's augmented BST is a better data structure in this case.



# Summary

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- ▶ Simple example of augmenting data structures
- ▶ In general, the augmented information can be quite complicated
  - ▶ Can be a separate data structure!
- ▶ Need to consider how to maintain such information under dynamic changes



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