

# Guest lecture: Joshua Brody

## Outline:

- Review Dictionary ADT
- Review Binary Search Trees
- BST implementation:  
getMinKey, update, get, insert, [remove]

## Dictionary ADT

- maps keys  $\Rightarrow$  values
- all keys are unique
- Core Dictionary operations insert, get, remove  
must be fast

# Tree terminology Recap

root

parent

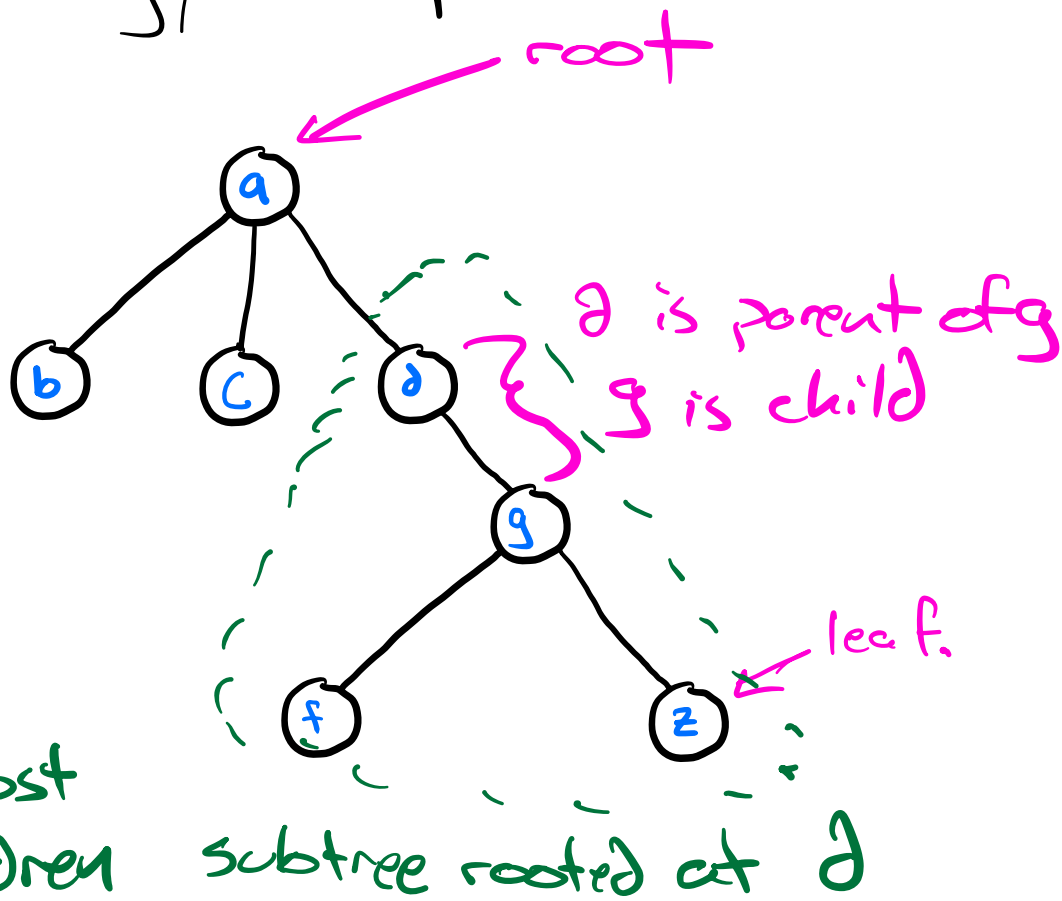
child

leaf

subtree

binary tree

↳ each node  
has at most  
two children



# Binary Search Trees (BST)

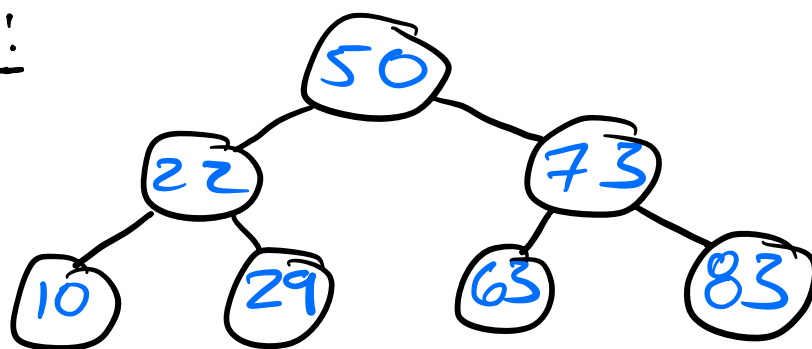
- A binary tree
- **Invariant:** the **BST property** applies to every node

## BST Property:

For every node  $N$  in a BST:

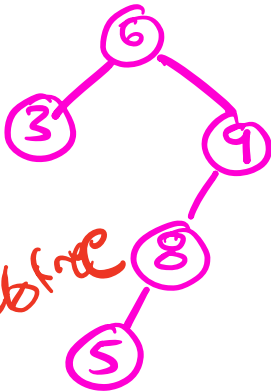
- every key in left subtree of  $N$  must be  $< N$ 's key
- every key in right subtree of  $N$  must be  $> N$ 's key

example:



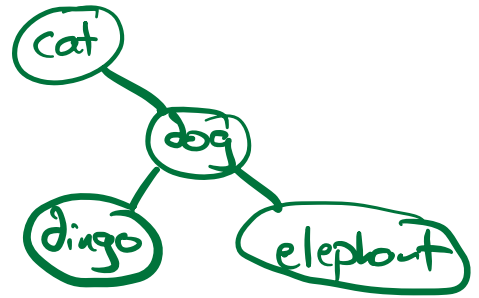
Exercise: which of the following are BSTs?

~~(a)~~

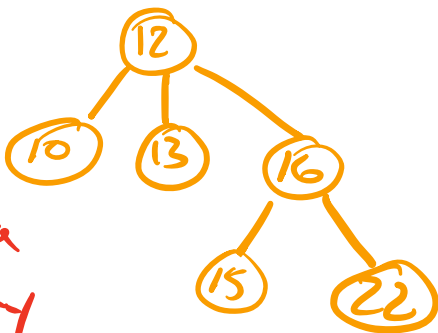


5 < 6  
but on  
right subtree

(b) ✓

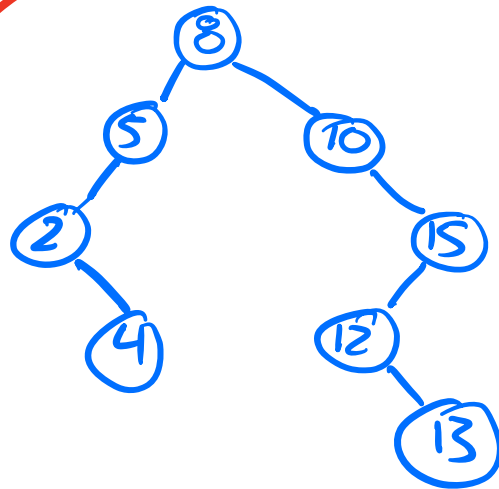


~~(c)~~

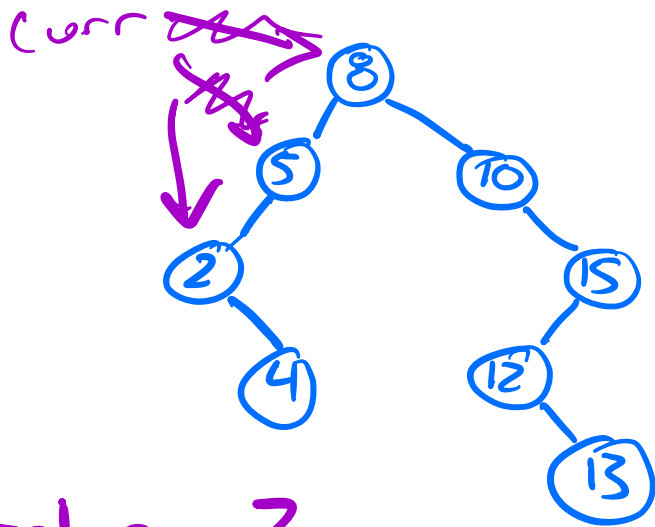


not a  
binary  
tree ☹️

(d) ✓



Exercise Develop pseudocode for getMinKey()



getMinKey()

Start at root  
while a left child exists  
go to left.

return 2.

Q: Can min key ever happen after a right turn?



# BST implementation templated on $K, V$

## LinkedBSTNode $\langle K, V \rangle$

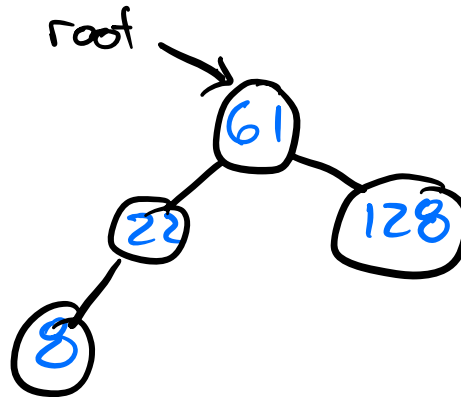
- $K$  key
- $V$  value
- LinkedBSTNode  $\langle K, V \rangle$  \*left
- LinkedBSTNode  $\langle K, V \rangle$  \*right

## LinkedBST $\langle K, V \rangle$

- LinkedBSTNode  $\langle K, V \rangle$  \*root
- int size

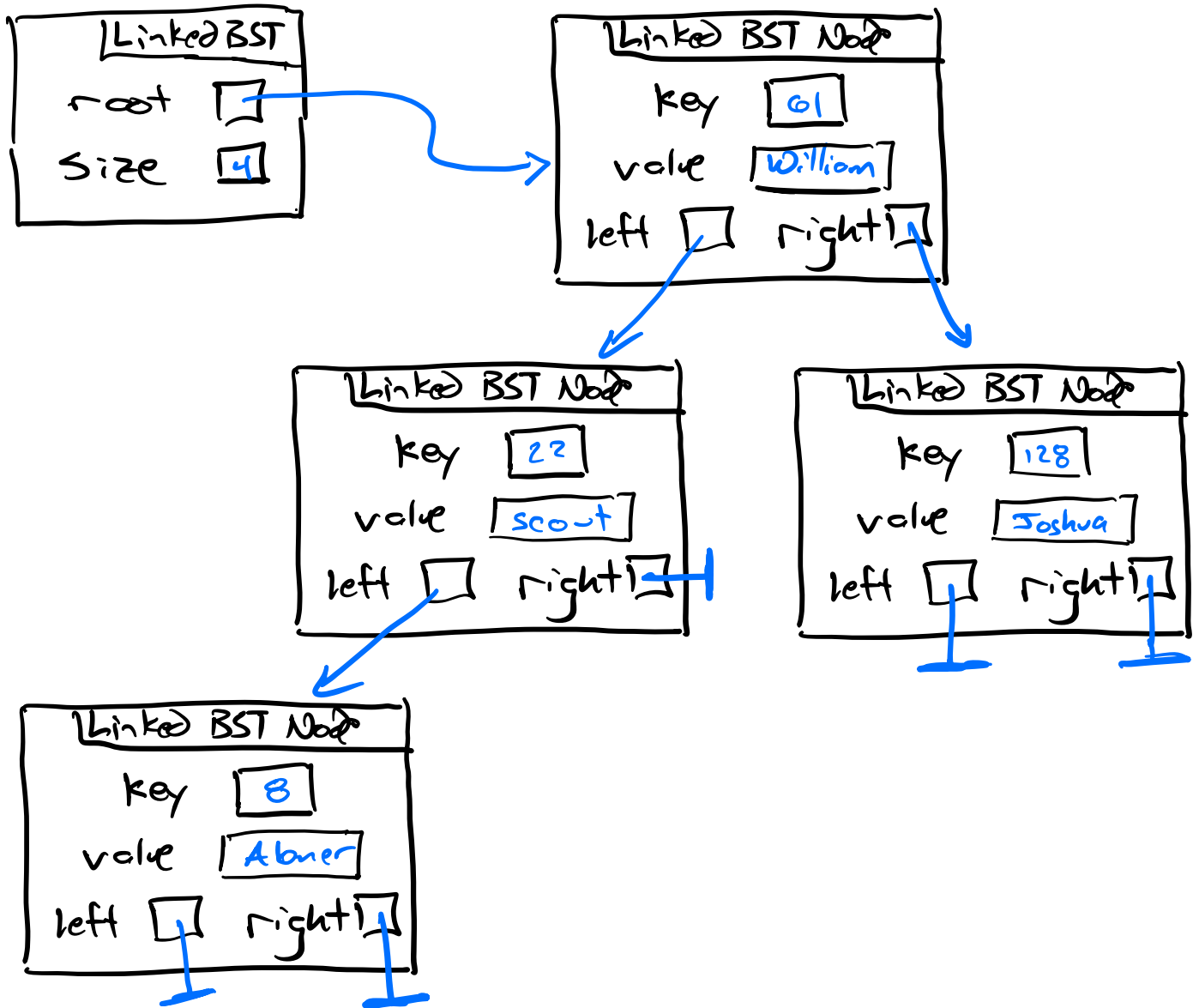
example:

61  $\rightarrow$  "William"  
22  $\rightarrow$  "Scout"  
8  $\rightarrow$  "Abner"  
128  $\rightarrow$  "Joshua"



Note: shorthand,  
values not shown

# Memory Diagram



# Implementing BST methods

- BSTs are recursive structures, so it makes sense to implement methods using recursion
- Often w/ recursion we'll have one method initiate recursive process, and another helper method that does the work.

Let's work on pseudocode for implementing the get method:

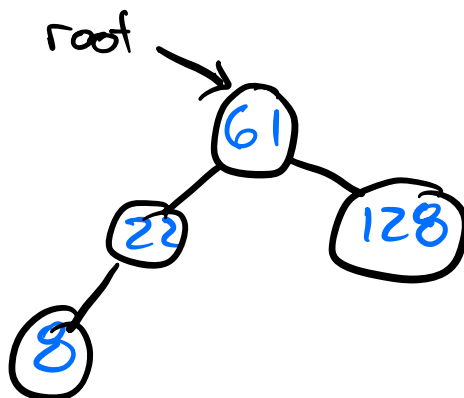
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V get(K key)

This searches through the BST for the given key and returns the associated value when key is found.

Note: if key not found, get(...) should throw an error.

ex: get(24)





## Pseudocode for get

// public method

✓ get(K key)

return findInSubtree(root, key)

// private helper method

✓ findInSubtree(current, key)

// base cases

if current is null ptr

throw error "key not found"

if key is current's key

return current value

// recursive cases

if key < current key

return findInSubtree(current's left,  
key)

else // key > current key

return findInSubtree(current's right,  
key)

Exercise: give pseudocode for  $\text{update}(\text{key}, \text{value})$

$\text{update}(\text{key}, \text{value})$

$\text{updateInSubtree}(\text{root}, \text{key}, \text{value})$

$\text{updateInSubtree}(\text{current}, \text{key}, \text{value})$

if current is NULL

throw error "key not found"

if  $\text{key} == \text{current key}$

$\text{current value} = \text{value}$

if  $\text{key} < \text{current key}$

$\text{updateInSubtree}(\text{current} \rightarrow \text{left}, \text{key}, \text{value})$

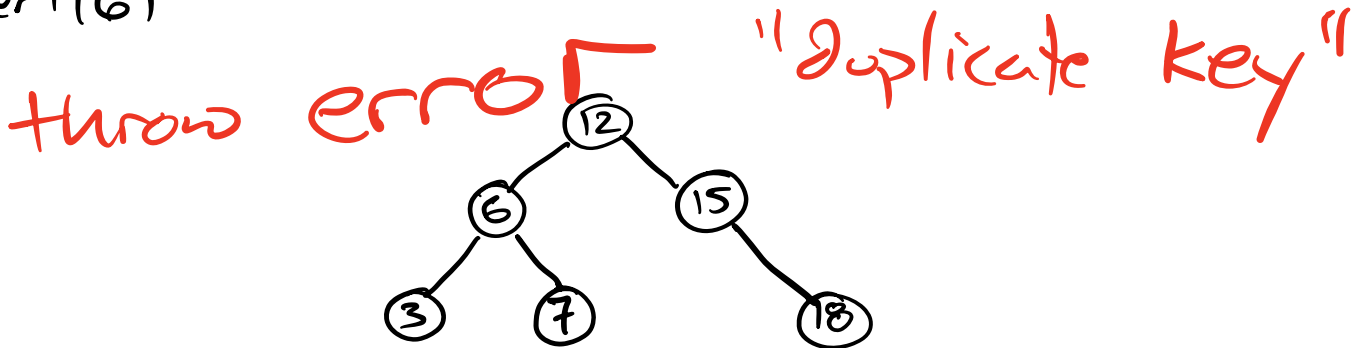
else //  $\text{key} > \text{current key}$

$\text{updateInSubtree}(\text{current} \rightarrow \text{right}, \text{key}, \text{value})$

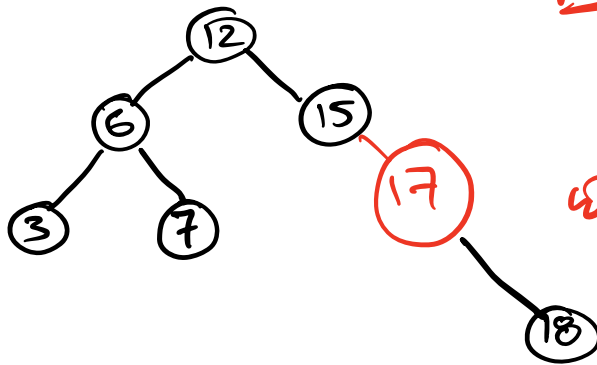
Now let's focus on insert

void insert(K key, V value)

insert(6)

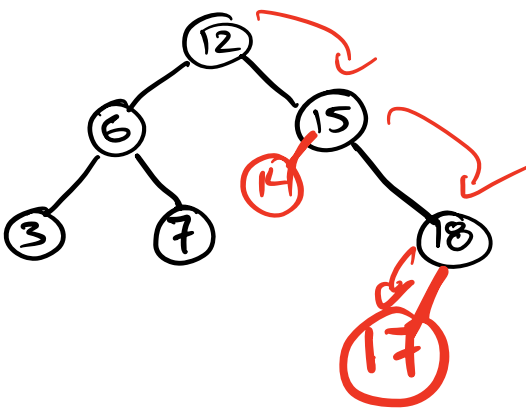


insert(17)

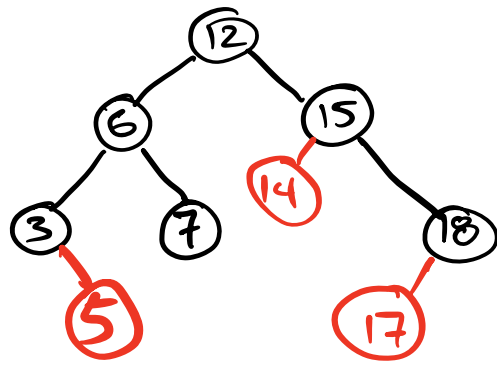


✓ BST property maintained

Warning: need to check left subtree of 18 to make sure BST property holds



insert(5)



## Pseudocode for insert

// Public method

void insert(key, value)

// insert changes tree structure, so update root

root = insertInSubtree(root, key, value)

increment size

// private helper function

Node\* insertInSubtree(current, key, value)

// base cases

if current is nullptr

return new LinkedBSTNode(key, value)

if key is current's key

throw error "keys must be unique"

// recursive cases

if key < current's key

current's left =

insertInSubtree(current's left child,  
key, value)

else

current's right =

insertInSubtree(current's right child,  
key, value)

return current // always return ptr to  
root of subtree

### Conventions

- for recursive helper-methods, pass in  
ptr to root of current subtree

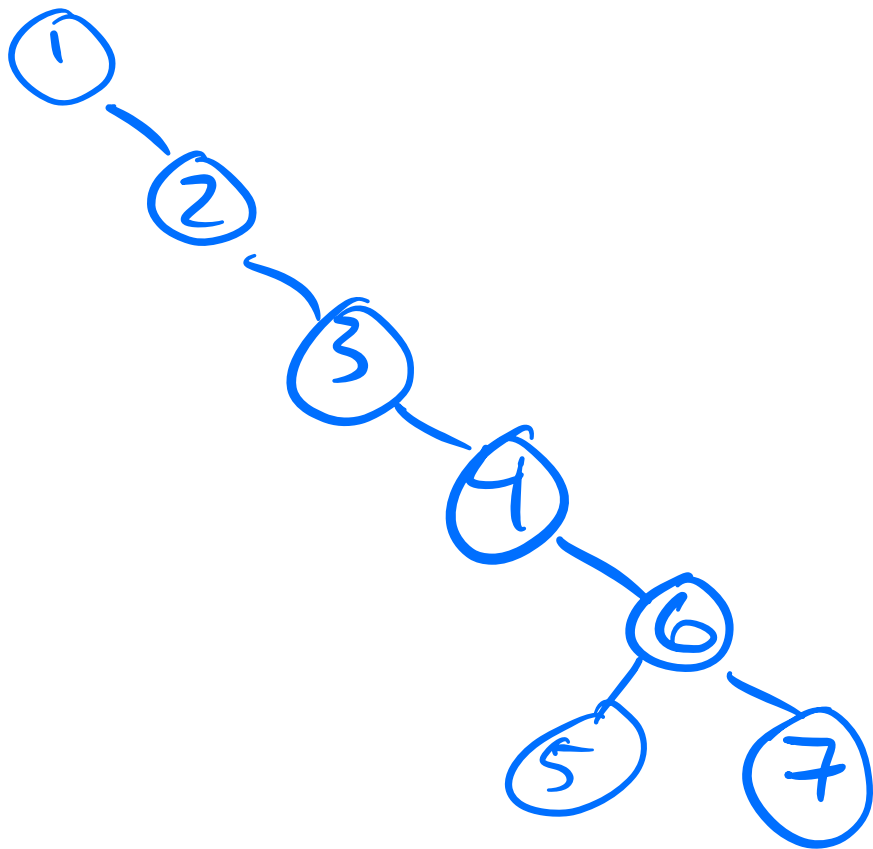
- return ptr to root of (modified) subtree

\*\*Note\*\*: must set child ptr to root of new subtree

Q: what is runtime of get? update? insert?

A: we want to exploit BST property to get binary search like  $O(\log n)$  runtime.

Bad news: tree need not be balanced



runtime:  $O(\text{height})$

Good news:

Possible to implement  
BSTs that guarantee  
height is  $O(\log n)$