
Design and Analysis of Algorithms

CSE 5311

Lecture 10 Binary Search Trees

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Recall: Dynamic Sets

- data structures rather than straight algorithms
- In particular, structures for *dynamic sets*
 - Elements have a *key* and *satellite data*
 - Dynamic sets support *queries* such as:
 - ***Search(S, k), Minimum(S), Maximum(S),***
Successor(S, x), Predecessor(S, x)
 - They may also support *modifying operations* like:
 - ***Insert(S, x), Delete(S, x)***

Motivation

- Given a sequence of values:
 - How to get the max, min value efficiently?
 - How to find the location of a given value?
 - ...
- Trivial solution
 - Linearly check elements one by one
- Searching Tree data structure supports better:
 - SEARCH, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM,
 - PREDECESSOR, SUCCESSOR,
 - INSERT, and DELETE operations of dynamic sets

Binary Search Trees

- *Binary Search Trees (BSTs)*

- Each node has at most two children
- An important data structure for dynamic sets

- Each node contains:

- key and data
- left: points to the left child
- right: points to the right child
- p(parent): point to parent

- Binary-search-tree property:

- y is a node in the left subtree of x :
- y is a node in the right subtree of x :

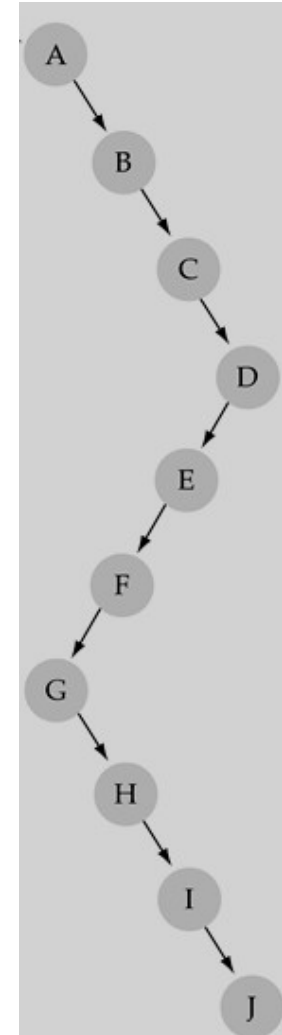
$$y.key \leq x.key$$

$$y.key \geq x.key$$

- The value stored at a node is greater than the value stored at its left child and less than the value stored at its right child
- Height: h

Binary Search Trees

- **The height (h) is important for Binary Search Trees**
 - Tree operations (e.g., insert, delete, retrieve etc.) are typically expressed in terms of h.
 - So, h determines running time!
- **What is the max height of a tree with N nodes?**
 - N (same as a linked list)
- **What is the min height of a tree with N nodes?**
 - $\log(N+1)$

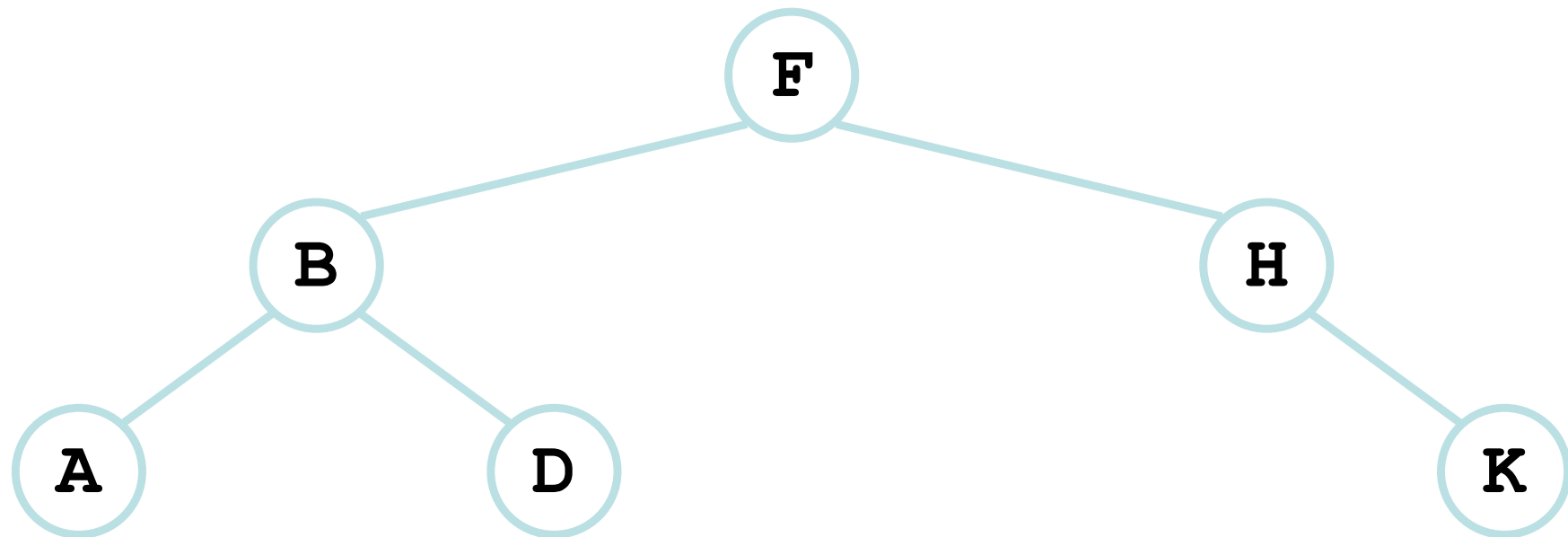


How to search: Binary Search Trees

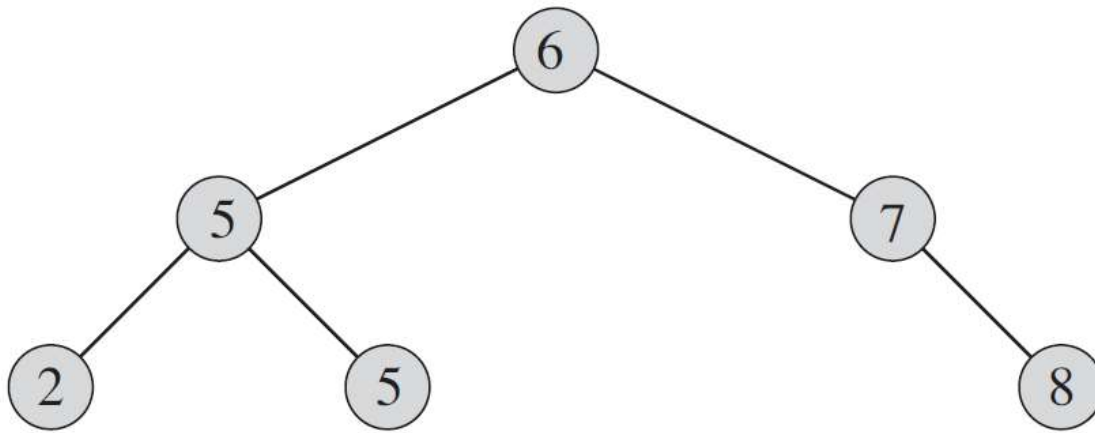
- BST property:

$$\textit{key}[\textit{leftSubtree}(x)] \leq \textit{key}[x] \leq \textit{key}[\textit{rightSubtree}(x)]$$

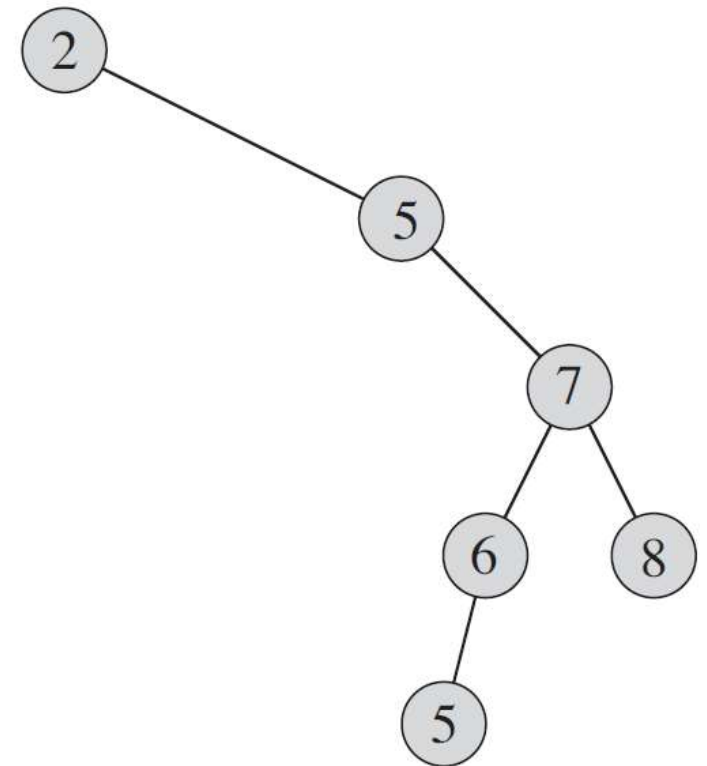
- Example:



Examples



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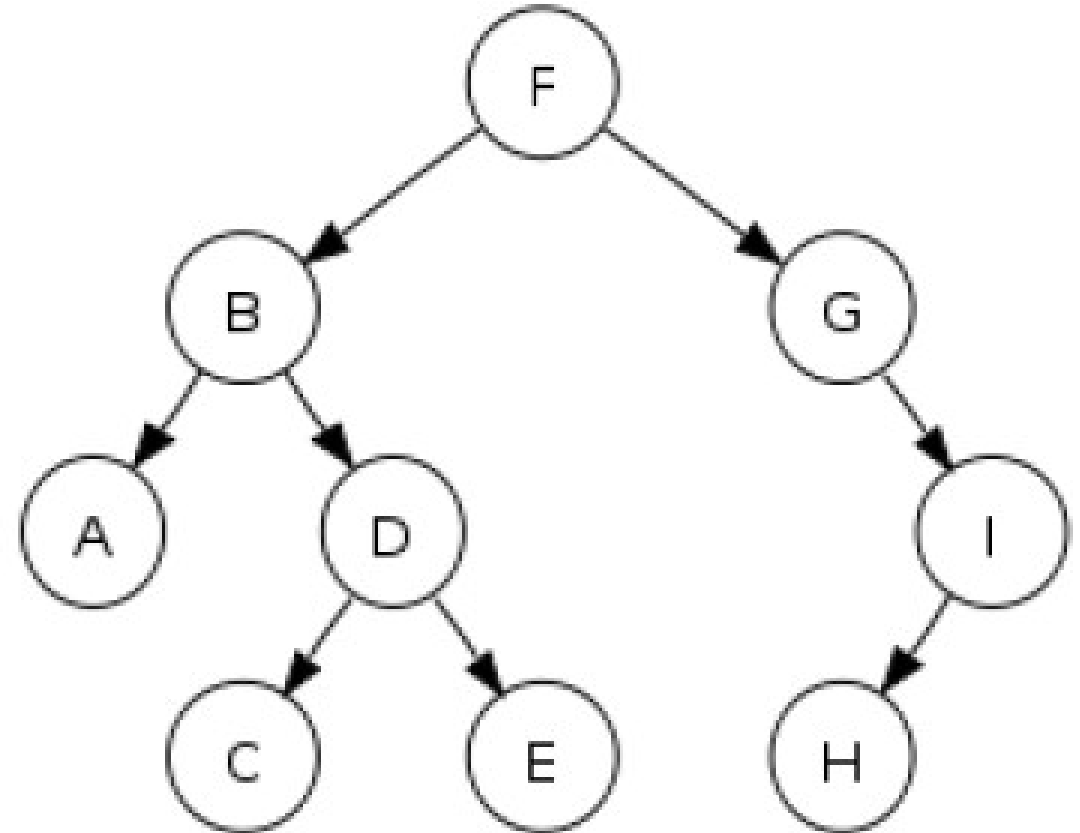
(b)

Print out Keys

- Preorder tree walk
 - *Print key of node before printing keys in subtrees (node left right)*
- Inorder tree walk
 - *Print key of node after printing keys in its left subtree and before printing keys in its right subtree (left node right)*
- Postorder tree walk
 - *Print key of node after printing keys in subtrees (left right node)*

Example

- Preorder tree walk
 - F, B, A, D, C, E, G, I, H
- Inorder tree walk
 - A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I
 - Sorted (why?)
- Postorder tree walk
 - A, C, E, D, B, H, I, G, F



Inorder Tree Walk

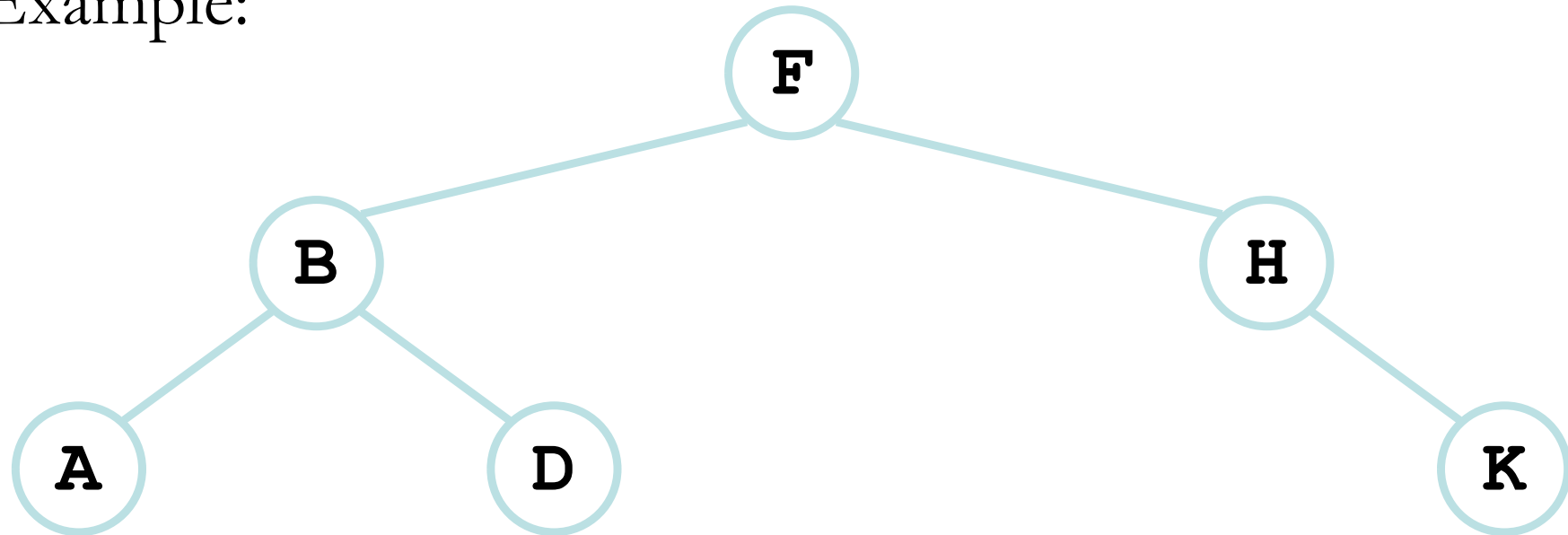
INORDER-TREE-WALK(x)

```
1  if  $x \neq \text{NIL}$ 
2      INORDER-TREE-WALK( $x.\text{left}$ )
3      print  $x.\text{key}$ 
4      INORDER-TREE-WALK( $x.\text{right}$ )
```

- Inorder tree walk
 - Visit and print each node once
 - Time: $\Theta(n)$

Inorder Tree Walk

- Example:



- *How long will a tree walk take?*
- *Prove that inorder walk prints in monotonically increasing order*

Operations

- Querying operations
 - Search: get node of given key
 - Minimum: get node having minimum key
 - Maximum: get node having maximum key
 - Successor: get node right after current node
 - Predecessor: get node right before current node
- Updating operations
 - Insertion: insert a new node
 - Deletion: delete a node with given key

Operations on BSTs: Search

- Given a key and a pointer to a node, returns an element with that key or NULL:

TreeSearch(x, k)

if (x = NULL or k = key[x])

return x;

if (k < key[x])

return TreeSearch(left[x], k);

else

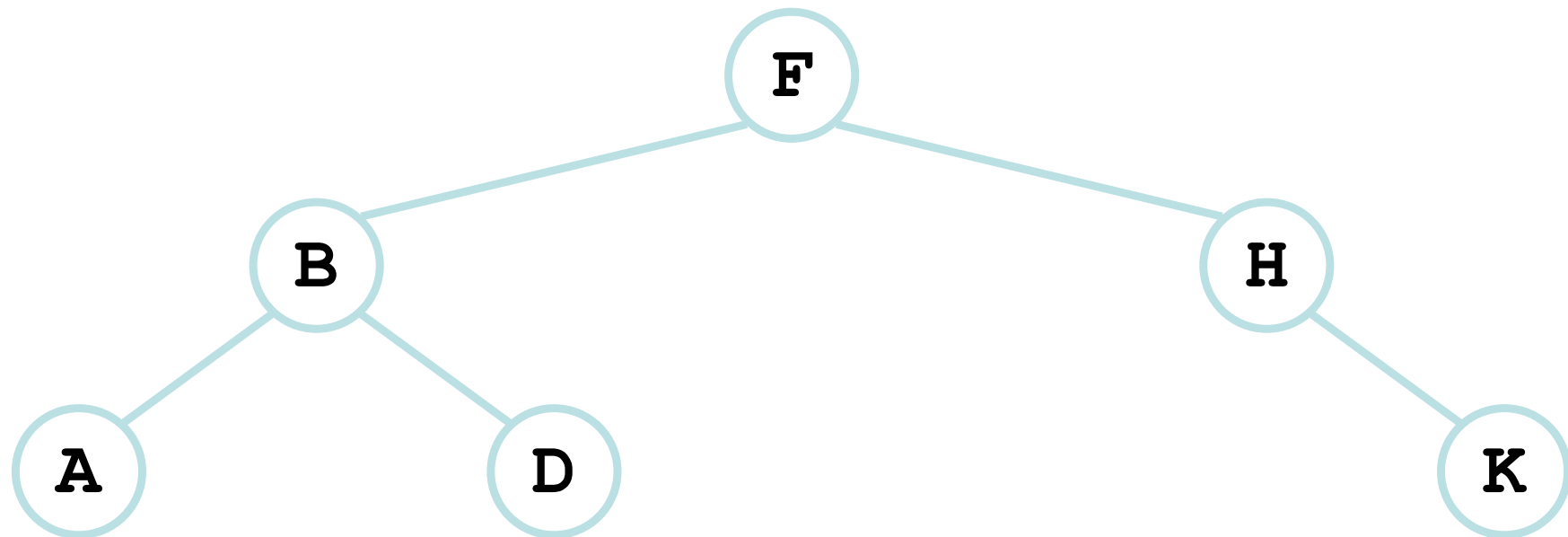
return TreeSearch(right[x], k);

Time = the length of path from root to found node

Time: O(h)

BST Search: Example

- Search for *D* and *C*:



Operations on BSTs: Search

- Here's another function that does the same:

TreeSearch(x, k)

while (x != NULL and k != key[x])

if (k < key[x])

x = left[x];

else

x = right[x];

return x;

- *Which of these two functions is more efficient?*

Operations: Minimum and Maximum

TREE-MINIMUM(x)

```
1  while  $x.left \neq \text{NIL}$ 
2       $x = x.left$ 
3  return  $x$ 
```

TREE-MAXIMUM(x)

```
1  while  $x.right \neq \text{NIL}$ 
2       $x = x.right$ 
3  return  $x$ 
```

- Minimum: left most node
- Maximum: right most node
- Time: $O(h)$

Operations of BSTs: Insert

- Adds an element x to the tree so that the binary search tree property continues to hold
- The basic algorithm
 - Like the search procedure above
 - Insert x in place of NULL
 - Use a “trailing pointer” to keep track of where you came from (like inserting into singly linked list)
 - Time: $O(h)$

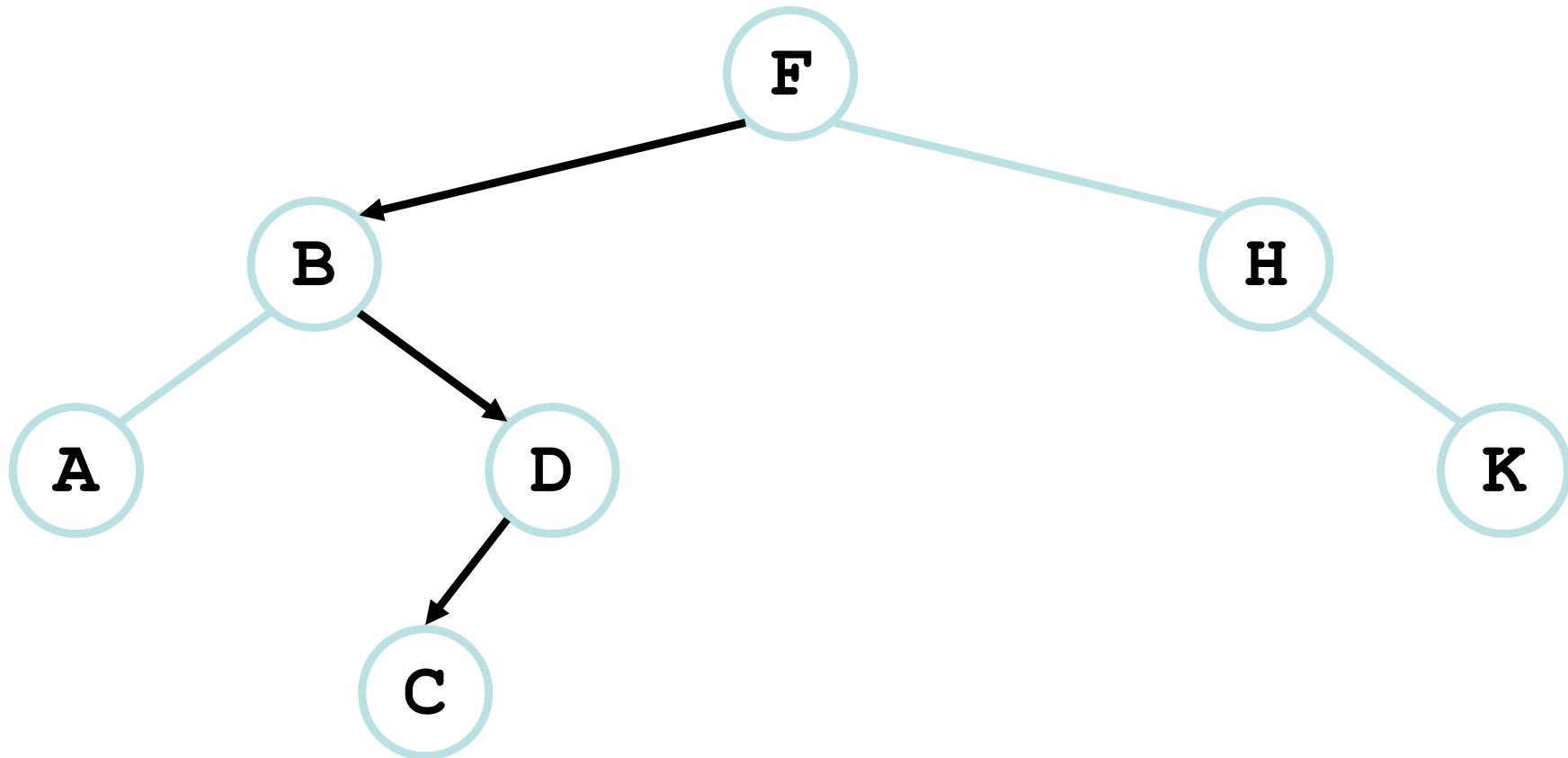
Operations of BSTs: Insert

TREE-INSERT(T, z)

```
1   $y = \text{NIL}$ 
2   $x = T.\text{root}$ 
3  while  $x \neq \text{NIL}$ 
4       $y = x$ 
5      if  $z.\text{key} < x.\text{key}$ 
6           $x = x.\text{left}$ 
7      else  $x = x.\text{right}$ 
8   $z.p = y$ 
9  if  $y == \text{NIL}$ 
10      $T.\text{root} = z$       // tree  $T$  was empty
11  elseif  $z.\text{key} < y.\text{key}$ 
12      $y.\text{left} = z$ 
13  else  $y.\text{right} = z$ 
```

BST Insert: Example

- Example: Insert *C*



BST Search/Insert: Running Time

- *What is the running time of `TreeSearch()` or `TreeInsert()`?*
- A: $O(b)$, where $b =$ height of tree
- *What is the height of a binary search tree?*
- A: worst case: $b = O(n)$ when tree is just a linear string of left or right children
 - We'll keep all analysis in terms of b for now
 - Later we'll see how to maintain $b = O(\lg n)$

Sorting With Binary Search Trees

- Informal code for sorting array A of length n :

BSTSort(A)

for i=1 to n

TreeInsert(A[i]);

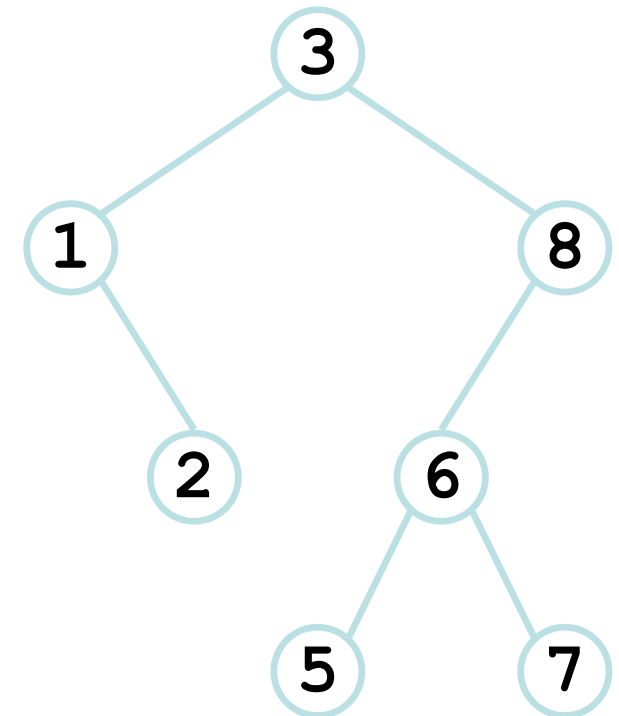
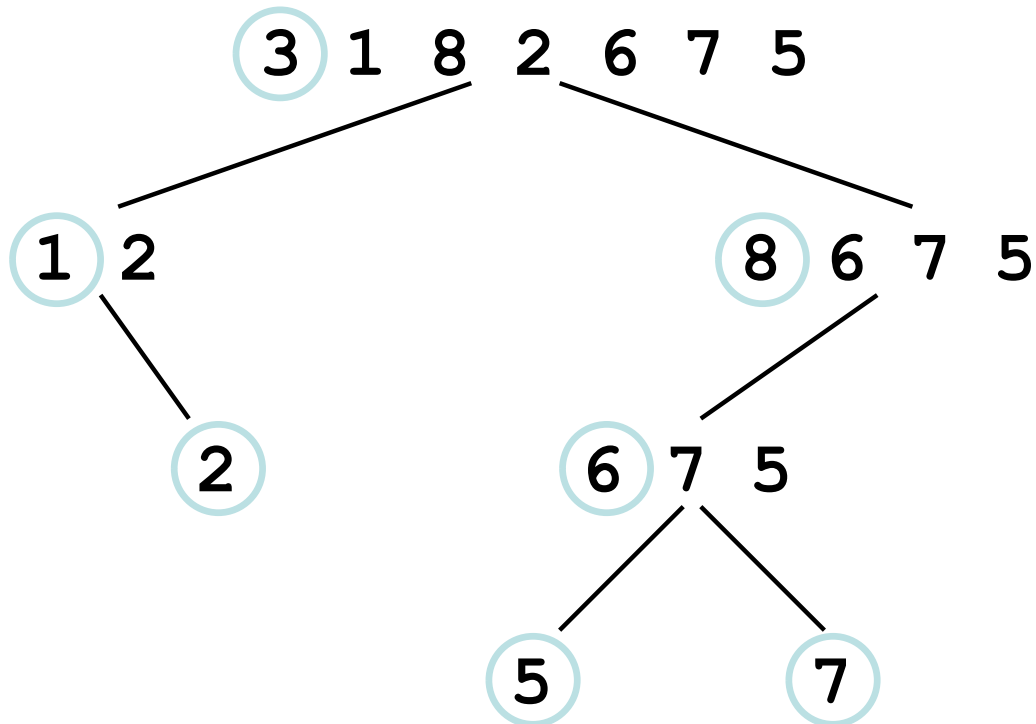
InorderTreeWalk(root);

- *Argue that this is $\Omega(n \lg n)$*
- *What will be the running time in the*
 - *Worst case?*
 - *Average case? (hint: remind you of anything?)*

Sorting With BSTs

- **Average case analysis**
 - It's a form of quicksort!

```
for i=1 to n
    TreeInsert(A[i]);
InorderTreeWalk(root);
```



Sorting with BSTs

- Same partitions are done as with quicksort, but in a different order
 - In previous example
 - Everything was compared to 3 once
 - Then those items < 3 were compared to 1 once
 - Etc.
 - Same comparisons as quicksort, different order!
 - Example: consider inserting 5

Sorting with BSTs

- Since run time is proportional to the number of comparisons, same time as quicksort: $O(n \lg n)$
- *Which do you think is better, quicksort or BSTsort? Why?*

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- A: quicksort
 - Better constants
 - Sorts in place
 - Doesn't need to build data structure

More BST Operations

- BSTs are good for more than sorting. For example, can implement a priority queue
- *What operations must a priority queue have?*
 - Insert
 - Minimum
 - Extract-Min

BST Operations: Successor

TREE-SUCCESSOR(x)

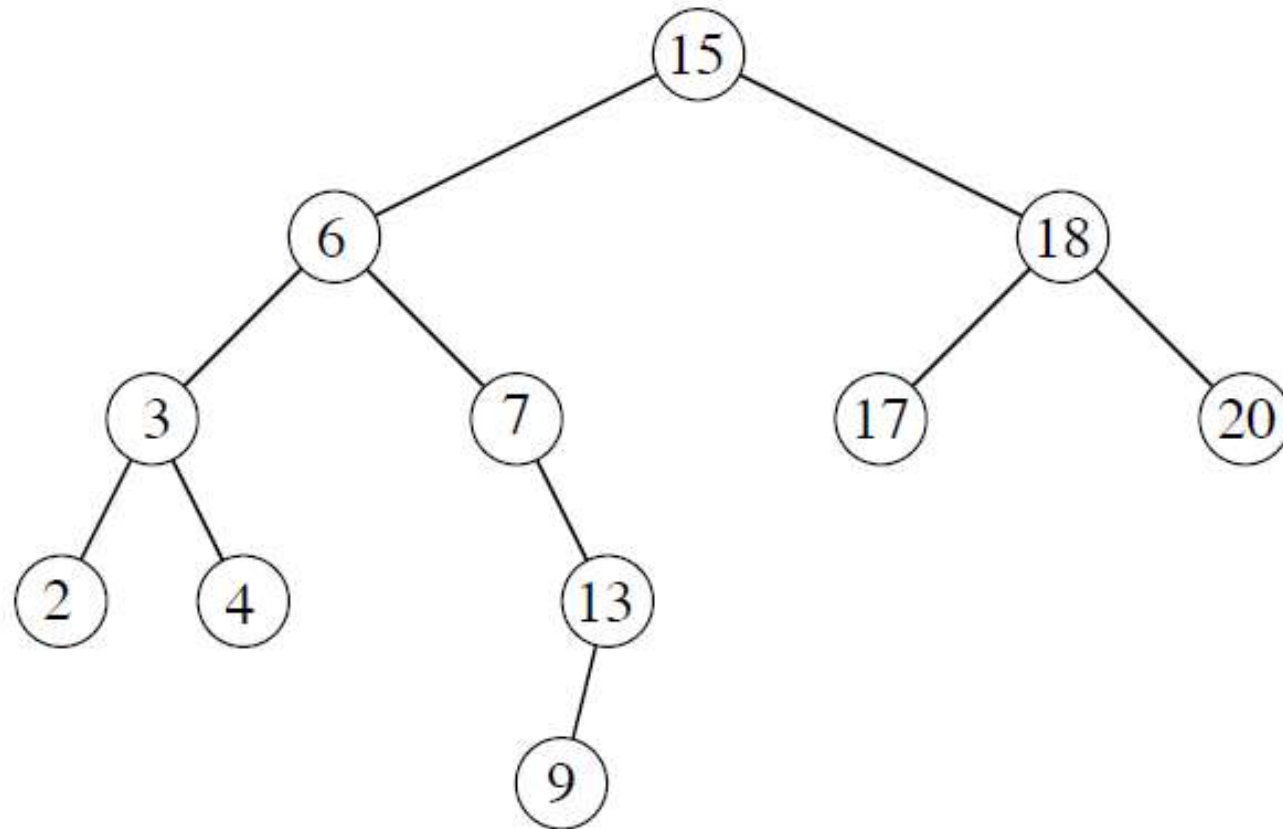
```
1  if  $x.right \neq \text{NIL}$ 
2      return TREE-MINIMUM( $x.right$ )
3   $y = x.p$ 
4  while  $y \neq \text{NIL}$  and  $x == y.right$ 
5       $x = y$ 
6       $y = y.p$ 
7  return  $y$ 
```

} Successor in right subtree

} Go up in left direction until turn right

- Time: $O(h)$

Example



- Successor of 15 is 17
- Successor of 13 is 15

BST Operations: Successor

- **Two cases:**
 - x has a right subtree: successor is minimum node in right subtree
 - x has no right subtree: successor is first ancestor of x whose left child is also ancestor of x
 - Intuition: As long as you move to the left up the tree, you're visiting smaller nodes.
- **Predecessor: similar algorithm**

BST Operations: Delete

- Deletion is a bit tricky
 - Key point: choose a node in subtree rooted at x to replace the deleted node x
 - Node to replace x : predecessor or successor of x

- 3 cases:

- x has no children:

- Remove x

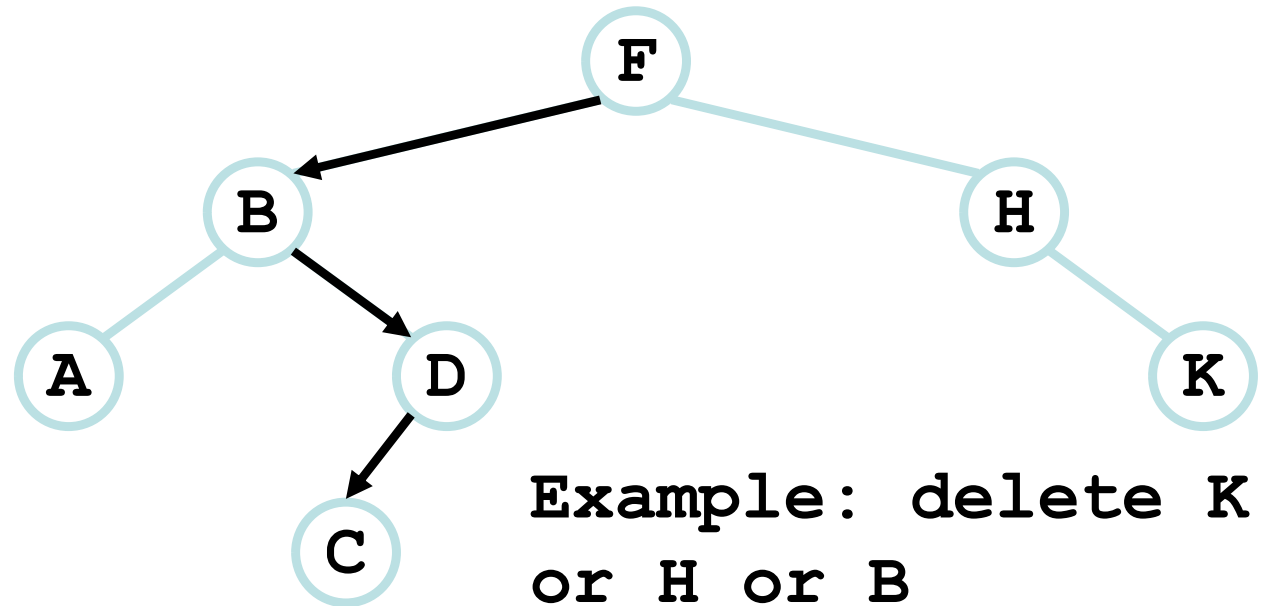
- x has one child:

- Splice out x

- x has two children:

- Swap x with successor

- Perform case 1 or 2 to delete it

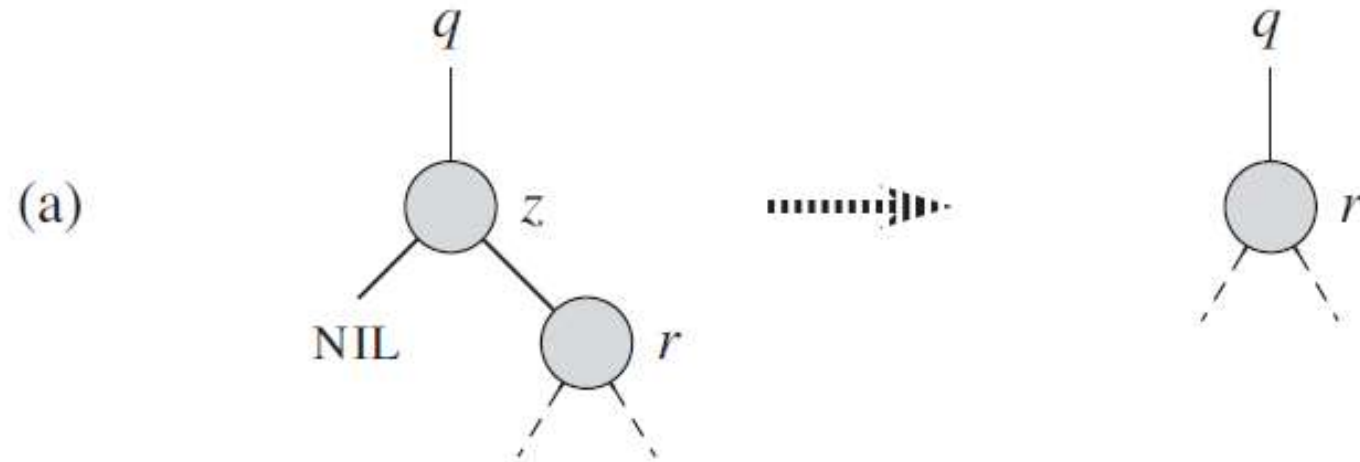


BST Operations: Delete

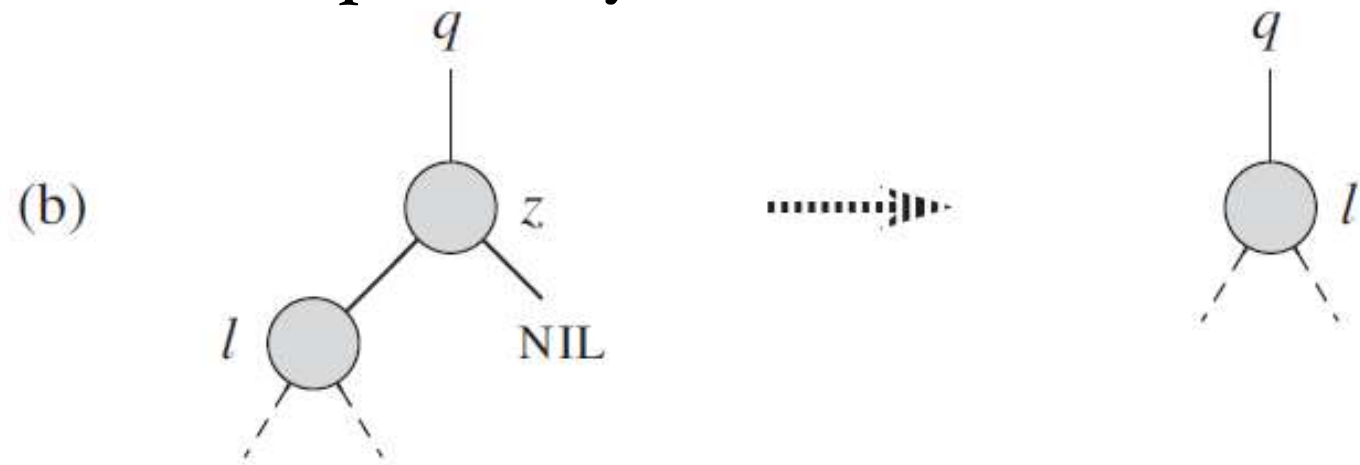
- *Why will case 2 always go to case 0 or case 1?*
- A: because when x has 2 children, its successor is the minimum in its right subtree
- *Could we swap x with predecessor instead of successor?*
- A: yes. *Would it be a good idea?*
- A: might be good to alternate

- Up next: guaranteeing a $O(\lg n)$ height tree

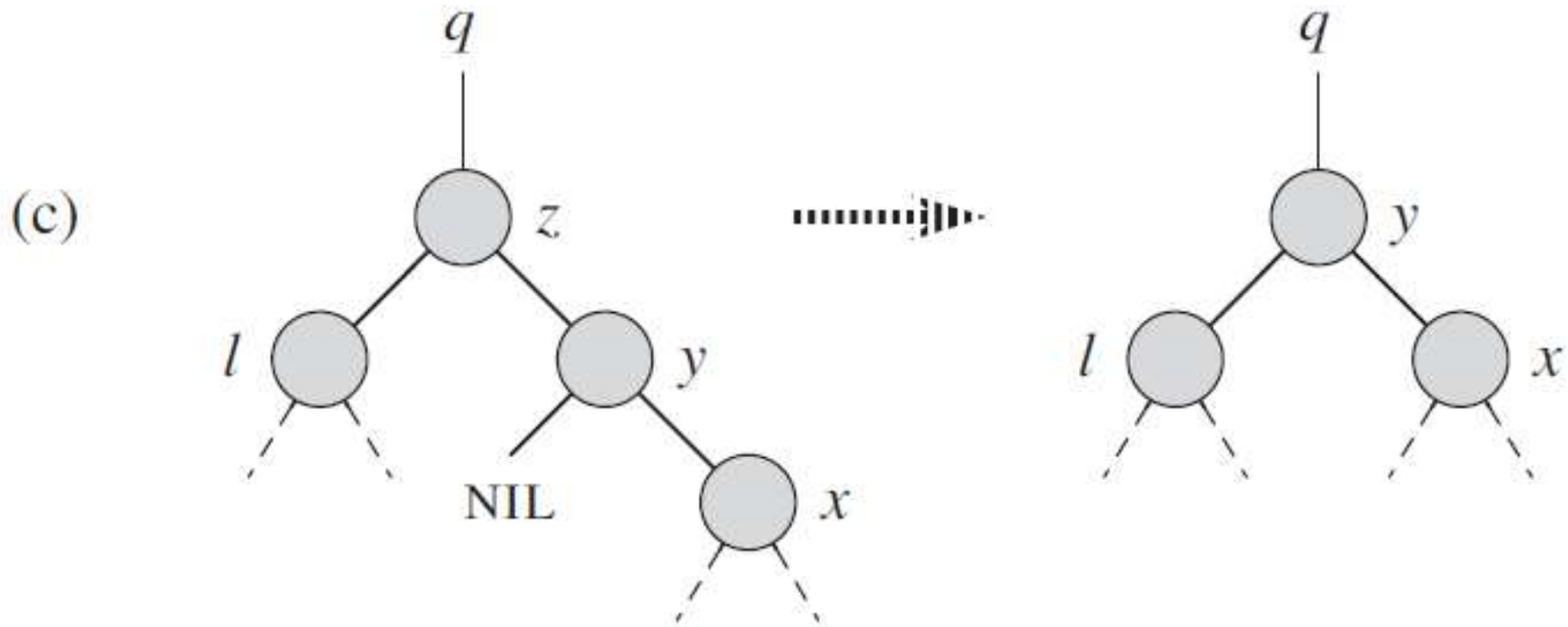
Has one child



Replace z by its child

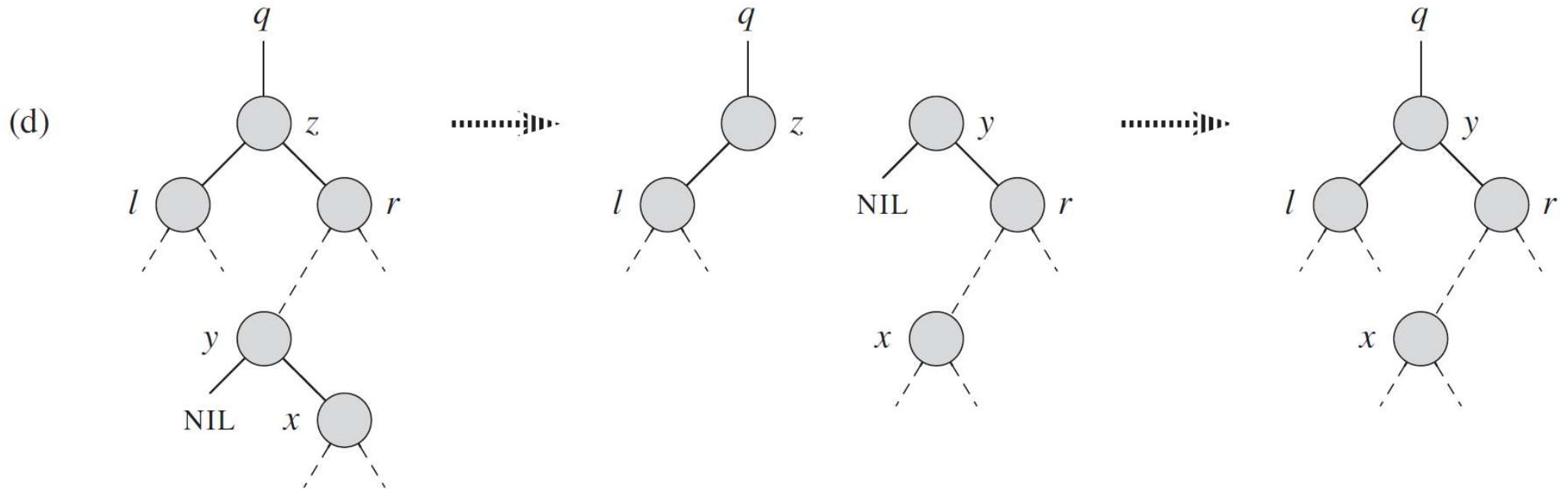


Right child has no left subtree



Replace z by its successor y

Right child has left subtree



1. Find successor y of z
2. Replace y by its child
3. Replace z by y

Replace a node by its Child

- Replace the subtree rooted at node u with the subtree rooted at node v
- Running time: $O(1)$

```
TRANSPLANT( $T, u, v$ )
1  if  $u.p == \text{NIL}$ 
2       $T.root = v$ 
3  elseif  $u == u.p.left$ 
4       $u.p.left = v$ 
5  else  $u.p.right = v$ 
6  if  $v \neq \text{NIL}$ 
7       $v.p = u.p$ 
```

Deletion Algorithm

- Main running time: find z 's successor
- Time: $O(h)$

```
TREE-DELETE( $T, z$ )
1  if  $z.left == \text{NIL}$ 
2      TRANSPLANT( $T, z, z.right$ )
3  elseif  $z.right == \text{NIL}$ 
4      TRANSPLANT( $T, z, z.left$ )
5  else  $y = \text{TREE-MINIMUM}(z.right)$ 
6      if  $y.p \neq z$ 
7          TRANSPLANT( $T, y, y.right$ )
8           $y.right = z.right$ 
9           $y.right.p = y$ 
10     TRANSPLANT( $T, z, y$ )
11      $y.left = z.left$ 
12      $y.left.p = y$ 
```

Binary Search Tree

- View today as data structures that can support **dynamic set operations**.
 - Search, Minimum, Maximum, Predecessor, Successor, Insert, and Delete.
- Can be used to build
 - **Dictionaries.**
 - **Priority Queues.**
- Basic operations take time proportional to the height of the tree – $O(h)$.

Binary Search Tree vs Linear List

Big-O Comparison			
Operation	Binary Search Tree	Array-based List	Linked List
Constructor	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Destructor	$O(N)$	$O(1)$	$O(N)$
IsFull	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
IsEmpty	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
RetrieveItem	$O(\log N)^*$	$O(\log N)$	$O(N)$
InsertItem	$O(\log N)^*$	$O(N)$	$O(N)$
DeleteItem	$O(\log N)^*$	$O(N)$	$O(N)$

Assuming $h=O(\log N)$

Summary

- Binary search tree stores data hierarchically
- Support SEARCH, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM, PREDECESSOR, SUCCESSOR, INSERT, and DELETE operations
- Running time of all operation is $O(h)$
- Question: What is the lower bound of h ? How to achieve it?