

CIS 313

fourth slide

# binary search trees

- chapter 12
- we will look at
  - definitions
  - properties
  - operations: insert, delete, search
  - traversals: inorder, postorder, preorder, level order
  - worst case behavior
  - average case behavior
- then move onto self-balancing BSTs: red-black, 2-3, 2-3-4, ...

## various trees

- free tree
- rooted tree
- ordered tree
- binary tree
- binary search tree
  - (search property) let  $x$  be a node in a BST. If  $y$  is a node in the left subtree of  $x$ , then  $y.key \leq x.key$ . If  $y$  is in the right subtree of  $x$ , then  $y.key \geq x.key$

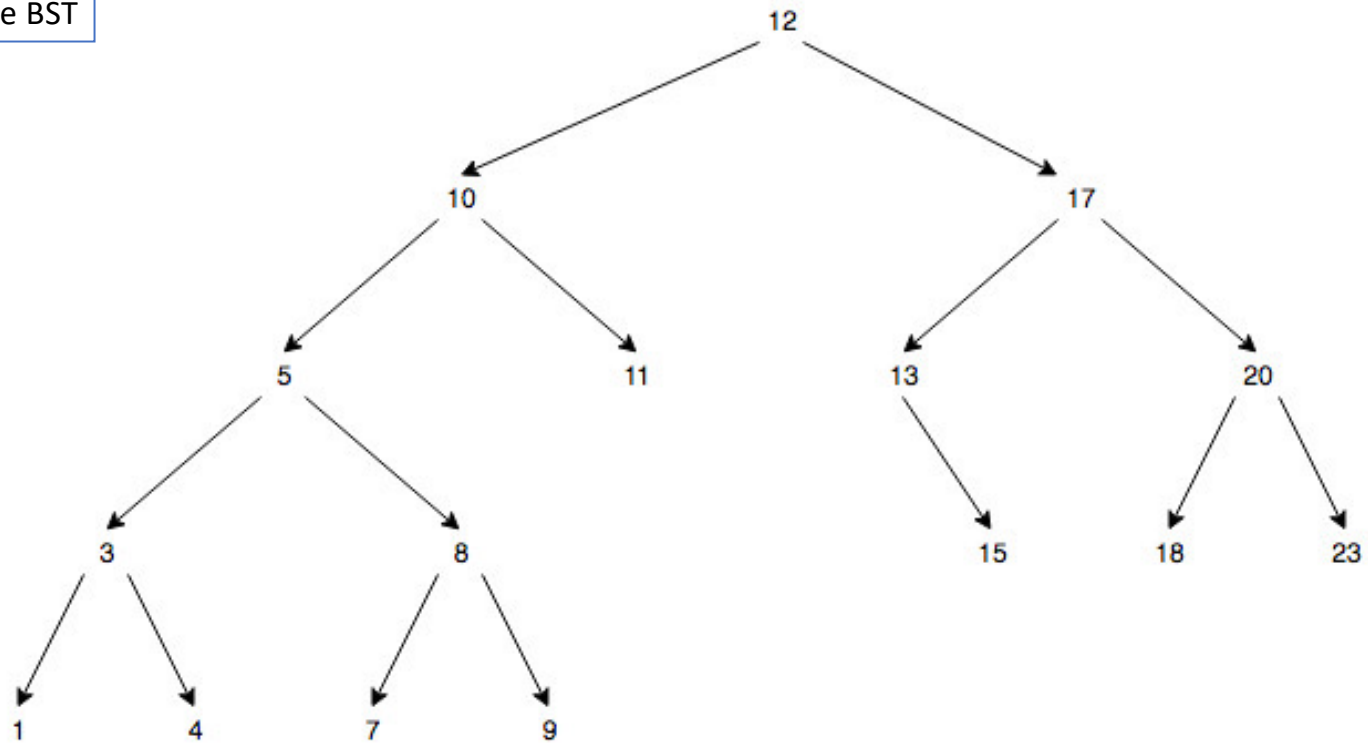
## assorted facts and definitions

- any tree with  $n$  nodes has  $n-1$  edges
- a binary tree with left/right pointers and  $n$  nodes has  $n+1$  null pointers
- a full binary tree with  $n$  internal nodes has  $n+1$  external nodes
- full binary tree: all nodes have either 2 children (the internal nodes) or 0 children (external)
- a binary tree of  $n$  nodes has height at least  $\lg n$  and at most  $n-1$
- height = distance of node from bottom, depth = distance from top

## facts, defs cont'd

- internal path length (I): sum of the depths of all the nodes
- external path length (E): sum of the depths of the nulls (externals)
- fact:  $E=I+2n$  (nice exercise)
- I corresponds to successful search in BST, average search time is  $1+I/n$
- E corresponds to unsuccessful search, average failed search time is  $E/(n+1)$
- worst case tree: *skew tree* (every node has just one child)

sample BST



# BST operations

- find(x)
- insert(x): find a null and put it there
- successor(x)
  - successor(10)=11, successor(15)=17
  - algorithm?
    - if x has right child, go right once, then left until end
    - otherwise, follow parent links until “right” turn
- delete(x): how?
  - if 0 children, remove
  - if 1 child, splice out
  - if 2 children, replace with successor value, then remove successor node

# walks

- inorder

- 1 3 4 5 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 15 17 18 20 23

- preorder

- 12 10 5 3 1 4 8 7 9 11 17 13 15 20 18 23

- postorder

- 1 4 3 7 9 8 5 11 10 15 13 18 23 20 17 12



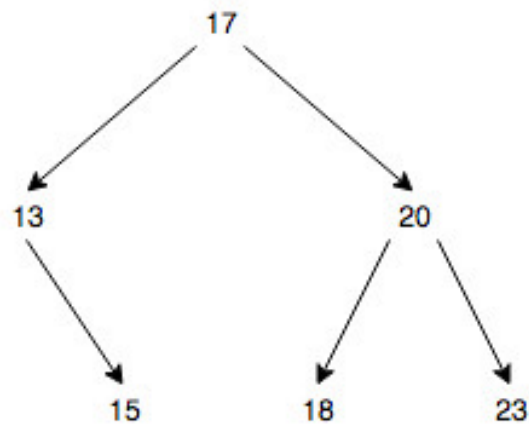
# randomly built BST

- we have  $n$  values and will insert them one-by-one into a BST
- what will that BST look like?
- there are  $n!$  permutations of the input
  - we assume each one equally likely
- how many BST shapes can there be?
  - Catalan number, which is  $\frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} = \Omega\left(\frac{4^n}{n^2}\right)$
  - (hard!)

## counting permutations for a tree

- given a tree shape  $T$  we can determine the number of permutations which, if inserted into empty BST, would end up with that tree
- build up number bottom up
- at node  $x$ , suppose left subtree of  $x$  has  $n$  nodes and is generated by  $r$  permutations, and
- right subtree has  $m$  nodes and is generated by  $s$  permutations
- the the subtree rooted at  $x$ 
  - has  $n+m+1$  nodes
  - is generated by  $\binom{n+m}{n} \cdot r \cdot s$  permutations

# example



*intuition: balanced trees more "likely"*

- left side generated by 1 permutation: 13 15
- right side by two
  - 20 18 23
  - 20 23 18
- for full tree, pick one permutation each for the left and right sides
- permutation for the whole tree must start with 17 followed by  $n+m = 2+3 = 5$  spaces
  - 17 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- choose two for them for the left tree, which can be done in  $\binom{5}{2} = 10$  ways
- example: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> positions
- 17 \_ 13 \_ \_ 15
- either of the two remaining perms can go in remaining three slots
  - 17 20 13 18 23 15
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- total number of permutations for whole tree:
$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot \binom{5}{2} = 20$$

## back to sorting theme

- we can build an abstract sort method based on BST
- given unsorted list, insert all values into empty BST
- perform inorder walk

this part is  $O(n)$

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BST SORT
** input list a=(a1, a2, ..., an)
create BST T

for i=1 to n
    T.insert(ai)

perform T.inorder
    when visiting a node, store value in list b

return b
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## expected behavior

- if list  $a$  is chosen randomly from among all  $n!$  permutations
- how long does “for  $i=1$  to  $n$   $T.insert(a_i)$ ” take?
- worst case:  $O(n^2)$
- want to argue: on average  $O(n \lg n)$
  
- main fact: expected search time  $(1+1/n)$  in BST built from randomly chosen permutation is  $2 \cdot \ln(n + 1) + O(1) \approx 1.38 \log_2 n + O(1)$

text: exercise 12.4-2, p 303

describe a binary search tree on  $n$  nodes such that the average depth of a node in the tree is  $\Theta(\lg n)$  but the height of the tree is  $\omega(\lg n)$