

Lazy Data Structures

"Average" analysis of algorithms

↑
(without sacrificing worst-case robustness)

① Amortized analysis ("average" in hindsight)

② Randomized algorithms ("average" over random bits)

Both are very practical, different perspectives

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Running time of `i++`?

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[illegible]

k bits $\Rightarrow k$ flips (not constant time!)

from $i=1$ to n , how many total flips?

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n increments $\Rightarrow O(n)$ total time

each increment takes $O(1)$ on average

" $O(1)$ amortized time"

Amortized Analysis

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Main rule:

only spend credits that
you already saved

e.g. for binary counters, when incrementing:

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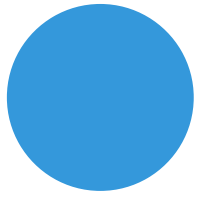
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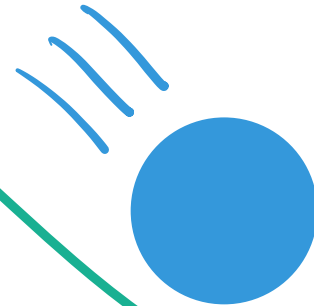
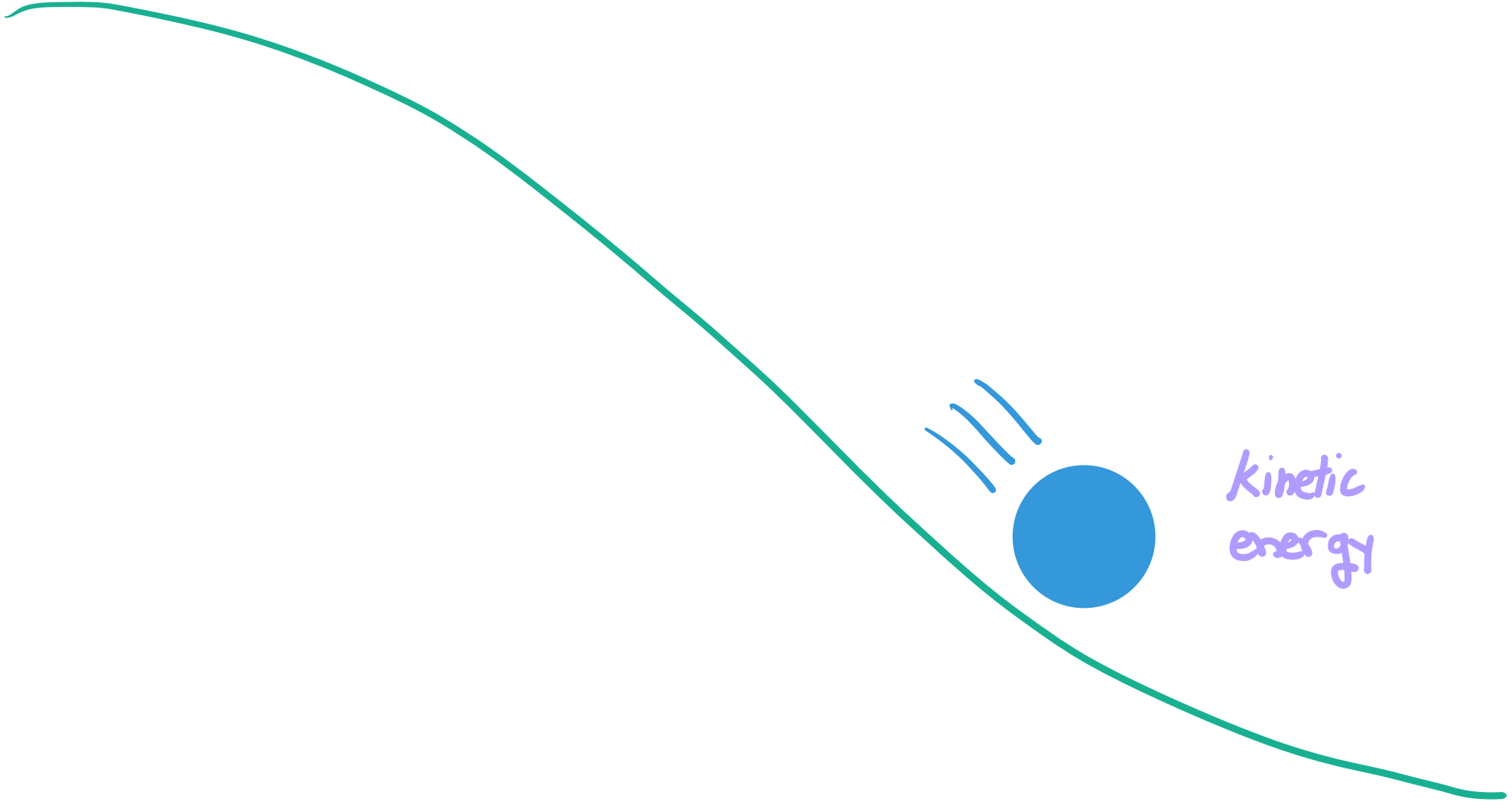
+ $\frac{1}{2}^{i-1}$ credits on i th bit

2 credits total

whenever we need to flip bit i , we have already saved 1 credit to pay for it.



potential
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kinetic
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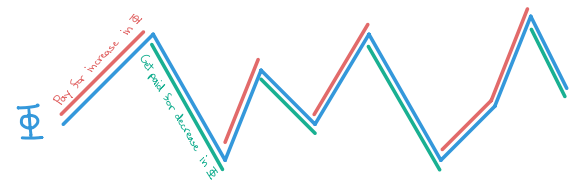
$\Phi = \# \text{ bits set to } 1$

then for each increment,

$$(\text{real time}) + \Delta \Phi \leq O(1)$$

each bit reset to 0 paid by $\Delta \Phi$)

"potential Φ "



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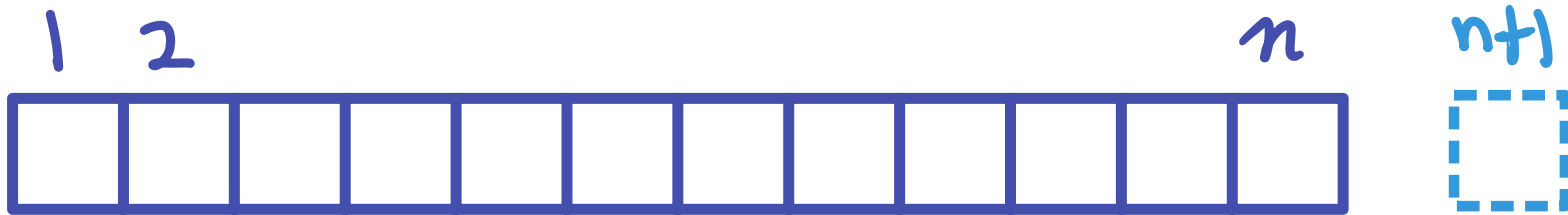
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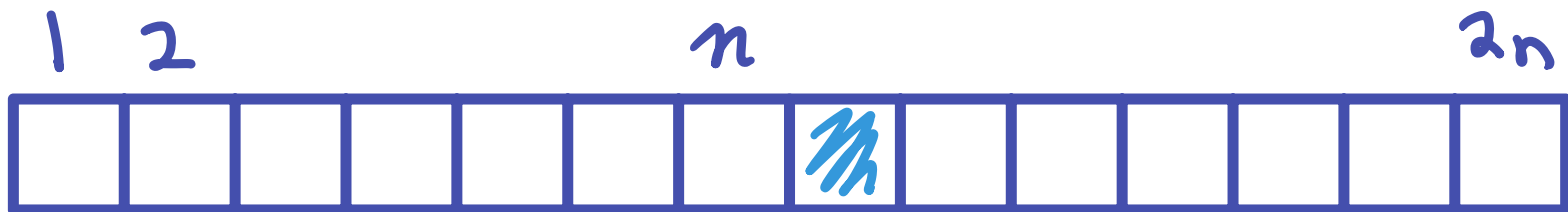
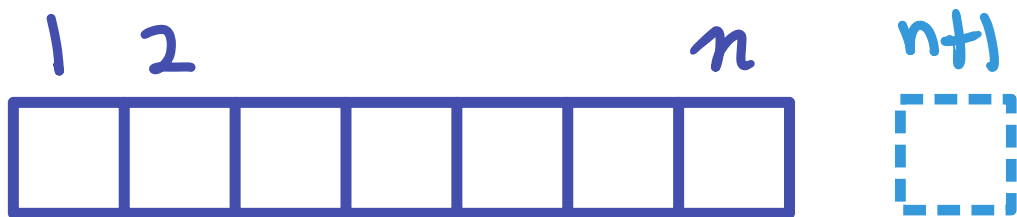
Array-backed lists



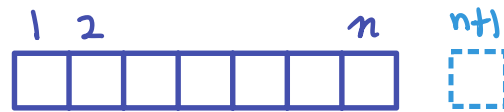
Good: $O(1)$ access by index

Bad: $O(n)$ append

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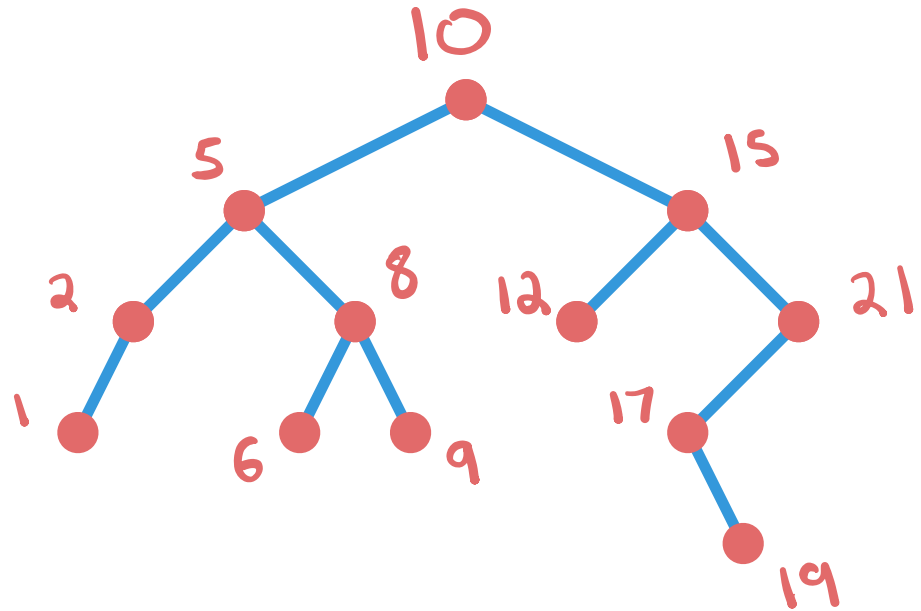
Search trees

Organizes keys
in a tree

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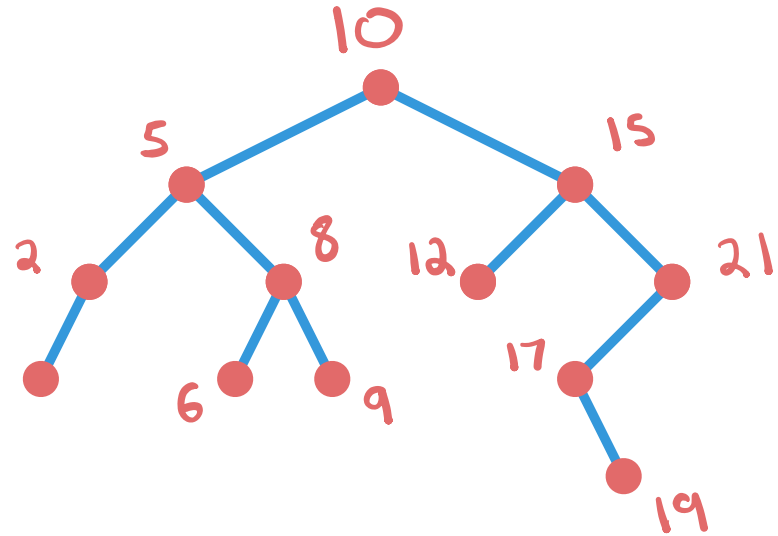
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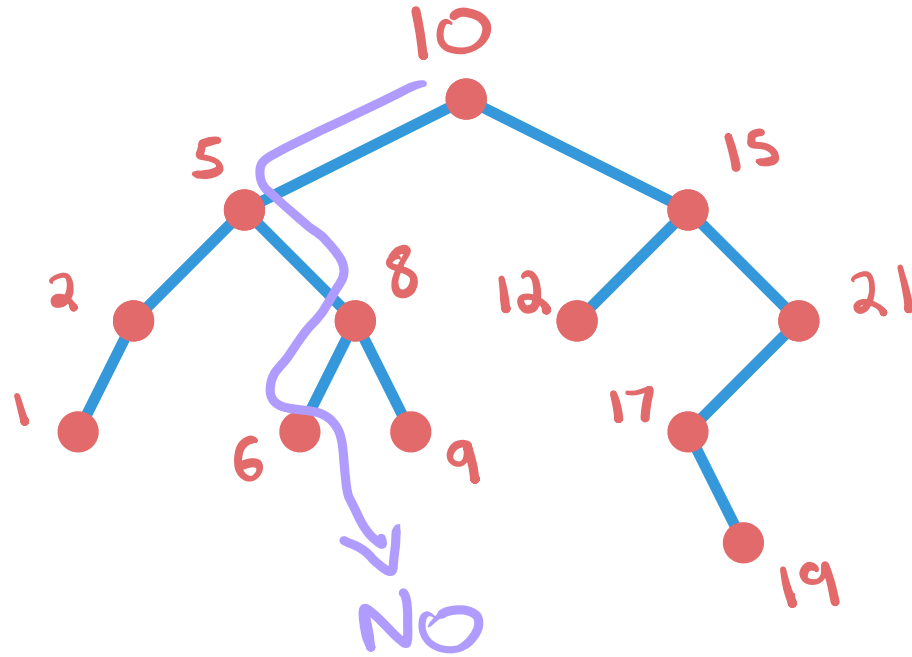
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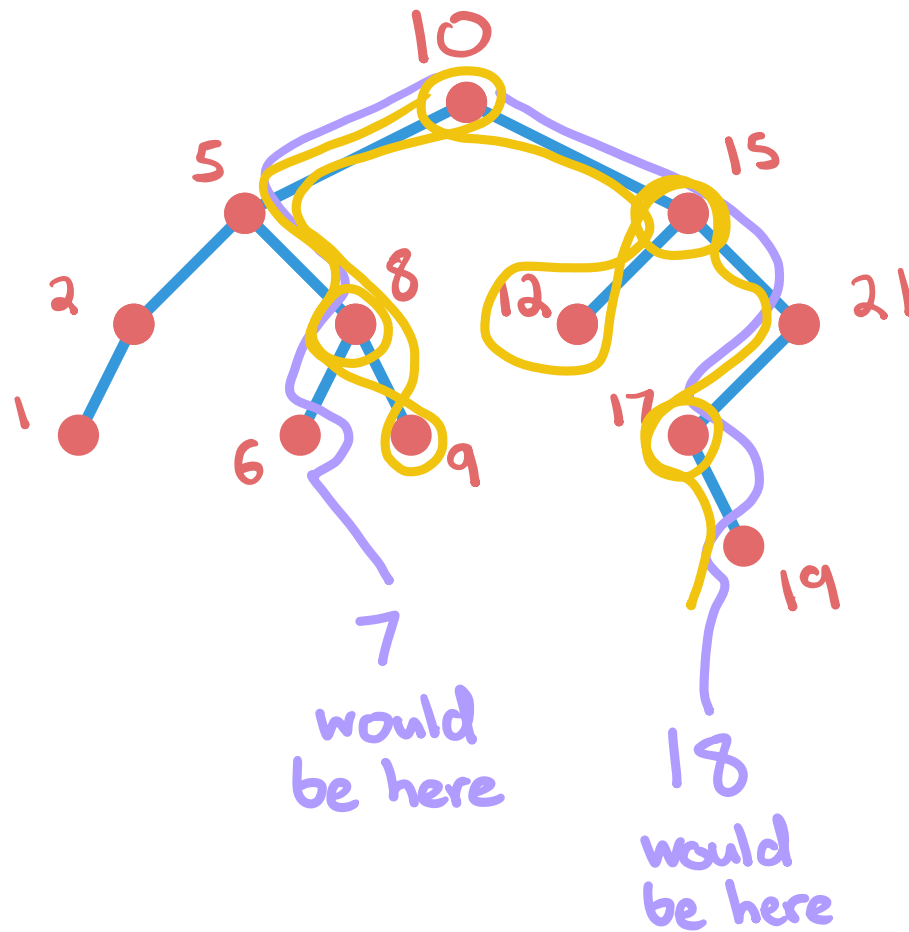
Leads to operations like:

- is a given key in the set?
- what is the first key $\geq x$
- list all keys between x and y
- how many keys are between x and y ?

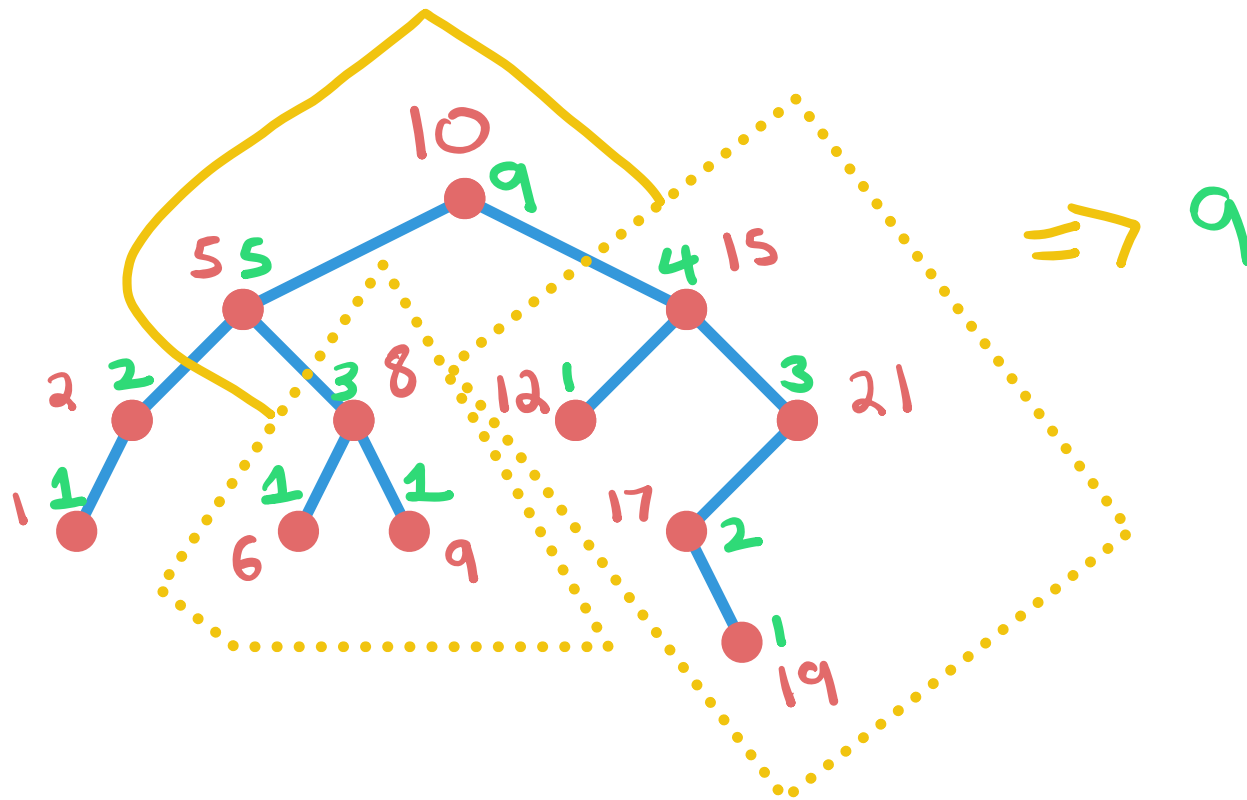
does the tree contain 7?



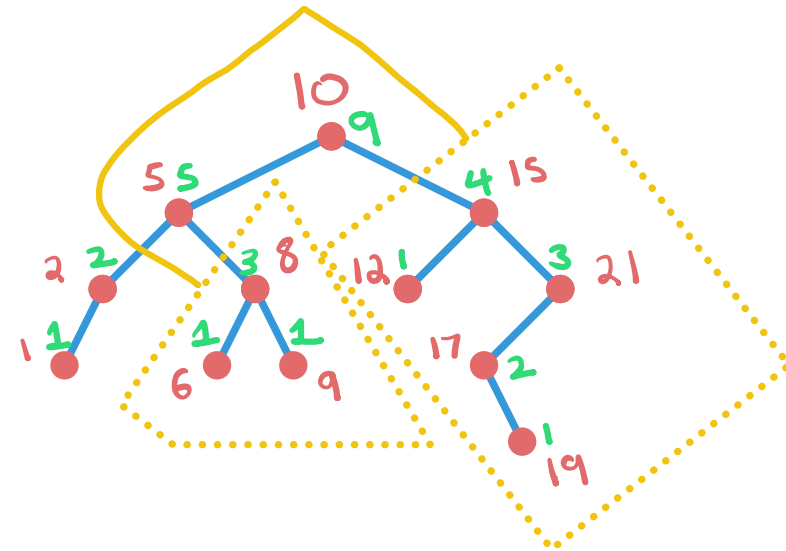
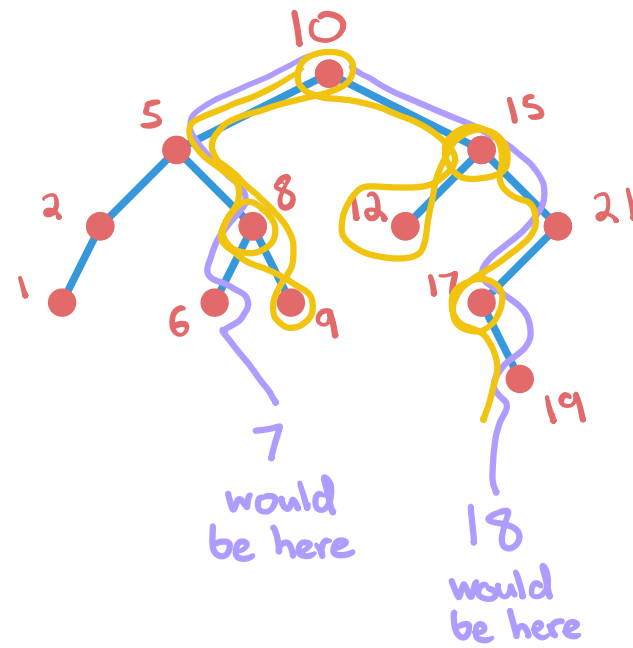
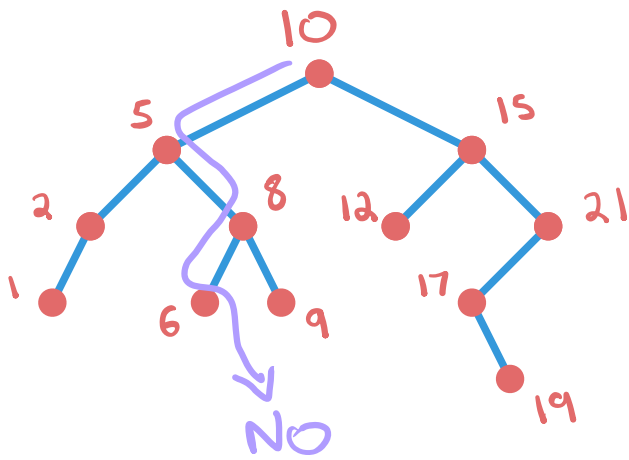
list all keys between 7 and 18



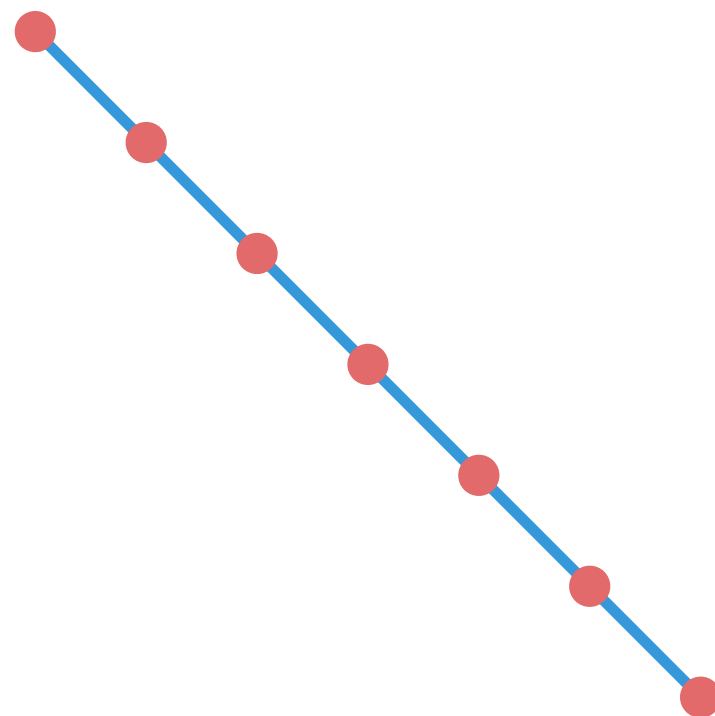
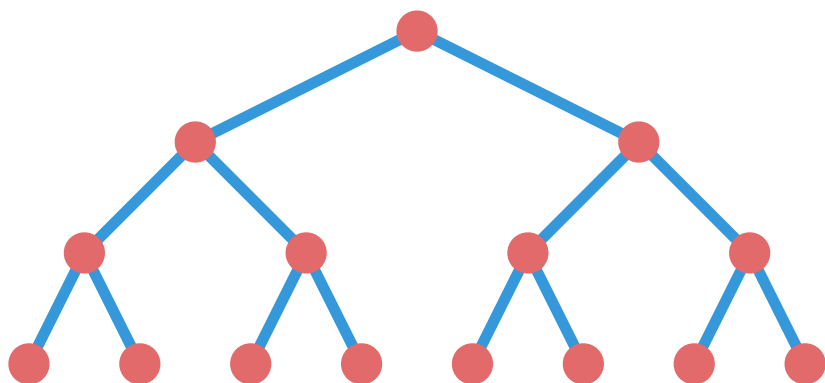
How many keys are between 5 and 25?

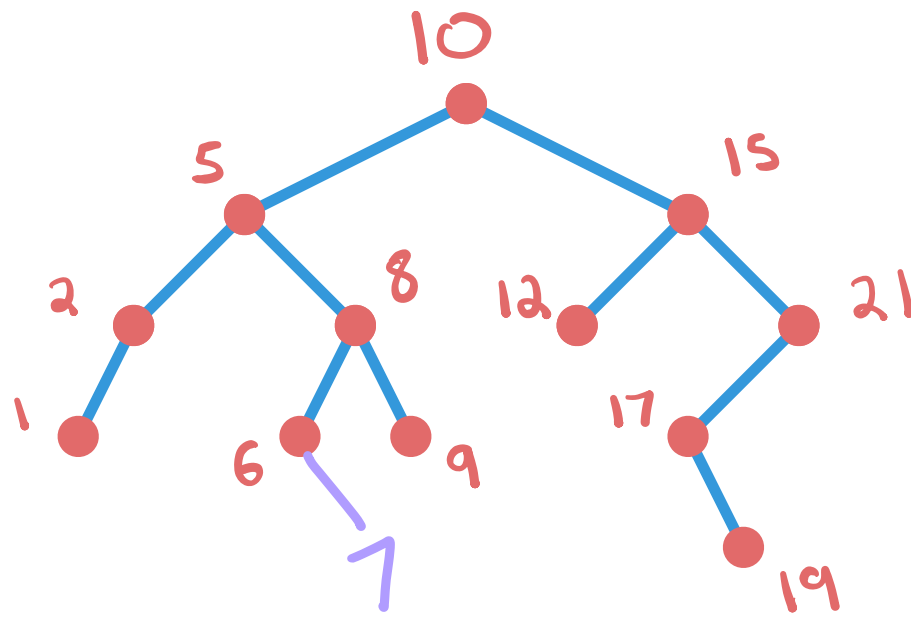


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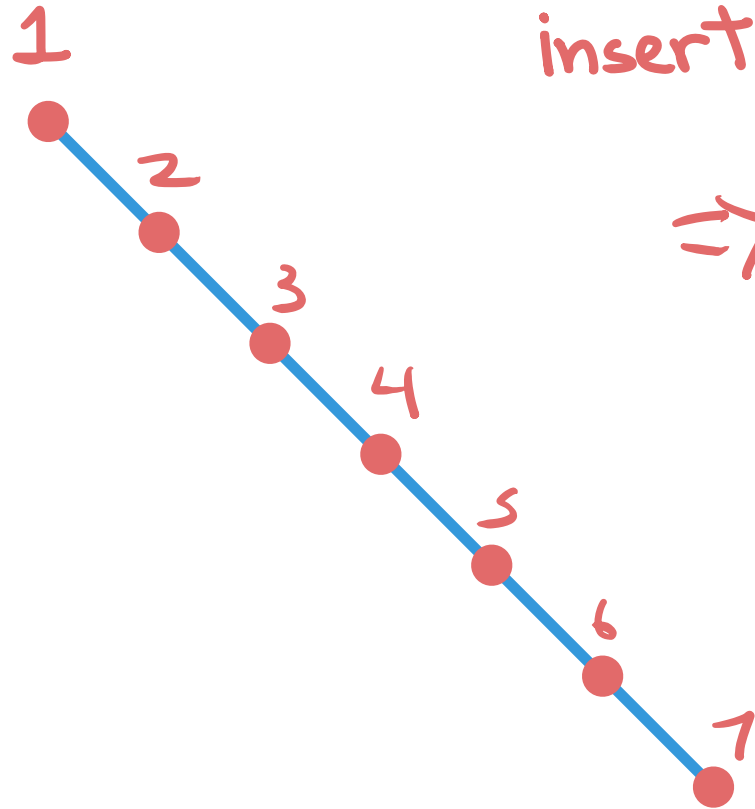


Running time $\approx$ height of tree



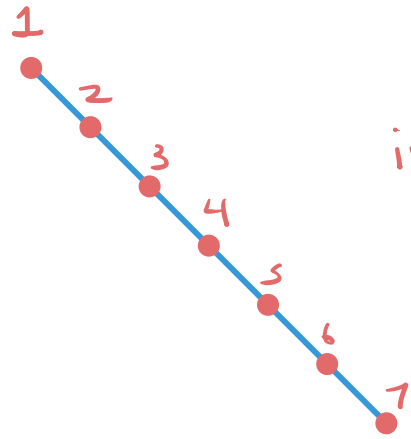


Most natural method for insertion is as leaves
(search for where the key would be, and put it there)



insert 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

$\Rightarrow$ imbalanced



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How to keep trees balanced?

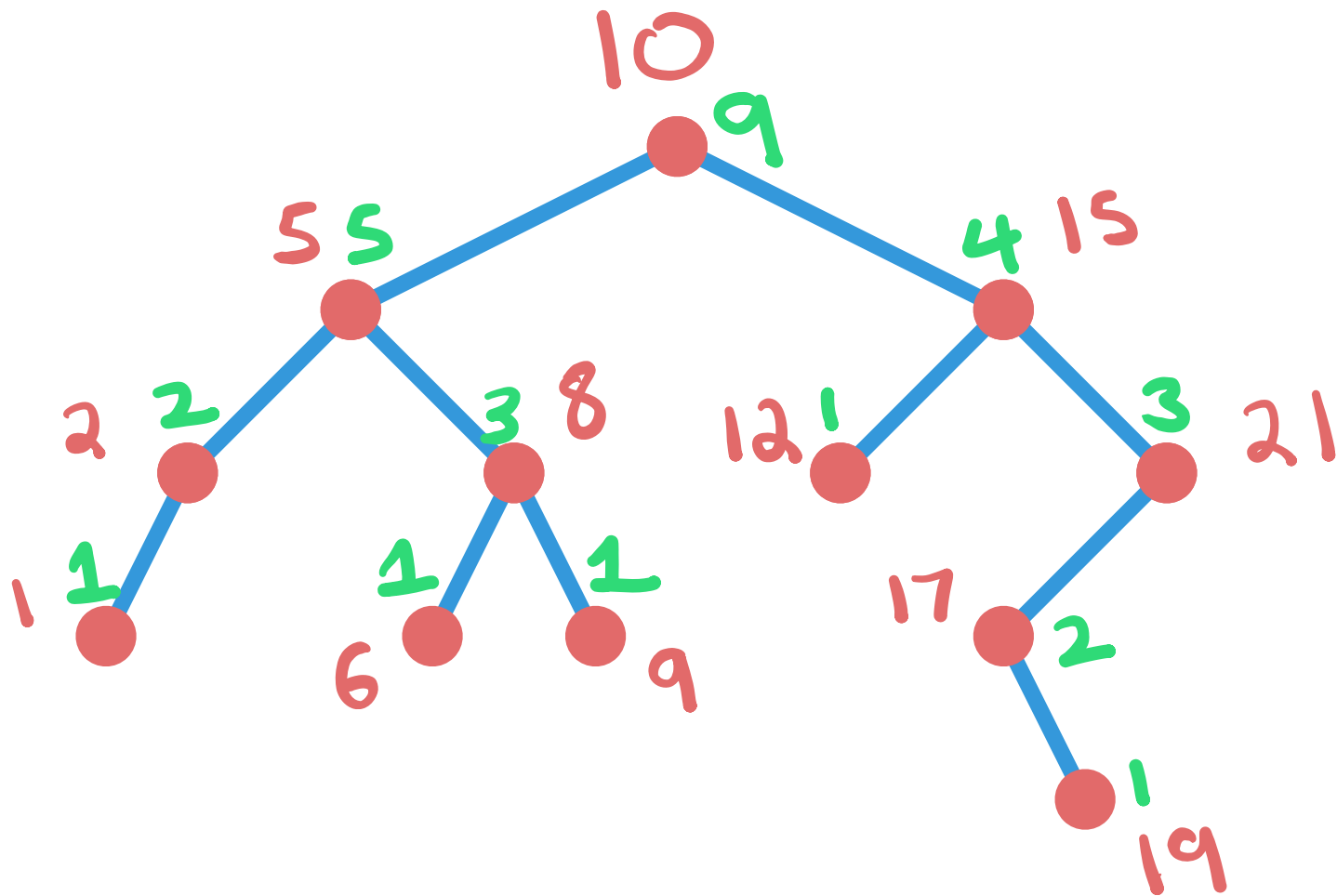
AVL trees

Red-black trees

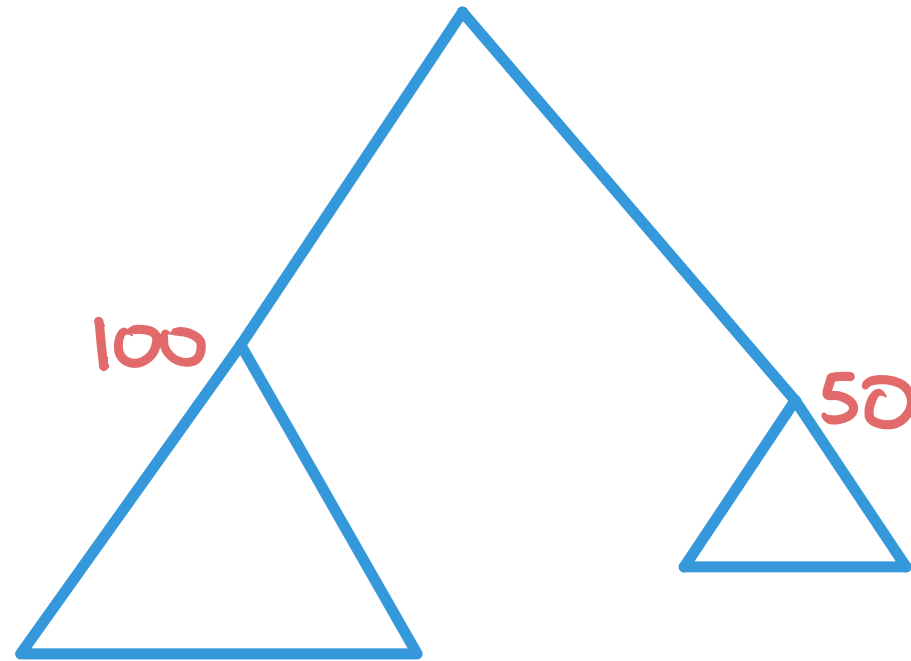
typically covered in
UG data structures

Today we will be very lazy

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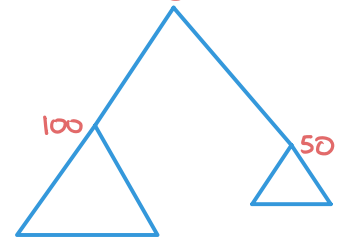
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(always)

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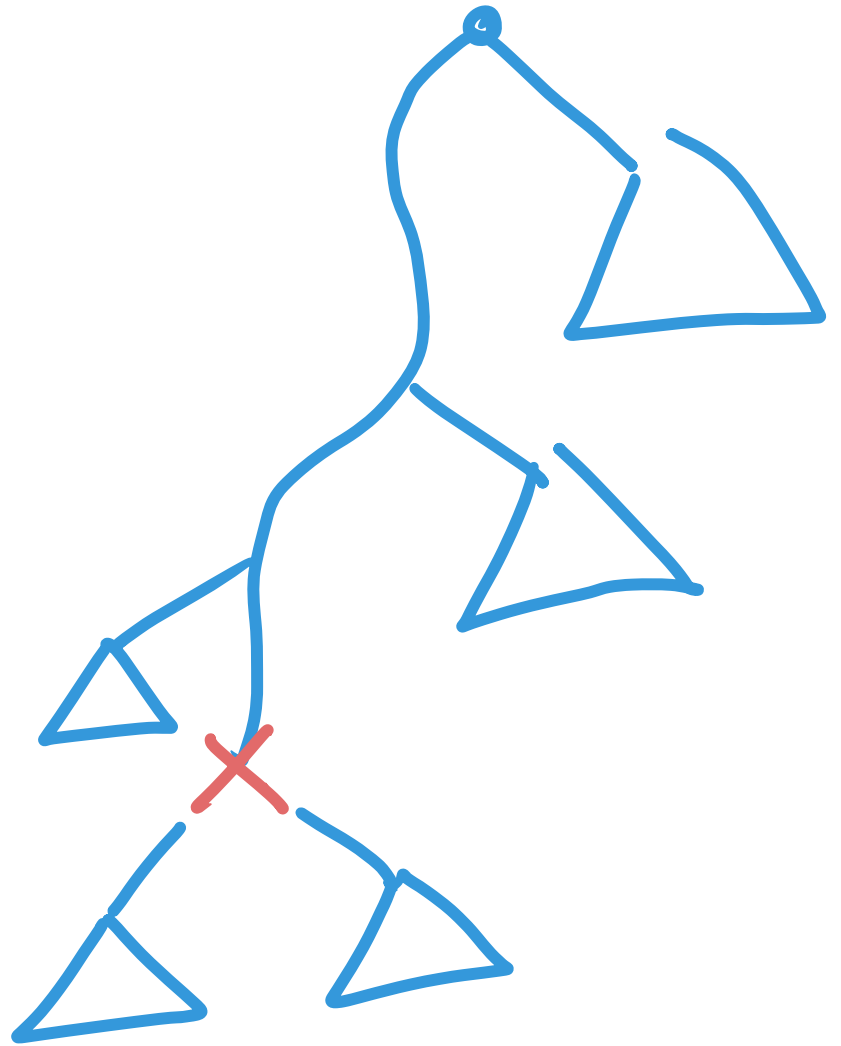
Theorem Insertion takes $O(\log n)$
amortized time

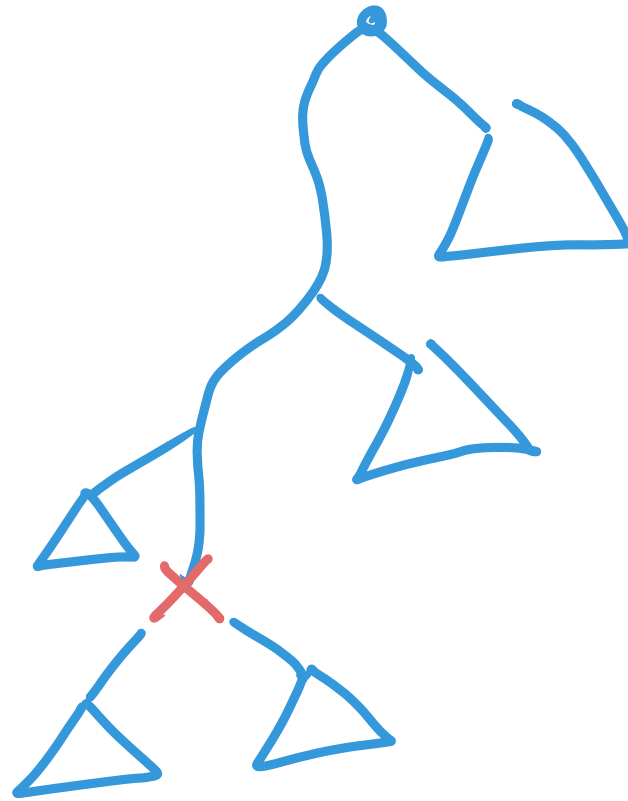
Deletions (remove key from BST)

Old-fashioned way:

① search for key

② If key is not a leaf:
chaos

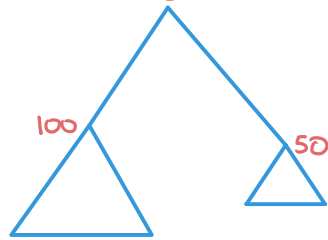




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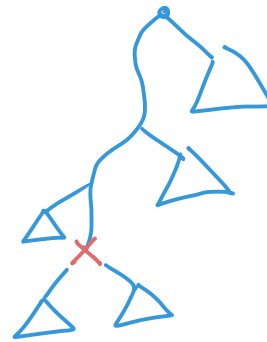
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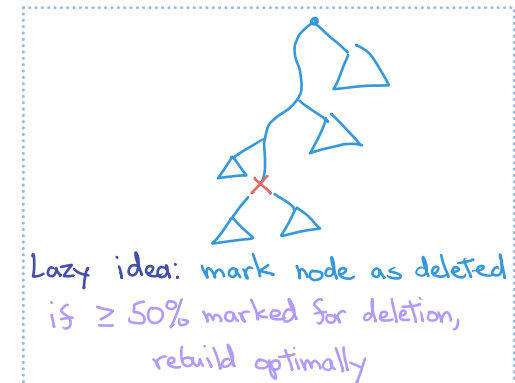
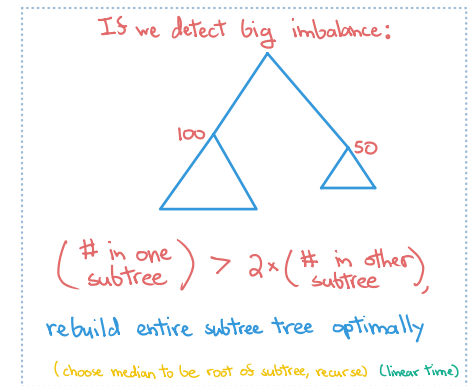
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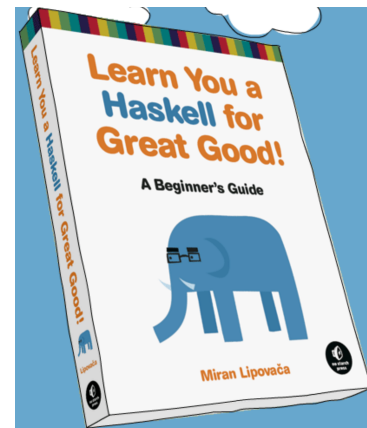
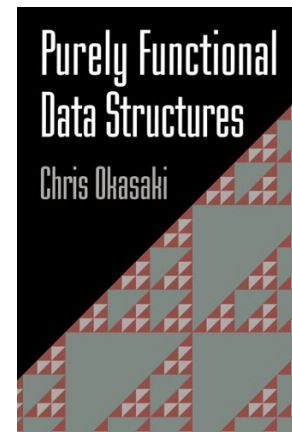
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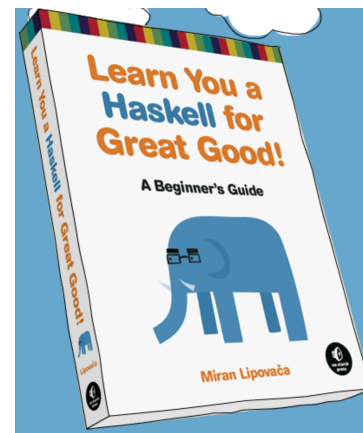
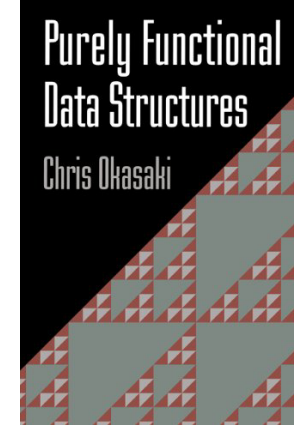
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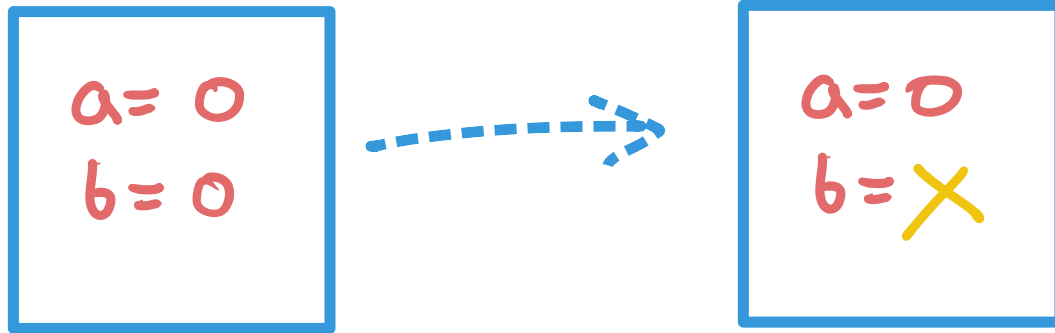
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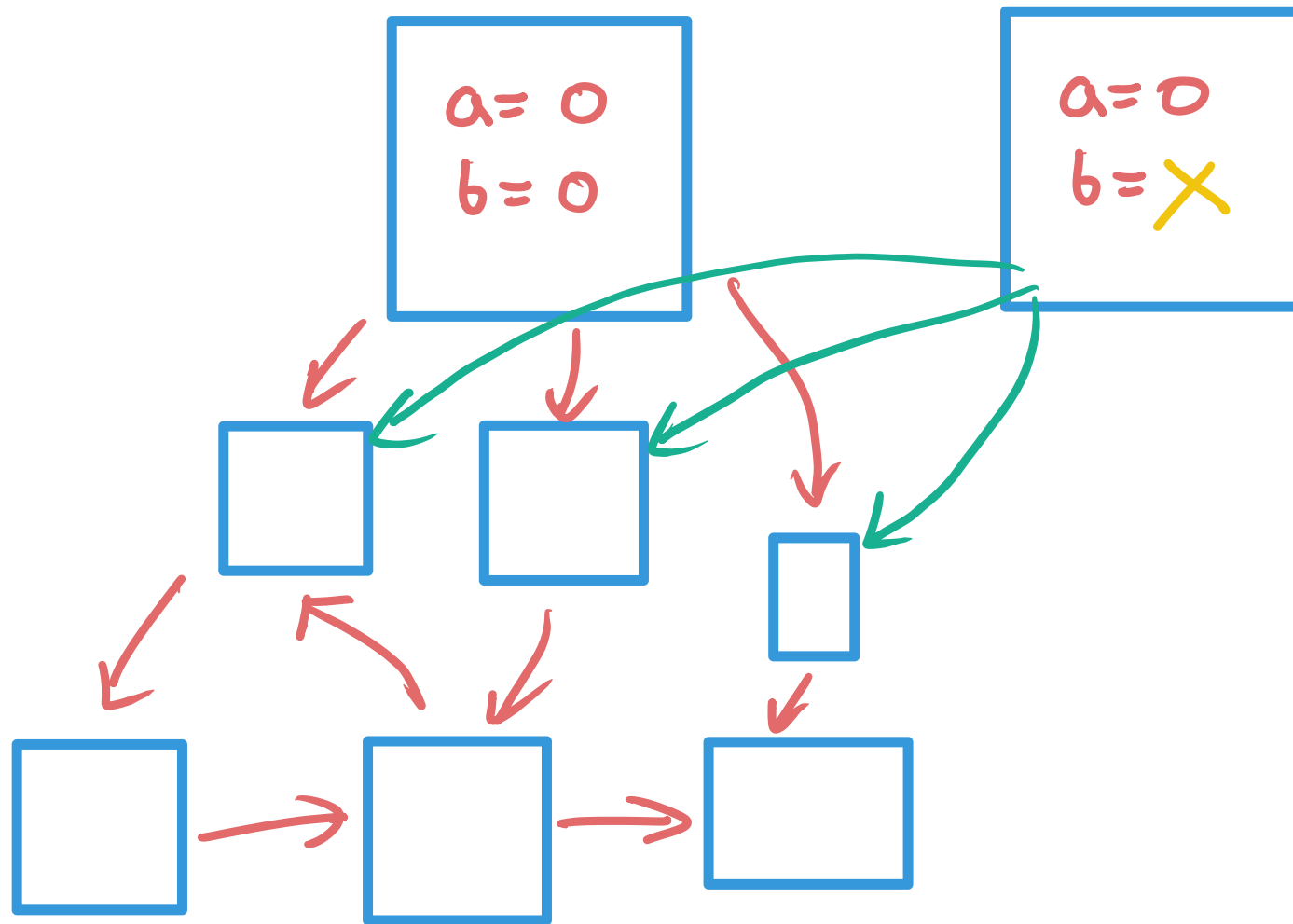


Editing objects by copying

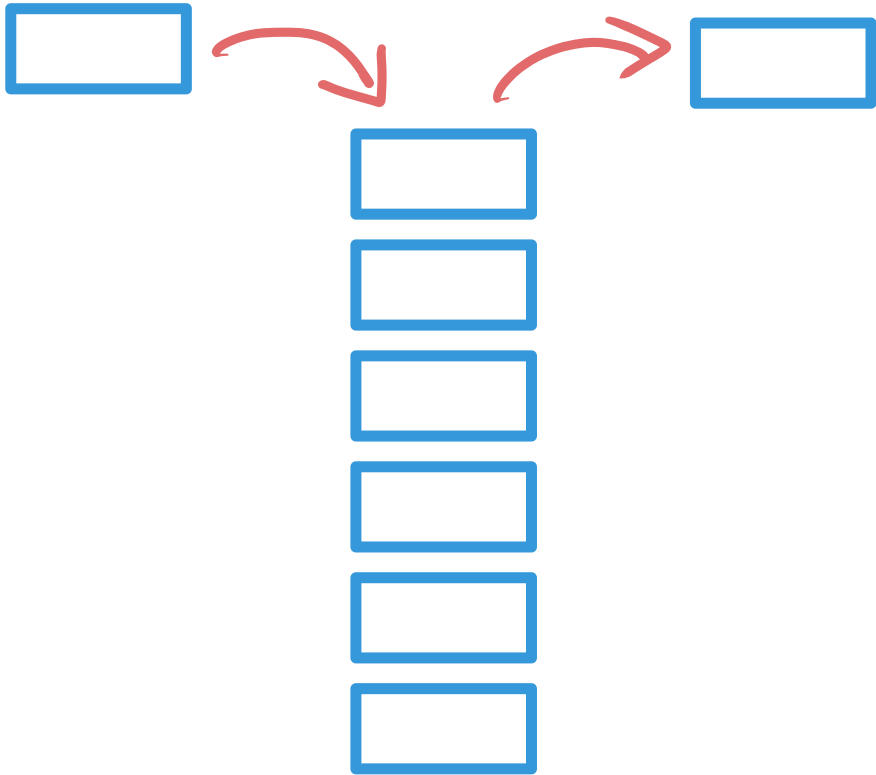
small change $\Rightarrow$ copy whole object



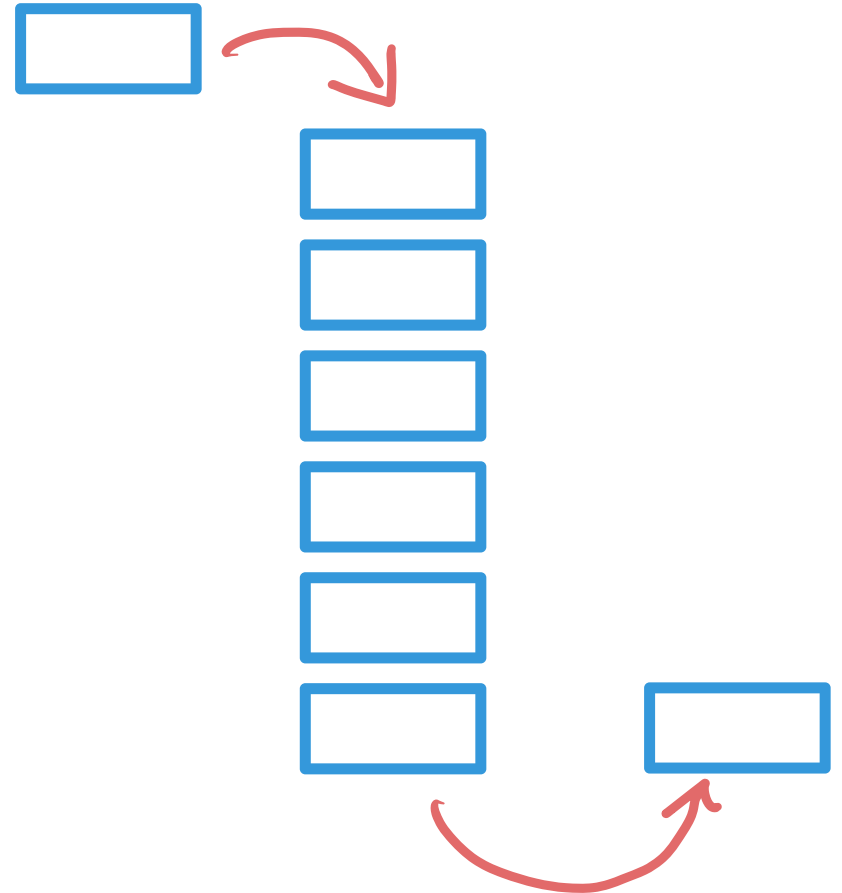
what about "deep" objects?



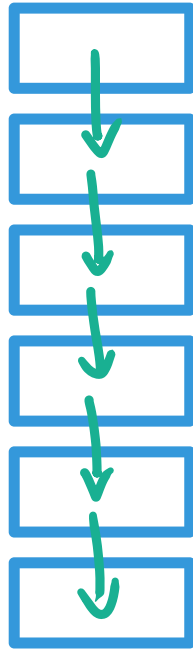
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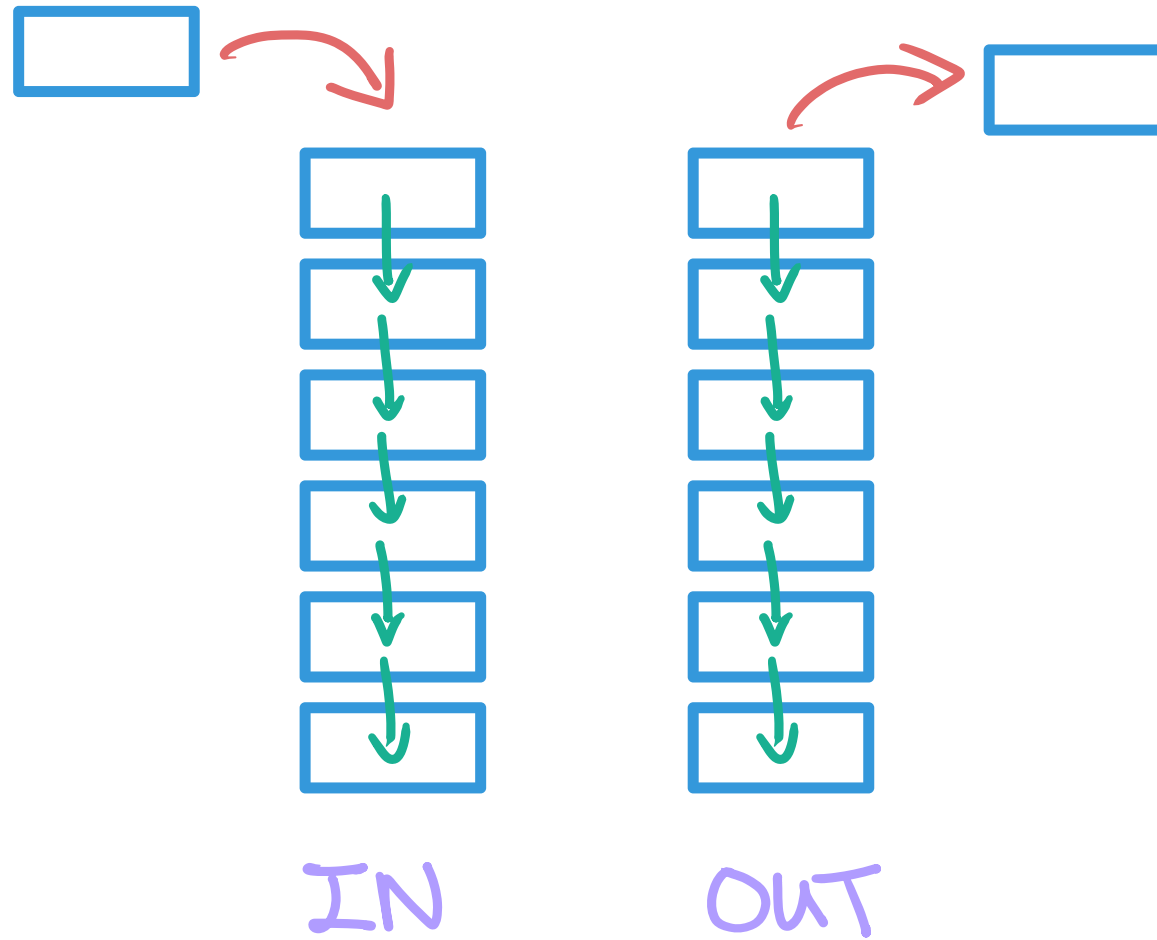


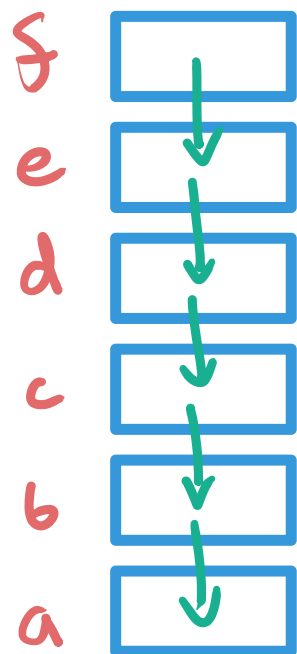
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(just a linked list)

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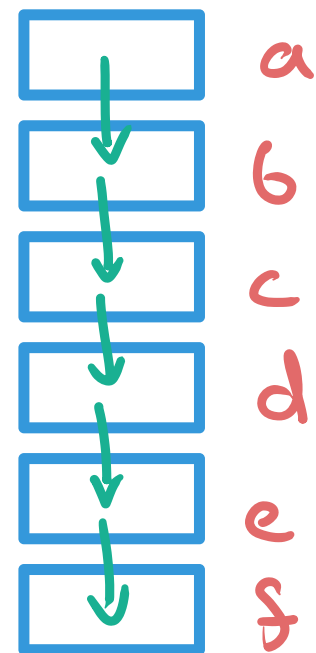




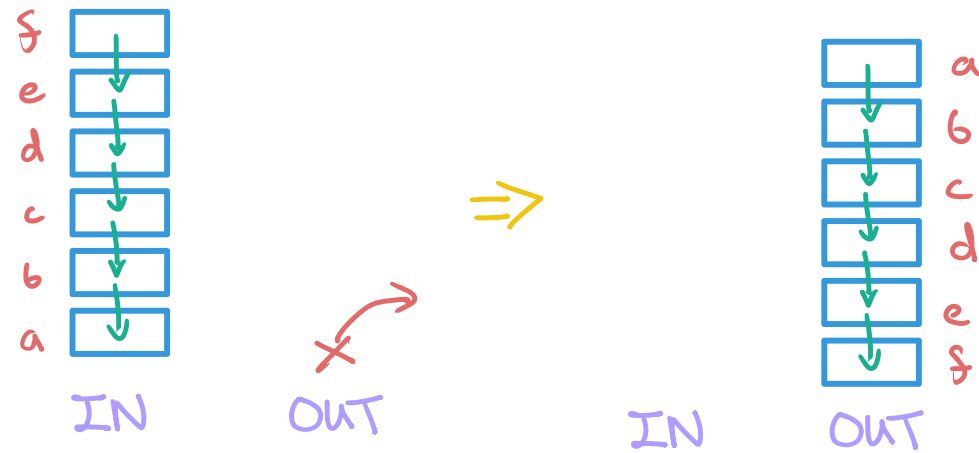
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