BST Search



- To find a value in a BST search from the root node:
 - If the target is less than the value in the node search its left subtree
 - If the target is greater than the value in the node search its right subtree
 - Otherwise return data, etc.
 - If null value is reached, return null ("not found").
- How many comparisons?
 - One for each node on the path
 - Worst case: height of the tree

BST Search Example





Search algorithm (recursive)

```
T retrieveItem(TreeNode<T extends KeyedItem> n, long searchKey)
// returns a node containing the item with the key searchKey
// or null if not found
  if (n == null) {
    return null;
  else {
    if (searchKey == n.getItem().getKey()) {
      // item is in the root of some subtree
      return n.getItem();
    else if (searchKey < n.getItem().getKey()) {</pre>
      // search the left subtree
      return retrieveItem(n.getLeft(), searchKey);
     }
    else { // search the right subtree
      return retrieveItem(n.getRight(), searchKey);
    } // end if
  } // end if
   // end retrieveItem
```



BST Insertion



- The BST property must hold after insertion
- Therefore the new node must be inserted in the correct position
 - This position is found by performing a search
 - If the search ends at the (null) left child of a node make its left child refer to the new node
 - If the search ends at the (null) right child of a node make its right child refer to the new node
- The cost is about the same as the cost for the search algorithm, O(*height*)

BST Insertion Example







Insertion algorithm (recursive)

```
TreeNode<T> insertItem(TreeNode<T> n, T newItem)
// returns a reference to the new root of the subtree rooted in n
  TreeNode<T> newSubtree;
  if (n == null) {
    // position of insertion found; insert after leaf
    // create a new node
    n = new TreeNode<T>(newItem, null, null);
    return n;
  } // end if
  // search for the insertion position
  if (newItem.getKey() < n.getItem().getKey()) {</pre>
    // search the left subtree
    newSubtree = insertItem(n.getLeft(), newItem);
    n.setLeft(newSubtree);
    return n;
  else { // search the right subtree
    newSubtree = insertItem(n.getRight(), newItem);
    n.setRight(newSubtree);
    return n;
    // end if
   // end insertItem
```

BST Deletion



- After deleting a node the BST property must still hold
- Deletion is not as straightforward as search or insertion
 - So much so that sometimes it is not even implemented!
- There are a number of different cases that have to be considered

BST Deletion Cases

- The node to be deleted has no children
 - Remove it (assign null to its parent's reference)
- The node to be deleted has one child
 - Replace the node with its subtree
- The node to be deleted has two children
 - Replace the node with its predecessor = the right most node of its left subtree (or with its successor, the left most node of its right subtree)
 - If that node has a child (and it can have at most one child) attach that to the node's parent



BST Deletion – target is a leaf



















































Deletion algorithm – Phase 1: Finding Node

```
TreeNode<T> deleteItem(TreeNode<T> n, long searchKey) {
// Returns a reference to the new root.
// Calls: deleteNode.
  TreeNode<T> newSubtree;
  if (n == null) {
  throw new TreeException("TreeException: Item not found");
  else {
    if (searchKey==n.getItem().getKey()) {
      // item is in the root of some subtree
      n = deleteNode(n); // delete the node n
    // else search for the item
    else if (searchKey<n.getItem().getKey()) {</pre>
      // search the left subtree
      newSubtree = deleteItem(n.getLeft(), searchKey);
      n.setLeft(newSubtree);
    else { // search the right subtree
      newSubtree = deleteItem(n.getRight(), searchKey);
      n.setRight(newSubtree);
    } // end if
    // end if
  return n;
   // end deleteItem
```

