

# Introduction to Trees

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# Session Goals

- Introduction
- What is a Tree?
  - Trees as Models.
  - Definition of Tree.
  - $m$ -ary trees.
- Binary search tree?
- Operations of binary tree's?
  - Traversal.
  - Min, Max
  - Insertion, Deletion
  - Successor, Predecessor
- Variations of Binary Trees
- References

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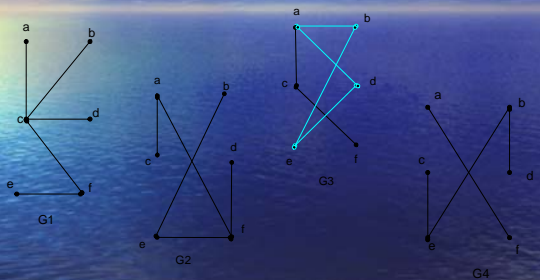
# Trees as Models

- Tree of porfery??
  - Purported to be the first model in AI.
- Computer File Systems.
- Decision trees.
- Taxonomy.

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# Def of Tree:

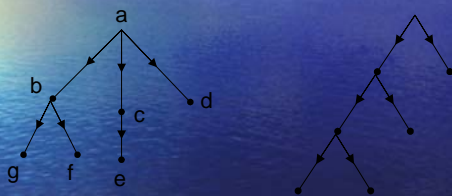
A connected undirected graph that contains no simple circuits.  
G1 and G2 are Trees - Connected with no simple circuits.  
G3 is not a graph since e,b,a,d,e is a simple circuit.  
G4 is not a graph since it is not connected.



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**Rooted Tree:** A rooted tree is one where one vertex has been defined as the root and all other edges are directed away from it.

-Tree with a root at node 'a'

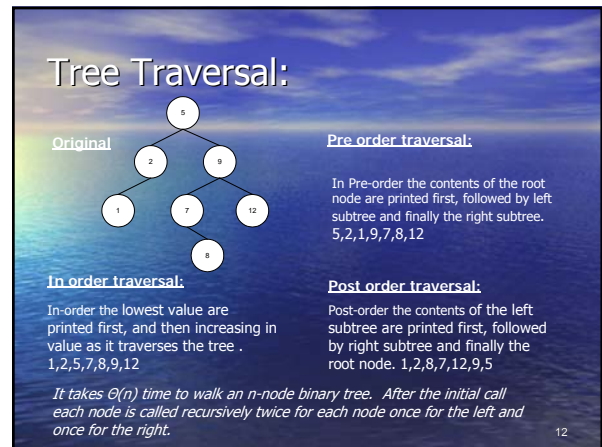
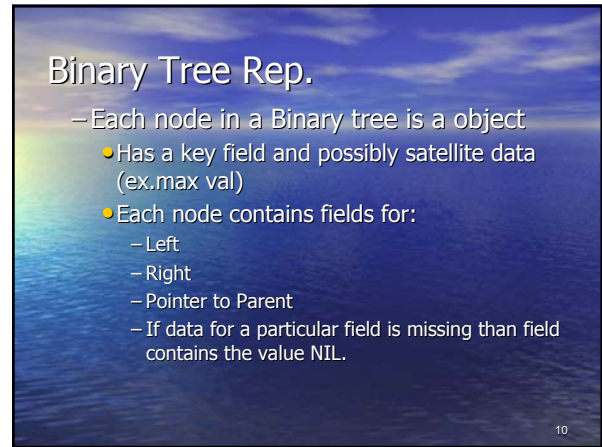
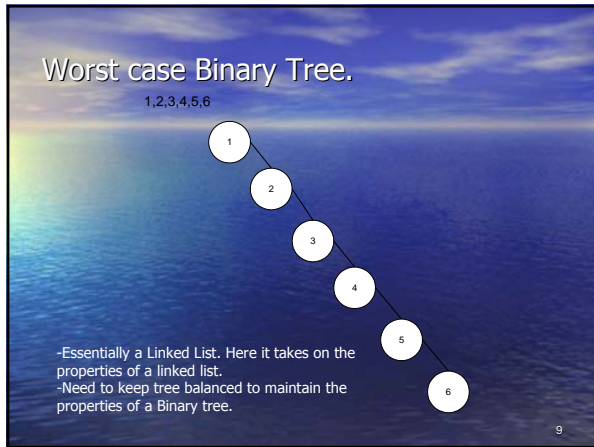
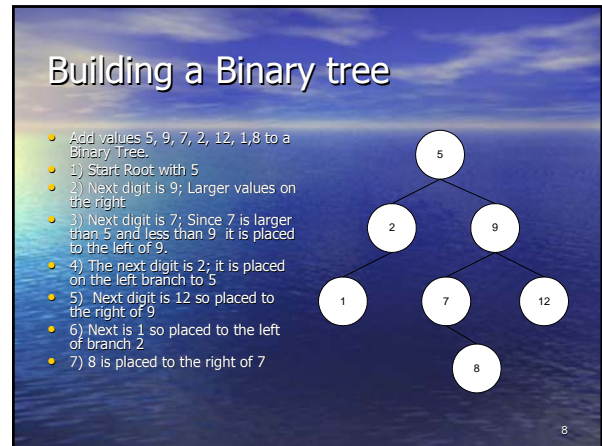
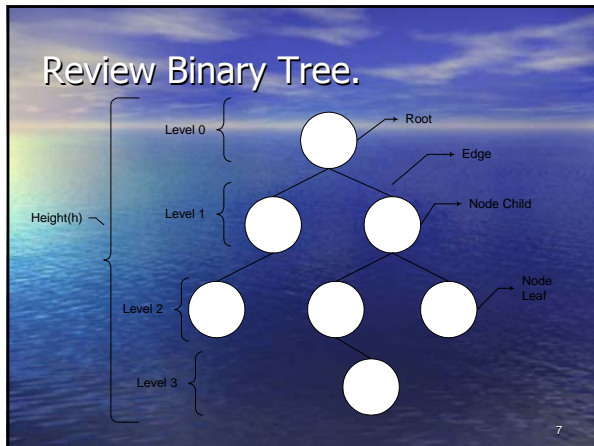


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# $m$ -ary tree

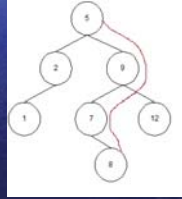
- A rooted tree is called a  $m$ -ary tree in the case where every internal vertex has no more than  $m$  children.
- The tree is referred to as a full  $m$ -ary tree in the event every internal vertex has exactly  $m$  children.
- A  $m$ -ary tree where  $m = 2$  the tree is referred to as a Binary Tree.

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## Searching a Binary Tree

- Searching for a node.
  - Given a pointer to the root of the tree
  - Given a key k
  - A tree Search either returns a pointer to a node with key k or returns a NIL if the key does not exist.
  - To search for the Key(8) you would take the path 5->9->7->8.

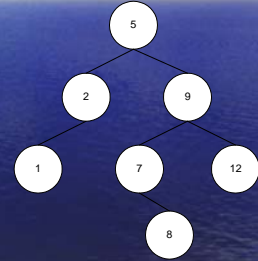


-Running time is  $O(h)$

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## Min., Max

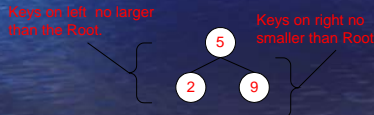
- Minimum.
  - Found by following the *Left* child pointers from the root until a NIL is encountered.
- Maximum.
  - Found by following the *Right* child pointers from the root until a NIL is encountered.
- Running time is  $O(h)$



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## Insertion and deletion

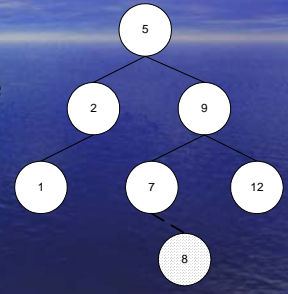
- The Binary tree is modified to reflect the change but the Binary-search-tree property at the conclusion of the insertion or deletion is maintained.
- Binary-Search-tree property.
  - Let x be a node in a binary search tree.
  - If y is a node in the left subtree of x, then  $\text{key}[y] < \text{key}[x]$ .
  - If y is a node in the right subtree of x, then  $\text{key}[x] < \text{key}[y]$ .
- Running Time for both insert and delete is  $O(h)$ .



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## Insertion

- Straight forward.
- Locate position in tree for the key value to be inserted.
- Locate the nil value for the insertion.
- Place the input item here.
- Running time is  $O(h)$



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## DELETION

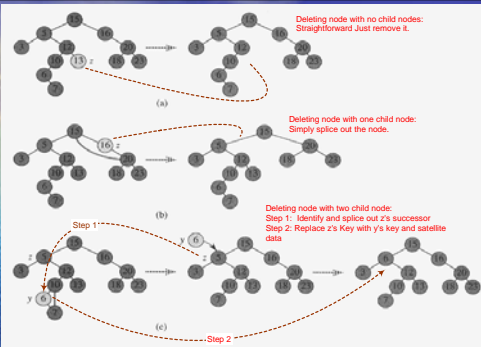
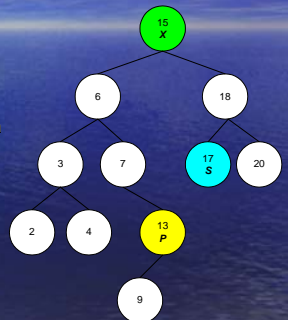


Figure 12.4 Deleting a node z from a binary search tree. Which node is actually removed depends on how many children z has; this node is shown lightly shaded. (a) If z has no children, we just remove it. (b) If z has only one child, we splice out z. (c) If z has two children, we splice out its successor y, which has at most one child, and then replace z's key and satellite data with y's key and satellite data.

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## Successor

- If the right subtree of node X is nonempty, then the successor of x is the leftmost node in the right subtree.
- The successor of the node with key 15 is node with key 17.
  - Similarly, If X has two children, its predecessor is the maximum value in its left subtree. (Its successor the minimum value in its right subtree)
- Running time for both successor and predecessor is  $O(h)$ .



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## Variations on Binary Trees.

- Binary Trees can implement operations such as Search, Predecessor, Successors, Min, Max, Insert, Delete in  $O(h)$  Time.
  - Fine for small trees.
  - Once the height is large they perform as good as Linked list.
- AVL
- Red-Black

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AVL: is a balanced binary tree, named for their inventors Adelson-Velskii and Landis, that maintain a  $O(\log(n))$  for search, insert and delete.

RED and Black Trees: Named for the fact that each node has a one extra bit for storage. The bit identifies if the node is either RED or BLACK. The tree is balanced to ensure a  $O(\log(n))$  for operations such as search, predecessor, successors, insert, delete.

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