

# Binary Search Tree (3A)

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# Binary Search Tree (1)

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**Binary search trees** (BST),  
**ordered** binary trees  
**sorted** binary trees

are a particular type of **container**:  
**data structures** that store "items"  
(such as numbers, names etc.) in memory.

They allow fast **lookup**, **addition** and **removal** of items  
can be used to implement either dynamic sets of items  
lookup tables that allow finding an item by its **key**  
(e.g., finding the phone number of a person by name).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary\\_search\\_tree](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_search_tree)

# Binary Search Tree (2)

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keep their **keys** in sorted order  
lookup operations can use  
the principle of **binary search**

allowing to skip searching half of the tree  
each operation (**lookup**, **insertion** or **deletion**)  
takes time proportional to **log n**

much better than the **linear time**  
but slower than the corresponding operations  
on **hash tables**.

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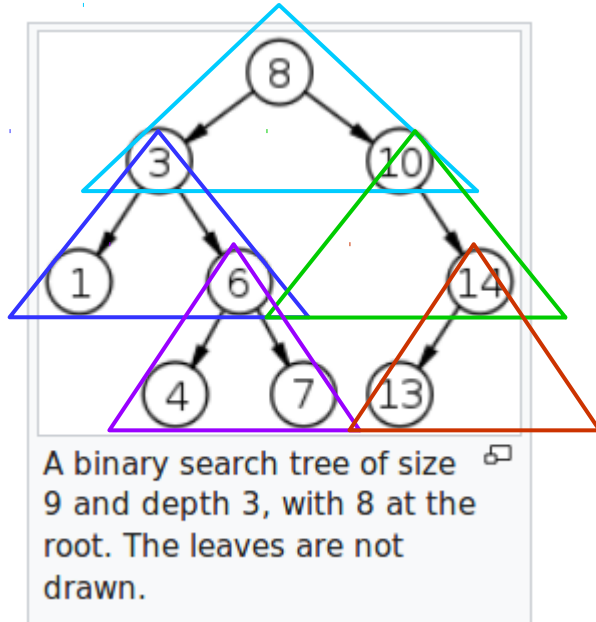
# Binary Search Tree (3)

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when **looking** for a **key** in a tree  
or **looking** for a **place** to insert a new key,  
they traverse the tree from root to leaf,  
making comparisons to keys stored in the nodes  
deciding to continue in the **left** or **right subtrees**,  
on the basis of the comparison.

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# Node, Left Child, Right Child



$$3 < 8 < 10$$

$$1 < 3 < 6$$

$$10 < 14$$

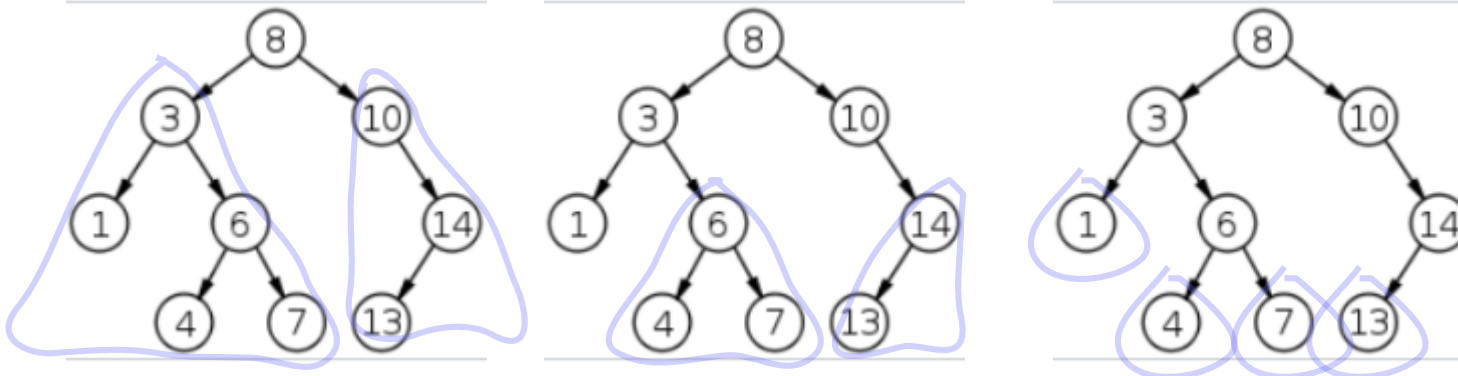
$$4 < 6 < 7$$

$$13 < 14$$

1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14

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# Subtrees

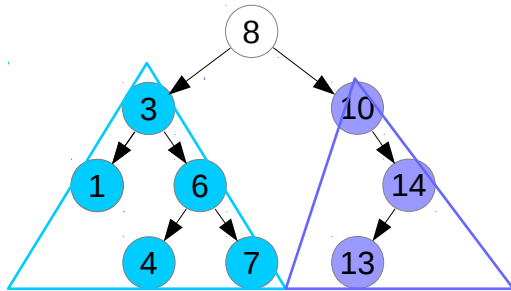


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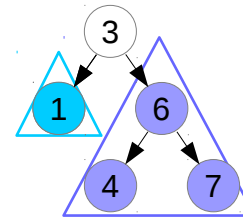
# Node, Left Subtree, Right Subtree

$1, 3, 4, 6, 7 < 8 < 10, 13, 14$

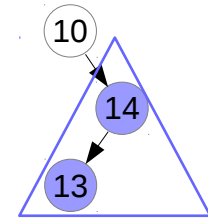


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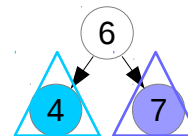
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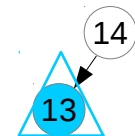
$10 < 13, 14$



$4 < 6 < 7$



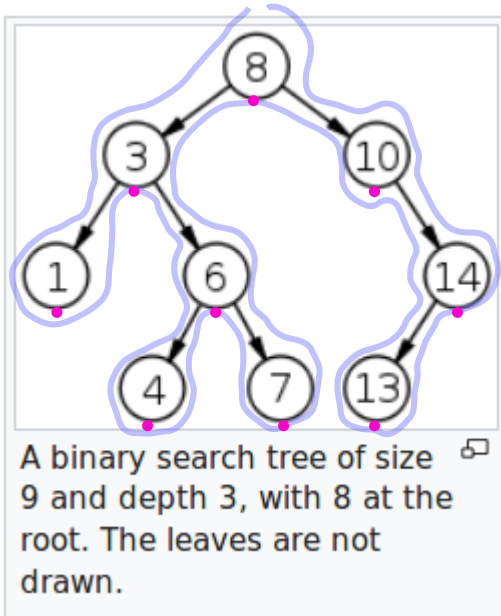
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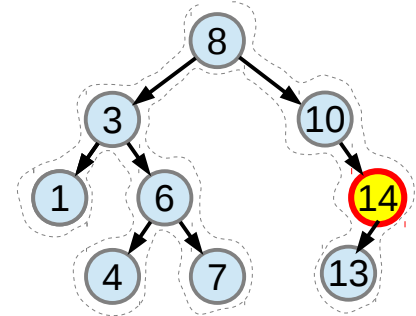
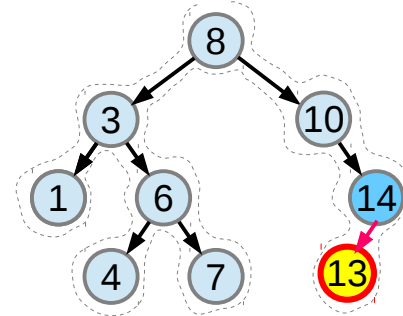
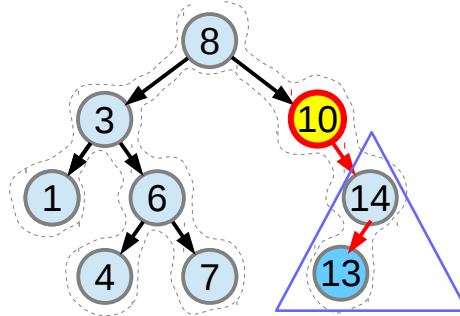
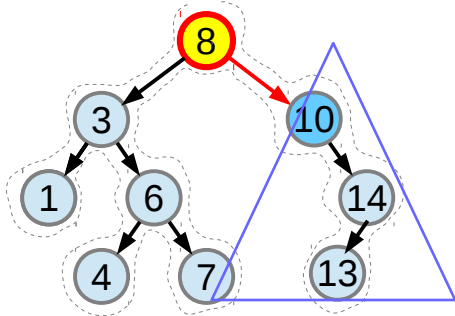
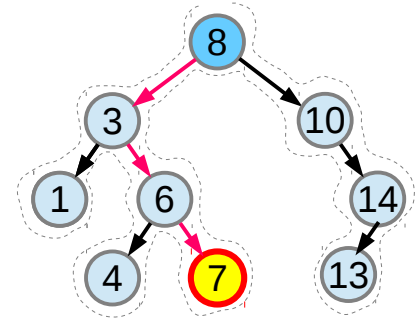
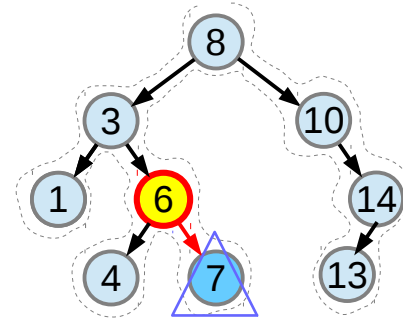
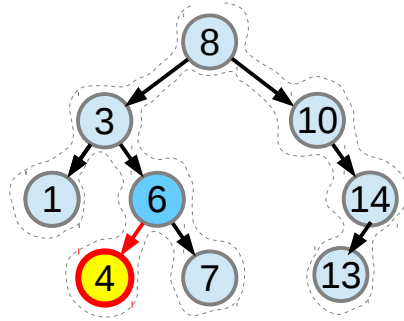
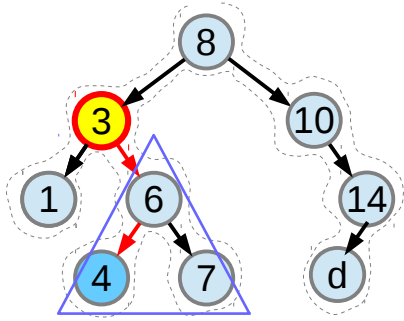
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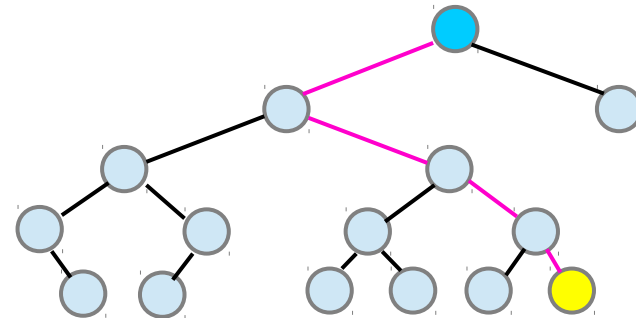
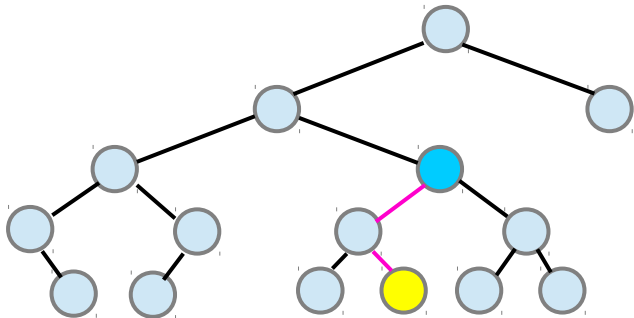
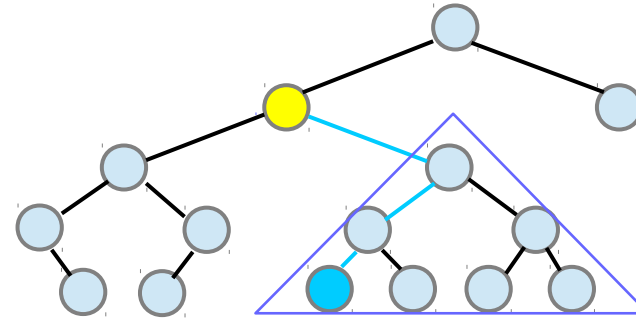
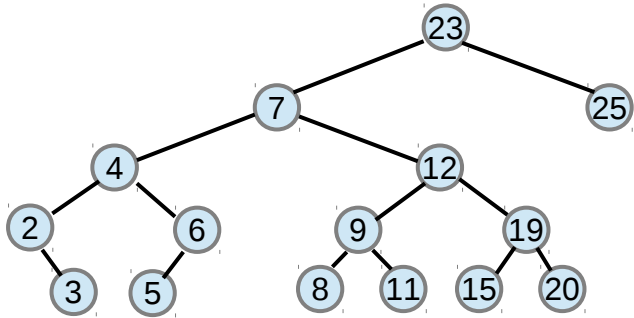
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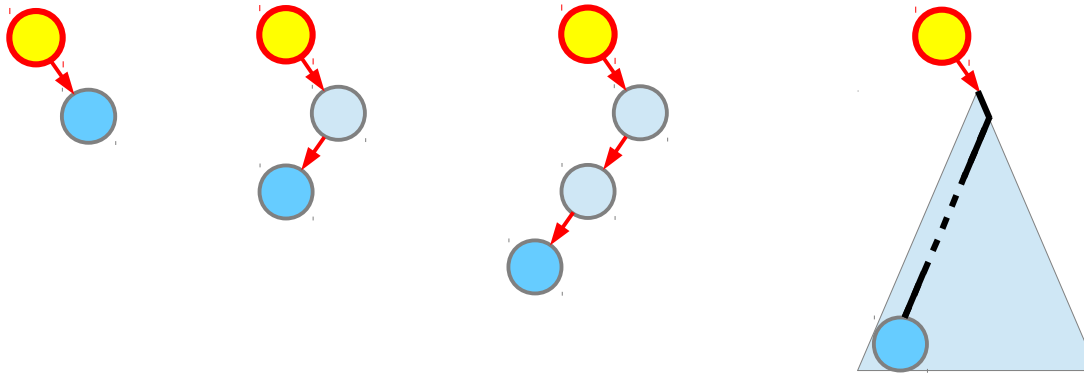
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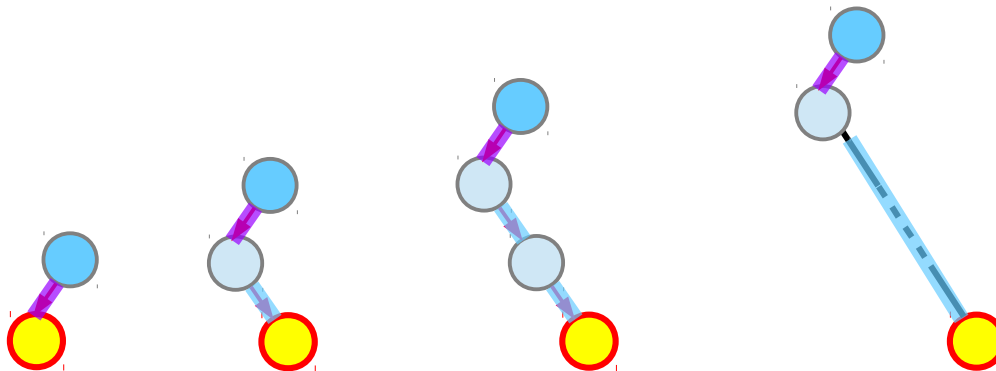


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# Successor Cases



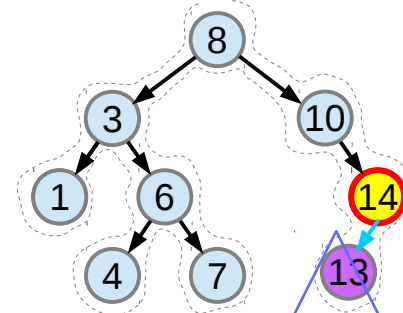
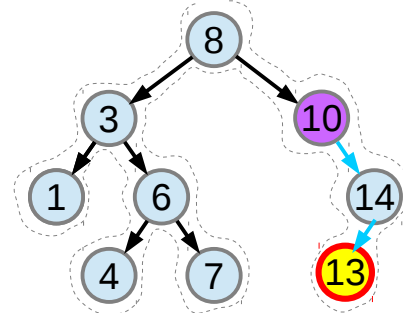
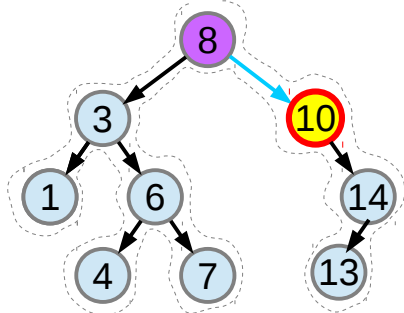
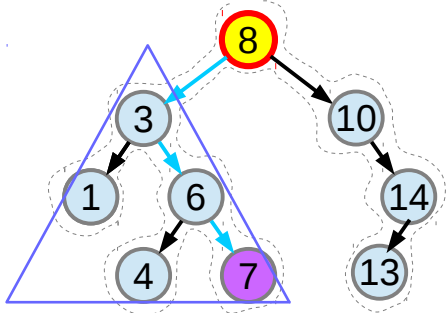
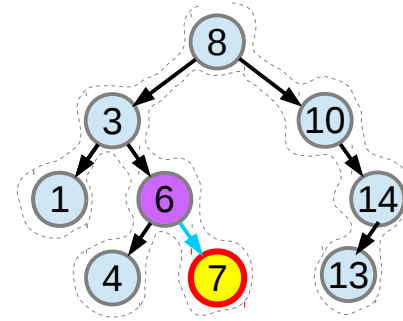
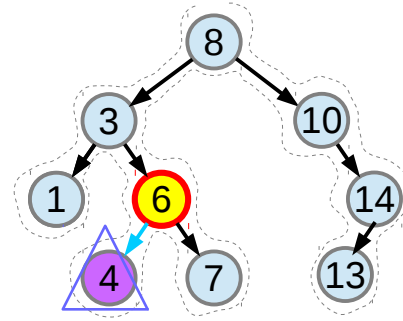
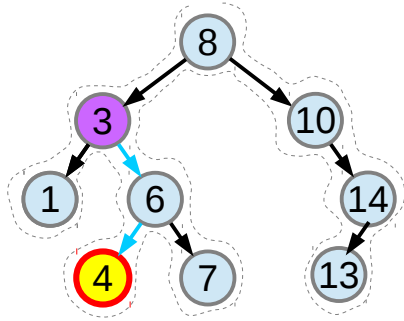
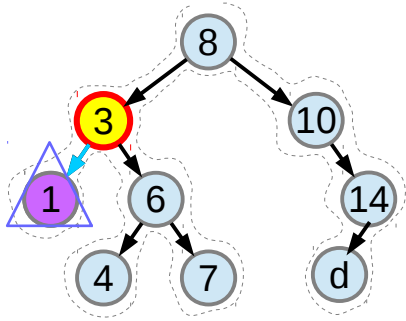
If the right child exists,  
then the minimum  
in the **right** subtree  
– the **leftmost** node



the **parent** of the farthest  
node that can be reached  
by following only **right**  
edges **backward**.

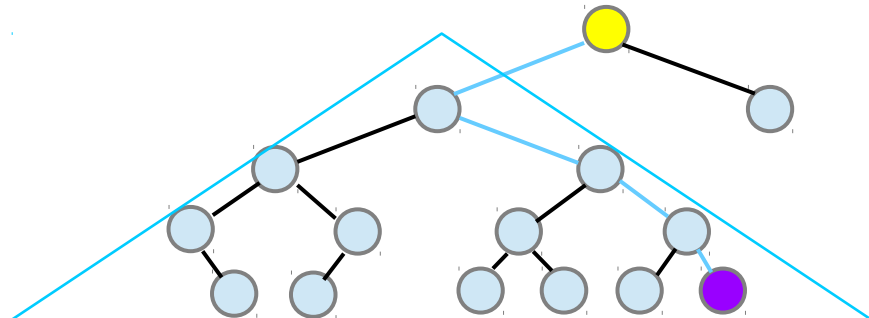
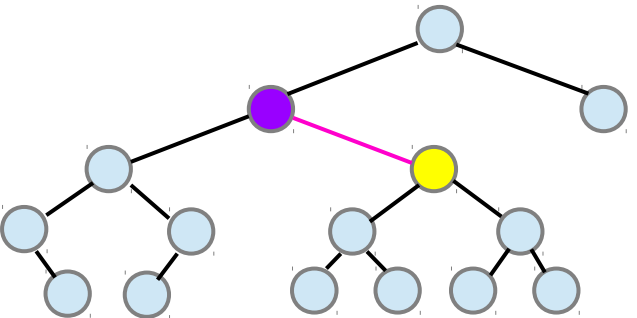
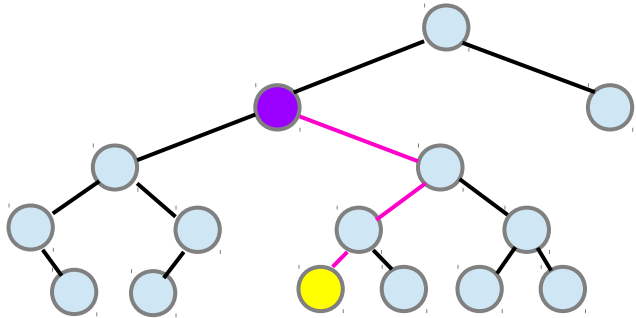
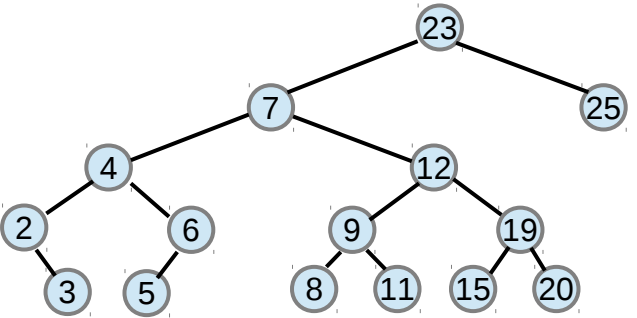
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# Predecessor Examples (1)



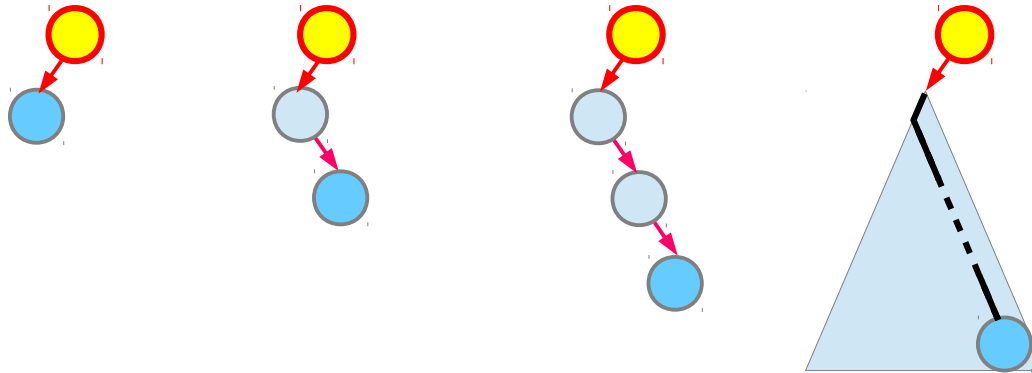
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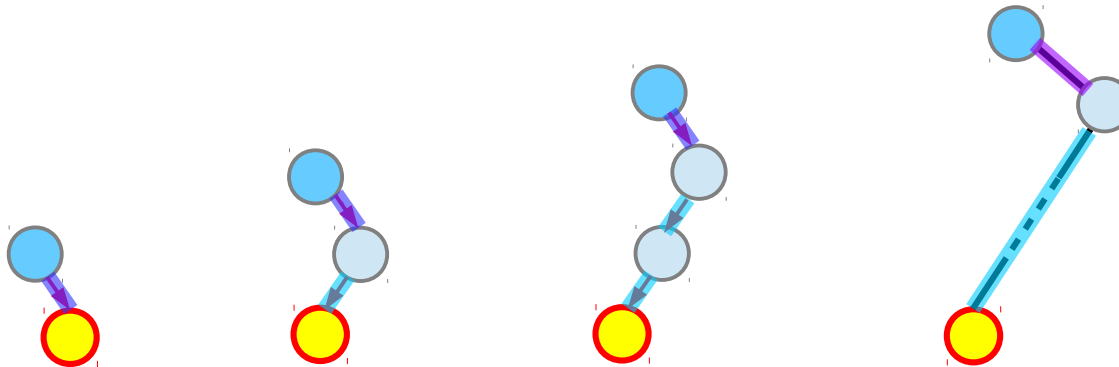


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# Predecessor Cases



If the left child exists, then the maximum in the **left** subtree – the **rightmost** node

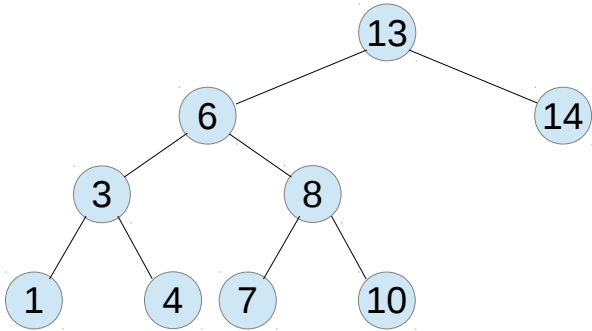


the **parent** of the farthest node that can be reached by following only **left** edges **backward**.

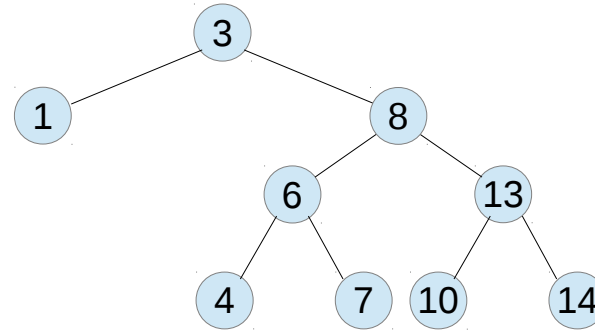
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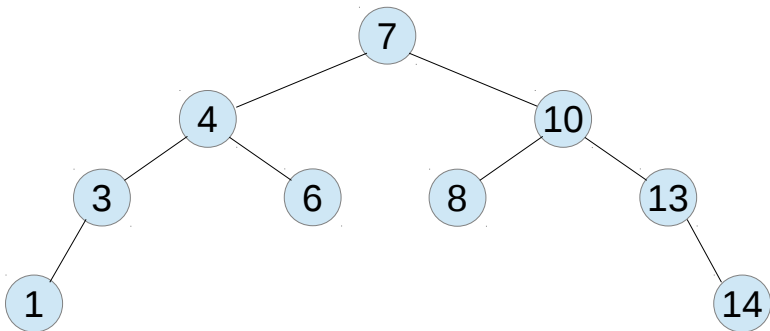
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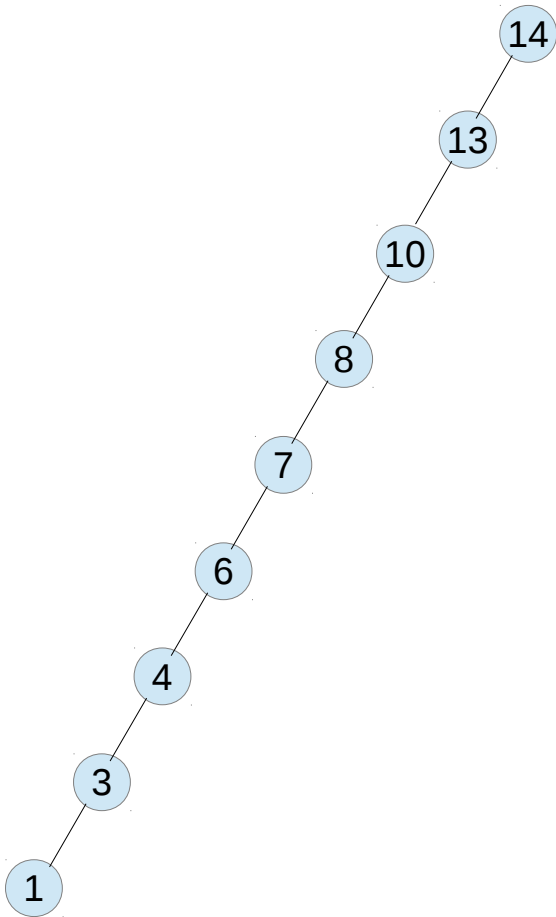
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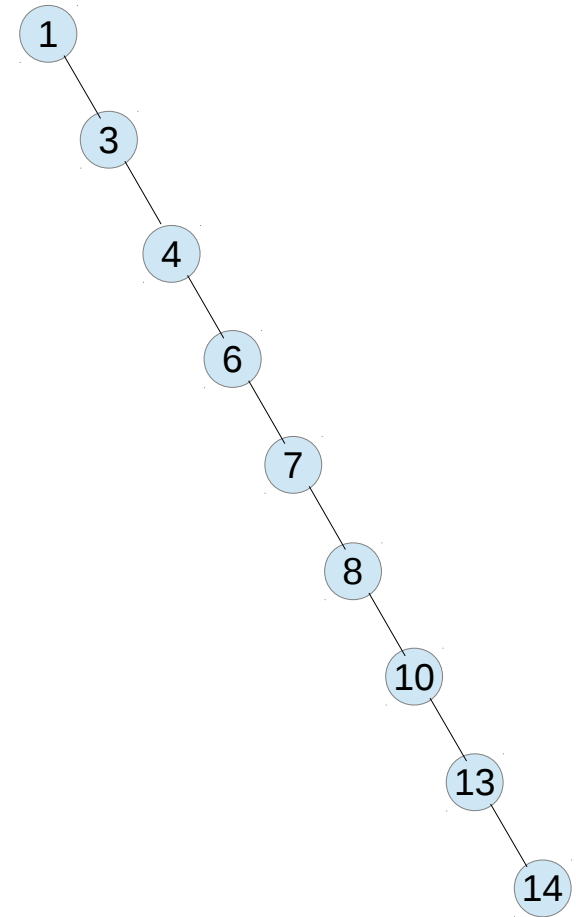


# Unbalanced BSTs

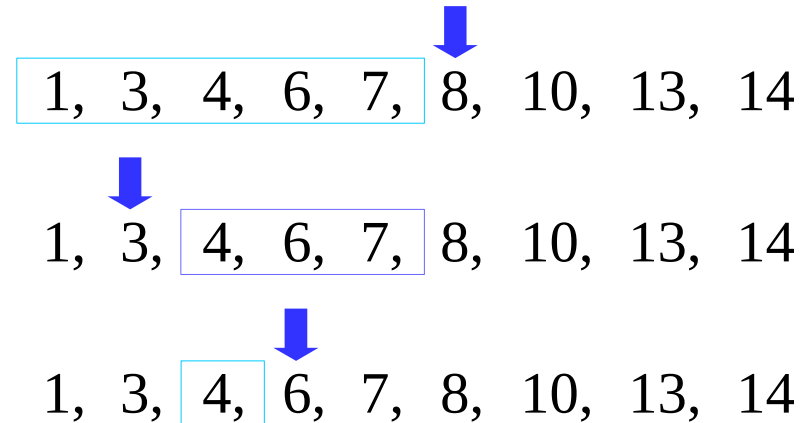
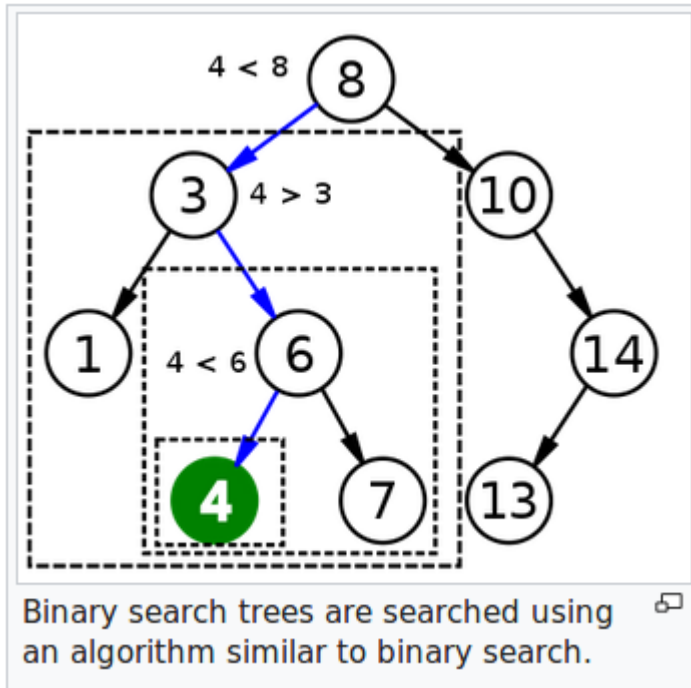
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# Binary Search on a Binary Search Tree



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# Insertion

**Insertion** begins as a **search** would begin;  
if the key is not equal to that of the **root**,  
we search the **left** or **right** subtrees as before.

at an **leaf node**, **add** the new key-value pair  
as its **right** or **left child**,  
depending on the node's **key**.

first examine the **root**  
and recursively insert the new node  
to the **left** subtree if its key is less than that of the **root**,  
or the **right** subtree if its key is greater than or equal to the **root**.

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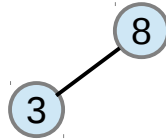
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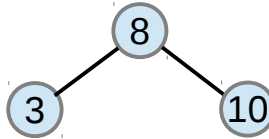
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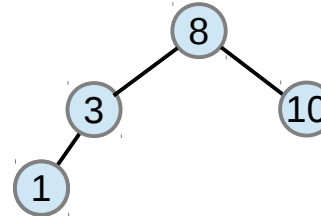
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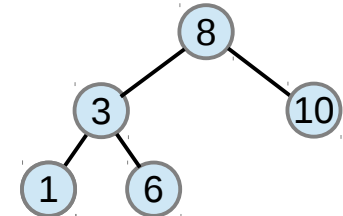
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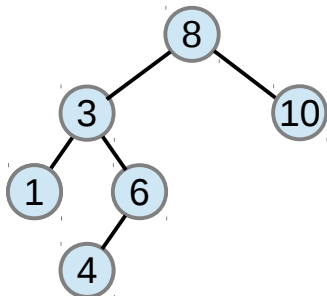
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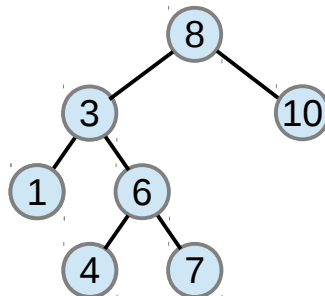
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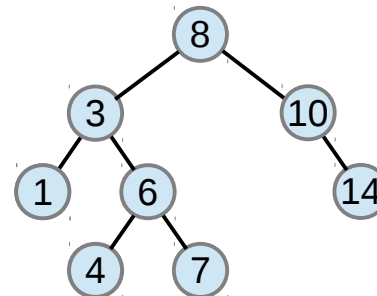
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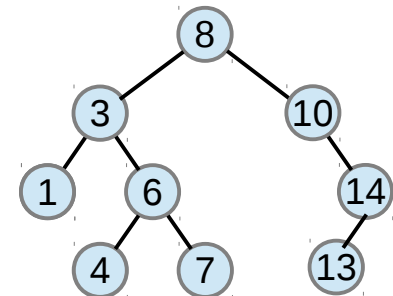
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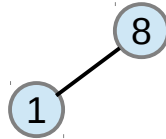
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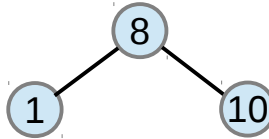
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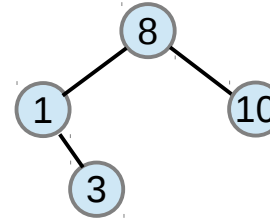
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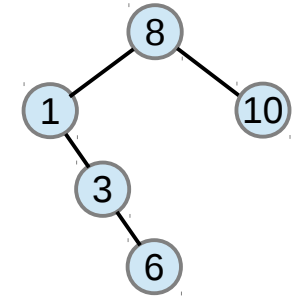
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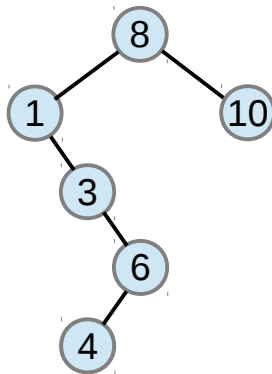
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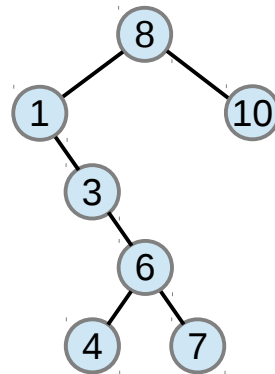
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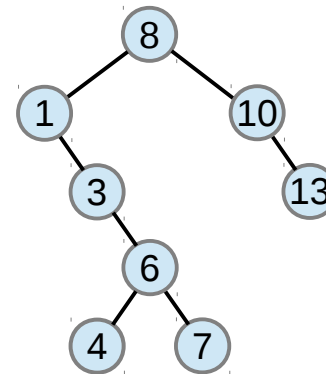
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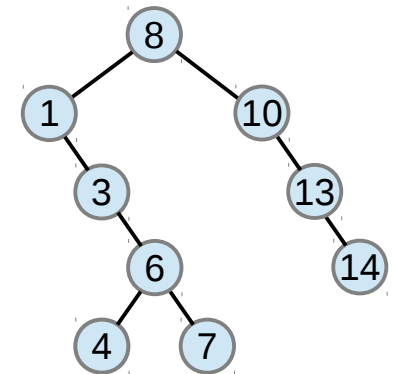
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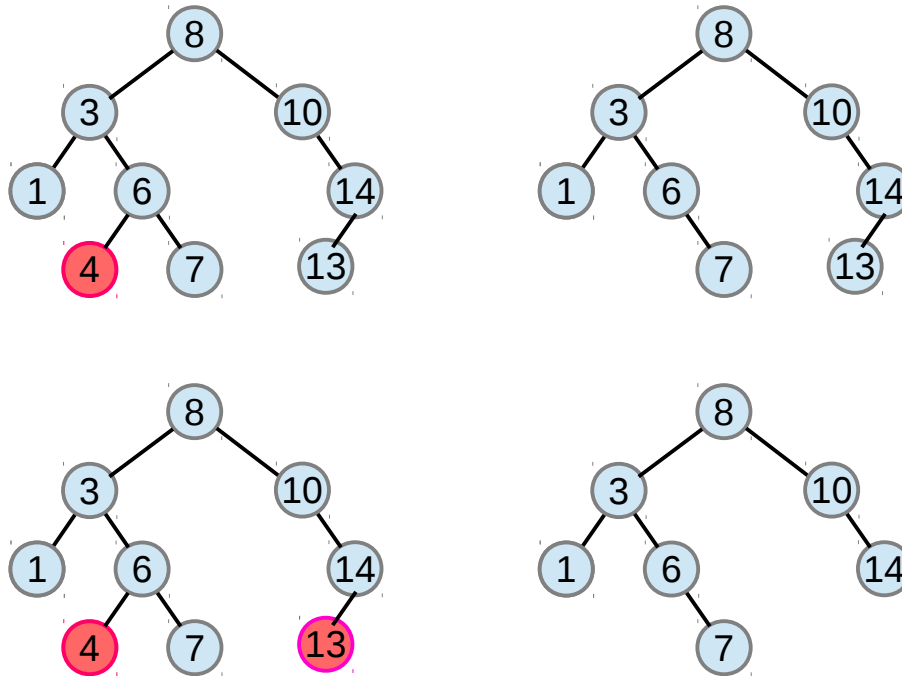
# Deletion

1. Deleting a **node** with no children:  
simply remove the node from the tree.
2. Deleting a **node** with one child:  
remove the node and replace it with its child.
3. Deleting a **node** with two children:  
call the **node** to be deleted D.  
Do not delete D.  
Instead, choose either its in-order **predecessor node**  
or its in-order **successor node** as replacement node E.  
Copy the user values of E to D  
If E does not have a **child**  
    simply remove E from its previous parent G.  
If E has a **child**, say F, it is a right child.  
    Replace E with F at E's parent.

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# Deletion – Case 1

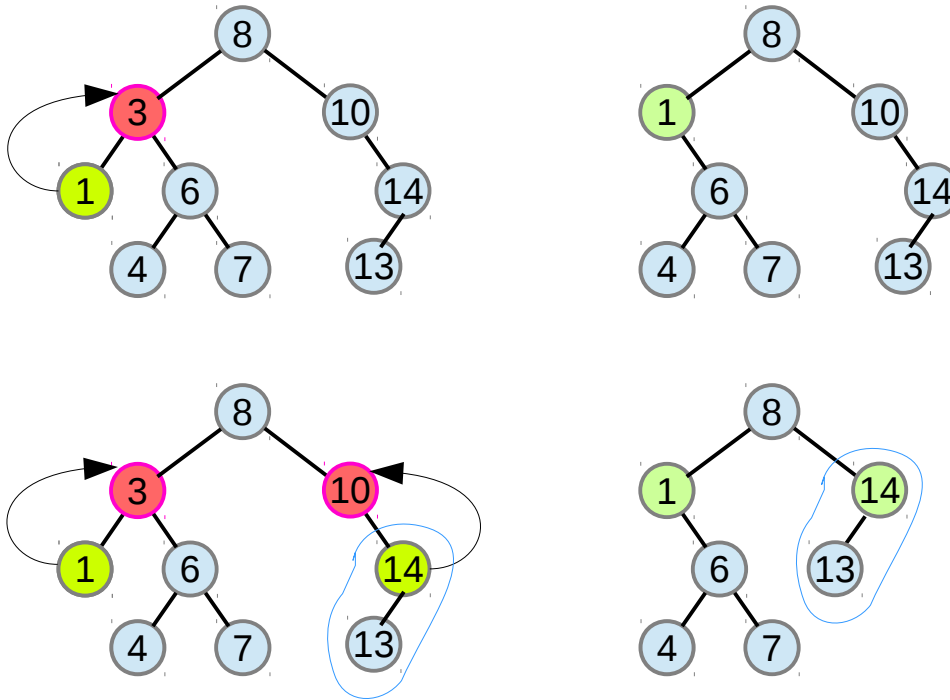
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# Deletion – Case 2

2. Deleting a node with one child:  
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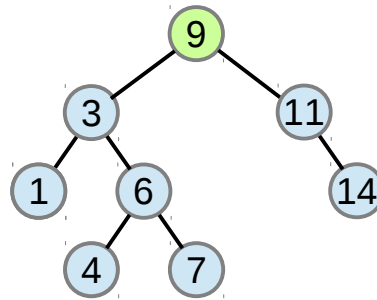
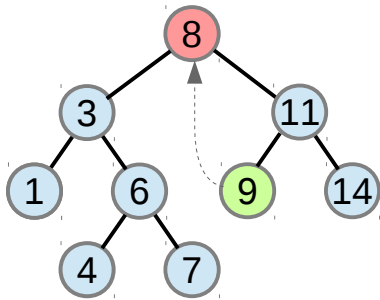


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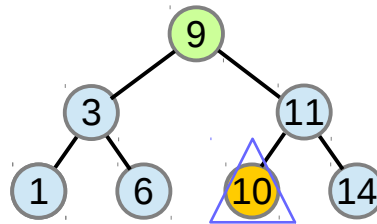
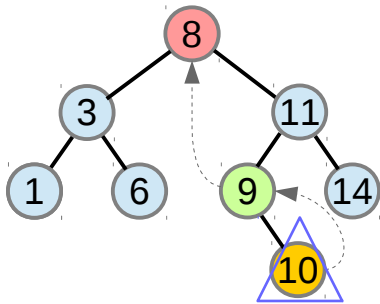
## 3. Deleting a node with two children:

call the **node** to be deleted **D**.

its in-order **successor node** as **E**. Copy E to **D**



Leftmost  
**E** has no **child**  
simply remove E  
from its parent **G**.



Leftmost  
**E** has a child **F**  
it is a **right** child  
replace **E** with **F**  
at **E**'s parent.

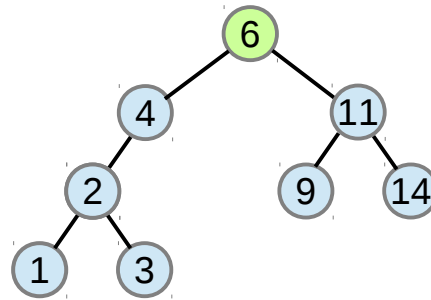
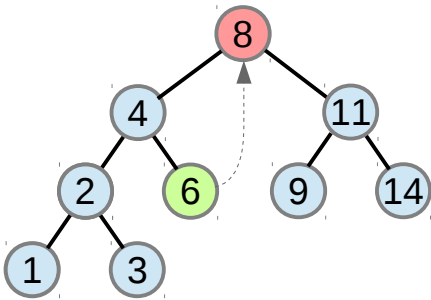
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# Deletion – Case 3(b)

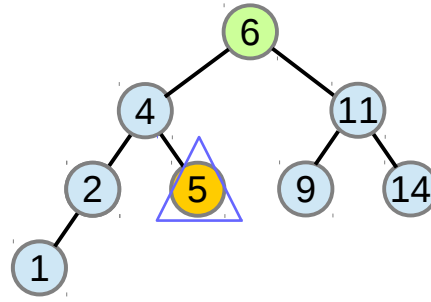
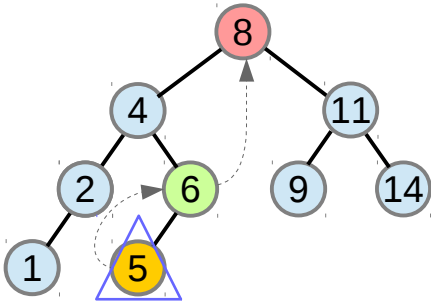
## 3. Deleting a node with two children:

call the **node** to be deleted **D**.

its in-order **predecessor node** as **E**. Copy E to D



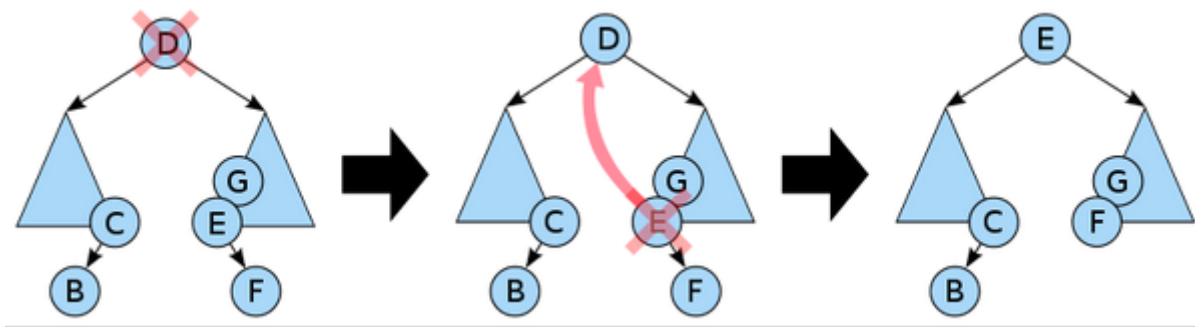
Rightmost  
**E** has no **child**  
simply remove E  
from its parent **G**.



Rightmost  
**E** has a child **F**  
it is a **left** child  
replace **E** with **F**  
at **E**'s parent.

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# Deletion



Deleting a **node** with **two children** from a binary search tree. First the **leftmost** node in the **right** subtree, the in-order **successor E**, is identified. Its value is **copied** into the **node D** being deleted. The in-order successor can then be easily deleted because it has at most one child. The same method works symmetrically using the in-order **predecessor C**.

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