

# Datastructures and Algorithms

Binary Trees, Heaps, Hashing

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# Overview

Learning Objectives

Binary Trees and Heaps

Hashing

Binary Tree: Simple Tasks

Code-Example: Hashtables, Hash-

functions and Collisions

Past Exam Questions

Tips for **code expert**



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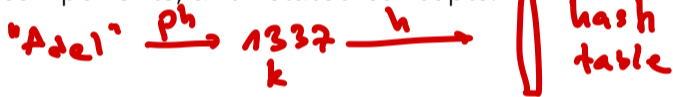
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- Understand *Search Trees* and *Heaps*, and operations on them as well as their drawbacks and benefits
- Be able to perform operations on *Search Trees* and *Heaps* by hand
- Understand *Hashing*, its components, and related concepts:

- Prehashing
- Collision -
- Simple Uniform Hashing
- Uniform Hashing
- Open/Closed Addressing & Closed/Open Hashing
- Chaining



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- Be able to apply simple hashing methods by hand

## 4. Summary

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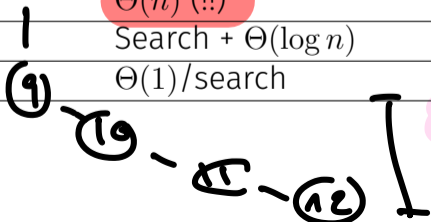


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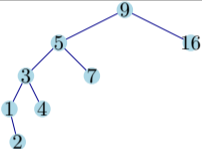
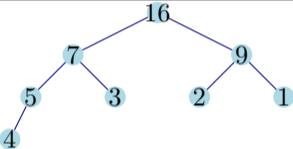
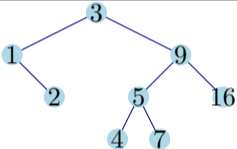
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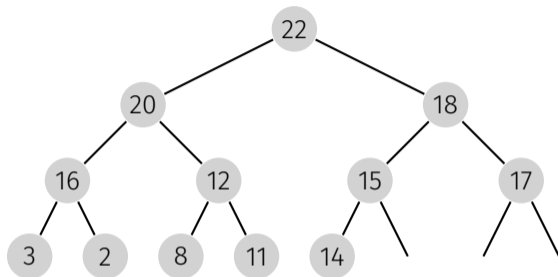


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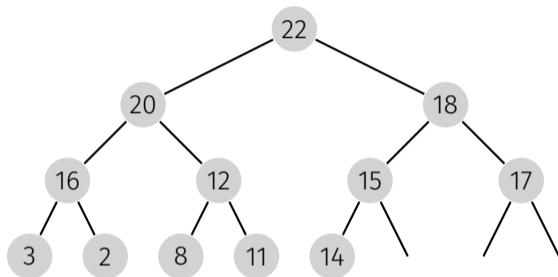
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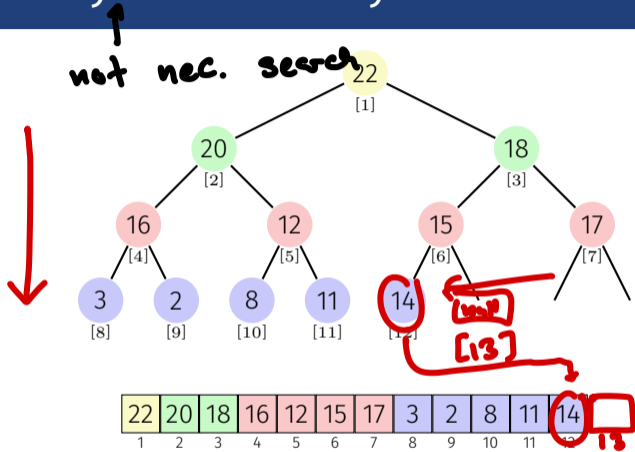


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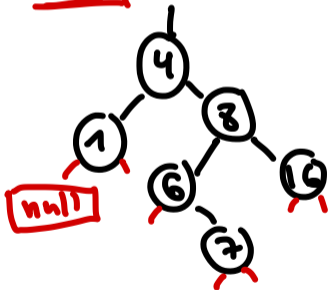
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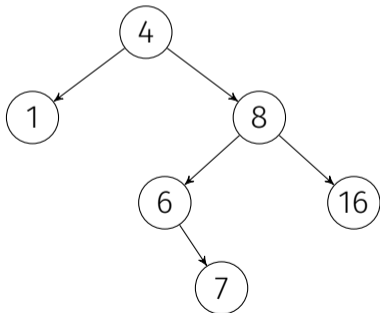
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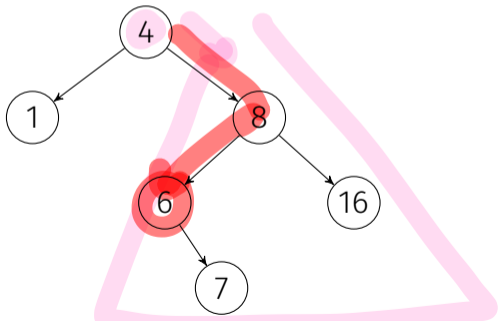
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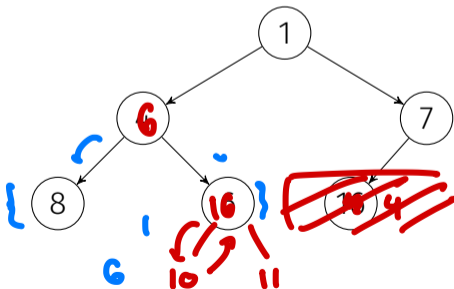
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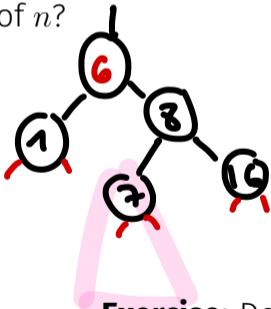
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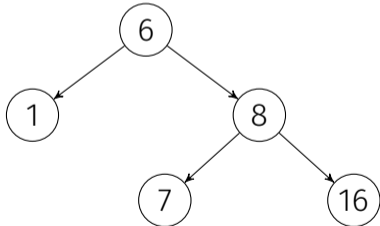
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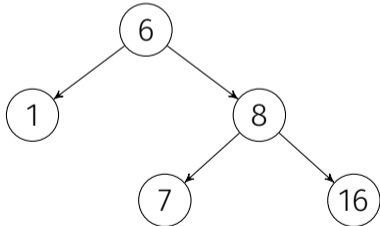


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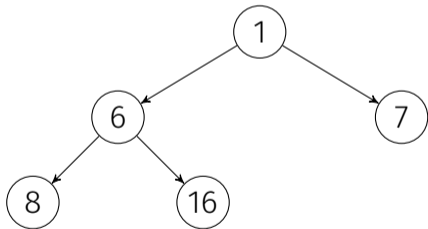
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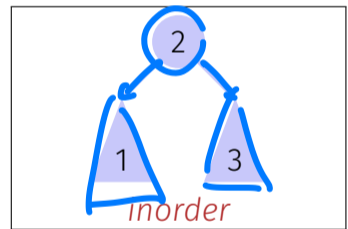
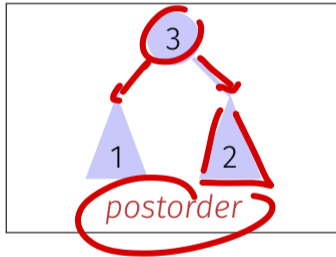
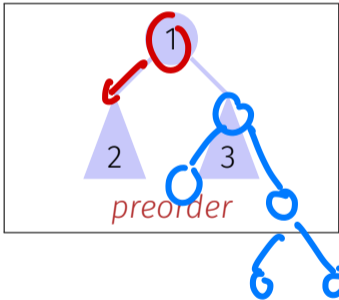
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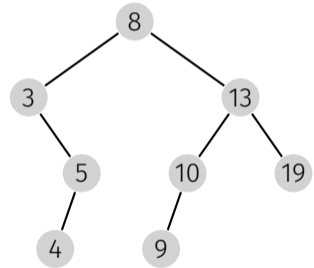
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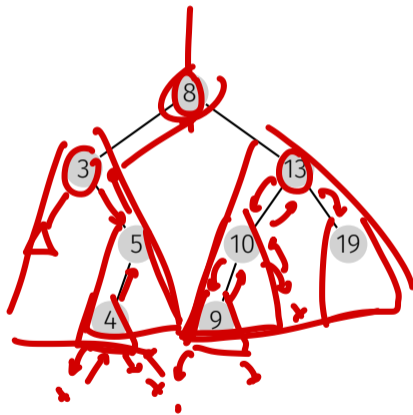
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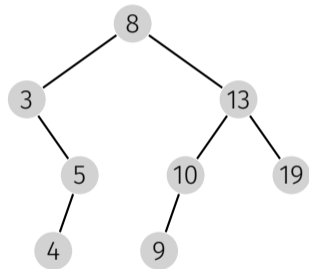
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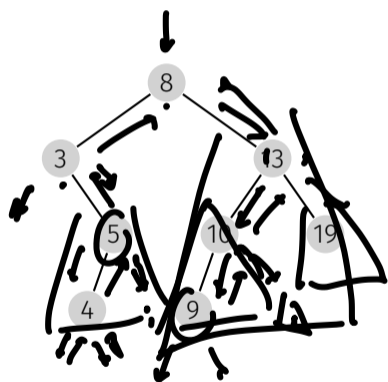
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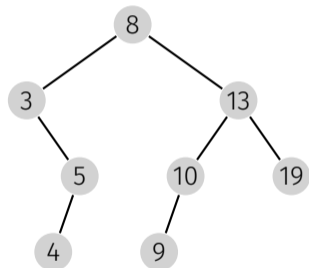
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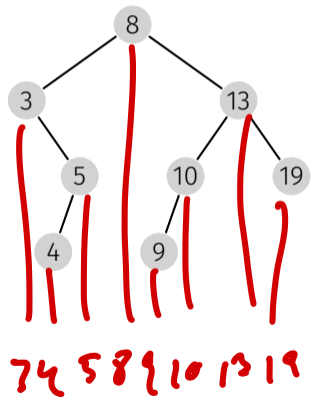
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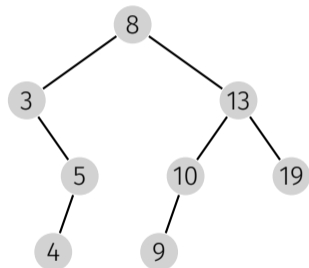
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# Quiz

For each of the following traversals, draw a binary search tree that could have produced such a traversal. Is the tree unique, or could different trees have produced this traversal?

inorder	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
preorder	4 3 1 2 8 6 5 7
postorder	1 3 2 5 6 8 7 4

Provide for each order a sequence of numbers from  $\{1, \dots, 4\}$  such that it cannot result from a valid binary search tree

# Answers

inorder: any binary search tree with numbers  $\{1, \dots, 8\}$  is valid.

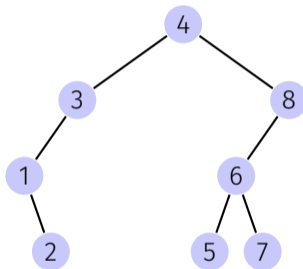
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There is no search tree for any non-sorted sequence. Counterexample 1 2 4 3



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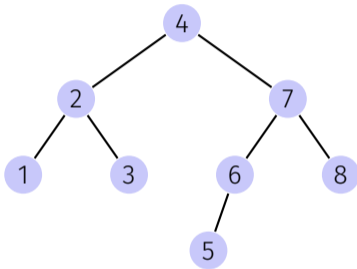


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It must hold recursively that first there is a group of numbers with lower and then with higher number than the first value. Counterexample: 3 1 4 2

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postorder 1 3 2 5 6 8 7 4



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Construction here: <https://www.techiedelight.com/build-binary-search-tree-from-postorder-sequence/>, similar argument as before, but backwards. Counterexample 4 2 1 3

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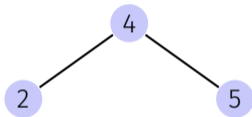
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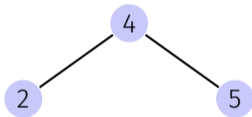
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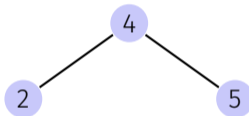
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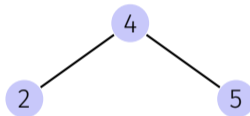


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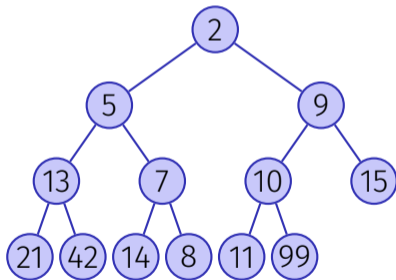
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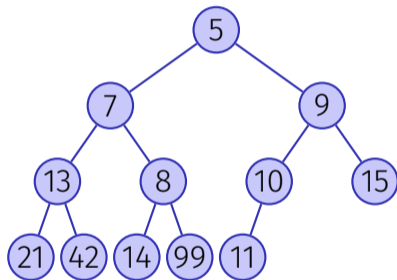
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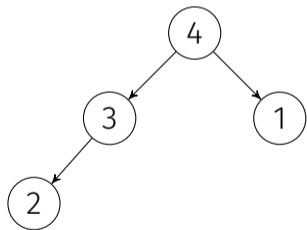
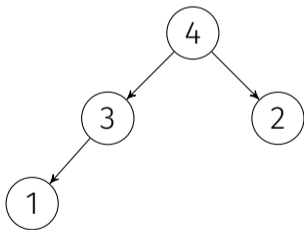
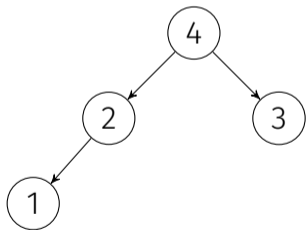


## Quiz: Number of MaxHeaps on $n$ keys

Let  $N(n)$  denote the number of distinct Max-Heaps which can be built from all the keys  $1, 2, \dots, n$ . For example we have

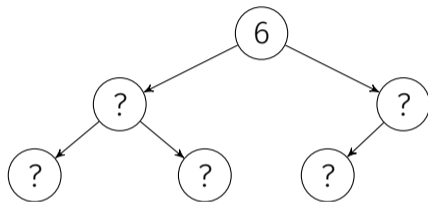
$N(1) = 1$ ,  $N(2) = 1$ ,  $N(3) = 2$ ,  $N(4) = 3$  and  $N(5) = 8$ .

Find the values  $N(6)$  and  $N(7)$ .



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A MaxHeap containing the elements 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 has the structure:



Number of combinations to choose elements for the left subtree:  $\binom{5}{3}$ .

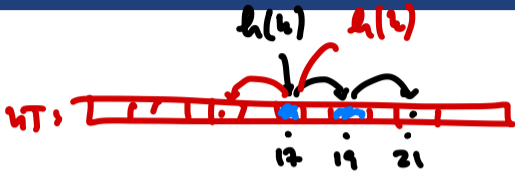
$$\Rightarrow N(6) = \binom{5}{3} \cdot N(3) \cdot N(2) = 10 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 20.$$

$$\text{and } N(7) = \binom{6}{3} \cdot N(3) \cdot N(3) = 20 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 80.$$

# 6. Hashing

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# Hashing well-done



Useful Hashing...

- distributes the keys as uniformly as possible in the hash table.
- avoids probing over long areas of used entries (e.g. primary clustering) (17, 19, 21)
- avoids using the same probing sequence for keys with the same hash value (e.g. secondary clustering).

# Hashing Examples

hashing function

in that order!

treat  $j$  as an "incrementor"

Insert the keys ~~25, 4, 17, 45~~ into the hash table, using the function  $h(k) = k \bmod 7$  and probing to the right,  $h(k) + \text{offset}(j, k)$ :

$j$ : collisions so far for  $k$

- linear probing,

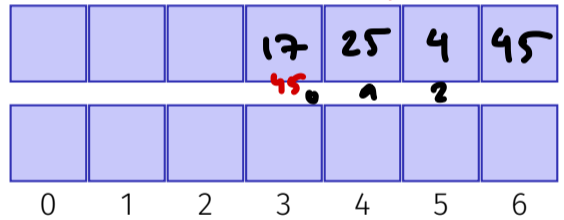
$\text{offset}(j, k) = j$

- Double Hashing,

$\text{offset}(j, k) = j \cdot (1 + (k \bmod 5))$

"3 4"

$h(45) =$

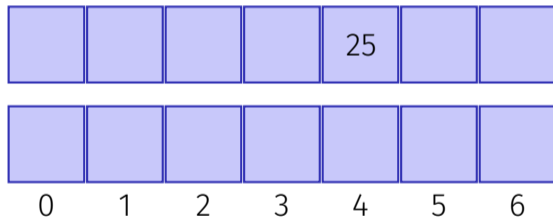


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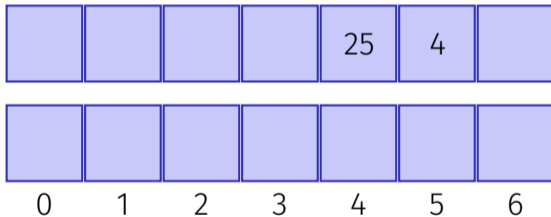
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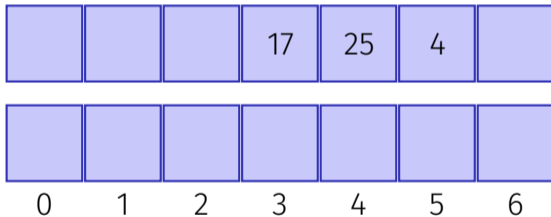




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"second hash function"



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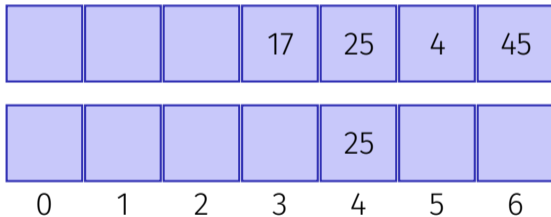
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Hands-on example: Binary Tree

## 8. Code-Example: Hashtables, Hash-functions and Collisions

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Hands-on example: importance of a well designed hashing strategy

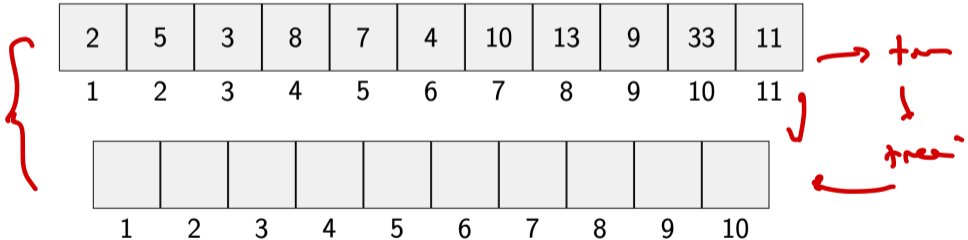
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## 10. Tips for **code** expert

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- Let  $c$  be a prime number:  $c = 1021$
- Let  $m = 2^{15} + 3$
- Since  $m$  is just over  $2^{15}$ , intermediate multiplications and additions fit safely in a 32-bit integer, avoiding overflow.

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Make sure that

- the algorithm computes  $c^k$  only once,
- all computations are modulo  $m$  for all values in order not to get an overflow (recall the rules of modular arithmetic), and
- the values are always positive (e.g., by adding multiples of  $m$ ).

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$$(a - b) \bmod m = ((a \bmod m) - (b \bmod m) + m) \bmod m$$

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# 11. Outro

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# General Questions?

See you next time!

Have a nice week!