

CSE 101
Winter 2021
Quiz 4

Solutions

1. (25 Points) Insert the keys: 5, 9, 7, 2, 6, 4, 8, 3, 1, 10 (in order) into an initially empty Binary Search Tree T .

- a. (5 Points) Give the keys in the order printed by a **pre-order tree walk**.

Solution: 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 9, 7, 6, 8, 10

- b. (5 Points) Give the keys in the order printed by a **post-order tree walk**.

Solution: 1, 3, 4, 2, 6, 8, 7, 10, 9, 5

- c. (5 Points) Is it possible to assign the colors {Red, Black} to the vertices of T so that the Red-Black Tree properties (see [notes 2-16-21](#) p. 7) are satisfied, and $\text{bh}(T) = 1$? If it is possible, specify all such colorings by stating, for each coloring, the set of keys belonging to red nodes.

Solution: No such color assignment is possible.

- d. (5 Points) Is it possible to assign the colors {Red, Black} to the vertices of T so that the Red-Black Tree properties (see [notes 2-16-21](#) p. 7) are satisfied, and $\text{bh}(T) = 2$? If it is possible, specify all such colorings by stating, for each coloring, the set of keys belonging to red nodes.

Solution: There is one way to make $\text{bh}(T) = 2$.

- Red = {2, 3, 6, 8, 9}

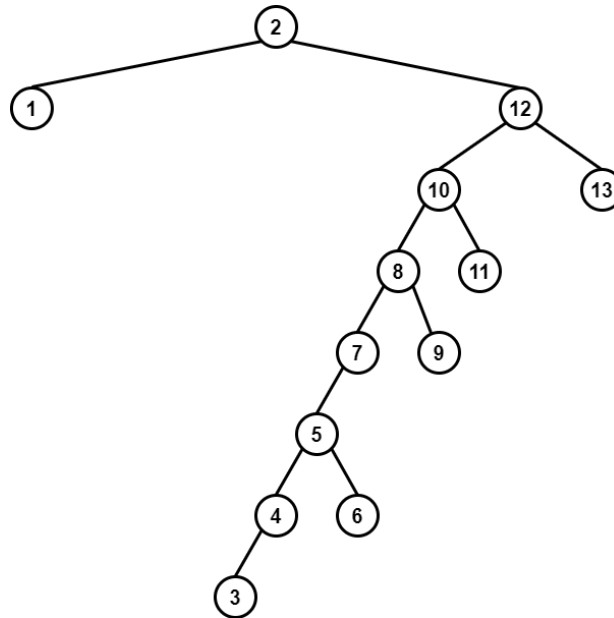
- e. (5 Points) Is it possible to assign the colors {Red, Black} to the vertices of T so that the Red-Black Tree properties (see [notes 2-16-21](#) p. 7) are satisfied, and $\text{bh}(T) = 3$? If it is possible, specify all such colorings by stating, for each coloring, the set of keys belonging to red nodes.

Solution: There are two ways to make $\text{bh}(T) = 3$.

- Red = {3, 7}
- Red = {3, 6, 8}

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2. (25 Points) Consider the Binary Search Tree pictured below.



Use the Theorem discussed in class (see [notes 2-18-21](#) page 1) to explain why it is **impossible** to assign colors Red and Black to the nodes in this tree so as to satisfy the RBT properties. (Note: be sure to include the nil leaves when calculating the height of this tree.)

Solution:

According to the stated theorem, we must have $h \leq 2 \lg(n + 1)$ for any RBT with n internal nodes and (absolute) height h . Observe that the tree above has $n = 13$ and $h = 8$ (counting the nil children of node 3 as the deepest leaves.) But then

$$2 \lg(n + 1) = 2 \lg(14) < 2 \lg(16) = 2 \cdot 4 = 8 = h$$

making the inequality in the theorem is false. Therefore above tree cannot be colored so as to satisfy the RBT properties.