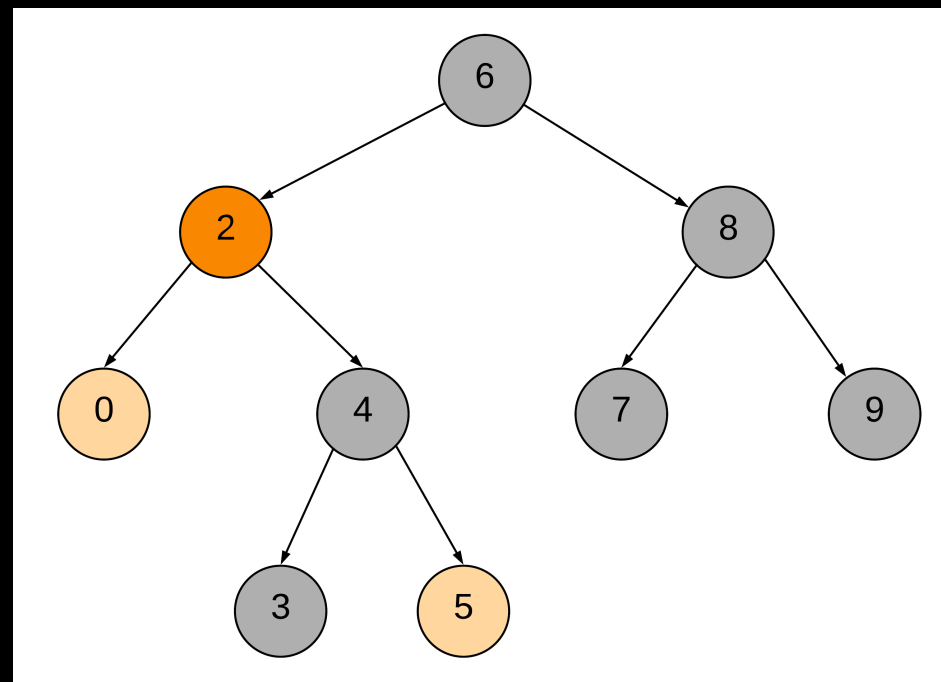


# Binary Search Tree (BST)



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# Today's Plan

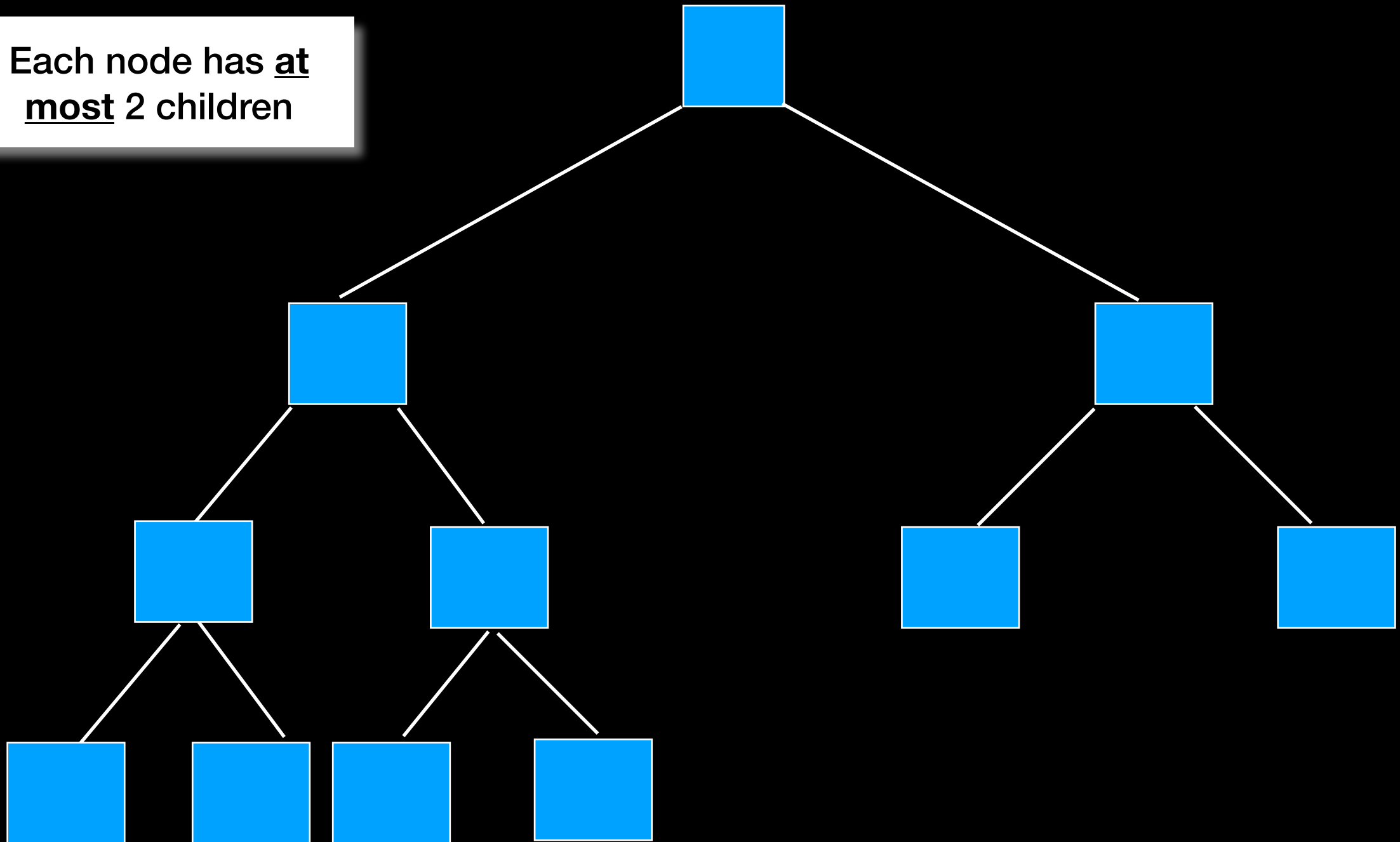


Recap

Binary Search Tree ADT

# Recap: Binary Tree

Each node has at most 2 children



# Recap: Structure

Full:

- Non-leaves have exactly 2 children
- Each node has left and right subtree of same  $h$
- All leaves at level  $h$

Complete:

- Full up to level  $h-1$
- Level  $h$  filled from left to right
- All nodes at  $h-2$  and above have exactly 2 children

Balanced:

- For each node, left and right subtree height differ by at most 1

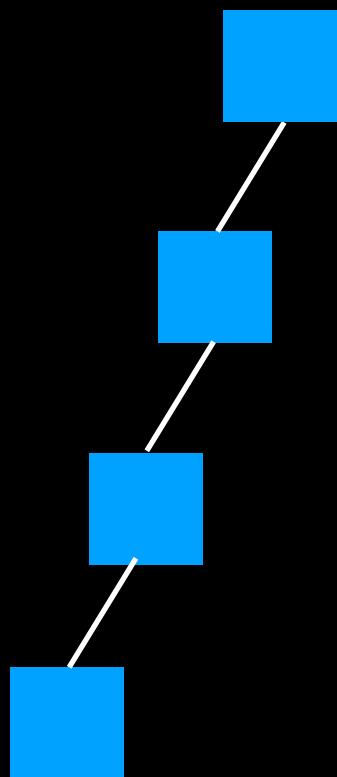
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$n$  nodes

every node 1 child

$h = n$

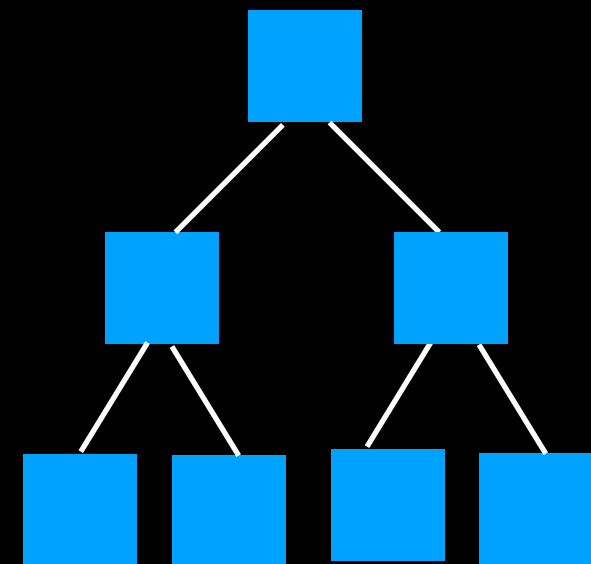
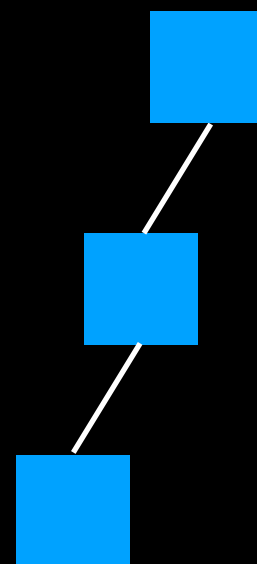
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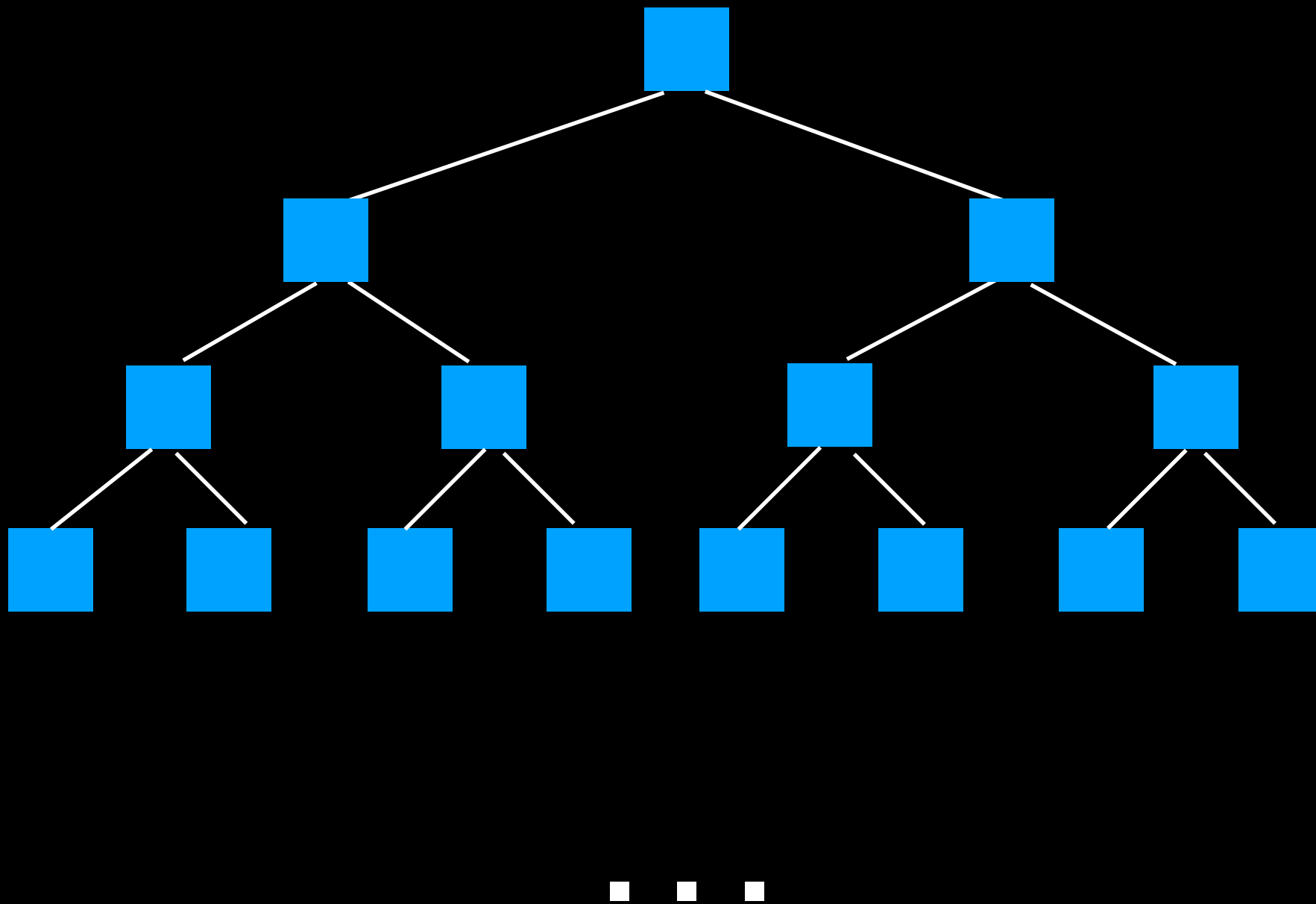
Binary tree of height  $h$  can have up to  $n = 2^h - 1$

For example for  $h = 3$ ,  $1 + 2 + 4 = 7 = 2^3 - 1$

$h = \log(n+1)$  for a **full binary tree**



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In a full tree:

$h$	$n$ @ level	Total $n$
1	$1 = 2^0$	$1 = 2^1 - 1$
2	$2 = 2^1$	$3 = 2^2 - 1$
3	$4 = 2^2$	$7 = 2^3 - 1$
4	$8 = 2^3$	$15 = 2^4 - 1$
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# Considerations



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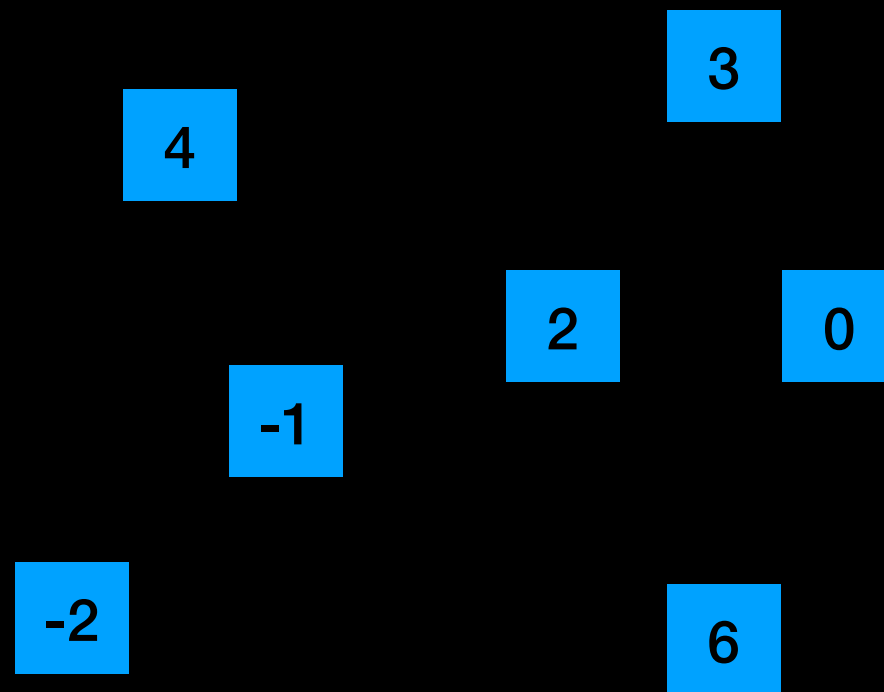


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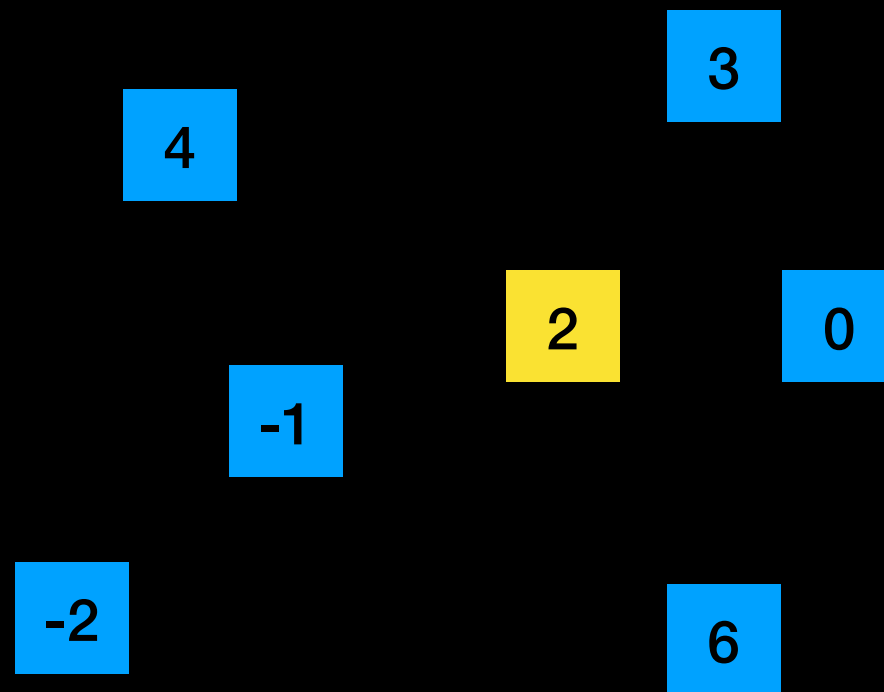
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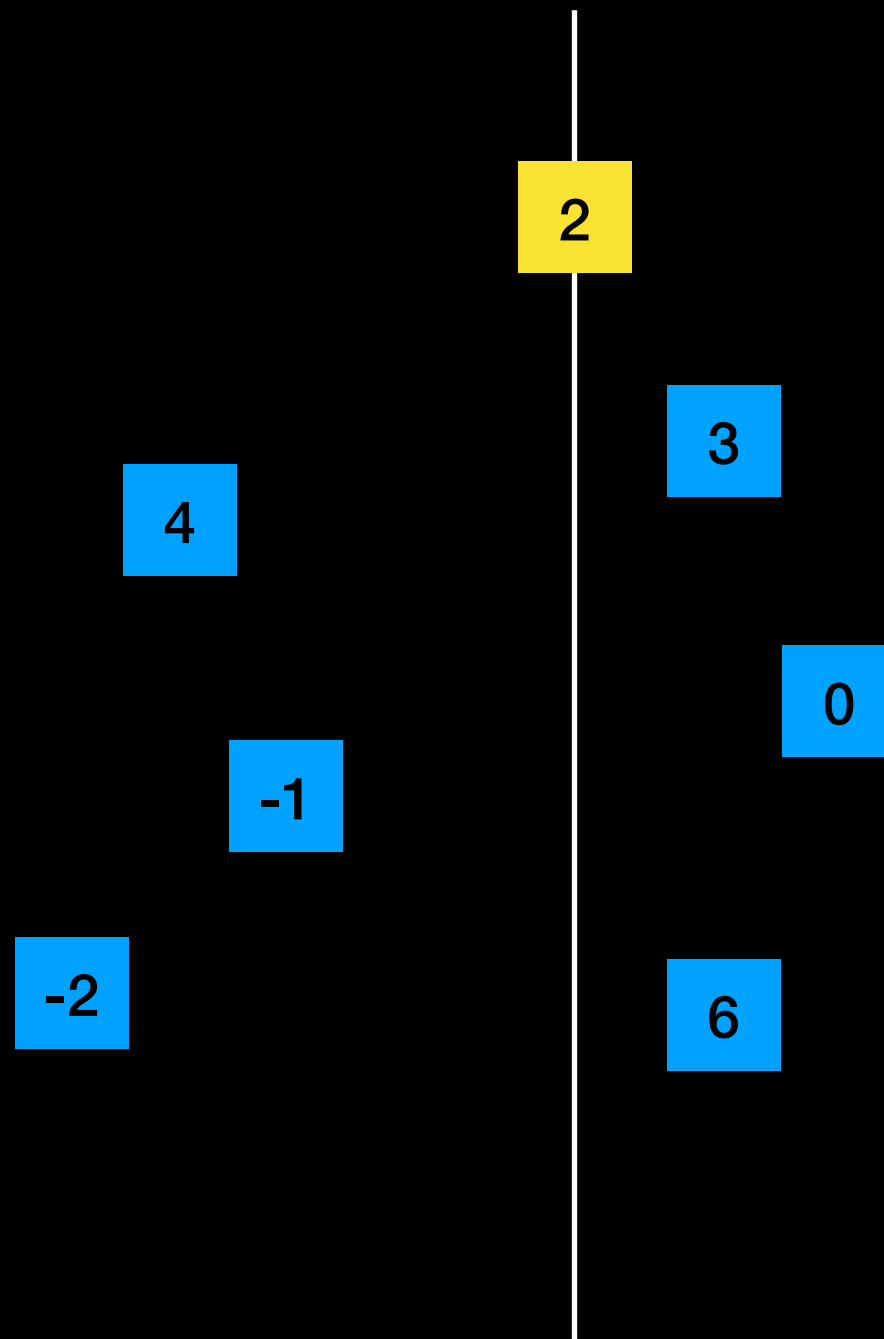
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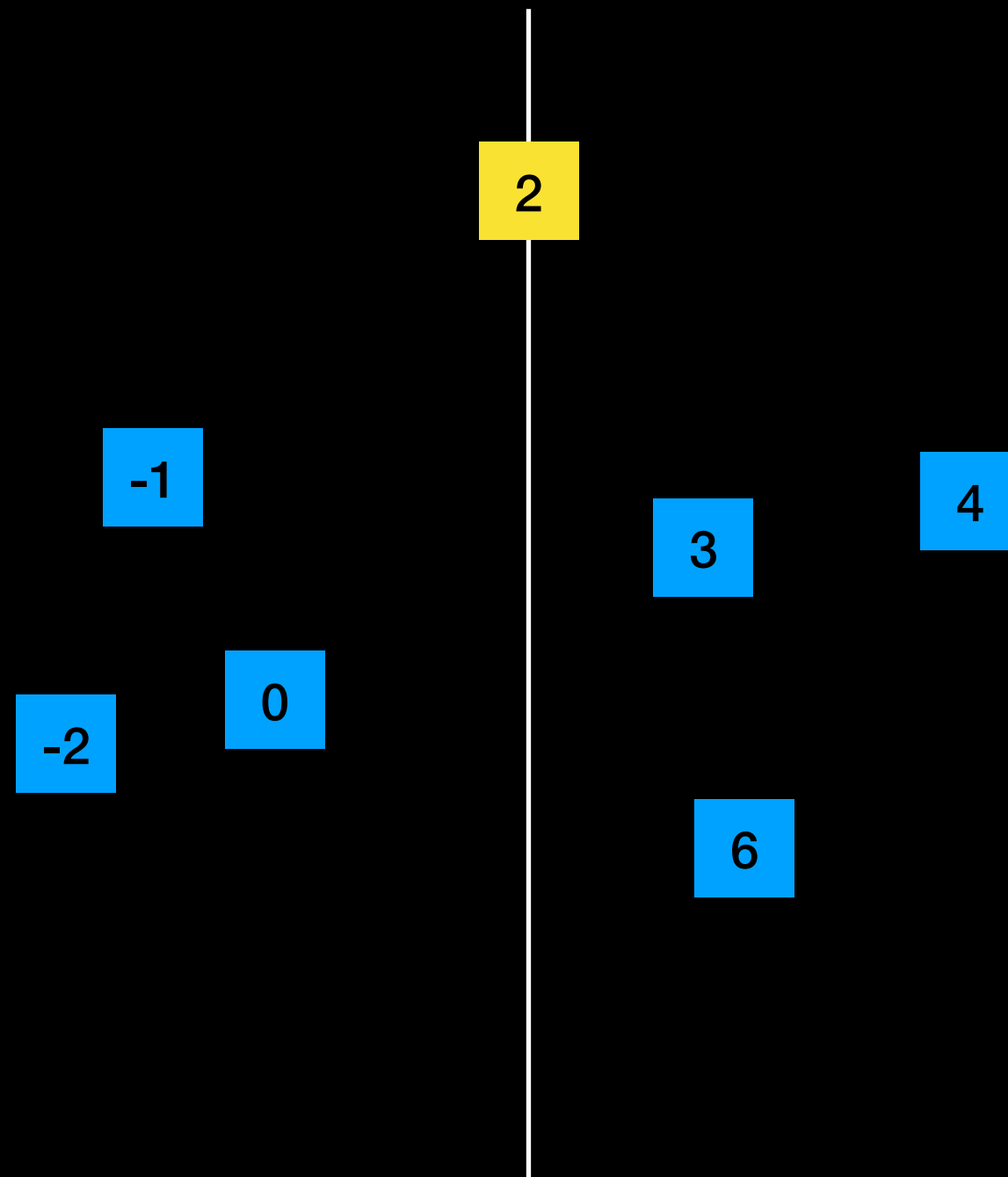
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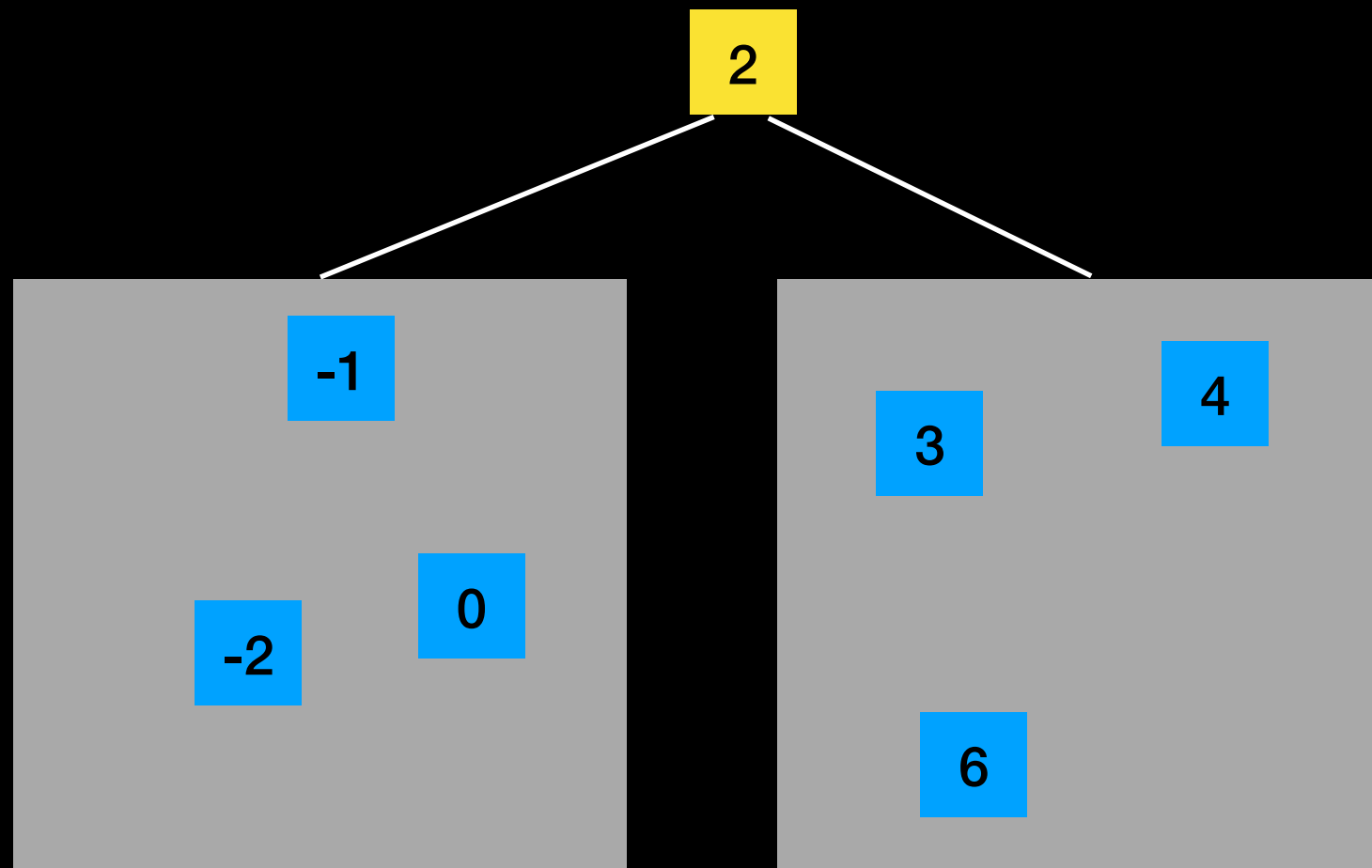
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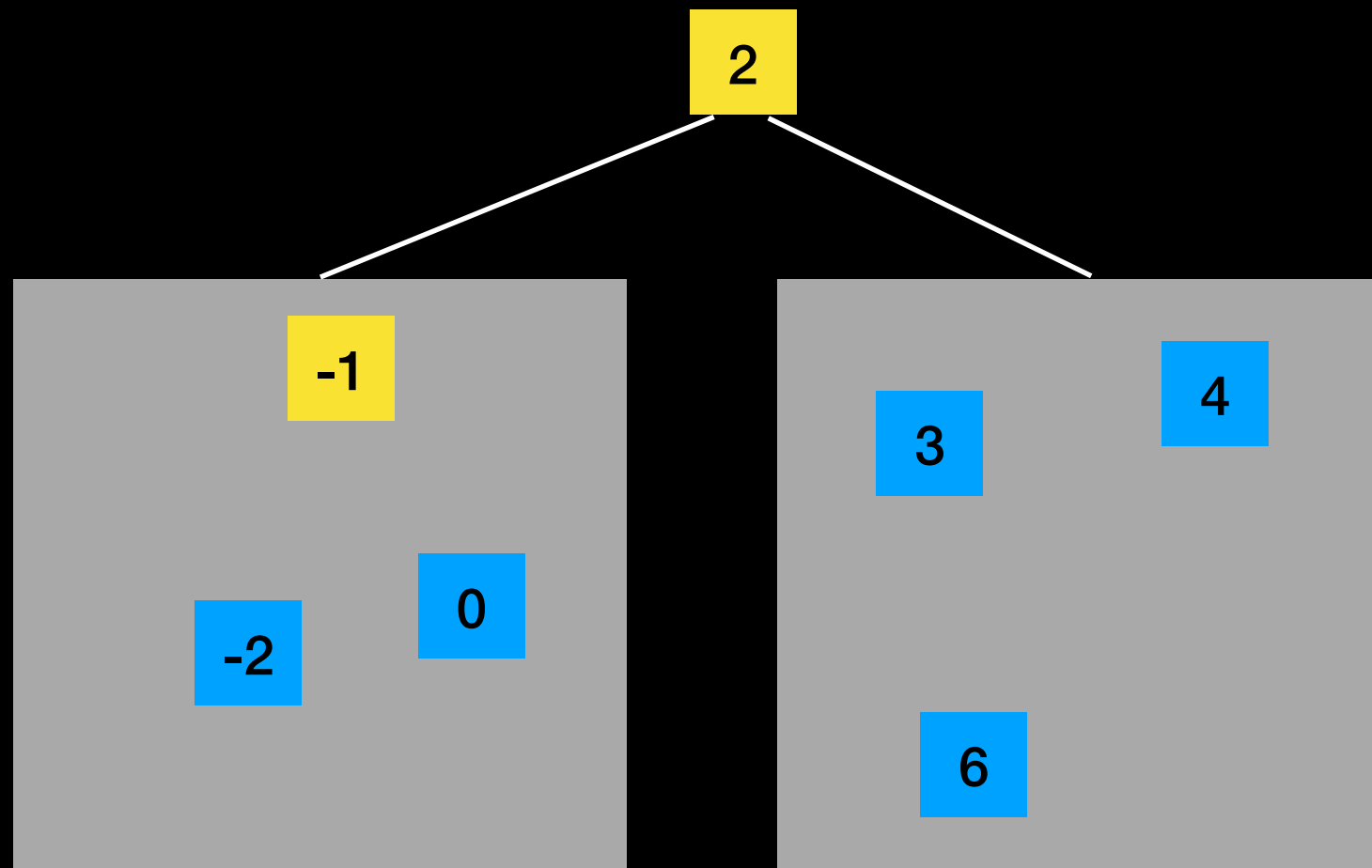
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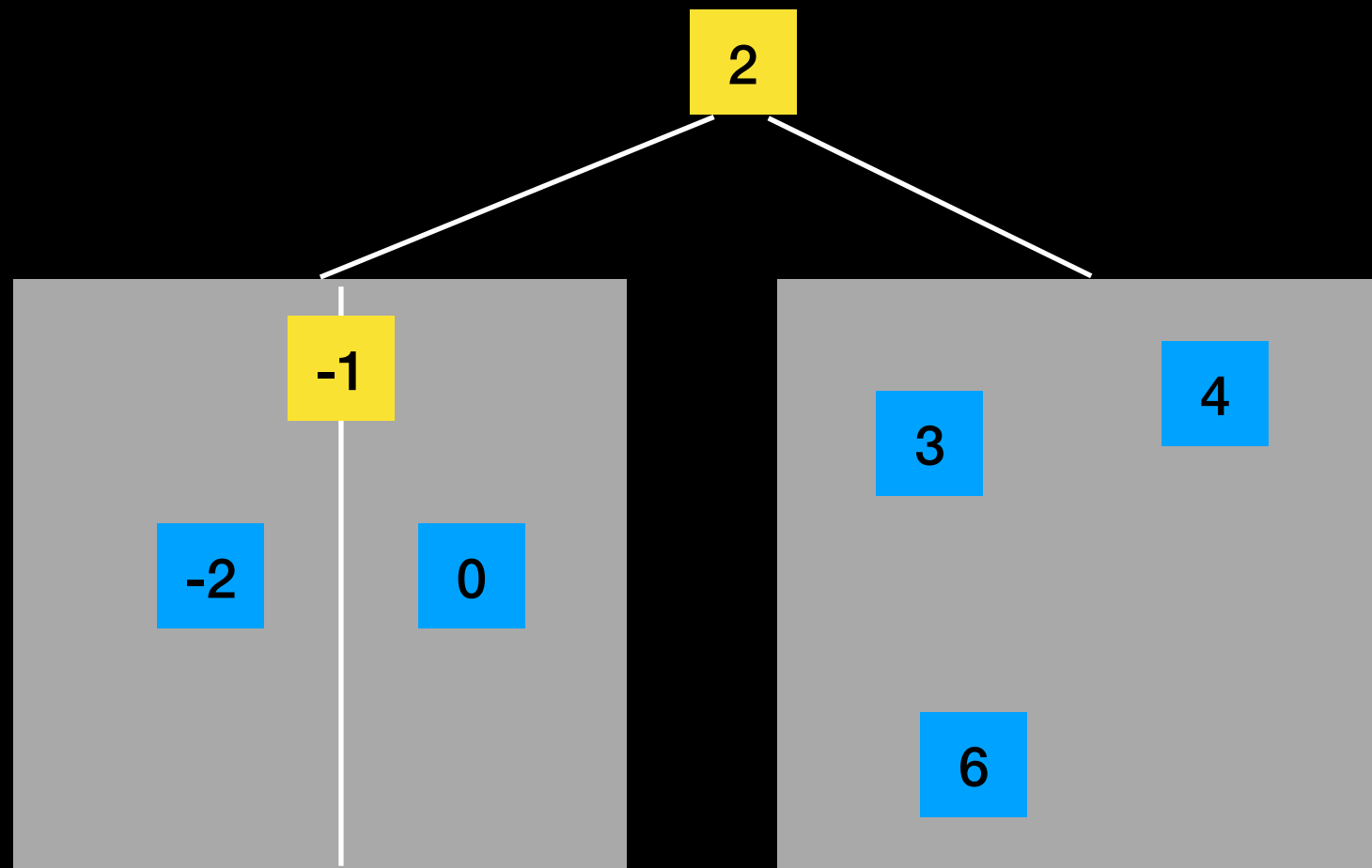


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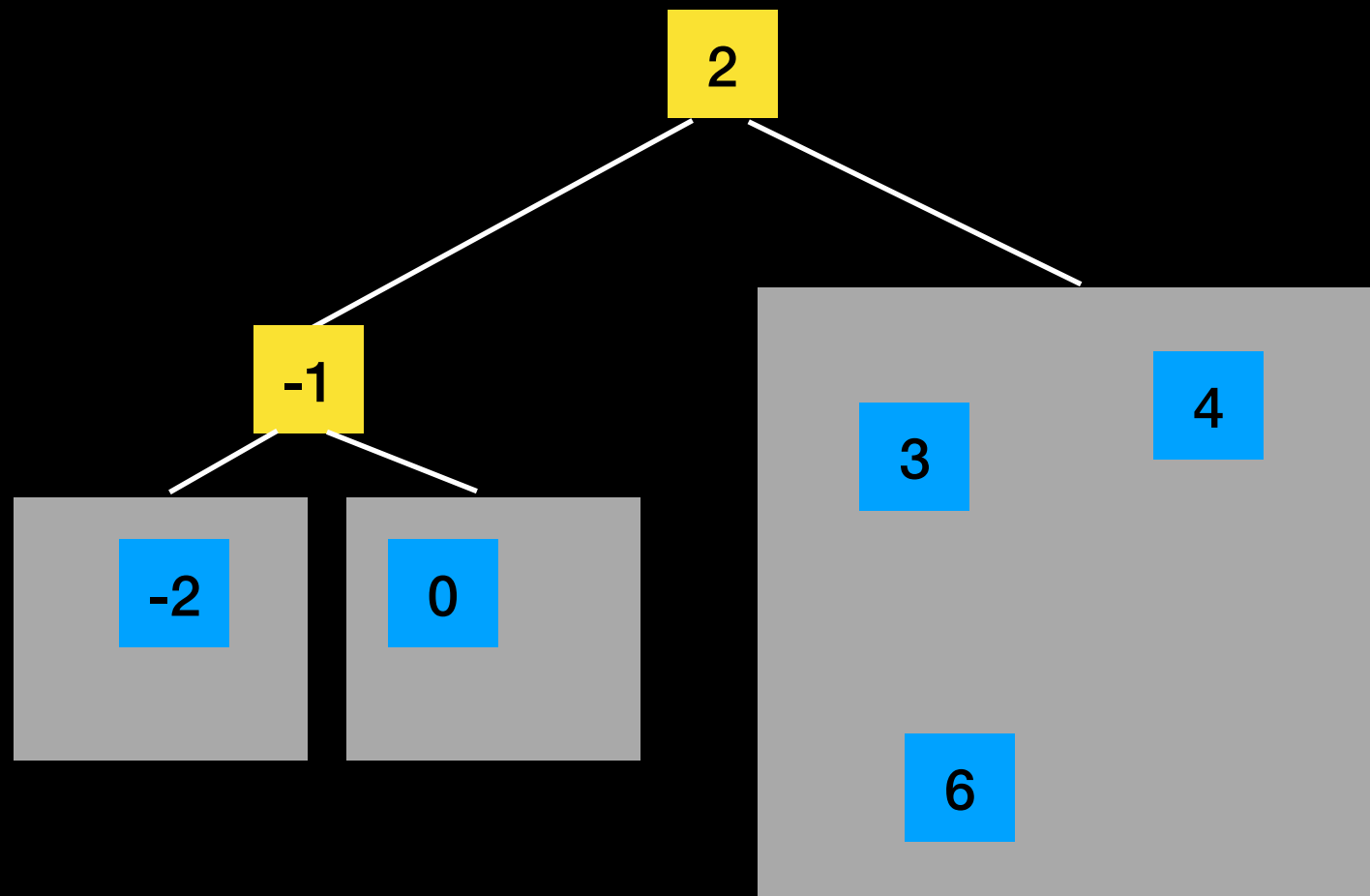




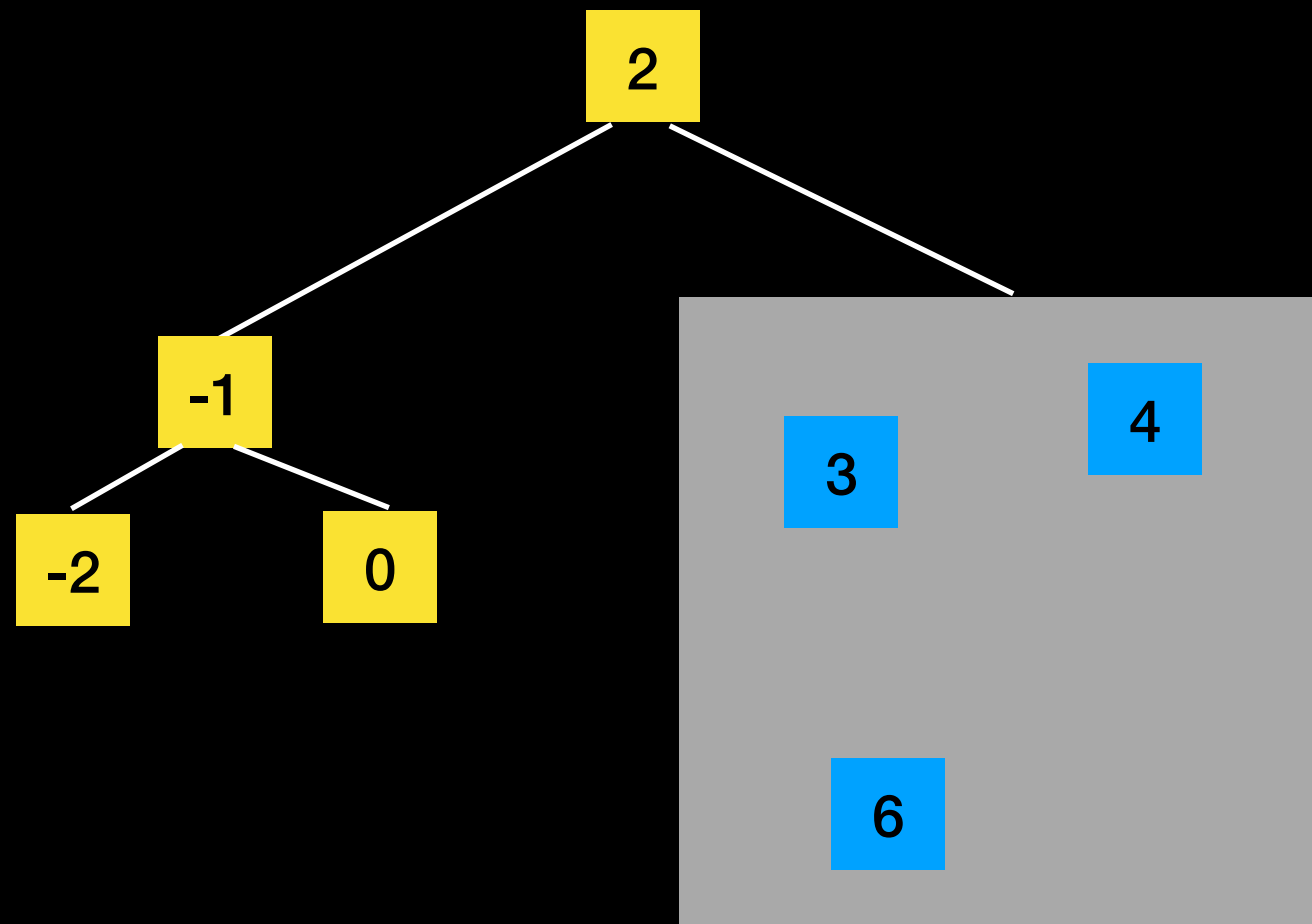
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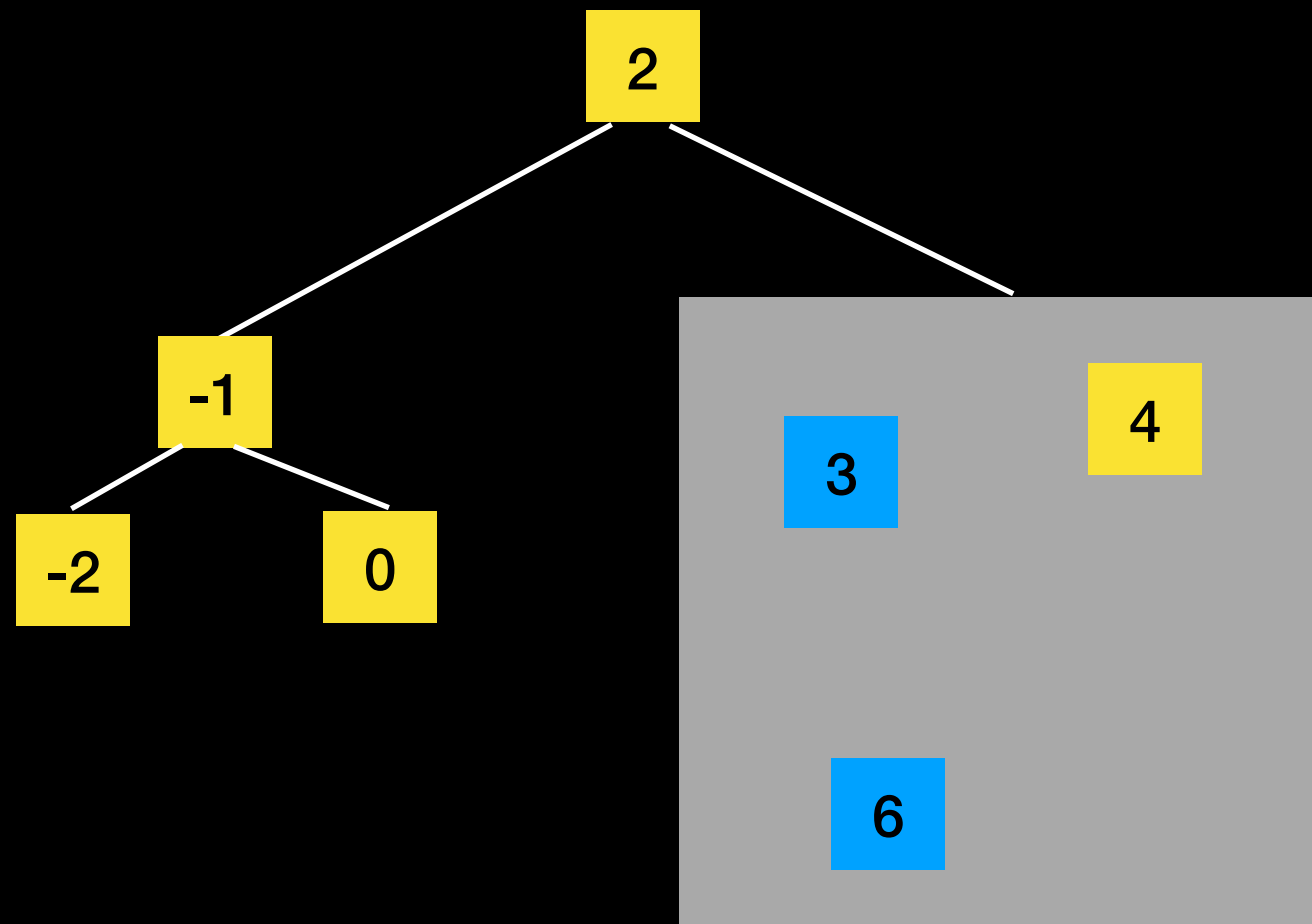
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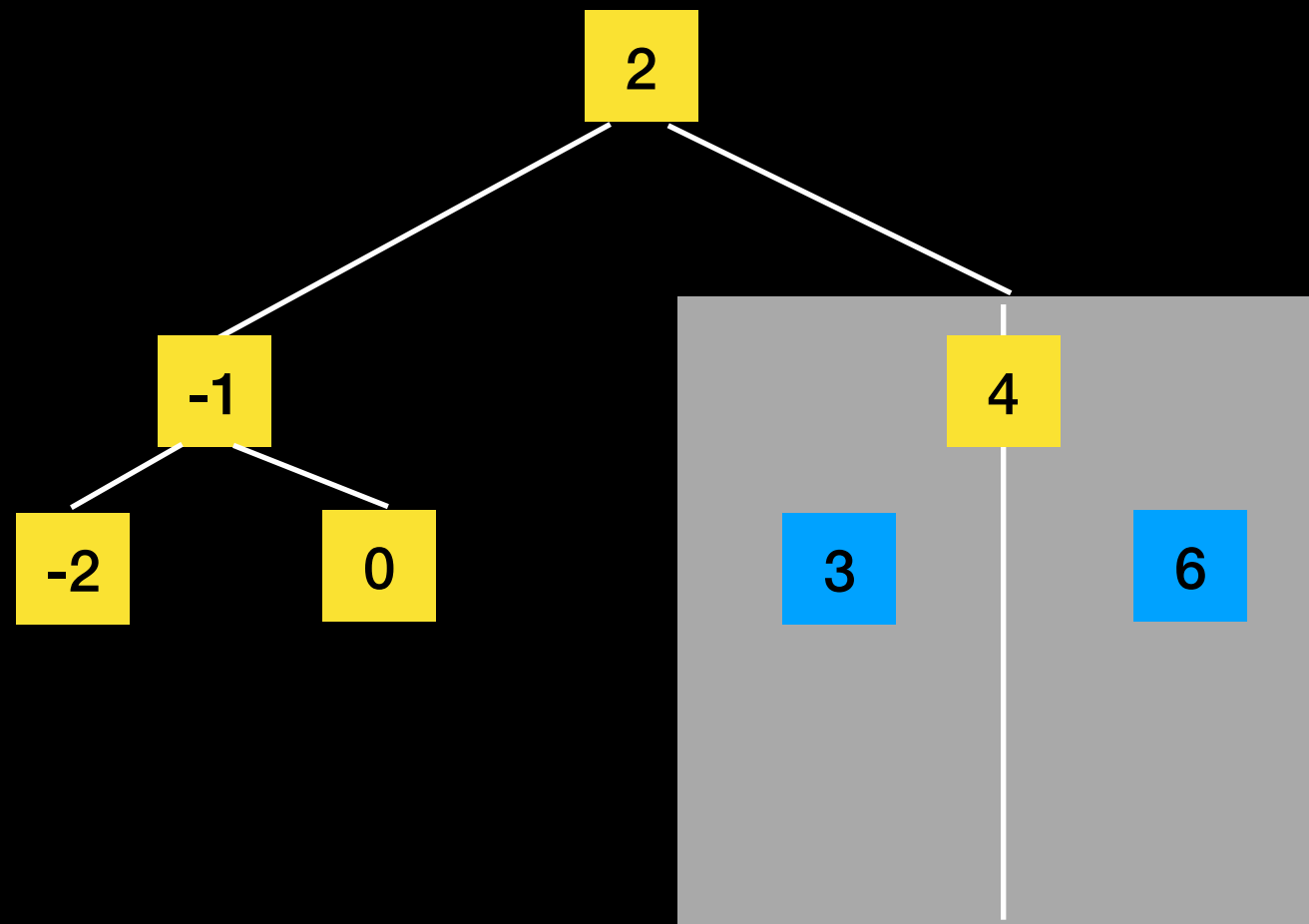
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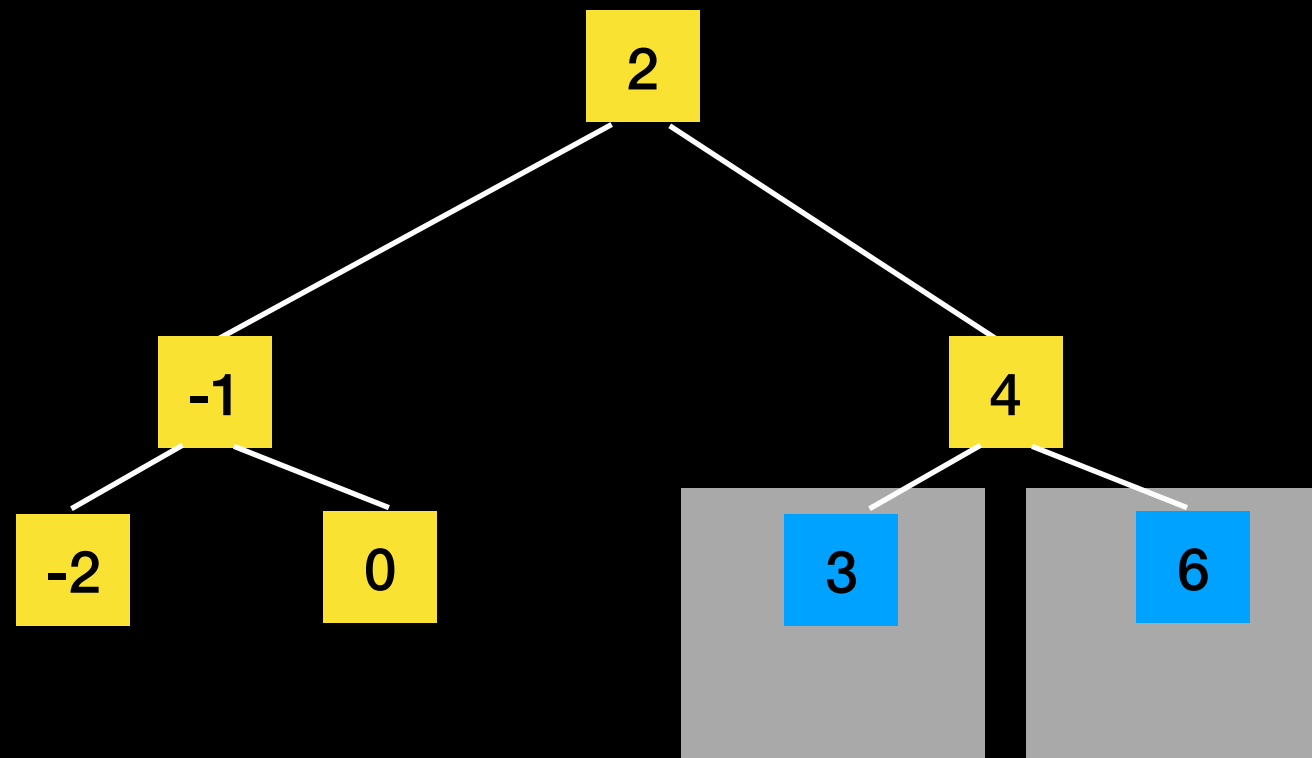
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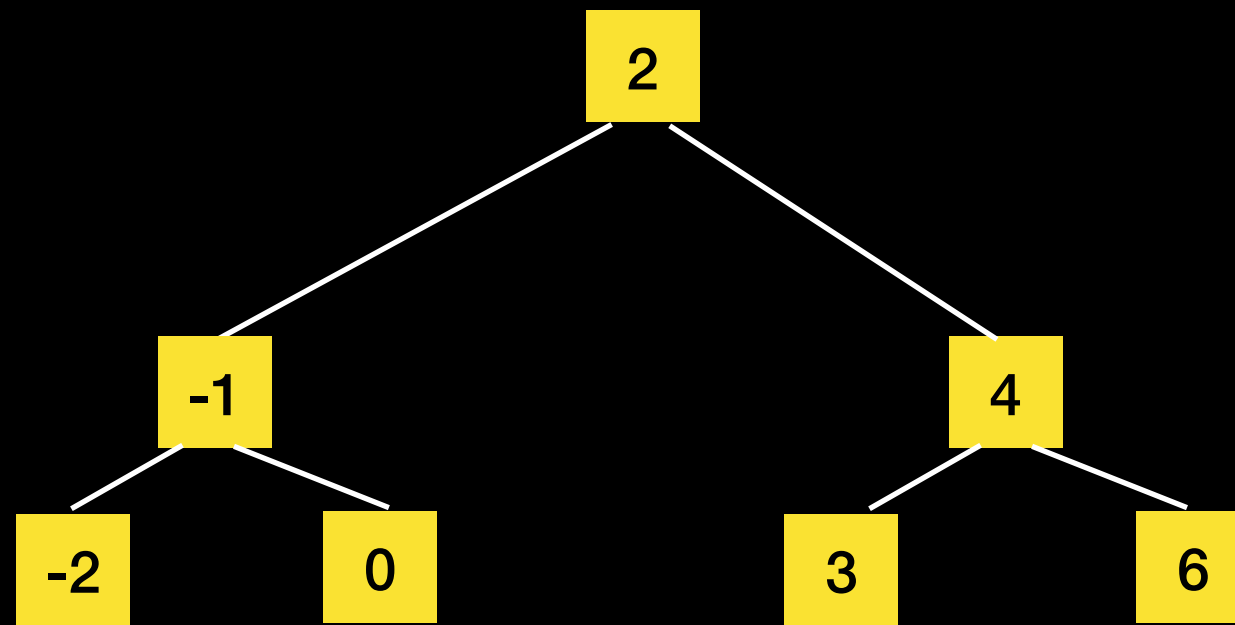
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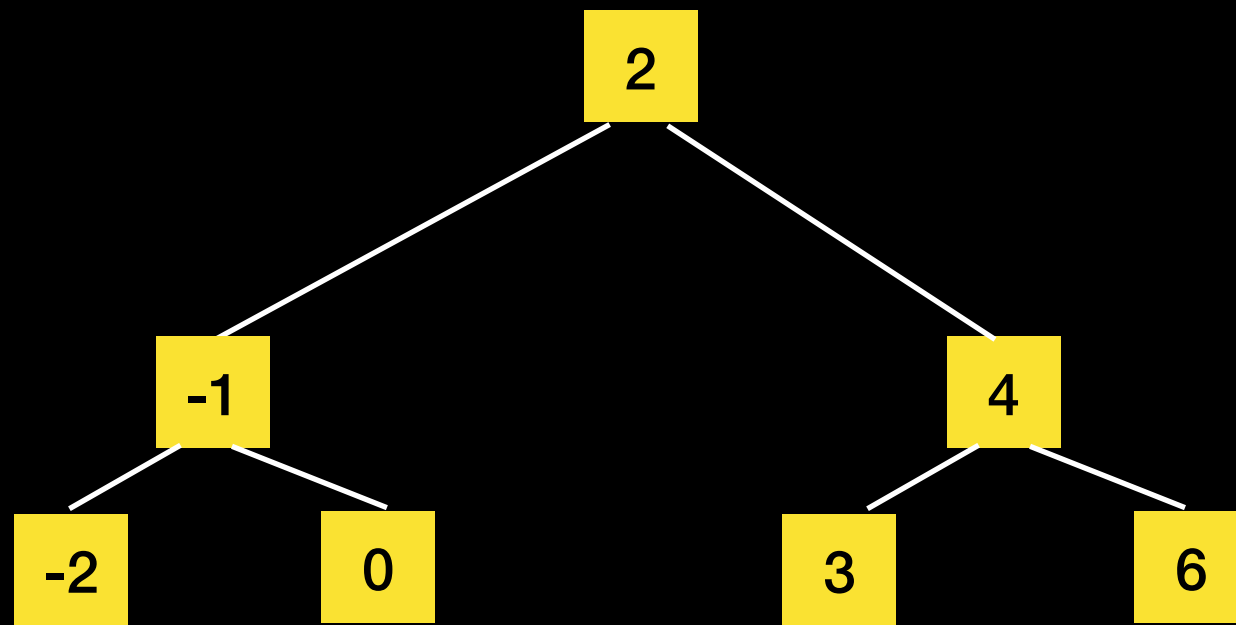


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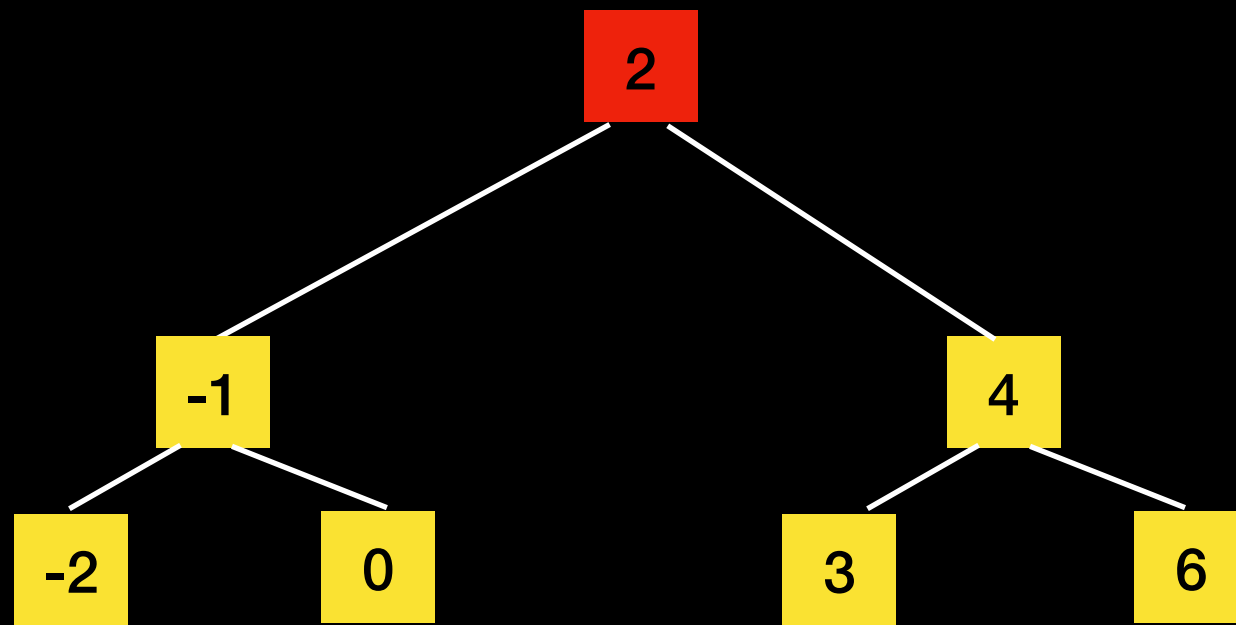
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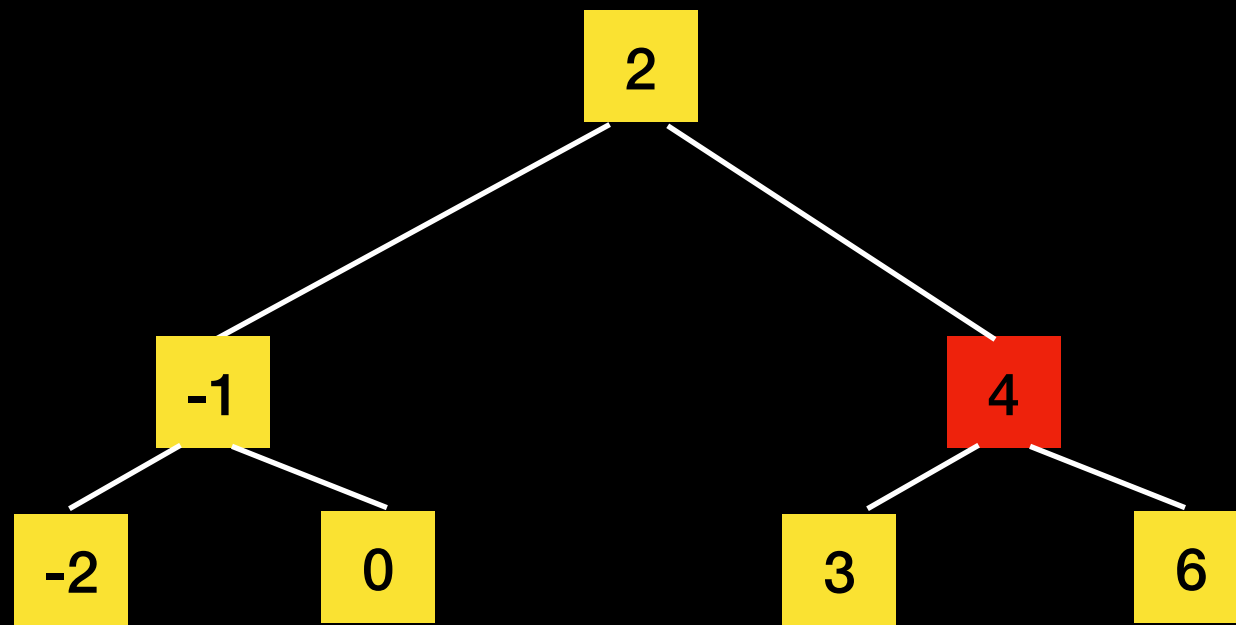
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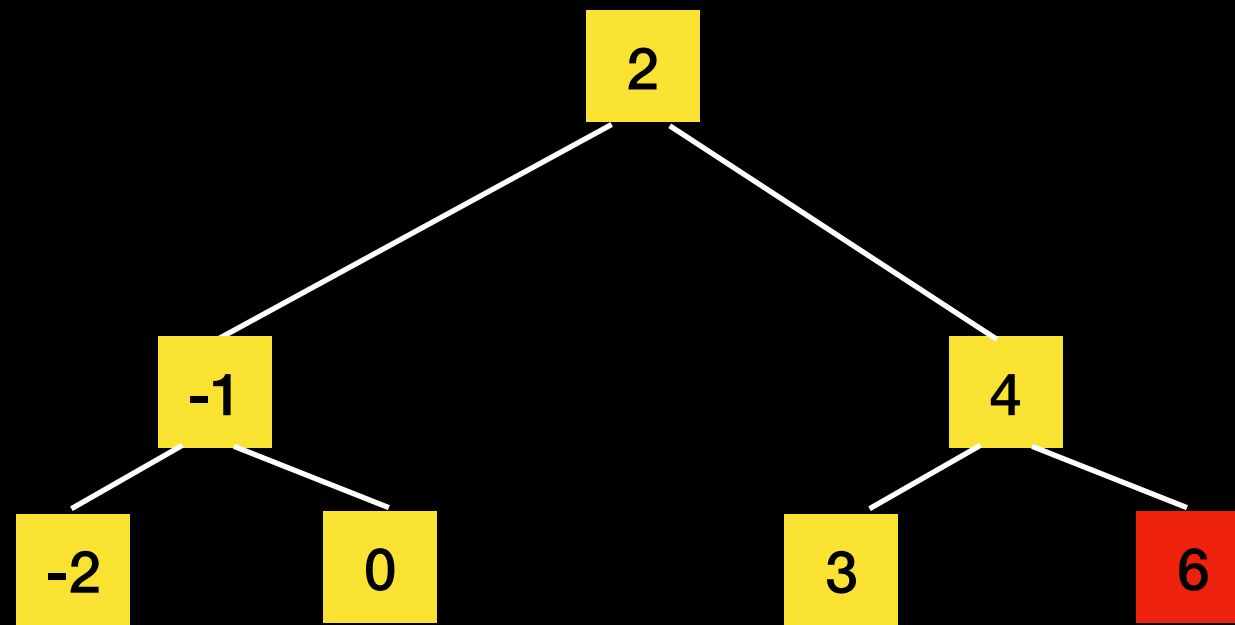
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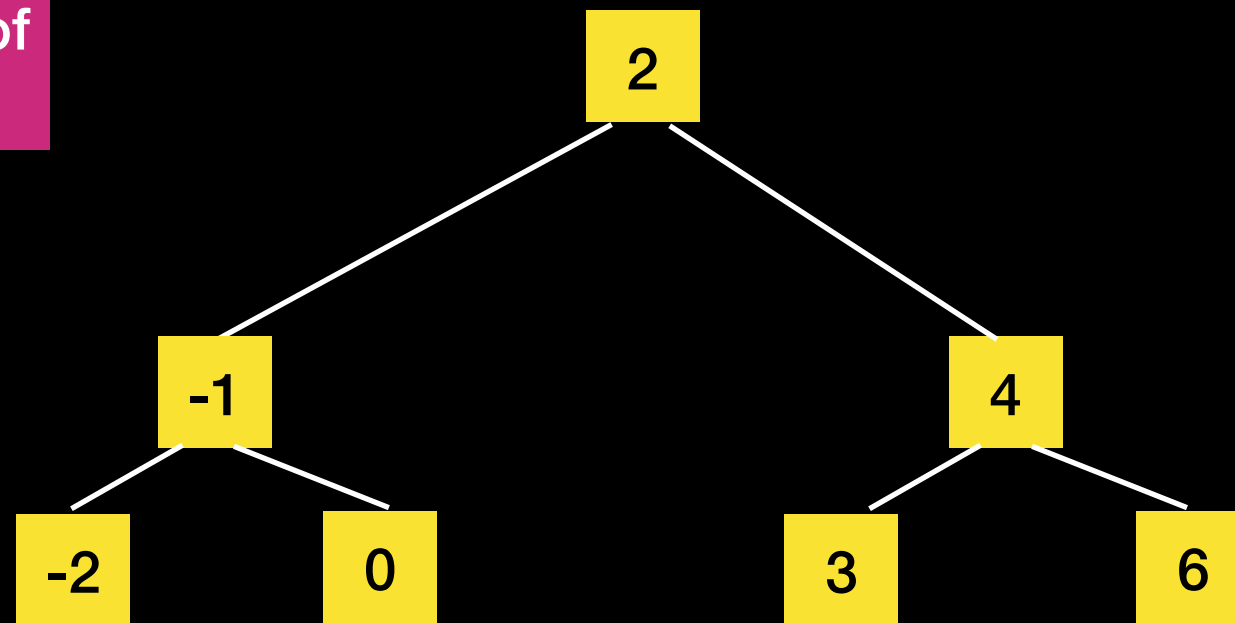
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What's special about the shape of this tree?



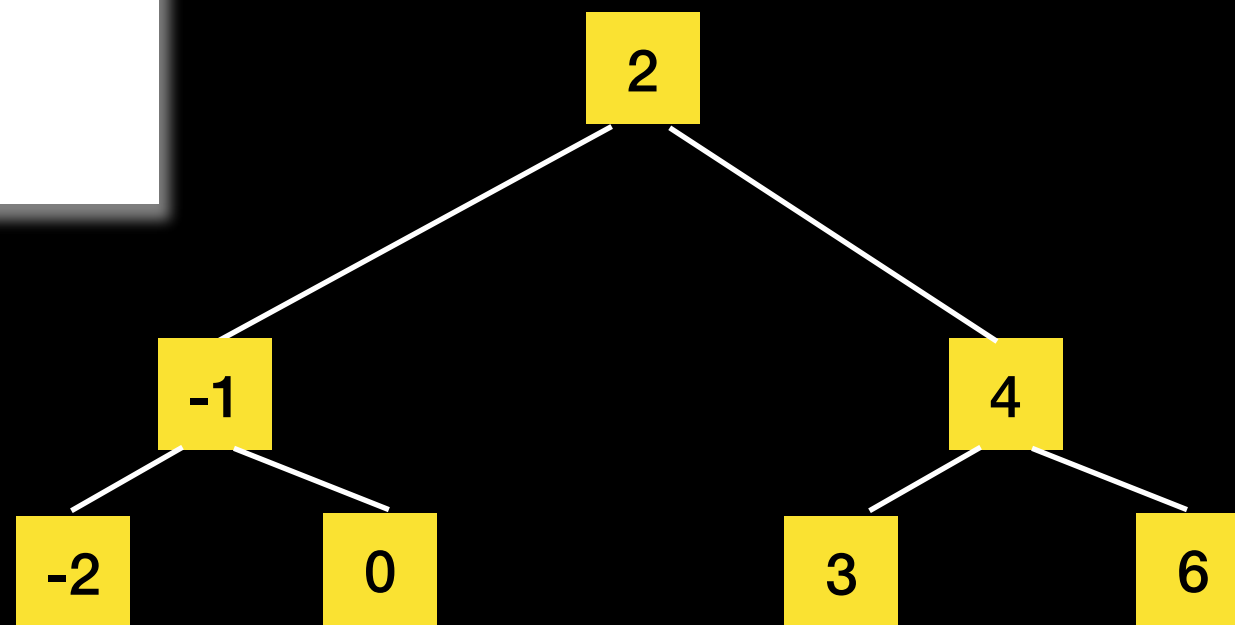
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## Structural Property:

For each node  $n$

$n >$  all values in  $T_L$

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# BST Formally

Let  $S$  be a set of values upon which a **total ordering relation**  $<$ , is defined. For example,  $S$  can be the set of integers.

A **binary search tree (BST)**  $T$  for the ordered set  $(S, <)$  is a binary tree with the following properties:

- Each node of  $T$  has a value. If  $p$  and  $q$  are **nodes**, then we write  $p < q$  to mean that the value of  $p$  is less than the value of  $q$ .
- For each node  $n \in T$ , if  $p$  is a node in the left subtree of  $n$ , then  $p < n$ .
- For each node  $n \in T$ , if  $p$  is a node in the right subtree of  $n$ , then  $n < p$ .
- For each element  $s \in S$  there exists a node  $n \in T$  such that  $s = n$ .

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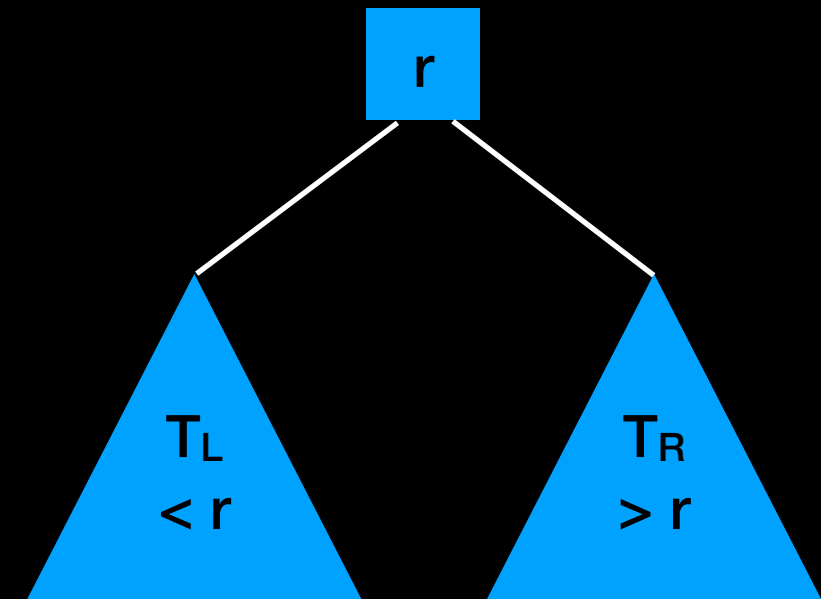
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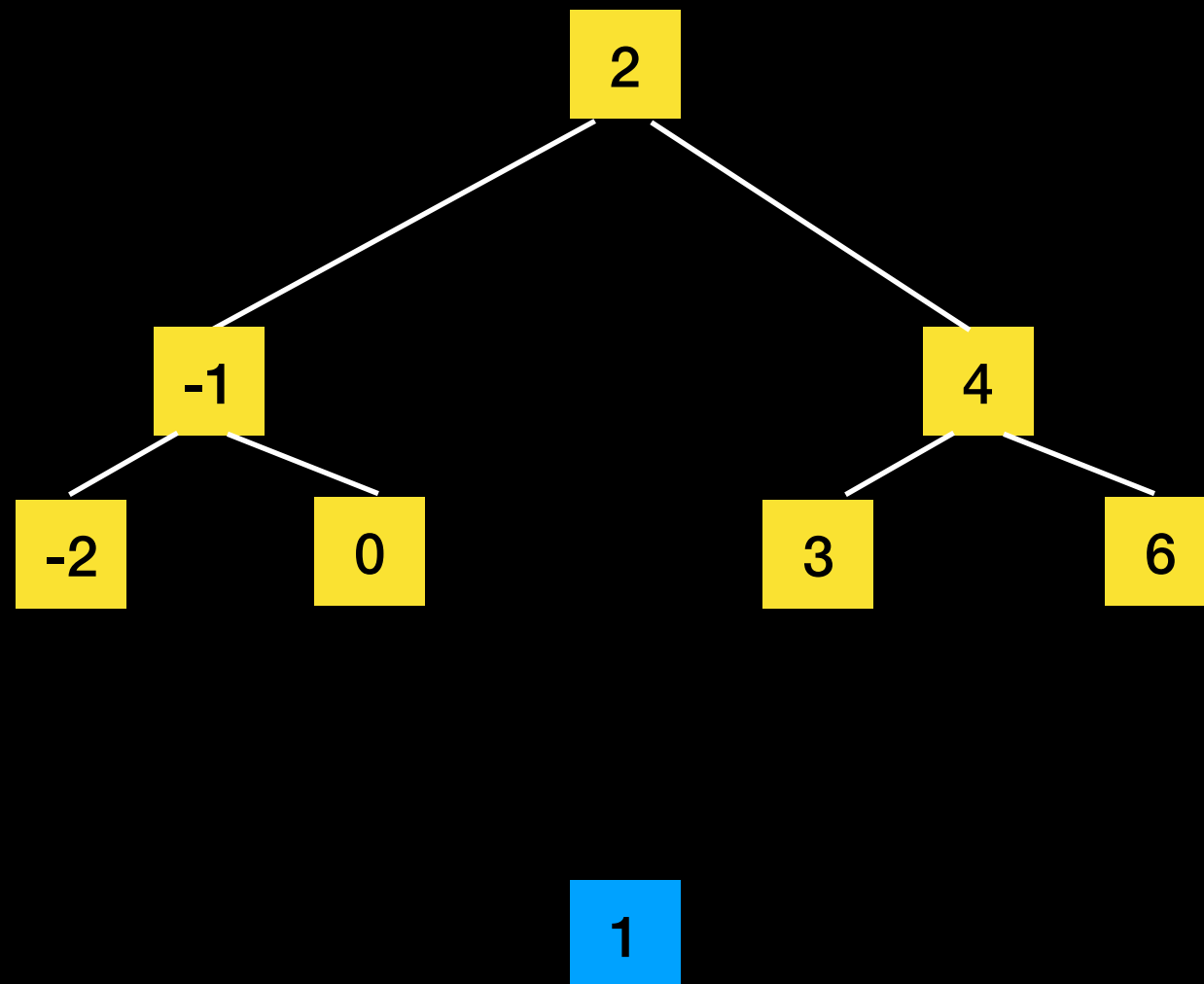
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```
search(bs_tree, item)
{
    if (bs_tree is empty) //base case
        item not found
    else if (item == root)
        return root
    else if (item < root)
        search( $T_L$ , item)
    else // item > root
        search( $T_R$ , item)
}
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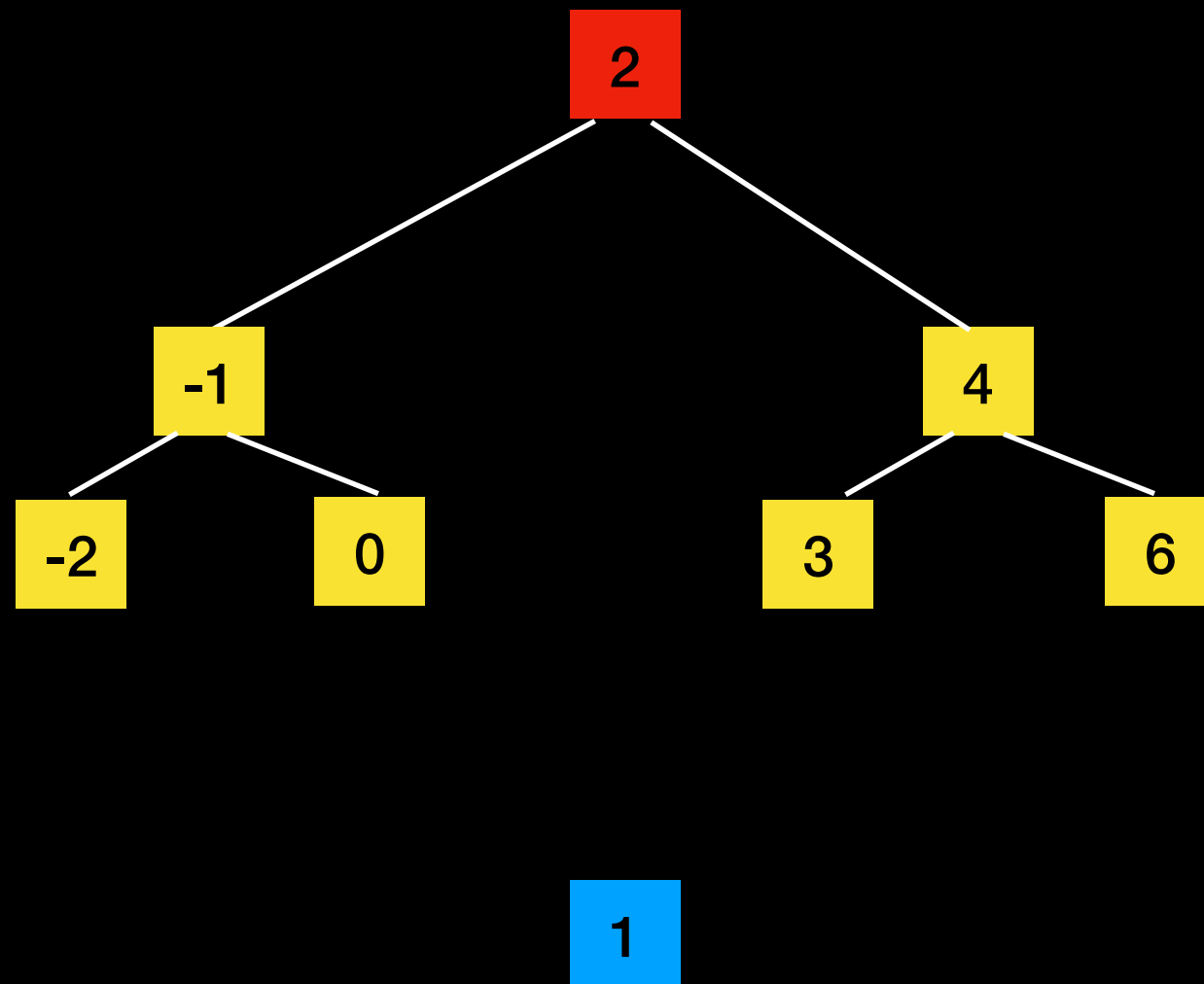


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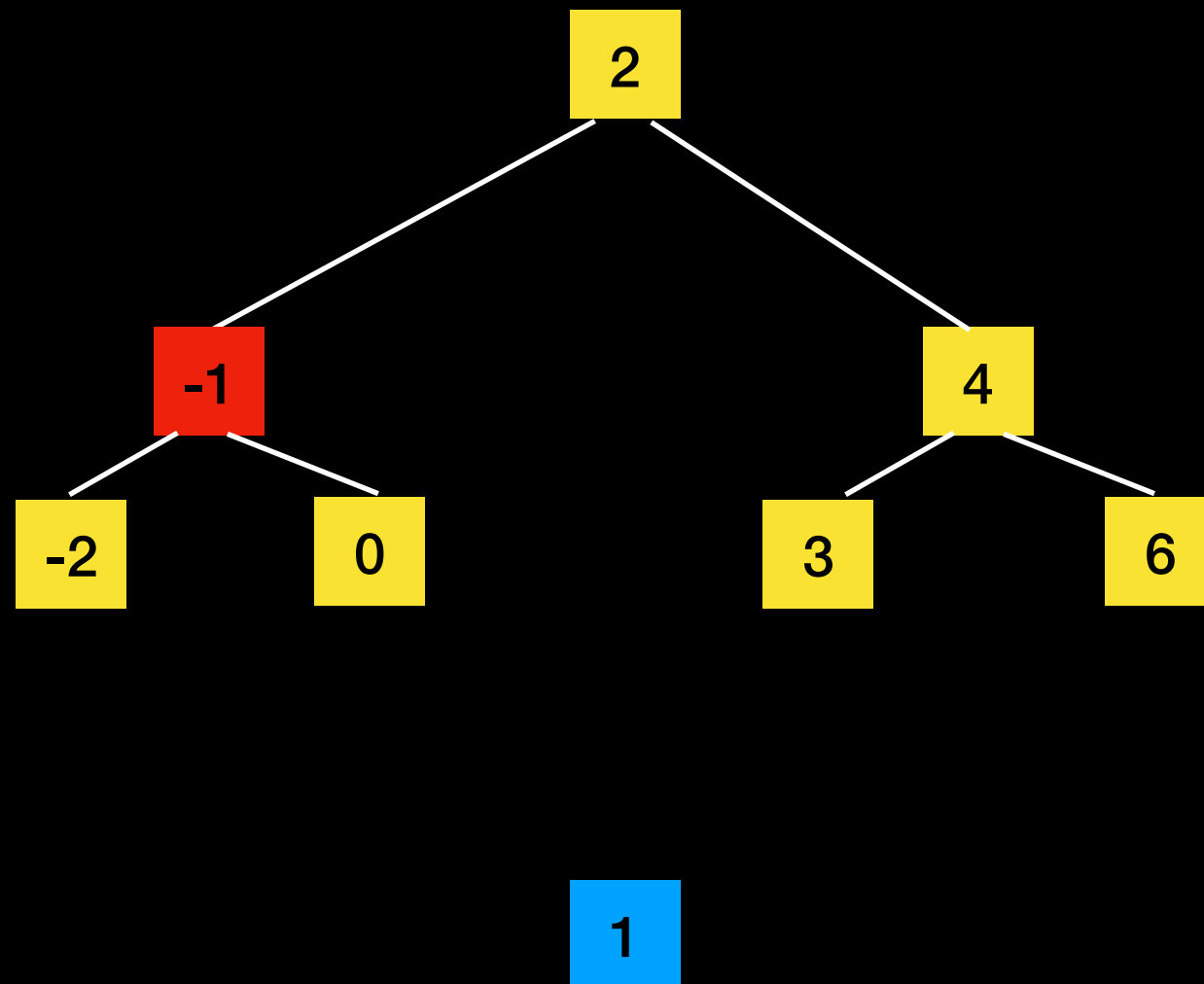




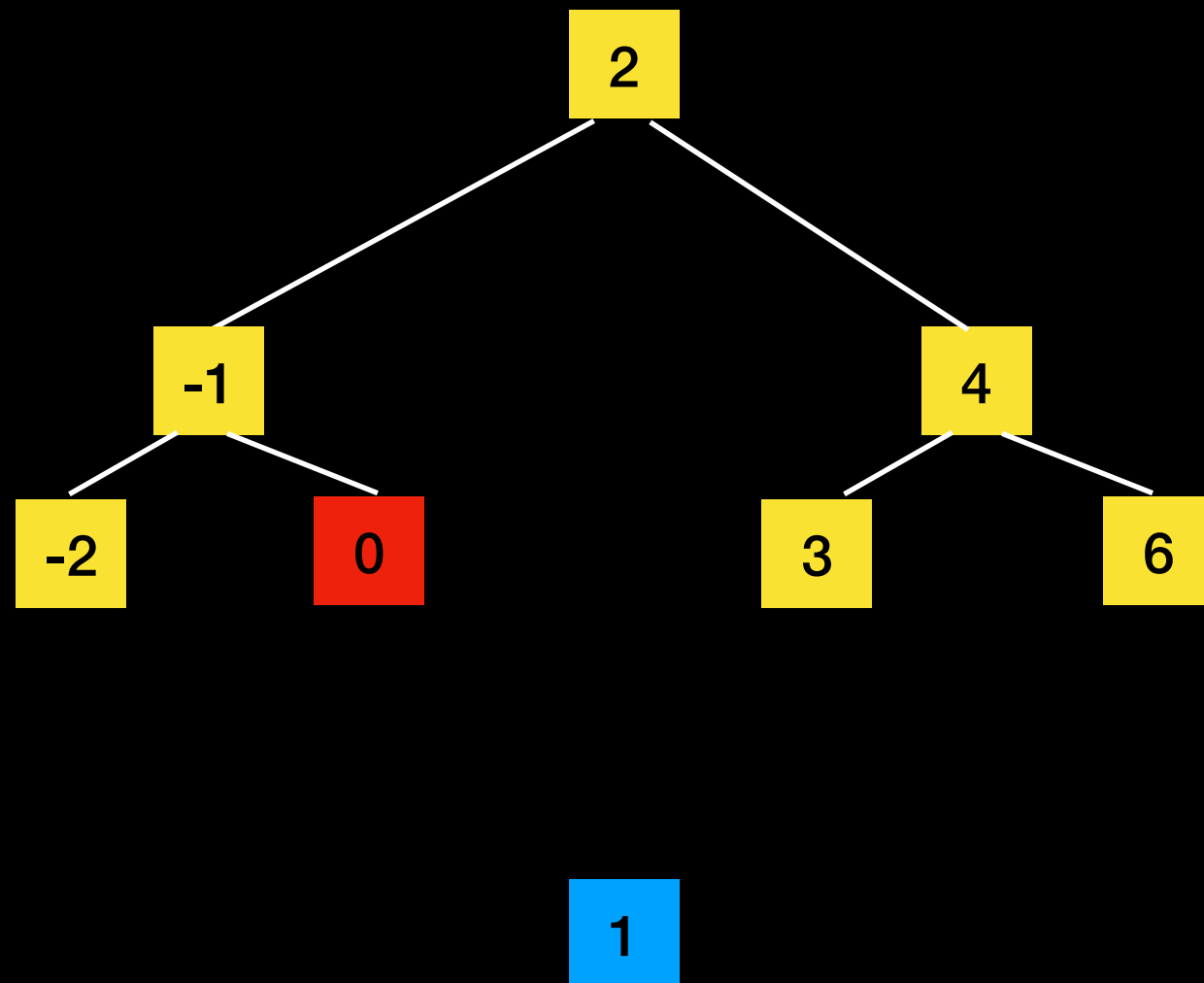
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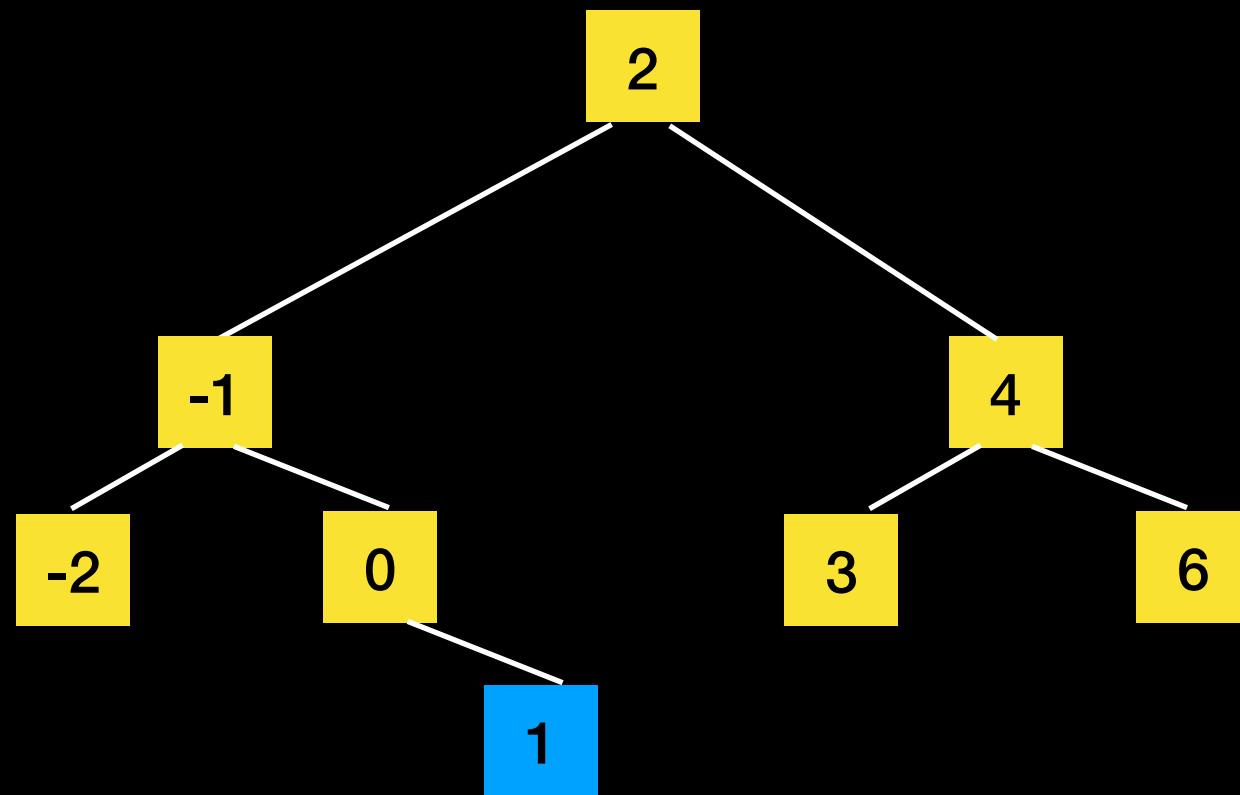
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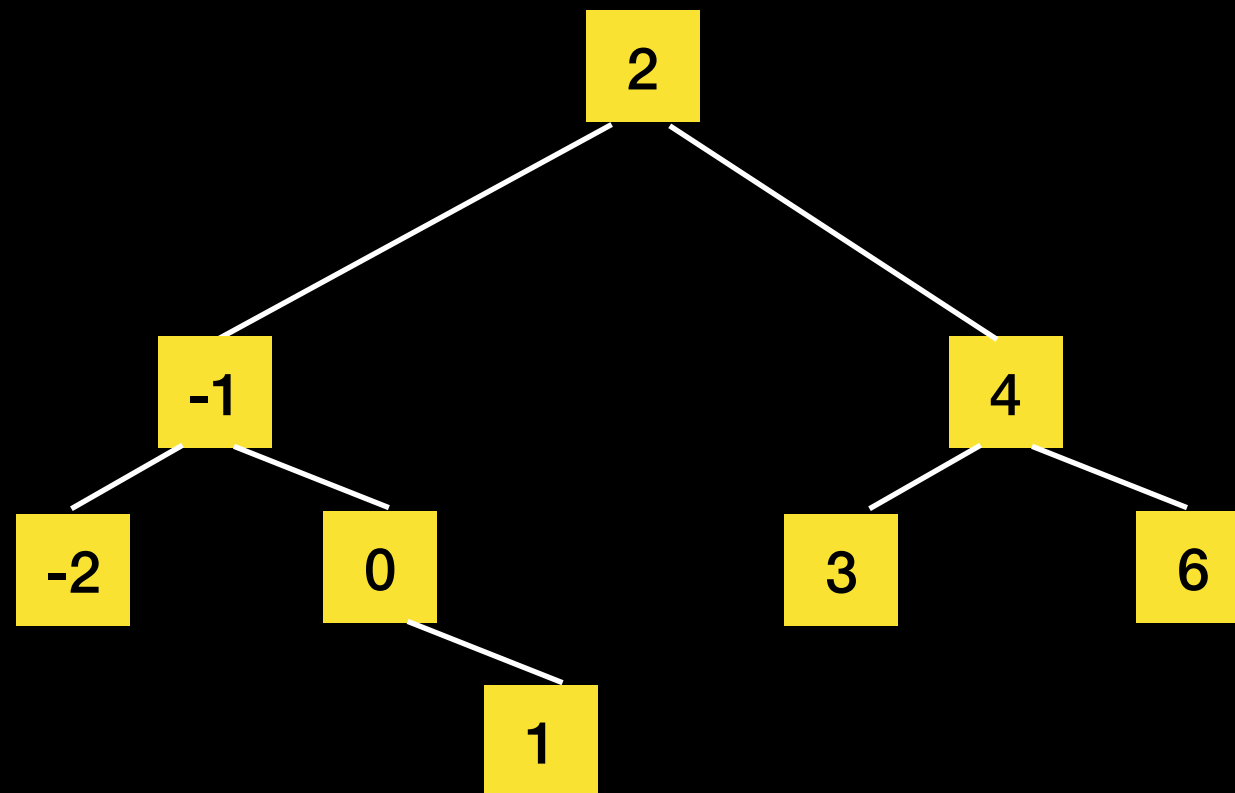
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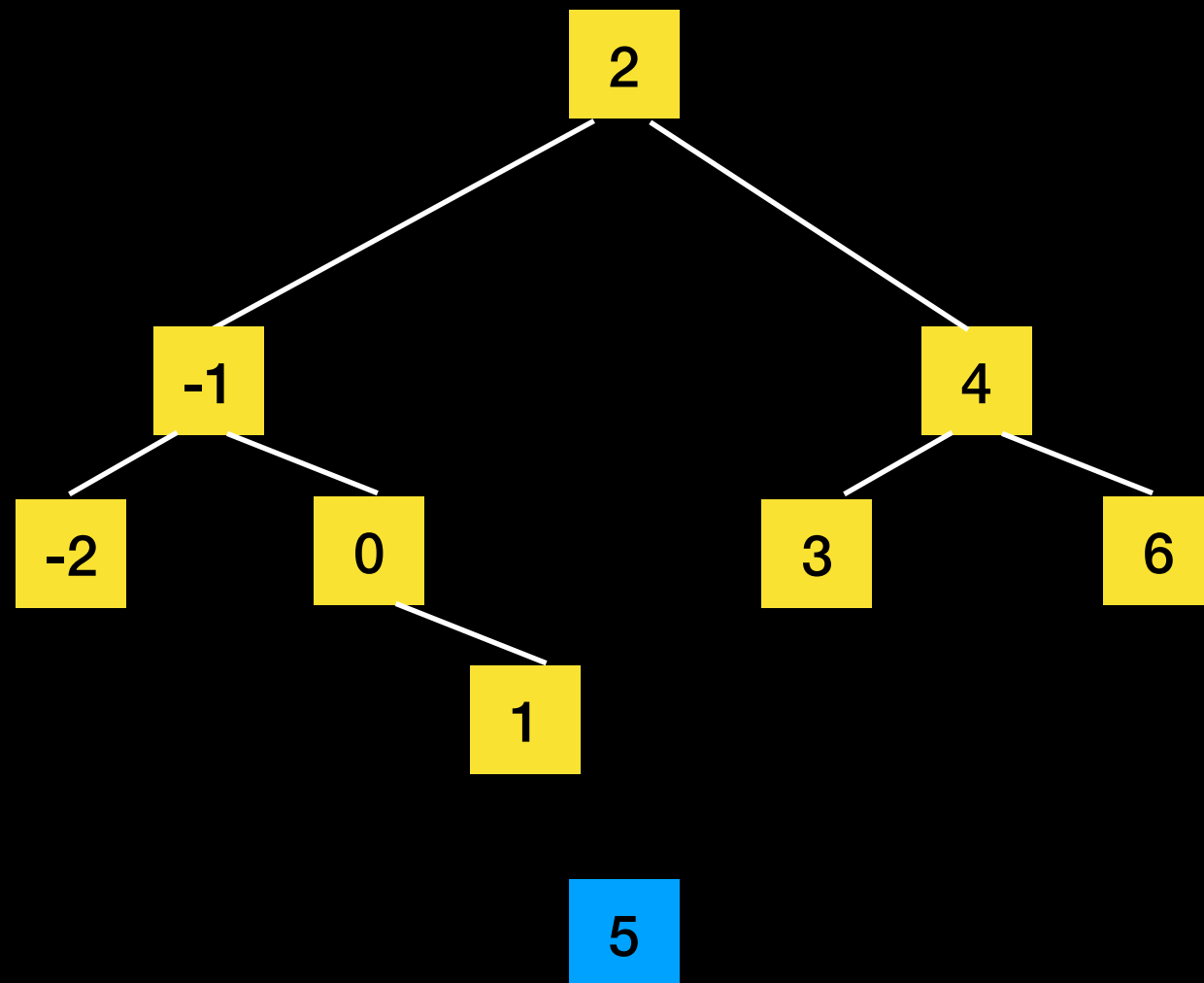
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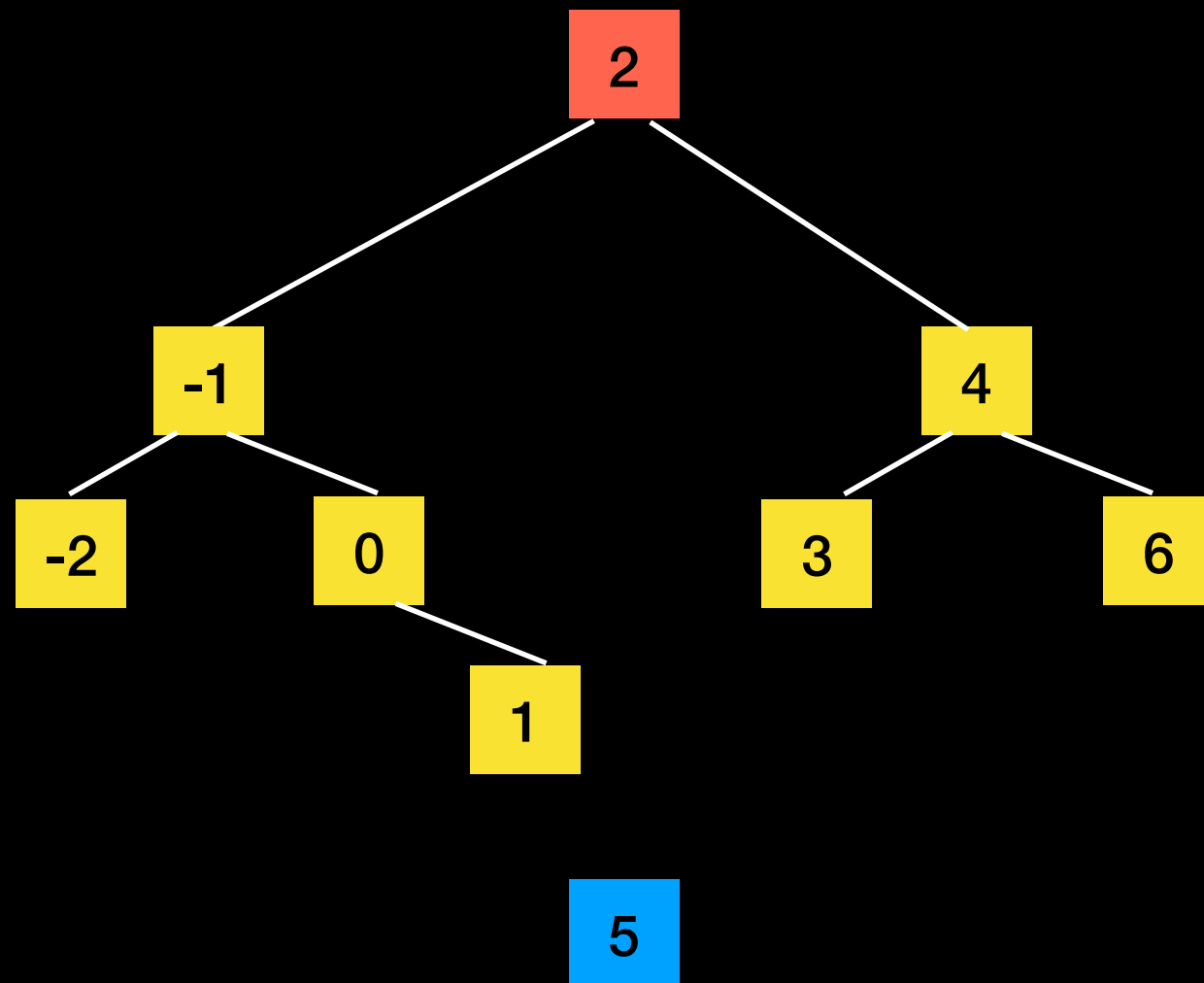
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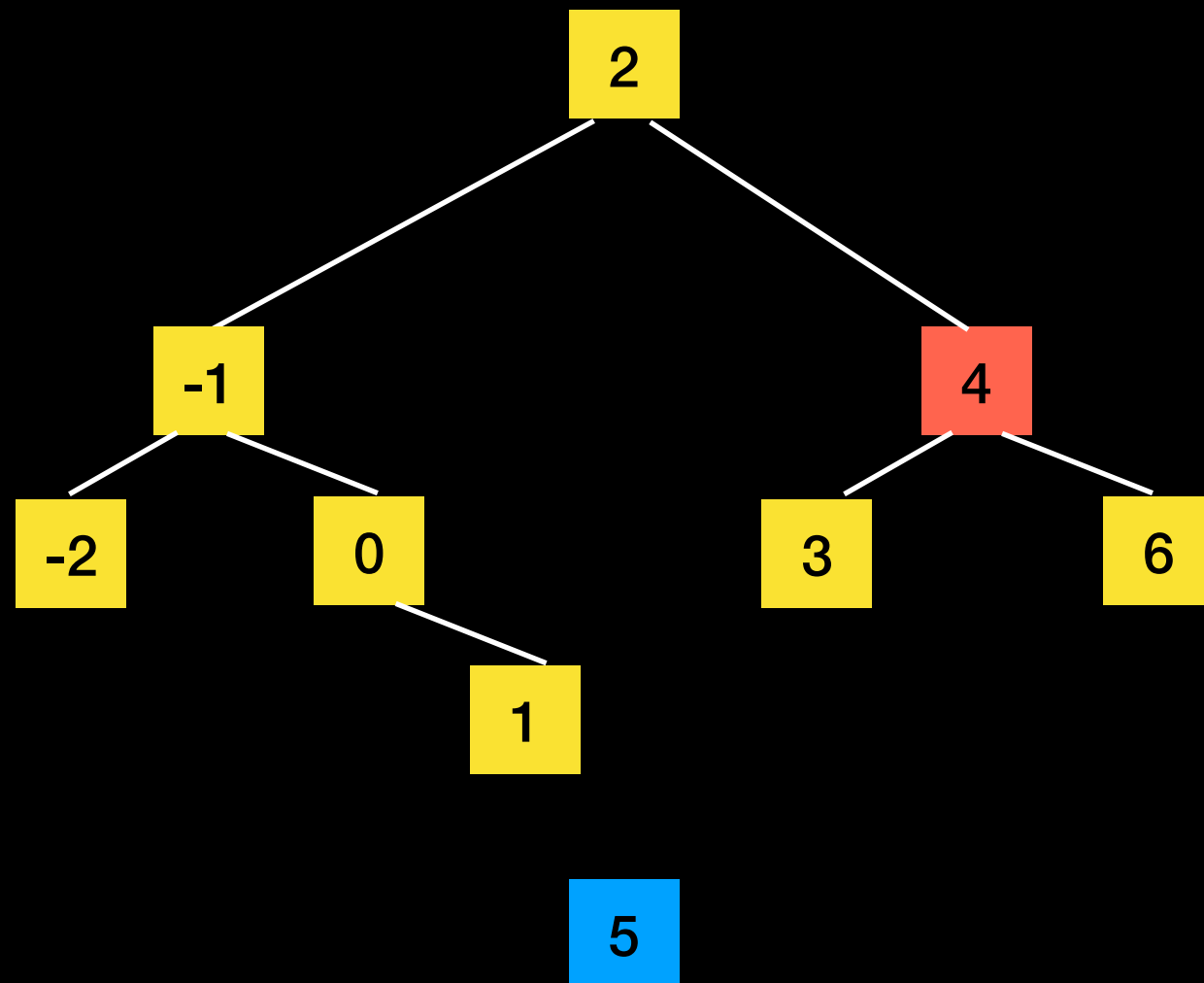
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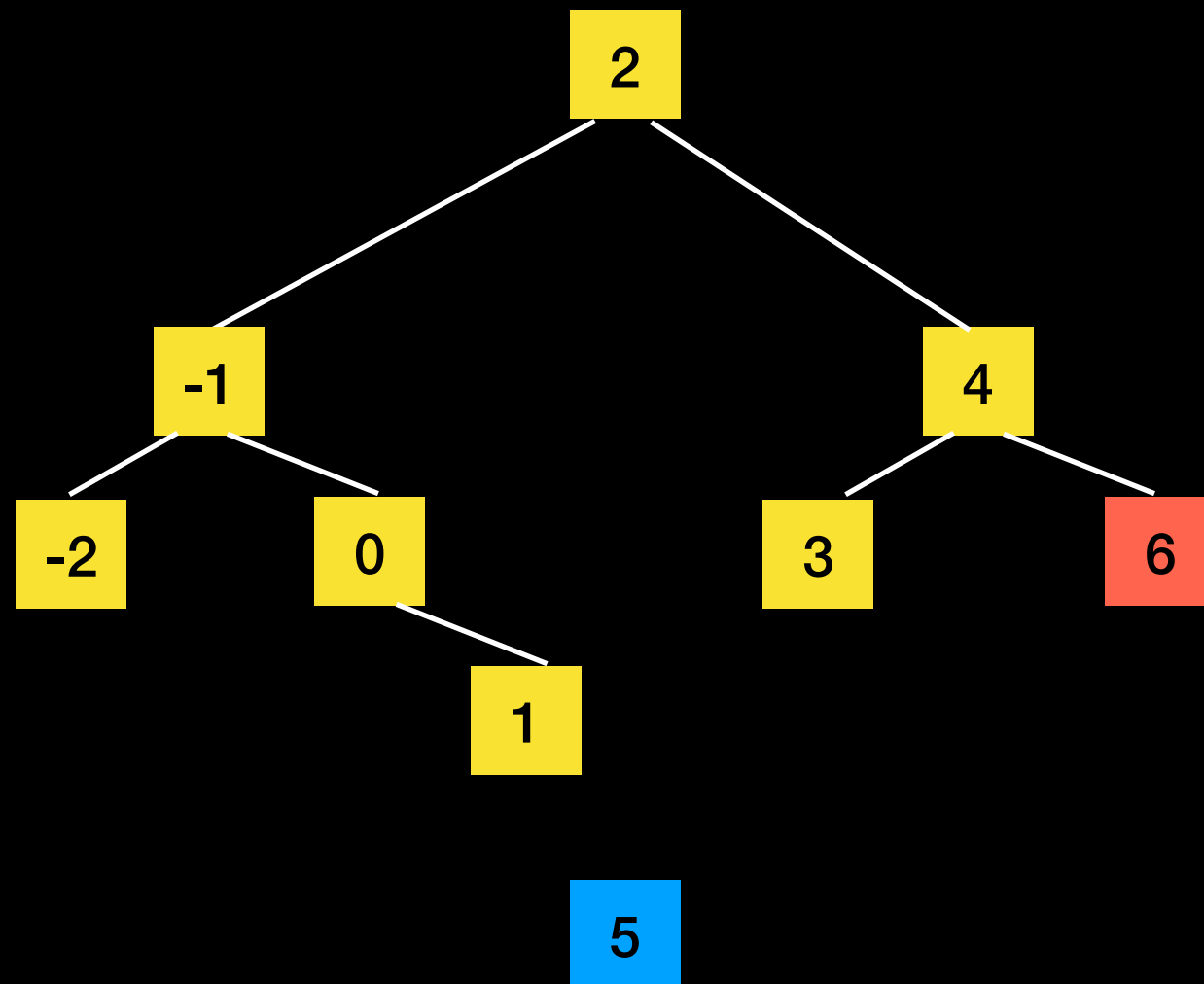


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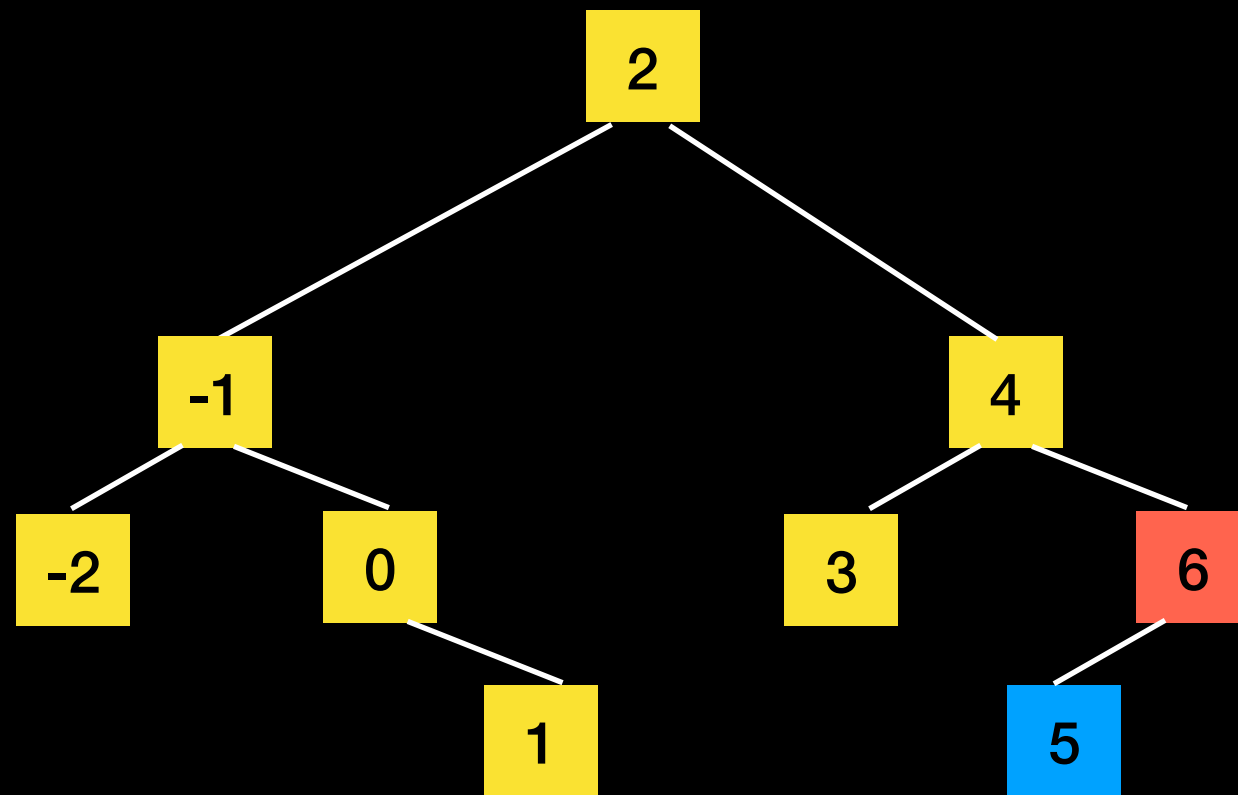




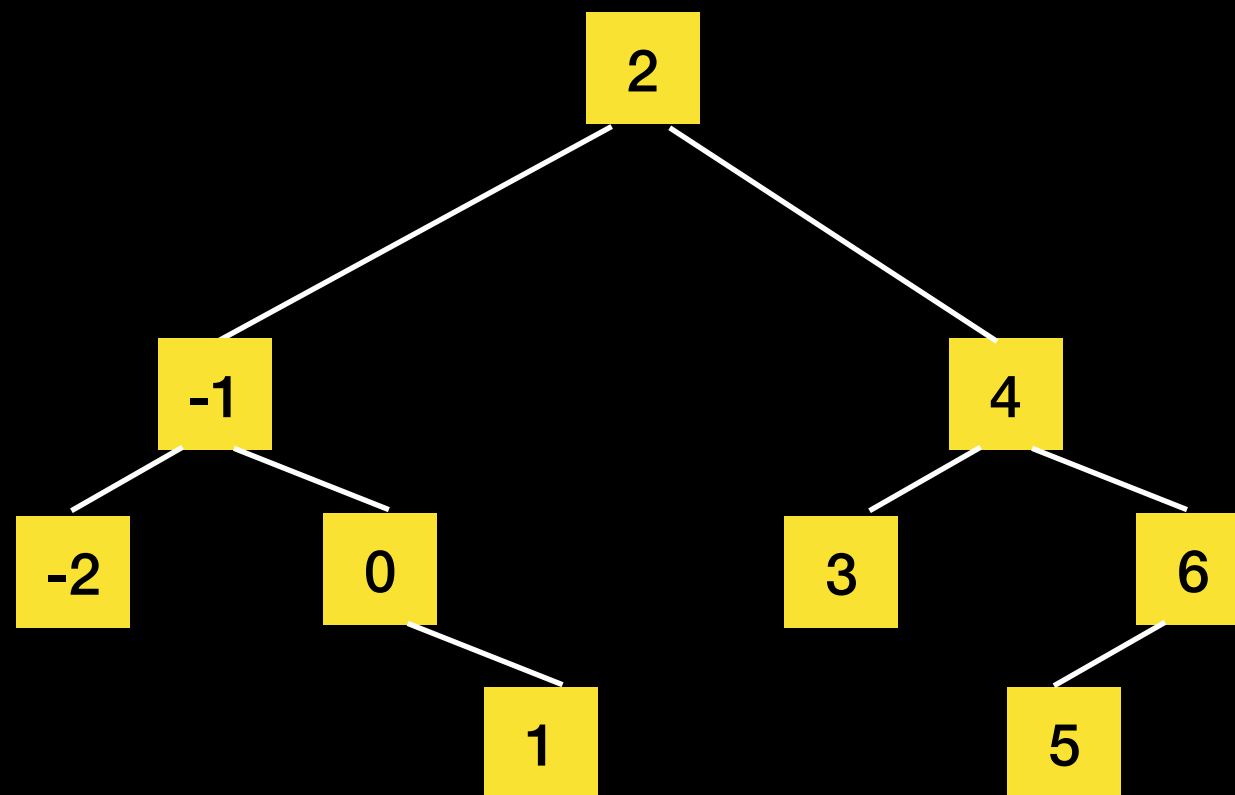
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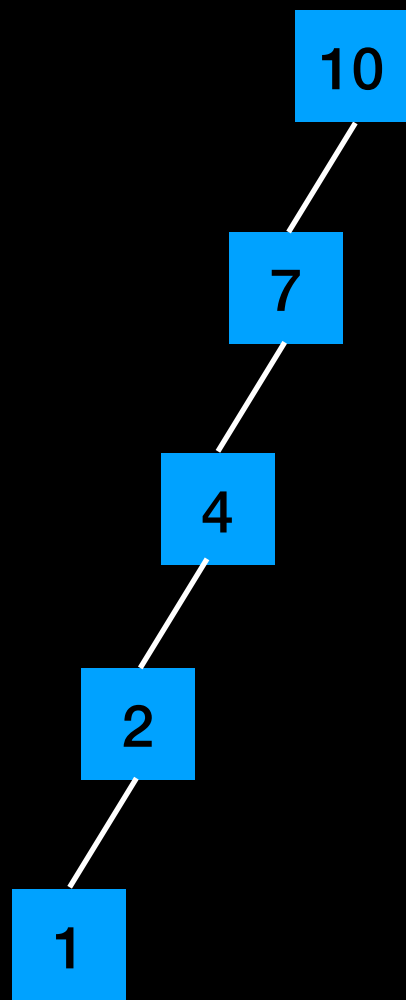


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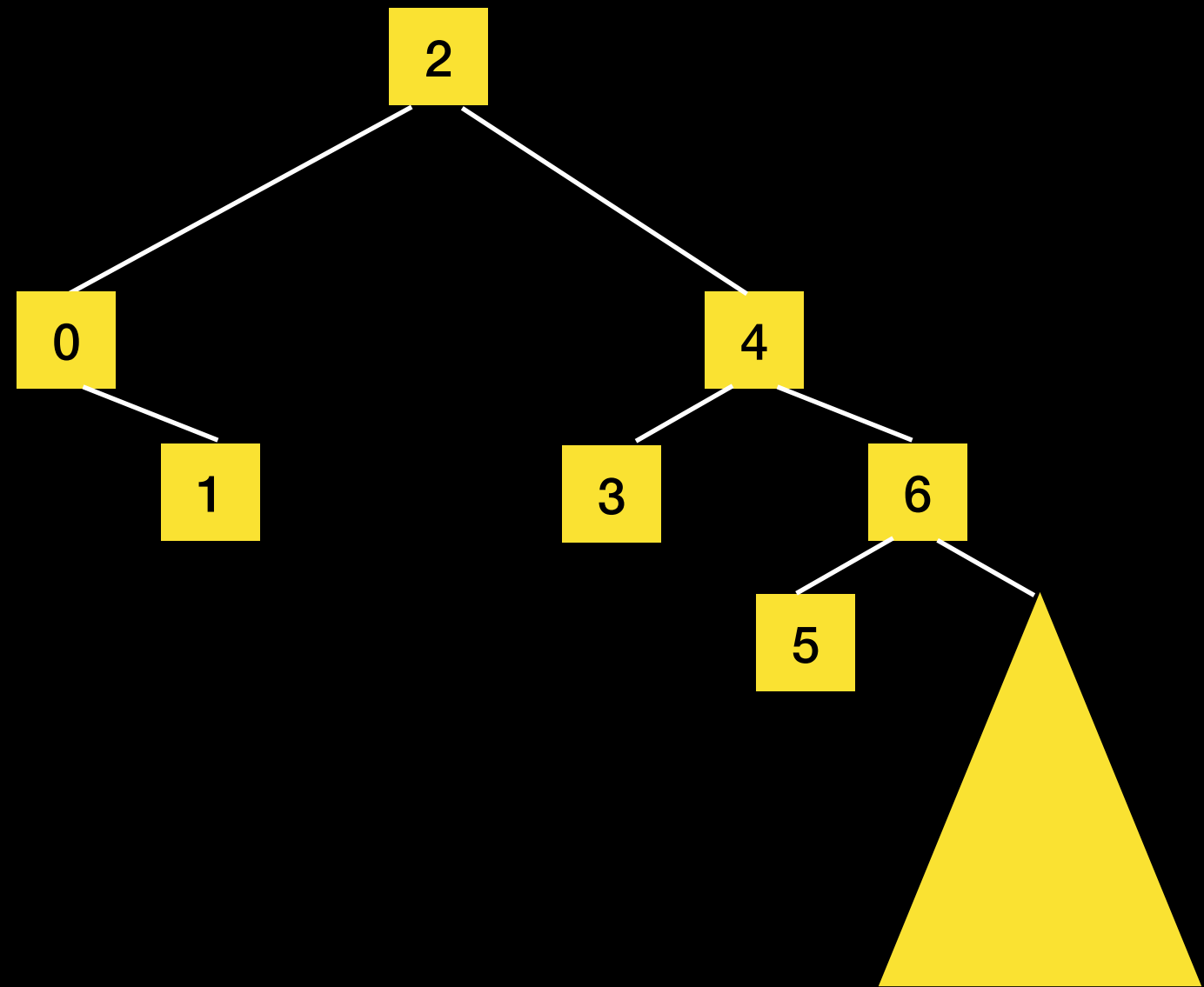
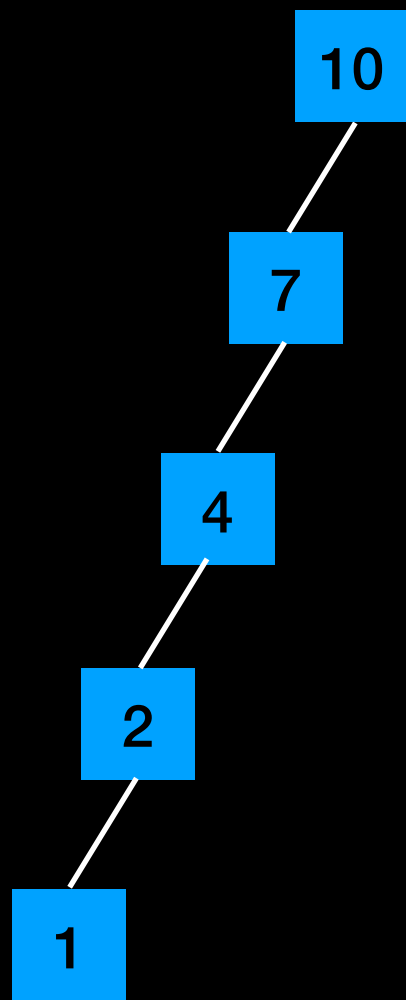


You **Grow** a tree with BST property, you don't get to restructure it  
(Self-balancing trees (e.g.Red-Black trees) will do that, perhaps in CSCI 335)

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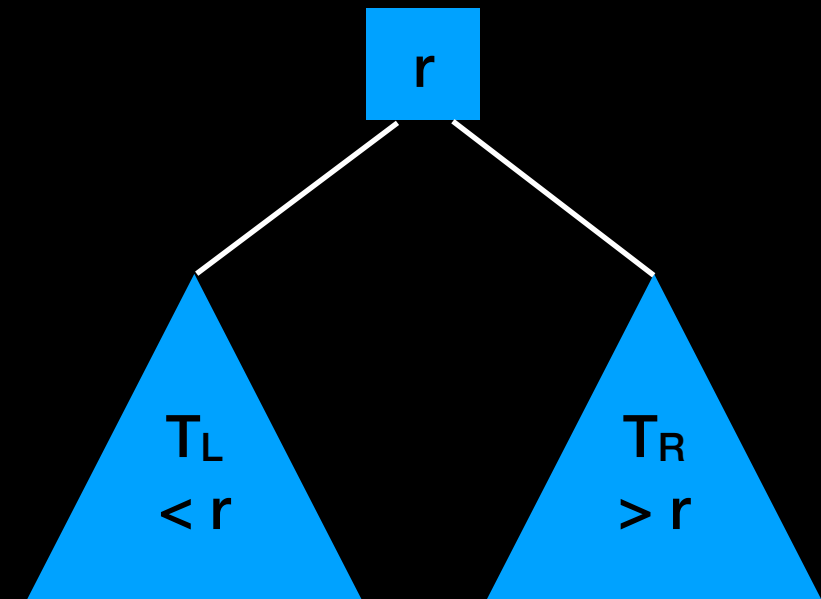
Write **pseudocode** to insert an item into a BST

How did you go about it?

What programming construct/approach did you use?

# Inserting into a BST

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add(bs_tree, item)
{
    if (bs_tree is empty) //base case
        make item the root
    else if (item < root)
        add(TL, item)
    else // item > root
        add(TR, item)
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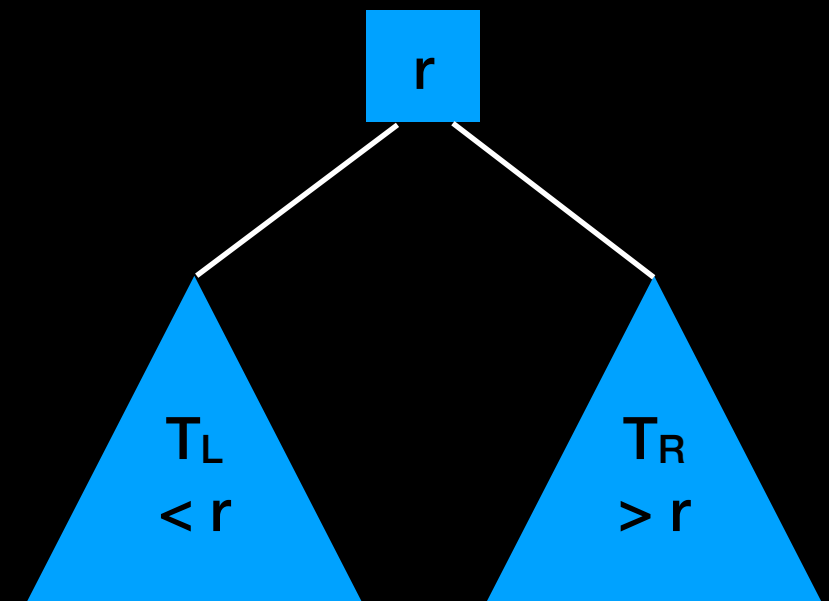




# Traversing a BST

Same as traversing  
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Which type of  
traversal is special  
for a BST?

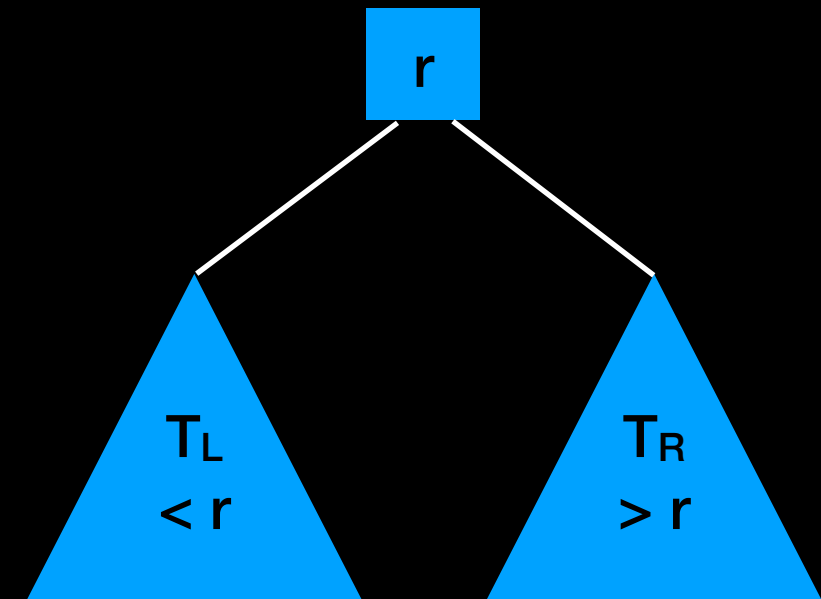


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```
inorder(bs_tree)
{
  //implicit base case
  if (bs_tree is not empty)
  {
    inorder(TL)
    visit the root
    inorder(TR)
  }
}
```

Visits nodes in sorted  
ascending order



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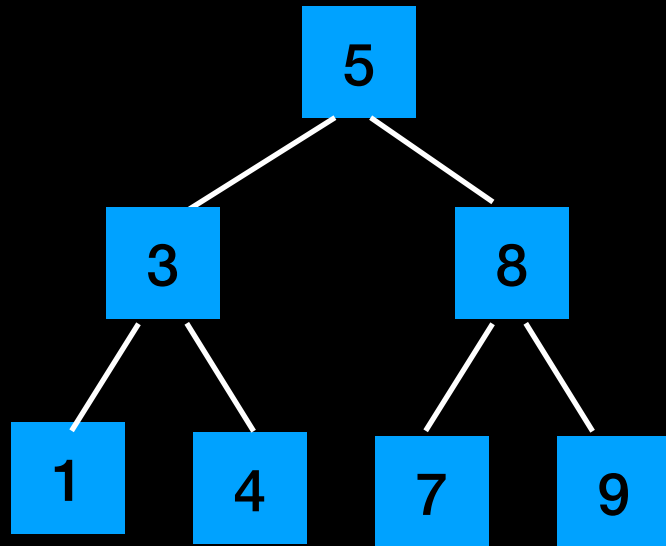
What is the **minimum height**?

# Tree Structure

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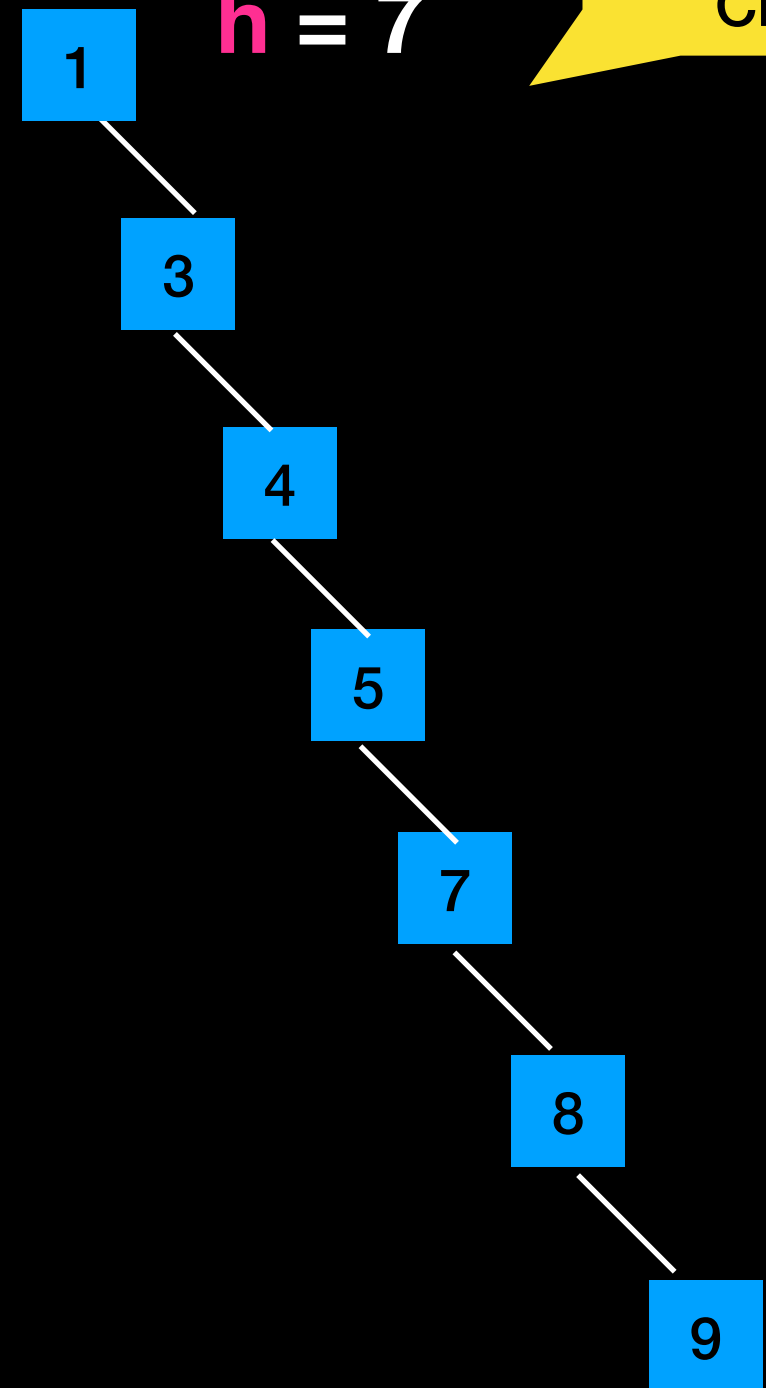
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Full BST



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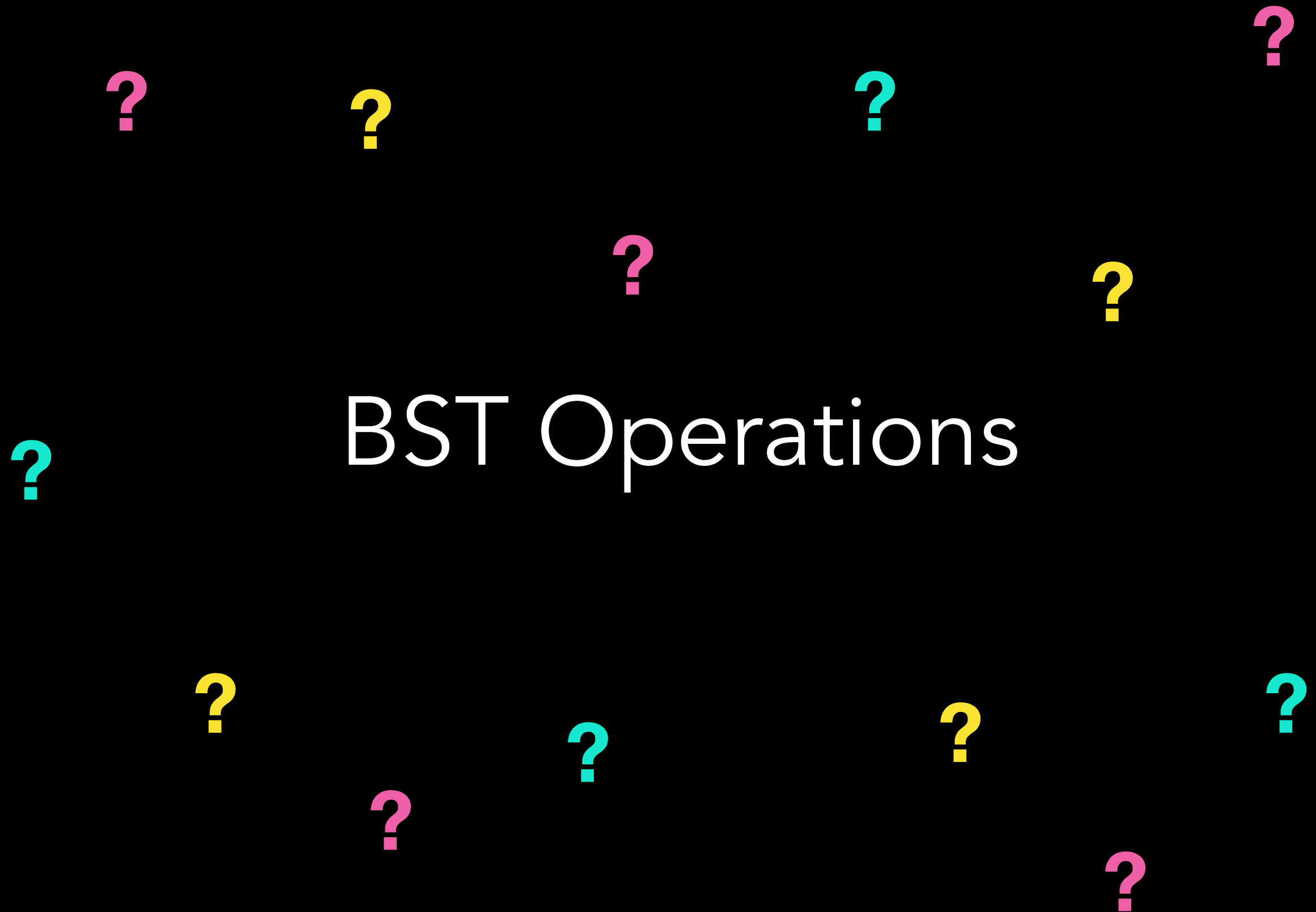
Chain



$n$  nodes

$$\log(n+1) \leq h \leq n$$

Operation	In Full Tree	Worst-case
Search	$O(\log n)$	$O(h)$
Add	$O(\log n)$	$O(h)$
Remove	$O(\log n)$	$O(h)$
Traverse	$O(n)$	$O(n)$



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