

# Tree Traversals

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- Sign up to be a TA! Deadline Friday
- Masks for now in class
- Any questions?

Let's look at last week's quiz

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- **Binary Tree**: A tree where each node has at most 2 children
- The **degree** of a node is the number of children it has. So a binary tree is a tree where all nodes have degree at most 2.
- Let's see an example of a binary tree. Then, we'll discuss the `BinaryTree` class that comes with `structure5`

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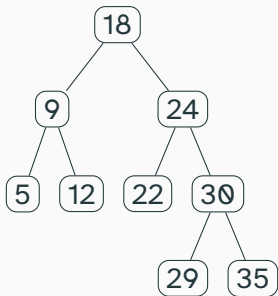
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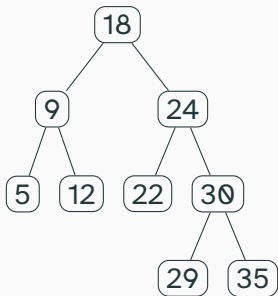
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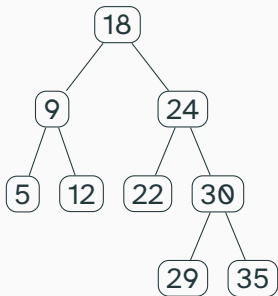
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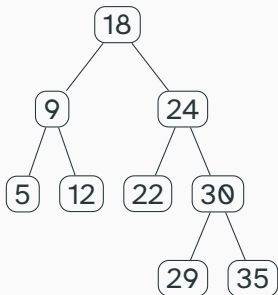
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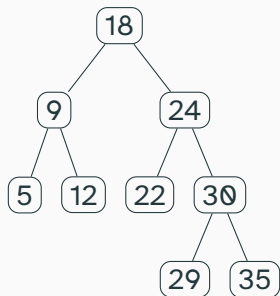
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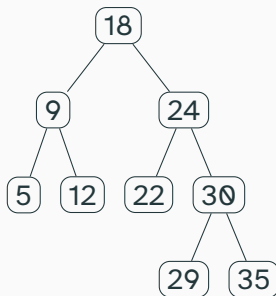
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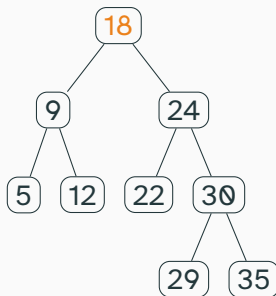
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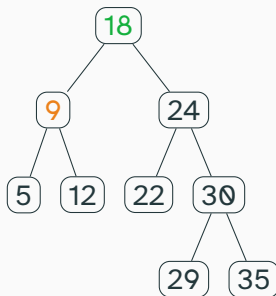
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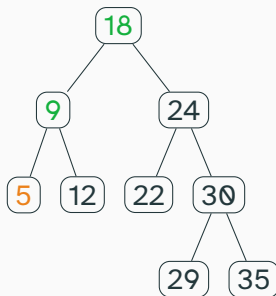
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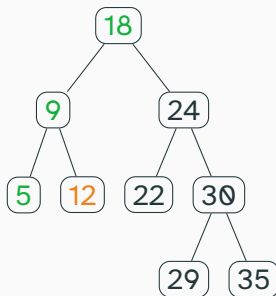
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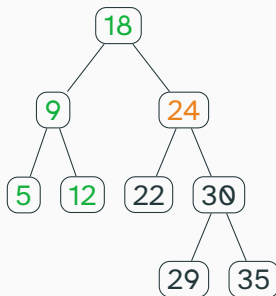
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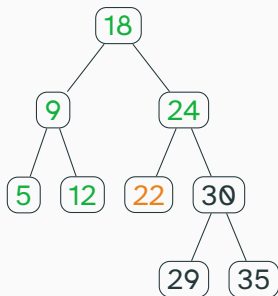
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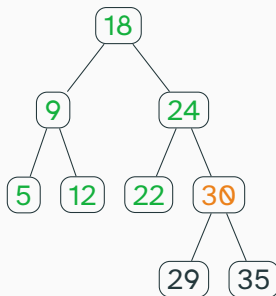


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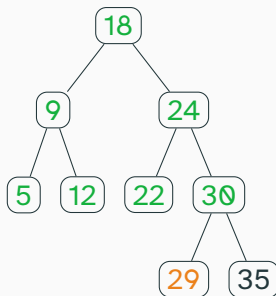
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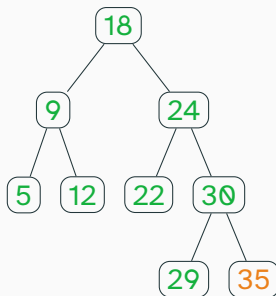
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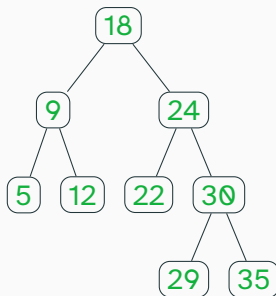
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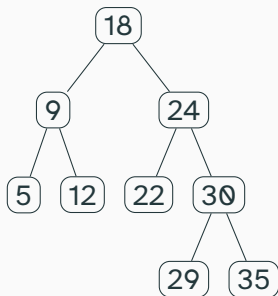
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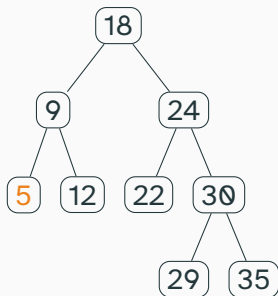


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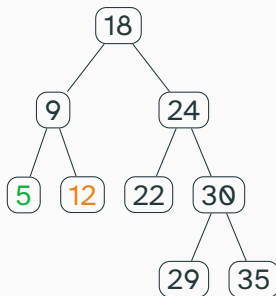
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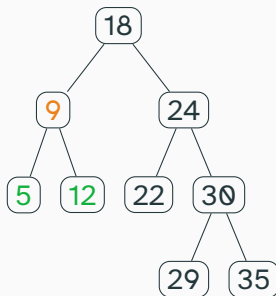
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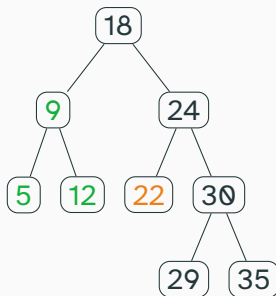
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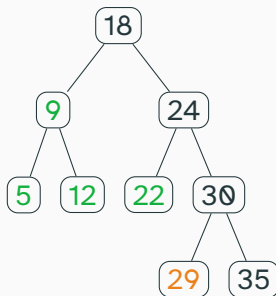
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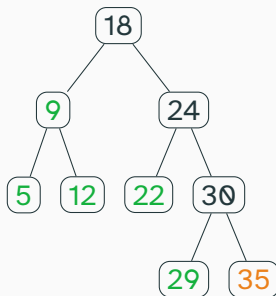
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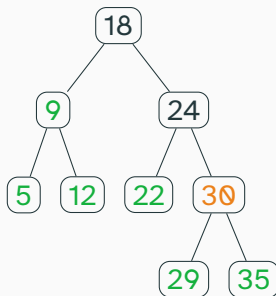
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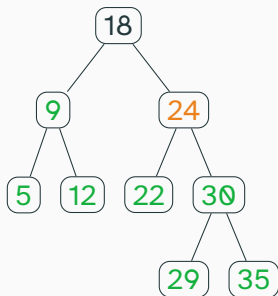
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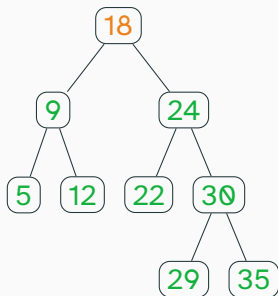


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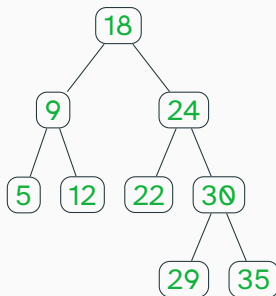
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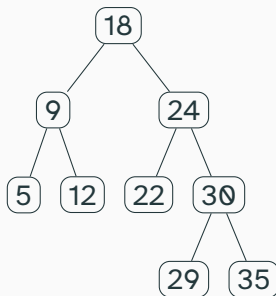
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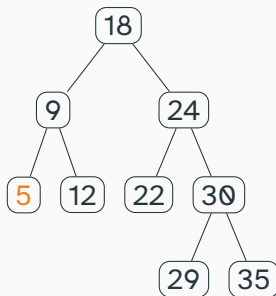
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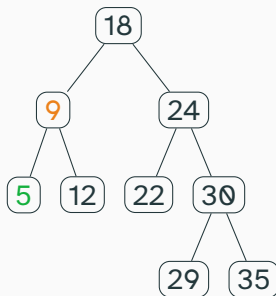


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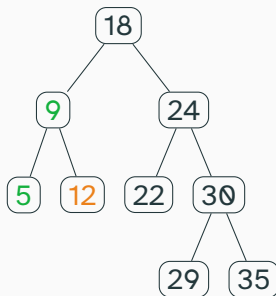
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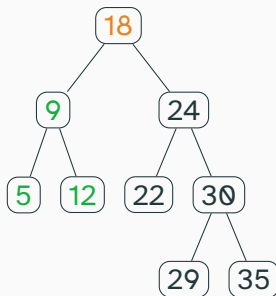
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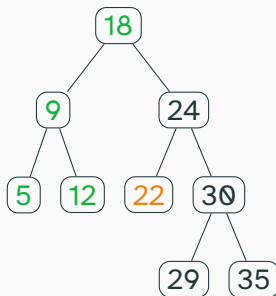
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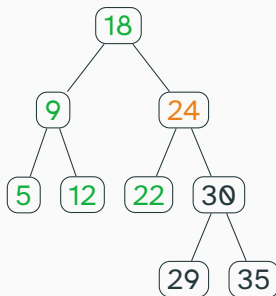
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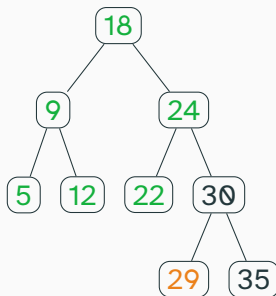
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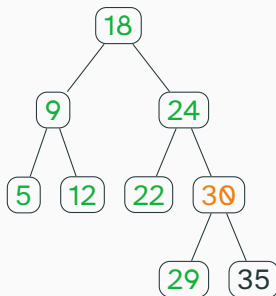
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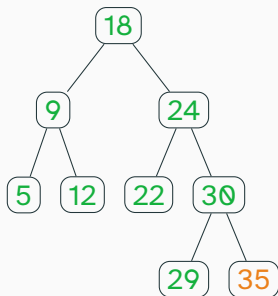
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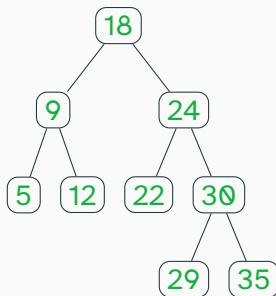


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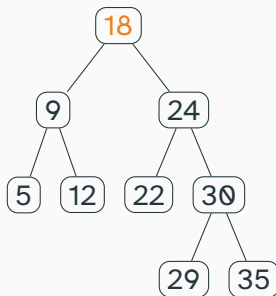
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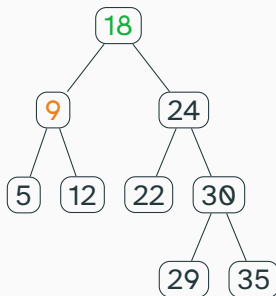
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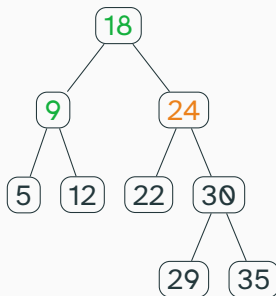
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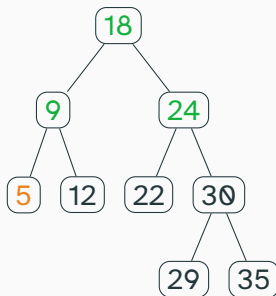
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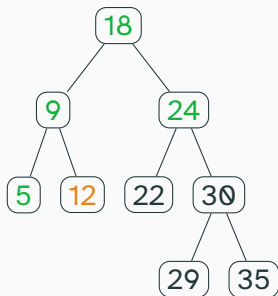


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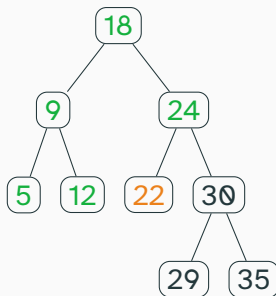
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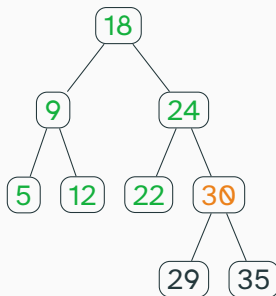
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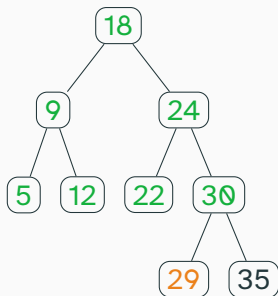
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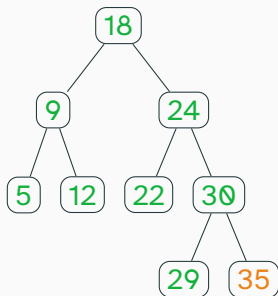
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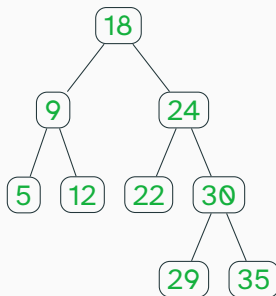
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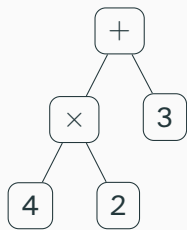
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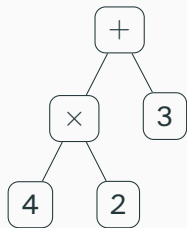
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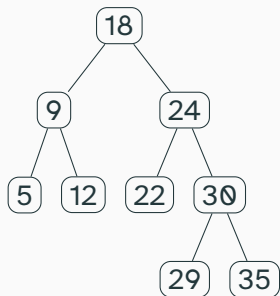
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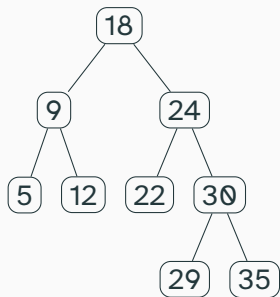
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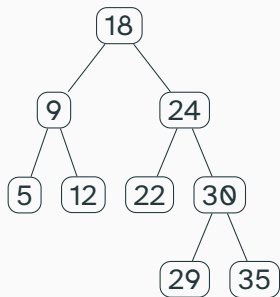
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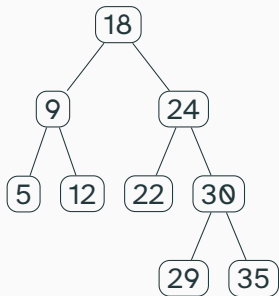
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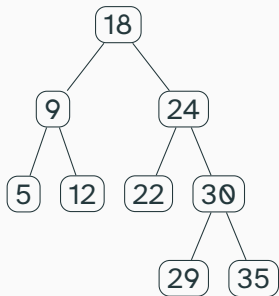
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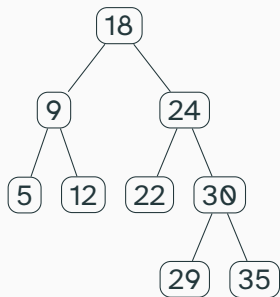
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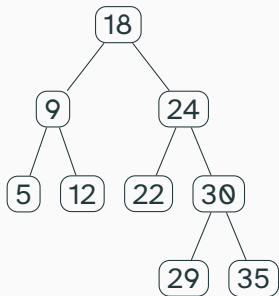
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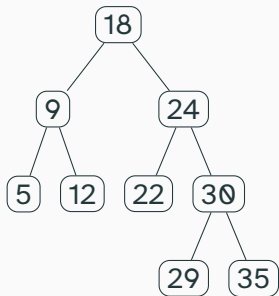
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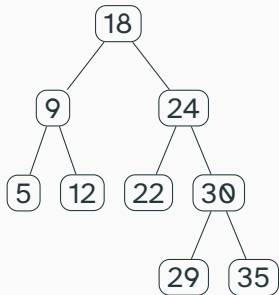


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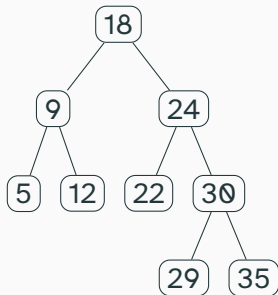
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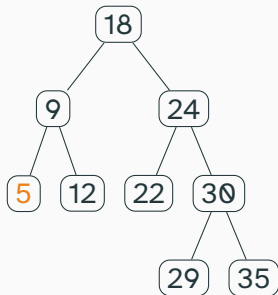


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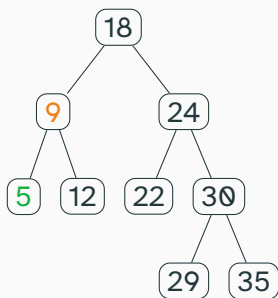


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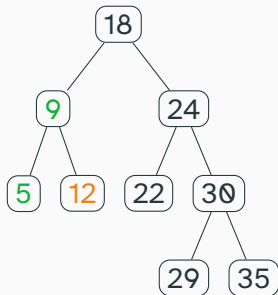


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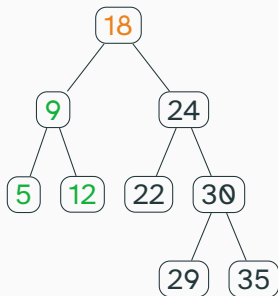


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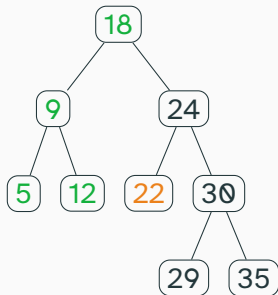


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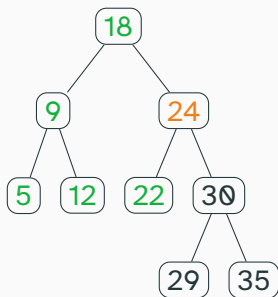


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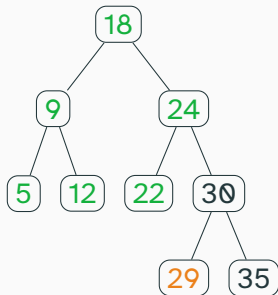


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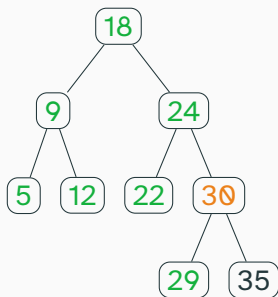
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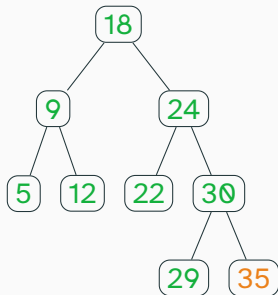


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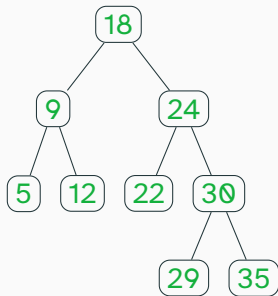


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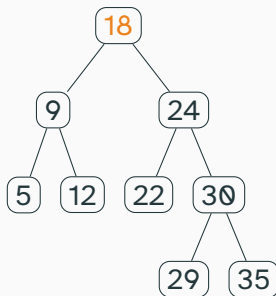
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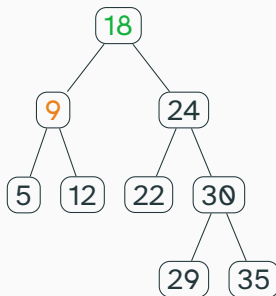


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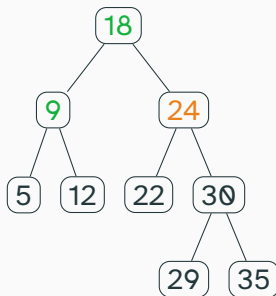
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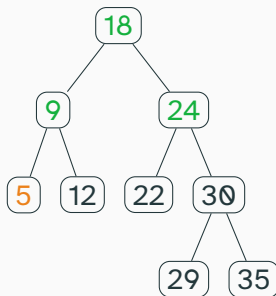
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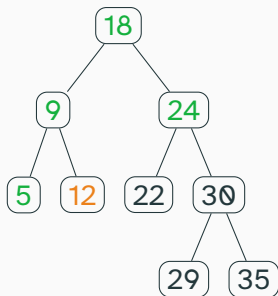
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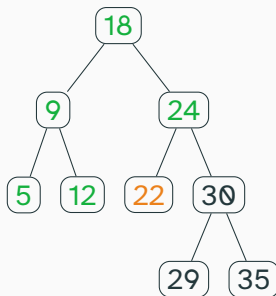
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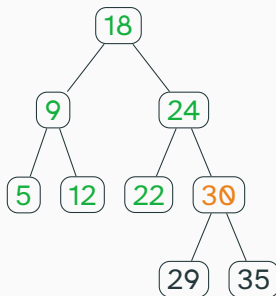
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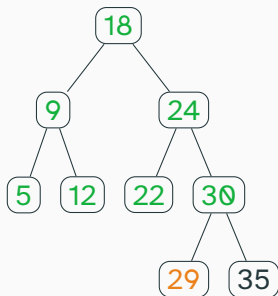
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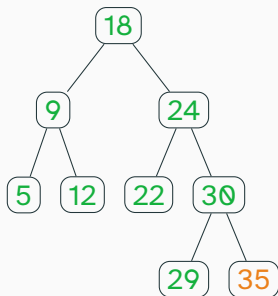
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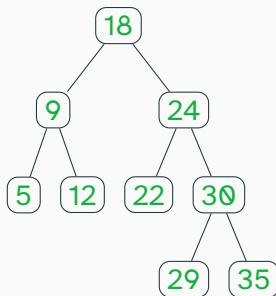


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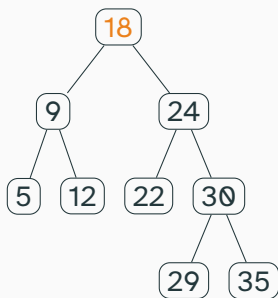
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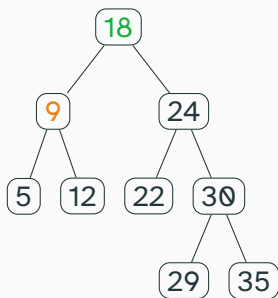


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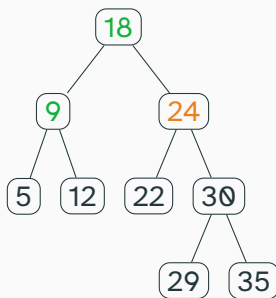


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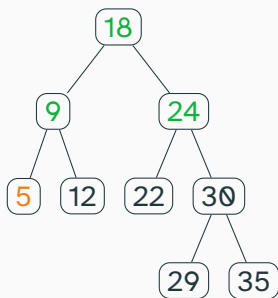


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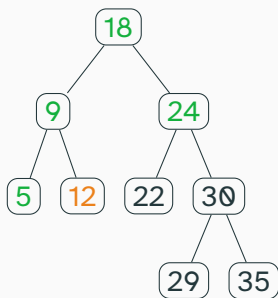
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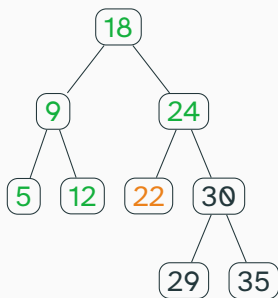


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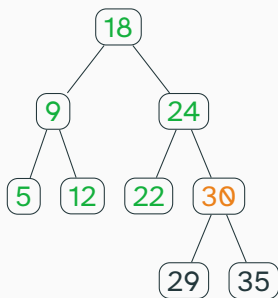


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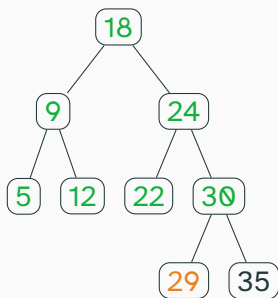


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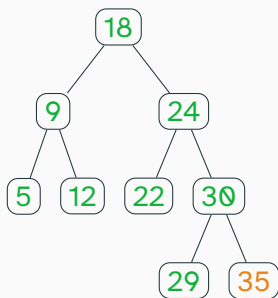


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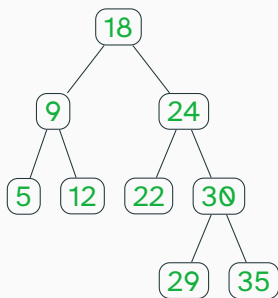


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