

# Recursion

- **Example 1:** Fibonacci Numbers

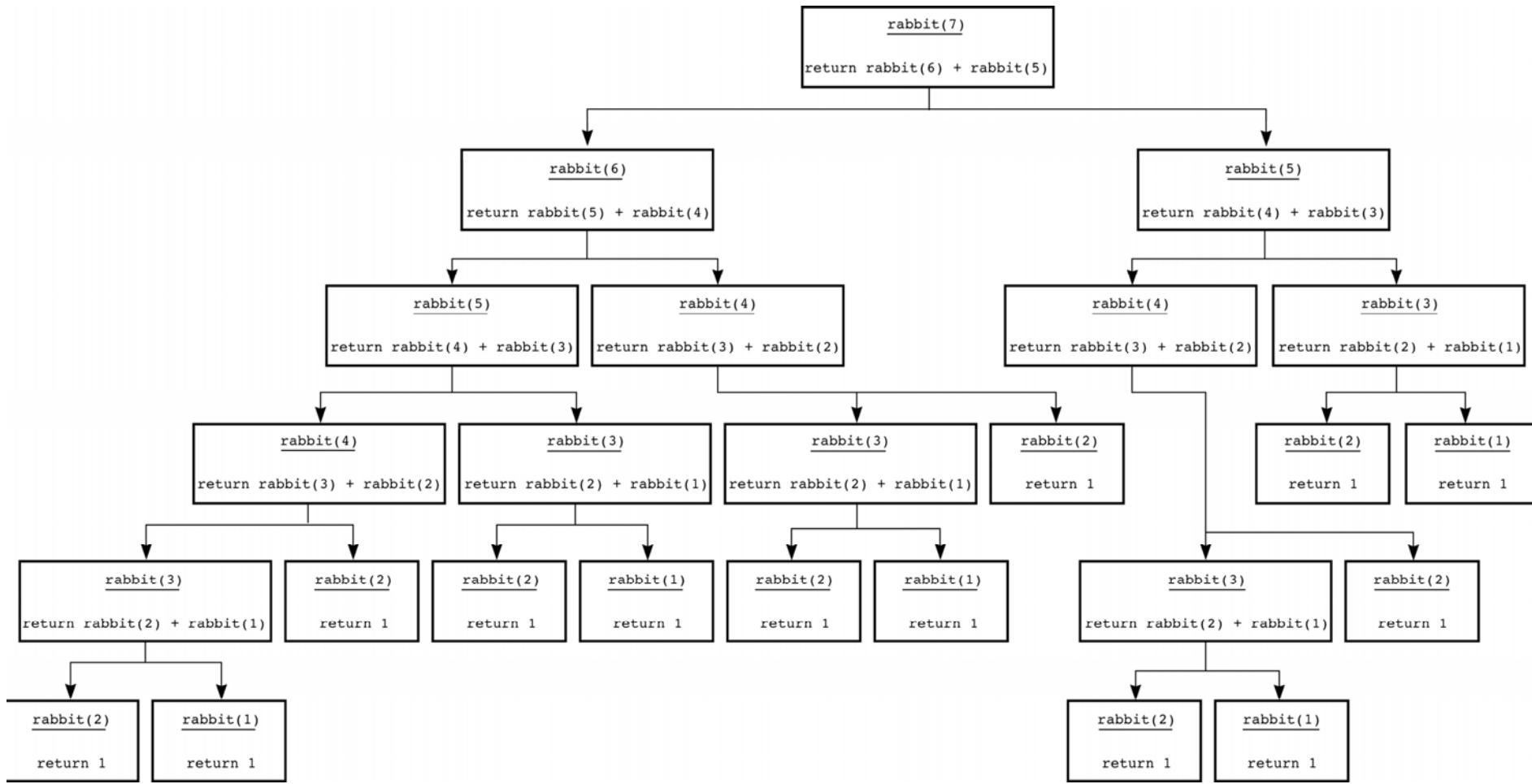
1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89, ...

```
public static long fib(int n)
{
    if (n <= 1)
        return n;
    else
        return fib(n-1) + fib(n-2);
}
```

- **Example 2:** Towers of Hanoi

# Figure 2.11

Recursive calls that `rabbit(7)` generates



# Figure 2.19a and b

a) The initial state; b) move  $n - 1$  disks from A to C



(a)

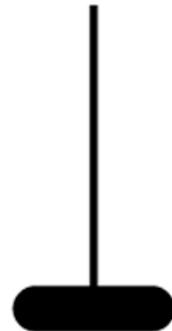
A



B



C



(b)

A



B



C

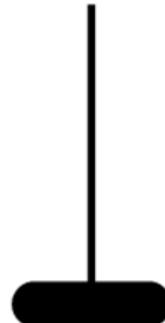
## Figure 2.19c and d

c) move one disk from A to B; d) move  $n - 1$  disks from C to B



(c)

A



B



C



(d)

A



B



C

## Sample output

Move top disk from pole A to pole B

Move top disk from pole A to pole C

Move top disk from pole B to pole C

Move top disk from pole A to pole B

Move top disk from pole C to pole A

Move top disk from pole C to pole B

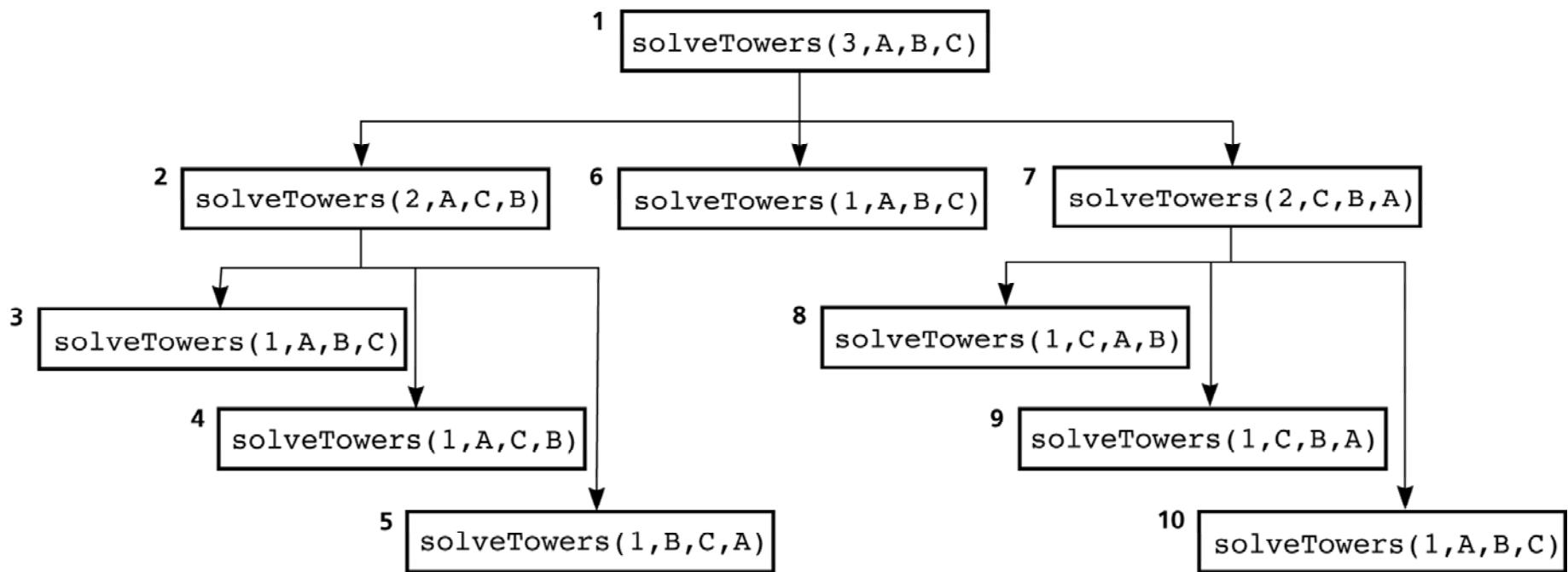
Move top disk from pole A to pole B

# SolveTowers Solution

```
public static void solveTowers(int count, char source,
                               char destination, char spare)
{
    if (count == 1) {
        System.out.println("Move top disk from pole " + source +
                           " to pole " + destination);
    }
    else {
        solveTowers(count-1, source, spare, destination); // X
        solveTowers(1, source, destination, spare);      // Y
        solveTowers(count-1, spare, destination, source); // Z
    } // end if
} // end solveTowers
```

## Figure 2.20

The order of recursive calls that results from `solveTowers(3, A, B, C)`



# Figure 2.21a

Box trace of `solveTowers(3, 'A', 'B', 'C')`

The initial call 1 is made, and `solveTowers` begins execution:

```
count = 3
source = A
dest = B
spare = C
```

At point X, recursive call 2 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:

The diagram shows two states of variable values. On the left, labeled 'before' with an arrow pointing to it, the values are: count = 3, source = A, dest = B, spare = C. On the right, labeled 'after' with an arrow pointing to it, the values have changed: count = 2, source = A, dest = C, spare = B. This represents the state of the variables when the second recursive call is made.

```
count = 3
source = A
dest = B
spare = C
```

X

```
count = 2
source = A
dest = C
spare = B
```

At point X, recursive call 3 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:

The diagram shows three states of variable values. The first state on the left, labeled 'before' with an arrow pointing to it, has values: count = 3, source = A, dest = B, spare = C. The second state in the middle, labeled 'after' with an arrow pointing to it, has values: count = 2, source = A, dest = C, spare = B. The third state on the right, also labeled 'after' with an arrow pointing to it, has values: count = 1, source = A, dest = B, spare = C. This represents the state of the variables when the third recursive call is made.

```
count = 3
source = A
dest = B
spare = C
```

X

```
count = 2
source = A
dest = C
spare = B
```

X

```
count = 1
source = A
dest = B
spare = C
```

This is the base case, so a disk is moved, the return is made, and the method continues execution.

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```
count = 3
source = A
dest = B
spare = C
```

X

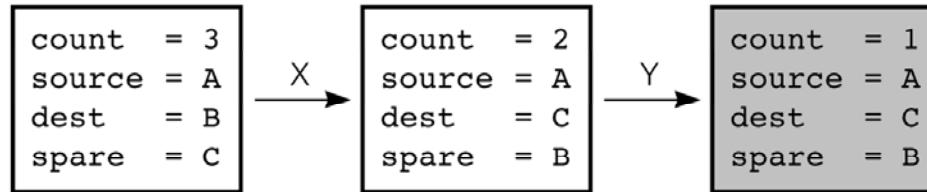
```
count = 2
source = A
dest = C
spare = B
```

```
count = 1
source = A
dest = B
spare = C
```

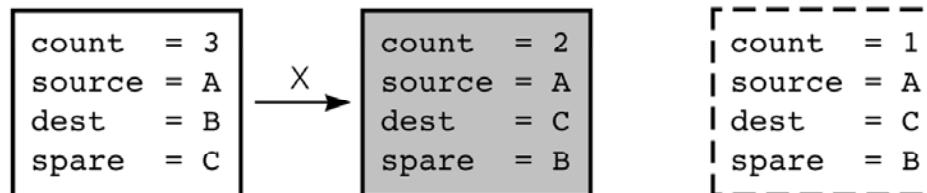
# Figure 2.21b

## Box trace of *solveTowers*(3, 'A', 'B', 'C')

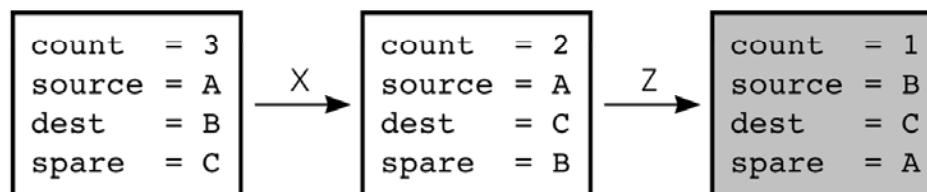
At point Y, recursive call 4 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:



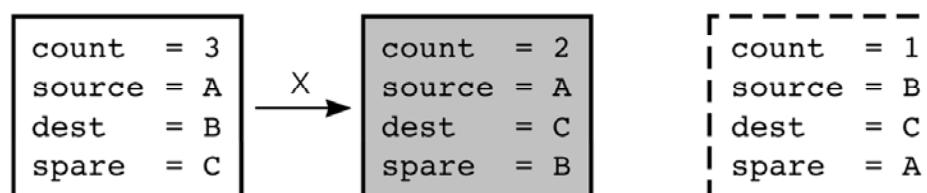
This is the base case, so a disk is moved, the return is made, and the method continues execution.



At point Z, recursive call 5 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:



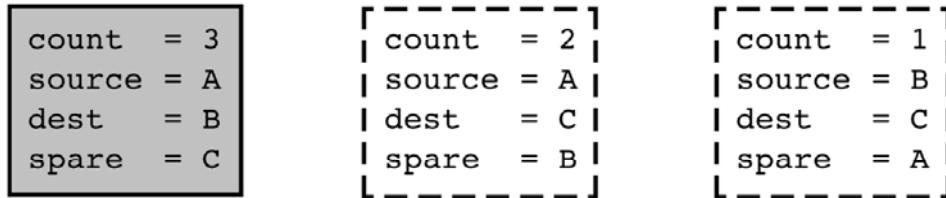
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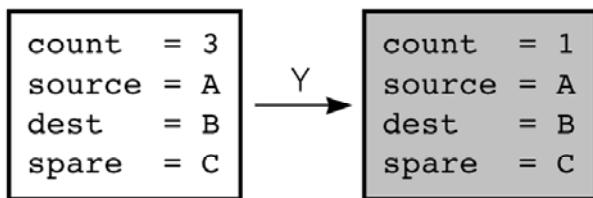
# Figure 2.21c

## Box trace of *solveTowers*(3, 'A', 'B', 'C')

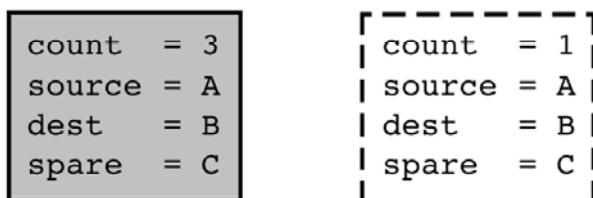
This invocation completes, the return is made, and the method continues execution.



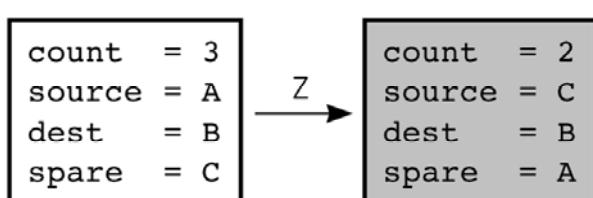
At point Y, recursive call 6 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:



This is the base case, so a disk is moved, the return is made, and the method continues execution.



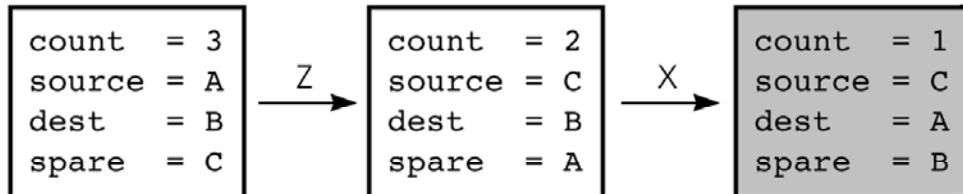
At point Z, recursive call 7 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:



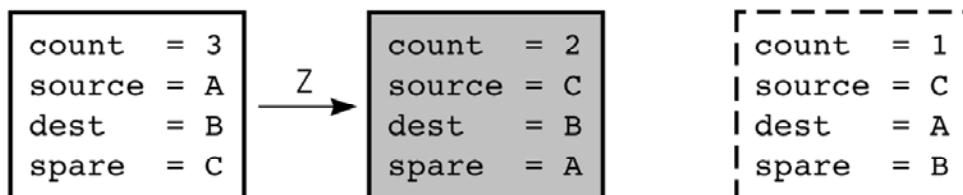
# Figure 2.21d

Box trace of *solveTowers(3, 'A', 'B', 'C')*

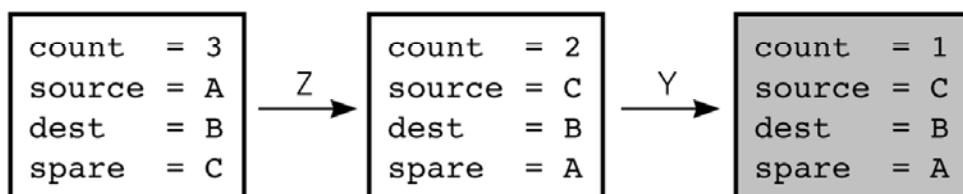
At point X, recursive call 8 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:



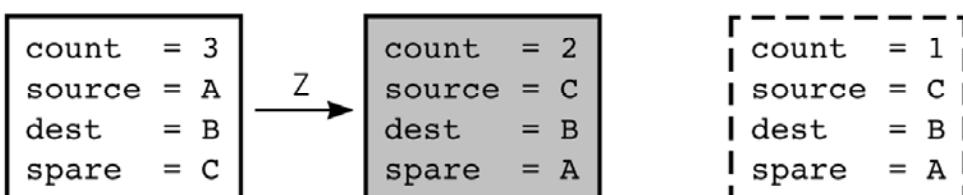
This is the base case, so a disk is moved, the return is made, and the method continues execution.



At point Y, recursive call 9 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:



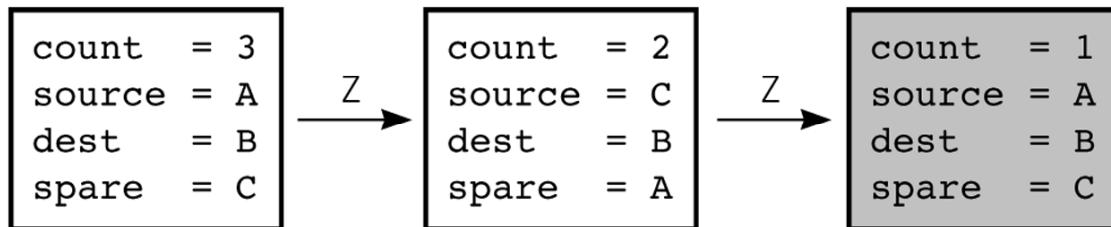
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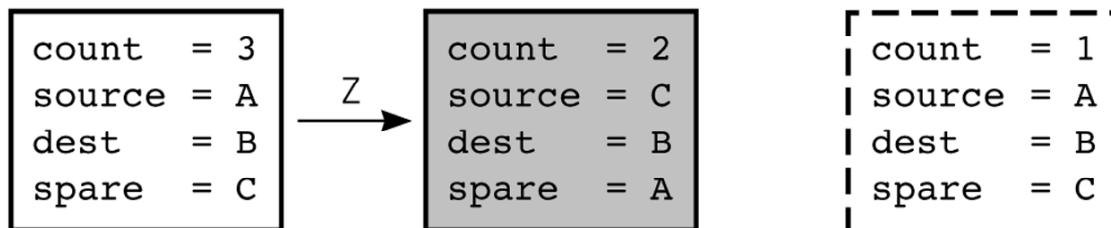
# Figure 2.21e

Box trace of `solveTowers(3, 'A', 'B', 'C')`

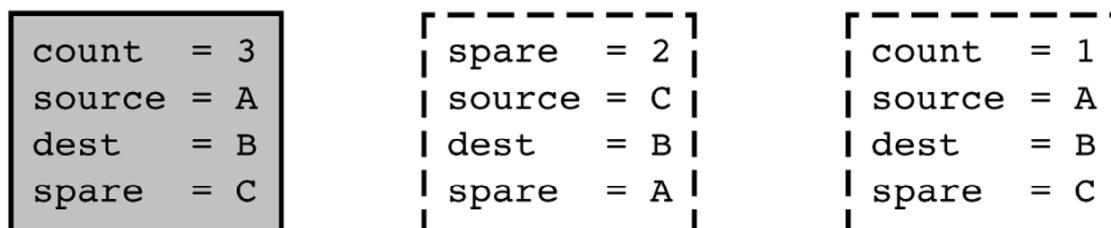
At point Z, recursive call 10 is made, and the new invocation of the method begins execution:



This is the base case, so a disk is moved, the return is made, and the method continues execution.



This invocation completes, the return is made, and the method continues execution.



# Binary Trees

```
class BinaryNode
{
    public BinaryNode( ) { this( null, null, null ); }
    public BinaryNode( Object theElement, BinaryNode lt, BinaryNode rt );
    public static int size( BinaryNode t ); // size of subtree rooted at t
    public static int height( BinaryNode t );
    public void printPreOrder( );
    public void printPostOrder( );
    public void printInOrder( );
    public BinaryNode duplicate( ); // make a duplicate tree and return root
    public Object getElement( );
    public BinaryNode getLeft( );
    public BinaryNode getRight( );
    public void setElement( Object x );
    public void setLeft( BinaryNode t );
    public void setRight( BinaryNode t );

    private Object element;
    private BinaryNode left;
    private BinaryNode right;
}
```

# Binary Trees

```
public class BinaryTree
{
    public BinaryTree( );
    public BinaryTree( Object rootItem );
    public void printPreOrder( );
    public void printInOrder( );
    public void printPostOrder( );
    public void makeEmpty( );
    public boolean isEmpty( );
    /** Forms a new tree from rootItem, t1 and t2. t1 not equal to t2. */
    public void merge( Object rootItem, BinaryTree t1, BinaryTree t2 );
    public int size( );
    public int height( );
    public BinaryNode getRoot( );

    private BinaryNode root;
}
```

# Binary Trees

```
public class BinaryTree
{
    static public void main( String [ ] args )
    {
        BinaryTree t1 = new BinaryTree( "1" ); BinaryTree t3 = new BinaryTree( "3" );
        BinaryTree t5 = new BinaryTree( "5" ); BinaryTree t7 = new BinaryTree( "7" );
        BinaryTree t2 = new BinaryTree( );     BinaryTree t4 = new BinaryTree( );
        BinaryTree t6 = new BinaryTree( );
        t2.merge( "2", t1, t3 );  t6.merge( "6", t5, t7 );  t4.merge( "4", t2, t6 );

        System.out.println( "t4 should be perfect 1-7; t2 empty" );
        System.out.println( "-----" );
        System.out.println( "t4" );
        t4.printInOrder( );
        System.out.println( "-----" );
        System.out.println( "t2" );
        t2.printInOrder( );
        System.out.println( "-----" );
        System.out.println( "t4 size: " + t4.size( ) );
        System.out.println( "t4 height: " + t4.height( ) );
    }
}
```

# Binary Trees

```
public void printPreOrder( )
{
    System.out.println( element );      // Node
    if( left != null ) left.printPreOrder( );        // Left
    if( right != null ) right.printPreOrder( );       // Right
}
public void printPostOrder( )
{
    if( left != null ) left.printPostOrder( );        // Left
    if( right != null ) right.printPostOrder( );       // Right
    System.out.println( element );      // Node
}
public void printInOrder( )
{
    if( left != null ) left.printInOrder( );        // Left
    System.out.println( element );      // Node
    if( right != null ) right.printInOrder( );       // Right
}
```

# Binary Trees

```
public void merge( Object rootItem, BinaryTree t1, BinaryTree t2 )
{
    if( t1.root == t2.root && t1.root != null ) {
        System.err.println( "leftTree==rightTree; merge aborted" );
        return;
    }
    root = new BinaryNode( rootItem, t1.root, t2.root );
    if( this != t1 )  t1.root = null;
    if( this != t2 )  t2.root = null;
}

public BinaryNode duplicate( )
{
    BinaryNode root = new BinaryNode( element, null, null );
    if( left != null )  root.left = left.duplicate( );
    if( right != null ) root.right = right.duplicate( );
    return root;           // Return resulting tree
}
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
// BinarySearchTree class
//
// void insert( x )    --> Insert x
// void remove( x )    --> Remove x
// void removeMin( )   --> Remove minimum item
// Comparable find( x ) --> Return item that matches x
// Comparable findMin( ) --> Return smallest item
// Comparable findMax( ) --> Return largest item
// boolean isEmpty( )  --> Return true if empty; else false
// void makeEmpty( )   --> Remove all items
public class BinarySearchTree
{
    private Comparable elementAt( BinaryNode t ) { return t == null ? null : t.element; }
    protected BinaryNode insert( Comparable x, BinaryNode t )
    protected BinaryNode remove( Comparable x, BinaryNode t )
    protected BinaryNode removeMin( BinaryNode t )
    protected BinaryNode findMin( BinaryNode t )
    private BinaryNode findMax( BinaryNode t )
    private BinaryNode find( Comparable x, BinaryNode t )

    protected BinaryNode root;
}
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
public static void main( String [ ] args ) {
    BinarySearchTree t = new BinarySearchTree( );
    final int NUMS = 4000;
    final int GAP = 37;
    System.out.println( "Checking... (no more output means success)" );
    for( int i = GAP; i != 0; i = ( i + GAP ) % NUMS )
        t.insert( new Integer( i ) );
    for( int i = 1; i < NUMS; i+= 2 )
        t.remove( new Integer( i ) );
    if( ((Integer)(t.findMin( ))).intValue( ) != 2 ||
        ((Integer)(t.findMax( ))).intValue( ) != NUMS - 2 )
        System.out.println( "FindMin or FindMax error!" );
    for( int i = 2; i < NUMS; i+=2 )
        if( ((Integer)(t.find( new Integer( i ) ))).intValue( ) != i )
            System.out.println( "Find error1!" );
    for( int i = 1; i < NUMS; i+=2 )
    {
        if( t.find( new Integer( i ) ) != null )
            System.out.println( "Find error2!" );
    }
}
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
protected BinaryNode insert( Comparable x, BinaryNode t ) {  
    if( t == null )  
        t = new BinaryNode( x );  
    else if( x.compareTo( t.element ) < 0 )  
        t.left = insert( x, t.left );  
    else if( x.compareTo( t.element ) > 0 )  
        t.right = insert( x, t.right );  
    else throw new DuplicateItemException( x.toString() ); // Duplicate  
    return t;  
}  
  
protected BinaryNode remove( Comparable x, BinaryNode t ) {  
    if( t == null ) throw new ItemNotFoundException( x.toString() );  
    if( x.compareTo( t.element ) < 0 ) t.left = remove( x, t.left );  
    else if( x.compareTo( t.element ) > 0 ) t.right = remove( x, t.right );  
    else if( t.left != null && t.right != null ) {  
        t.element = findMin( t.right ).element;  
        t.right = removeMin( t.right );  
    }  
    else  
        t = ( t.left != null ) ? t.left : t.right;  
    return t;  
}
```

# Binary Search Trees

```
protected BinaryNode removeMin( BinaryNode t )
{
    if( t == null )
        throw new ItemNotFoundException();
    else if( t.left != null )
    {
        t.left = removeMin( t.left );
        return t;
    }
    else
        return t.right;
}
```

```
protected BinaryNode findMin( BinaryNode t )
{
    if( t != null )
        while( t.left != null )
            t = t.left;
    return t;
}

private BinaryNode
    find( Comparable x, BinaryNode t )
{
    while( t != null )
    {
        if( x.compareTo( t.element ) < 0 )
            t = t.left;
        else if( x.compareTo( t.element ) > 0 )
            t = t.right;
        else
            return t; // Match
    }
    return null; // Not found
}
```