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Problem

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(Please don't post your ideas in the chat just yet, we'll discuss the problem soon in class.)

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Review: Binary search trees

• A *binary search tree* is a binary tree, each node storing a *key*.



- We require that for every node v:
 - The left subtree has all nodes less than or equal to v.
 - The right subtree has all nodes greater than or equal to v.

Review: Expected height

- We have a lot of algorithms running in O(h).
- Maximum height with *n* keys: h = n 1.
- Minimum height: $h = O(\log n)$.
- Let's consider a *typical* binary search tree.
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Review: Hockey stick identity

• Hockey stick identity in our proof:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \binom{i+k}{k} = \binom{n+k}{k+1}.$$

Review: Jensen's inequality

• We will also use another form of Jensen's inequality - if f is convex, then:

 $\mathbb{E}[f(x)] \geq f(\mathbb{E}[x]).$

• This is essentially the same as the weighted form of Jensen's inequality we have already seen:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n p_i f(x_i) \ge f\left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i x_i\right)$$

if p_i are nonnegative with $\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i = 1$.

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$$n+1 \geq 2^{\operatorname{height}(x)/2},$$

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