CS 61BL Lab 18

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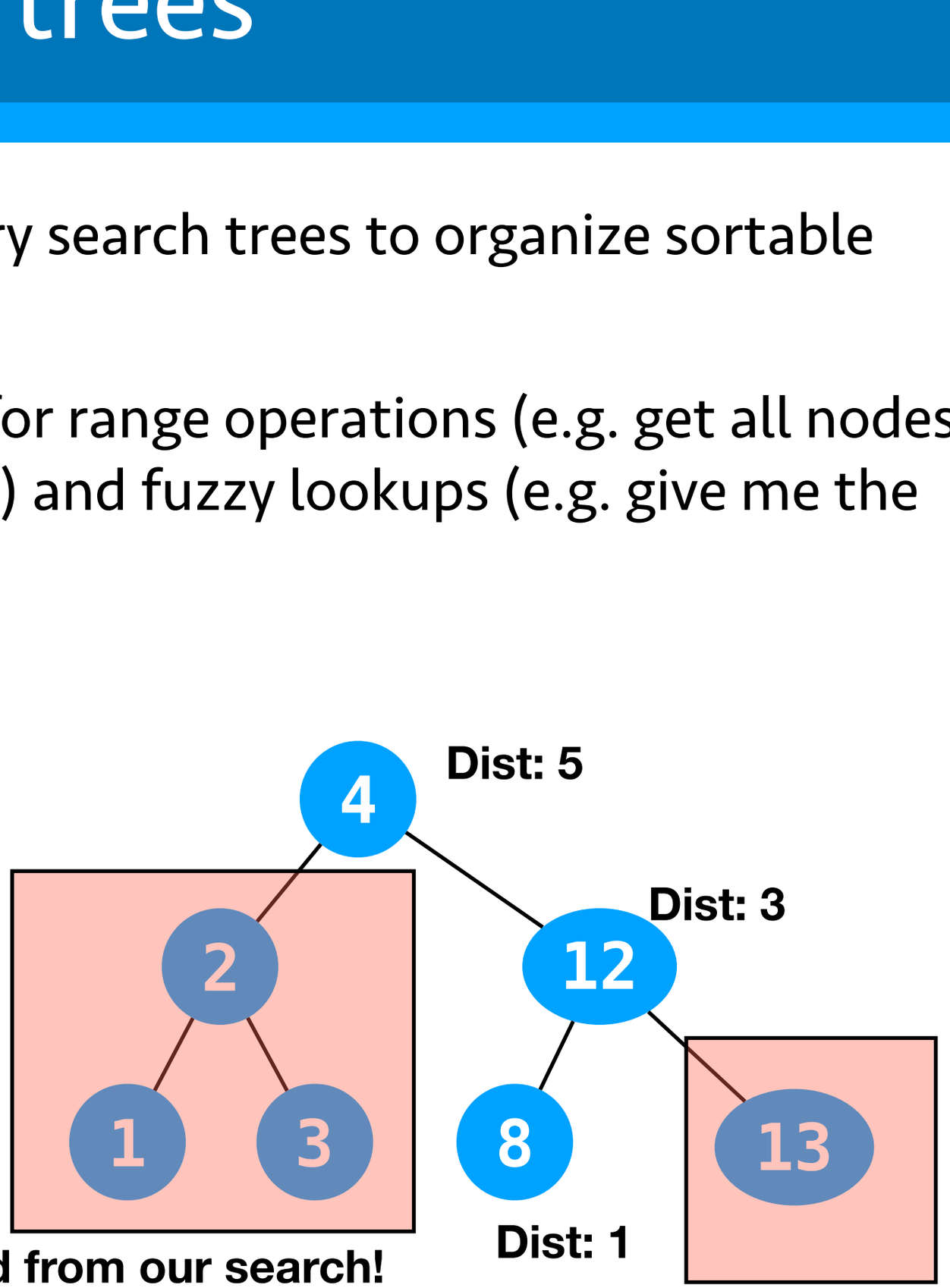
k-d trees

- Previously, we've been using binary search trees to organize sortable data.
- Binary search trees are excellent for range operations (e.g. get all nodes greater than 50 and less than 100) and fuzzy lookups (e.g. give me the node with value closest to 72).

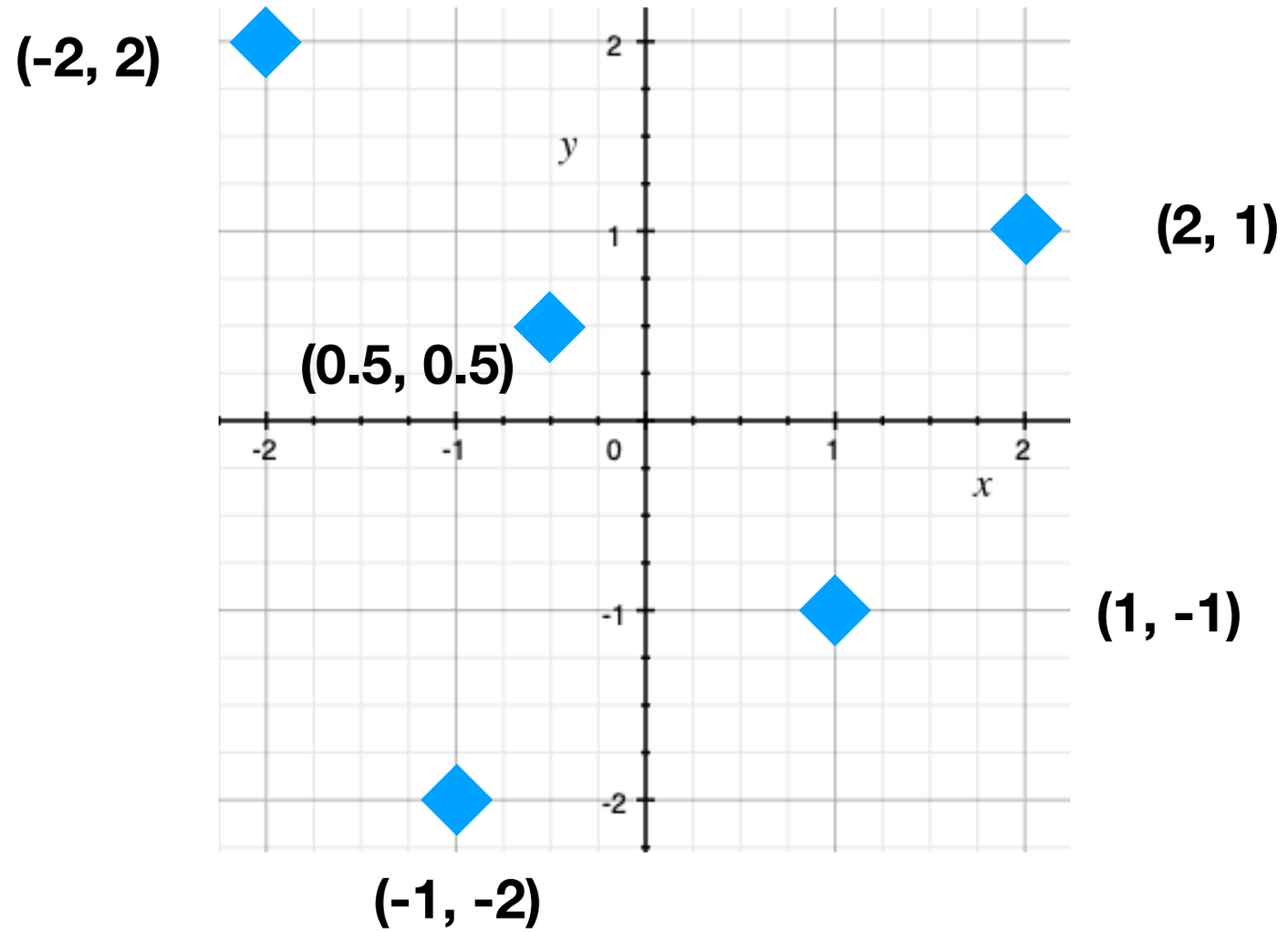
How would you find the node with value closest to 9?



This side of the tree is pruned from our search!

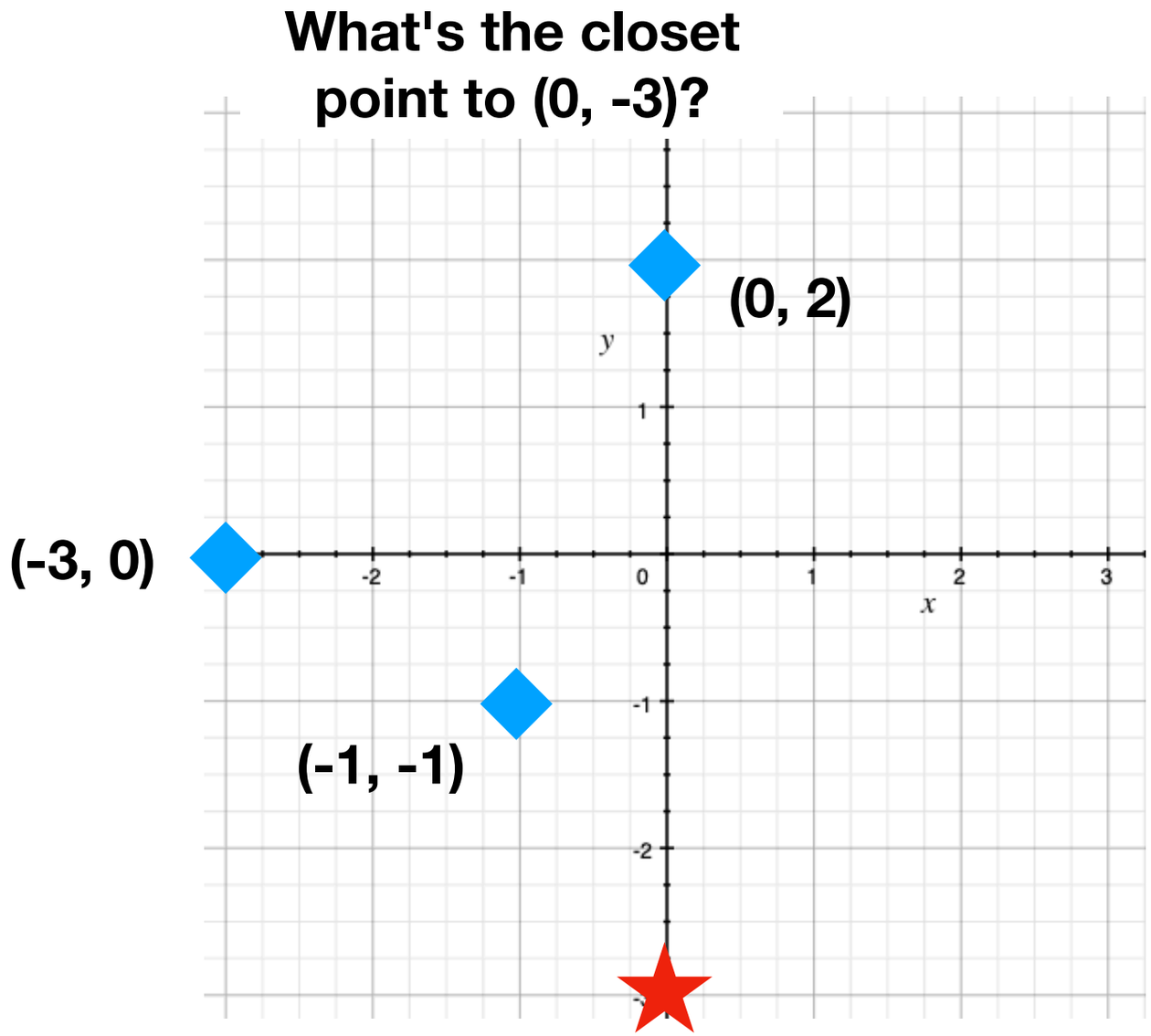
The Problem

- Not all data is one-dimensional.

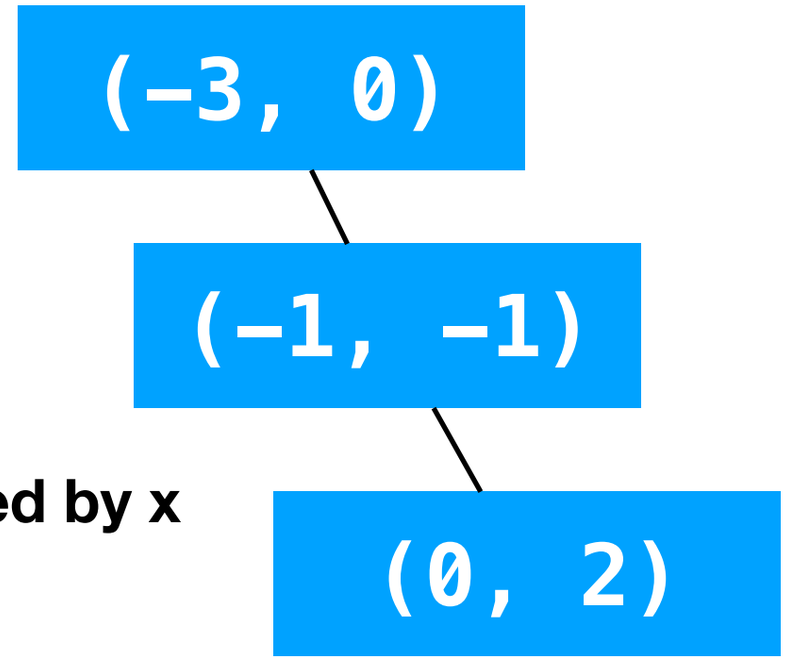


Two-Dimensional Trickery

- Going closer in one dimension does not necessarily you get closer to your target, since you might go even farther in another dimension.



Ordered by x



Both (-1, -1) and (0, 2) are closer to the target in the x direction than (-3, 0).

But one of them is closer and one of them is farther!

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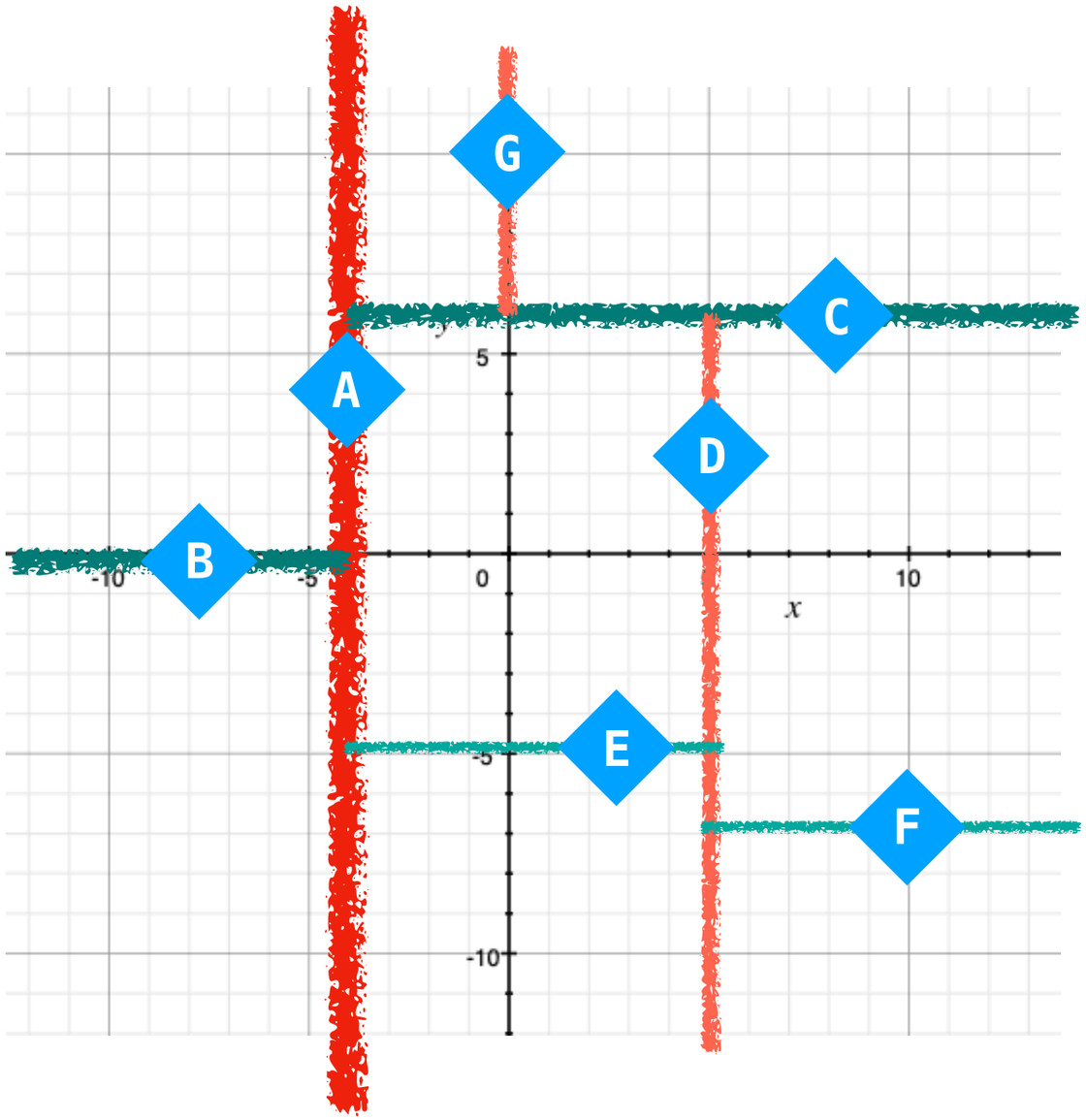

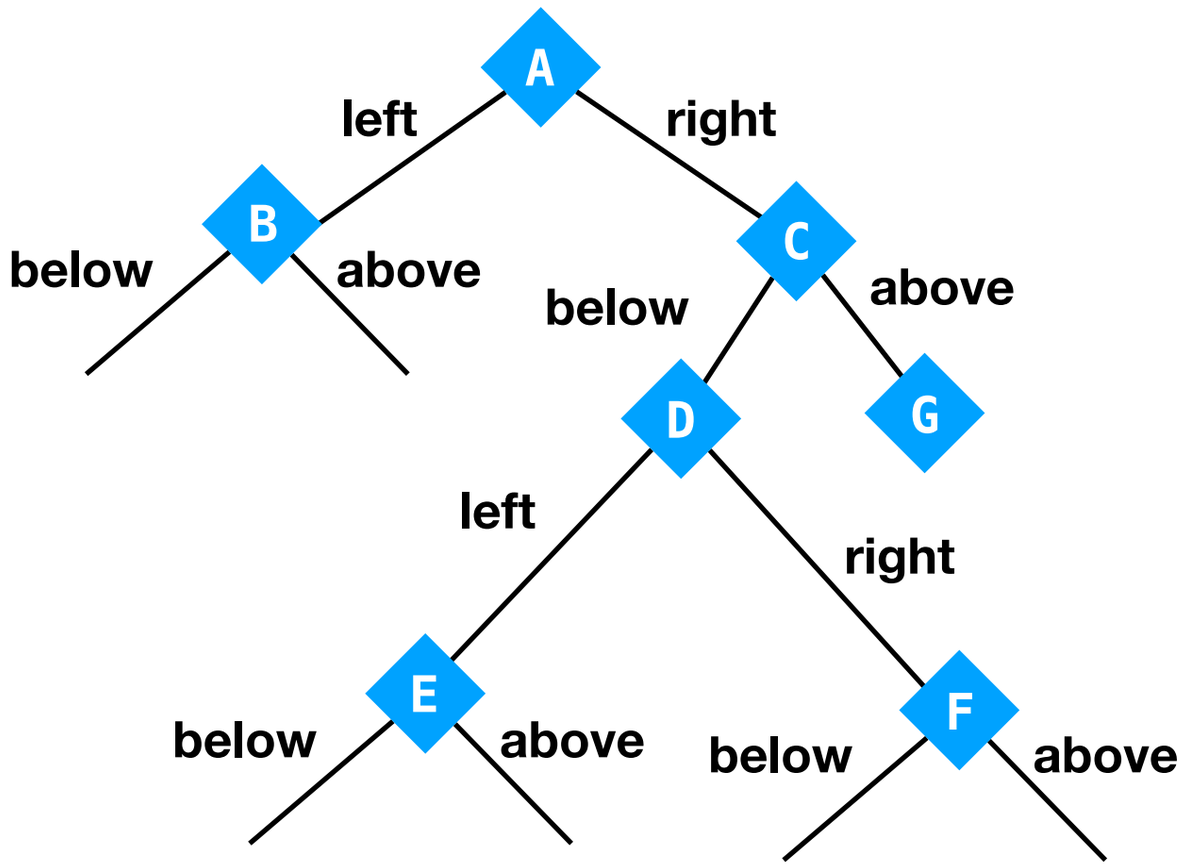

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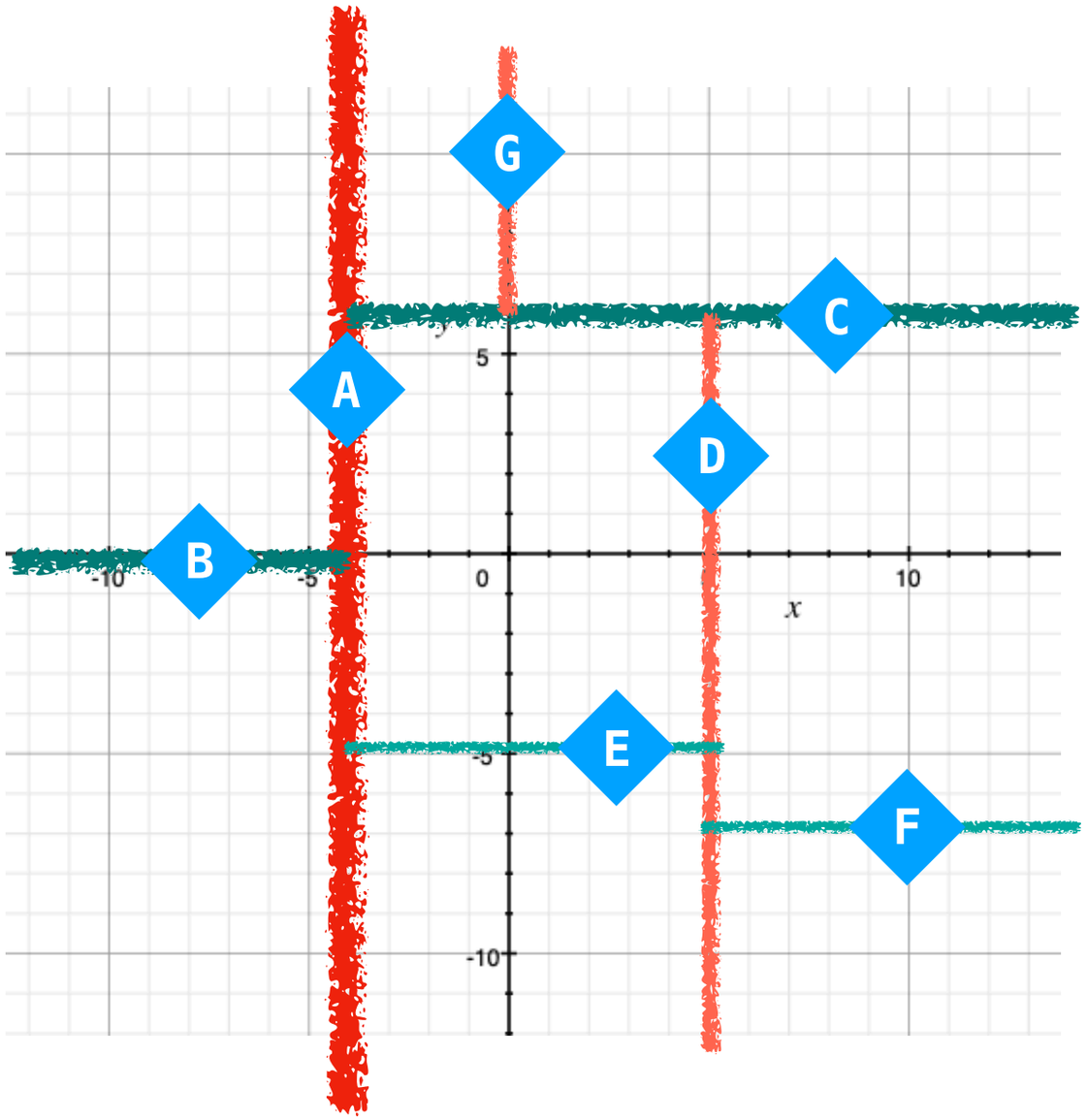
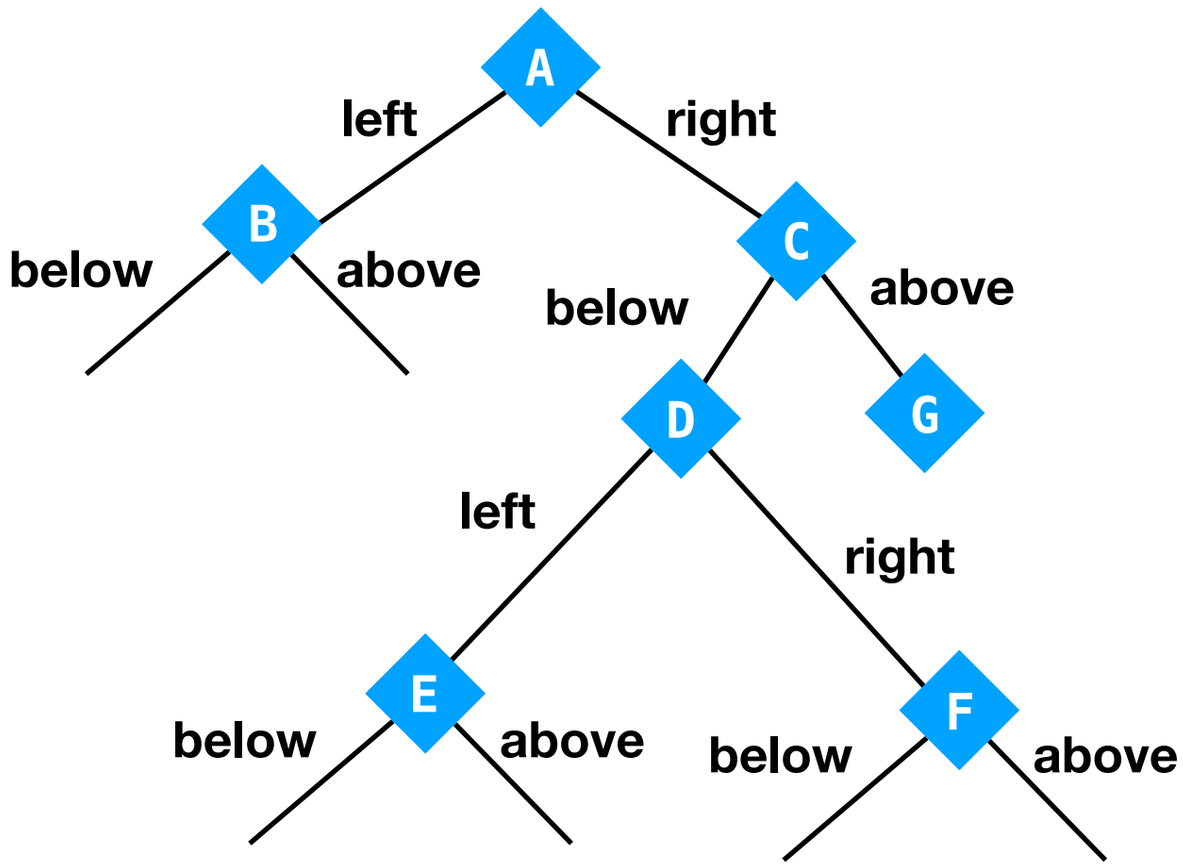
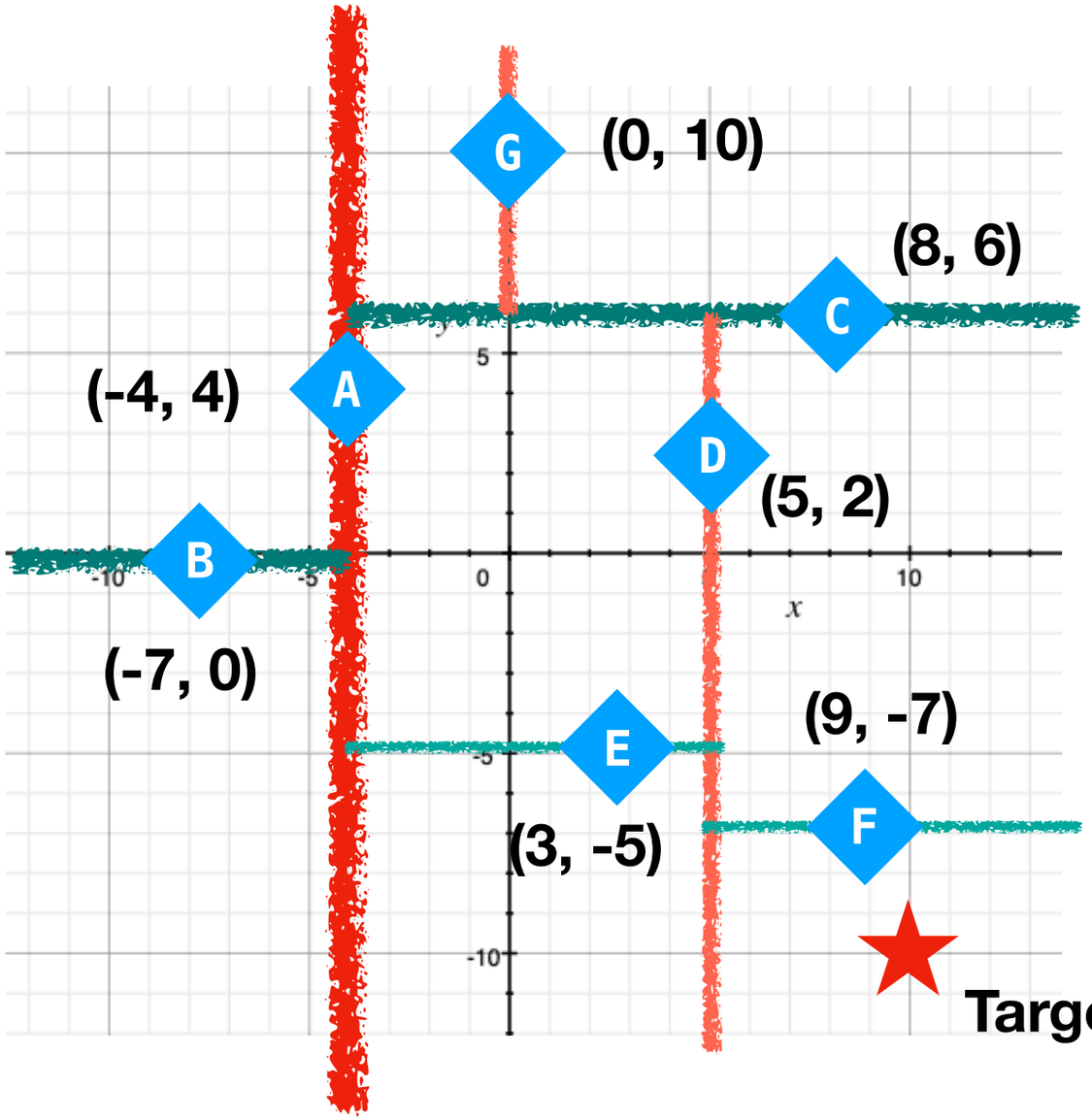
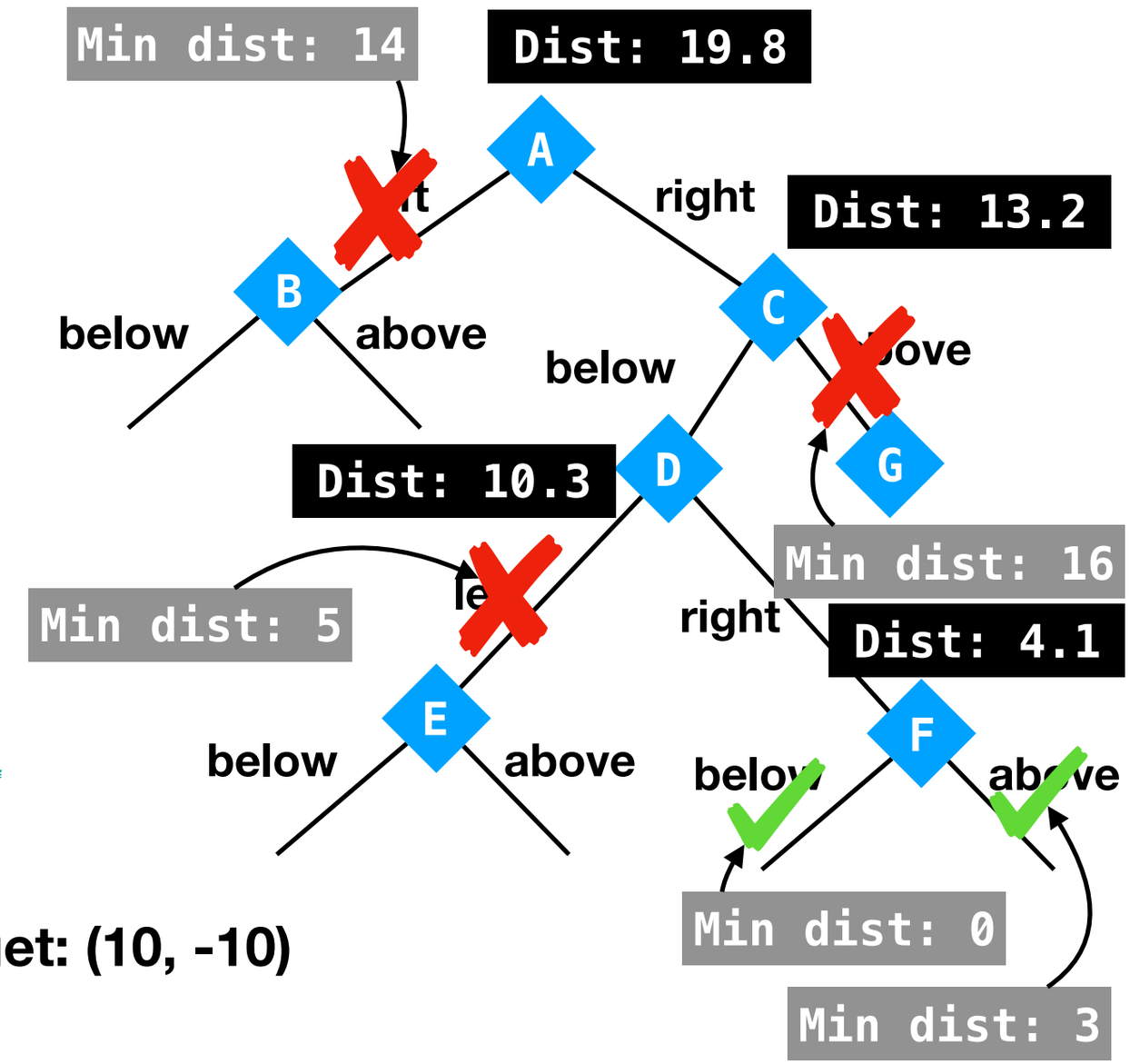




Nearest

- Idea: Search though tree, pruning branches that can't possibly have better distance than one found so far. Check "better" side first.





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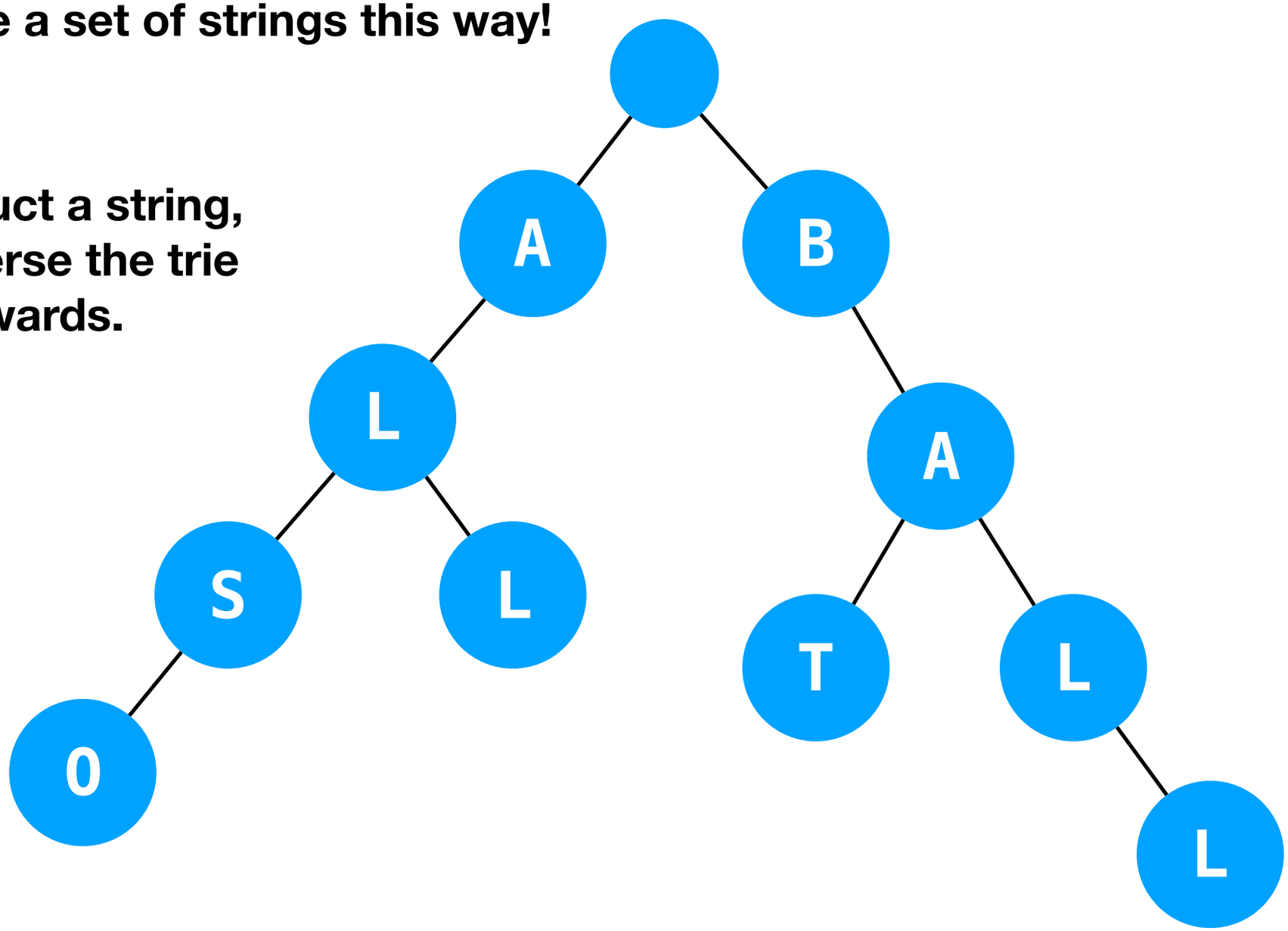
Idea: Store a single letter at each node.
We can make a set of strings this way!

To reconstruct a string, simply traverse the trie downwards.



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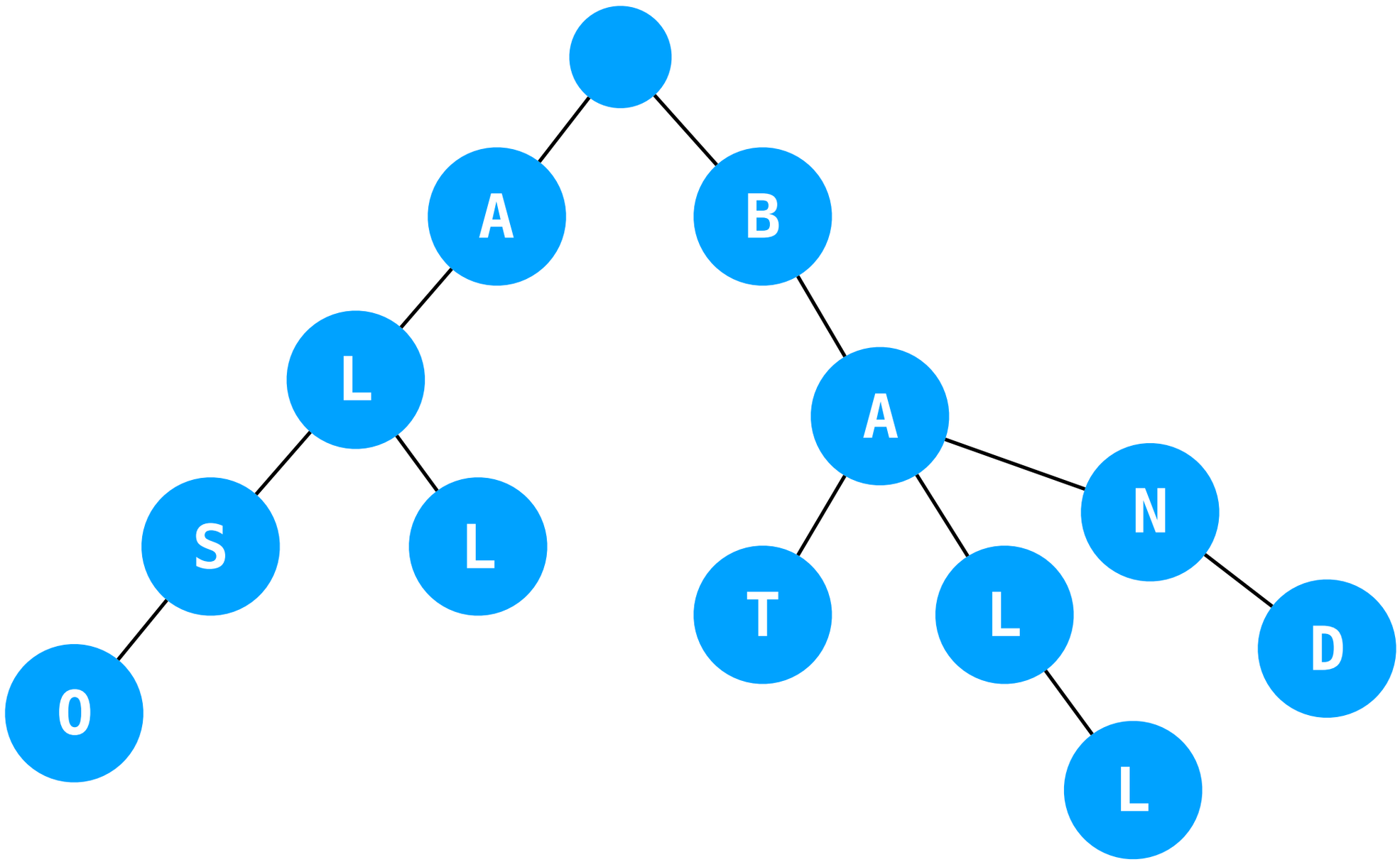

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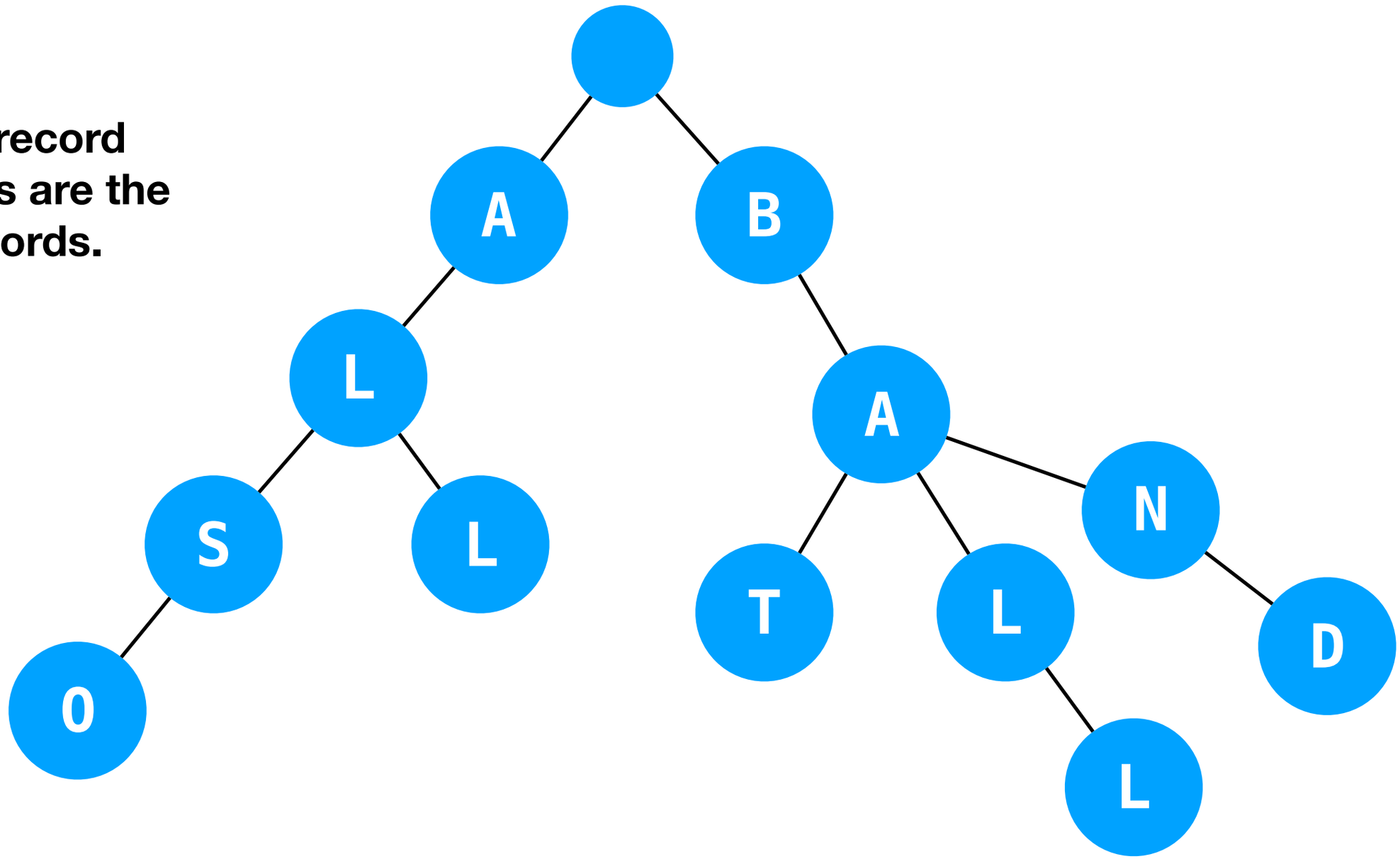

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