

Java implementation of algorithm to find a value in a binary search tree.

```
private BinaryTreeNode<T> find (T element, BinaryTreeNode<T> r) {  
    if (r == null) return null;  
    else {  
        Comparable<T> comparableElement = (Comparable<T>)element;  
        if (comparableElement.compareTo(r.element) == 0)  
            return r;  
        else if (comparableElement.compareTo(r.element) > 0)  
            return find(element,r.right);  
        else return find(element,r.left);  
    }  
}
```

In the next page is an algorithm in pseudocode to insert a value into a binary search tree.

## *Algorithm insert( $k$ , $r$ )*

*Input: value  $k$ , node  $r$  of a binary search tree*

*Output: true if  $k$  was successfully added and false if not*

**newNode** = new node storing  $k$

**if** tree is empty **then** {

    set **newNode** as the root of the tree

**return** true

}

**if**  $k ==$  value at  $r$  **then return** false // no duplicates allowed

**else if**  $k <$  value at  $r$  **then**

**if**  $r$  has no left child **then** {

        set **newNode** as left child of  $r$

**return** true

}

**else return** insert ( $k$ , left child of  $r$ )

**if**  $k >$  value at  $r$  **then**

**if**  $r$  has no right child **then** {

        set **newNode** as right child of  $r$

**return** true

}

**else return** insert ( $k$ , right child of  $r$ )