1 Implementation of a dictionary with a binary search tree

Variables

tree: binary tree
invariant: *tree* is a binary search tree; the internal nodes of *tree* contain the items of the dictionary; the external nodes of *tree* are empty

Initialization

tree ← tree consisting of a single empty node

Algorithms

size():
  output: size of dictionary
return (size of *tree* − 1) / 2

isEmpty():
  output: dictionary is empty?
return (size of *tree* = 1)

findElement(*key*):
  input: key to be searched for
  output: element of item with *key* in dictionary; NO-SUCH-KEY if no such item exists
return findElement(*key*, root of *tree*)

findElement(*key*, *node*)
  input: key to be searched for; root of subtree to be searched
  output: element of item with *key* in subtree rooted at *node*; NO-SUCH-KEY if no such item exists
if *node* is leaf **then**
    return NO-SUCH-KEY
else if key of *node* = *key* **then**
    return element of *node*
else if key of *node* > *key* **then**
    return findElement(*key*, left child of *node*)
else (key of *node* < *key*)
    return findElement(*key*, right child of *node*)

insertItem(*key*, *element*)
  input: item to be inserted
postcondition: item (*key*, *element*) has been inserted into dictionary
insertItem(*key*, *element*, root of *tree*)

insertItem(*key*, *element*, *node*)
  input: item to be inserted; root of subtree to be inserted in
  postcondition: item (*key*, *element*) has been inserted into subtree rooted at *node*
if *node* is leaf **then**
    replace *node* with node containing (*key*, *element*) with two empty children
else if key of *node* ≥ *key* **then**
    insertItem(*key*, *element*, left child of *node*)
else (key of *node* < *key*)
    insertItem(*key*, *element*, right child of *node*)

remove(*key*):
  input: key to be searched for
  output: element of item with *key* in dictionary; NO-SUCH-KEY if no such item exists

postcondition: item has been removed from dictionary, if such an item exists
return remove(*key*, root of *tree*)

remove(*key*, *node*):
input: key to be searched for; root of subtree to be searched
output: element of item with *key* in subtree rooted at *node*; NO-SUCH-KEY if no such item exists
postcondition: item has been removed from subtree rooted at *node*, if such an item exists
if *node* is leaf **then**
    return NO-SUCH-KEY
else if key of *node* > *key* **then**
    return remove(*key*, left child of *node*)
else if key of *node* < *key* **then**
    return remove(*key*, right child of *node*)
else (key of *node* = *key*)
    element ← element of *node*
    if *node* has no nonempty children **then**
        replace *node* with empty leaf
    else if *node* has only one nonempty child **then**
        replace *node* with its nonempty child
    else
        item ← removeMin(right child of *node*)
        store *item* in *node*
    return *element*

removeMin(*node*):
input: root of subtree
output: item with minimal key in subtree rooted at *node*
precondition: *node* is nonempty
postcondition: node of item with minimal key has been removed from subtree rooted at *node*
if *node* has an empty left child **then**
    item ← item of *node*
    replace *node* with its right child
    return *item*
else
    return removeMin(left child of *node*)