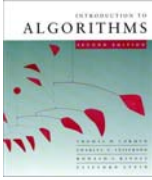


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**Red-black trees**

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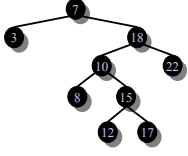
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Search Trees

- A binary search tree is a binary tree. Each node stores a key. The tree fulfills the **binary search tree property**:

For every node  $x$  holds:

- $left(x) \leq x$ , if  $x$ 's left child  $left(x)$  exists
- $x \leq right(x)$ , if  $x$ 's right child  $right(x)$  exists

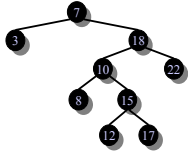


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Search Trees

Different variants of search trees:

- Balanced search trees (guarantee height of  $\log n$  for  $n$  elements)
- $k$ -ary search trees (such as B-trees, 2-3-4-trees)
- Search trees that store the keys only in the leaves, and store additional split-values in the internal nodes



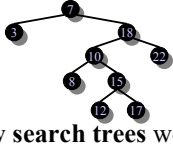
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ADT Dictionary / Dynamic Set

**Abstract data type (ADT) Dictionary (also called Dynamic Set):**

A data structure which supports operations

- Insert
- Delete
- Find



Using **balanced binary search trees** we can implement a dictionary data structure such that each operation takes  $O(\log n)$  time.

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Balanced search trees

**Balanced search tree:** A search-tree data structure for which a height of  $O(\log n)$  is guaranteed when implementing a dynamic set of  $n$  items.

**Examples:**

- AVL trees
- 2-3 trees
- 2-3-4 trees
- B-trees
- Red-black trees

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- Every node is either red or black.
- The root is black.
- The leaves (NIL's) are black.
- If a node is red, then both its children are black.
- All simple paths from any node  $x$ , excluding  $x$ , to a descendant leaf have the same number of black nodes = **black-height( $x$ )**.

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### Example of a red-black tree

$h = 4$

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### Example of a red-black tree

1. Every node is either red or black.

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### Example of a red-black tree

- 2., 3. The root and leaves (NIL's) are black.

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### Example of a red-black tree

4. If a node is red, then both its children are black.

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### Example of a red-black tree

5. All simple paths from any node  $x$ , excluding  $x$ , to a descendant leaf have the same number of black nodes = *black-height*( $x$ ).

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### Height of a red-black tree

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- This process produces a tree in which each node has 2, 3, or 4 children.
- The 2-3-4 tree has uniform depth  $h'$  of leaves.

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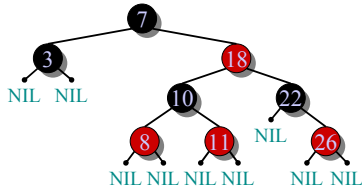
**Proof (continued)**

- We have  $h' \geq h/2$ , since at most half the leaves on any path are red.
- The number of leaves in each tree is  $n + 1$ 
  - $\Rightarrow n + 1 \geq 2^{h'}$
  - $\Rightarrow \log(n + 1) \geq h' \geq h/2$
  - $\Rightarrow h \leq 2 \log(n + 1)$ .  $\square$

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## Query operations

**Corollary.** The queries SEARCH, MIN, MAX, SUCCESSOR, and PREDECESSOR all run in  $O(\log n)$  time on a red-black tree with  $n$  nodes.



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## Modifying operations

The operations INSERT and DELETE cause modifications to the red-black tree:

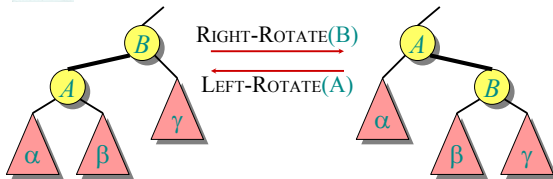
1. the operation itself,
2. color changes,
3. restructuring the links of the tree via **“rotations”**.

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## Rotations



- Rotations maintain the inorder ordering of keys:  
 $a \in \alpha, b \in \beta, c \in \gamma \Rightarrow a \leq A \leq b \leq B \leq c.$
- Rotations maintain the binary search tree property
- A rotation can be performed in  $O(1)$  time.

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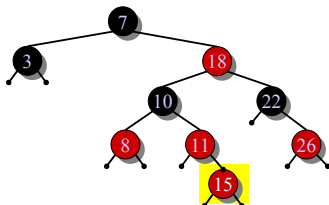
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**IDEA:** Insert  $x$  in tree. Color  $x$  red. Only red-black property 4 might be violated. Move the violation up the tree by recoloring until it can be fixed with rotations and recoloring.

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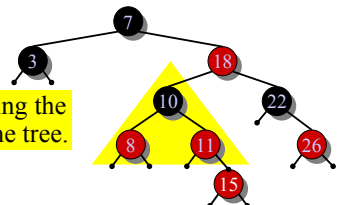
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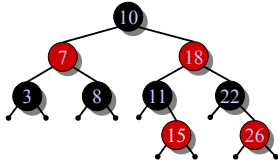


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## Pseudocode

```

RB-INSERT( $T, x$ )
  TREE-INSERT( $T, x$ )
  color[ $x$ ] ← RED ▷ only RB property 4 can be violated
  while  $x \neq \text{root}[T]$  and color[ $p[x]$ ] = RED
    do if  $p[x] = \text{left}[p[p[x]]]$ 
       then  $y \leftarrow \text{right}[p[p[x]]]$  ▷  $y = \text{aunt/uncle of } x$ 
          if color[ $y$ ] = RED
            then Case 1
            else if  $x = \text{right}[p[p[x]]]$ 
                 then Case 2 ▷ Case 2 falls into Case 3
                 Case 3
            else (then clause with "left" and "right" swapped)
          color[ $\text{root}[T]$ ] ← BLACK

```

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## Graphical notation

Let  $\blacktriangle$  denote a subtree with a black root.

All  $\blacktriangle$ 's have the same black-height.

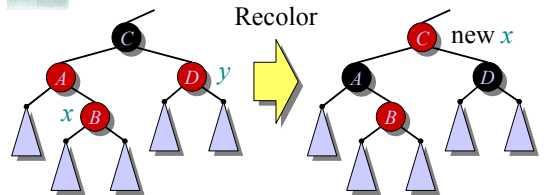
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## Case 1



(Or,  $A$ 's children are swapped.) Push  $C$ 's black onto  $A$  and  $D$ , and recurse, since  $C$ 's parent may be red.

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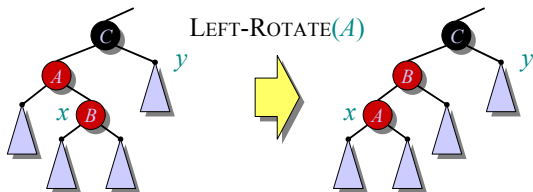
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## Case 2



```

 $p[x] = \text{left}[p[p[x]]]$ 
 $y = \text{right}[p[p[x]]]$ 
color[ $y$ ] = BLACK
 $x = \text{right}[p[x]]$ 

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Transform to Case 3.

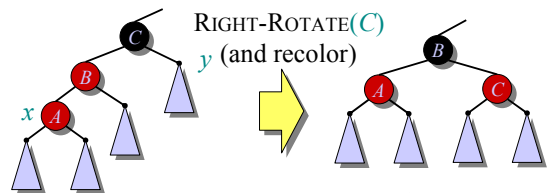
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## Case 3



```

 $p[x] = \text{left}[p[p[x]]]$ 
 $y = \text{right}[p[p[x]]]$ 
color[ $y$ ] = BLACK
 $x = \text{left}[p[x]]$ 

```

Done! No more violations of RB property 4 are possible.

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## Analysis

- Go up the tree performing Case 1, which only recolors nodes.
- If Case 2 or Case 3 occurs, perform 1 or 2 rotations, and terminate.

**Running time:**  $O(\log n)$  with  $O(1)$  rotations.

RB-DELETE — same asymptotic running time and number of rotations as RB-INSERT (see textbook).



## Pseudocode (part II)

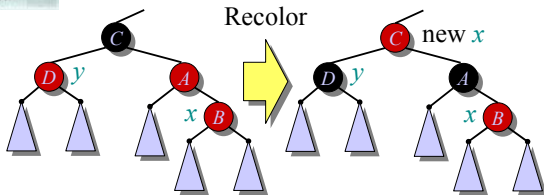
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      then (Case 1')
    else if  $x = \text{left}[p[x]]$ 
      then (Case 2') ▷ Case 2' falls into Case 3'
    (Case 3')
color[root[T]] ← BLACK

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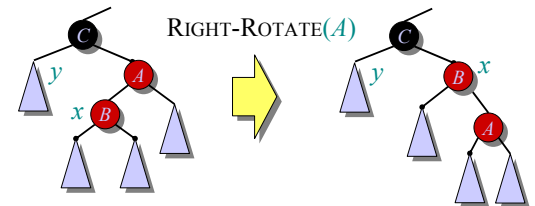
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 $p[x] = \text{right}[p[p[x]]]$ 
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 $\text{color}[y] = \text{RED}$ 

```



## Case 2'



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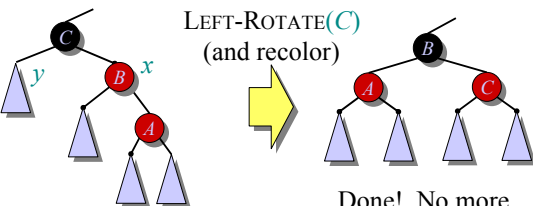
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```

Transform to Case 3'.



## Case 3'



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