

Red-black trees

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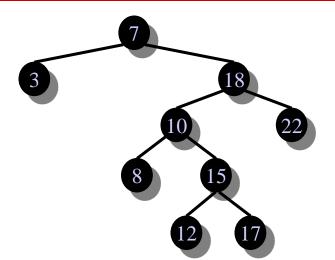
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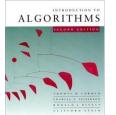
• A binary search tree is a binary tree. Each node stores a key. The tree fulfills the **binary search tree property**:

For every node *x* holds:

• $y \le x$, for all y in the subtree left of x

• x < y, for all y in the subtree right of x

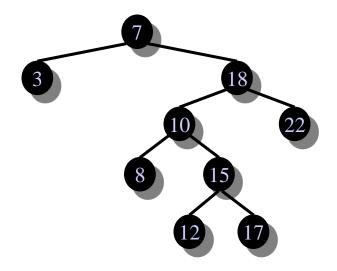


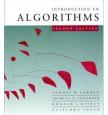


Search Trees

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

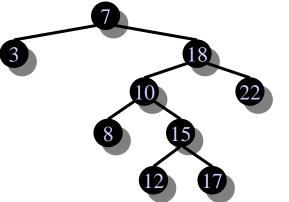




ADT Dictionary / Dynamic Set

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.



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.

- AVL trees
- 2-3 trees

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

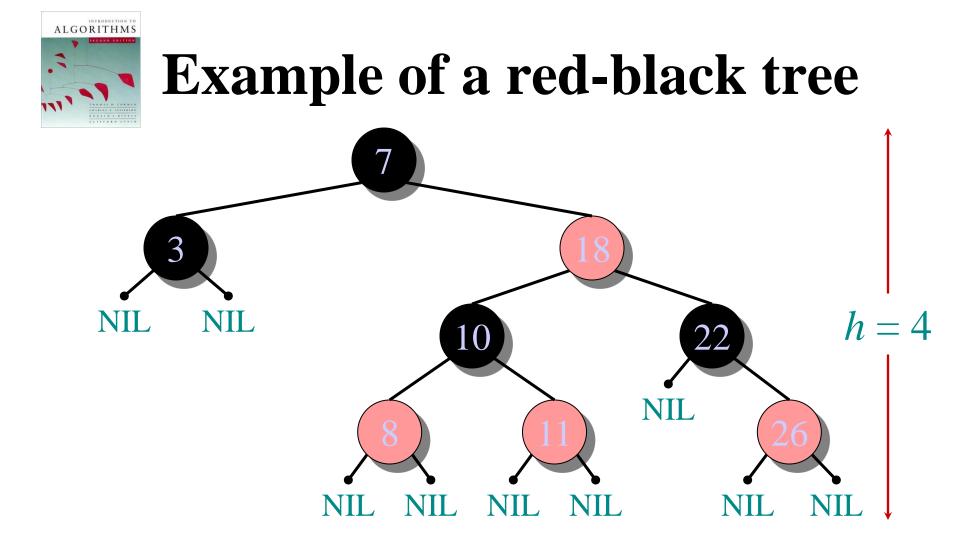


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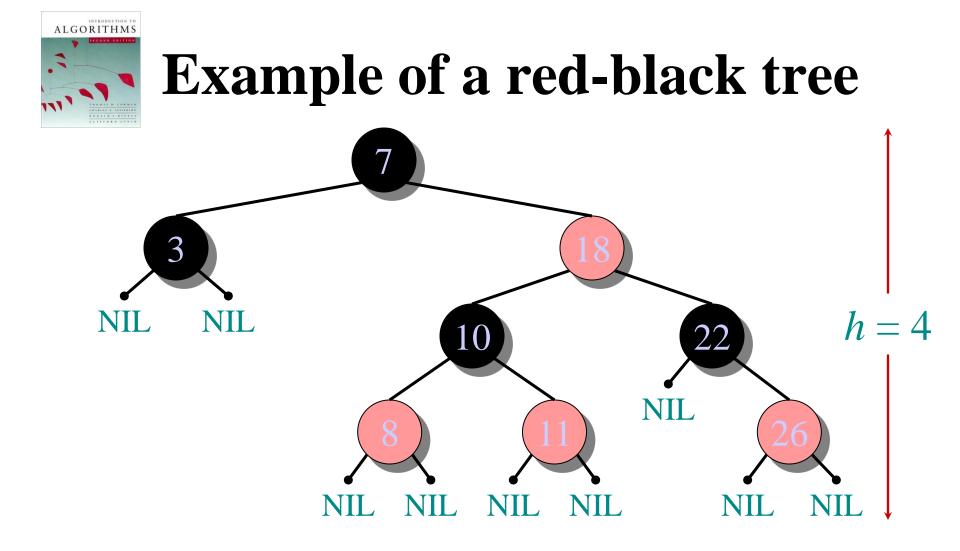
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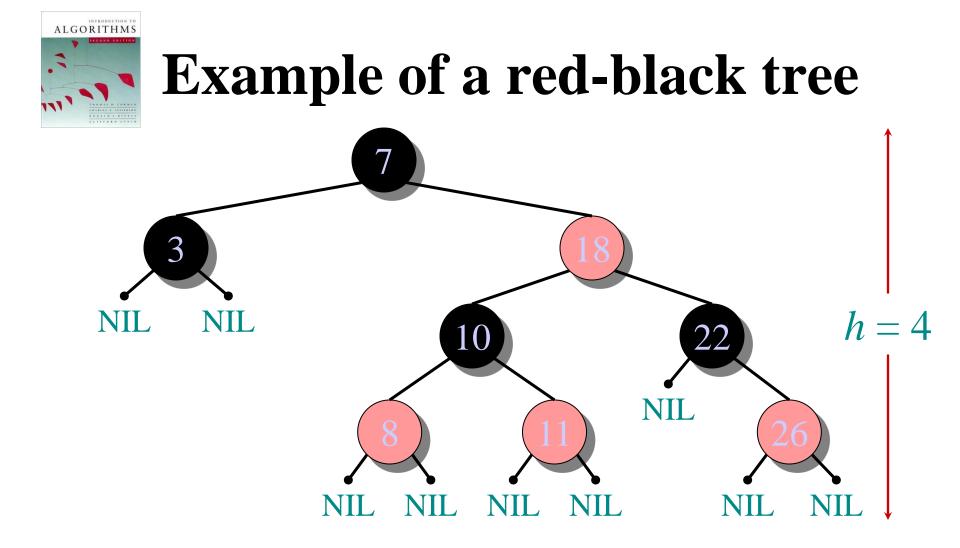
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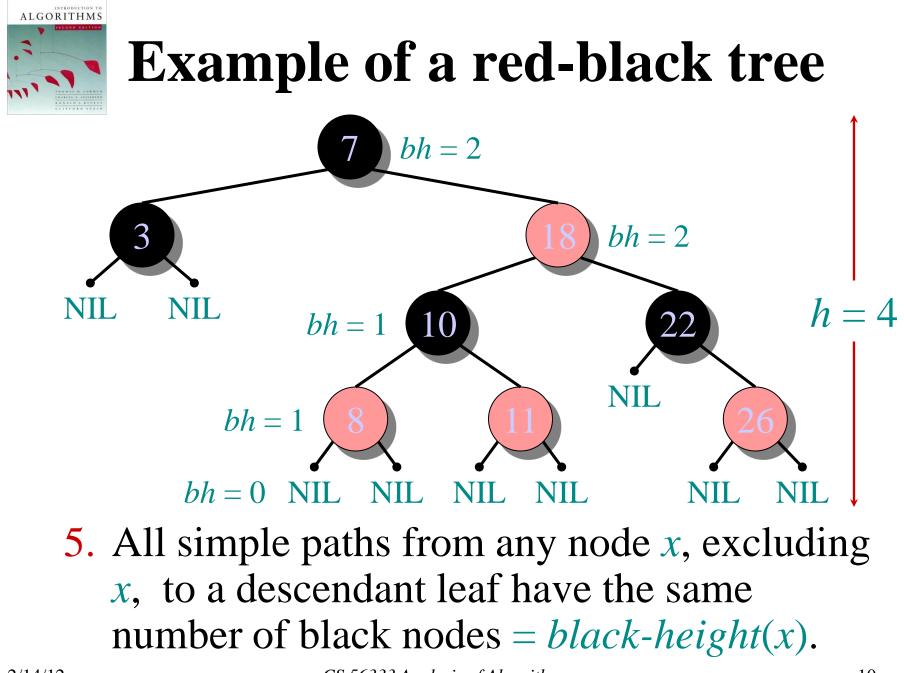
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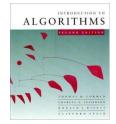


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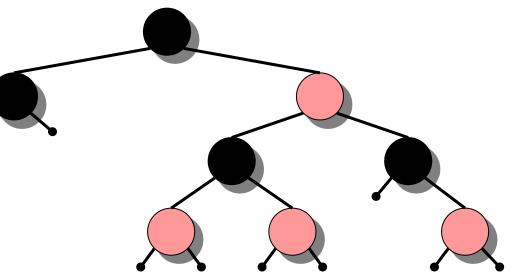
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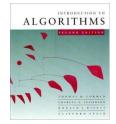




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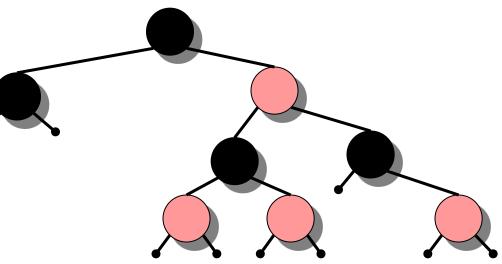
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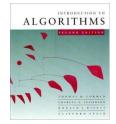




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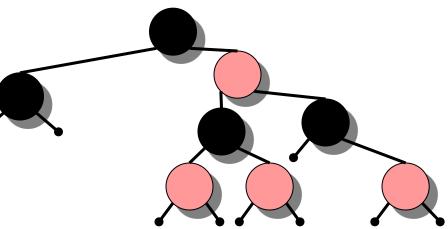
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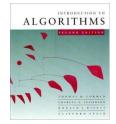




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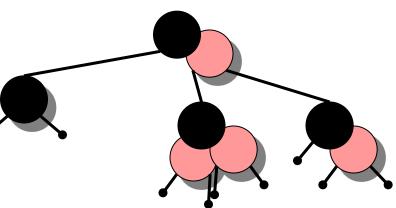
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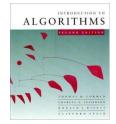




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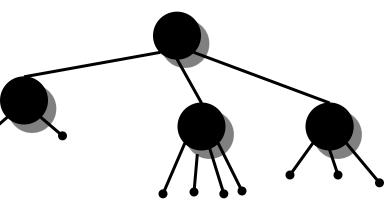
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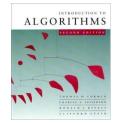




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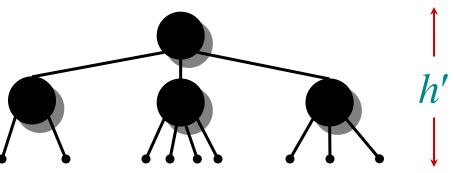
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- The 2-3-4 tree has uniform depth h' of leaves.



Proof (continued)

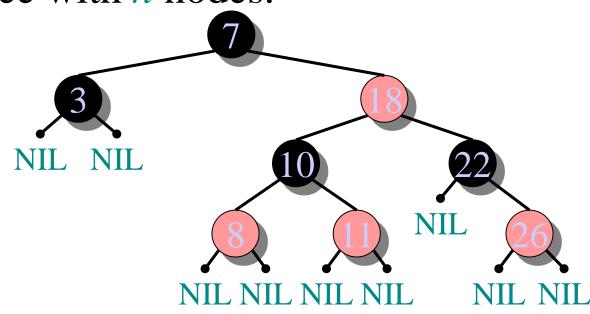
- We have
 h' ≥ h/2, since
 at most half
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 path are red.
- The number of leaves in each tree is n + 1 $\Rightarrow n + 1 \ge 2^{h'}$ $\Rightarrow \log(n + 1) \ge h' \ge h/2$

h'



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.

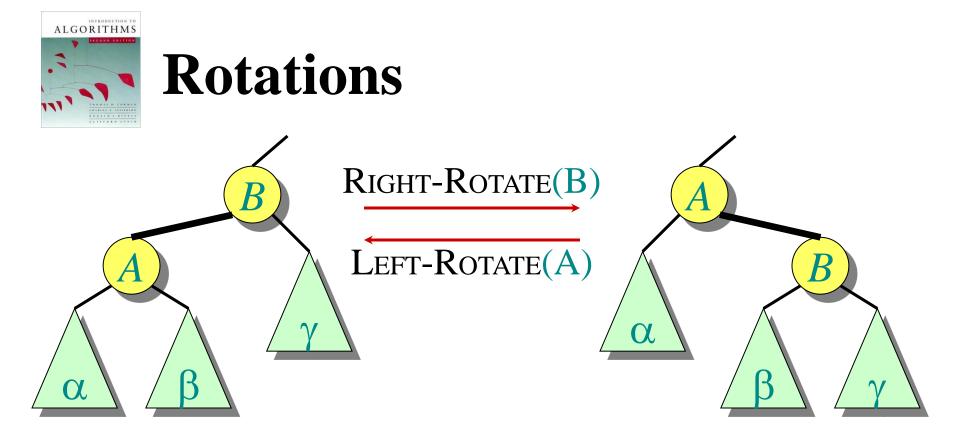




Modifying operations

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"*.



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



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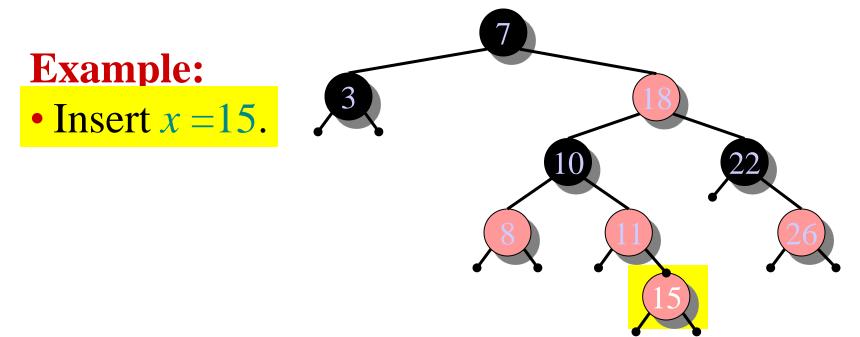
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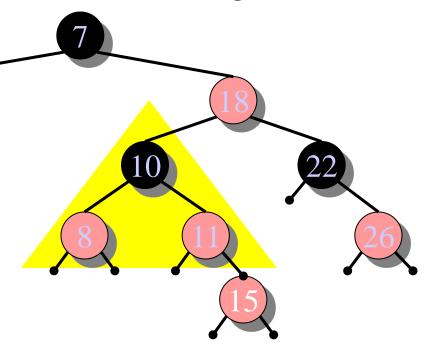
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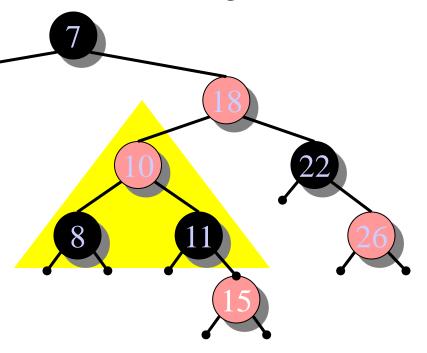
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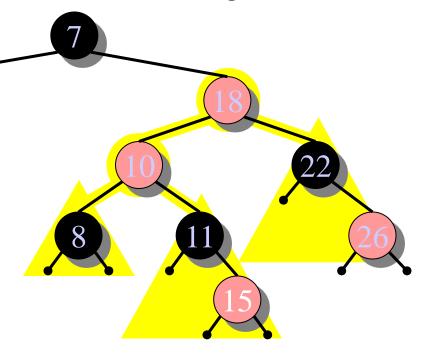
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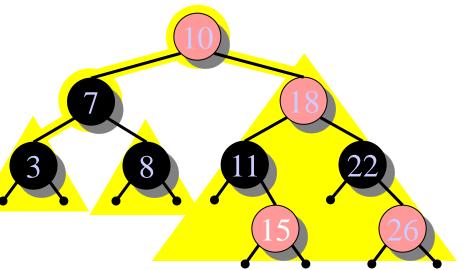
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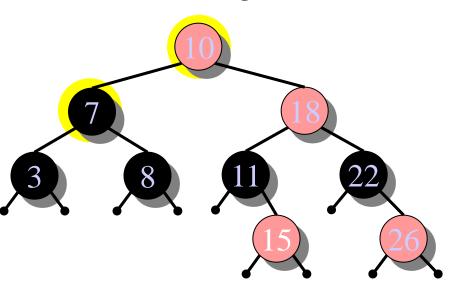
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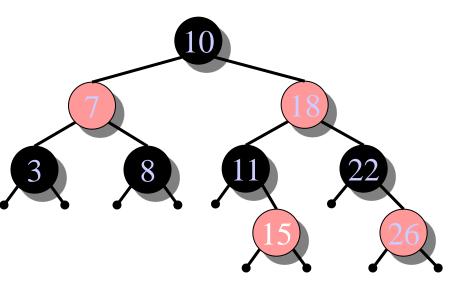
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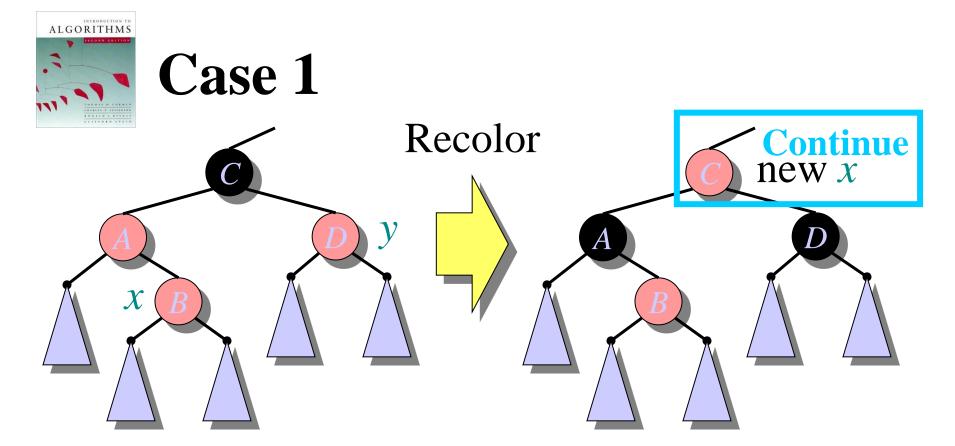
Pseudocode

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



Graphical notation

Let A denote a subtree with a black root. All A's have the same black-height.



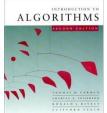
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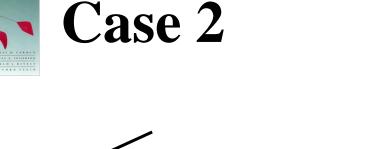
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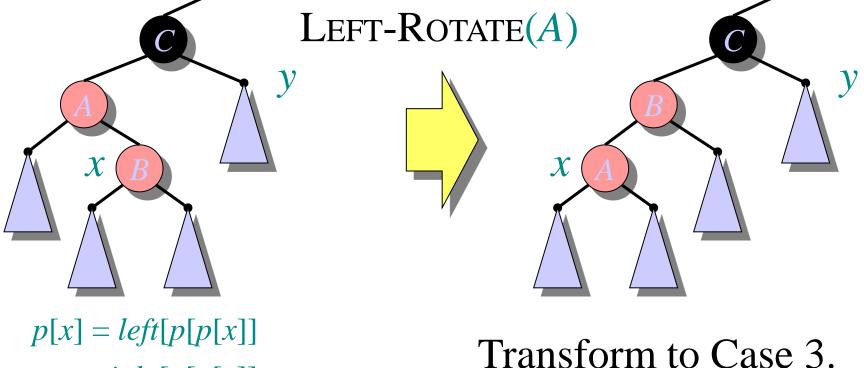
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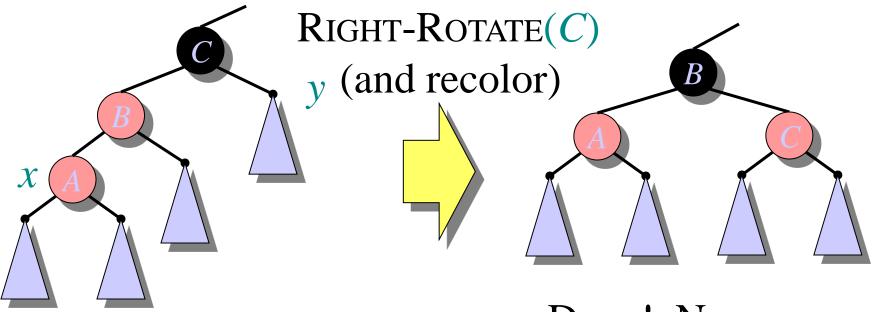




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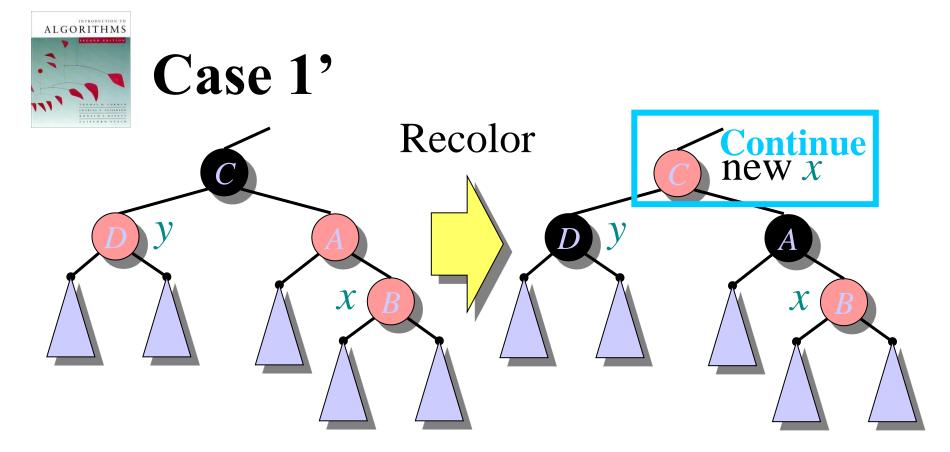
- Go up the tree performing Case 1, which only recolors nodes.
- If Case 2 or Case 3 occurs, perform 1 or 2 rotations, and terminate.

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)

else ("then" clause with "left" and "right" swapped) $\triangleright p[x] = right[p[p[x]]]$ then $y \leftarrow left[p[p[x]]] \quad \triangleright y = aunt/uncle of x$ if color[y] = RED then (Case 1') else if x = left[p[x]]then (Case 2') \triangleright Case 2' falls into Case 3' (Case 3') color[root[T]] \leftarrow BLACK

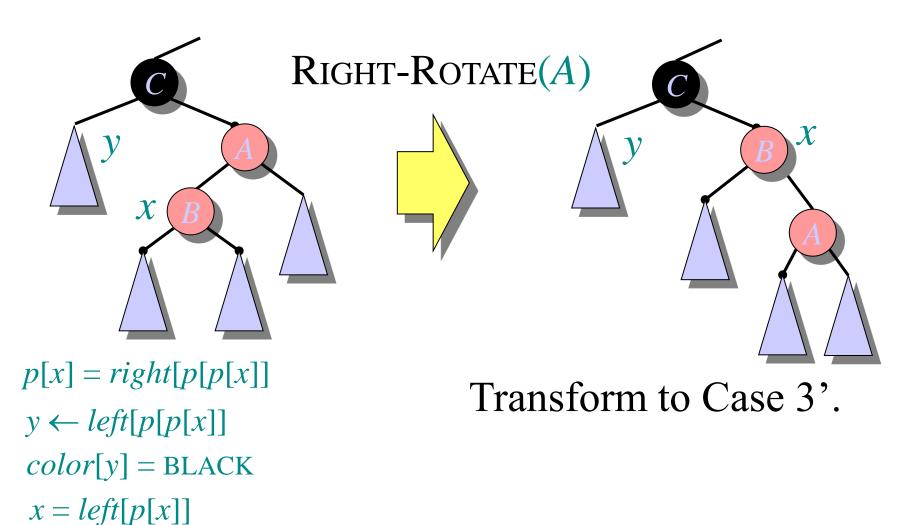


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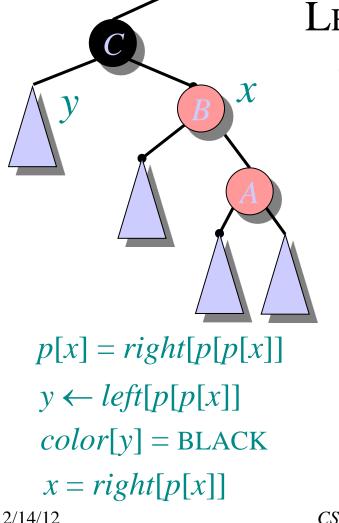




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