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## Red-black trees

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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:

- $y \leq x$, 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

Examples:

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


## Red-black trees

This data structure requires an extra onebit color field in each node.
Red-black properties:

1. Every node is either red or black.
2. The root is black.
3. The leaves (NiL's) are black.
4. If a node is red, then both its children are black.
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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- This process produces a tree in which each node has 2,3 , or 4 children.
- The 2-3-4 tree has uniform depth $h^{\prime}$ of leaves.


## Proof (continued)

- We have
$h^{\prime} \geq h / 2$, since at most half the vertices on any path are red.

- The number of leaves in each tree is $n+1$
$\Rightarrow n+1 \geq 2^{h^{\prime}}$
$\Rightarrow \log (n+1) \geq h^{\prime} \geq h / 2$
$\Rightarrow h \leq 2 \log (n+1)$.



## 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



- 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
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- Rotations maintain the binary search tree property
- A rotation can be performed in $O(1)$ time.


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## Pseudocode

## RB－InSERT $(T, x)$

Tree－Insert $(T, x)$
color $[x] \leftarrow$ RED $\quad \triangleright$ only RB property 4 can be violated while $x \neq \operatorname{root}[T]$ and $\operatorname{color}[p[x]]=\operatorname{RED}$

$$
\text { do if } p[x]=\operatorname{left}[p[p[x]]
$$

then $y \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[p[p[x]] \quad \triangleright y=$ aunt／uncle of $x$
if $\operatorname{color}[y]=$ RED
then $\langle$ Case 1〉
else if $x=\operatorname{right}[p[x]]$
then $\langle$ Case 2〉 $\triangleright$ Case 2 falls into Case 3
＜Case 3〉
else 〈＂then＂clause with＂left＂and＂right＂swapped〉
color $[\operatorname{root}[T]] \leftarrow$ BLACK

## Graphical notation

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

## Case 1


(Or, A's children are swapped.) Push $C$ 's black onto $A$

$$
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& y \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[p[p[x]] \\
& \operatorname{color}[y]=\text { RED }
\end{aligned}
$$

## Case 2


$p[x]=\operatorname{left}[p[p[x]]$
$y \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[p[p[x]]$
Transform to Case 3.
color $[y]=$ BLACK
$x=\operatorname{right}[p[x]]$

## Case 3


Done! No more violations of RB property 4 are possible.
$p[x]=\operatorname{left[p[p[x]]}$
$y \leftarrow \operatorname{right}[p[p[x]]$
color $[y]=$ BLACK
$x=\operatorname{left}[p[x]]$

## 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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## Case 2'


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color $[y]=$ BLACK
$x=$ left $[p[x]]$

## Case 3'


$p[x]=\operatorname{right}[p[p[x]]$
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Left-Rotate ( $C$ ) (and recolor)


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