CMPS 2200 – Fall 2012

Red-black trees

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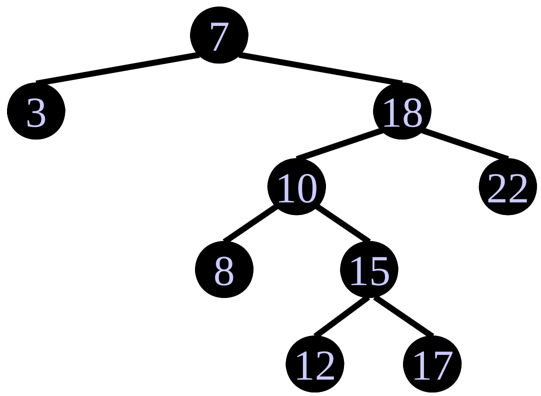
ADT Dictionary / Dynamic Set

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

A data structure which supports operations

- Insert
- Delete
- Find



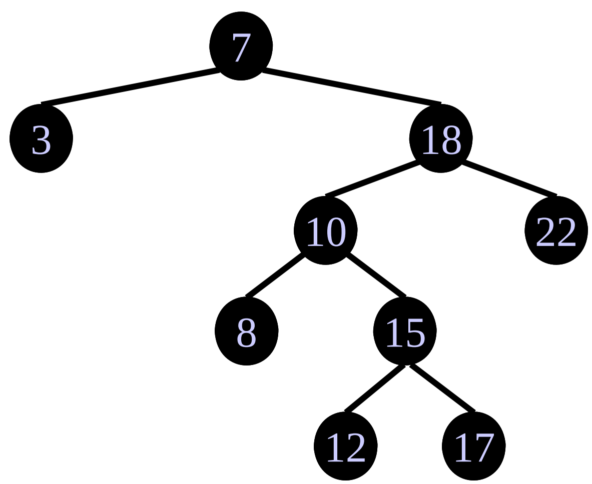
Using **balanced binary search trees** we can implement a dictionary data structure such that each operation takes $O(\log n)$ time.

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



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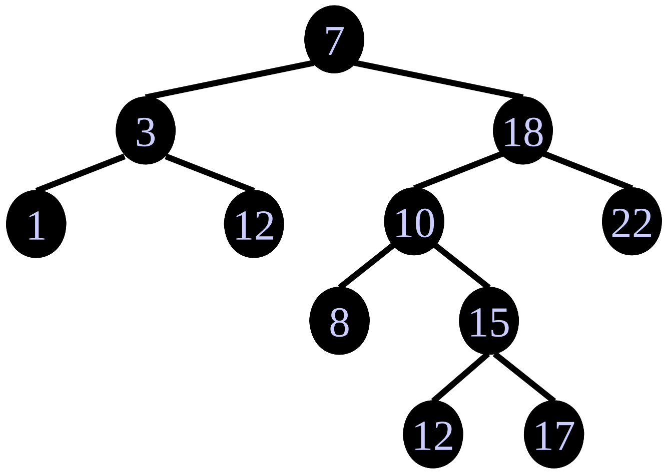
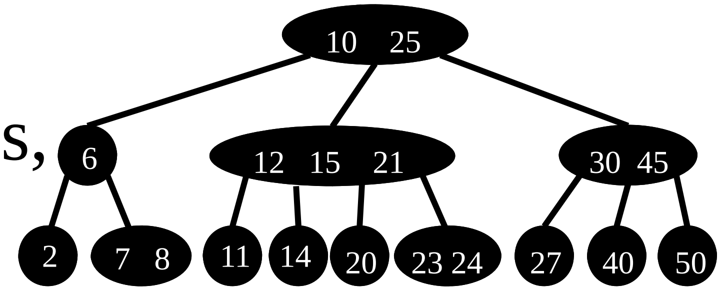
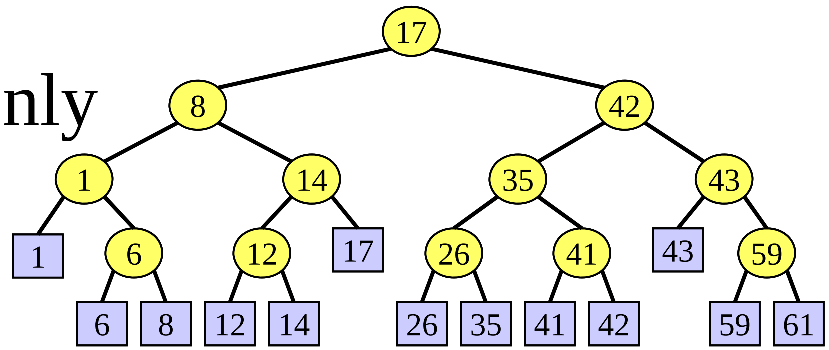
Different variants of search trees:



- 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 keys only in leaves, and store copies of keys as split-values in internal nodes

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

Red-black trees

This data structure requires an extra one-bit color field in each node.

Red-black properties:

1. Every node is either red or black.
2. The root is black.
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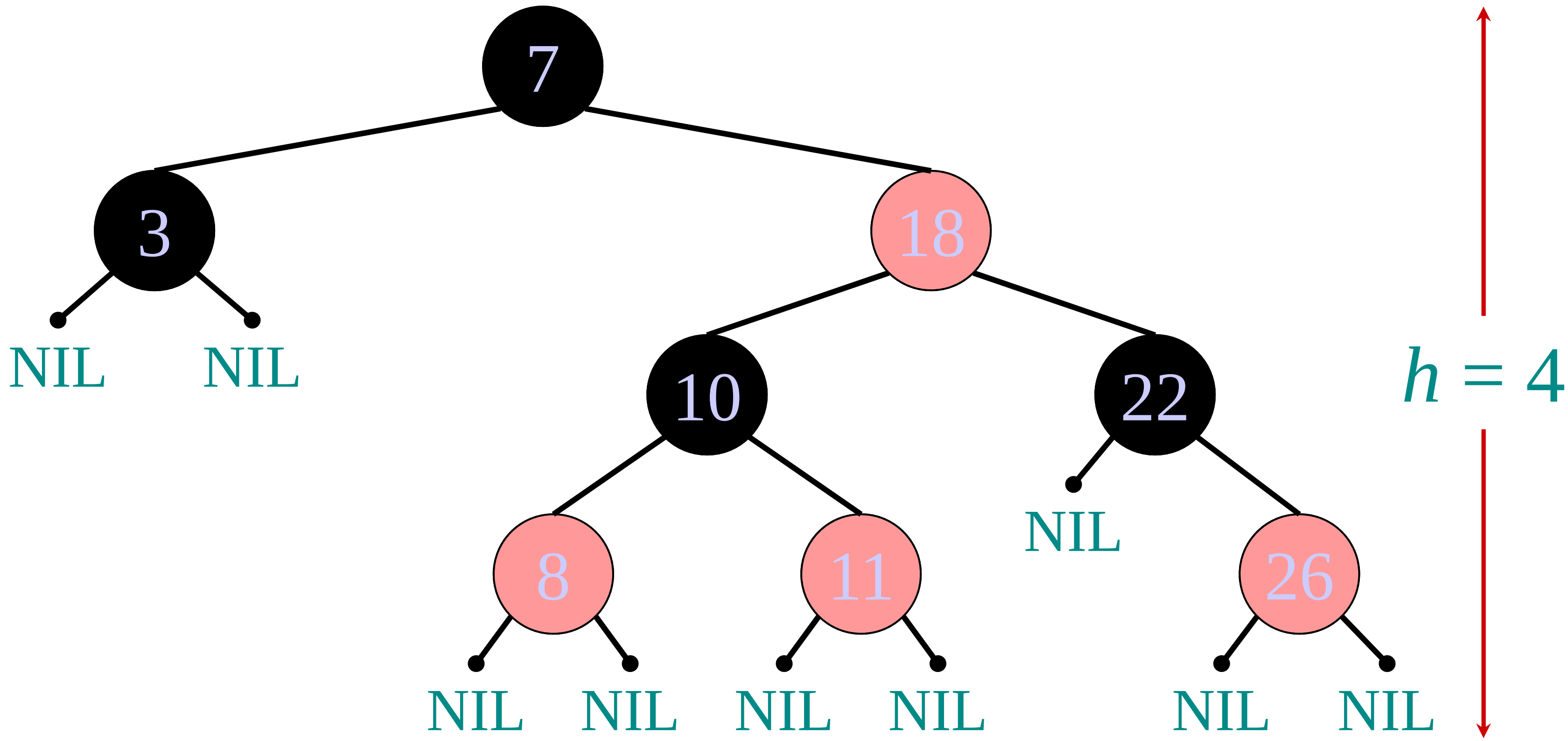

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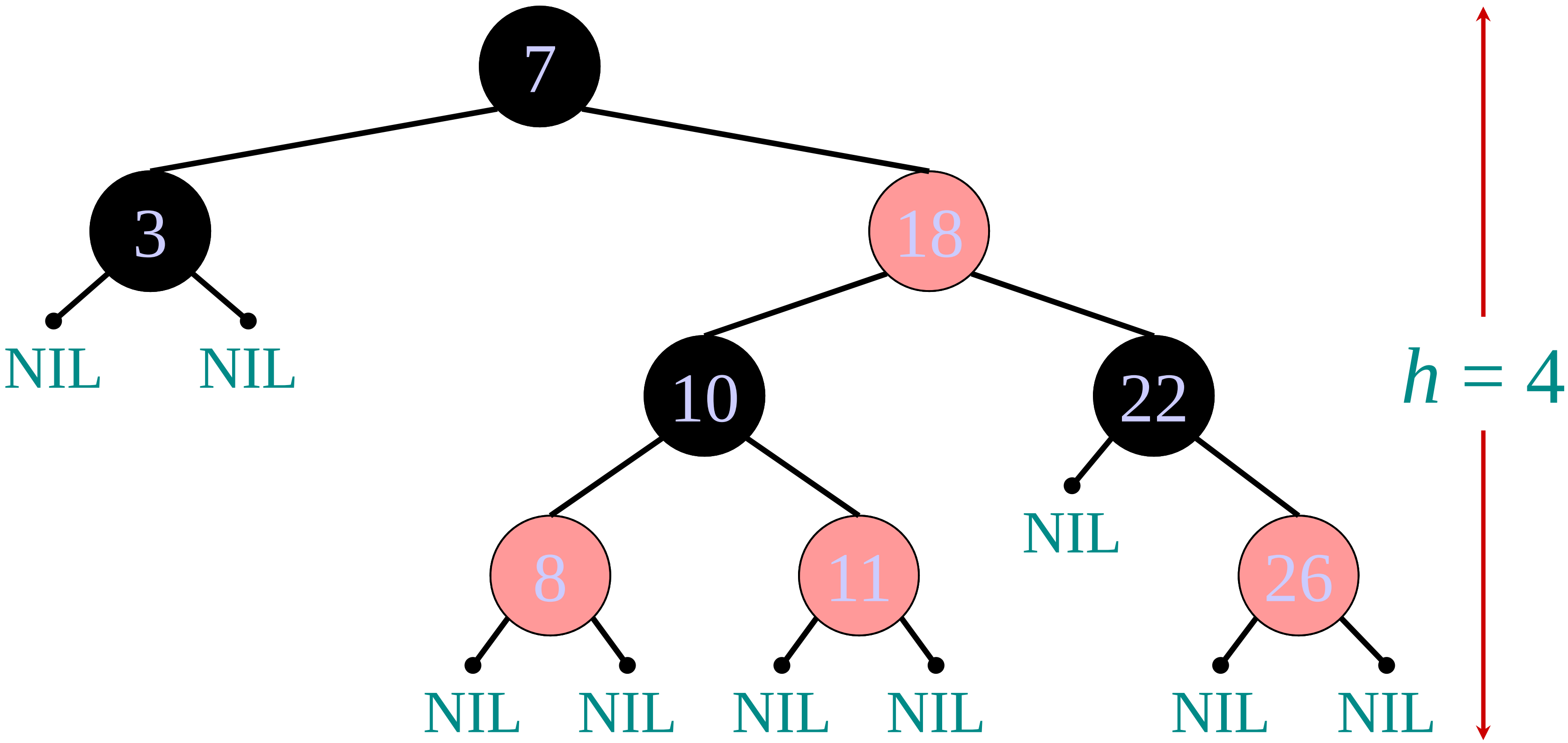

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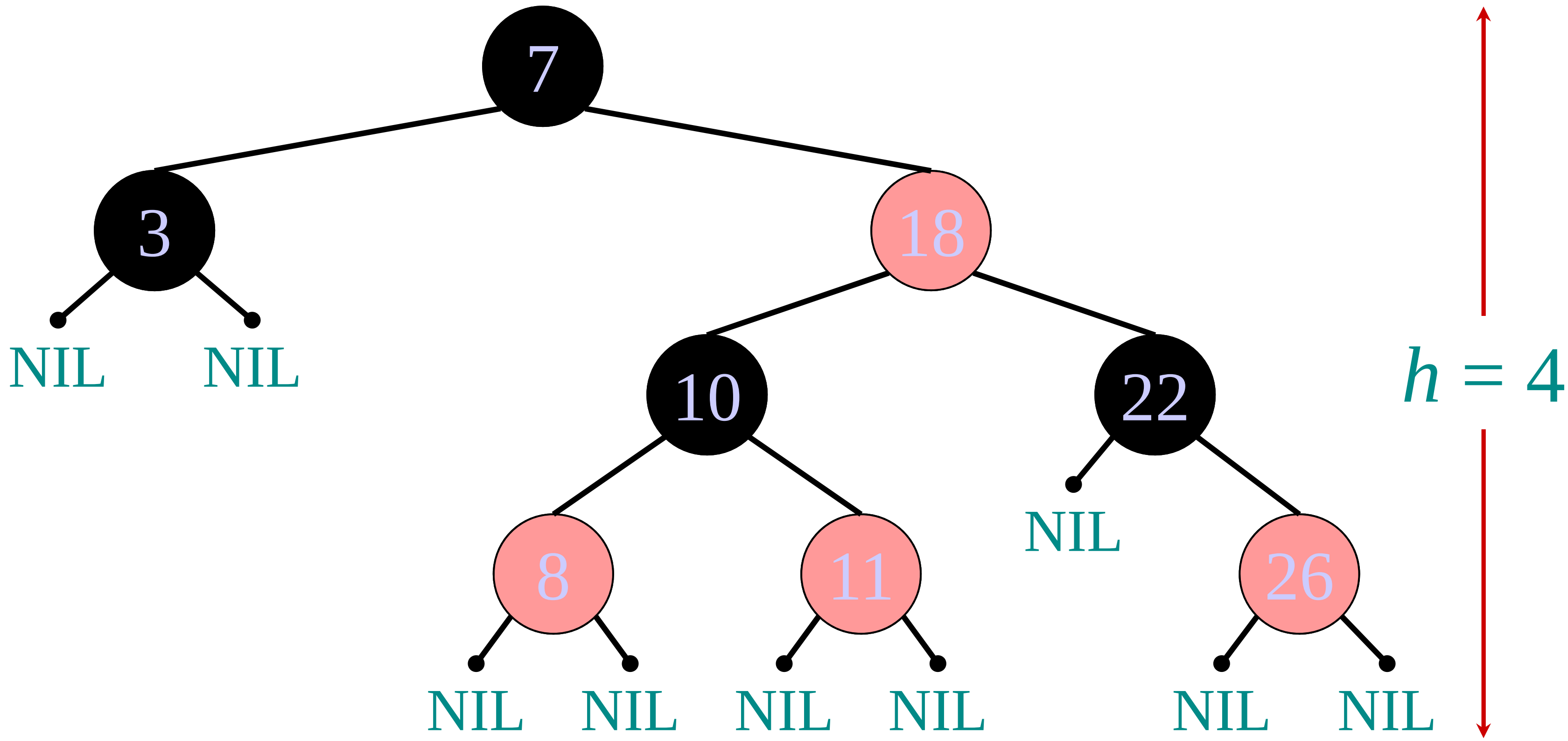

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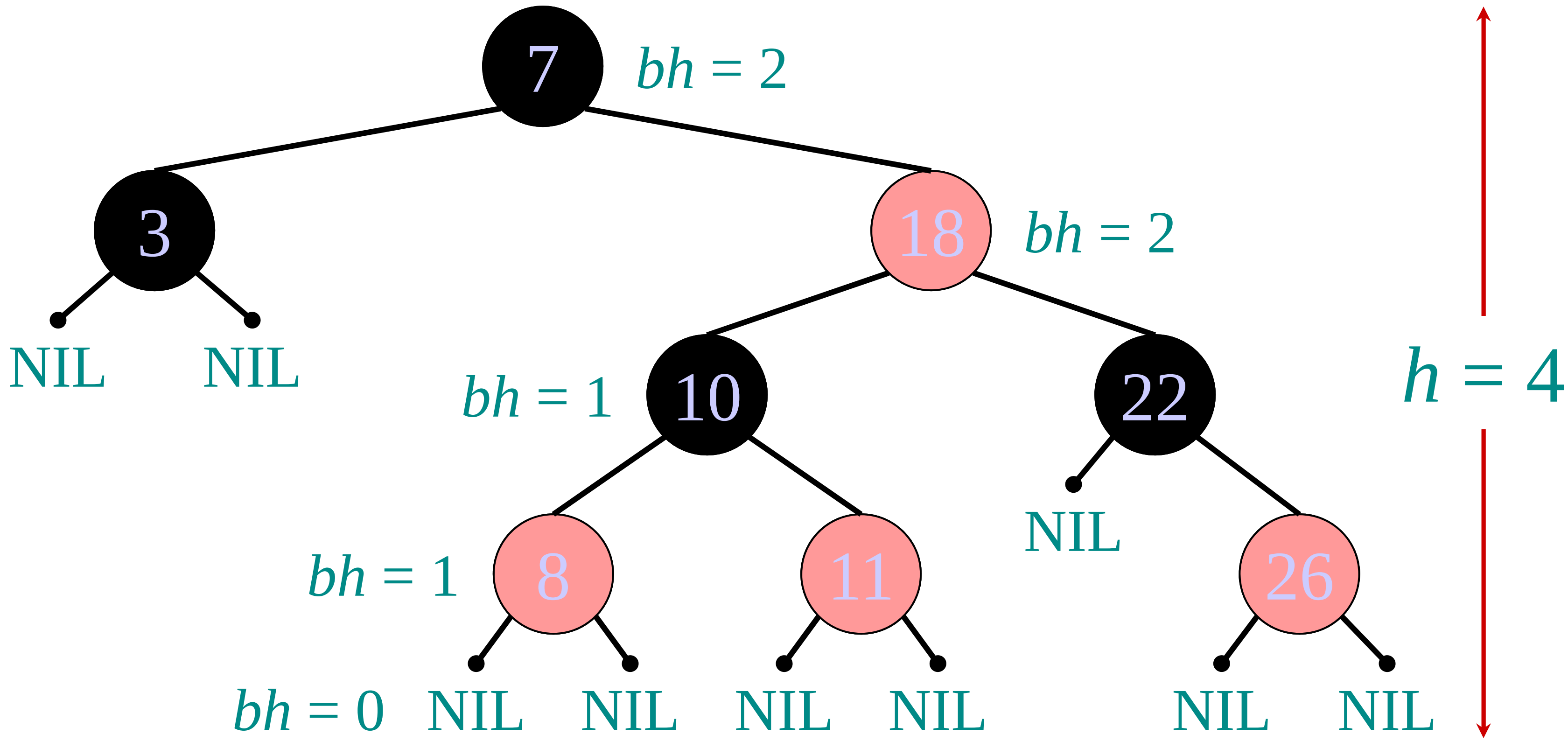

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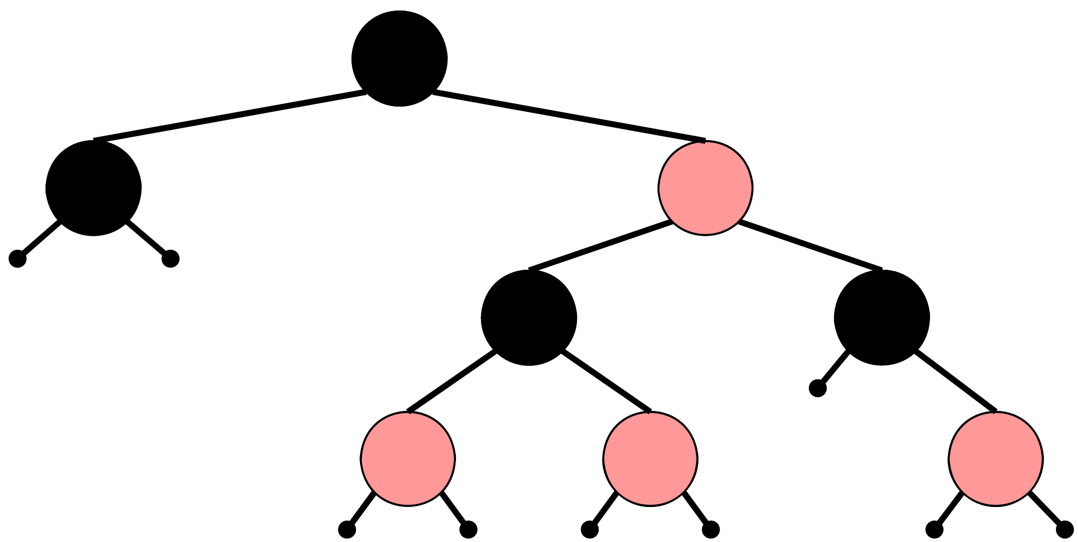

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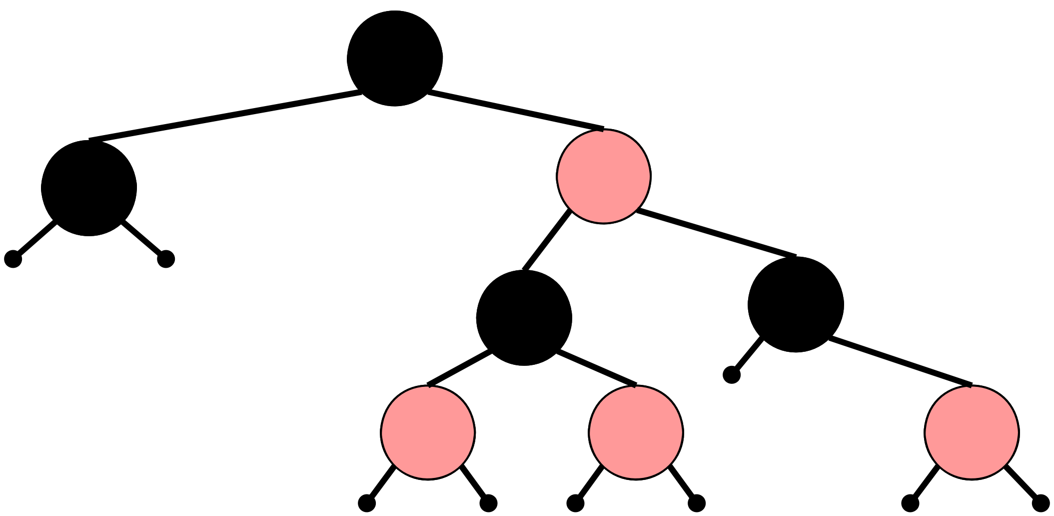

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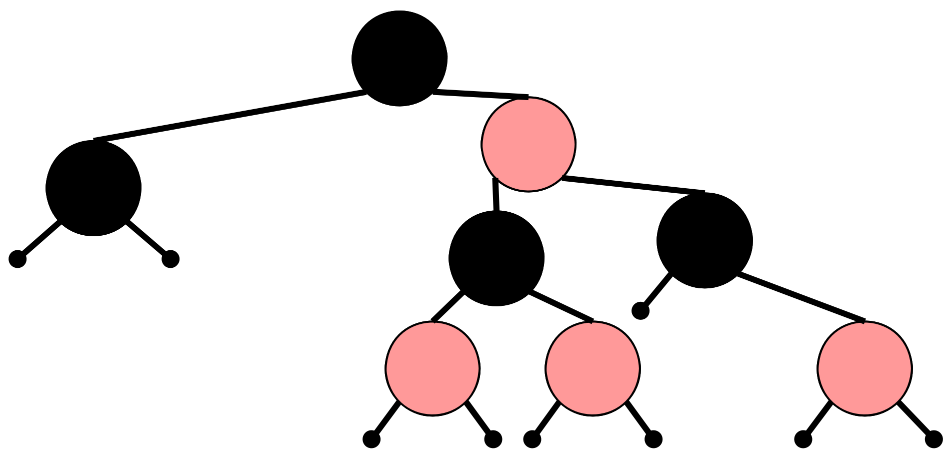

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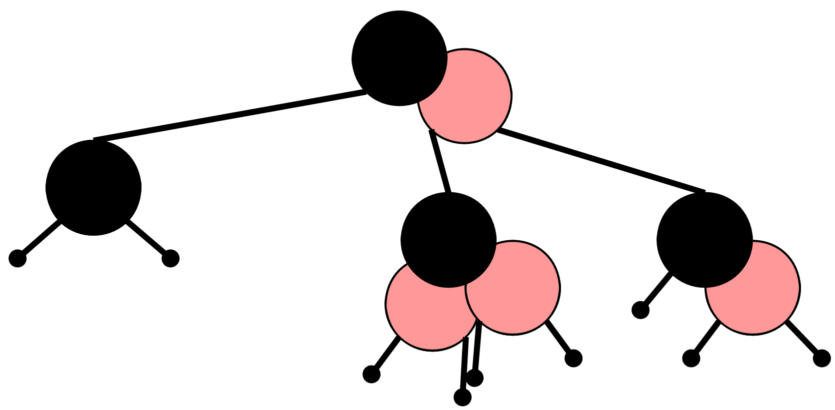

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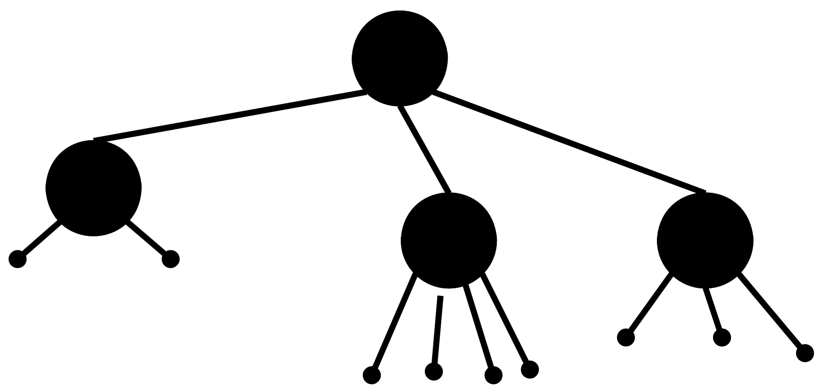

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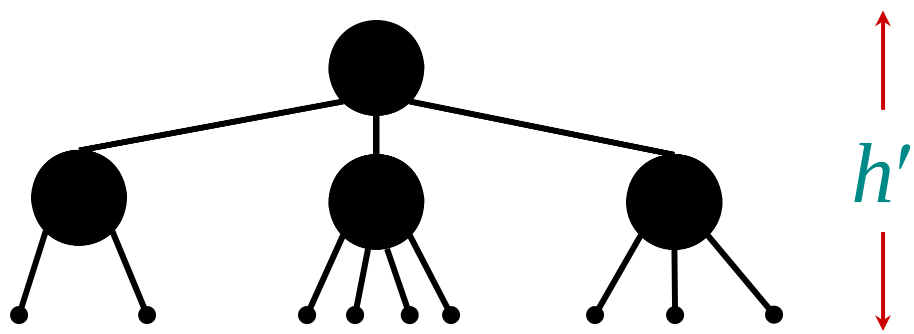
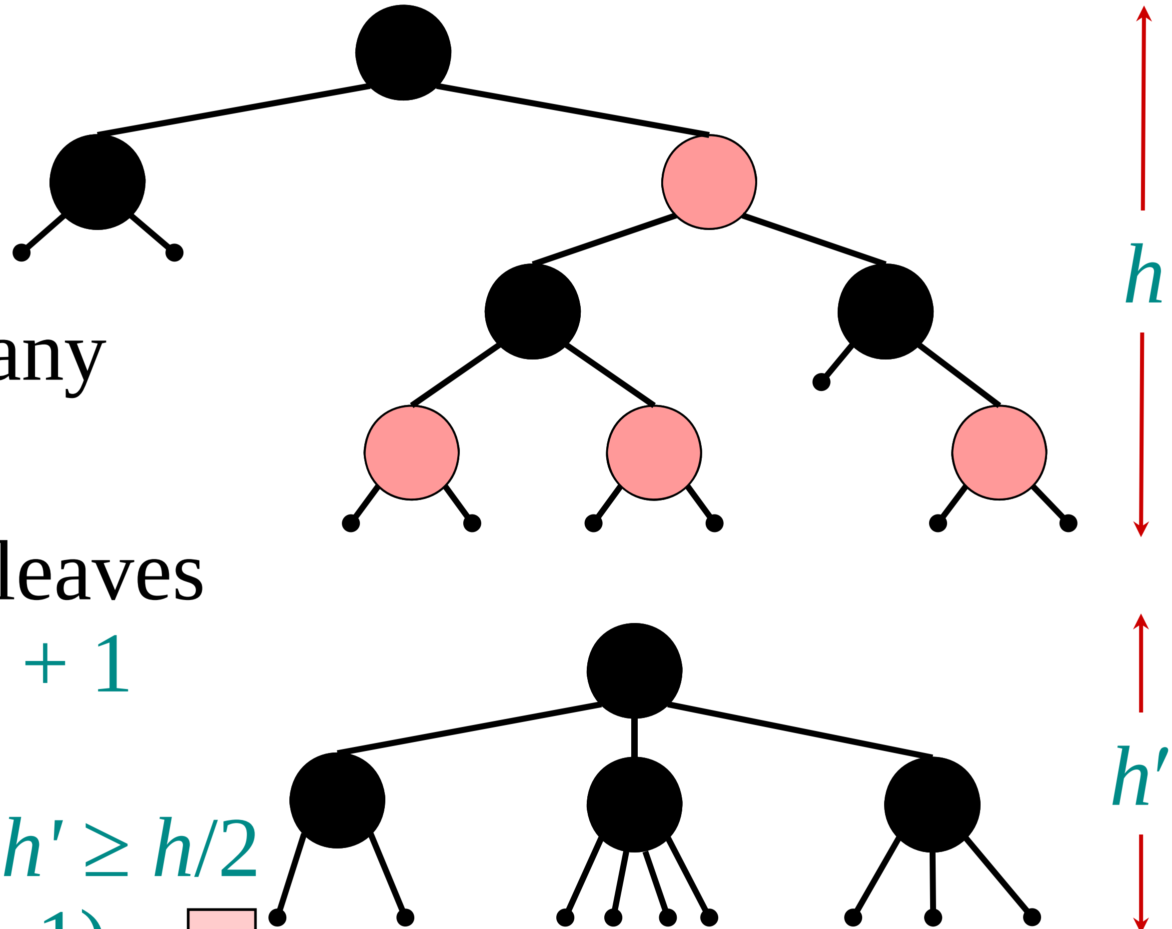


- Merge red nodes into their black parents.
- This process produces a tree in which each node has 2, 3, or 4 children.
- The 2-3-4 tree has uniform depth h' of leaves.

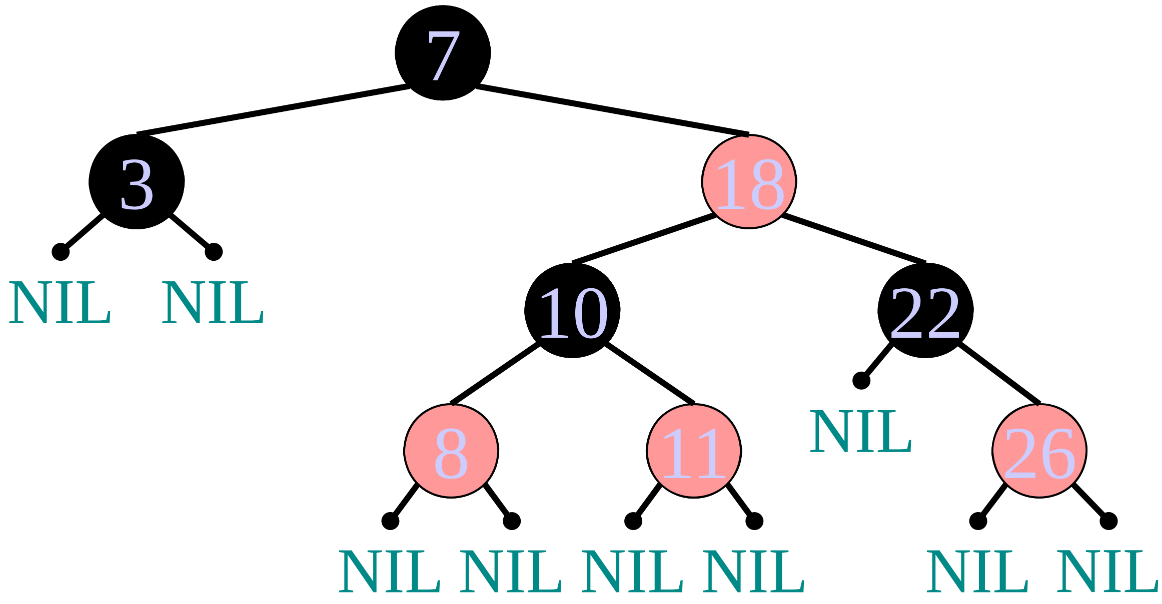
Proof (continued)

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



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.

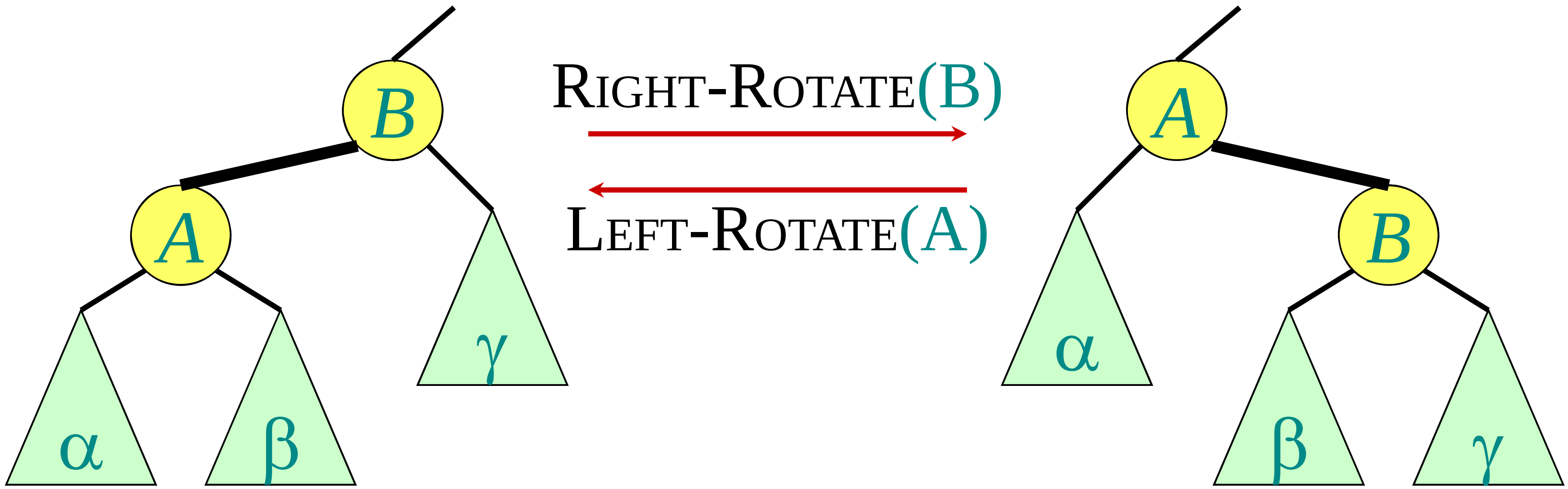


Modifying operations

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:

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

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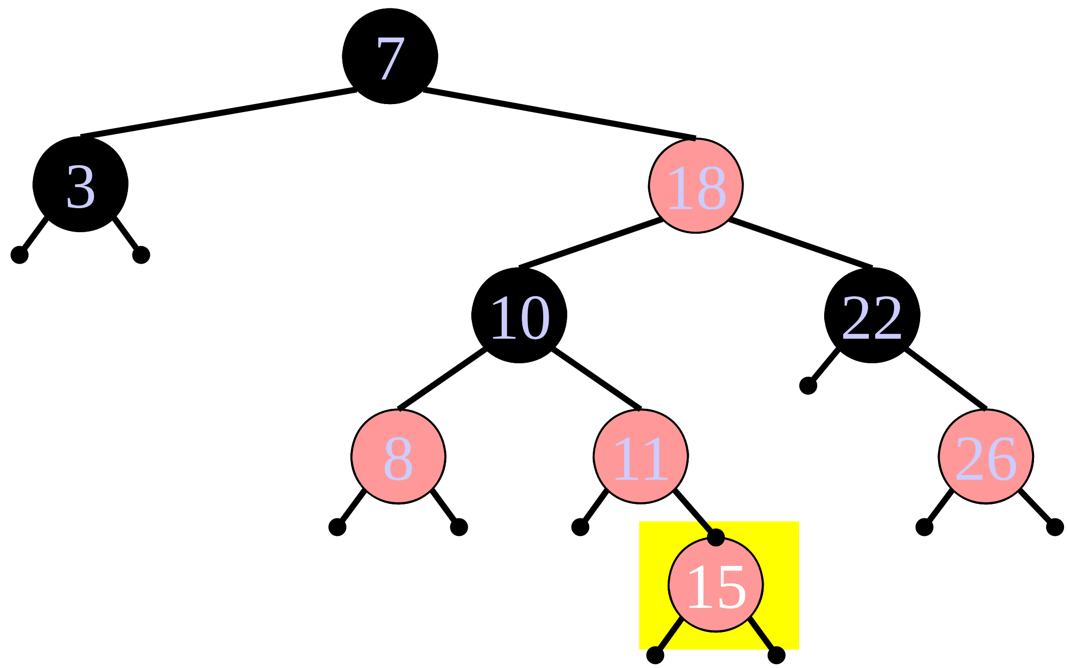
Example:

- Insert *x* =15.



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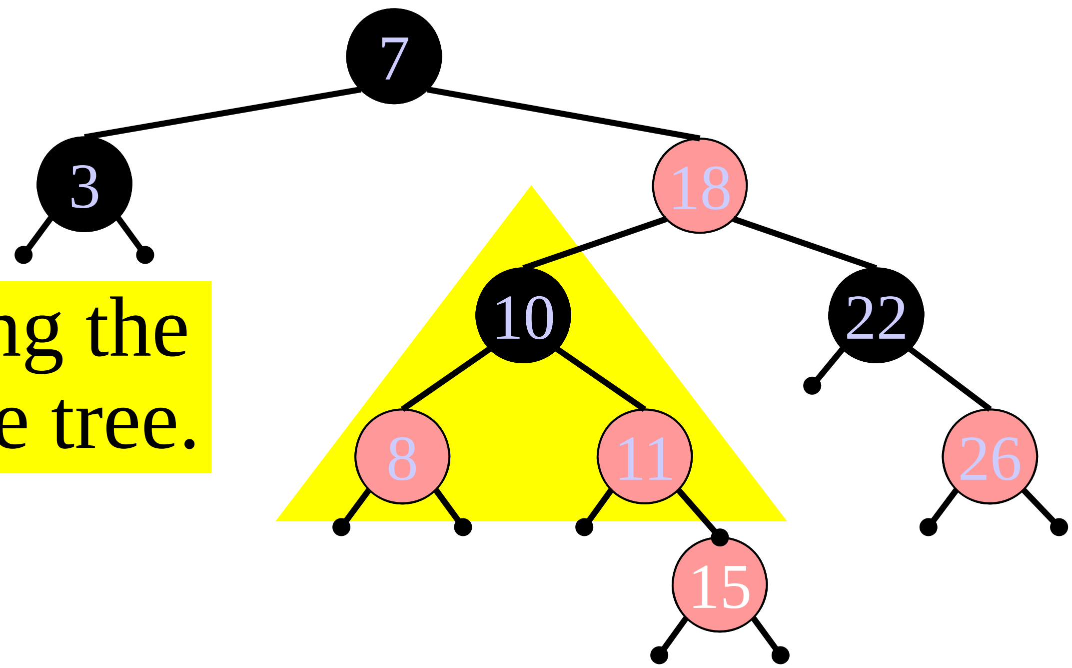

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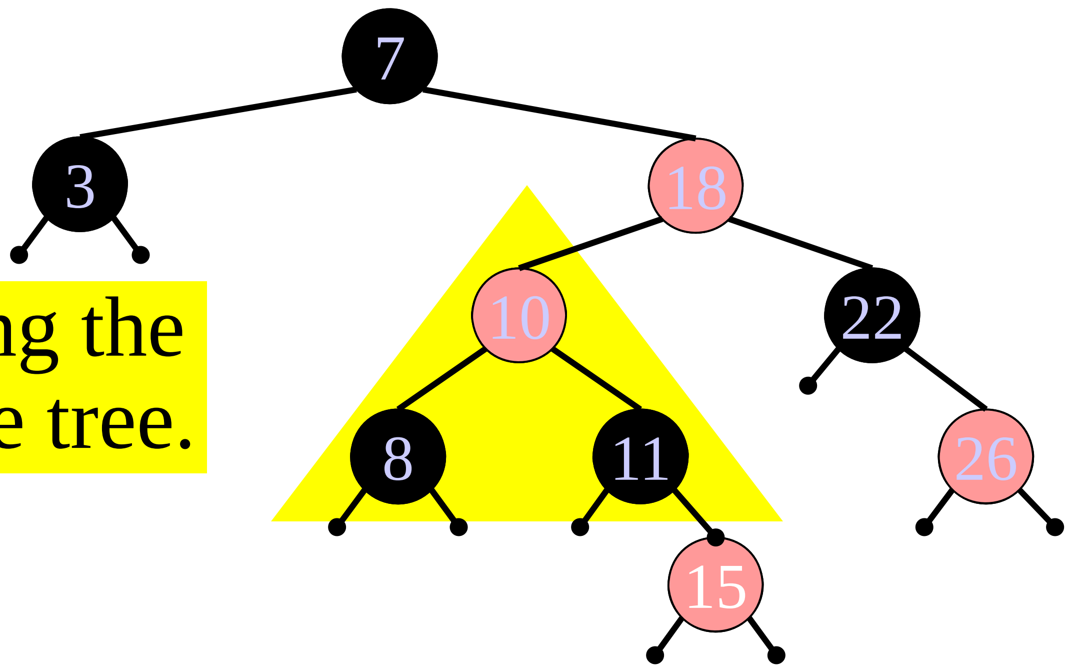

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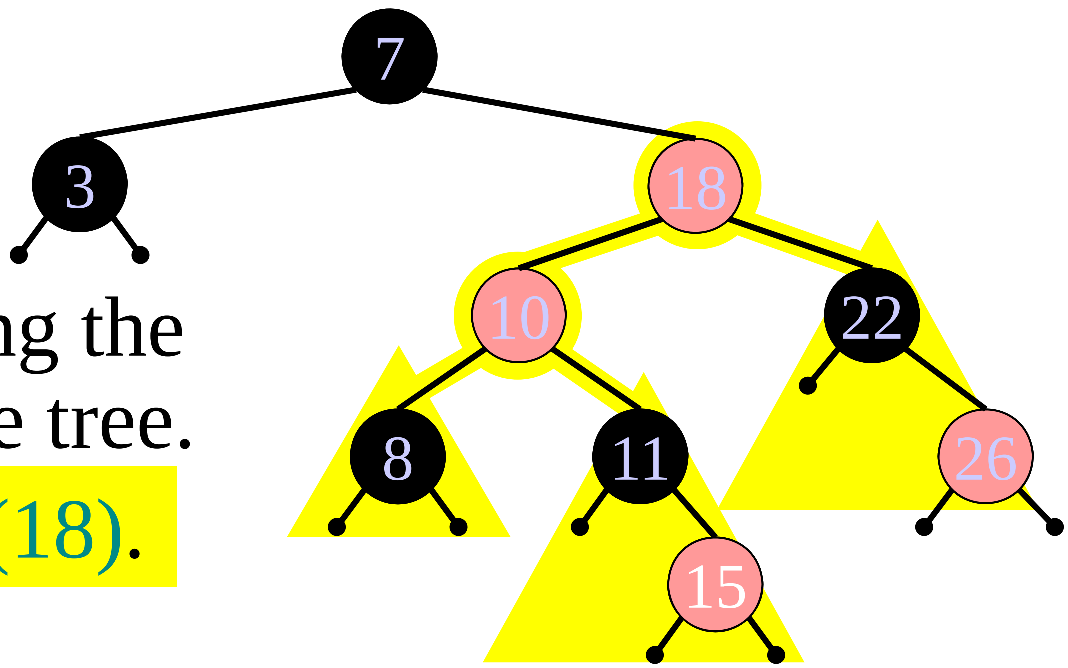

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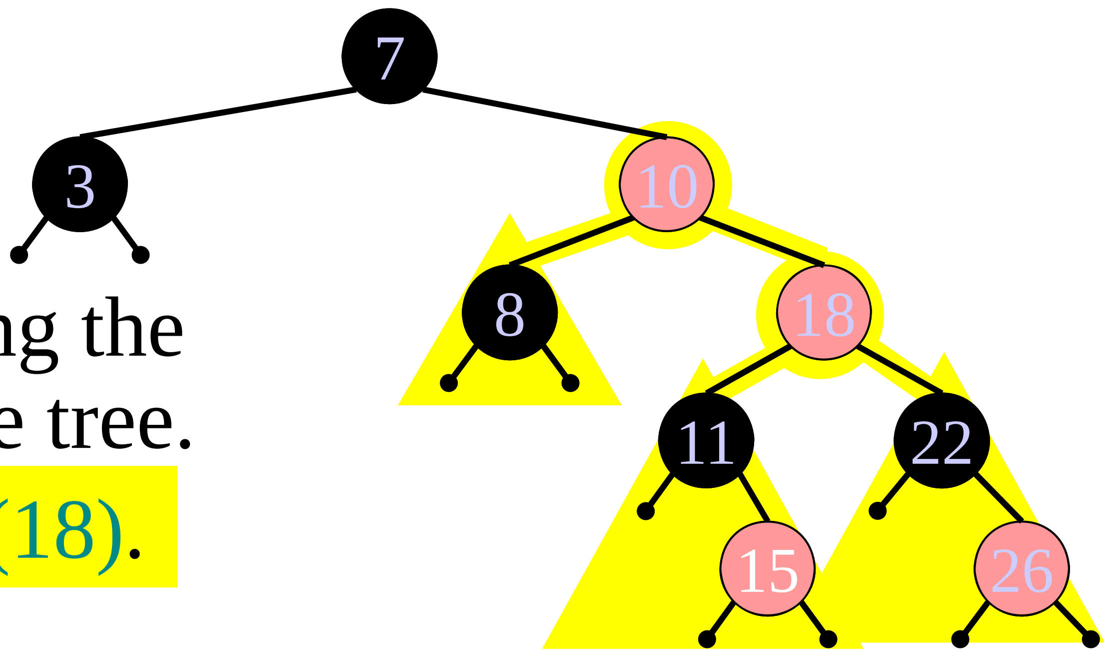

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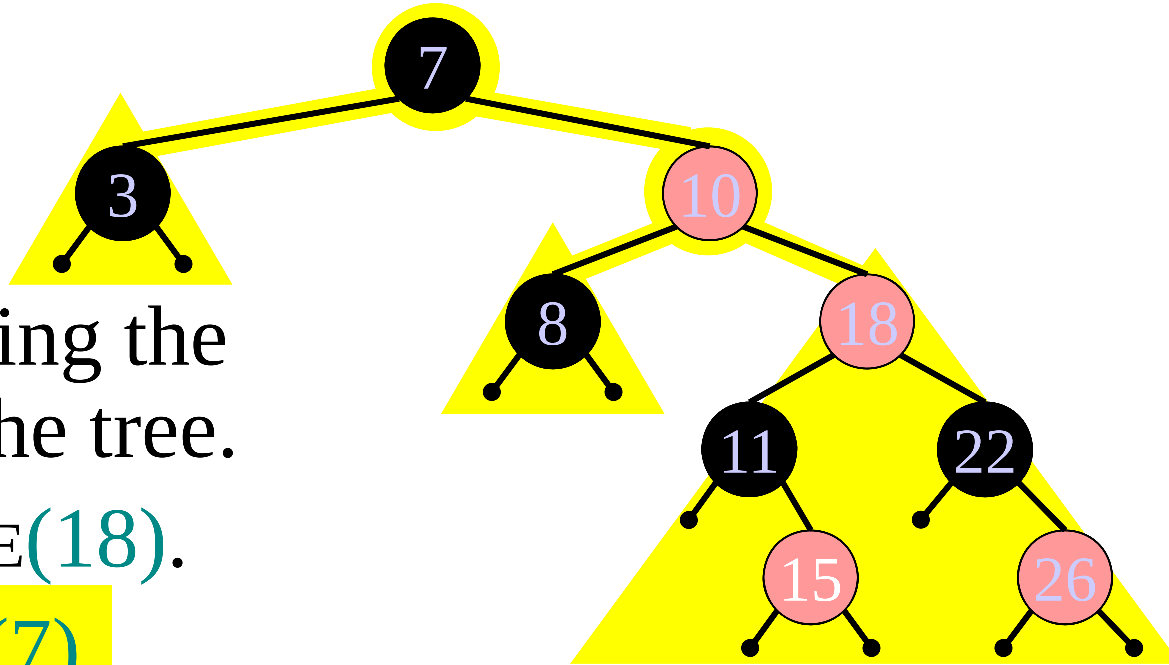

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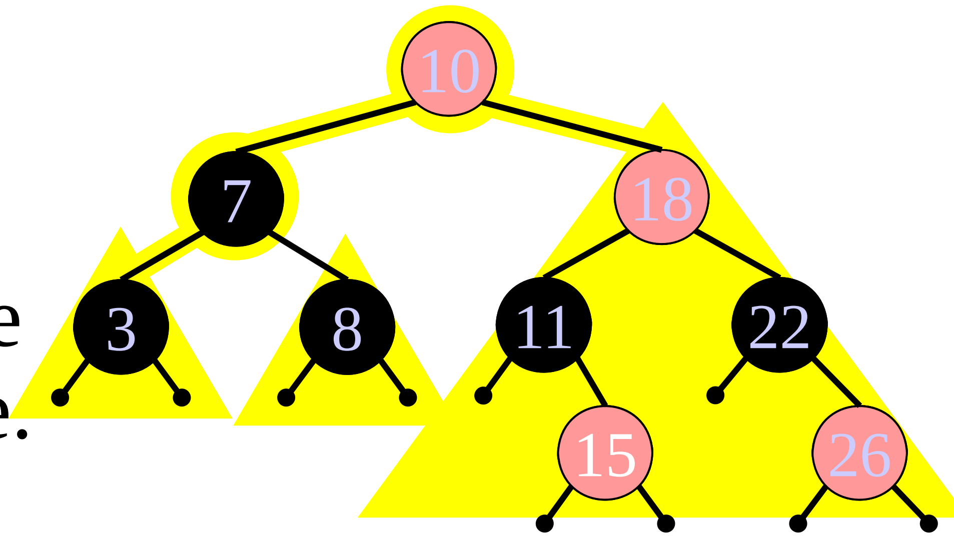

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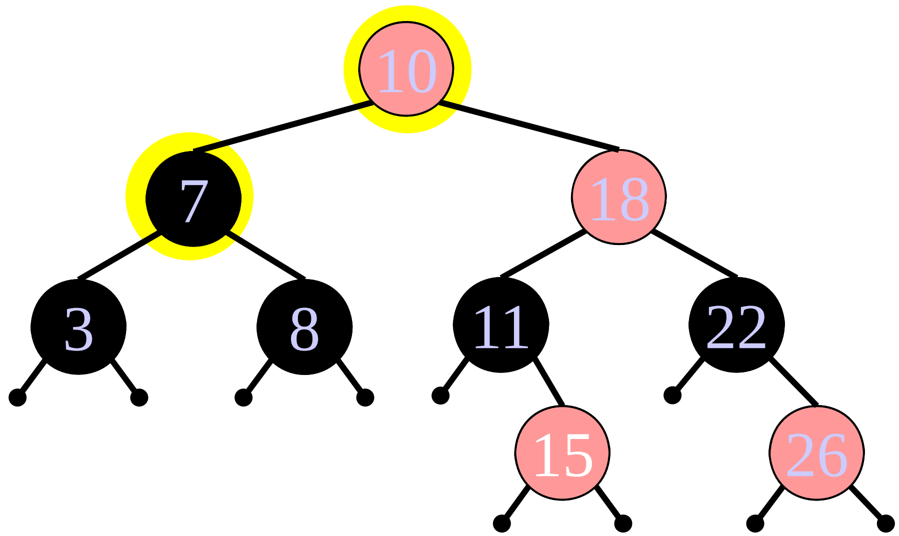

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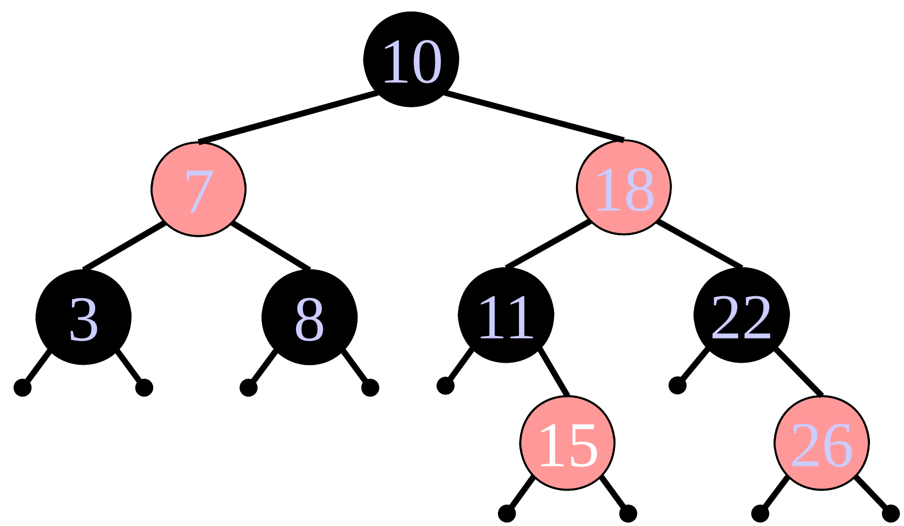

Pseudocode

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RB-INSERT(T, x)
    TREE-INSERT(T, x)
    color[x] ← RED        ⊳ only RB property 4 can be violated
    while x ≠ root[T] and color[p[x]] = RED
        do if p[x] = left[p[p[x]]]
            then y ← right[p[p[x]]]        ⊳ y = aunt/uncle of x
                if color[y] = RED
                 then ⟨Case 1⟩
                 else  if x = right[p[x]]
                        then ⟨Case 2⟩    ⊳ Case 2 falls into Case 3
                       ⟨Case 3⟩
            else ⟨"then" clause with "left" and "right" swapped⟩
    color[root[T]] ← BLACK
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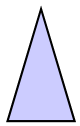
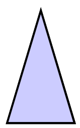
Graphical notation

Let  denote a subtree with a black root.

All 's have the same black-height.

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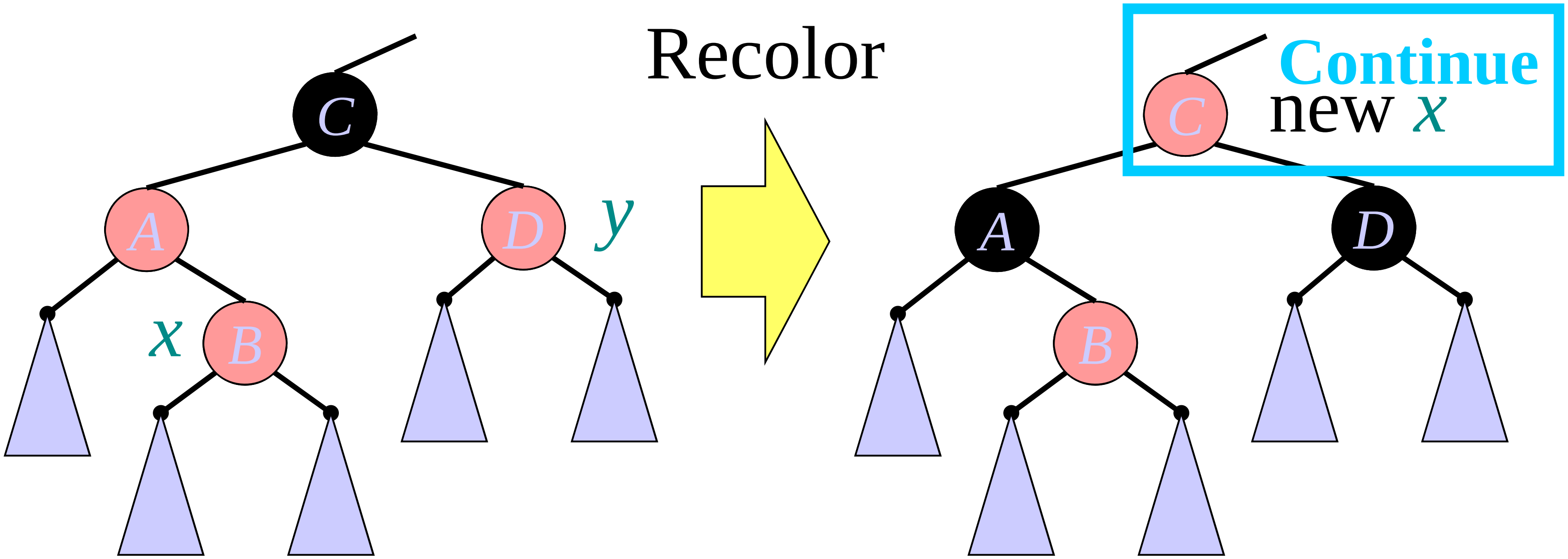


(Or, *A*'s children are swapped.)

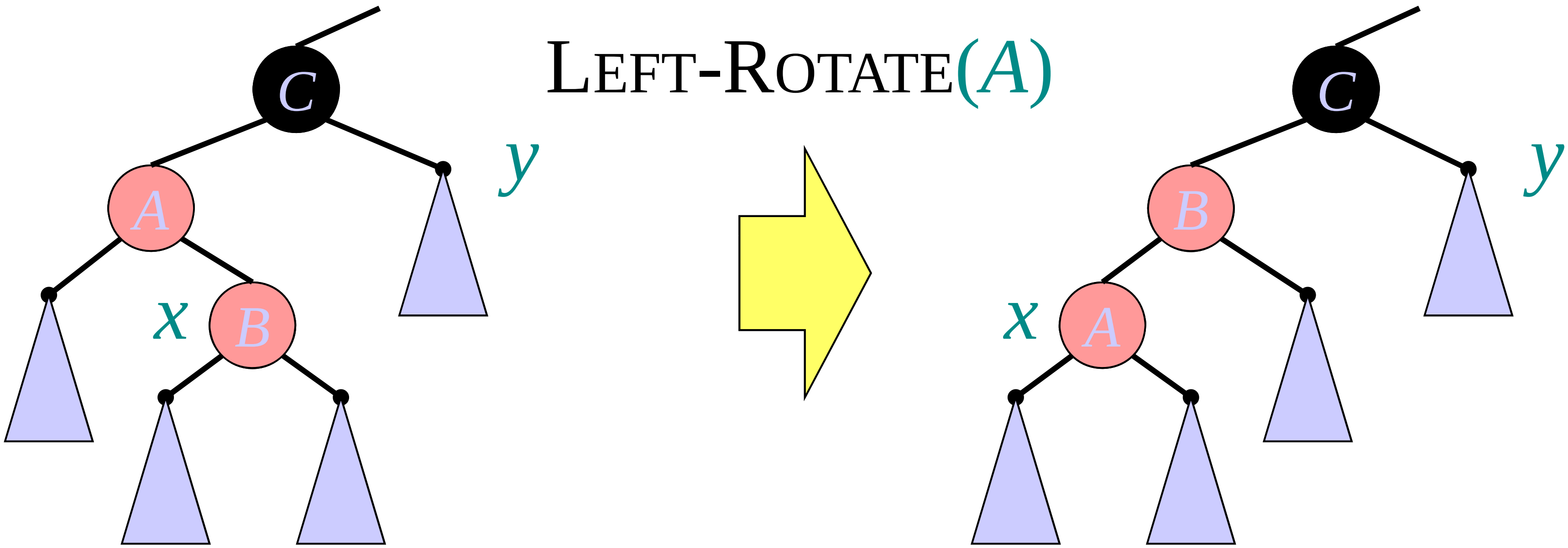
$p[x] = left[p[p[x]]$

$y \leftarrow right[p[p[x]]$

$color[y] = \text{RED}$

Push *C*'s black onto *A* and *D*, and recurse, since *C*'s parent may be red.

Case 2



p[*x*] = *left*[*p*[*p*[*x*]]

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Transform to Case 3.

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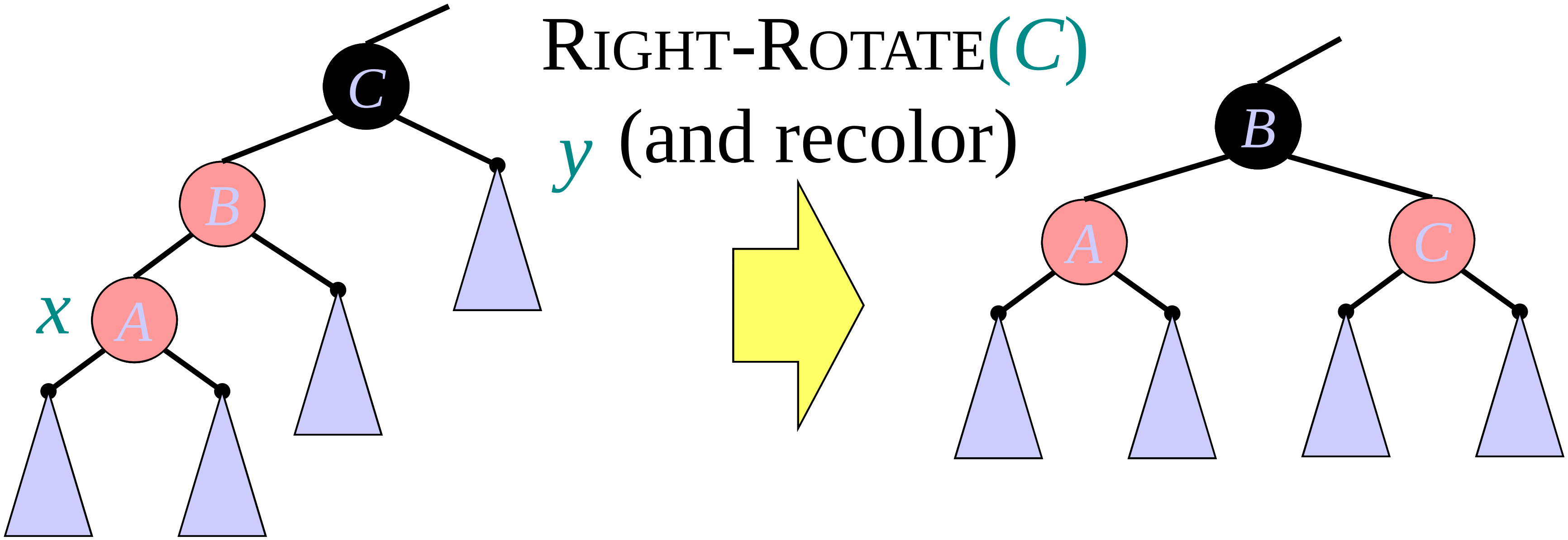

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$x = left[p[x]]$

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

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.

Pseudocode (part II)

else ⟨**"then"** clause with "*left*" and "*right*" swapped⟩
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then $y \leftarrow left[p[p[x]]]$ ⊳ y = aunt/uncle of x
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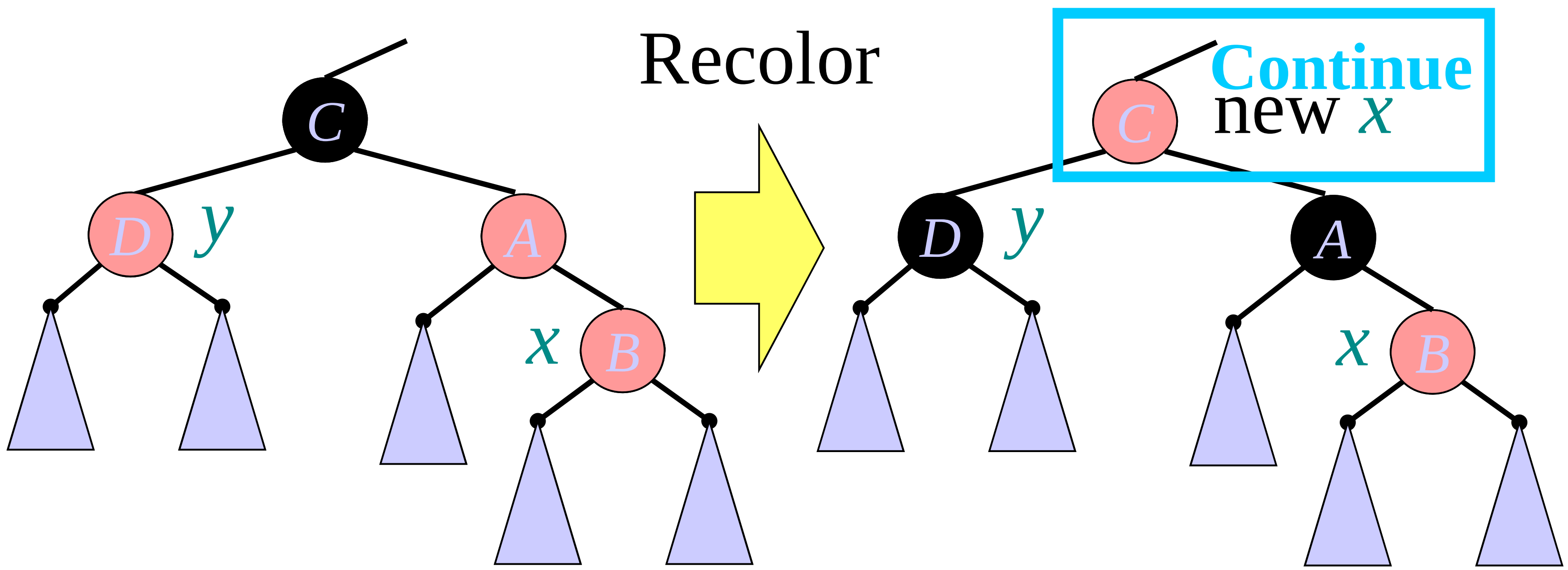

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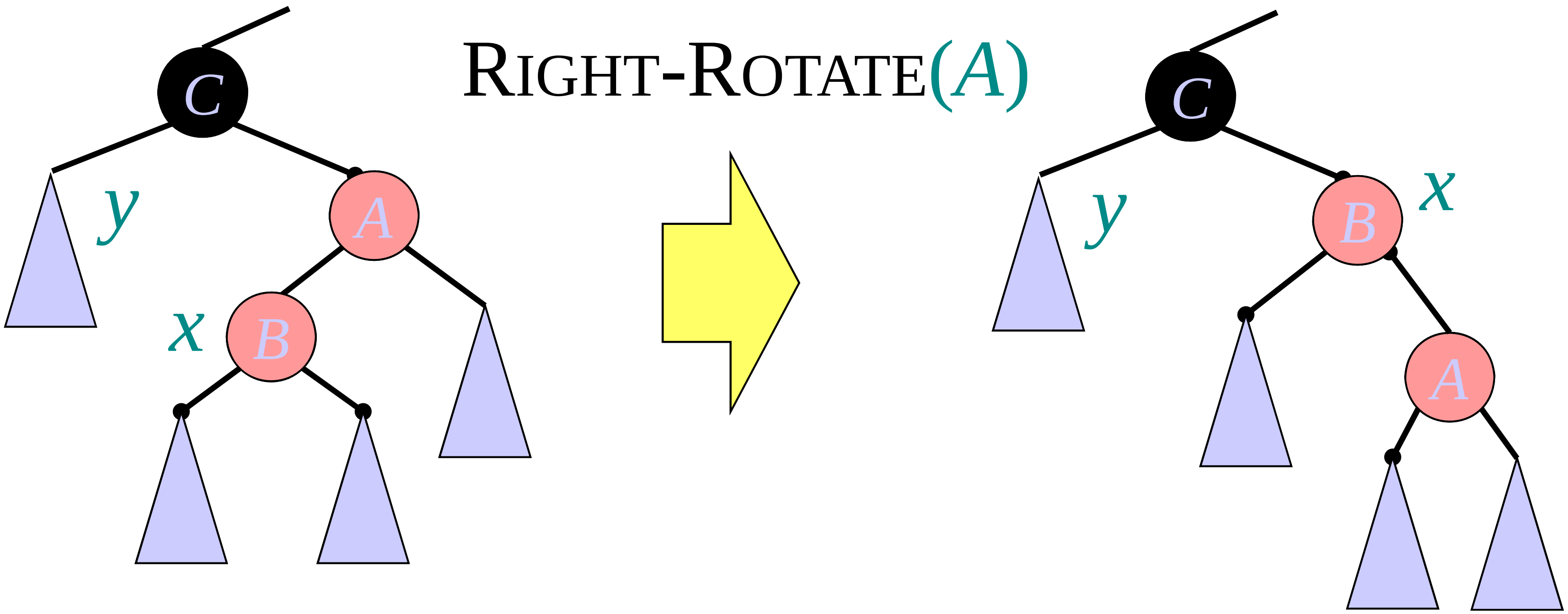

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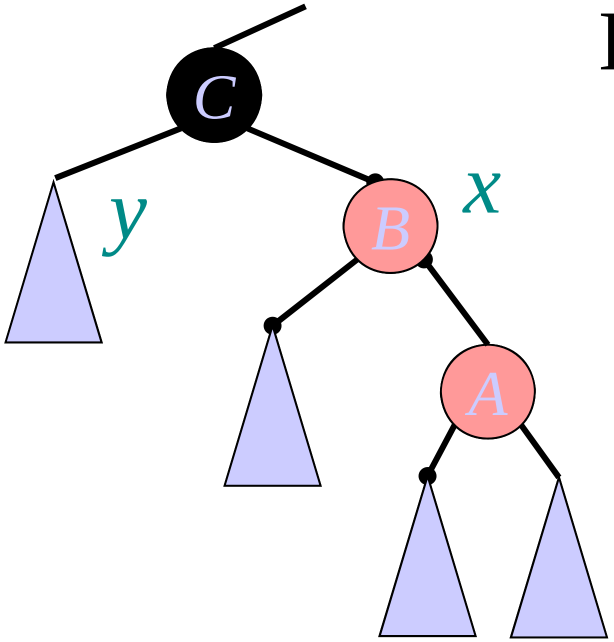
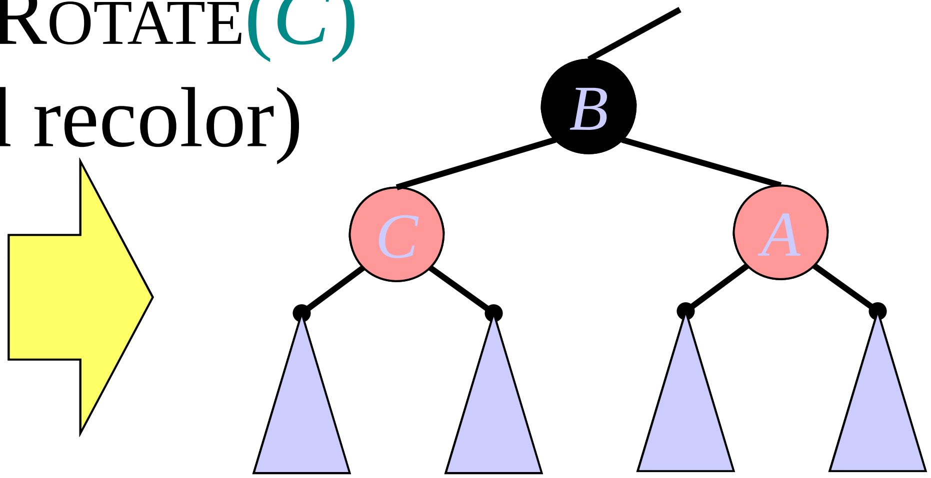


LEFT-ROTATE(C)
(and recolor)



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