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CS 201 Data Structure II (L2 / L5)

Height of Red-black tree

Section: 13.1 , Introduction to Algorithms

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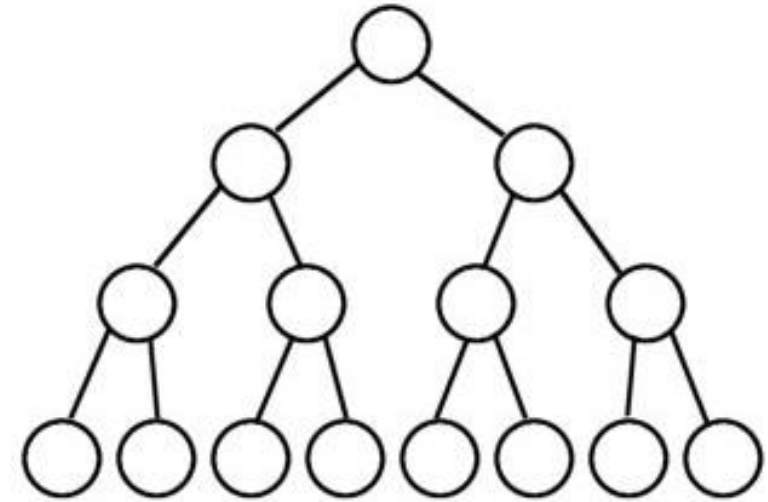
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Lemma 1: A complete binary search tree of height h has $2^{h+1} - 1$ nodes



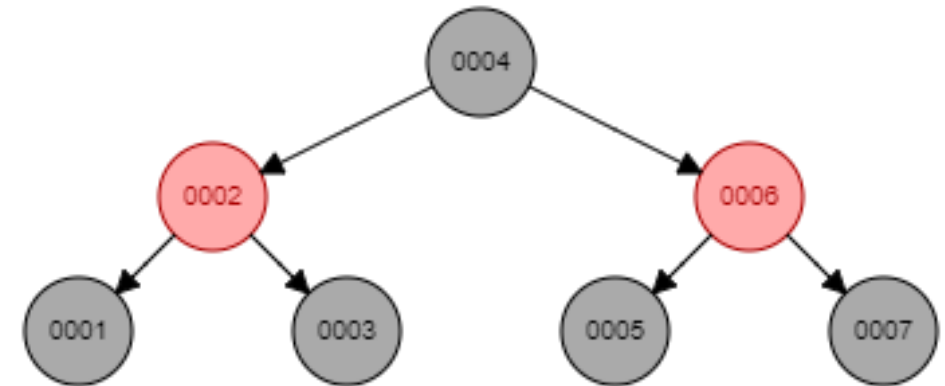
- Let n is total number of internal nodes
- $n = 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^h = 2^{h+1} - 1$
- $n + 1 = 2^{h+1}$
- $\log(n + 1) = h + 1$
- $h = \log(n + 1) - 1$





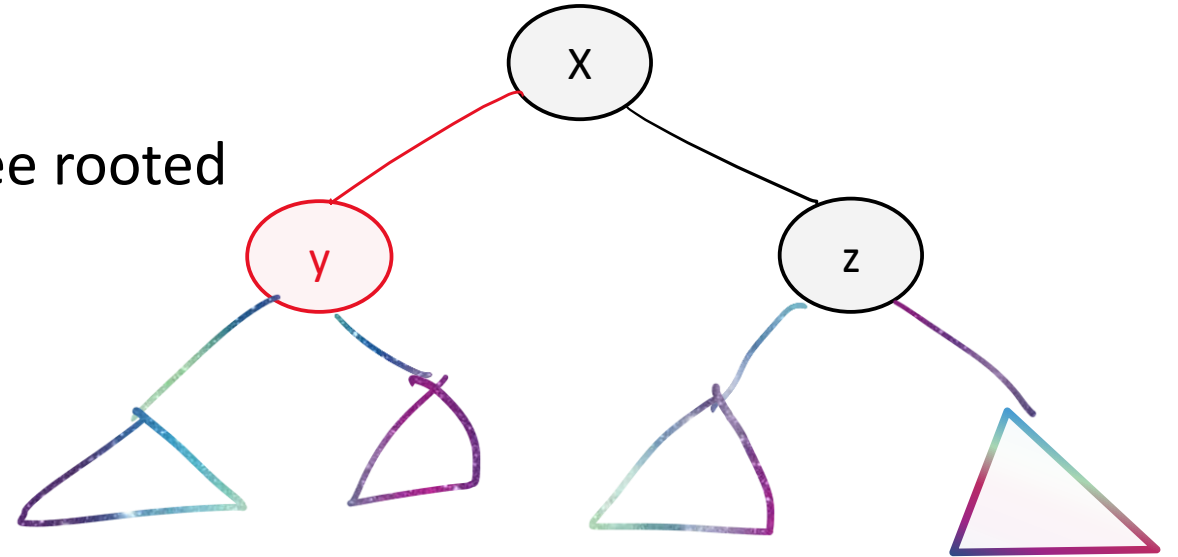
Lemma 2: A red-black tree of height h has at least $\frac{h}{2}$ black nodes

- Consider a path from root node of length h
- How many red nodes can be on this path?
- The path can contain at most $\frac{h}{2}$ red nodes. Why?



Lemma 3: A red-black sub-tree rooted at x contains at least $2^{bh(x)} - 1$ internal nodes

- $bh(x)$ = number of black nodes from x to deepest leaf, not including the node x
 - Same as the black height discussed in earlier classes but excluding the node itself.
- $bh(x)$ for an empty tree?
 - $bh(x) = 2^0 - 1 = 0$
- For inductive step, consider a red-black tree rooted at x , total number of nodes can be
- $n = (2^{bh(y)} - 1) + (2^{bh(z)} - 1) + 1$
- $n \geq (2^{bh(x)-1} - 1) + (2^{bh(x)-1} - 1) + 1$
- $n \geq 2^{bh(x)} - 1$





Theorem: A red-black tree with n internal nodes has height at most $2 \lg(n + 1)$

- Lemma 2: the black height of a red-black tree is at least $\frac{h}{2}$
- Lemma 3: $n \geq 2^{bh(x)} - 1$
- Combining both:

$$\begin{aligned}n &\geq 2^{\frac{h}{2}} - 1 \\n + 1 &\geq 2^{\frac{h}{2}} \\h &\leq 2\log(n + 1)\end{aligned}$$