

Trees: part 1

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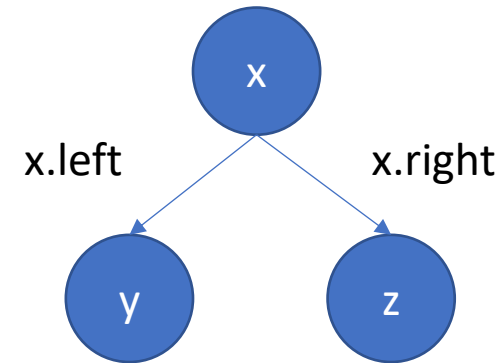
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Binary trees

- BST: maps & sets
- Binary tries (digital/prefix trees): high-bandwidth routing, dictionary for autocompletion
- Heaps: priority queues
- Huffman coding tree: compression (i.e. jpeg)
- B+/w trees: database indexing

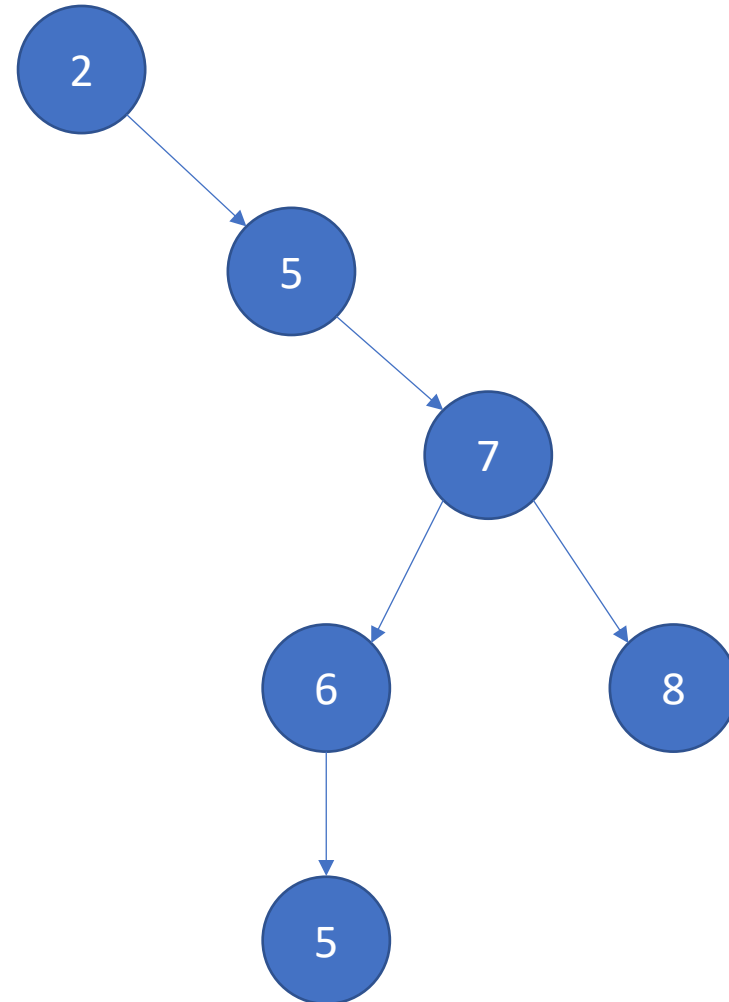
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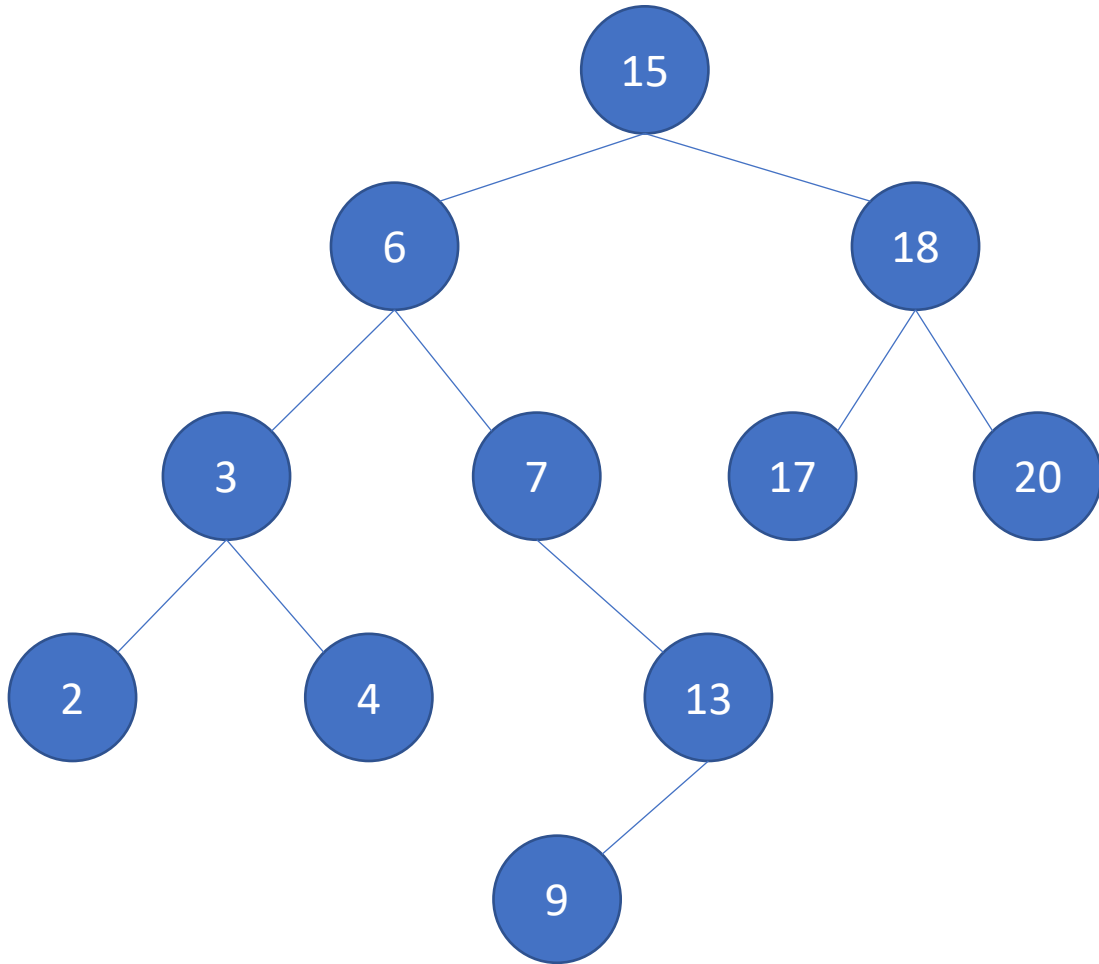
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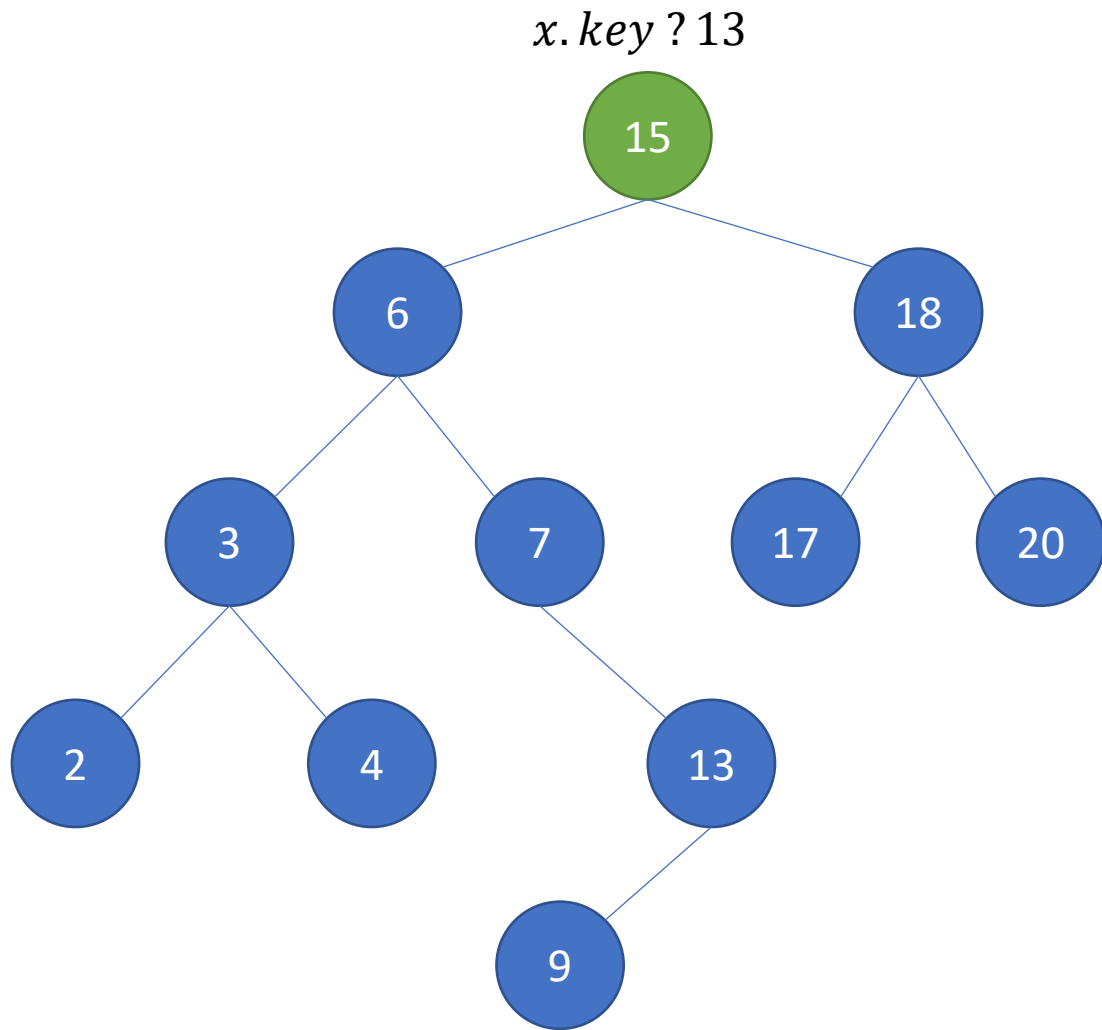
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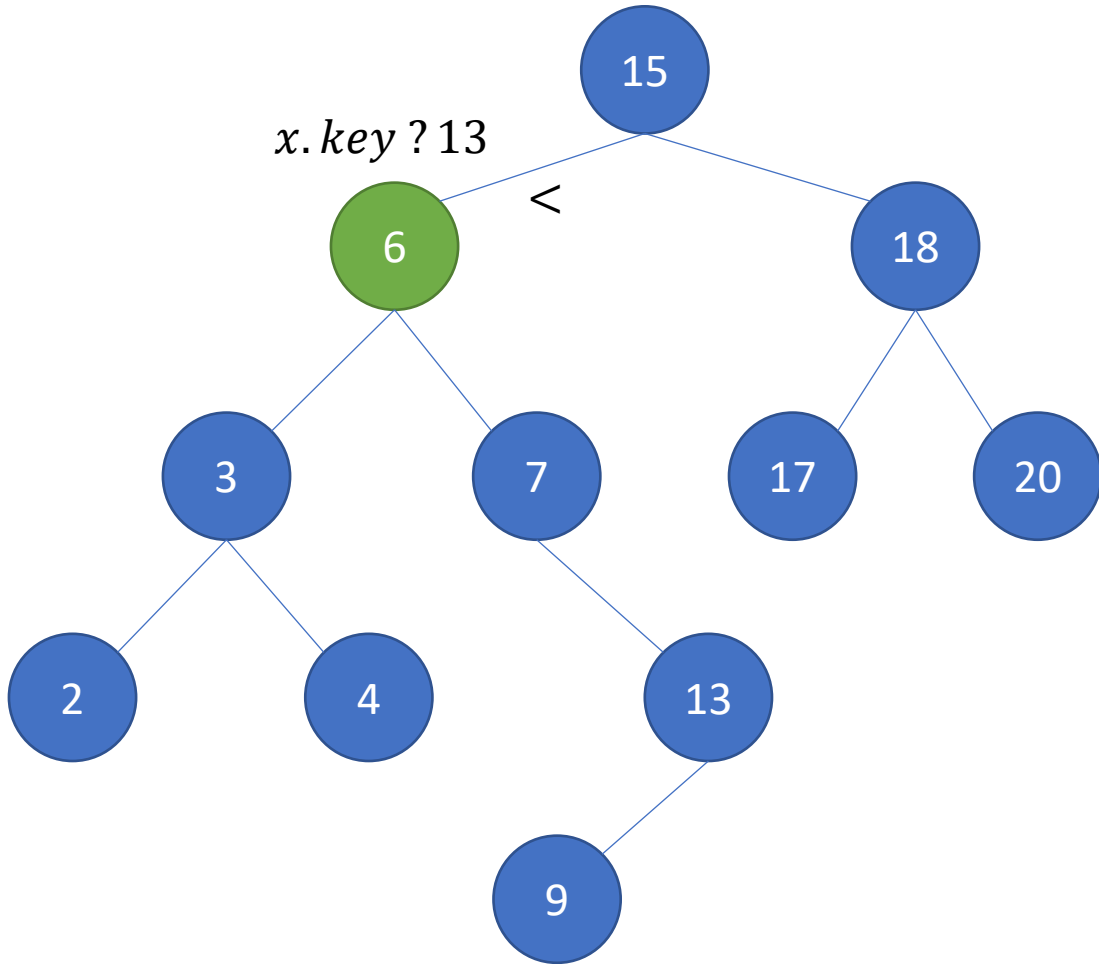
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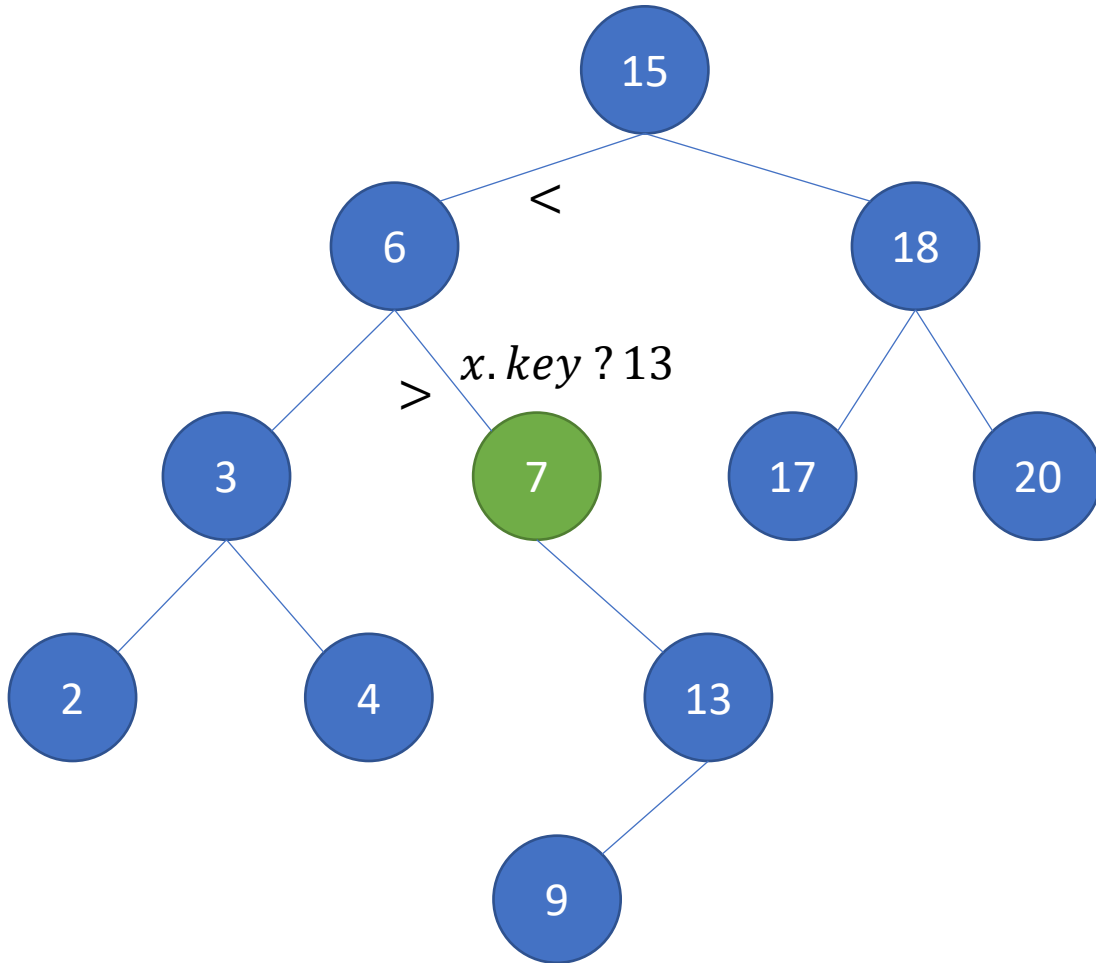
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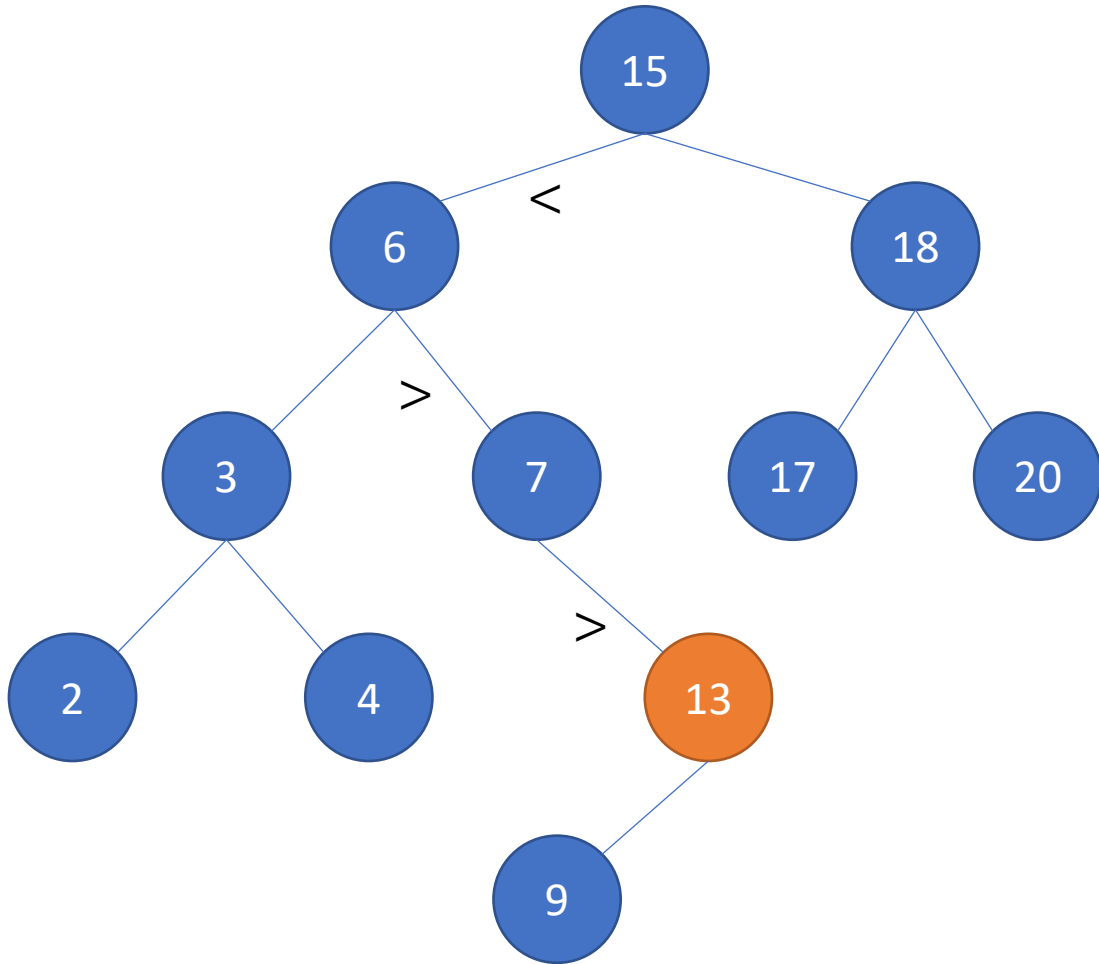
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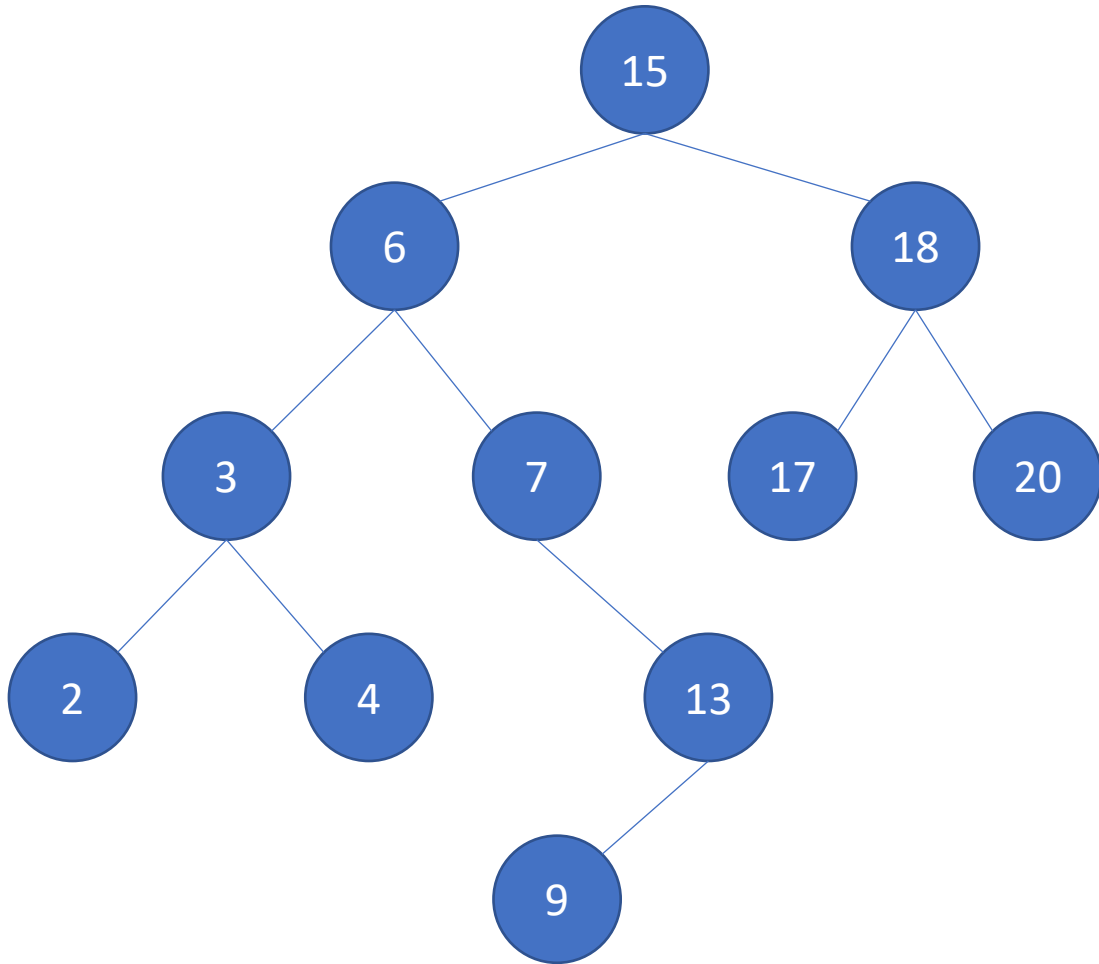
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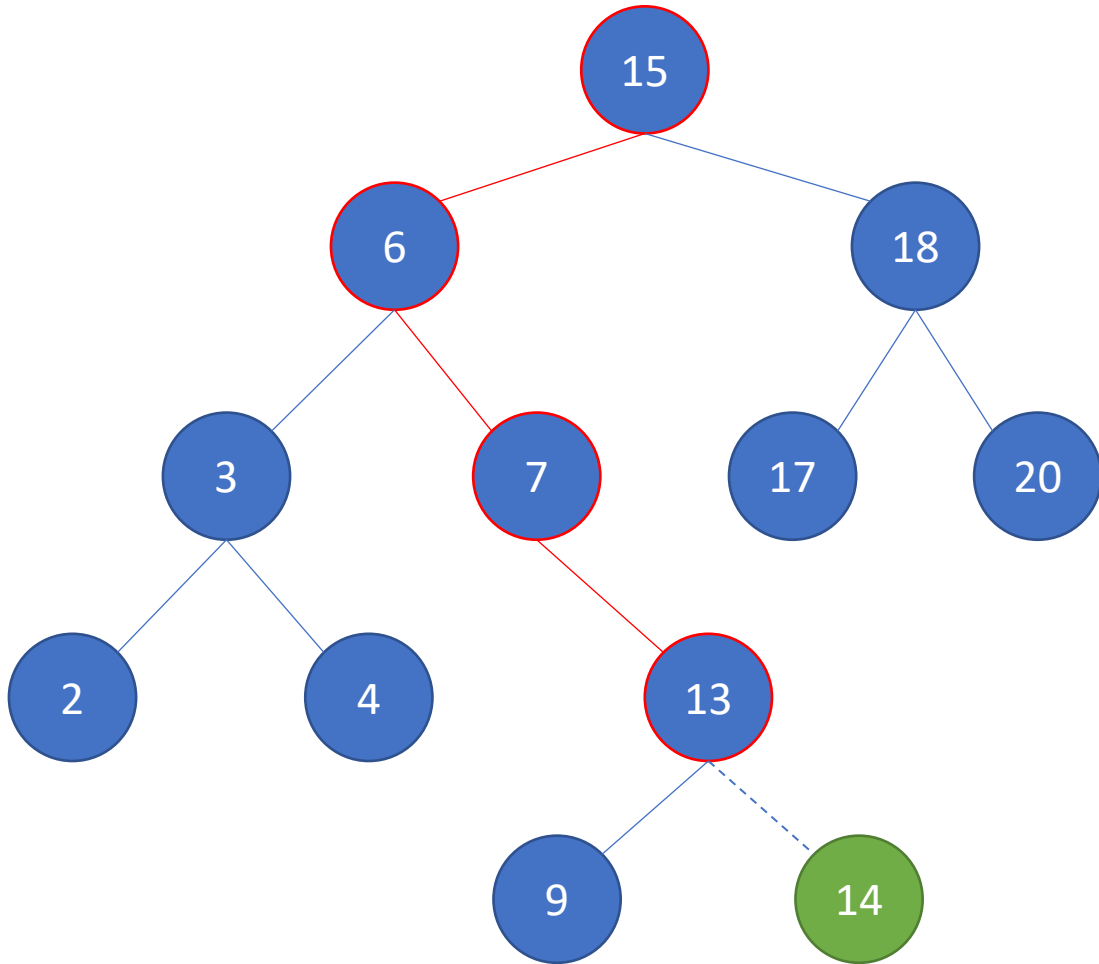
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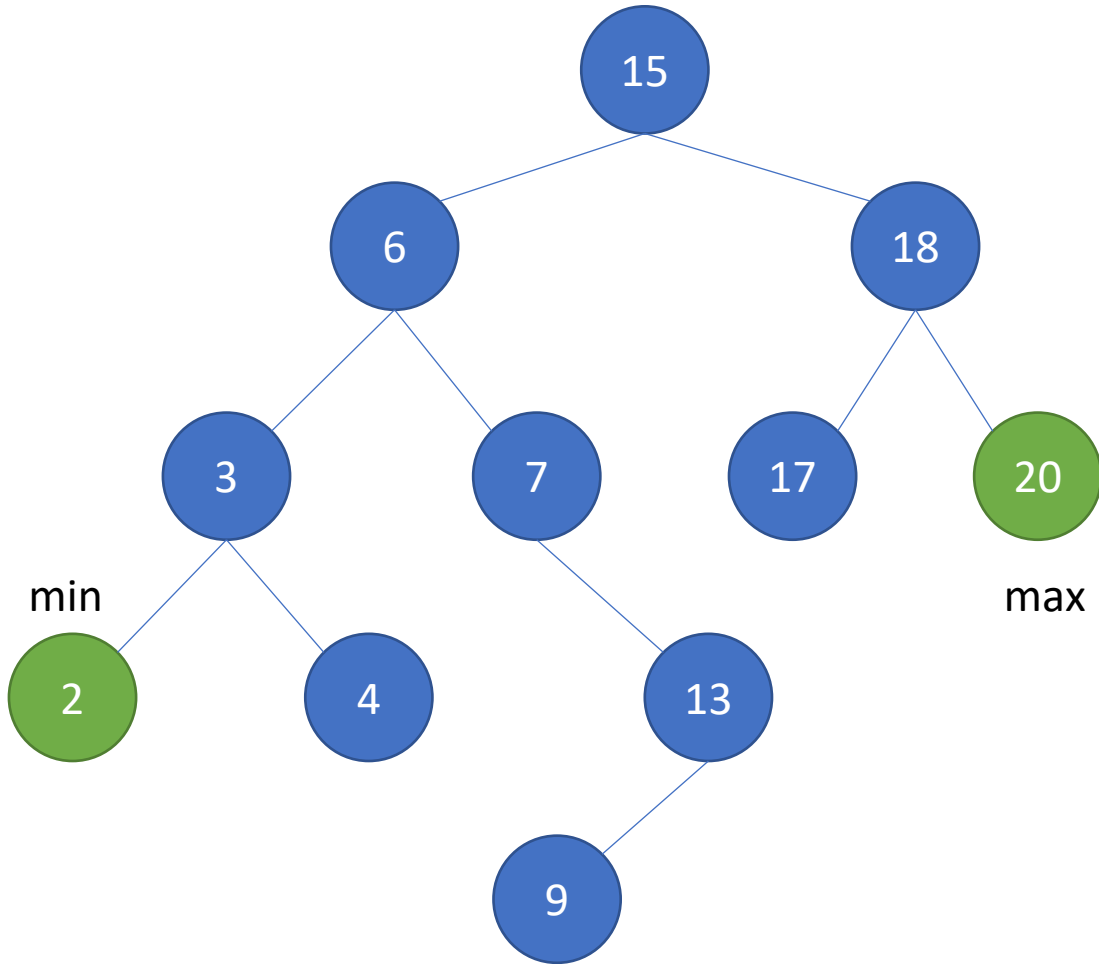
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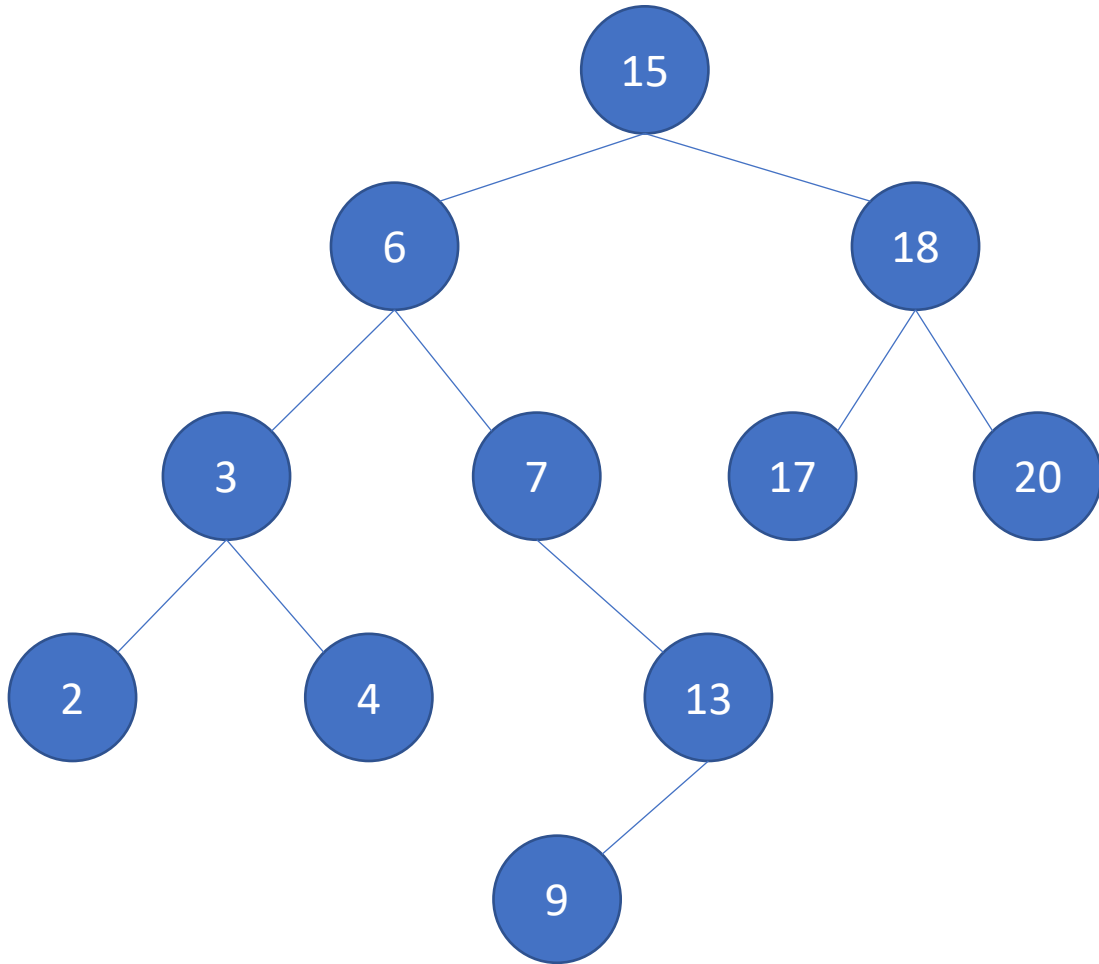
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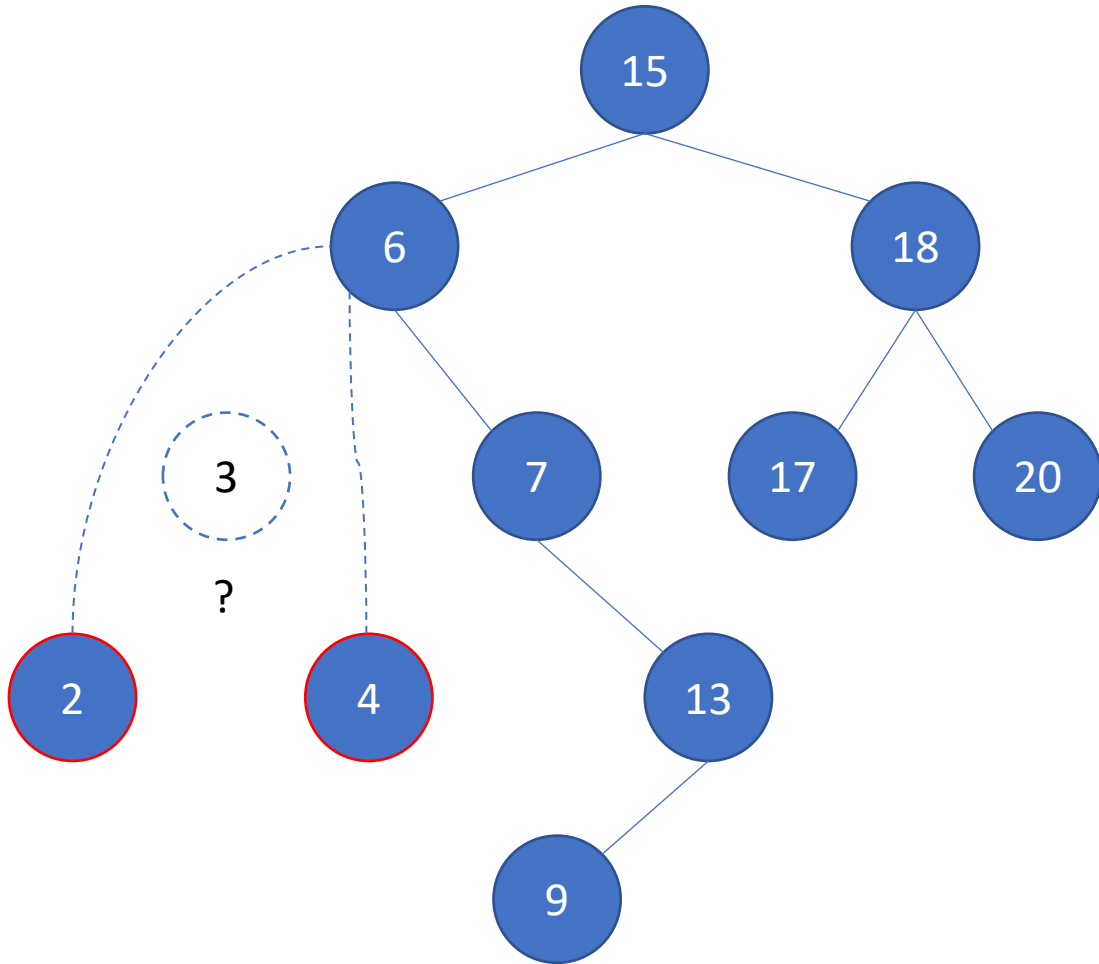
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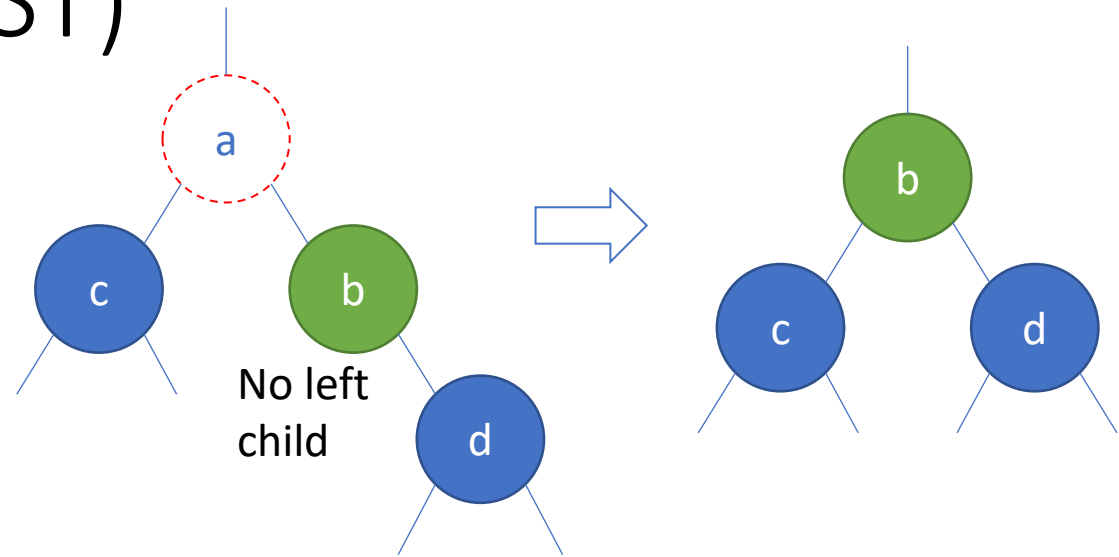
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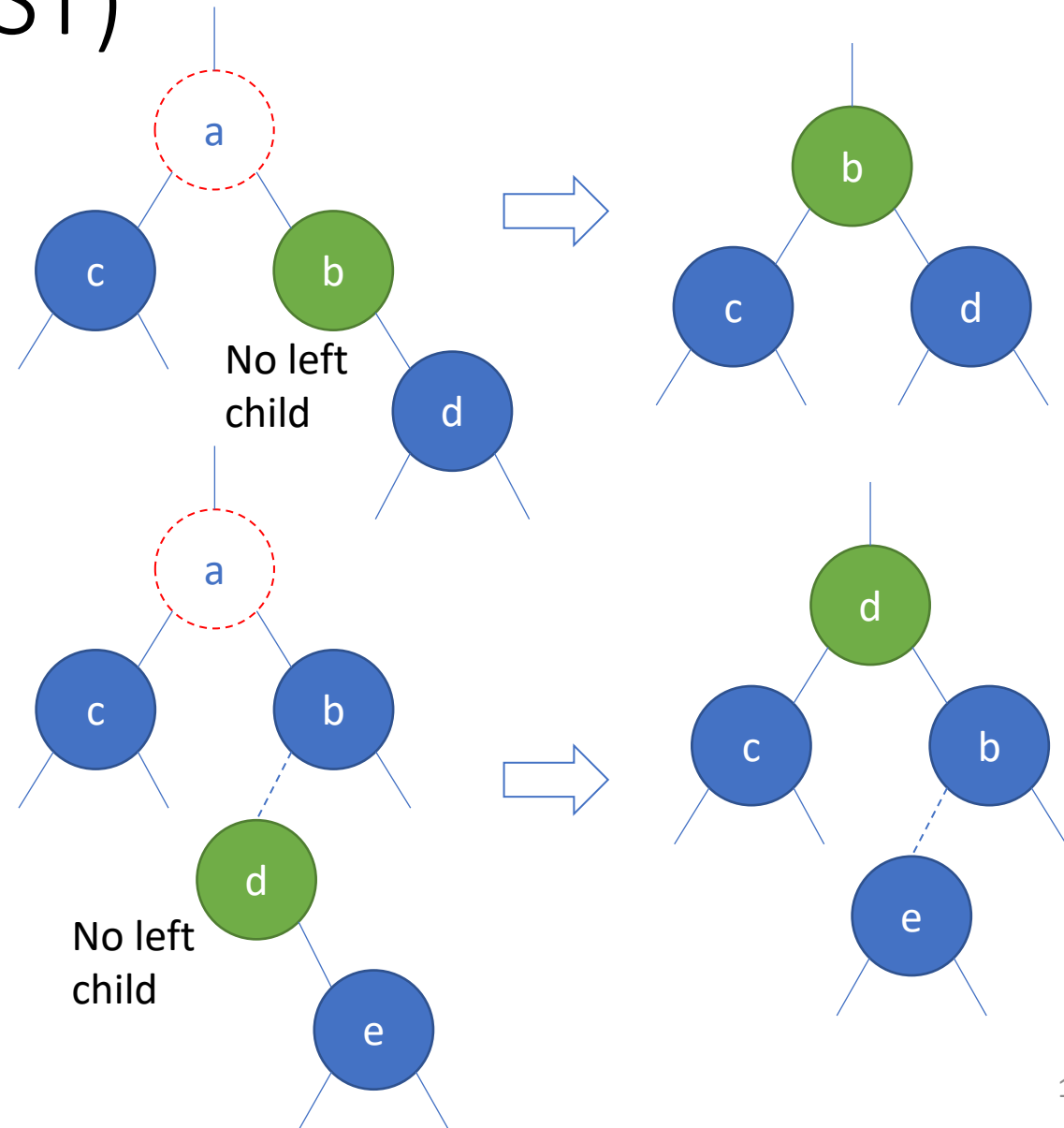
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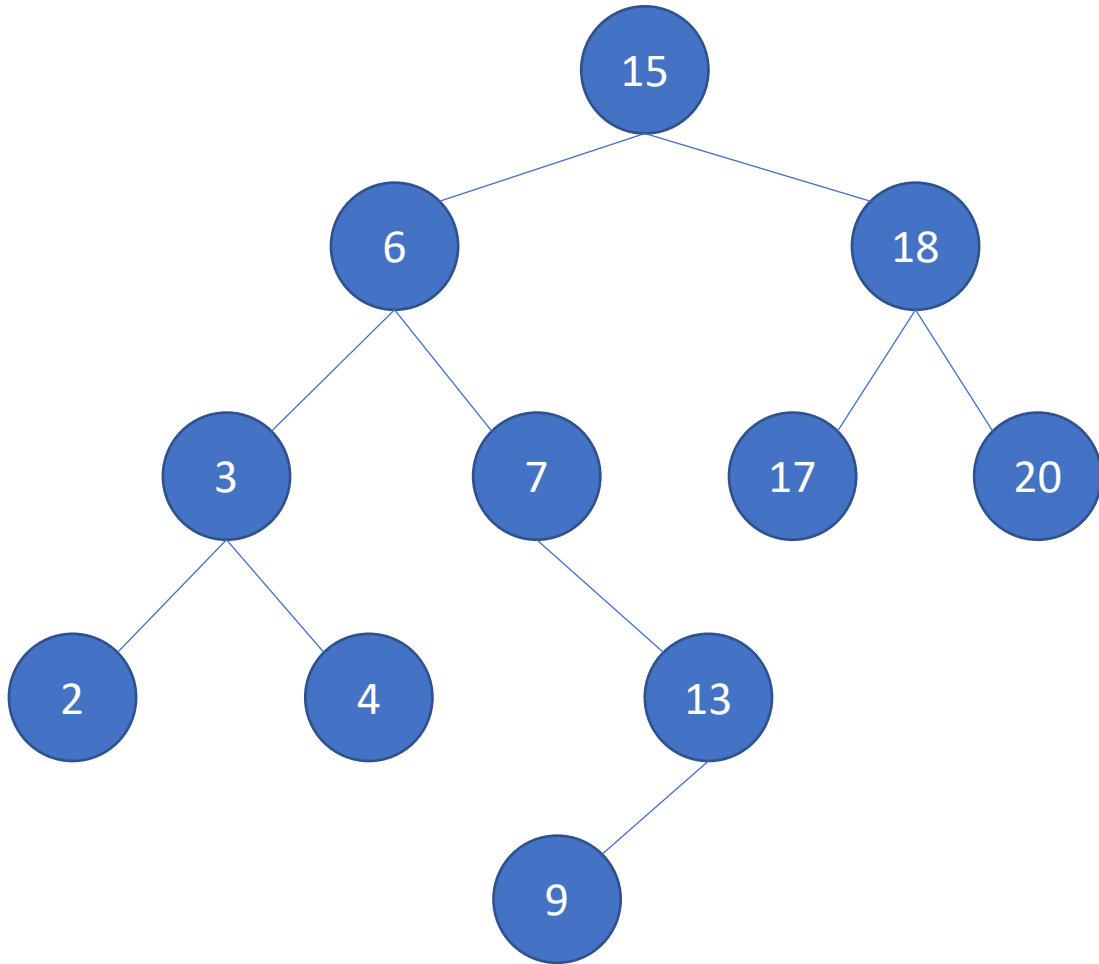
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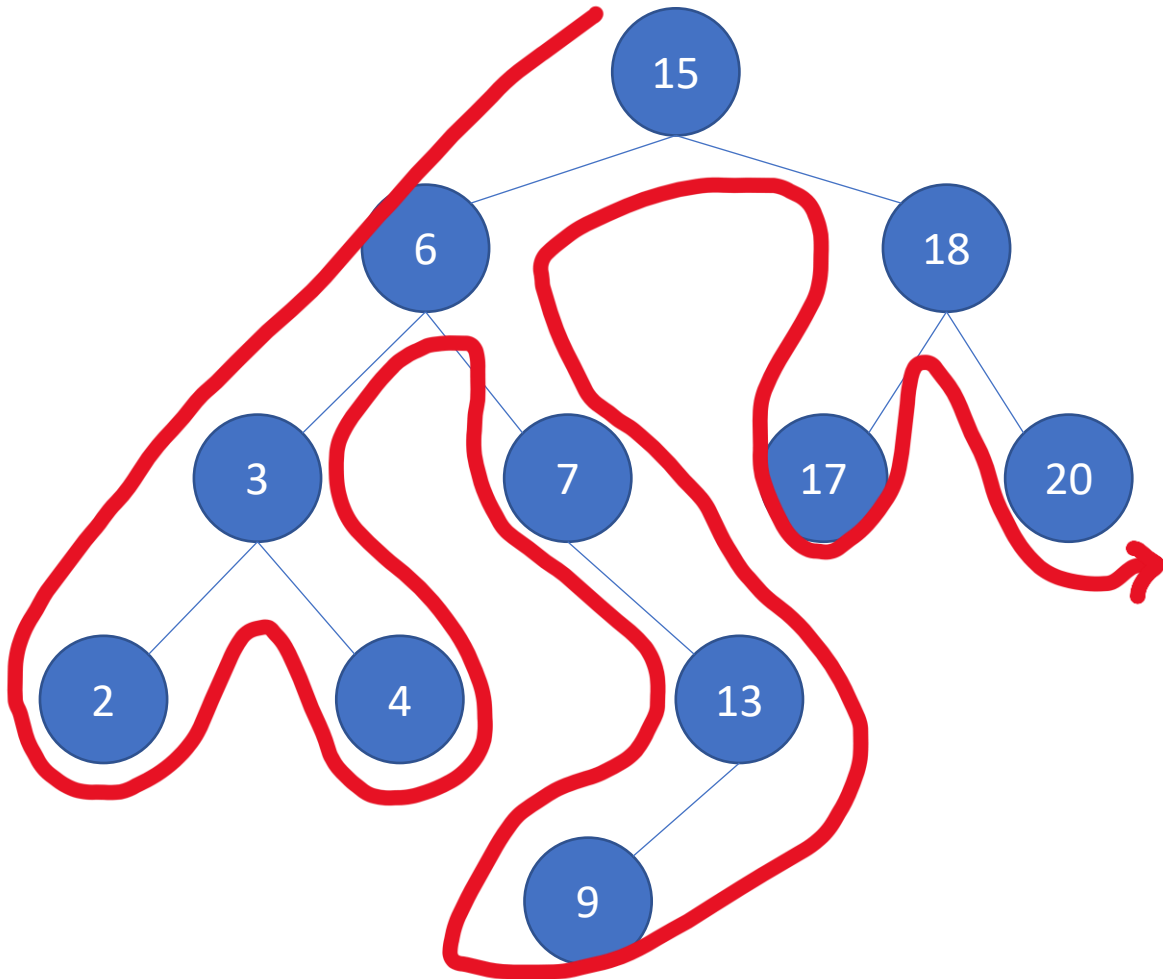
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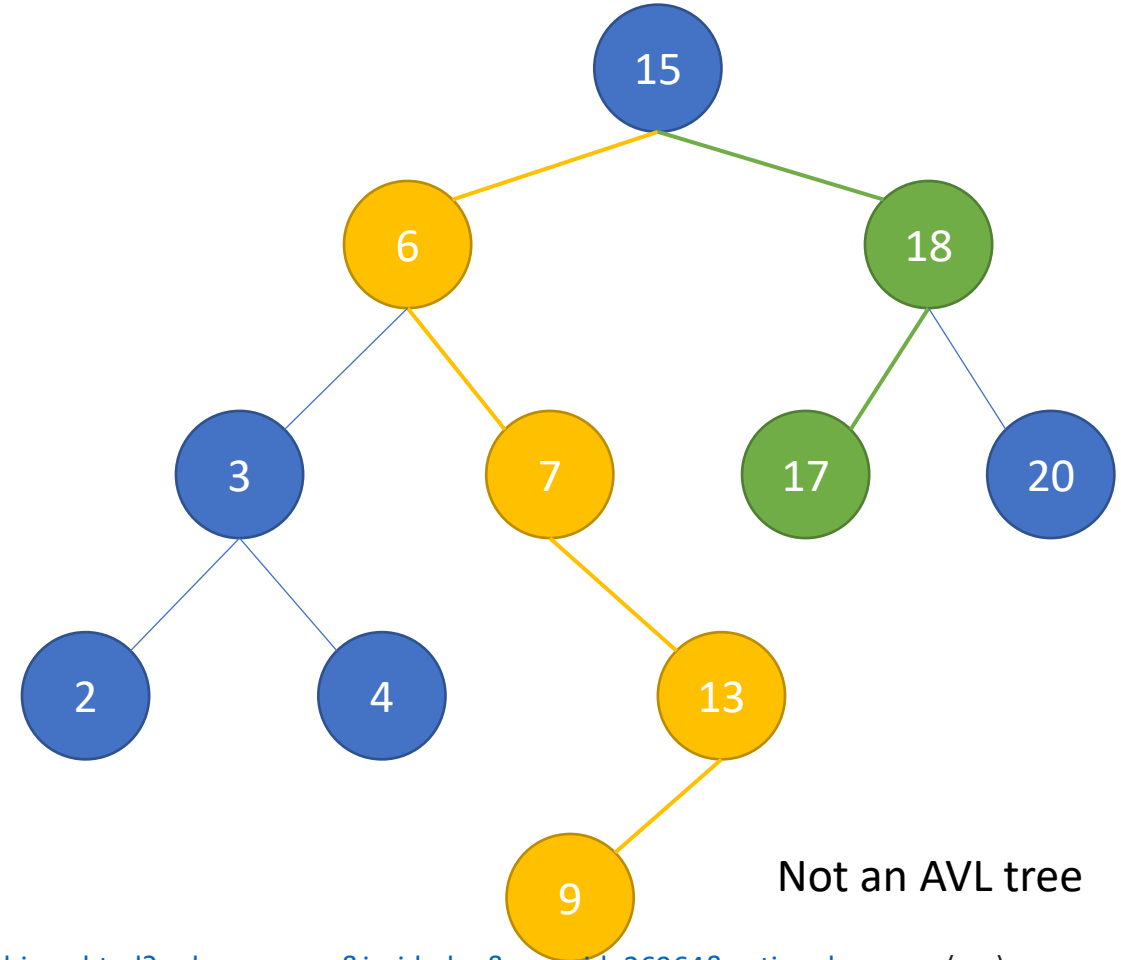
Self-balancing trees

- Ensure tree height to be logarithmic – any $O(T.height)$ operation becomes $O(\log n)$
- [AVL, WAVL tree](#)
- [Red-black tree](#)
- [Splay tree](#)
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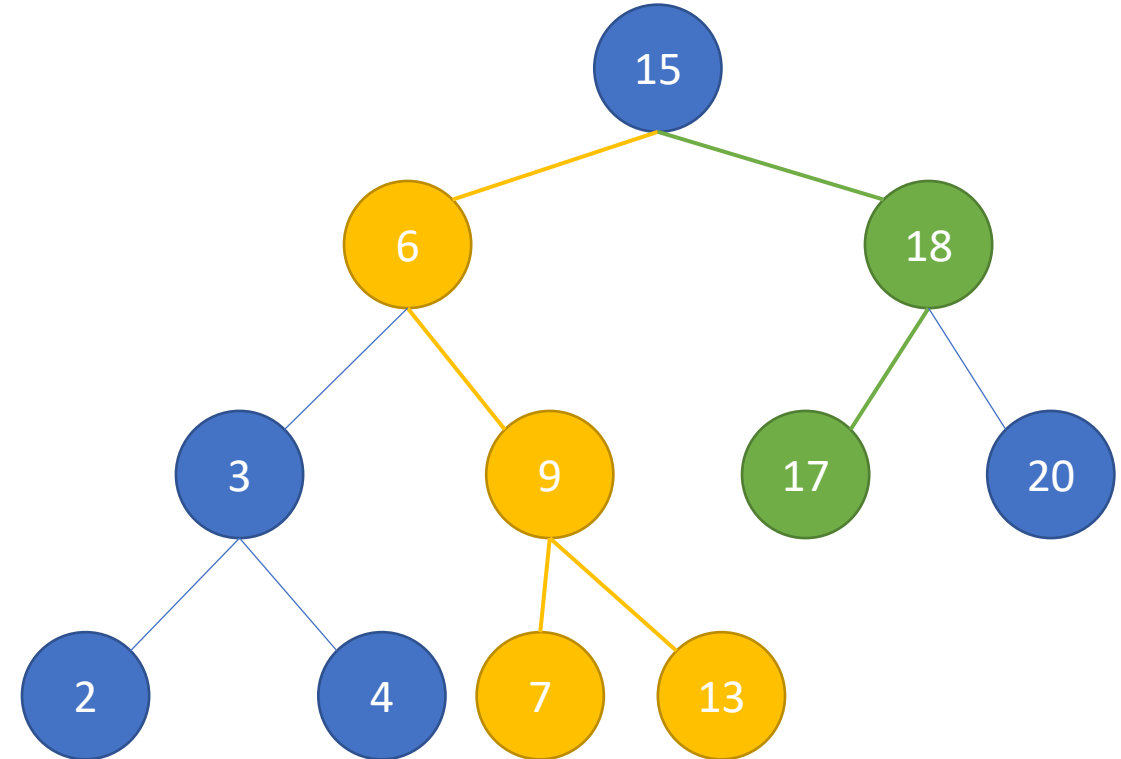
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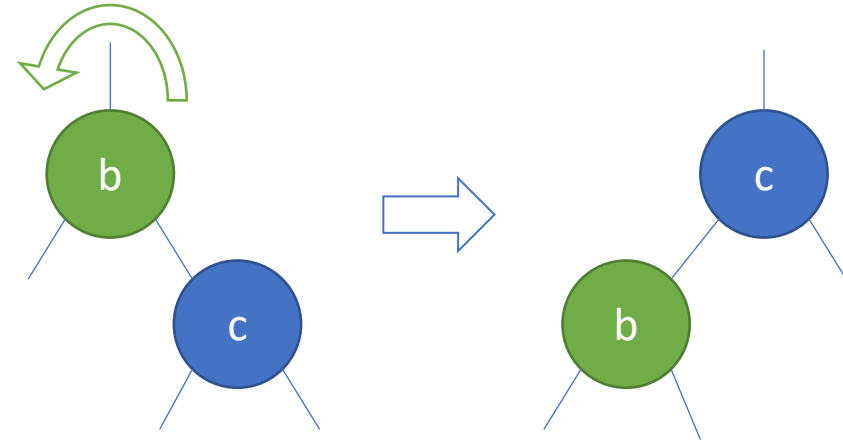
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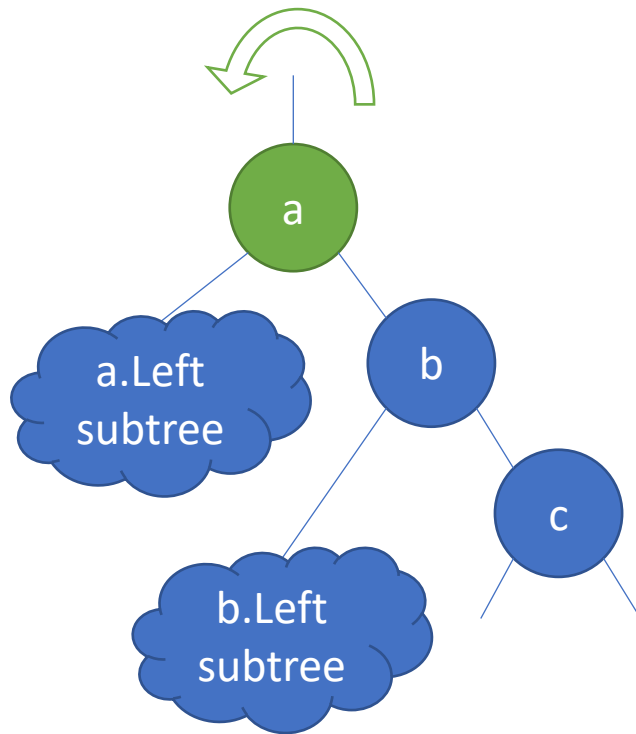
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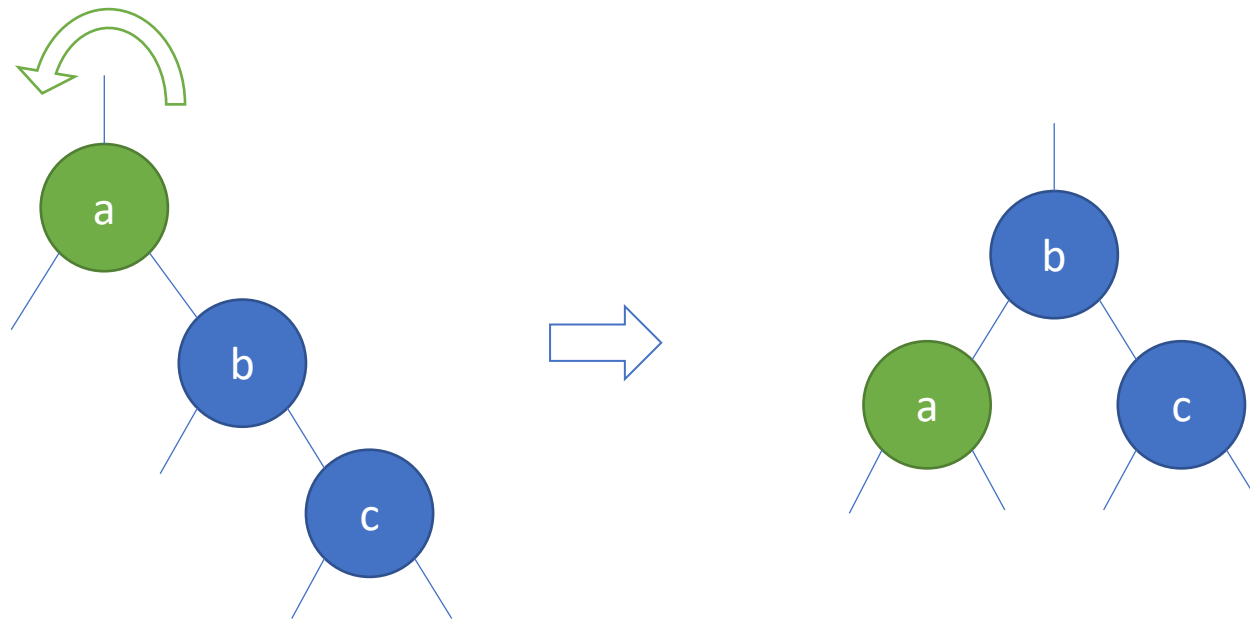
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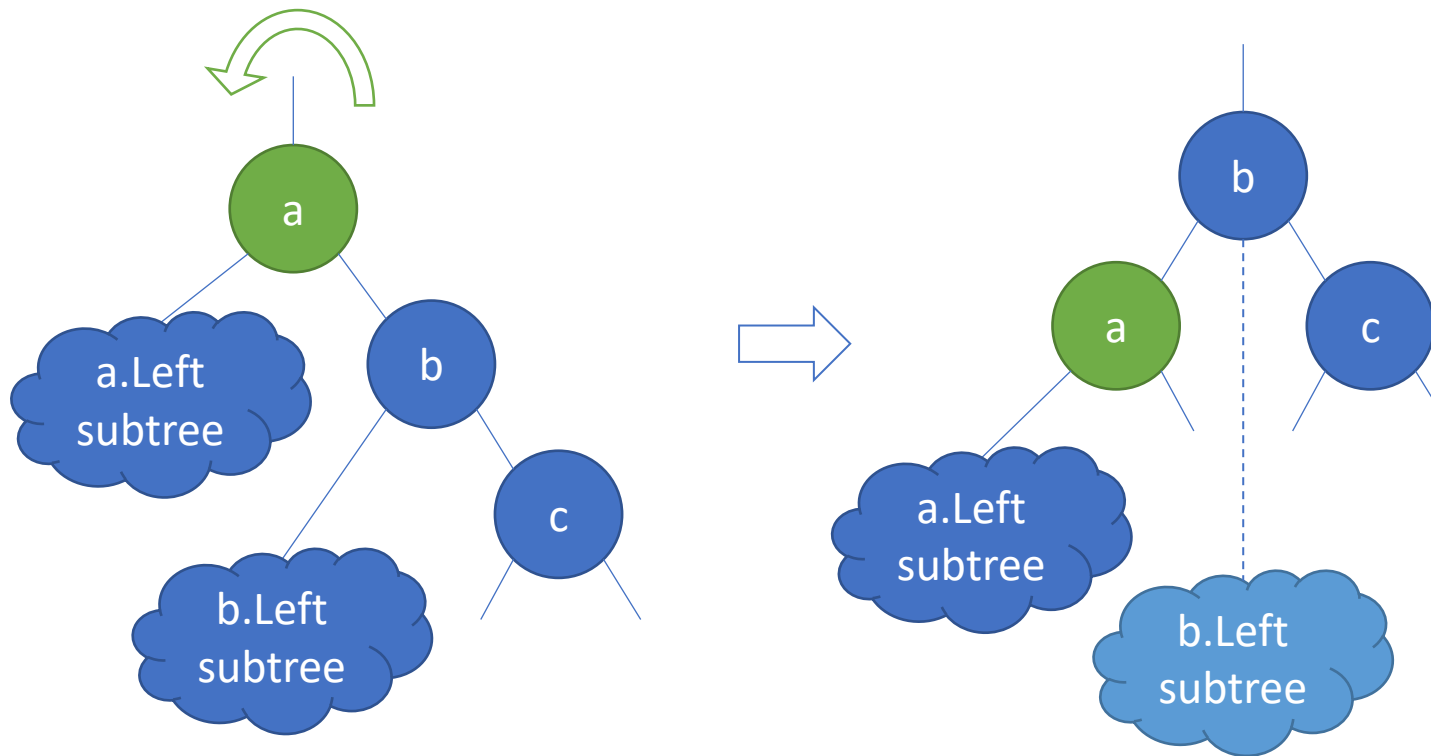
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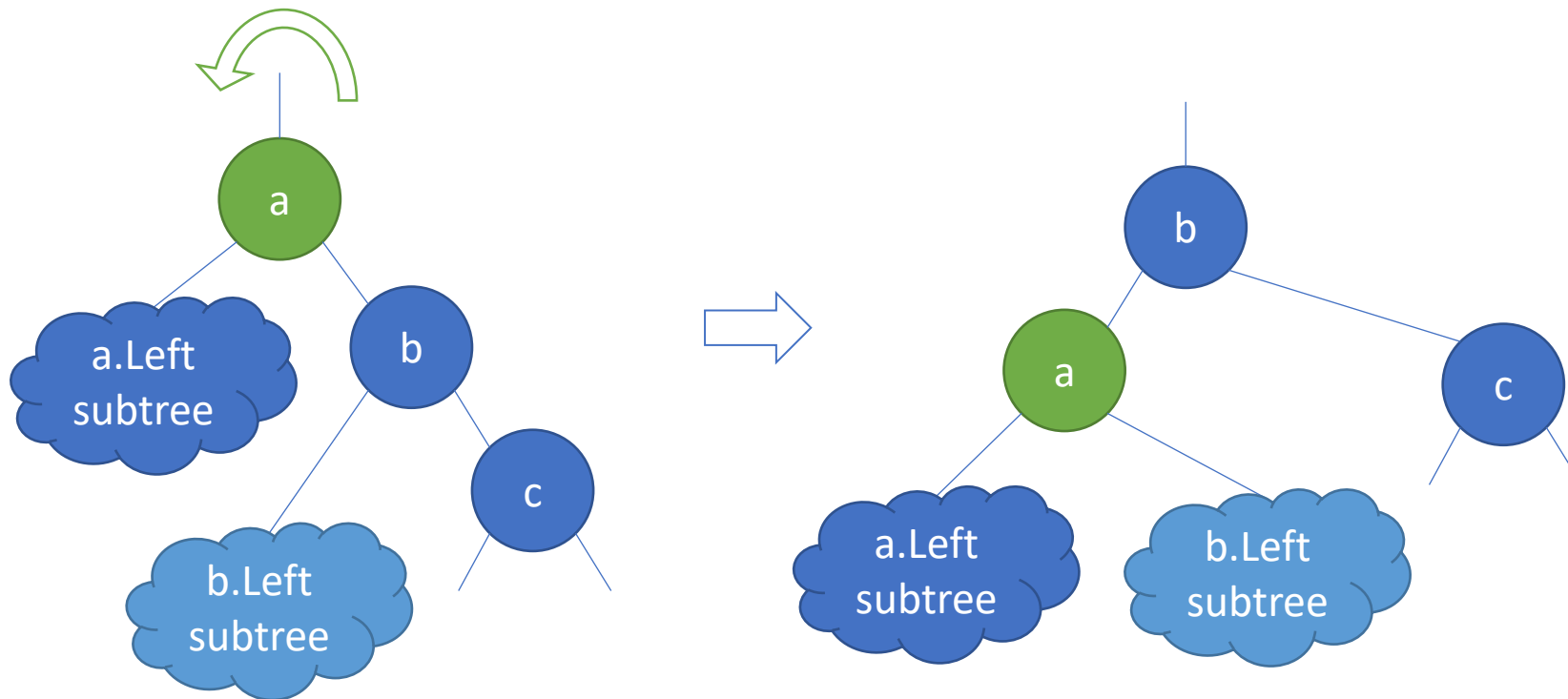
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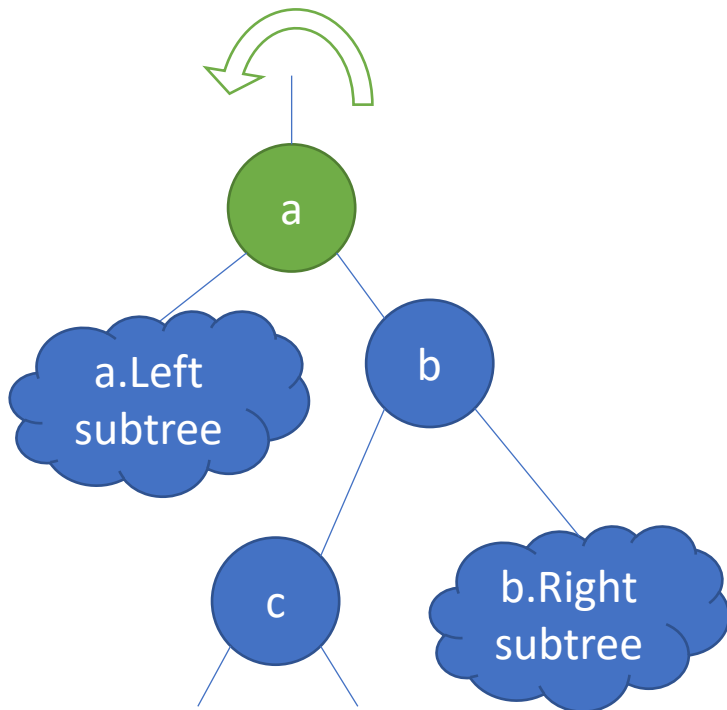
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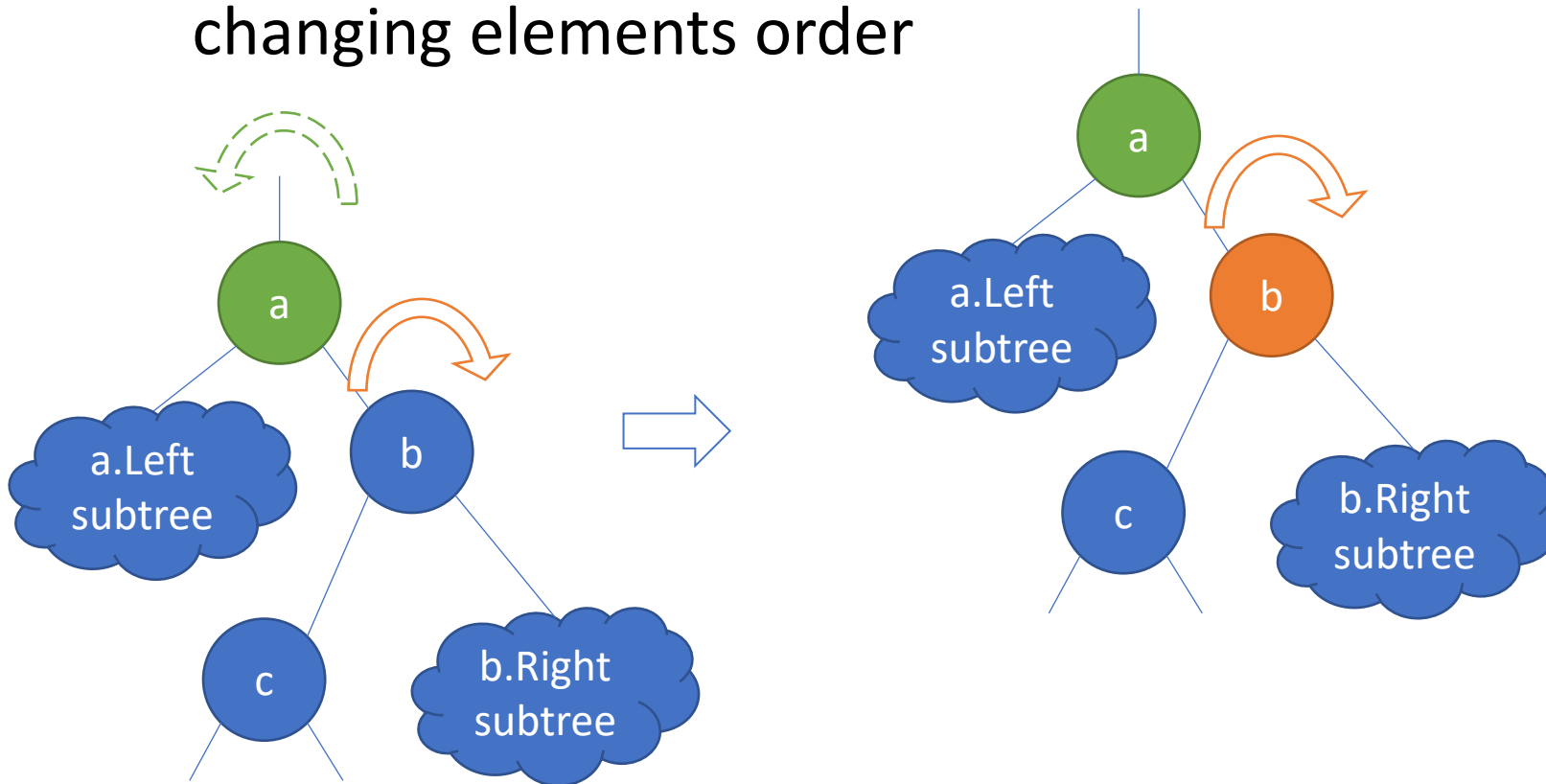
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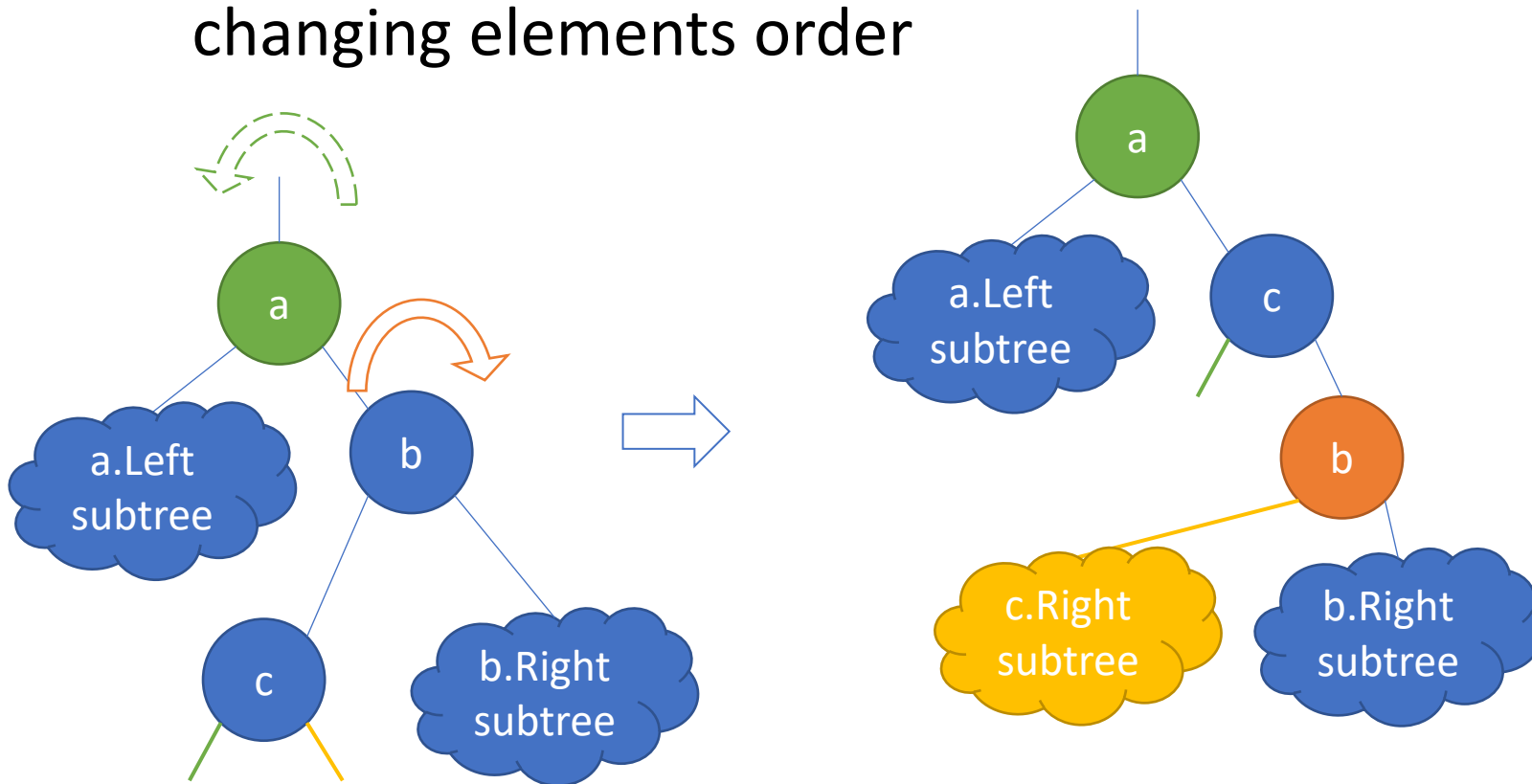
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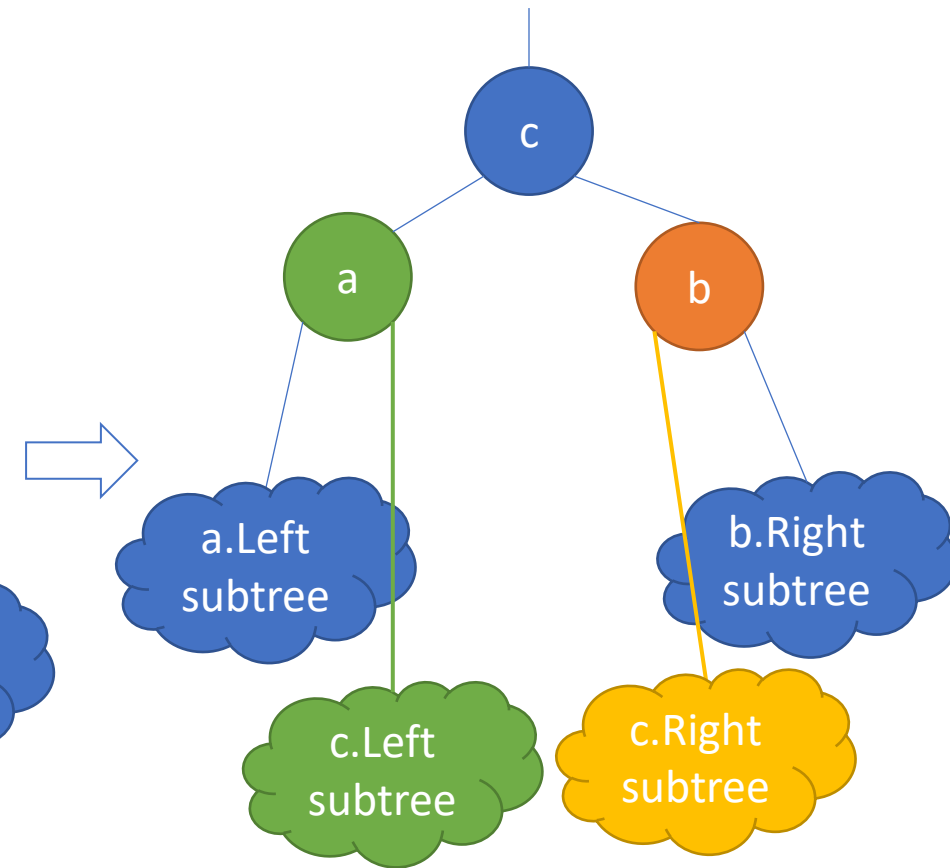
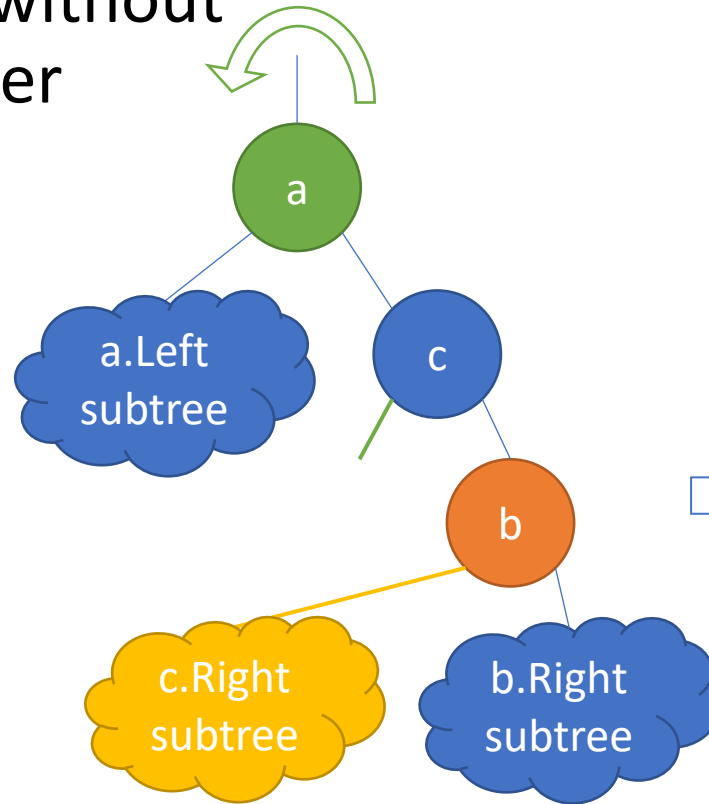
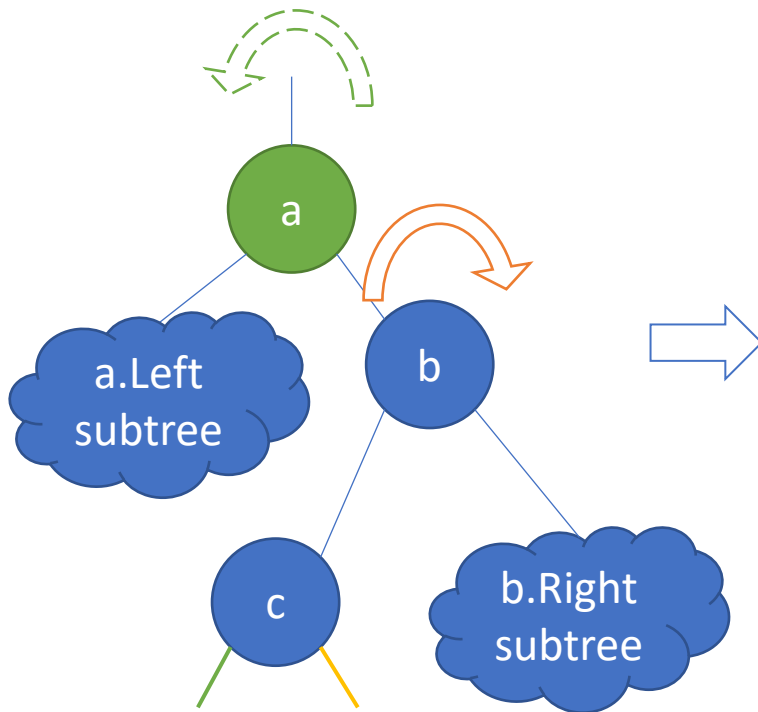
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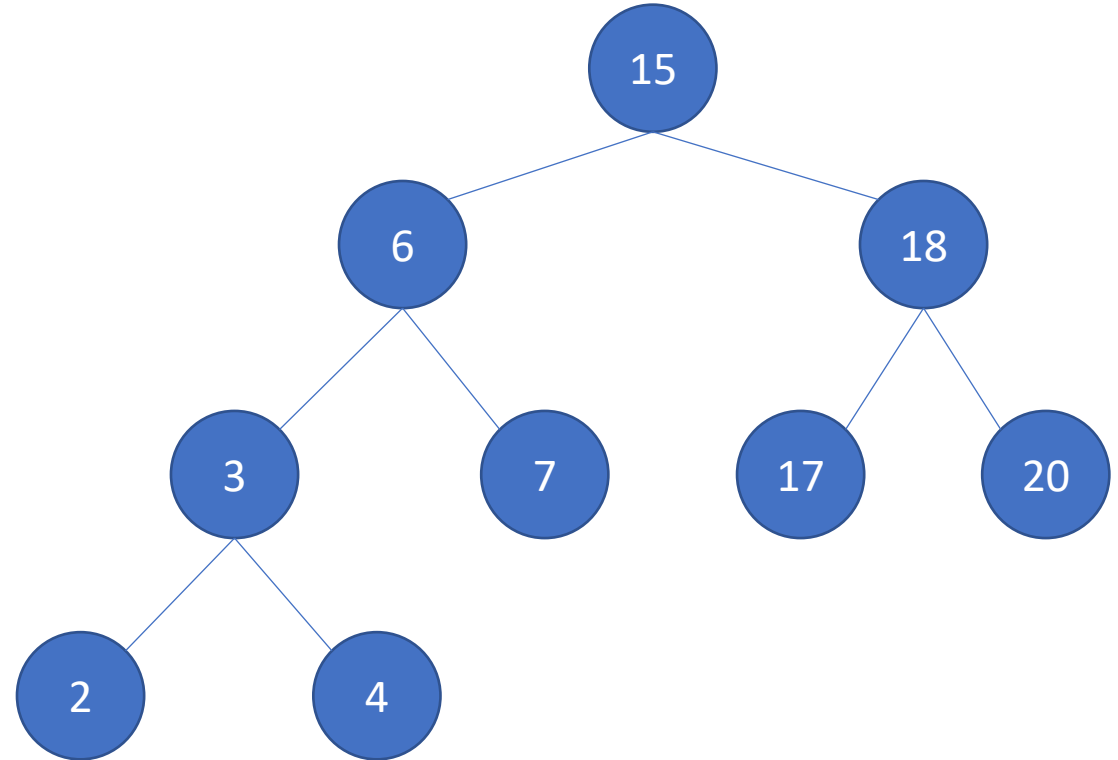
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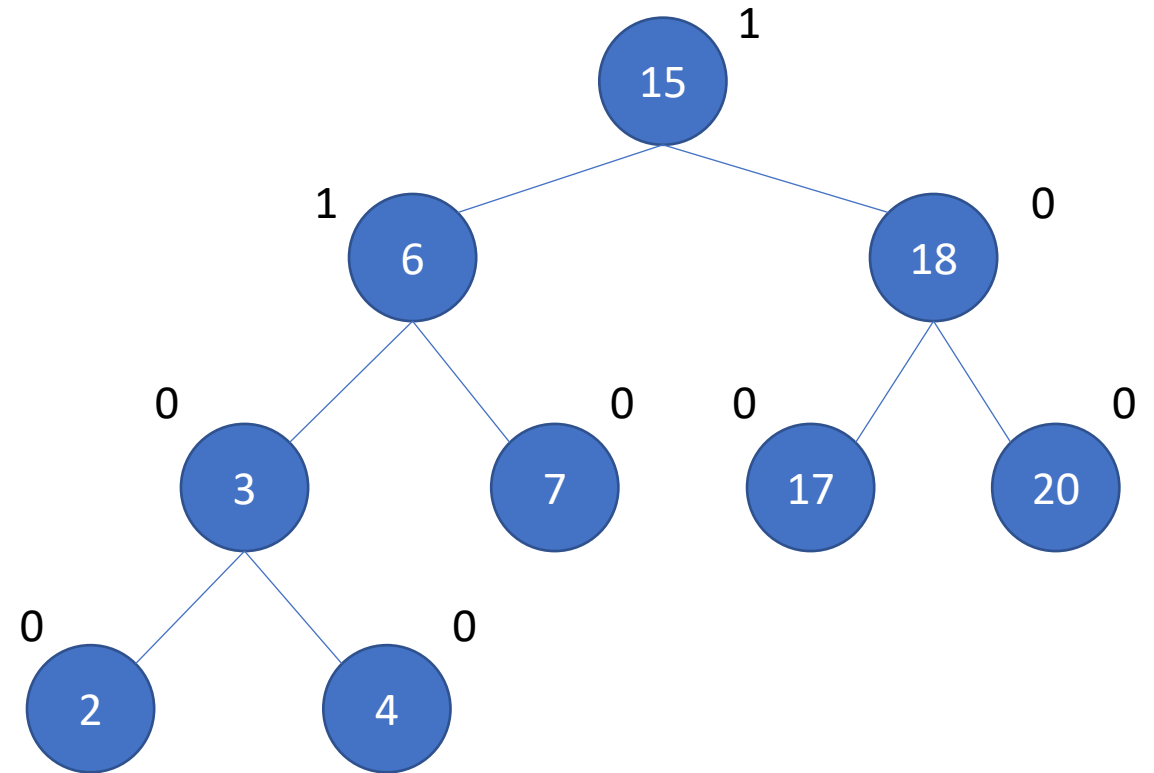
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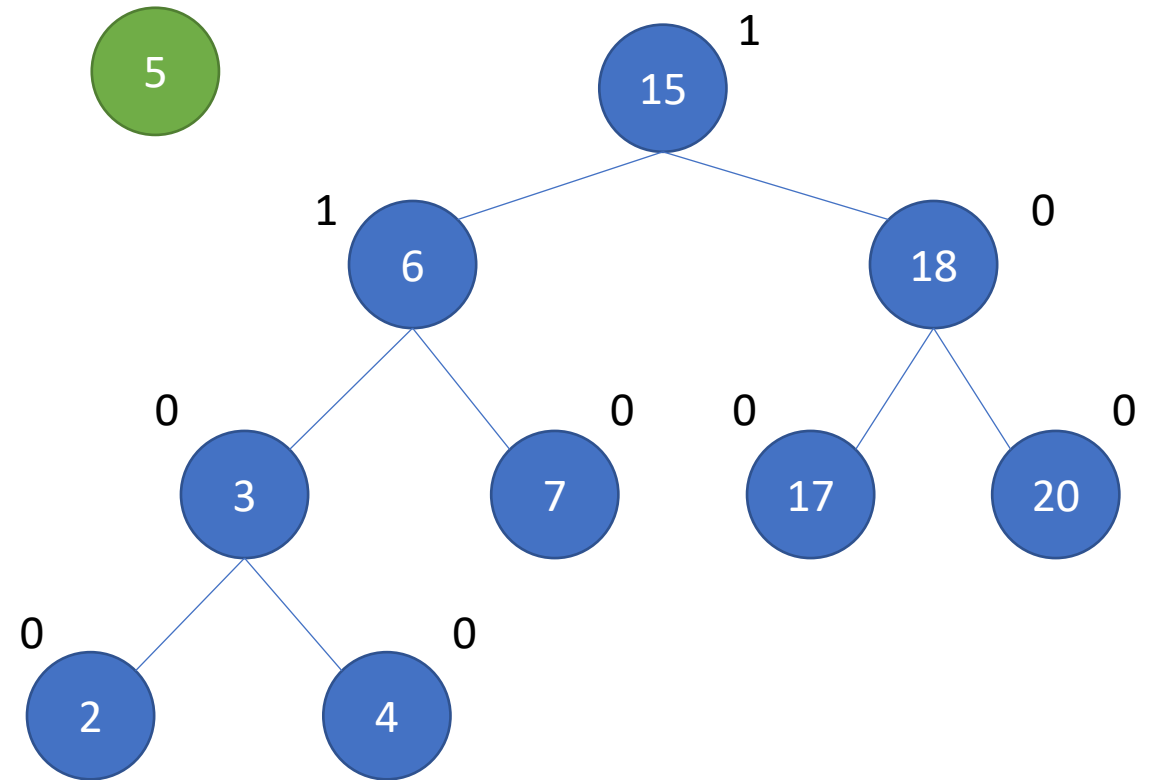
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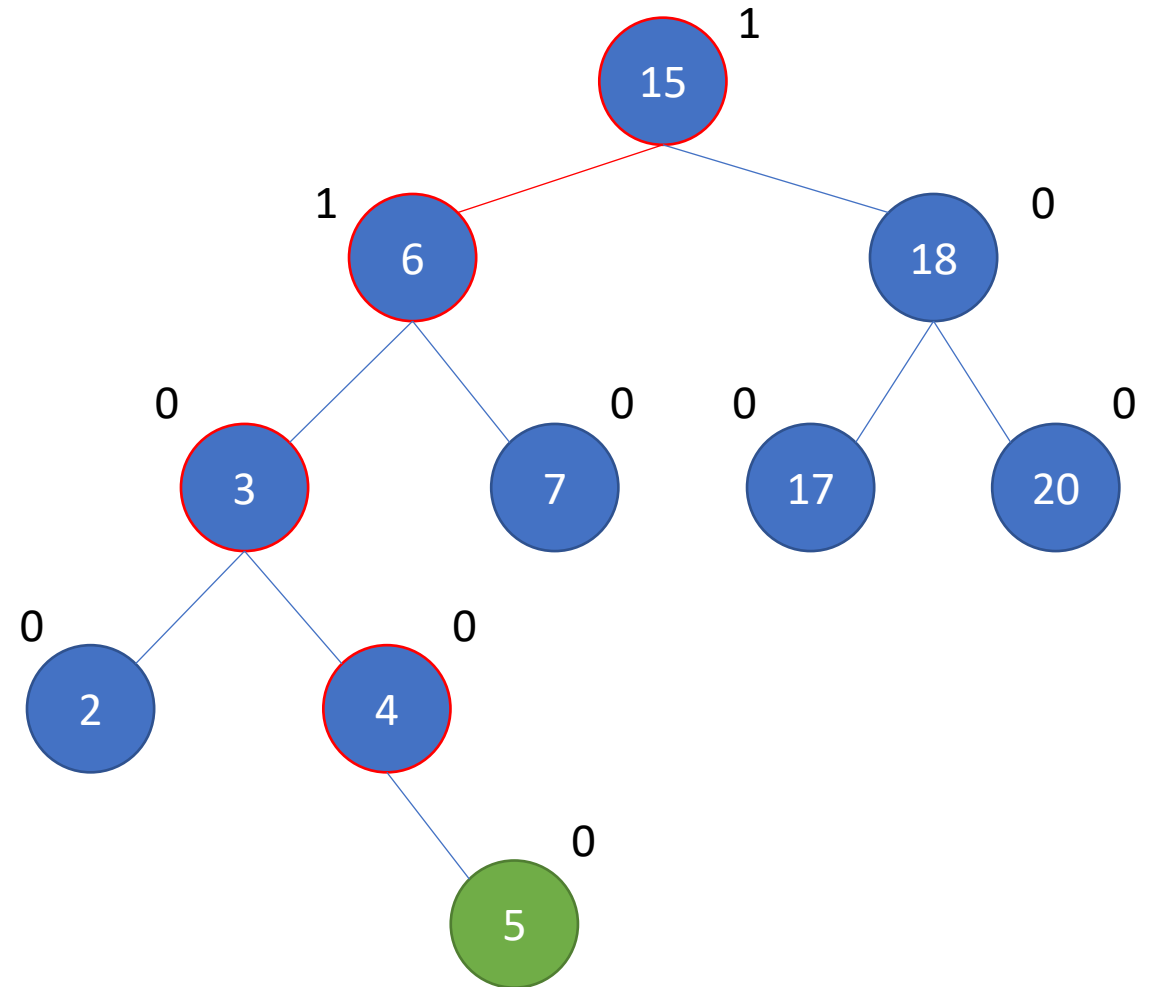
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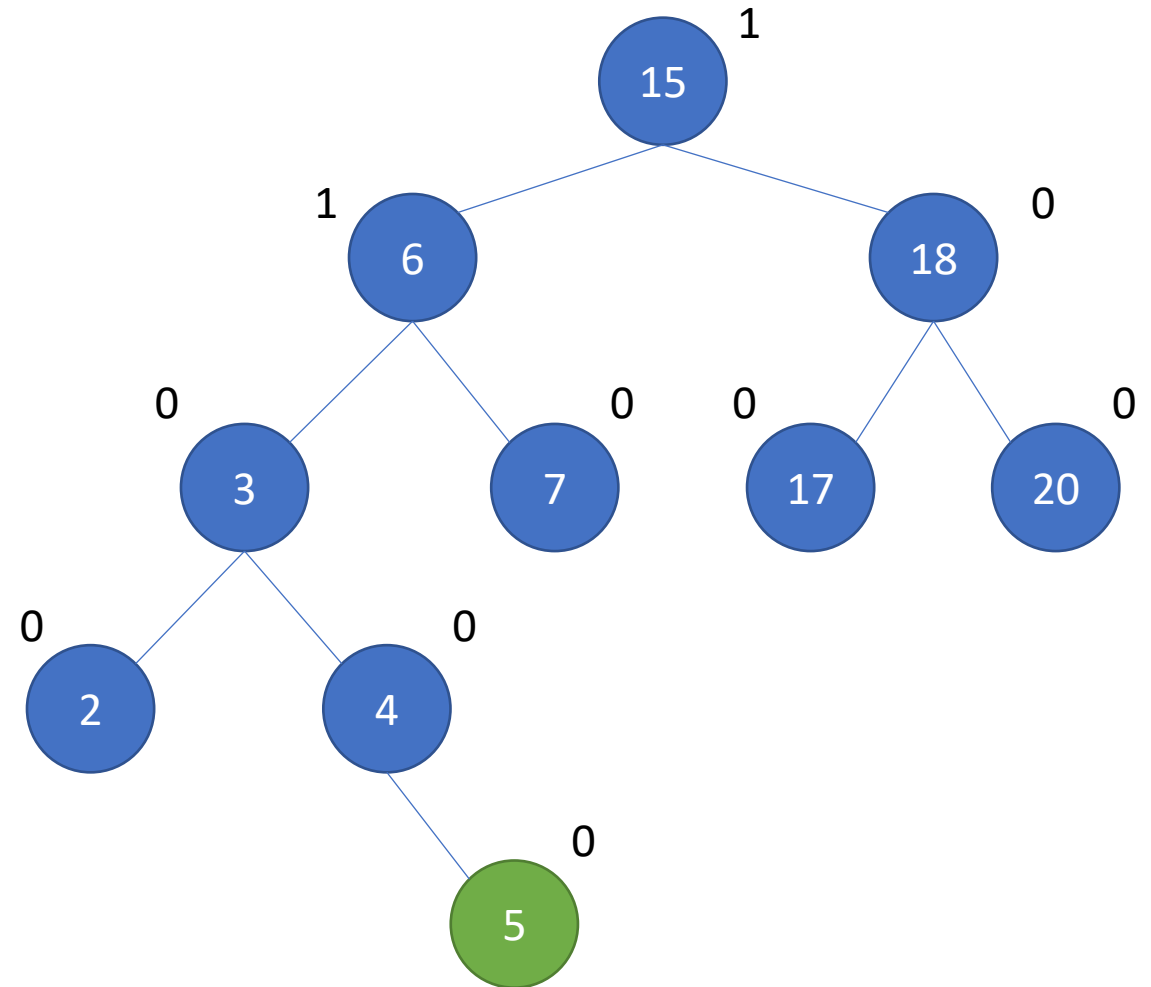
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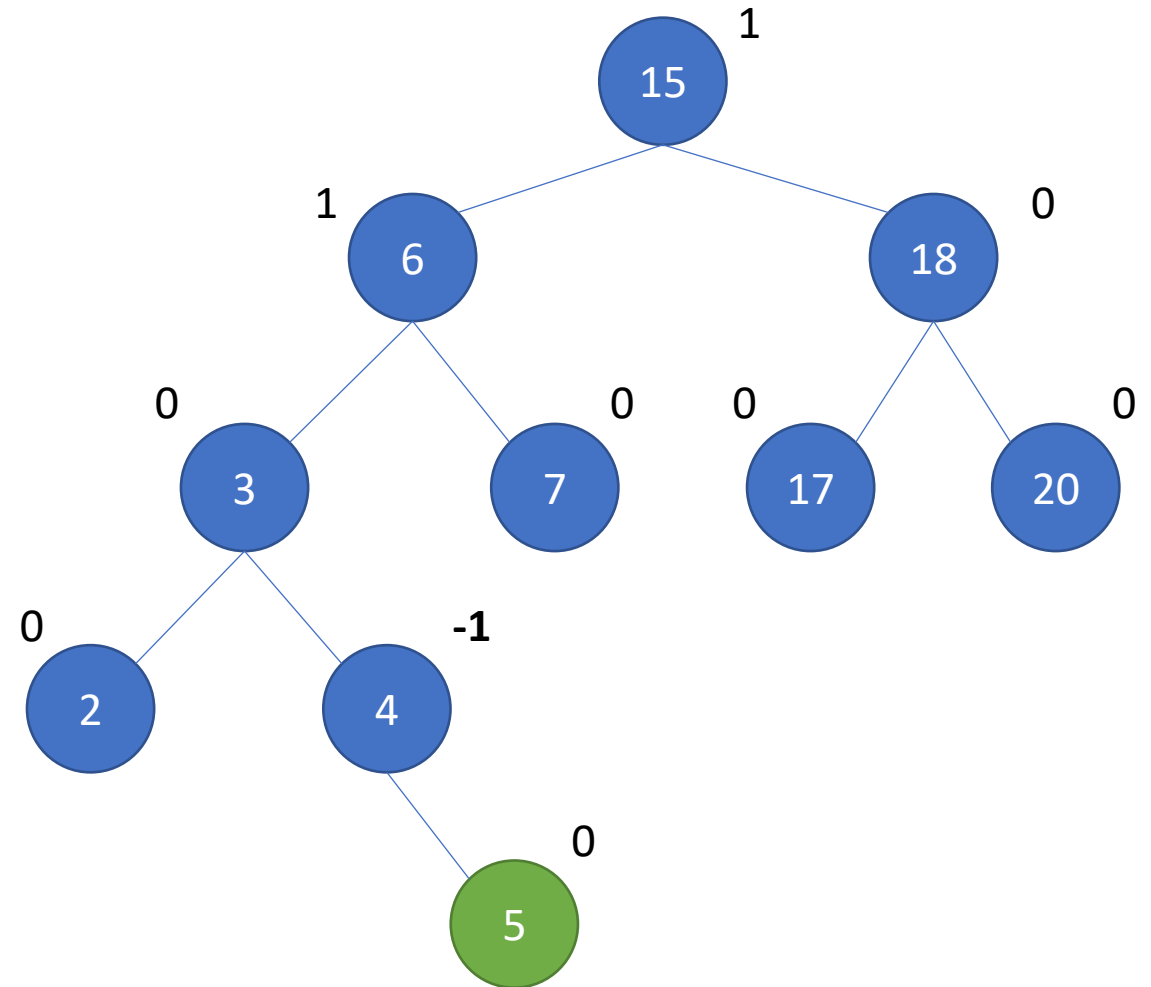
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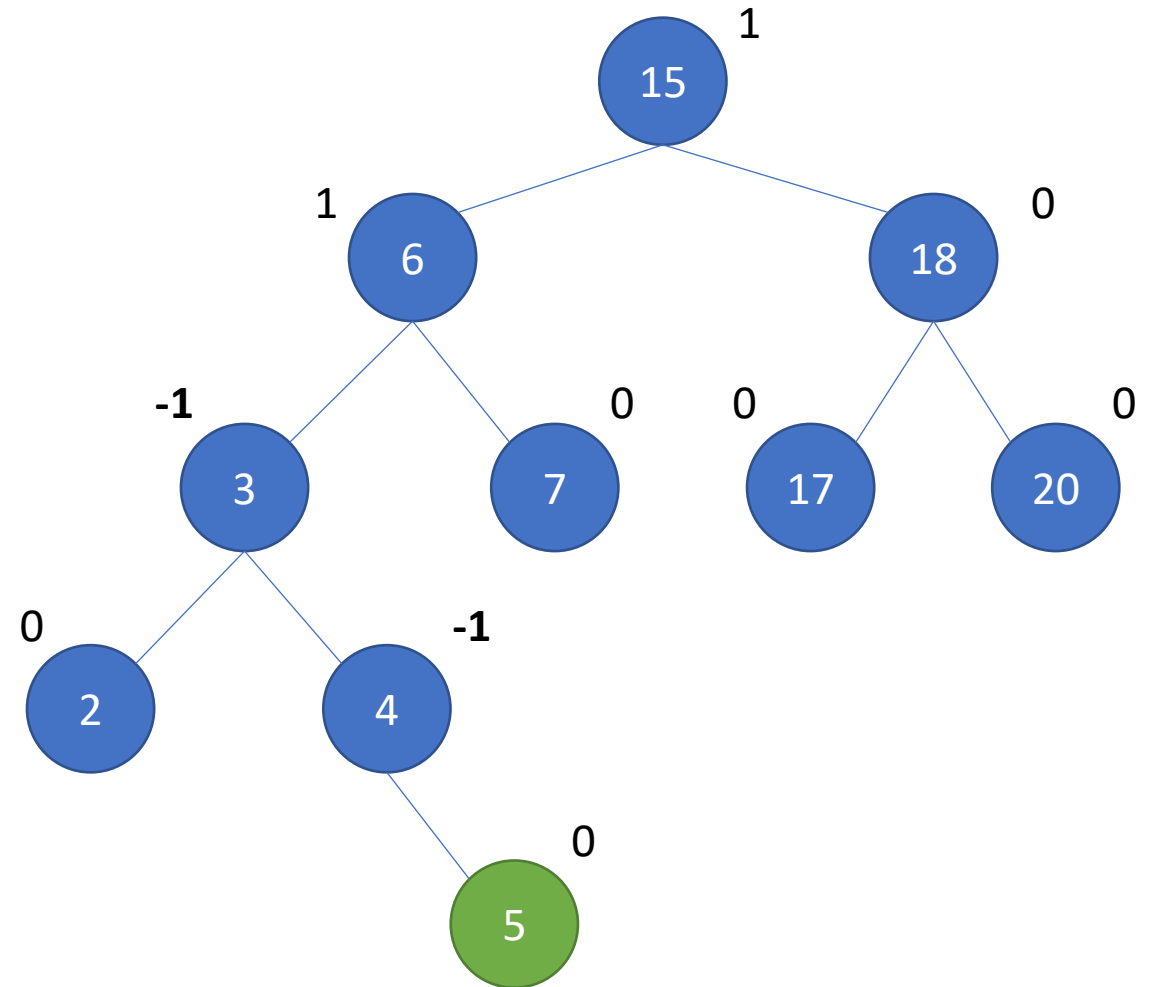
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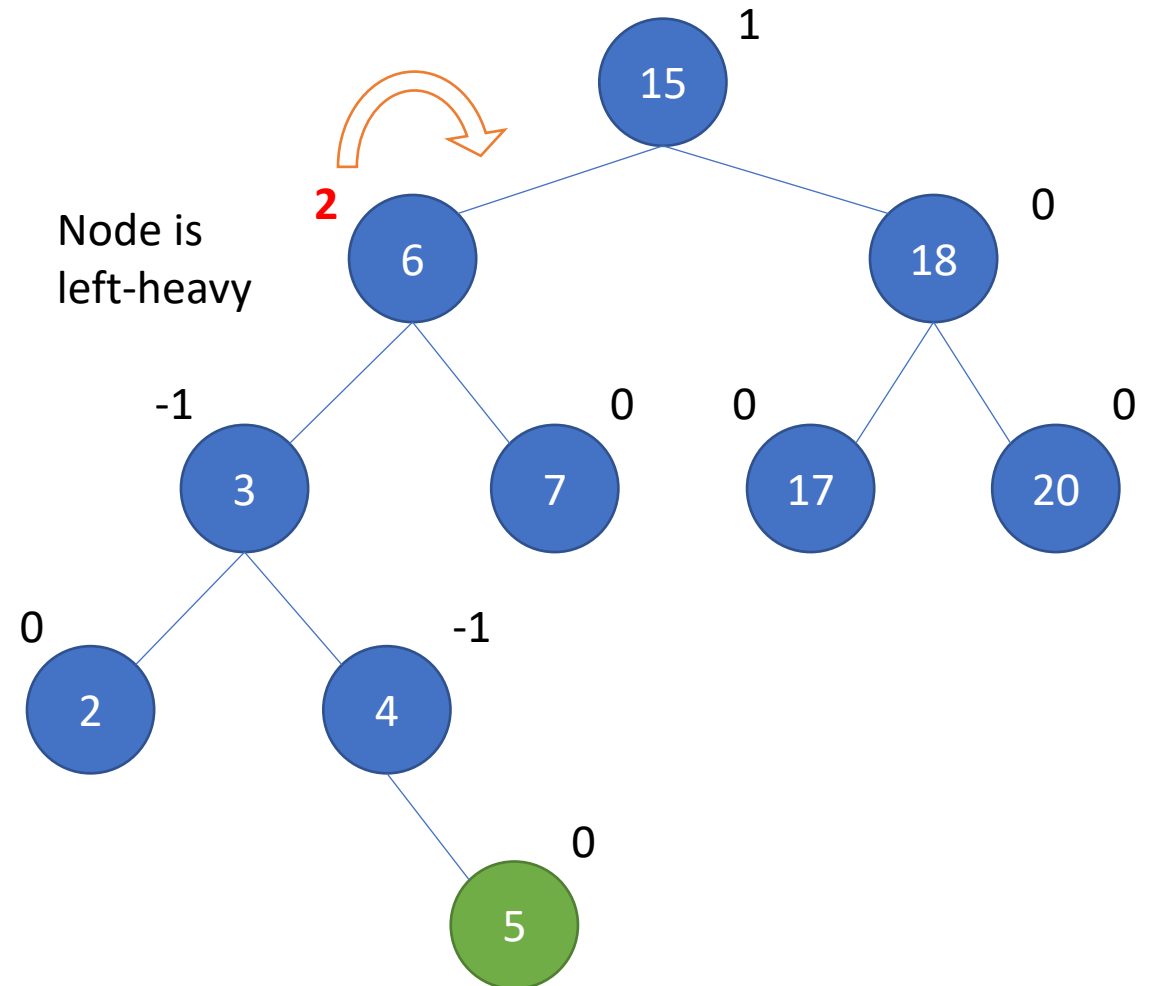
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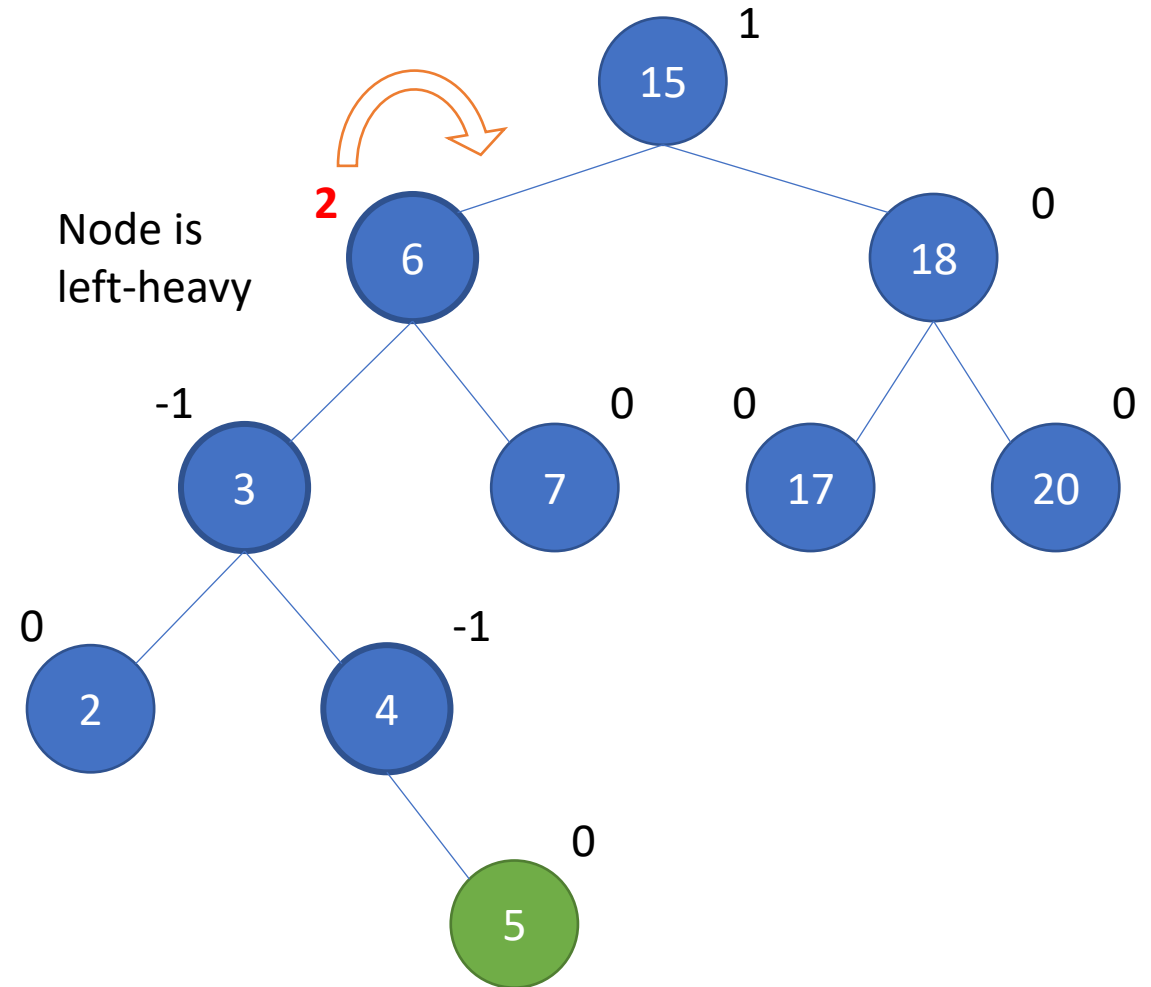
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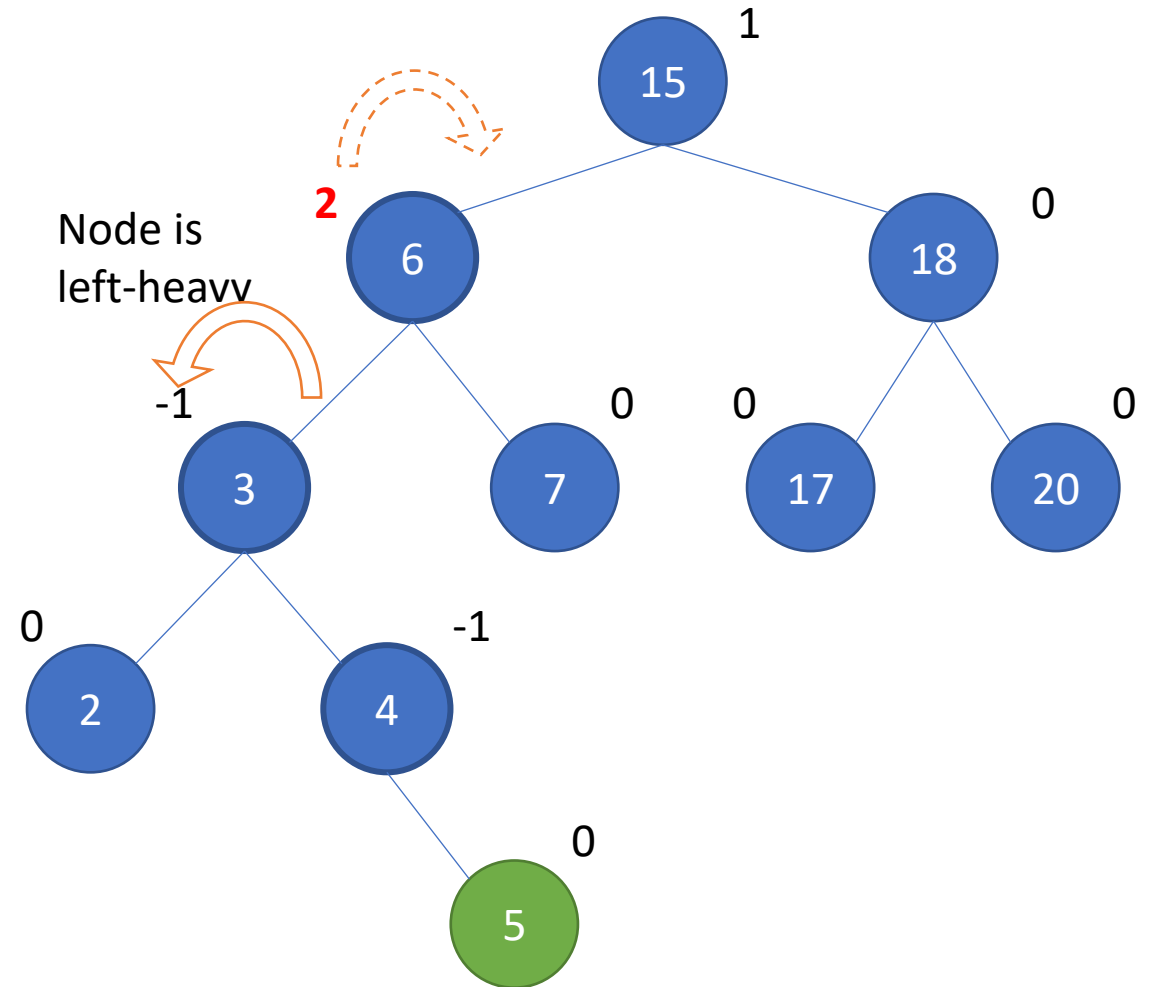
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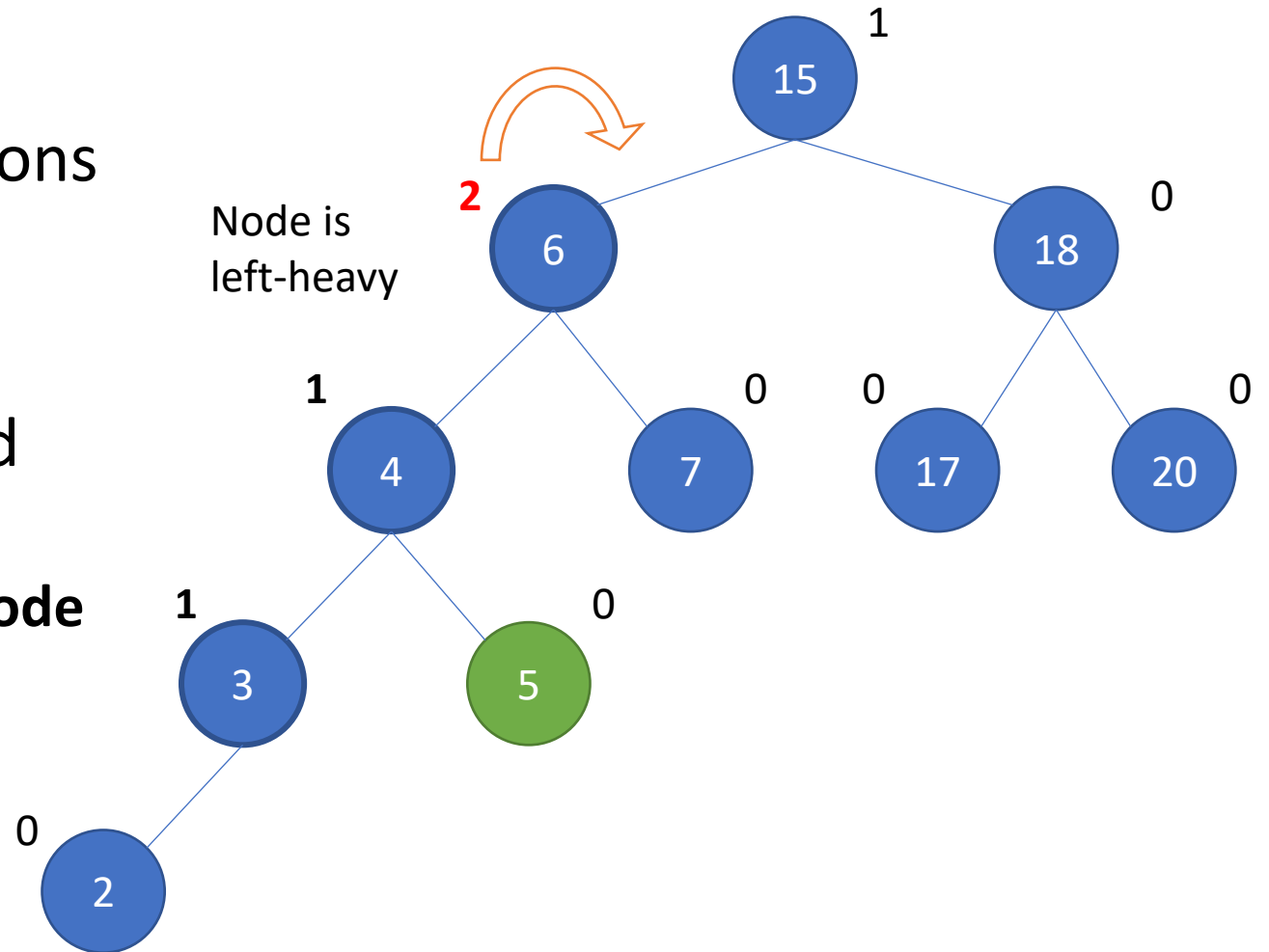
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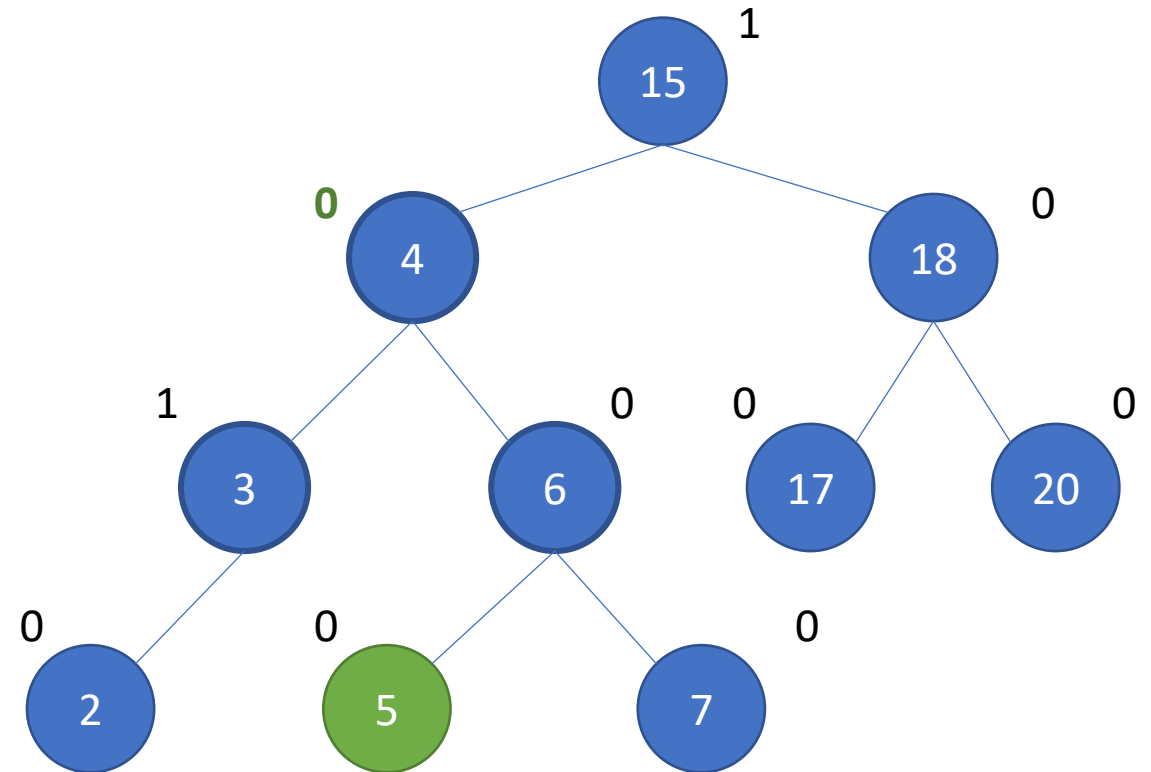
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~Same idea

- Delete a node as if it was a BST
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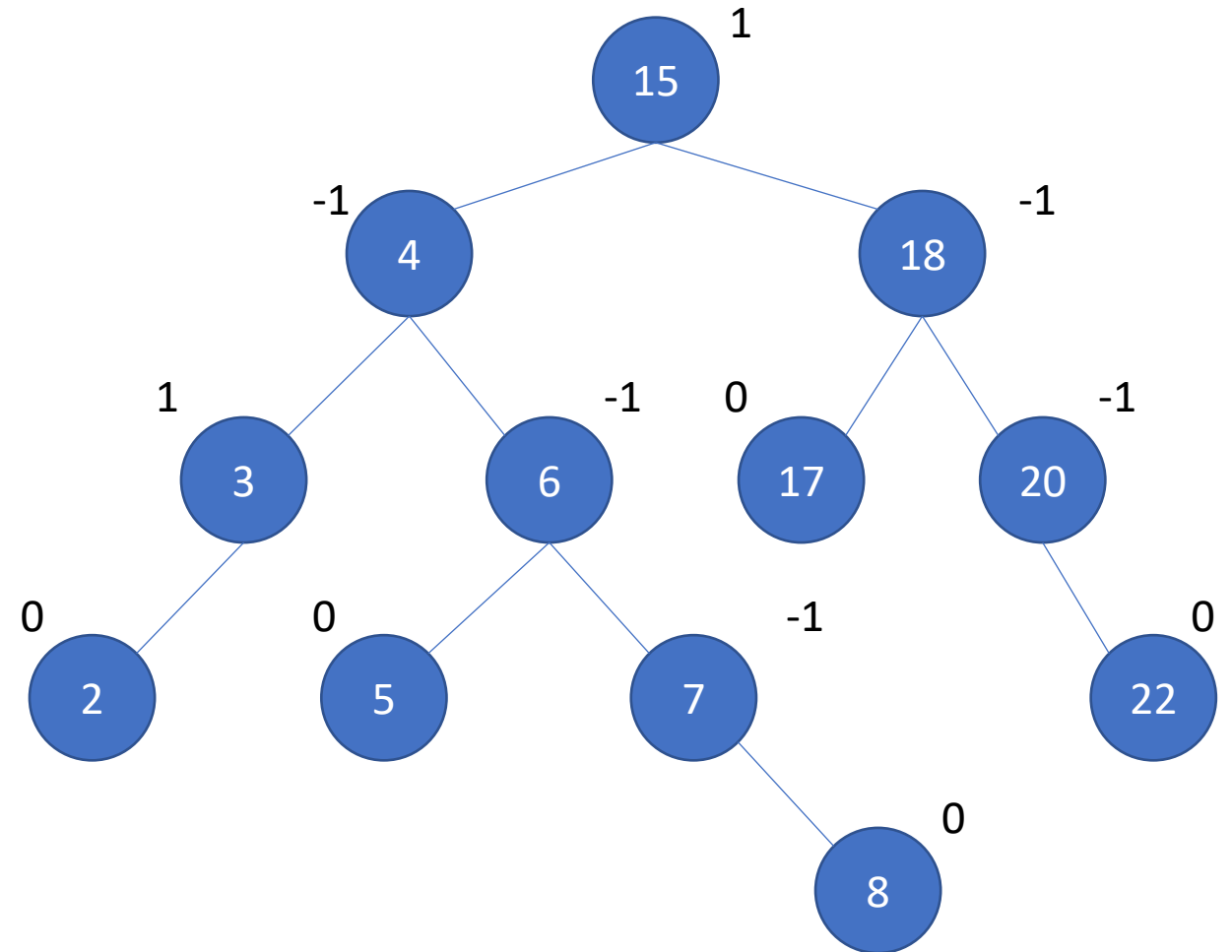
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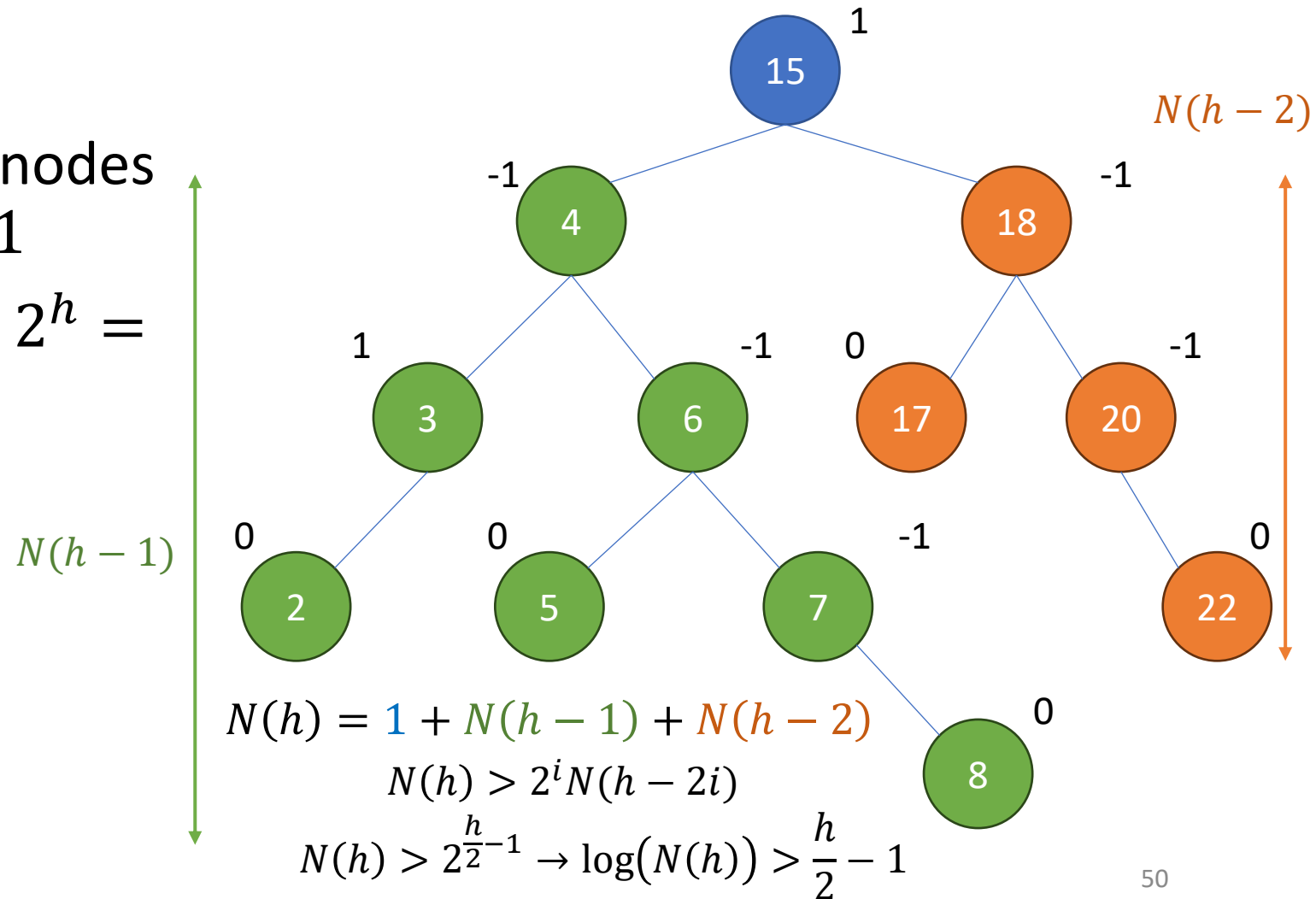
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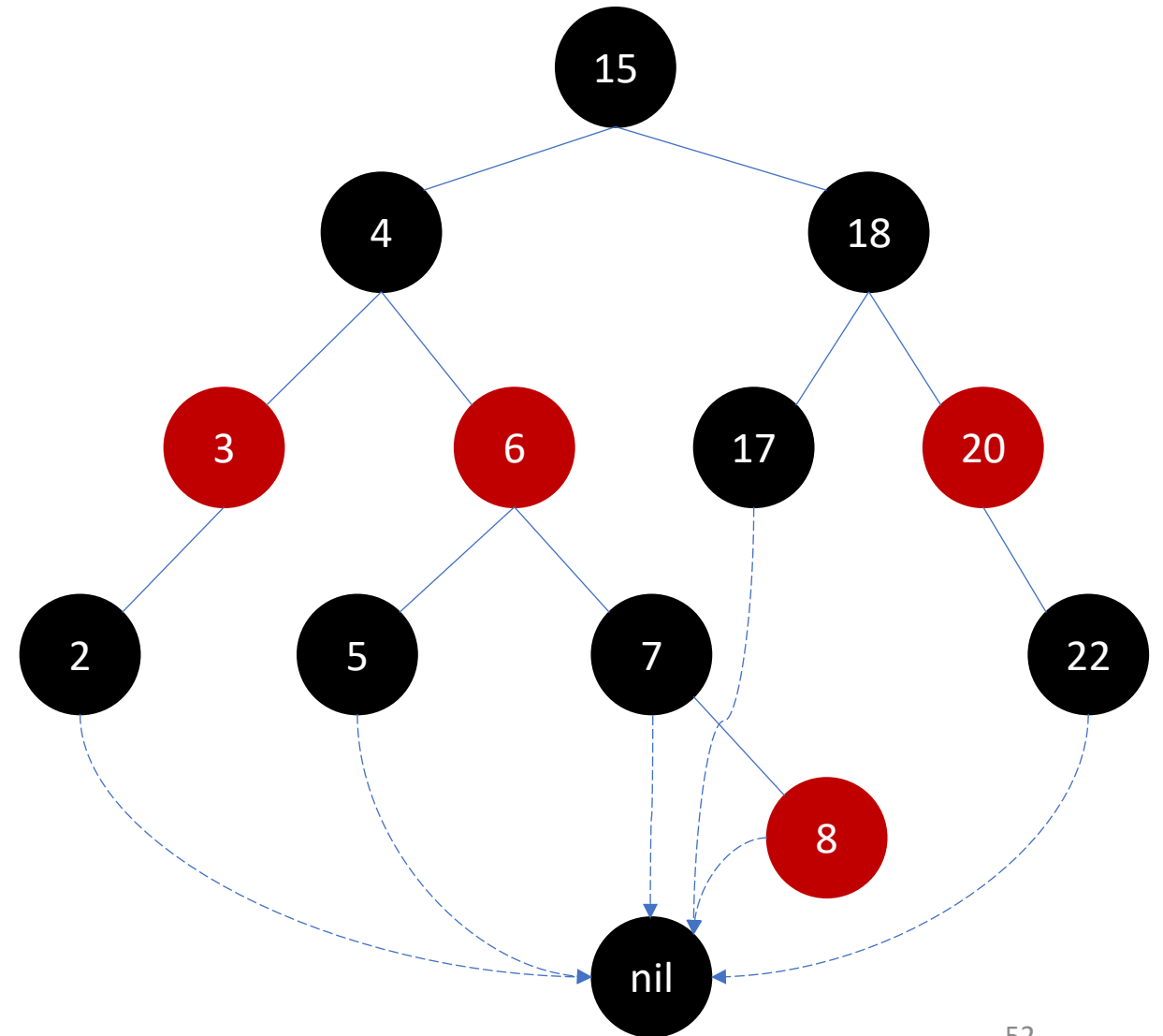
AVL tree: Summary

- Guarantees logarithmic complexity
- Easy to implement



Red-black tree

- Additional bit for color: red or black
- Root & all leaf nodes are black
- Red node has only black children
- For each node, all simple paths to leaves have the same number of black nodes (bh – black height)
 - Height difference 2x max



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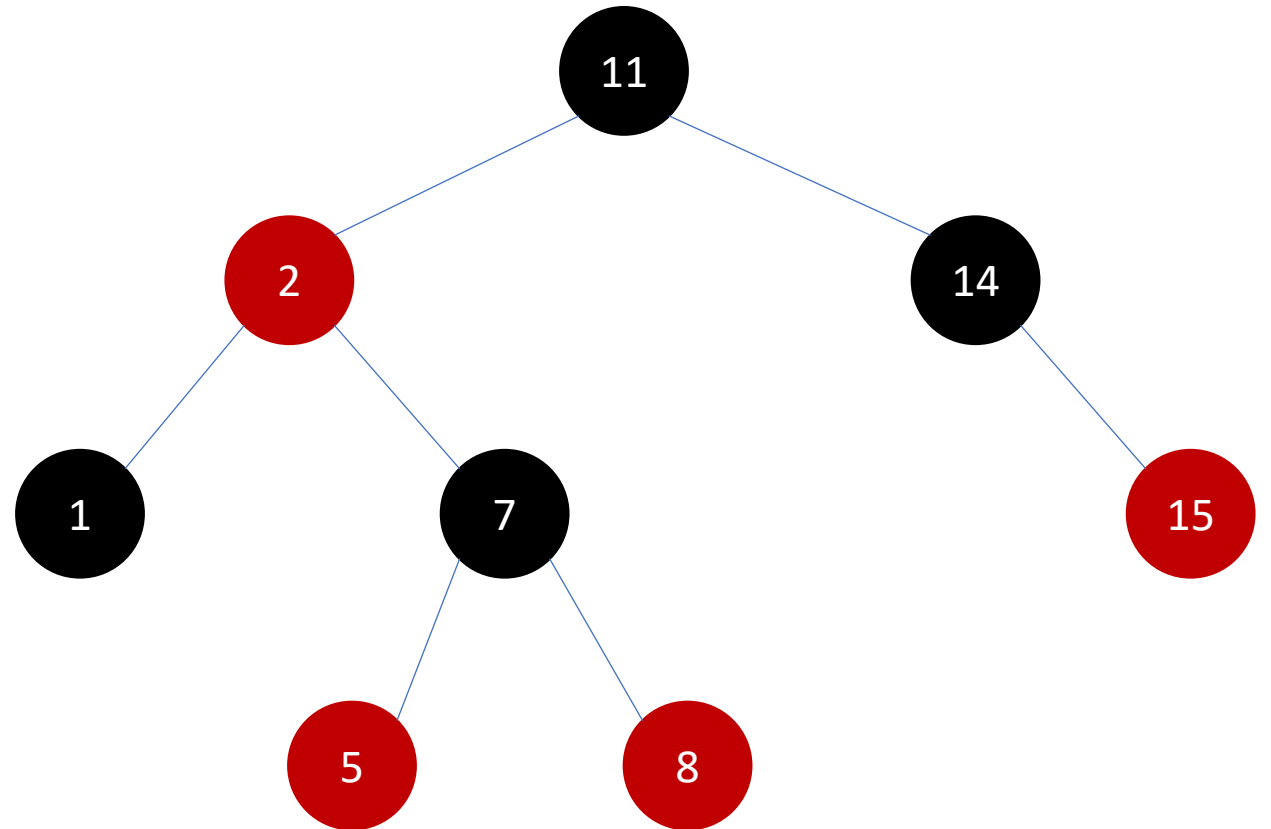
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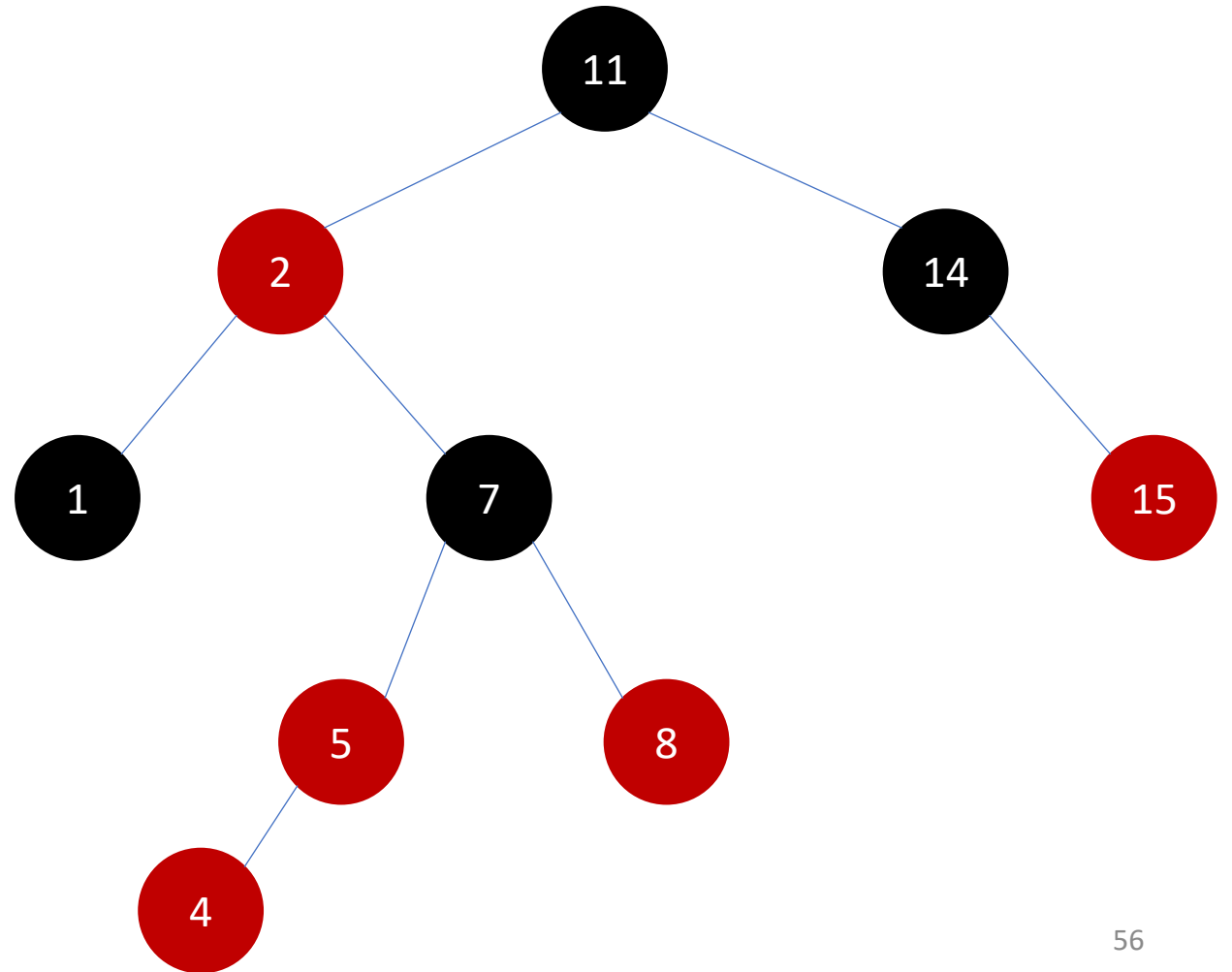
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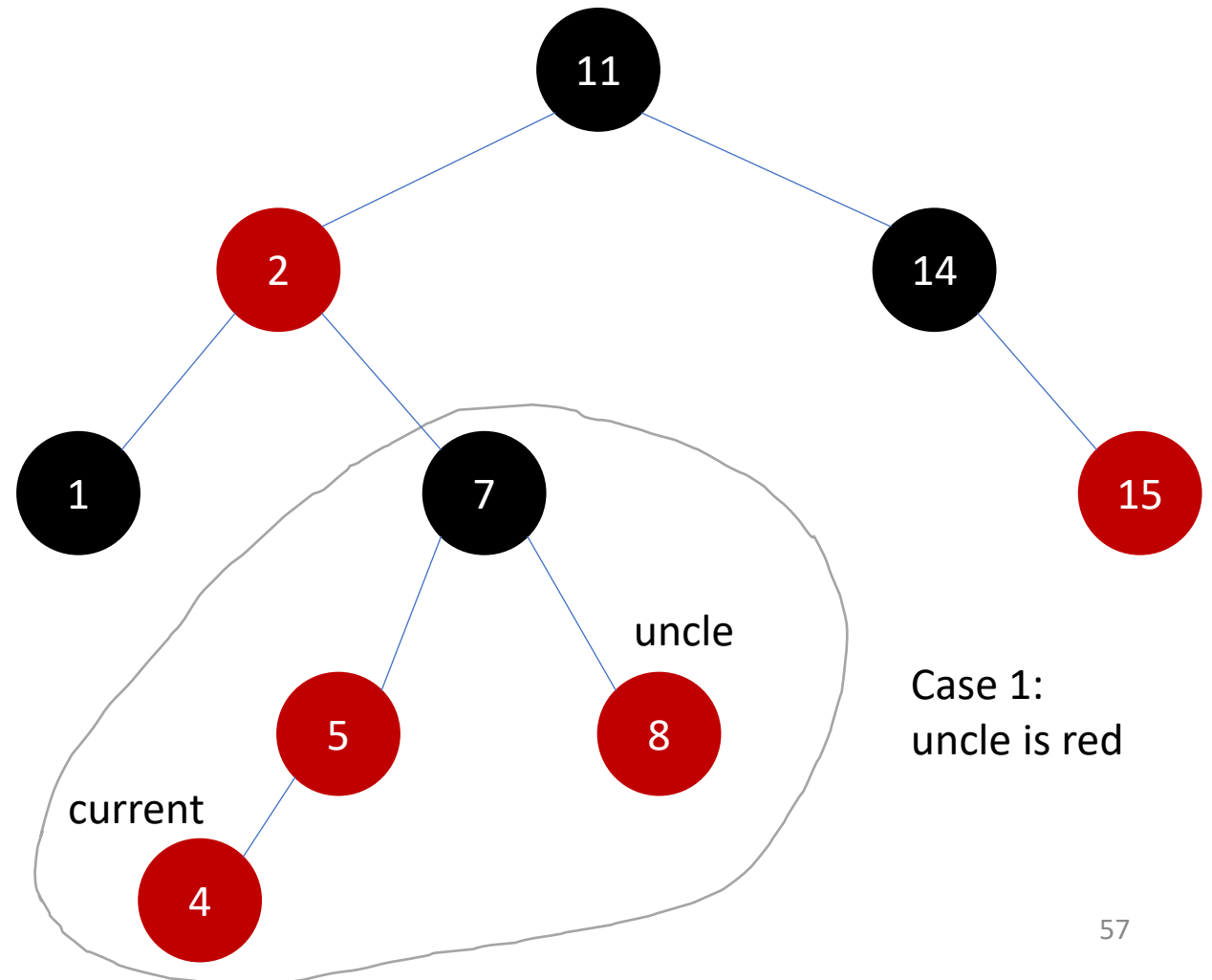
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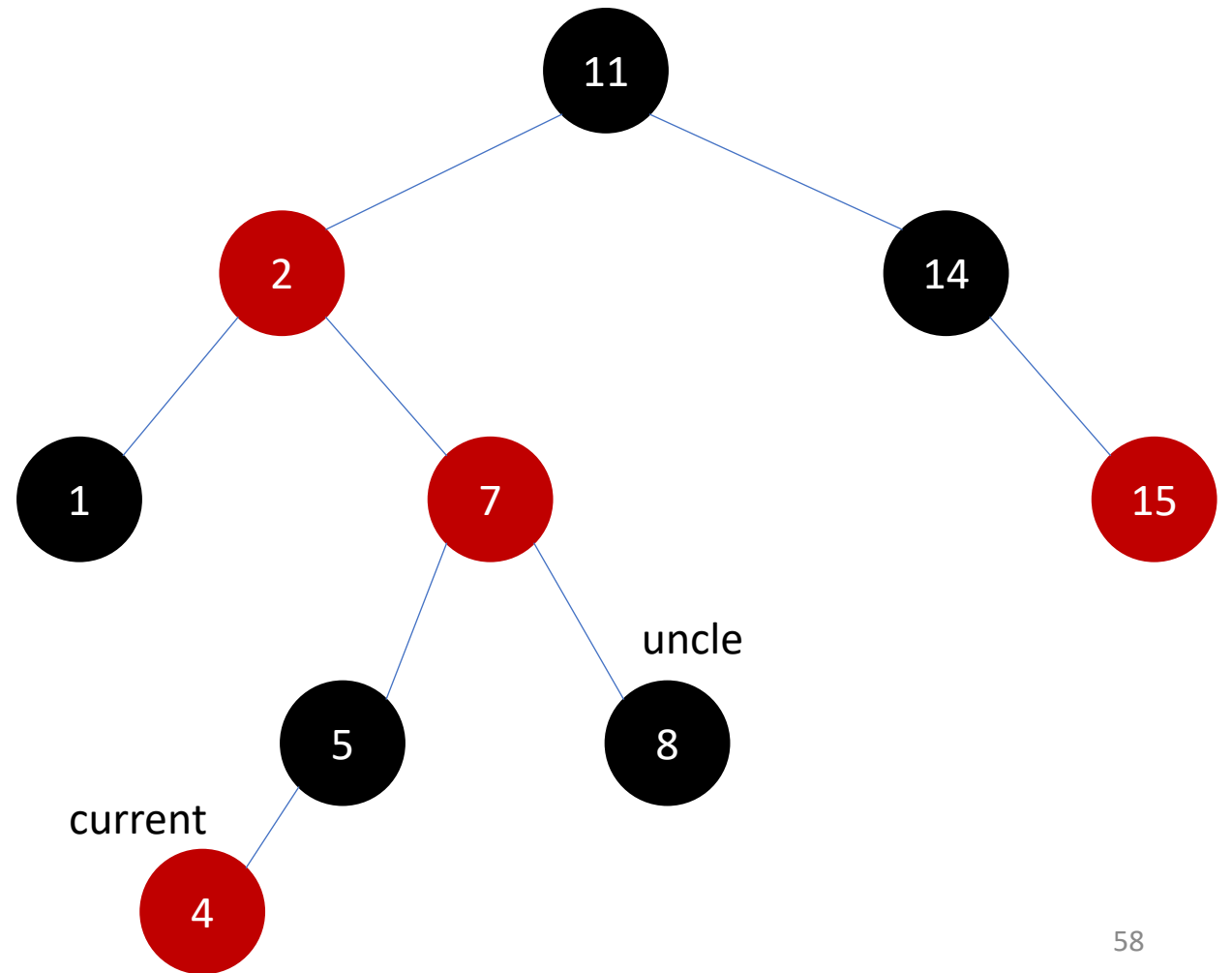
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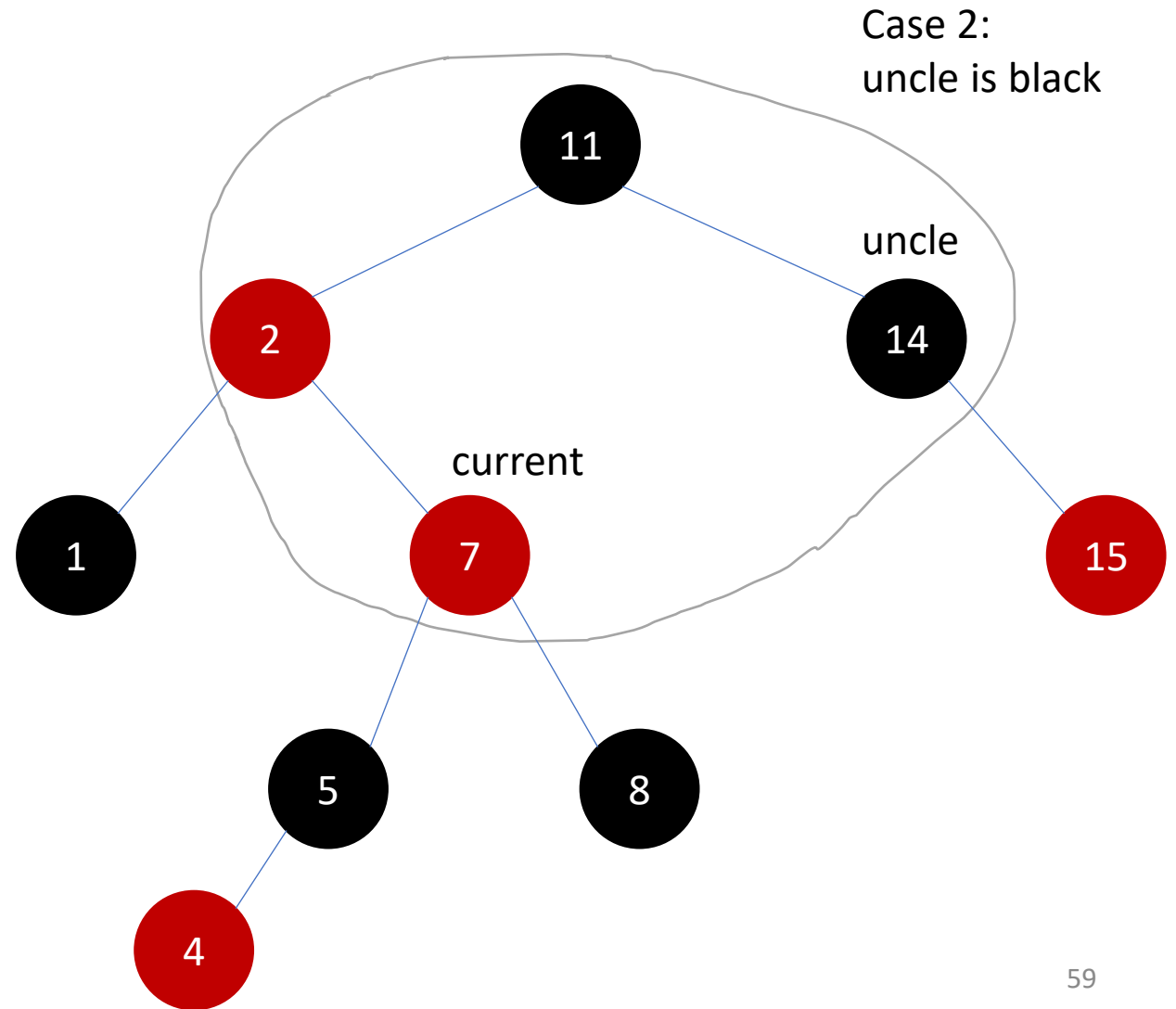
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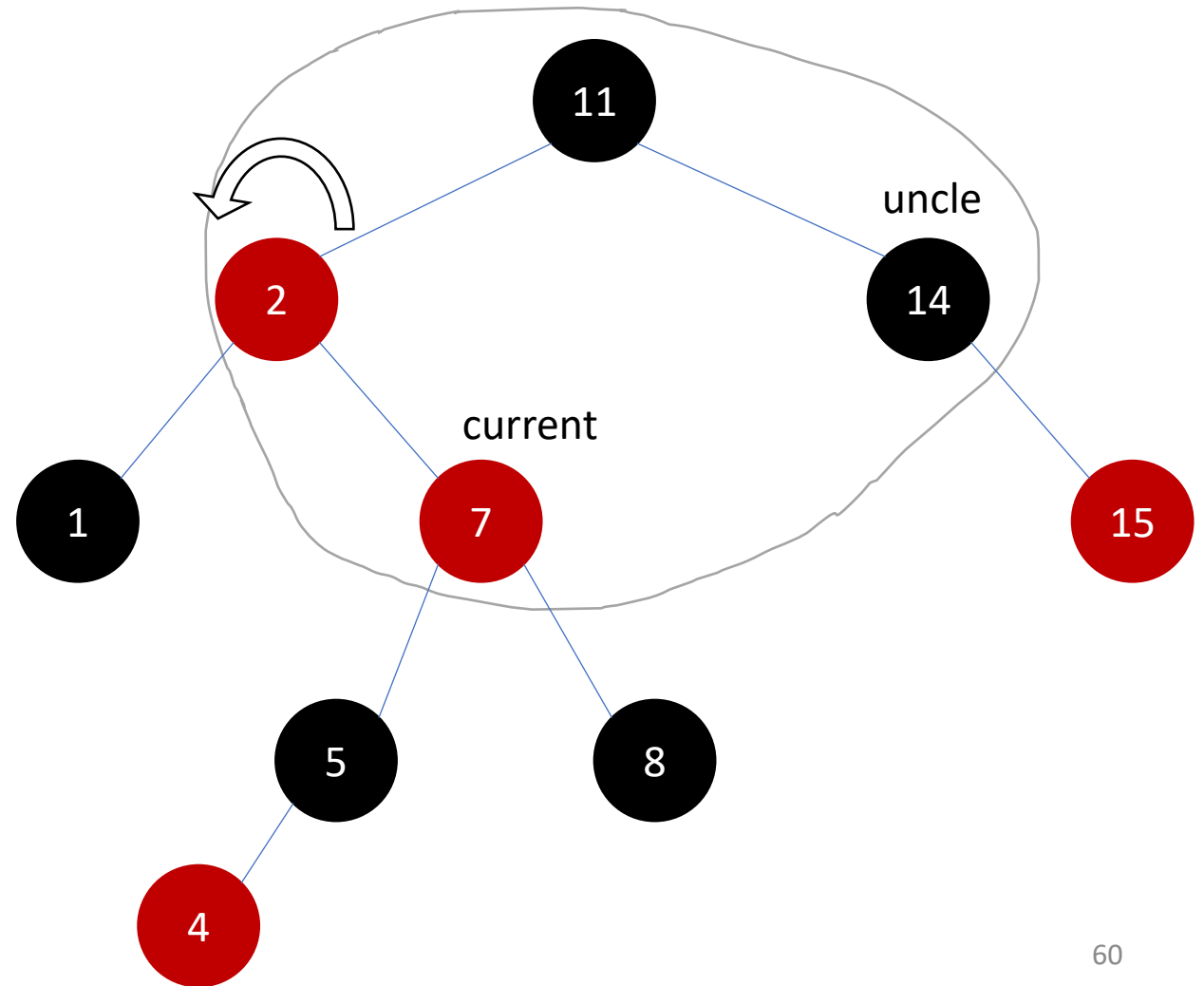
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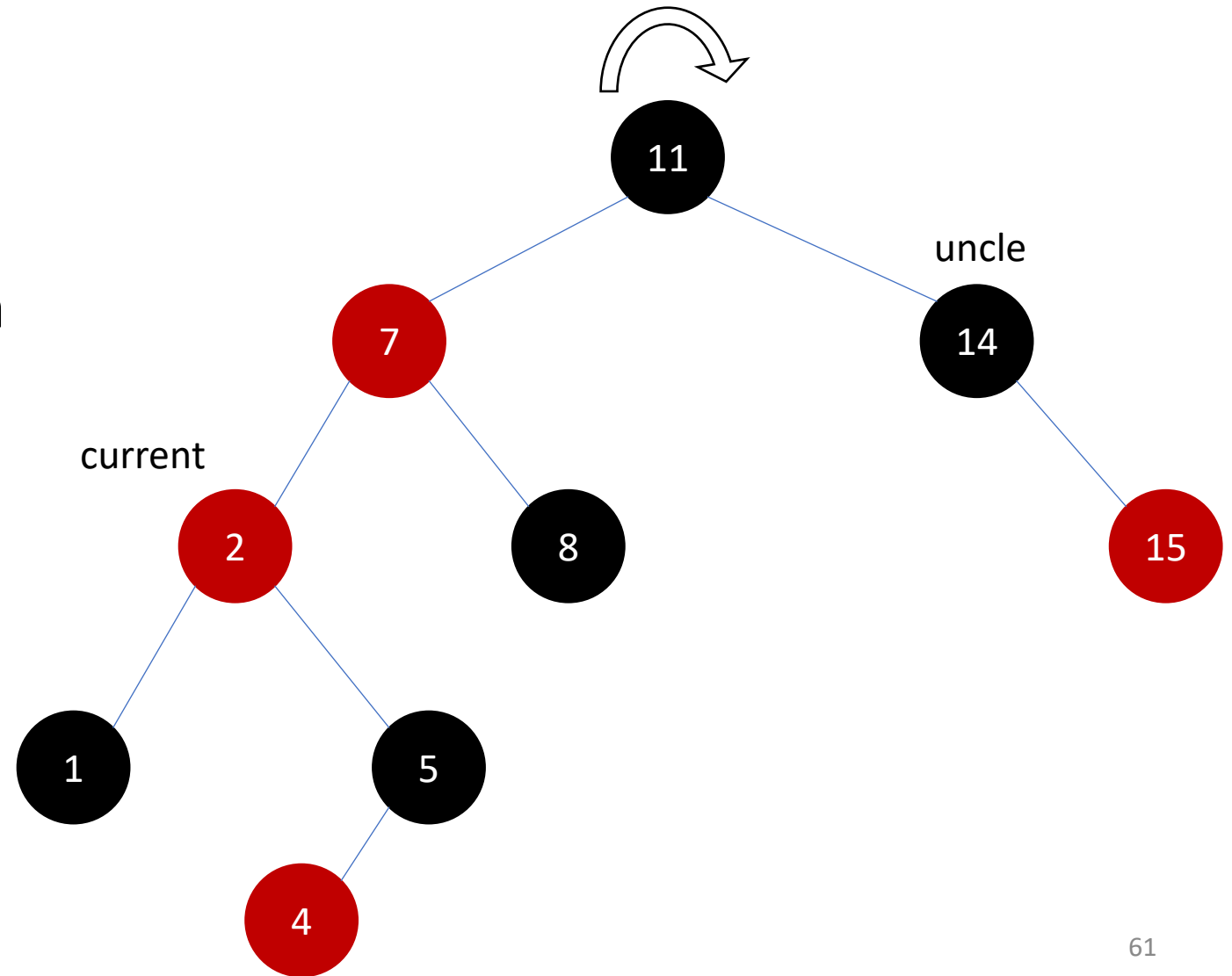
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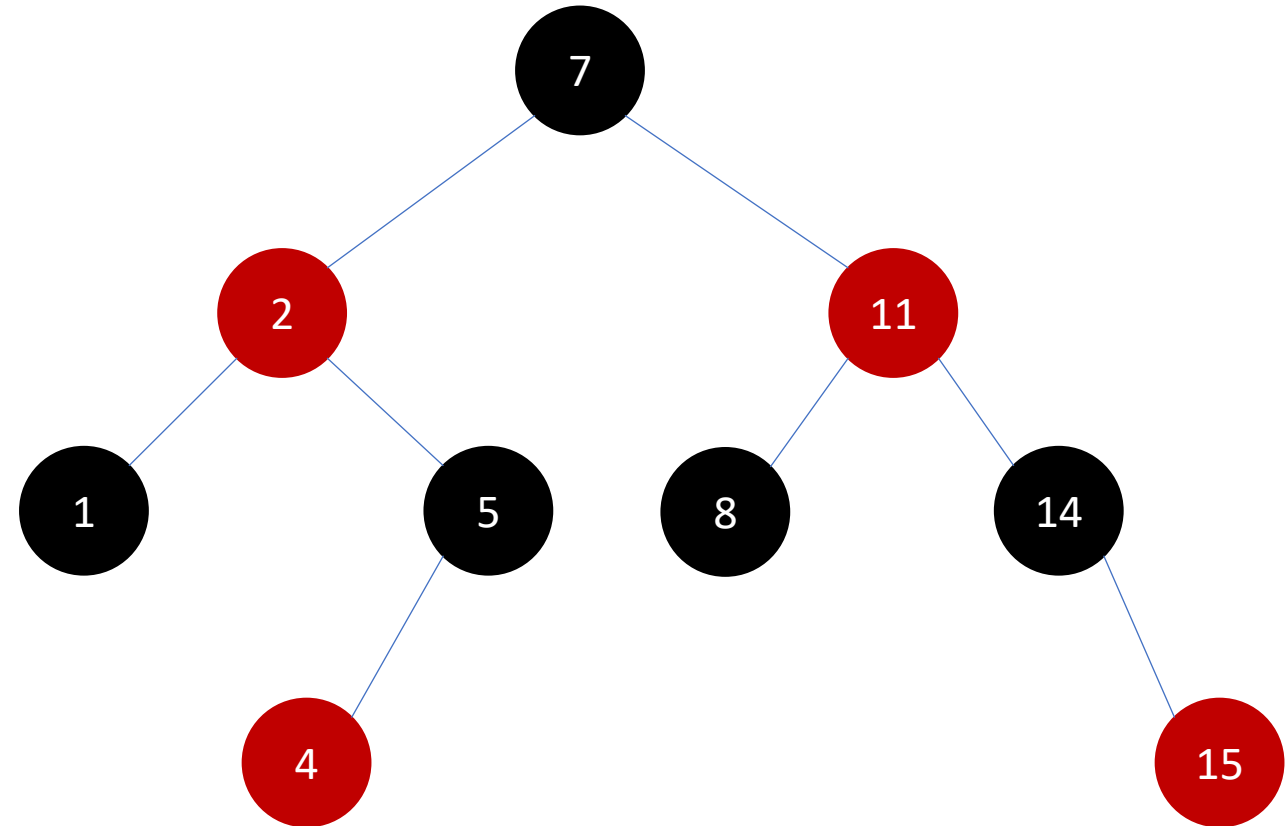
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- No more than 2 adjustments



Red-black tree: deletion

- Based on BST's deletion procedure: replace with next node in the tree & restore RB properties (see [1])
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- $BH(\text{left}) == BH(\text{right})$

Red-black tree: Summary

- Guarantees log complexity despite relaxed height constraint
- Faster in practice* & requires much less memory (sometimes, no additional mem required)



*Ben Pfaff. Performance Analysis of BSTs in System Software <https://benpfaff.org/papers/libavl.pdf>

Resources

- [1] Introduction to Algorithms, Thomas H. Cormen, chapters 12,13.
- [2] [AVL tree visualization](#)
- [3] [Red-black tree visualization](#)
- [4] Real systems balanced trees implementation comparison [study](#) by Ben Pfaff

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