

# Binary Search Trees

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# Introduction

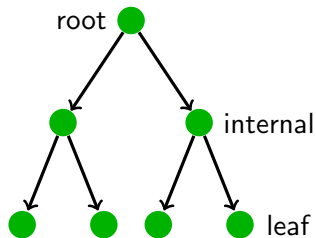
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- Data structures that support many dynamic-set operations, including SEARCH, MINIMUM, MAXIMUM, PREDECESSOR, SUCCESSOR, INSERT, and DELETE.
- Can be used as both dictionary and as priority queue
- Basic operations take time proportional to the height of the tree:
  - For complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes: worst case  $\Theta(\log_2(n))$
  - For linear chain with  $n$  nodes: worst case  $\Theta(n)$

- 1 Definition
- 2 Walking
- 3 Searching
- 4 Minimum
- 5 Maximum
- 6 Successors
- 7 Insertion
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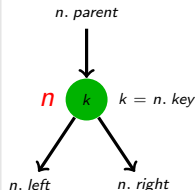
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- A binary tree is a tree such that:
  - Each node has at most two child nodes, distinguished by **left** and **right**.
  - The trees we consider here need not be complete binary trees.



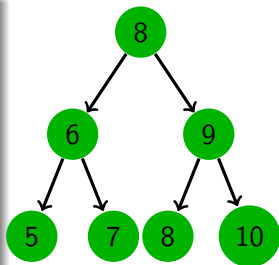
# Implementation of Binary Trees

- A binary tree  $T$  can be represented as a linked data structure
- Each node  $n$  is represented by an object having the following attributes:
  - $n.key$  is the key stored at the node  $n$ .
  - ( $n.value$  is the value stored at the node  $n$ .)
  - $n.left$  points to the left child of  $n$ .
  - $n.right$  points to the right child of  $n$ .
  - $n.parent$  points to the parent of  $n$ .
- If a child or the parent is missing, the appropriate attribute contains the value  $NIL$
- The root node of the tree  $T$  is pointed to by the attribute  $T.root$ .

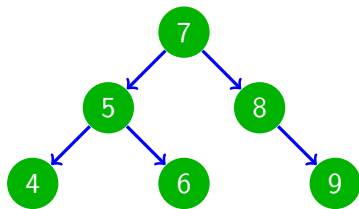


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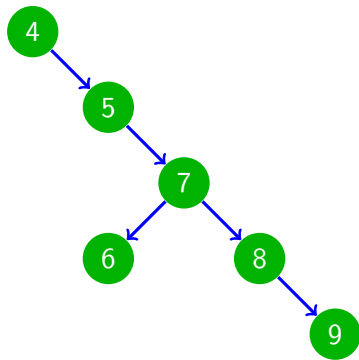
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  - For every  $x$  and  $y$  two nodes of  $T$ :
    - If  $y$  is in the left subtree of  $x$  then  $y.key \leq x.key$ .
    - If  $y$  is in the right subtree of  $x$  then  $x.key \leq y.key$ .



## Binary Search Trees: Example (1)



## Binary Search Trees: Example (2)





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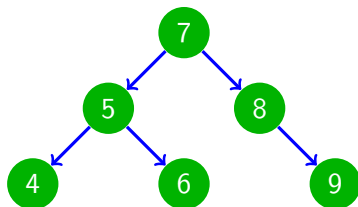
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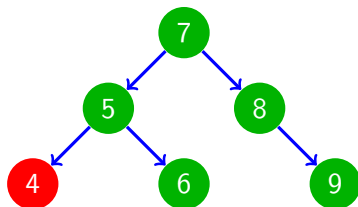
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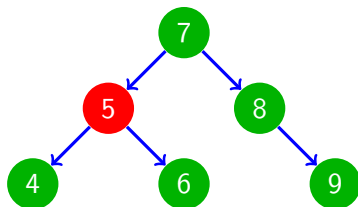
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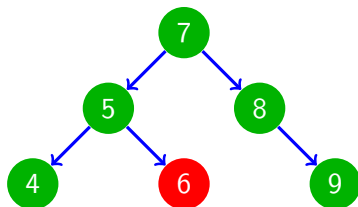
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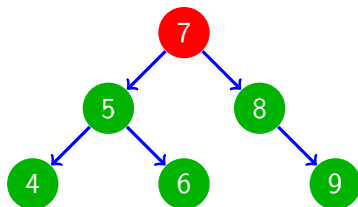
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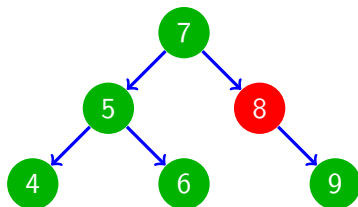
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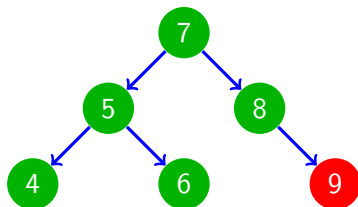
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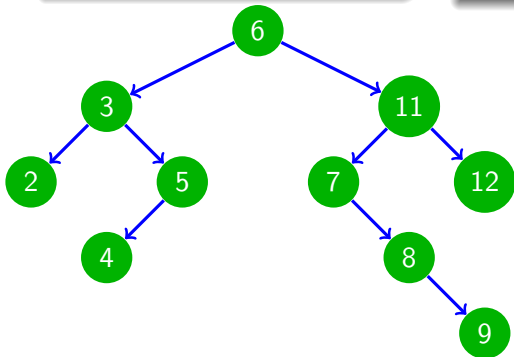
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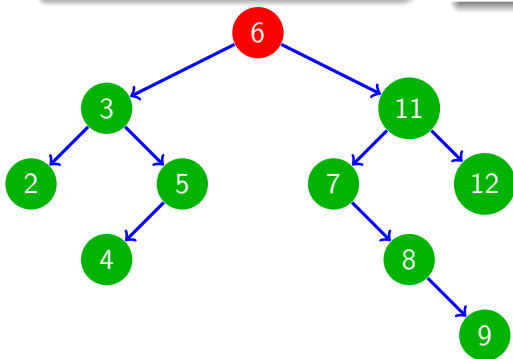
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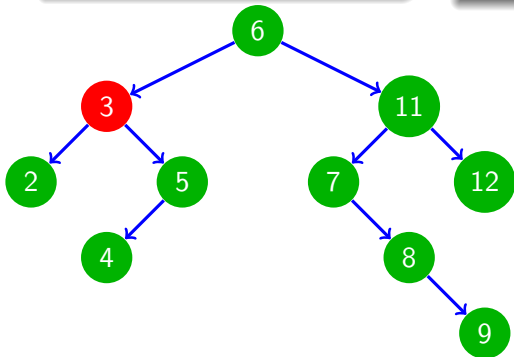
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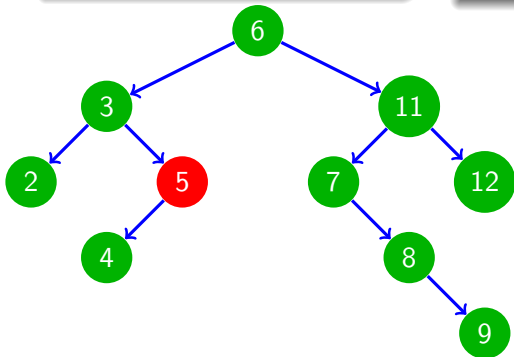
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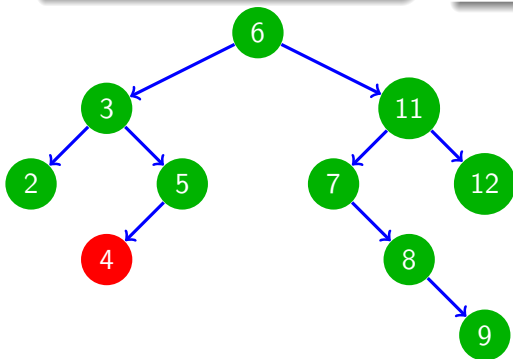
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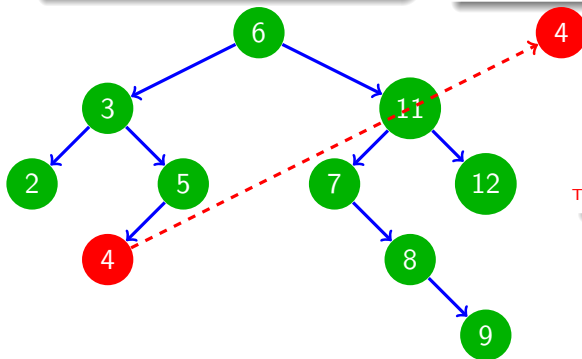
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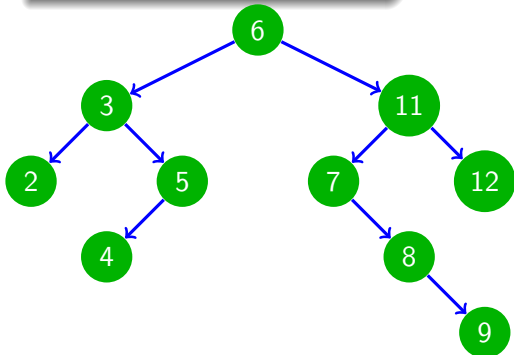
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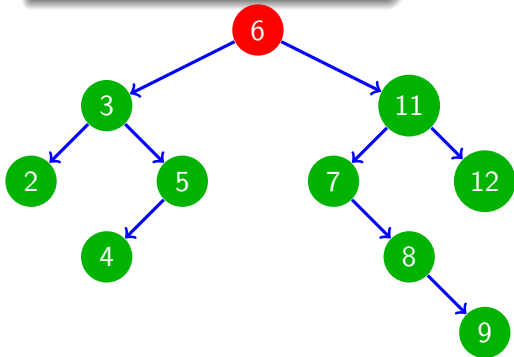


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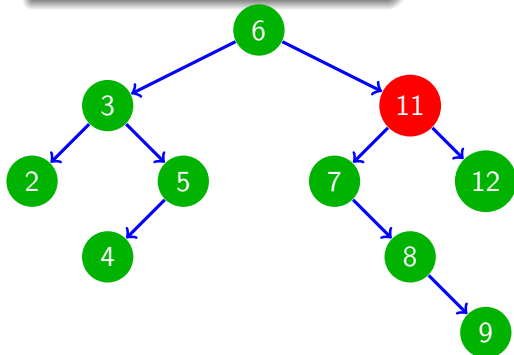


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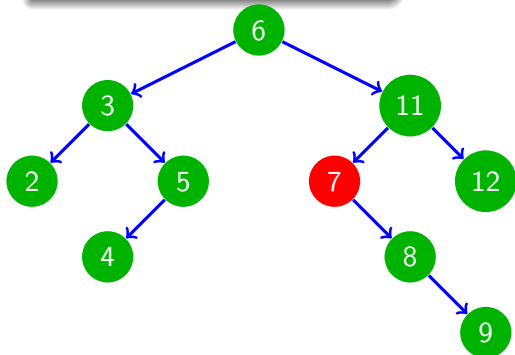


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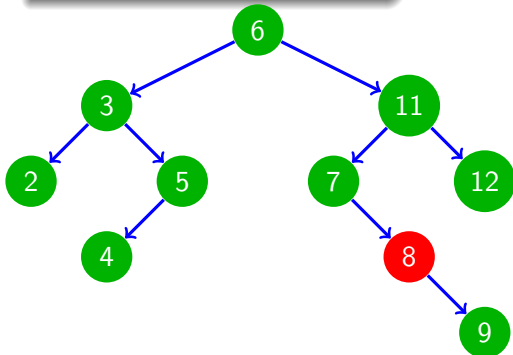


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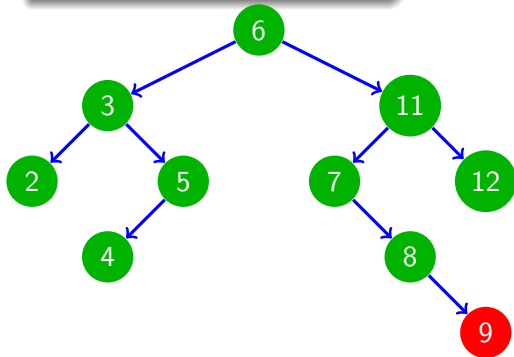


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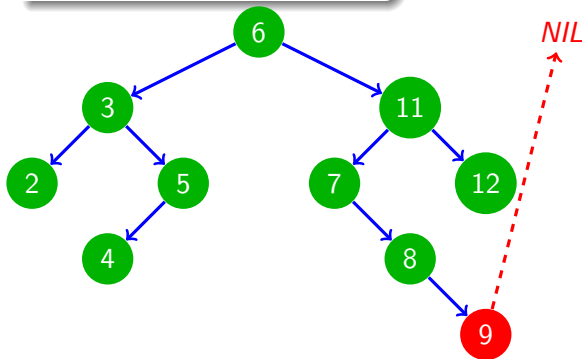


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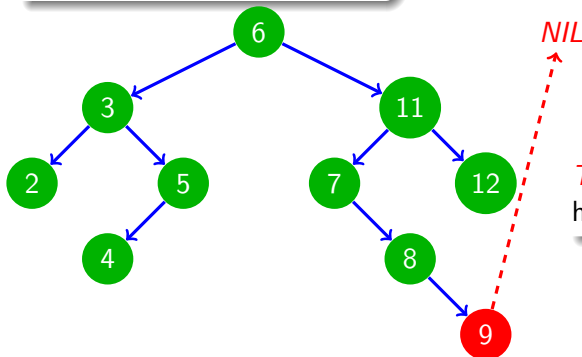


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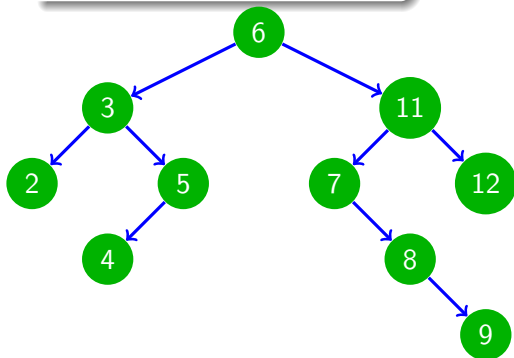
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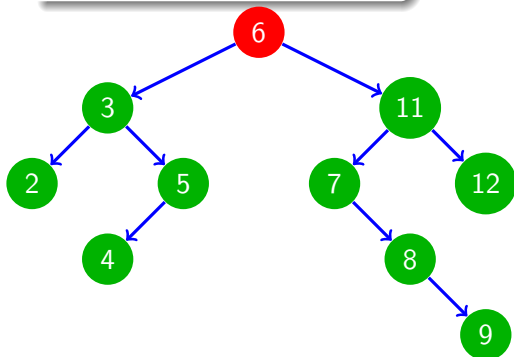
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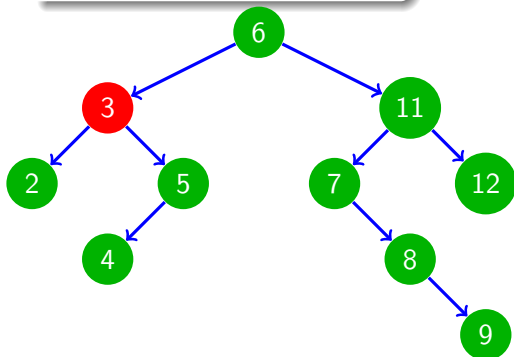
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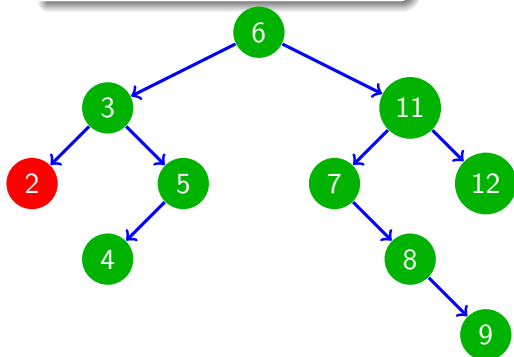
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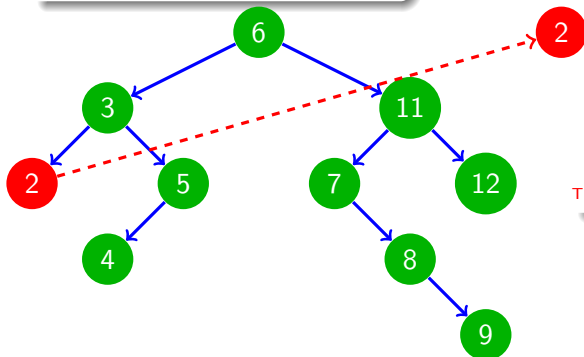
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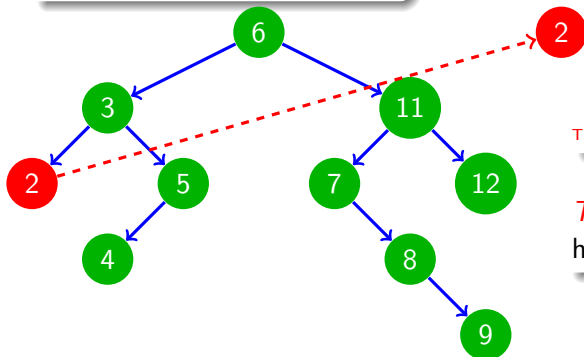
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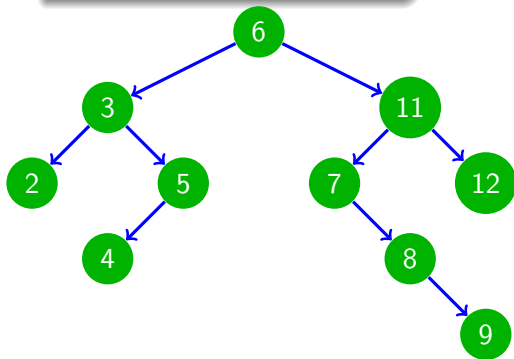
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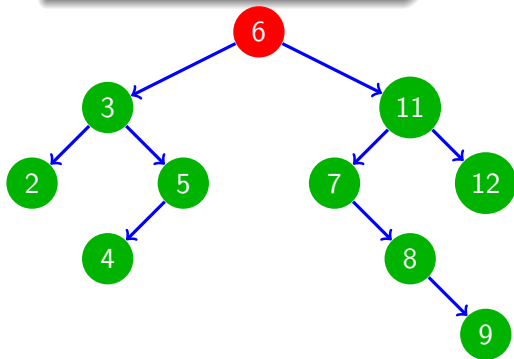
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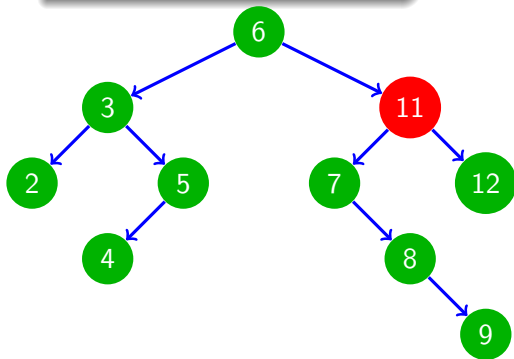
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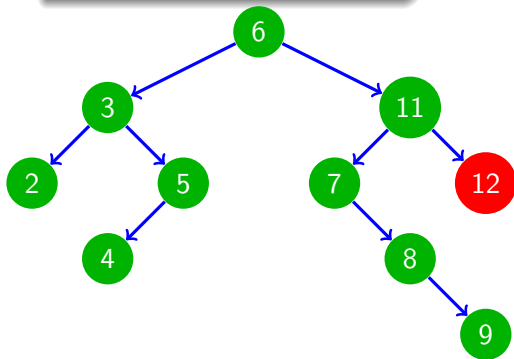
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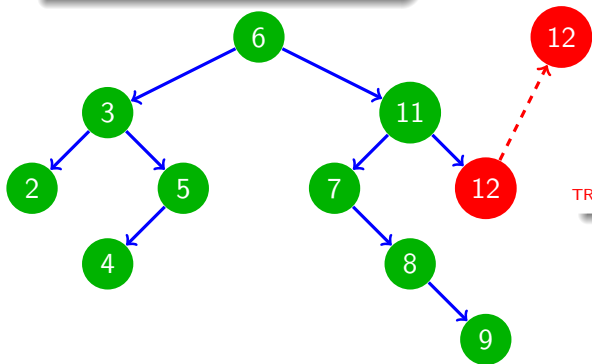
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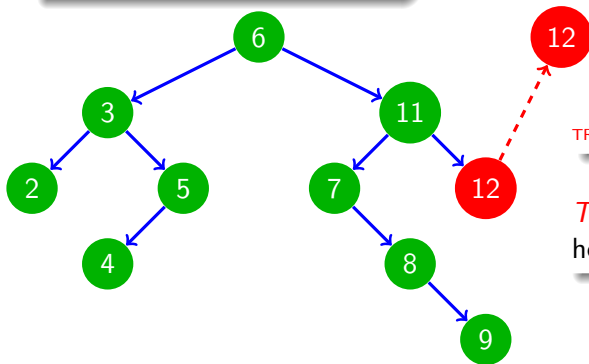
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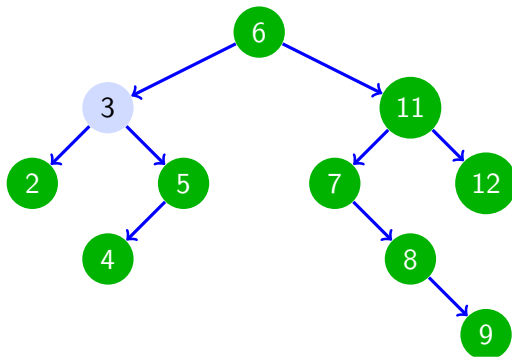
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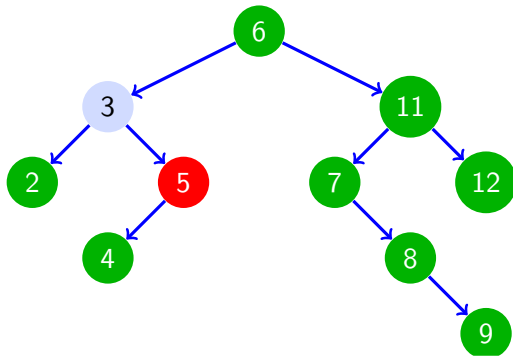
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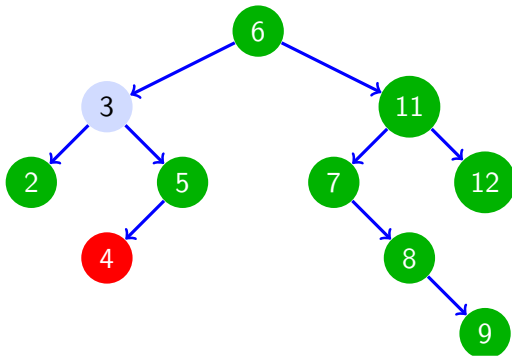
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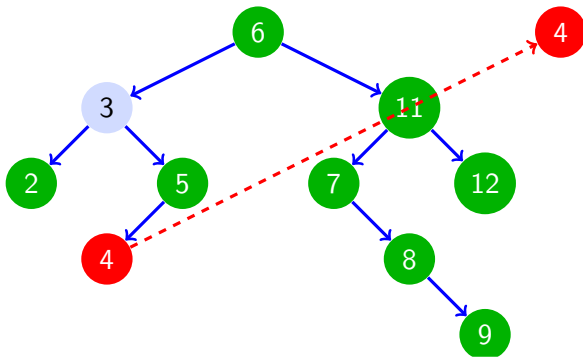
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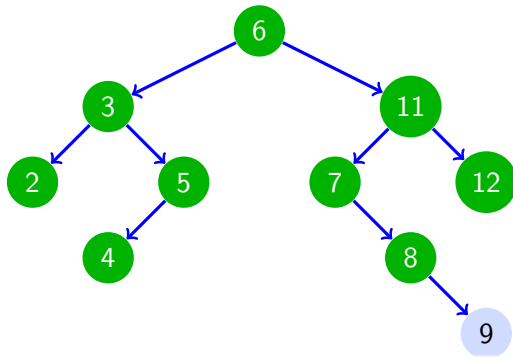
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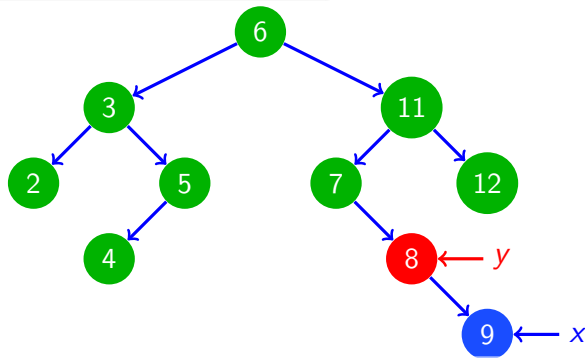
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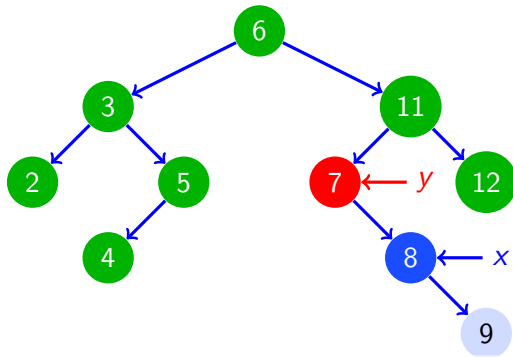
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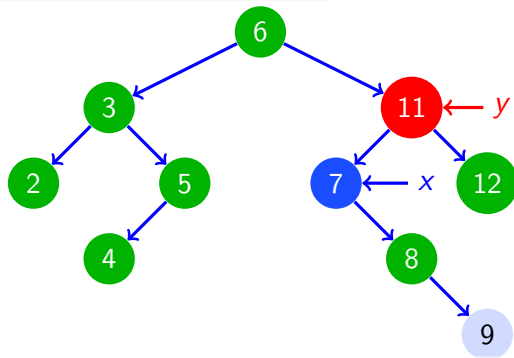
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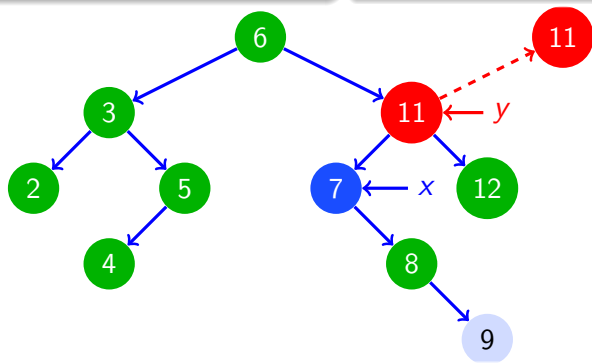
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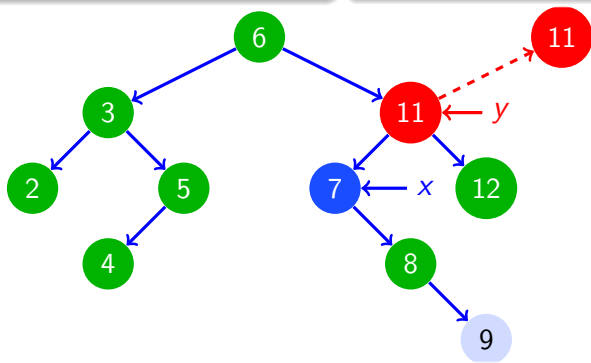
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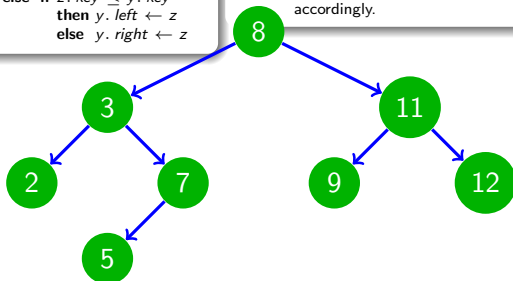
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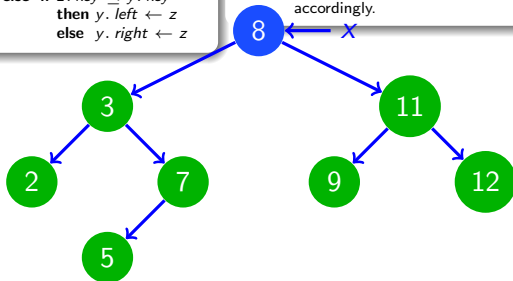
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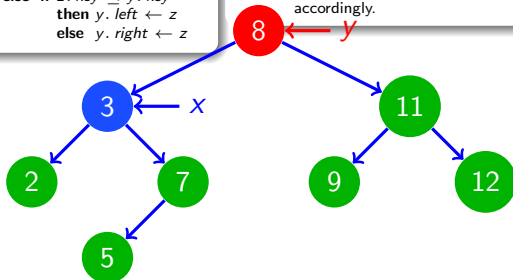
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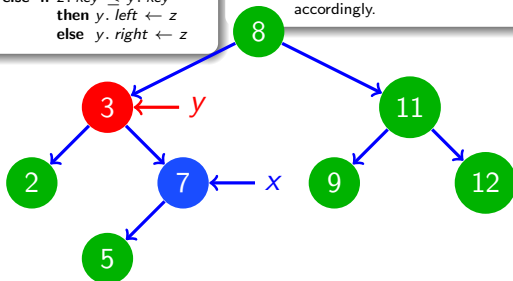
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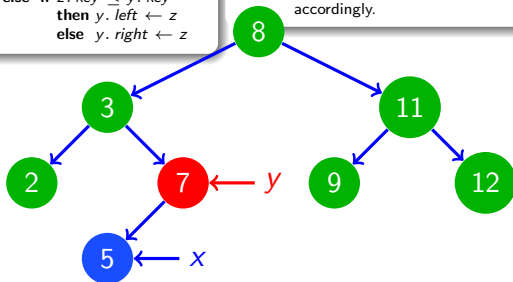
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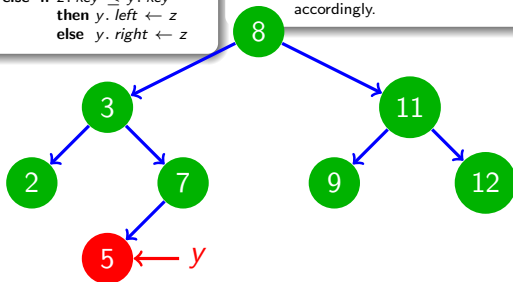
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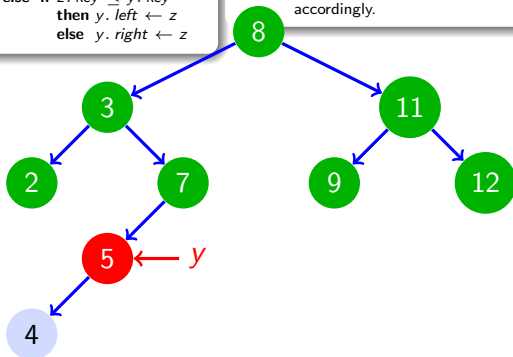
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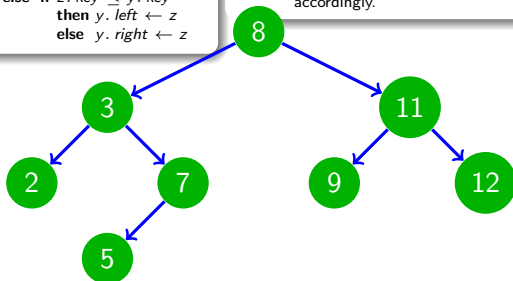
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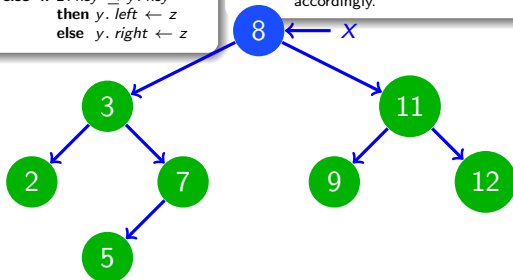
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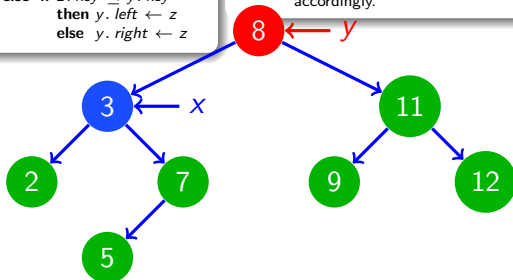
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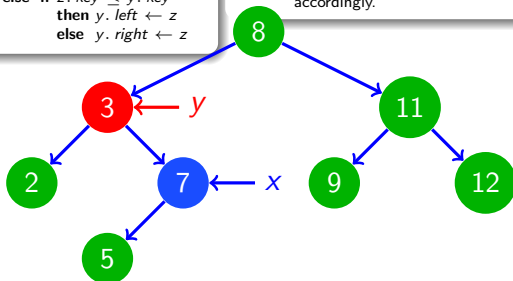
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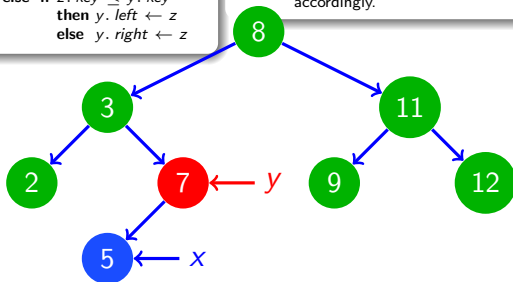
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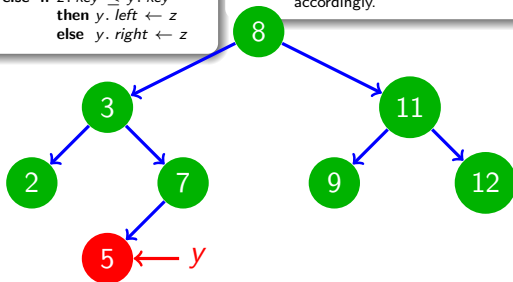
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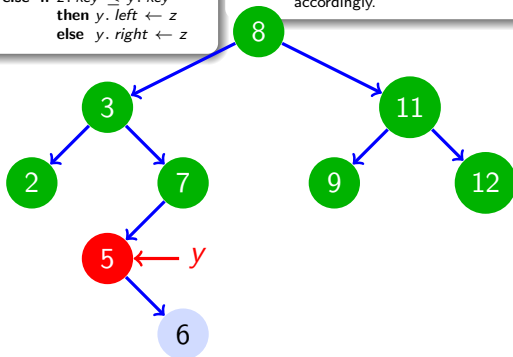
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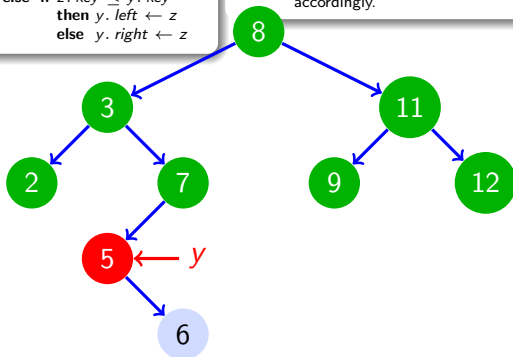
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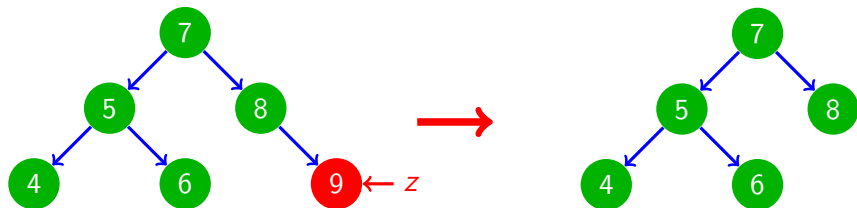
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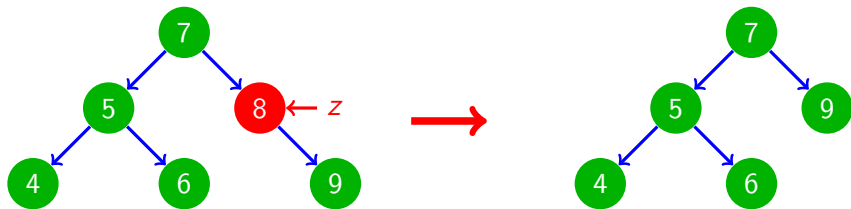


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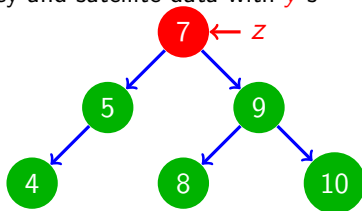


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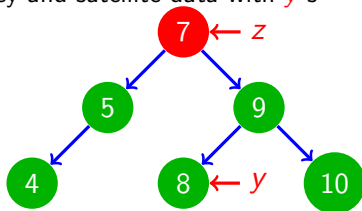


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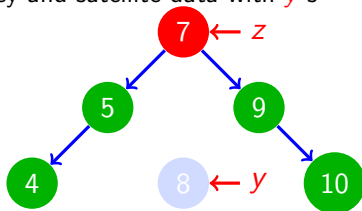


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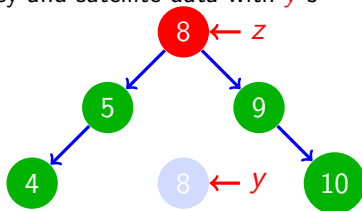


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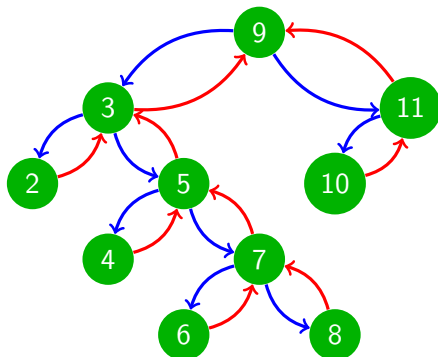




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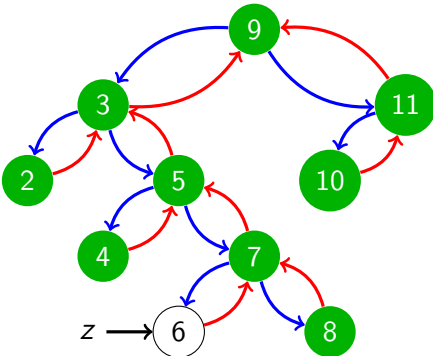
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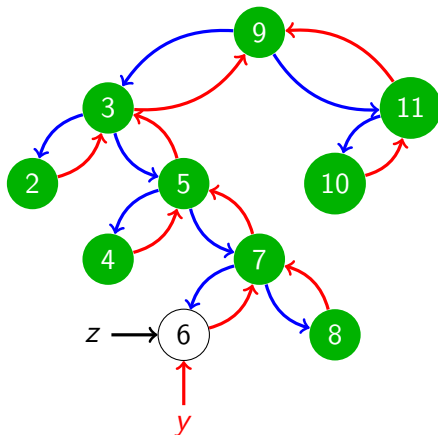
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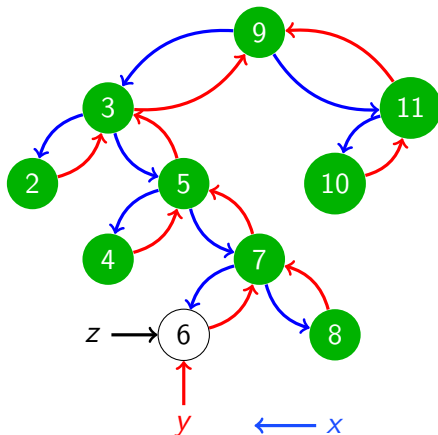
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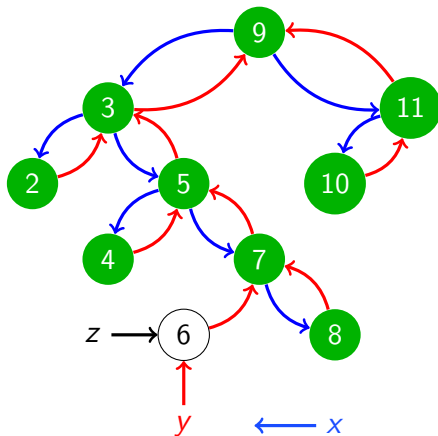
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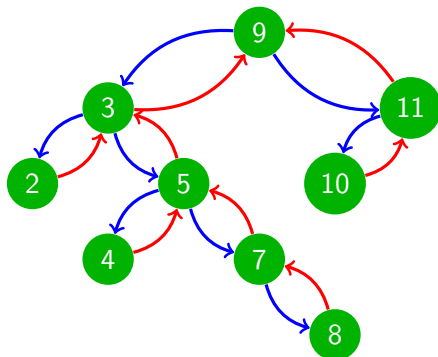
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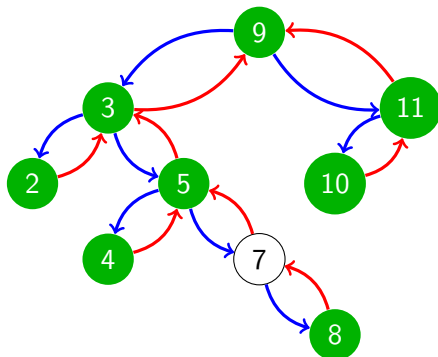
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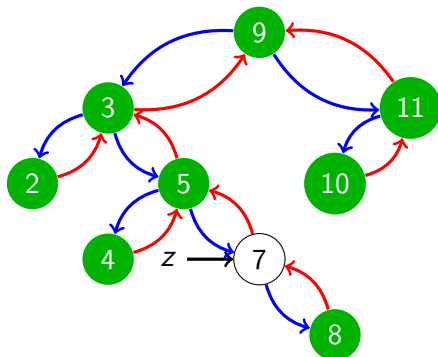
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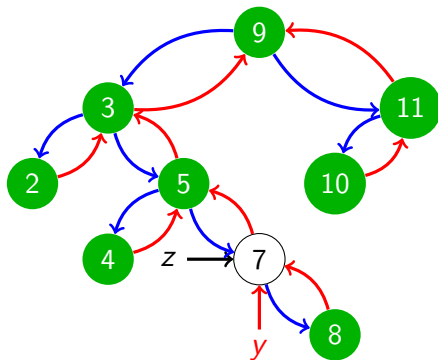




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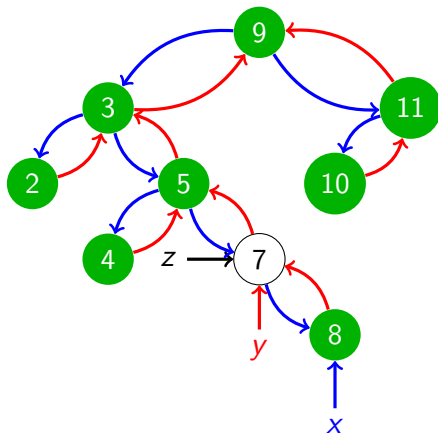
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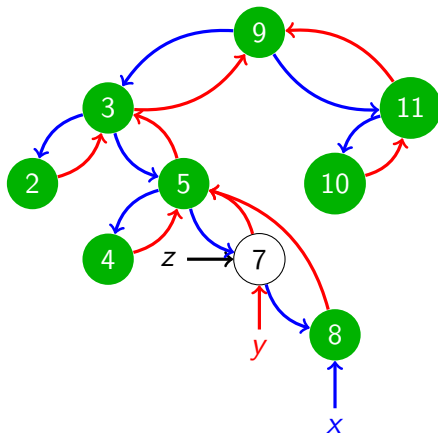
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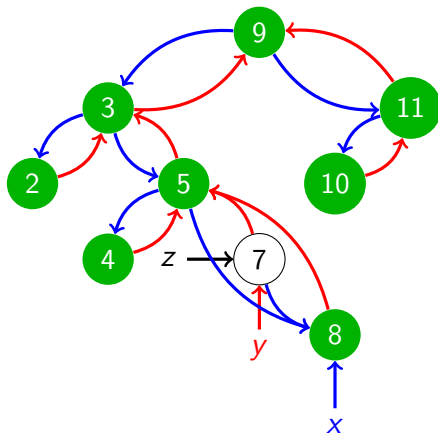
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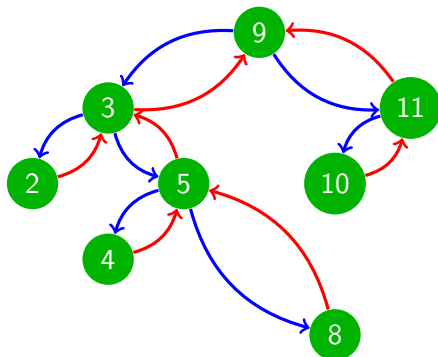
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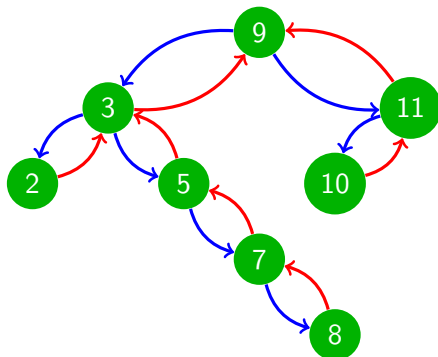
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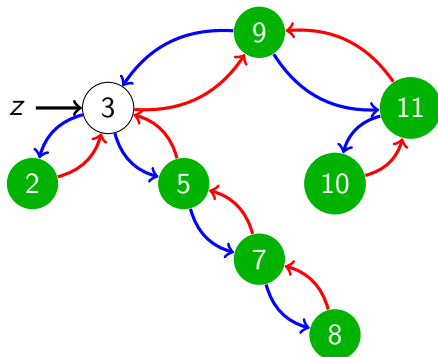
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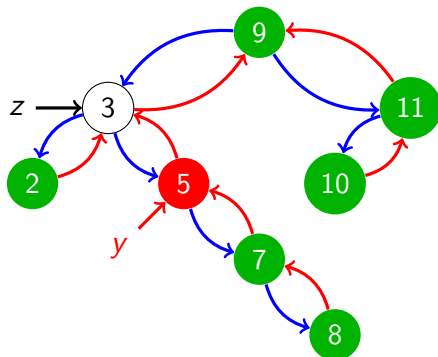
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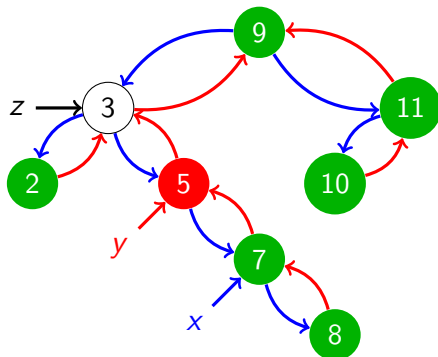




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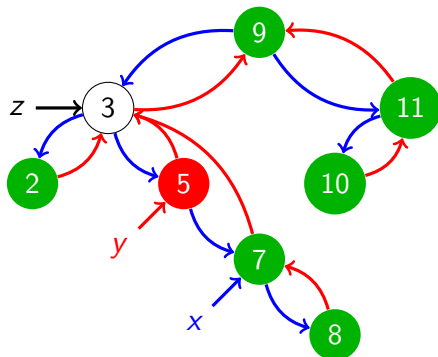
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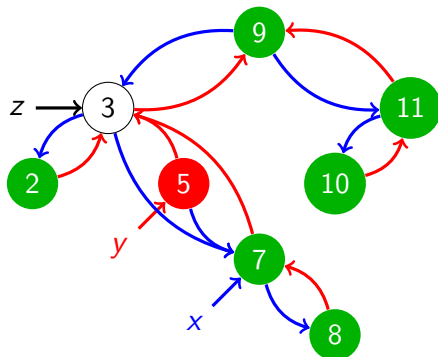
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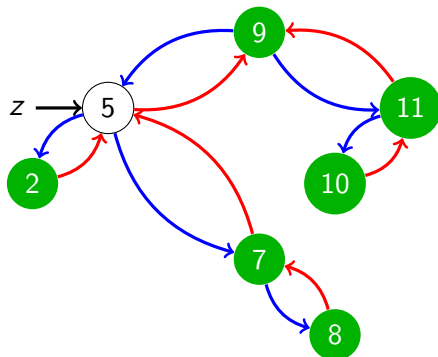




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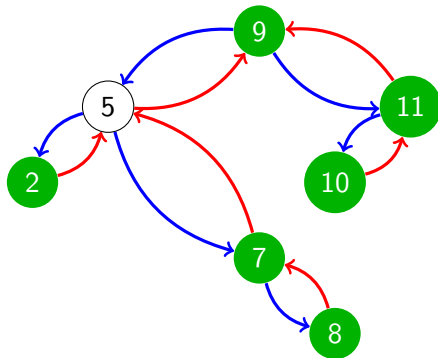
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- If the tree contains  $n$  nodes then we have:
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    - For linear chain of  $n$  nodes
  - Best-Case:  $h = O(\log_2(n))$ 
    - For a complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes
  - Average-Case:  $h = O(\log_2(n))$