

The **while** loop in lines 1–15 maintains the following three-part invariant at the start of each iteration of the loop:

- a. Node z is red.
- b. If $z.p$ is the root, then $z.p$ is black.
- c. If the tree violates any of the red-black properties, then it violates at most one of them, and the violation is of either property 2 or property 4. If the tree violates property 2, it is because z is the root and is red. If the tree violates property 4, it is because both z and $z.p$ are red.

Part (c), which deals with violations of red-black properties, is more central to showing that RB-INSERT-FIXUP restores the red-black properties than parts (a) and (b), which we use along the way to understand situations in the code. Because we'll be focusing on node z and nodes near it in the tree, it helps to know from part (a) that z is red. We shall use part (b) to show that the node $z.p.p$ exists when we reference it in lines 2, 3, 7, 8, 13, and 14.

Recall that we need to show that a loop invariant is true prior to the first iteration of the loop, that each iteration maintains the loop invariant, and that the loop invariant gives us a useful property at loop termination.

We start with the initialization and termination arguments. Then, as we examine how the body of the loop works in more detail, we shall argue that the loop maintains the invariant upon each iteration. Along the way, we shall also demonstrate that each iteration of the loop has two possible outcomes: either the pointer z moves up the tree, or we perform some rotations and then the loop terminates.

Initialization: Prior to the first iteration of the loop, we started with a red-black tree with no violations, and we added a red node z . We show that each part of the invariant holds at the time RB-INSERT-FIXUP is called:

- a. When RB-INSERT-FIXUP is called, z is the red node that was added.
- b. If $z.p$ is the root, then $z.p$ started out black and did not change prior to the call of RB-INSERT-FIXUP.
- c. We have already seen that properties 1, 3, and 5 hold when RB-INSERT-FIXUP is called.

If the tree violates property 2, then the red root must be the newly added node z , which is the only internal node in the tree. Because the parent and both children of z are the sentinel, which is black, the tree does not also violate property 4. Thus, this violation of property 2 is the only violation of red-black properties in the entire tree.

If the tree violates property 4, then, because the children of node z are black sentinels and the tree had no other violations prior to z being added, the

violation must be because both z and $z.p$ are red. Moreover, the tree violates no other red-black properties.

Termination: When the loop terminates, it does so because $z.p$ is black. (If z is the root, then $z.p$ is the sentinel $T.nil$, which is black.) Thus, the tree does not violate property 4 at loop termination. By the loop invariant, the only property that might fail to hold is property 2. Line 16 restores this property, too, so that when RB-INSERT-FIXUP terminates, all the red-black properties hold.

Maintenance: We actually need to consider six cases in the **while** loop, but three of them are symmetric to the other three, depending on whether line 2 determines z 's parent $z.p$ to be a left child or a right child of z 's grandparent $z.p.p$. We have given the code only for the situation in which $z.p$ is a left child. The node $z.p.p$ exists, since by part (b) of the loop invariant, if $z.p$ is the root, then $z.p$ is black. Since we enter a loop iteration only if $z.p$ is red, we know that $z.p$ cannot be the root. Hence, $z.p.p$ exists.

We distinguish case 1 from cases 2 and 3 by the color of z 's parent's sibling, or "uncle." Line 3 makes y point to z 's uncle $z.p.p.right$, and line 4 tests y 's color. If y is red, then we execute case 1. Otherwise, control passes to cases 2 and 3. In all three cases, z 's grandparent $z.p.p$ is black, since its parent $z.p$ is red, and property 4 is violated only between z and $z.p$.

Case 1: z 's uncle y is red

Figure 13.5 shows the situation for case 1 (lines 5–8), which occurs when both $z.p$ and y are red. Because $z.p.p$ is black, we can color both $z.p$ and y black, thereby fixing the problem of z and $z.p$ both being red, and we can color $z.p.p$ red, thereby maintaining property 5. We then repeat the **while** loop with $z.p.p$ as the new node z . The pointer z moves up two levels in the tree.

Now, we show that case 1 maintains the loop invariant at the start of the next iteration. We use z to denote node z in the current iteration, and $z' = z.p.p$ to denote the node that will be called node z at the test in line 1 upon the next iteration.

- Because this iteration colors $z.p.p$ red, node z' is red at the start of the next iteration.
- The node $z'.p$ is $z.p.p.p$ in this iteration, and the color of this node does not change. If this node is the root, it was black prior to this iteration, and it remains black at the start of the next iteration.
- We have already argued that case 1 maintains property 5, and it does not introduce a violation of properties 1 or 3.

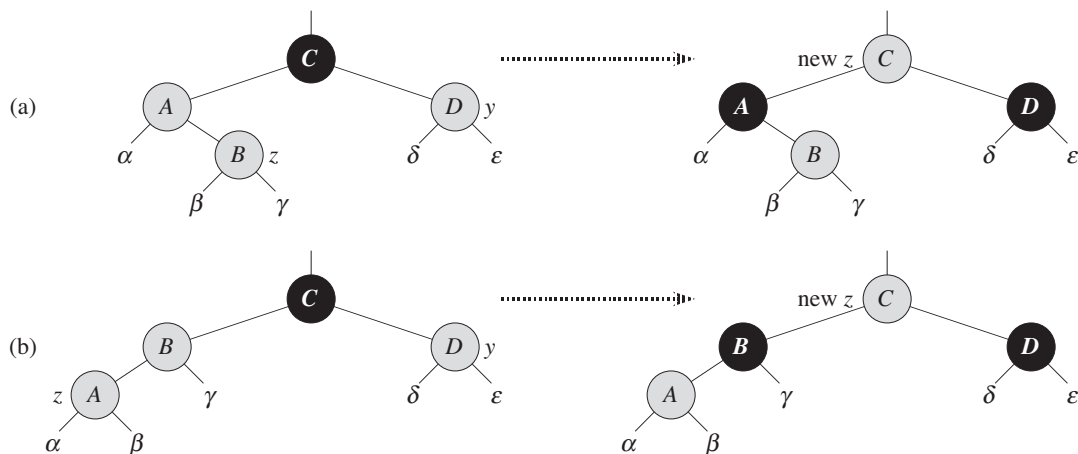


Figure 13.5 Case 1 of the procedure RB-INSERT-FIXUP. Property 4 is violated, since z and its parent $z.p$ are both red. We take the same action whether (a) z is a right child or (b) z is a left child. Each of the subtrees α , β , γ , δ , and ϵ has a black root, and each has the same black-height. The code for case 1 changes the colors of some nodes, preserving property 5: all downward simple paths from a node to a leaf have the same number of blacks. The **while** loop continues with node z 's grandparent $z.p.p$ as the new z . Any violation of property 4 can now occur only between the new z , which is red, and its parent, if it is red as well.

If node z' is the root at the start of the next iteration, then case 1 corrected the lone violation of property 4 in this iteration. Since z' is red and it is the root, property 2 becomes the only one that is violated, and this violation is due to z' .

If node z' is not the root at the start of the next iteration, then case 1 has not created a violation of property 2. Case 1 corrected the lone violation of property 4 that existed at the start of this iteration. It then made z' red and left $z'.p$ alone. If $z'.p$ was black, there is no violation of property 4. If $z'.p$ was red, coloring z' red created one violation of property 4 between z' and $z'.p$.

Case 2: z 's uncle y is black and z is a right child

Case 3: z 's uncle y is black and z is a left child

In cases 2 and 3, the color of z 's uncle y is black. We distinguish the two cases according to whether z is a right or left child of $z.p$. Lines 10–11 constitute case 2, which is shown in Figure 13.6 together with case 3. In case 2, node z is a right child of its parent. We immediately use a left rotation to transform the situation into case 3 (lines 12–14), in which node z is a left child. Because

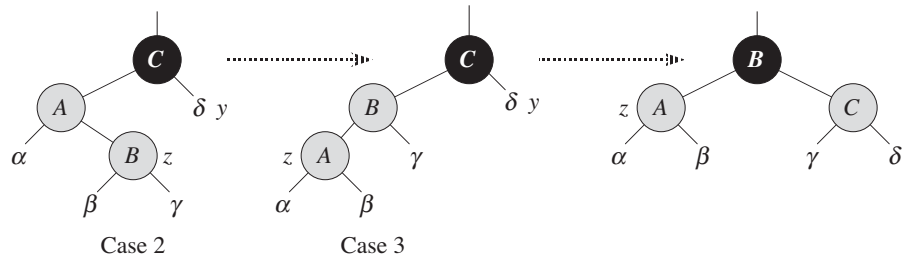


Figure 13.6 Cases 2 and 3 of the procedure RB-INSERT-FIXUP. As in case 1, property 4 is violated in either case 2 or case 3 because z and its parent $z.p$ are both red. Each of the subtrees α , β , γ , and δ has a black root (α , β , and γ from property 4, and δ because otherwise we would be in case 1), and each has the same black-height. We transform case 2 into case 3 by a left rotation, which preserves property 5: all downward simple paths from a node to a leaf have the same number of blacks. Case 3 causes some color changes and a right rotation, which also preserve property 5. The **while** loop then terminates, because property 4 is satisfied: there are no longer two red nodes in a row.

both z and $z.p$ are red, the rotation affects neither the black-height of nodes nor property 5. Whether we enter case 3 directly or through case 2, z 's uncle y is black, since otherwise we would have executed case 1. Additionally, the node $z.p.p$ exists, since we have argued that this node existed at the time that lines 2 and 3 were executed, and after moving z up one level in line 10 and then down one level in line 11, the identity of $z.p.p$ remains unchanged. In case 3, we execute some color changes and a right rotation, which preserve property 5, and then, since we no longer have two red nodes in a row, we are done. The **while** loop does not iterate another time, since $z.p$ is now black.

We now show that cases 2 and 3 maintain the loop invariant. (As we have just argued, $z.p$ will be black upon the next test in line 1, and the loop body will not execute again.)

- Case 2 makes z point to $z.p$, which is red. No further change to z or its color occurs in cases 2 and 3.
- Case 3 makes $z.p$ black, so that if $z.p$ is the root at the start of the next iteration, it is black.
- As in case 1, properties 1, 3, and 5 are maintained in cases 2 and 3.

Since node z is not the root in cases 2 and 3, we know that there is no violation of property 2. Cases 2 and 3 do not introduce a violation of property 2, since the only node that is made red becomes a child of a black node by the rotation in case 3.

Cases 2 and 3 correct the lone violation of property 4, and they do not introduce another violation.

Having shown that each iteration of the loop maintains the invariant, we have shown that RB-INSERT-FIXUP correctly restores the red-black properties.

Analysis

What is the running time of RB-INSERT? Since the height of a red-black tree on n nodes is $O(\lg n)$, lines 1–16 of RB-INSERT take $O(\lg n)$ time. In RB-INSERT-FIXUP, the **while** loop repeats only if case 1 occurs, and then the pointer z moves two levels up the tree. The total number of times the **while** loop can be executed is therefore $O(\lg n)$. Thus, RB-INSERT takes a total of $O(\lg n)$ time. Moreover, it never performs more than two rotations, since the **while** loop terminates if case 2 or case 3 is executed.

Exercises

13.3-1

In line 16 of RB-INSERT, we set the color of the newly inserted node z to red. Observe that if we had chosen to set z 's color to black, then property 4 of a red-black tree would not be violated. Why didn't we choose to set z 's color to black?

13.3-2

Show the red-black trees that result after successively inserting the keys 41, 38, 31, 12, 19, 8 into an initially empty red-black tree.

13.3-3

Suppose that the black-height of each of the subtrees $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \varepsilon$ in Figures 13.5 and 13.6 is k . Label each node in each figure with its black-height to verify that the indicated transformation preserves property 5.

13.3-4

Professor Teach is concerned that RB-INSERT-FIXUP might set $T.nil.color$ to RED, in which case the test in line 1 would not cause the loop to terminate when z is the root. Show that the professor's concern is unfounded by arguing that RB-INSERT-FIXUP never sets $T.nil.color$ to RED.

13.3-5

Consider a red-black tree formed by inserting n nodes with RB-INSERT. Argue that if $n > 1$, the tree has at least one red node.

13.3-6

Suggest how to implement RB-INSERT efficiently if the representation for red-black trees includes no storage for parent pointers.

13.4 Deletion

Like the other basic operations on an n -node red-black tree, deletion of a node takes time $O(\lg n)$. Deleting a node from a red-black tree is a bit more complicated than inserting a node.

The procedure for deleting a node from a red-black tree is based on the TREE-DELETE procedure (Section 12.3). First, we need to customize the TRANSPLANT subroutine that TREE-DELETE calls so that it applies to a red-black tree:

RB-TRANSPLANT(T, u, v)

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1  if  $u.p == T.nil$ 
2       $T.root = v$ 
3  elseif  $u == u.p.left$ 
4       $u.p.left = v$ 
5  else  $u.p.right = v$ 
6       $v.p = u.p$ 
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The procedure RB-TRANSPLANT differs from TRANSPLANT in two ways. First, line 1 references the sentinel $T.nil$ instead of NIL. Second, the assignment to $v.p$ in line 6 occurs unconditionally: we can assign to $v.p$ even if v points to the sentinel. In fact, we shall exploit the ability to assign to $v.p$ when $v = T.nil$.

The procedure RB-DELETE is like the TREE-DELETE procedure, but with additional lines of pseudocode. Some of the additional lines keep track of a node y that might cause violations of the red-black properties. When we want to delete node z and z has fewer than two children, then z is removed from the tree, and we want y to be z . When z has two children, then y should be z 's successor, and y moves into z 's position in the tree. We also remember y 's color before it is removed from or moved within the tree, and we keep track of the node x that moves into y 's original position in the tree, because node x might also cause violations of the red-black properties. After deleting node z , RB-DELETE calls an auxiliary procedure RB-DELETE-FIXUP, which changes colors and performs rotations to restore the red-black properties.

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RB-DELETE( $T, z$ )
1   $y = z$ 
2   $y\text{-original-color} = y.\text{color}$ 
3  if  $z.\text{left} == T.\text{nil}$ 
4       $x = z.\text{right}$ 
5      RB-TRANSPLANT( $T, z, z.\text{right}$ )
6  elseif  $z.\text{right} == T.\text{nil}$ 
7       $x = z.\text{left}$ 
8      RB-TRANSPLANT( $T, z, z.\text{left}$ )
9  else  $y = \text{TREE-MINIMUM}(z.\text{right})$ 
10      $y\text{-original-color} = y.\text{color}$ 
11      $x = y.\text{right}$ 
12     if  $y.p == z$ 
13          $x.p = y$ 
14     else RB-TRANSPLANT( $T, y, y.\text{right}$ )
15          $y.\text{right} = z.\text{right}$ 
16          $y.\text{right}.p = y$ 
17     RB-TRANSPLANT( $T, z, y$ )
18      $y.\text{left} = z.\text{left}$ 
19      $y.\text{left}.p = y$ 
20      $y.\text{color} = z.\text{color}$ 
21     if  $y\text{-original-color} == \text{BLACK}$ 
22         RB-DELETE-FIXUP( $T, x$ )

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Although RB-DELETE contains almost twice as many lines of pseudocode as TREE-DELETE, the two procedures have the same basic structure. You can find each line of TREE-DELETE within RB-DELETE (with the changes of replacing NIL by $T.\text{nil}$ and replacing calls to TRANSPLANT by calls to RB-TRANSPLANT), executed under the same conditions.

Here are the other differences between the two procedures:

- We maintain node y as the node either removed from the tree or moved within the tree. Line 1 sets y to point to node z when z has fewer than two children and is therefore removed. When z has two children, line 9 sets y to point to z 's successor, just as in TREE-DELETE, and y will move into z 's position in the tree.
- Because node y 's color might change, the variable $y\text{-original-color}$ stores y 's color before any changes occur. Lines 2 and 10 set this variable immediately after assignments to y . When z has two children, then $y \neq z$ and node y moves into node z 's original position in the red-black tree; line 20 gives y the same color as z . We need to save y 's original color in order to test it at the

end of RB-DELETE; if it was black, then removing or moving y could cause violations of the red-black properties.

- As discussed, we keep track of the node x that moves into node y 's original position. The assignments in lines 4, 7, and 11 set x to point to either y 's only child or, if y has no children, the sentinel $T.nil$. (Recall from Section 12.3 that y has no left child.)
- Since node x moves into node y 's original position, the attribute $x.p$ is always set to point to the original position in the tree of y 's parent, even if x is, in fact, the sentinel $T.nil$. Unless z is y 's original parent (which occurs only when z has two children and its successor y is z 's right child), the assignment to $x.p$ takes place in line 6 of RB-TRANSPLANT. (Observe that when RB-TRANSPLANT is called in lines 5, 8, or 14, the second parameter passed is the same as x .)

When y 's original parent is z , however, we do not want $x.p$ to point to y 's original parent, since we are removing that node from the tree. Because node y will move up to take z 's position in the tree, setting $x.p$ to y in line 13 causes $x.p$ to point to the original position of y 's parent, even if $x = T.nil$.

- Finally, if node y was black, we might have introduced one or more violations of the red-black properties, and so we call RB-DELETE-FIXUP in line 22 to restore the red-black properties. If y was red, the red-black properties still hold when y is removed or moved, for the following reasons:

1. No black-heights in the tree have changed.
2. No red nodes have been made adjacent. Because y takes z 's place in the tree, along with z 's color, we cannot have two adjacent red nodes at y 's new position in the tree. In addition, if y was not z 's right child, then y 's original right child x replaces y in the tree. If y is red, then x must be black, and so replacing y by x cannot cause two red nodes to become adjacent.
3. Since y could not have been the root if it was red, the root remains black.

If node y was black, three problems may arise, which the call of RB-DELETE-FIXUP will remedy. First, if y had been the root and a red child of y becomes the new root, we have violated property 2. Second, if both x and $x.p$ are red, then we have violated property 4. Third, moving y within the tree causes any simple path that previously contained y to have one fewer black node. Thus, property 5 is now violated by any ancestor of y in the tree. We can correct the violation of property 5 by saying that node x , now occupying y 's original position, has an "extra" black. That is, if we add 1 to the count of black nodes on any simple path that contains x , then under this interpretation, property 5 holds. When we remove or move the black node y , we "push" its blackness onto node x . The problem is that now node x is neither red nor black, thereby violating property 1. Instead,

node x is either “doubly black” or “red-and-black,” and it contributes either 2 or 1, respectively, to the count of black nodes on simple paths containing x . The *color* attribute of x will still be either RED (if x is red-and-black) or BLACK (if x is doubly black). In other words, the extra black on a node is reflected in x ’s pointing to the node rather than in the *color* attribute.

We can now see the procedure RB-DELETE-FIXUP and examine how it restores the red-black properties to the search tree.

RB-DELETE-FIXUP(T, x)

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1  while  $x \neq T.root$  and  $x.color == BLACK$ 
2      if  $x == x.p.left$ 
3           $w = x.p.right$ 
4          if  $w.color == RED$ 
5               $w.color = BLACK$                                 // case 1
6               $x.p.color = RED$                                 // case 1
7              LEFT-ROTATE( $T, x.p$ )                            // case 1
8               $w = x.p.right$                                     // case 1
9          if  $w.left.color == BLACK$  and  $w.right.color == BLACK$ 
10              $w.color = RED$                                     // case 2
11              $x = x.p$                                           // case 2
12         else if  $w.right.color == BLACK$ 
13              $w.left.color = BLACK$                             // case 3
14              $w.color = RED$                                     // case 3
15             RIGHT-ROTATE( $T, w$ )                                // case 3
16              $w = x.p.right$                                     // case 3
17              $w.color = x.p.color$                               // case 4
18              $x.p.color = BLACK$                                 // case 4
19              $w.right.color = BLACK$                             // case 4
20             LEFT-ROTATE( $T, x.p$ )                                // case 4
21              $x = T.root$                                         // case 4
22         else (same as then clause with “right” and “left” exchanged)
23      $x.color = BLACK$ 

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The procedure RB-DELETE-FIXUP restores properties 1, 2, and 4. Exercises 13.4-1 and 13.4-2 ask you to show that the procedure restores properties 2 and 4, and so in the remainder of this section, we shall focus on property 1. The goal of the **while** loop in lines 1–22 is to move the extra black up the tree until

1. x points to a red-and-black node, in which case we color x (singly) black in line 23;
2. x points to the root, in which case we simply “remove” the extra black; or
3. having performed suitable rotations and recolorings, we exit the loop.

Within the **while** loop, x always points to a nonroot doubly black node. We determine in line 2 whether x is a left child or a right child of its parent $x.p$. (We have given the code for the situation in which x is a left child; the situation in which x is a right child—line 22—is symmetric.) We maintain a pointer w to the sibling of x . Since node x is doubly black, node w cannot be $T.nil$, because otherwise, the number of blacks on the simple path from $x.p$ to the (singly black) leaf w would be smaller than the number on the simple path from $x.p$ to x .

The four cases² in the code appear in Figure 13.7. Before examining each case in detail, let's look more generally at how we can verify that the transformation in each of the cases preserves property 5. The key idea is that in each case, the transformation applied preserves the number of black nodes (including x 's extra black) from (and including) the root of the subtree shown to each of the subtrees $\alpha, \beta, \dots, \zeta$. Thus, if property 5 holds prior to the transformation, it continues to hold afterward. For example, in Figure 13.7(a), which illustrates case 1, the number of black nodes from the root to either subtree α or β is 3, both before and after the transformation. (Again, remember that node x adds an extra black.) Similarly, the number of black nodes from the root to any of γ, δ, ϵ , and ζ is 2, both before and after the transformation. In Figure 13.7(b), the counting must involve the value c of the *color* attribute of the root of the subtree shown, which can be either RED or BLACK. If we define $\text{count}(\text{RED}) = 0$ and $\text{count}(\text{BLACK}) = 1$, then the number of black nodes from the root to α is $2 + \text{count}(c)$, both before and after the transformation. In this case, after the transformation, the new node x has *color* attribute c , but this node is really either red-and-black (if $c = \text{RED}$) or doubly black (if $c = \text{BLACK}$). You can verify the other cases similarly (see Exercise 13.4-5).

Case 1: x 's sibling w is red

Case 1 (lines 5–8 of RB-DELETE-FIXUP and Figure 13.7(a)) occurs when node w , the sibling of node x , is red. Since w must have black children, we can switch the colors of w and $x.p$ and then perform a left-rotation on $x.p$ without violating any of the red-black properties. The new sibling of x , which is one of w 's children prior to the rotation, is now black, and thus we have converted case 1 into case 2, 3, or 4.

Cases 2, 3, and 4 occur when node w is black; they are distinguished by the colors of w 's children.

²As in RB-INSERT-FIXUP, the cases in RB-DELETE-FIXUP are not mutually exclusive.

Case 2: x 's sibling w is black, and both of w 's children are black

In case 2 (lines 10–11 of RB-DELETE-FIXUP and Figure 13.7(b)), both of w 's children are black. Since w is also black, we take one black off both x and w , leaving x with only one black and leaving w red. To compensate for removing one black from x and w , we would like to add an extra black to $x.p$, which was originally either red or black. We do so by repeating the **while** loop with $x.p$ as the new node x . Observe that if we enter case 2 through case 1, the new node x is red-and-black, since the original $x.p$ was red. Hence, the value c of the *color* attribute of the new node x is RED, and the loop terminates when it tests the loop condition. We then color the new node x (singly) black in line 23.

Case 3: x 's sibling w is black, w 's left child is red, and w 's right child is black

Case 3 (lines 13–16 and Figure 13.7(c)) occurs when w is black, its left child is red, and its right child is black. We can switch the colors of w and its left child $w.left$ and then perform a right rotation on w without violating any of the red-black properties. The new sibling w of x is now a black node with a red right child, and thus we have transformed case 3 into case 4.

Case 4: x 's sibling w is black, and w 's right child is red

Case 4 (lines 17–21 and Figure 13.7(d)) occurs when node x 's sibling w is black and w 's right child is red. By making some color changes and performing a left rotation on $x.p$, we can remove the extra black on x , making it singly black, without violating any of the red-black properties. Setting x to be the root causes the **while** loop to terminate when it tests the loop condition.

Analysis

What is the running time of RB-DELETE? Since the height of a red-black tree of n nodes is $O(\lg n)$, the total cost of the procedure without the call to RB-DELETE-FIXUP takes $O(\lg n)$ time. Within RB-DELETE-FIXUP, each of cases 1, 3, and 4 lead to termination after performing a constant number of color changes and at most three rotations. Case 2 is the only case in which the **while** loop can be repeated, and then the pointer x moves up the tree at most $O(\lg n)$ times, performing no rotations. Thus, the procedure RB-DELETE-FIXUP takes $O(\lg n)$ time and performs at most three rotations, and the overall time for RB-DELETE is therefore also $O(\lg n)$.

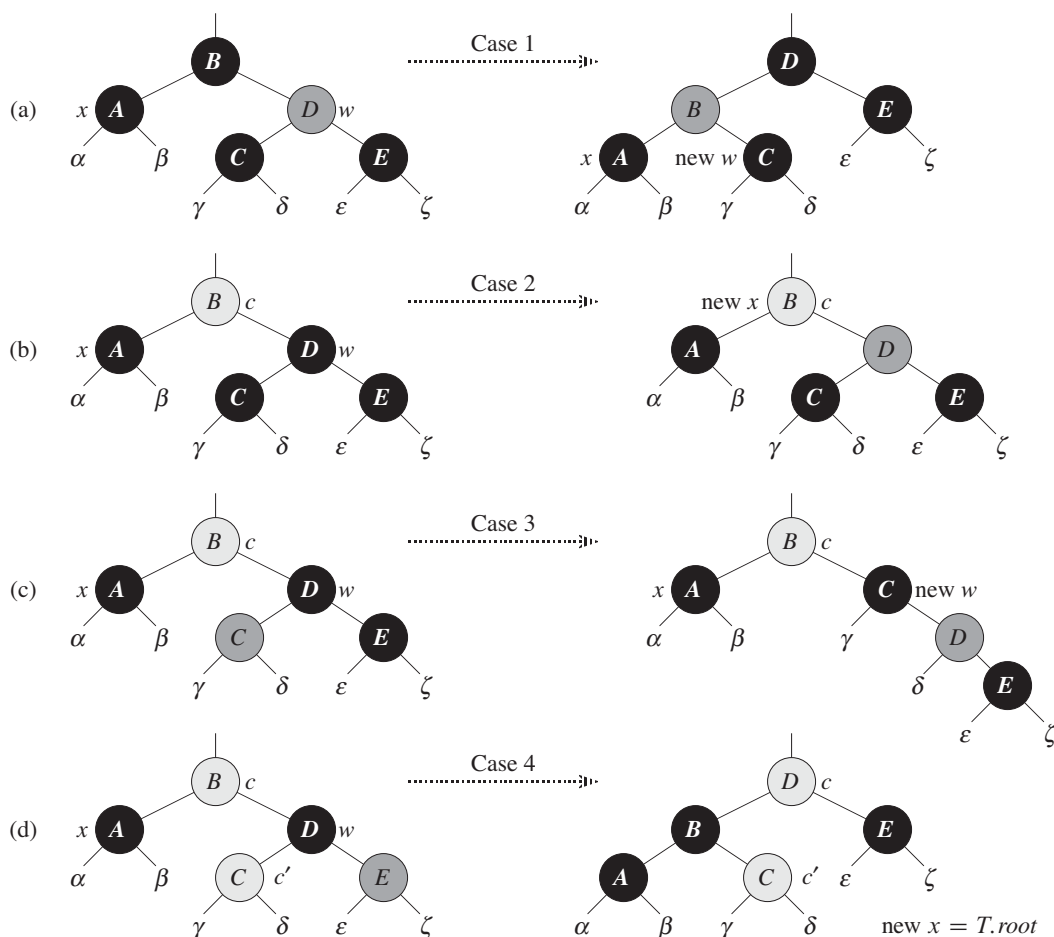


Figure 13.7 The cases in the **while** loop of the procedure **RB-DELETE-FIXUP**. Darkened nodes have **color** attributes **BLACK**, heavily shaded nodes have **color** attributes **RED**, and lightly shaded nodes have **color** attributes represented by c and c' , which may be either **RED** or **BLACK**. The letters $\alpha, \beta, \dots, \zeta$ represent arbitrary subtrees. Each case transforms the configuration on the left into the configuration on the right by changing some colors and/or performing a rotation. Any node pointed to by x has an extra black and is either doubly black or red-and-black. Only case 2 causes the loop to repeat. **(a)** Case 1 is transformed to case 2, 3, or 4 by exchanging the colors of nodes B and D and performing a left rotation. **(b)** In case 2, the extra black represented by the pointer x moves up the tree by coloring node D red and setting x to point to node B . If we enter case 2 through case 1, the **while** loop terminates because the new node x is red-and-black, and therefore the value c of its **color** attribute is **RED**. **(c)** Case 3 is transformed to case 4 by exchanging the colors of nodes C and D and performing a right rotation. **(d)** Case 4 removes the extra black represented by x by changing some colors and performing a left rotation (without violating the red-black properties), and then the loop terminates.

Exercises

13.4-1

Argue that after executing RB-DELETE-FIXUP, the root of the tree must be black.

13.4-2

Argue that if in RB-DELETE both x and $x.p$ are red, then property 4 is restored by the call to RB-DELETE-FIXUP(T, x).

13.4-3

In Exercise 13.3-2, you found the red-black tree that results from successively inserting the keys 41, 38, 31, 12, 19, 8 into an initially empty tree. Now show the red-black trees that result from the successive deletion of the keys in the order 8, 12, 19, 31, 38, 41.

13.4-4

In which lines of the code for RB-DELETE-FIXUP might we examine or modify the sentinel $T.nil$?

13.4-5

In each of the cases of Figure 13.7, give the count of black nodes from the root of the subtree shown to each of the subtrees $\alpha, \beta, \dots, \zeta$, and verify that each count remains the same after the transformation. When a node has a *color* attribute c or c' , use the notation $\text{count}(c)$ or $\text{count}(c')$ symbolically in your count.

13.4-6

Professors Skelton and Baron are concerned that at the start of case 1 of RB-DELETE-FIXUP, the node $x.p$ might not be black. If the professors are correct, then lines 5–6 are wrong. Show that $x.p$ must be black at the start of case 1, so that the professors have nothing to worry about.

13.4-7

Suppose that a node x is inserted into a red-black tree with RB-INSERT and then is immediately deleted with RB-DELETE. Is the resulting red-black tree the same as the initial red-black tree? Justify your answer.

Problems

13-1 Persistent dynamic sets

During the course of an algorithm, we sometimes find that we need to maintain past versions of a dynamic set as it is updated. We call such a set *persistent*. One way to implement a persistent set is to copy the entire set whenever it is modified, but this approach can slow down a program and also consume much space. Sometimes, we can do much better.

Consider a persistent set S with the operations INSERT, DELETE, and SEARCH, which we implement using binary search trees as shown in Figure 13.8(a). We maintain a separate root for every version of the set. In order to insert the key 5 into the set, we create a new node with key 5. This node becomes the left child of a new node with key 7, since we cannot modify the existing node with key 7. Similarly, the new node with key 7 becomes the left child of a new node with key 8 whose right child is the existing node with key 10. The new node with key 8 becomes, in turn, the right child of a new root r' with key 4 whose left child is the existing node with key 3. We thus copy only part of the tree and share some of the nodes with the original tree, as shown in Figure 13.8(b).

Assume that each tree node has the attributes *key*, *left*, and *right* but no parent. (See also Exercise 13.3-6.)

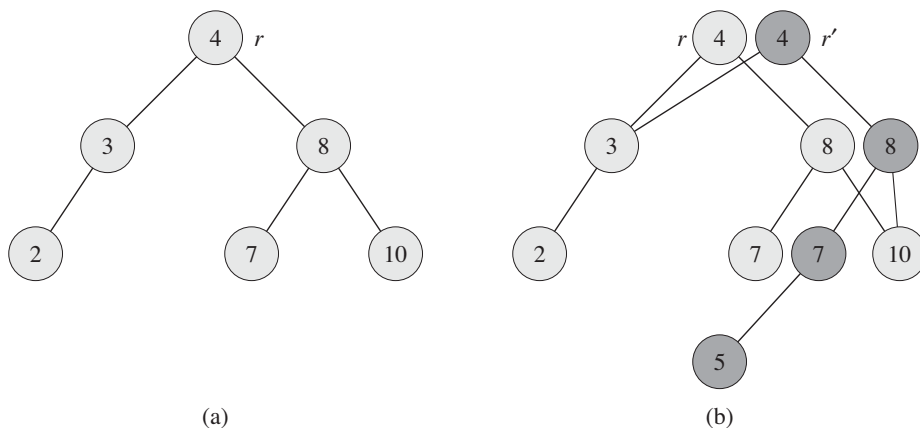


Figure 13.8 (a) A binary search tree with keys 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10. (b) The persistent binary search tree that results from the insertion of key 5. The most recent version of the set consists of the nodes reachable from the root r' , and the previous version consists of the nodes reachable from r . Heavily shaded nodes are added when key 5 is inserted.

- a. For a general persistent binary search tree, identify the nodes that we need to change to insert a key k or delete a node y .
- b. Write a procedure PERSISTENT-TREE-INSERT that, given a persistent tree T and a key k to insert, returns a new persistent tree T' that is the result of inserting k into T .
- c. If the height of the persistent binary search tree T is h , what are the time and space requirements of your implementation of PERSISTENT-TREE-INSERT? (The space requirement is proportional to the number of new nodes allocated.)
- d. Suppose that we had included the parent attribute in each node. In this case, PERSISTENT-TREE-INSERT would need to perform additional copying. Prove that PERSISTENT-TREE-INSERT would then require $\Omega(n)$ time and space, where n is the number of nodes in the tree.
- e. Show how to use red-black trees to guarantee that the worst-case running time and space are $O(\lg n)$ per insertion or deletion.

13-2 Join operation on red-black trees

The *join* operation takes two dynamic sets S_1 and S_2 and an element x such that for any $x_1 \in S_1$ and $x_2 \in S_2$, we have $x_1.key \leq x.key \leq x_2.key$. It returns a set $S = S_1 \cup \{x\} \cup S_2$. In this problem, we investigate how to implement the join operation on red-black trees.

- a. Given a red-black tree T , let us store its black-height as the new attribute $T.bh$. Argue that RB-INSERT and RB-DELETE can maintain the bh attribute without requiring extra storage in the nodes of the tree and without increasing the asymptotic running times. Show that while descending through T , we can determine the black-height of each node we visit in $O(1)$ time per node visited.

We wish to implement the operation RB-JOIN(T_1, x, T_2), which destroys T_1 and T_2 and returns a red-black tree $T = T_1 \cup \{x\} \cup T_2$. Let n be the total number of nodes in T_1 and T_2 .

- b. Assume that $T_1.bh \geq T_2.bh$. Describe an $O(\lg n)$ -time algorithm that finds a black node y in T_1 with the largest key from among those nodes whose black-height is $T_2.bh$.
- c. Let T_y be the subtree rooted at y . Describe how $T_y \cup \{x\} \cup T_2$ can replace T_y in $O(1)$ time without destroying the binary-search-tree property.
- d. What color should we make x so that red-black properties 1, 3, and 5 are maintained? Describe how to enforce properties 2 and 4 in $O(\lg n)$ time.

- e. Argue that no generality is lost by making the assumption in part (b). Describe the symmetric situation that arises when $T_1.bh \leq T_2.bh$.
- f. Argue that the running time of RB-JOIN is $O(\lg n)$.

13-3 AVL trees

An **AVL tree** is a binary search tree that is **height balanced**: for each node x , the heights of the left and right subtrees of x differ by at most 1. To implement an AVL tree, we maintain an extra attribute in each node: $x.h$ is the height of node x . As for any other binary search tree T , we assume that $T.root$ points to the root node.

- a. Prove that an AVL tree with n nodes has height $O(\lg n)$. (*Hint*: Prove that an AVL tree of height h has at least F_h nodes, where F_h is the h th Fibonacci number.)
- b. To insert into an AVL tree, we first place a node into the appropriate place in binary search tree order. Afterward, the tree might no longer be height balanced. Specifically, the heights of the left and right children of some node might differ by 2. Describe a procedure $BALANCE(x)$, which takes a subtree rooted at x whose left and right children are height balanced and have heights that differ by at most 2, i.e., $|x.right.h - x.left.h| \leq 2$, and alters the subtree rooted at x to be height balanced. (*Hint*: Use rotations.)
- c. Using part (b), describe a recursive procedure $AVL-INSERT(x, z)$ that takes a node x within an AVL tree and a newly created node z (whose key has already been filled in), and adds z to the subtree rooted at x , maintaining the property that x is the root of an AVL tree. As in $TREE-INSERT$ from Section 12.3, assume that $z.key$ has already been filled in and that $z.left = NIL$ and $z.right = NIL$; also assume that $z.h = 0$. Thus, to insert the node z into the AVL tree T , we call $AVL-INSERT(T.root, z)$.
- d. Show that $AVL-INSERT$, run on an n -node AVL tree, takes $O(\lg n)$ time and performs $O(1)$ rotations.

13-4 Treaps

If we insert a set of n items into a binary search tree, the resulting tree may be horribly unbalanced, leading to long search times. As we saw in Section 12.4, however, randomly built binary search trees tend to be balanced. Therefore, one strategy that, on average, builds a balanced tree for a fixed set of items would be to randomly permute the items and then insert them in that order into the tree.

What if we do not have all the items at once? If we receive the items one at a time, can we still randomly build a binary search tree out of them?

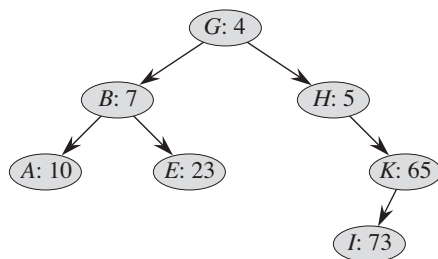


Figure 13.9 A treap. Each node x is labeled with $x.key: x.priority$. For example, the root has key G and priority 4.

We will examine a data structure that answers this question in the affirmative. A *treap* is a binary search tree with a modified way of ordering the nodes. Figure 13.9 shows an example. As usual, each node x in the tree has a key value $x.key$. In addition, we assign $x.priority$, which is a random number chosen independently for each node. We assume that all priorities are distinct and also that all keys are distinct. The nodes of the treap are ordered so that the keys obey the binary-search-tree property and the priorities obey the min-heap order property:

- If v is a left child of u , then $v.key < u.key$.
- If v is a right child of u , then $v.key > u.key$.
- If v is a child of u , then $v.priority > u.priority$.

(This combination of properties is why the tree is called a “treap”: it has features of both a binary search tree and a heap.)

It helps to think of treaps in the following way. Suppose that we insert nodes x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , with associated keys, into a treap. Then the resulting treap is the tree that would have been formed if the nodes had been inserted into a normal binary search tree in the order given by their (randomly chosen) priorities, i.e., $x_i.priority < x_j.priority$ means that we had inserted x_i before x_j .

- a. Show that given a set of nodes x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , with associated keys and priorities, all distinct, the treap associated with these nodes is unique.
- b. Show that the expected height of a treap is $\Theta(\lg n)$, and hence the expected time to search for a value in the treap is $\Theta(\lg n)$.

Let us see how to insert a new node into an existing treap. The first thing we do is assign to the new node a random priority. Then we call the insertion algorithm, which we call TREAP-INSERT, whose operation is illustrated in Figure 13.10.