VE281

Data Structures and Algorithms

Red-black Trees

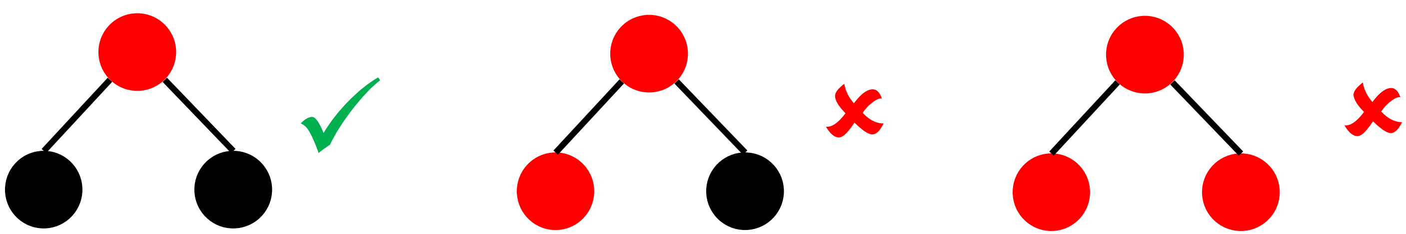
Outline

- Red-black Trees: Basics
- Red-black Trees: Insertion

Red-Black Tree

- A binary search tree. The data structure requires an extra one-bit color field in each node.
- Property

1. Every node is either red or black.
2. **Root rule**: The root is black.
3. **Red rule**: Red node can **only have** black children.
   - Can't have two consecutive red nodes on a path.



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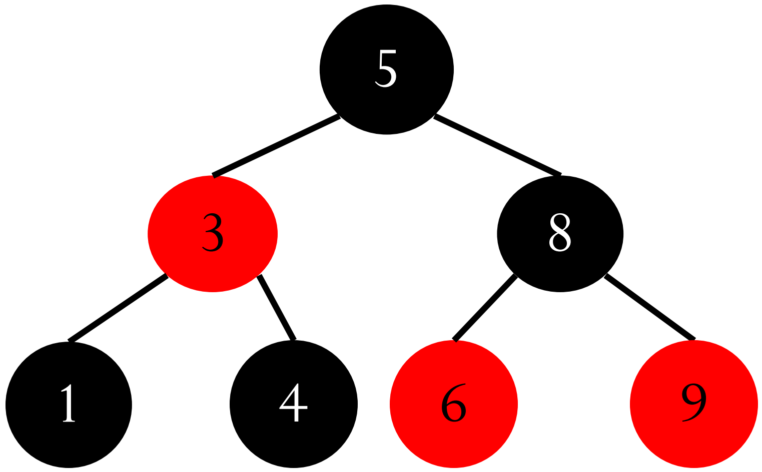

Counter Example

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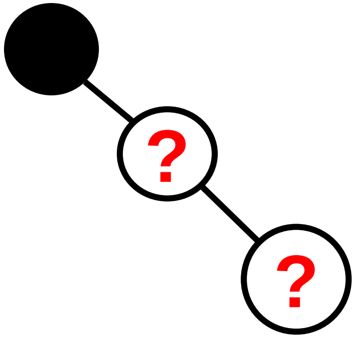
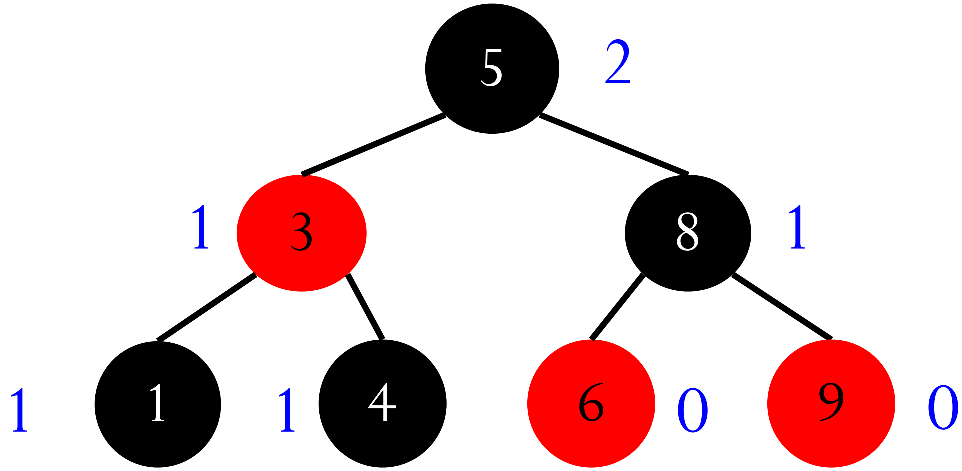
- **Claim**: a chain of length 3 cannot be a red-black tree



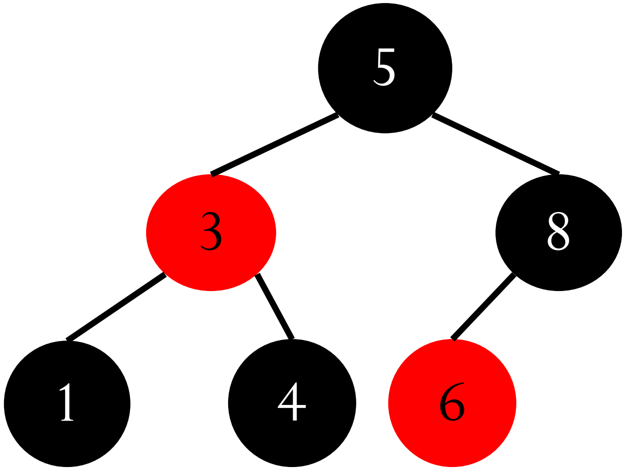
Black Height

- **Black height** of a node x is the number of black nodes on the path from x to NULL, **including** x itself.



Implication of the Rules

- If a **red** node has **at least one** child, it **<u>must have</u>** **two children** and they must be **black**.
  - Why?
    - A red node's child can only be black.
    - If has only one black child, then violate the **path rule**.
- If a black node has **only one** child, that child **<u>must be</u>** a **red leaf**.
  - Why?
    - Can't be black.
    - Must be a leaf.



Height Guarantee

- **<u>Claim</u>**: every red-black tree with n nodes has height $\leq 2\log_2(n+1)$.
- Proof:
  - In a binary tree with n nodes, there is a root-NULL path with **<u>at most</u>** $\log_2(n+1)$ nodes. (why?)
    - **<u>Thus</u>**: # black nodes on that path $\leq \log_2(n+1)$.
  - By **path rule**: every root-NULL path has $\leq \log_2(n+1)$ **black nodes**.
  - By **red rule**: every root-NULL path has $\leq 2\log_2(n+1)$ **total nodes**.

Q.E.D.

Operations on Red-Black Trees

- All **query operations** (e.g., search, min, max, succ, pred) work just like those on general BST.
  - They run in $O(\log n)$ time on a red-black trees with n nodes in the **worst case**.

- The **modifying** operations "insertion" and "removal" must maintain the red-black tree properties.
  - They are complex.

Outline

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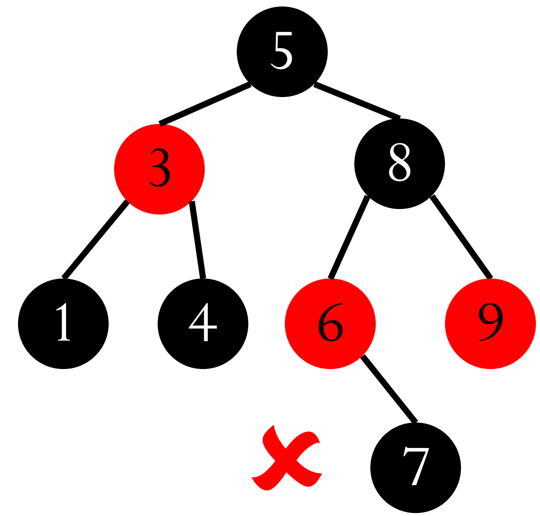
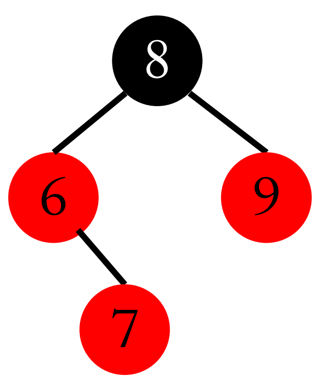
Insertion

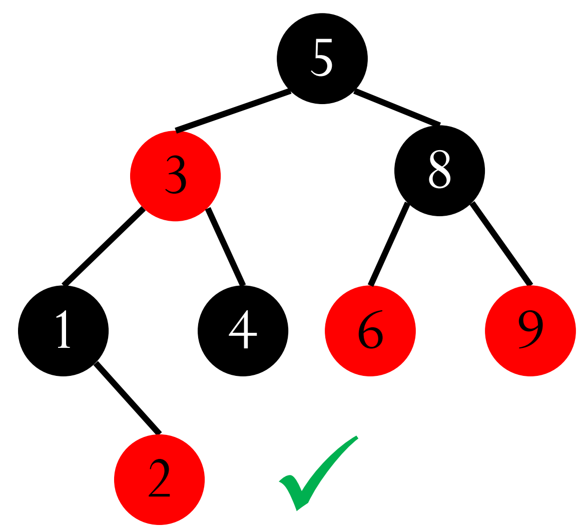
- New node is always a **leaf**.
  - However, it can’t be **black**!
    - Otherwise, violate path rule.
  - Therefore the new leaf must be **red**.



- If parent is black, done (trivial case).
- If parent is red, violate the **red rule**!

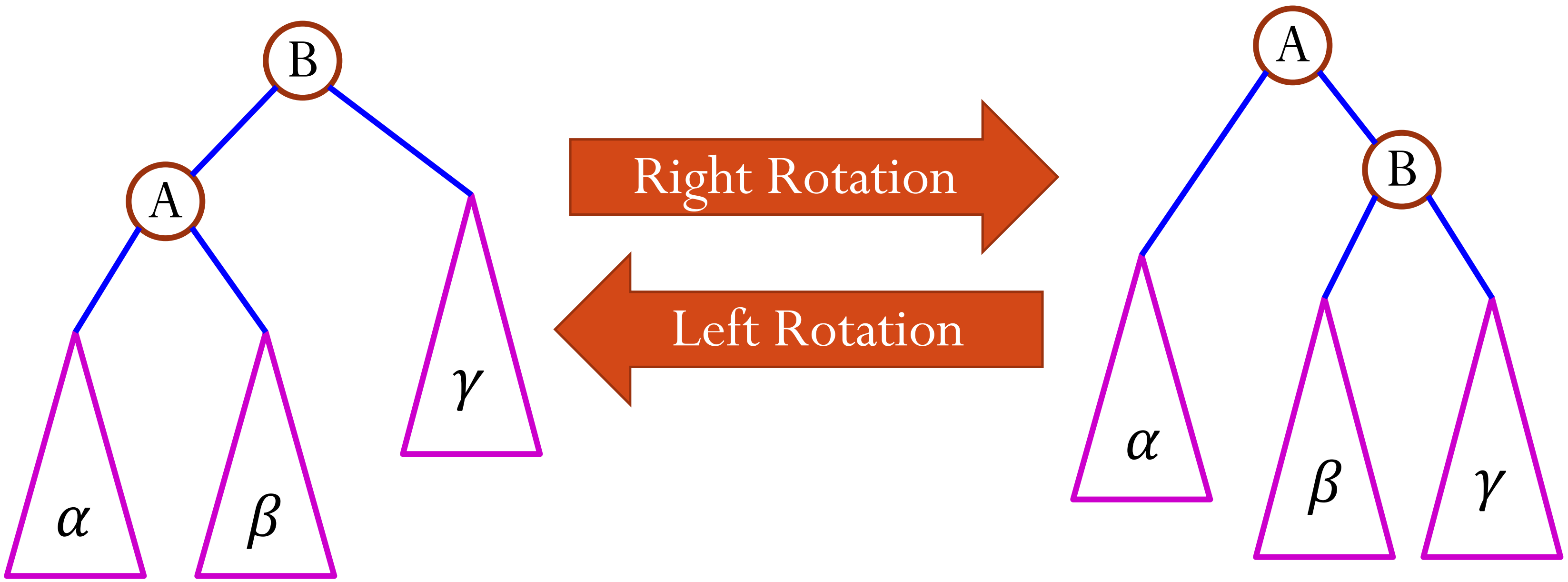


We have to do some work…

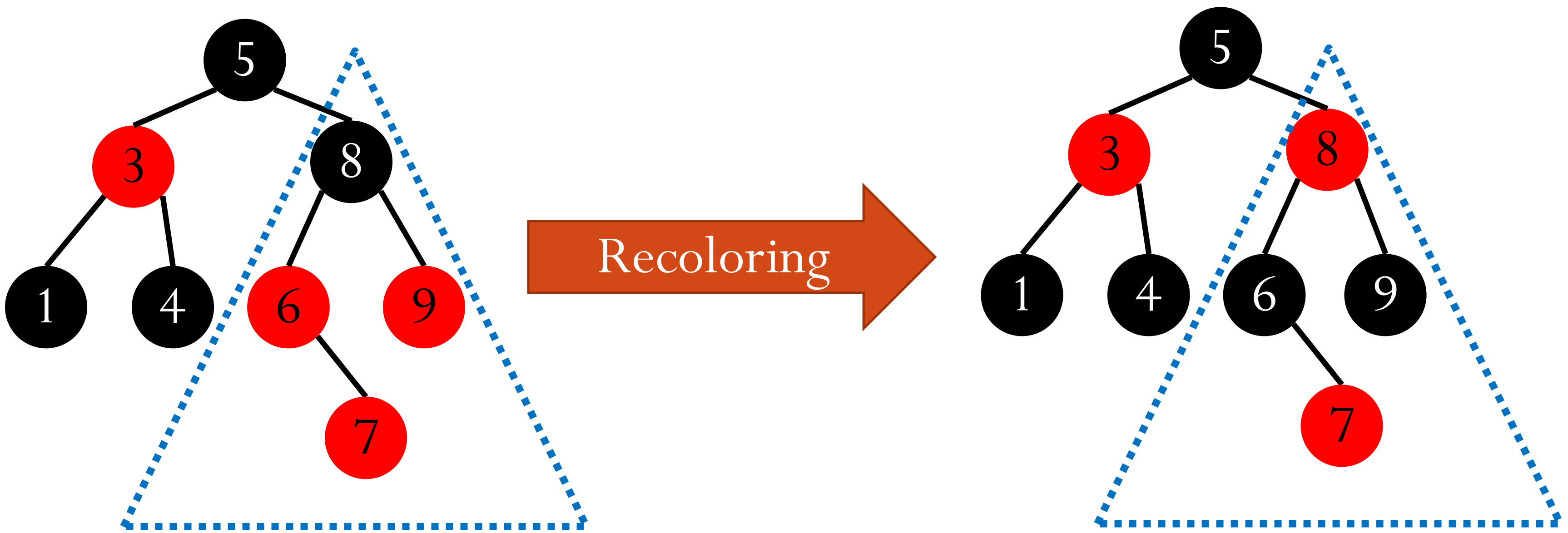


Modification: Rotation

- Maintain the binary search tree property.
- Can be done in $O(1)$ time.



Modification: Recoloring

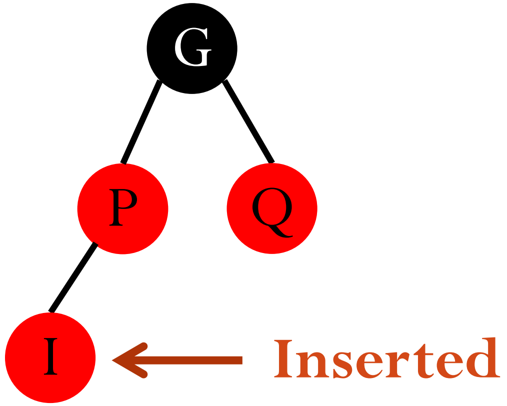


Insertion: Sketch

- Insert x as a **leaf**.
- Color x **red**.
  - Only **red rule** may be violated.
- Move the violation **up the tree** by recoloring/rotation.
  - At some point, the violation will be fixed.

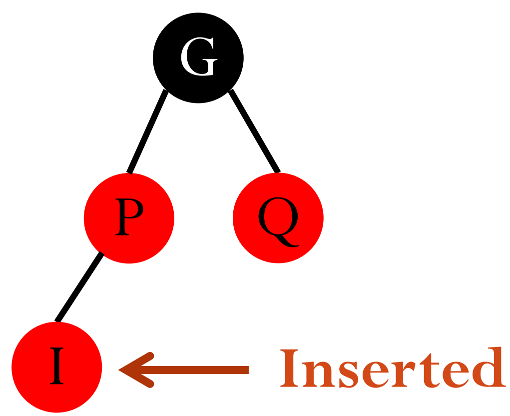
Violation at Leaf

- **Note**: only **red rule** may be violated by inserting a (red) node as a leaf.
- When violating, its **parent** is **red** and its **grandparent** is **black**.
- **Denote**: the inserted node as "I", its parent as "P", its grandparent as "G".
- **Claim**: in the old tree, "P" is a leaf, i.e., has no children.



Violation at Leaf

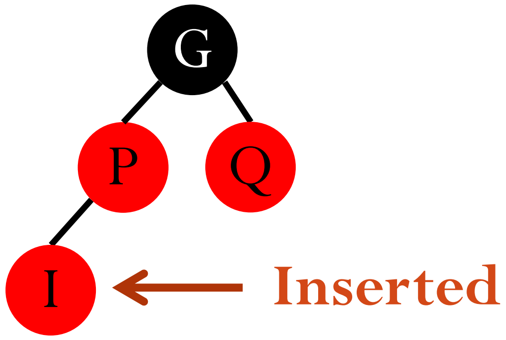
- **Assume**: the parent "P" is the **left child** of the grandparent "G".
  - The "right child" case is **symmetric**.
- **Denote**: the right child of the grandparent to be Q.
- **Claim**: Q is either a red leaf or a NULL.
  - Why?



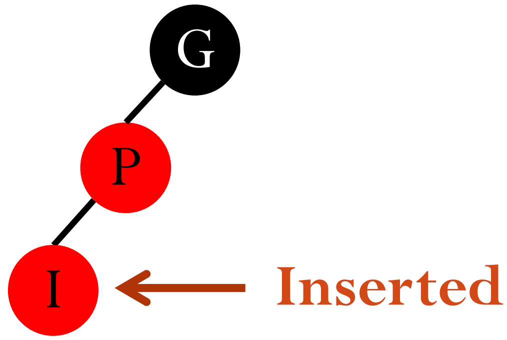
Violation at Leaf

- Three cases:

1. Q is a **red leaf**.



2. Q is empty; I is P's **left** child.



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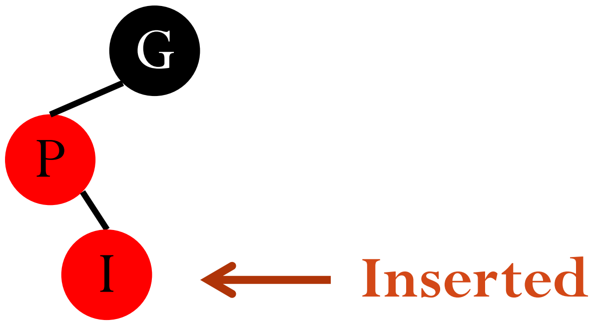


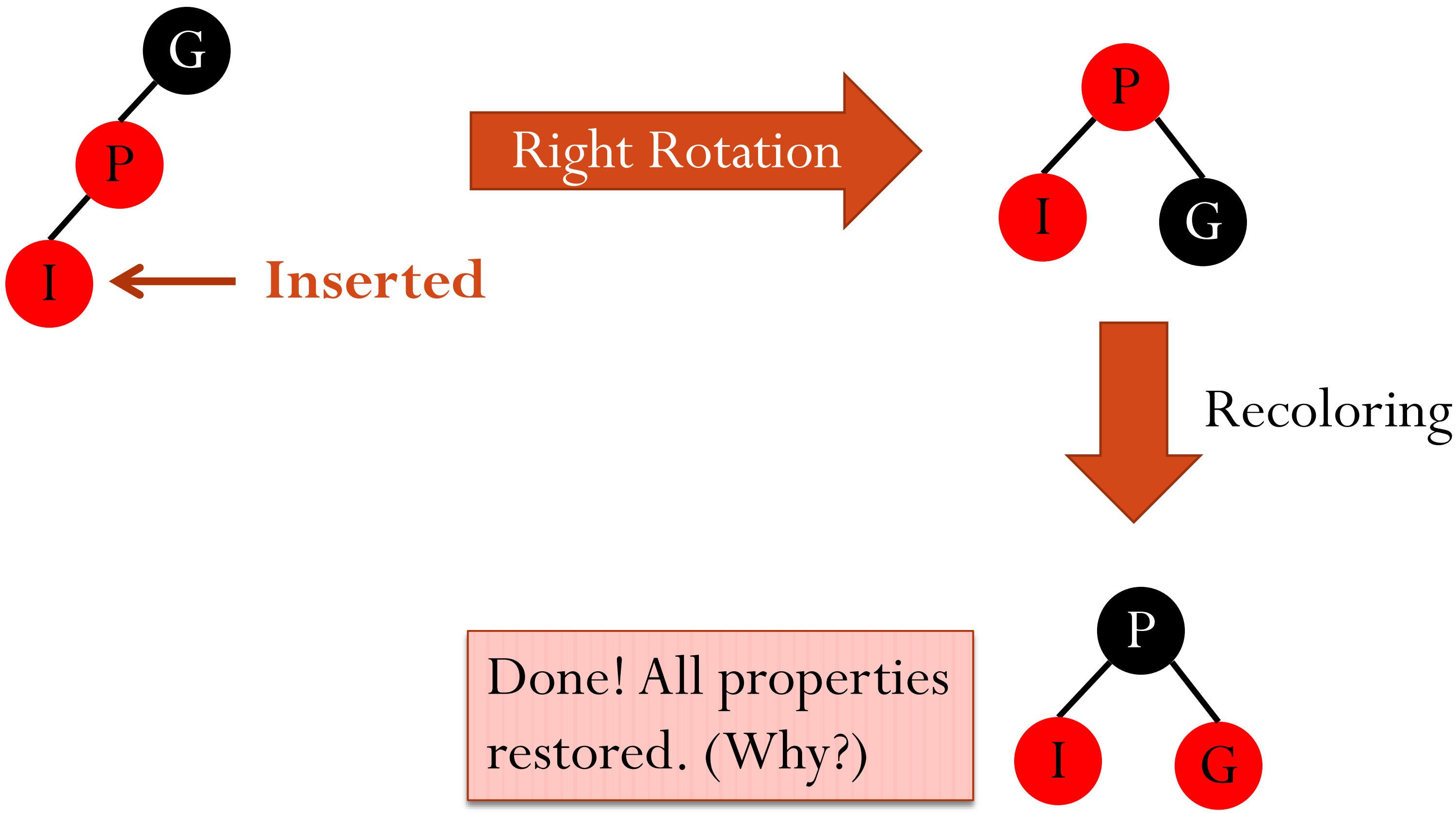
Violation at Leaf

- Case 1: Q is a **red leaf**.

May **recurse**, since G's parent may be red.

Violation at Leaf

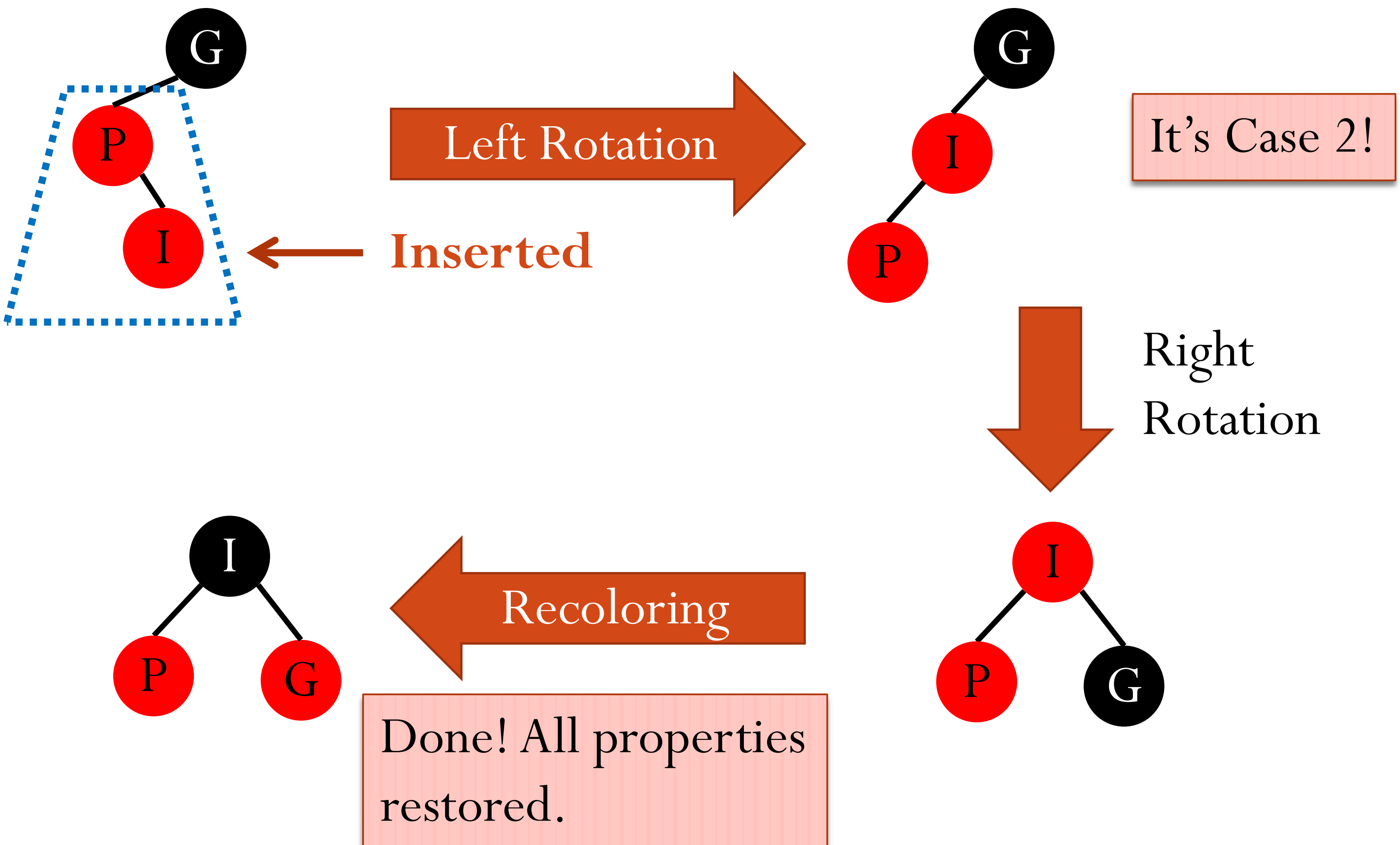
- Case 2: Q is empty; I is P's **left** child.



Done! All properties restored. (Why?)

Violation at Leaf

- Case 3: Q is empty; I is P's **right** child.



Violation at Leaf: Summary

- For Case 2 (Q is empty; I is P's **left** child) and Case 3 (Q is empty; I is P's **right** child), **we're done**.

- For Case 1 (Q is a **red leaf**), we may recurse.
  - Violation of **red rule**.