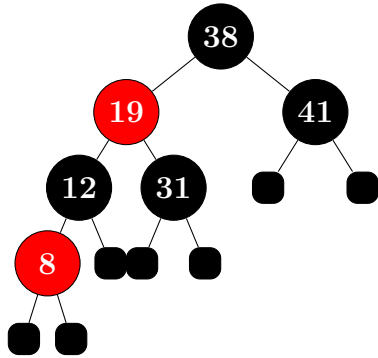


**CLRS Problem 13.4-3:** delete nodes from the red-black tree created in problem 13.3-2.

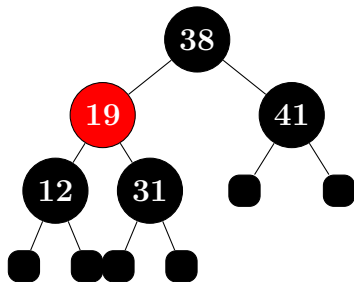
*Note: NIL nodes shown as black rounded-corner rectangles.*

**Delete: 8**

Start with the red-black tree from the insert exercise.

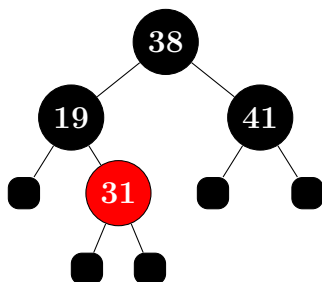


Now, deleting a red node is easy, just remove it, replace it with a nil node.



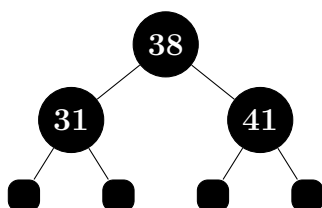
**Delete: 12**

Recolor parent and sibling of deleted node (now a nil node).



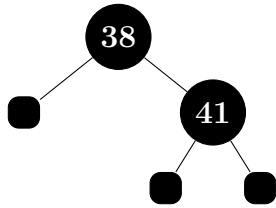
**Delete: 19**

Connect single child to grandparent, and recolor this node to preserve the black height.

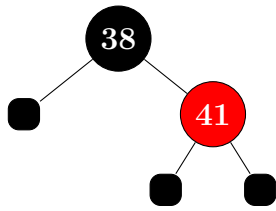


**Delete: 31**

Deleting node with key 31 gives

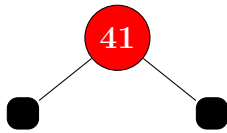


Now, recolor sibling to restore black height.

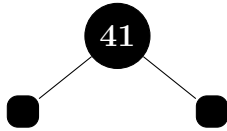


**Delete: 38**

Deleting the root with key 38 gives



Of course, the root must be black, recolor the root.



**Delete: 41**

Deleting the root gives an empty tree.

Done!