

From Rotations to Red-Black Trees

Assuming that you've completed the code to rotate subTrees, let's look at how we might extend our Binary Tree to become a fully-fledged Red-Black Tree.

Here's my updated insert () method:

```
/**
 * This is the public insert method, i.e. the one that the outside world will invoke.
 * It then kicks off a recursive method to "walk" down through the tree - this is
 * possible because each sub-tree is itself a tree.
 * @param value Object to insert into the tree
 */
public void insert(T value){
    Node<T> node = new Node<T>(value); // Create the Node to add

    //Special case that can be handled recursively
    if ( root == null ) {
        root = node;

        //Remember that new nodes default to Red but
        //the root must always be black
        node.nodeColourRed = false;
        return;
    }

    //Initially we start at the root. Each subsequent recursive call will be to a
    //left or right subtree.
    insertRec(root, node);

    //Now that we've inserted we need to make it Red-Black (if necessary)
    handleRedBlack(node);
}
```

NB: Your code will not require <T> for variables (you should delete to compile)

I'll give you the first little bit of code, since it will terminate any recursion that might be invoked:

```
/**
 * Note: This method may be called recursively but only for the case
 * where the Uncle is red (assuming that the parent node is red - which
 * is a violation, of course)
 * @param newNode
 */
void handleRedBlack(Node<T> newNode)
{
    //terminating case for "back" recursion - e.g. case 3 (video)
    if(newNode == root)
    {
        newNode.nodeColourRed = false;
        return;
    }

    Node<T> uncle;
    Node<T> parent = newNode.parent;
    Node<T> grandParent = parent.parent;
    //Now that it's inserted we try to ensure that it's a RedBlack Tree
    //Check if parent is red. This is a violation. I (the new node) am red
    //so my parent cannot also be red!
```

Also, you can see that I've declared variables that will allow me to easily map to the violation example case. parent cannot be null. grandParent could be null, which actually is okay. However, I don't initialise uncle yet because that could easily cause an exception (plus, I don't know if the

uncle will be on the left or right side of grandParent yet.) Note: I haven't shown you how to initialise the parent field. Hint: you do it when you're perform the actual insertion of the node.

The only way that the new node can be a violation is if its parent is red (after that, it's a case of figuring out which action to take to fix the problem; the two possibilities are that it **has a Red Uncle** (which doesn't involve any rotations to fix but there's a recursive element to it) OR that it **has a Black Uncle** (which has four possible sub-scenarios). Once again, I'll refer you to <http://www.geeksforgeeks.org/red-black-tree-set-2-insert/> for explanations/illustrations of these scenarios and subsequent actions.

I'll give you the first bit to get you started and then leave you to it!

```
//Now that it's inserted we try to ensure that it's a RedBlack Tree
//Check if parent is red. This is a violation. I (the new node) am red
//so my parent cannot also be red!
if(parent.nodeColourRed)
{
    //important that we figure out where the uncle is
    //relative to the current node
    if(uncleOnRightTree(newNode))
    {
        uncle = getRightUncle(newNode);
    }
    else
    {
        uncle = getLeftUncle(newNode);
    }

    //Now we need to check if x's uncle is RED (Grandparent must
    //have been black)
    //This is case 3 according to the video
    //(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9SaX0yeneU)
    if((uncle != null) && (uncle.nodeColourRed))
    {
        //this case is not too bad.
        //it involves recolouring and then recursing

        //CODE OMITTED - it's only 4 lines!
    }
}
```