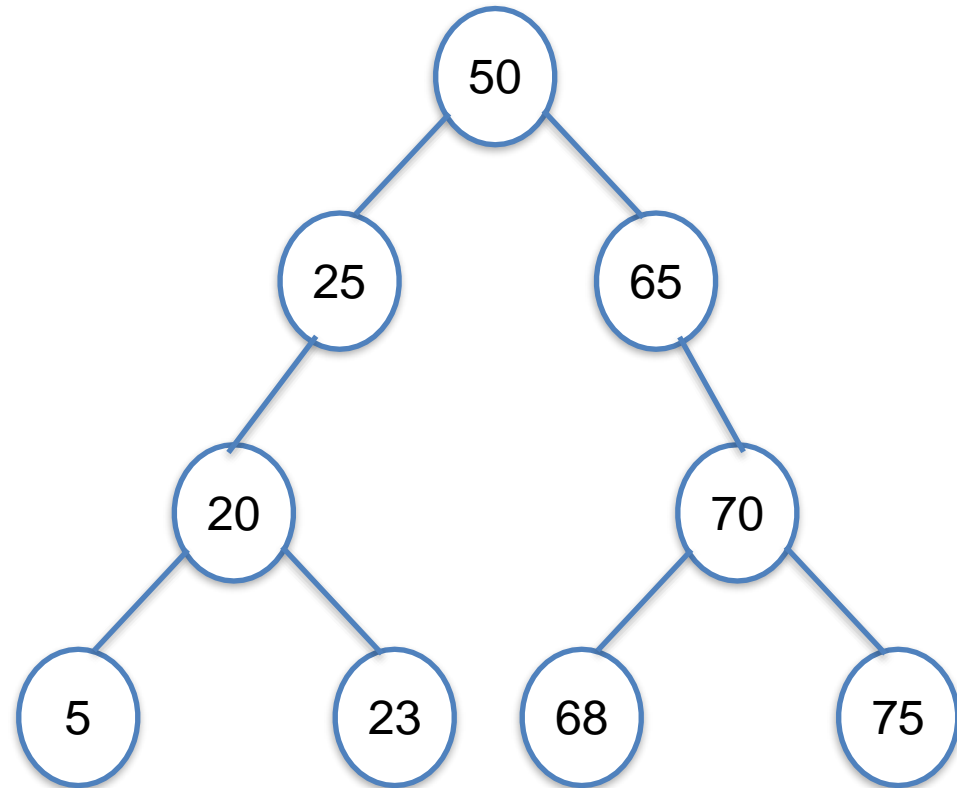


Binary Search Trees

BST property

- Keys in a BST satisfy the *binary-search-tree property*
- Let x be a node in a binary search tree.
- If y is a node in the left subtree of x , then $y.key \leq x.key$
- If y is a node in the right subtree of x , then $y.key \geq x.key$



Querying operations on a BST

- **Query operations** - Search, Minimum, Maximum, Successor and Predecessor
- BST support these operations each one in time **$O(h)$** on any binary search tree of **height h .**

Modifying operations on BST

- Insertion – we have already discussed
- Deletion

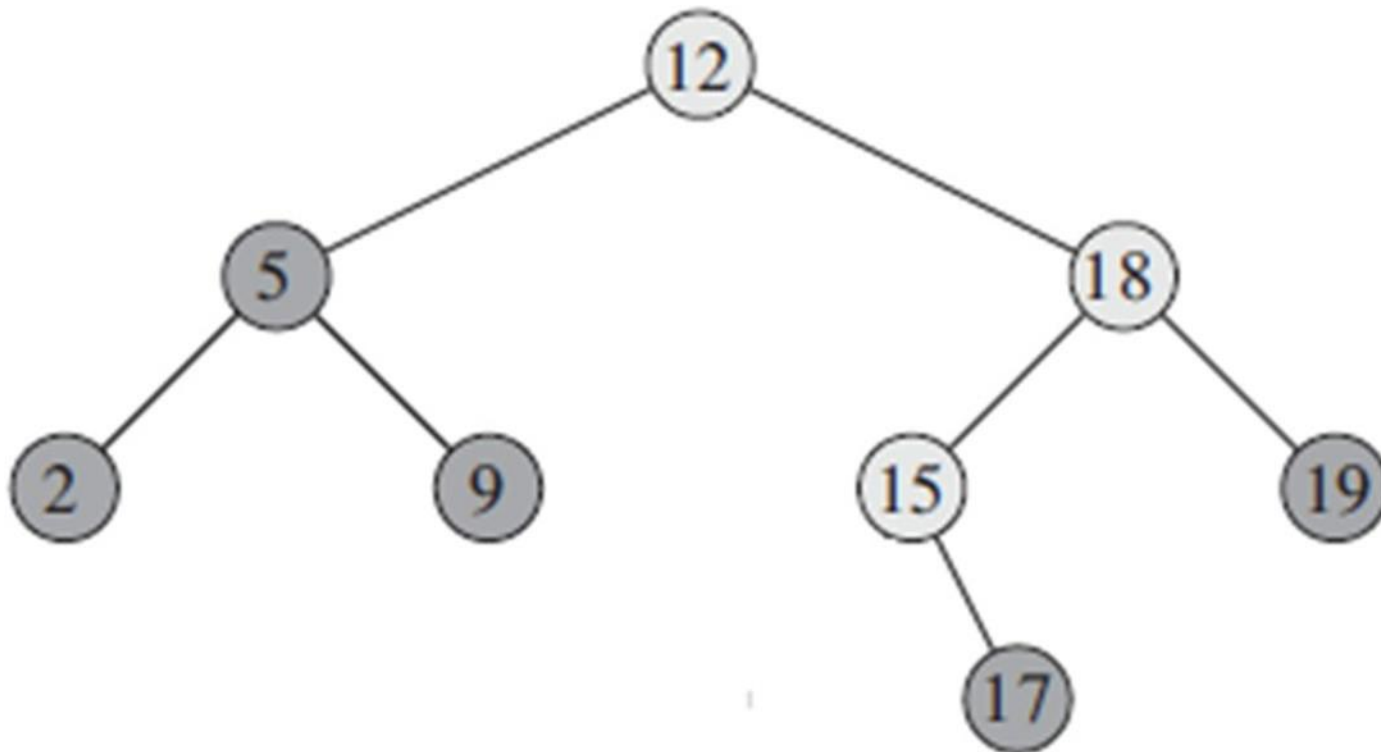
BST Deletion

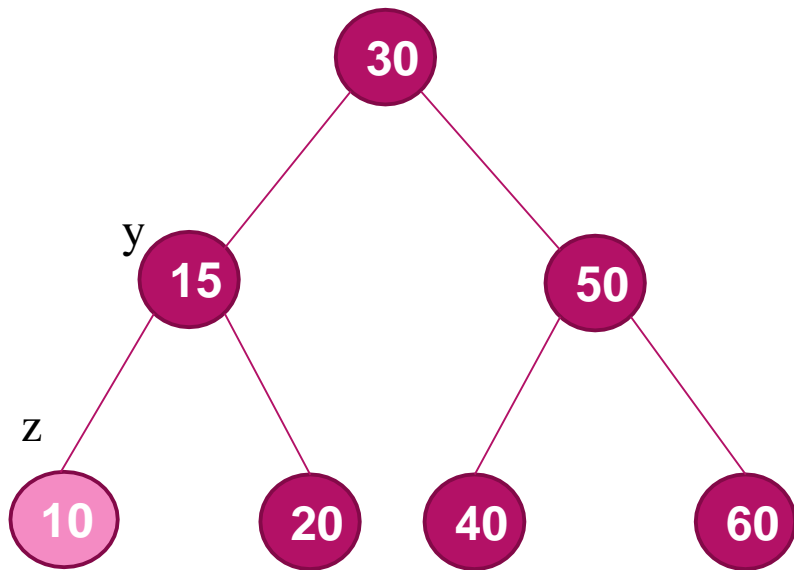
Overview

□ Deletion of a node from a BST

- Examples
- Different cases
- Algorithm

Deletion of a node from a BST

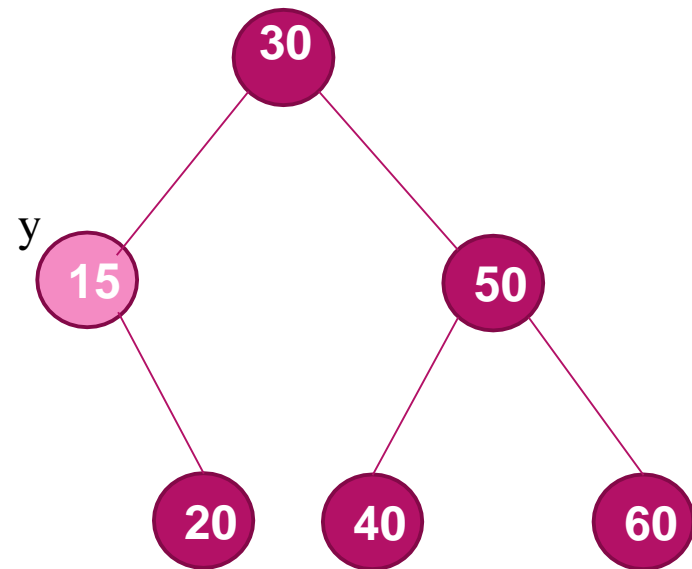


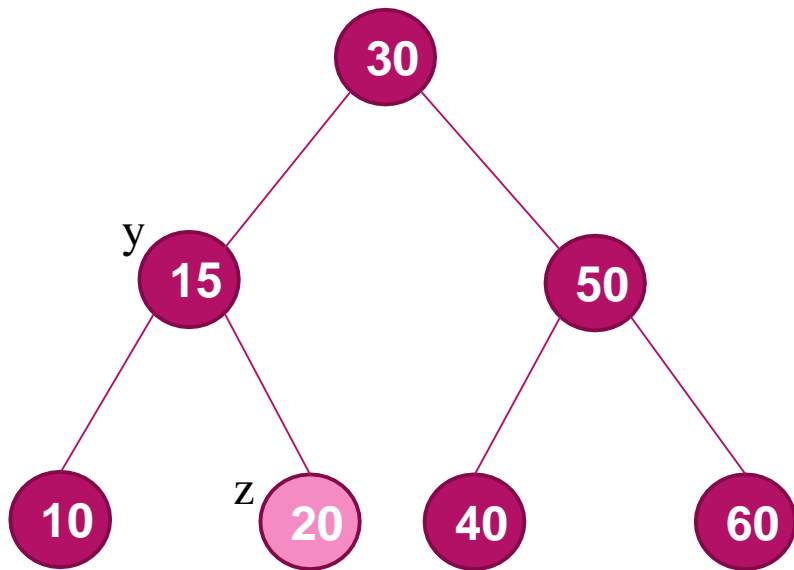


Delete z: a leafnode

Link updates ?

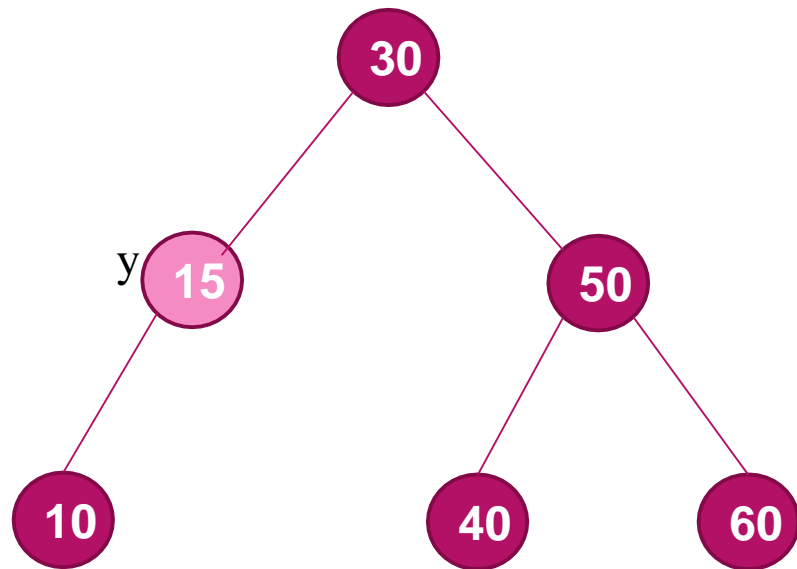
y.lchild to be set to NIL





**delete z, a leaf
node**

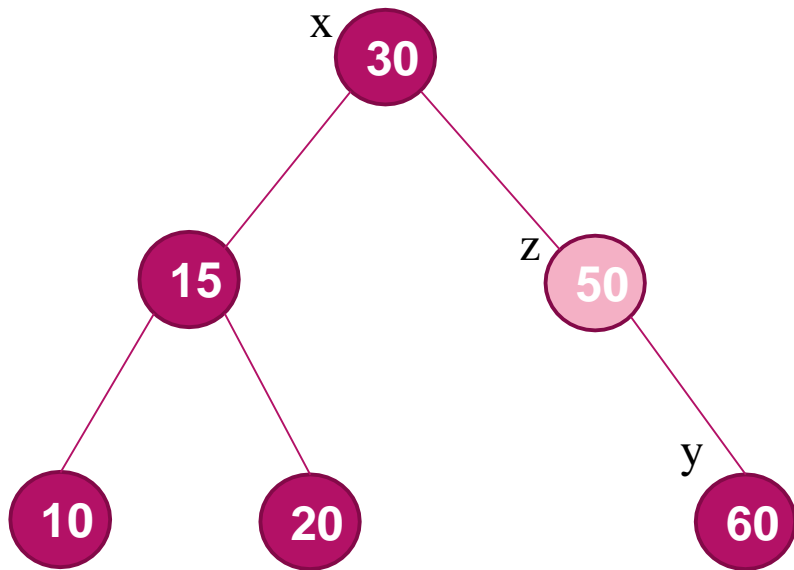
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BST Deletion - cases

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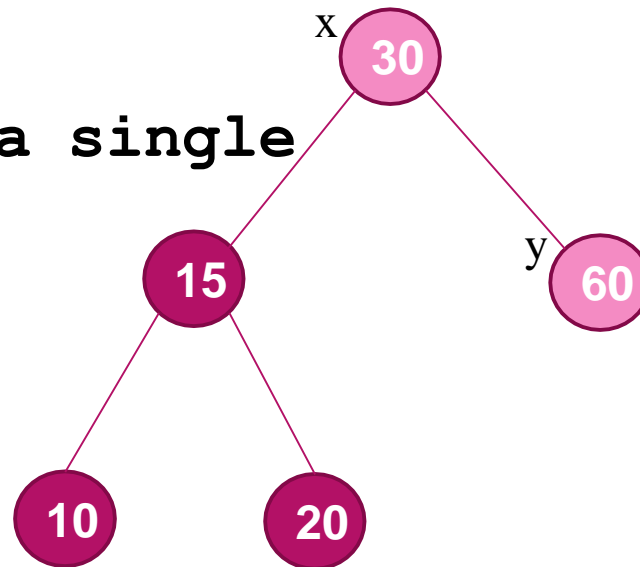
- a leaf node
-??

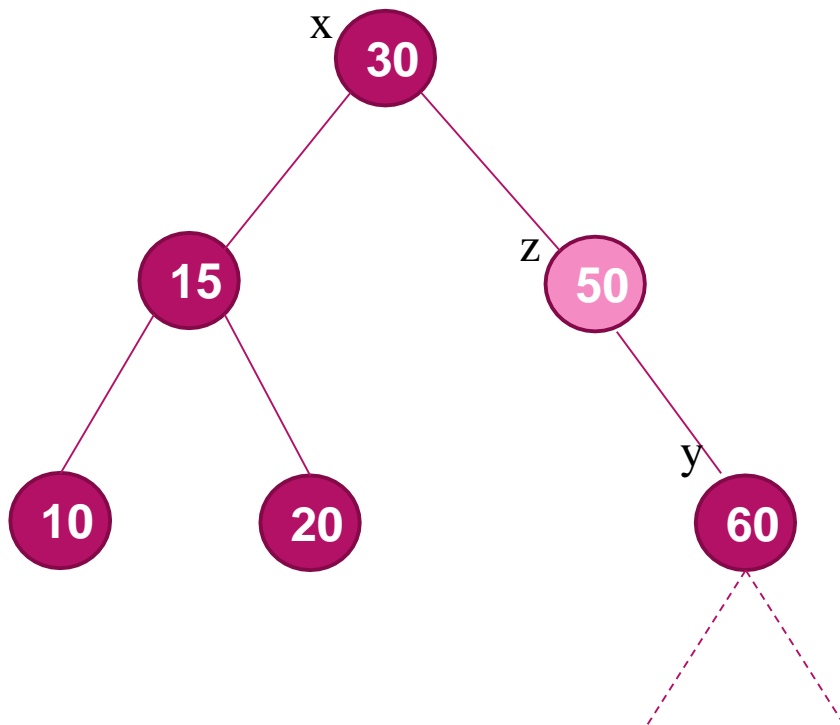


z: internal node with a single child

The lone child y can replace z

y.parent to be set as **x**
x.rchild to be set as **y**

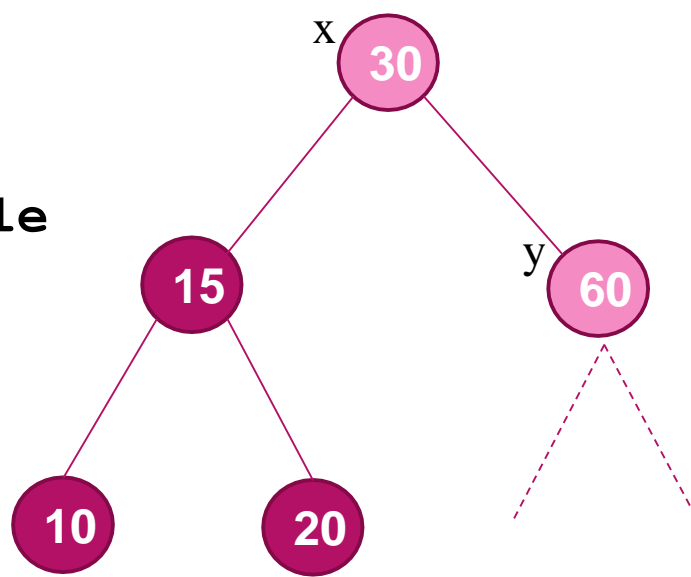




z: internal node with a single nonempty subtree

y can replace **z**

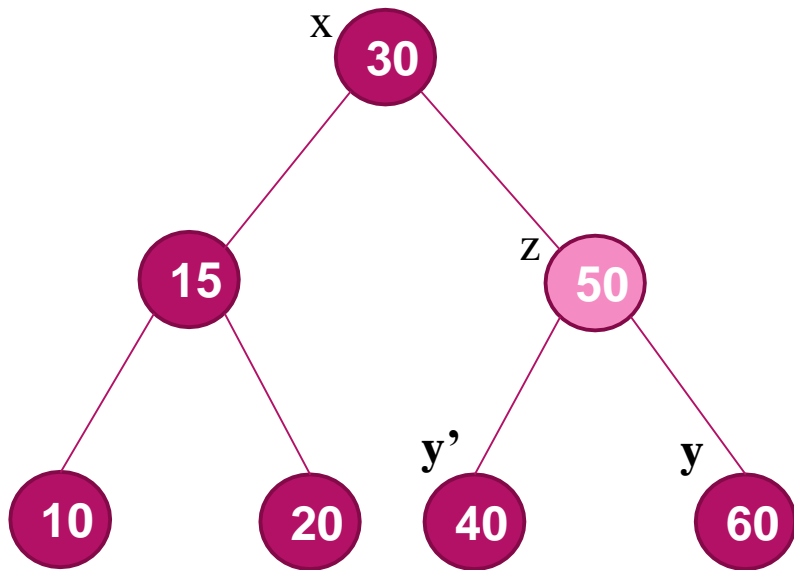
y.parent to be set as **x**
x.rchild to be set as **y**



BST Deletion - examples

□ Deletion of

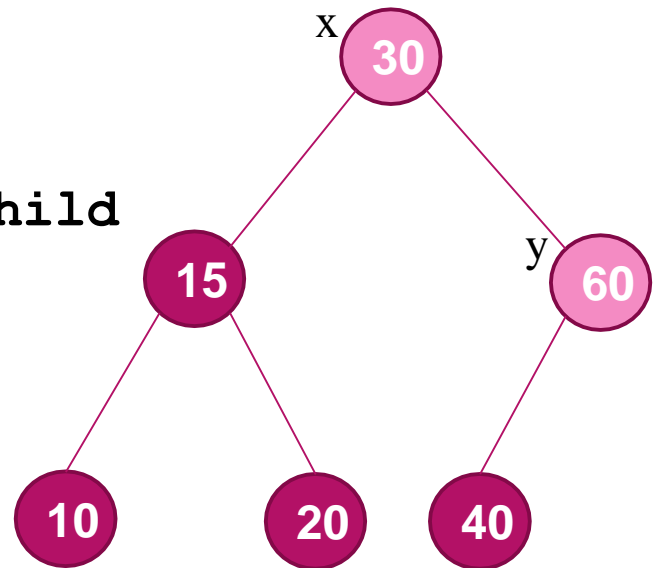
- a leaf node
- a node with one child or one subtree
-??



z: internal node with both left child
and right child nonempty

y.parent to be set as x
x.rchild to be set as y

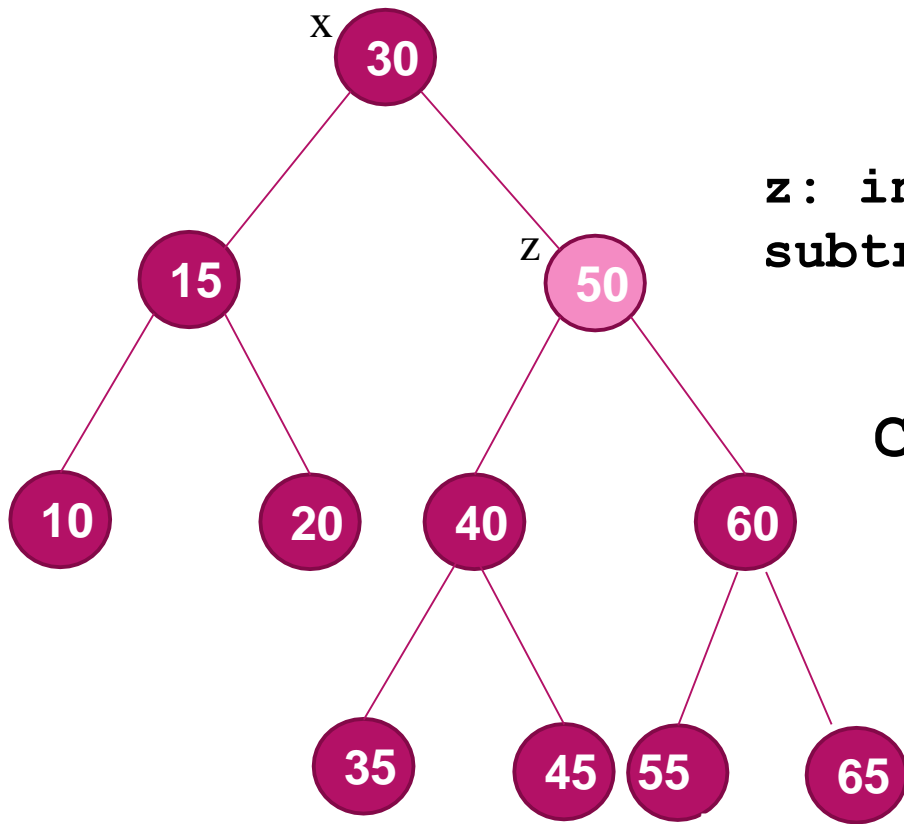
Alternatively can y'
replace z ?



BST Deletion - cases

□ Deletion of

- a leaf node
- a node with one nonempty subtree (with a single child is included in this case)
- a node with both the children

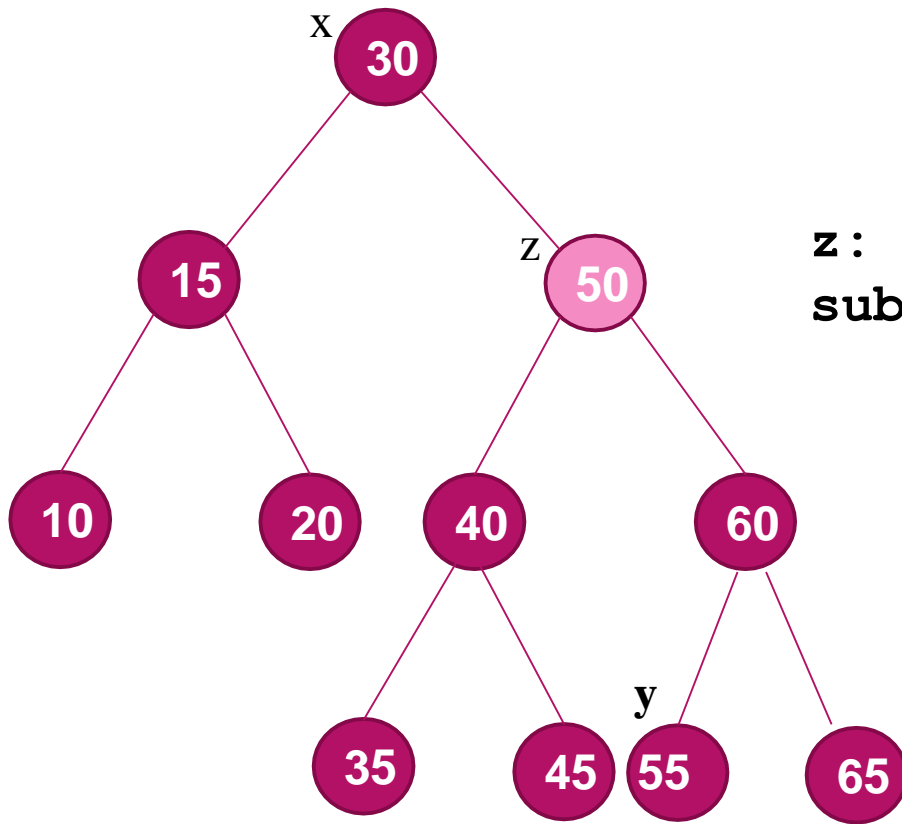


z: internal node, both the subtrees nonempty

Can not simply remove z

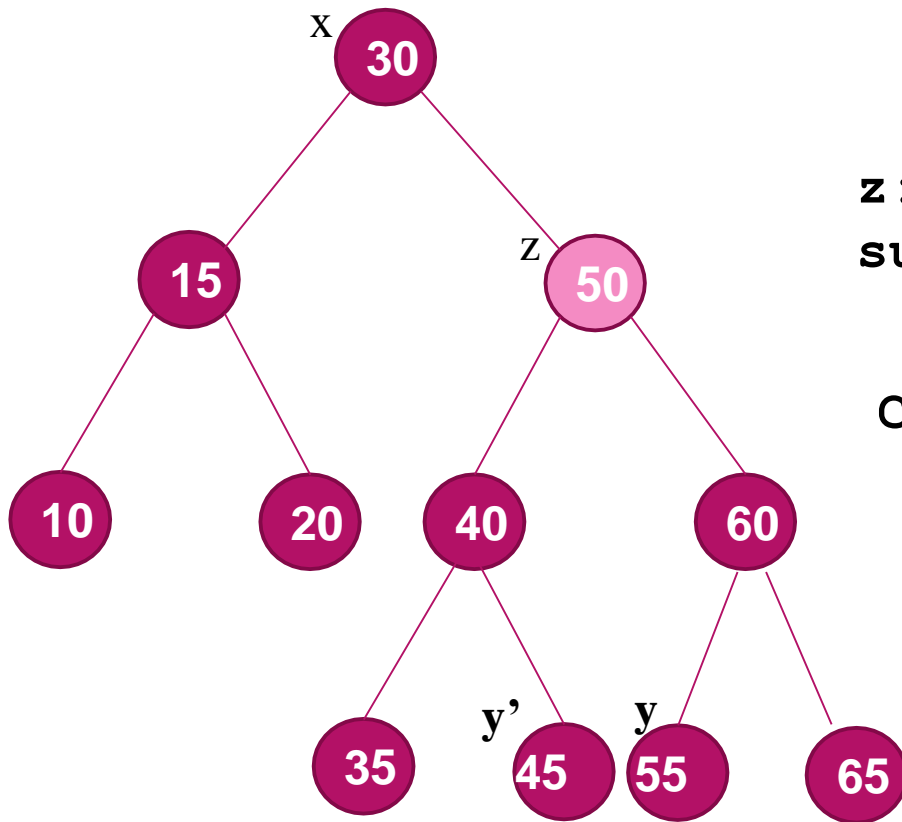
Can z be replaced by some other node y ?

Can we select a y from the subtree of z?



z: internal node, both the subtrees nonempty

Can z be replaced by y ?

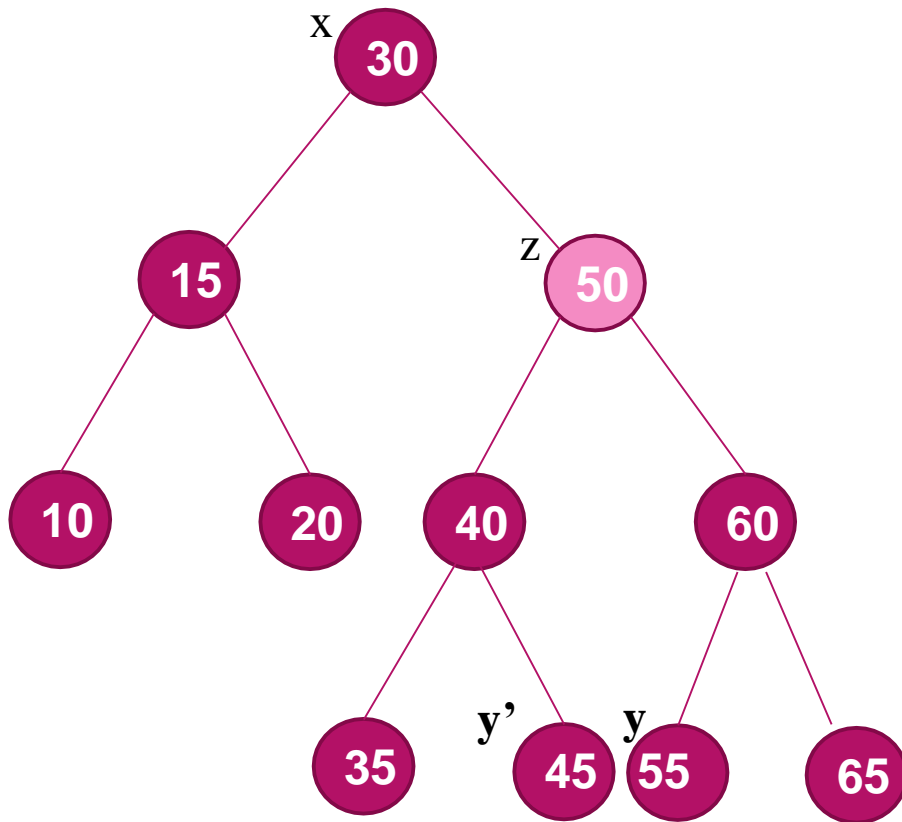


z: internal node, both the subtrees nonempty

Can z be replaced by y' ?

Replacing z with z's inorder successor/inorder predecessor

BST property is to be maintained



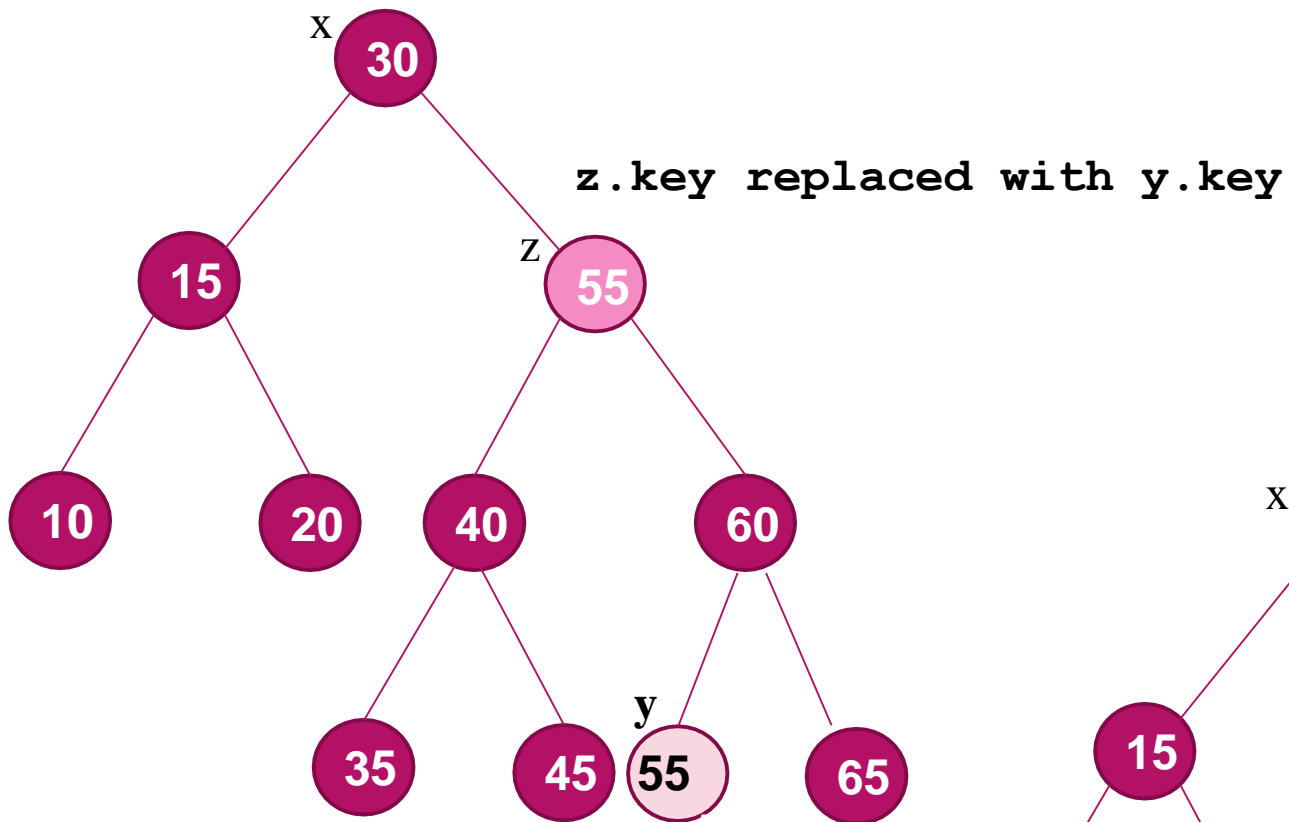
z: internal node, both the subtrees nonempty

Solution1:

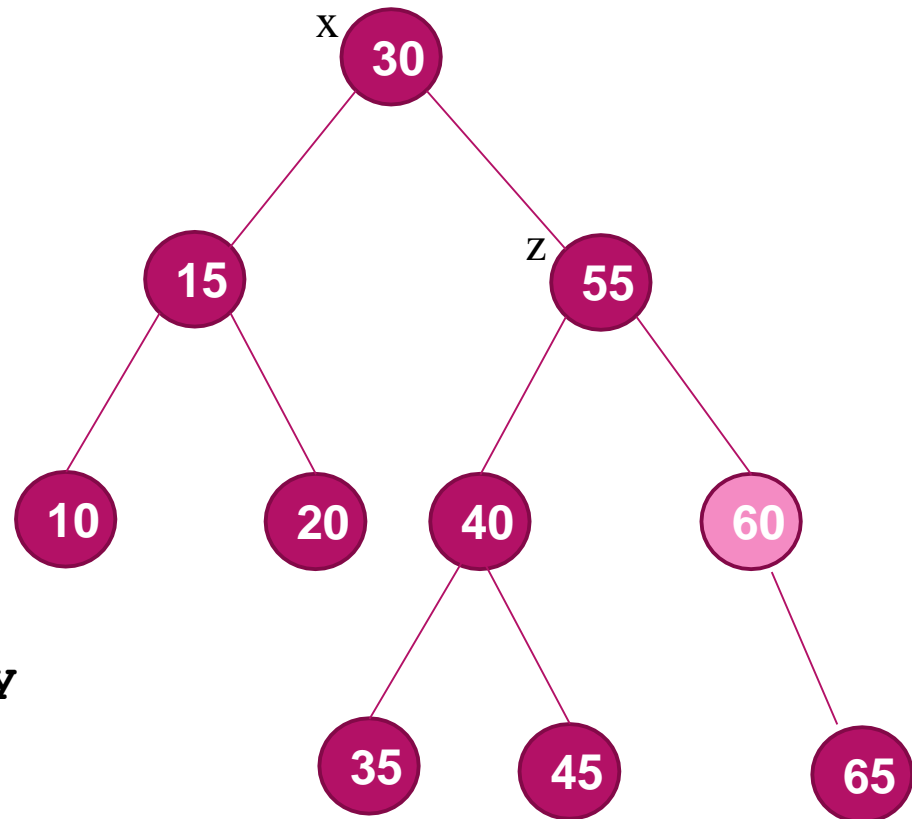
- Let y be z 's inorder successor
- Replace $z.key$ with $y.key$
- Delete y

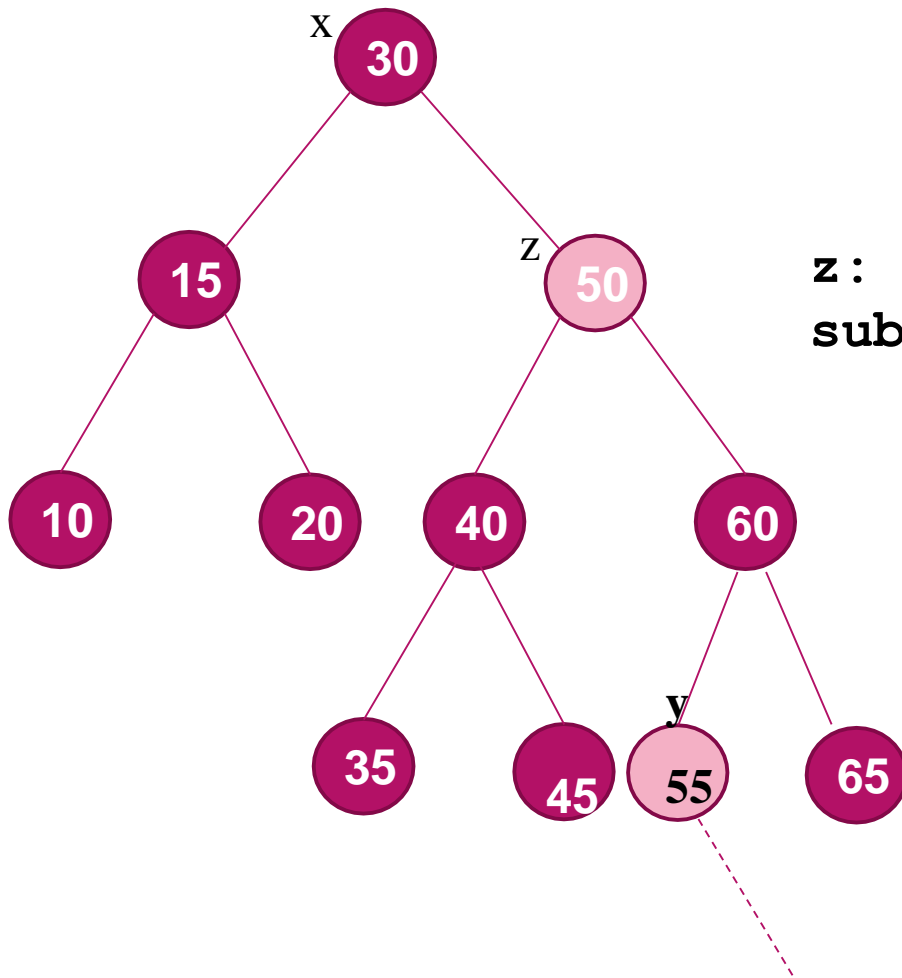
z is not physically removed

Is it correct to replace $z.key$ with $y'.key$, where y' is the inorder predecessor of z and then remove y' ?



**y physically
removed**

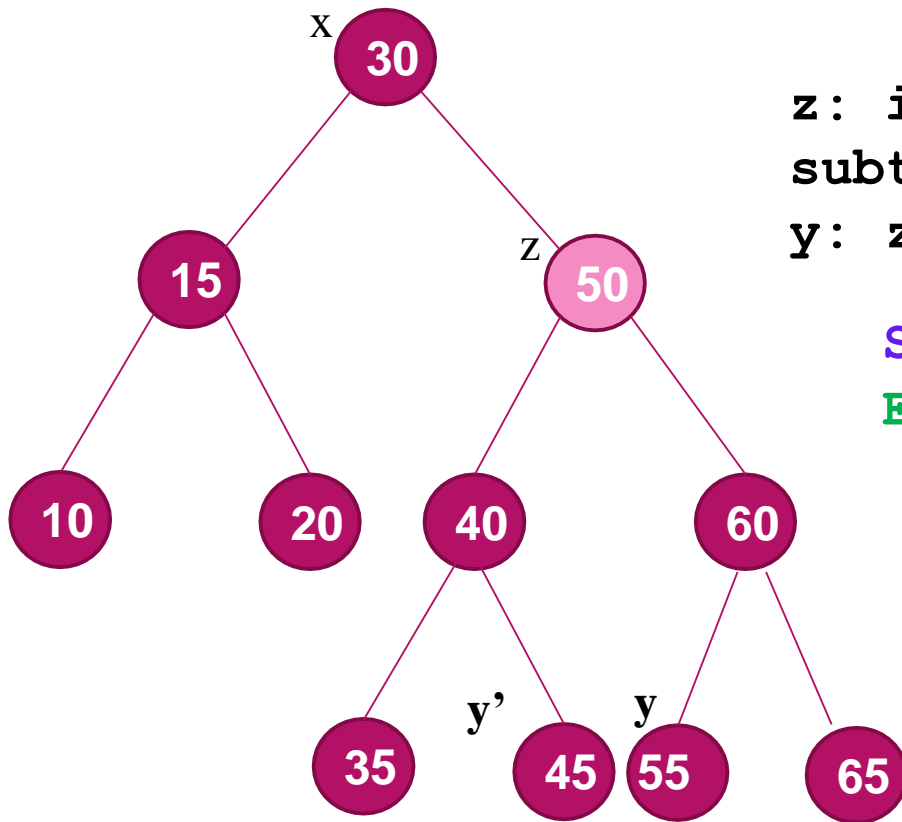




z: internal node with both the subtrees nonempty

z's successor has no left child, can have a nonempty right subtree

Physically deleted node has at most one nonempty subtree



z: internal node, both the subtrees nonempty.

y: z's inorder successor

Solution #1 (CLRS 2nd edn.):
Exercise for you

- Copy data in y to z
- Delete y
- z is not physically removed

Solution #2 (CLRS 3rd edn.):

- Node z replaced by node y
- Node y is not deleted

BST Deletion - Algorithm :Cases

□ Let z be the node to be deleted

a. z has no left child

b. z has just one child, which is its left child

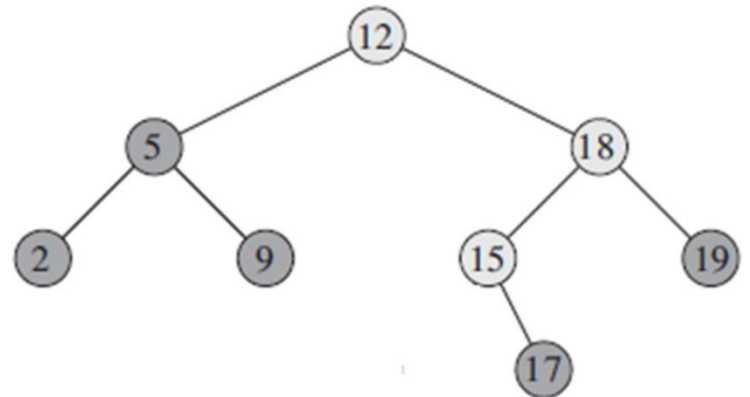
c. z has both a left and a right child

z being a leaf node – taken care of in case a (right child can be empty or non empty)

BST Deletion : Cases a and b

TREE-DELETE (T, z)

```
if z.left == NIL    //right child may or may not be empty
    TRANSPLANT (T, z, z.right)
elseif z.right == NIL //z has left child, no right child
    TRANSPLANT (T, z, z.left)
else ..... //z has both children, split into two cases c and d
```



BST Deletion :TRANSPLANT

```
TRANSPLANT(T, u, v) // replaces the subtree rooted at u with  
                    // the subtree rooted at v
```

```
    if u.p == NIL    // u is root
```

```
        T.root = v
```

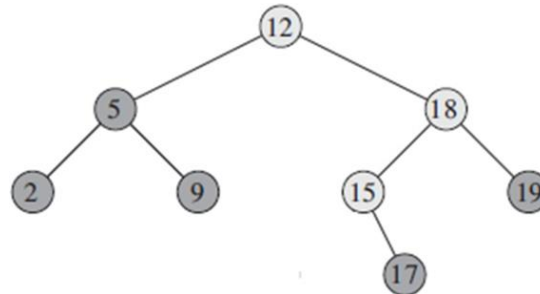
```
    elseif u == u.p.left //u is lchild of its parent
```

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        u.p.left = v
```

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    else u.p.right = v
```

```
    if v ≠ NIL
```

```
        v.p = u.p    // v.left, v.right updations, if required,  
                    // to be done by the caller
```



Recall BST Deletion - Cases

□ Let z be the node to be deleted

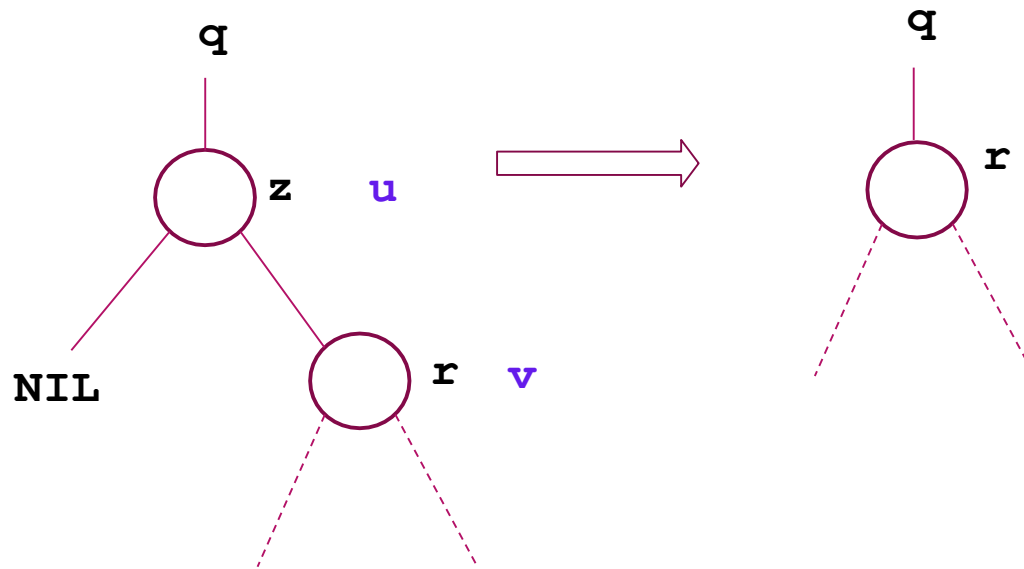
a. z has no left child

b. z has just one child, which is its left child

c. z has both a left and a right child

z being a leaf node – taken care of in case 1 (right child can be empty or non empty)

(a)



```
if z.left == NIL
    TRANSPLANT (T, z, z.right)
```

TRANSPLANT(T, u, v) replaces the subtree rooted at u with the subtree rooted at v

Recall BST Deletion - Cases

□ Let z be the node to be deleted

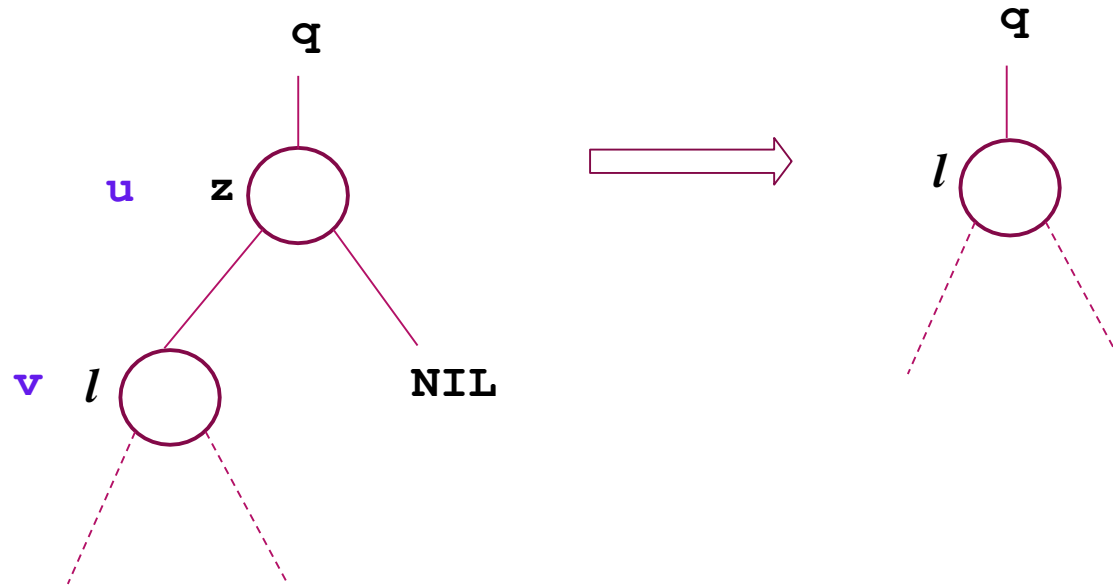
a. z has no left child

b. z has just one child, which is its left child

c. z has both a left and a right child

z being a leaf node – taken care of in case 1 (right child can be empty or non empty)

(b)



```
.....elseif z.right == NIL  
            TRANSPLANT (T, z, z.left) //z has left child l
```

Recall BST Deletion - Cases

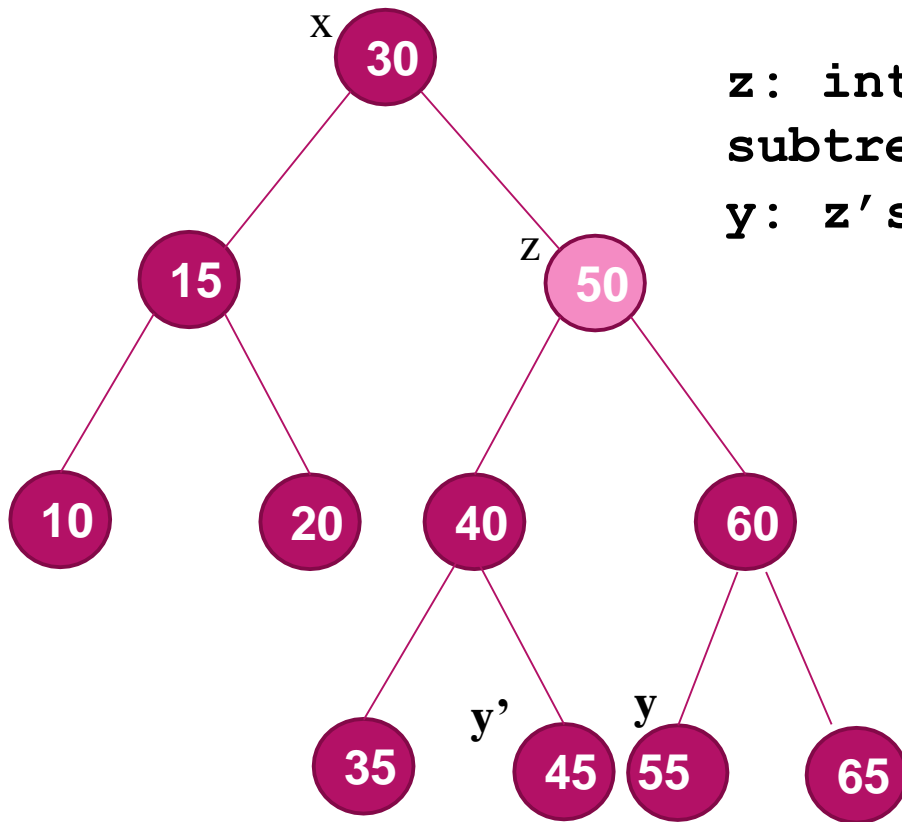
□ Let z be the node to be deleted

a. z has no left child

b. z has just one child, which is its left child

c. z has both a left and a right child

z being a leaf node – taken care of in case 1 (right child can be empty or non empty)



z: internal node, both the subtrees nonempty.

y: z's inorder successor

Solution #2 (CLRS 3rd edn.):

- Node z replaced by node y
- Node y is not deleted

BST Deletion: Solution #2

```
TREE-DELETE(T, z)
```

```
    if z.left == NIL    //right child may or may not be empty
```

```
        TRANSPLANT (T, z, z.right)
```

```
    elseif z.right == NIL //z has left child, no right child
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        TRANSPLANT (T, z, z.left)
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    else .....
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```
        //z has both children, find z's successor y, replace z by y
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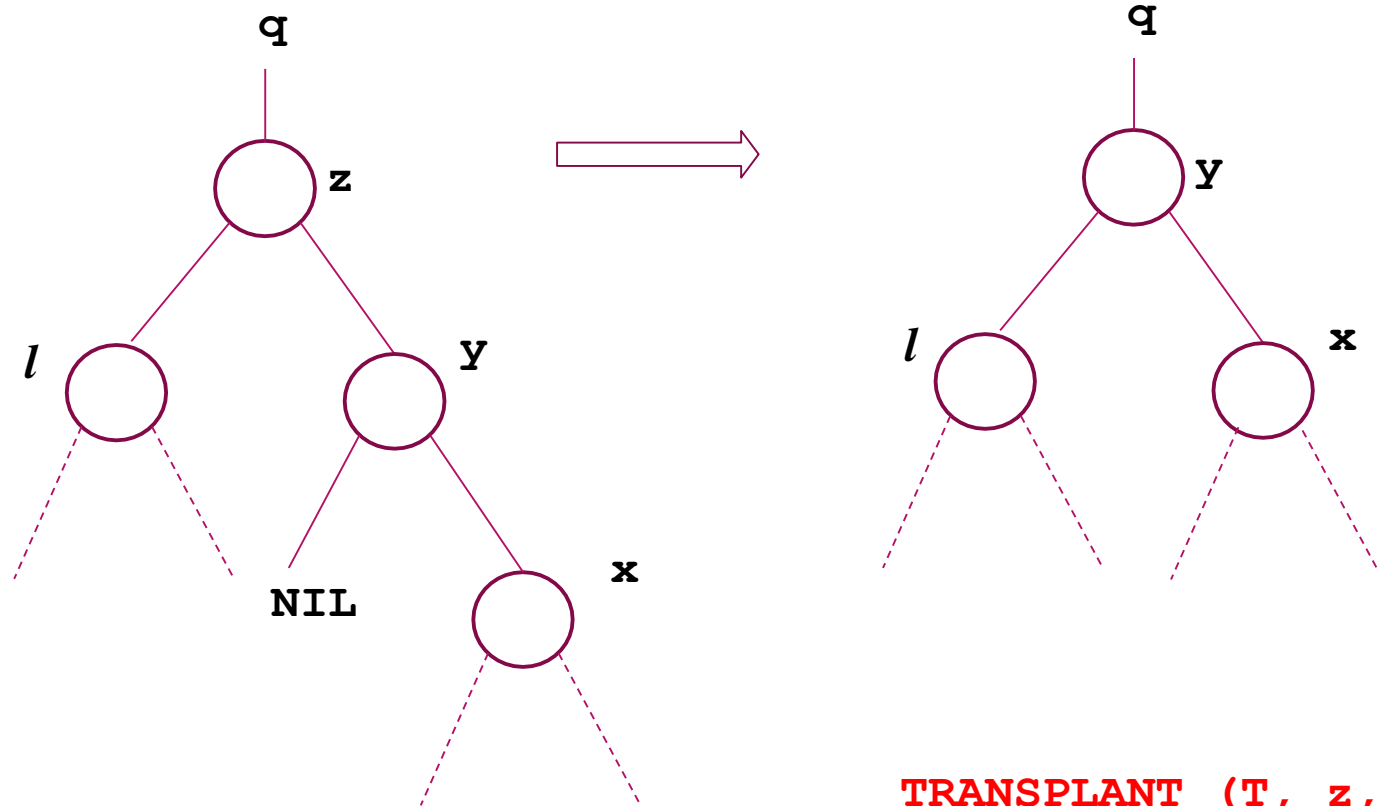

Split in to cases c and d

z has both a left and a right child : find z's successor y

(c) y is z's right child: replace z by y

(d) y is not right child of z, y lies within the right subtree of z: replace y by its own right child. Replace z by y

(c) Successor y is z 's right child ie. **if** ($y.p == z$)



TRANSPLANT (T, z, y)
 $y.left = z.left$
 $y.left.p = y$



```
TREE-DELETE(T, z)
```

```
if z.left == NIL .....
```

```
elseif z.right == NIL .....
```

```
else y= TREE-MINIMUM(z.right) //z has both children, find z's  
successor y
```

```
    if (y.p == z)    // y is right child of z - case (c)
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```
        TRANSPLANT (T, z, y)
```

```
        y.left = z.left
```

```
        y.left.p = y
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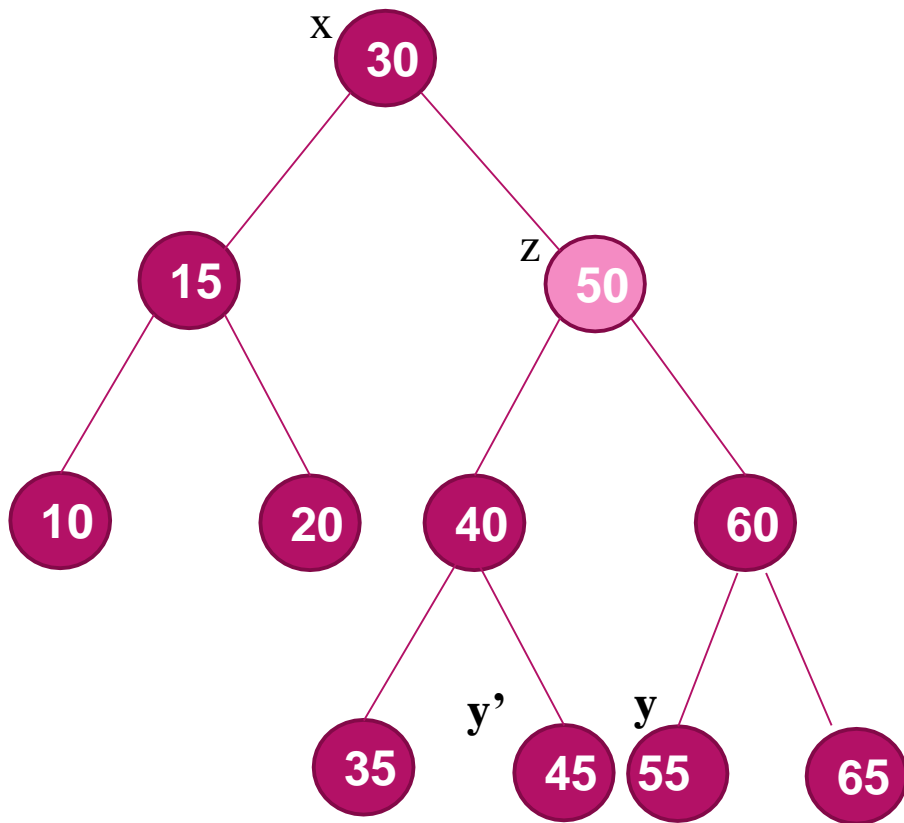
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    else .....
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Split in to cases c and d

z has both a left and a right child : find z's successor y

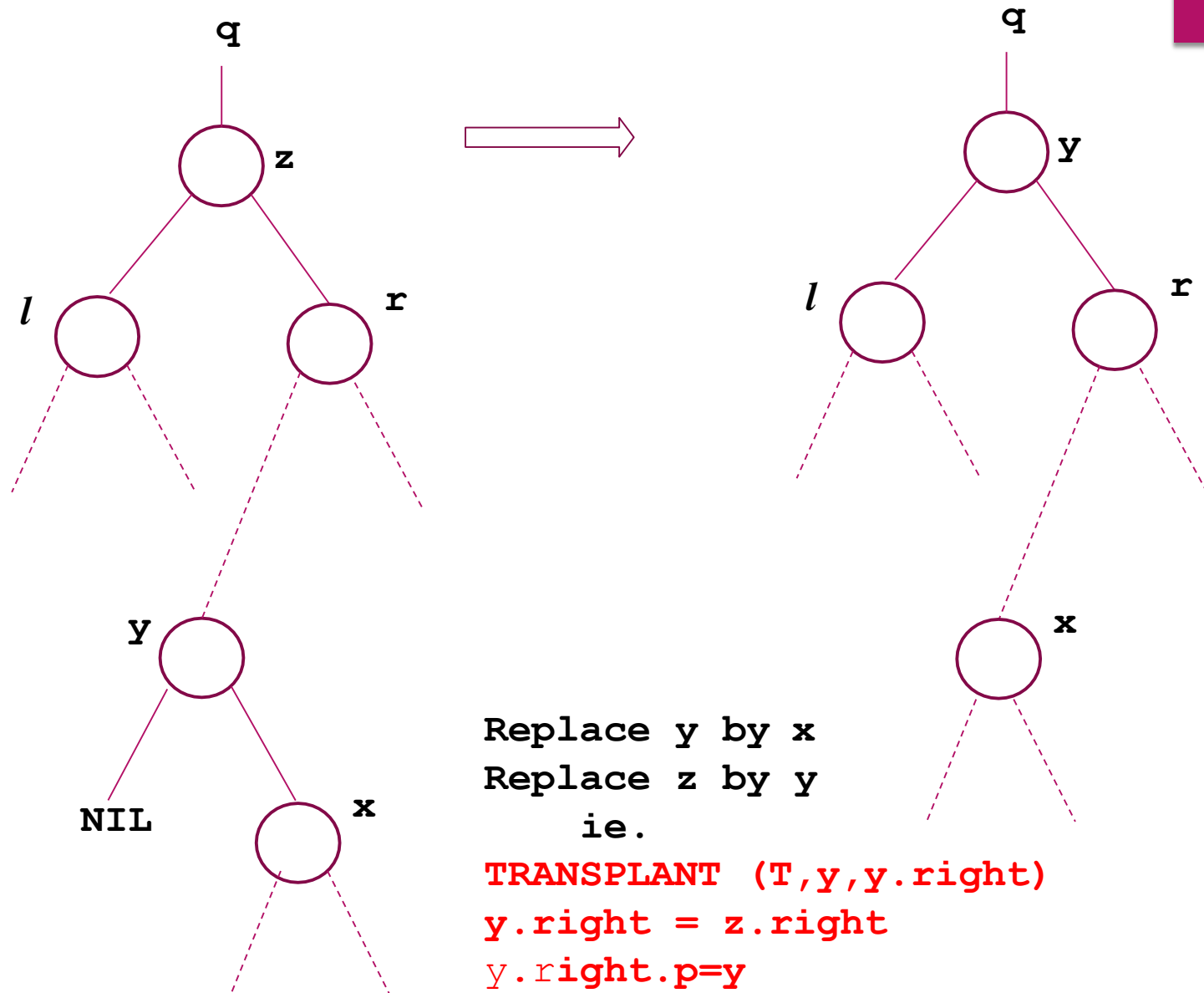
(c) y is z's right child: replace z by y

(d) y is not right child of z, y lies within the right subtree of z: **replace y by its own right child. Replace z by y**



Example of a BST depicting the case specified in previous slide

(d) Successor y is not right child of z , y lies in the subtree rooted at r (r is z 's right child) ie. **if** ($y.p \neq z$)



TREE-DELETE (T, z)

if z.left == NIL

elseif z.right == NIL

else y= TREE-MINIMUM(z.right) //z has both children, find z's
successor y

if (y.p \neq z) // y is not right child of z

TRANSPLANT (T, y, y.right)

y.right = z.right

y.right.p=y

TRANSPLANT (T, z, y)

y.left = z.left

y.left.p = y

TREE-DELETE(T, z)

if z.left == NIL

elseif z.right == NIL

else y = TREE-MINIMUM(z.right) //z has both children, find z's
// successor y

if (y.p \neq z) // y is not right child of z

TRANSPLANT (T, y, y.right)

y.right = z.right

y.right.p = y

(d)

TRANSPLANT (T, z, y)

y.left = z.left

y.left.p = y

(c)

TREE-DELETE(T, z)

if z.left == NIL

elseif z.right == NIL

else y= TREE-MINIMUM(z.right) //z has both children, find z's
//successor y

if (y.p ≠ z) // y is not right child of z

TRANSPLANT (T, y, y.right)

y.right = z.right

y.right.p = y

TRANSPLANT (T, z, y)

y.left = z.left

y.left.p = y

These 4 link updates are not
part of TRANSPLANT

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