

# Algorithms and Datastructures

## Balanced Trees (AVL-Trees, (a,b)-Trees, Red-Black-Trees)

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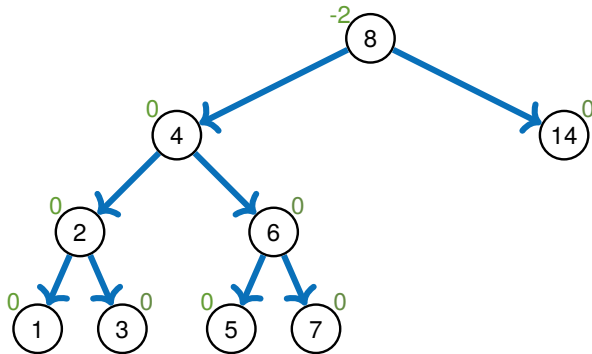


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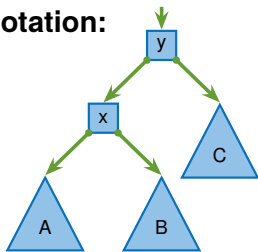


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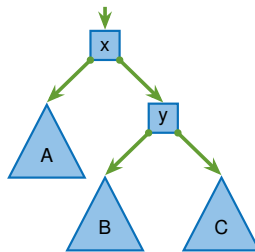


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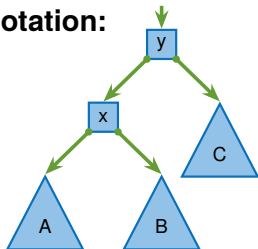


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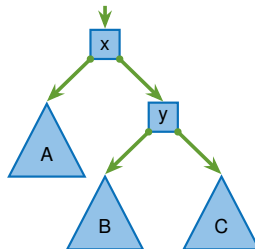


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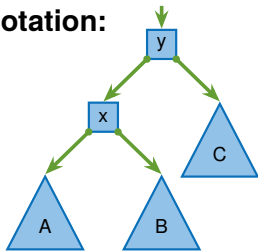


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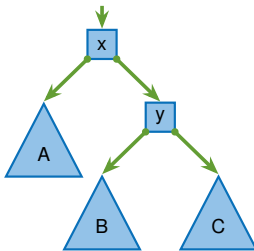


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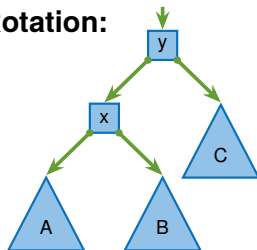


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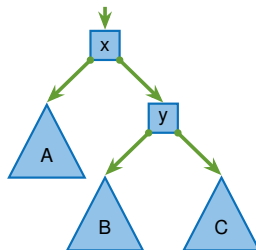


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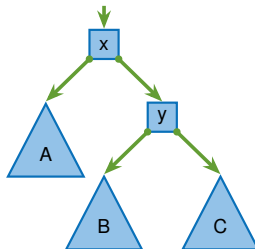


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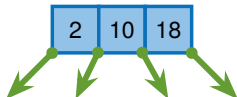
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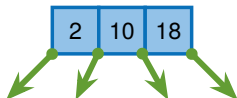
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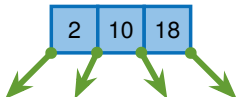
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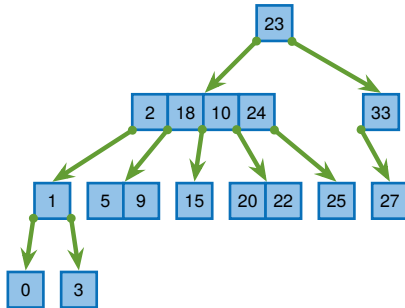


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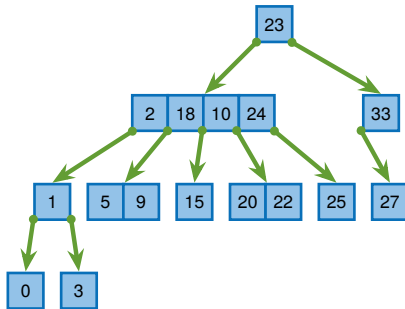


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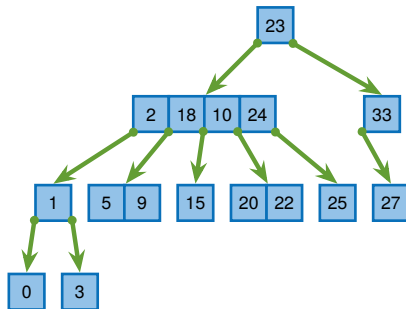


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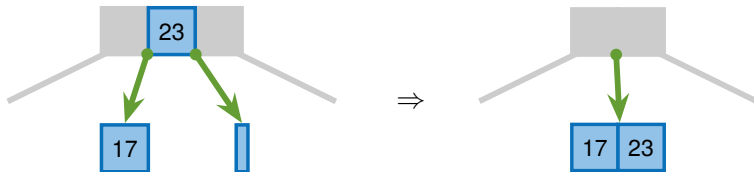


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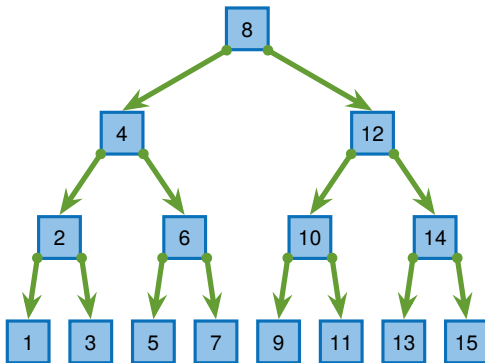


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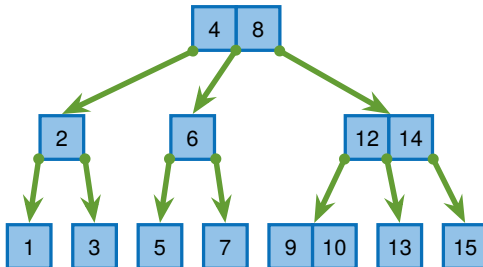


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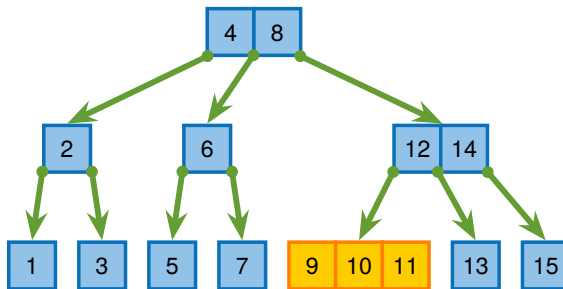


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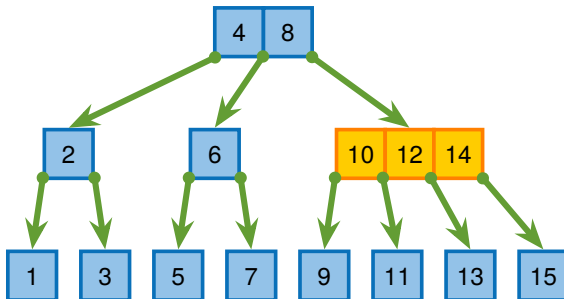


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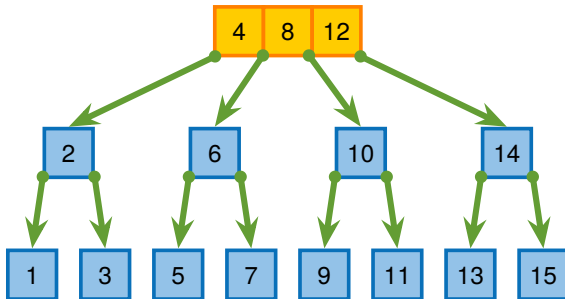


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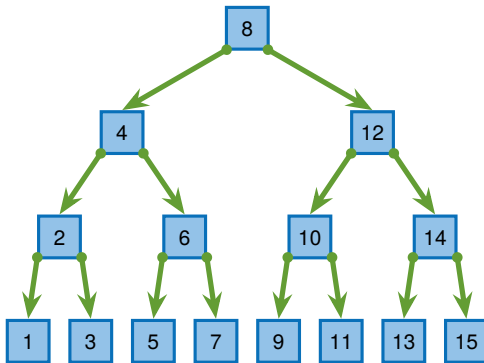


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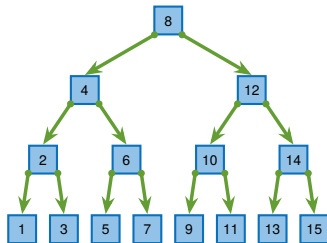


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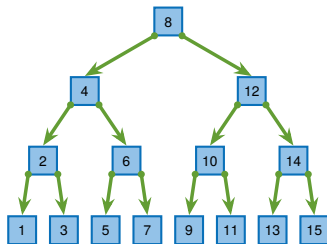


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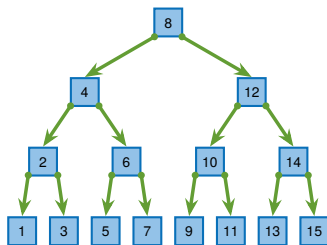


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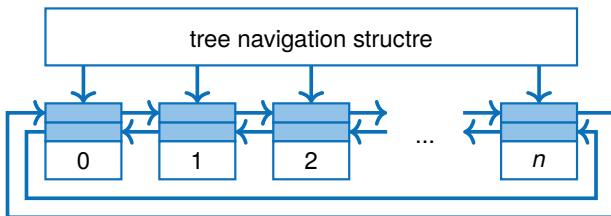


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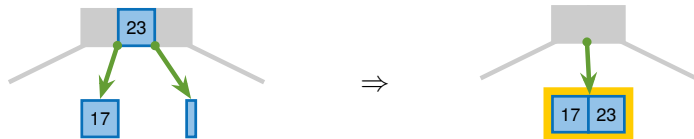


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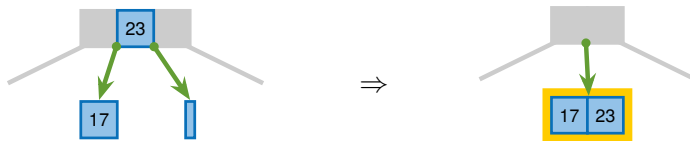


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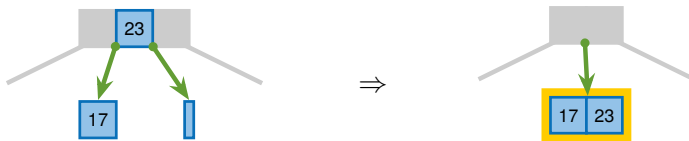


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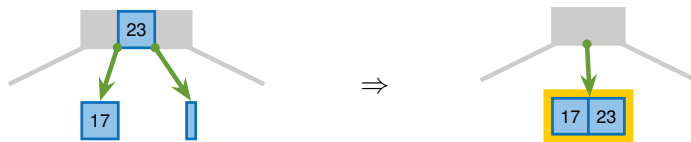


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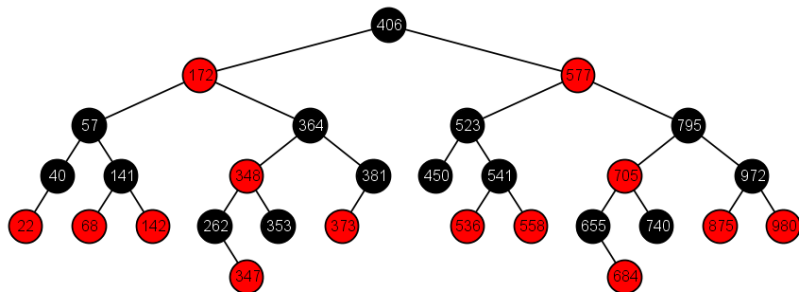


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