

## 3-2 Amortized Analysis

### (Part II: Advanced Examples)

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## AMORTIZED COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY\*

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**Abstract.** A powerful technique in the complexity analysis of data structures is *amortization*, or averaging over time. Amortized running time is a realistic but robust complexity measure for which we can obtain surprisingly tight upper and lower bounds on a variety of algorithms. By following the principle of designing algorithms whose amortized complexity is low, we obtain “self-adjusting” data structures that are simple, flexible and efficient. This paper surveys recent work by several researchers on amortized complexity.

## “Amortized Computational Complexity”, 1985

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*I like the **self-adjusting search tree** data structure  
that Daniel Sleator and I developed.*



## Self-Adjusting Binary Search Trees

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**Abstract.** The *splay* tree, a self-adjusting form of binary search tree, is developed and analyzed. The binary search tree is a data structure for representing tables and lists so that accessing, inserting, and deleting items is easy. On an  $n$ -node splay tree, all the standard search tree operations have an amortized time bound of  $O(\log n)$  per operation, where by “amortized time” is meant the time per operation averaged over a worst-case sequence of operations. Thus splay trees are as efficient as balanced trees when total running time is the measure of interest. In addition, for sufficiently long access sequences, splay trees are as efficient, to within a constant factor, as static optimum search trees. The efficiency of splay trees comes not from an explicit structural constraint, as with balanced trees, but from applying a simple restructuring heuristic, called *splaying*, whenever the tree is accessed. Extensions of splaying give simplified forms of two other data structures: lexicographic or multidimensional search trees and link/cut trees.

“Self-Adjusting Binary Search Trees – *Splay Tree*”, *JACM*, 1985

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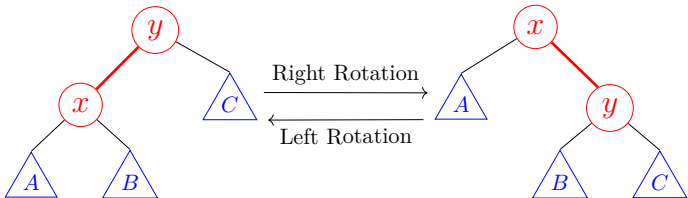
$(T_1, T_2) \leftarrow \text{SPLIT}(x, T)$     **RETURN**  $x \in T_1 \leq i \wedge y \in T_2 > i$

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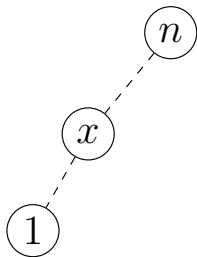
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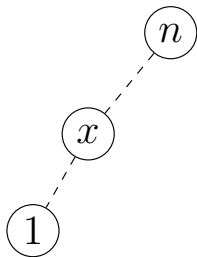
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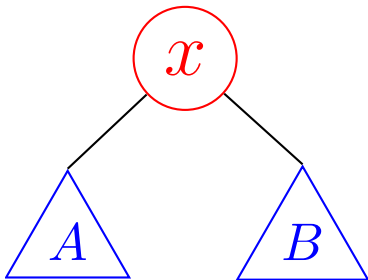
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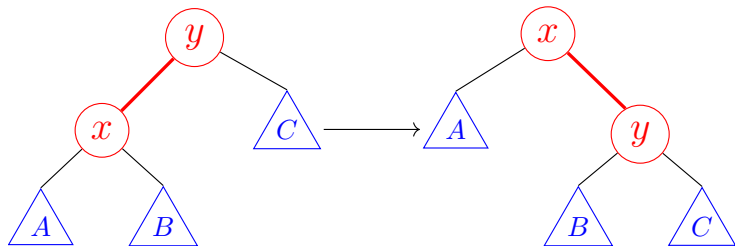


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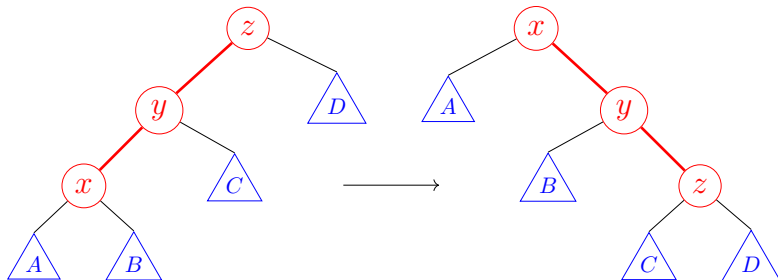


CASE 0:  $x$  is the root



CASE 1: zig (zag)

$y = p(x)$  is the root

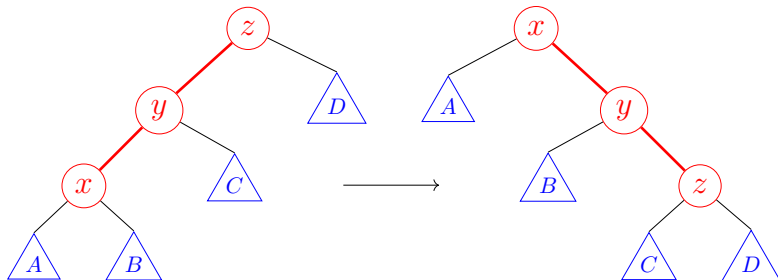


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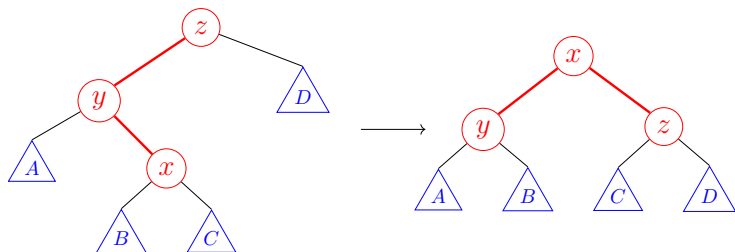


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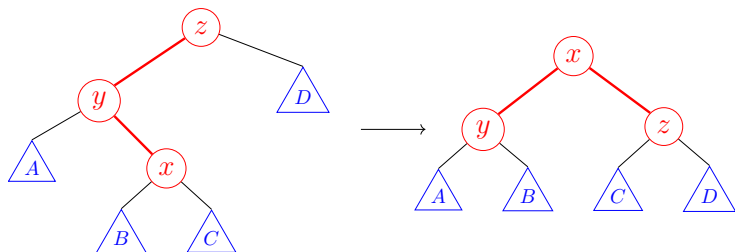
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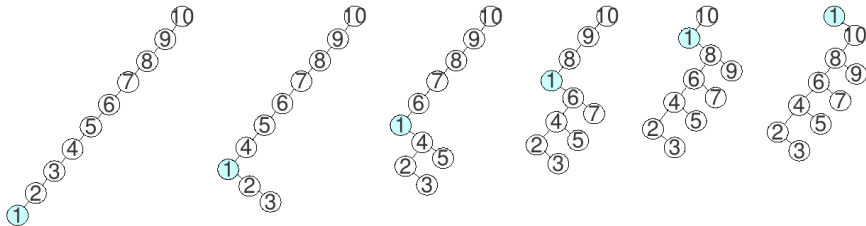
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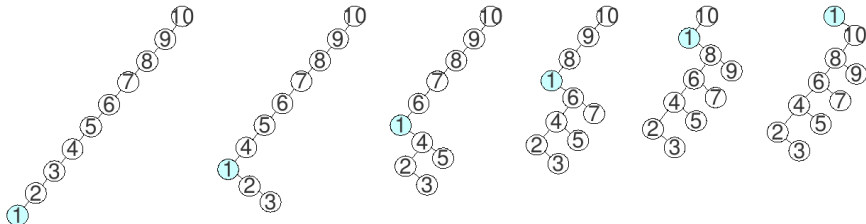
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1: procedure SPLAY( $x, T$ )
2:   while  $x \neq T.root$  do                                ▷ Case 0
3:     switch ... do
4:       case 1 : zig
5:         ...
6:       return
7:       case 2 : zig-zig
8:         ...
9:       case 3 : zig-zag
10:      ...
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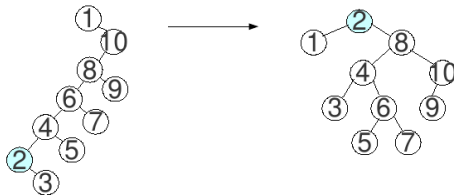
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Theorem

$$\hat{c}_{\text{SPLAY}} = O(\log n).$$

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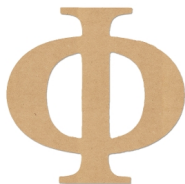


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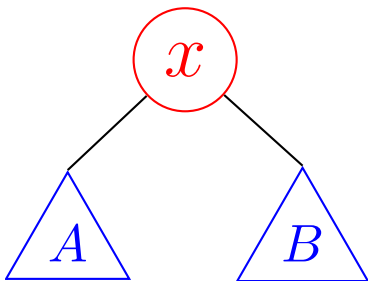
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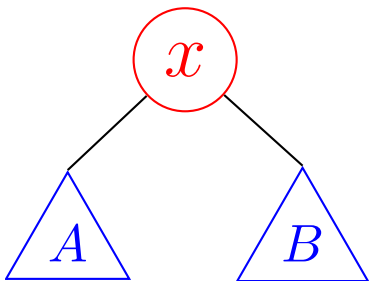
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Remember:  $\text{ITER}$

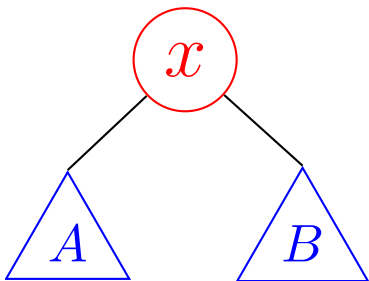


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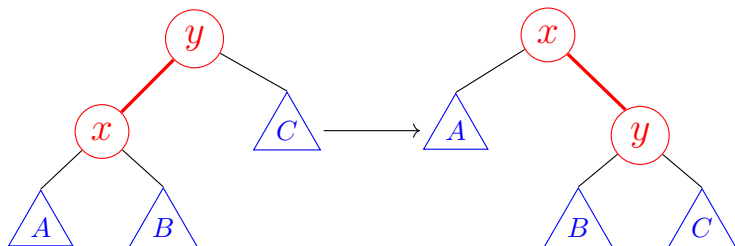
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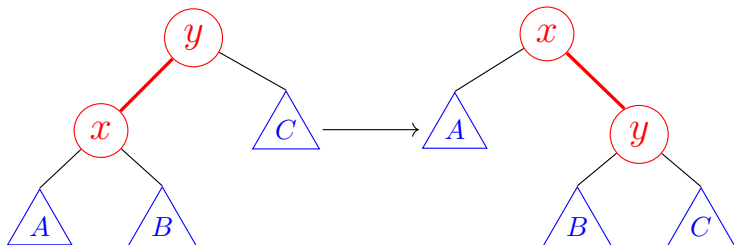
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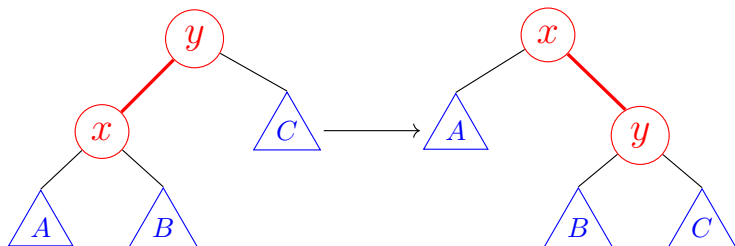
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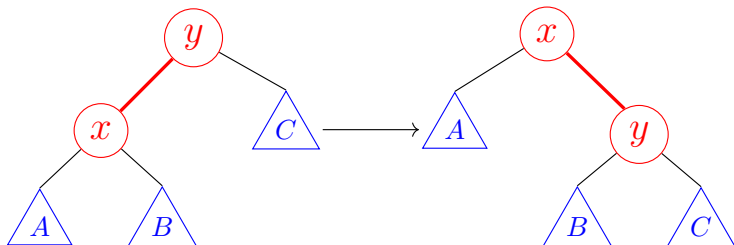
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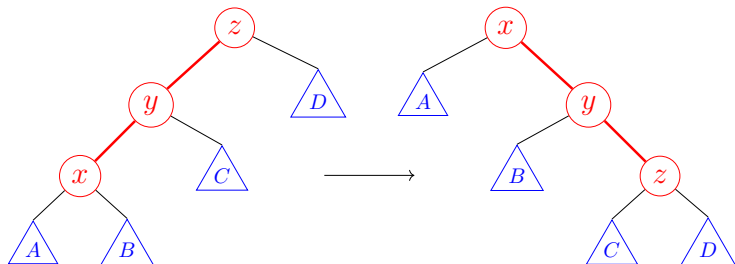
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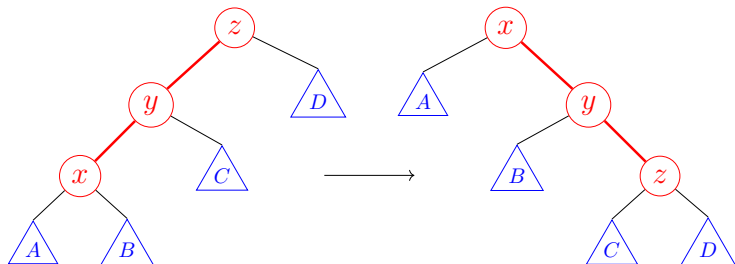
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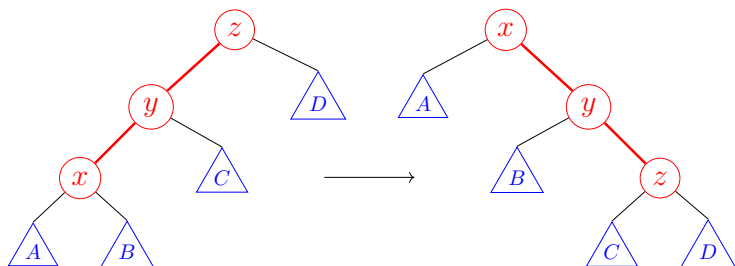
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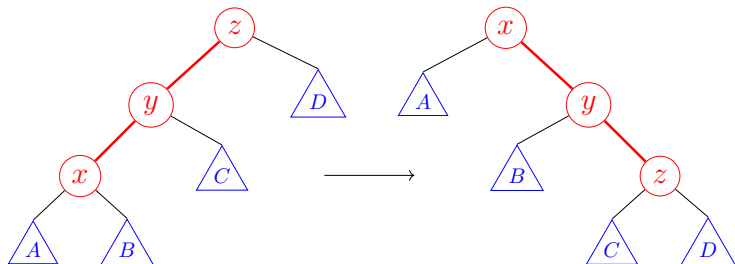
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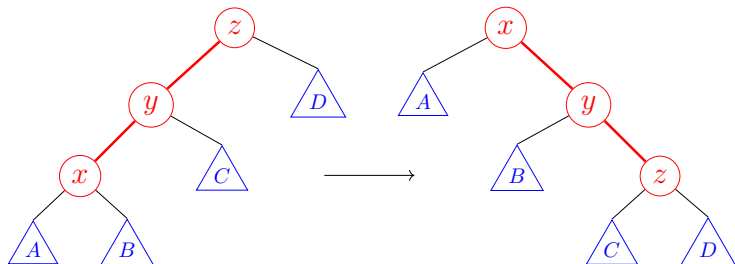
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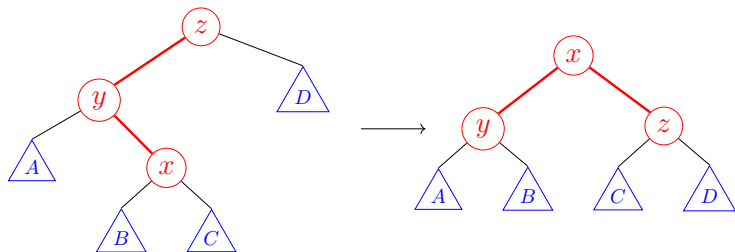
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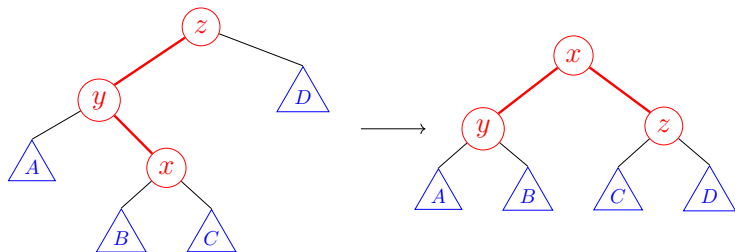
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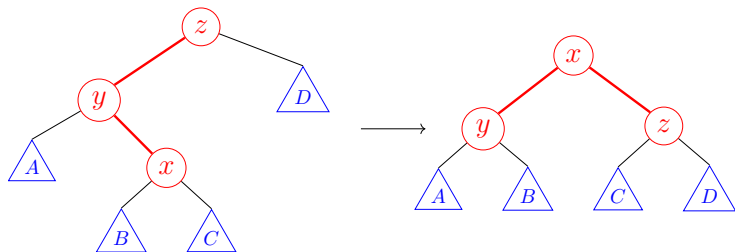
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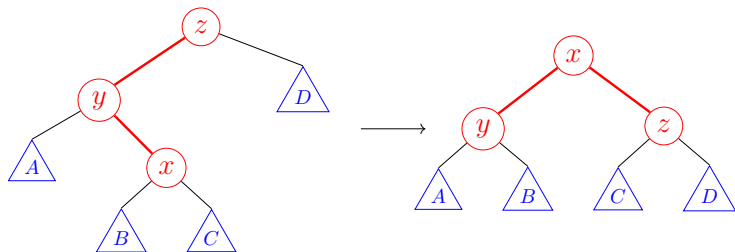
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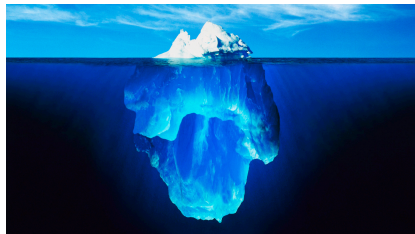
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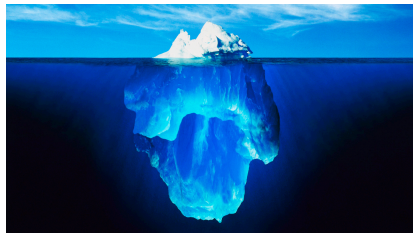
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## Self-Adjusting Binary Search Trees

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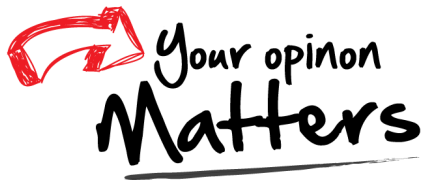
**Abstract.** The *splay* tree, a self-adjusting form of binary search tree, is developed and analyzed. The binary search tree is a data structure for representing tables and lists so that accessing, inserting, and deleting items is easy. On an  $n$ -node splay tree, all the standard search tree operations have an amortized time bound of  $O(\log n)$  per operation, where by "amortized time" is meant the time per operation averaged over a worst-case sequence of operations. Thus splay trees are as efficient as balanced trees when total running time is the measure of interest. In addition, for sufficiently long access sequences, splay trees are as efficient, to within a constant factor, as static optimum search trees. The efficiency of splay trees comes not from an explicit structural constraint, as with balanced trees, but from applying a simple restructuring heuristic, called *splaying*, whenever the tree is accessed. Extensions of splaying give simplified forms of two other data structures: lexicographic or multidimensional search trees and link/cut trees.

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