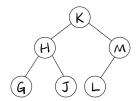
$\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{1}$ 



# $\mathbf{Q2}$

```
INSERT(T, x)
 1
    P = NIL
 2
    Q = NIL
3
    curr-p = P
4
    curr-q = Q
5
    rest = T.root
6
    while rest \neq NIL
7
         if rest.key < x.key
8
              if curr-p == NIL
9
                   P = rest
10
                   rest = rest.right
                   P.right = NIL
11
12
              else
13
                   curr-p.right = rest
14
                   rest = rest.right
15
                   curr-p = curr-p.right
16
                   curr-p.right = NIL
17
                 // rest.key > x.key
18
              if curr-q == NIL
19
                   Q = rest
20
                   rest = rest.left
21
                   Q.left = NIL
22
              else
23
                   curr-q.left = rest
24
                   rest = rest.left
                   curr-q = curr-q.left
25
26
                   curr-q.left = NIL
27
    T.root = x
    x.left = P
28
29
    x.right = Q
```

#### Q3

I will prove a lemma first to facilitate proof below and also Q7. In below, I say a node x satisfies the BST property when if y is a node in the left subtree of x then  $y.key \le x.key$ , and if y is a node in the right subtree of x then  $y.key \ge x.key$ . I say a (sub)tree satisfies the BST property when all nodes in it satisfy BST property.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $T_L$  be a binary search (sub)tree rooted at node x with distinct keys, and  $T_R$  be a binary search (sub)tree rooted at node y with distinct keys that are greater than keys of nodes in  $T_L$ . Let tree T be a (sub)tree resulting from connecting  $T_L$  and  $T_R$  by setting the right attribute of the node with maximum key in  $T_L$  to be y, the root of  $T_R$ . Then, T satisfies the BST property.

Proof. Notice that before conjunction, all nodes in  $T_L$  and  $T_R$  satisfy the BST property. After conjunction, in T, nodes whose descendants does not change will still preserve the BST property, otherwise its BST property can possibly be violated. Denote the node with maximum key in  $T_L$  as m, and root of  $T_L$  as r. The nodes in T that can possibly violate BST are who contain nodes in  $T_R$  as proper descendants in T, i.e., y's proper ancestor in T, or say m and m's proper ancestor. I encapsulate these nodes in  $T_L$  into a sequence  $S = \langle m, p_1, p_2, \ldots, r \rangle$ , where node comes right after itself in the sequence is its parent node (e.g.,  $p_1$  is the parent of m). It suffices to show that all nodes in S satisfies BST property. I argue that for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, |S| - 1\}$ , S[i+1].right = S[i], i.e., they are right child of their parent (except the root). If this is not the case, then there is  $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, |S| - 1\}$  such that  $S[i+1].right \neq S[i]$ , i.e., S[i+1].left = S[i], which implies m will be in the left subtree (or, left descendants) of S[i+1], which contradicts to that  $T_L$ , in particular node S[i+1], satisfies the BST property. Then, to complete the proof, using induction to show that S[1], i.e., m satisfies the BST, and for all  $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, |S| - 1\}$ , if S[i] satisfies the BST so does S[i+1]. This will imply all nodes in S satisfies the BST property.

Let i=1, S[1]=m, which is the node with maximum key in  $T_L$ , and its left subtree does not change so the keys of nodes in its left subtree still less than m.key. Further since its right subtree becomes  $T_R$ , in which all nodes have keys greater than all nodes in  $T_L$ , in particular m, so m satisfies the BST property. Let  $i \in \{1, 2, \ldots, |S| - 1\}$ , and assume that S[i] satisfies the BST property. I show that S[i+1] satisfies BST property as well. As shown above we know that S[i+1].right = S[i]. We know that if I is a node in the left subtree of S, then I.key < S[i+1].key, which does not change as its left subtree is still the same as in  $T_L$ . Then it remains to show if I in right subtree of I in the subtree rooted at I is I in the I in the left subtree of I in I in I in the left subtree of I in I in I in the left subtree of I in I in I in the left subtree of I in I in I in the left subtree of I in I in I in I in I in the left subtree of I in I in

Case 2: l in the right subtree of S[i]. Then since S[i] in T satisfies S[i].key < l.key (by induction hypothesis that S[i] satisfies BST), so S[i+1].key < S[i].key < l.key. So S[i+1] satisfies BST property, as wanted.

Then I prove my insertion algorithm works correctly.

*Proof.* Let T as the input to Insertion(T, x) be a binary search tree have distinct keys, and x to be a node with arbitrary key that does not have the same key as any of nodes in T. Firstly, I define some loop invariant:

- 1. All nodes in the subtree rooted at P and all nodes in the subtree rooted at Q and all nodes in subtree rooted at rest together are all nodes in input tree T before any mutation.
- 2. The keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at P are less than x.key, and x.key is less than the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at Q.
- 3. The keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at P are all less than the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest, and the keys of the nodes in the subtree rooted at rest are all less than the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at Q.
- 4. The subtrees rooted at P, and at Q, and at rest all satisfies the BST property. That is, let x be a node in the subtree rooted at P or the subtree rooted at Q or the subtree rooted at rest. If y is a node in the left subtree of x, then  $y.key \le x.key$ . If y is a node in the right subtree of x, then  $y.key \ge x.key$ .
- 5. If  $curr-p \neq NIL$ , then curr-p is the node with largest key in the subtree rooted at P. If  $curr-q \neq NIL$ , then curr-q is the node with smallest key in the subtree rooted at Q.
- 6. The height of the tree rooted at *rest* decreases at least by 1 than the height of *rest* at the end of last iteration if exists (i.e., before the start of this iteration).

Base Case / Initialization: The invariant 1 - 6 above all hold before entering the first iteration of the loop.

- (1) (4) are all vacuously true since P = Q = NIL before the loop starts, hence contains no node.
- (5) is also vacuously true because initially, curr-p = NIL and curr-q = NIL.
- (6) is vacuously true as well since there is no last iteration when we have not yet entered the loop.

Inductive Step / Loop Maintenance: Now, consider an arbitrary iteration, and assume that the loop invariant holds before this iteration, I will show that they will hold after this iteration. We denote the variable

after (or say, at the end of) this iteration with a superscript ', i.e., P', Q' rest' and etc, and use T to represents the input tree before any mutation to it. As in code we have two cases each with two sub-cases to verify.

#### • Case 1: rest.key < x.key.

#### - Case 1.1: current-p = NIL.

In this case line 8 evaluates to true, so lines 9 -11 get executed. We know that Q' = Q as no mutation happen to Q and node in the subtree rooted at Q (as algorithm and (5) suggest, we change Q only if we mutate curr-q or Q itself, which is not the case). Also, P = NIL in this case, we show by contradiction. If P is not NIL, as observed in line 9, it gets assigned to rest - its only assignment statement (and  $rest \neq \text{NIL}$  by line 6). Then, if curr-p have not been updated before, curr- $p = rest \neq \text{NIL}$  (as we make it aliases to P in line 3), and if curr-p have been updated, it will certainly be updated at line 15, and lines 13 to 15 tell that curr-q points to the node that rest points before rest been updated, which is not NIL by line 6. Hence, we reach a contradiction, as line 8 suggests that curr-p = NIL. So, P = NIL. We observe that P' now contains node rest and all the nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left (by lines 9 and 11).

- (1): By induction hypothesis, we have that all nodes in the subtree rooted at P and all nodes in the subtree rooted Q and all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest together are all nodes in T before any mutation. Together with P = NIL and Q = Q', we can conclude that all nodes in P' (that contains rest and all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left), rest' (that contains all nodes in subtree rooted rest.right by line 10) and Q', together, are all nodes in T before any mutation to it.
- (2): All nodes in P' are the node that rest points to and all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left. We know rest.key < x.key in this case. Also, by induction hypothesis of (4), all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest satisfies the BST property, in particlar, the keys in all the nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left are less than the rest.key, thus less than x.key. It justifies that the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at P are less than x.key.

Next, by induction hypothesis of (2), x.key is less than all keys of nodes in the subtree rooted at Q' = Q. (3): All nodes in P' are node that rest points to and all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left, whose keys are less than all the keys of nodes in rest' = rest.right, by induction hypothesis of (4) that the subtree rooted at rest satisfies BST property. Next, by the induction hypothesis of (3), keys of all nodes rooted at rest, and thus keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest' = rest.right, are less than the keys of all nodes rooted at Q = Q'.

- (4): Firstly, by the induction hypothesis of (4) we know that the subtree rooted at P, Q, satisfies the BST property. The subtree rooted at P' is rest with its left subtree connected, hence still satisfies BST property. The subtree rooted at rest' is the subtree rooted at rest.right which still satisfies BST property. The subtree rooted at Q' = Q satisfies the BST property as well.
- (5): curr-p = NIL so the first half of the statement is a vacuous truth. Assume  $curr-q' \neq NIL$ . Since curr-p is not updated at this iteration, curr-q' = curr-q, so by the induction hypothesis of (5) we have curr-q' = curr-q is the node with smallest key in the subtree rooted at Q' = Q.
- (6) We want to show that the height of the subtree rooted at rest' = rest.right is at least 1 less than the height of subtree rooted at rest. This is true since the height of the subtree rooted at  $rest = \max\{the \text{ height of the subtree rooted at } rest.left$ , the height of the subtree rooted at  $rest.right\} + 1$ , which will be at least 1 greater than the height of the subtree rooted at rest' = rest.right, as wanted.

#### - Case 1.2: current- $p \neq NIL$ .

In this case lines 13-16 are executed. Since  $current-p \neq NIL$ , by the induction hypothesis of (5), curr-p is the node with the largest key in the tree rooted at P. Then, P' is the tree contains nodes in subtree rooted at P, and node rest points to, and all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left, with the structure of rest being connected to curr-p.right along with its left subtree (but not the right). And rest' = rest.right, same as case 1.1. Also, Q' = Q for the same reason stated in case 1.1.

(1): From above observation, we know that all nodes in the subtree rooted at P and all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest are, all nodes in the subtree rooted at P' and all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest'. And also since Q = Q', we know that all nodes in the subtrees rooted at P' and at Q' and at rest' are all nodes

in the subtrees rooted at P, Q and rest, which by the induction hypothesis of (1) are all nodes in input tree T before any mutation.

(2): By induction hypothesis of (2), The keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at P are less than x.key. And in this case, rest.key < x.key. Further, by induction hypothesis of (5), the subtree rooted at rest satisfies BST property so the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left are less than rest.key hence are less than x.key. These are all nodes in the subtree rooted at P, so we showed the first half.

Next, by induction hypothesis of (2), x.ley is less than all the keys of nodes in the subtree rooted at Q' = Q.

(3): We know that the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at P are all less than the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest (by the induction hypothesis of (2)), thus the subtree rooted at rest' = rest.right. Also, we have rest.key and the keys of the nodes in the subtree rooted at rest.left are all less than all the keys of the nodes in the subtree rooted at rest are all nodes in P' so we have shown the first half of the statement.

Next, by the induction hypothesis of (3) that keys of all nodes rooted at rest, and thus the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at rest' = rest.right, are less than the keys of all nodes rooted at Q = Q'.

(4): We know all nodes in P satisfies BST property. And curr-p is the node with largest key in P, also curr-p.right is set to be rest with its left subtree, which is satisfies the BST property as well. So, by lemma 1 (replace  $T_L$  with P and  $T_R$  with rest together with its left subtree), subtree rooted at P' resulting from this conjunction still satisfies the BST property.

The subtree rooted at rest' = rest.right satisfies the BST property since rest does so by the induction hypothesis of (4). The subtree rooted at Q satisfies the BST property by the fact that Q' = Q and the induction hypothesis of (4).

- (5): By lines 13 and 15, curr-p' = rest, which is the node with largest key in the subtree rooted at P' since firstly rest.key is greater than the keys of all nodes in the subtree rooted at P (by the induction hypothesis of (3) as rest is a node in the subtree rooted at rest). Also, rest.key are greater than the keys of all nodes in the subtree root at rest.left (by the induction hypothesis of (4) that the subtree rooted at rest satisfies BST property, particularly the node rest.). Since these are all nodes in P except curr-p' = rest itself, curr-p' is the node with the largest key in the subtree rooted at P.
- (6): The argument is the same is as case 1.1 (6).

#### • Case 2: rest.key > x.key.

The argument will be exactly symmetric to case 1, switch keywords left and right, and curr-p and curr-q, and P and Q, and "<" and ">" (or, "less" and "greater").

We have shown that loop invariant holds at each iteration. Now, we turn to termination of the loop.

**Termination**: Let loop measure m to be the height of the rest. By the loop invariant (6), we know that it decreases at least by 1 at each iteration. Also, we know that the height of a tree can only be a natural number. So, values of m at each iteration forms a decreasing sequence of natural numbers, which would be finite. That indicates that loop will terminate. Also, the entire algorithm will terminate as well since the other lines certainly terminates.

Since the loop terminate we know that it runs a finite number of iteration. So, when it terminates, by the termination condition on line 6, we know that rest = NIL. Together with loop invariant (1), we know that the nodes in subtree rooted at P and the nodes in the subtree rooted at Q together are all nodes in the input tree T before any mutation. Hence, by lines 27-29 we know that after the algorithm terminates, (after performed insertion), T contains the nodes that were in T before the algorithm is called on it, plus the newly inserted node x. We remains to show this T is a binary search tree.

By loop invariant (4) the subtree rooted at P and the subtree rooted at Q satisfies the BST property, i.e., all nodes x in the subtree rooted at P or in the subtree rooted at Q satisfies that if y is a node in the left subtree of x then  $y.key \le x.key$  and if y is a node in the right subtree of x they  $y.key \ge x.key$ . So, to show that T after insertion is completed is a binary search, we only left to show that T.root satisfies that if y is a node in the left subtree of T.root (i.e., y in P), then  $y.key \le T.root.key$ , and if y is a node in the right subtree of T.root

(i.e., y in Q), then  $y.key \ge T.root.key$ . This follows directly from lines 27-29 and the loop invariant (2). This completes the proof.

### $\mathbf{Q4}$

**Upper Bound:** Let T as the input to INSERTION(T,x) be a binary search tree have distinct keys, and x to be a node with arbitrary key that does not have the same key as any of nodes in T. I will define and prove two new loop invariants for the loop in my insertion algorithm. Let h(P), h(Q), h(rest), h(T) and  $h(T_i)$  denote the height of subtree rooted at P, and subtree rooted at Q, and subtree rooted at rest, and the tree T before insertion, and the tree T after insertion, respectively. Denote the number of edges on the simple path from P to curr-p as l.

- $l + h(rest) \le h(T)$
- $h(P) \leq h(T)$

Initially, l=0 since curr-q=P= NIL and h(rest)=h(T) so the equality follows, and  $h(P)=0 \le h(T)$ . Then, consider an arbitrary iteration, and assume that two invariant hold before this iteration. I will show that they holds at the end of this iteration. We denote the variable at the end of this iteration with a superscript ', same as in Q3. We know that l can increase by 1 or 0 (at each iteration, increase by 1 if line 15 is reached). And, h(rest) decreases at least by 1 at each iteration by loop invariant (6) on Q3. Together, l+h(rest) either not change or decrease, and combined with  $l+h(rest) \le h(T)$ , we get  $l'+h(rest)' \le h(T)'$ .

Next, we know that h(P) can possibly increase only if we move rest along with its left subtree into the right of curr-p (or just set P to be it), by lines 13-16 or 9-11. By the first invariant, we know that l + h(rest), the maximum number of edges from P to any new leaves of the tree will be less than or equal to h(T) = h(T)'. Since  $h(P) \leq h(T)$ , we know that the number of edges from P to any old leaves is also less than or equal to h(T) = h(T)'. Hence, by definition, the heigh of subtree rooted at P, h(P) will still be less than or equal to h(T) = h(T)'.

In similar way, define k to be the number of edges in the simple path from Q to curr-q, and we can verify that  $h(Q) \le h(T)$  (with the helper invariant  $k + h(rest) \le h(T)$ ). The argument would be symmetric.

Now, since we know the loop terminates, it terminates with  $h(P) \le h(T)$  and  $h(Q) \le h(T)$ . Together with lines 27-29, we know that  $h(T_i) = \max\{h(P), h(Q)\} + 1 \le h(T) + 1$ , that is, the height of the tree after insertion can be at most its height before insertion, plus 1. That is, the upper bound on the maximum height increase is 1.

**Lower Bound:** I will show the lower bound on the maximum height increase is 1. Firstly, we define an input family. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let input binary search tree T consists of n nodes, where nodes have distinct keys, and input x with its key greater than all the keys of nodes in T. Then, as partly explained in Q8, since x.key less than all keys in original T, at each iteration subtree rooted at P will be appended and eventually restore the structure of the original input T, thus h(P) = h(T). Then, in lines 27-29, subtree rooted at P is assigned to be the left subtree of x — the root of the tree after insertion, thus the height of entire tree after insertion  $h(T_i)$ , is h(P) + 1 = h(T) + 1.

# $Q_5$

We transplant and move the tree around after removing the node to be deleted.

When the deleted node x is the root of the tree T, we consider 4 cases. If both left and right child of x is empty, we just remove it and make entire T empty. If x has only one child (has left subtree or right subtree only), then we just make the left (or right) subtree of x the new tree, by modifying T.root. If x has both left and right subtree, we make left child the new root of T and transplant entire right subtree of root to be the right subtree of the maximum-key node in the left subtree of original root.

When the deleted node x is not the root, the idea is similar. Still we have 4 cases, each with two subcases. Firstly we find the deleted node in the subtree, and keep track of the a parent pointer so that when we find the x in tree we have a pointer to its parent node. Then, after "search", when x has no child, we just make p points to NIL wherever x was in (left of p or right of p). If x has only one non-empty child/subtree, we make p points to the root of that subtree (p.left or p.right depends on x is left or right subtree of p). Lastly, if x has

two subtrees, we move the right subtree of x to be the right subtree of the maximum-key node in left subtree of x, and have p connect to the root of the x's left subtree (p.left or p.right depends on x is left or right subtree of p).

## Q6

```
Delete(T, x)
    if T.root == x
2
         if x.left == NIL and x.right == NIL
3
              T.root = NIL
4
         elseif x.left \neq NIL and x.right == NIL
              T.root = x.left
5
         elseif x.left == NIL and x.right \neq NIL
6
7
              T.root = x.right
8
         else
9
              m = \text{Tree-Maximum}(x.left)
10
              m.right = x.right
              T.root = x.left
11
12
    \mathbf{else}
          // when T.root \neq x
13
         p = NIL
14
         s = T.root
15
         while s \neq x
16
              p = s
17
              if x.key < s.key
18
                   s = s.left
19
              else
20
                   s = s.right
21
         if x.left == NIL and x.right == NIL
22
              if x == p.left
23
                   p.left = NIL
24
              else
25
                   p.right = NIL
26
         elseif x.left \neq NIL and x.right == NIL
27
              if x == p.left
28
                   p.left = x.left
29
              else
30
                   p.right = x.left
         elseif x.left == NIL and x.right \neq NIL
31
32
              if x == p.left
33
                   p.left = x.right
              else
34
                   p.right = x.right
35
36
         else
              m = \text{Tree-Maximum}(x.left)
37
38
              m.right = x.right
39
              if x == p.left
                   p.left = x.left
40
41
              else
42
                   p.right = x.left
```

# Q7

When the deleted node is the root, my algorithm from lines 1 - 11, only remove the root, so the left and right subtrees of x is preserved (if exists) and left or right child of x becomes the new root (if exists), and possibly

two being connected when both exists, so resulting tree contains all the node before deletion except the deleted node x. It is binary search tree since firstly, if it has no child (both subtree empty), the resulting tree has root being assigned to NIL, representing an empty binary search tree. If x has only one non-empty subtree, then either left or right child of is moved the root of the tree, where we don't change the structure of the subtree tree so still satisfies BST property. If x has both subtree non empty. Then, our algorithm make right subtree of x to be the right of maximum-key node in left subtree of x, by lemma 7, since both left and right subtree of x satisfies BST property and keys of nodes in left subtree less than which of nodes in right subtree, the resulting tree is a BST.

When the deleted node is not the root of T. Lines 13 - 42 are executed. Lines 13 - 20 do the search for x, and when finds it, we also have p points to the parent node of x. This p will not be NIL since x is not the root so its parent can not be NIL.

- If x has both left and right being empty, in lines 22-25, we just set the position of x to be NIL (p.left or p.right depends on s is left or right child of its parent p). Only x is removed and it has no subtree so resulting tree contains all nodes from tree before deletion except x, and the binary search property is preserved.
- If x has only left subtree being non-empty, then lines 27-30 are executed. The left or right attribute of p is set to be x.left, so the resulting tree contains all nodes in original T except x. We know there is only local change to the structure of the subtree rooted at p, and BST property of this subtree is preserved since the left subtree of x is originally part of the p's left or right subtree (depends on x is left or right child). Also, there is no node has new or more descendants than before, so the BST property of other nodes in T other than any in the subtree rooted at p still preserved. Hence, the resulting tree is a bianry search tree.
- If x has only right subtree, lines 32-35 are executed and the resulting tree is also a binary search tree contains all nodes in T before deletion except x, the arugument would be symmetric to above case.
- If x has both left and right subtree being non-empty, my algorithm will transplant x.right to be the right subtree of the maximum-key node in left subtree of x, and x.left will becomes p's child (p.right) or p.left depends on x's original position), hence we keep all nodes previously in the tree except x. Also, by lines 37-38 and lemma 1, the transplant resulting from setting the right subtree of maximum-key node in left subtree of x results that the subtree rooted at x.left still satisfies BST property (since T, particularly node x satisfies BST property before mutation, so the keys of all nodes in right subtree of x are greater which of left subtree). After p.right or p.left is being set to x.left, the entire tree is still a BST because firstly we preserve the BST property for the subtree rooted at P and there is no node has new or more descendants than before, so the BST property of other nodes in T other than any in the subtree rooted at p still preserved. Hence, the resulting tree is a binary search tree.

## Q8

In the high level, it is because my delete algorithm splits the two subtrees, and form a clear "search path" so that when insert is called, the insert algorithm will restore the two subtrees I combined, and have them individually connect back to the inserted node as the root of T (which is the originally deleted root).

- When the root is the only node in the tree, i.e., has no subtree, after deletion T.root is set to NIL. Then when we insert it using algorithm in part 2, the while loop condition checks to false before any iteration, and make T.root = x, restoring the tree.
- When the root has only left subtree being non-empty, the left subtree becomes the T after deletion. Since all nodes in it are less than the original nodes, rest, key < x.key checks to true all iterations. And at each iteration, the nodes on the traversing path (roots of rest) at every iteration, along with its left subtree, will be appended to the right most node of P, and so at every iteration P and rest connected together is original left subtree (by setting curr-p.right = rest). So when loop stops, rest = NIL is exhausted and P gets back to the original left subtree, hence in lines 27-29 of insertion algorithm, entire tree is restored by setting left subtree of the root to be P.
- When the root has only right subtree being non-empty, the argument would be symmetric to the second case, after deletion, we restore original right subtree as Q during insertion, which will become the right subtree of original root/inserted node, as needed.

• The last case is the root x has two non-empty subtrees. When insert, it actually do what case 2 do for a few iteration and then do what case 3 do for a few iteration. After deletion, we have the right subtree of original root x to be the right subtree of maximum-key node in left subtree of x. Then, we call the insert algorithm to insert x back to the tree. By our insertion algorithm, we know that when loops starts, it traverses the right most path of the original left subtree, from root to downwards. And as the reasoning in case 2, the continuous expansion will make P eventually get back to the left subtree of the original root (x). After these iteration, rest refers to the root of original right subtree. Then, symmetrically, the algorithm will keep going to the left of the rest as x.key smaller than all keys in the original subtree, and will traverse the left most path of the original right tree, append node on the path along with its right subtree to Q. Since when doing deletion we do not change the structure of original right subtree locally we eventually have Q restore the original right subtree of x. And at the end, by lines 27-29 in insertion algorithm, setting P and Q to be left and right subtrees of the root, we get back the tree before deletion!