

File Structures

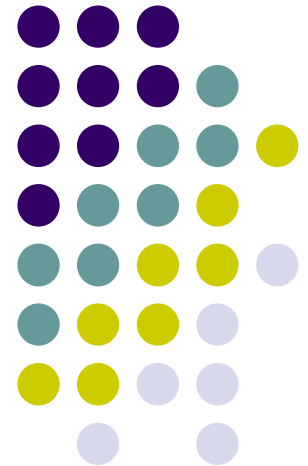
Ch09. C. B-Tree Delete

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B-tree properties

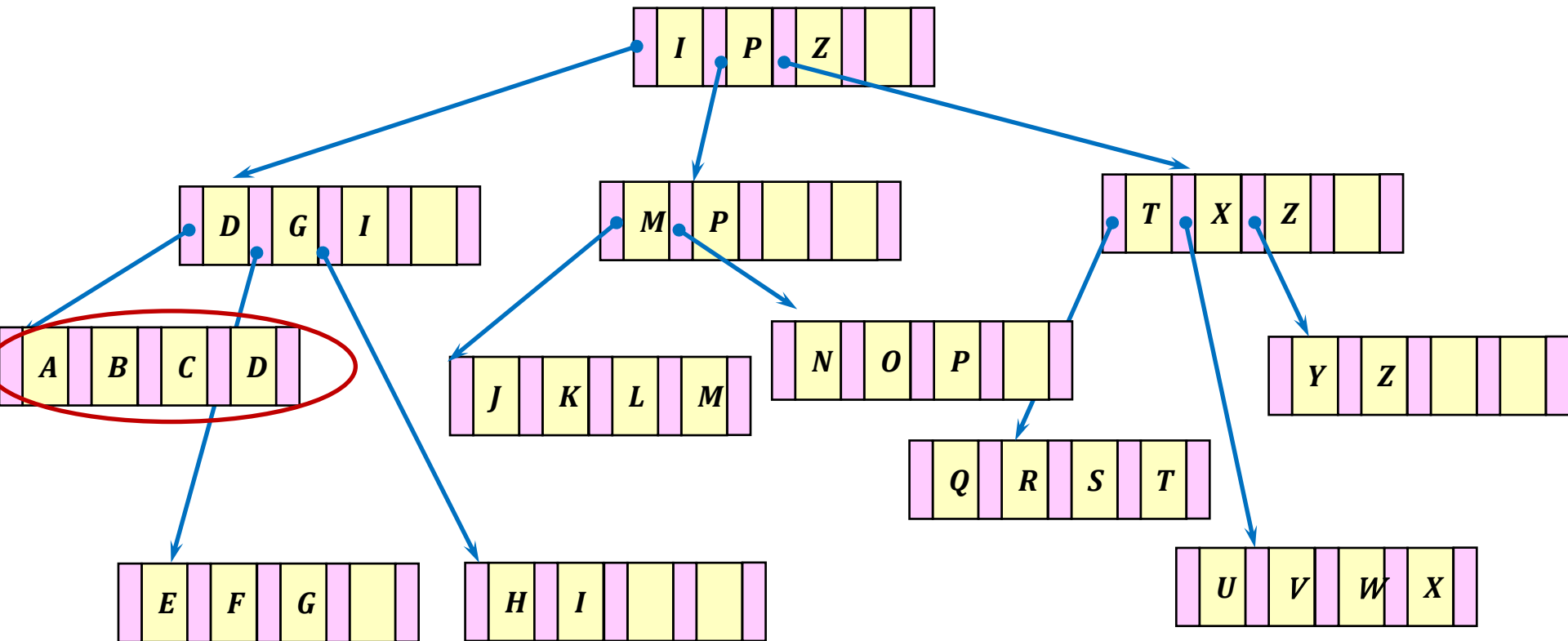


- Ensure that the B-tree properties
 - 1. Every page, except for the root and the leaves, has at least ceiling of $m/2$ ($=\lceil m/2 \rceil$) descendants
 - 2. A page contains at least $\lceil m/2 \rceil$ keys and no more than m key
- During insertions
 - The process of page splitting guarantees that these properties are maintained
- During deletions
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Deletion example: case1 (1/2)



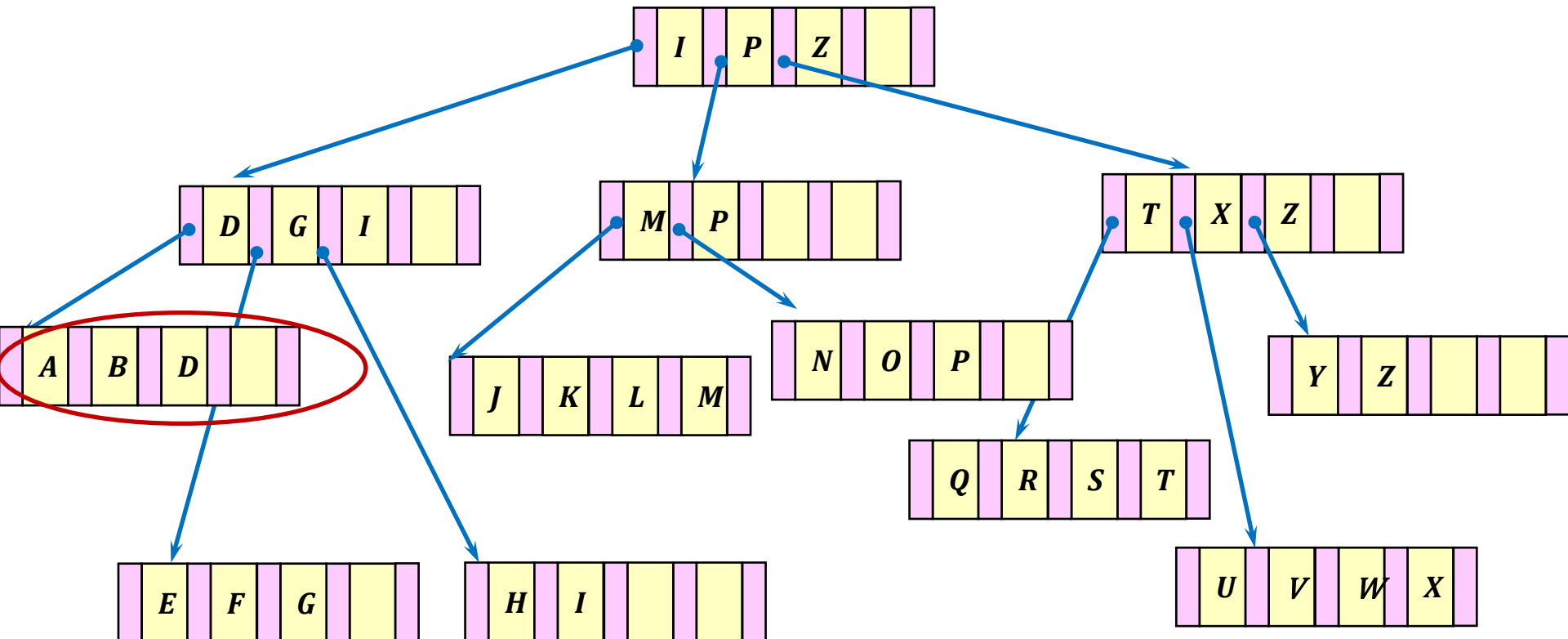
Removal of key C



Deletion example: case1 (2/2)



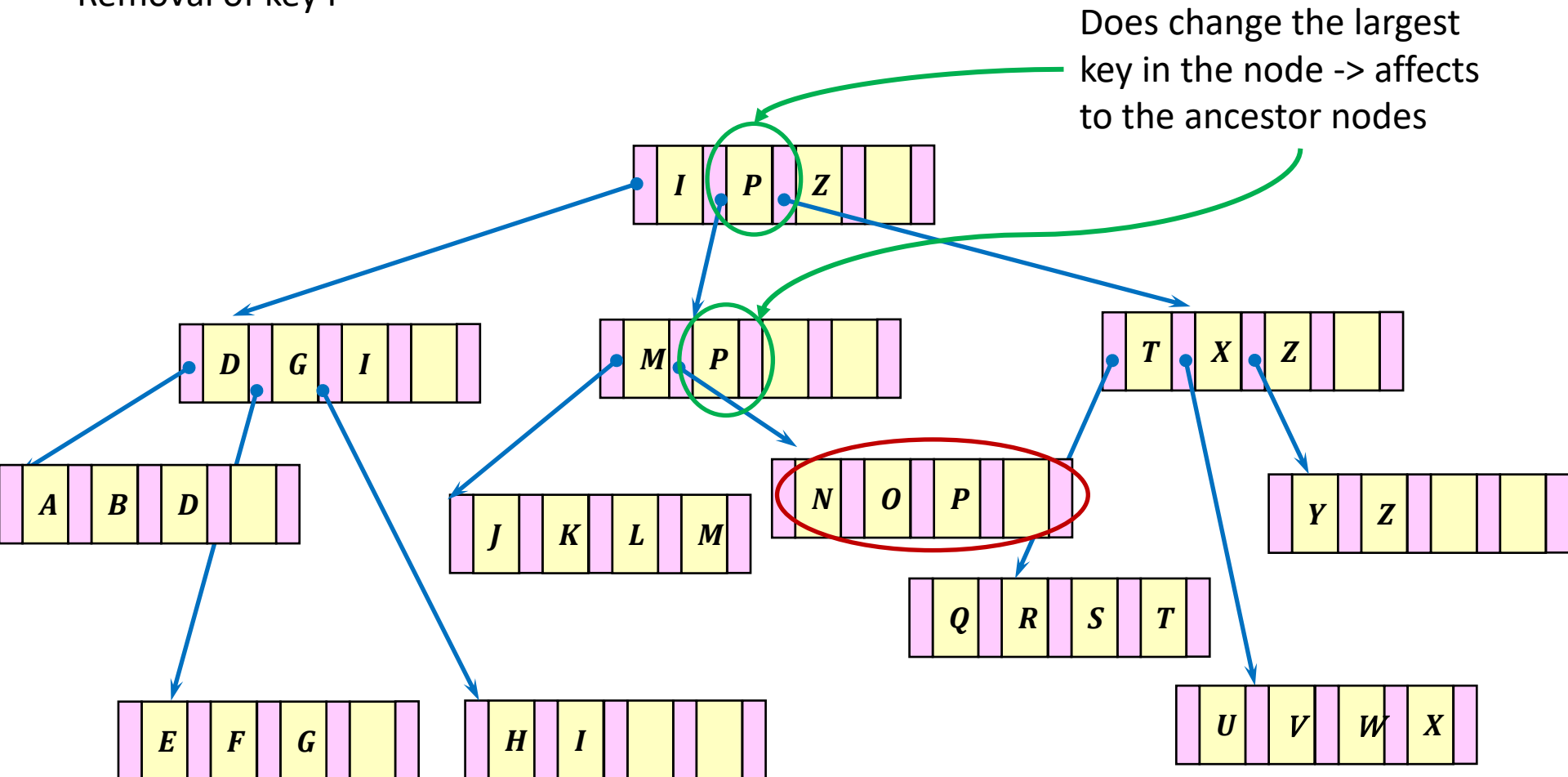
- Change occurs only in leaf node



Deletion example: case2 (1/4)



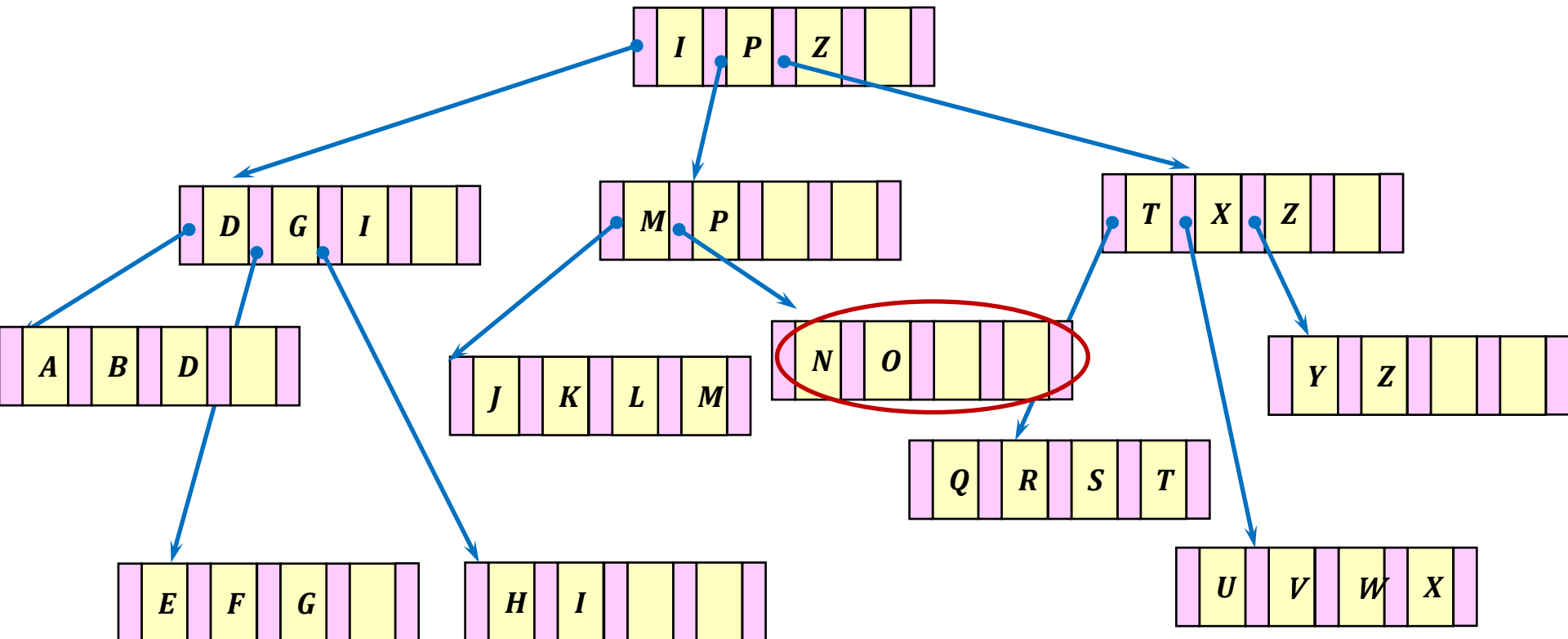
Removal of key P



Deletion example: case2 (2/4)



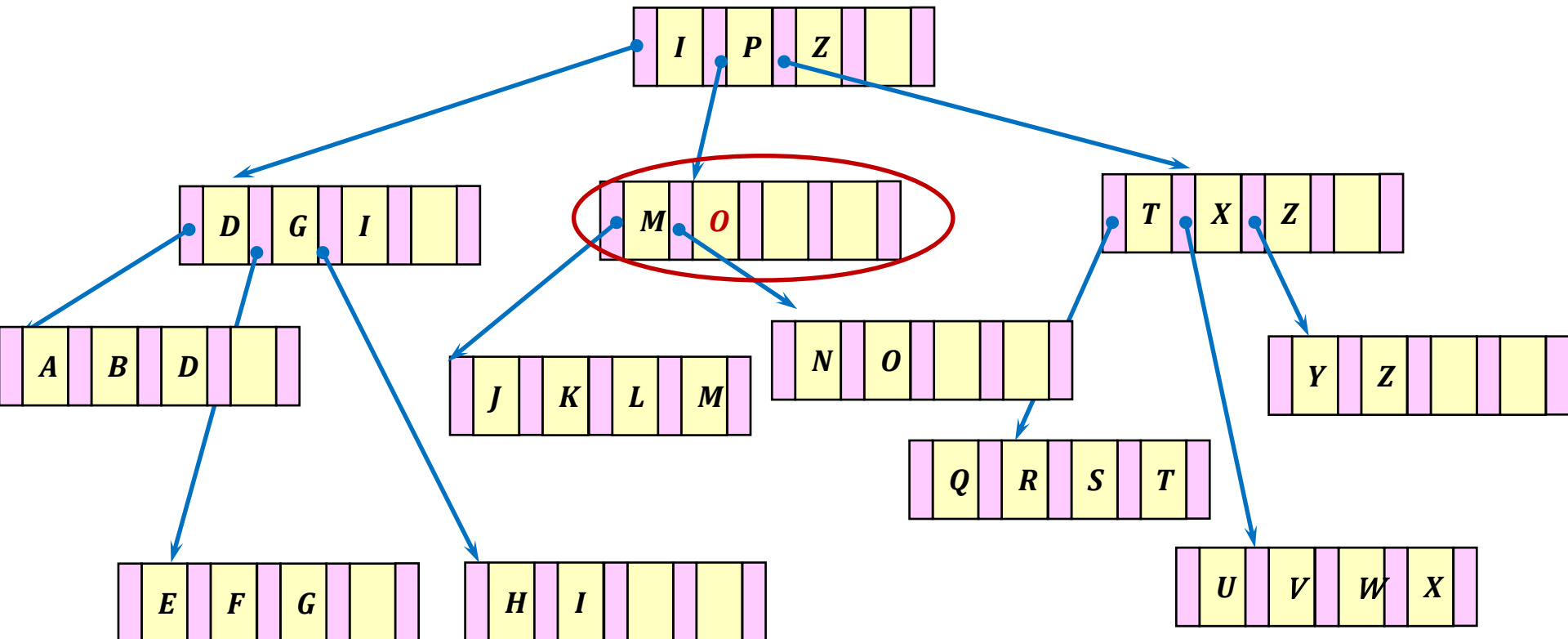
- P from the second leaf node
 - Change the largest key in the node



Deletion example: case2 (3/4)



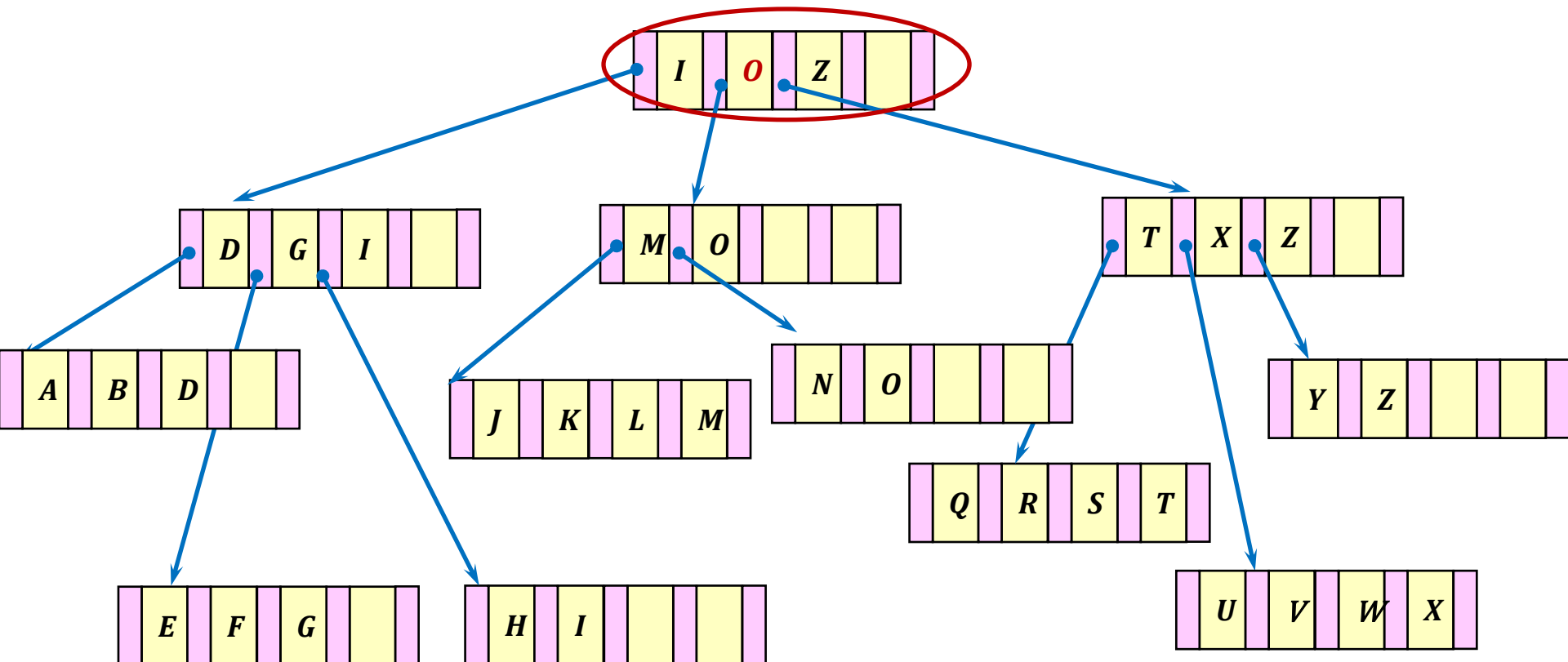
- The second-level node is modified
 - It contains O instead of P



Deletion example: case2 (4/4)



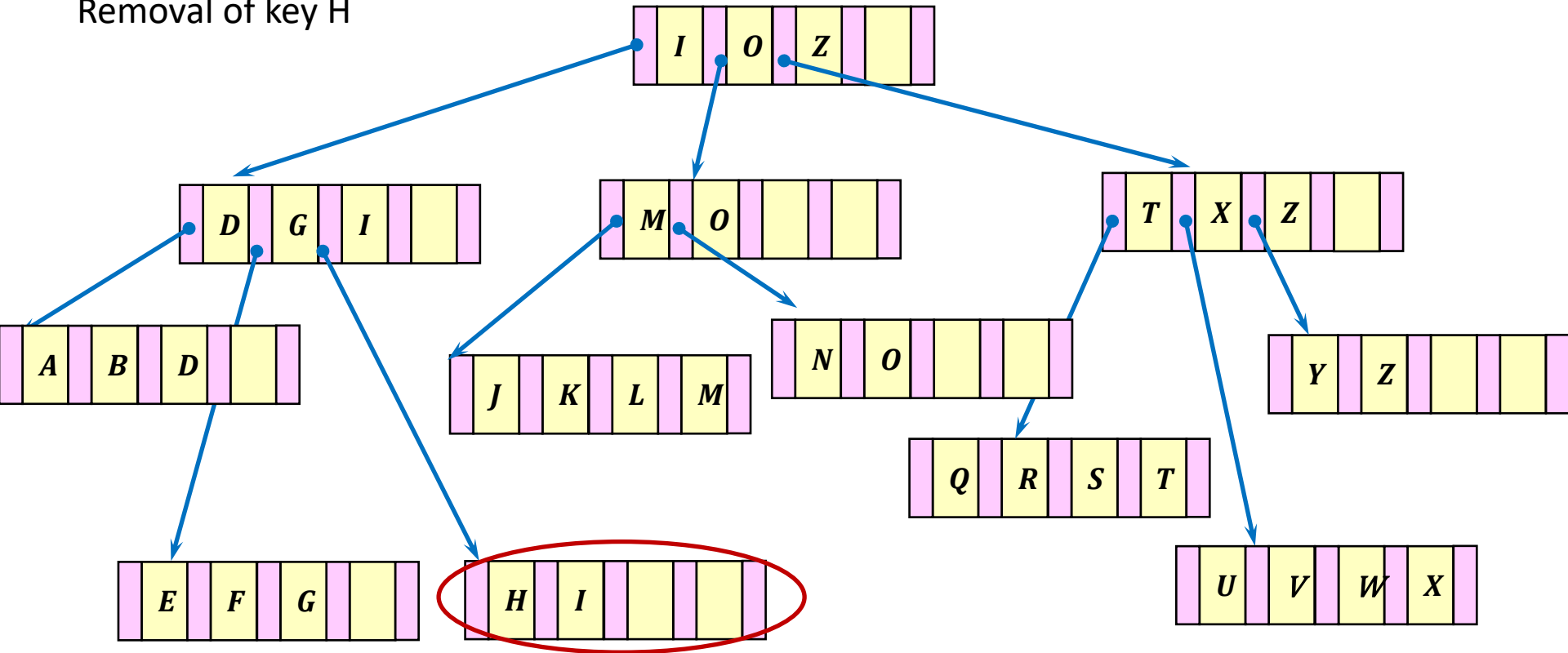
- The root is also modified
 - Key P is replaced by Key O



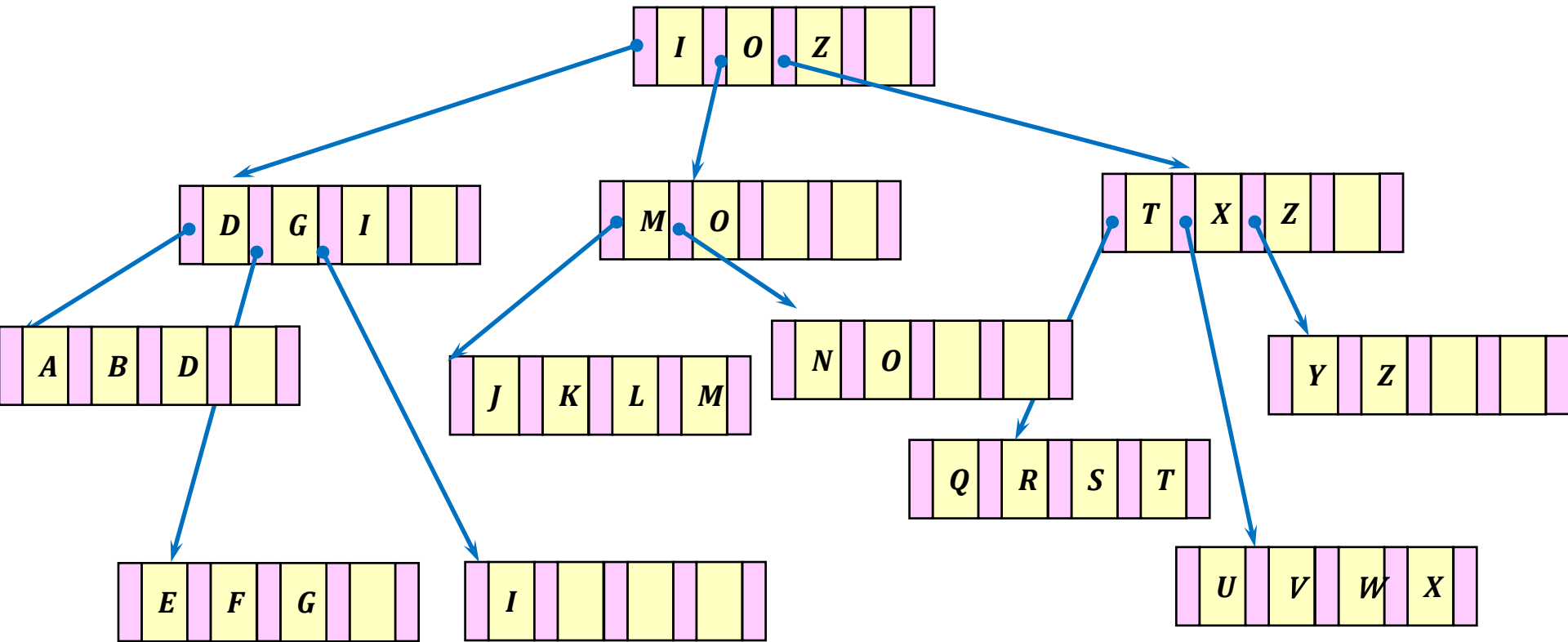
Deletion example: case3 (1/3)



Removal of key H



Deletion example: case3 (2/3)

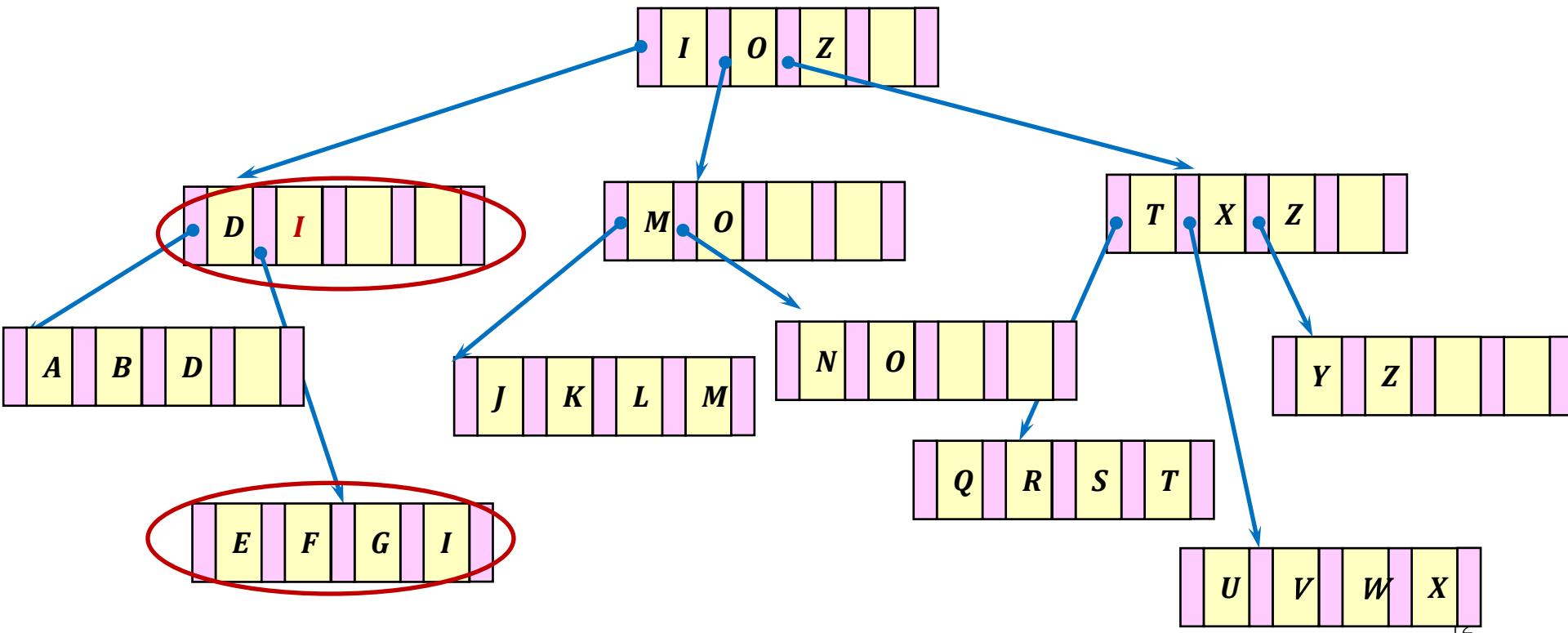


Causes an underflow → two
leaf nodes should be merged

Deletion example: case3 (3/3)



- After the merger
 - Second level node is modified to reflect the current status of the leaf nodes



Deletion, Merging, and Redistribution (1/2)



- Rules for deleting a key k from a node n (order m)
 - 1. # of keys in $n > m/2$, k : not the largest in n
 - simply delete k from n
 - 2. # of keys in $n > m/2$, k : the largest in n
 - delete k
 - modify the higher level indexes to reflect the new largest key in n
 - 3. # of keys in $n = m/2$, one of the siblings of n has few enough keys
 - merge n with its sibling
 - delete a key from the parent node

Deletion, Merging, and Redistribution (2/2)

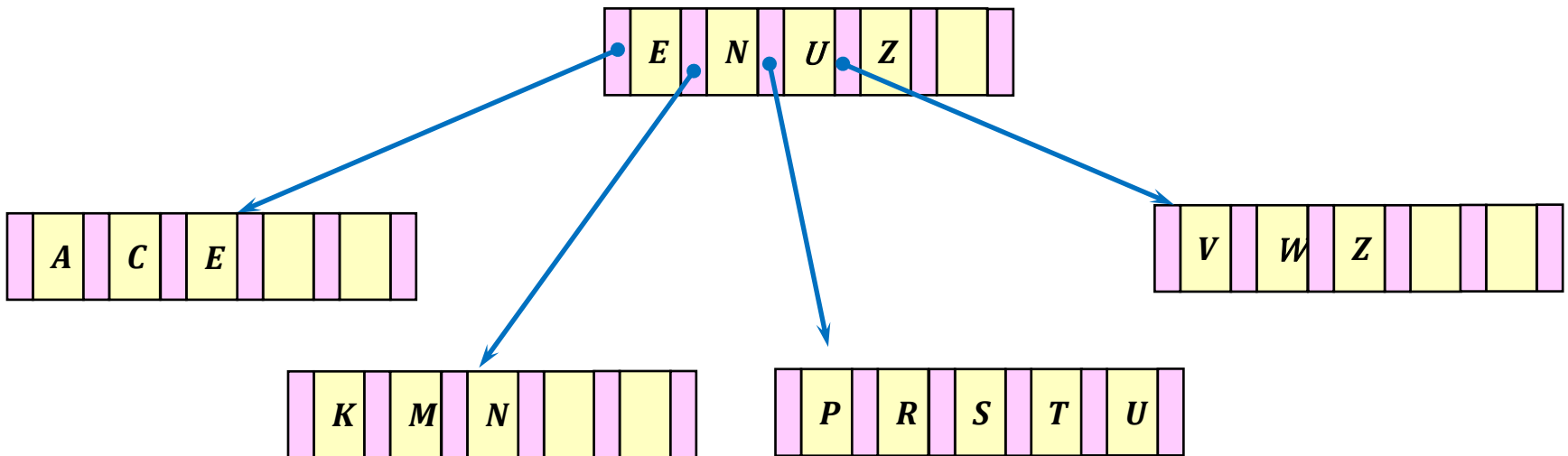


- Rules for deleting a key k from a node n (order m)
 - 4. # of keys in $n = m/2$ and one of the siblings of n has extra keys
 - redistribute by moving some keys from a sibling to n , and
 - **modify the higher level indexes** to reflect the new largest keys in the affected nodes

Another Example (1/4)



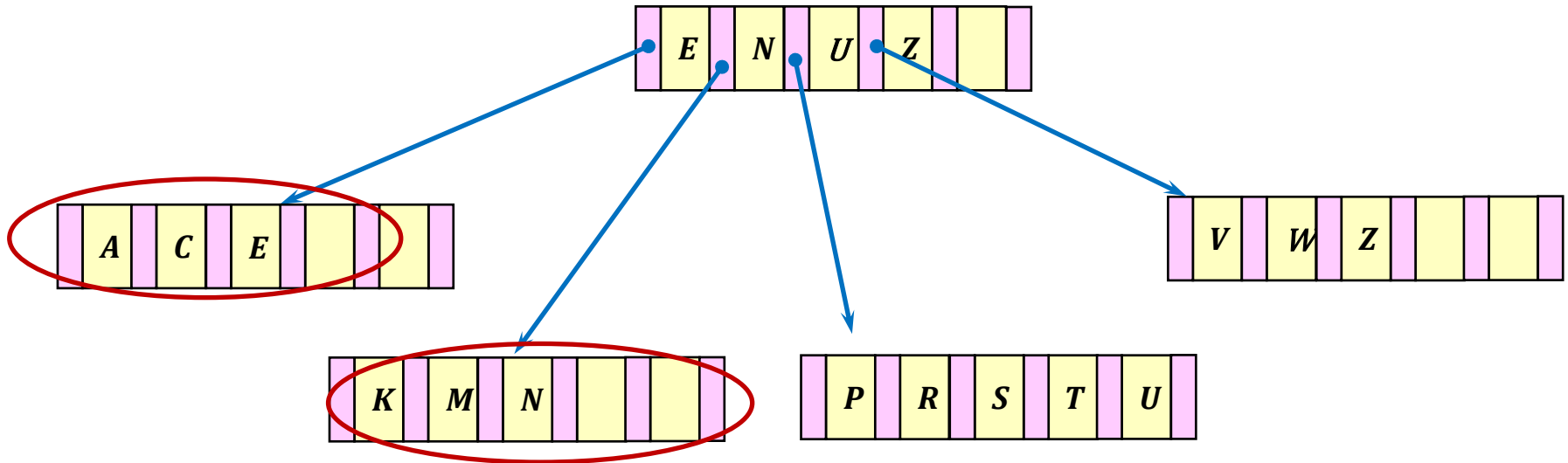
- A B-tree of order 6 ($m=6$)
 - 3 is minimum number of keys for each node ($\lceil 6/2 \rceil = 3$)



Another Example (2/4)



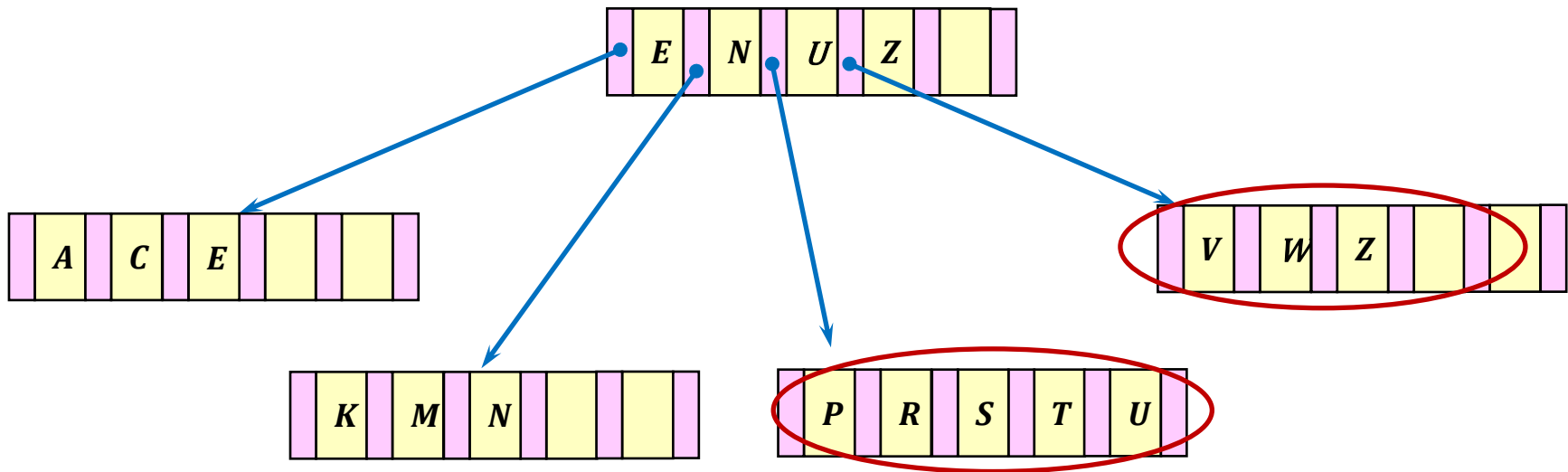
- Delete C
 - Merging two sibling nodes



Another Example (3/4)



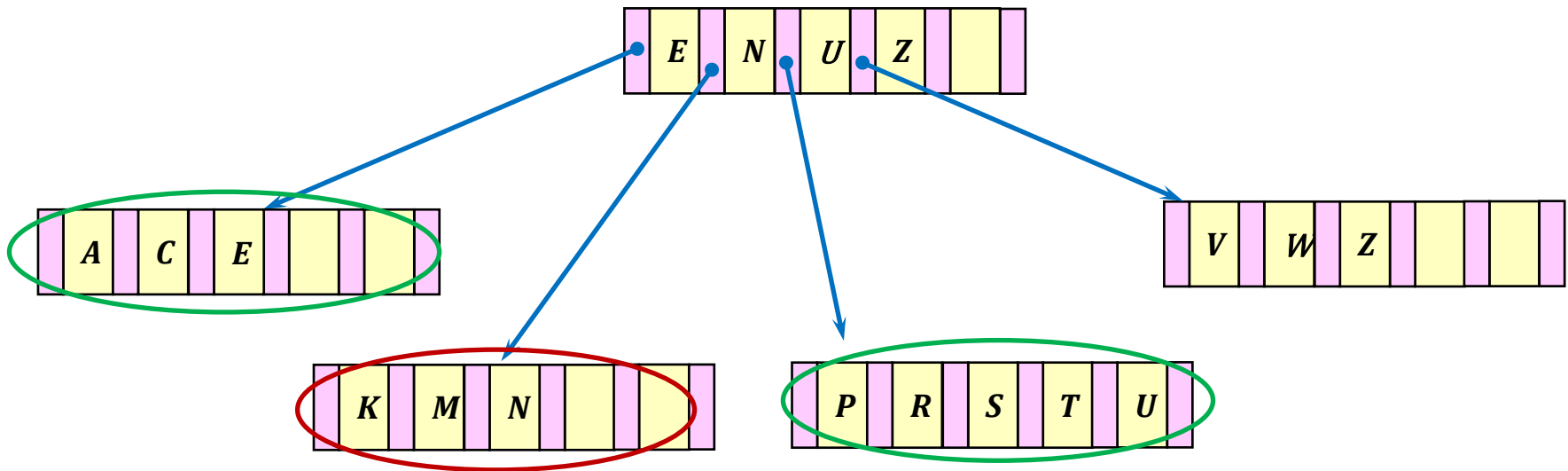
- Delete W
 - The only sibling has 5 keys, total 7 keys
 - redistribute



Another Example (4/4)



- Delete M
 - Two options
 - Merge with the left sibling
 - Redistribute keys in the right sibling



Deletion algorithm (1/2)



- Algorithm (with redistribution and merging)
 - 1. If the key to be deleted is not in a leaf
 - swap it with its immediate successor, which is in a leaf (might be redistributed or concatenated!)
 - 2. Delete the key

Deletion algorithm (2/2)



- Algorithm (with redistribution and merging)
 - 3. If underflow occurs
 - (the leaf now contains one too few keys),
 - 3.1 If the left or right sibling has more than the minimum number of keys , redistribute
 - 3.2 Otherwise, concatenate the two leaves and the median key from the parent into one leaf
 - 3.3 Apply above step 3 to the parent as if it were deleted

Redistribution



- Occur when a sibling has more than the minimum # of keys
- Idea: Move keys between siblings
- Result in a change in the key in the parent page
- Does not propagate : strictly local effects
- How many keys should be moved?
 - Not necessarily fixed
 - Even distribution is desired

Merge (Concatenation)



- Occur in case of underflow
- Combining the two pages and the key from the parent page ==> make a single full page
- Reverse the splitting
- Concatenation must involve demotion of keys
 - *may cause underflow in the parent page*
- The effects propagate upward

Redistribution During Insertion



- A way to improve storage utilization
- A way of avoiding the creation of new pages
- Tend to make an efficient B-tree in terms of space utilization
 - Worst case : around 50%
 - Average case : 67 ~ 69%
 - With redistribution during insertion : over 85%

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B* Trees (1/2)



- *Knuth, 1973, Addison-Wesley*
- Use redistribution operation during insertion
- Perform two-to-three split
 - When split, the page has at least one sibling that is also full
 - After split, the pages are about $2/3$ full
 - The page with at least $\lceil (2m - 1)/3 \rceil$ keys
c.f. remember $\lceil (m/2) \rceil - 1$ keys

B* Trees (2/2)



- Properties of a B*-tree of order m
 - extend the notion of **redistribution during insertion** to include new rules for splitting
 - 1. Every page has a maximum of m descendants
 - 2. Every page except for the root has at least $(2m-1)/3$ descendants (v.s. $m/2$)
 - 3. The root has at least two descendants (unless it is a leaf)
 - 4. All the leaves appear on the same level

Q&A

