

Opening Questions

1. What do you think the issue we need to handle when deleting a node from a red-black tree?
How does red-black delete differ from a BST delete?

Red-Black Tree Delete

- Think of V as having an “extra” unit of blackness. This extra blackness must be absorbed into the tree (by a red node), or propagated up to the root and out of the tree. There are four cases – our examples and “rules” assume that V is a left child. There are symmetric cases for V as a right child

Terminology in Examples

- The node just deleted was U
- The node that replaces it is V , which has an extra unit of blackness
- The parent of V is P
- The sibling of V is S



Figure 12.1: Red Black Tree Graphics Definitions

- V 's sibling, S is Red
 - Rotate S around P and recolor S & P
- NOT a terminal case – One of the other cases will now apply
- All other cases apply when S is Black

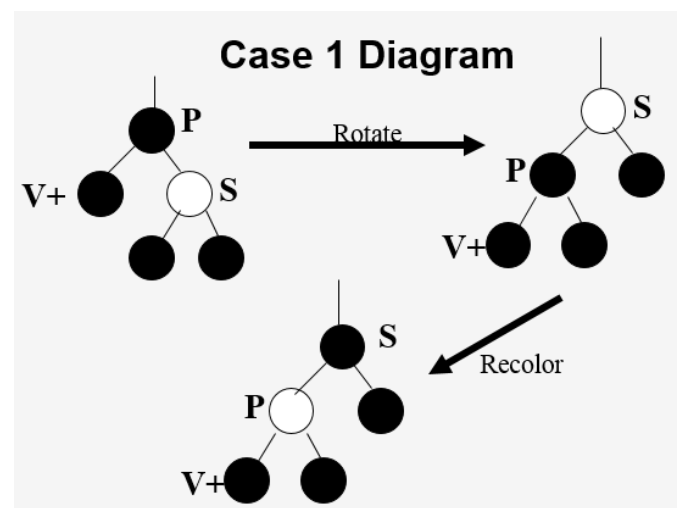


Figure 12.2: Red Black Tree Delete Case #1

- V 's sibling, S is black and has two black children.
 - Recolor S to be Red
 - P absorbs V 's extra blackness
 - * If P was Red, make it black, we're done
 - * If P was Black, it now has extra blackness and problem has been propagated up the tree

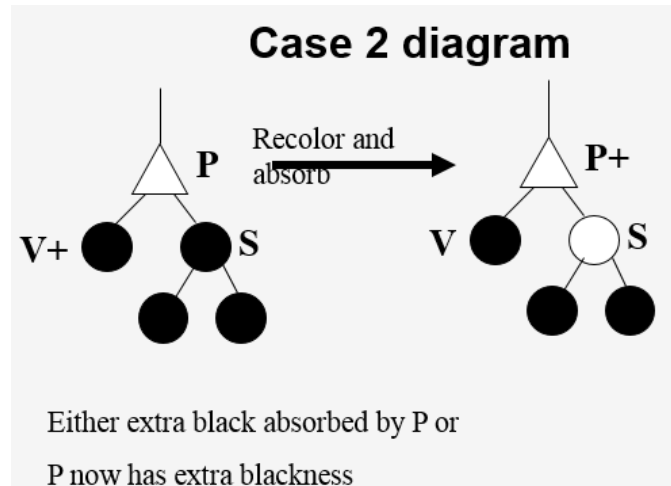


Figure 12.3: Red Black Tree Delete Case #2

- S is black
- S 's RIGHT child is RED (Left child either color)
 - Rotate S around P
 - Swap colors of S and P , and color S 's Right child Black
- This is the terminal case – we're done

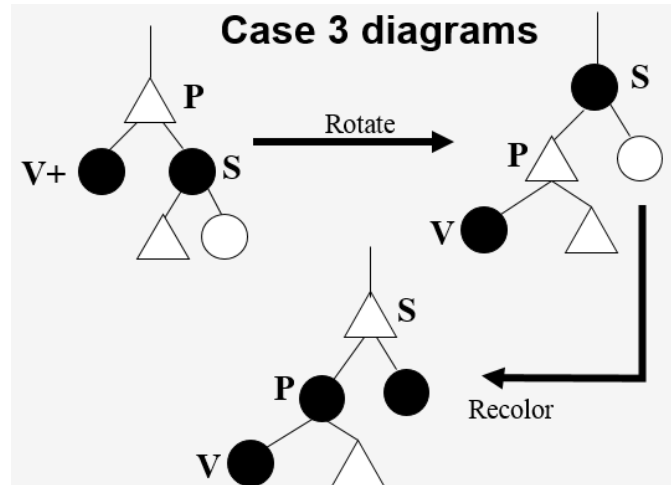


Figure 12.4: Red Black Tree Delete Case #3

- S is Black, S 's right child is Black and S 's left child is Red
 - Rotate S 's left child around S
 - Swap color of S and S 's left child
 - Now in **case 3**

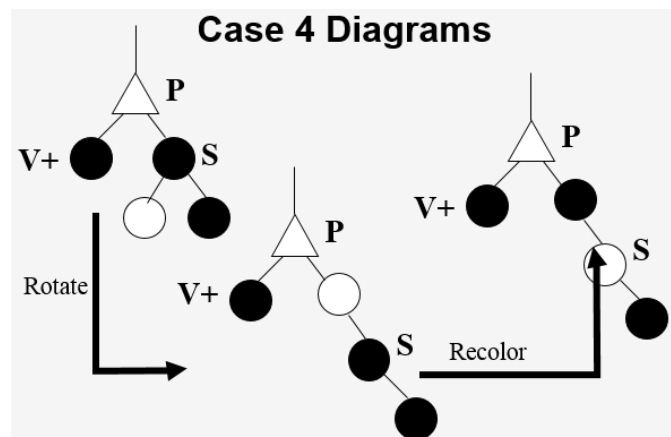


Figure 12.5: Red Black Tree Delete Case #4

Red Black Visualization:

- <http://gauss.eecs.uc.edu/RedBlack/redblack.html>
- <https://www.cs.usfca.edu/~galles/visualization/RedBlack.html>

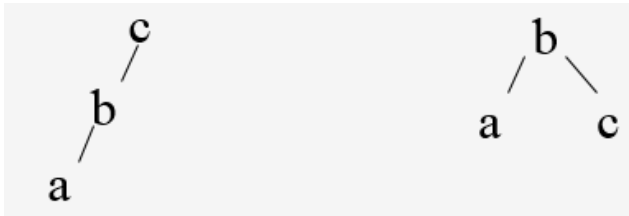
AVL Trees

An AVL tree is a special type of binary tree that is always “partially” balanced. The criteria that is used to determine the “level” of “balanced-ness” is the difference between the heights of sub-trees of every node in the tree. The “height” of the tree is the “number of levels” in the tree. AN AVL tree is a special binary tree in which the difference between the height of the right and left sub-trees (of any node) is never more than one.

1. How do you think we could keep track of the height of the right and left sub-trees of every node?
2. If we find an imbalance, how can we correct it without adding any significant cost to the insert or delete?

Single Rotations

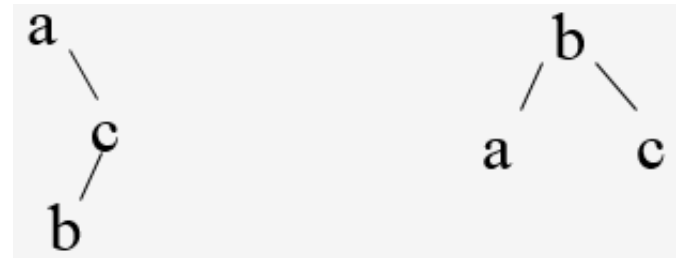
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Perform single right rotation at c (R-rotation)
 Similar idea for single left rotation (L-rotation)

Double Rotations

The imbalance is left-right (or right-left)



Perform right rotation at c then left rotation at a (RL-rotation)
 Similar idea for left rotation then right rotation (LR-Rotation)

AVL Visualization: <https://visualgo.net/bn/bst>