Data Structures

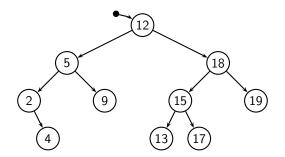
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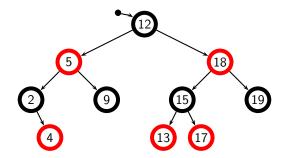
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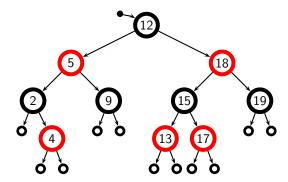
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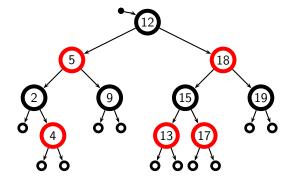
- Want: data structure to support INSERT, DELETE, SEARCH in $O(\log n)$ time.
- Binary search trees: insert, delete, search.
- But complexity bound not met unless trees balanced.
- Last time: AVL trees (meets $O(\log n)$ goal), splay trees (simpler, only meets it in an amortized sense).

Today: red-black-trees.

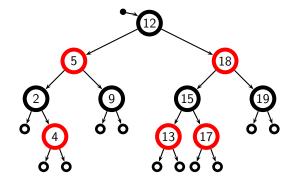




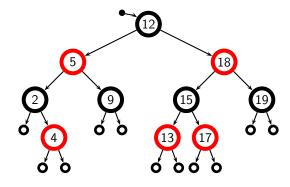




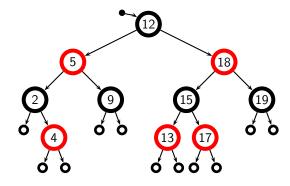
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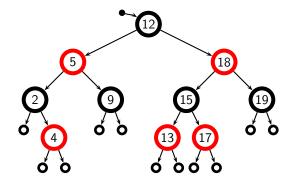
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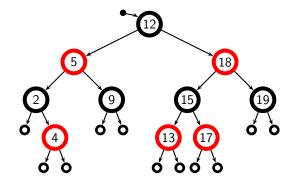
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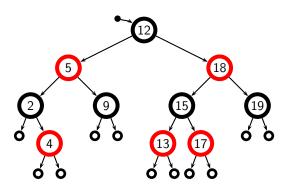


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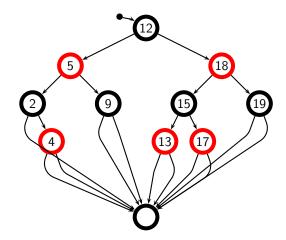


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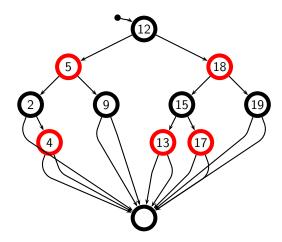


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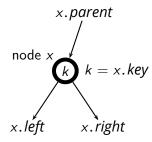
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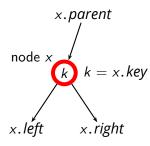


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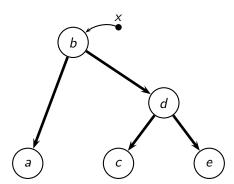
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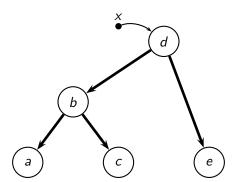
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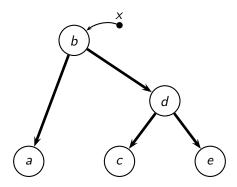
- A red-black tree works as a binary search tree for search, etc.
- So, the complexity of those operations is T(n) = O(h), that is

$$T(n) = O(\log n)$$

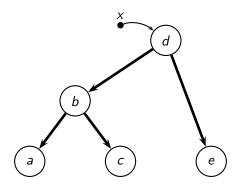
which is also the *worst-case* complexity







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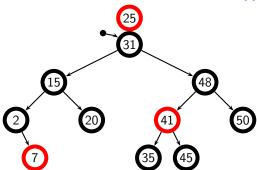
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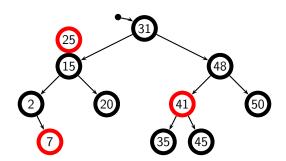
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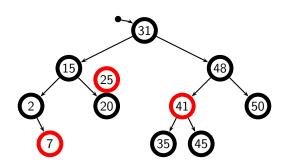
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RB-Insert(T, z)
 1 y = T.nil
 2 x = T.root
   while x \neq T.nil
   y = x
   if z. key < x. key
           x = x.left
       else x = x. right
   z.parent = y
   if y == T.nil
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       T.root = z
   else if z.key < y.key
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           y.left = z
else y.right = z
   z.left = z.right = T.nil
15 z.color = RED
16 RB-Insert-Fixup(T, z)
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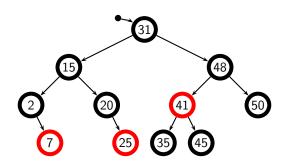
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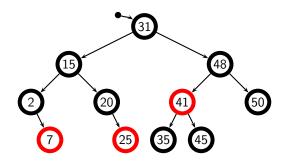


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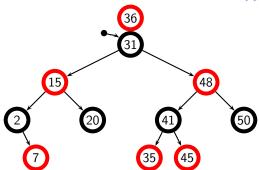


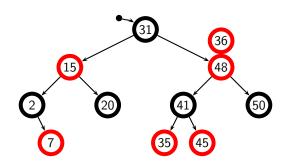


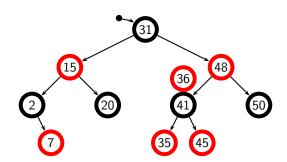


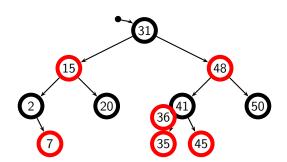


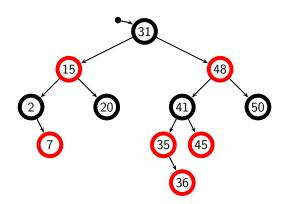
■ z's father is **black**, so no fixup needed

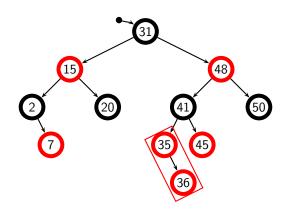


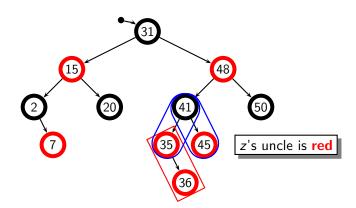


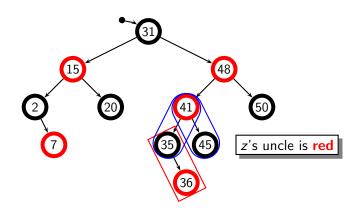


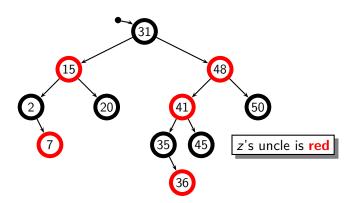


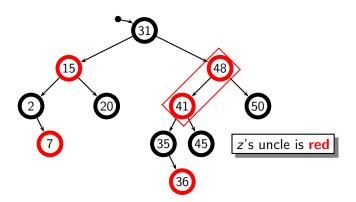


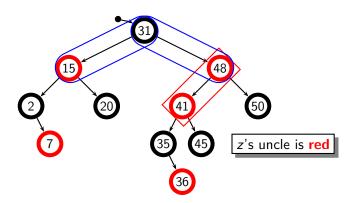


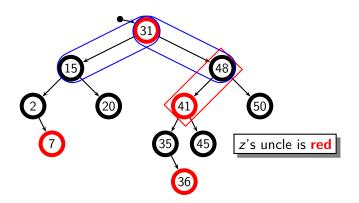


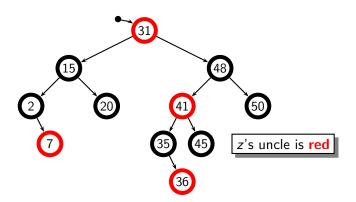


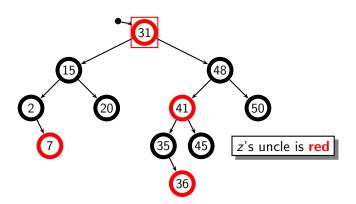


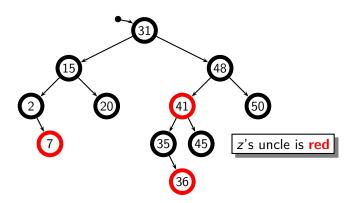


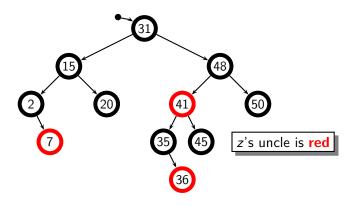




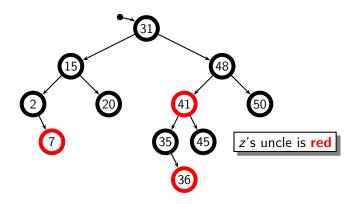




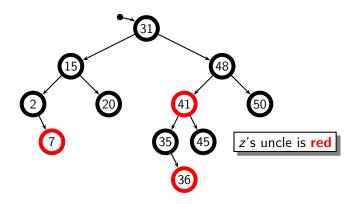




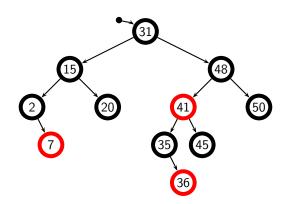
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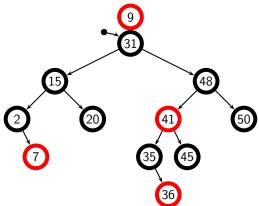


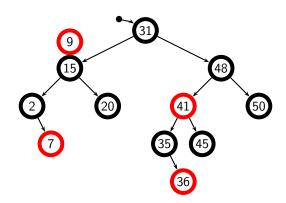
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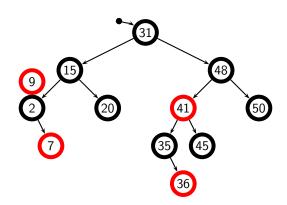


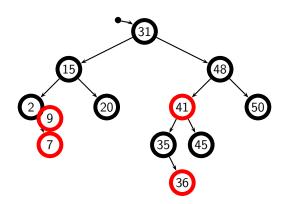
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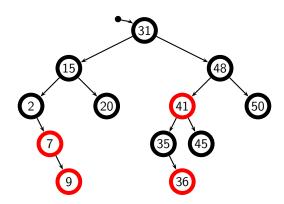


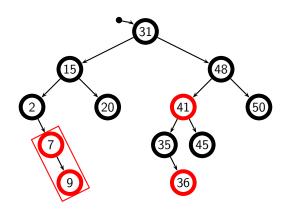


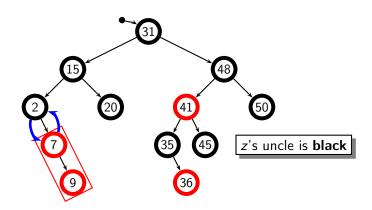


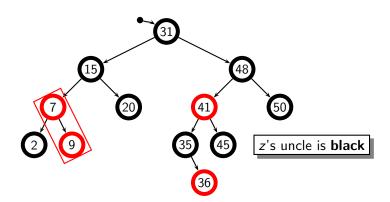


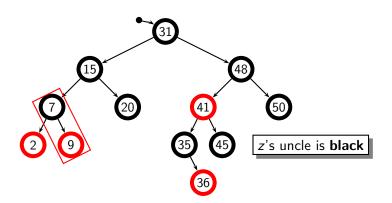


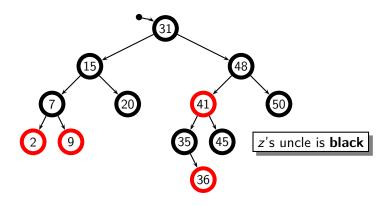




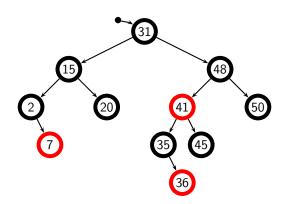


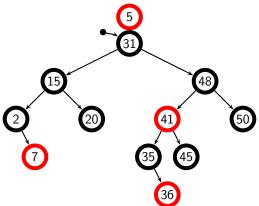


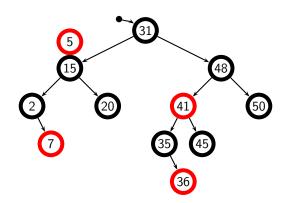


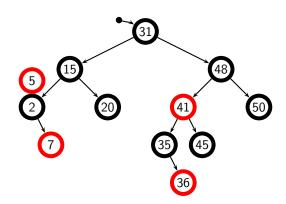


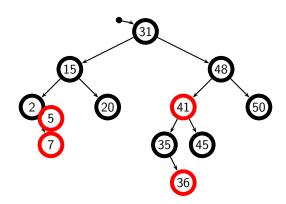
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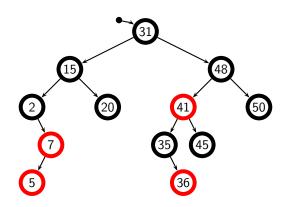


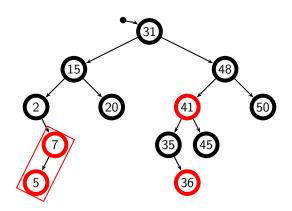


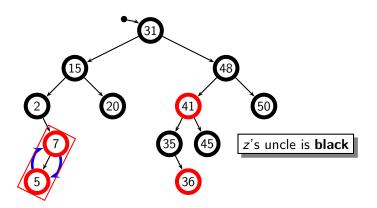


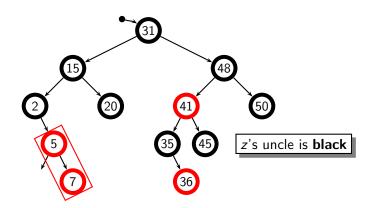


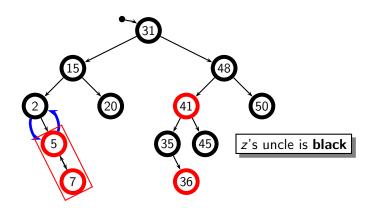


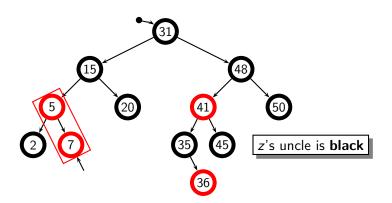


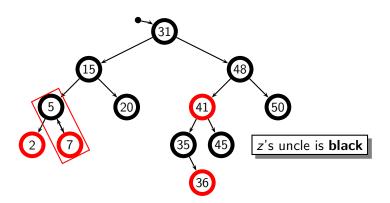


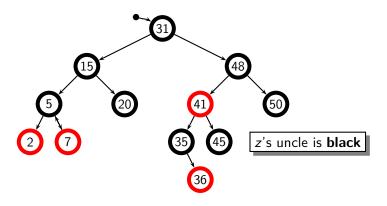




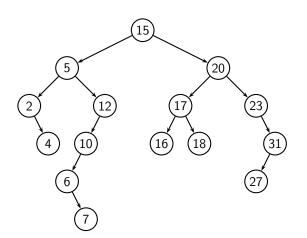


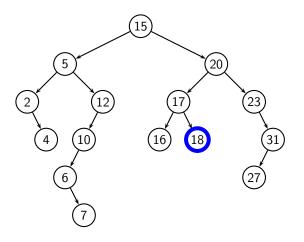




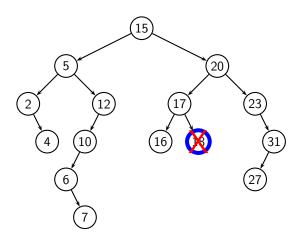


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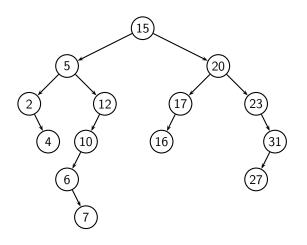


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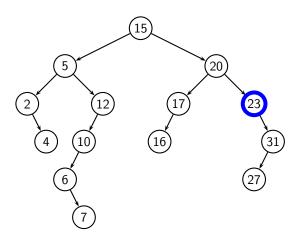
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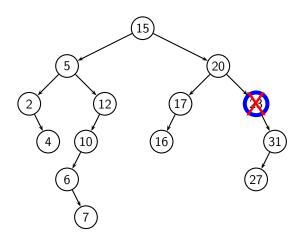


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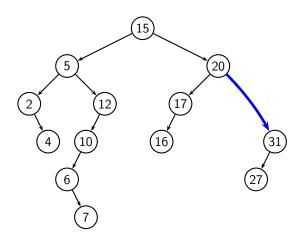
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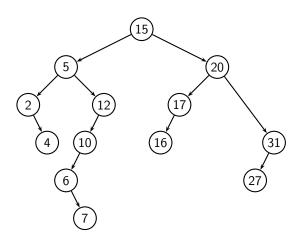
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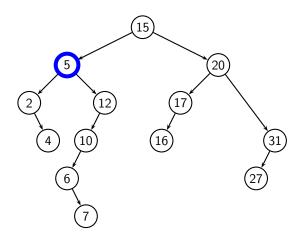
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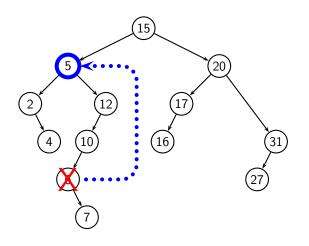
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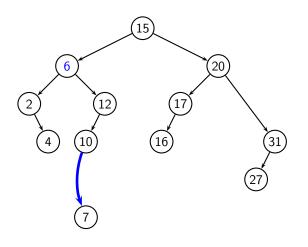
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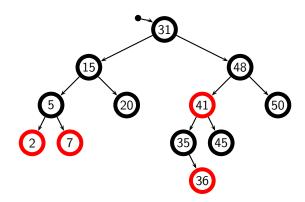


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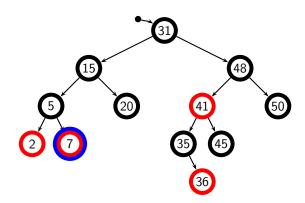


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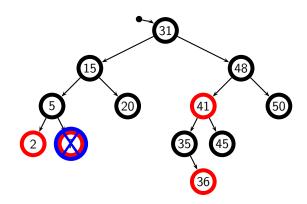


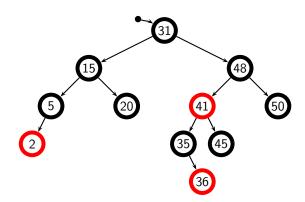


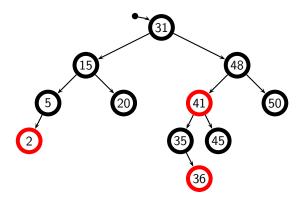
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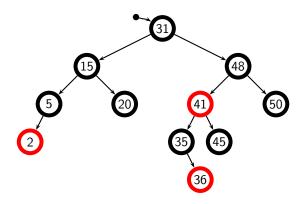
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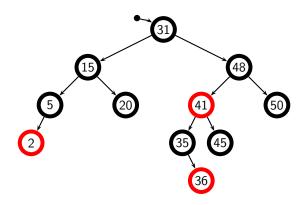




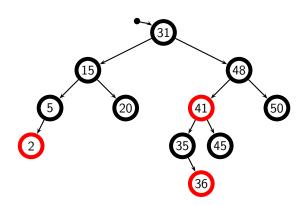
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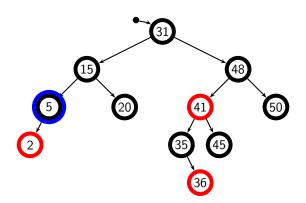


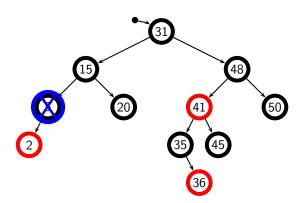
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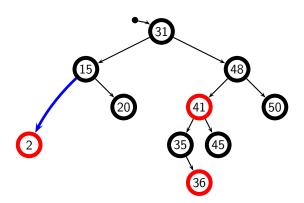


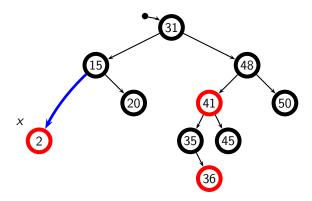
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 - ▶ no two red nodes become adjacent (property 4)



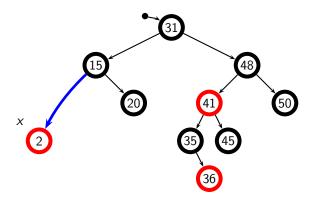




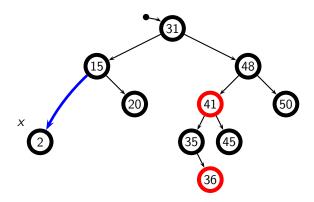




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Fixup Conditions

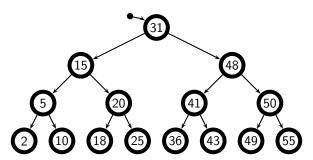
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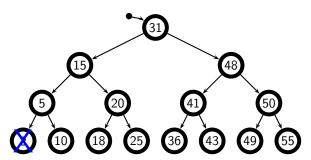
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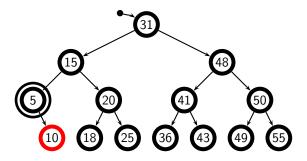
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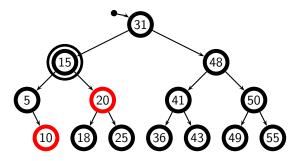
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- **Problem 3:** we are removing y, which is black
 - violates red-black property 5 (same black height for all paths)



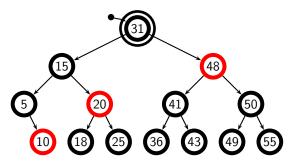




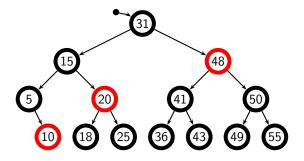
- x carries an additional black weight
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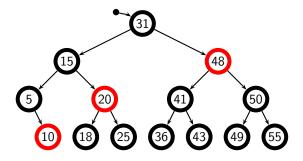
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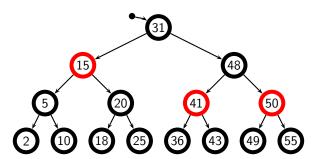
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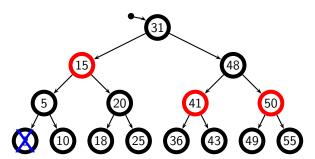


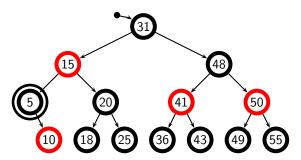
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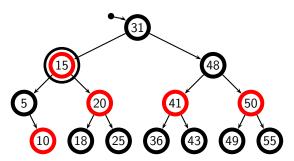


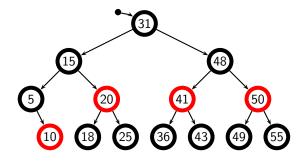
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 - the fixup algorithm pushes it up towards to root
- The additional black weight can be discarded if it reaches the root, otherwise...



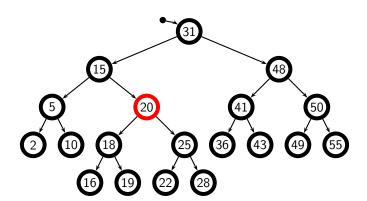


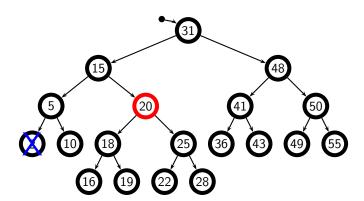


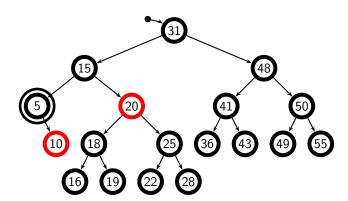


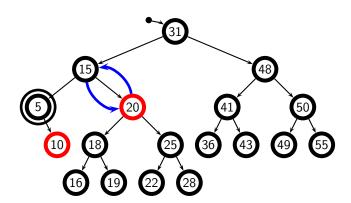


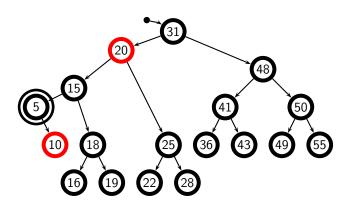
■ The additional **black** weight can also stop as soon as it reaches a **red** node, which will absorb the extra **black** color

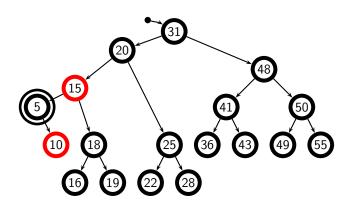


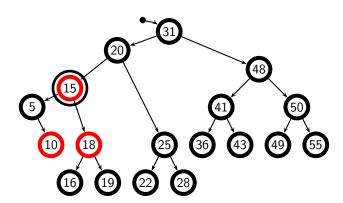


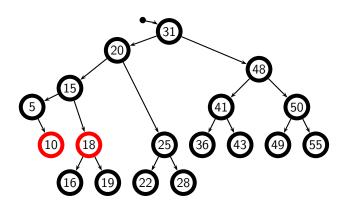


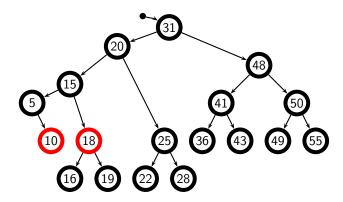








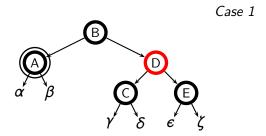


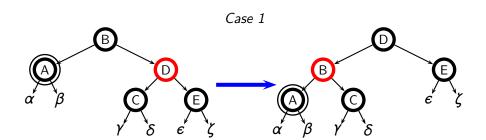


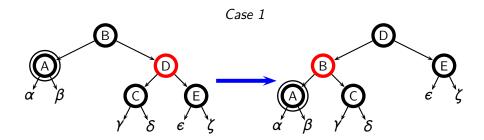
■ In other cases where we can not push the additional black color up, we can apply appropriate rotations and color transfers that preserve all other red-black properties

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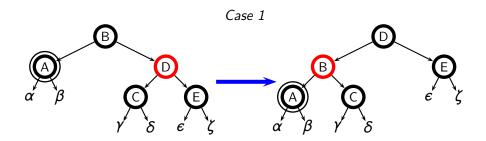
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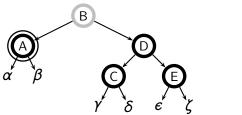


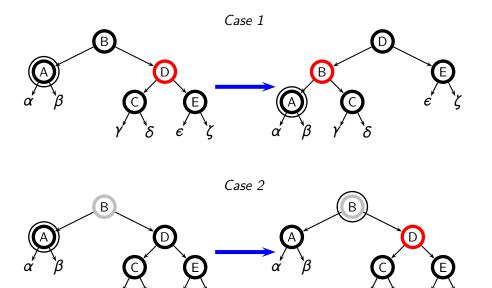


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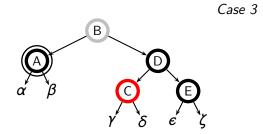
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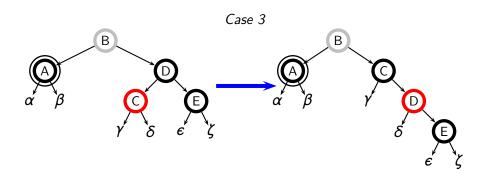


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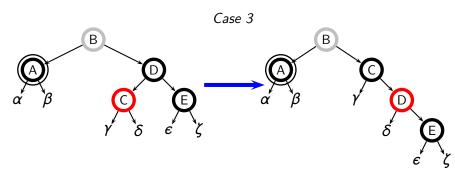
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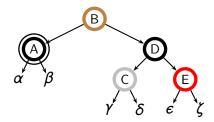


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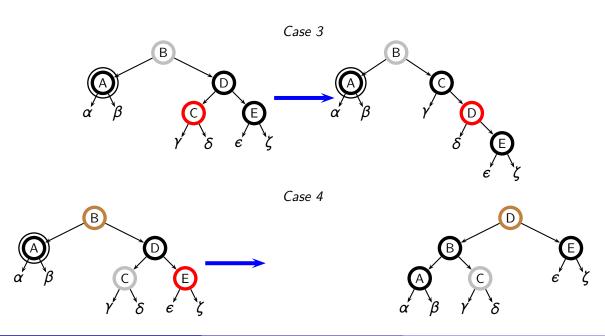


Basic Fixup Iteration (2)









```
RB-Delete-Fixup(T, x)
    while x \neq T.root \land x.color = BLACK
         if x == x. parent. left
              w = x.parent.right
              if w.color == RED
 5
                  case 1...
              if w.left.color == BLACK \land w.right.color = BLACK
 6
                  w.color = RED
                                                // case 2
 8
                  x = x. parent
 9
              else if w.right.color == BLACK
10
                       case 3...
11
                  case 4
12
         else same as above, exchanging right and left
13
    x.color = BLACK
```

Why did we want dynamic sets to start with?

- To improve algorithms.
- Today: brief respite from data structures.
- Computational geometry
- We'll see some algorithms that use stacks, red-black trees.

- Studies algorithms for geometric problems.
- Applications: computer graphics, robotics, VLSI, CAD.
- More applications: protein folding, molecular modeling, GIS.
- Huge area! Only a sampler.
- Scientific conference: SOCG
- Software: CGAL.

Caution

- The biggest "enemy" to algorithms in computational geometry: degeneracy.
- Three points are collinear, three lines intersect at the same point, etc.
- Algorithms need patching to deal with degenerate situations.
- In the interest of teaching: Ignore it.

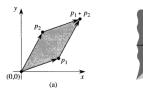
Want to know more?

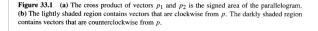
■ De Berg, Cheong Kreveld, Overmars. "Computational Geometry: Algorithms and Applications", Third Edition, Springer.

O'Rourke "Computational Geometry in C".

- Input: set of points $\{p_i\}$, $p_i = (x_i, y_i)$. Example: polygon $P = (p_0, p_1, \dots, p_n)$.
- Given $p_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $p_2 = (x_2, y_2)$, convex combination: any point $p_3 = (x_3, y_3)$ such that $x_3 = \lambda x_1 + (1 \lambda)x_2$, $\lambda \in [0, 1]$, similarly $y_3 = \lambda y_1 + (1 \lambda)y_2$.

- Given two directed segments \$\overline{p_0p_1}\$ and \$\overline{p_0p_2}\$, is \$\overline{p_0p_1}\$ clockwise from \$\overline{p_0p_2}\$ with respect to their common endpoint \$p_0\$?
- 2. Given two line segments $\overline{p_1p_2}$ and $\overline{p_2p_3}$, if we traverse $\overline{p_1p_2}$ and then $\overline{p_2p_3}$, do we make a left turn at point p_2 ?
- 3. Do line segments $\overline{p_1p_2}$ and $\overline{p_3p_4}$ intersect?





(0,0)

(b)



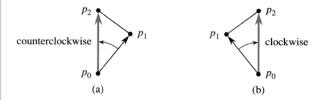


Figure 33.2 Using the cross product to determine how consecutive line segments $\overline{p_0p_1}$ and $\overline{p_1p_2}$ turn at point p_1 . We check whether the directed segment $\overline{p_0p_2}$ is clockwise or counterclockwise relative to the directed segment $\overline{p_0p_1}$. (a) If counterclockwise, the points make a left turn. (b) If clockwise, they make a right turn.

Procedures DIRECTION and ON-SEGMENT

DIRECTION
$$(p_i, p_j, p_k)$$

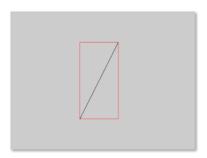
1 **return** $(p_k - p_i) \times (p_j - p_i)$

```
ON-SEGMENT(p_i, p_j, p_k)
```

- 1 if $\min(x_i, x_j) \le x_k \le \max(x_i, x_j)$ and $\min(y_i, y_j) \le y_k \le \max(y_i, y_j)$
- 2 then return TRUE
- 3 else return FALSE

Testing whether two segments intersect

- QUICK REJECT: two segments cannot intersect if their BOUNDING BOXES don't.
- Smallest rectangle containing the segment with sides parallel to the xy axes.
- Bounding box of $\overline{p_1p_2}$, $p_i = (x_i, y_i)$ is rectangle with corners $(min(x_1, x_2), min(y_1, y_2), (min(x_1, x_2), max(y_1, y_2))$ $(max(x_1, x_2), max(y_1, y_2))$ and $(max(x_1, x_2), min(y_1, y_2))$.



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- Second stage: check whether each segment "straddles" the other.
- A segment $\overline{p_1p_2}$ straddles a line if point p_1 lies on one side of the line and point p_2 lies on the other side. If p_1 or p_2 lies on the line, then we say that the segment straddles the line. Two line segments intersect if and only if they pass the quick rejection test and each segment straddles the line containing the other.

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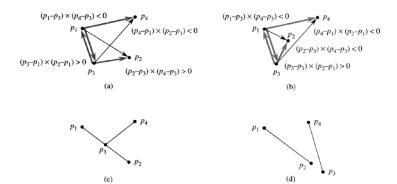


Figure 33.3 Cases in the procedure SEGMENTS-INTERSECT. (a) The segments $\overline{p_1p_2}$ and $\overline{p_3p_4}$ straddle each other's lines. Because $\overline{p_3p_4}$ straddles the line containing $\overline{p_1p_2}$, the signs of the cross products $(p_3-p_1)\times (p_2-p_1)$ and $(p_4-p_1)\times (p_2-p_1)$ differ. Because $\overline{p_1p_2}$ straddles the line containing $\overline{p_3p_4}$, the signs of the cross products $(p_1-p_3)\times (p_4-p_3)$ and $(p_2-p_3)\times (p_4-p_3)$ differ. (b) Segment $\overline{p_3p_4}$ straddles the line containing $\overline{p_1p_2}$, but $\overline{p_1p_2}$ does not straddle the line containing $\overline{p_3p_4}$. The signs of the cross products $(p_1-p_3)\times (p_4-p_3)$ and $(p_2-p_3)\times (p_4-p_3)$ are the same. (c) Point p_3 is collinear with $\overline{p_1p_2}$ and is between p_1 and p_2 . (d) Point p_3 is collinear with $\overline{p_1p_2}$, but it is not between p_1 and p_2 . The segments do not intersect.

```
SEGMENTS-INTERSECT (p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4)
    d_1 \leftarrow \text{DIRECTION}(p_3, p_4, p_1)
 2 d_2 \leftarrow \text{DIRECTION}(p_3, p_4, p_2)
 3 d_3 \leftarrow \text{DIRECTION}(p_1, p_2, p_3)
 4 d_4 \leftarrow \text{DIRECTION}(p_1, p_2, p_4)
 5 if ((d_1 > 0 \text{ and } d_2 < 0) \text{ or } (d_1 < 0 \text{ and } d_2 > 0)) and
               ((d_3 > 0 \text{ and } d_4 < 0) \text{ or } (d_3 < 0 \text{ and } d_4 > 0))
        then return TRUE
 6
     elseif d_1 = 0 and ON-SEGMENT(p_3, p_4, p_1)
        then return TRUE
     elseif d_2 = 0 and ON-SEGMENT(p_3, p_4, p_2)
10
        then return TRUE
     elseif d_3 = 0 and ON-SEGMENT(p_1, p_2, p_3)
12
        then return TRUE
     elseif d_4 = 0 and ON-SEGMENT(p_1, p_2, p_4)
14
        then return TRUE
     else return FALSE
```

- Given: n segments $v_1, \ldots v_n$.
- To test: do any two segments intersect ?
- Uses technique called sweeping.
- Running time: $O(n \log n)$. Naive algorithm $O(n^2)$.
- SWEEPING: an imaginary vertical sweep line passes through the given set of geometric objects, usually from left to right. The spatial dimension that the sweep line moves across, in this case the x-dimension, is treated as a dimension of time.
- Provides method for ordering geometric objects, usually by placing them into a dynamic data structure, and for taking advantage of relationships among them.
- line-segment-intersection algorithm: considers all line-segment endpoints in left-to-right order and checks for an intersection each time it encounters an endpoint.

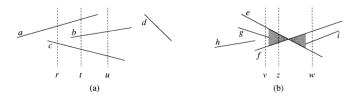


Figure 33.4 The ordering among line segments at various vertical sweep lines. (a) We have $a >_r c$, $a >_t b$, $b >_t c$, $a >_t c$, and $b >_u c$. Segment d is comparable with no other segment shown. (b) When segments e and f intersect, their orders are reversed: we have $e >_v f$ but $f >_w e$. Any sweep line (such as e) that passes through the shaded region has e and e consecutive in its total order.

- Sweeping algorithms: maintain two sets of data.
- sweep-line status: gives the relationships among objects intersected by the sweep line.
- event-point schedule: sequence of x-coordinates, ordered from left to right, that defines the halting positions of the sweep line.
- Call each such halting position an event point. Changes to the sweep-line status occur only at event points.
- Sweep-line status: total order *T*.
- INSERT(T, s), DELETE(T, s).
- ABOVE(T, s): return segment above s in T.
- BELOW(T, s): return segment below s in T.
- We can perform each of the above operations in $O(\log n)$ time using red-black trees.

```
ANY-SEGMENTS-INTERSECT(S)
    T \leftarrow \emptyset
 2 sort the endpoints of the segments in S from left to right,
             breaking ties by putting left endpoints before right endpoints
             and breaking further ties by putting points with lower
             y-coordinates first
    for each point p in the sorted list of endpoints
         do if p is the left endpoint of a segment s
               then INSERT(T, s)
                    if (ABOVE(T, s)) exists and intersects s)
                           or (Below (T, s)) exists and intersects s)
                      then return TRUE
 8
             if p is the right endpoint of a segment s
               then if both ABOVE(T, s) and BELOW(T, s) exist
                           and Above(T, s) intersects Below(T, s)
10
                      then return TRUE
11
                    DELETE(T, s)
    return FALSE
```

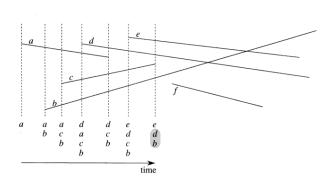


Figure 33.5 The execution of ANY-SEGMENTS-INTERSECT. Each dashed line is the sweep line at an event point, and the ordering of segment names below each sweep line is the total order T at the end of the **for** loop in which the corresponding event point is processed. The intersection of segments d and b is found when segment c is deleted.

Algorithm: correctness/performance

- Can only fail by not reporting intersecting segments.
- p =leftmost intersection point, breaking ties by choosing the one with the lowest y-coordinate. a and b =the segments that intersect at p.
- No intersections occur to the left of $p \Rightarrow$ the order given by T is correct at all points to the left of p.
- no three segments intersect at the same point \Rightarrow there exists a sweep line z at which a and b become consecutive in the total order.
- \blacksquare z is to the left of p or goes through p.
- There exists segment endpoint q on z that is the event point at which a and b become consecutive.
- If p is on z, then q = p. If p is not on z, then q is to the left of p. In either case, the order given by T is correct just before q is processed.

Algorithm: correctness/performance

- Either a or b is inserted into T, and the other segment is above or below it in the total order. Lines 4-7 detect this case.
- Segments a and b are already in T, and a segment between them in the total order is deleted, making a and b become consecutive. Lines 8-11.
- In either case, the intersection p is found.
- 2n insert/delete/tests. Taking $O(\log n)$ time.

- Convex hull of a set of points: smallest convex polygon that contains the set of points.
- place elastic rubber band around set of points and let it shrink.
- Two algorithms: Graham's Scan $O(n \log n)$.
- Jarvis's March $O(n \cdot h)$, h the number of points on the convex hull.
- Other algorithms:
- Incremental: points sorted from left to right forming sequence p_1, \ldots, p_n . At stage i add p_i to convex hull $CH(p_1, \ldots, p_{i-1})$, forming $CH(p_1, \ldots, p_i)$.
- Divide-and-conquer: divide into leftmost n/2 points and rightmost n/2 points. Compute convex hulls and combine them.
- Prune-and-search method.

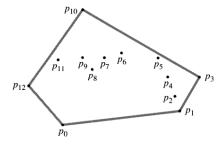


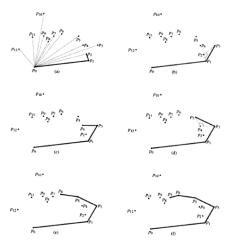
Figure 33.6 A set of points $Q = \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_{12}\}$ with its convex hull CH(Q) in gray.

- Maintains a stack *S* of candidate points.
- Each point of *Q* is pushed onto the stack.
- Points not in CH(Q) eventually popped from the stack.
- TOP(S), NEXT TO TOP(S): stack functions, do not change its contents.
- Stack returned by the algorithm: points of CH(Q) in counterclockwise order.

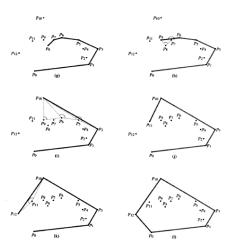
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GRAHAM-SCAN(Q)
     let p_0 be the point in Q with the minimum y-coordinate,
             or the leftmost such point in case of a tie
 2 let \langle p_1, p_2, \dots, p_m \rangle be the remaining points in Q,
             sorted by polar angle in counterclockwise order around p_0
             (if more than one point has the same angle, remove all but
             the one that is farthest from p_0)
     Push(p_0, S)
     Push(p_1, S)
     Push(p_2, S)
    for i \leftarrow 3 to m
         do while the angle formed by points NEXT-TO-TOP(S), TOP(S),
                       and p_i makes a nonleft turn
 8
                 do Pop(S)
9
             Push(p_i, S)
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Graham's Scan: Example



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Graham's Scan: Correctness and Performance

- Invariant: at the beginning of each iteration of the for loop stack S contains (from bottom to top) exactly the vertices of $CH(Q_{i-1})$ in counterclockwise order.
- Line 1: $\theta(n)$ time.
- Sorting $\theta(n \log n)$ time.
- Testing for left/right turn: vector product $\theta(1)$ time.
- The rest of the algorithm O(n) time.

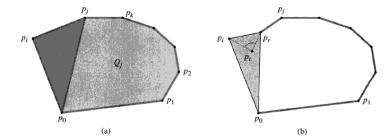


Figure 33.8 The proof of correctness of GRAHAM-SCAN. (a) Because p_i 's polar angle relative to p_0 is greater than p_j 's polar angle, and because the angle $\angle p_k p_j p_i$ makes a left turn, adding p_i to $\text{CH}(Q_j)$ gives exactly the vertices of $\text{CH}(Q_j \cup \{p_i\})$. (b) If the angle $\angle p_r p_t p_i$ makes a nonleft turn, then p_t is either in the interior of the triangle formed by p_0 , p_r , and p_i or on a side of the triangle, and it cannot be a vertex of $\text{CH}(Q_i)$.

- uses a technique known as gift wrapping.
- \blacksquare Simulates wrapping a piece of paper around set Q.
- Start at the same point p_0 as in Graham's scan.
- Pull the paper to the right, then higher until it touches a point. This point is a vertex in the convex hull. Continue this way until we come back to p_0 .
- Formally: start at p_0 . Choose p_1 as the point with the smallest polar angle from p_0 . Choose p_2 as the point with the smallest polar angle from p_1 ...
- \blacksquare . . . until we reached the highest point p_k .
- We have constructed the right chain.
- Construct the left chain by starting from p_k and measuring polar angles with respect to the negative x-axis.

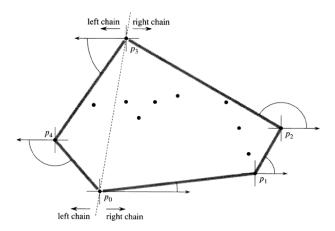


Figure 33.9 The operation of Jarvis's march. The first vertex chosen is the lowest point p_0 . The next vertex, p_1 , has the smallest polar angle of any point with respect to p_0 . Then, p_2 has the smallest polar angle with respect to p_1 . The right chain goes as high as the highest point p_3 . Then, the left chain is constructed by finding smallest polar angles with respect to the negative x-axis.