



# CS 590 – Algorithms

## Lecture 7 – Red-Black Trees



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## 7. Red-black trees

### Red-black trees

- A variation of binary search trees.
- Self-balancing BST:
  - *Balanced*: height is  $O(\lg n)$ , where  $n$  is the number of nodes.
  - Operations will take  $O(\lg n)$  time in the worst case.

# 7.1. Properties



## Red-black trees:

- All attributes of BST will be inherited in *red-black tree (RBT)*
- But RBT will have one extra (+1) bit per node.
  - New attribution: **x.color** - either **red** or **black**.
- RBT uses a single sentinel, **T.nil**, for all the leaves.
- **T.nil.color = black**
- **T.root.p = T.nil**



# 7.1. Properties

## RBT Color Properties:

1. Every node,  $x.color$ , is either red or black.
2.  $T.root.color = black$ .
3.  $T.nil.color = black$ .
4. If  $x.color = red$ ,  $x.left.color \neq red$  and  $x.right.color \neq red$ .
5. All paths from  $x$  to its descent will have the **same number of black nodes** (see black heights,  $bh(x)$ ).

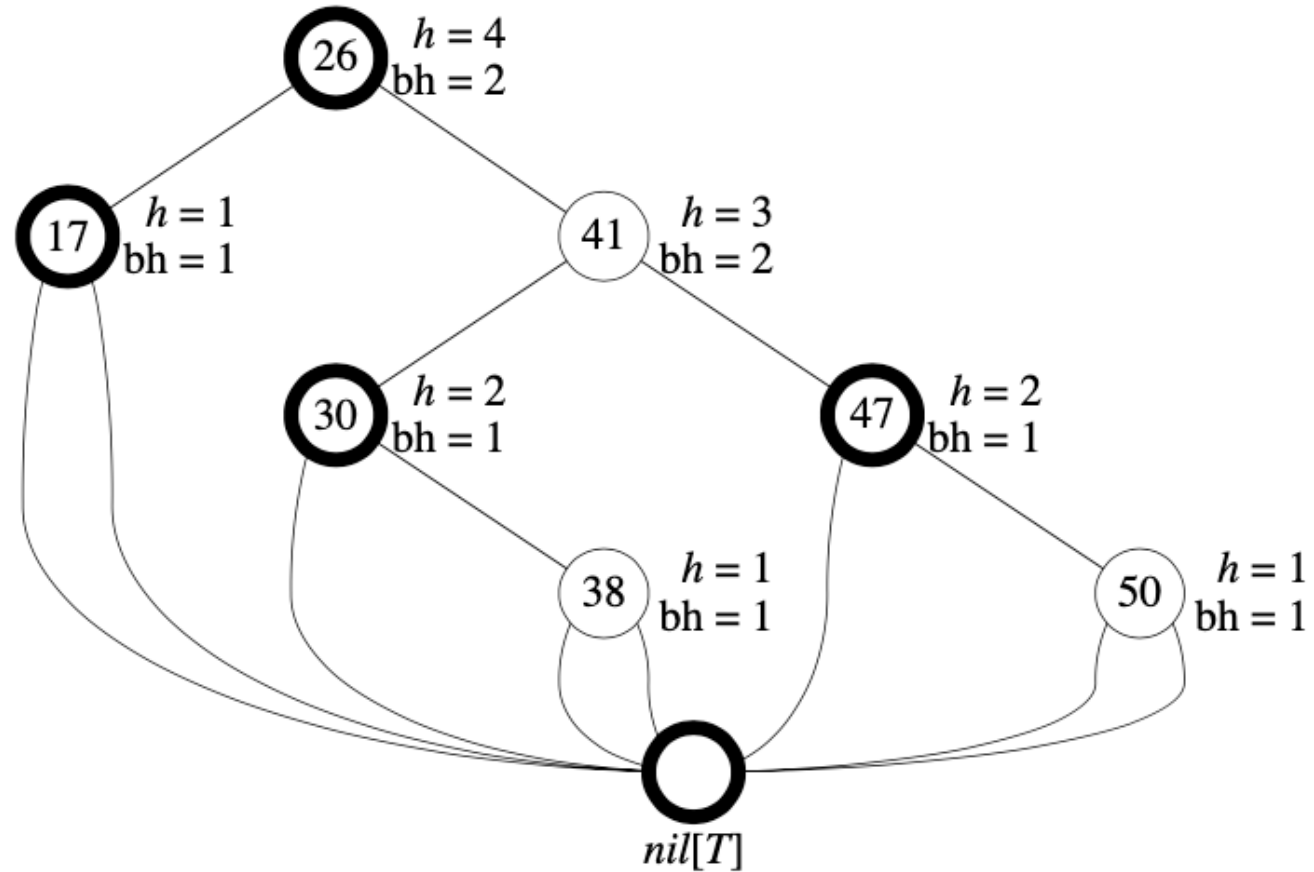


# 7.1. Properties

## Black Height (bh) Properties:

- The height of the tree,  $h(T)$ , is the number of edges in the longest path to a leaf.
- The black height,  $bh(x)$ , is the number of black nodes from a node  $x$  to a leaf.
  - $x.color$  is exclusive.
  - $T.nil$  is inclusive.

## 7.2. Black Heights





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- Claim 1:
  - If  $h(x) = h$ ,  $bh(x)$  is  $\geq h/2$  for all  $x$  in  $T$ .
- Claim 2:
  - A subtree of  $x$  contains  $\geq 2^{bh(x)} - 1$  internal nodes.
- Lemma 1:
  - An RBT with  $n$ -many internal nodes has  $h \leq 2 \lg(n+1)$ .





## 7.3. Operations

### Operations on red-black trees

- The non-modifying BST operations will be carried over.
  - Inorder-Tree-Walk, Minimum, Successor...
  - Except Insertion and Deletion.
- All searching algorithms will have the running time in  $O(h)$ .



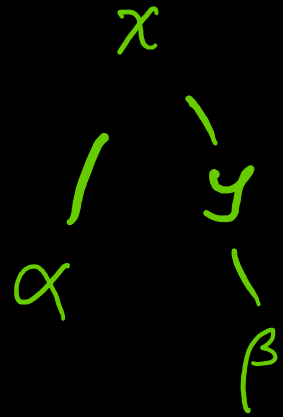
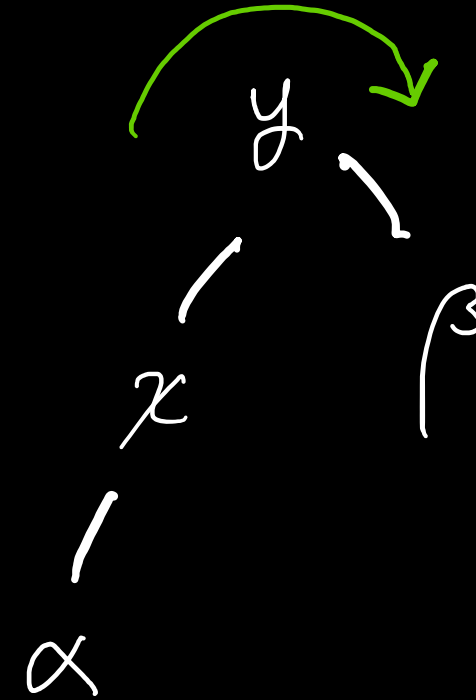
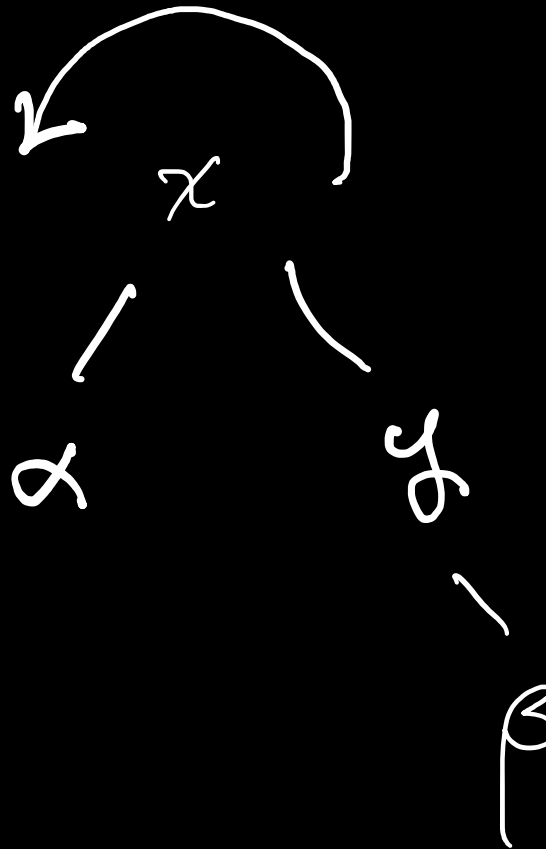
## 7.3.1. Rotations

### Rotation Operation:

- is the basic tree-restructuring operation taking a node  $x$  within  $T$ .
- is to maintain RBTs as self-balanced BSTs.
- will use pointers to change the local pointer structure.
- must not upset the BST's property.
- operates in two directions, left and right.
- separate implementation is easier.

$\bigcirc$  : red

$\bigcirc$  : black





## 7.3.1. Rotations

LEFT-ROTATE( $T, x$ ) algorithm implementation.

1. Set  $y$  as  $x.right$ :
2. Turn the left subtree of  $y$  into the right of  $x$ :
3. What happens if  $y.left$  is not nil?
  - Link point  $x$  as  $y.left.p$
4. Link  $x.p.$  to  $y.p$
5. What if  $x.p = T.nil$ ?
  - What becomes the root of the tree?
  - What if  $x$  is the left child?
  - What if  $x$  is the right child?

## 7.3.1. Rotations



Algorithm (LEFT-ROTATE( $T, x$ ))

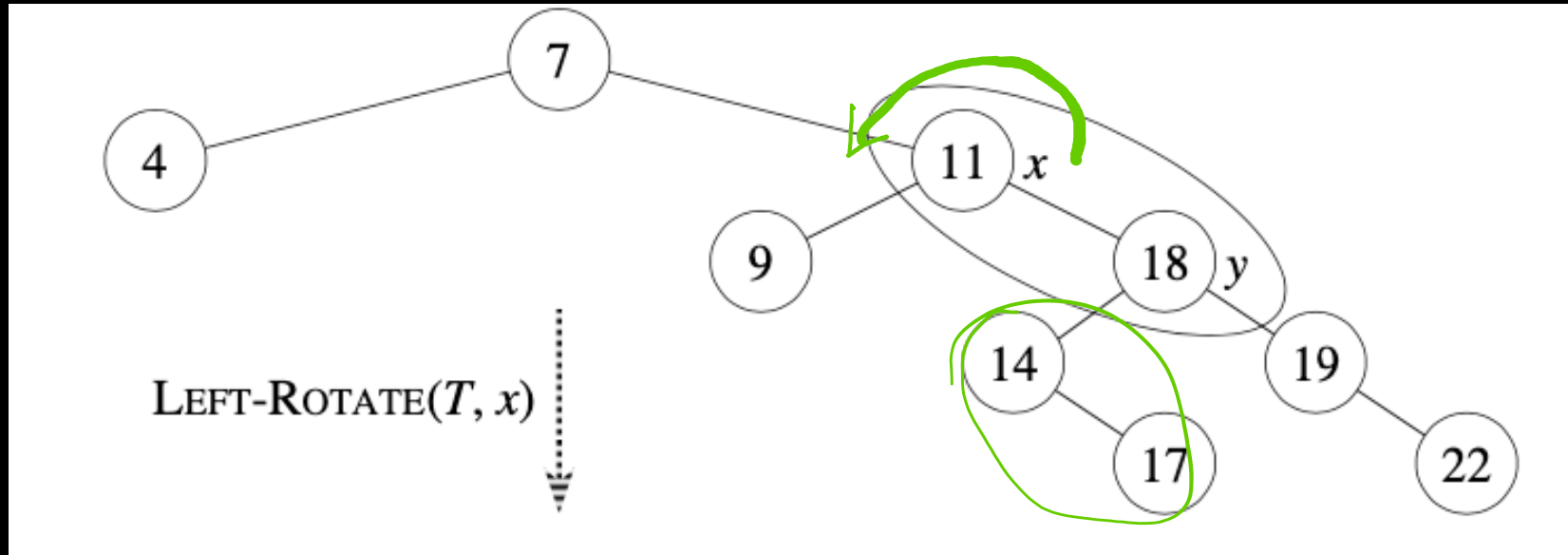
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(1)  y = x.right           //set y
(2)  x.right = y.left      //turn left subtree of y into right of x
(3)  if (y.left  $\neq$  T.nil) then
(4)    y.left.p = x
(5)  y.p = x.p             //link parent of x to y
(6)  if (x.p = T.nil) then
(7)    T.root = y
(8)  else
(9)    if (x = x.p.left) then
(10)     x.p.left = y
(11)   else
(12)     x.p.right = y
(13)  y.left = x           //put x of left of y
(14)  x.p = y
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## 7.3.1. Rotations

- The pseudocode for LEFT-ROTATE assumes that
  - $x.\text{right} \neq T.\text{nil}$
  - root's parent is  $T.\text{nil}$ .
- The running time is  $T(n) = O(1)$ .
- The RIGHT-ROTATE algorithm is symmetric:
  - exchange left and right everywhere.

## 7.3.1. Rotations



## 7.3.2. Insertion

### Insertion Consideration:

- Suppose a node  $z$  is inserted into RBT.
- If  $z.\text{color} = \text{Red}$ ?
  - Property 1: ✓
  - Property 2: ✗  $T.\text{root} = \text{black}$
  - Property 3: ✓
  - Property 4: ✗  $z.p = \text{red}$  ✗
  - Property 5: ✓



## 7.3. Operations

### Insertion Consideration:

- Suppose a node  $z$  is inserted into RBT.
- If  $z.\text{color} = \text{Black}$ ?
  - Property 1: ✓
  - Property 2: ✓
  - Property 3: ✓
  - Property 4: ✓
  - Property 5: ✗





## 7.3.2. Insertion

- Recall BST insertion:
  - Two pointers,  $x$  and  $y$ , were used to find the location.
- A new node  $z$  will be inserted as BST insertion. Why?
- $z.color$ ?
- We need an additional algorithm to fix to maintain RBT color properties.

## 7.3.2. Insertion

### Algorithm (TREE-INSERT( $T, x$ ))

- (1)  $y = \text{NIL}, x = T.\text{root}$
- (2) while ( $x \neq \text{NIL}$ ) do
- (3)      $y = x$
- (4)     if ( $z.\text{key} < x.\text{key}$ ) then
- (5)          $x = x.\text{left}$
- (6)     else  $x = x.\text{right}$
- (7)      $z.p = y$
- (8)     if ( $y = \text{NIL}$ ) then
- (9)          $T.\text{root} = z$
- (10)    else if ( $z.\text{key} < y.\text{key}$ ) then
- (11)        $y.\text{left} = z$
- (12)    else  $y.\text{right} = z$



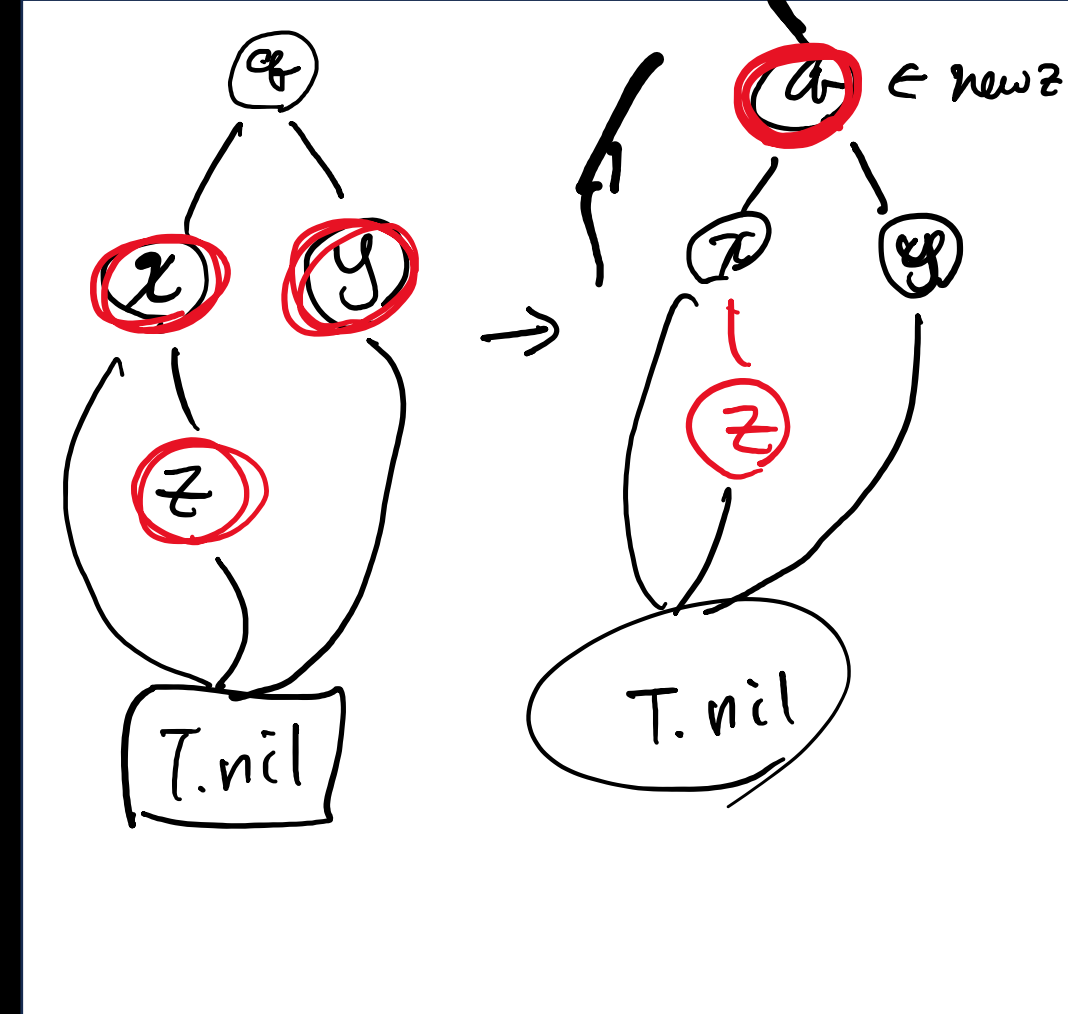
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- The color properties are violated when  $z.color = z.p.color = \text{red}$ .
- The new balancing considers the following cases depending on the color of  $z$ 's uncle,  $y.color$ .
  1.  $z.p = z.p.p.left$  &  $y.color = \text{red}$  (case 1)
    1.  $z = z.p.right$  &  $y.color = \text{black}$  (case 2)
    2.  $z = z.p.left$  &  $y.color = \text{black}$  (case 3)
  2. Symmetric cases when  $z.p = z.p.p.right$ .

### 7.3.2. Insertion

### Case 1: $z.p = z.p.p.left$ and $y.color = red$

- Assume  $z.p.p.color = \text{black}$ .
- **Make  $z.p.color = y.color = \text{black}$ .**
  - Property 4:
  - Property 5:
- **Make  $z.p.p.color = \text{red}$ .**
- Let new  $z$  be  $z.p.p$ .

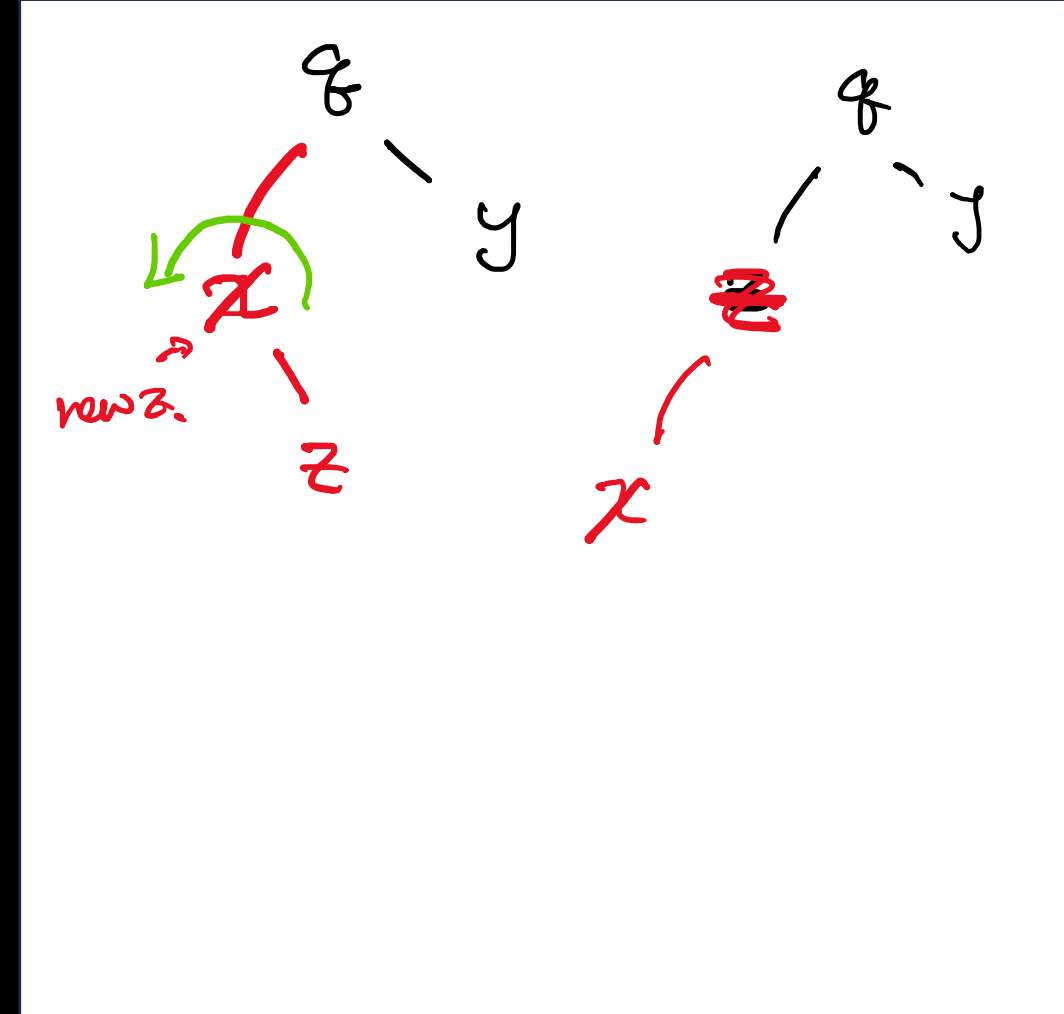


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Case 2:  $z = z.p.right$  and  $y.color = black$

- Let  $z = z.p$  then
- **LEFT-ROTATE(T, z)**
  - Property 4: ✗
  - Property 5: ✗
- Transforms to case 3:  $z = z.p.left$

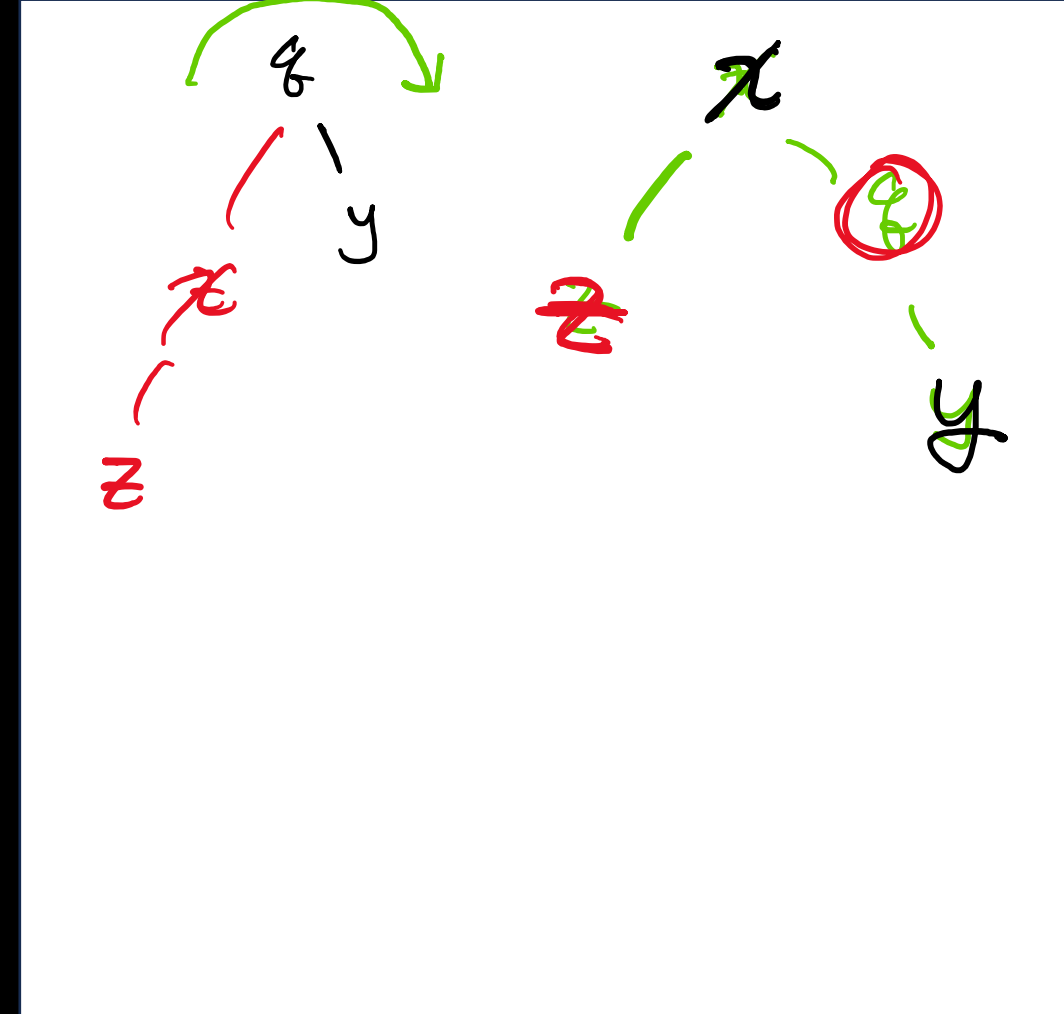


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Case 3:  $z = z.p.left$  and  $y.color = black$

- Make  $z.p.color = red$  and  $z.p.p.color = black$
- **RIGHT-ROTATE**(T,  $z.p.p$ )
  - Property 4:
  - Property 5:
- Transforms to case 3:  $z = z.p.left$



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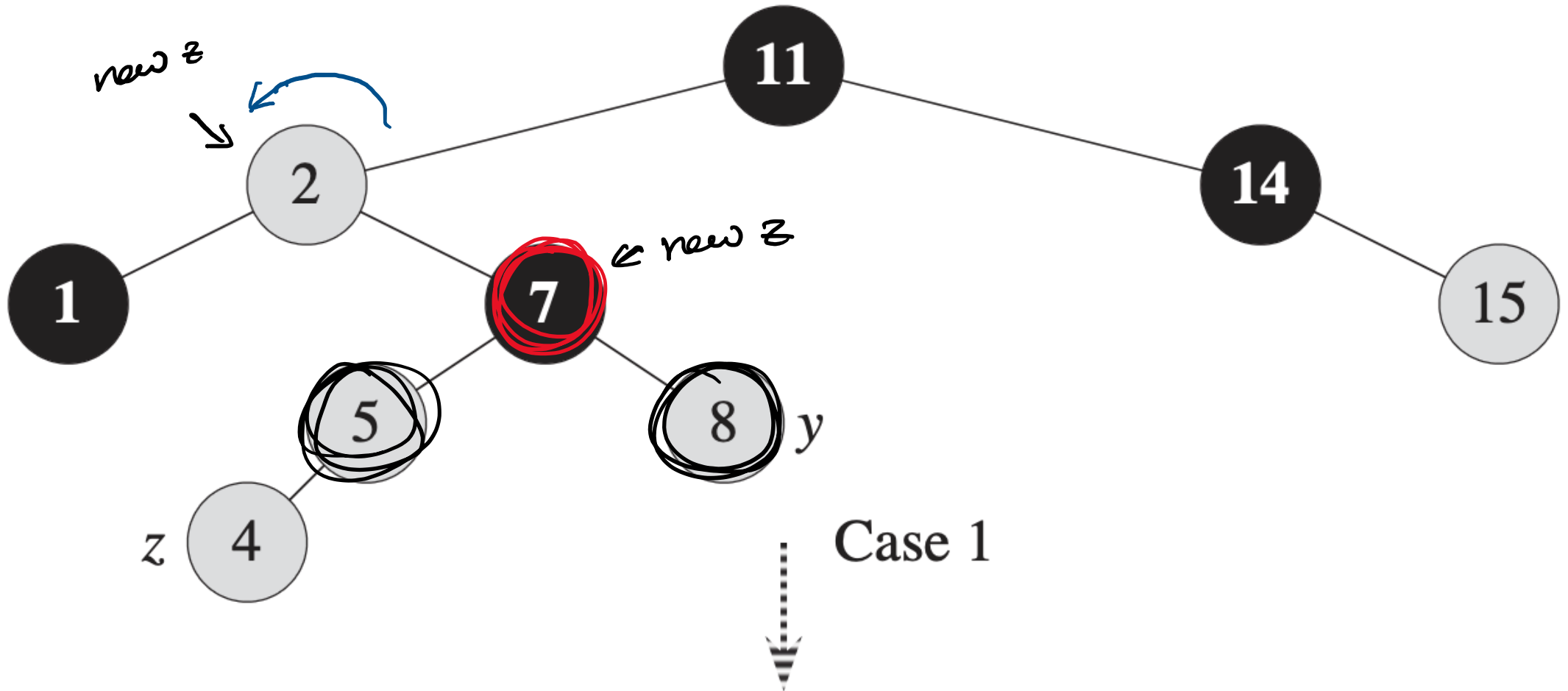


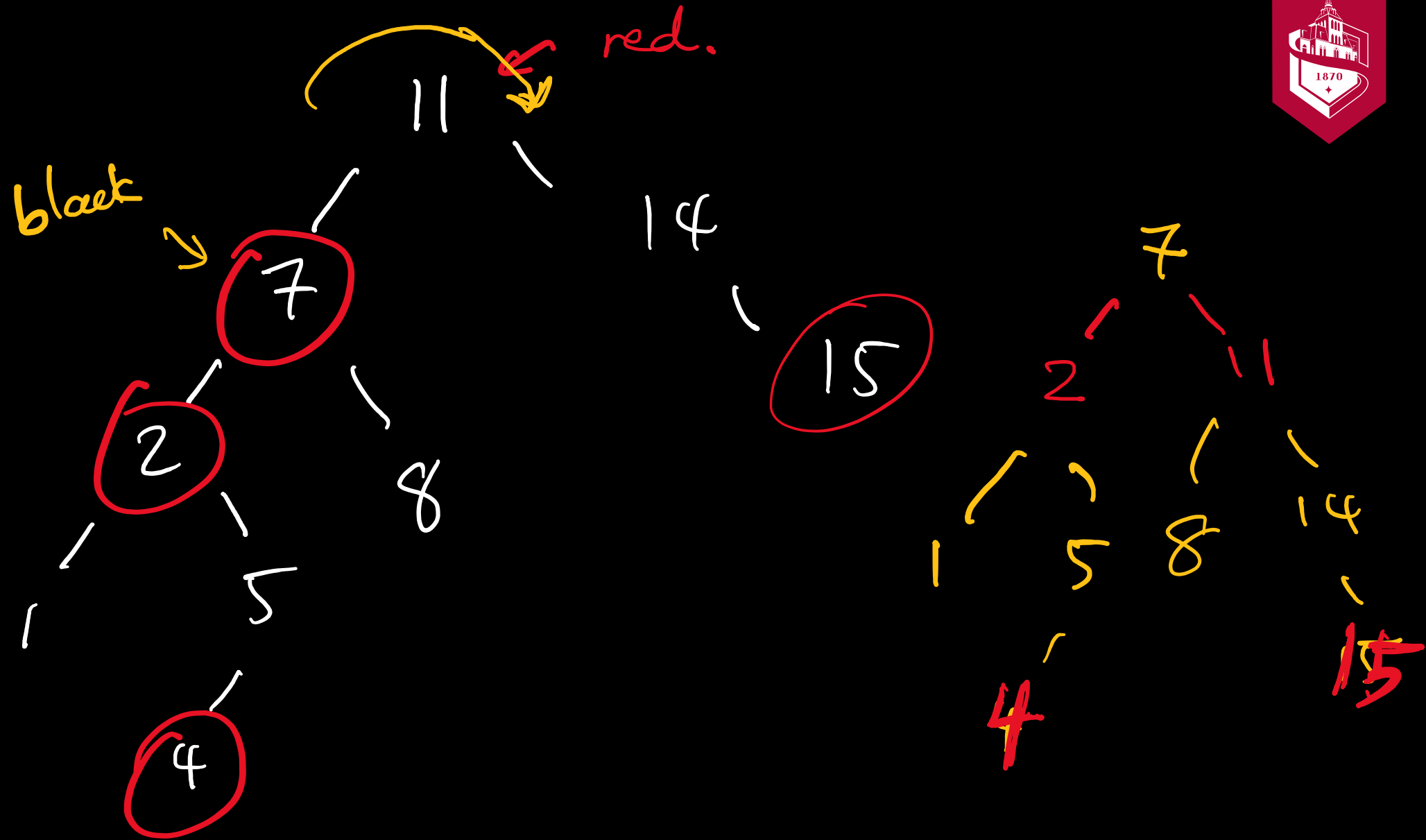
### Algorithm (RB-INSERT-FIXUP(T,z))

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(1)   while (z.p.color = RED)
(2)       if (z.p = z.p.p.left)
(3)           y = z.p.p.right
(4)           if (y.color = RED)
(5)               z.p.color = BLACK, y.color = BLACK //case 1
(6)               z.p.p.color = RED
(7)               z = z.p.p
(8)       else
(9)           if (z = z.p.right) then
(10)               z = z.p //case 2
(11)               LEFT-ROTATE(T,z)
(12)               z.p.color = BLACK, z.p.p.color = RED //case 3
(13)               RIGHT-ROTATE(T, z.p.p)
(14)       else
(15)           (do same with right and left exchange)
(16)   T.root.color = BLACK
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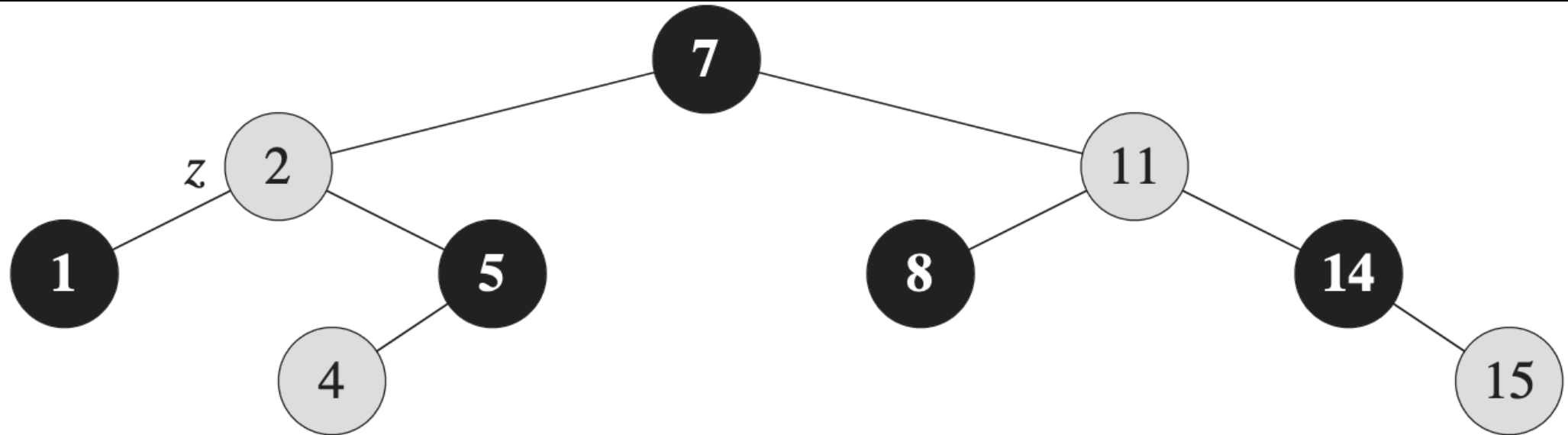


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### Analysis

$O(\lg n)$  time to get through RB-INSERT up to the call of RB-INSERT-FIXUP.

Within RB-INSERT-FIXUP:

- Each iteration takes  $O(1)$  time.
- Each iteration is either the last one or it moves  $z$  up 2 levels.
- $O(\lg n)$  levels  $\Rightarrow O(\lg n)$  time.
- Also note that there are at most 2 rotations overall.

Thus, insertion into a red-black tree takes  $O(\lg n)$  time.

## 7.3. Operations

### Deletion Consideration:

- Suppose a node  $z$  is removed.
  - If  $z.\text{color} = \text{red}$ ?
    - Property 1: ✓
    - Property 2: ✓
    - Property 3: ✓
    - Property 4: ✓
    - Property 5:

## 7.3. Operations

### Deletion Consideration:

- Suppose a node  $z$  is removed.
  - If  $z.\text{color} = \text{black}$ ?
    - Property 1: ✓
    - Property 2: ✗
    - Property 3: ✓
    - Property 4: ✗
    - Property 5: ✗