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3.3 BALANCED SEARCH TREES

- ▶ *2-3 search trees*
- ▶ *red-black BSTs*
- ▶ *B-trees*

Symbol table review

implementation	guarantee			average case			ordered ops?	key interface
	search	insert	delete	search hit	insert	delete		
sequential search (unordered list)	N	N	N	$\frac{1}{2} N$	N	$\frac{1}{2} N$		<code>equals()</code>
binary search (ordered array)	$\lg N$	N	N	$\lg N$	$\frac{1}{2} N$	$\frac{1}{2} N$	✓	<code>compareTo()</code>
BST	N	N	N	$1.39 \lg N$	$1.39 \lg N$	\sqrt{N}	✓	<code>compareTo()</code>
goal	$\log N$	$\log N$	$\log N$	$\log N$	$\log N$	$\log N$	✓	<code>compareTo()</code>

Challenge. Guarantee performance.

This lecture. 2-3 trees, **left-leaning red-black BSTs**, B-trees.



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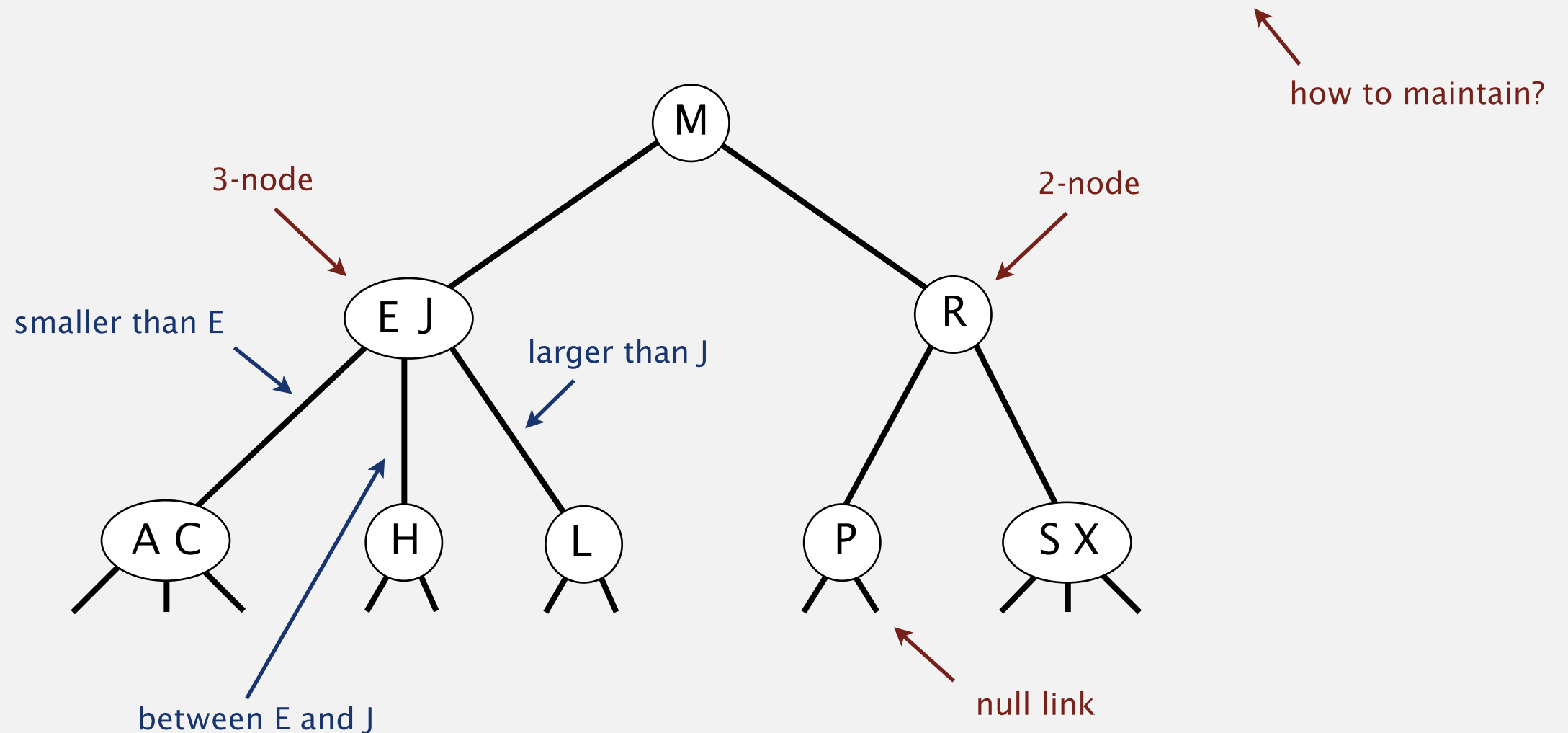
2-3 tree

Allow 1 or 2 keys per node.

- 2-node: one key, two children.
- 3-node: two keys, three children.

Symmetric order. Inorder traversal yields keys in ascending order.

Perfect balance. Every path from root to null link has same length.



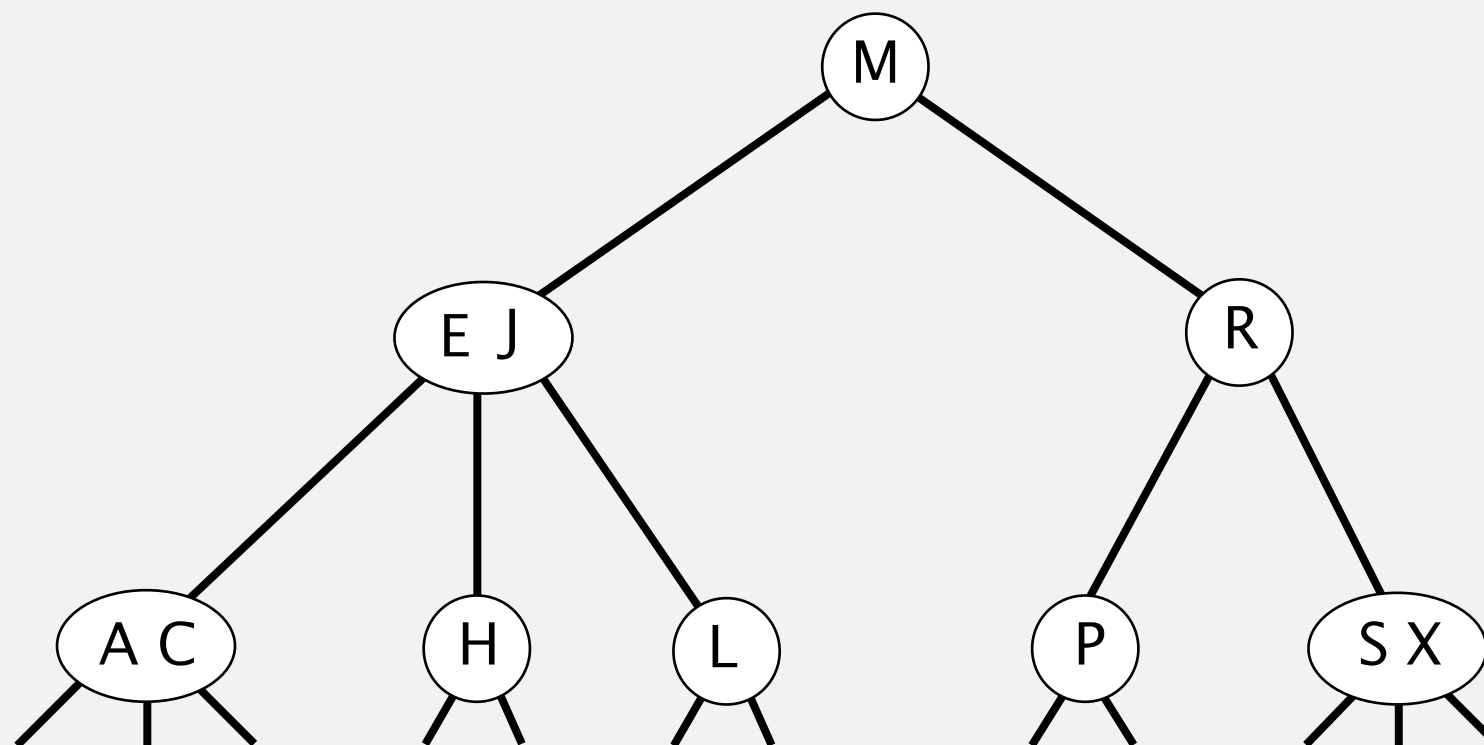
2-3 tree demo

Search.

- Compare search key against keys in node.
- Find interval containing search key.
- Follow associated link (recursively).



search for H

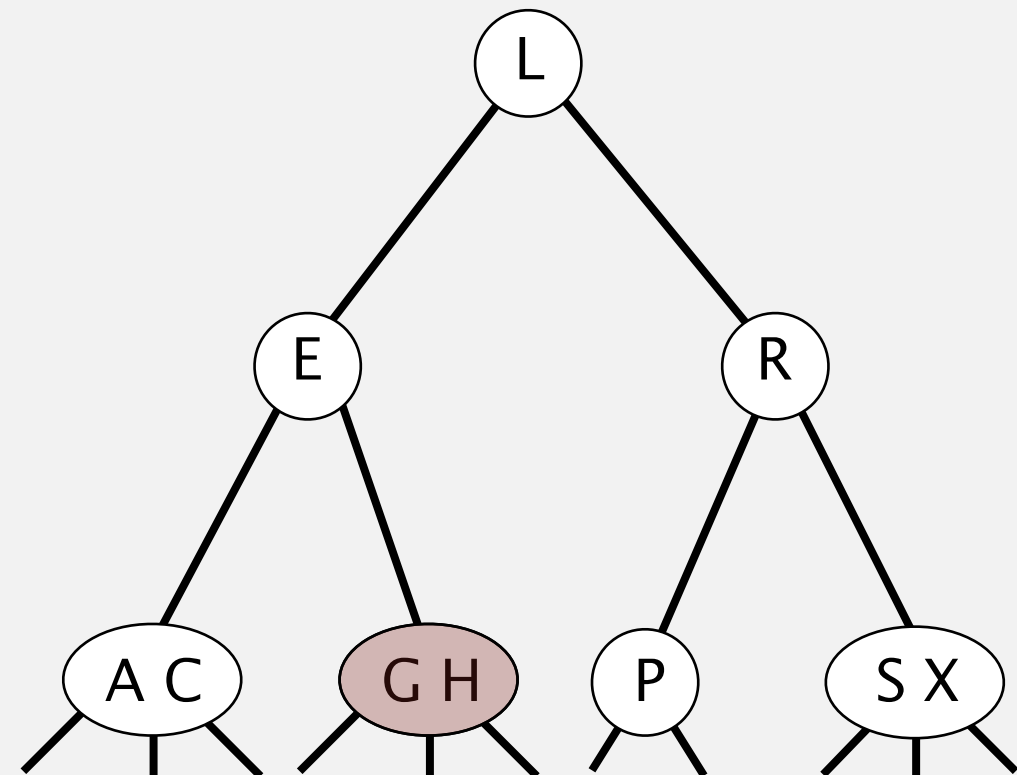
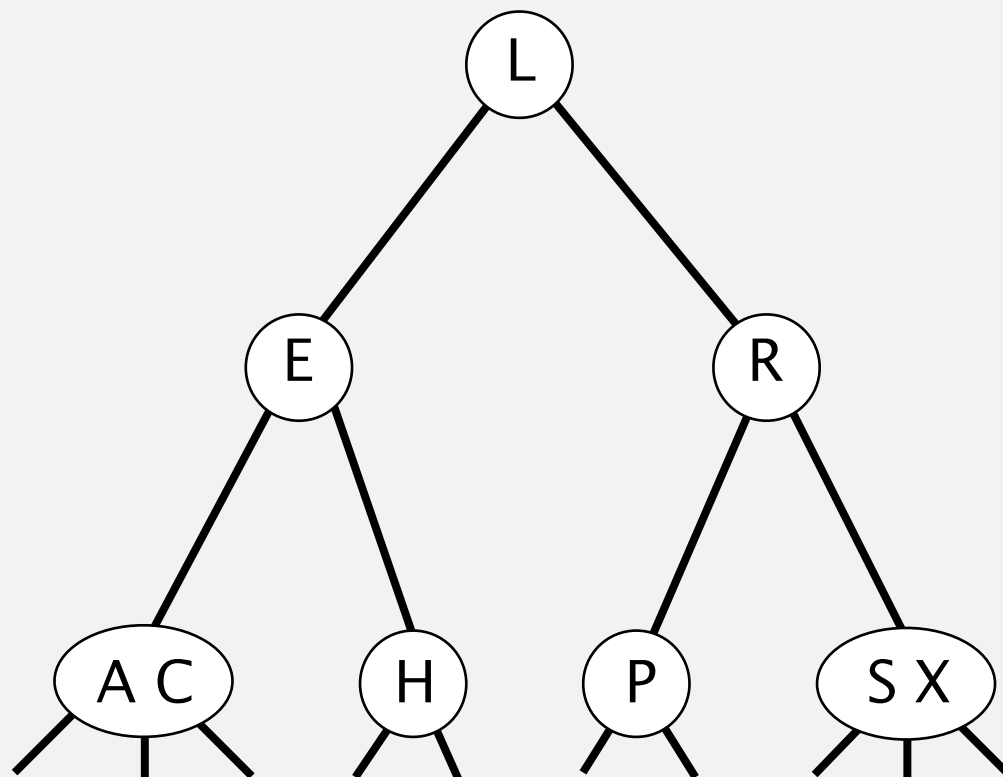


Insertion into a 2-3 tree

Insertion into a 2-node at bottom.

- Add new key to 2-node to create a 3-node.

insert G

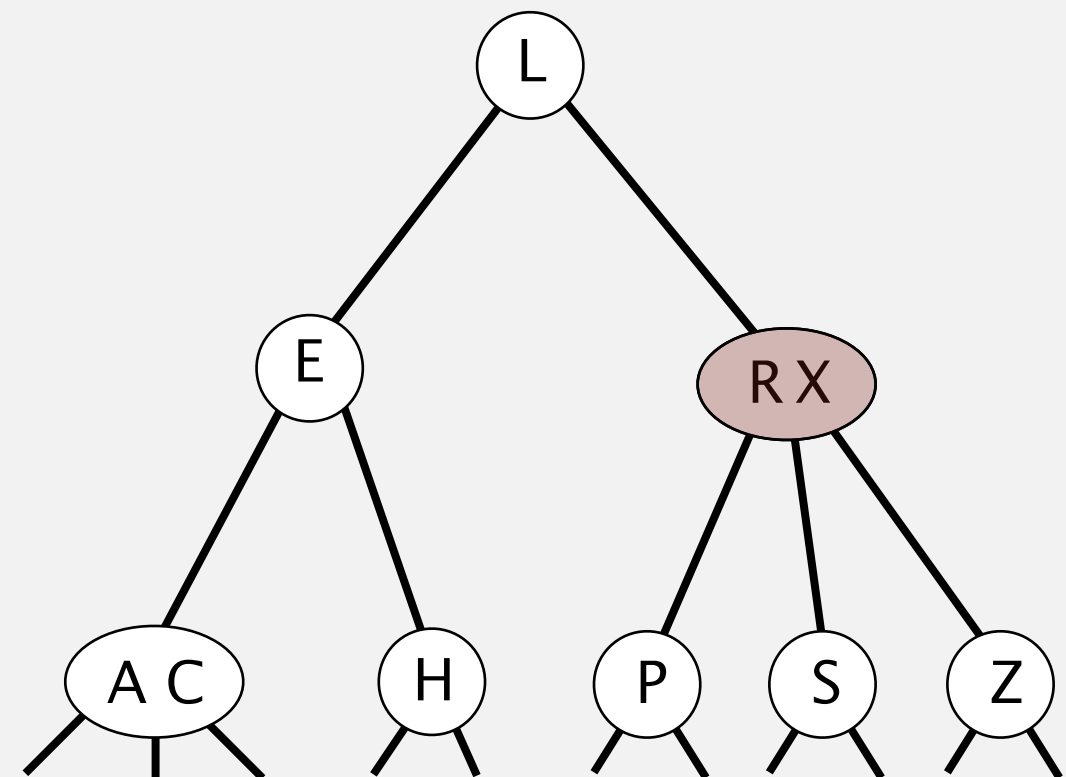
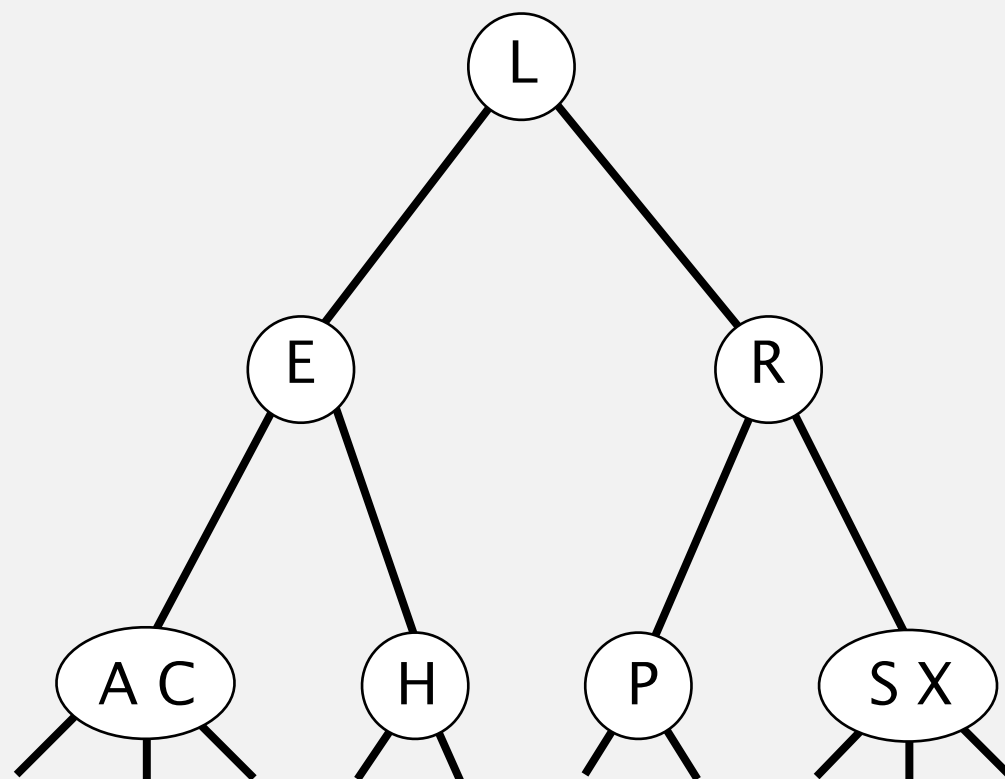


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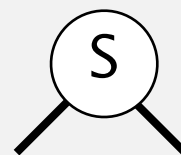
- Add new key to 3-node to create temporary 4-node.
- Move middle key in 4-node into parent.
- Repeat up the tree, as necessary.
- If you reach the root and it's a 4-node, split it into three 2-nodes.

insert Z



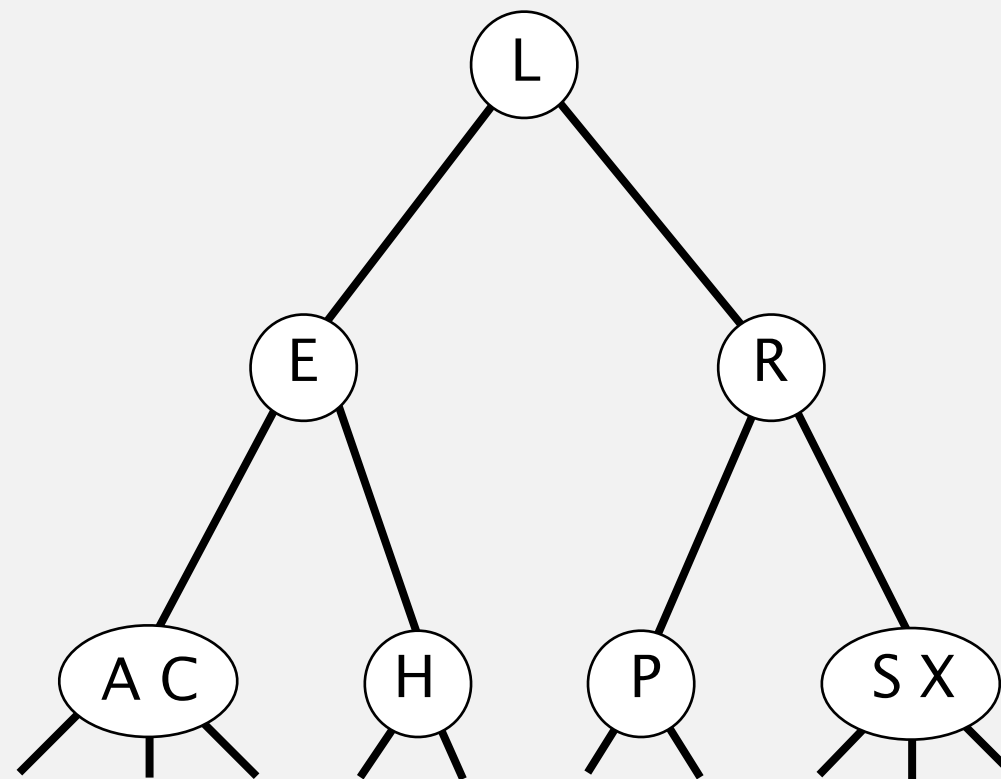
2-3 tree construction demo

insert S



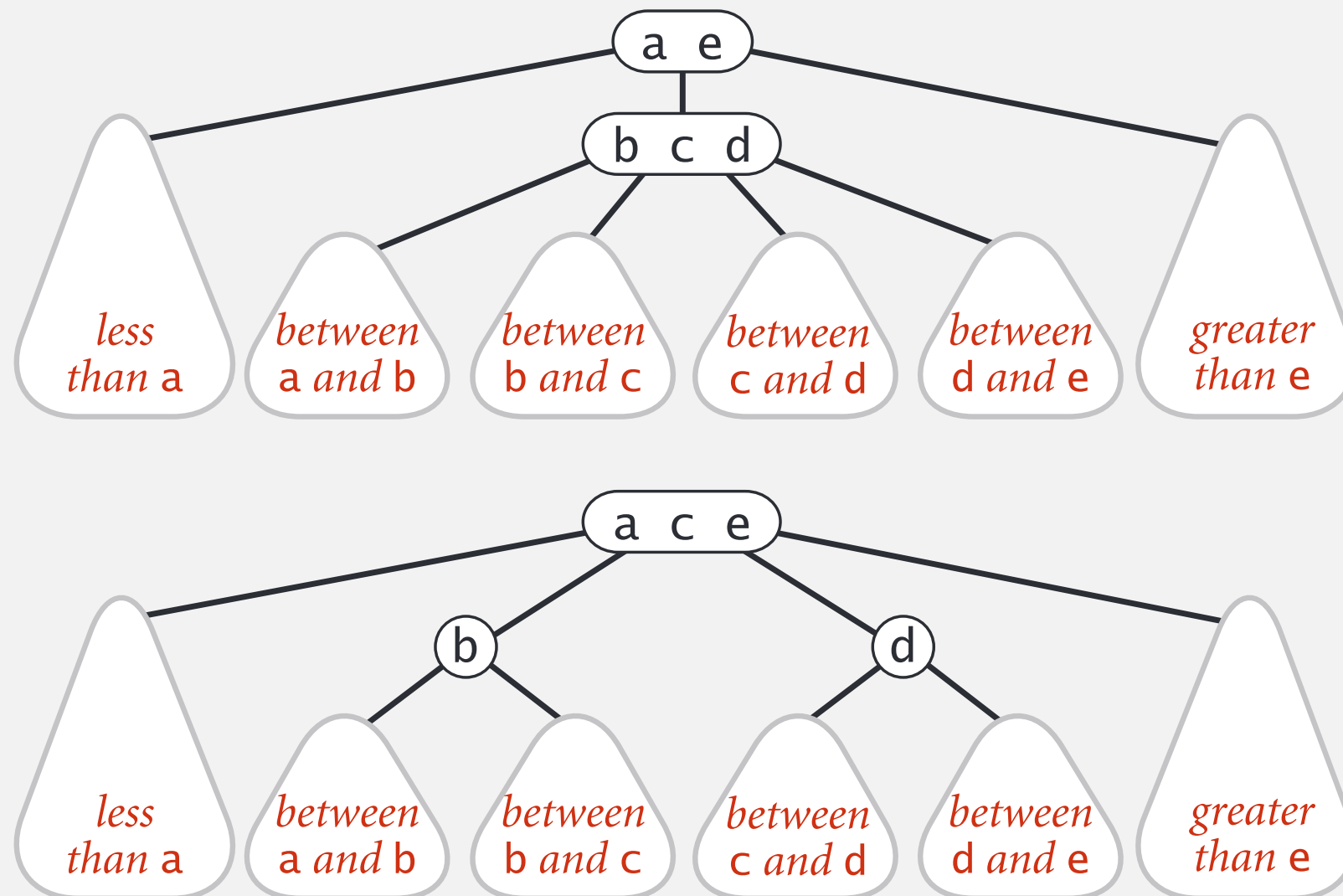
2-3 tree construction demo

2-3 tree



Local transformations in a 2-3 tree

Splitting a 4-node is a **local** transformation: constant number of operations.



Global properties in a 2-3 tree

Invariants. Maintains symmetric order and perfect balance.

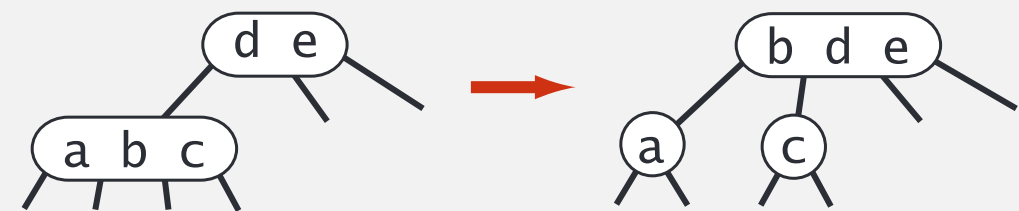
Pf. Each transformation maintains symmetric order and perfect balance.

root



parent is a 3-node

left

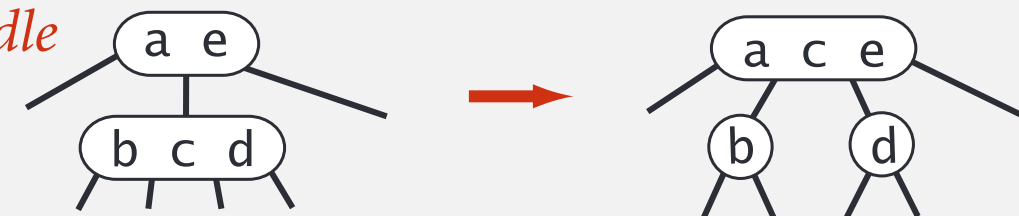


parent is a 2-node

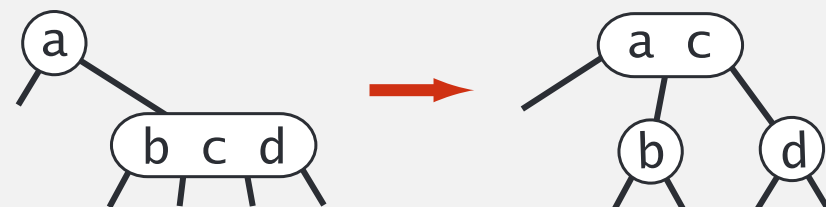
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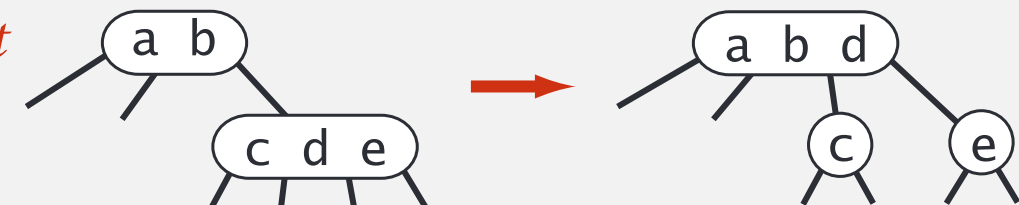
middle



right

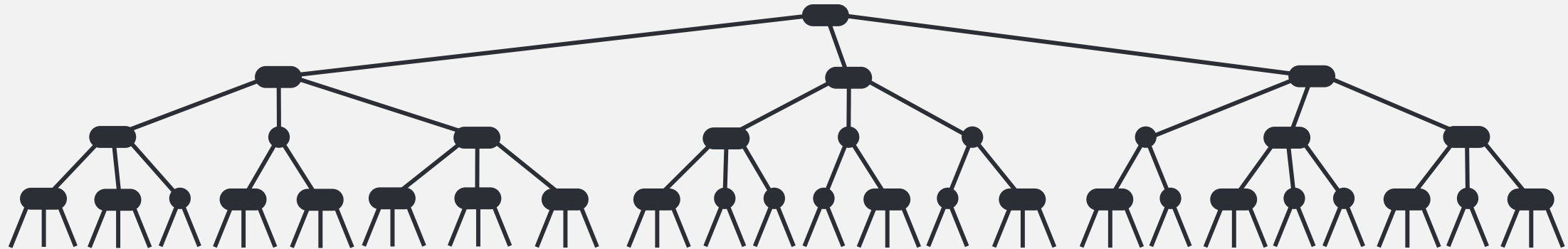


right



2-3 tree: performance

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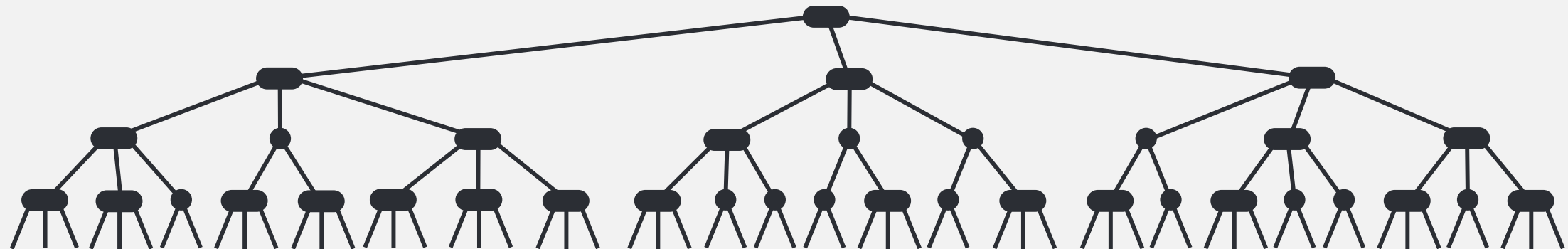


Tree height.

- Worst case:
- Best case:

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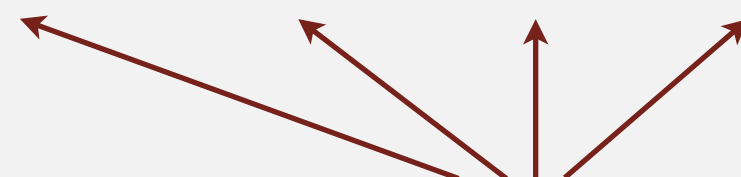
Tree height.

- Worst case: $\lg N$. [all 2-nodes]
- Best case: $\log_3 N \approx .631 \lg N$. [all 3-nodes]
- Between 12 and 20 for a million nodes.
- Between 18 and 30 for a billion nodes.

Bottom line. Guaranteed **logarithmic** performance for search and insert.

ST implementations: summary

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constant c depend upon implementation

2-3 tree: implementation?

Direct implementation is complicated, because:

- Maintaining multiple node types is cumbersome.
- Need multiple compares to move down tree.
- Need to move back up the tree to split 4-nodes.
- Large number of cases for splitting.

fantasy code

```
public void put(Key key, Value val)
{
    Node x = root;
    while (x.getTheCorrectChild(key) != null)
    {
        x = x.getTheCorrectChildKey();
        if (x.is4Node()) x.split();
    }
    if (x.is2Node()) x.make3Node(key, val);
    else if (x.is3Node()) x.make4Node(key, val);
}
```

Bottom line. Could do it, but there's a better way.