

# Red Black Trees

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# RED-BLACK TREES

- *Red-black trees:*

- Binary search trees augmented with node color
- Operations designed to guarantee that the height  $h = O(\lg n)$

- *First:* describe the properties of red-black trees

- *Then:* prove that these guarantee  $h = O(\lg n)$

- *Finally:* describe operations on red-black trees



# RED-BLACK PROPERTIES

- The *red-black properties*:
  1. Every node is either red or black
  2. Every leaf (NULL pointer) is black
    - Note: this means every 'real' node has 2 children
  3. The root is always black
  4. If a node is red, both children are black
    - Note: can't have 2 consecutive reds on a path
  5. Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes



# RED-BLACK TREES

- Put example on board and verify properties:
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- *black-height*: # black nodes on path to leaf
  - Label example with  $h$  and  $bh$  values



# HEIGHT OF RED-BLACK TREES

- *What is the minimum black-height of a node with height  $h$ ?*

A: a height- $h$  node has black-height  $\geq h/2$

- Theorem: A red-black tree with  $n$  internal nodes has height  $h \leq 2 \lg(n + 1)$

*How do you suppose we'll prove this?*



# RB TREES: PROVING HEIGHT BOUND

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- Claim: A subtree rooted at a node  $x$  contains at least  $2^{bh(x)} - 1$  internal nodes
  - Proof by induction on height  $h$
  - Base step:  $x$  has height 0 (*i.e.*, NULL *leaf* node)

*What is  $bh(x)$ ?*



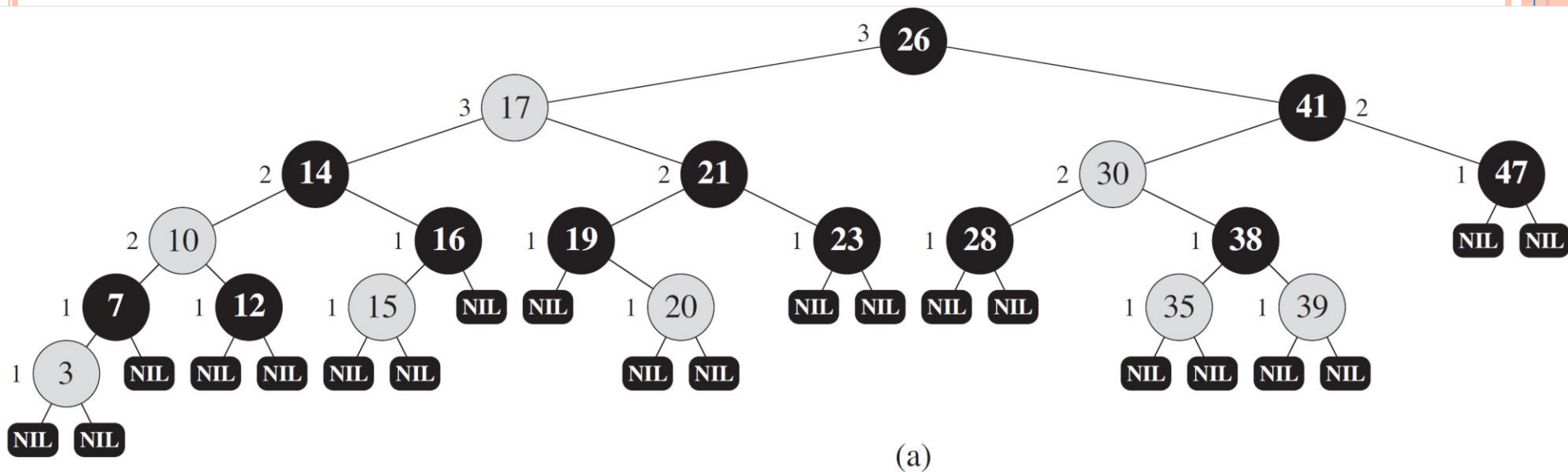
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    - What is  $bh(x)$ ?
    - A: 0
    - So ... subtree contains  $2^{bh(x)} - 1$   
 $= 2^0 - 1$   
 $= 0$  internal nodes (TRUE)



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  - Inductive step:  $x$  has positive height and 2 children
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    - The height of a child = (height of  $x$ ) - 1
    - So the subtrees rooted at each child contain at least  $2^{\text{bh}(x)-1} - 1$  internal nodes
    - Thus subtree at  $x$  contains at least

$$\begin{aligned} & (2^{\text{bh}(x)-1} - 1) + (2^{\text{bh}(x)-1} - 1) + 1 \\ &= 2 \cdot 2^{\text{bh}(x)-1} - 1 = 2^{\text{bh}(x)} - 1 \text{ nodes} \end{aligned}$$



# RB TREES: PROVING HEIGHT BOUND

- Thus at the root of the red-black tree:

$$n \geq 2^{\text{bh}(\text{root})} - 1 \quad (\text{Why?})$$

$$n \geq 2^{h/2} - 1 \quad (\text{Why?})$$

$$\lg(n+1) \geq h/2 \quad (\text{Why?})$$

$$h \leq 2 \lg(n+1) \quad (\text{Why?})$$

Thus  $h = O(\lg n)$

**Property 4:** If a node is red, both children are black

**Property 5:** Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes.



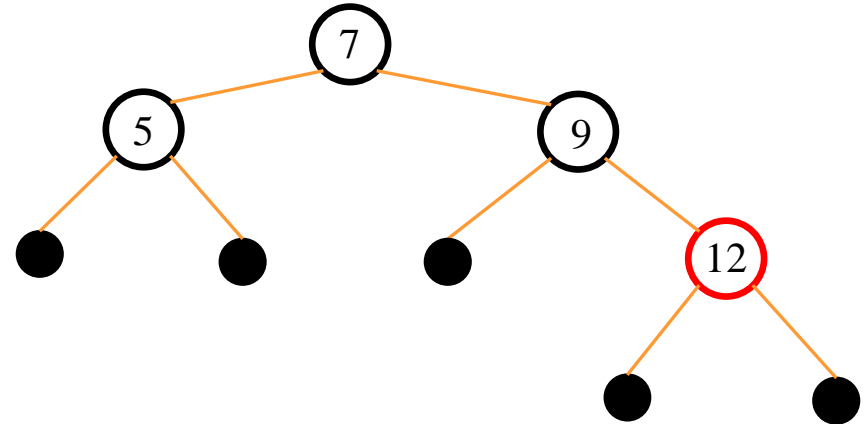
# RB TREES: WORST-CASE TIME

- So we've proved that a red-black tree has  $O(\lg n)$  height
- **Corollary**: These operations take  $O(\lg n)$  time:
  - Minimum(), Maximum()
  - Successor(), Predecessor()
  - Search()
- Insert() and Delete():
  - Will also take  $O(\lg n)$  time
  - But will need special care since they modify tree



# RED-BLACK TREES: AN EXAMPLE

○ *Color this tree:*



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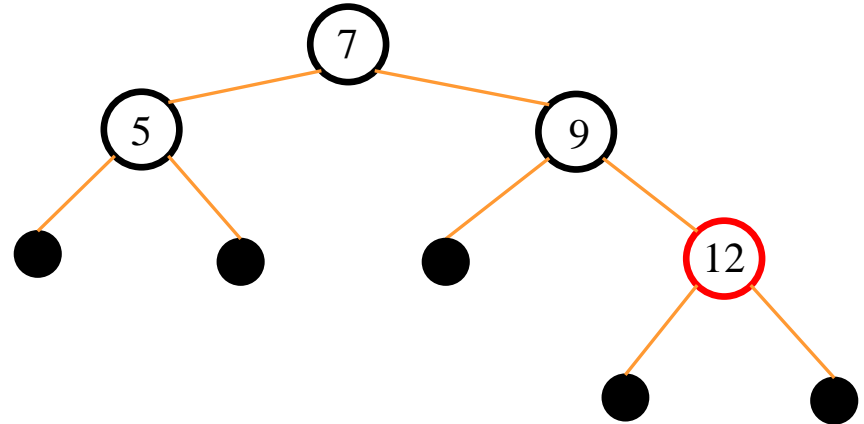


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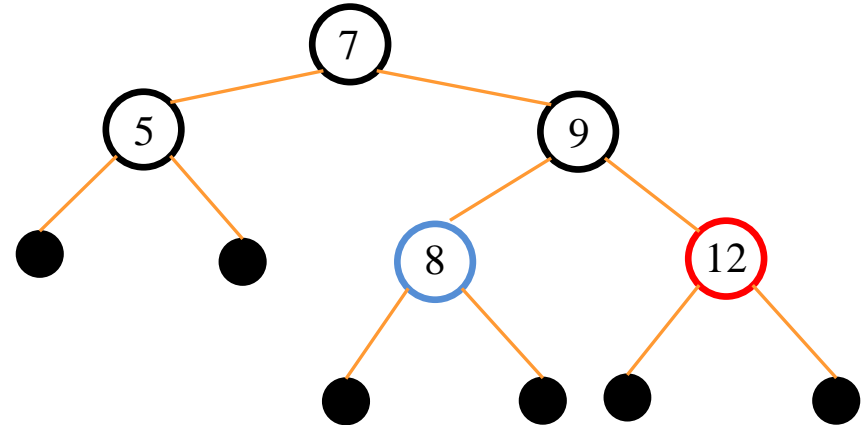


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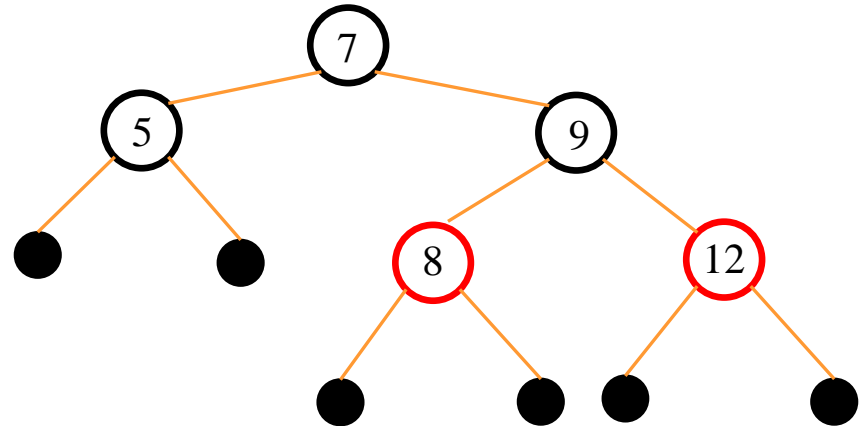


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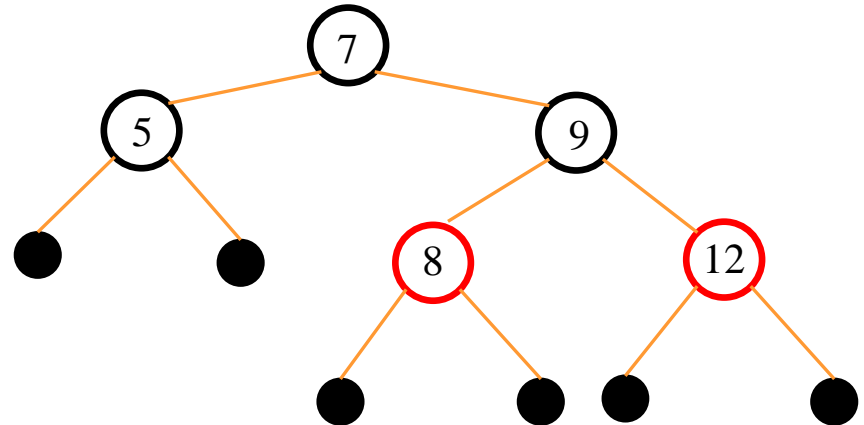


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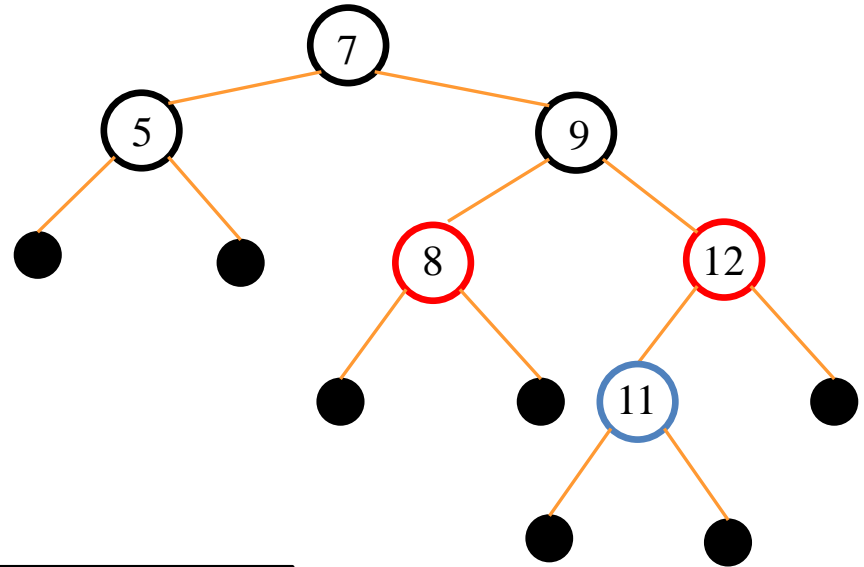


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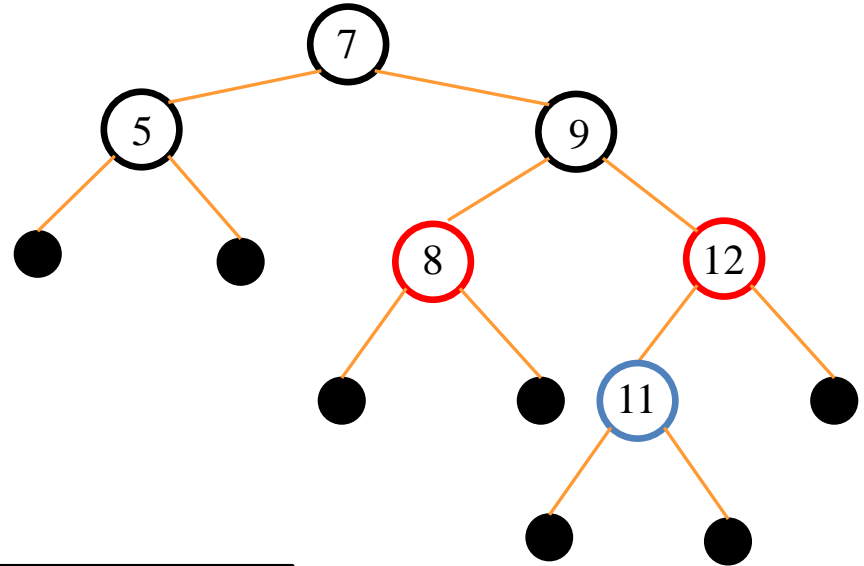


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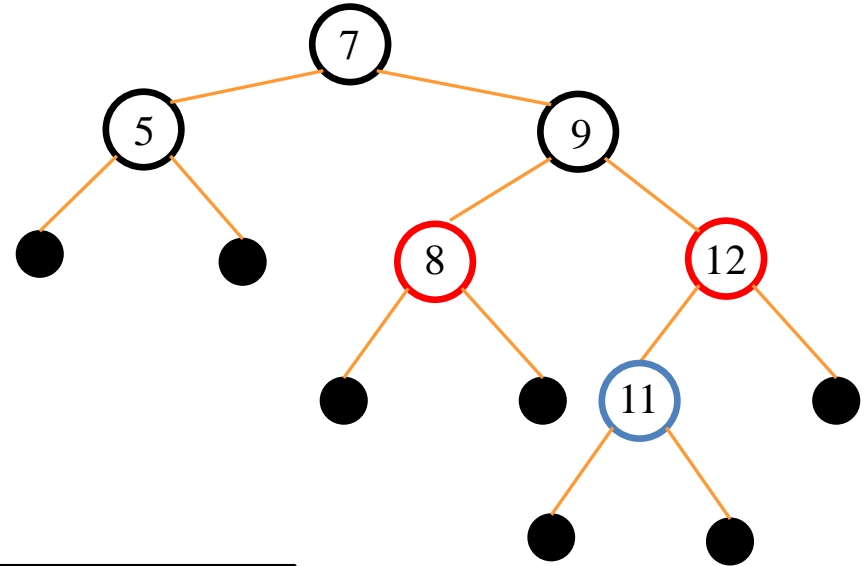


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  - ▣ Can't be black! (#5)



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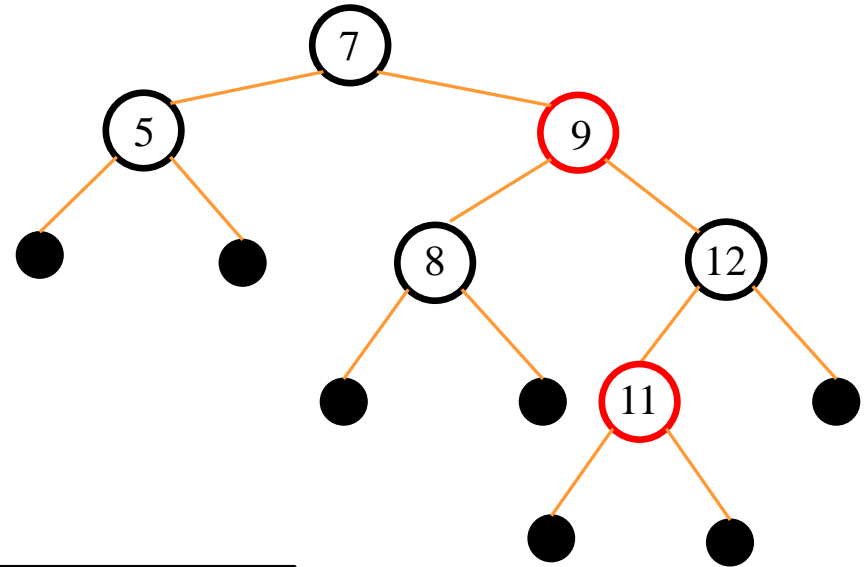
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▣ Solution:  
**recolor** the tree



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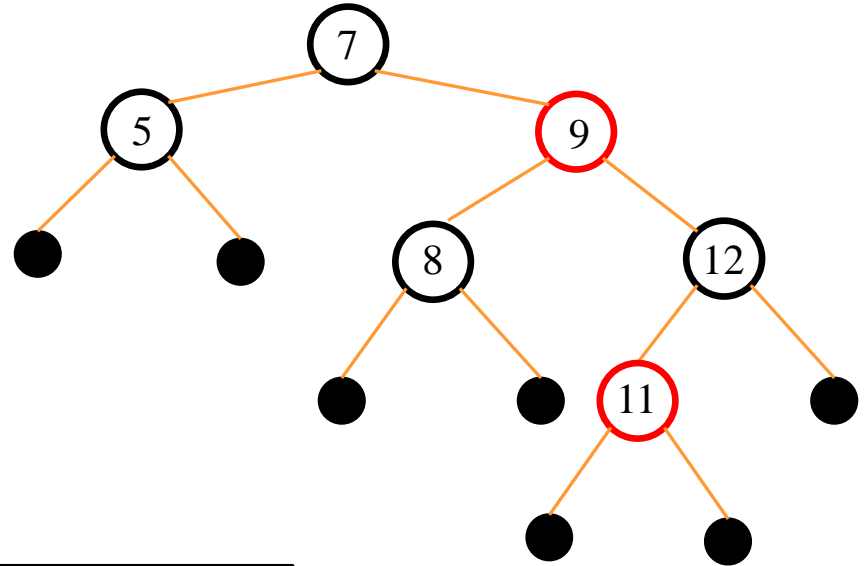


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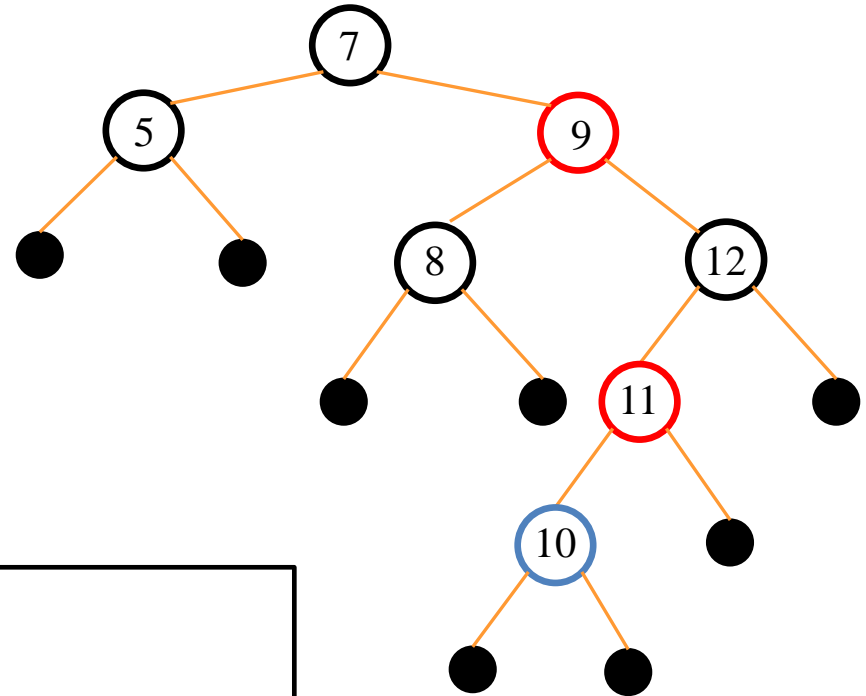


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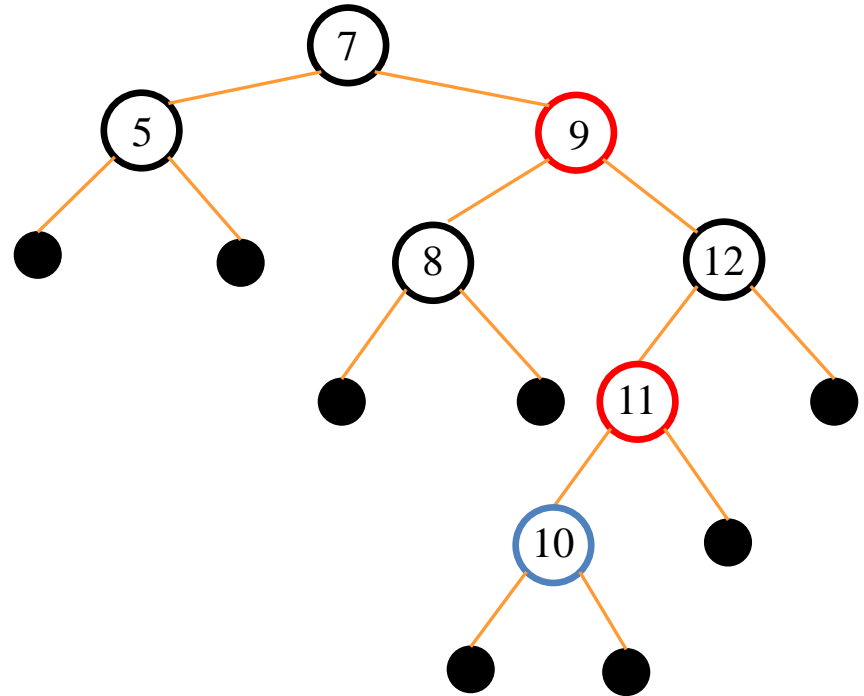


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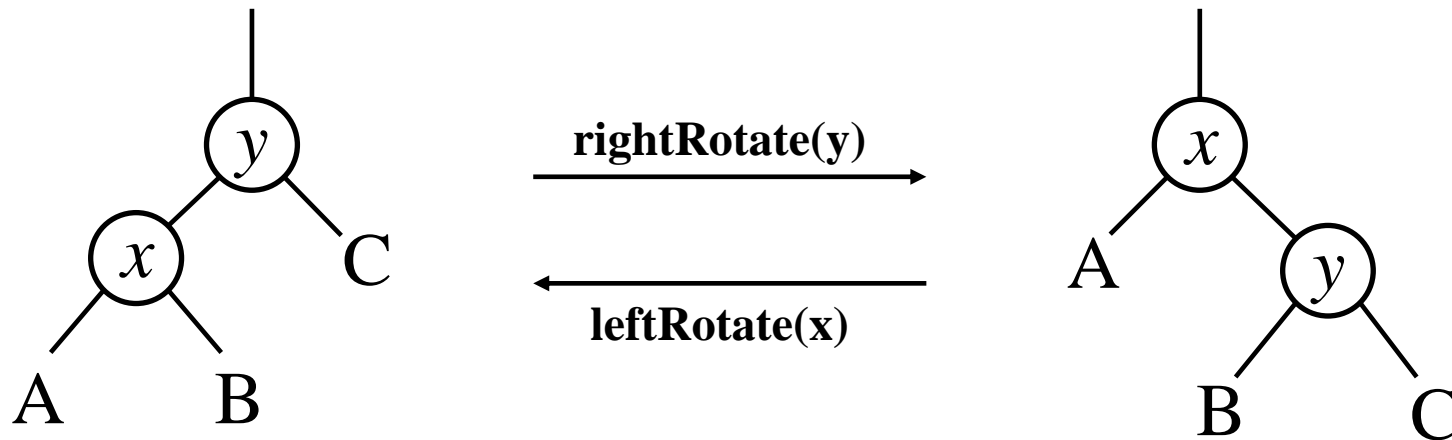
### ○ *Insert 10:*

- *Where does it go?*
- *What color?*
  - ▣ A: no color! Tree is too imbalanced
  - ▣ Must change tree structure to allow recoloring
- Goal: restructure tree in  $O(\lg n)$  time



# RED-BLACK TREES: ROTATION

- Our basic operation for changing tree structure is called *rotation*:

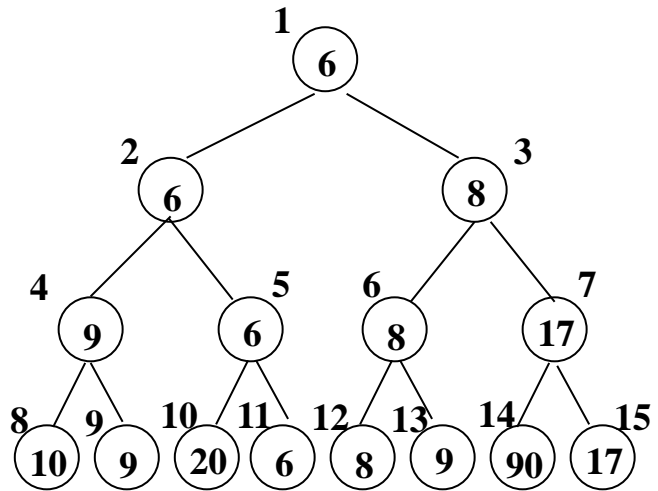


- Does rotation preserve inorder key ordering?*
- What would the code for **rightRotate()** actually do?*

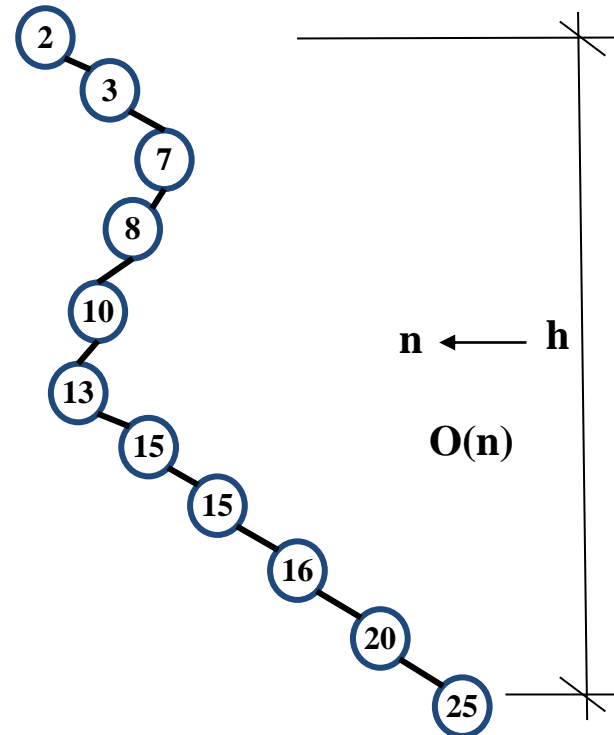




# ROTATION (TRIVIAL)

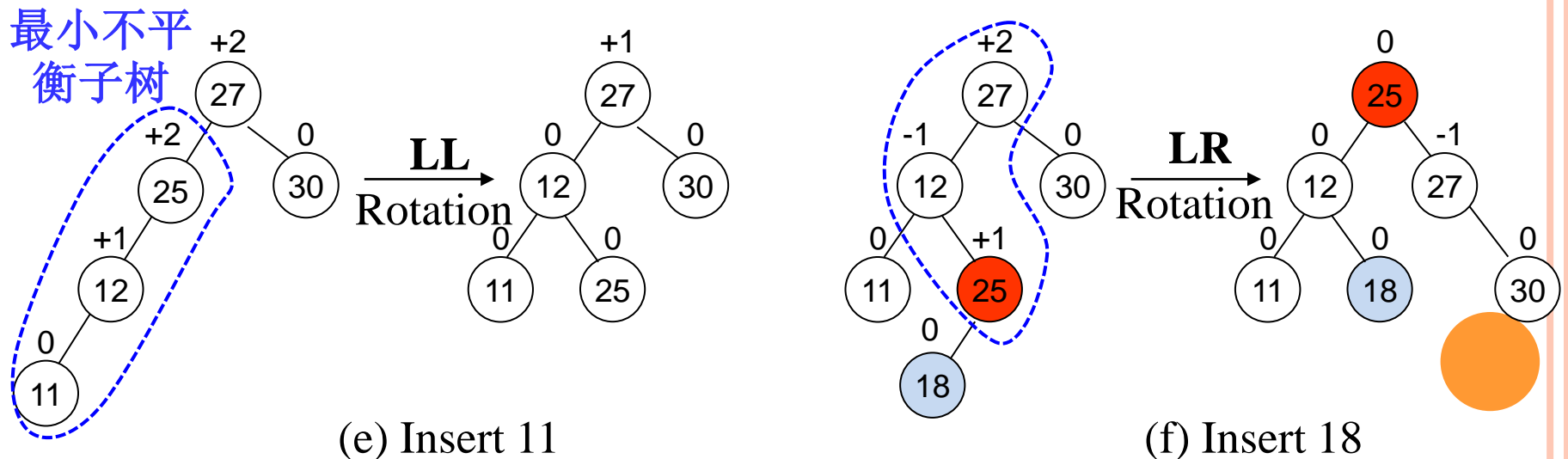
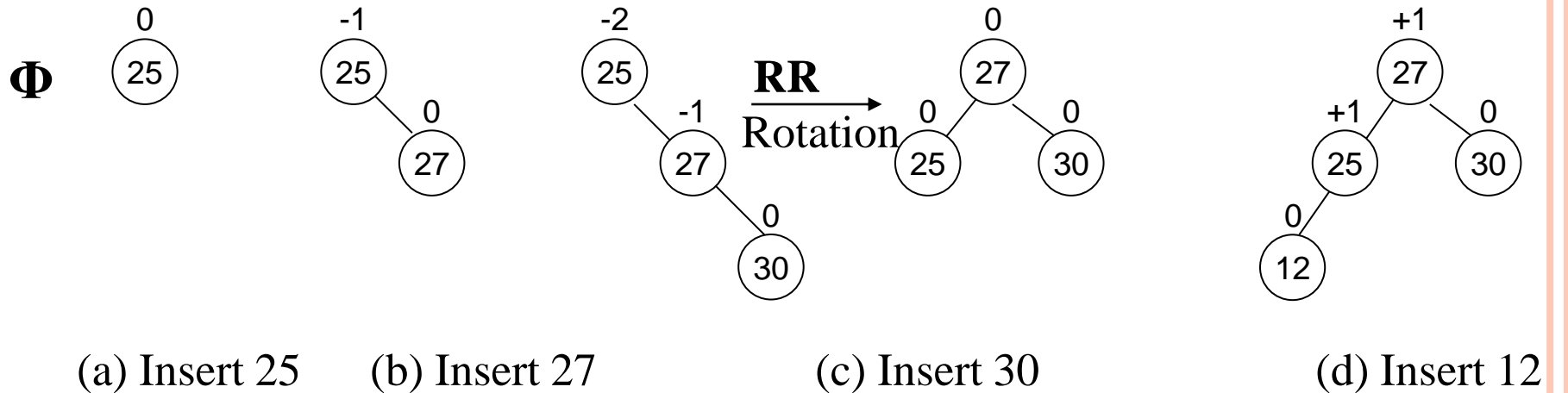


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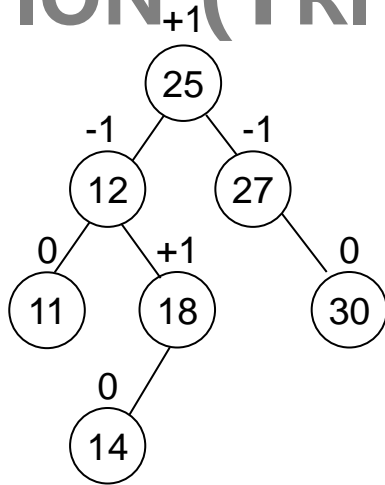


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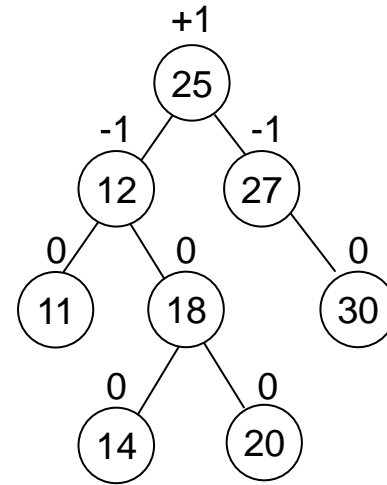
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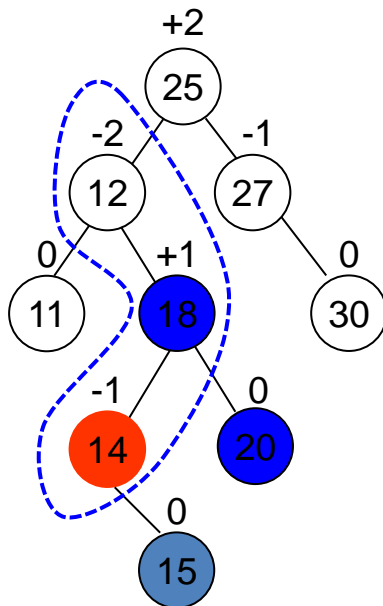
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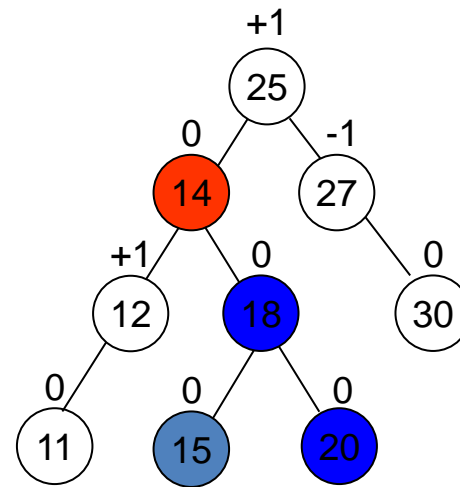
(g) Insert 14



(h) Insert 20



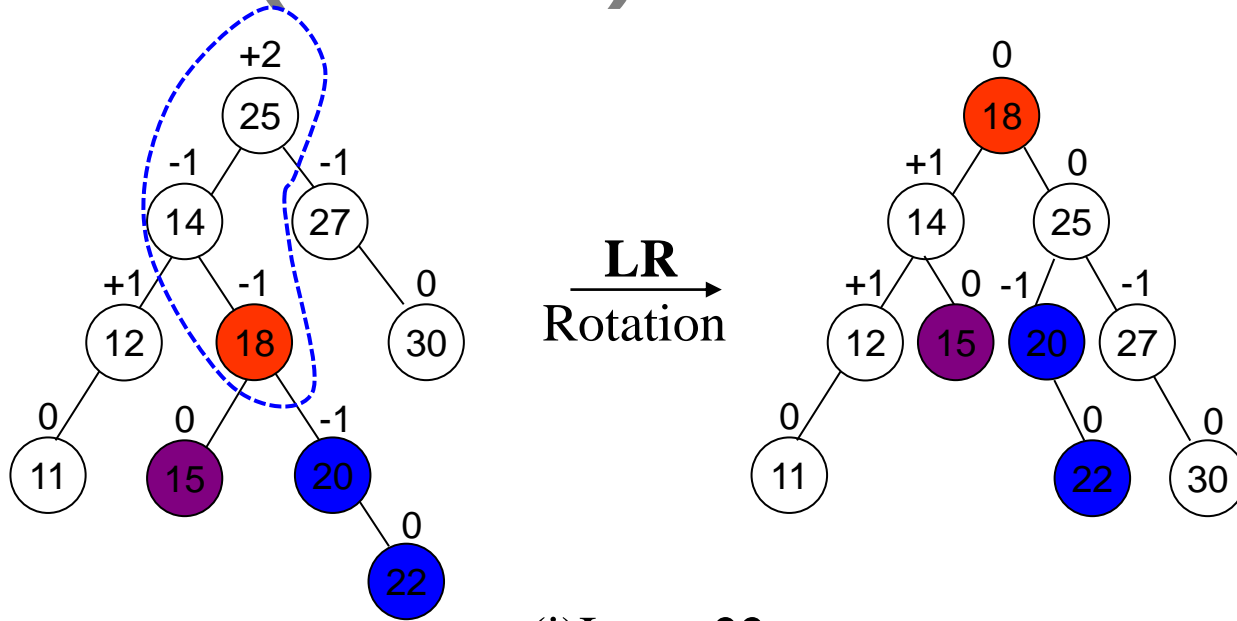
**RL**  
Rotation



(i) Insert 15



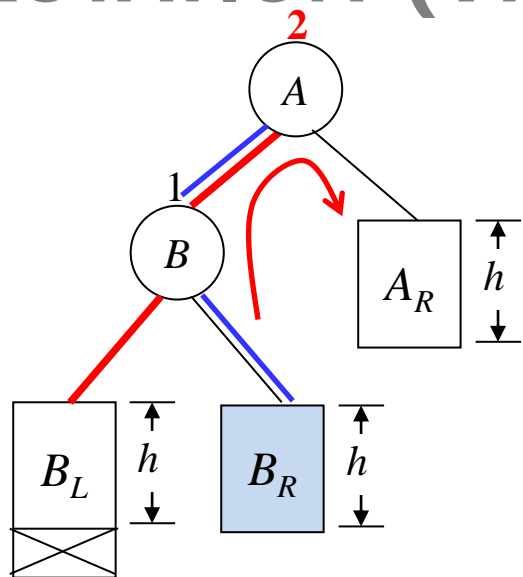
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(i) Insert 22

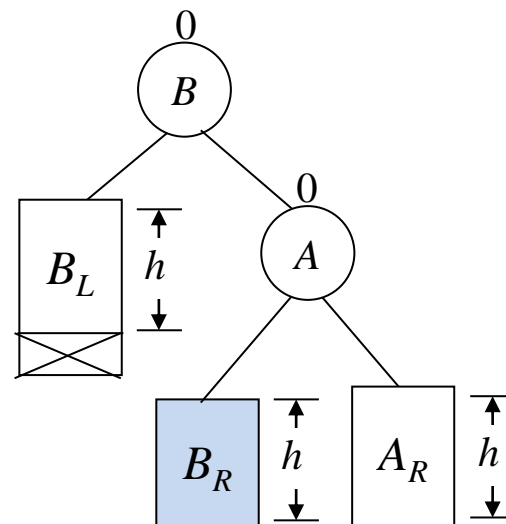


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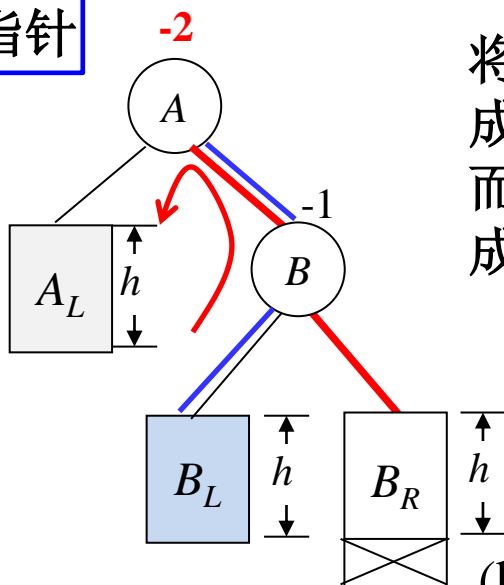
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**LL型（顺）**



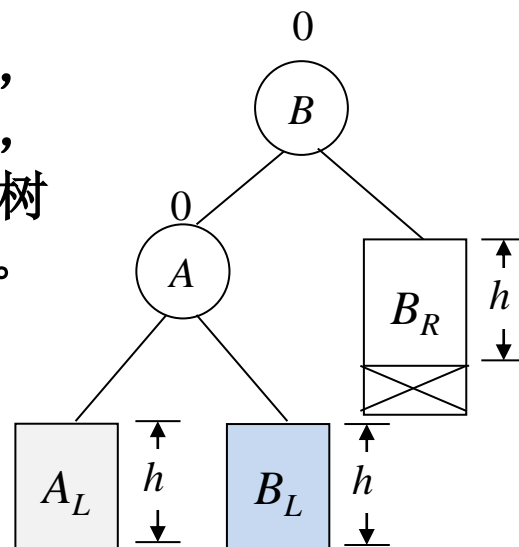
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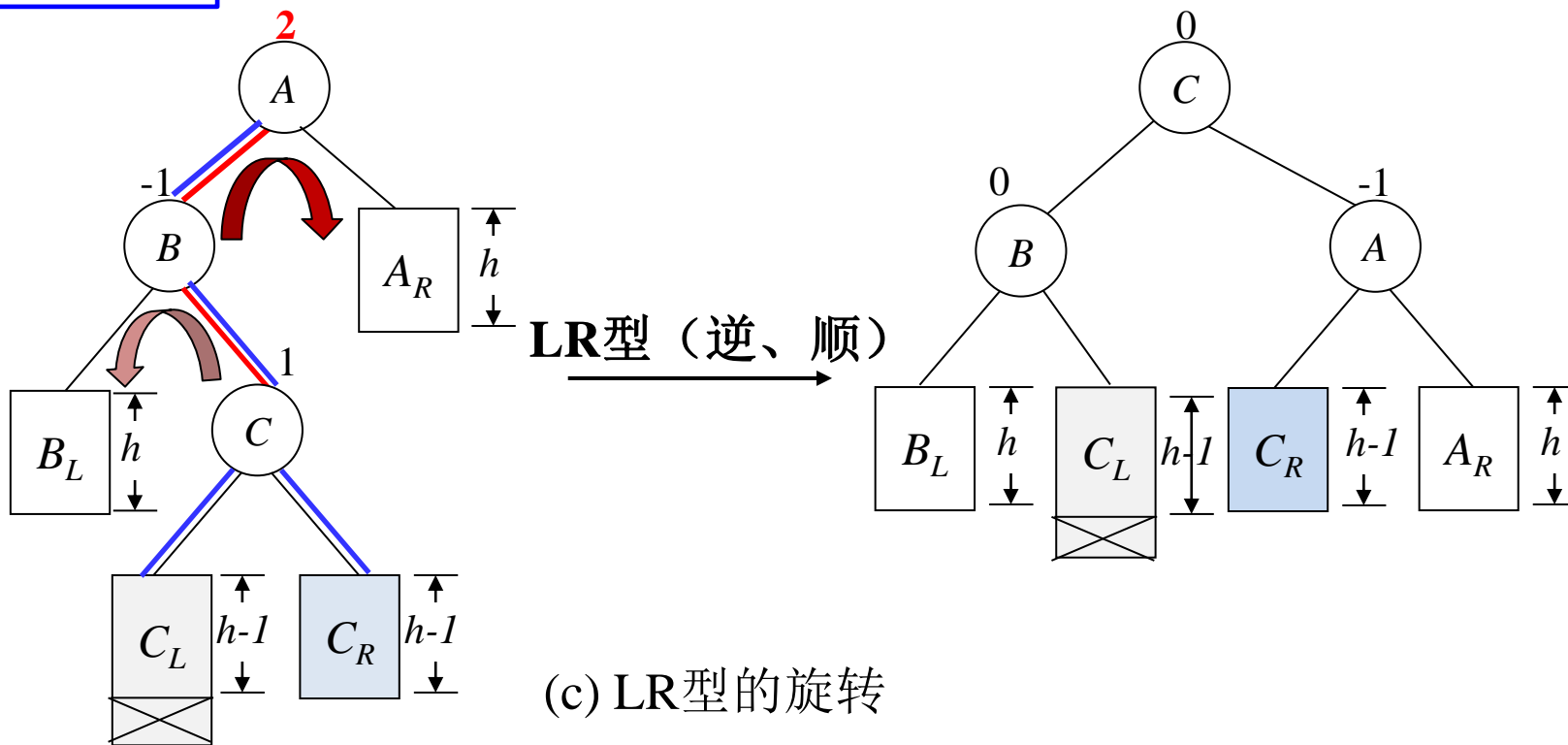
**RR型（逆）**



(b) RR型的旋转

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— 修改指针



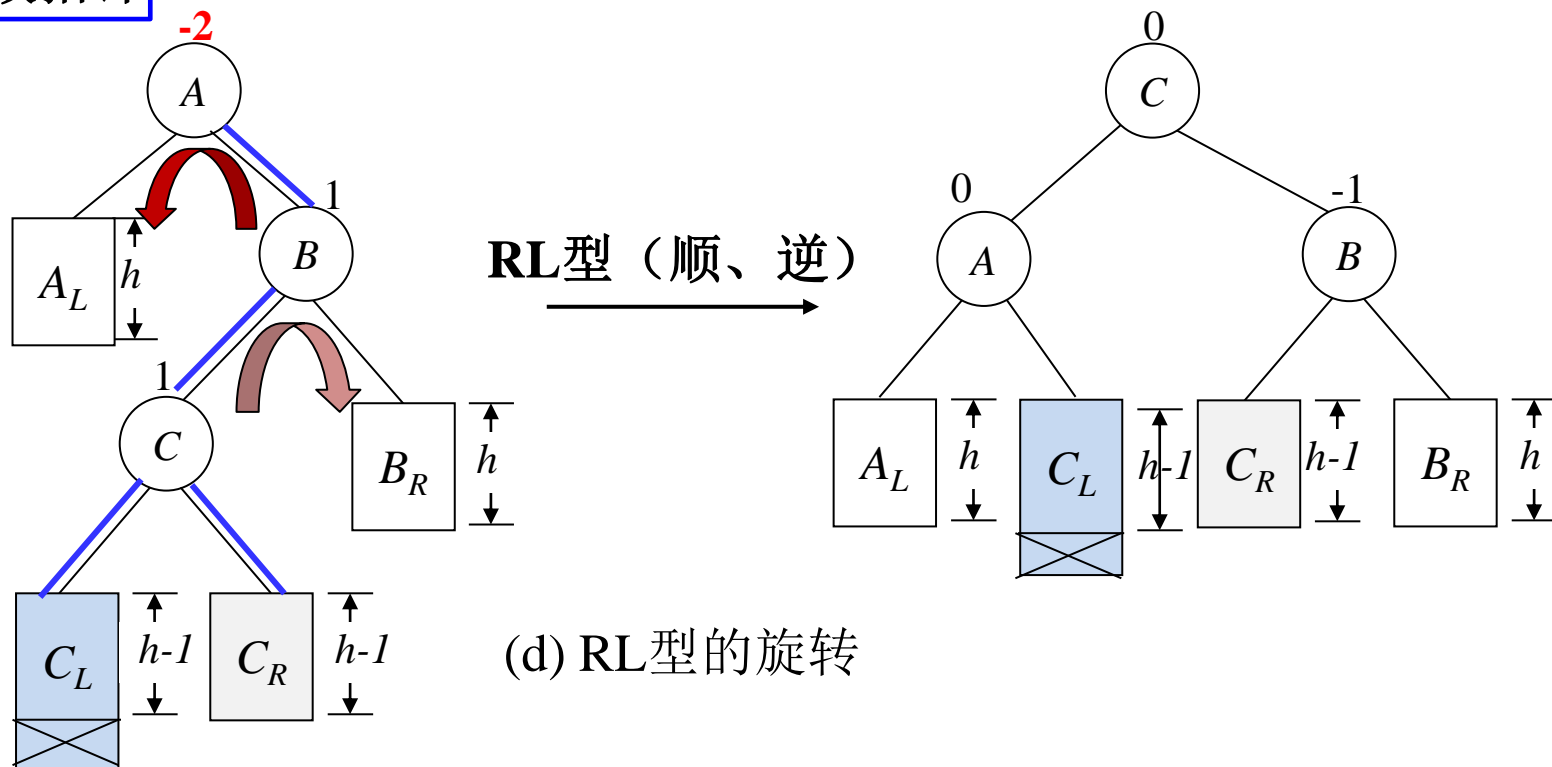
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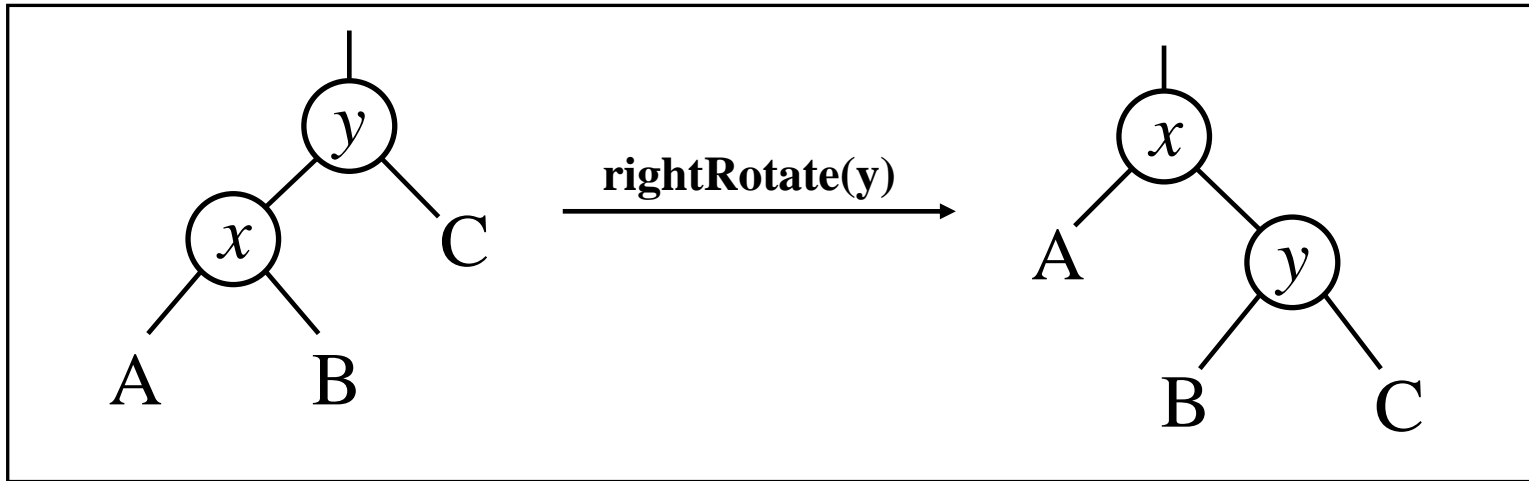
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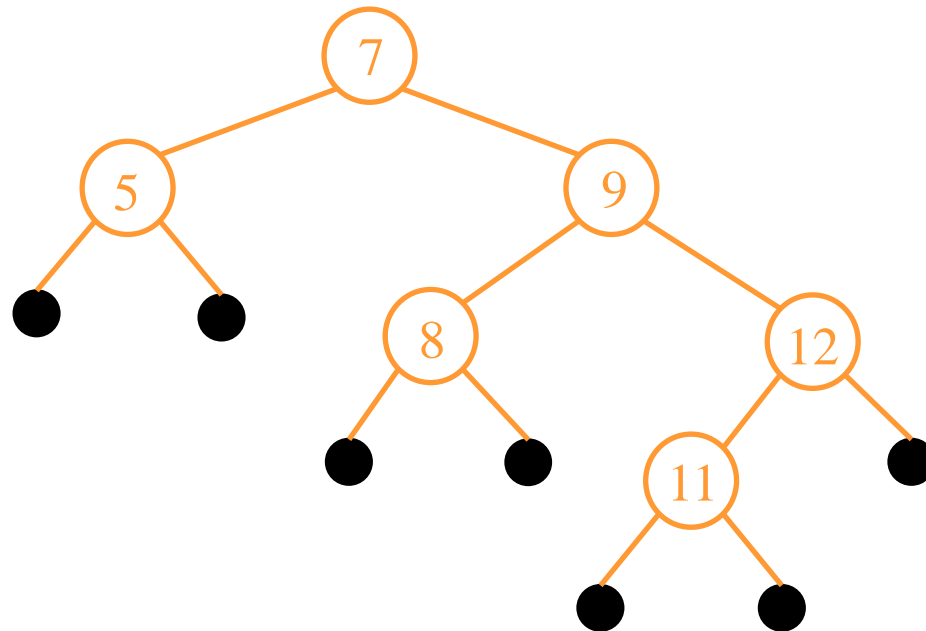
- Answer: A lot of pointer manipulation
  - $x$  keeps its left child
  - $y$  keeps its right child
  - $x$ 's right child becomes  $y$ 's left child
  - $x$ 's and  $y$ 's parents change
- *What is the running time?*





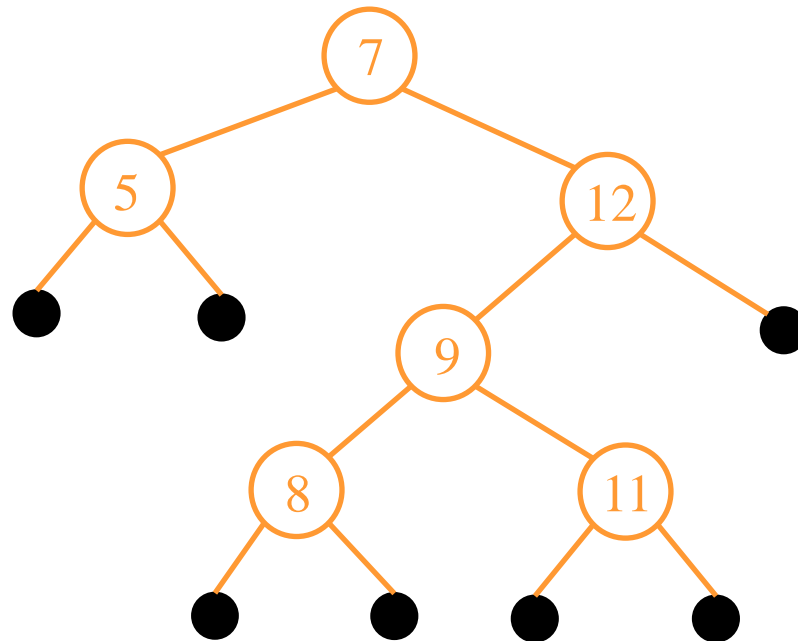
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# RED-BLACK TREES: INSERTION

## ○ Insertion: the basic idea

- Insert  $x$  into tree, color  $x$  red
- Only *RB* property 4 might be violated (if  $p[x]$  red)
  - ▣ If so, move violation up tree until a place is found where it can be fixed
- Total time will be  $O(\lg n)$

**Property 4.** If a node is red, both children are black



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treeInsert(x);
```

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x->color = RED;
```

```
// Move violation of #3 up tree, maintaining #4 as invariant:
```

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while (x!=root && x->p->color == RED)
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```
if (x->p == x->p->p->left)
```

```
    y = x->p->p->right;
```

```
    if (y->color == RED)
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```
        x = x->p->p;
```

} Case 1

```
    else // y->color == BLACK
```

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```
            x = x->p;
```

```
            leftRotate(x);
```

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```
            x->p->p->color = RED;
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            rightRotate(x->p->p);
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} Case 2

} Case 3

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} Case 1: uncle is RED

} Case 2

} Case 3



# RB INSERT: CASE 1

if (y->color == RED)

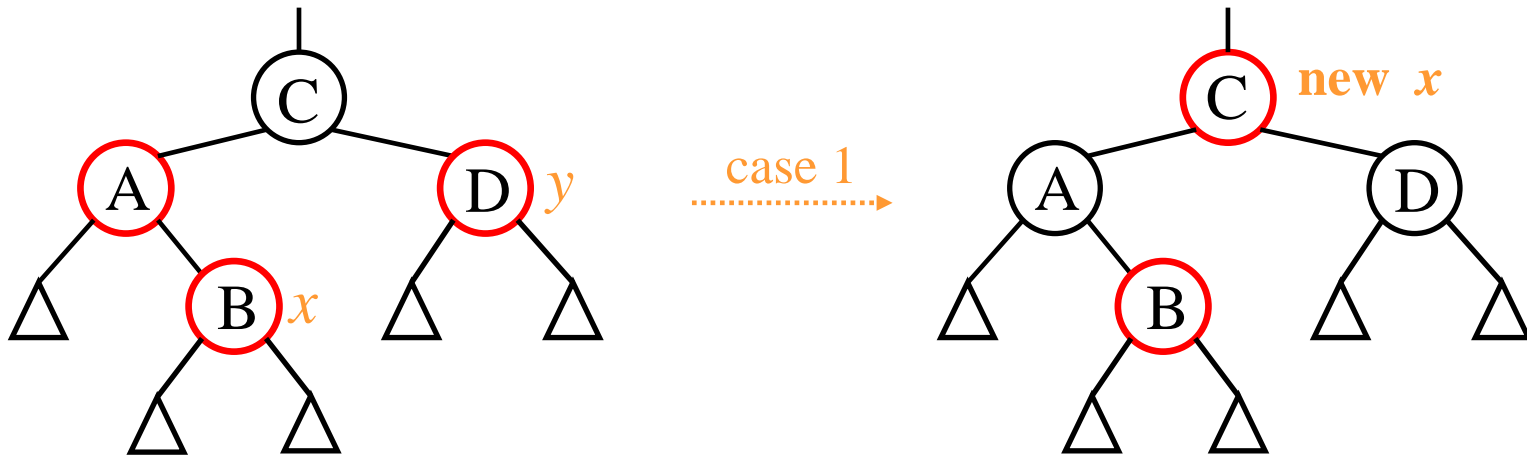
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  x = x->p->p;

- Case 1: “uncle” is red
- In figures below, all  $\Delta$ 's are equal-black-height subtrees



Change colors of some nodes, preserving #5: all downward paths have equal b.h.  
The while loop now continues with  $x$ 's grandparent as the new  $x$



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if (y->color == RED)

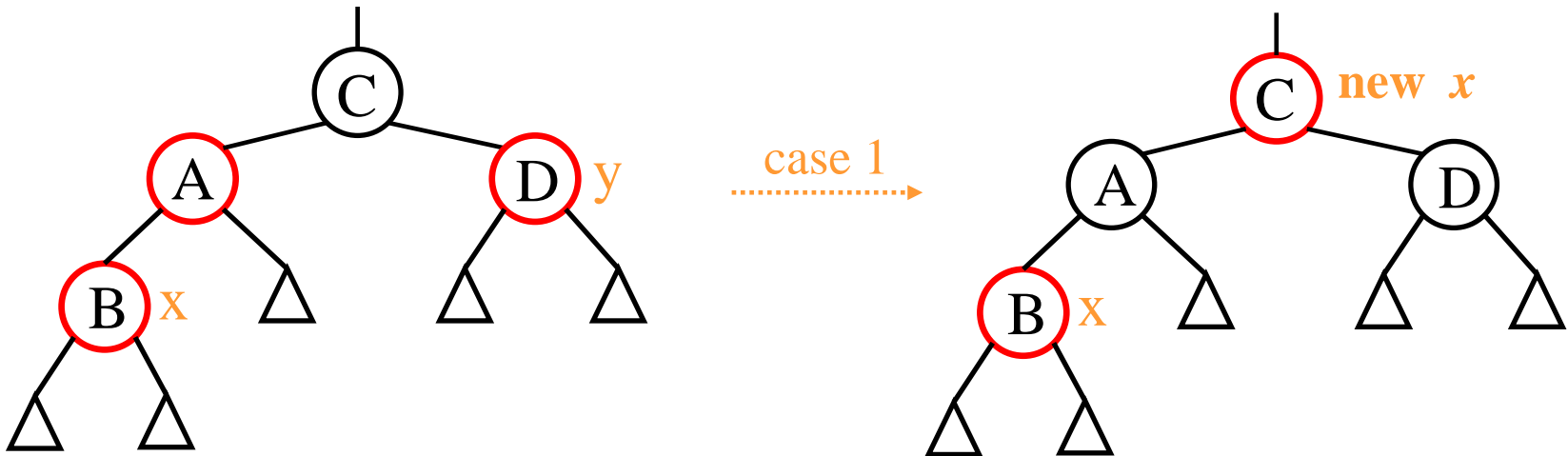
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Same action whether *x* is a left or a right child



# RB INSERT: CASE 2

```
if (x == x->p->right)
```

```
    x = x->p;
```

```
    leftRotate(x);
```

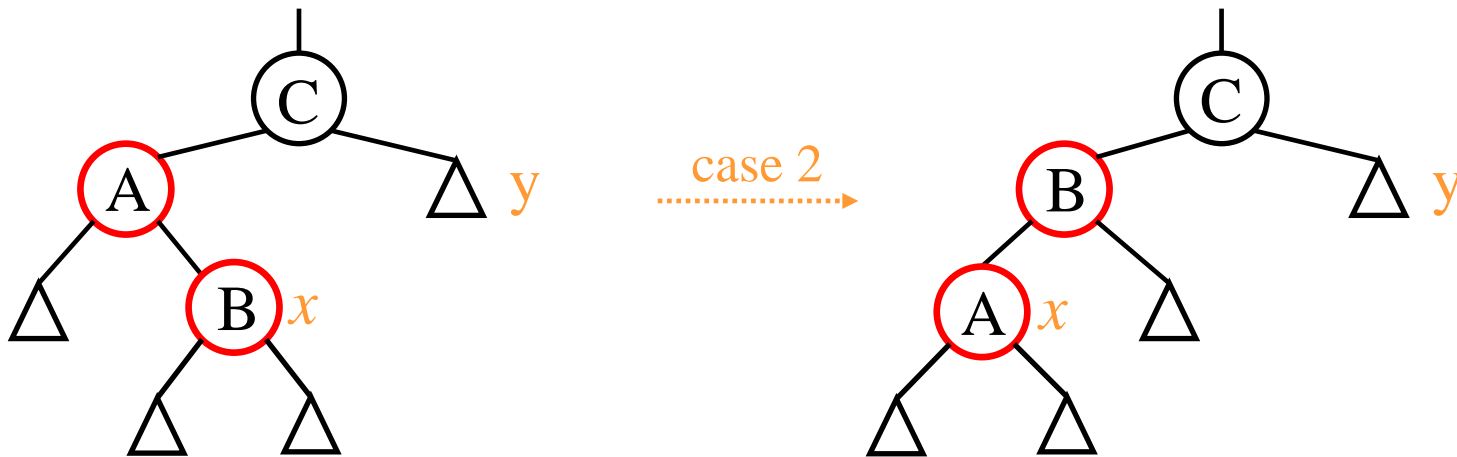
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// continue with case 3 code
```

- Case 2:

- “Uncle” is black

- Node  $x$  is a right child

- Transform to case 3 via a left-rotation



Transform case 2 into case 3 ( $x$  is left child) with a left rotation

This preserves property 5: all downward paths contain same number of black nodes





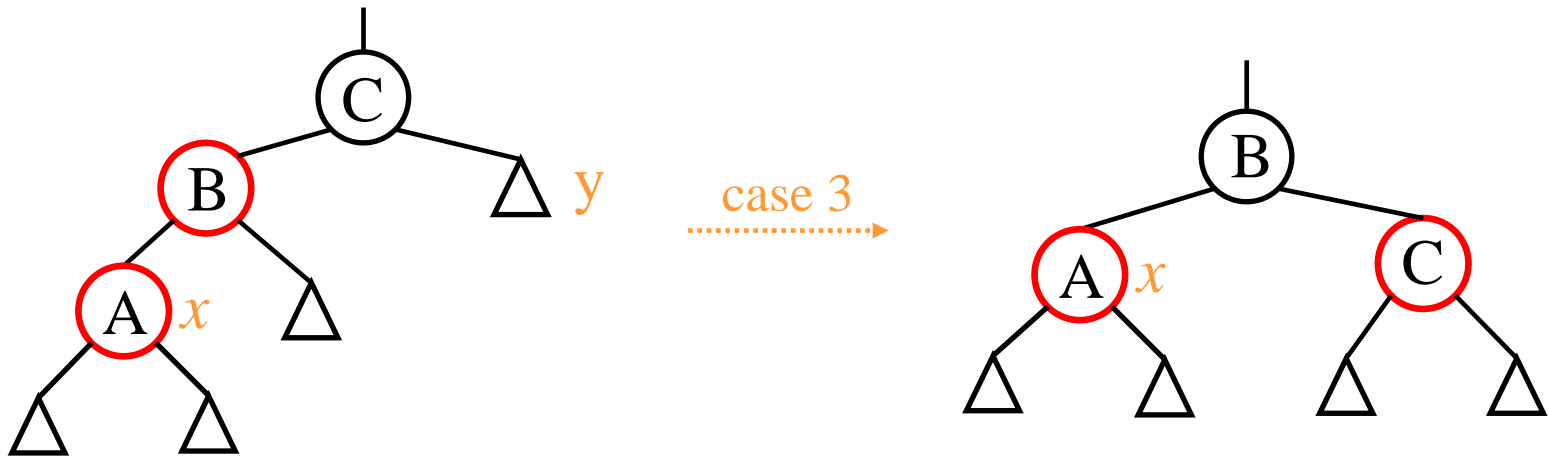
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**x->p->p->color = RED;**

**rightRotate(x->p->p);**

- Case 3:
  - “Uncle” is black
  - Node  $x$  is a left child
- Change colors; rotate right



Perform some color changes and do a right rotation

Again, preserves property 5: all downward paths contain same number of black nodes

