

Lecture 7

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- ▶ Case 2: M has at most one non-leaf child. Call this C .
 - ▶ Trivial case: M is red.
 - ▶ Minor case: M is black but C is red.
 - ▶ Major case: M and C are both black.

Note: If M has both leaf children (NIL), then C is any one of the NIL nodes.

M has at most one non-leaf child C

Trivial Case

M is red:

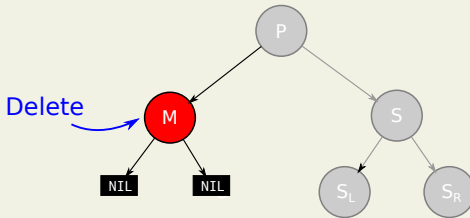
Resolution:

- ▶ Then simply replace M with C .

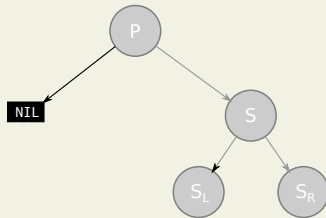
Note:

- ▶ M could not have been root.
- ▶ For all paths, the black height is not affected.

Trivial Case



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M has at most one non-leaf child C

Minor Case

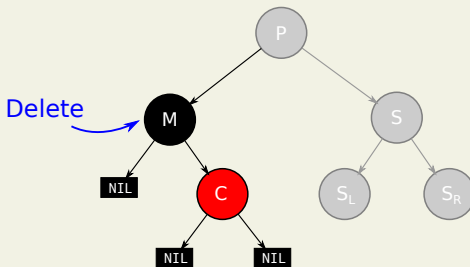
M is black and C is red.

Resolution:

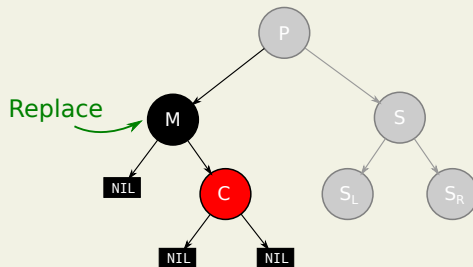
- ▶ Replace (splice) M with C .
- ▶ Place a “black token” on C .
- ▶ Safely discard black token by coloring C black.

The token indicates that the node contributes an extra black to the black count.

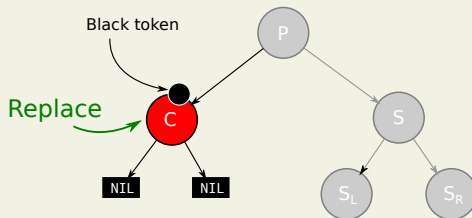
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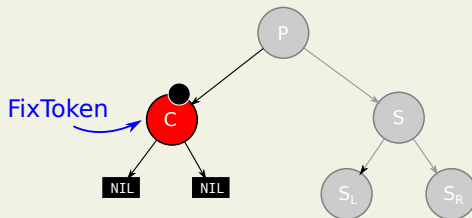
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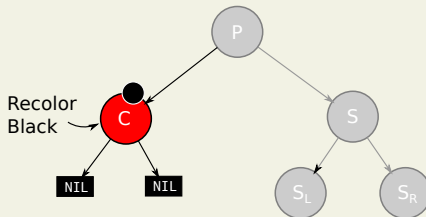
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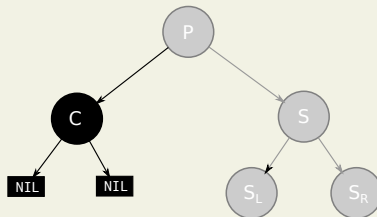
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Major Case

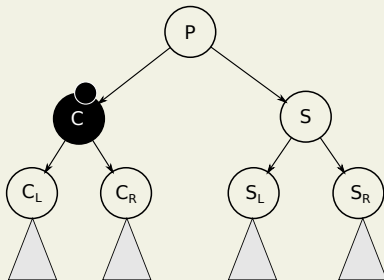
M is black and C is black.

Resolution:

- ▶ Replace (splice) M with C .
- ▶ Place a black token on C .
- ▶ Four cases to safely remove the token placed on C .

Major case - notation

Before replacement of M by C



Removing the token from C

Four cases based on the sibling S of C :

1. S is red.
2. S is black and has both children colored black.
3. S is black and has left child red and right child black.
4. S is black and has right child red.

Removing the token from C

Case 1

Sibling S of C is red.

Since S is red:

- ▶ It must have both black children.
- ▶ The parent P of S must be black.

Removing the token from C

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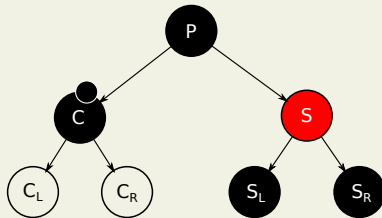
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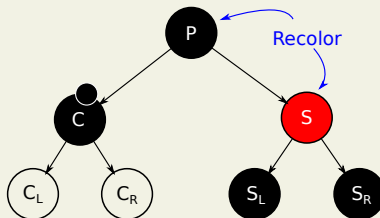
Resolution:

- ▶ Recolor S black and its parent red.
- ▶ Rotate at parent. (left rotate if M was left child)
- ▶ This is now case 2.

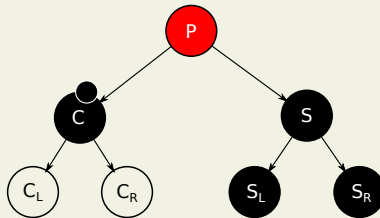
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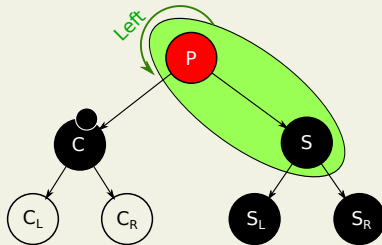
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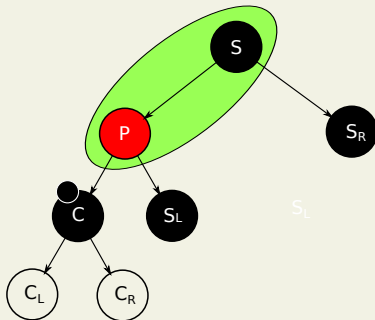
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Case 2

Sibling S is black and has both black children.

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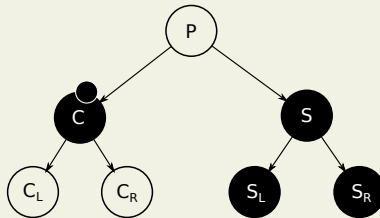
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Resolution:

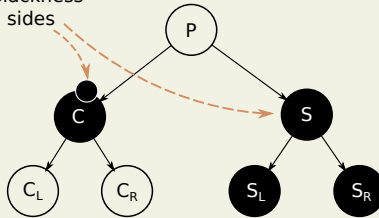
- ▶ Remove a black from both C and S .
- ▶ Paste token on the parent P .

Removing the token from C



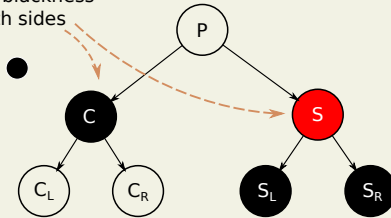
Removing the token from C

Remove blackness
from both sides



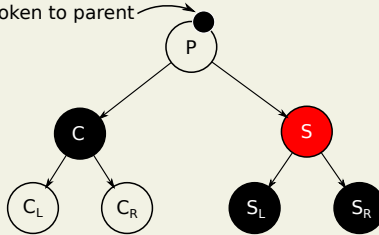
Removing the token from C

Remove blackness
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Removing the token from C

Transfer token to parent



Removing the token from C

Case 3

Sibling S is black.

Left child S_L is red.

S_R is black.

Removing the token from C

Case 3

Sibling S is black.

Left child S_L is red.

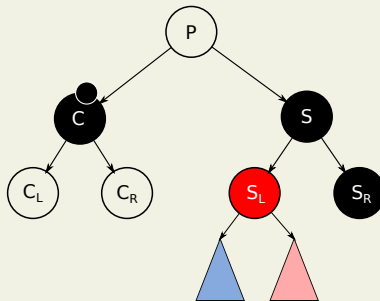
S_R is black.

Resolution:

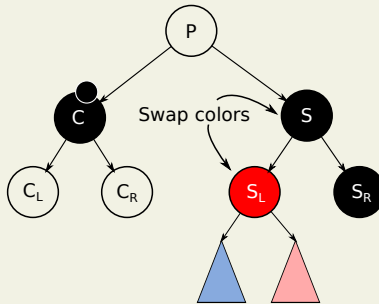
- ▶ Swap colors of S_L and S .
- ▶ Rotate right at S .

This gives us case 4.

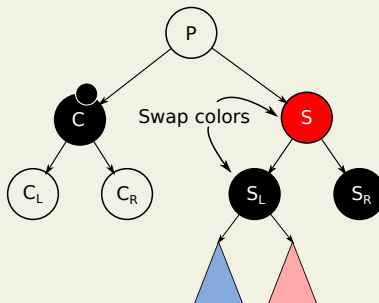
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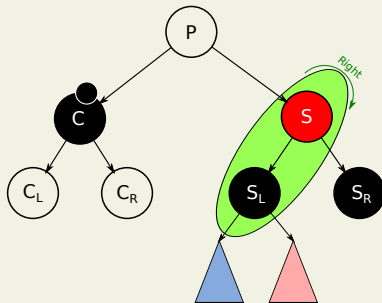
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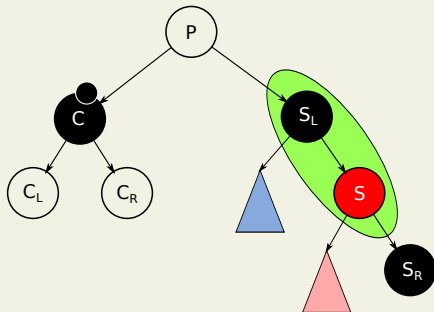
Removing the token from C



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Case 4

Sibling S is black.

Right child S_R is red.

Removing the token from C

Case 4

Sibling S is black.

Right child S_R is red.

CLRS:

“By making some color changes and performing a left rotation on $p[x]$, we can remove the extra black on x ”

Removing the token from C

Case 4

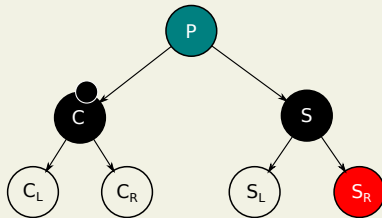
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Right child S_R is red.

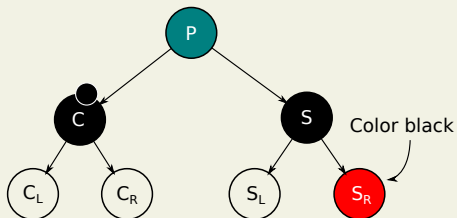
Resolution:

- ▶ Color S_R black.
- ▶ S inherits the color of parent P .
- ▶ Color P black.
- ▶ Rotate left at P .
- ▶ Set token on root.

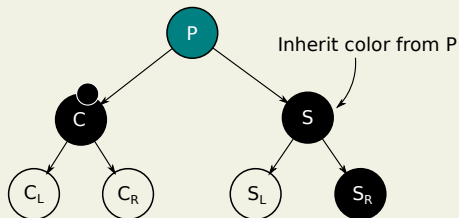
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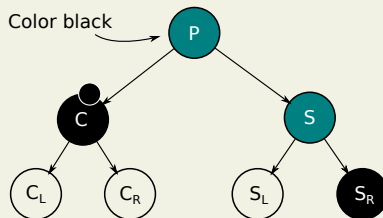
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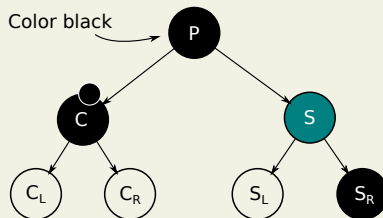
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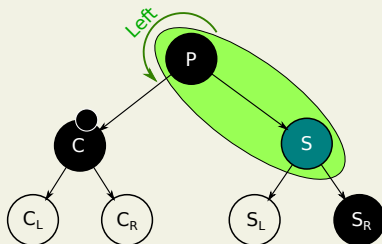
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