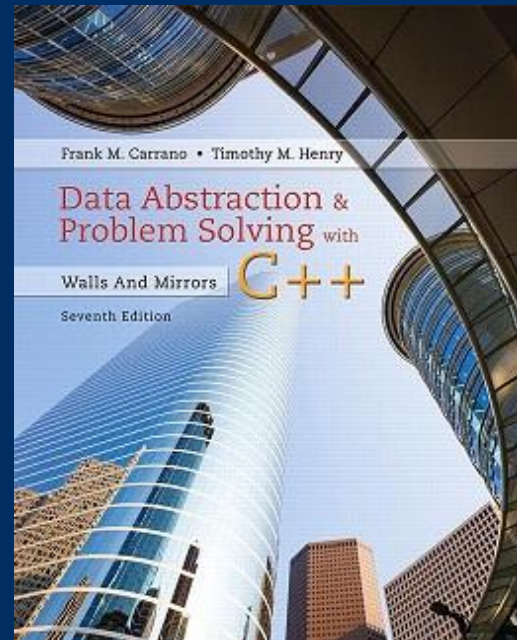


# Chapter 19

## Balanced Search Trees

CS 302 - Data Structures

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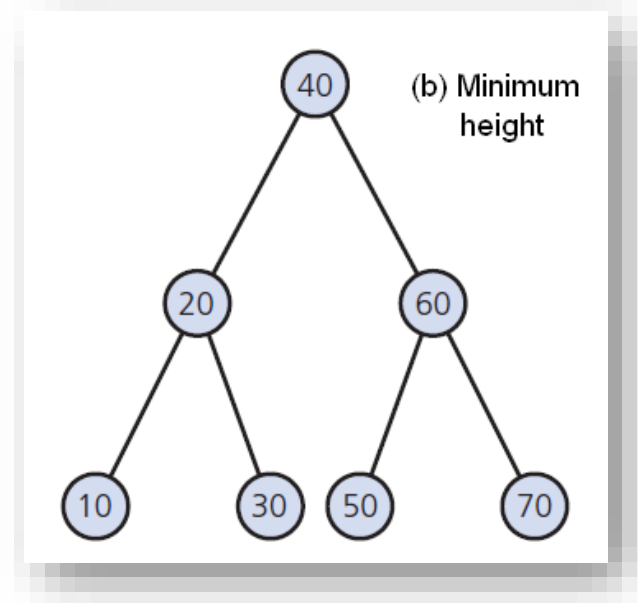
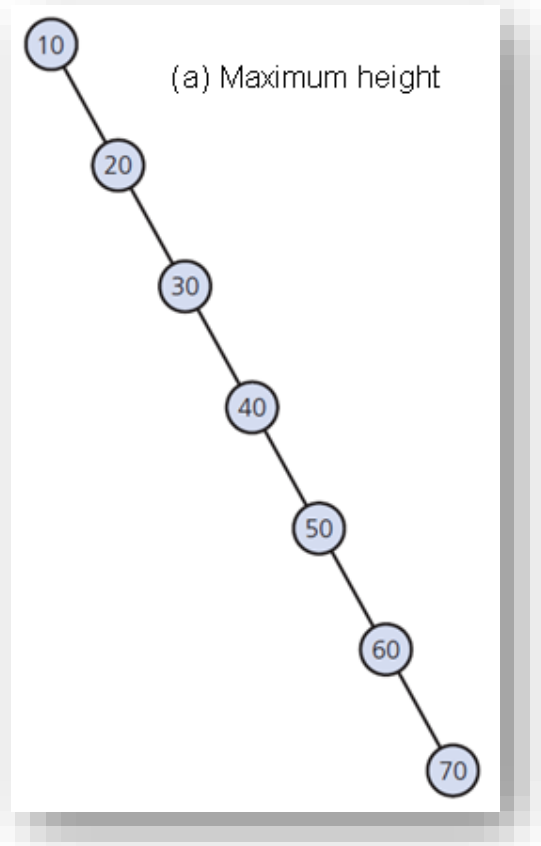
# Reminders

- Assignment 6 is available
  - Due Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm
- TA
  - Shehryar Khattak,  
**Email:** *shehryar [at] nevada {dot} unr {dot} edu*,  
**Office Hours:** Friday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at ARF 116
- Quiz 10 is available
  - Today between 4pm to 11:59pm



# Balanced Search Trees

- Height of binary search tree
  - Sensitive to order of additions and removals
- Various search trees can retain balance
  - Despite additions and removals



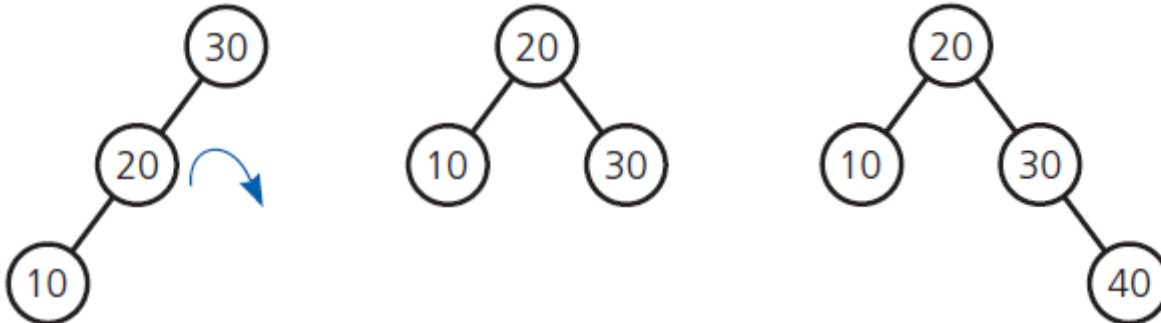
- The tallest and shortest binary search trees containing the same data



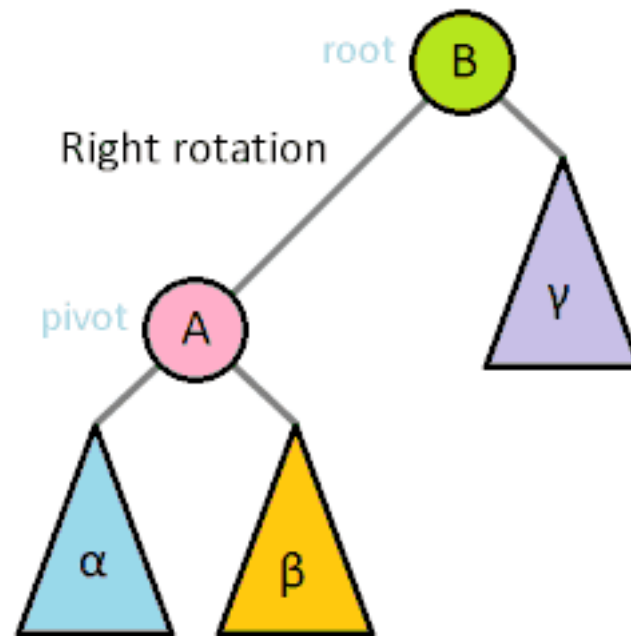
# AVL Trees

- An AVL tree
  - A balanced binary search tree
- Maintains its height close to the minimum
- Rotations restore the balance

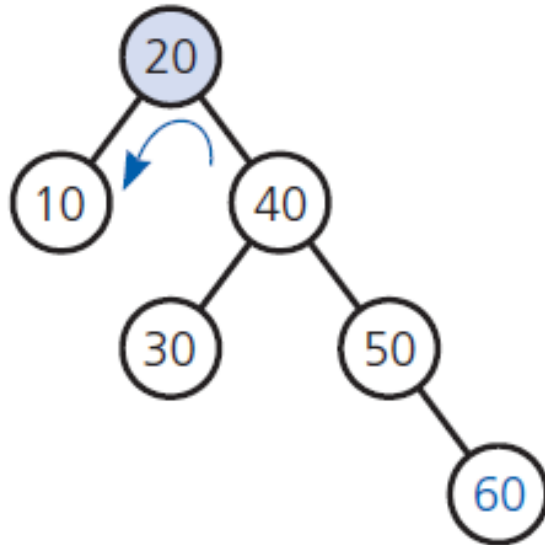
(a) Unbalanced (b) Balanced due to rotation (c) Balanced after addition



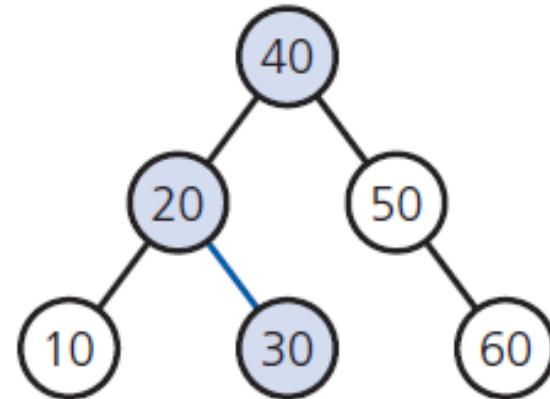
- An unbalanced binary search tree



(a) The addition of 60 to an AVL tree destroys its balance



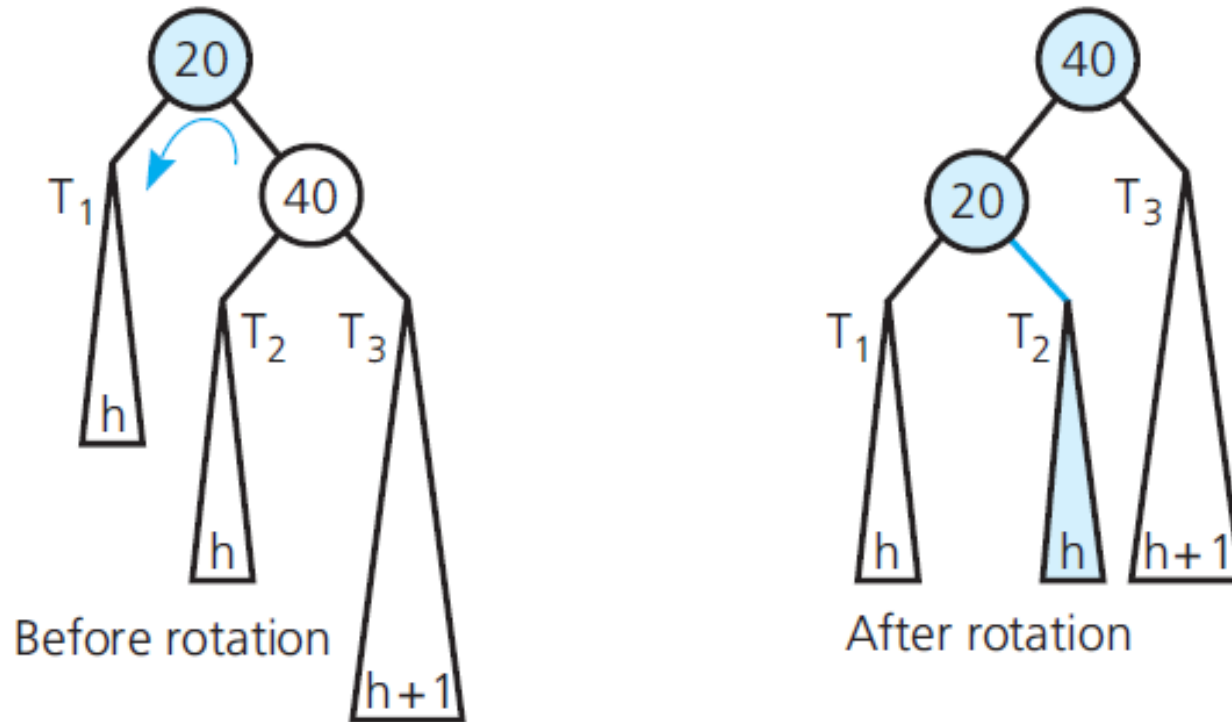
(b) A single left rotation restores the tree's balance



- Correcting an imbalance in an AVL tree due to an addition by using a single rotation to the left

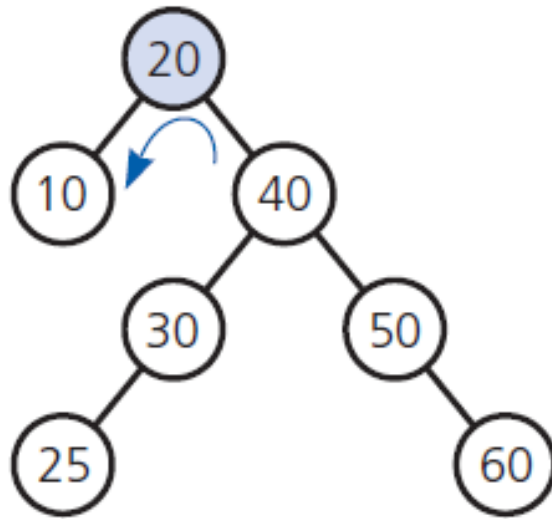


(c) The general case for a single left rotation  
in an AVL tree whose height decreases

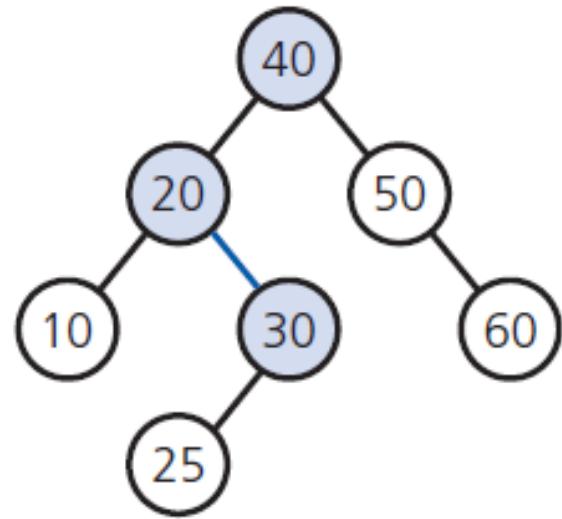


- Correcting an imbalance in an AVL tree due to an addition by using a single rotation to the left

(a) Unbalanced

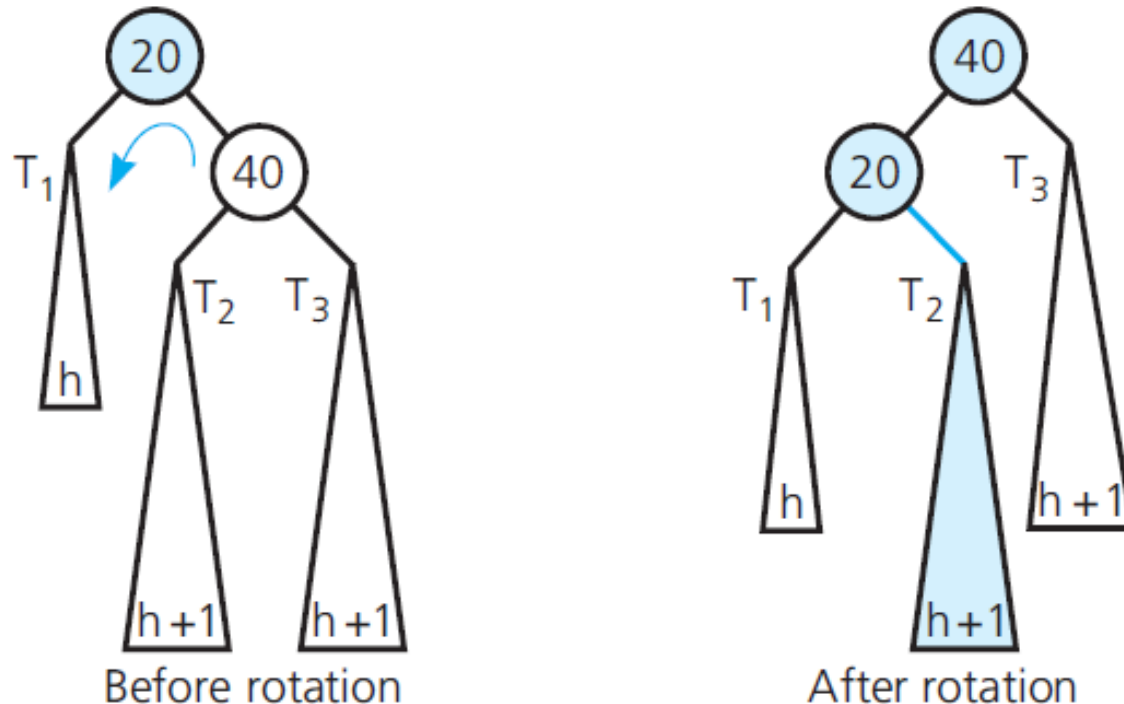


(b) After a single left rotation that restores the tree's balance



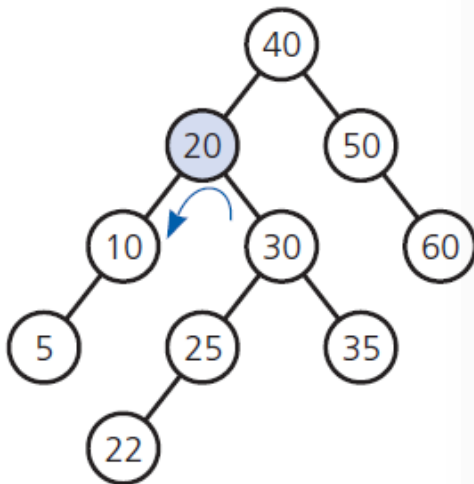
- A single rotation to the left that does not affect the height of an AVL tree

(c) The general case for a single left rotation in an AVL tree whose height is unchanged

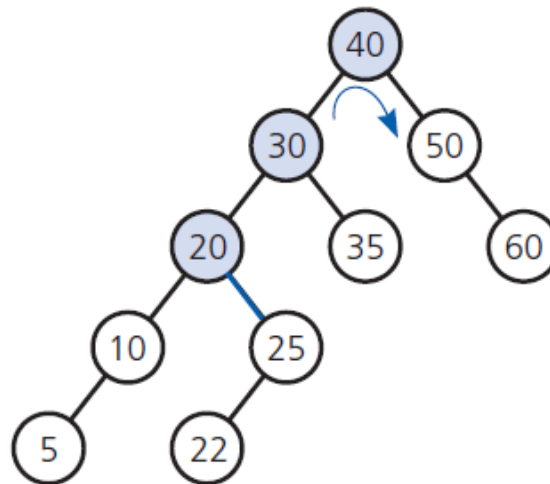


- A single rotation to the left that does not affect the height of an AVL tree

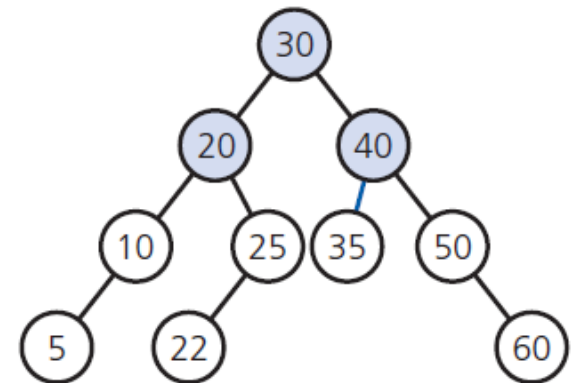
(a) Before the rotation



(b) After a left rotation

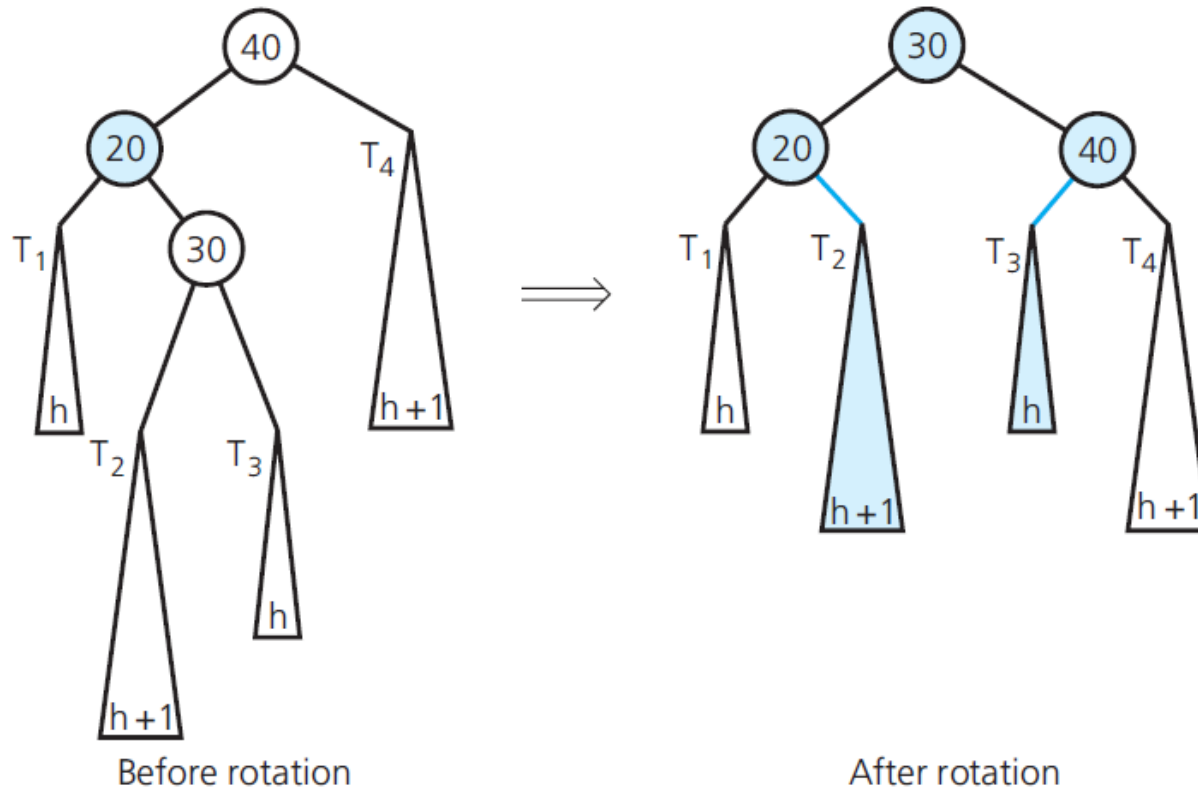


(c) After the right rotation



- A double rotation that decreases the height of an AVL tree

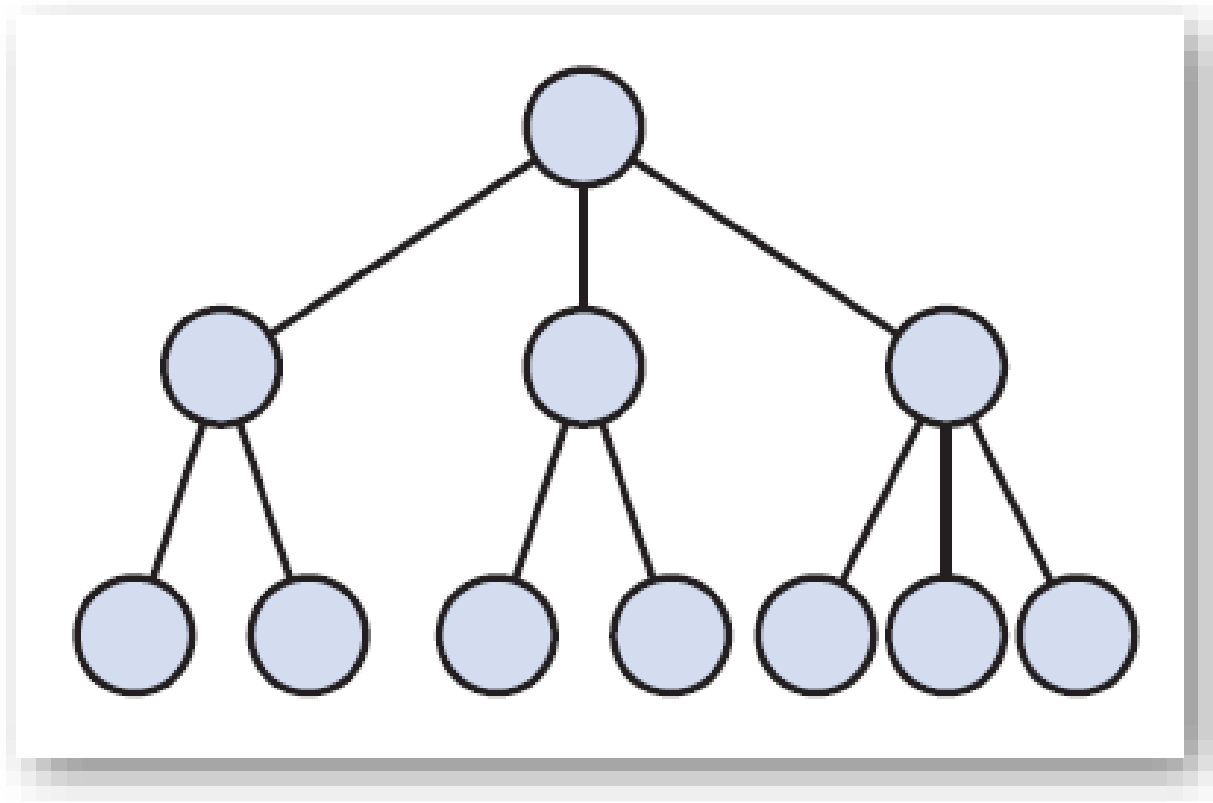
(d) The double rotation in general



- A double rotation that decreases the height of an AVL tree

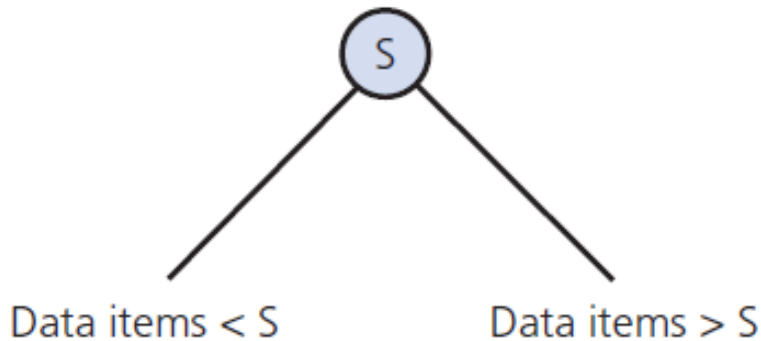
# 2-3 Trees

- A 2-3 tree of height 3

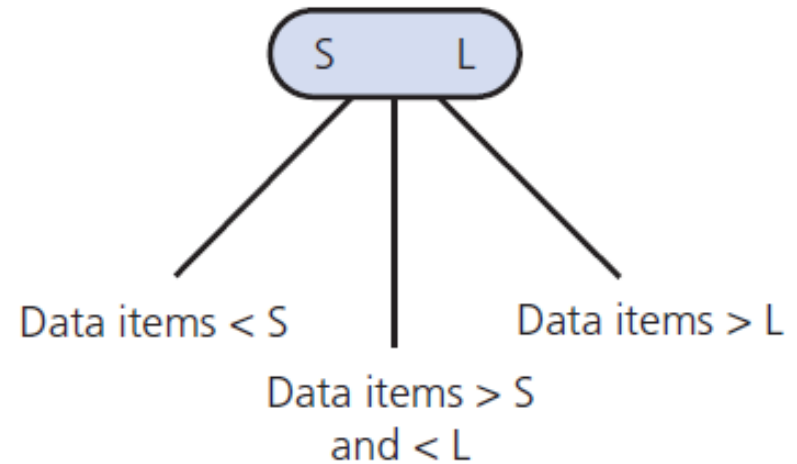


- Nodes in a 2-3 tree

(a) A two-node

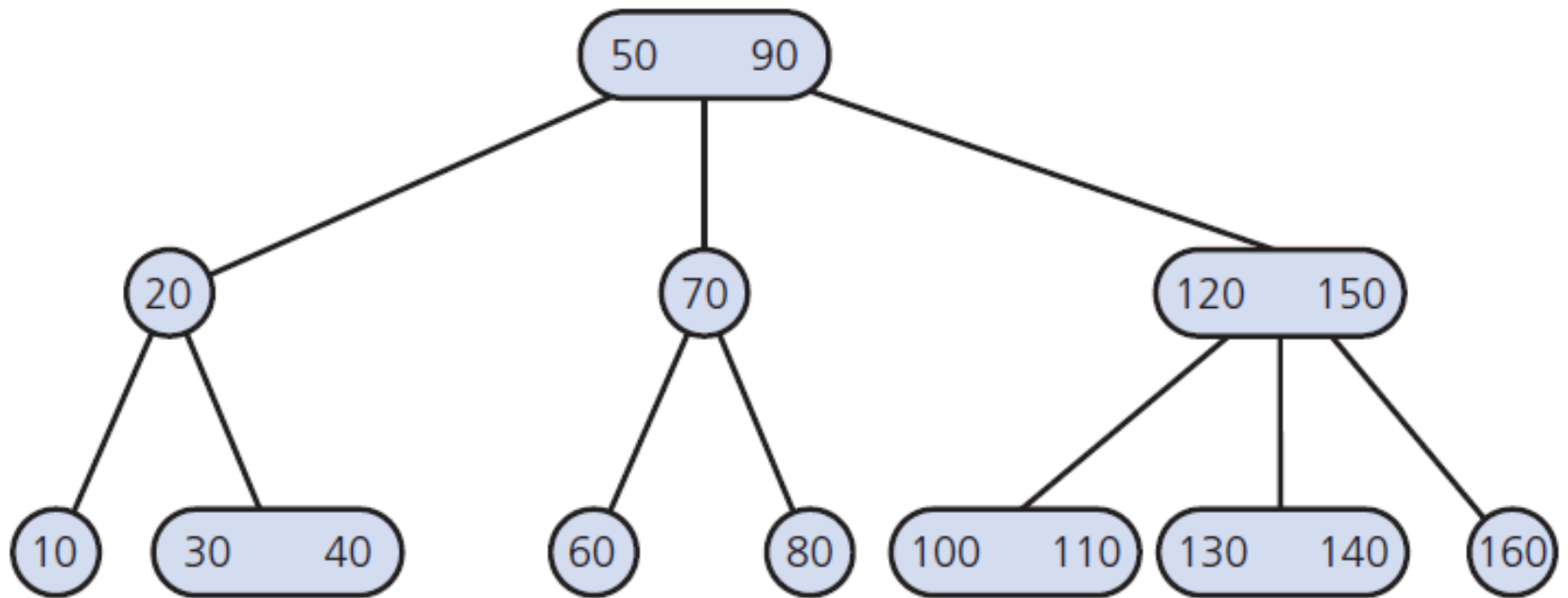


(b) A 3-node





- A 2-3 tree



- A header file for a class of nodes for a 2-3 tree

```
1  /** A class of nodes for a link-based 2-3 tree.
2   @file TriNode.h */
3
4  #ifndef TRI_NODE_
5  #define TRI_NODE_
6
7  template<class ItemType>
8  class TriNode
9  {
10 private:
11     ItemType smallItem;           // Data portion
12     ItemType largeItem;          // Data portion
13     std::shared_ptr<TriNode<ItemType>> leftChildPtr; // Left-child pointer
14     std::shared_ptr<TriNode<ItemType>> midChildPtr;  // Middle-child pointer
15     std::shared_ptr<TriNode<ItemType>> rightChildPtr; // Right-child pointer
16
17 public:
18     TriNode();
```

```
19
20     bool isLeaf() const;
21     bool isTwoNode() const;
22     bool isThreeNode() const;
23
24     ItemType getSmallItem() const;
25     ItemType getLargeItem() const;
26
27     void setSmallItem(const ItemType& anItem);
28     void setLargeItem(const ItemType& anItem);
29     auto getLeftChildPtr() const;
30     auto getMidChildPtr() const;
31     auto getRightChildPtr() const;
32
33     void setLeftChildPtr(std::shared_ptr<TriNode<ItemType>> leftPtr);
34     void setMidChildPtr(std::shared_ptr<TriNode<ItemType>> midPtr);
35     void setRightChildPtr(std::shared_ptr<TriNode<ItemType>> rightPtr);
36 }; // end TriNode
37 #include "TriNode.cpp"
38 #endif
```

- A header file for a class of nodes for a 2-3 tree

# Traversing a 2-3 Tree

```
// Traverses a nonempty 2-3 tree in sorted order.
inorder(23Tree: TwoThreeTree): void
{
    if (23Tree's root node r is a leaf)
        Visit the data item(s)
    else if (r has two data items)
    {
        inorder(left subtree of 23Tree's root)
        Visit the first data item
        inorder(middle subtree of 23Tree's root)
        Visit the second data item
        inorder(right subtree of 23Tree's root)
    }
    else // r has one data item
    {
        inorder(left subtree of 23Tree's root)
        Visit the data item
        inorder(right subtree of 23Tree's root)
    }
}
```

- Performing the analogue of an inorder traversal on a binary tree:

## N

# Searching a 2-3 Tree

*// Locates the value target in a nonempty 2-3 tree. Returns either the located entry or throws an exception if such a node is not found.*

`findItem(23Tree: TwoThreeTree, target: ItemType): ItemType`

{

*if (target is in 23Tree's root node r)*

    { *// The data item has been found*

*treeItem = the data portion of r*

*return treeItem // Success*

    }

*else if (r is a leaf)*

*throw NotFoundException // Failure*

*// Else search the appropriate subtree*

*else if (r has two data items)*

    {

*if (target < smaller data item in r)*

- Retrieval operation for a 2-3 tree

# Searching a 2-3 Tree

```
else search the appropriate subtree  
else if (r has two data items)  
{  
    if (target < smaller data item in r)  
        return findItem(r's left subtree, target)  
    else if (target < larger data item in r)  
        return findItem(r's middle subtree, target)  
    else  
        return findItem(r's right subtree, target)  
}  
else // r has one data item  
{  
    if (target < r's data item)  
        return findItem(r's left subtree, target)  
    else  
        return findItem(r's right subtree, target)  
}  
}
```

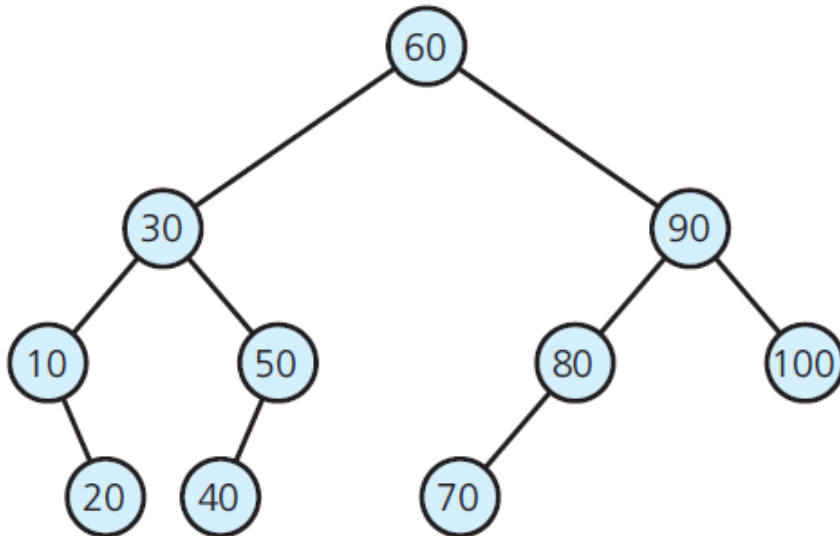
- Retrieval operation for a 2-3 tree

- Search of a 2-3 and shortest binary search tree approximately same efficiency
  - A binary search tree with  $n$  nodes cannot be shorter than  $\log_2(n + 1)$
  - A 2-3 tree with  $n$  nodes cannot be taller than  $\log_2(n + 1)$
  - Node in a 2-3 tree has at most two data items
- Searching 2-3 tree is  $O(\log n)$

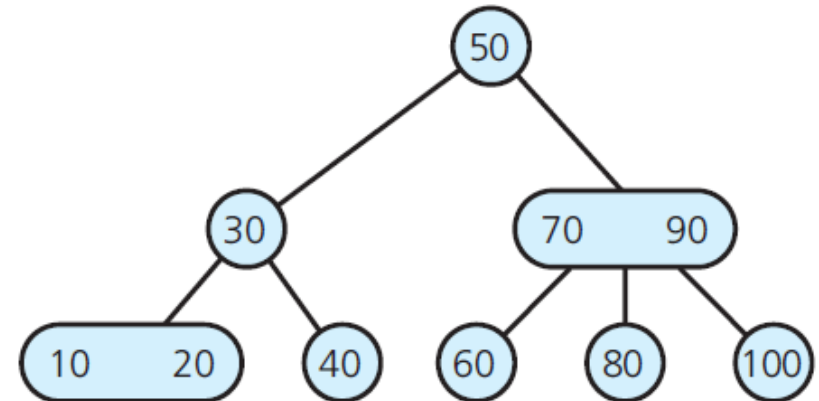
# Searching a 2-3 Tree

- A balanced binary search tree

(a) A balanced binary search tree

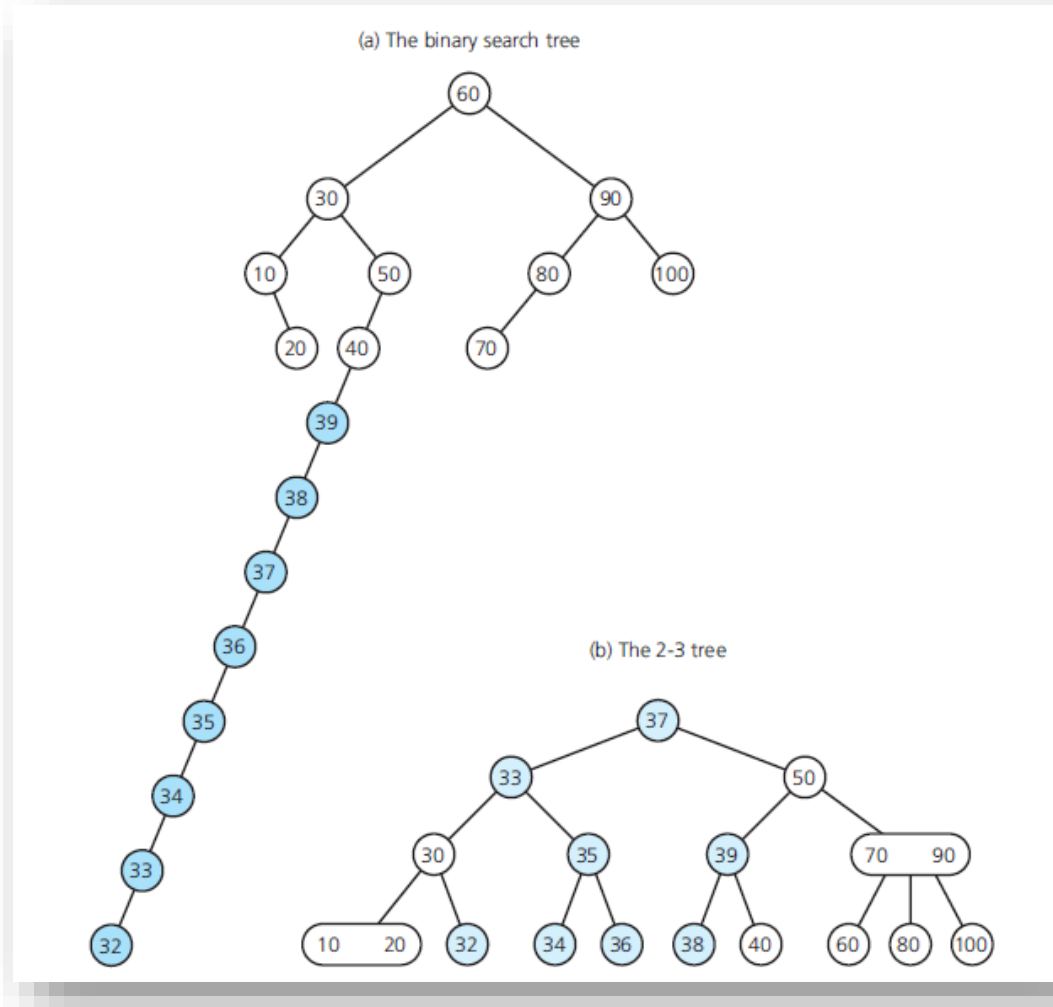


(b) A 2-3 tree





# Searching a 2-3 Tree

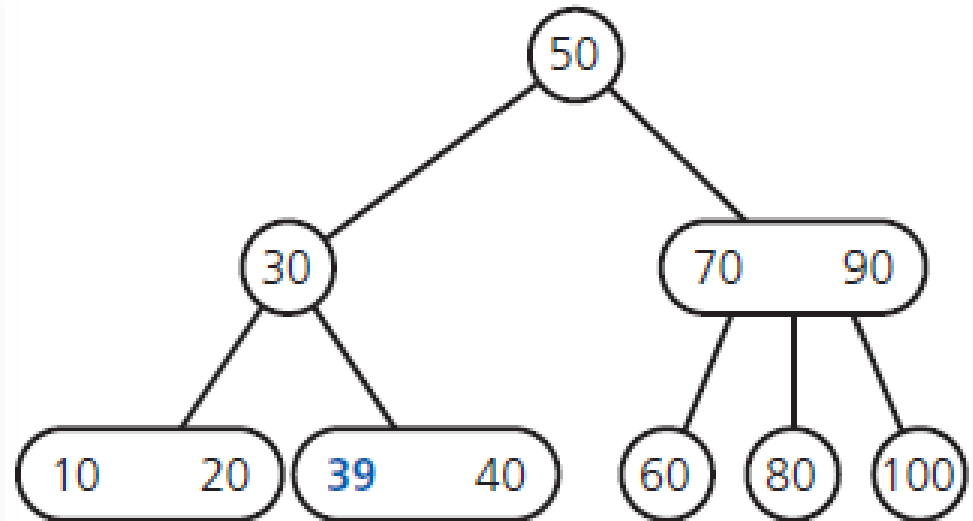
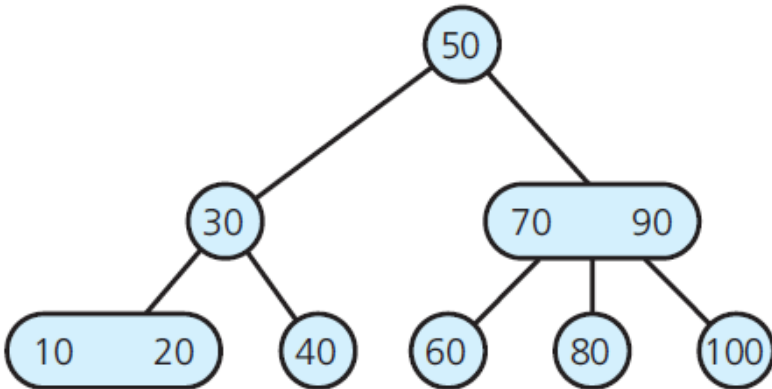


- The trees after adding the values 39 down to 32

# Adding Data to a 2-3 Tree

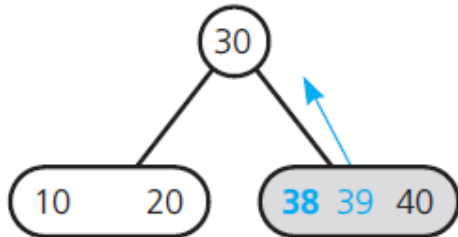
- After inserting 39 into the tree

(b) A 2-3 tree

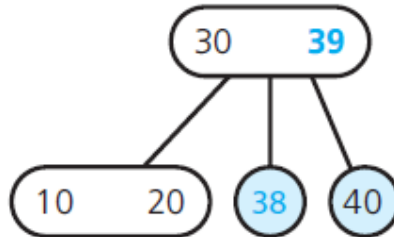


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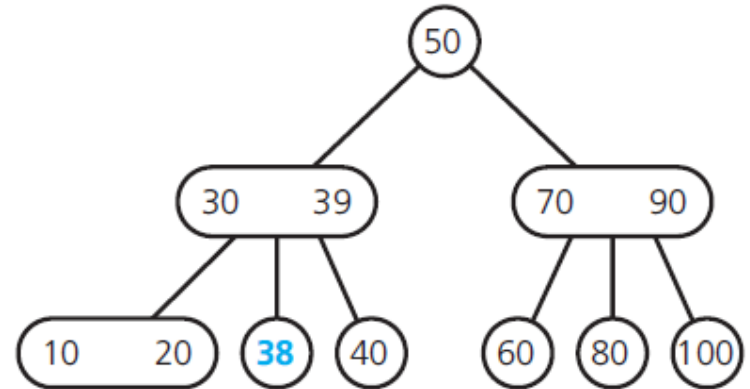
(a) The located node has no room



(b) The node splits and 39 moves up

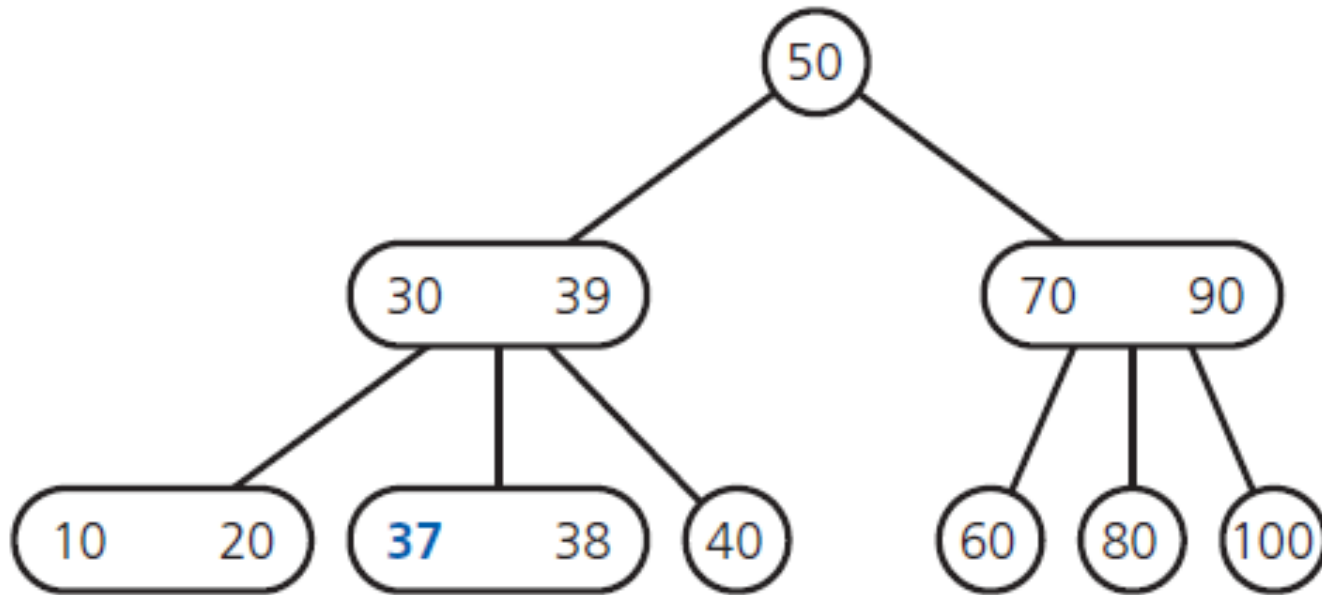


(c) The tree after the addition



- The steps for adding 38 to the tree

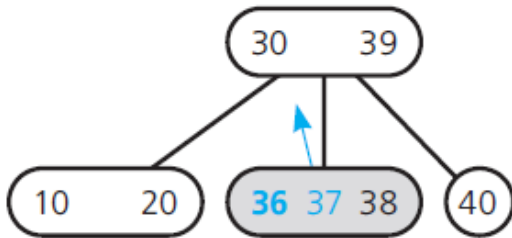
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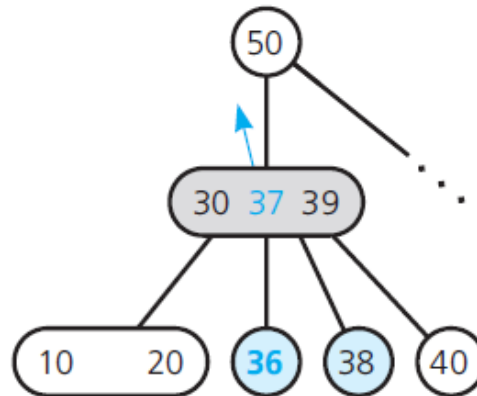
- After adding 37 to the tree

# Adding Data to a 2-3 Tree

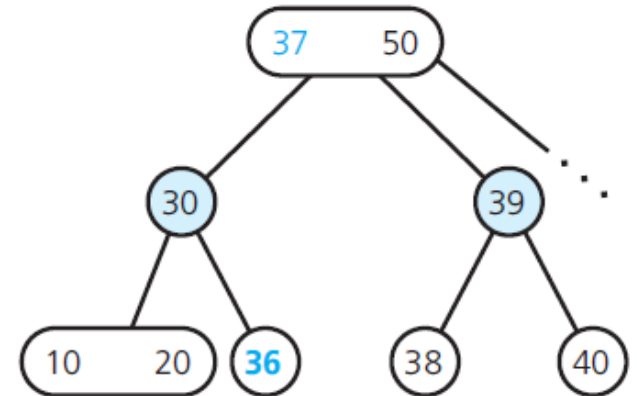
(a) The located node has no room, so 37 must move up



(b) After the node splits, its parent has no room for 37

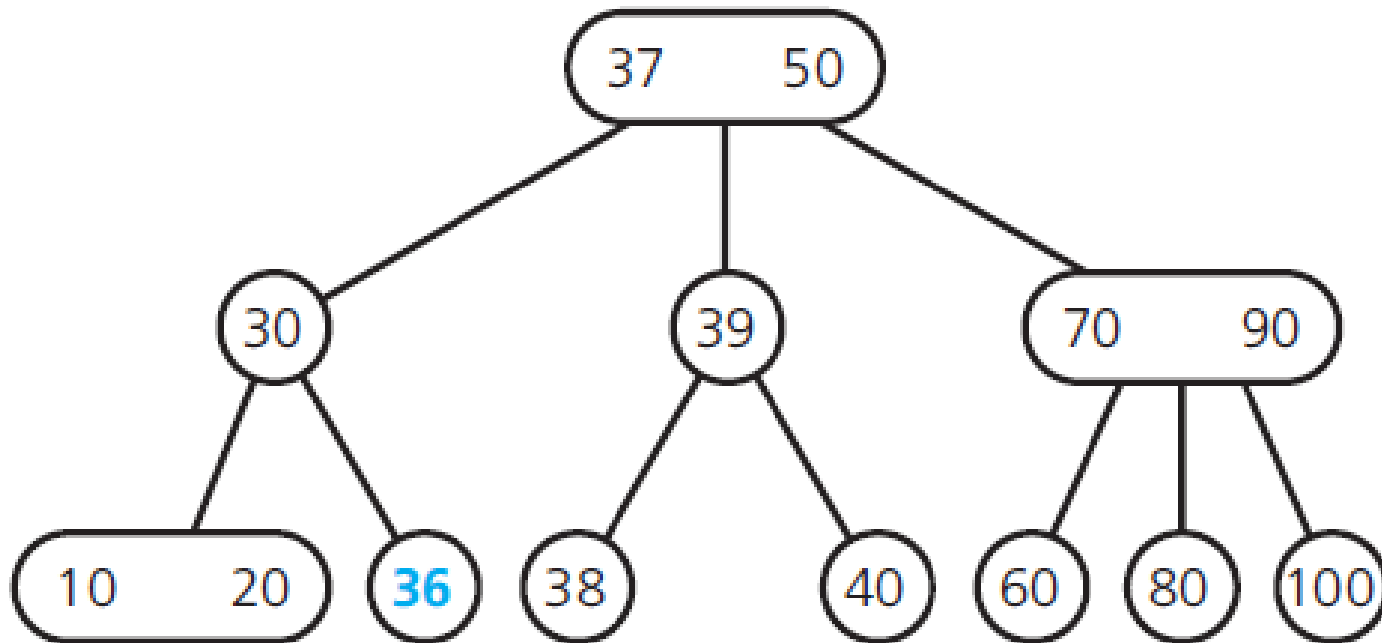


(c) The node splits and 37 moves up



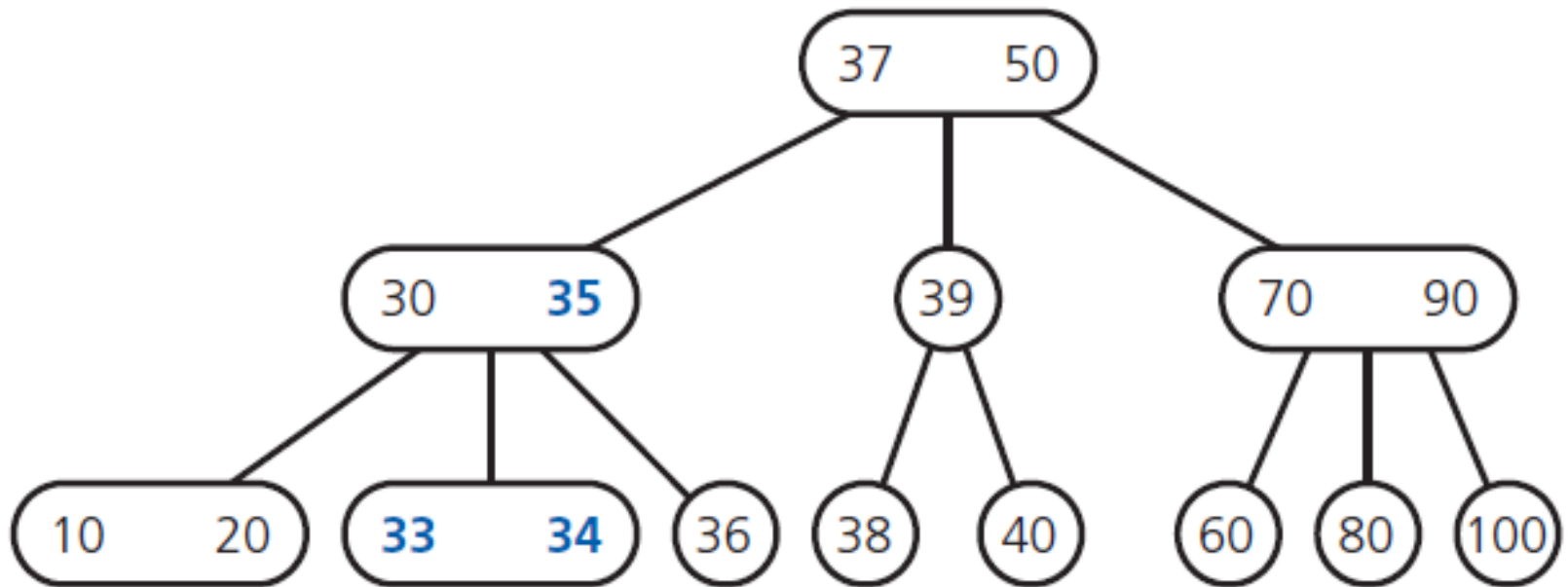
- The steps for adding 36 to the tree

(d) The tree after the addition



- The steps for adding 36 to the tree

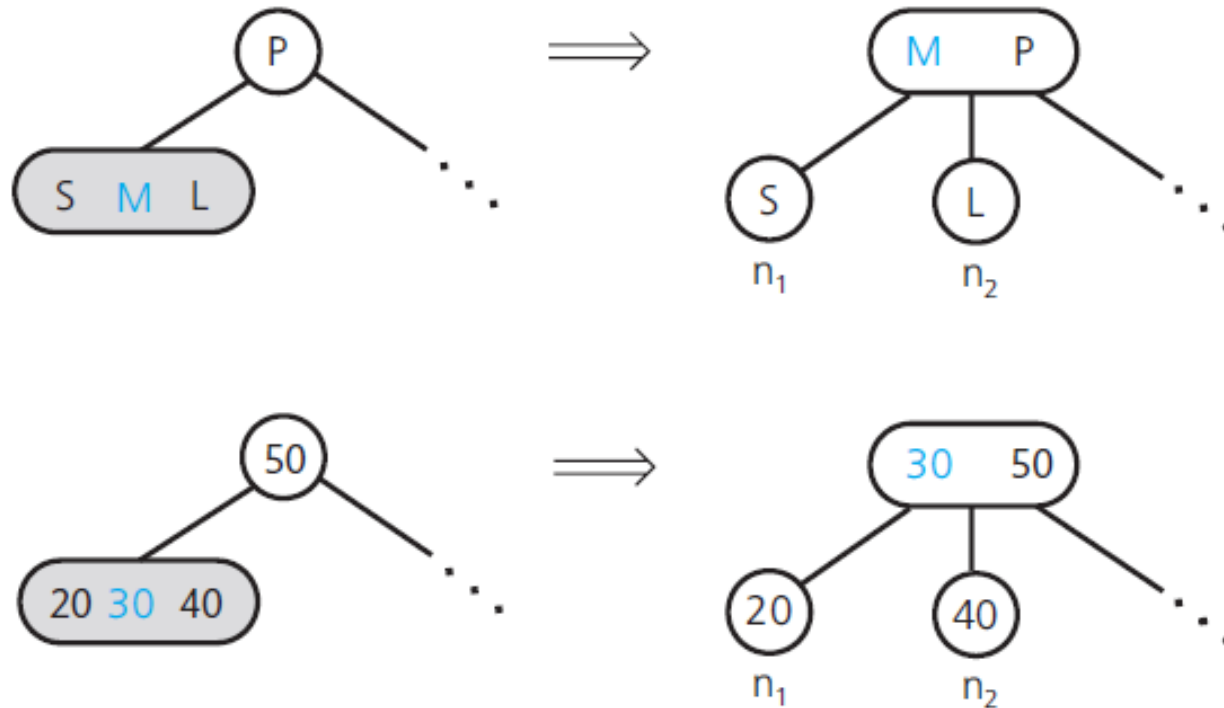
# Adding Data to a 2-3 Tree



- The tree after the adding 35, 34, and 33 to the tree

# Adding Data to a 2-3 Tree

(a) The leaf is a left child

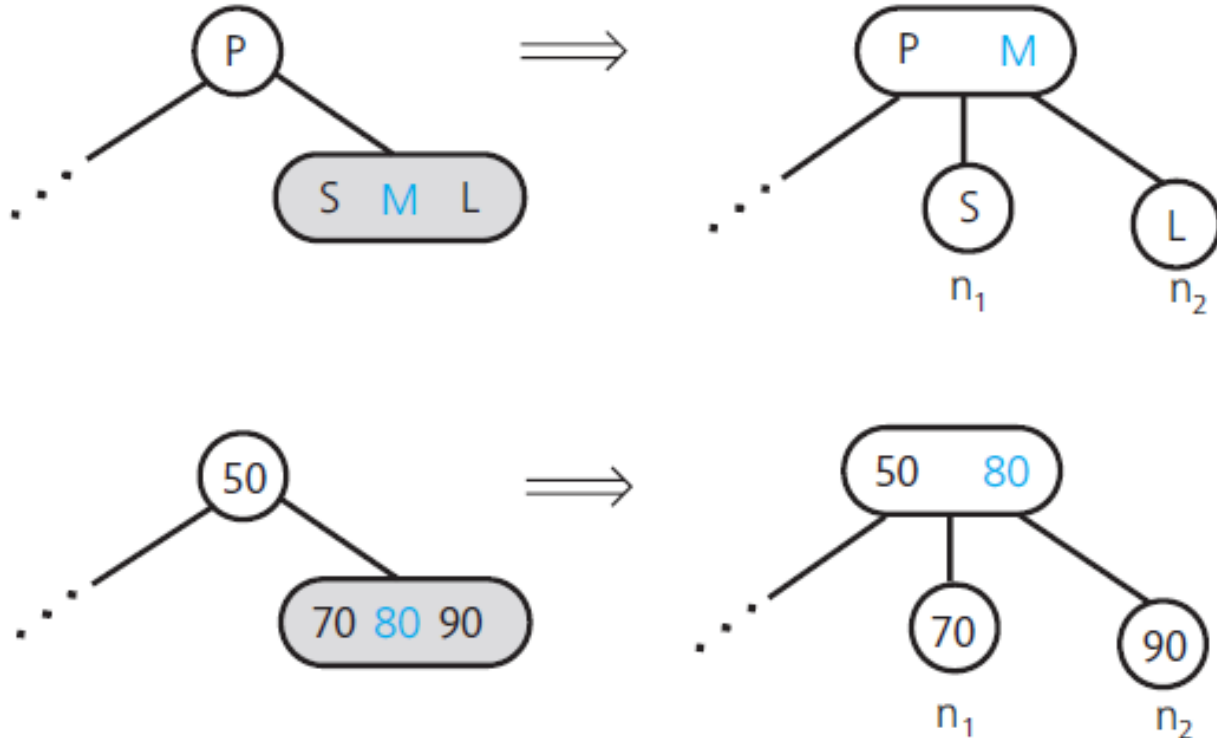


- Splitting a leaf in a 2-3 tree in general and in a specific example



# Adding Data to a 2-3 Tree

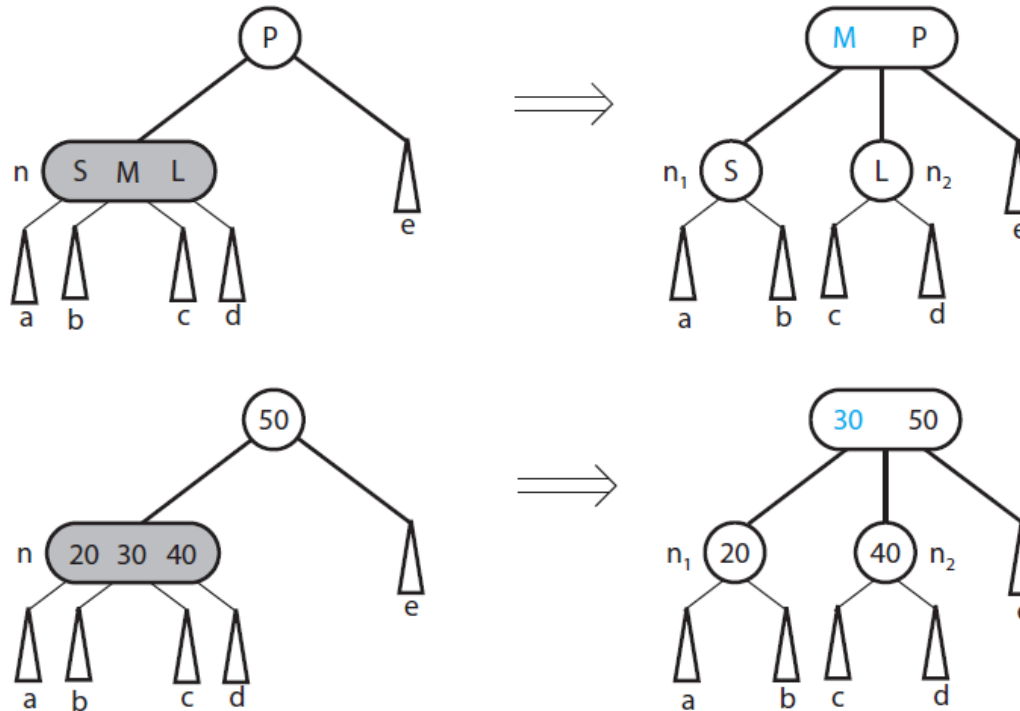
(b) The leaf is a right child



- Splitting a leaf in a 2-3 tree in general and in a specific example

# Adding Data to a 2-3 Tree

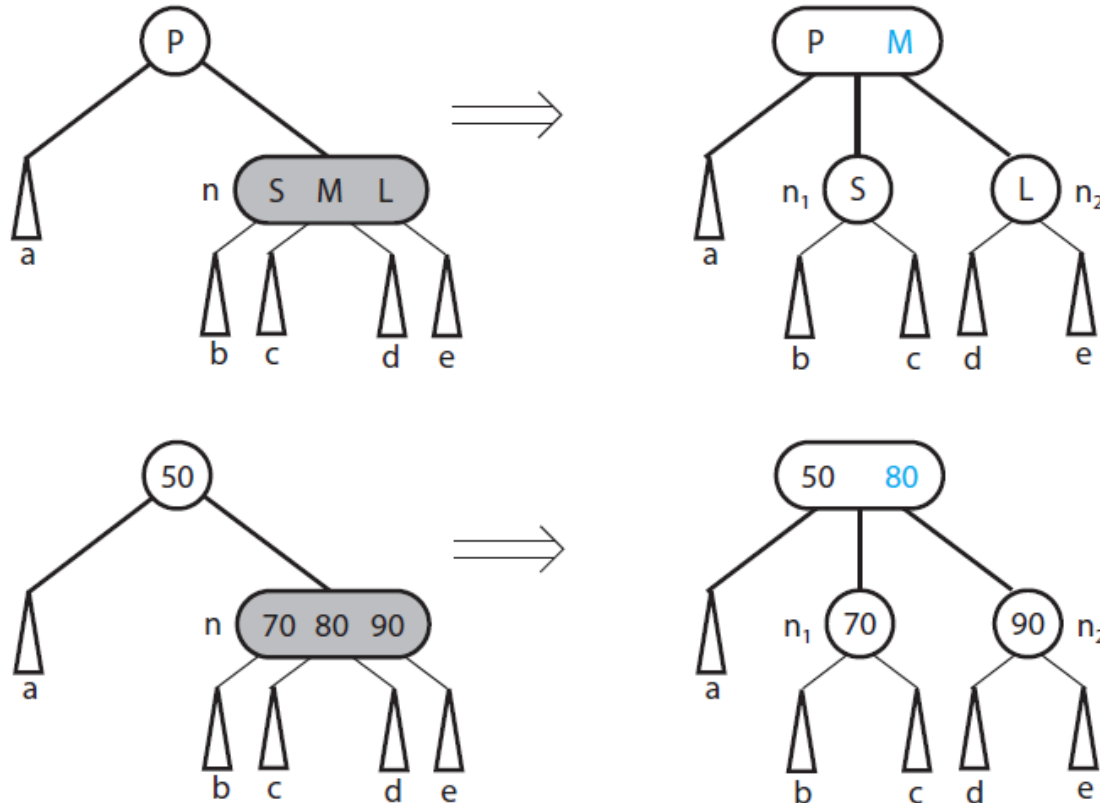
(a) The node is a left child



- Splitting an internal node in a 2-3 tree in general and in a specific example

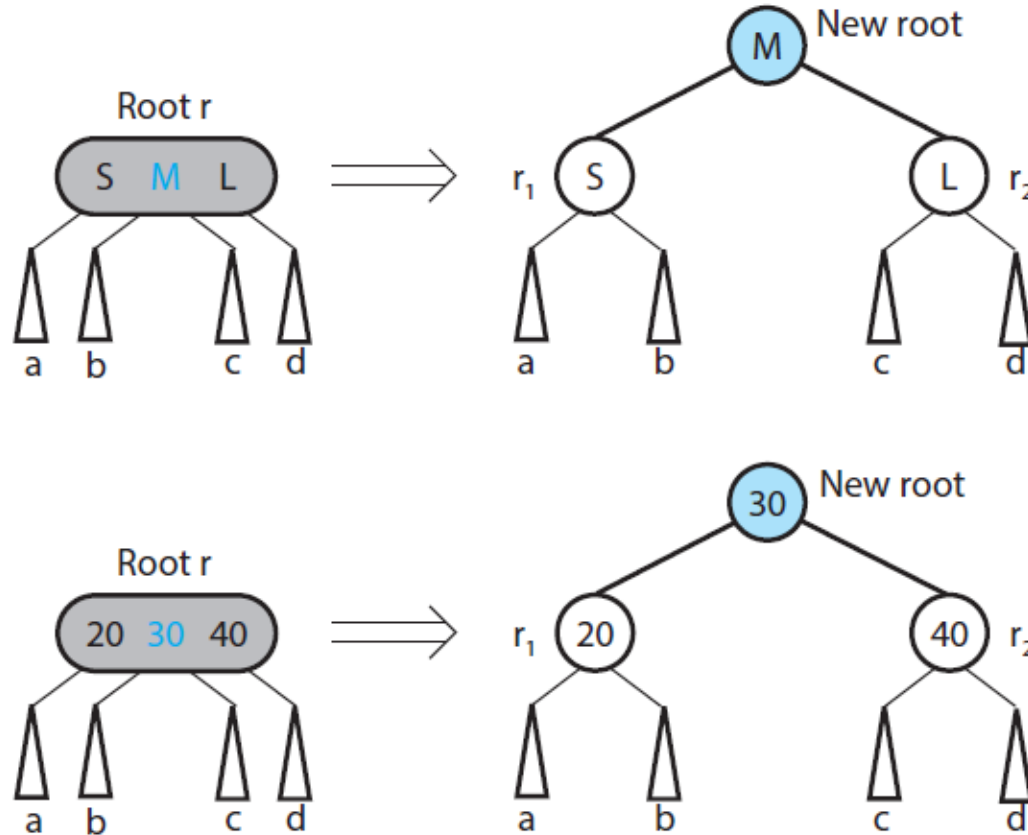
# Adding Data to a 2-3 Tree

(b) The node is a right child



- Splitting an internal node in a 2-3 tree in general and in a specific example

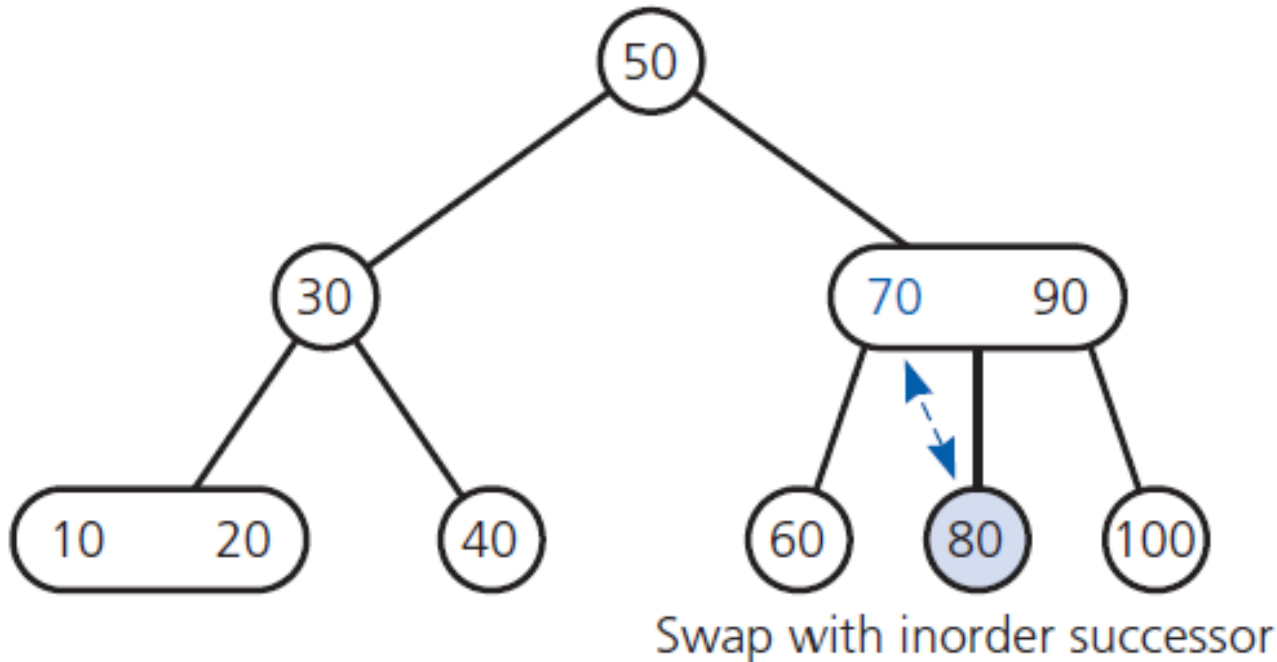
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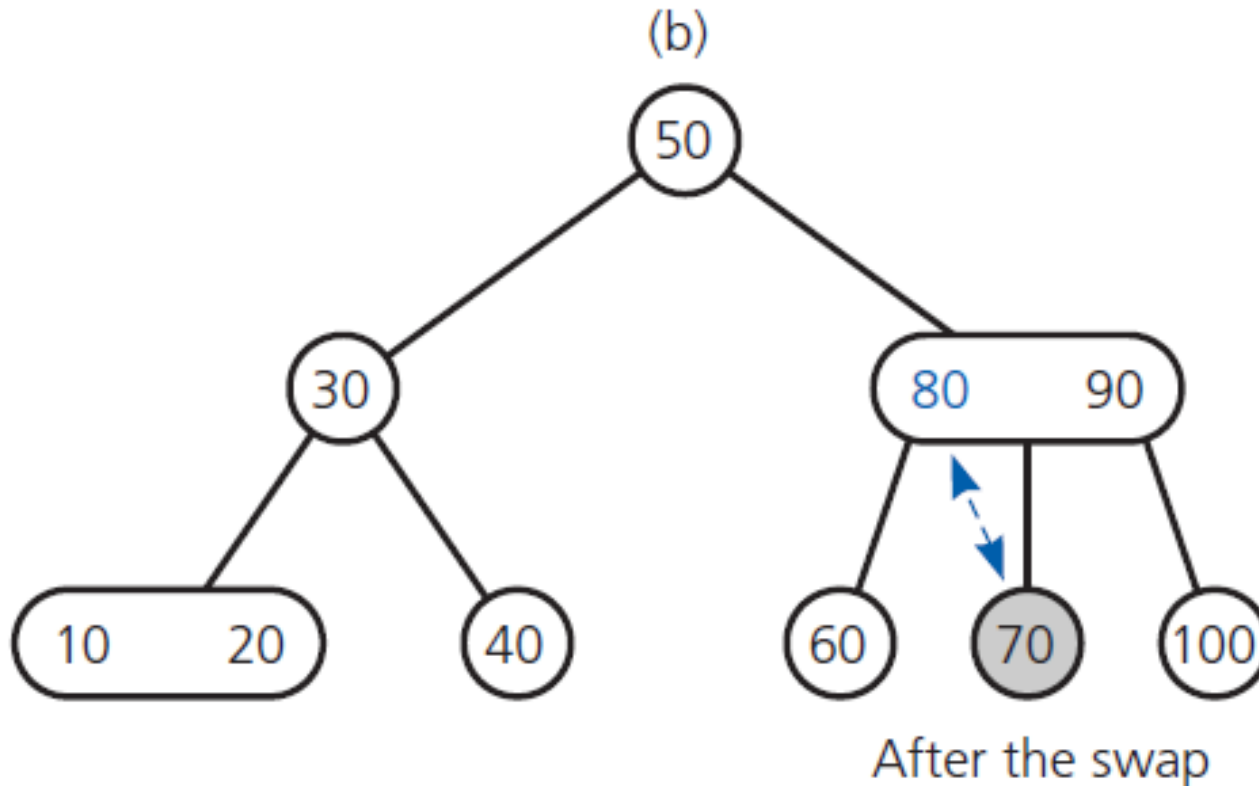
- Splitting the root of a 2-3 tree general and in a specific example

# Removing Data from a 2-3 Tree

(a) The initial 2-3 tree

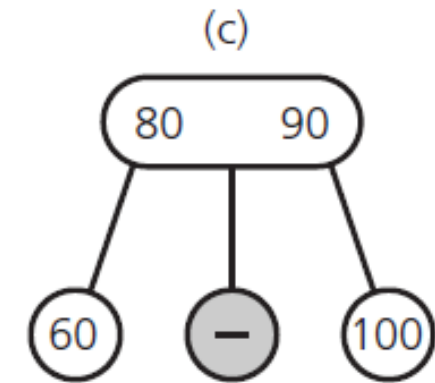


- The steps for removing 70 from the 2-3 tree

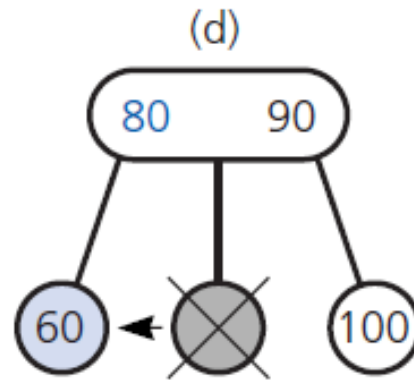


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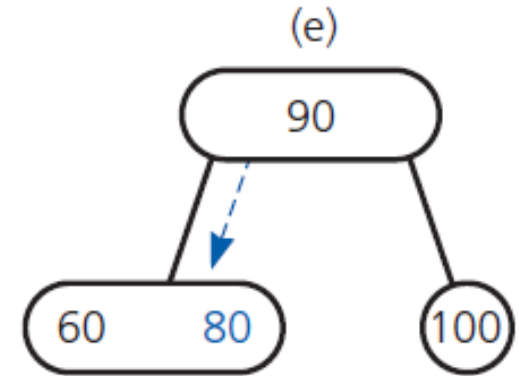
# Removing Data from a 2-3 Tree



Remove value from leaf

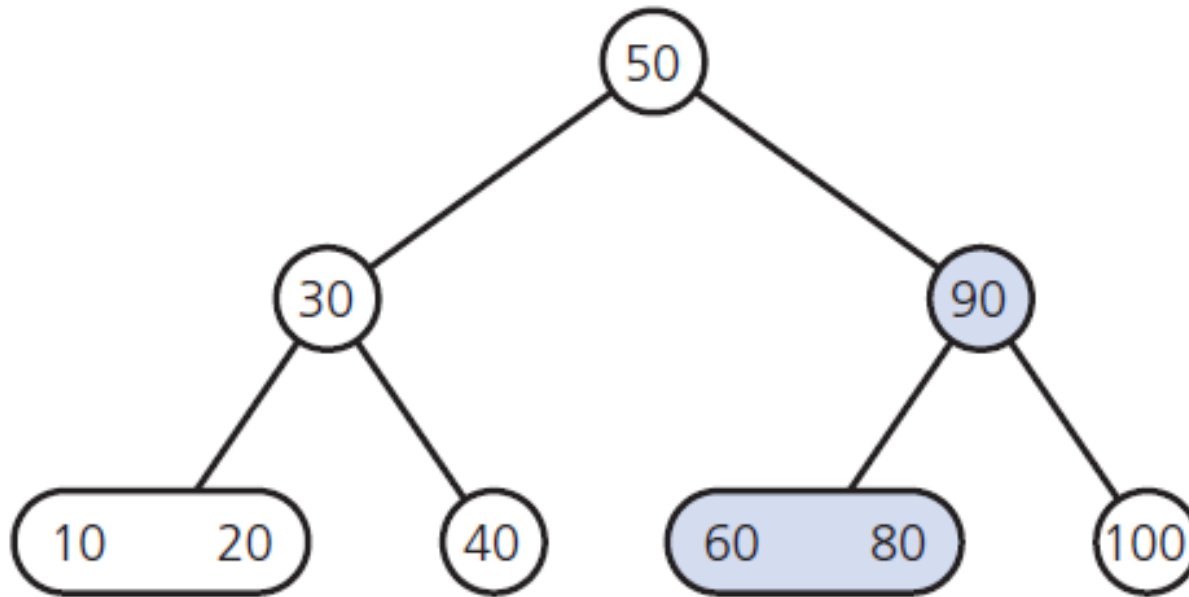


Merge nodes by deleting empty leaf and moving 80 down



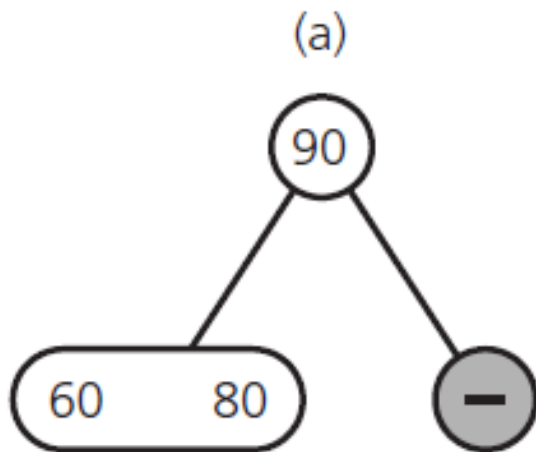
- The steps for removing 70 from the 2-3 tree

(f) The resulting tree

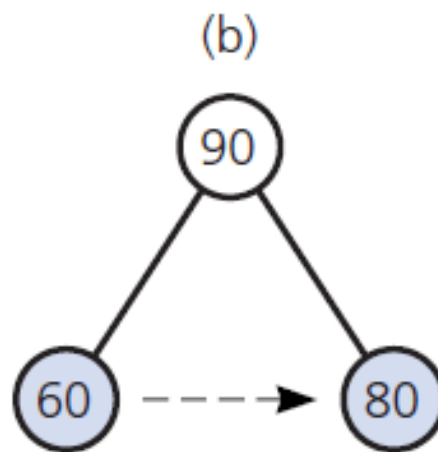


- The steps for removing 70 from the 2-3 tree

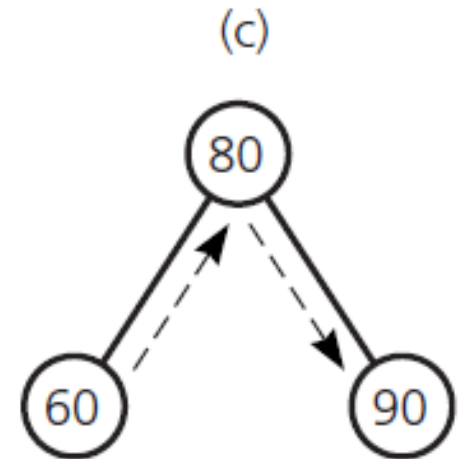




Remove value from leaf



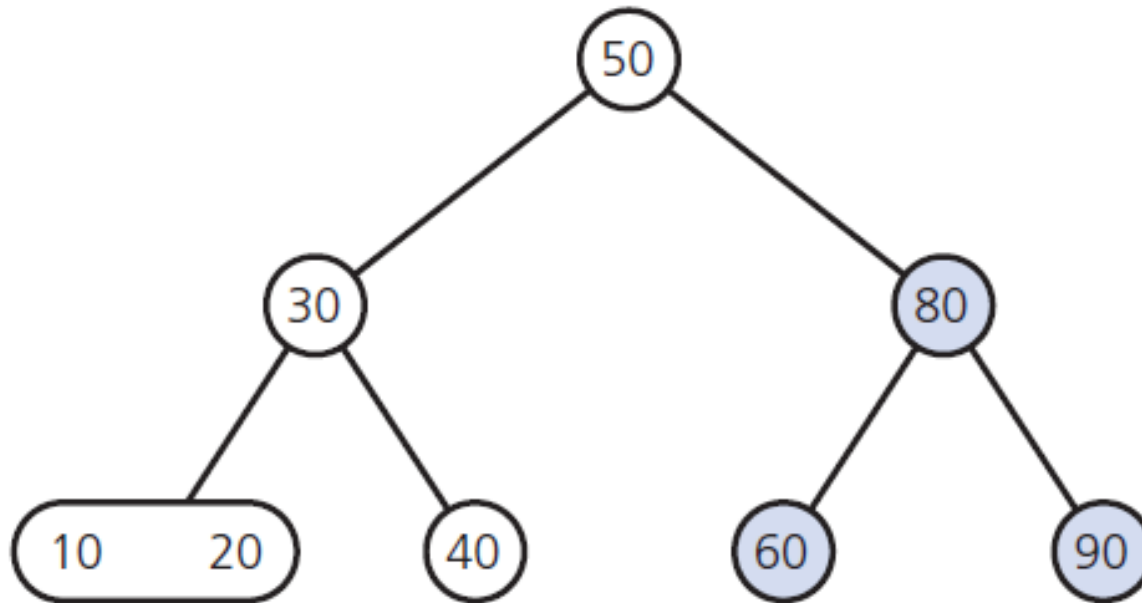
Doesn't work



Redistribute

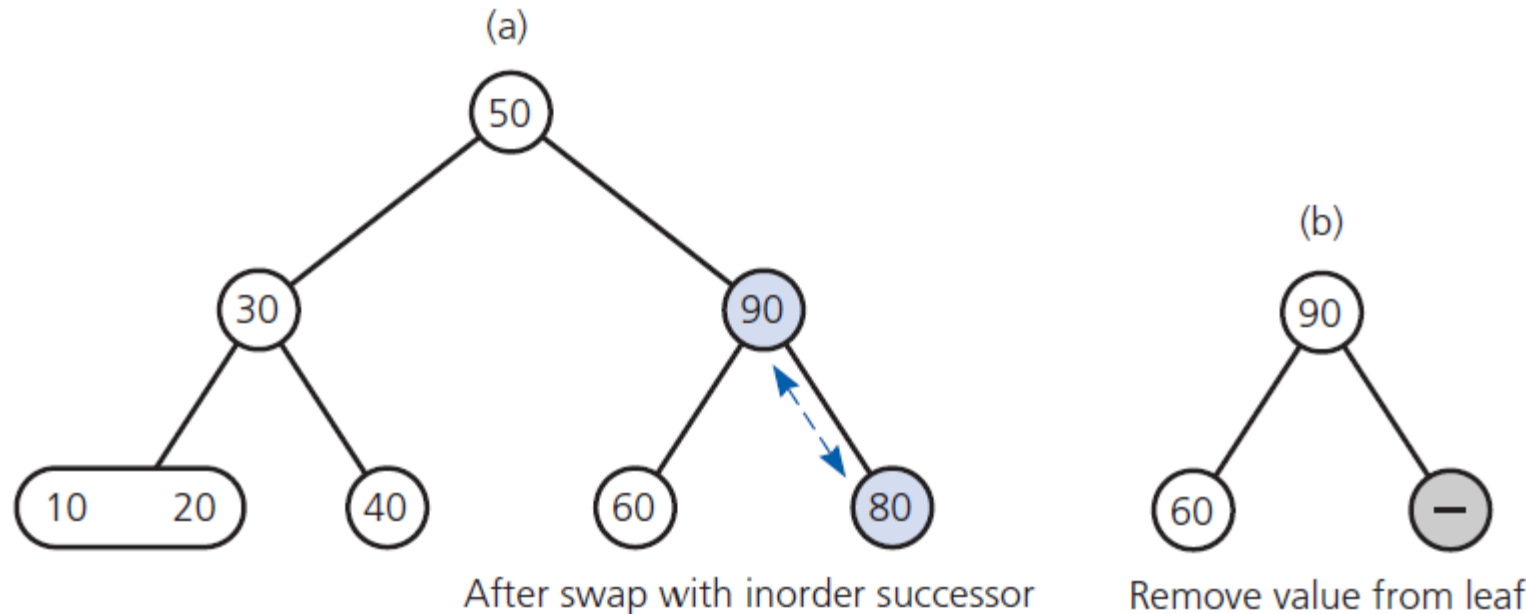
- The steps for removing 100 from the tree

(d) The resulting tree



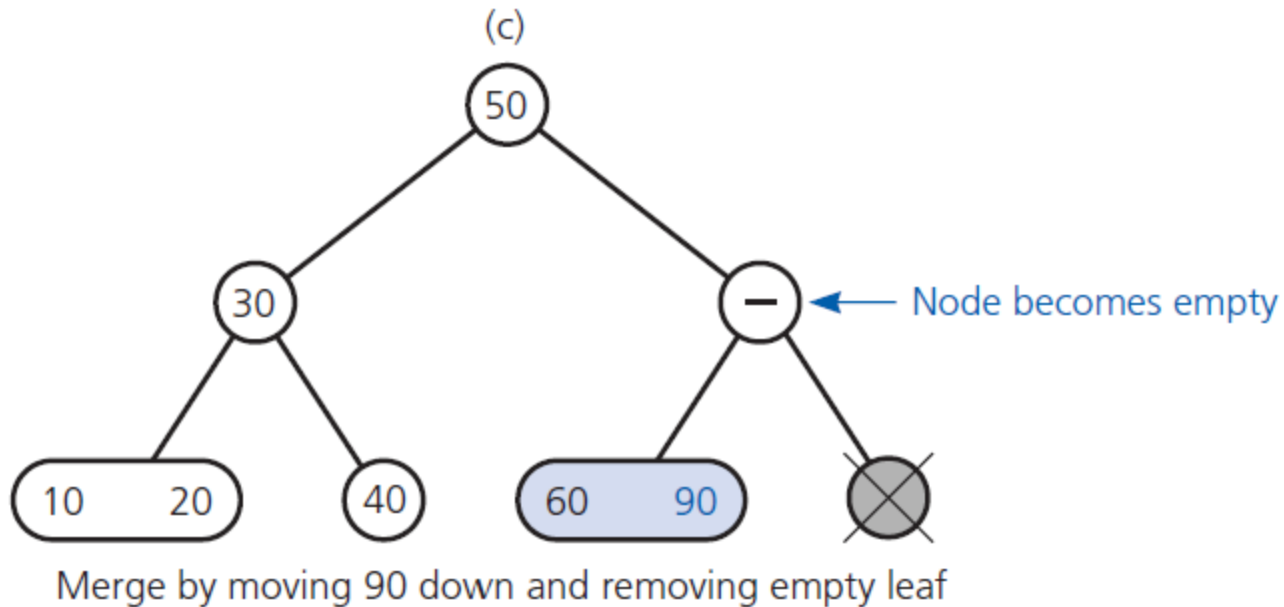
- The steps for removing 100 from the tree

# Removing Data from a 2-3 Tree

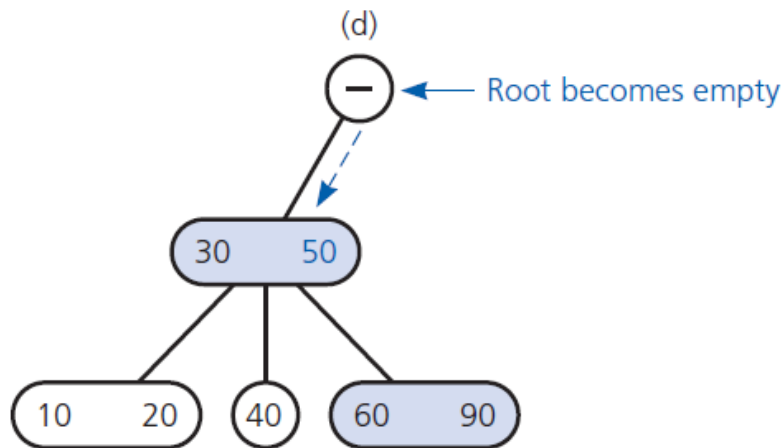


- The steps for removing 80 from the 2-3 tree

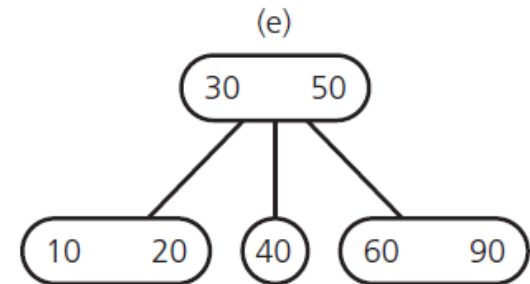
# Removing Data from a 2-3 Tree



- The steps for removing 80 from the 2-3 tree

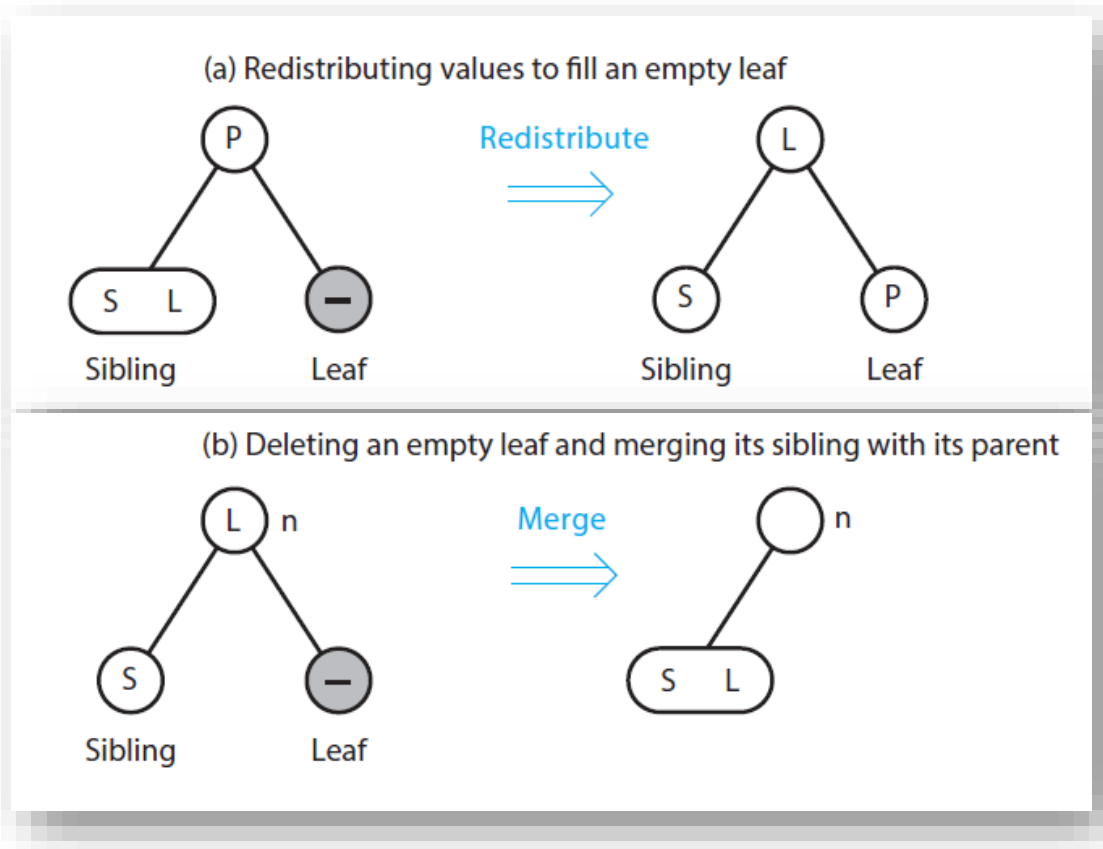


Merge: move 50 down, adopt empty leaf's child, delete empty node



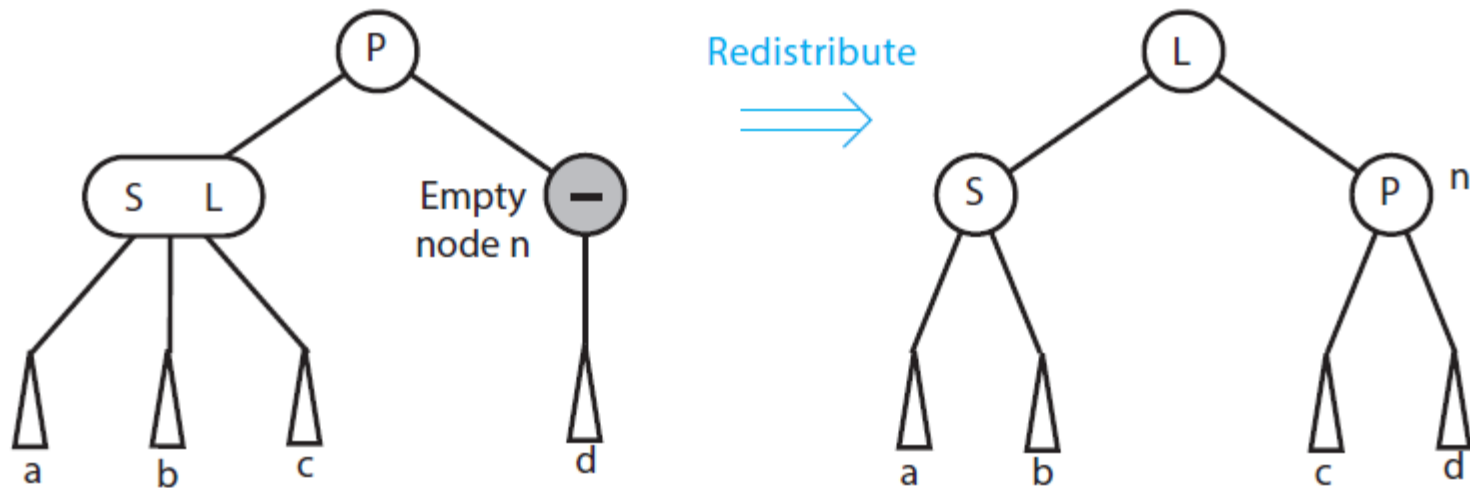
- The steps for removing 80 from the 2-3 tree

# Removing Data from a 2-3 Tree

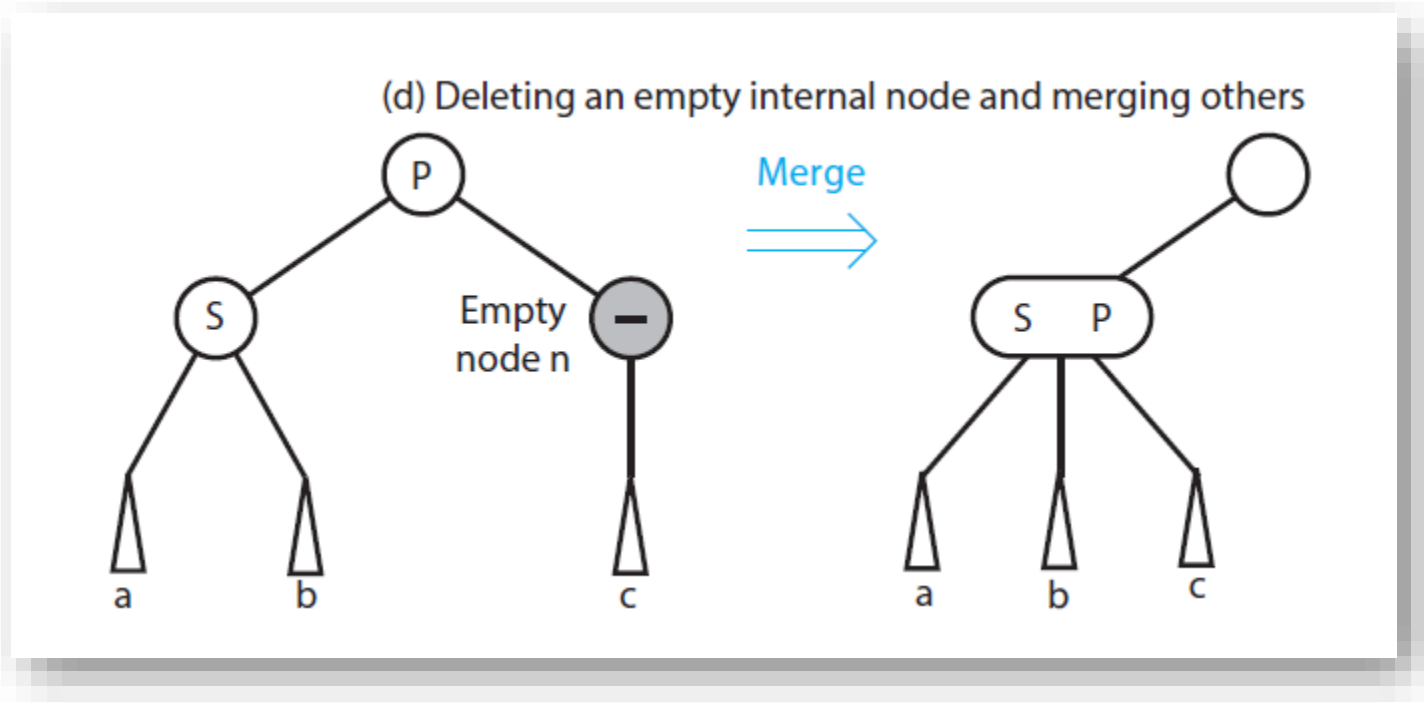


- Possible situations during the removal of a data item

(c) Redistributing values and children to fill an empty node

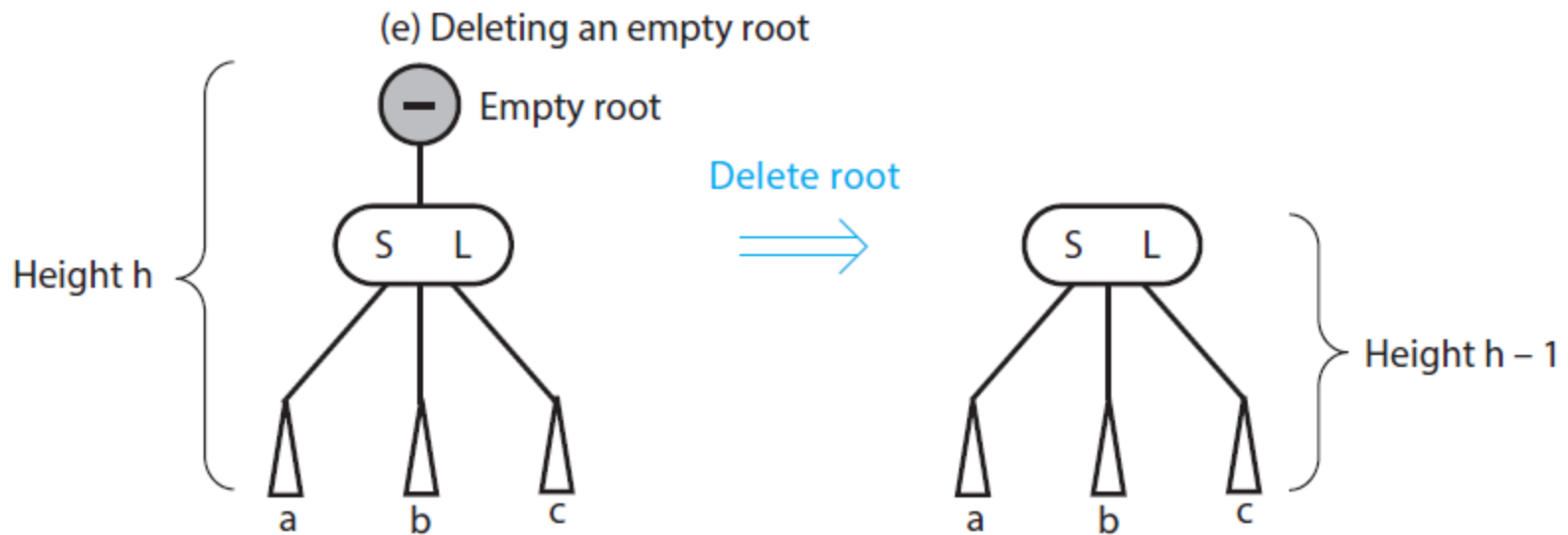


- Possible situations during the removal of a data item



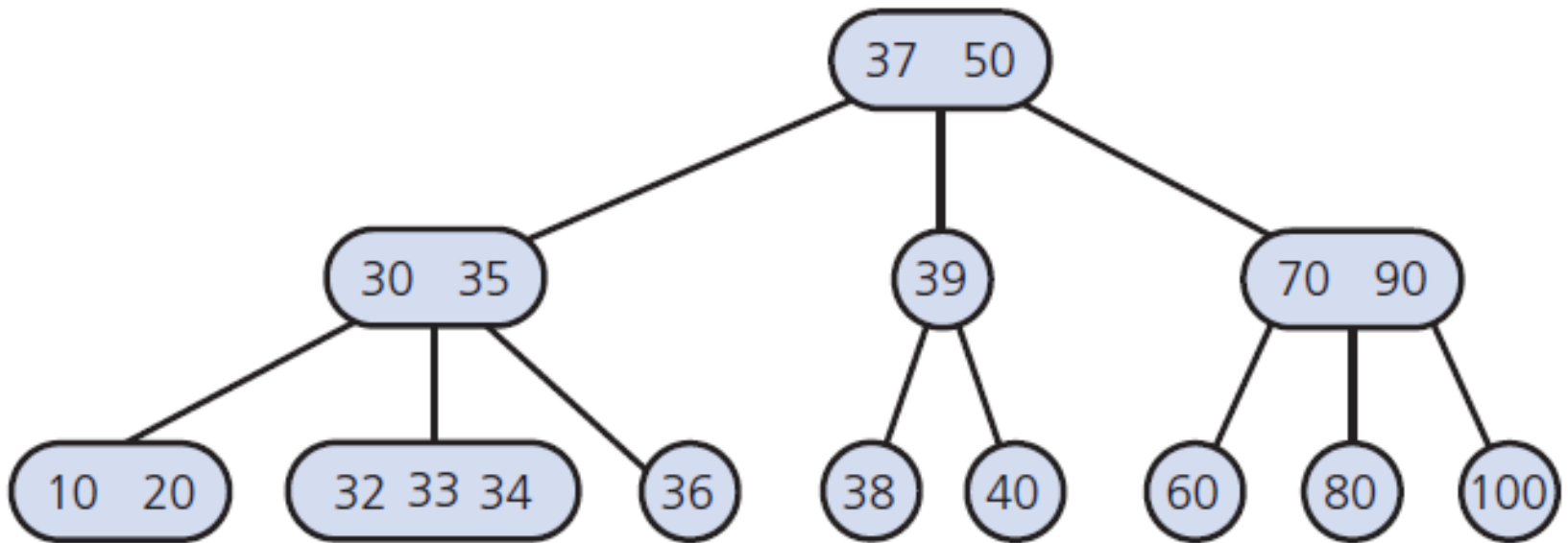
- Possible situations during the removal of a data item



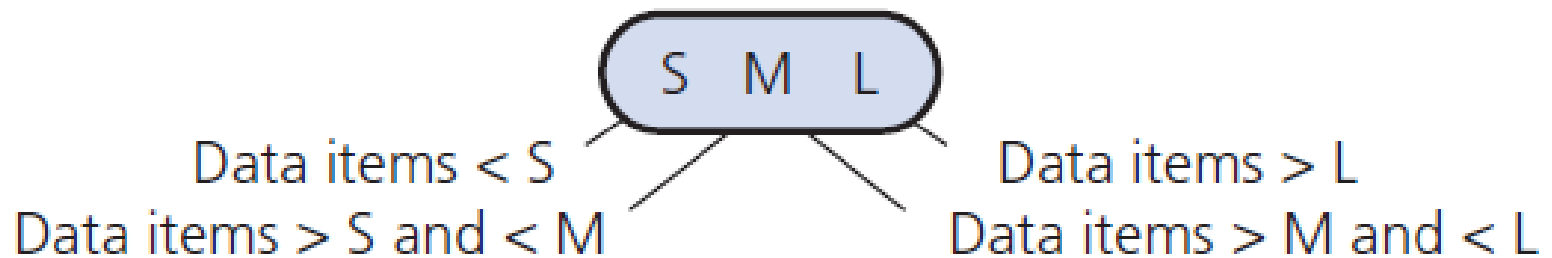


- Possible situations during the removal of a data item

# 2-3-4 Trees



- A 2-3-4 tree with the same data items as the 2-3 tree



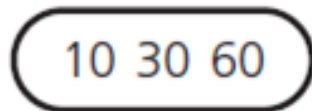
- A 4-node in a 2-3-4 tree

- Searching and traversing
  - Simple extensions of corresponding algorithms for a 2-3 tree
- Adding data
  - Like addition algorithm for 2-3 tree
  - Splits node by moving one data item up to parent node

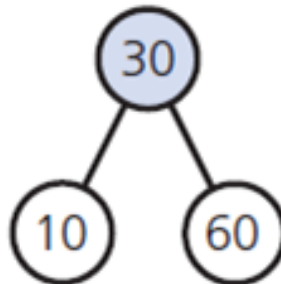
# Adding Data to 2-3-4 Trees

- Adding 20 to a one-node 2-3-4 tree

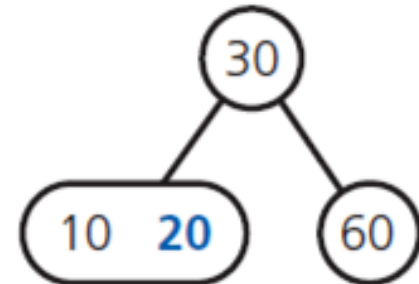
(a) The original tree



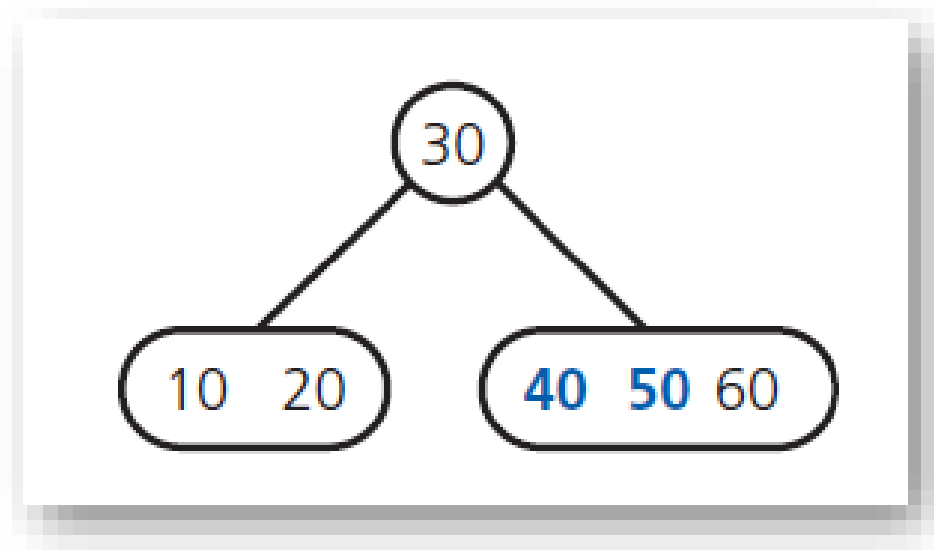
(b) After splitting the tree



(c) After adding 20



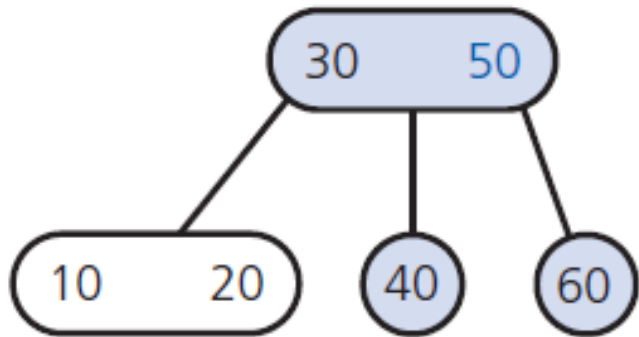
# Adding Data to 2-3-4 Trees



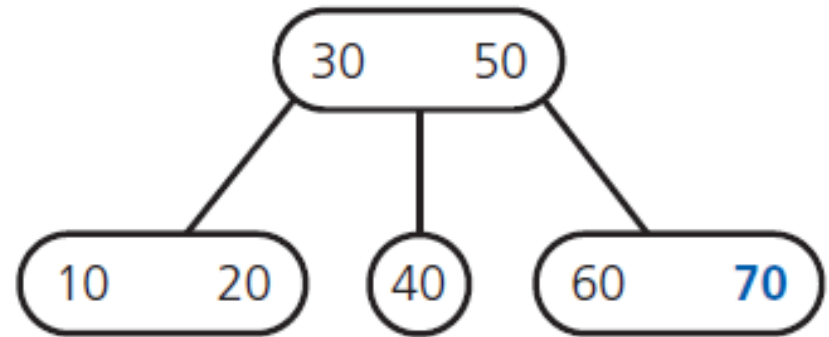
- After adding 50 and 40 to the tree

# Adding Data to 2-3-4 Trees

(a) After splitting the 4-node



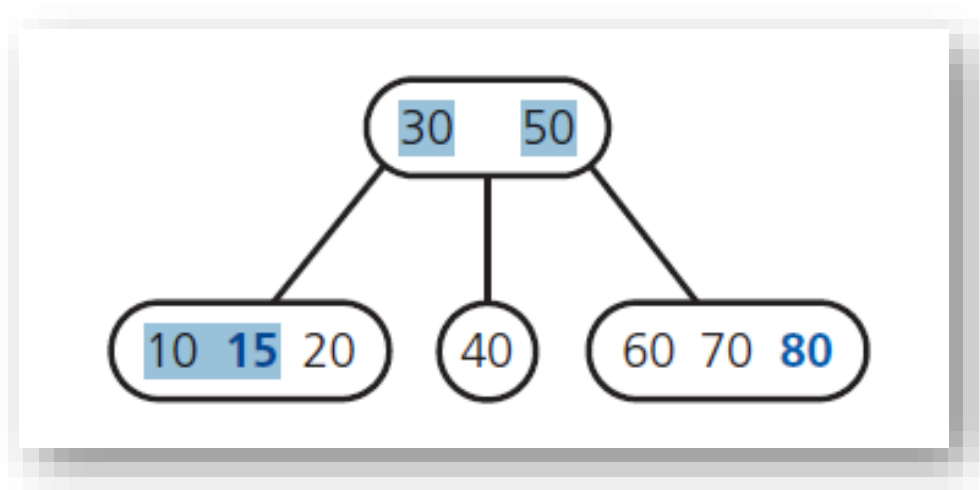
(b) After adding 70



- The steps for adding 70 to the tree

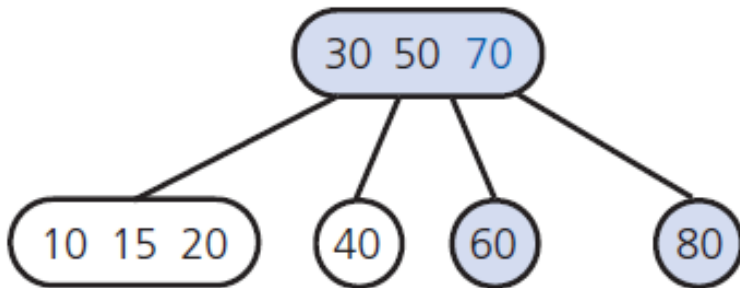


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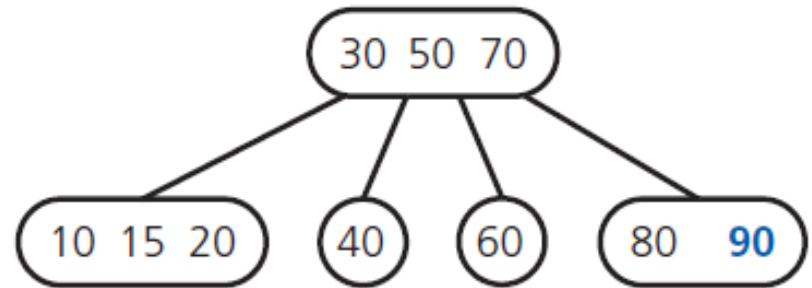


- After adding 80 and 15 to the tree

(a) After splitting the root's right child



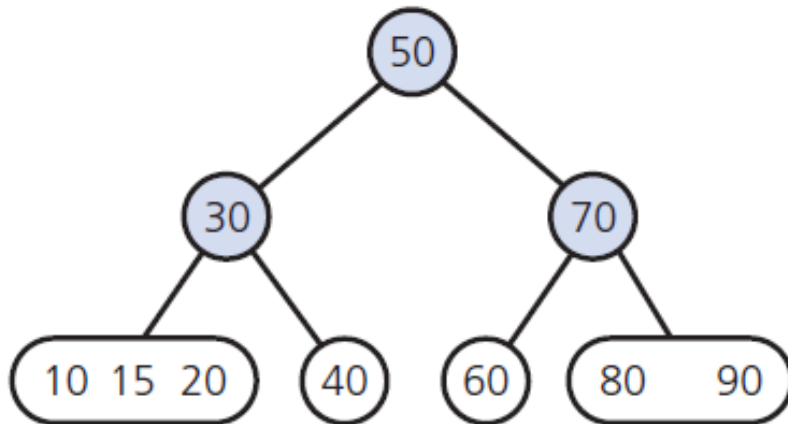
(b) After adding 90 to the root's right child



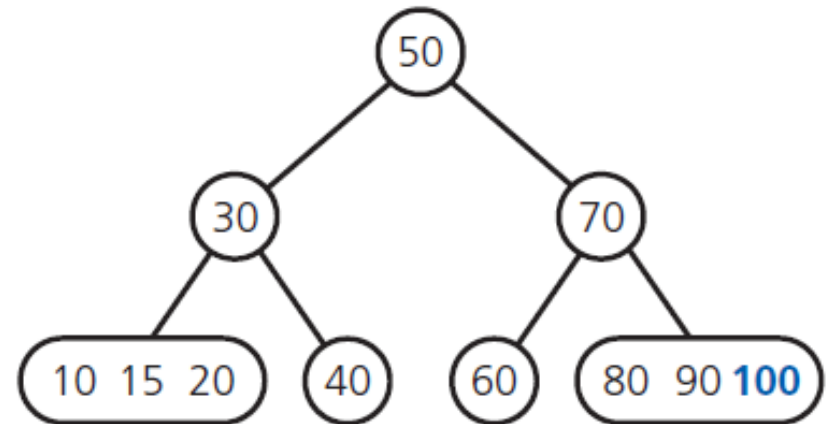
- The steps for adding 90 to the tree

# Adding Data to 2-3-4 Trees

(a) After splitting the 4-node

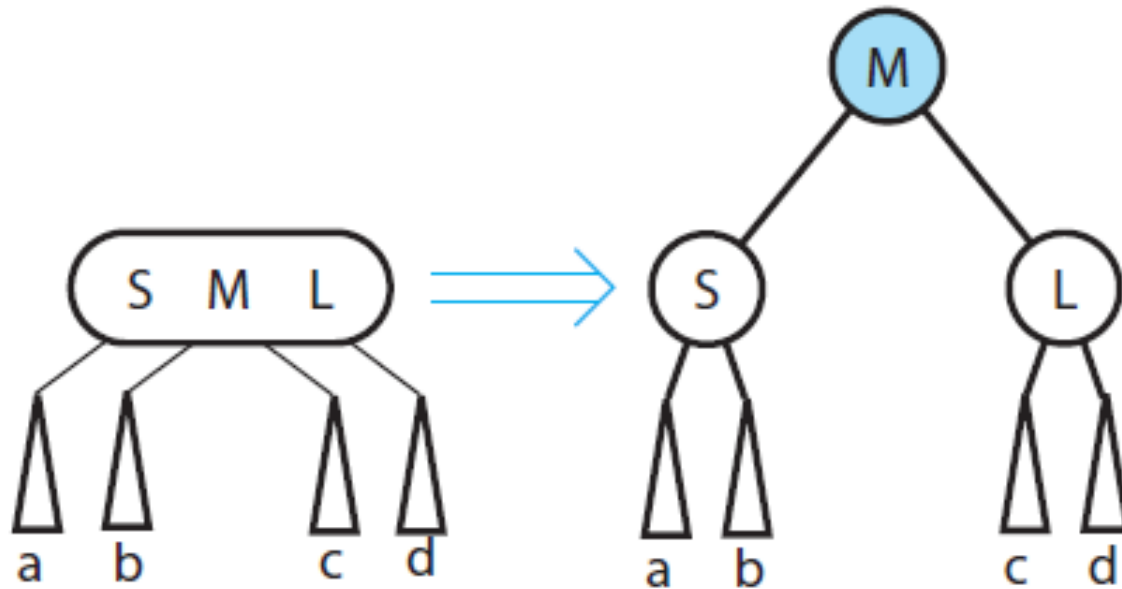


(b) After adding 100 to the rightmost leaf



- The steps for adding 100 to the tree

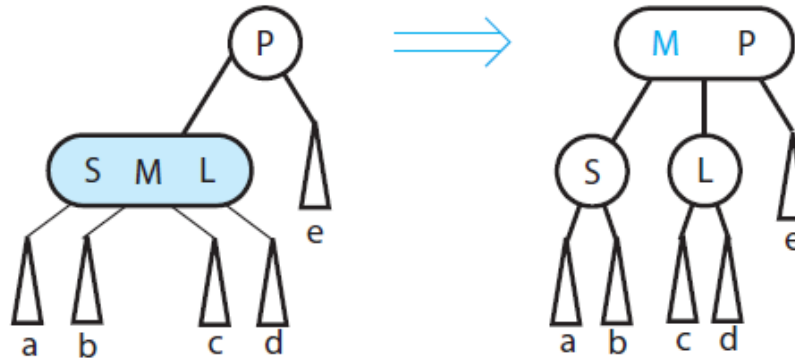
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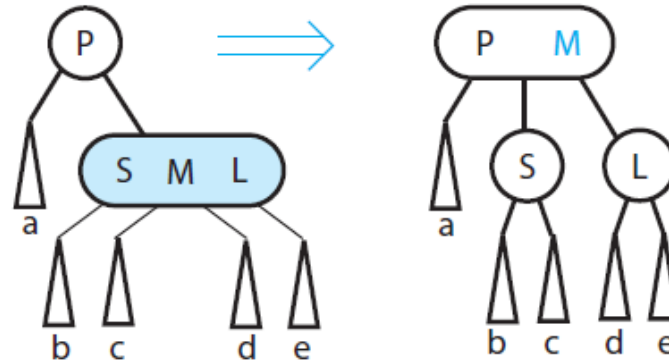
- Splitting a 4-node root when adding data to a 2-3-4 tree

# Adding Data to 2-3-4 Trees

(a) The 4-node is a left child



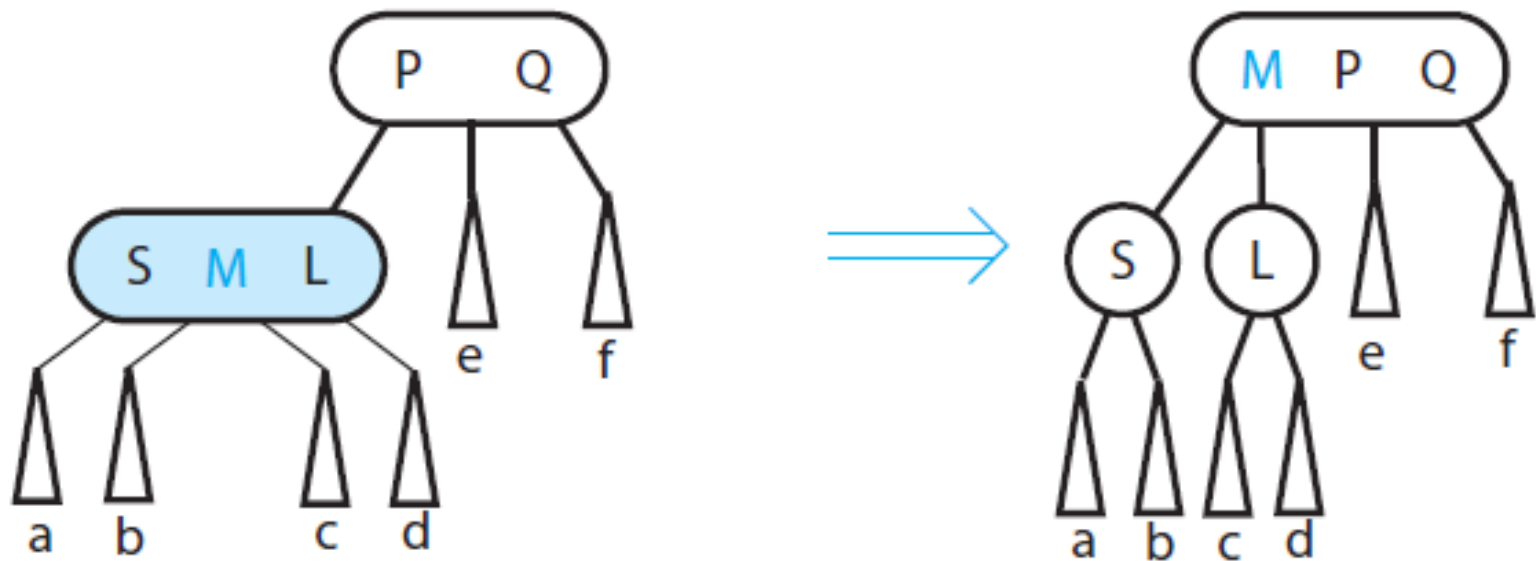
(b) The 4-node is a right child



- Splitting a 4-node whose parent is a 2-node when adding data to a 2-3-4 tree

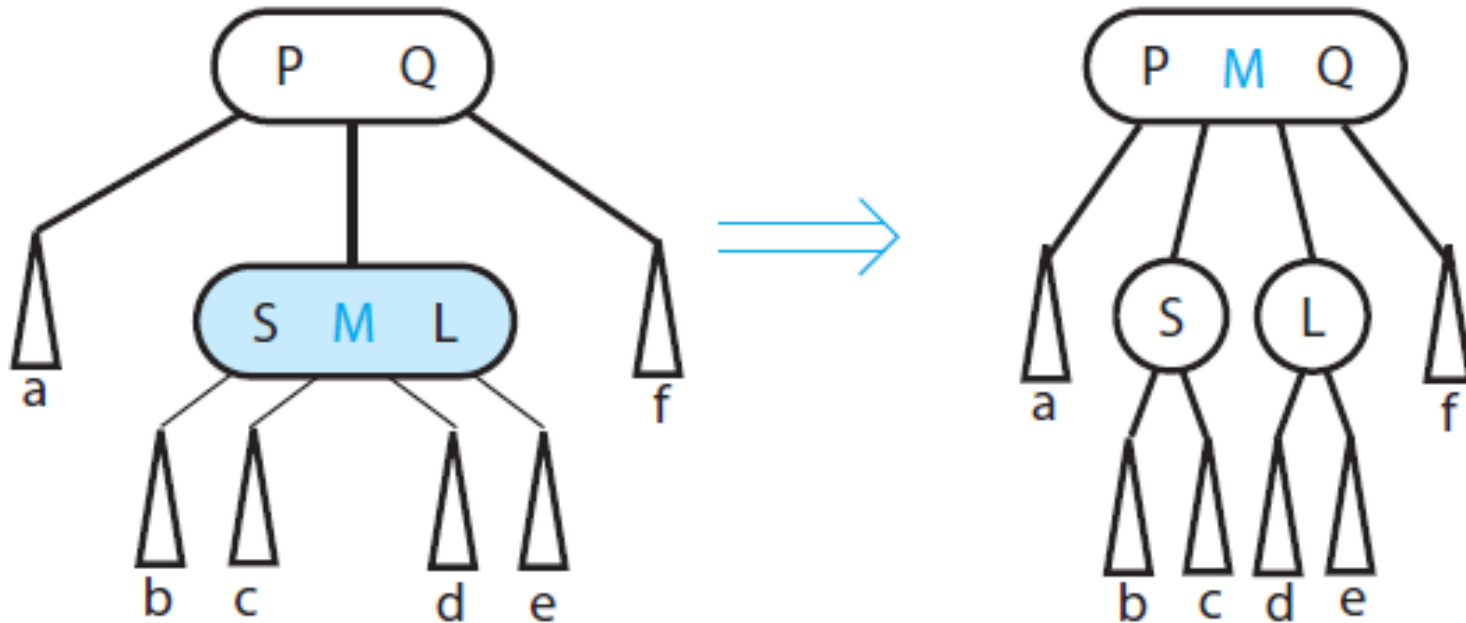
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(a) The 4-node is a left child



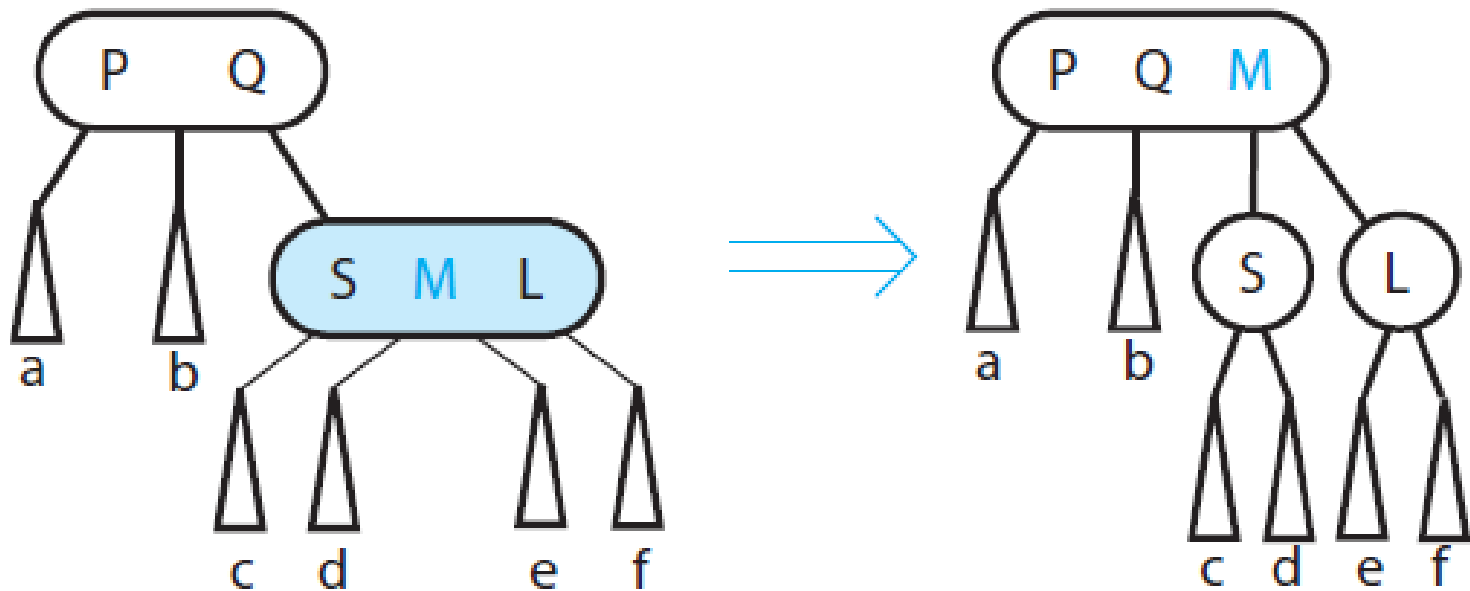
- Splitting a 4-node whose parent is a 3-node when adding data to a 2-3-4 tree

(b) The 4-node is a middle child



- Splitting a 4-node whose parent is a 3-node when adding data to a 2-3-4 tree

(c) The 4-node is a right child



- Splitting a 4-node whose parent is a 3-node when adding data to a 2-3-4 tree





# Removing Data from a 2-3-4 Tree

- Has same beginning as removal algorithm for a 2-3 tree
- Transform each 2-node into a 3-node or a 4-node
- Insertion and removal algorithms for 2-3-4 tree require fewer steps than for 2-3 tree

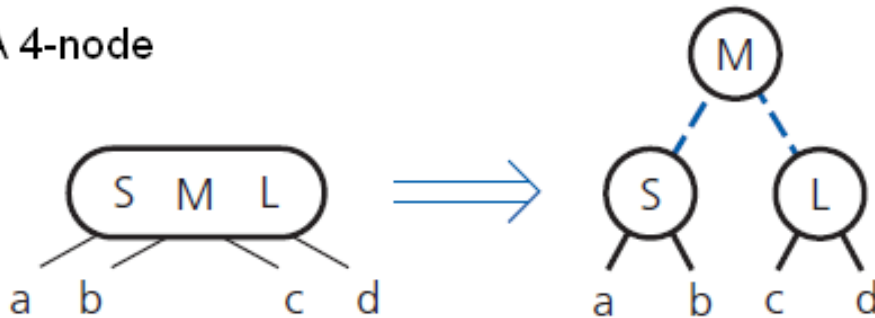
# Red-Black Trees



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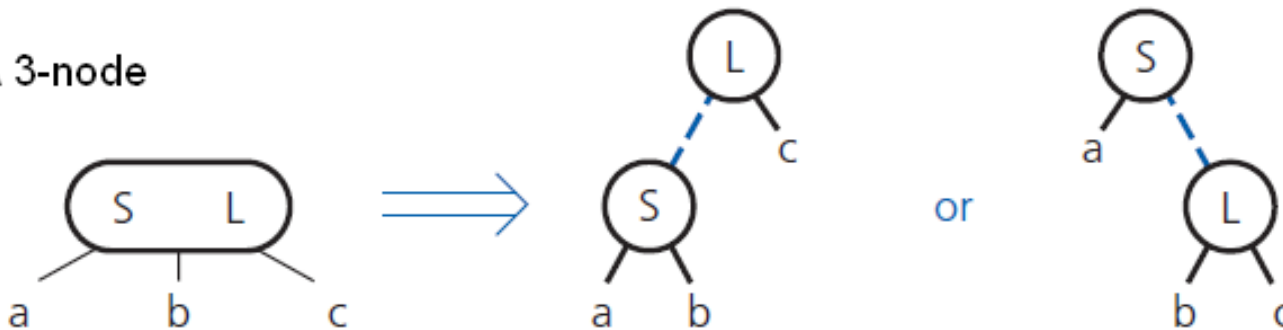
- A 2-3-4 tree requires more storage than binary search tree
- Red-black tree has advantages of a 2-3-4 tree but requires less storage
- In a red-black tree,
  - Red pointers link 2-nodes that now contain values that were in a 3-node or a 4-node

(a) A 4-node

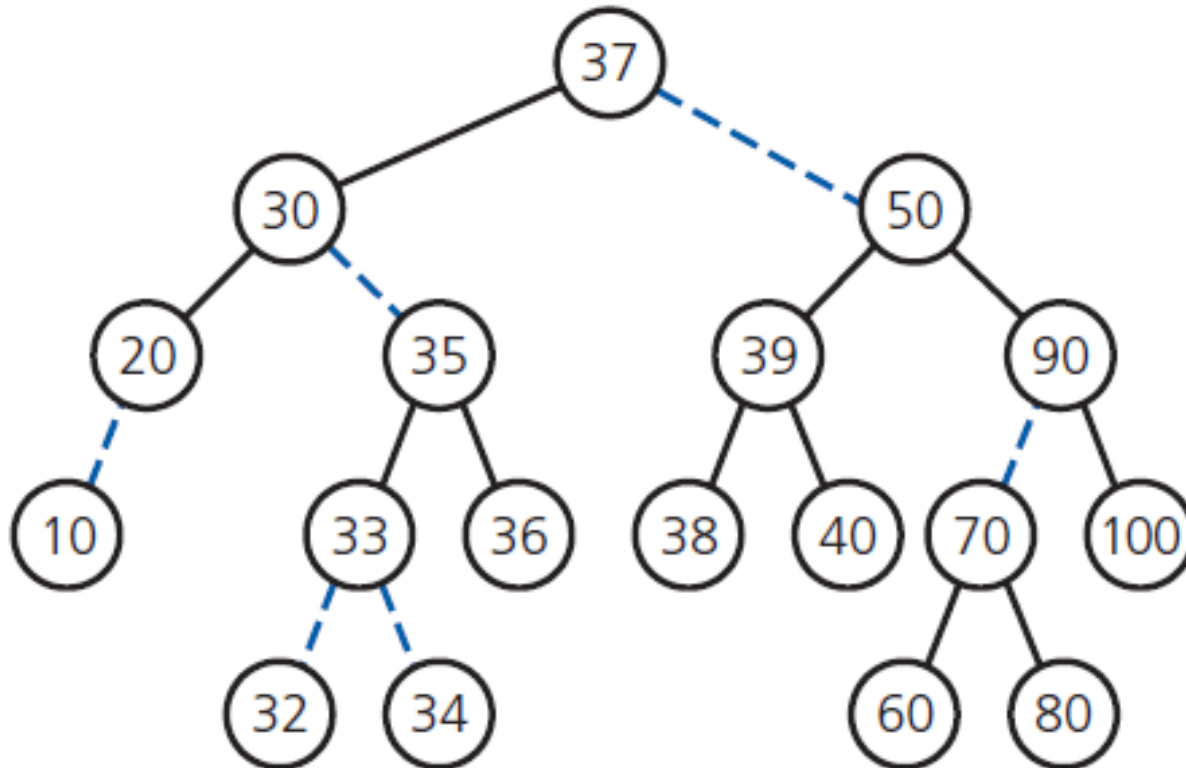


--- Red pointer  
— Black pointer

(b) A 3-node



- Red-black representations of a 4-node and a 3-node



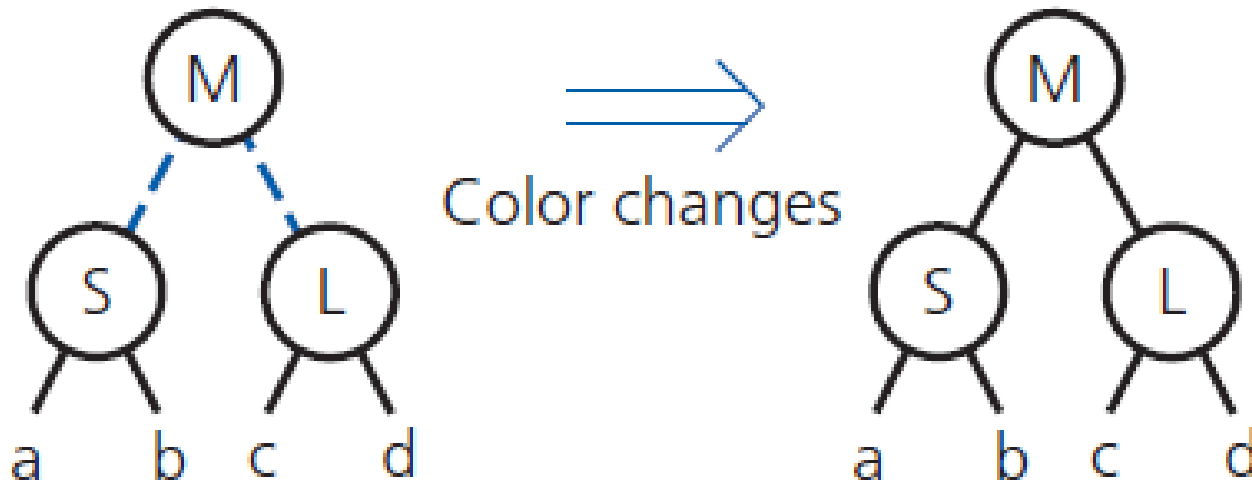
- A red-black tree that represents the 2-3-4 tree



# Searching and Traversing a Red-Black Tree

- A red-black tree is a binary search tree
- Thus, search and traversal
  - Use algorithms for binary search tree
  - Simply ignore color of pointers

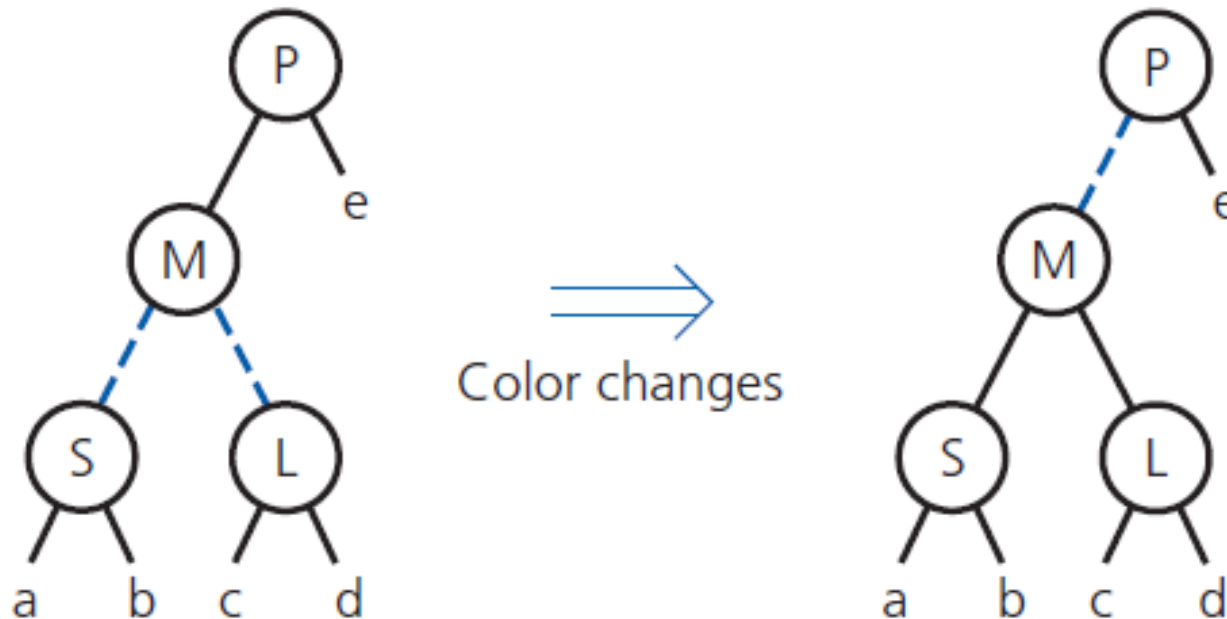
- Red-black tree represents a 2-3-4 tree
  - Simply adjust 2-3-4 addition algorithms
  - Accommodate red-black representation
- Splitting equivalent of a 4-node requires simple color changes
  - Pointer changes called rotations result in a shorter tree



- Splitting a red-black representation of a 4-node root

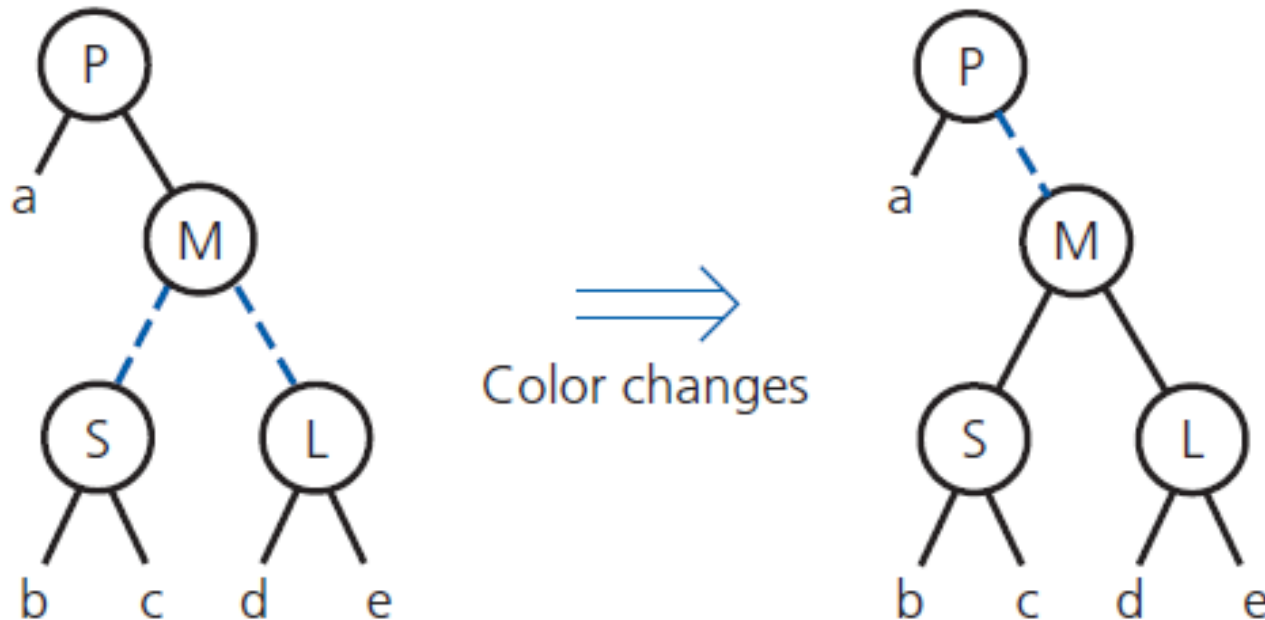


(a) The 4-node is a left child



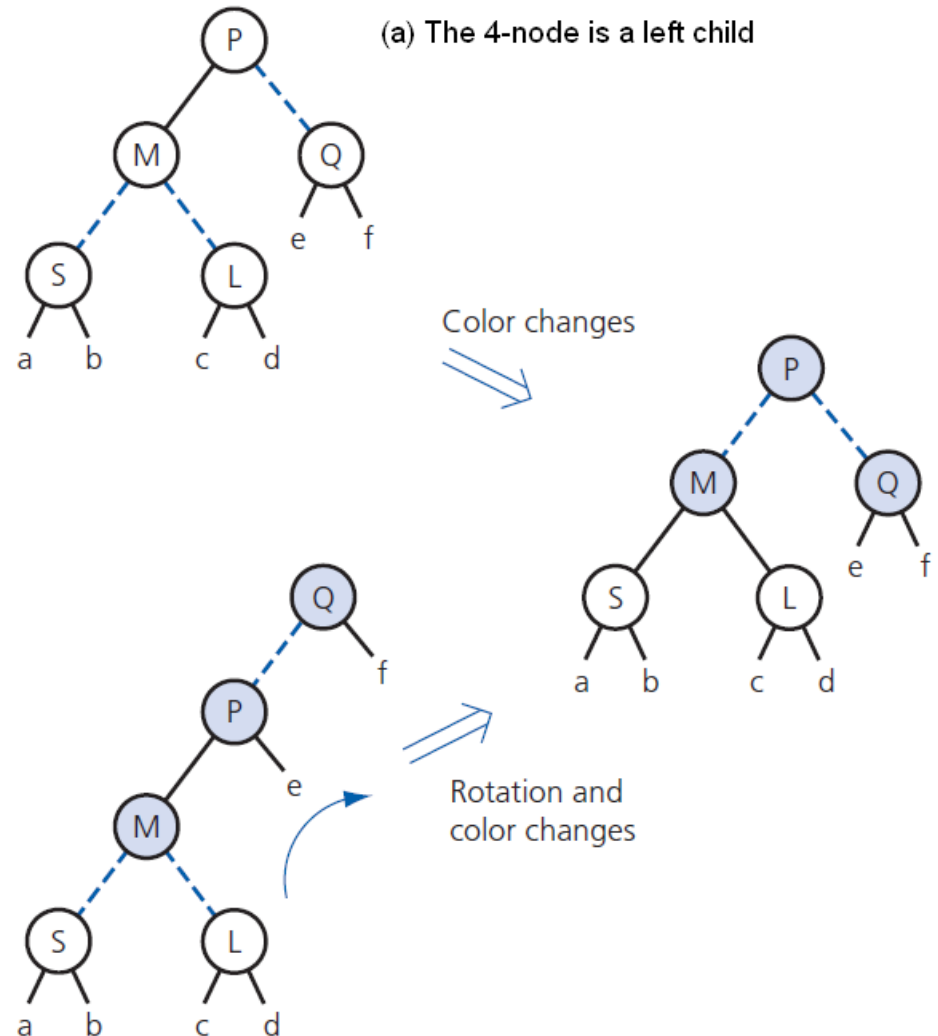
- Splitting a red-black representation of a 4-node whose parent is a 2-node

(b) The 4-node is a right child

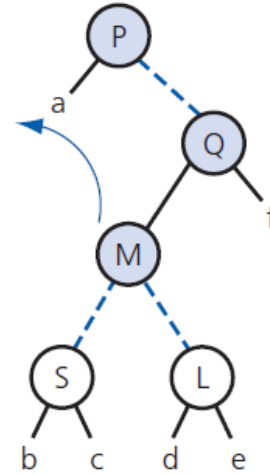


- Splitting a red-black representation of a 4-node whose parent is a 2-node

- Splitting a red-black representation of a 4-node whose parent is a 3-node

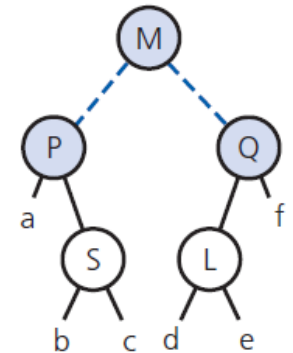


- Splitting a red-black representation of a 4-node whose parent is a 3-node

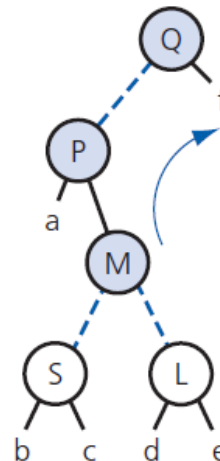


(b) The 4-node is a middle child

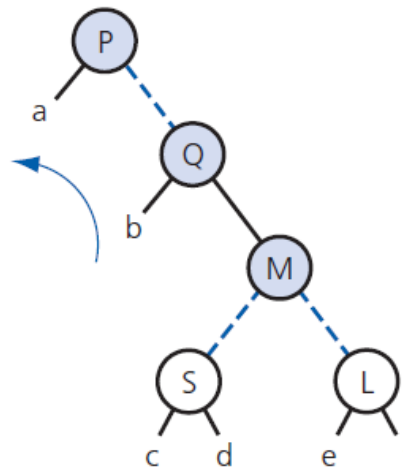
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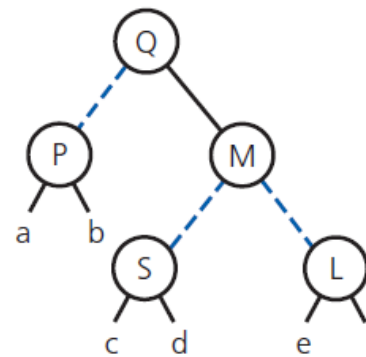


- Splitting a red-black representation of a 4-node whose parent is a 3-node

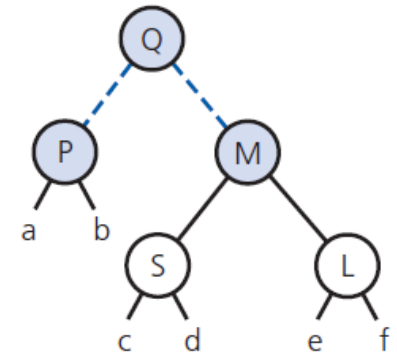


(c) The 4-node is a right child

Rotation and color changes



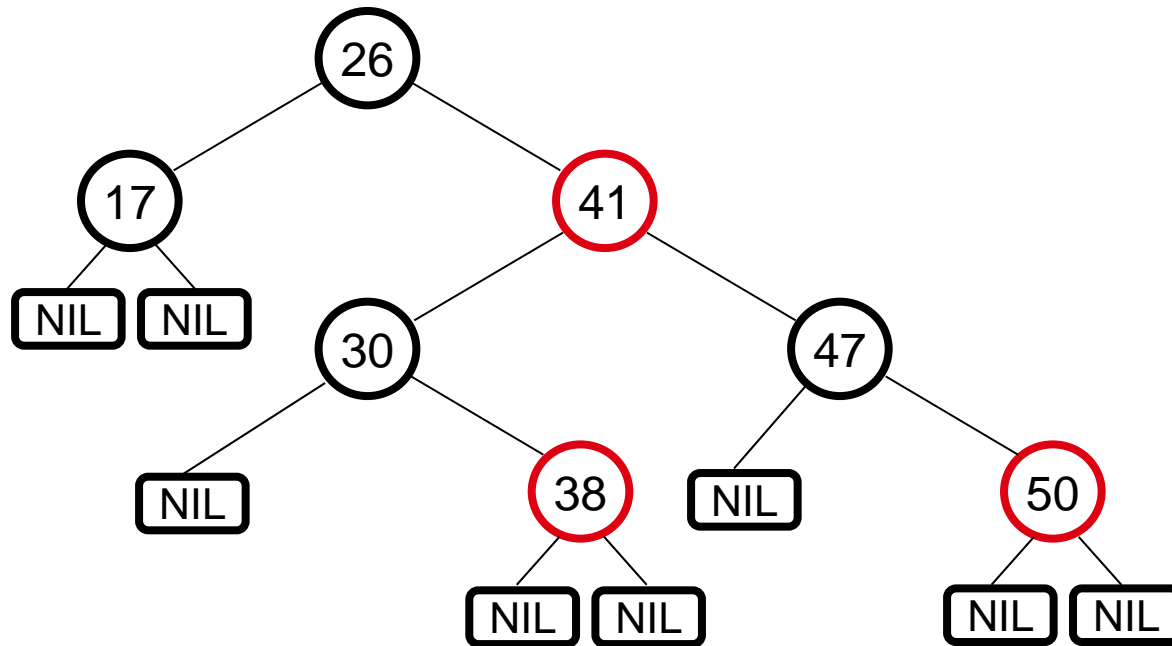
Color changes



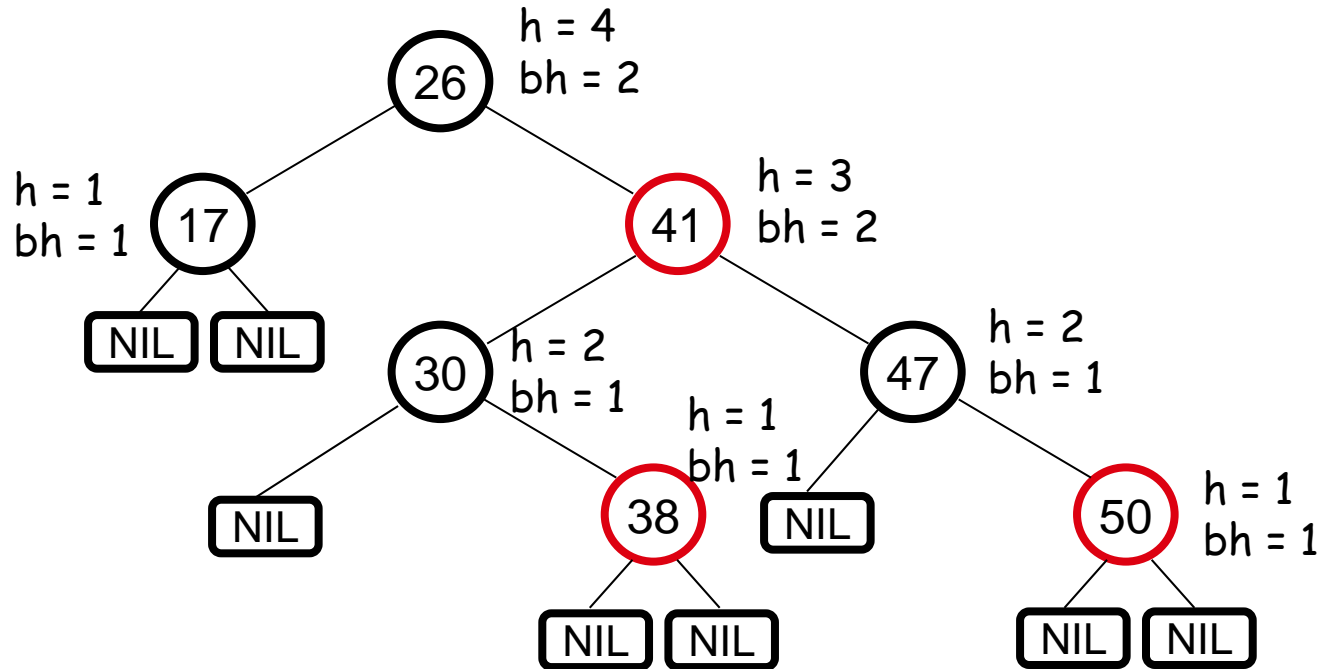
(\*\*Binary search tree property is satisfied\*\*)

1. Every **node** is either **red** or **black**
2. The **root** is **black**
3. Every **leaf** (NIL) is **black**
4. If a node is **red**, then both its children are **black**
  - No two consecutive red nodes on a simple path from the root to a leaf
5. For each node, all paths from that node to a leaf contain the same number of **black** nodes

# Example: RED-BLACK-TREE



- For convenience, we add NIL nodes and refer to them as the leaves of the tree.
  - $\text{Color}[\text{NIL}] = \text{BLACK}$



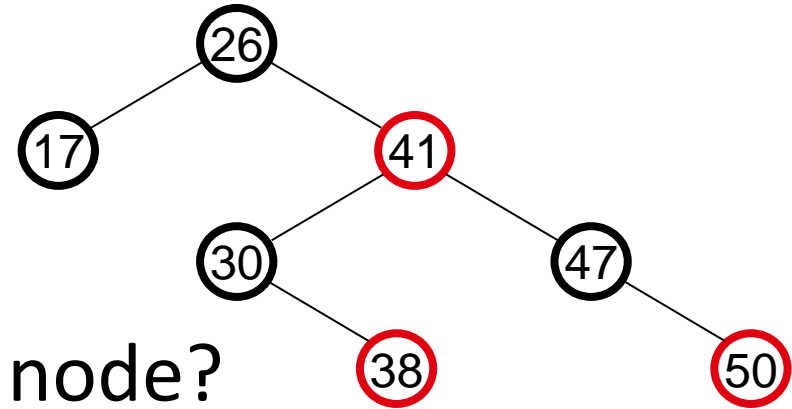
- **Height of a node:** the number of edges in the **longest** path to a leaf
- **Black-height  $bh(x)$**  of a node  $x$ : the number of black nodes (including NIL) on the path from  $x$  to a leaf, not counting  $x$



A red-black tree with  $n$  internal nodes  
has height at most  $2\log(N+1)$

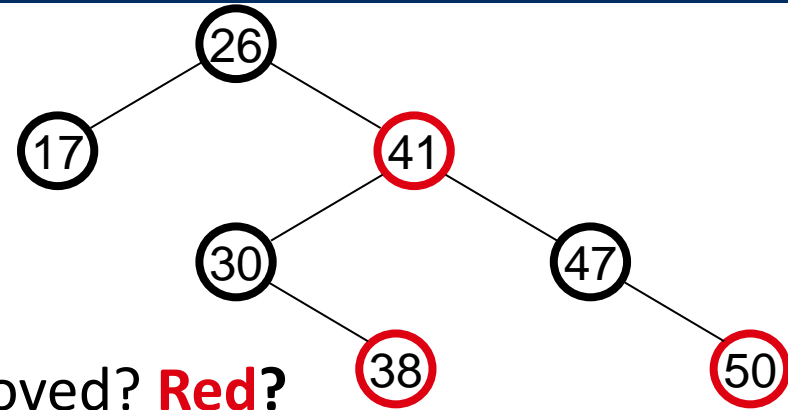


# Insert Item



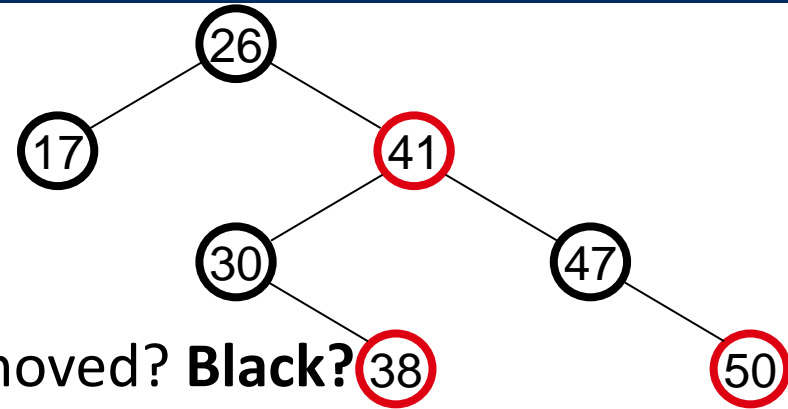
What color to make the new node?

- Red?
  - Let's insert 35!
    - Property 4 is violated: if a node is red, then both children are black
- Black?
  - Let's insert 14!
    - Property 5 is violated: all paths from a node to its leaves contain the same number of black nodes



What color was the node that was removed? **Red?**

1. Every **node** is either **red** or **black** OK!
2. The **root** is **black** OK!
3. Every **leaf (NIL)** is **black** OK!
4. If a node is red, then both its children are black OK!
5. For each node, all paths from the node to descendant leaves contain the same number of black nodes OK!

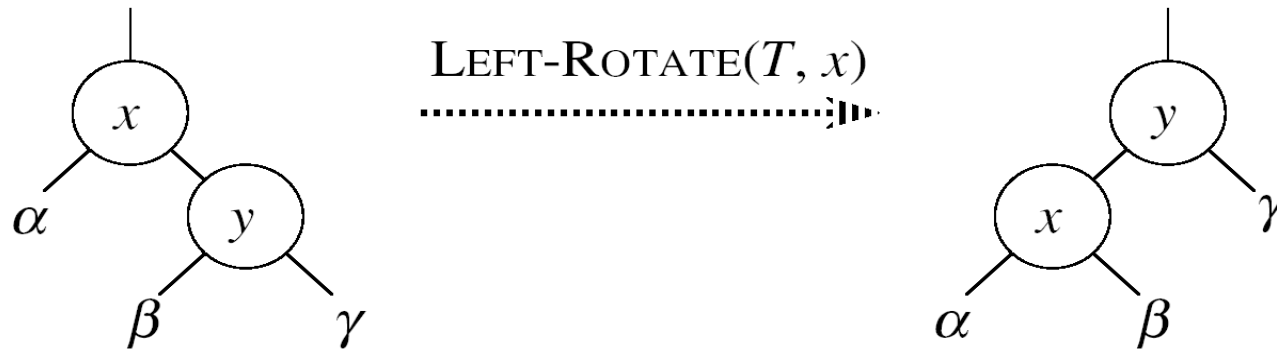


What color was the node that was removed? **Black?**

1. Every node is either **red** or **black** OK!
2. The root is **black** Not OK! If removing the root and the child that replaces it is **red**
3. Every leaf (NIL) is **black** OK!
4. If a node is red, then both its children are black Not OK! Could create two red nodes in a row
5. For each node, all paths from the node to descendant leaves contain the same number of black nodes Not OK! Could change the black heights of some nodes

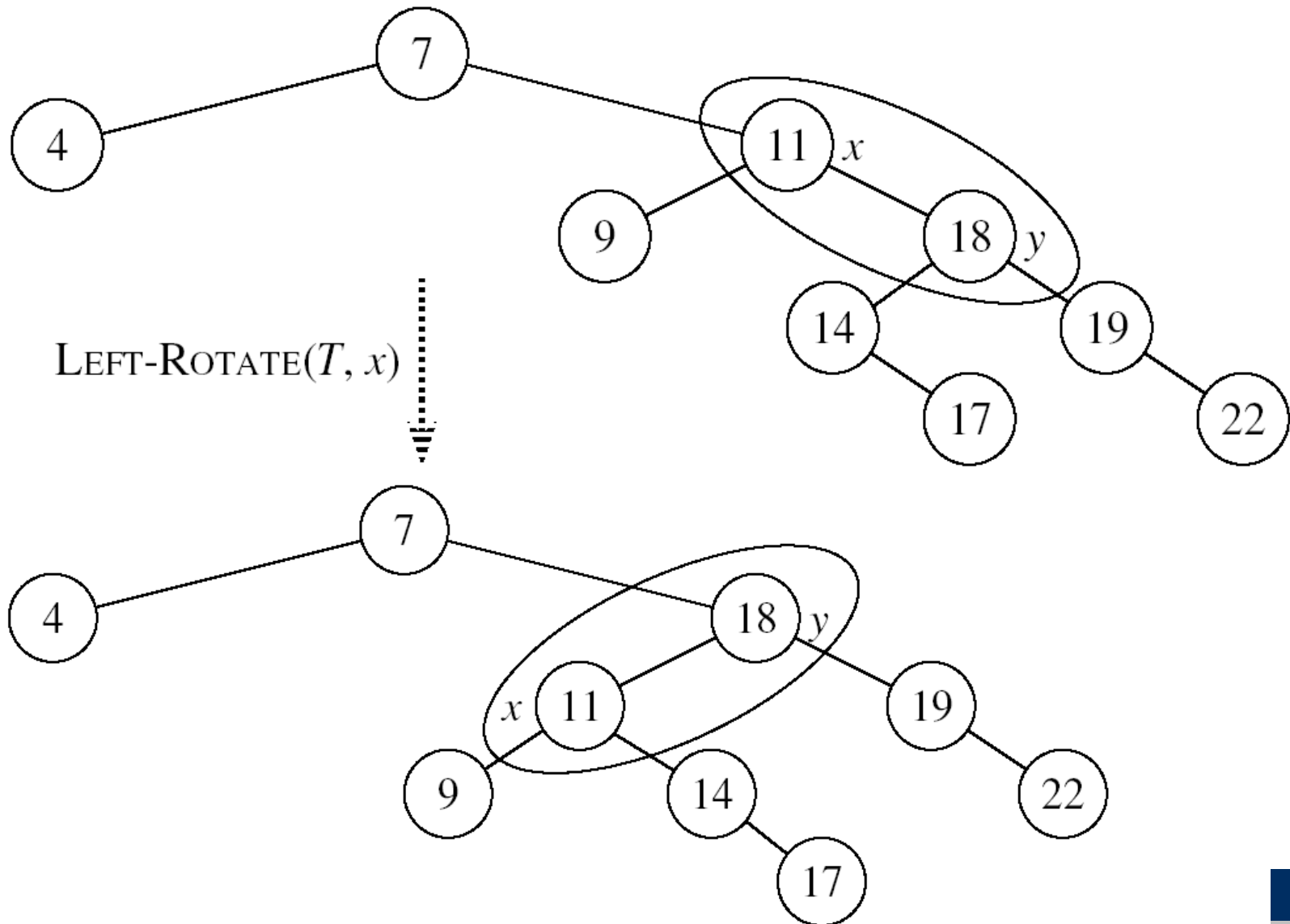
- Operations for re-structuring the tree after insert and delete operations
  - Together with some node re-coloring, they help restore the red-black-tree property
  - Change some of the pointer structure
  - **Preserve** the binary-search tree property
- Two types of rotations:
  - Left & right rotations

- Assumptions for a left rotation on a node  $x$ :
  - The right child  $y$  of  $x$  is not NIL



- Idea:
  - Pivots around the link from  $x$  to  $y$
  - Makes  $y$  the new root of the subtree
  - $x$  becomes  $y$ 's left child
  - $y$ 's left child becomes  $x$ 's right child

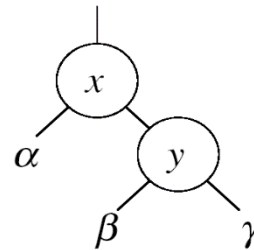
# Example: LEFT-ROTATE



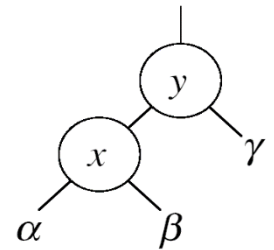
# N

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

1.  $y \leftarrow \text{right}[x]$  ▶ Set  $y$
2.  $\text{right}[x] \leftarrow \text{left}[y]$  ▶  $y$ 's left subtree becomes  $x$ 's right subtree
3. if  $\text{left}[y] \neq \text{NIL}$
4.   then  $p[\text{left}[y]] \leftarrow x$  ▶ Set the parent relation from  $\text{left}[y]$  to  $x$
5.  $p[y] \leftarrow p[x]$  ▶ The parent of  $x$  becomes the parent of  $y$
6. if  $p[x] = \text{NIL}$
7.   then  $\text{root}[T] \leftarrow y$
8.   else if  $x = \text{left}[p[x]]$
9.       then  $\text{left}[p[x]] \leftarrow y$
10.      else  $\text{right}[p[x]] \leftarrow y$
11.  $\text{left}[y] \leftarrow x$  ▶ Put  $x$  on  $y$ 's left
12.  $p[x] \leftarrow y$  ▶  $y$  becomes  $x$ 's parent

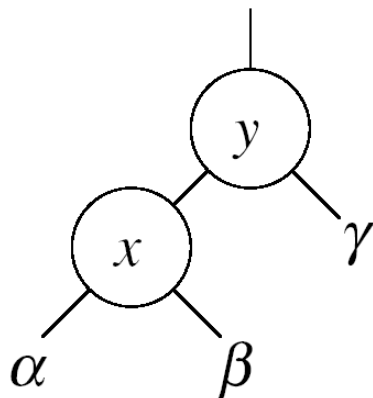


LEFT-ROTATE( $T, x$ )  
.....▶

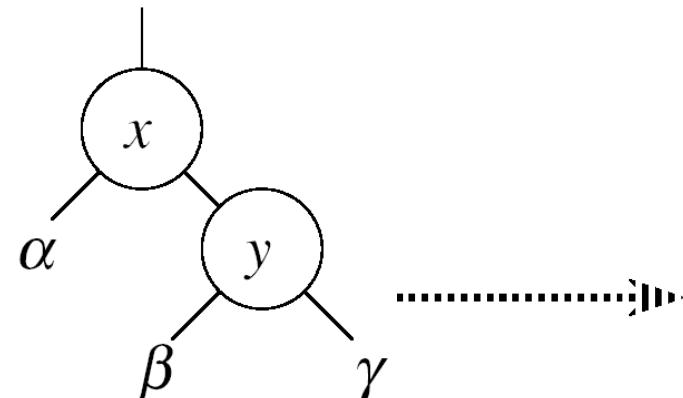




- Assumptions for a right rotation on a node  $x$ :
  - The left child  $x$  of  $y$  is not NIL



RIGHT-ROTATE( $T, y$ )



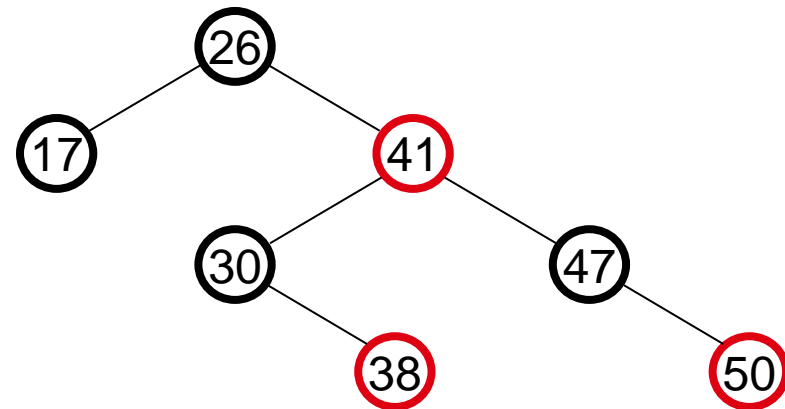
- Idea:
  - Pivots around the link from  $y$  to  $x$
  - Makes  $x$  the new root of the subtree
  - $y$  becomes  $x$ 's right child
  - $x$ 's right child becomes  $y$ 's left child

- Goal:
  - Insert a new node  $z$  into a red-black tree
- Idea:
  - Insert node  $z$  into the tree as for an ordinary binary search tree
  - Color the node **red**
  - Restore the red-black tree properties

# N

## RB-INSERT( $T, z$ )

1.  $y \leftarrow \text{NIL}$
  2.  $x \leftarrow \text{root}[T]$
  3. **while**  $x \neq \text{NIL}$
  4.     **do**  $y \leftarrow x$
  5.         **if**  $\text{key}[z] < \text{key}[x]$
  6.             **then**  $x \leftarrow \text{left}[x]$
  7.             **else**  $x \leftarrow \text{right}[x]$
  8.  $p[z] \leftarrow y$
- Initialize nodes  $x$  and  $y$
  - Throughout the algorithm  $y$  points to the parent of  $x$
  - Go down the tree until reaching a leaf
  - At that point  $y$  is the parent of the node to be inserted
  - Sets the parent of  $z$  to be  $y$



## N

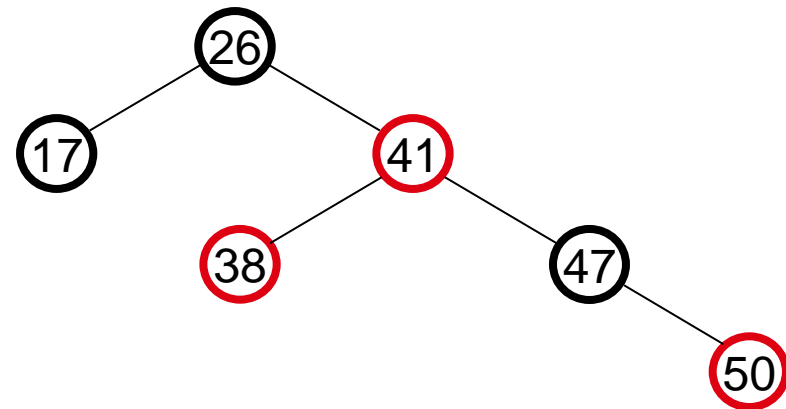
RB-INSERT( $T, z$ )

9. if  $y = \text{NIL}$
10. then  $\text{root}[T] \leftarrow z$
11. else if  $\text{key}[z] < \text{key}[y]$
12.     then  $\text{left}[y] \leftarrow z$
13.     else  $\text{right}[y] \leftarrow z$
14.  $\text{left}[z] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$
15.  $\text{right}[z] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$
16.  $\text{color}[z] \leftarrow \text{RED}$
17. RB-INSERT-FIXUP( $T, z$ )
- The tree was empty:  
set the new node to be the root
- Otherwise, set  $z$  to be the left or right child of  $y$ , depending on whether the inserted node is smaller or larger than  $y$ 's key
- Set the fields of the newly added node
- Fix any inconsistencies that could have been introduced by adding this new red node

# N

## RB Properties Affected by Insert

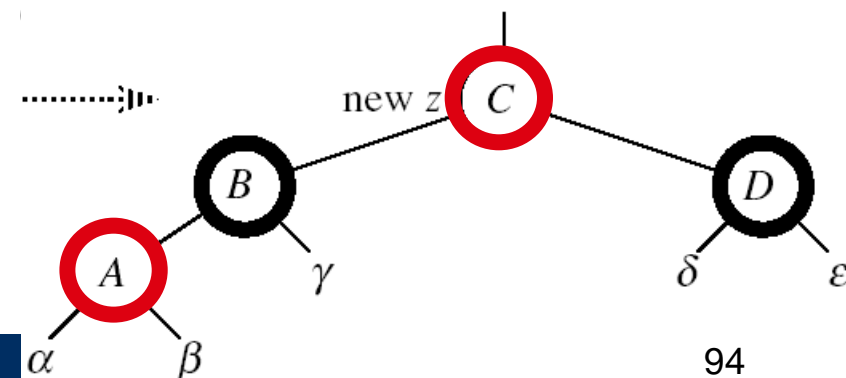
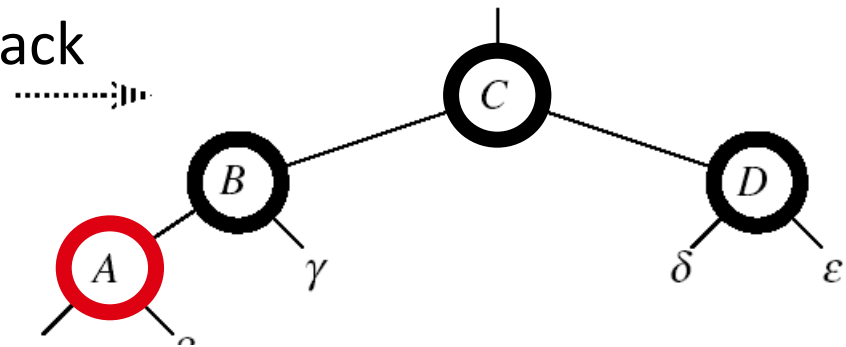
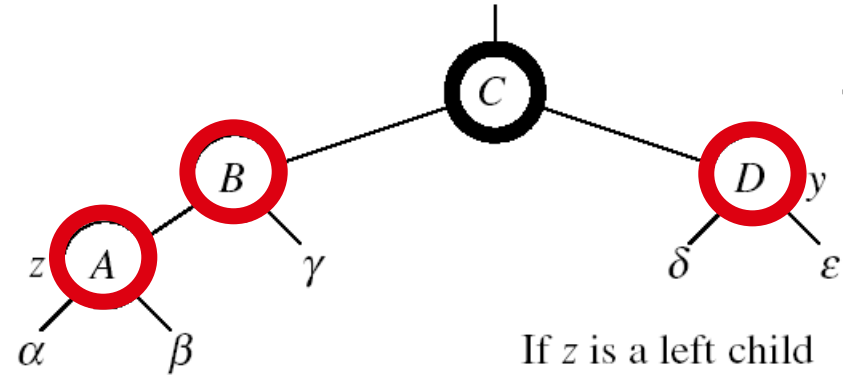
1. Every node is either **red** or **black** OK!
2. The root is **black** If  $z$  is the root  $\Rightarrow$  **not OK**
3. Every leaf (NIL) is **black** OK!
4. If a node is red, then both its children are black If  $p(z)$  is red  $\Rightarrow$  **not OK**  
 $z$  and  $p(z)$  are both red
5. For each node, all paths from the node to descendant leaves contain the same number of black nodes OK!



Case 1:  $z$ 's "uncle" ( $y$ ) is **red**  
 ( $z$  could be either left or right child)

**Idea:**

- $p[p[z]]$  ( $z$ 's grandparent) must be black
- $\text{color } p[z] \leftarrow \text{black}$
- $\text{color } y \leftarrow \text{black}$
- $\text{color } p[p[z]] \leftarrow \text{red}$
- $z = p[p[z]]$ 
  - Push the "red" violation up the tree

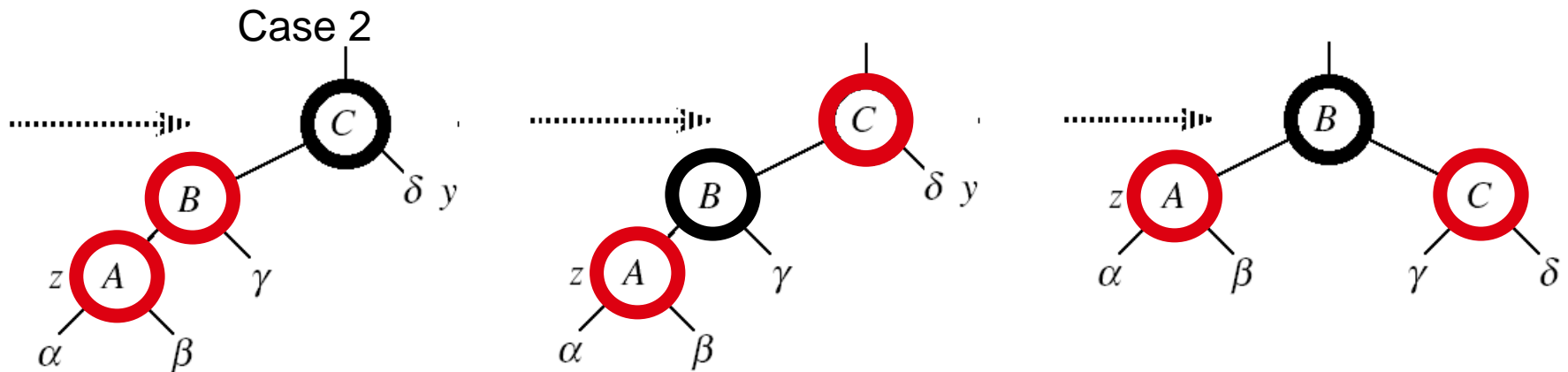


Case 2:

- $z$ 's "uncle" ( $y$ ) is **black**
- $z$  is a left child

Idea:

- $\text{color } p[z] \leftarrow \text{black}$
- $\text{color } p[p[z]] \leftarrow \text{red}$
- $\text{RIGHT-ROTATE}(T, p[p[z]])$
- No longer have 2 reds in a row
- $p[z]$  is now black



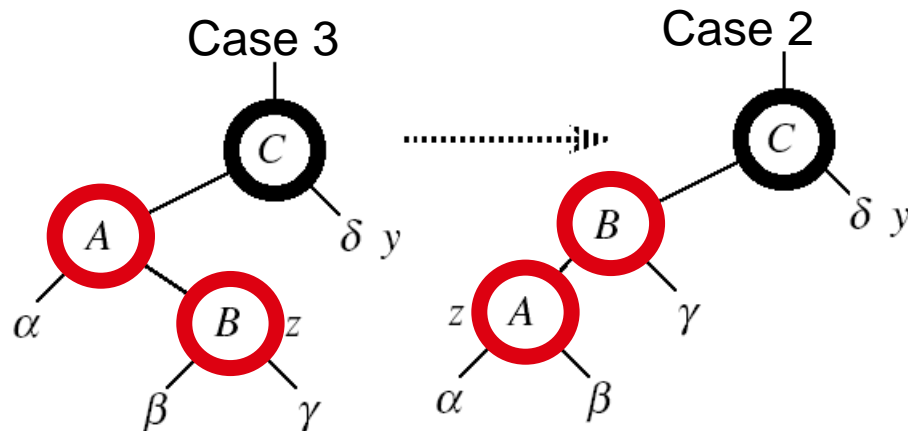
Case 3:

- $z$ 's “uncle” ( $y$ ) is **black**
- $z$  is a right child

**Idea:**

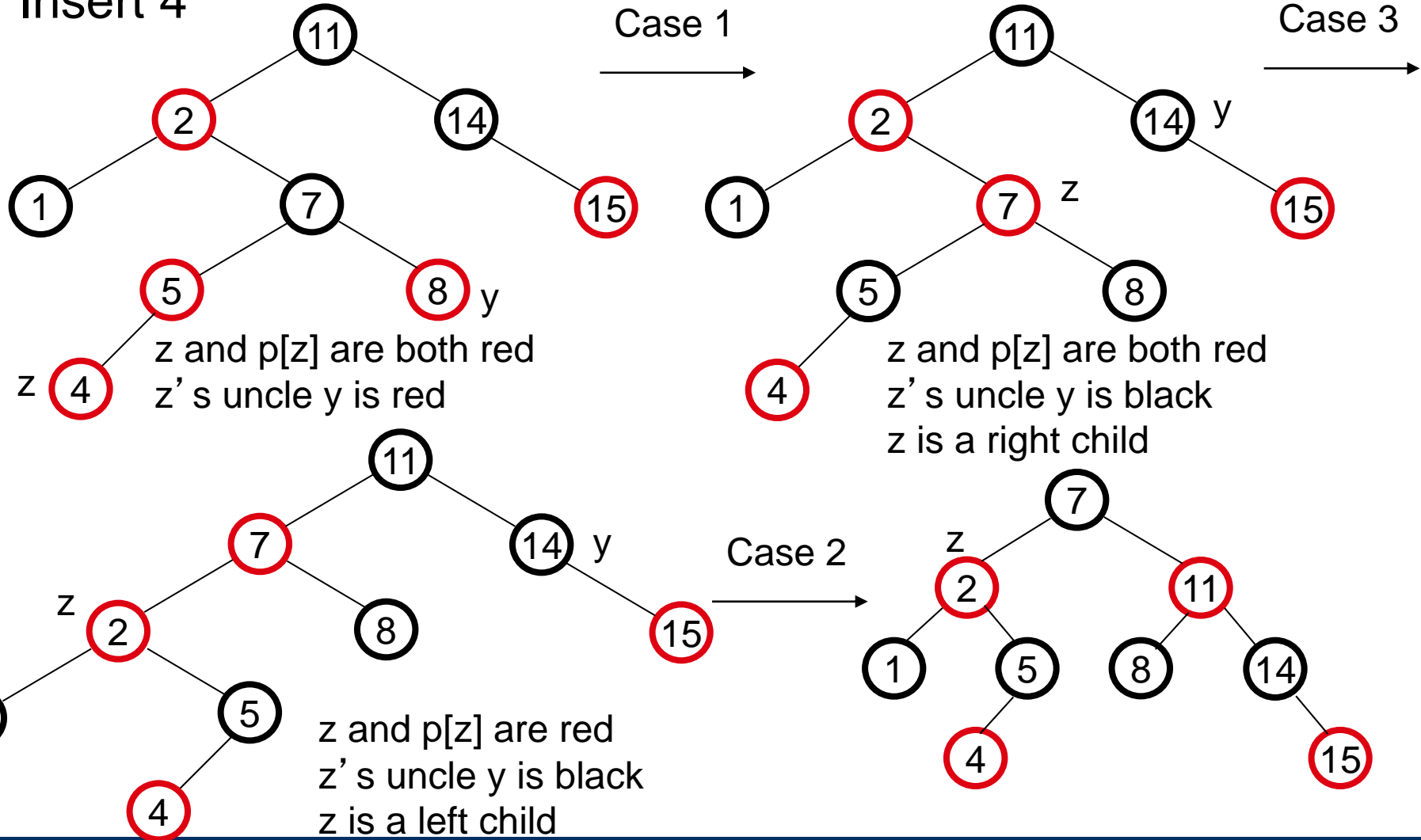
- $z \leftarrow p[z]$
- LEFT-ROTATE( $T, z$ )

$\Rightarrow$  now  $z$  is a left child, and both  $z$  and  $p[z]$  are red  $\Rightarrow$  case 2





Insert 4



1. **while**  $\text{color}[p[z]] = \text{RED}$  ← The while loop repeats only when  
case1 is executed:  $O(\log N)$  times
2.     **if**  $p[z] = \text{left}[p[p[z]]]$  } Set the value of x' s “uncle”
3.     **then**  $y \leftarrow \text{right}[p[p[z]]]$
4.         **if**  $\text{color}[y] = \text{RED}$
5.         **then Case1**
6.         **else if**  $z = \text{right}[p[z]]$
7.         **then Case3**
8.         **Case2**
9.     **else** (same as **then** clause with “right” and “left”  
              exchanged for lines 3-4)
10.  $\text{color}[\text{root}[T]] \leftarrow \text{BLACK}$  ← We just inserted the root, or  
The red violation reached the root

- Inserting the new element into the tree  
 $O(\log N)$
- RB-INSERT-FIXUP
  - The while loop repeats only if CASE 1 is executed
  - The number of times the while loop can be executed is  $O(\log N)$
- Total running time of Insert Item:  $O(\log N)$

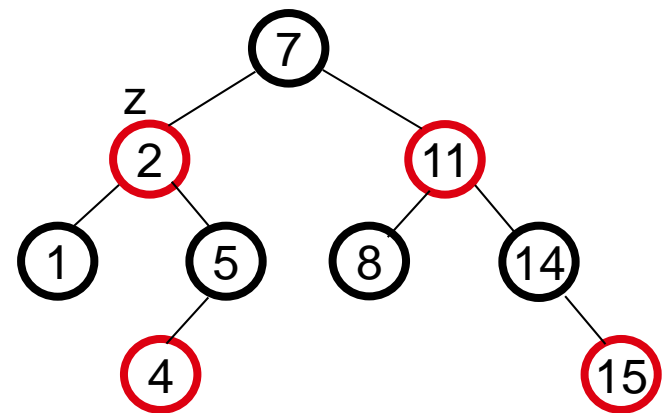
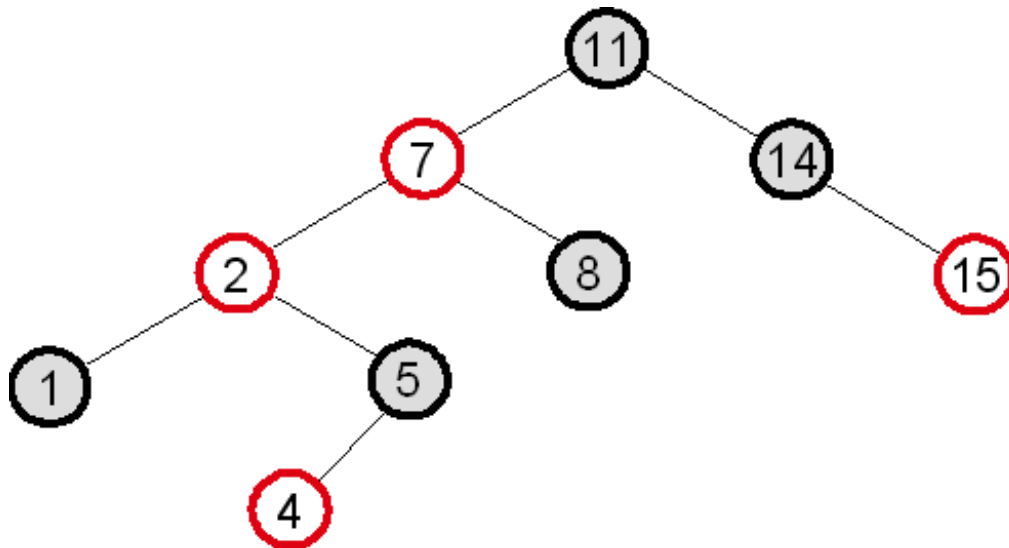
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## Delete Item

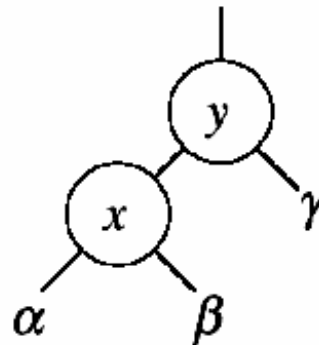
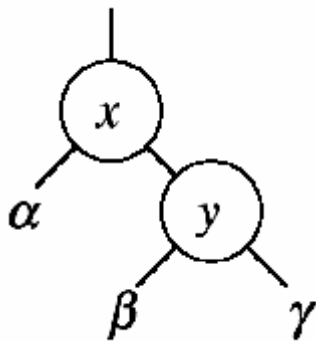
- Delete as usually, then re-color/rotate
- A bit more complicated though ...
- Demo
  - <http://gauss.ececs.uc.edu/RedBlack/redblack.html>

- What is the ratio between the longest path and the shortest path in a red-black tree?
  - The shortest path is at least  $bh(\text{root})$
  - The longest path is equal to  $h(\text{root})$
  - From Claim 1,  $bh(\text{root}) \geq h(\text{root})/2$   
or  $h(\text{root}) \leq 2 bh(\text{root})$
  - Therefore, the ratio is  $\leq 2$

- What red-black tree property is violated in the tree below? How would you restore the red-black tree property in this case?
  - **Property violated:** if a node is red, both its children are black
  - **Fixup:** color 7 black, 11 red, then right-rotate around 11



- Let  $a, b, c$  be arbitrary nodes in subtrees  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  in the tree below.
- How do the depths of  $a, b, c$  change when a left rotation is performed on node  $x$ ?
  - $a$ : increases by 1
  - $b$ : stays the same
  - $c$ : decreases by 1



LEFT-ROTATE( $T, x$ )  
 .....>

- When we insert a node into a red-black tree, we initially set the color of the new node to red.

Why didn't we choose to set the color to black?

- Would inserting a new node to a red-black tree and then immediately deleting it, change the tree?