



# Red Black Trees

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# Red-Black Properties

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



# Red Black Trees

Let's do an example from scratch

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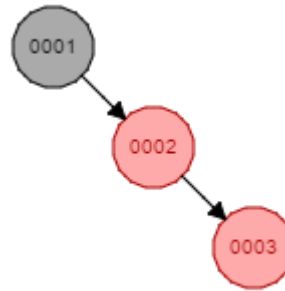
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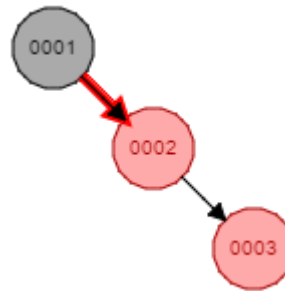
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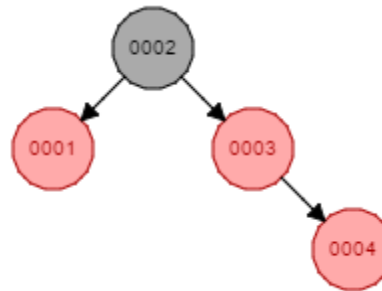
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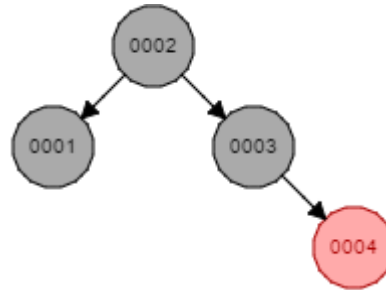
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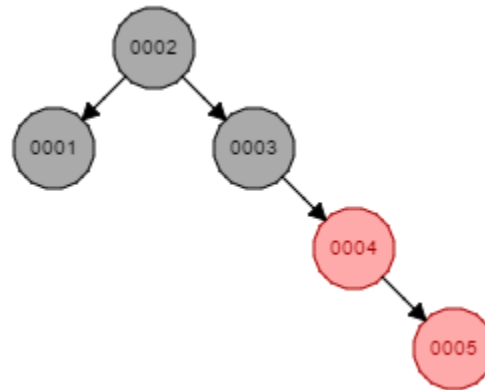
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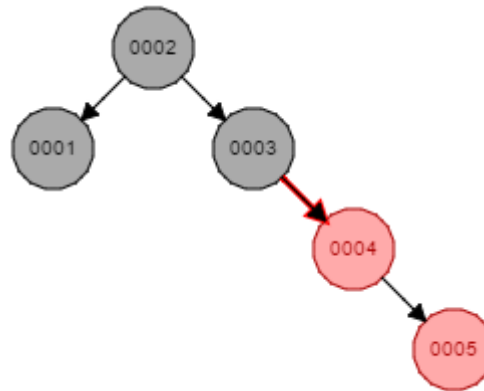
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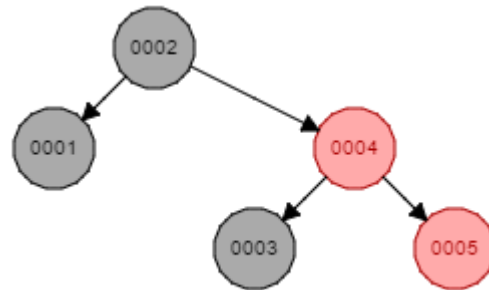
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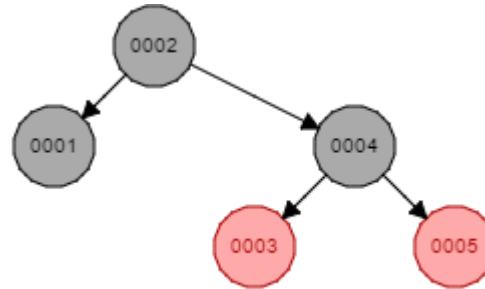
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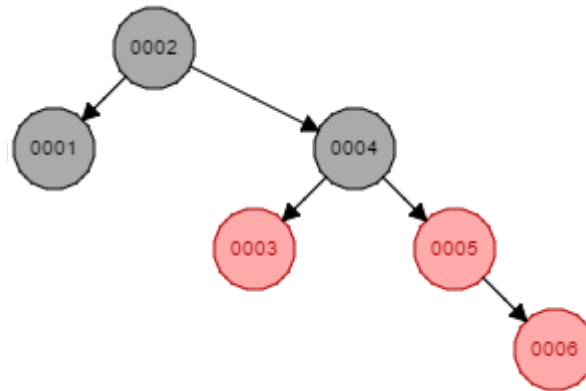
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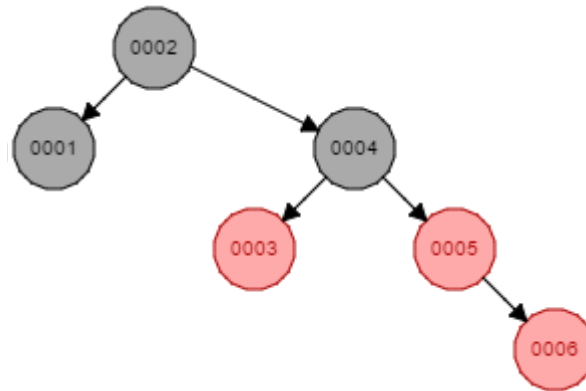


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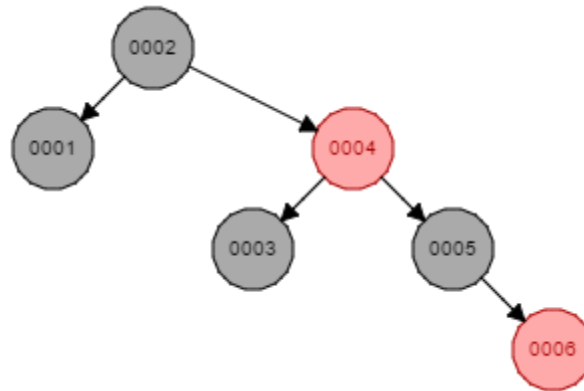
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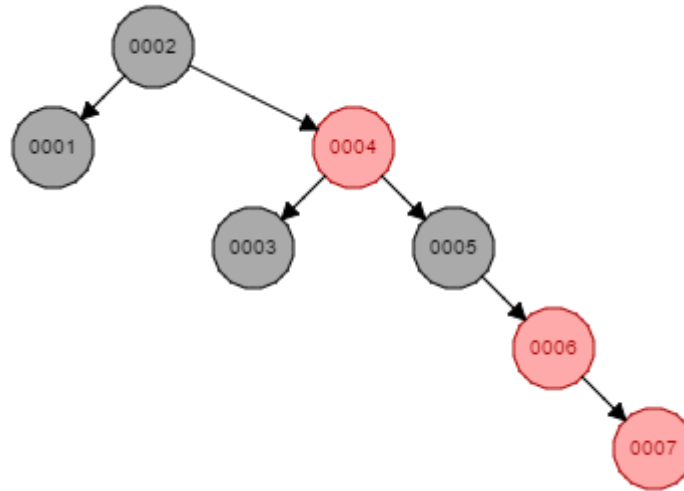
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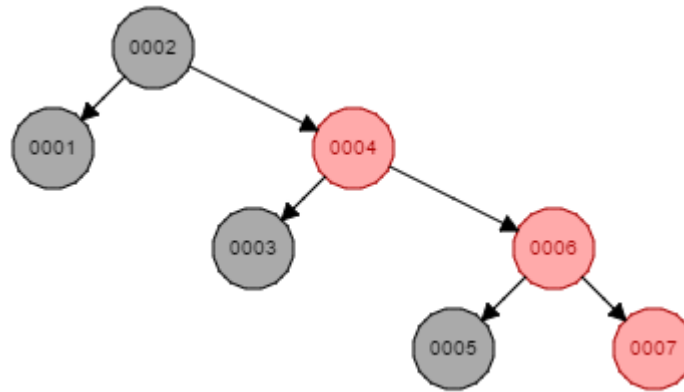
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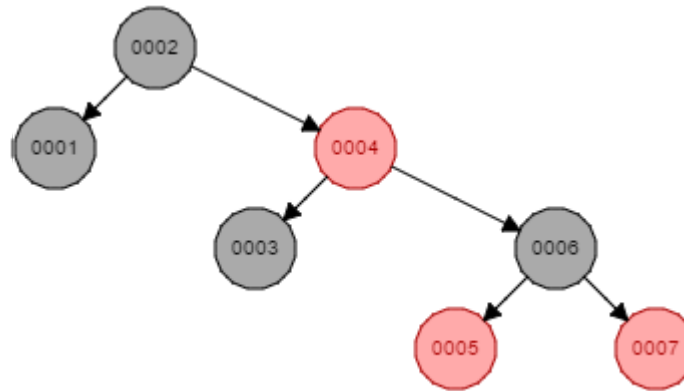
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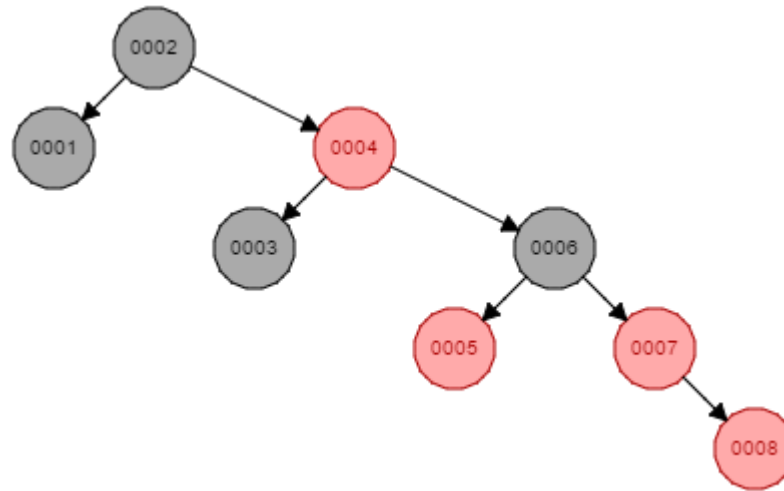
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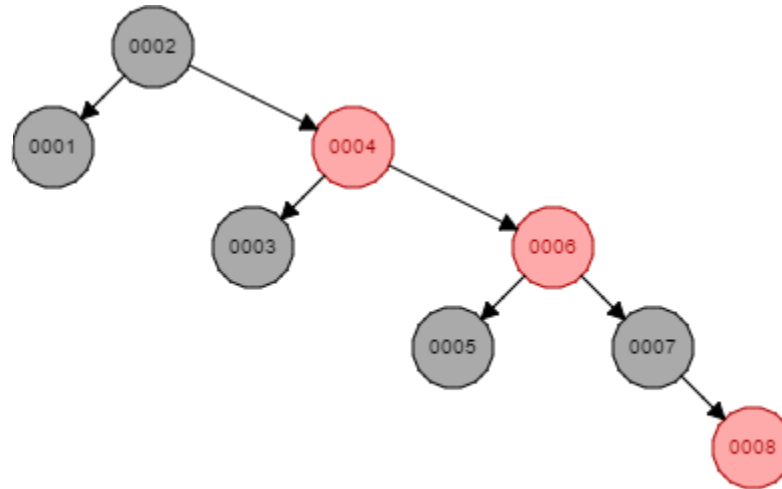
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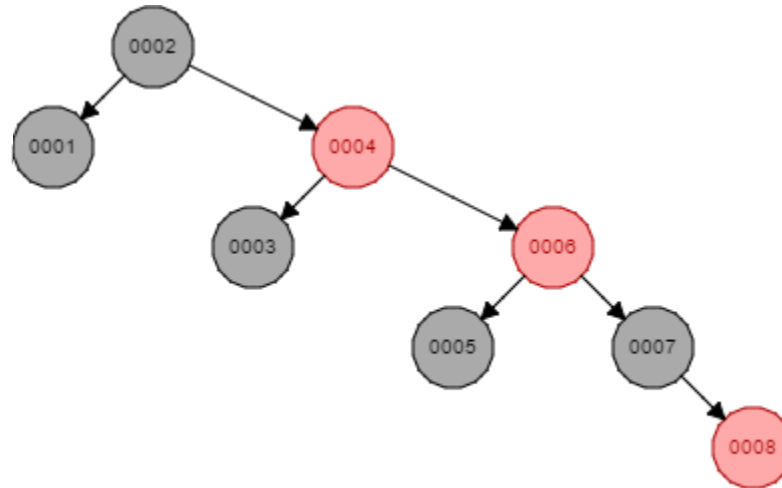
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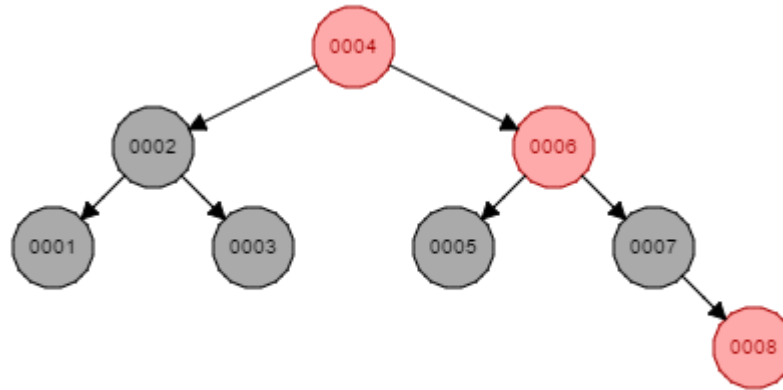
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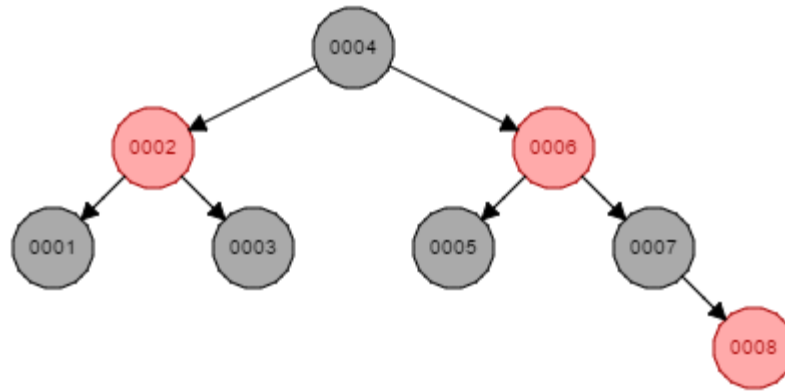
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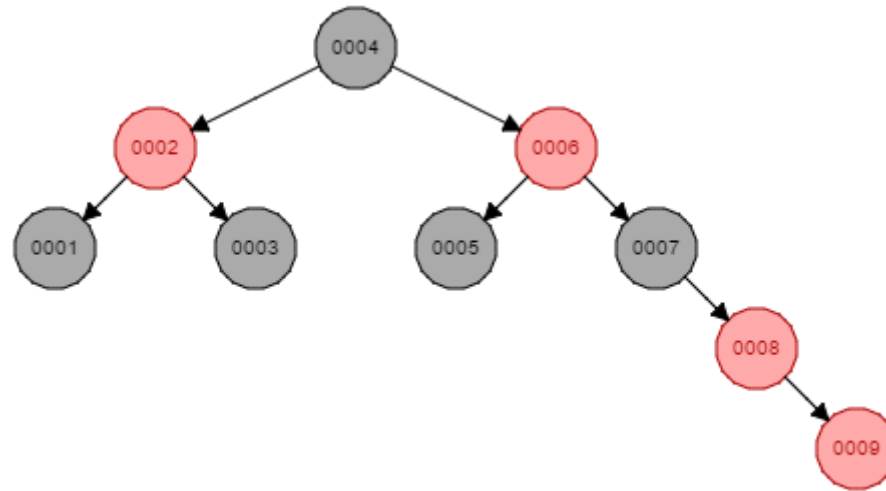
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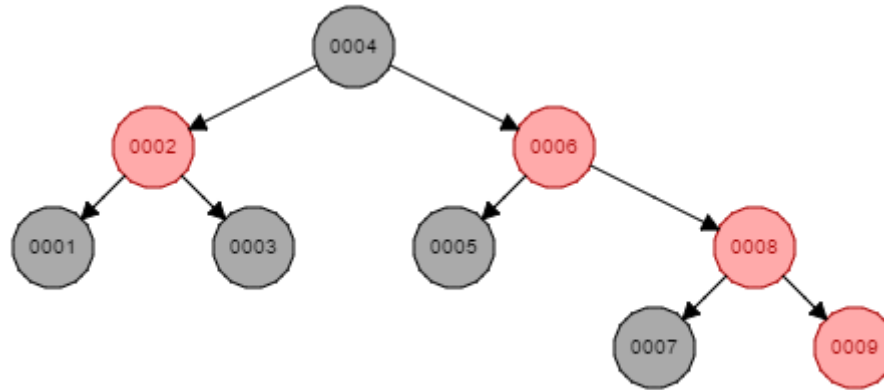
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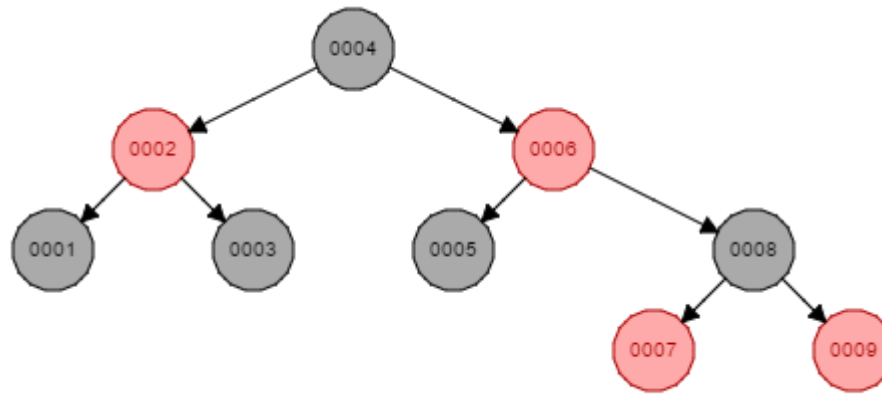
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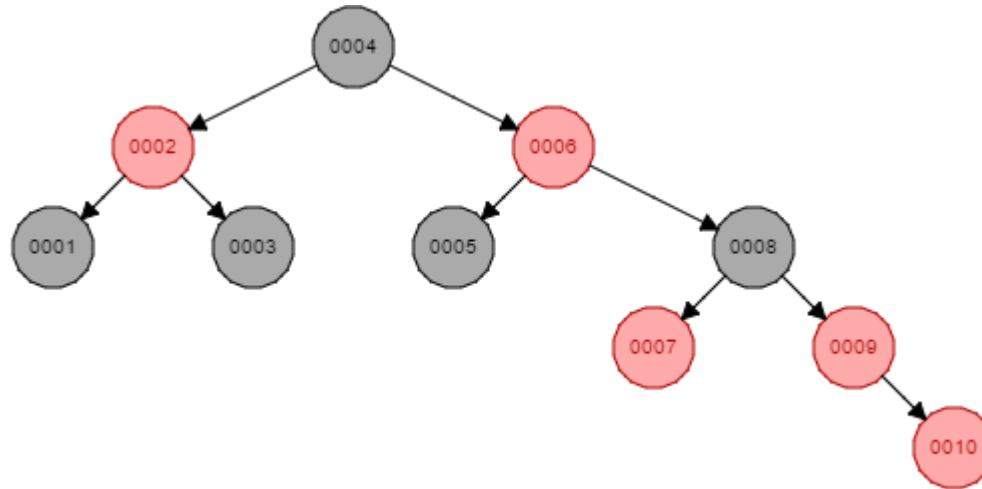
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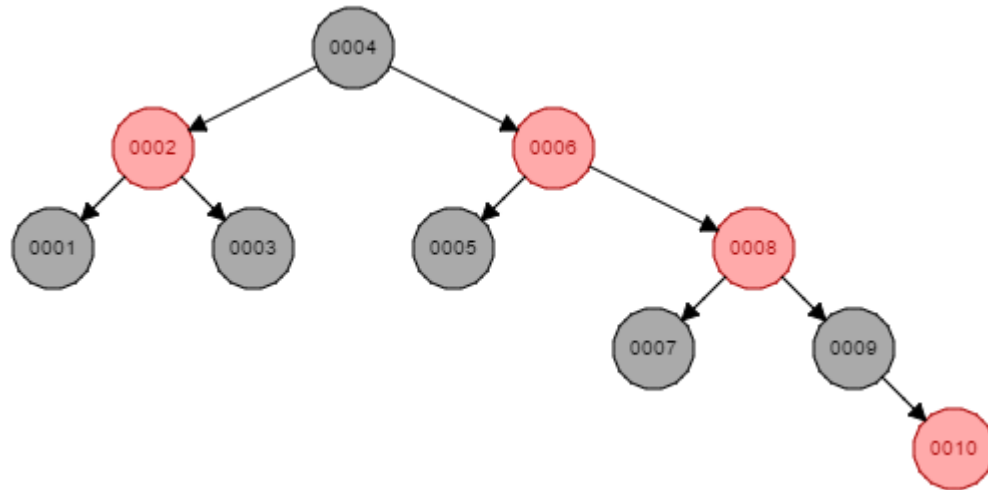
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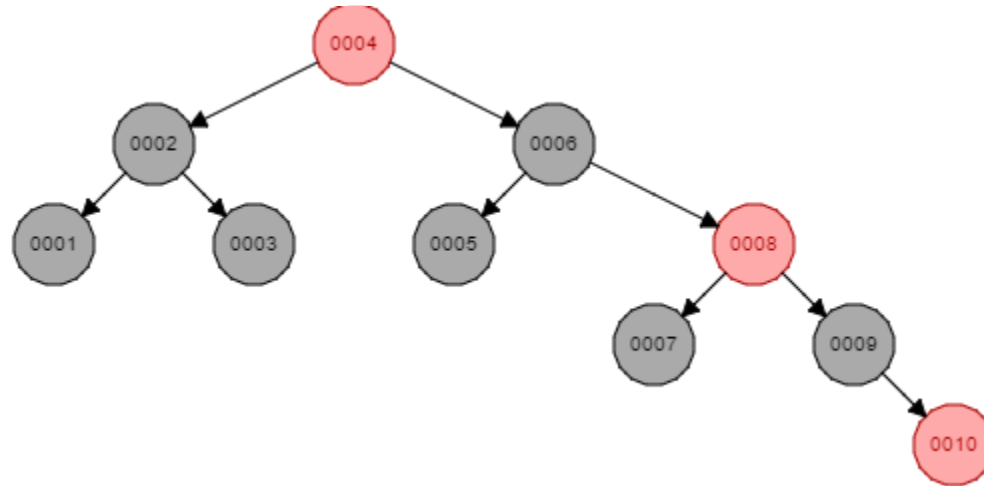
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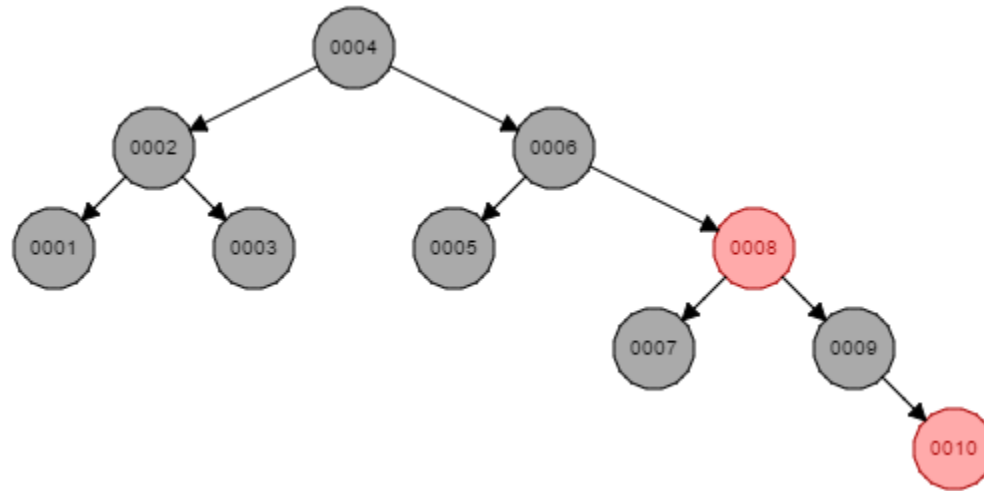


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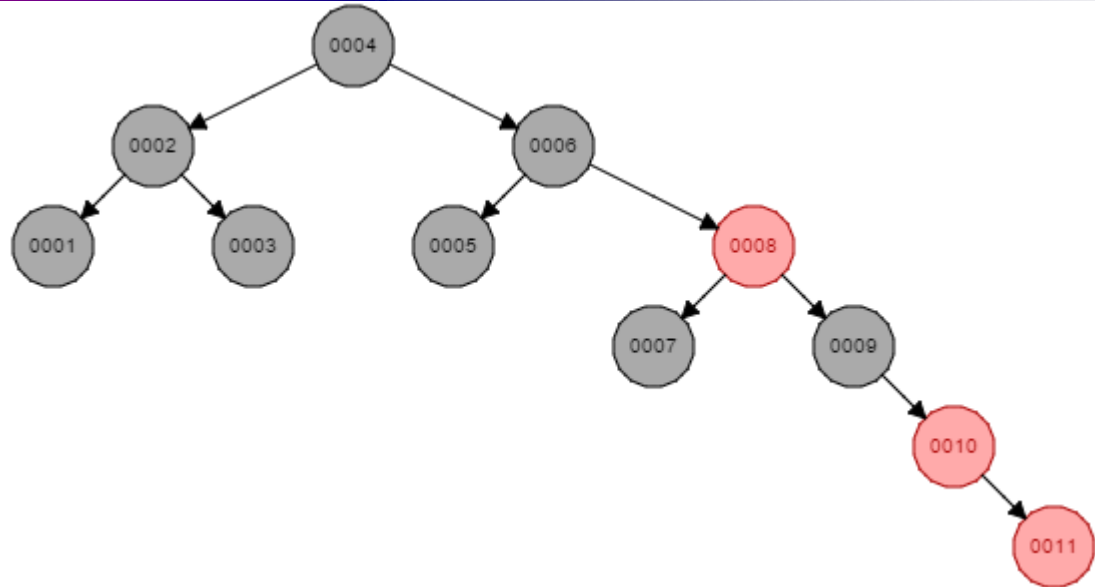
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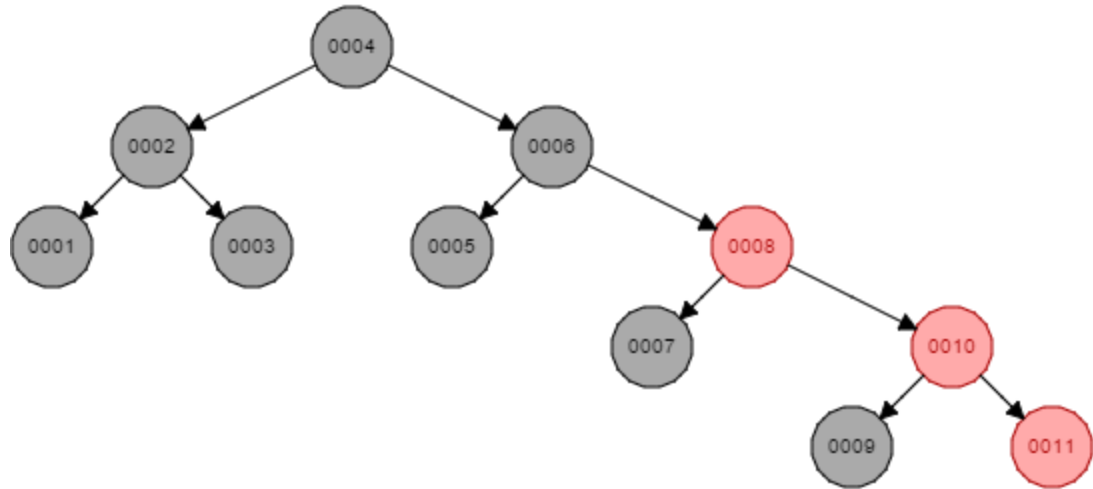
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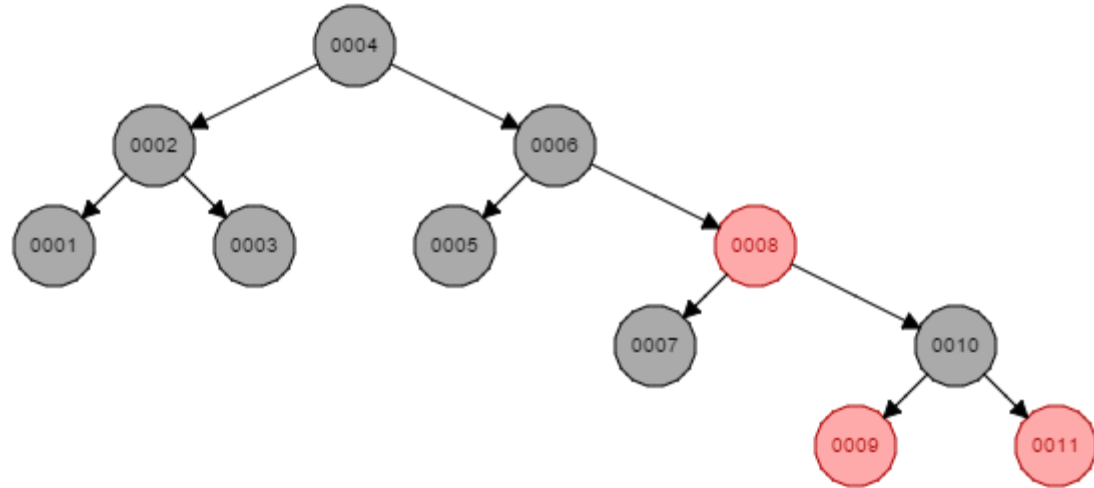
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Insertion

# 5 Cases of Insertion

- **N** is the root node, i.e., first node of red–black tree
- **N**'s parent (**P**) is black
- **N**'s parent (**P**) and uncle (**U**) are red
- **N** is added to right of left child of grandparent, or **N** is added to left of right child of grandparent (**P** is red and **U** is black)
- **N** is added to left of left child of grandparent, or **N** is added to right of right child of grandparent (**P** is red and **U** is black)



# Case 1

Insertion



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- All nodes are initially inserted as Red (except the root node)

# Insert 1, 2

- Always insert nodes as red (except the root)



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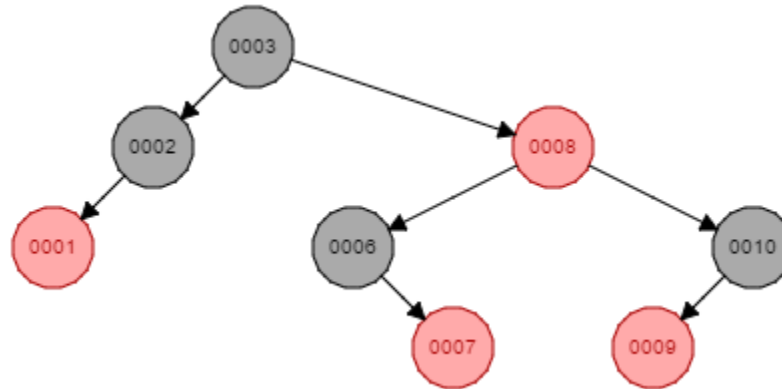
Insertion

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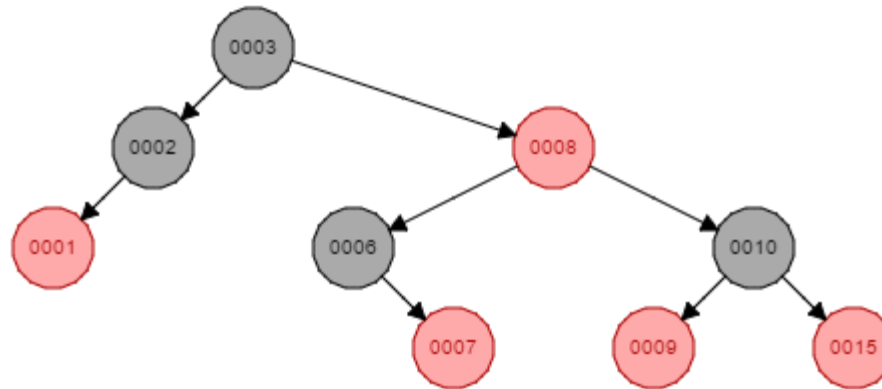
- **N's parent (P)** is black
- No matter how complex the tree already is, if new node's parent is already black, the tree will always remain a Red-Black tree.

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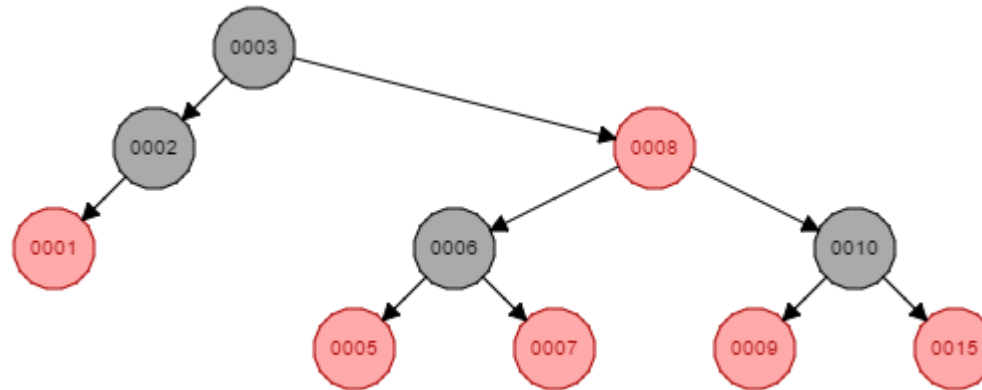
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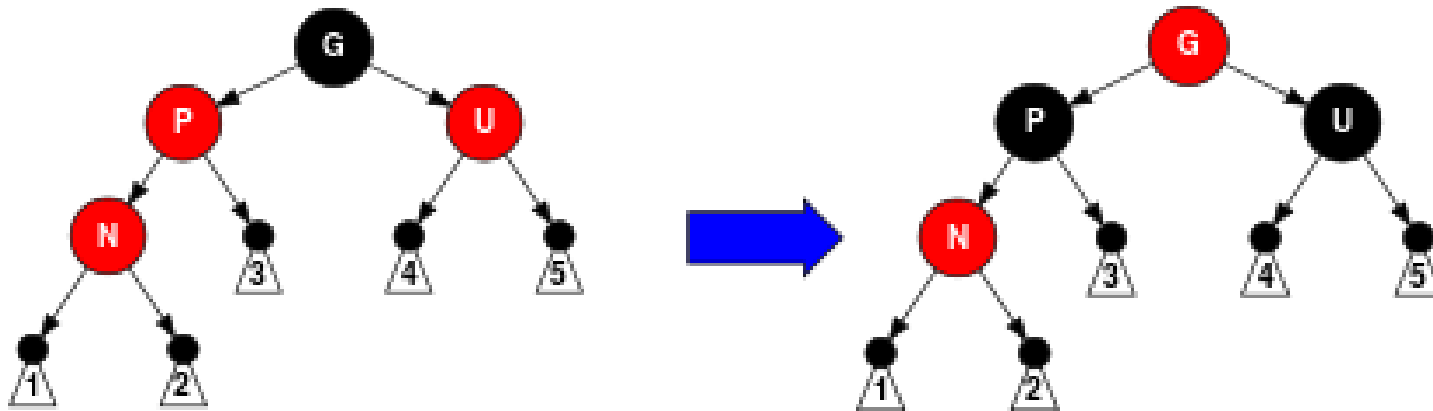


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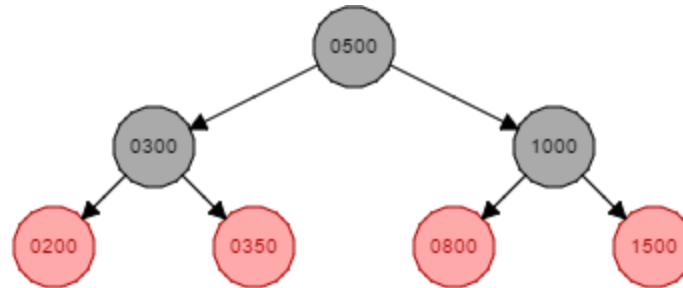
Insertion

## Case 3

- N's parent (P) and uncle (U) are red
- Solution: Re-colour

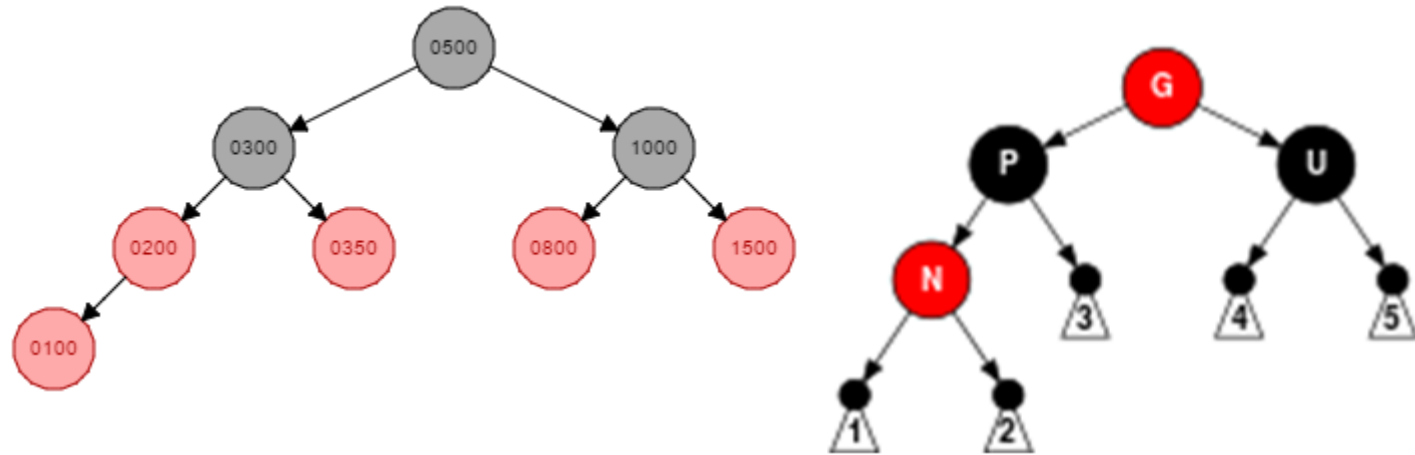


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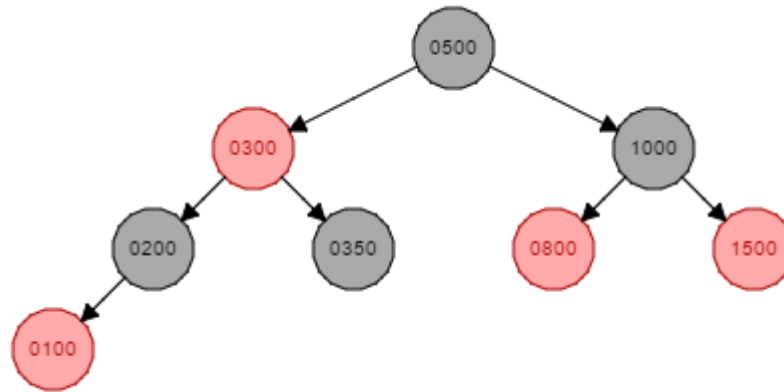
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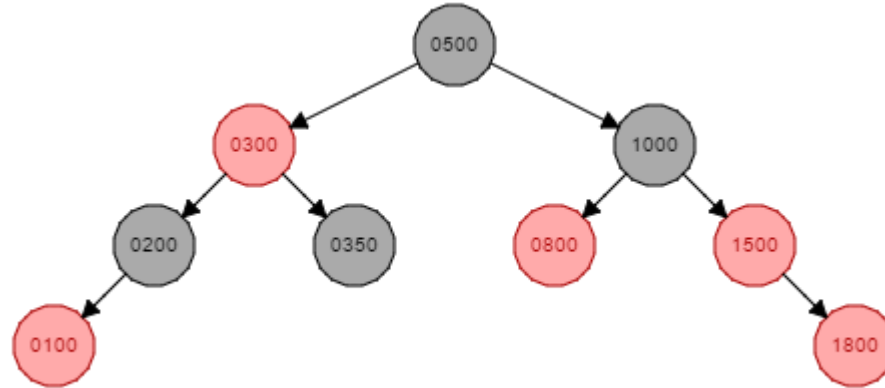
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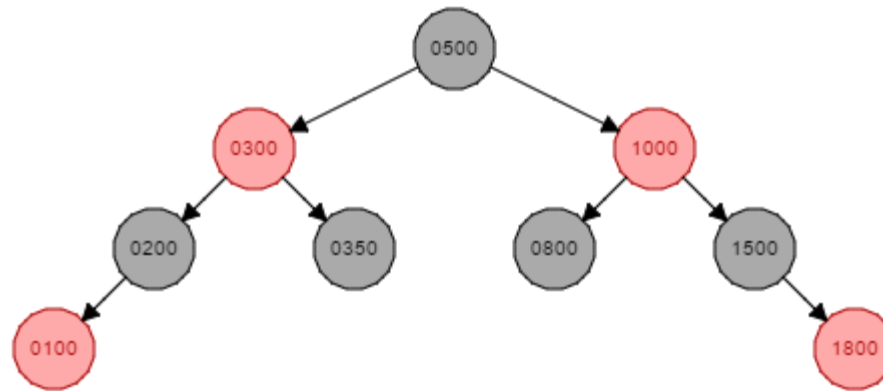
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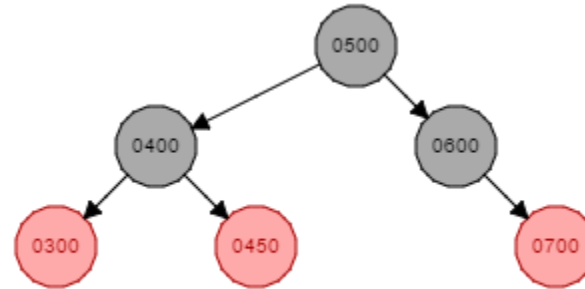
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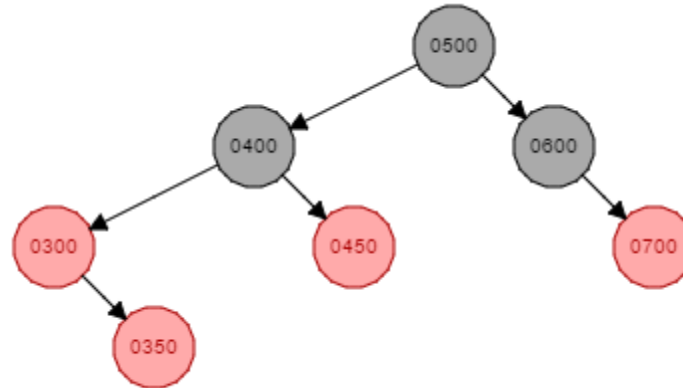
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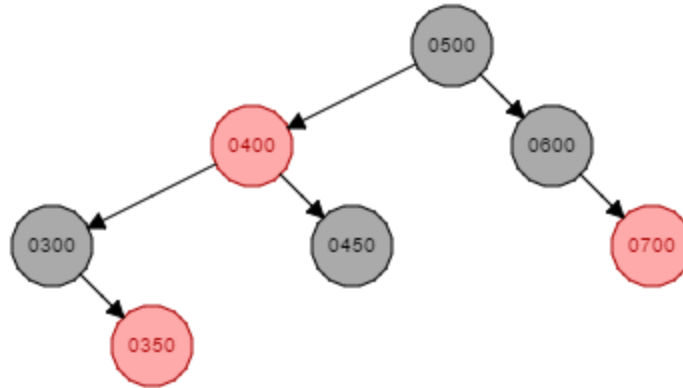


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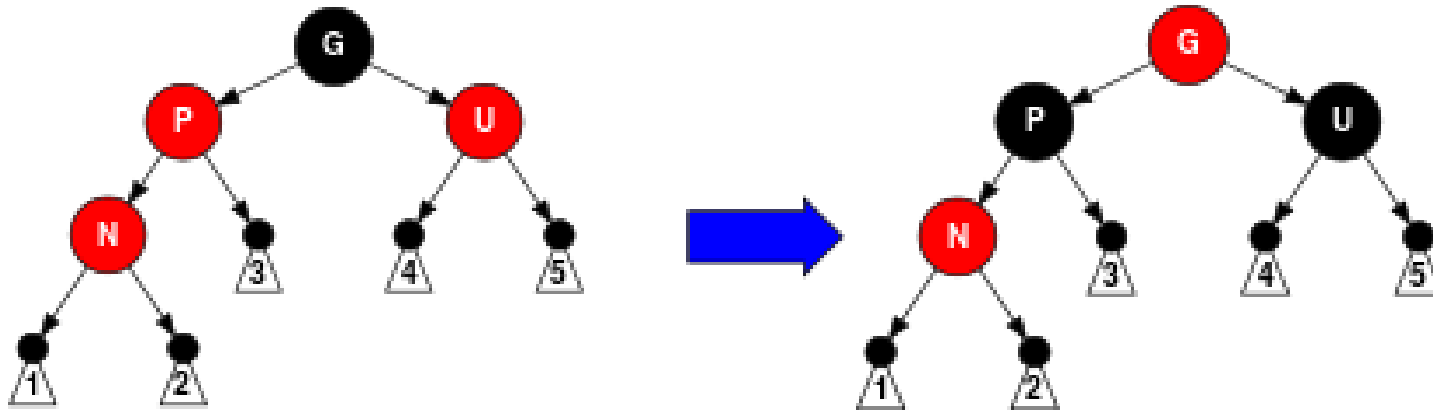
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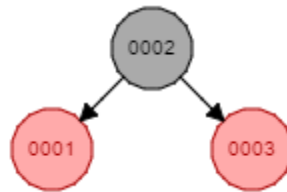
## Case 3 (in case of root)

- **N's parent (P) and uncle (U) are red**
- **Solution: Re-colour**



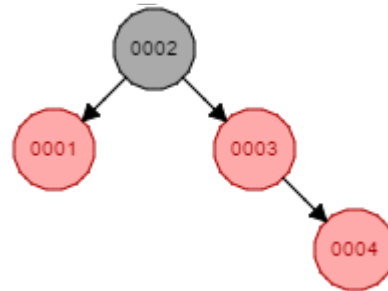
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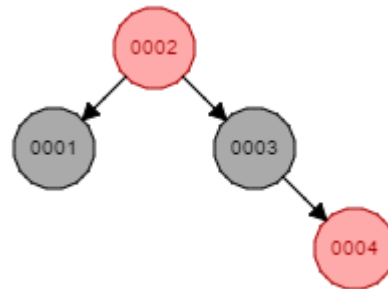
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# Insert 4



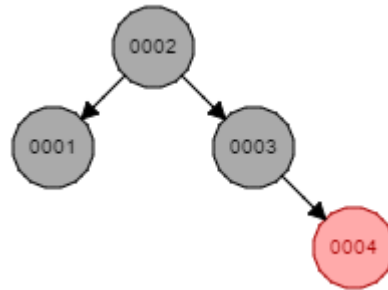
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2. Every NULL pointer is black
3. If a node is red, both children are black
4. Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes
5. The root is always black

# Insert 4



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2. Every NULL pointer is black
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# Insert 4



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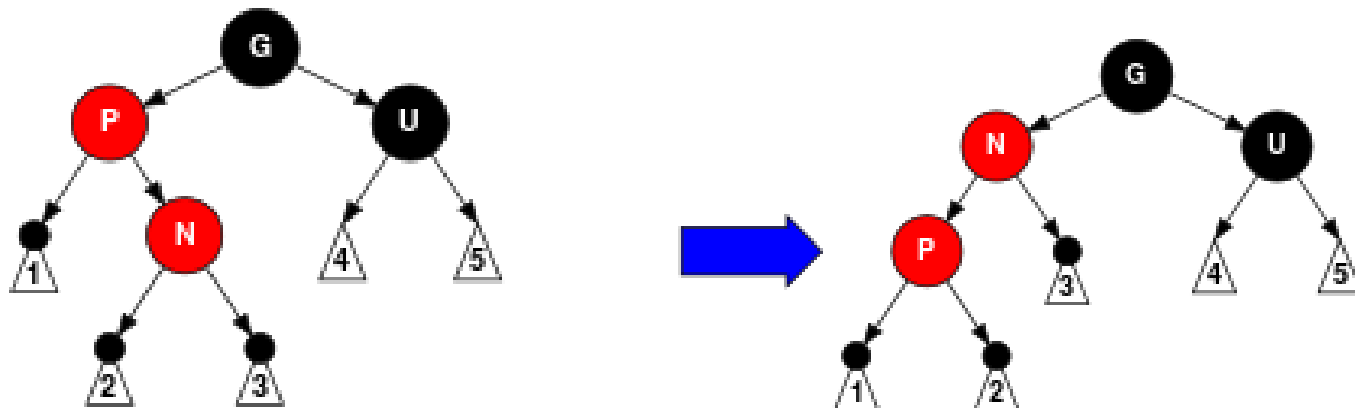
# Case 4

Insertion

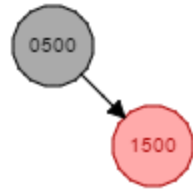


# Case 4

- **N** is added to right of left child of grandparent, or **N** is added to left of right child of grandparent (**P** is red and **U** is black)
- Intermediate Solution: Rotation of 2 nodes
- Move to Case 5

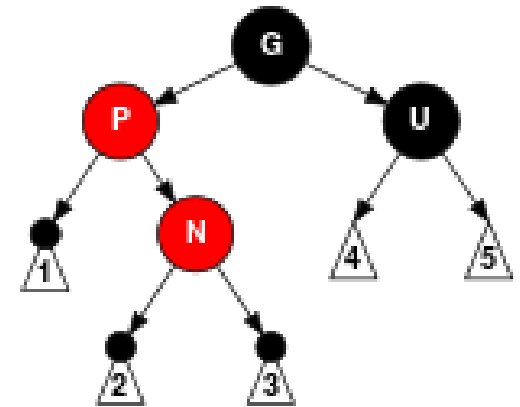
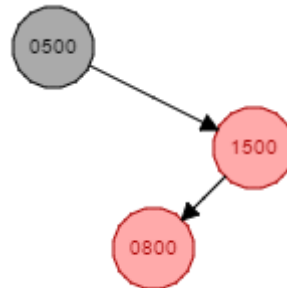


# Insert 800



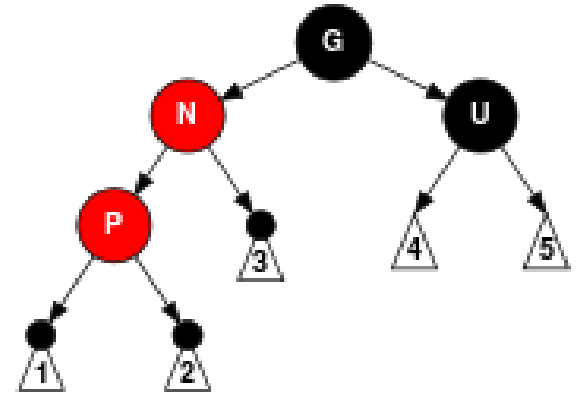
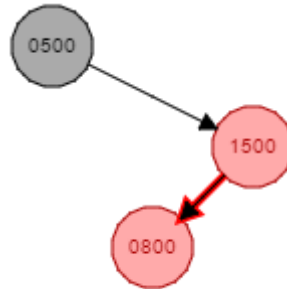
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4. Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes
5. The root is always black

# Insert 800



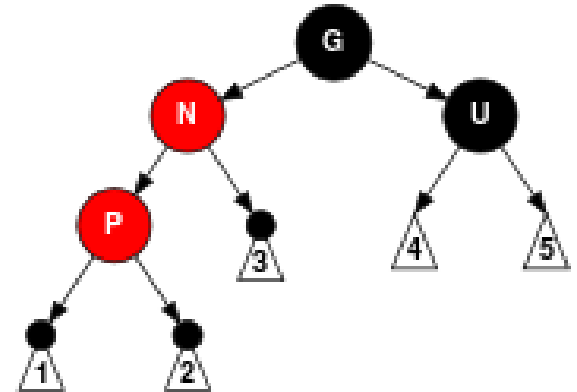
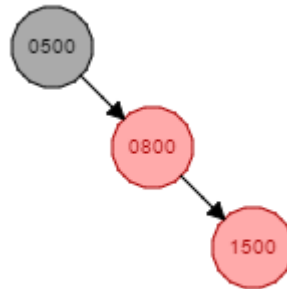
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5. The root is always black

# Insert 800



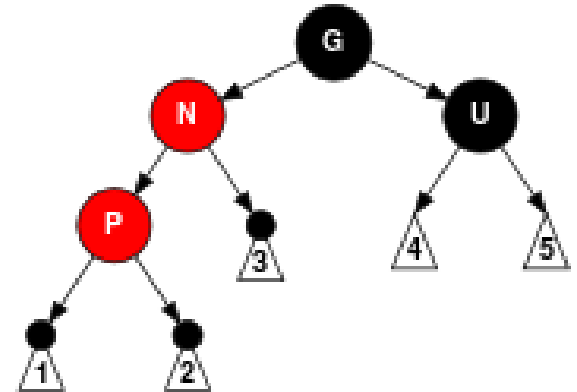
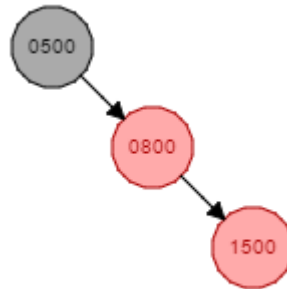
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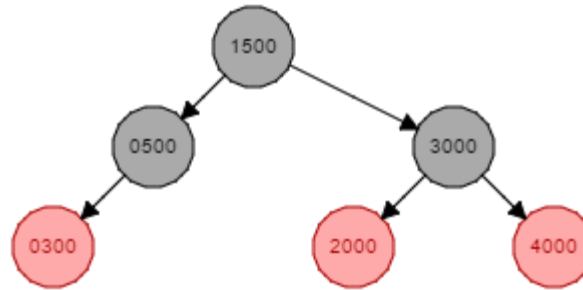
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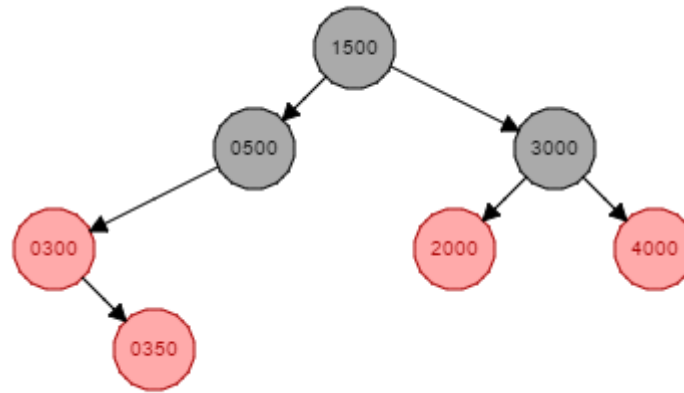
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# DIY: Insert 350



1. Every node is either red or black
2. Every NULL pointer is black
3. If a node is red, both children are black
4. Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes
5. The root is always black

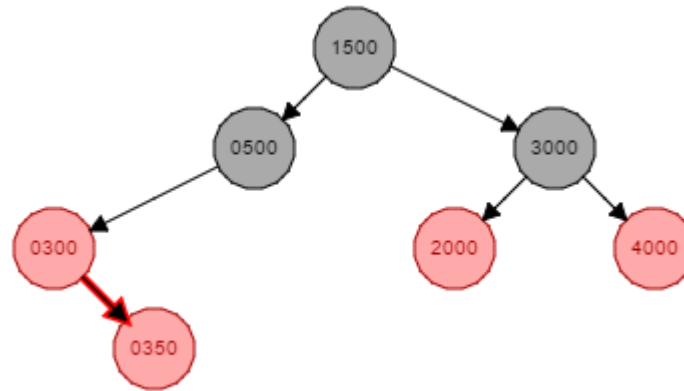
# DIY: Insert **350**



1. Every node is either red or black
2. Every NULL pointer is black
3. If a node is red, both children are black
4. Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes
5. The root is always black

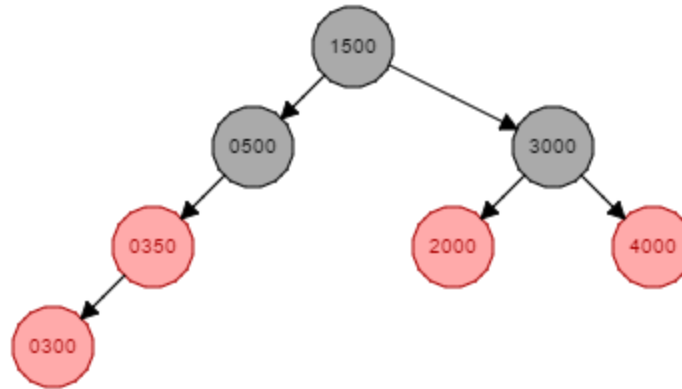


# DIY: Insert **350**



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2. Every NULL pointer is black
3. If a node is red, both children are black
4. Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes
5. The root is always black

# DIY: Insert **350**



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3. If a node is red, both children are black
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5. The root is always black

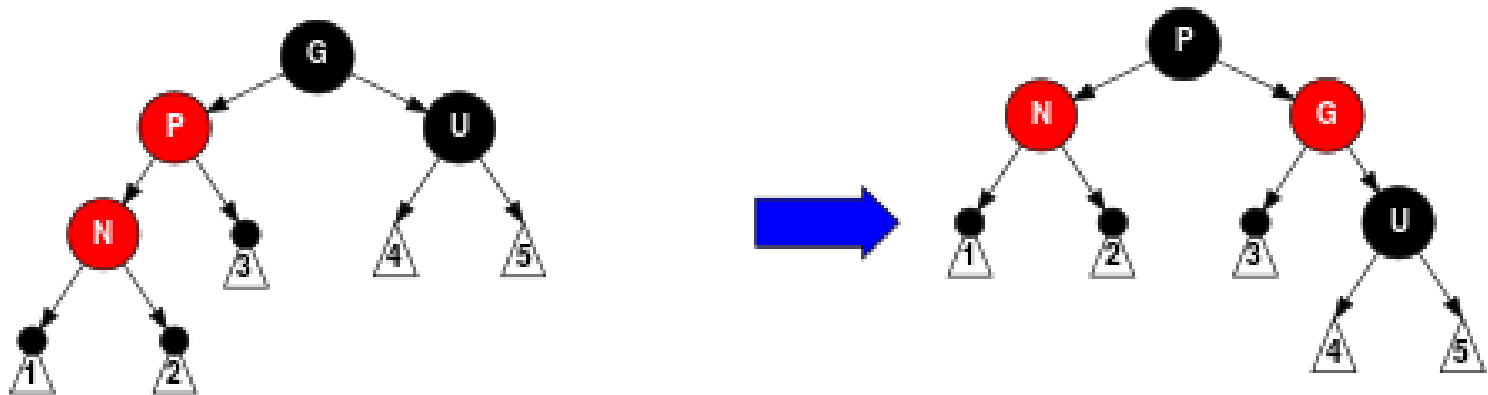


# Case 5

Insertion

## Case 5

- **N** is added to left of left child of grandparent, or **N** is added to right of right child of grandparent (**P** is red and **U** is black)
- Solution: Rotation

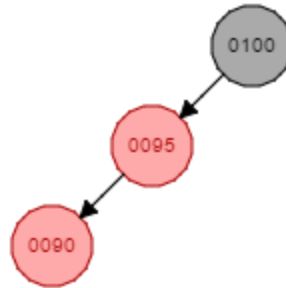


# Insert 90



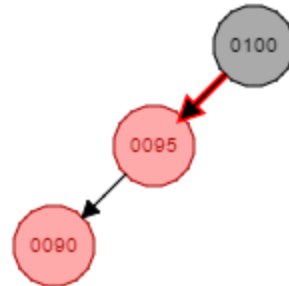
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5. The root is always black

# Insert 90



1. Every node is either red or black
2. Every NULL pointer is black
3. If a node is red, both children are black
4. Every path from node to descendent leaf contains the same number of black nodes
5. The root is always black

# Insert 90



1. Every node is either red or black
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5. The root is always black

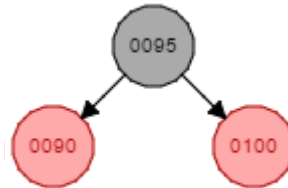
# Insert 90



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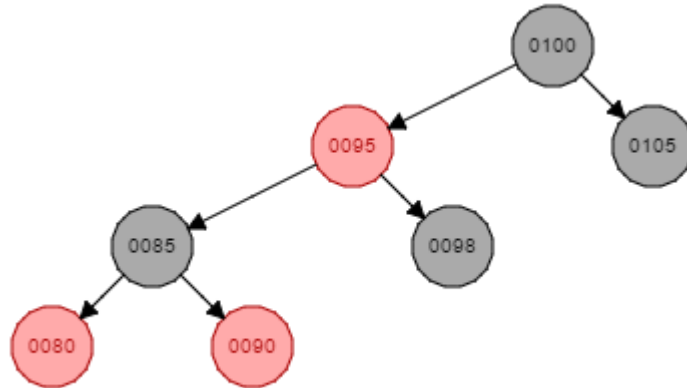


# Insert 90



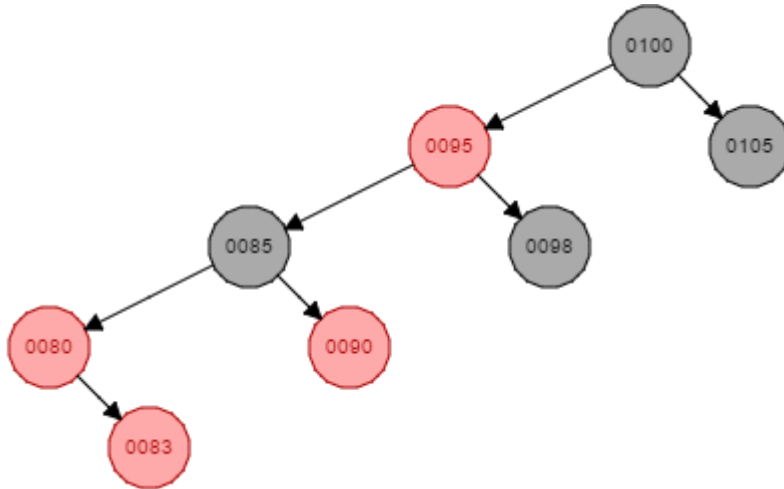
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# Do It Yourself (DIY): Insert 83



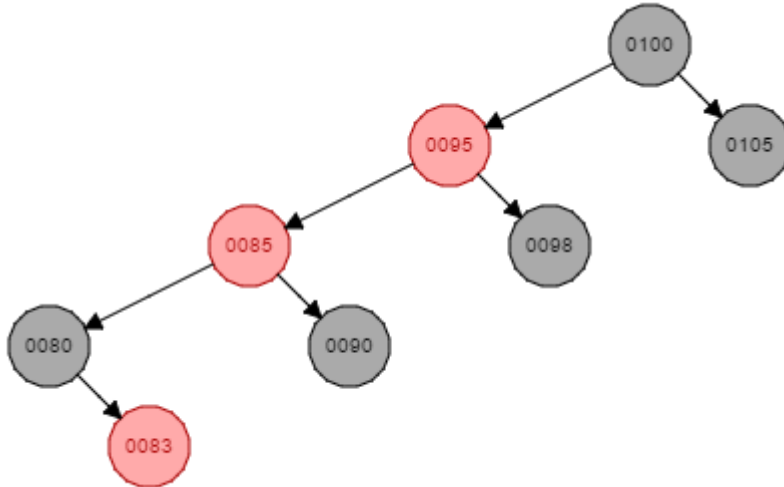
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# DIY: Insert 83



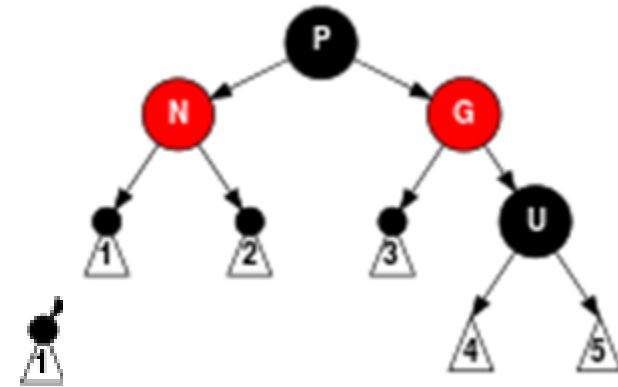
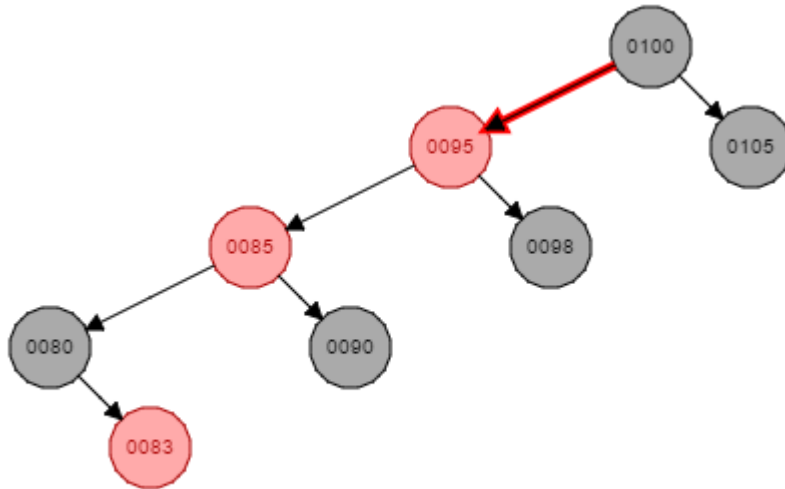
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# DIY: Insert 83



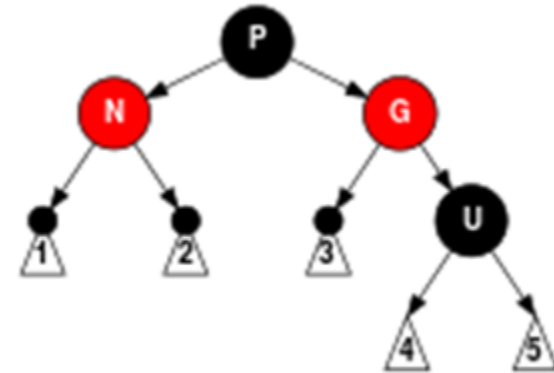
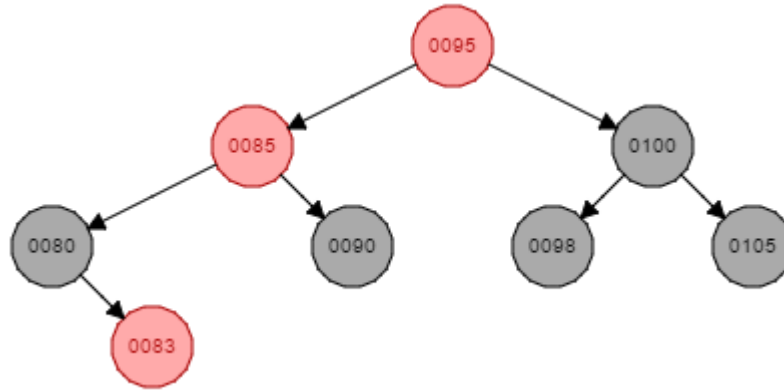
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# DIY: Insert 83



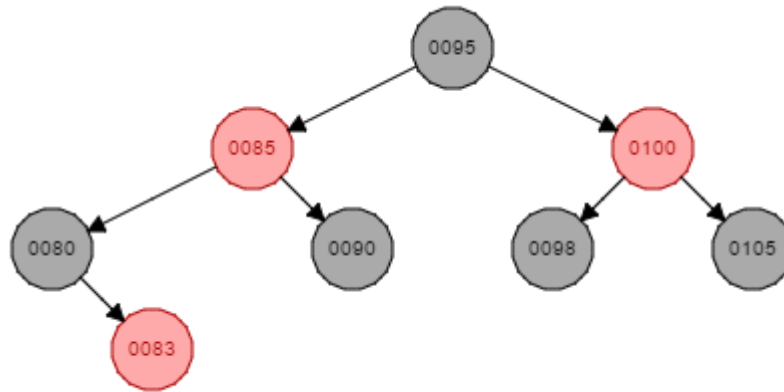
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# DIY: Insert 83



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# Problem with Inserting Duplicates

Insert: 100, 100, 100

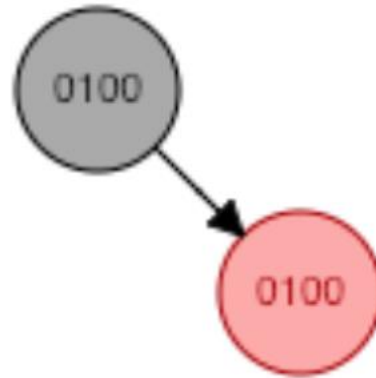


# Insert **100**, 100, 100



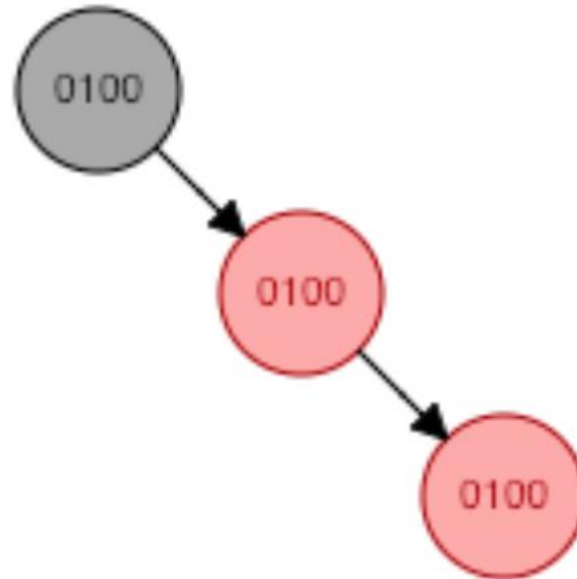
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# Insert 100, **100**, 100



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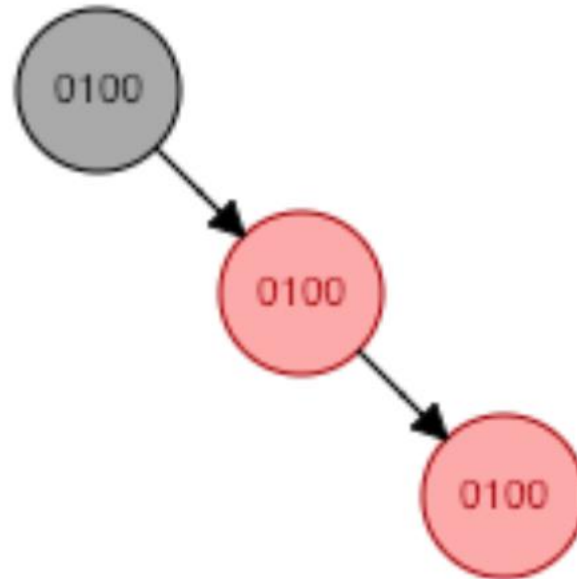
# Insert 100, 100, **100**



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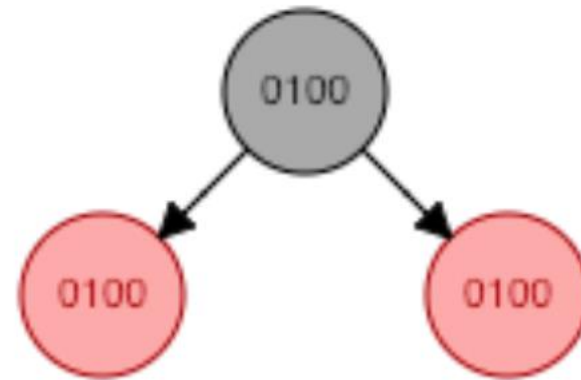
# Insert 100, 100, **100**

## Rotation (rule 5)



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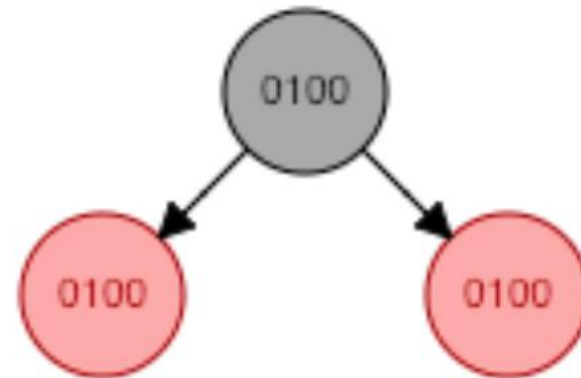
# Insert 100, 100, **100**



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# Insert 100, 100, **100**

See the problem?

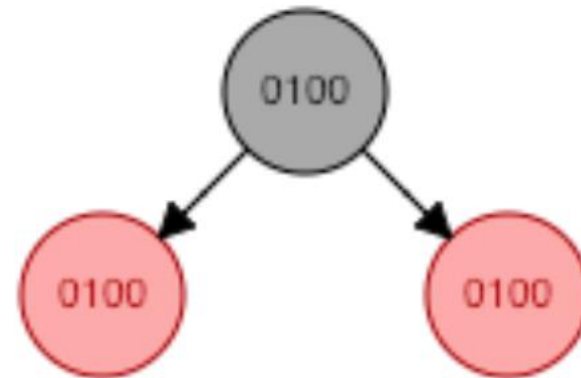


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# Insert 100, 100, **100**

See the problem?

- Values greater or equal to parent node must be inserted at right

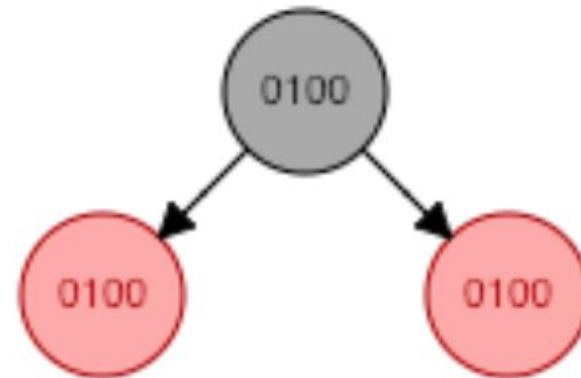


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# Insert 100, 100, **100**

See the problem?

- Values greater or equal to parent node must be inserted at right (NOT left)



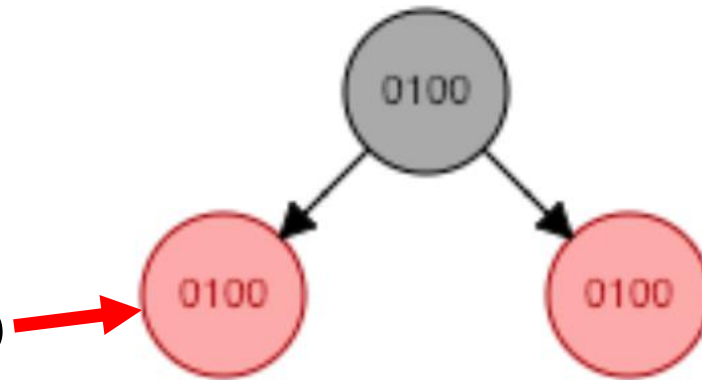
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# SOLUTION

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```
template <class T>
struct Node
{
    T data;
    Node<T> *left;
    Node<T> *right;
    char colour;
    int count;
};
```

# SOLUTION

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There is an extra attribute  
namely COUNT that  
would be incremented if  
an already existing value  
is added to the tree.

# SOLUTION

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- Count  $\geq 1$
- Count will never be 0.
- All duplicate values can be deleted by making the value of COUNT equal to 1 in all the existing nodes.
- If a node has to be deleted all together, its memory will be deleted using the DELETE reserved word.