Balanced Trees (**Red-Black** Trees)

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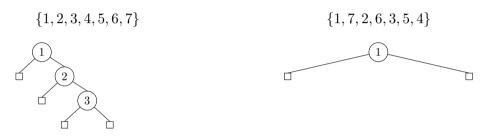
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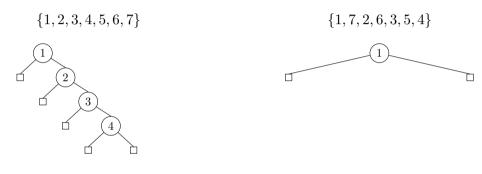
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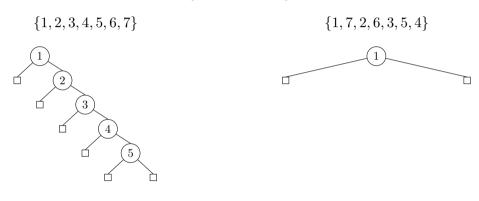
(i) Raw binary search tree performance is highly dependant on input order (ii) We want to ensure $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ performance

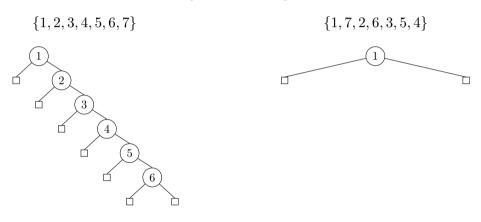


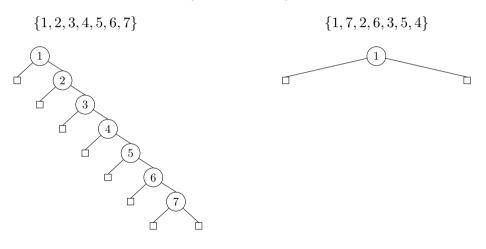


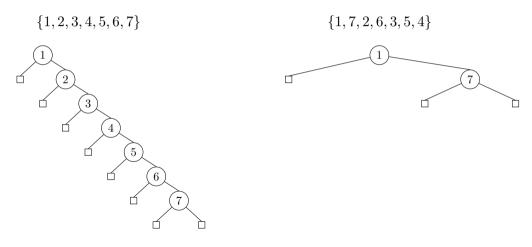


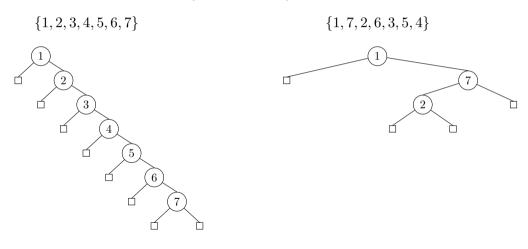


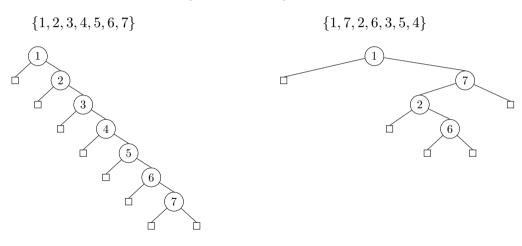


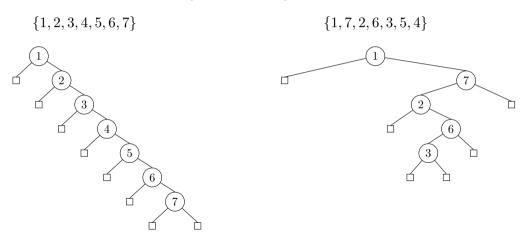


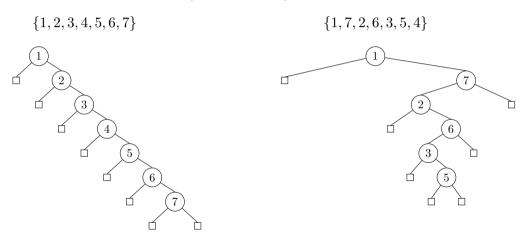


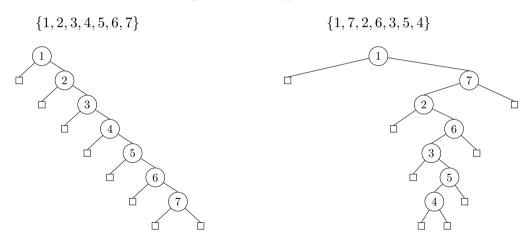














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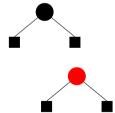
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typedef struct Node {
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    int data;
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    Node *parent;
} Node;
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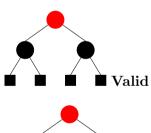
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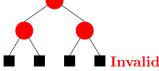
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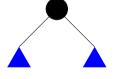
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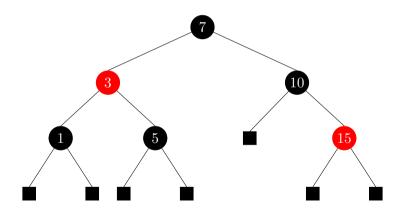
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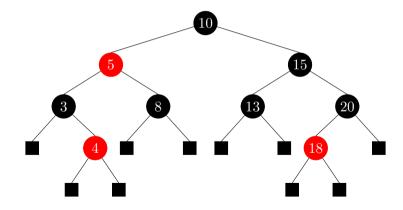
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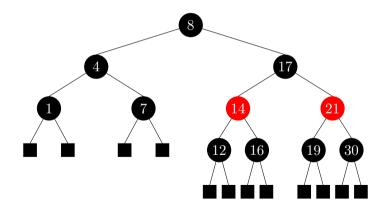
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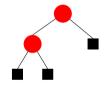
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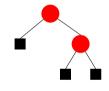
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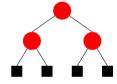
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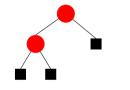
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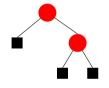


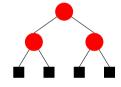




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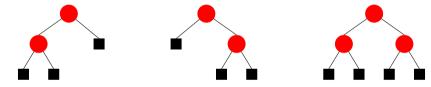






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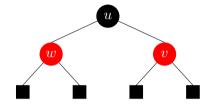
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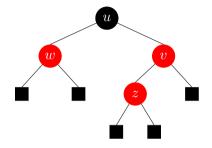
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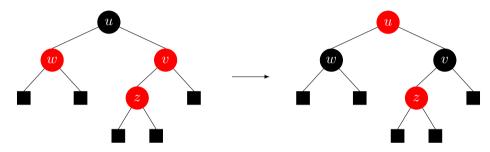
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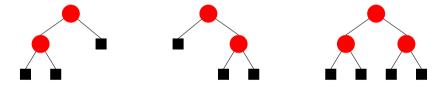
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Tri-Node Restructure

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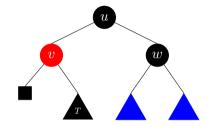
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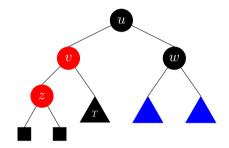
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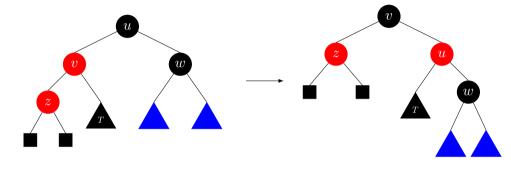
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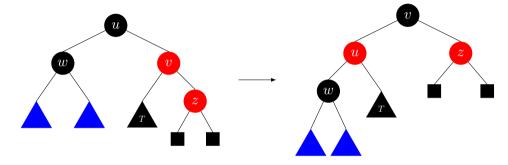
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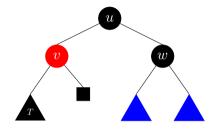
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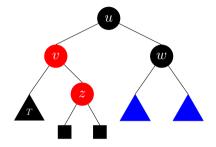
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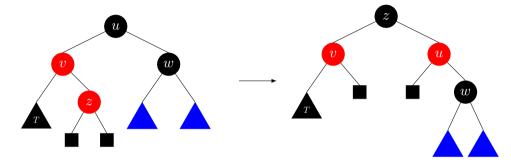
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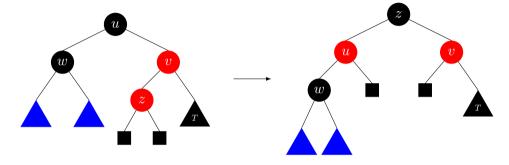
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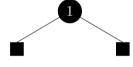
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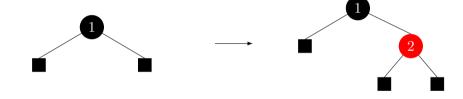
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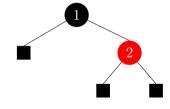
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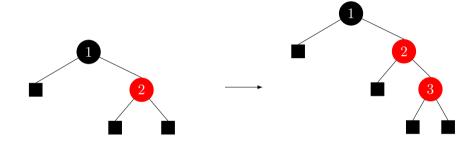
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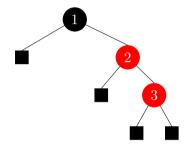




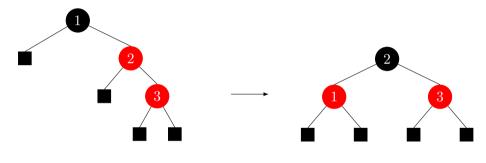




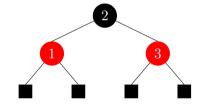
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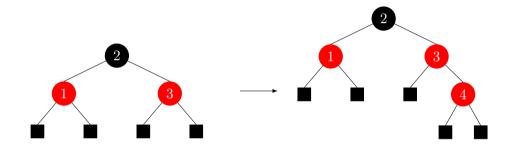


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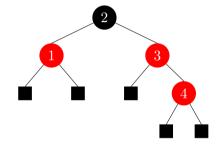


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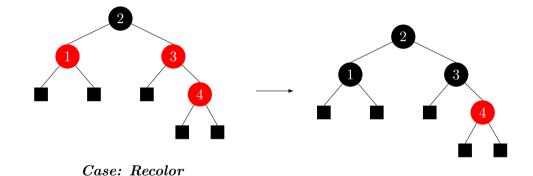


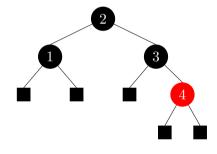


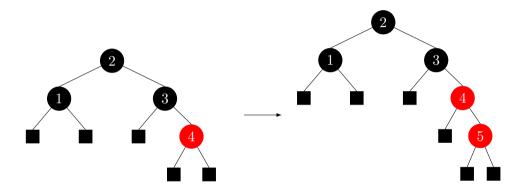
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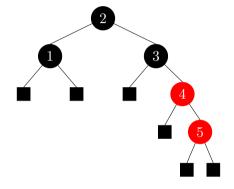
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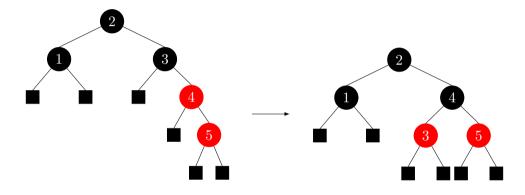




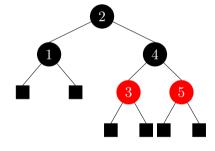
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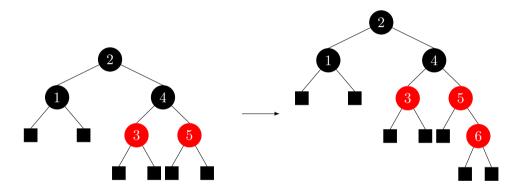


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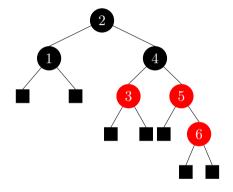


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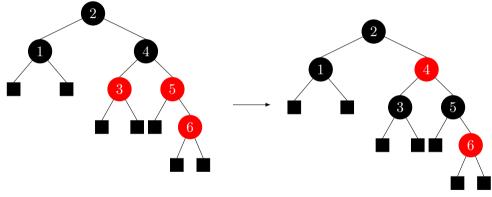




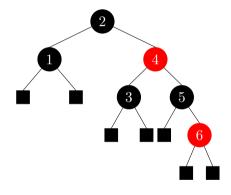
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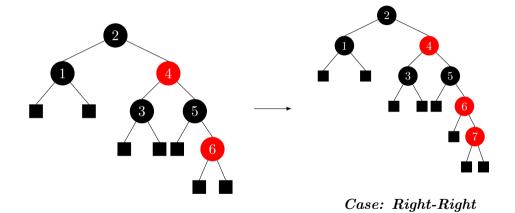


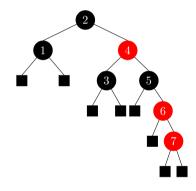
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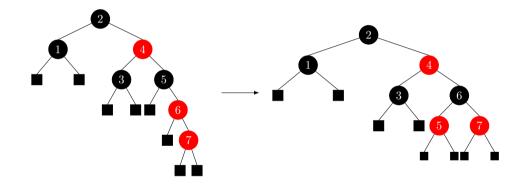


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End

Thank you!

Appendix

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