



# CS 660: Combinatorial Algorithms

## Red-Black and B trees

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## Balanced Trees

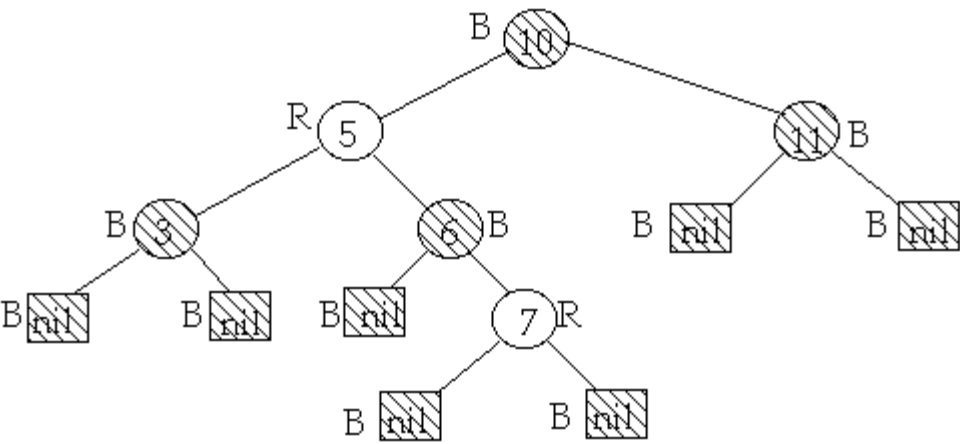
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### Red-Black Trees

A binary search tree is a red-black tree if:

1. Every node is either red or black
2. Every leaf (nil) is black
3. If a node is red, then both its children are black
4. Every simple path from a node to a descendant leaf contains the same number of black nodes

Black-height of a node  $x$ ,  $bh(x)$ , is the number of black nodes on any path from  $x$  to a leaf, not counting  $x$



Lemma

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

proof

Show that subtree starting at  $x$  contains at least  $2^{bh(x)}-1$  internal nodes. By induction on height of  $x$ :

if  $x$  is a leaf then  $bh(x) = 0$ ,  $2^{bh(x)}-1$

Assume  $x$  has height  $h$ ,  $x$ 's children have height  $h-1$

$x$ 's children black-height is either  $bh(x)$  or  $bh(x)-1$

By induction  $x$ 's children subtree has  $2^{bh(x)-1}-1$  internal nodes

So subtree starting at  $x$  contains

$$2^{bh(x)-1}-1 + 2^{bh(x)-1}-1 + 1 = 2^{bh(x)}-1 \text{ internal nodes}$$

let  $h$  = height of the tree rooted at  $x$

$bh(x) \geq h/2$

So  $n \geq 2^{h/2}-1 \iff n+1 \geq 2^{h/2} \iff \lg(n+1) \geq h/2$

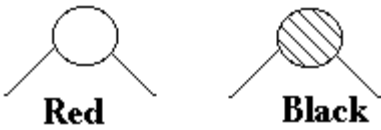
$h \leq 2\lg(n+1)$

Inserting in Red-Black Tree

Color the node Red

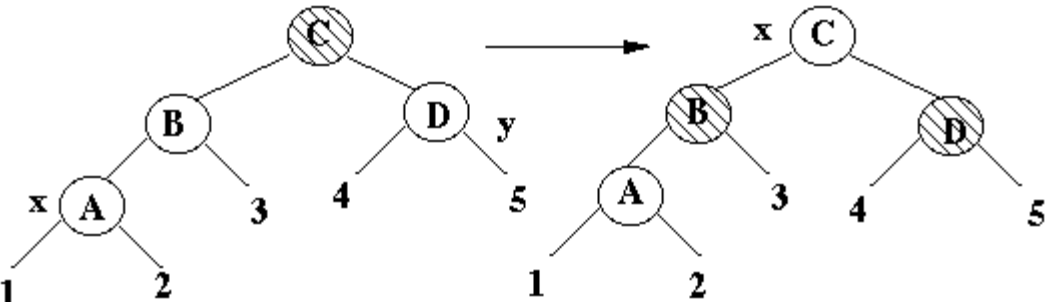
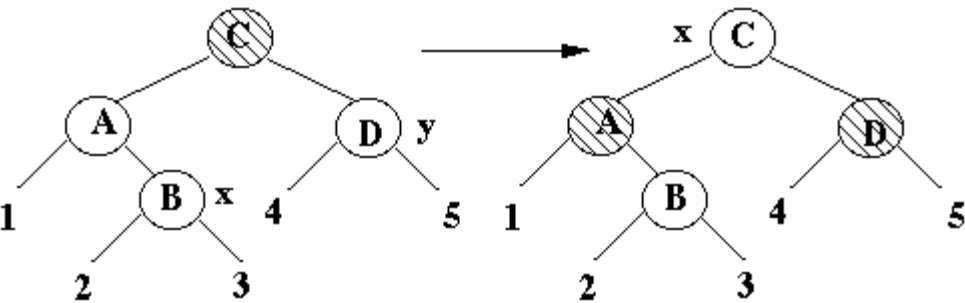
Insert as in a regular BST

If have parent is red



Case 1

$x$  is node of interest,  $x$ 's uncle is Red

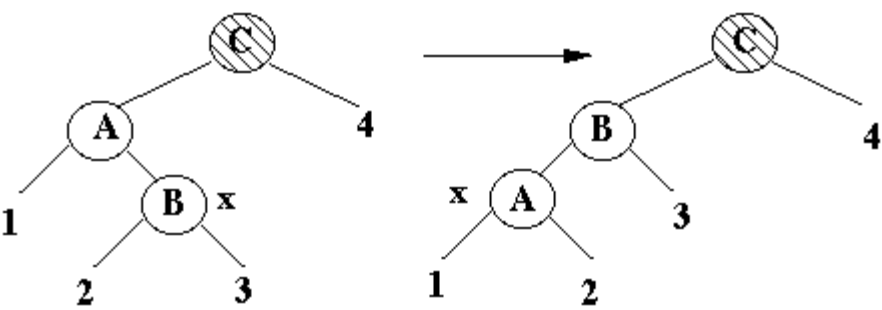


Decrease  $x$ 's black height by

one

Case 2

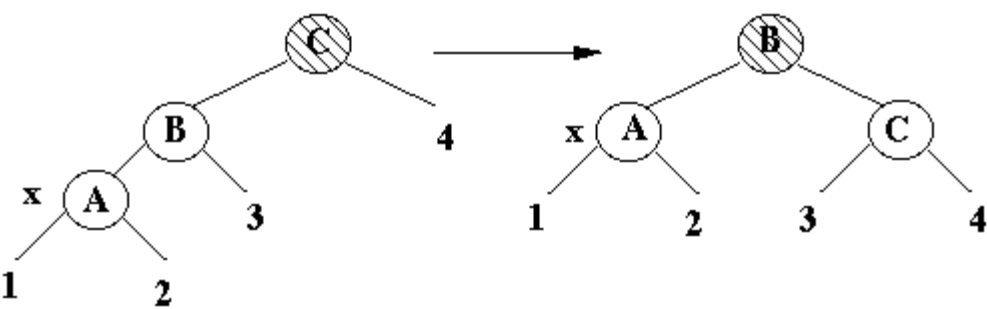
x's uncle is Black, x is a Right child



Transform to case 3

Case 3

x's uncle is Black, x is a Left child



Terminal case, tree is Red-Black tree

Insertion takes  $O(\lg(n))$  time

Requires at most two rotations

Deleting in a Red-Black Tree

Find node to delete

Delete node as in a regular BST

Node to be deleted will have at most one child

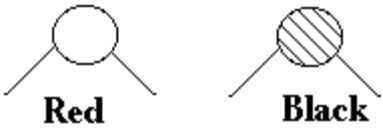
If we delete a Red node tree still is a Red-Black tree

Assume we delete a black node

Let x be the child of deleted node

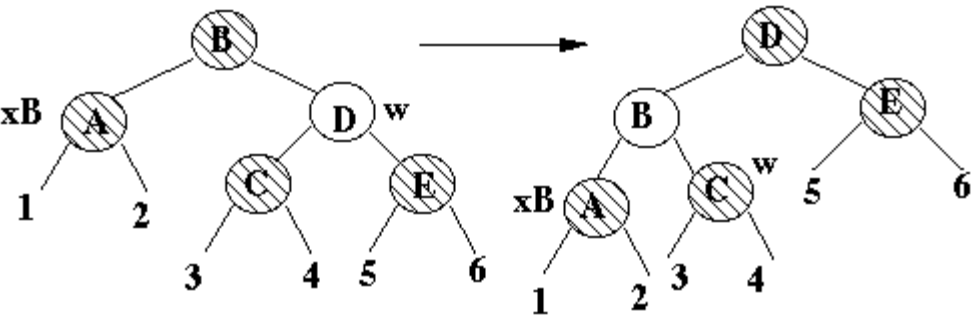
If x is red, color it black and stop

If x is black mark it double black and apply the following:



Case 1

x's sibling is red



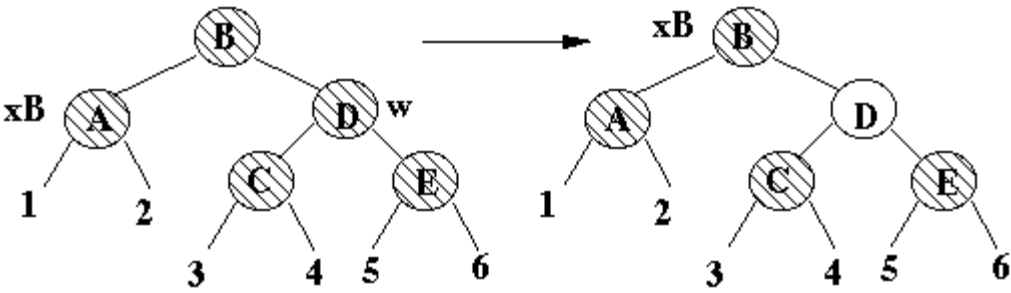
x stays at same black height

Transforms to case 2b then terminates

Case 2a

x's sibling is black

x's parent is black

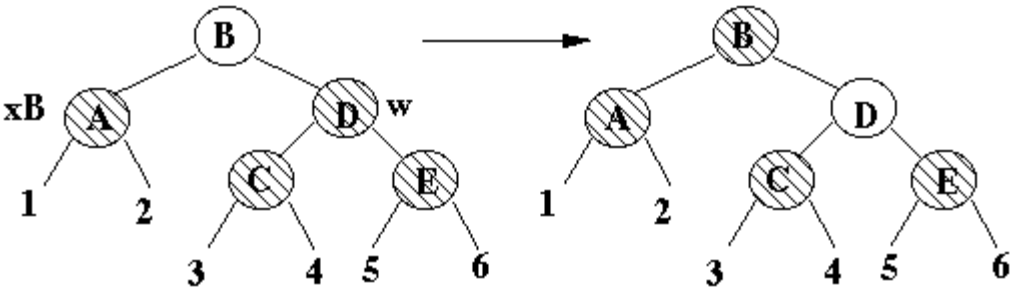


Decreases x black height by one

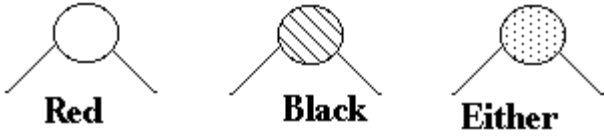
Case 2b

x's sibling is black

x's parent is red



Terminal case, tree is Red-Black tree



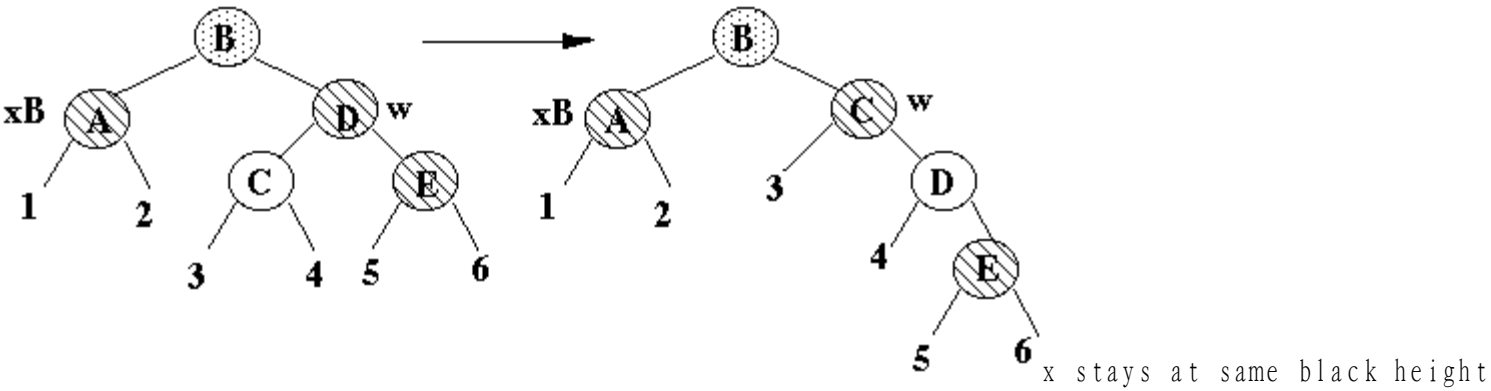
Case 3

x's sibling is black

x's parent is either

x's sibling's left child is red

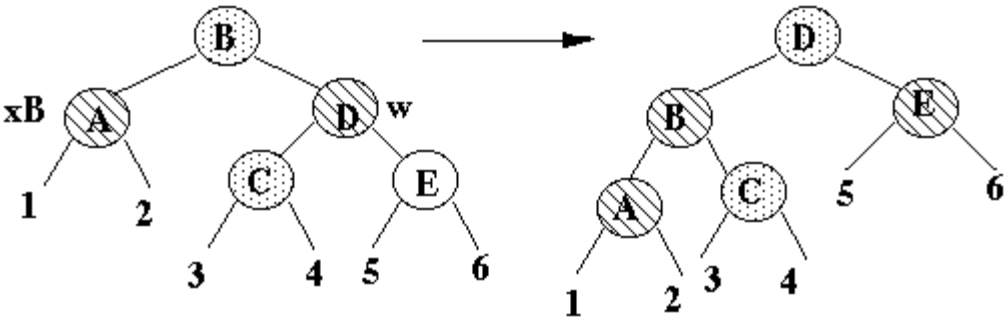
x's sibling's right child is black



Transforms to case 4

Case 4

- x's sibling is black
- x's parent is either
- x's sibling's left child is either
- x's sibling's right child is red



Terminal case, tree is Red-Black tree

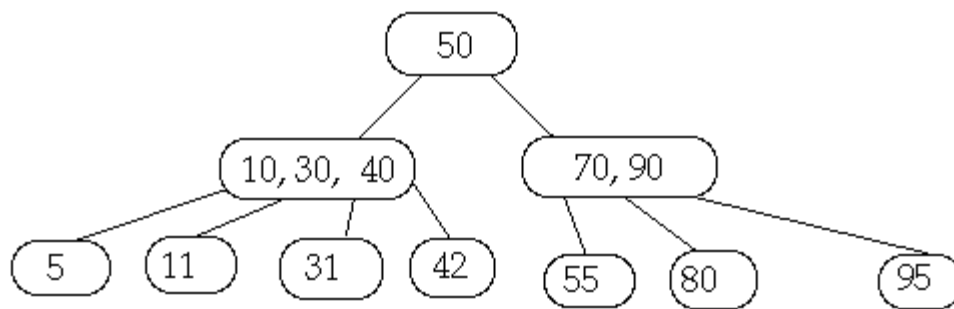
- Delete time is  $O(\lg(n))$
- At most three rotations are done

# $(a, b)$ -Trees

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers with  $a \geq 2$  and  $2a-1 \leq b$ . A tree  $T$  is an  $(a, b)$ -tree if

- a) All leaves of  $T$  have the same depth
- b) All internal nodes  $v$  of  $T$  satisfy  $c(v) \leq b$
- c) All internal nodes  $v$  of  $T$  except the root satisfy  $c(v) \geq a$
- d) The root of  $T$  satisfies  $c(v) \geq 2$

$c(v)$  = number of children of node  $v$




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## B-Trees of degree $t$

A tree  $T$  is a B-Trees of degree  $t$  if

- a) All leaves of  $T$  have the same depth
- b) All nodes of  $T$  except the root have at least  $t-1$  keys

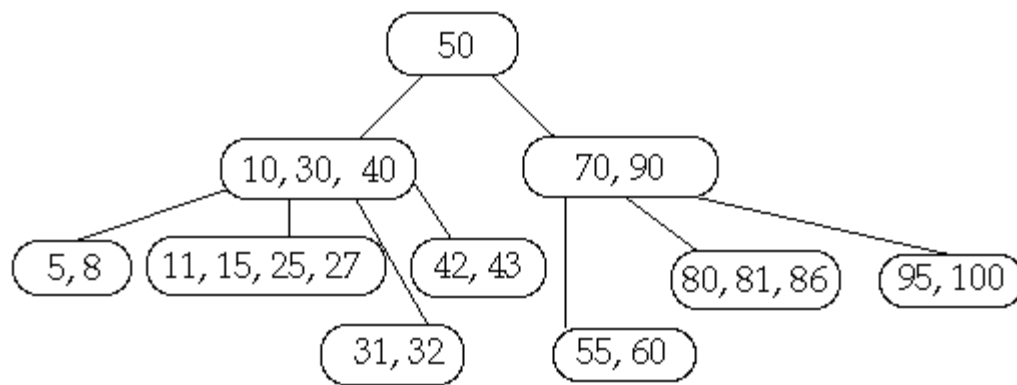


c) All nodes of  $T$  except the root have at most  $2t-1$  keys

d) The root of  $T$  at least one key

e) A node with  $n$  keys has  $n+1$  children

$c(v)$  = number of children of node  $v$



Theorem. If  $n \geq 1$ , then for any  $n$ -key B-tree  $T$  of height  $h$  and degree  $t \geq 2$  then

$$\log_{2t} \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right) \leq h \leq \log_t \left( \frac{n+1}{2} \right)$$

proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 n &\geq 1 + (t-1) \sum_{k=1}^h 2^{k-1} \\
 &= 1 + 2(t-1) \left( \frac{t^h - 1}{t-1} \right) \\
 &= 2t^h - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\frac{n+1}{2} \geq t^h$$

take log of both sides.

Theorem. The worst case search time on a  $n$ -key B-tree  $T$  of degree  $t$  is  $O(\lg(n))$ .

A node in  $T$  has  $t-1 \leq K \leq 2t-1$  keys in sorted order.

Worst case:

$K = t-1$  for all nodes

searching for  $X$  not in the tree

Given a node,  $W$ , in  $T$ , how much work does it take to find the subtree of  $W$  that would contain  $X$ ?

Using binary search it takes

$\lceil \log_2(K) \rceil + 1 = \lceil \log_2(K+1) \rceil = \lceil \log_2(t) \rceil$  comparisons

Since the height of the tree is in worst case  $\log_t\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)$  the total amount of work is:

$$\begin{aligned} \lceil \log_2(t) \rceil * \log_t\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) &\approx \log_2(t) * \log_t\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \\ &= \log_2\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \\ &= \log_2(n+1) - \log_2(2) \\ &= \log_2(n+1) - 1 \\ &= O(\log(n)) \end{aligned}$$

## Insertion in a B-Tree

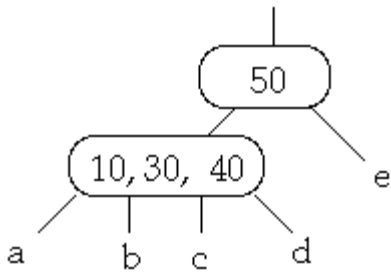
Inserting  $X$  into B-tree  $T$  of degree  $t$

A full node is one that contains  $2t-1$  keys

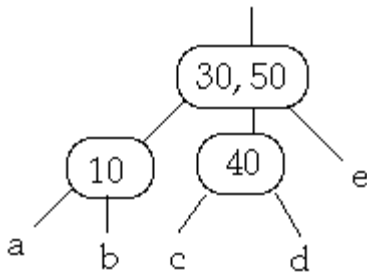
1. Find the leaf that should contain  $X$
2. If the path from the root to the leaf contains a full node split the node when you first

search it.

Example  $t = 2$ , Insert 25

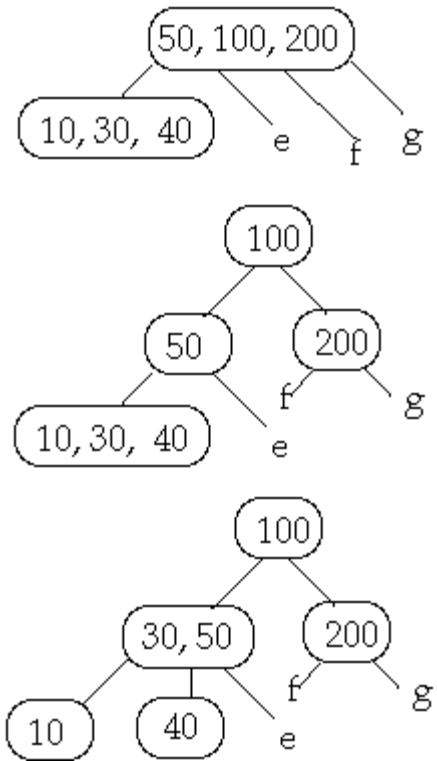


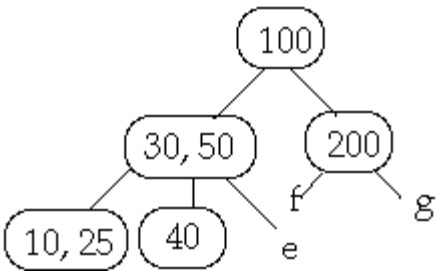
Full Node is split, Then insert 25 into subtree b



3. Insert X into the proper leaf

Example  $t = 2$ , Insert 25





Deletion in a B-Tree

Deleting X from B-tree T of degree t

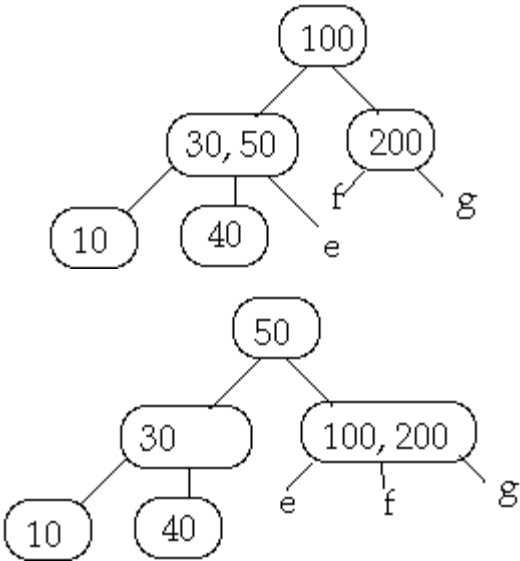
A minimal node is one that contains t-1 keys and is not the root

In the search path from the root to node containing X, if you come across a minimal node add a key to it.

Case 3. Searching node W that does not contain X. Let c be the child of W that would contain X.

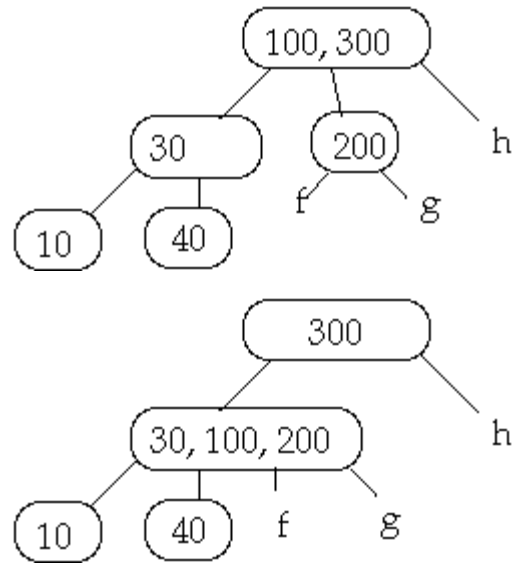
Case 3a. if c has t-1 keys and a sibling has t or more keys, steal a key from the sibling

Example t = 2, Delete 250

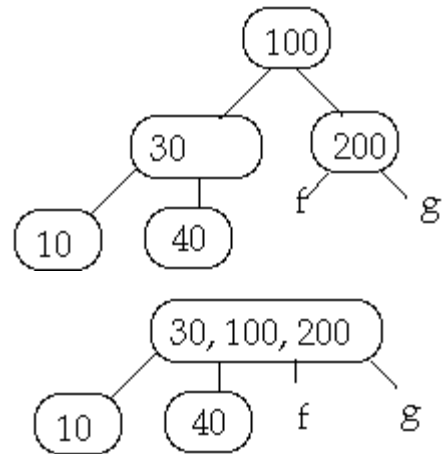


Case 3b. if  $c$  has  $t-1$  keys and all siblings have  $t-1$  keys, merge  $c$  with a sibling

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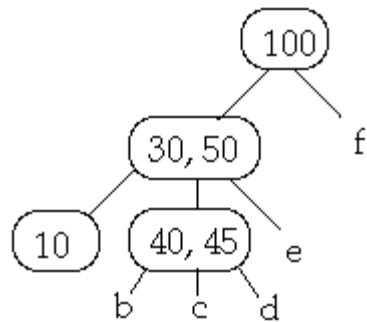
Example 2.  $t = 2$ , Delete 250



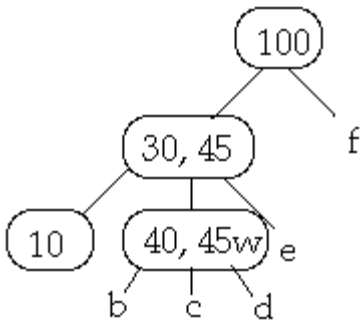
Case 2. Internal node  $W$  contains  $X$ .

Case 2a. If the child  $y$  of  $W$  that precedes  $X$  in  $W$  has at least  $t$  keys, steal predecessor of  $W$

Example 1.  $t = 2$ , Delete 50

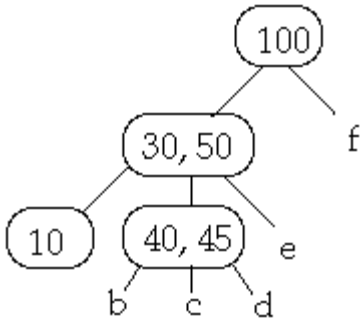


Now Delete 45w

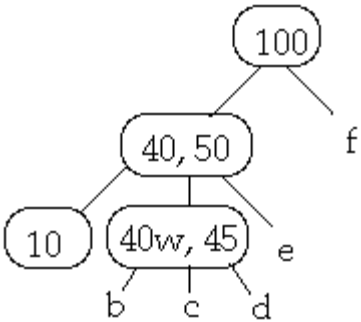


Case 2b. If the child z of W that succeed X in W has at least t keys, steal the successor of W

Example 1. t = 2, Delete 30

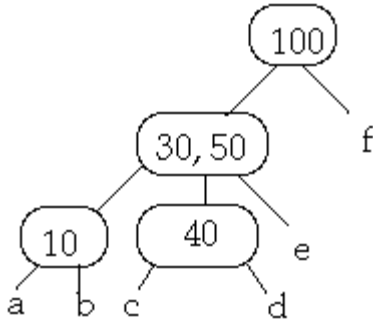


Now Delete 40w

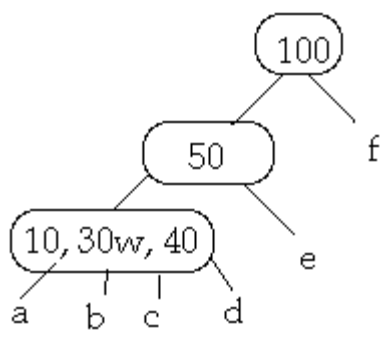


Case 2c. If both children z and y of W that succeed (follow) X in W have only t-1 keys, merge z and y

Example t = 2, Delete 30



Now Delete 30w one lower level



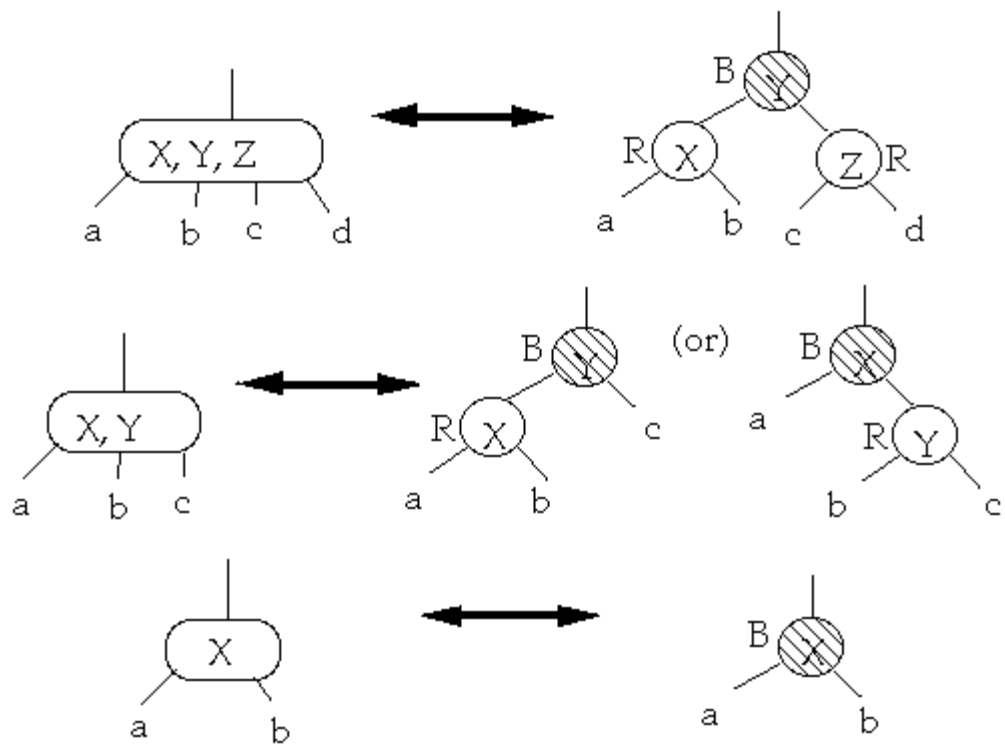
Case 1. X is in node W a leaf. By case 3, W has at least t keys. Remove X from W

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B-Trees and Red-Black Trees

Theorem. A Red-Black tree is a B-Tree with degree 2

proof:



Must show:

- 1. If a node is red, then both its children are black

2. Every simple path from a node to a descendant leaf contains the same number of black nodes