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A red-black tree is a BST with following properties:

Red-Black Tree Properties (Definition of RB Trees)

- 1. Every node is either red or black.
- 2. The root is black.
- 3. Every leaf is NIL and black.
- 4. Both children of each red node are black.
- 5. All root-to-leaf paths contain the same number of black nodes.

More Properties

- 1. No root-to-leaf path contains two consecutive red nodes.
- 2. For each node x, all paths from x to descendant leaves contain the same number of black nodes. This number, not counting x, is the black height of x, denoted bh(x).
- 3. No root-to-leaf path is more than twice as long as any other.

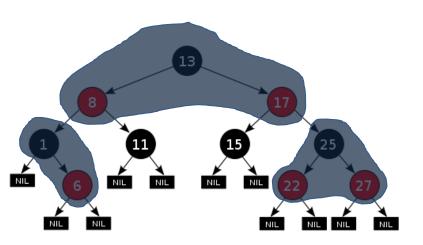
Theorem. A red-black tree with n internal nodes has height $\leq 2 \log(n+1)$.

Proof of Theorem

- Consider a red black tree with height *h*.
- Collapse all red nodes into their (black) parent nodes to get a tree with all black nodes.
- Each internal node has 2 to 4 children.
- The height of the collapsed tree is $h' \ge h/2$, and all external nodes are at the same level.
- Number of internal nodes in collapsed tree is $n \ge 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{h'-1} = 2^{h'} 1 \ge 2^{h/2} 1.$
- So, $h \le 2\log_2(n+1)$.

Insert a node z

- Insert z as in a regular BST; color it red.
- If any violation to RB properties, fix it.
- Possible violations:
 - The root is red. (Case 0)To fix up, make it black.
 - Both z and z's parent are red.
 To fix up, consider three cases. (Actually, six cases: I, II, III, I', III')

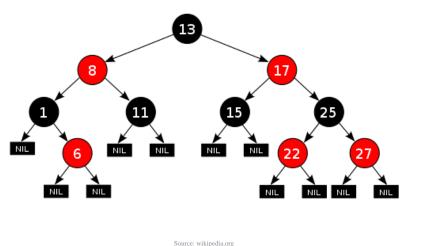


Insert Fixup: Case I

The parent and "uncle" of z are both red:

- Color the parent and uncle of z black;
- Color the grandparent of z red;
- Repeat on the grandparent of z.

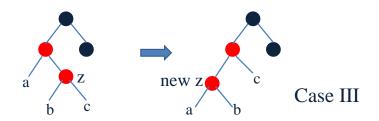




Insert Fixup: Case II

The parent of z is red, the uncle of z is black, z's parent is a left child, z is a right child:

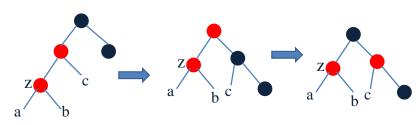
- Left Rotate on z's parent;
- Make z's left child the new z; it becomes Case III.



Insert Fixup: Case III

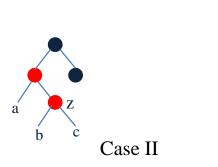
The parent of z is Red and the "uncle" is Black, z is a left child, and its parent is a left child:

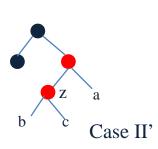
- Right Rotate on the grandparent of z.
- Switch colors of z's parent and z's sibling.
- Done!



Case II'

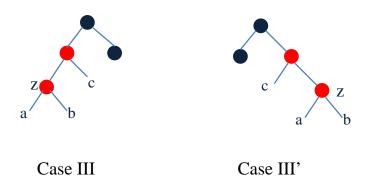
Symmetric to Case II





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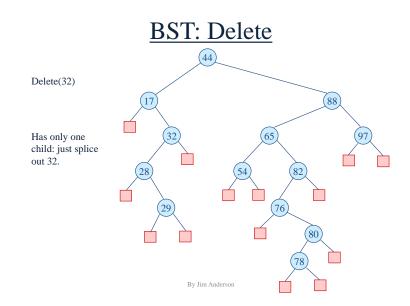
Demonstration

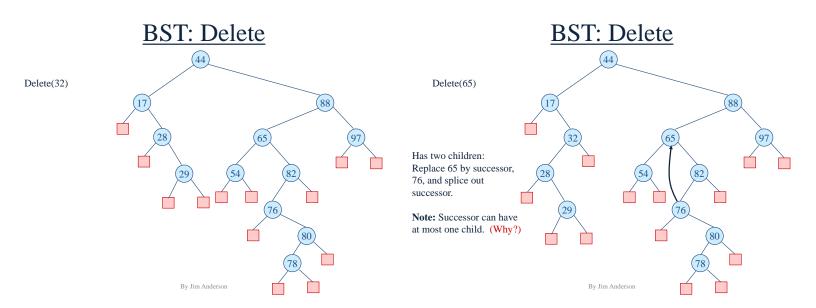
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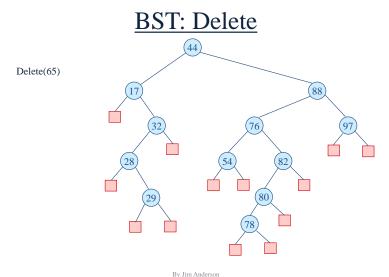
BST Deletion Revisited

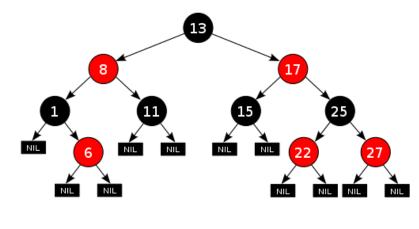
Delete z

- If z has no children, we just remove it.
- If z has only one child, we splice out z.
- If z has two children, we splice out its successor y, and then replace z's key and satellite data with y's key and satellite data.
- Which physical node is deleted from the tree?







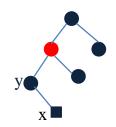


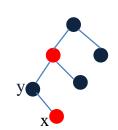
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Delete z

- Delete z as in a regular BST.
- If z had two (non-nil) children, when copying y's key and satellite data to z, do not copy the color, (i.e., keep z's color).
- Let y be the node being removed or spliced out.
 (Note: either y = z or y = successor(z).)
- If y is red, no violation to the red-black properties.
- If y is black, then one or more violations may arise and we need to restore the red-black properties.

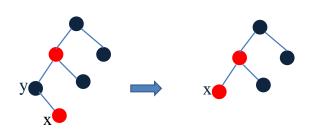
- Let x denote the child of y before it was spliced out.
- x is either nil (leaf) or was the only non-nil child of y.

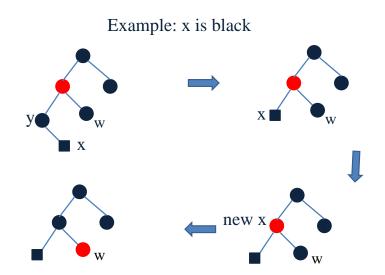




Restoring RB Properties

- Easy: If x is red, just change it to black.
- More involved: If x is black.





Restoring RB Properties

- Assume: x is black and is a left child.
- The case where x is black and a right child is similar (symmetric).
- Four cases:
 - 1. x' sibling w is red.
 - 2. x's sibling w is black; both children of w are black.
 - 3. x's sibling w is black; left child of w is red, right child black.
 - 4. x's sibling w is black; right child of w is red.

- Regard the pointer x itself as black.
- Counting x, the tree satisfies RB properties.

Main idea

- Transform the tree and move x up until:
 - x points to a red node, or
 - -x is the root, or
 - RB properties are restored.
- At any time, maintain RB properties, with x counted as black.

x is a black left child: Case 1

- x' sibling w is red.
- Left rotate on B; change colors of B and D.
- Transform to Case 2, 3, or 4 (where w is black).



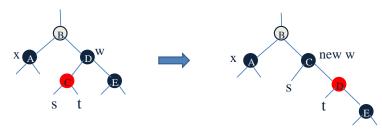
x is a black left child: Case 2

- x's sibling w is black; both children of w are black.
- Move x up, and change w's color to red.
- If new x is red, change it to black; else, repeat.



x is a black left child: Case 3

- x's sibling w is black; w's left child is red, right child black.
- Right rotate on w (D); switch colors of C and D.
- C becomes the new w.
- Transform to Case 4.



X is a black left child: Case 4

- x's sibling w is black; w's right child is red.
- Left rotate on B; switch colors of B and D; change E to black.
- Done!

