


CS 10:  
Problem solving via Object Oriented  
Programming  
Winter 2017

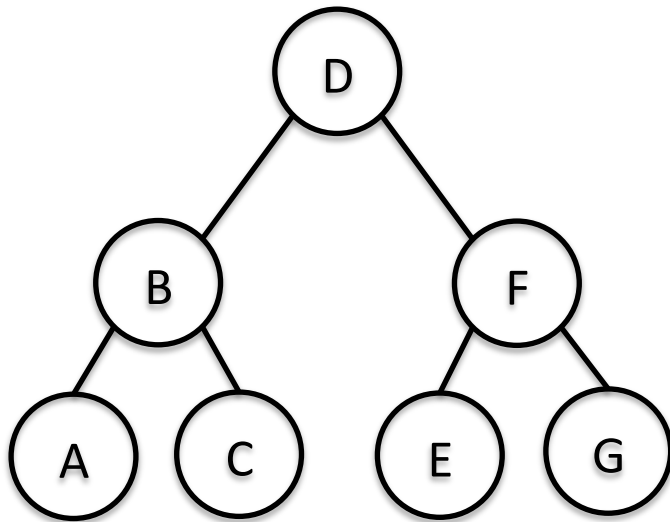
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Balance

# Agenda

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1. Balanced Binary Trees
  2. 2-3-4 Trees
  3. Red-Black Trees
  4. Deletion in 2-3-4 and Red-Black trees

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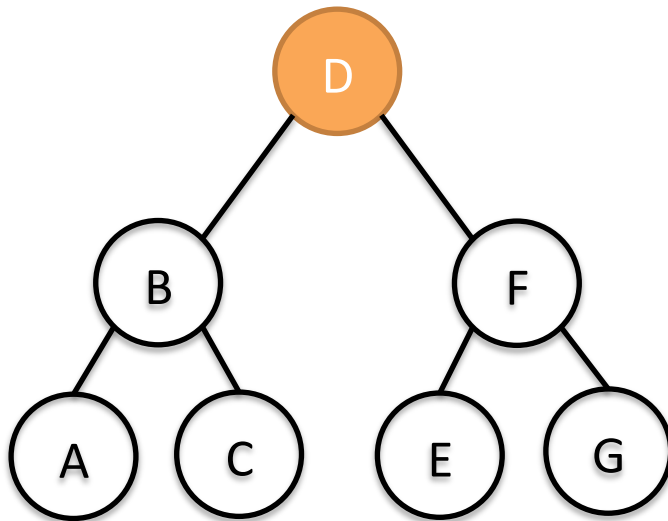


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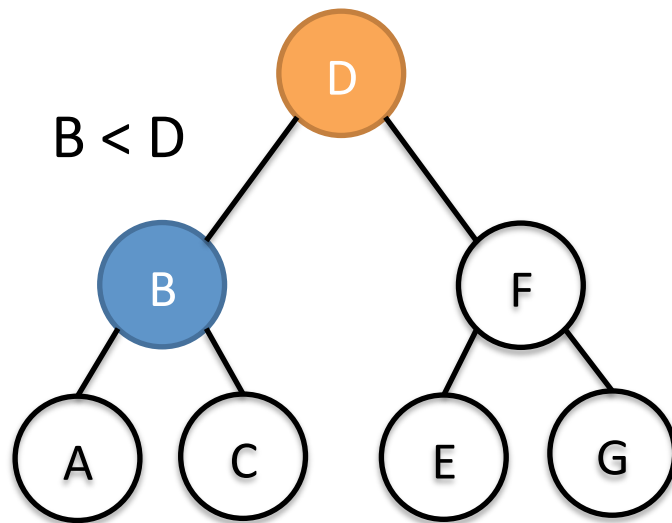


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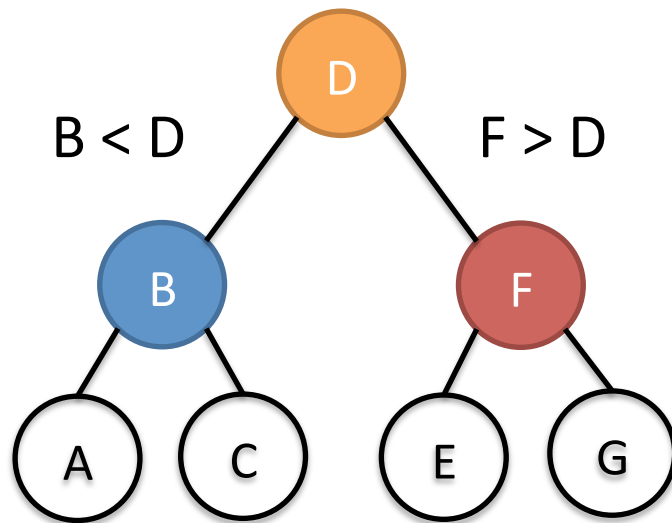


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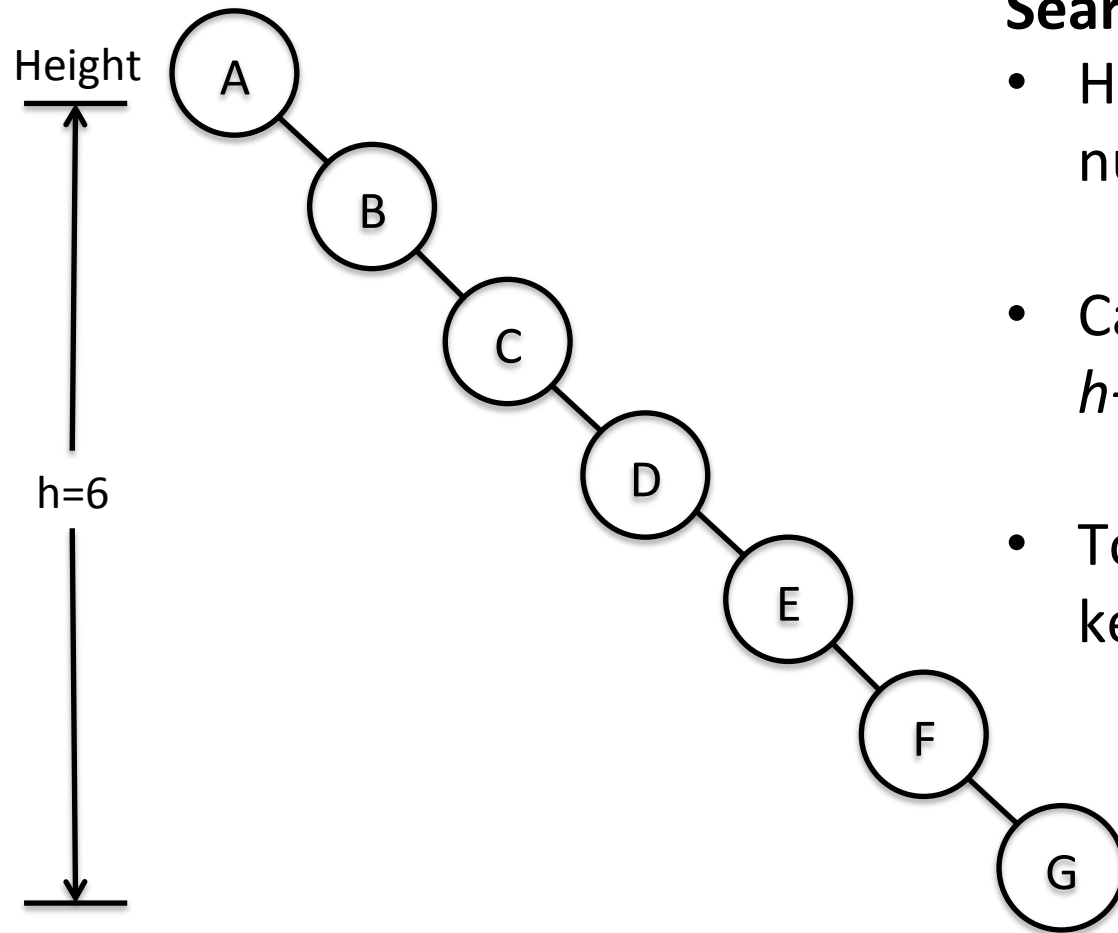
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# BSTs do not have to be balanced! Can not make tight bound assumptions

## Find Key "G"

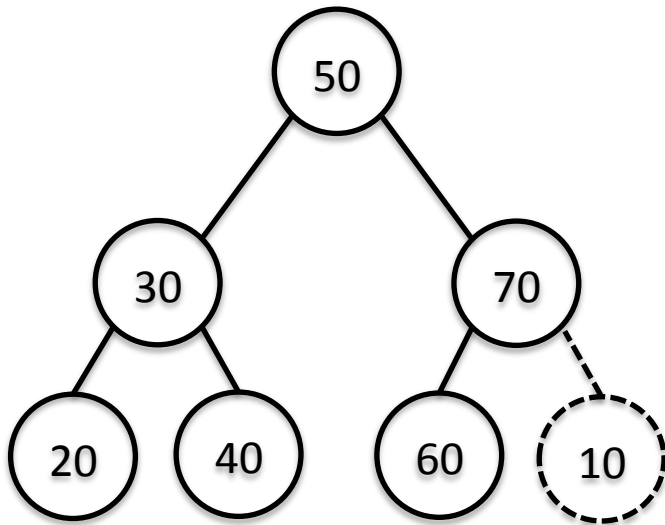


## Search process

- Height  $h = 6$  (count number of edges to leaf)
- Can take no more than  $h+1$  checks,  $O(h)$
- Today we will see how to keep trees balanced

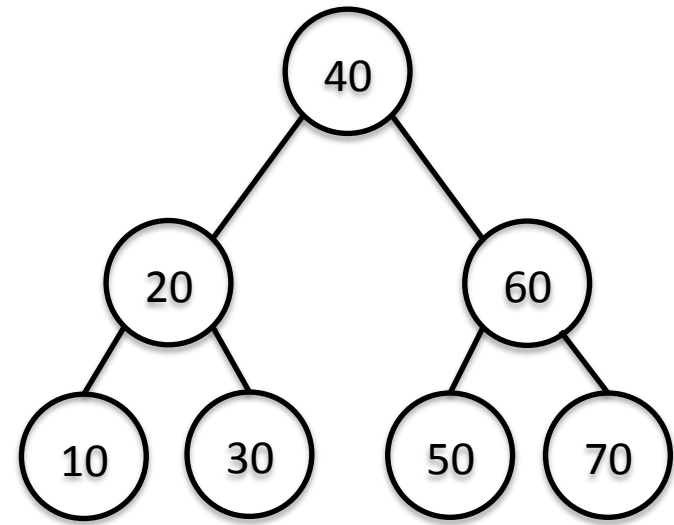
# Could try to “fix up” tree to keep balance as nodes are added/removed

**Keeping balance is tricky**



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“Fix up”



All nodes changed position  
 $O(n)$  possible on many updates!  
Need another way



# We consider two other options to keep “binary” trees “balanced”

1. Give up on “binary” – allow nodes to have multiple keys (2-3-4 trees)
2. Give up on “perfect” – keep tree “close” to perfectly balanced (Red-Black trees)

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2. 2-3-4 Trees

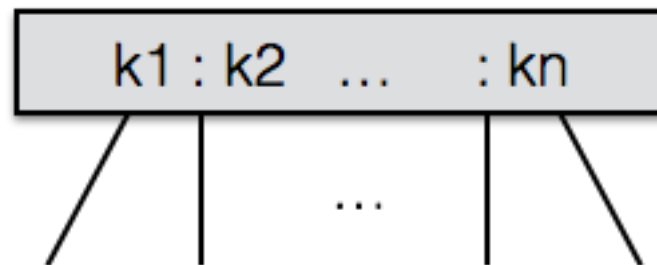
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# 2-3-4 trees (aka 2,4 trees) give up on binary but keep tree balanced

## Intuition:

- Allow multiple keys to be stored at each node
- A node will have one more child than it has keys:
  - leftmost child — all keys less than the first key
  - next child — all keys between the first and second keys
  - ... etc ...
  - last child — all keys greater than the last key
- We will work with nodes that have 2, 3, or 4 children (nodes are named after number of children, not keys)



# 2-3-4 trees maintain two properties: size and depth

## Size property

Each node has either 2, 3, or 4 children (1, 2, or 3 keys per node)

Each node type named after number of children, not keys

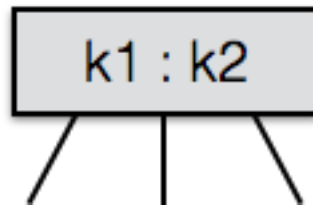
## Depth property

All leaves of the tree (either external nodes or null pointers) are on the same level

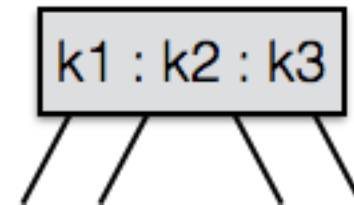
### Node types



2 node



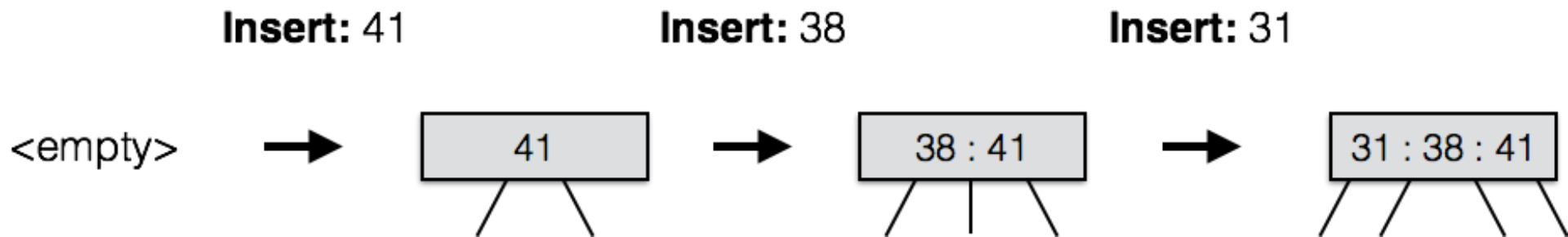
3 node



4 node

# Insert into the lowest node, but do not violate the size property

## Inserting into 2 or 3 node

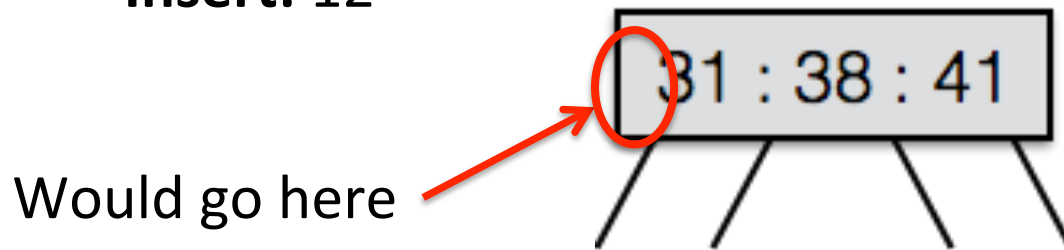


- Keep keys ordered inside each node
- Can insert key in *node* in  $O(1)$
- Can keep node ordered in  $O(1)$  time because there at most 3 keys in each node

# If insert would violate size rule, split 4 node into two 2 nodes, then insert new object

## Inserting into 4 node

**Insert: 12**

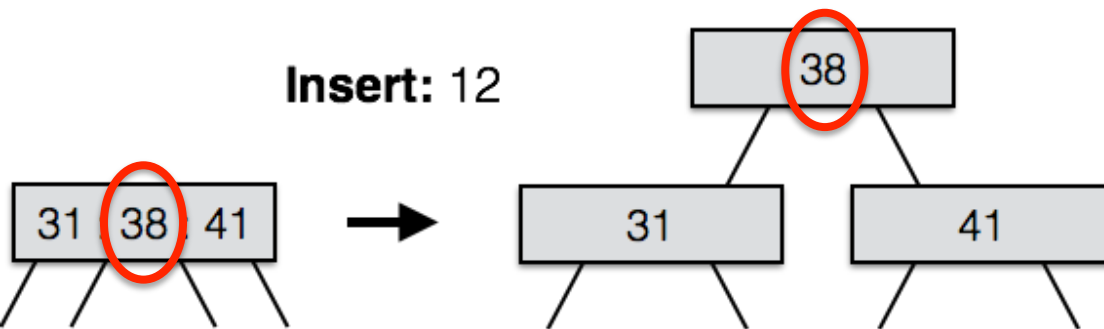


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## Step 2: insert

Insert 12 into appropriate node at lowest level



# Continue inserting until need to split nodes

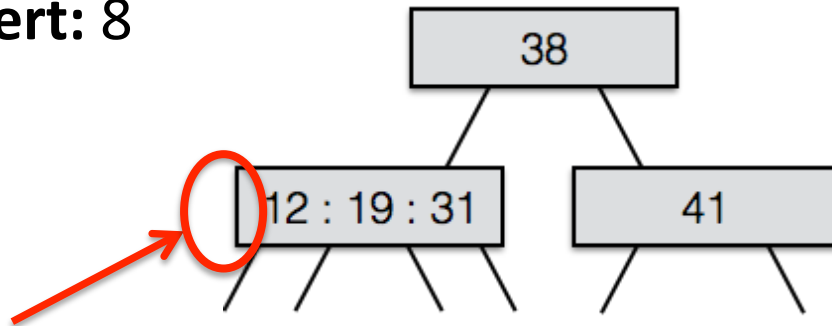
## Insert process



# Promote middle key to higher level and insert new key into proper position

## Insert process

Insert: 8

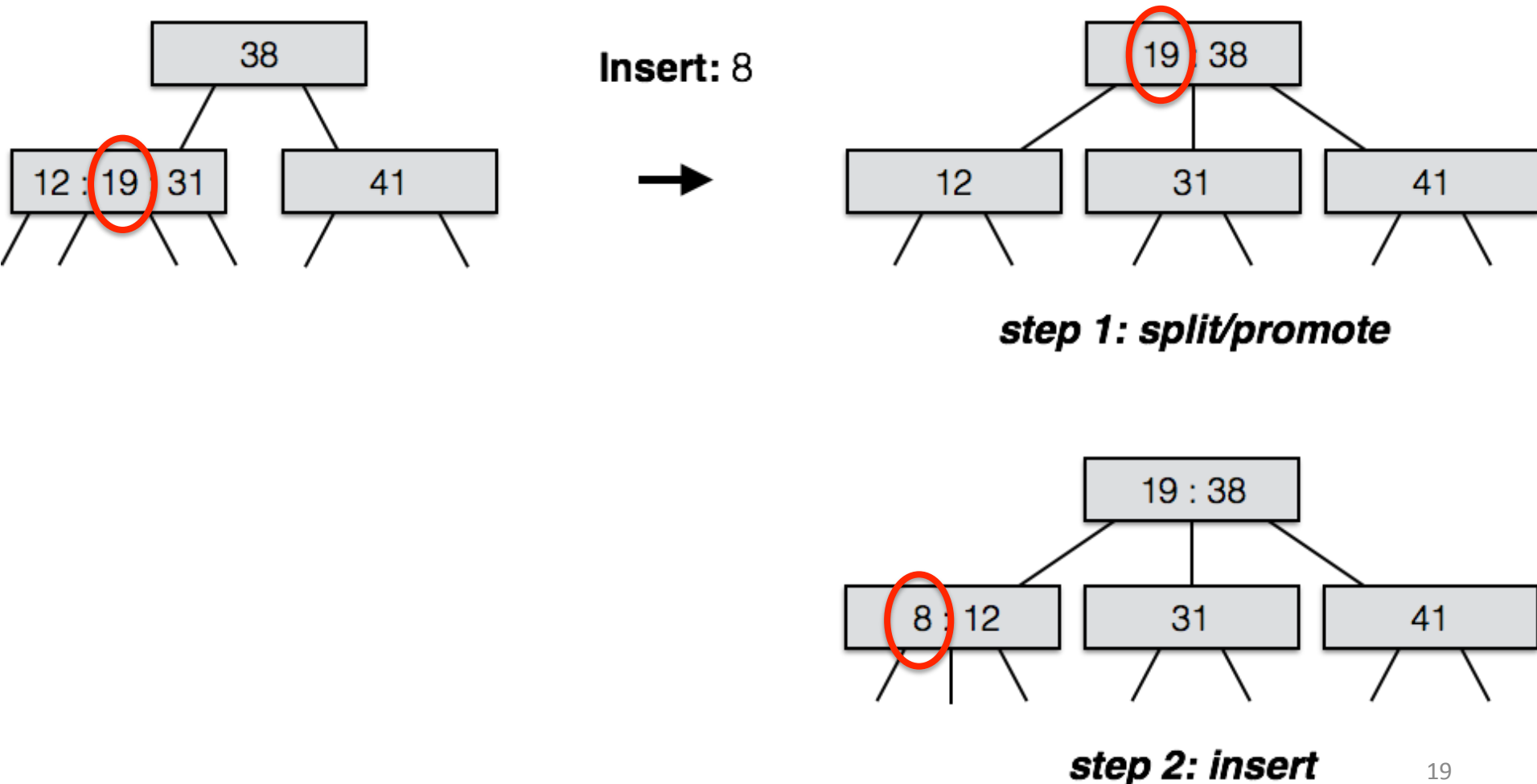


Would go here

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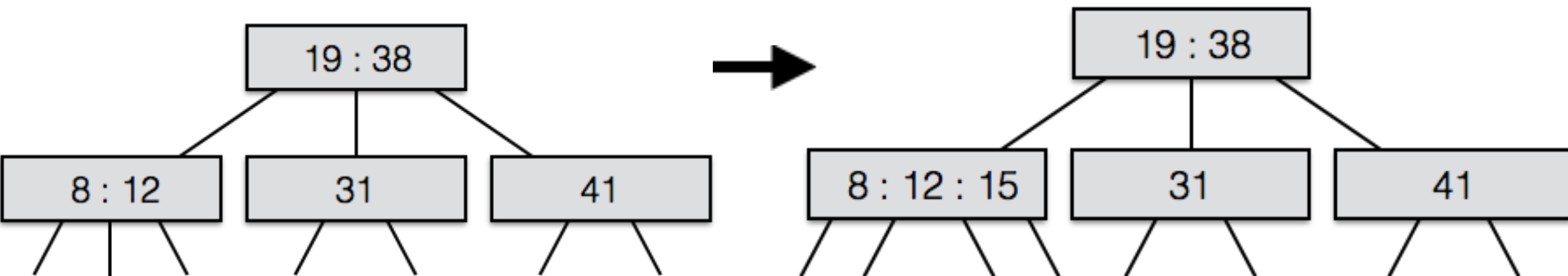
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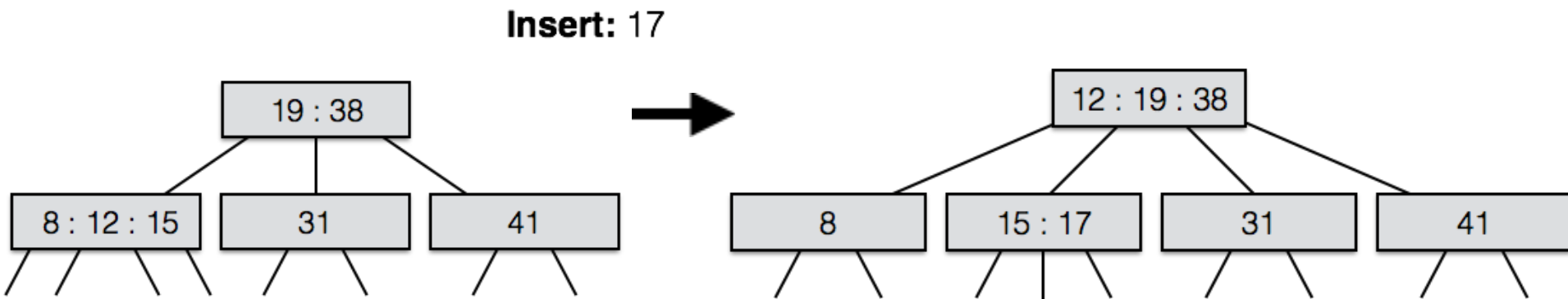
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**Insert: 15**



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## Insert process



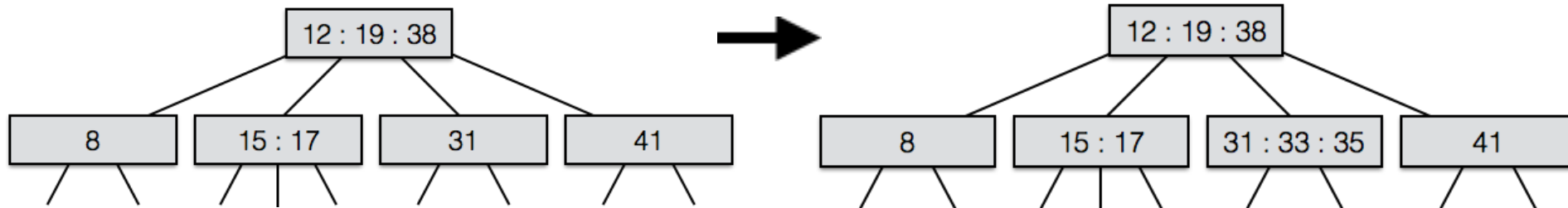
Step 1: Split and promote 12

Step 2: Insert 17

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## Insert process

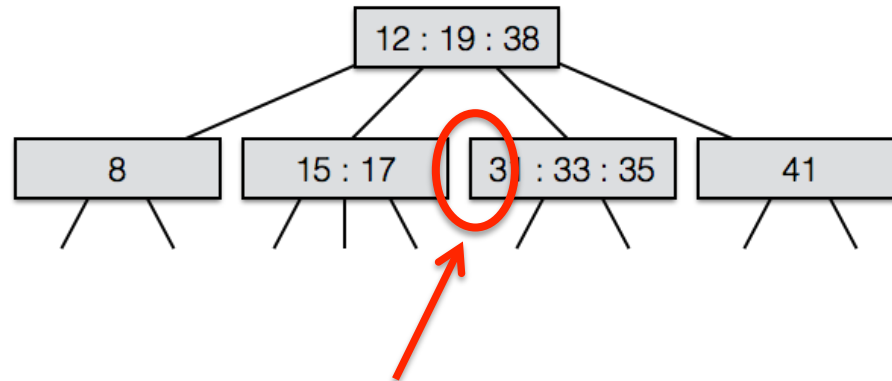
**Insert:** 33 and 35



# Might have to split multiple nodes to ensure parent size property is not violated

## Insert process

Insert: 20



Would go here

Insert would cause size violation for this node

Promoting would cause parent size violation

Split parent first, then split child, then insert

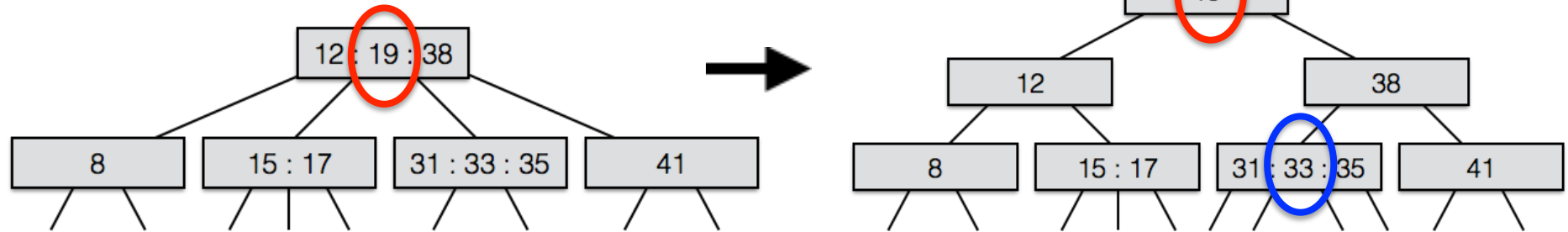
Could bubble up all the way to the root

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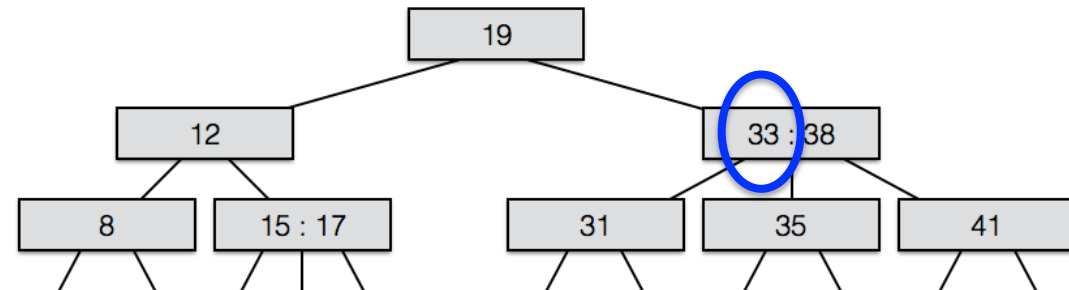
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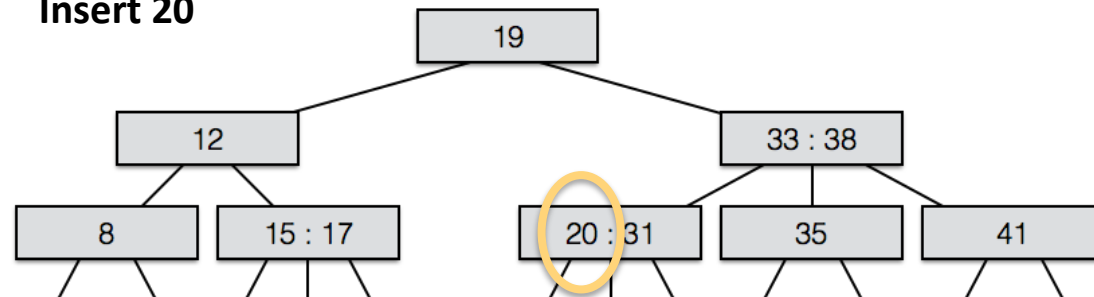
First split parent



Second split



Insert 20






# 2-3-4 work, but are tricky to implement

- Need three different types of nodes
- Create new ones as you need them
- Can waste space if nodes have few keys
- Copy information from old node to new node
- Book has more info on insertion and deletion
- There are generally easier ways to implement as a binary tree

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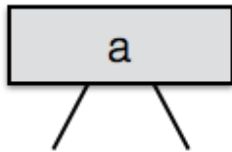
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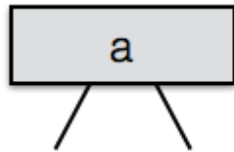


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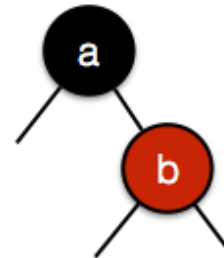
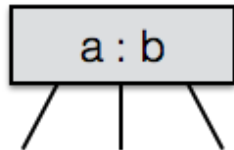
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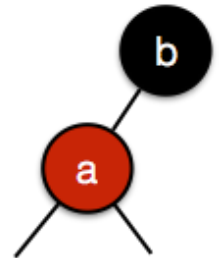
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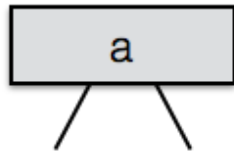


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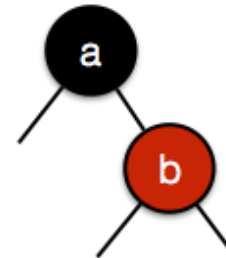
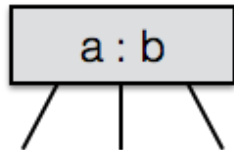
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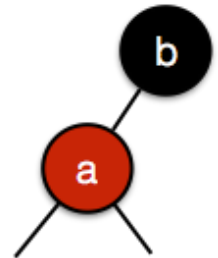
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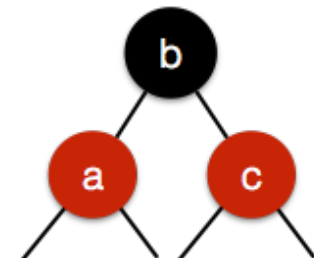
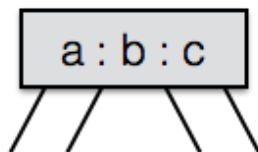
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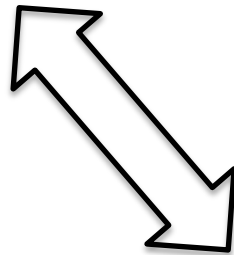
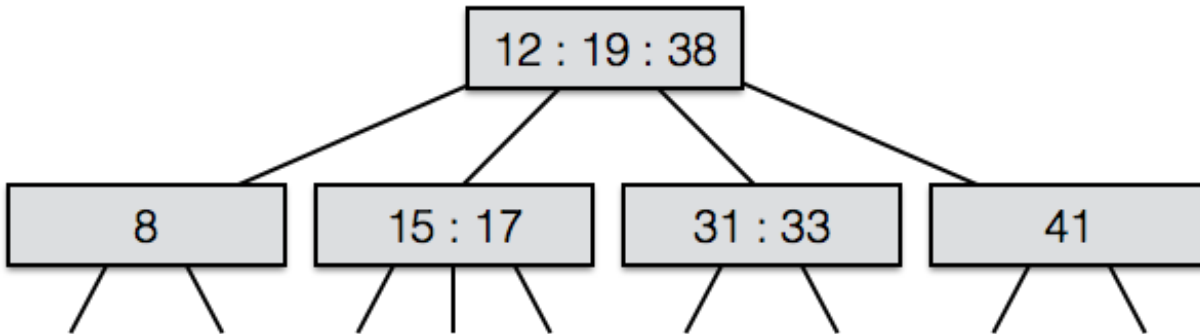


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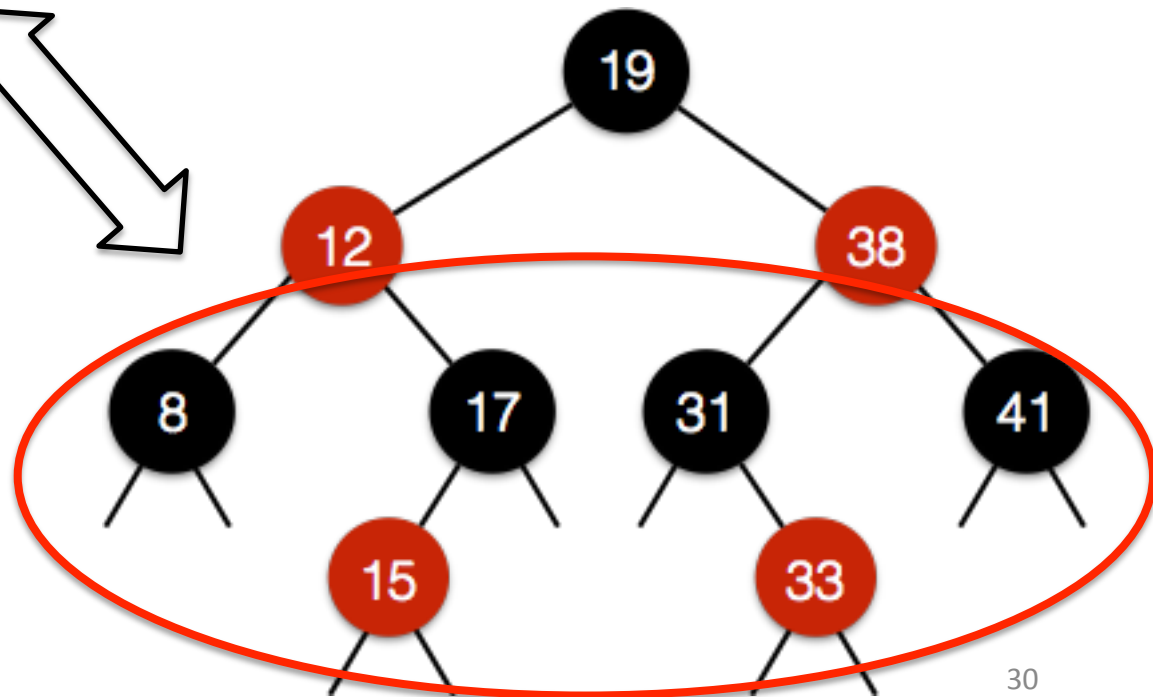


# You can convert between 2-3-4 trees and Red-Black trees and vice versa

## Red-Black as related to 2-3-4 trees



NOTE: not all external nodes are on the exact same level in Red-Black tree, but they are close!

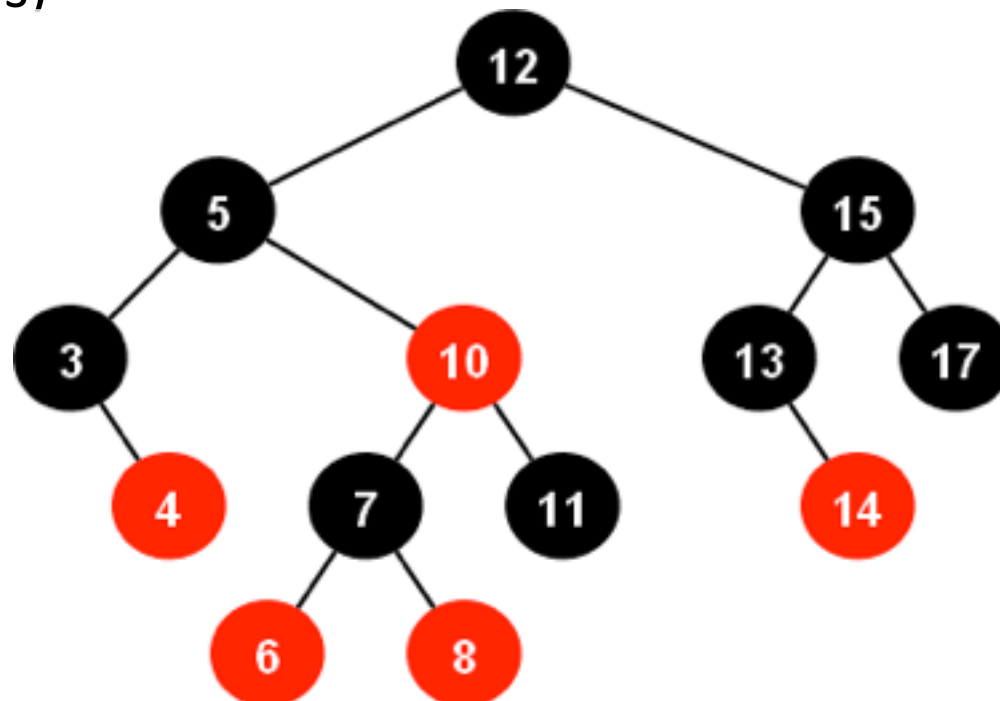


# You can also think of Red-Black trees as structure maintaining four properties

## Red-Black trees properties

1. Every nodes is either red or black
2. Root is always black, if operation changes it red, turn it black again
3. Children of a red node are black (no consecutive red nodes)
4. All external nodes have the same black depth (same number of black ancestors)

Black depth: 3



# Red-Black properties ensure depth of tree is $O(\log n)$ , given $n$ nodes in tree

## Informal justification

- Since every path from the root to a leaf has the same number of black nodes (by property 4), the shortest possible path would be one which has *no* red nodes in it
- Suppose  $k$  is the number of black nodes along any path from the root to a leaf
- How many red nodes could there be? At most  $k$ . By property 3, anytime you get a red node, your next node must be black. You can only do that  $k$  times before you run out of black nodes. So, the LONGEST possible path is at most 2 times the length of the shortest, or  $h \leq 2k$
- It can be shown that if each path from the root to a leaf has  $k$  black nodes, there must be AT LEAST  $2^k - 1$  nodes in the tree (1 node at root, 2 nodes at level 1, 4 nodes at level 2, etc.)
- Since  $h \leq 2k$ , i.e.  $k \geq h/2$ , there must be at least  $2^{(h/2)} - 1$  nodes in the tree. If there are  $n$  nodes in the tree, that means:
  - $n \geq 2^{(h/2)} - 1$
  - Adding 1 to both sides gives:  $n + 1 \geq 2^{(h/2)}$
  - Taking the log (base 2) of both sides gives:
    - $\log(n+1) \geq h/2 \Rightarrow 2 \log(n+1) \geq h$ , which is  $O(\log n)$

**Thus the time complexity of the 'lookup' operation is  $O(h)$ , which we just argued is  $O(\log n)$  in the worst case**



# Searching a Red-Black is $O(\log n)$

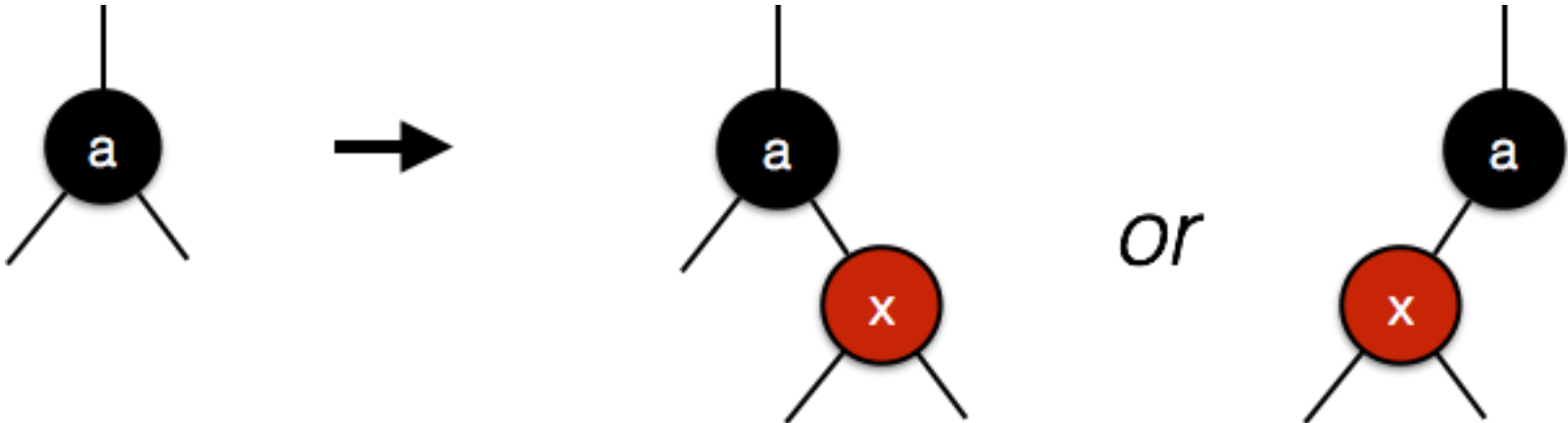
- Red-Black tree is a Binary Search Tree with time proportional to height
- Search time then takes  $O(\log n)$
- Hard part is maintaining the tree with inserts and deletes

# Insertion into Red-Black trees must deal with several cases

- As with BSTs, find location in tree where new element goes and insert there
- Color new node red. This ensures rules 1, 2 and 4 are preserved
- Rule 3 might be violated (red node must have black children)
- Three different cases can arise on insert
- Inserting into a 2 or 4 node fairly straightforward; 3 node is more complex

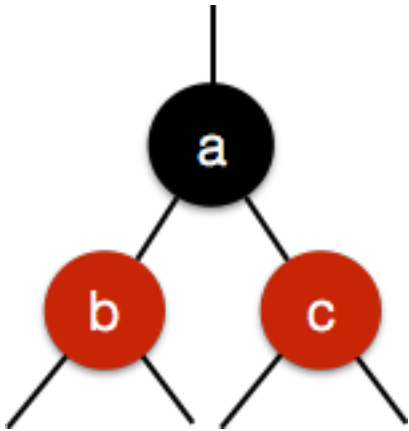
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Insert into 2 node causes no violation



# Case 2: Insert into 4 node is a violation, resolve with “color flip”

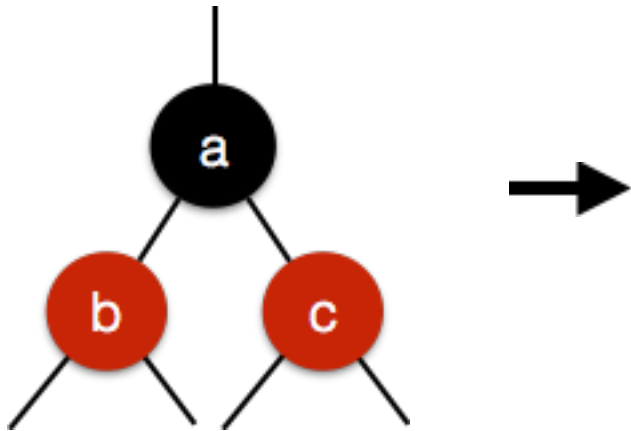
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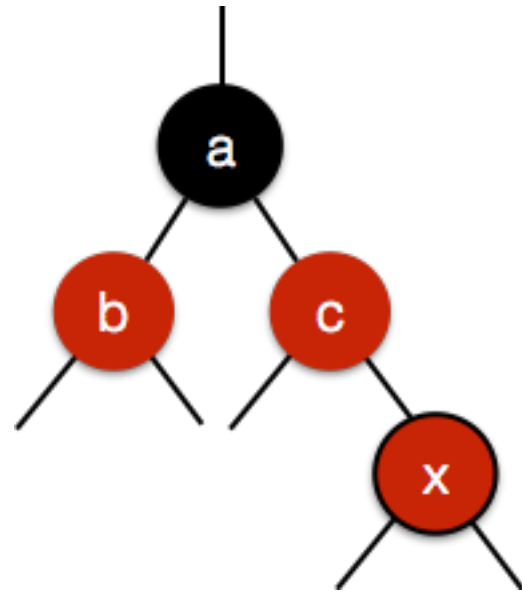
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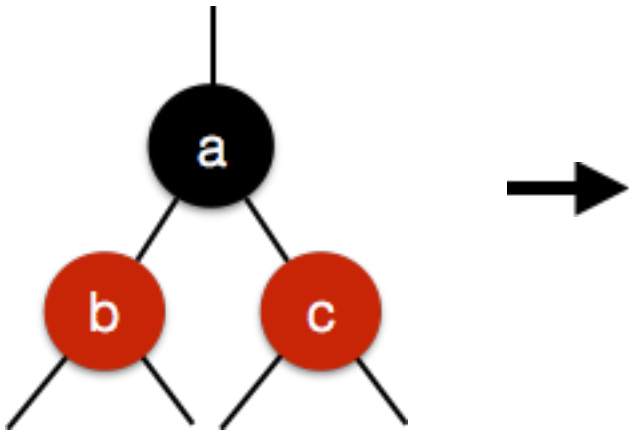


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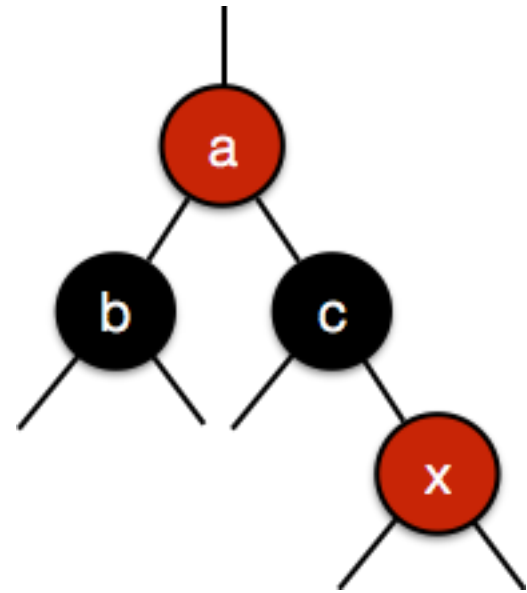
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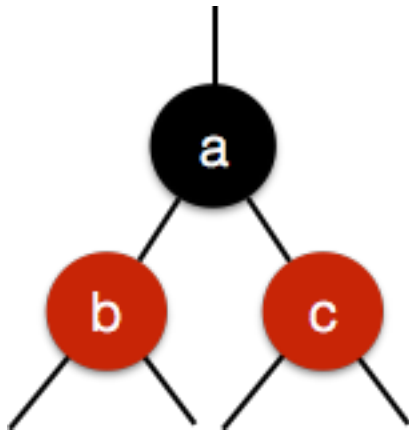


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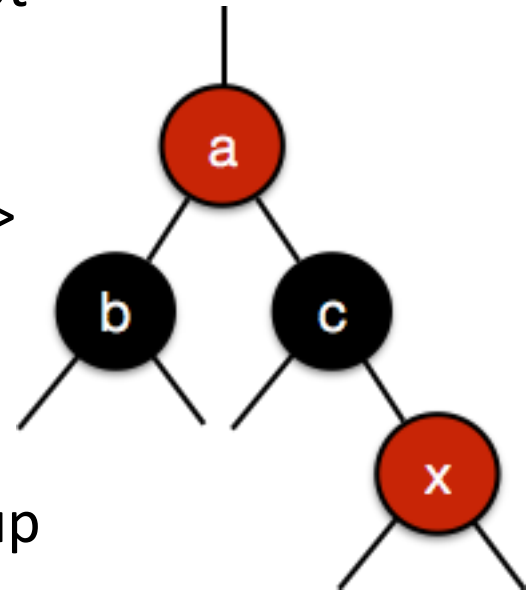


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Black length not changed



Must check <a> doesn't violate parent

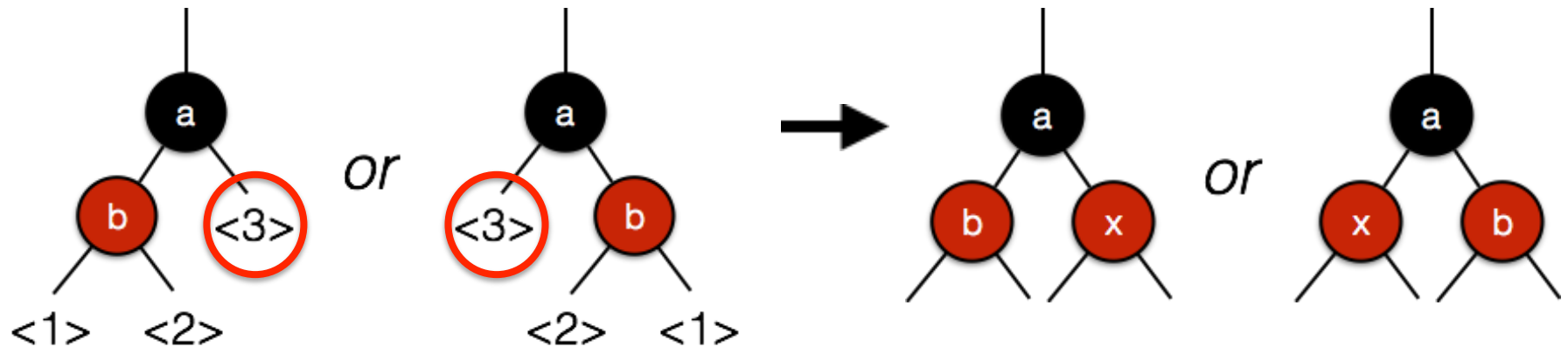


Might bubble up to root

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3 nodes are black with red children, insert at  $\langle 3 \rangle$ , just insert

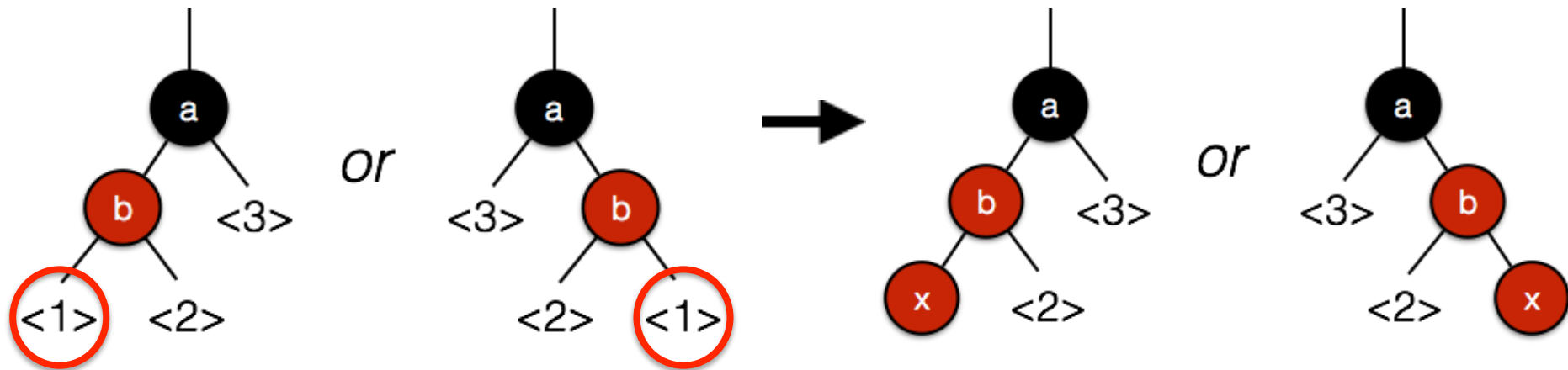


- No problem if inserting at position  $\langle 3 \rangle$
- Makes a 4 node



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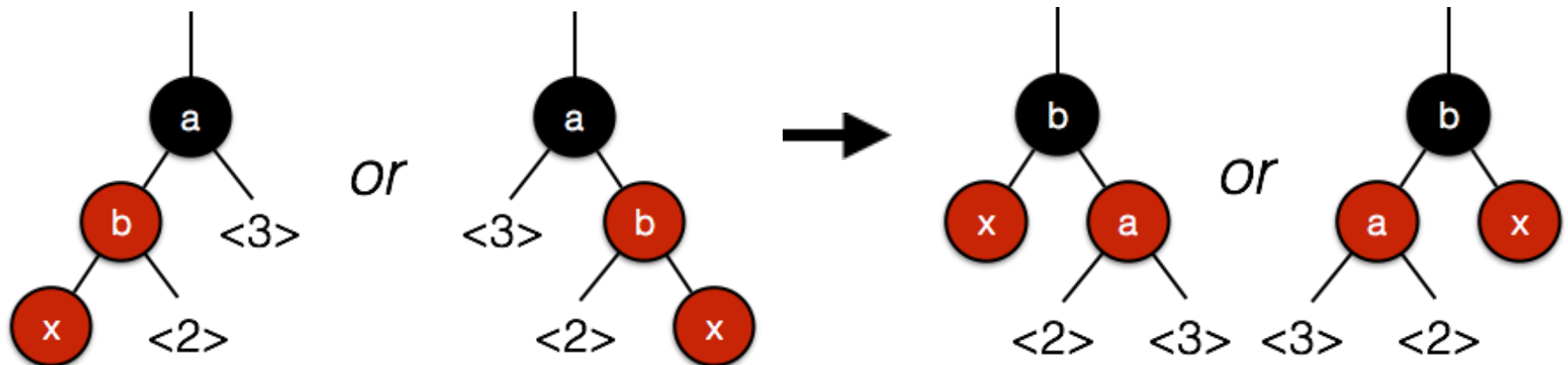
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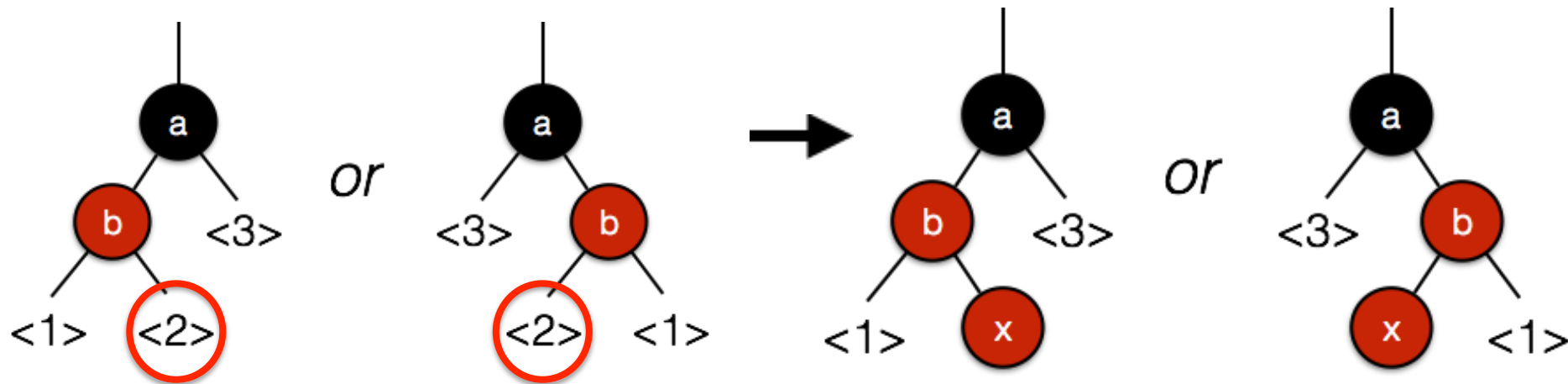
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- Called a ***single rotation***

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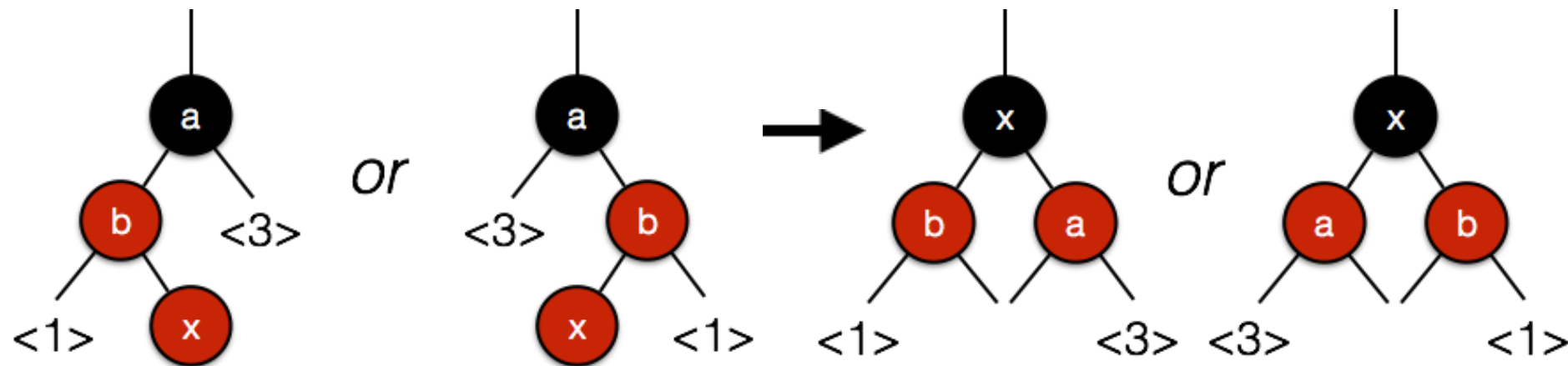
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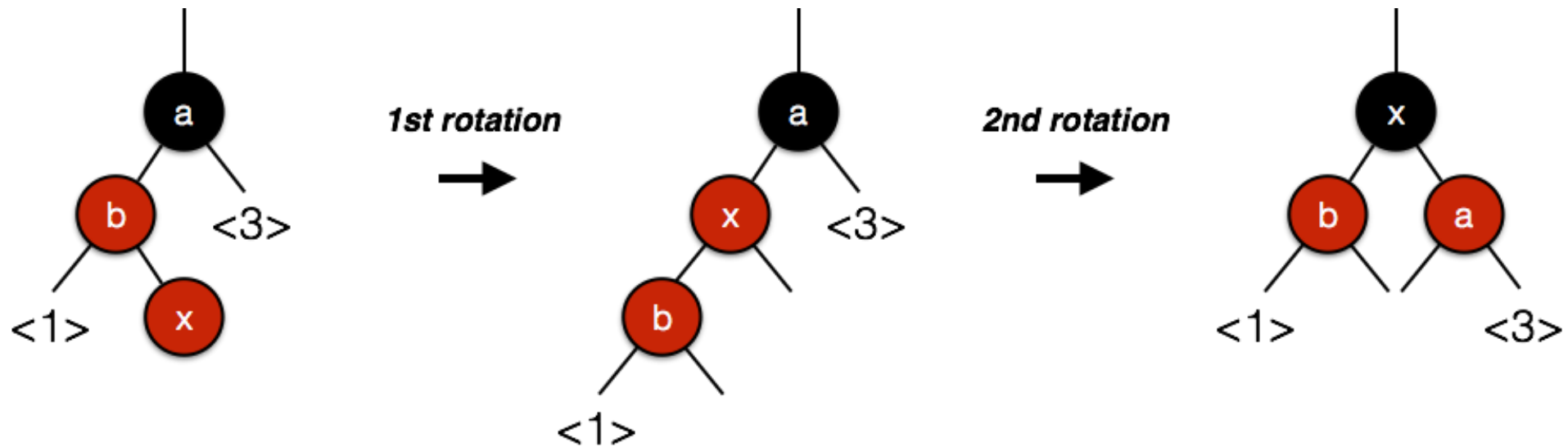
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- Called a ***double rotation***
- Rotate once around **<b>**, then again around **<x>**

# Insert run time is $O(\log n)$


- Worse case we only have to fix colors along the path between new node and root,  $O(\log n)$  path length
- Each operation is a constant factor of work
  - It can be shown we only need to do at most one single-rotation or one double-rotation to fix the tree,  $O(1)$
  - All other changes done with color flips,  $O(1)$
- Leads to  $O(\log n)$  insert run time complexity

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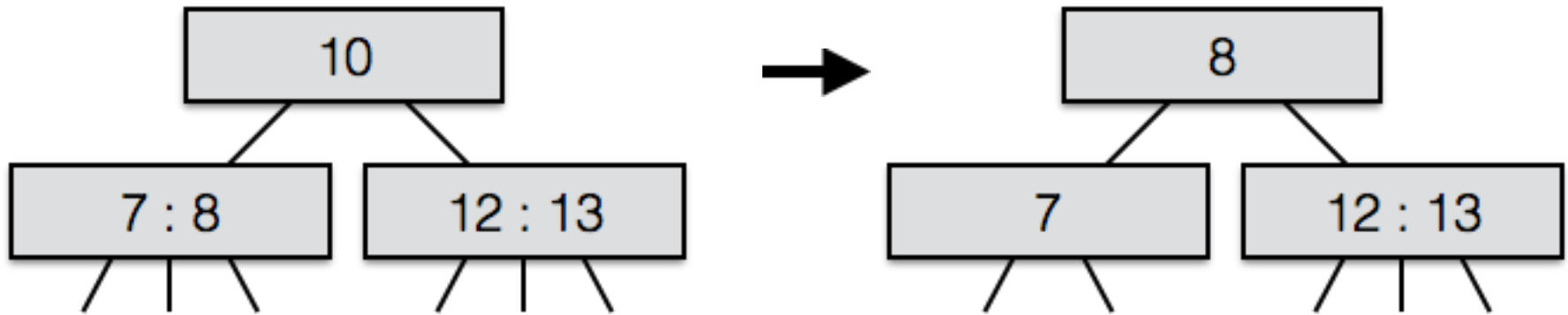
# Deletion is $O(\log n)$

- Key idea: make it so we simply have to delete a node at the bottom of the tree
- If node is internal, find a predecessor or successor at the bottom of the tree and use its key as a replacement for the one we want to delete (like BSTs)
- Then have to delete the predecessor or successor at the bottom of the tree



# Case 1: Delete in 3 or 4 node, easy in 2-3-4 tree

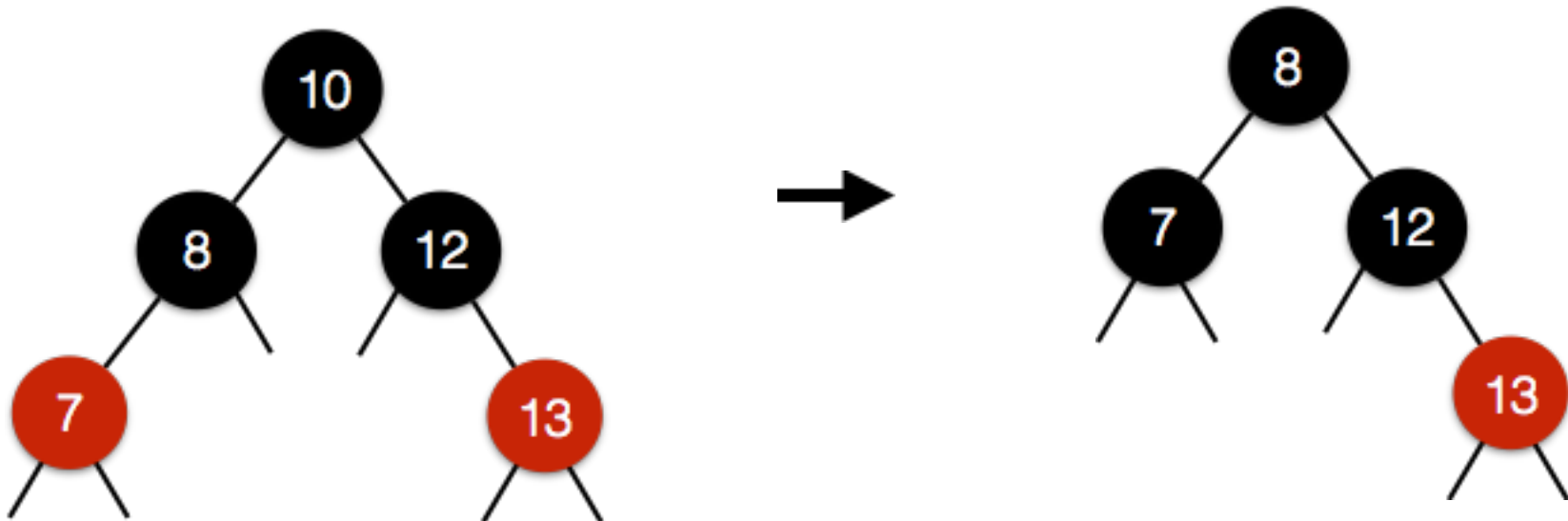
**Delete 10**



- Find immediate predecessor (or successor), 8
- Copy 8 key and value into 10
- Now delete 8 from 3 node it currently belongs to

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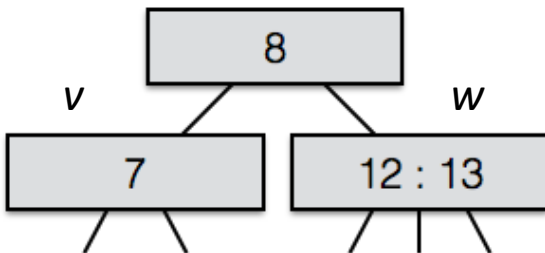
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- Find immediate predecessor, 8 (or successor if no predecessor)
- Replace 10 with 8
- Delete 8
- Color children black (does not change black length)

# Case 2: Delete 2 node in 2-3-4 tree

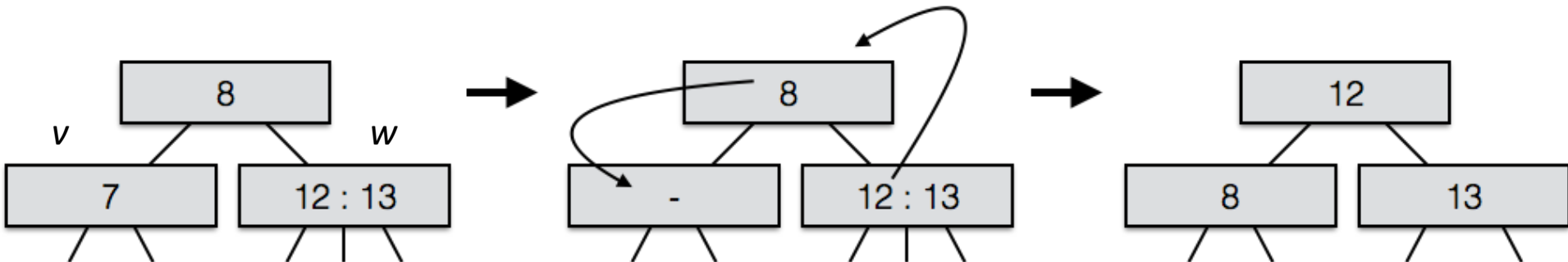
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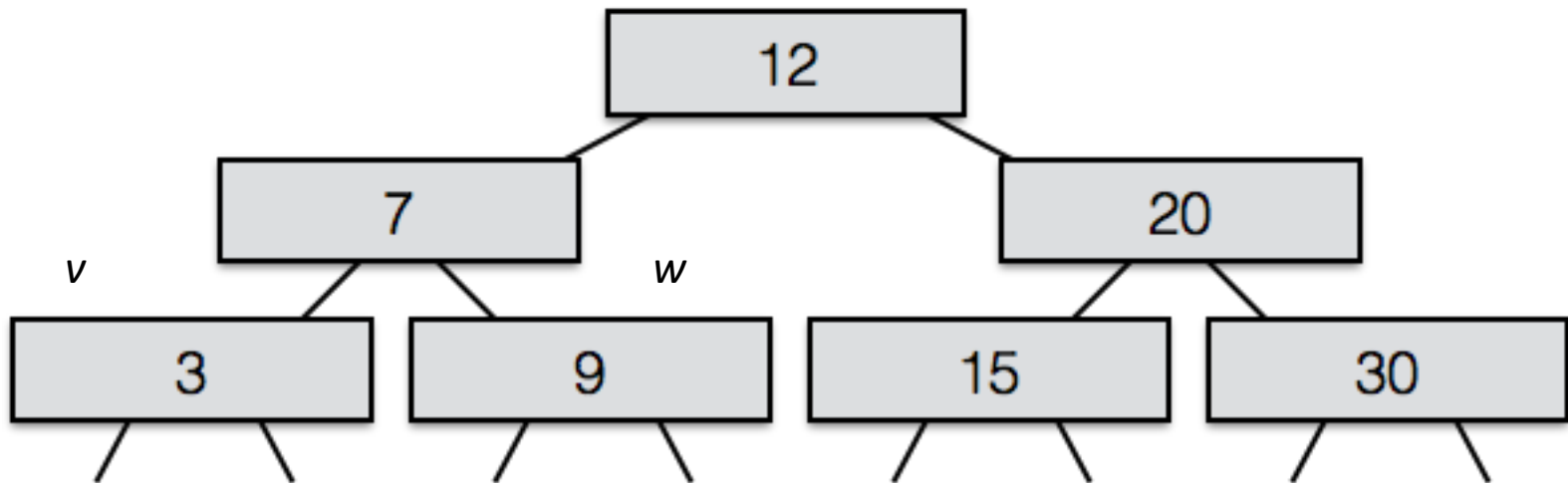
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- Deleting 7 and stopping would violate black depth property
- Trinode reconstruction
- Book has more details

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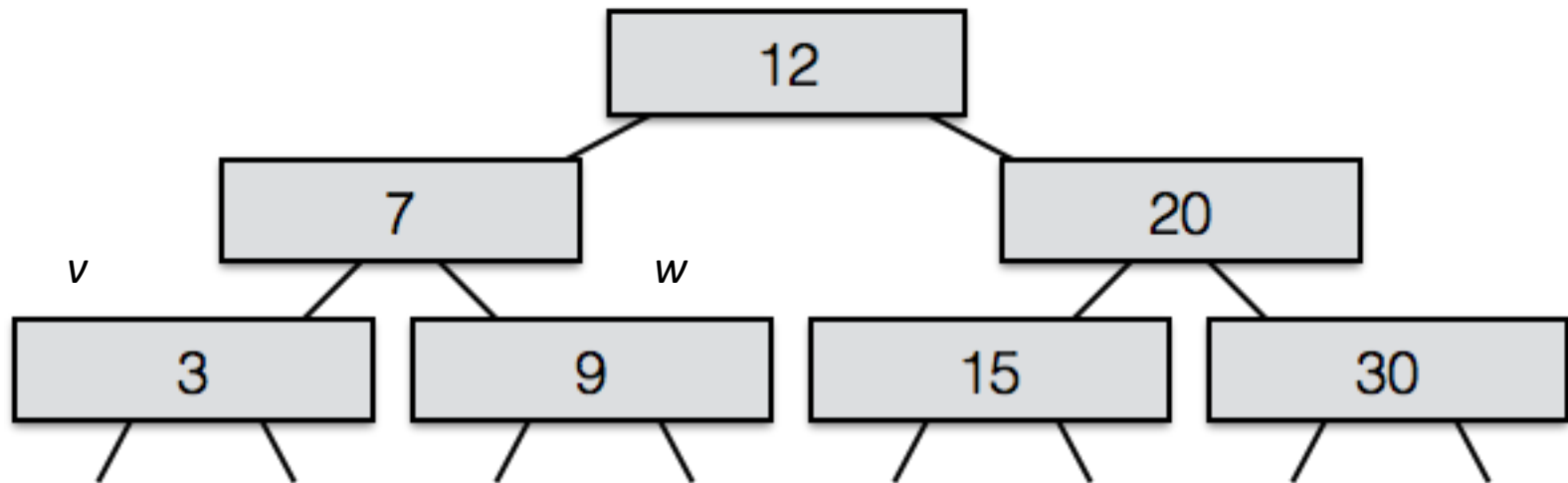
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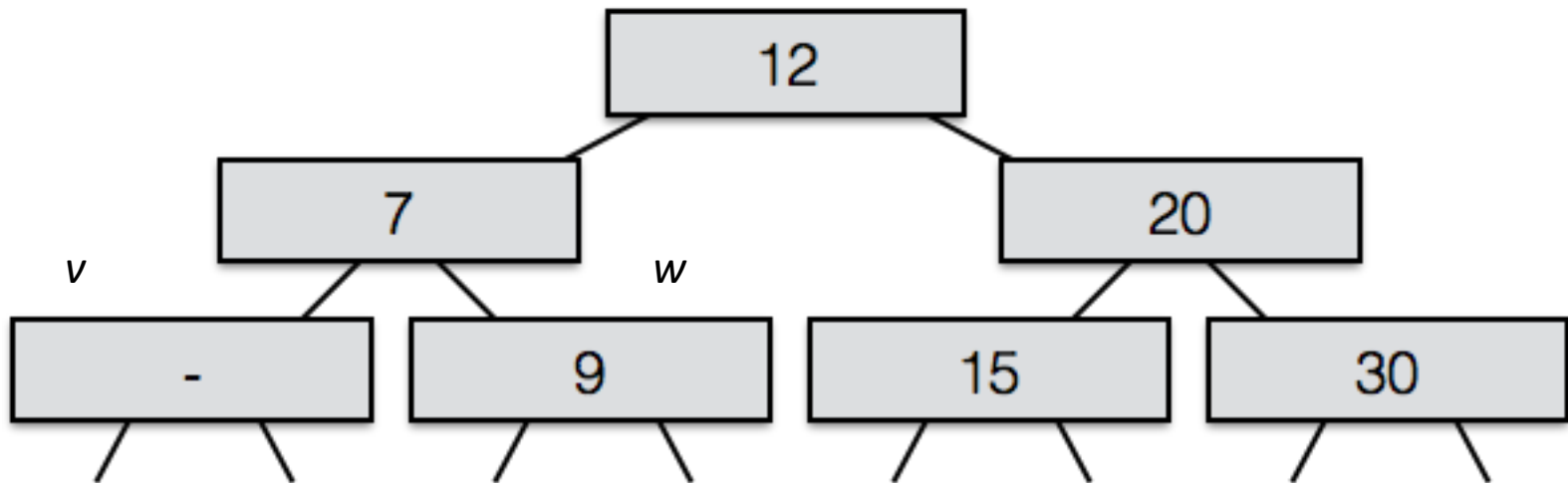
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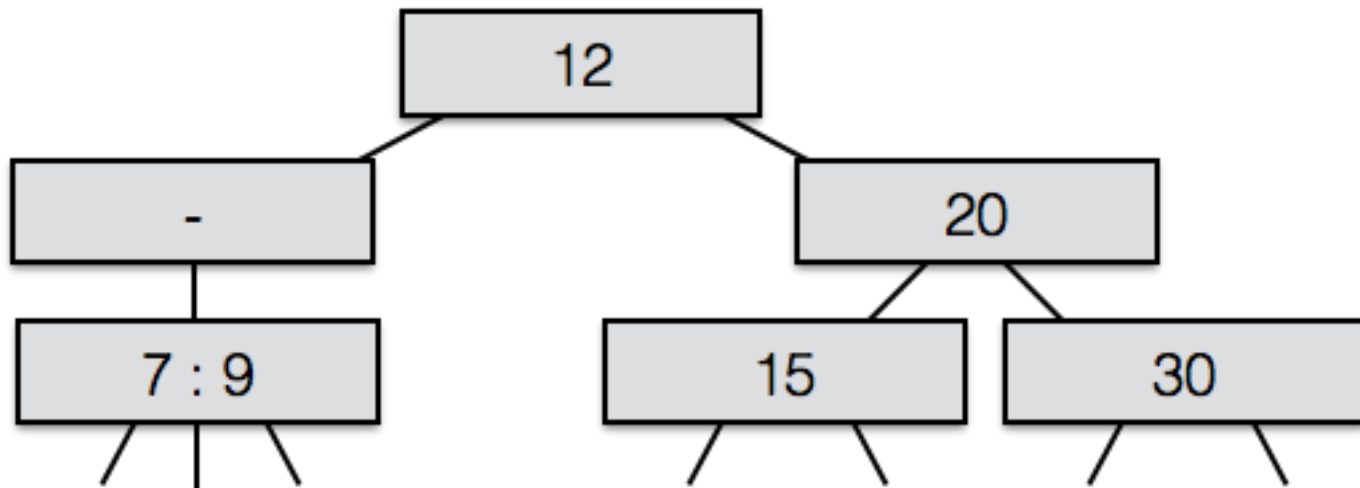


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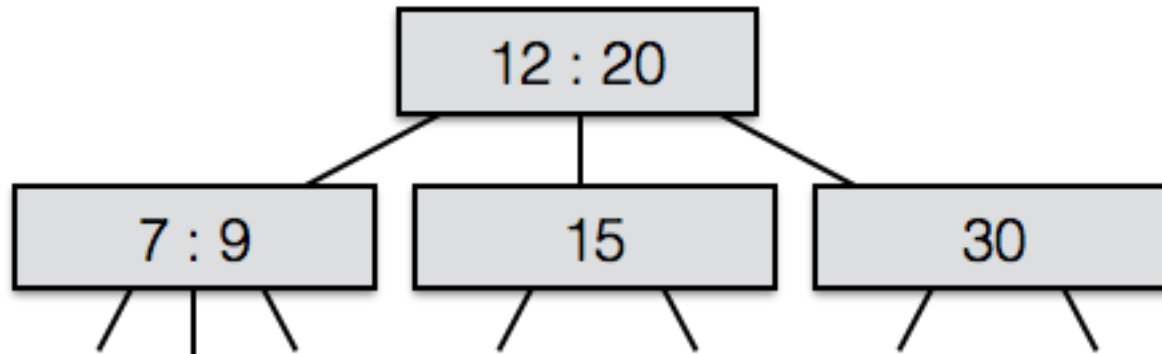
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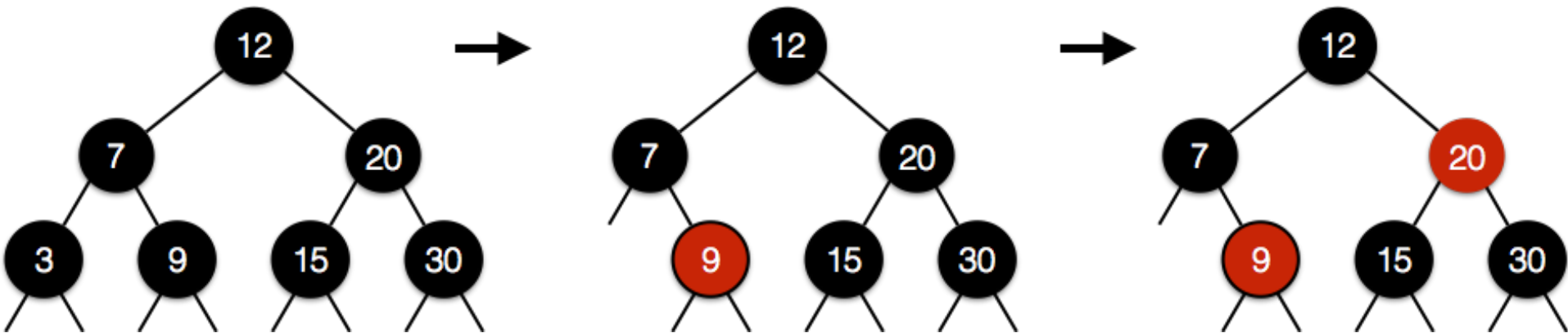
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- Tree may lose level if root is fused

# In Red-Black trees, deletion causes recoloring to be passed up to parent



# Summary

- Binary Search Trees performance suffers if they are unbalanced
- Two options to keep  $O(\log n)$  find, insert, and delete performance:
  1. 2-3-4 trees – give up on binary
    - All leaves are at the same level, all paths the same length
    - Memory inefficient if nodes have small number of keys
    - Difficult to implement due to different node types
  2. Red-Black trees – give up on binary
    - Encode 2-3-4 nodes as “mini trees”
    - Nodes colored to indicate they are conjoined with their parent
    - Use rotations and color flips to keep tree in approximate balance
    - Find, insert and delete take no more than  $O(\log n)$
    - All Map operations  $O(\log n)$  using Red-Black tree (Java uses for Red-Black for TreeMap)