

## Red-Black Trees

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## From (2,4) to Red-Black Trees

- ◆ A red-black tree is a representation of a (2,4) tree by means of a binary tree whose nodes are colored **red** or **black**
- ◆ In comparison with its associated (2,4) tree, a red-black tree has
  - same logarithmic time performance
  - simpler implementation with a single node type

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## Red-Black Tree

- ◆ A red-black tree can also be defined as a binary search tree that satisfies the following properties:
  - **Root Property:** the root is black
  - **External Property:** every leaf is black
  - **Internal Property:** the children of a red node are black
  - **Depth Property:** all the leaves have the same black depth

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## Height of a Red-Black Tree

- ◆ **Theorem:** A red-black tree storing  $n$  items has height  $O(\log n)$

Proof:

- The height of a red-black tree is at most twice the height of its associated (2,4) tree, which is  $O(\log n)$
- ◆ The search algorithm for a binary search tree is the same as that for a binary search tree
- ◆ By the above theorem, searching in a red-black tree takes  $O(\log n)$  time

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## Insertion

- ◆ To perform operation  $insertItem(k, o)$ , we execute the insertion algorithm for binary search trees and color **red** the newly inserted node  $z$  unless it is the root
  - We preserve the root, external, and depth properties
  - If the parent  $v$  of  $z$  is black, we also preserve the internal property and we are done
  - Else ( $v$  is red) we have a **double red** (i.e., a violation of the internal property), which requires a reorganization of the tree
- ◆ Example where the insertion of 4 causes a double red:

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### Remedying a Double Red

- Consider a double red with child  $z$  and parent  $v$ , and let  $w$  be the sibling of  $v$

**Case 1:  $w$  is black**

- The double red is an incorrect replacement of a 4-node
- Restructuring:** we change the 4-node replacement

**Case 2:  $w$  is red**

- The double red corresponds to an overflow
- Recoloring:** we perform the equivalent of a split

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### Restructuring

- A restructuring remedies a child-parent double red when the parent red node has a black sibling
- It is equivalent to restoring the correct replacement of a 4-node
- The internal property is restored and the other properties are preserved

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### Restructuring (cont.)

- There are four restructuring configurations depending on whether the double red nodes are left or right children

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### Recoloring

- A recoloring remedies a child-parent double red when the parent red node has a red sibling
- The parent  $v$  and its sibling  $w$  become black and the grandparent  $u$  becomes red, unless it is the root
- It is equivalent to performing a split on a 5-node
- The double red violation may propagate to the grandparent  $u$

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### Analysis of Insertion

**Algorithm *insertItem(k, o)***

- We search for key  $k$  to locate the insertion node  $z$
- We add the new item  $(k, o)$  at node  $z$  and color  $z$  red
- while** *doubleRed*( $z$ )  
**if** *isBlack*(*sibling*(*parent*( $z$ )))  
 $z \leftarrow$  *restructure*( $z$ )  
**return**  
**else** { *sibling*(*parent*( $z$ )) is red }  
 $z \leftarrow$  *recolor*( $z$ )

- Recall that a red-black tree has  $O(\log n)$  height
- Step 1 takes  $O(\log n)$  time because we visit  $O(\log n)$  nodes
- Step 2 takes  $O(1)$  time
- Step 3 takes  $O(\log n)$  time because we perform
  - $O(\log n)$  recolorings, each taking  $O(1)$  time, and
  - at most one restructuring taking  $O(1)$  time
- Thus, an insertion in a red-black tree takes  $O(\log n)$  time

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### Deletion

- To perform operation *remove*( $k$ ), we first execute the deletion algorithm for binary search trees
- Let  $v$  be the internal node removed,  $w$  the external node removed, and  $r$  the sibling of  $w$ 
  - If either  $v$  or  $r$  was red, we color  $r$  black and we are done
  - Else ( $v$  and  $r$  were both black) we color  $r$  **double black**, which is a violation of the internal property requiring a reorganization of the tree
- Example where the deletion of 8 causes a double black:

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## Remedying a Double Black

- ◆ The algorithm for remedying a double black node  $w$  with sibling  $y$  considers three cases
  - Case 1:  $y$  is black and has a red child
    - We perform a **restructuring**, equivalent to a **transfer**, and we are done
  - Case 2:  $y$  is black and its children are both black
    - We perform a **recoloring**, equivalent to a **fusion**, which may propagate up the double black violation
  - Case 3:  $y$  is red
    - We perform an **adjustment**, equivalent to choosing a different representation of a 3-node, after which either Case 1 or Case 2 applies
- ◆ Deletion in a red-black tree takes  $O(\log n)$  time

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## Red-Black Tree Reorganization

Insertion		
remedy double red		
Red-black tree action	(2,4) tree action	result
restructuring	change of 4-node representation	double red removed
recoloring	split	double red removed or propagated up

  

Deletion		
remedy double black		
Red-black tree action	(2,4) tree action	result
restructuring	transfer	double black removed
recoloring	fusion	double black removed or propagated up
adjustment	change of 3-node representation	restructuring or recoloring follows

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