

## **CSSE 230**

Red-black trees

After today, you should be able to...
...determine if a tree is a valid red/black tree
...perform top-down insertion in a red/black tree

# EditorTrees Milestone 1 due tomorrow night

- · If submitted tonight, all will earn a late day.
- If submitted late, everyone is charged a late day.
  - Does everyone on my team have a late day?
  - See link from Moodle
  - One team has a member with 0 late days left
- · Tomorrow's class will be project work time
  - Don't let your team down! Be here and be on time.

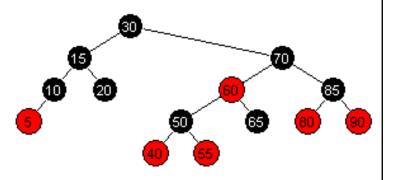
### Feedback to help as you move on...

- · Milestone 1 is graded on unit tests only.
- But...be sure to fix efficiency issues for the future
  - See final notes in specification
  - Cannot recalculate size or height to update balance codes or handle rotations.
  - You can recalculate rank and balance codes: these are O(1) computations per node.
    - Suggestion: update rank (++) on the way down the tree.
    - Update balance codes and do rotations (which change rank and balance codes) on the way back up.
    - So each is O(log n) total
    - Know when you can stop! (day 14 slides have the algorithm for insertion, you'll have to think about deletion)

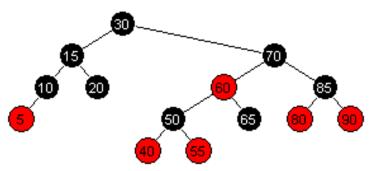
# Red-Black Trees Another type of self-balancing search tree with O(log N) performance

### A red-black tree is a binary tree with 5 properties: 1

- 1. It is a BST
- 2. Every node is either colored red or black.
- 3. The root is black.
- 4. No two successive nodes are red.
- 5. Every path from the root to a null node has the same number of black nodes ("perfect black balance")



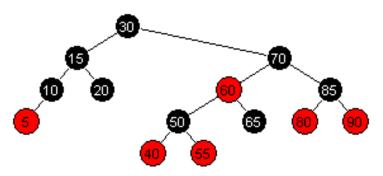
To search a red-black tree, just ignore the colors



Runtime is O(height)

Since it's a BST, runtime of insert and delete should also be O(height)

### How tall is a red-black tree?



Best-case: if all nodes black, it is ~log n.

Worst case: every other node on the longest path

is red. Height ~2 log n.

Note: Not height-balanced:

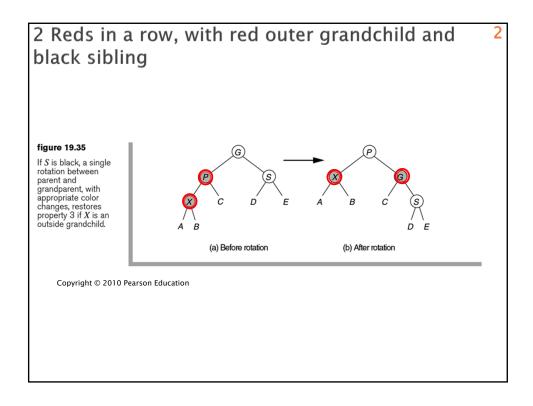
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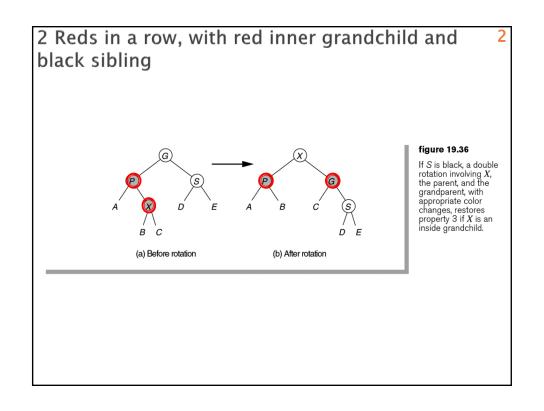
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### Bottom-Up Insertion Strategy

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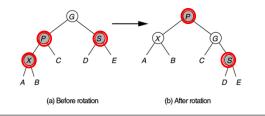
- Like BST:
  - · Insert at leaf
  - Color it red (to keep perfect black balance)
- But could make two reds in a row?
  - On the recursive travel back up the tree (like AVL),
    - rotate (single- and double-, like AVL)
    - and **recolor** (new)
    - Show now that various "rotation+recoloring"s fix two reds in a row while maintaining black balance.
- At end of insert, always make root of the entire tree black (to fix property 3).





### 2 Reds in a row, with red outer grandchild and red sibling





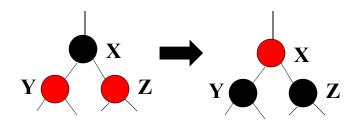
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If S is red, a single rotation between parent and grandparent, with appropriate color changes, restores property 3 between X and P.

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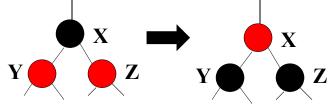
### Case 3 (red sibling) can force us to do multiple rotations recursively

- · Bottom-Up insertion strategy must be recursive.
- An alternative:
  - If we ever had a black node with two red children, swap the colors and black balance stays.
  - Details next...



Top-down insertion strategy:

Recolor red siblings on the way down the tree



Situation: A black node with two red children.

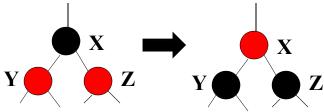
Action:

- Recolor the node red and the children black (if root, make black).
- If the parent is red, perform rotations, otherwise continue down the tree

Does this change black balance? No.

### Top-Down Insertion Strategy





- On the way down the tree to the insertion point, if ever see a black node with two red children, swap the colors.
  - If X's parent is red, perform rotations, otherwise continue down the tree
- The rotations are done while traversing down the tree to the insertion point.
  - Avoid rotating into case (c) (2 red siblings) altogether.
- Top-Down insertion can be done with loops without recursion or parent pointers, so is slightly faster.

### Insertion summary

- Rotate when an insertion or color flip produces two successive red nodes.
- Rotations are just like those for AVL trees:
  - If the two red nodes are both left children or both right children, perform a *single rotation*.
  - Otherwise, perform a double rotation.
- Except we recolor nodes instead of adjusting their heights or balance codes.

### Testing

- 1. Insert: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
- 2. Insert: 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1
  - Relationship with (1)?
  - Duplicates not inserted.
- 3. Insert: 10, 85, 15, 70, 20, 60, 30, 50, 65, 80, 90, 40, 5, 55
- 4. Use applet [linked to in Schedule for today] to check your work.

### Summary

- · Java uses:
- Slightly faster than AVL trees
- · What's the catch?
  - Need to maintain pointers to lots of nodes (child, parent, grandparent, greatgrandparent, great-greatgrandparent)
  - The deletion algorithm is nasty.

