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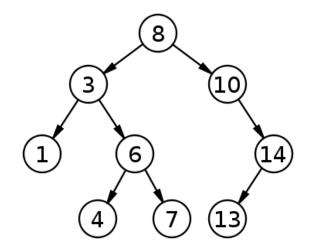
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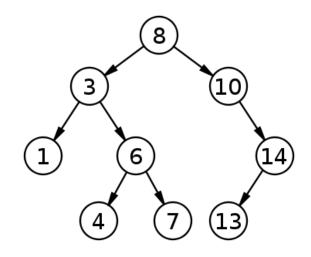
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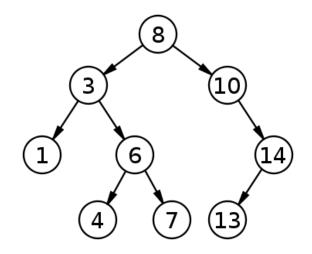
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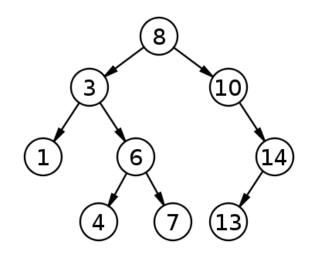
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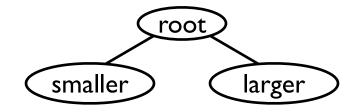
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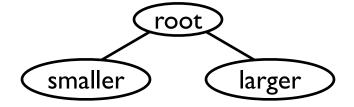




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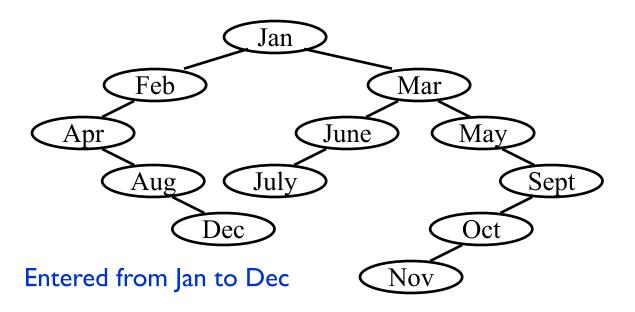
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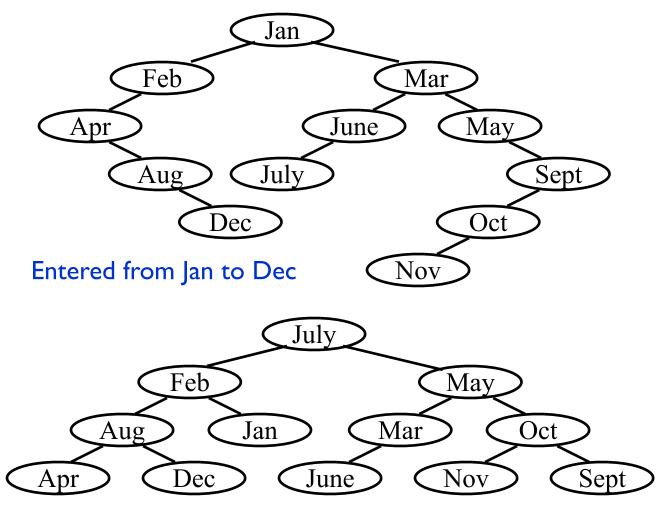




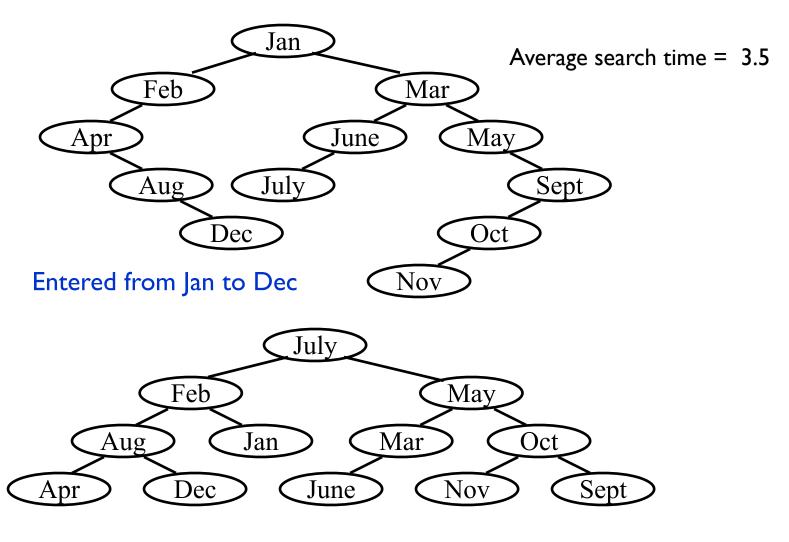
Problem: Although $T_p = O(\text{ height })$, but the height can be as bad as O(N).

[Example] 2 binary search trees obtained for the months of the year

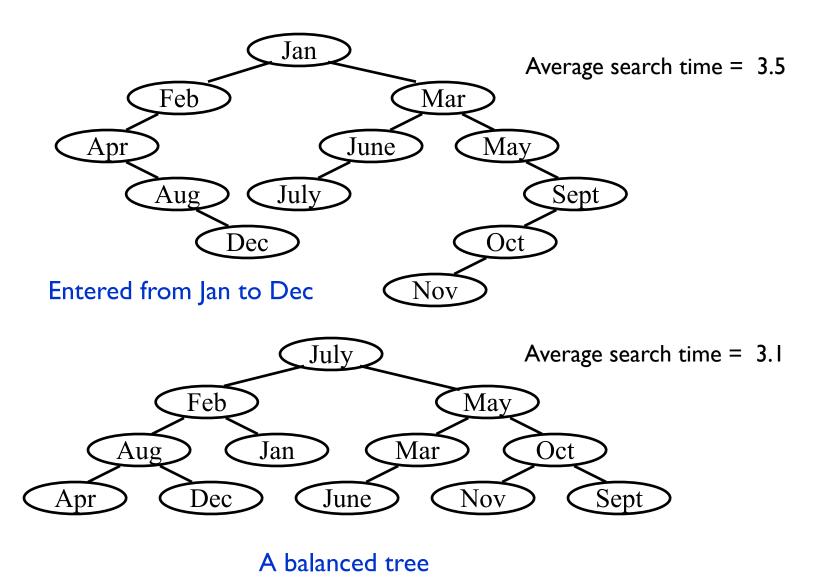


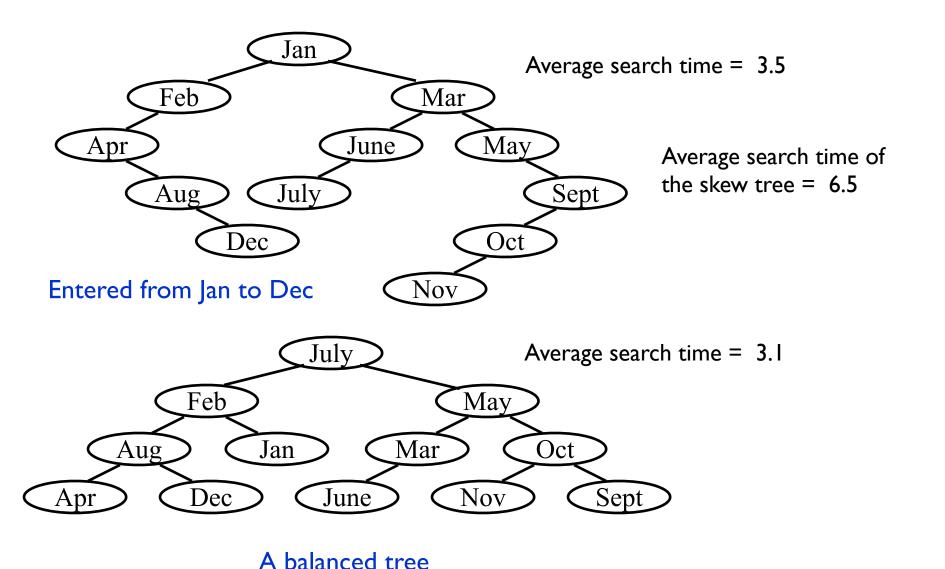


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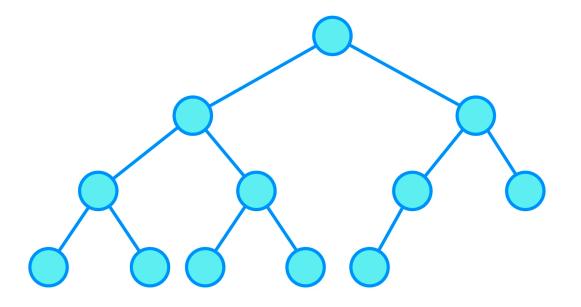


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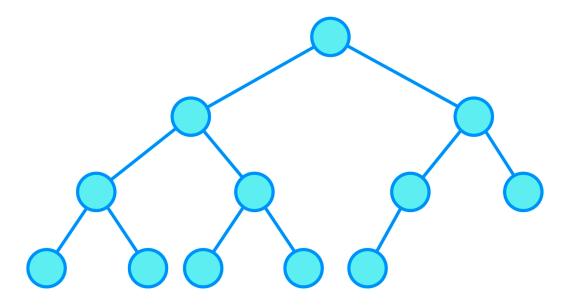




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BST needs to preserve instance order,
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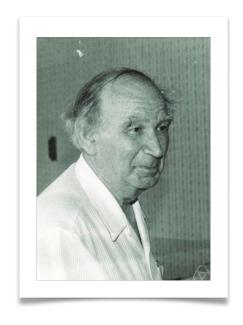
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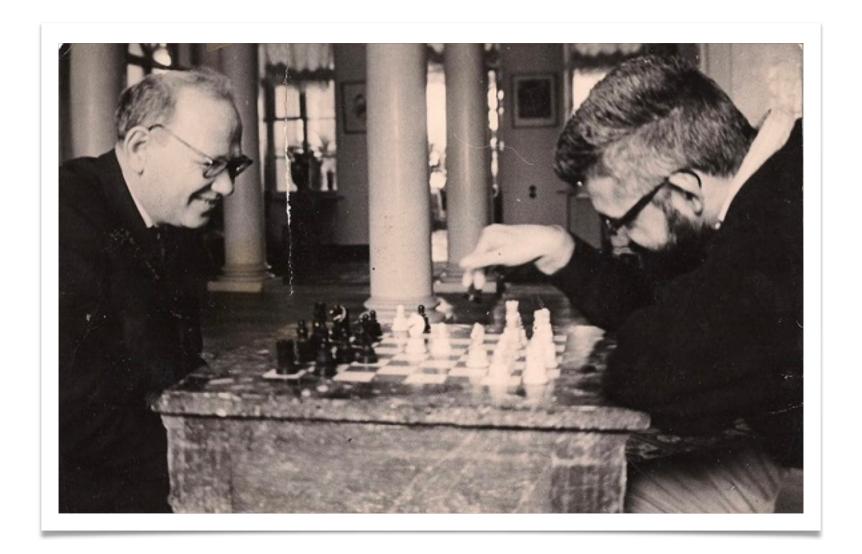
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• Self-balanced trees which dynamically modifies tree structure to keep the tree balanced during operations.

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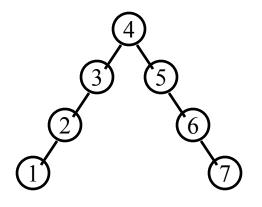
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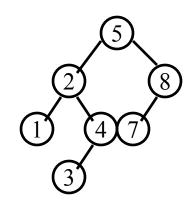
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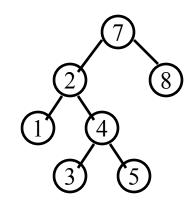
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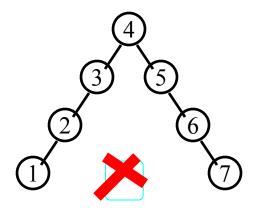


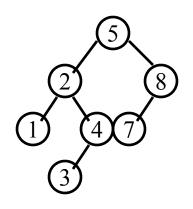


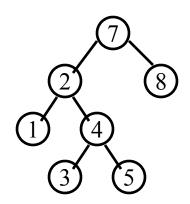
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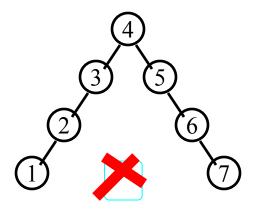


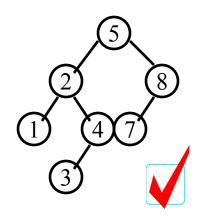


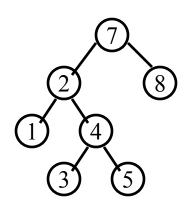
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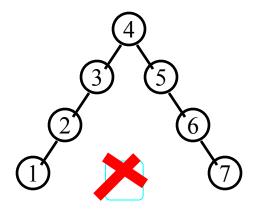


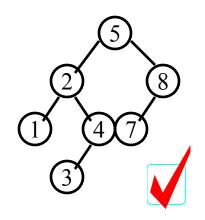


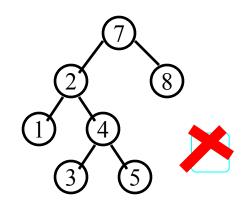
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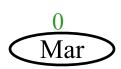




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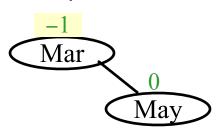
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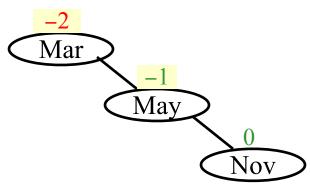
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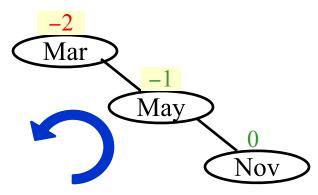


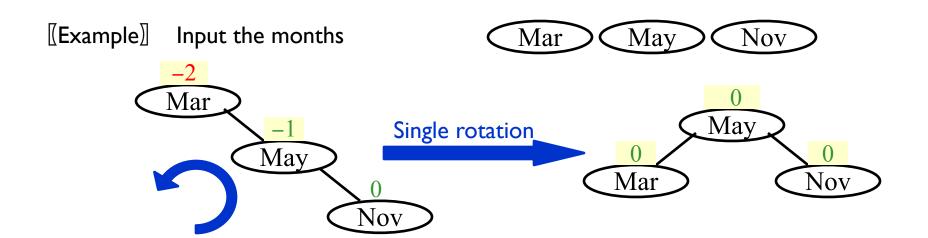


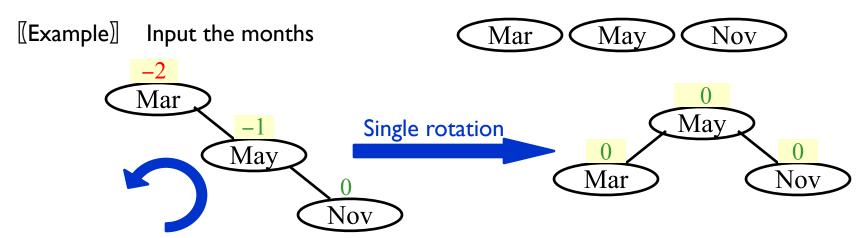






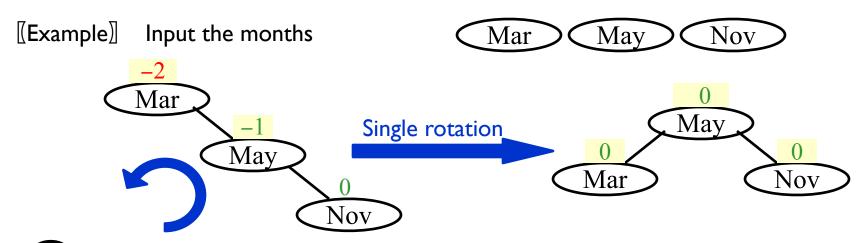


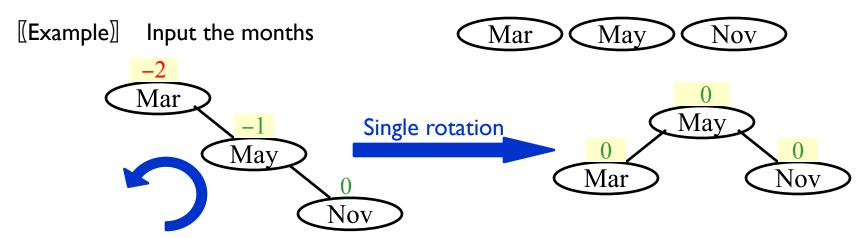


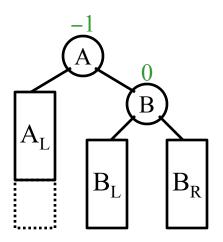


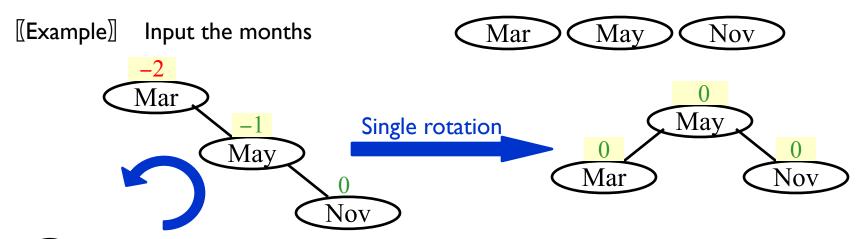
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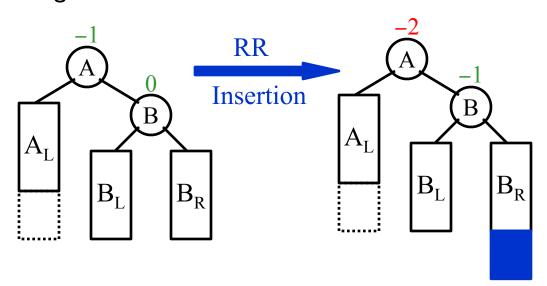


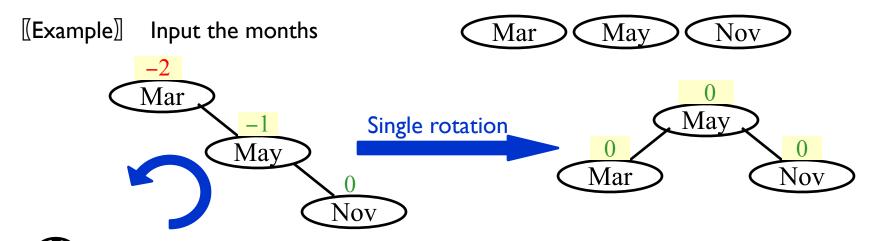


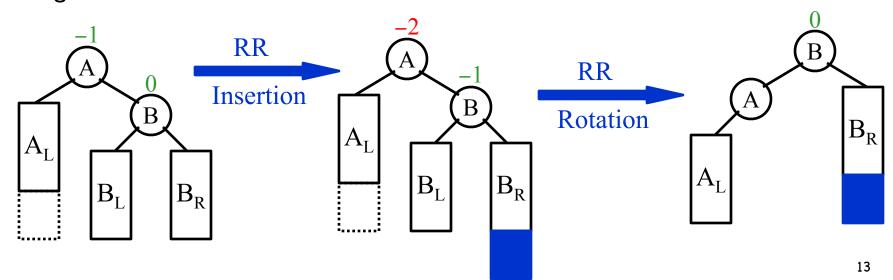


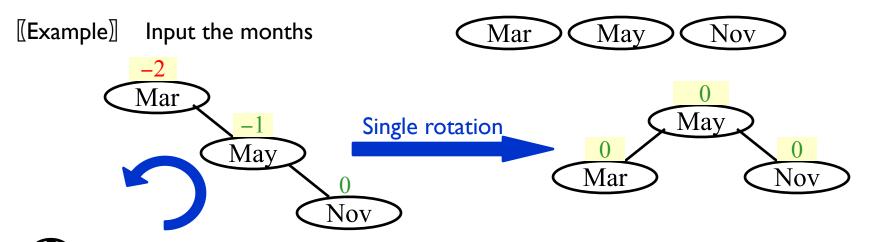
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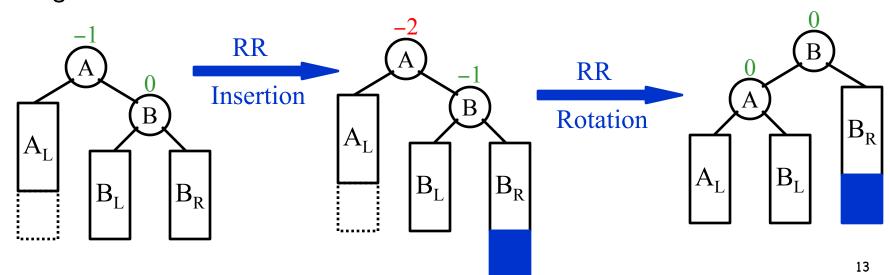
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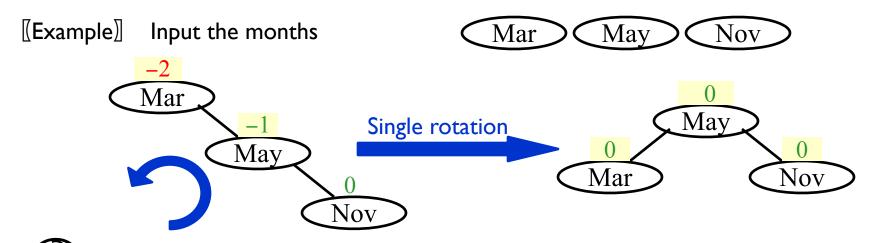


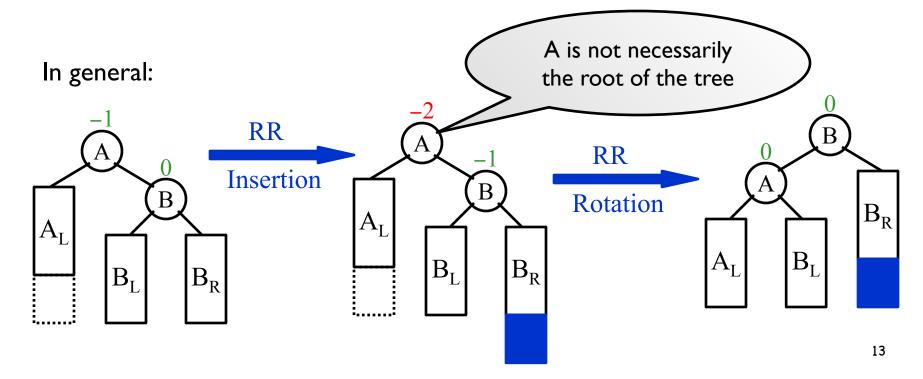




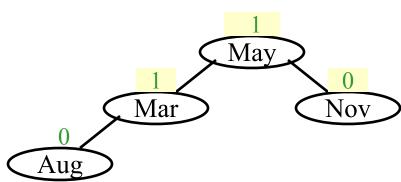


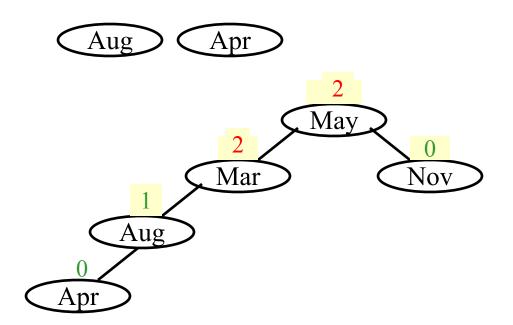


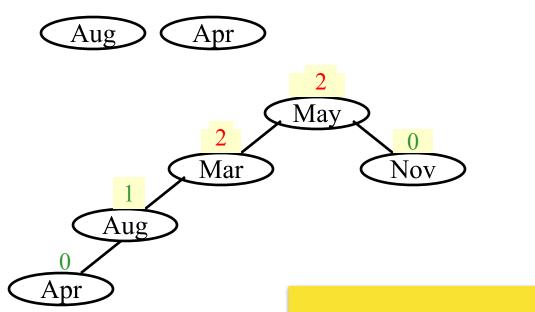




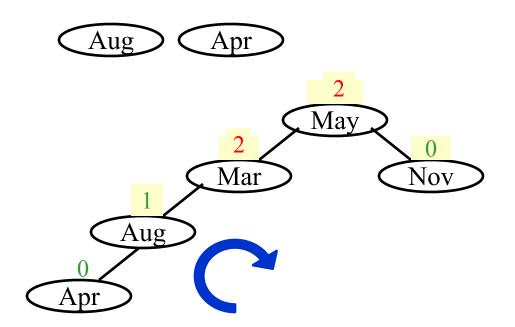


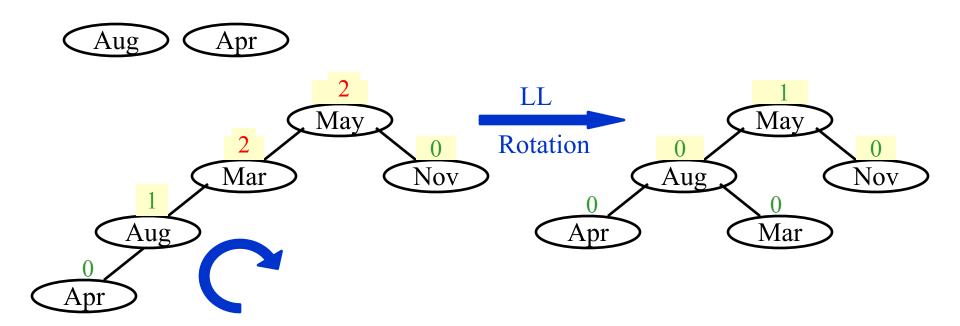


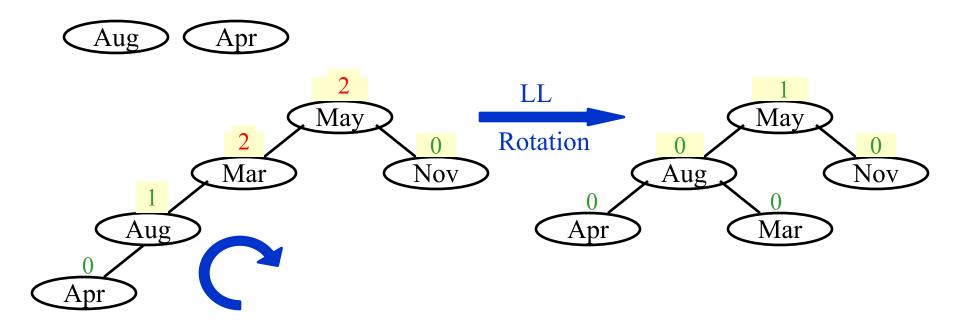


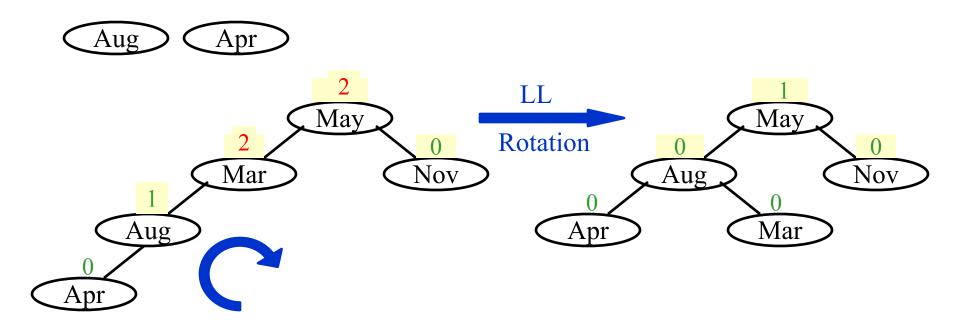


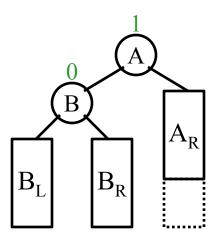
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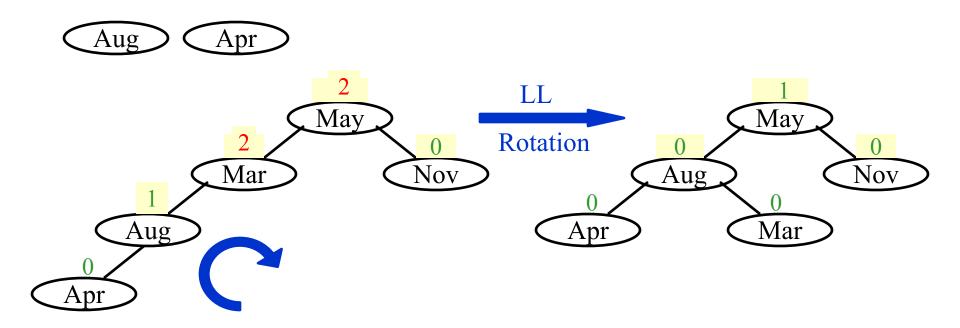


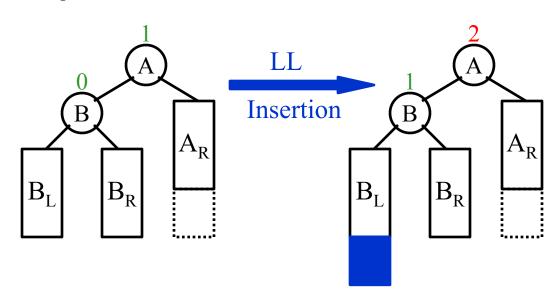


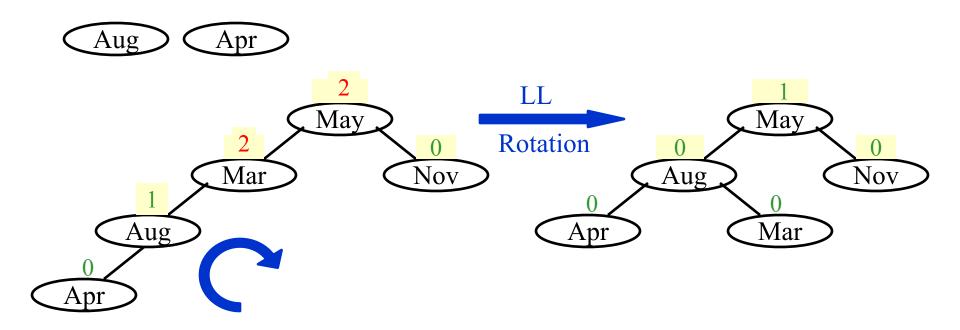


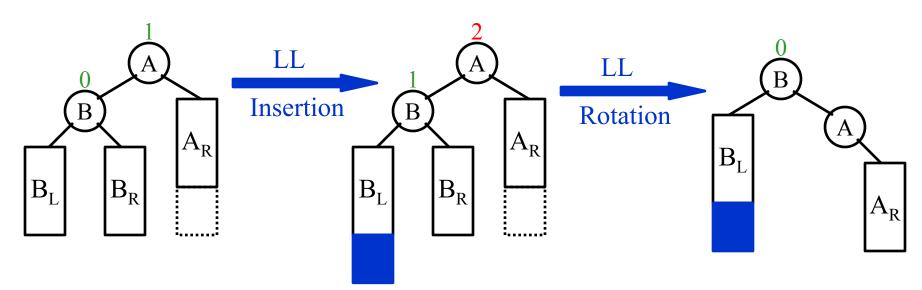


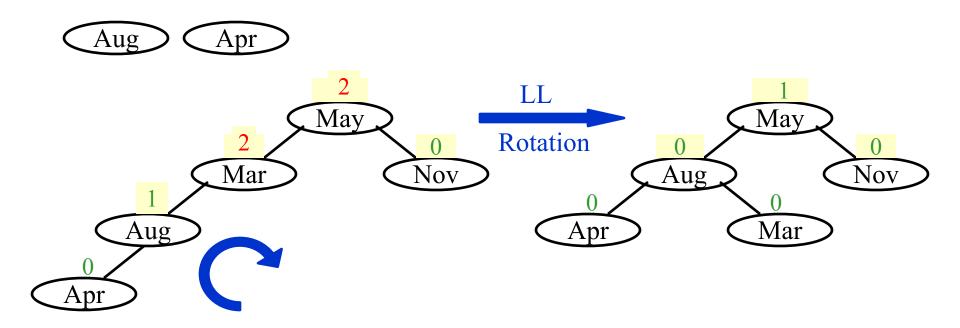


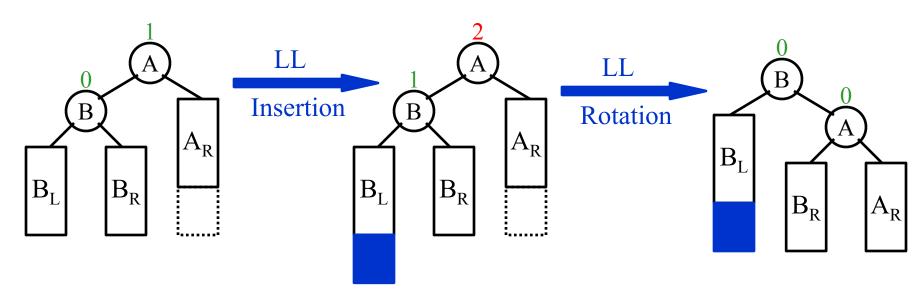


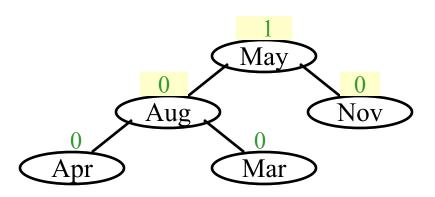


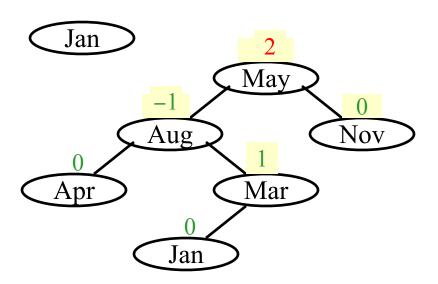


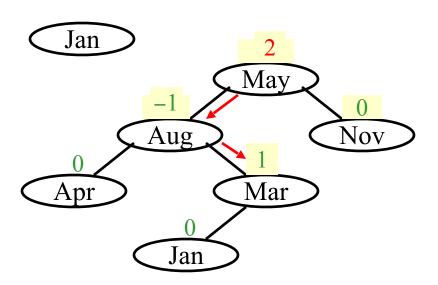


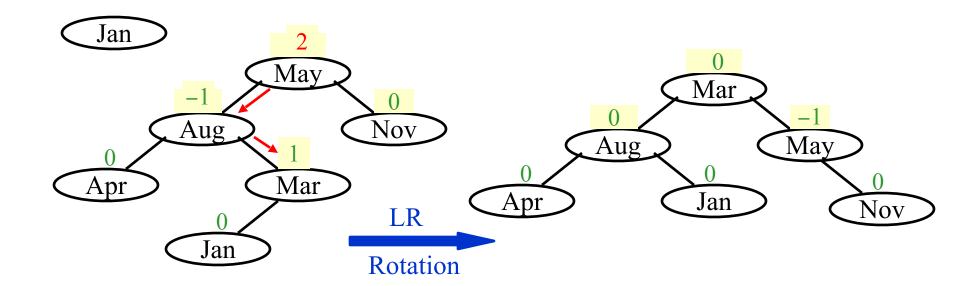


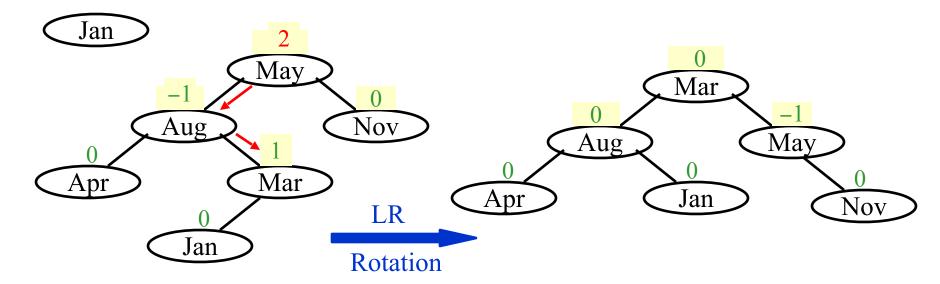


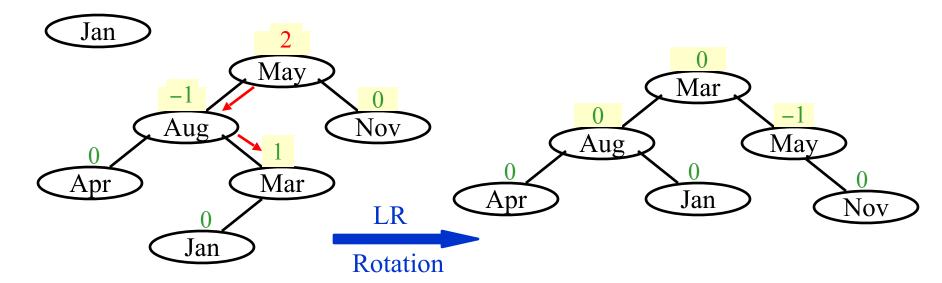


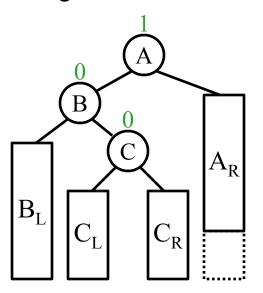


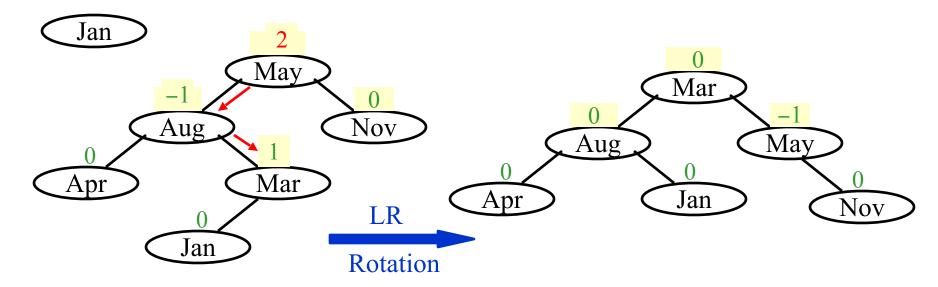


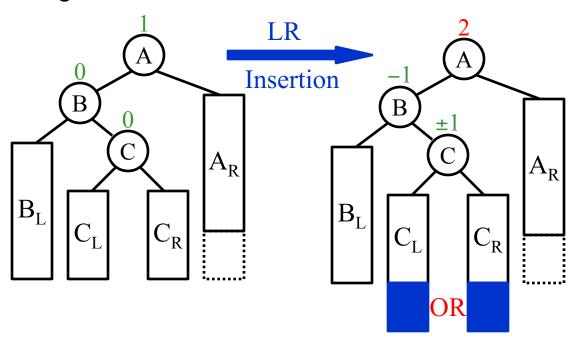


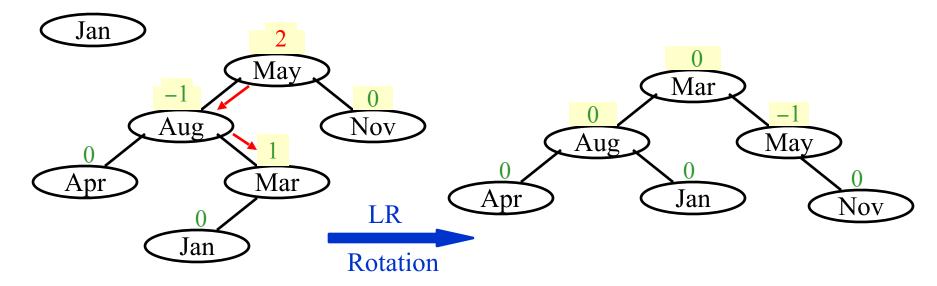


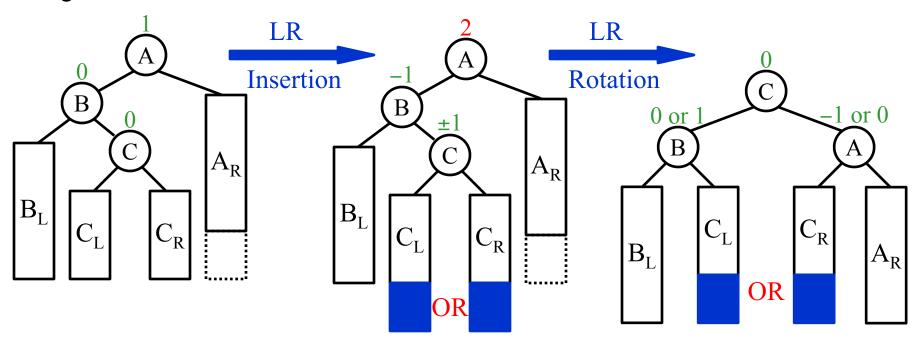


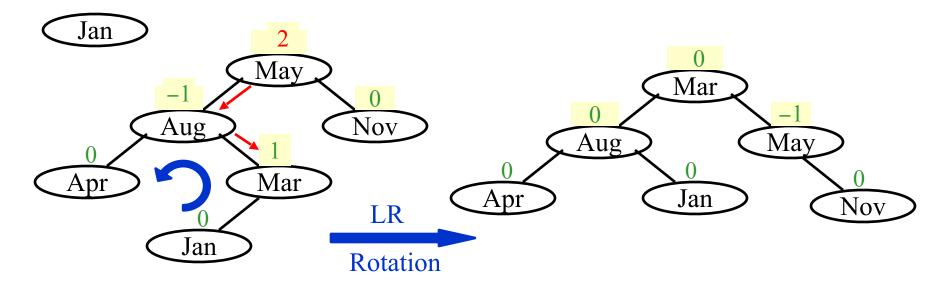


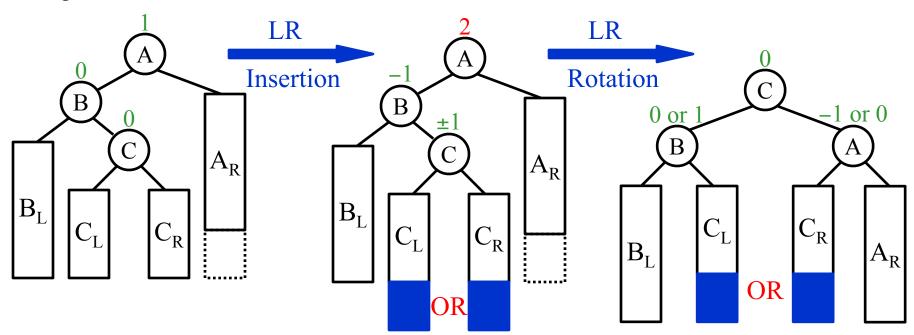


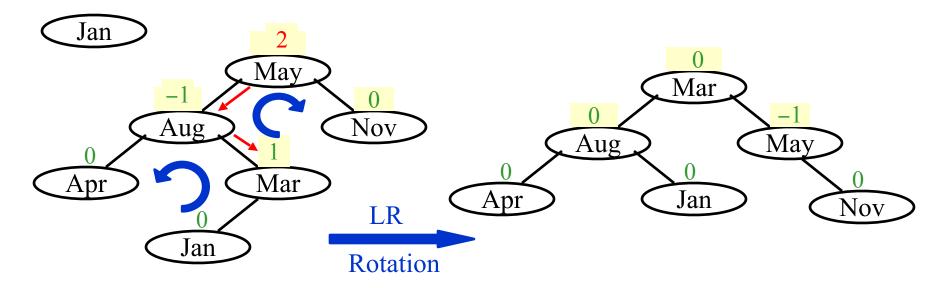


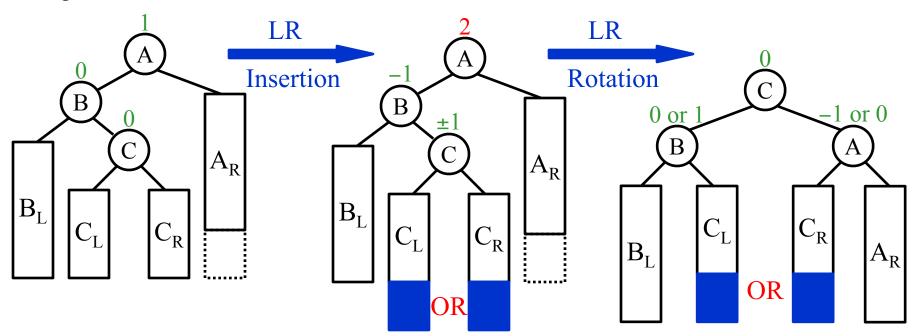


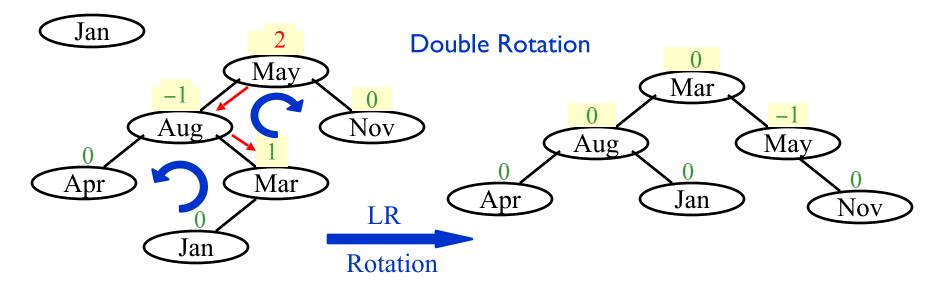


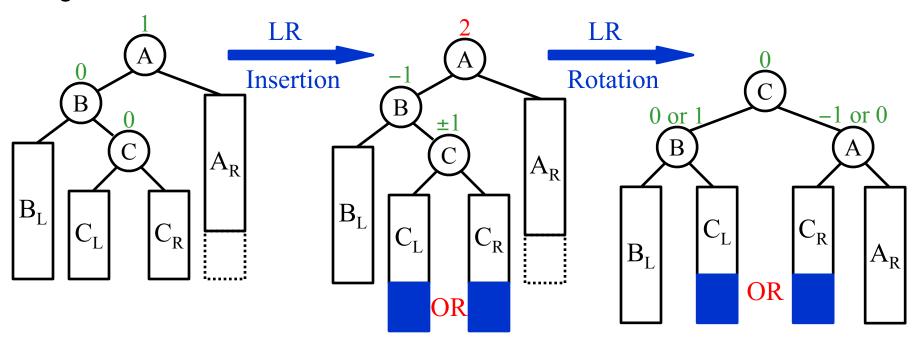


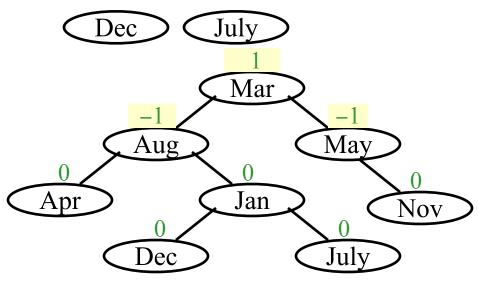


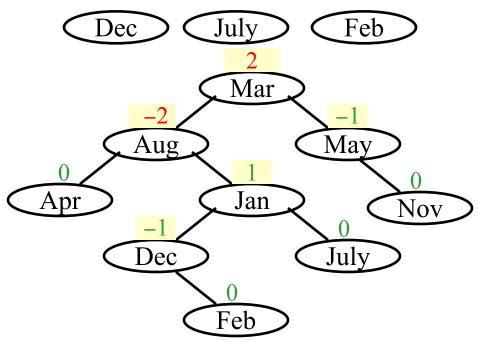


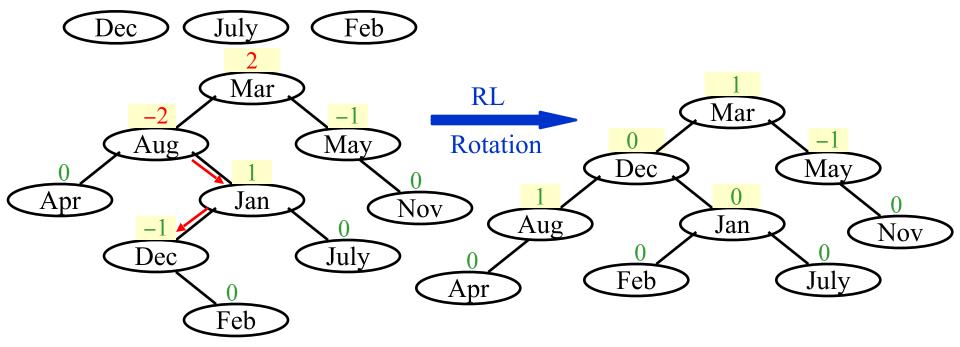


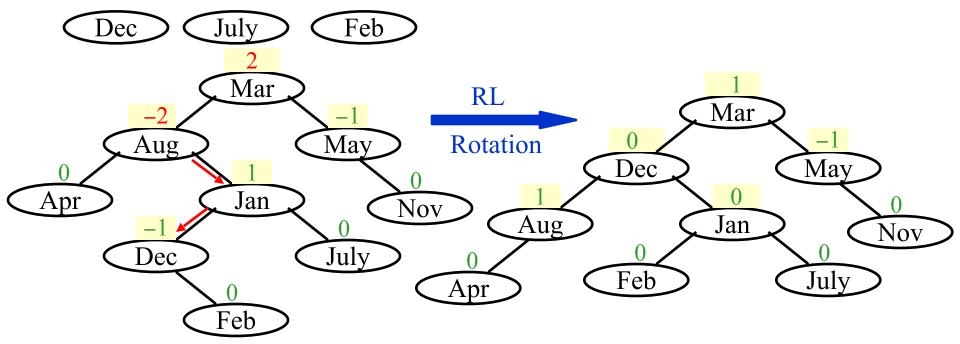




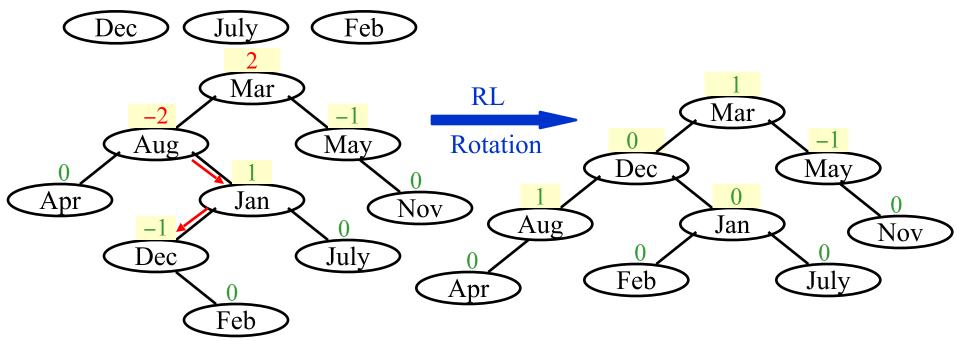




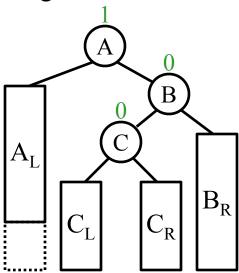


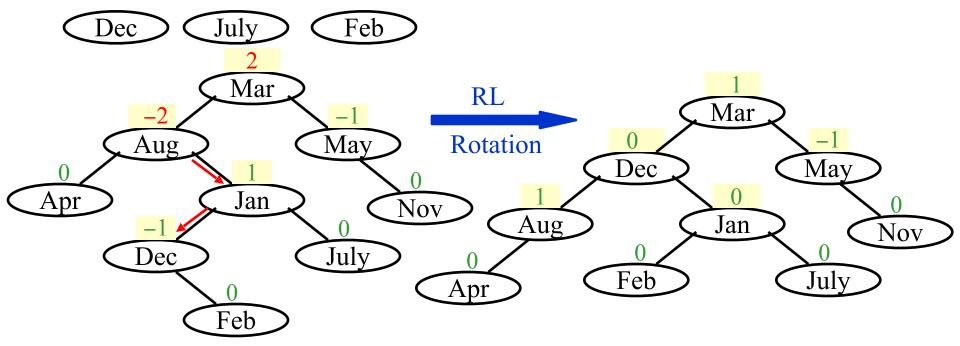


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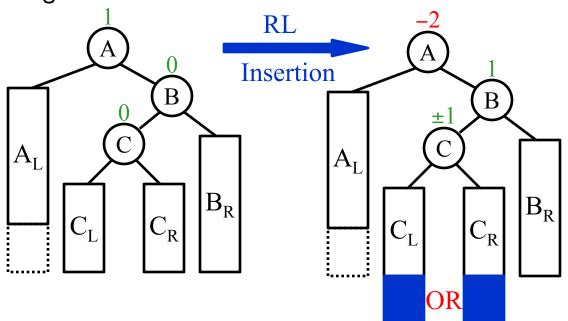


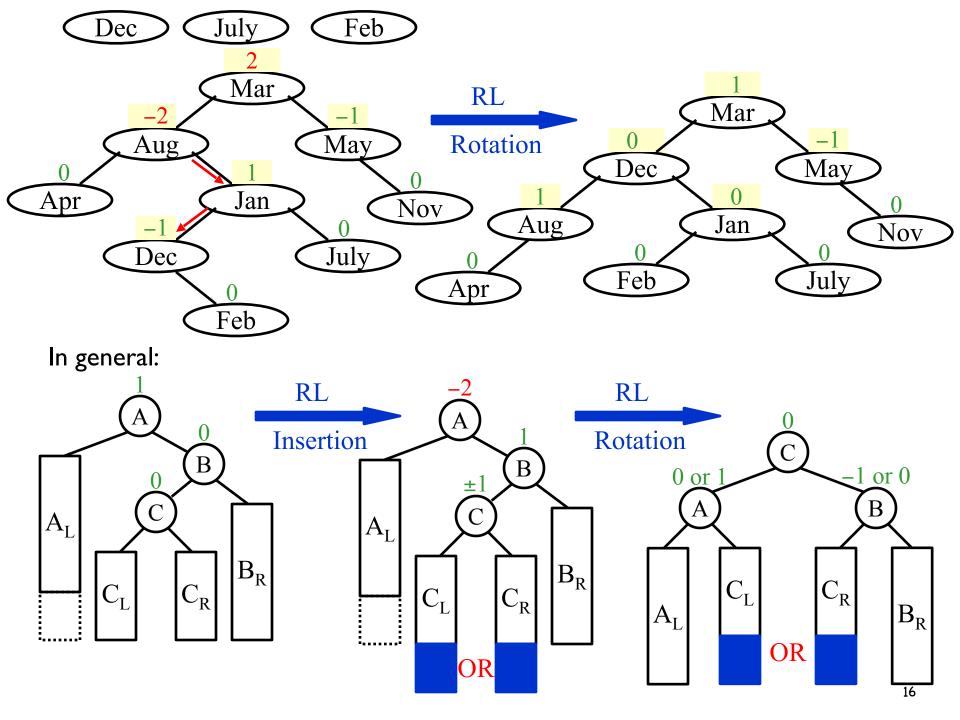
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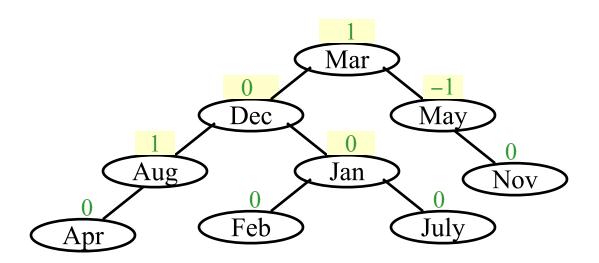




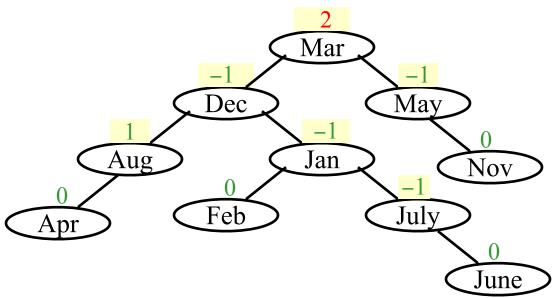




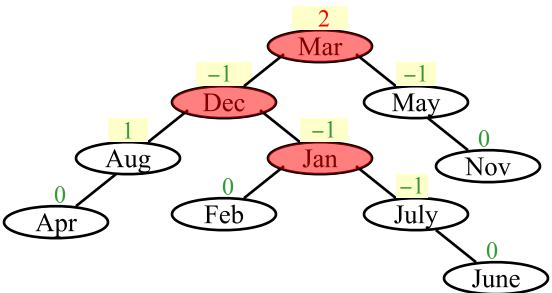




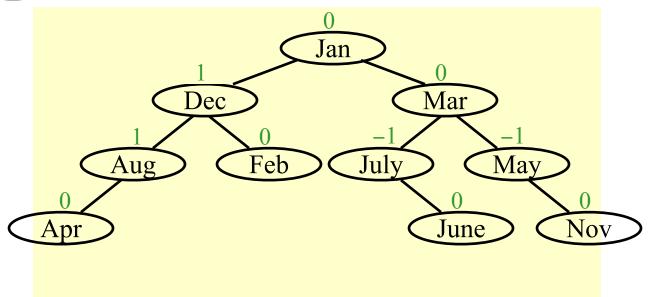


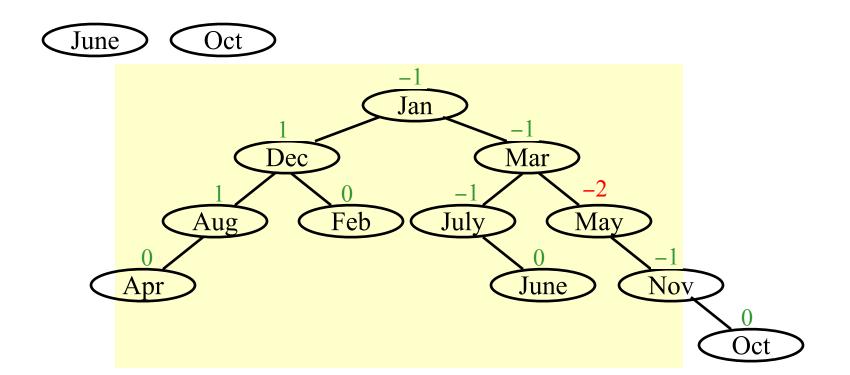


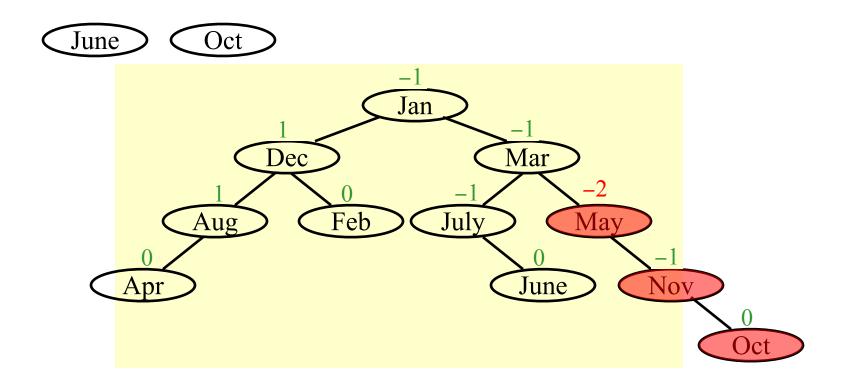




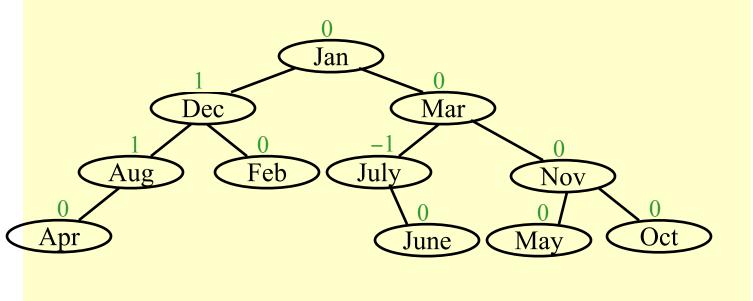


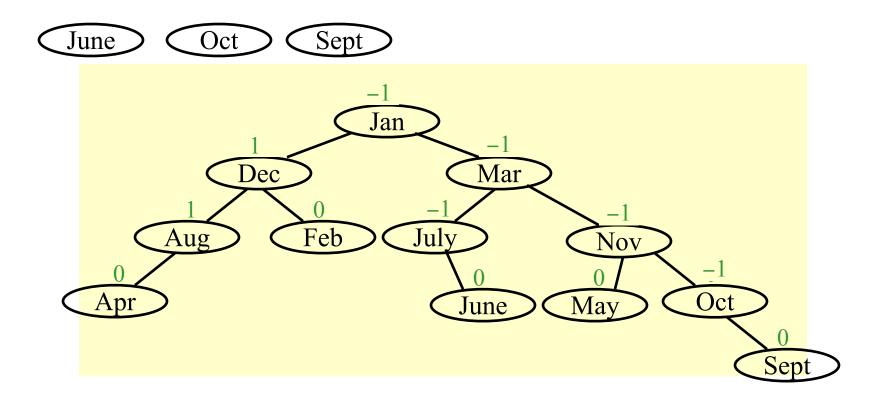


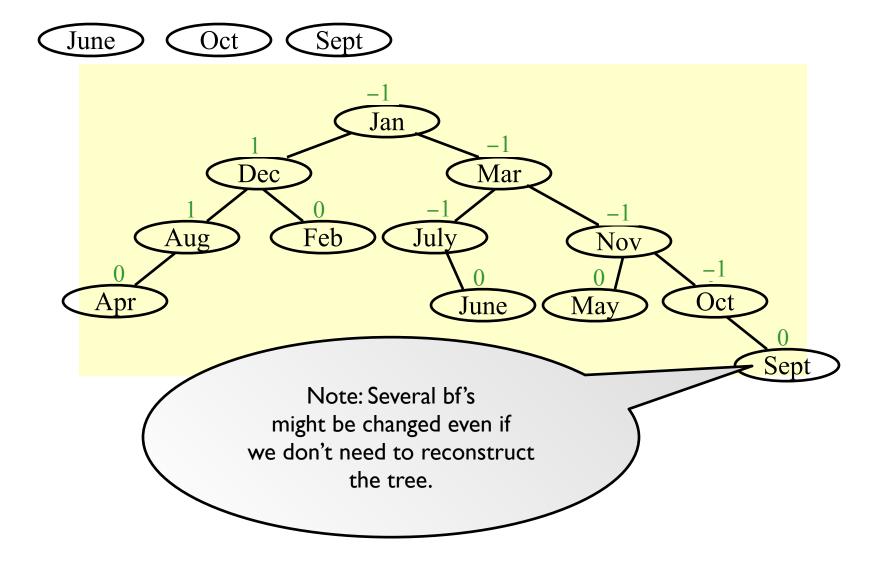


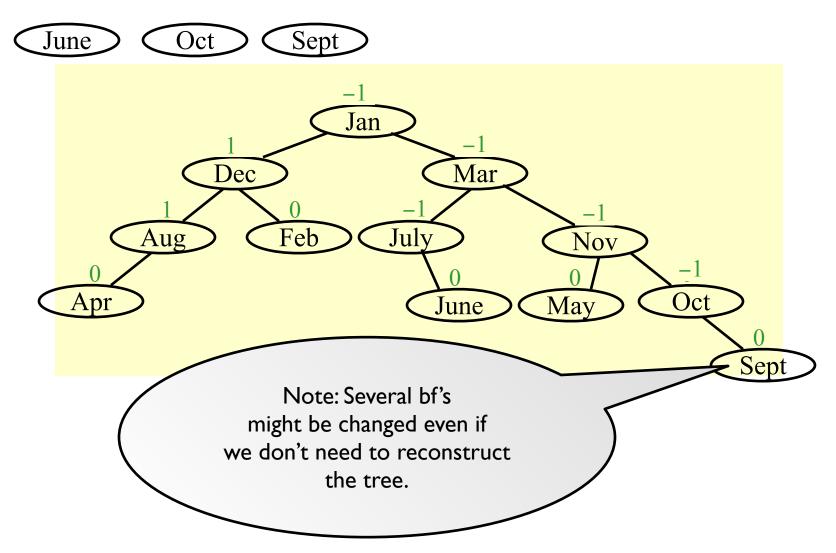




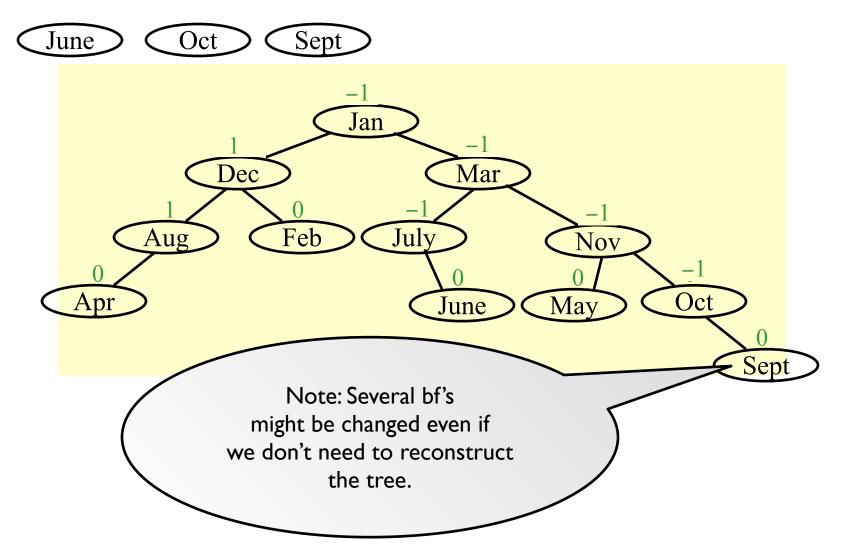








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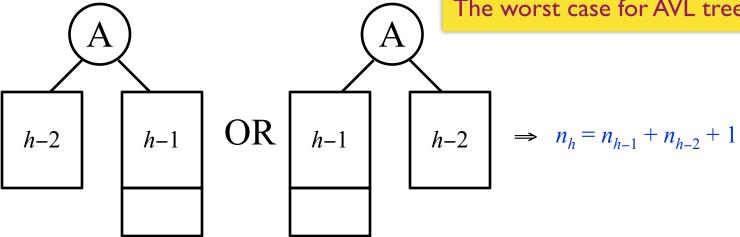


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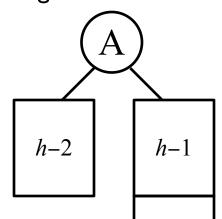
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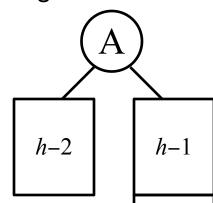
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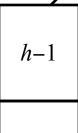
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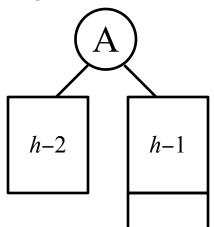
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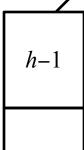
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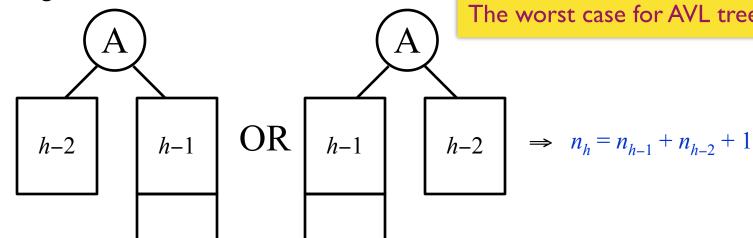
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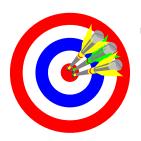


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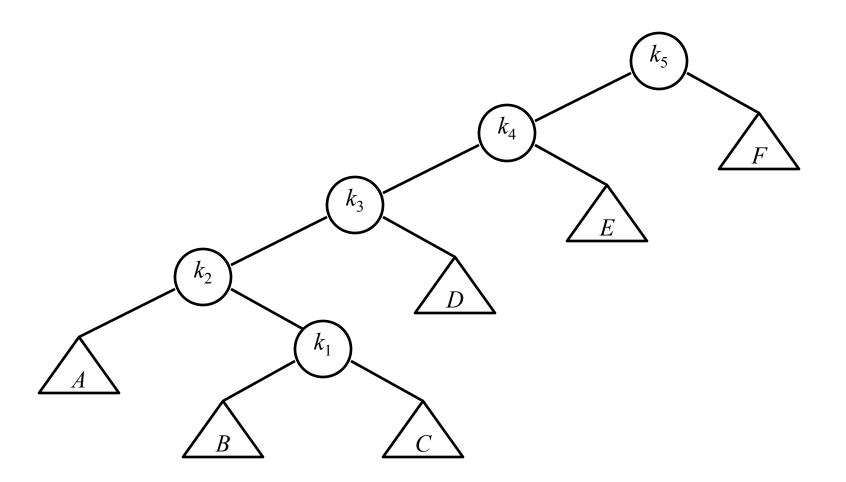
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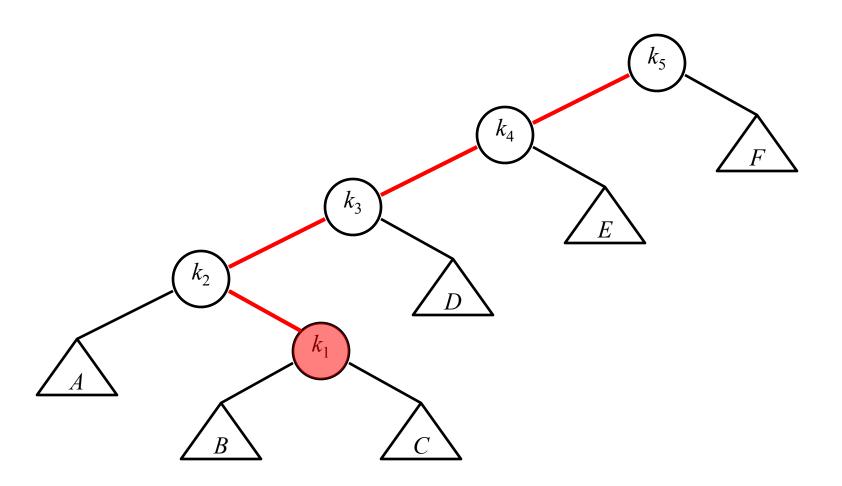
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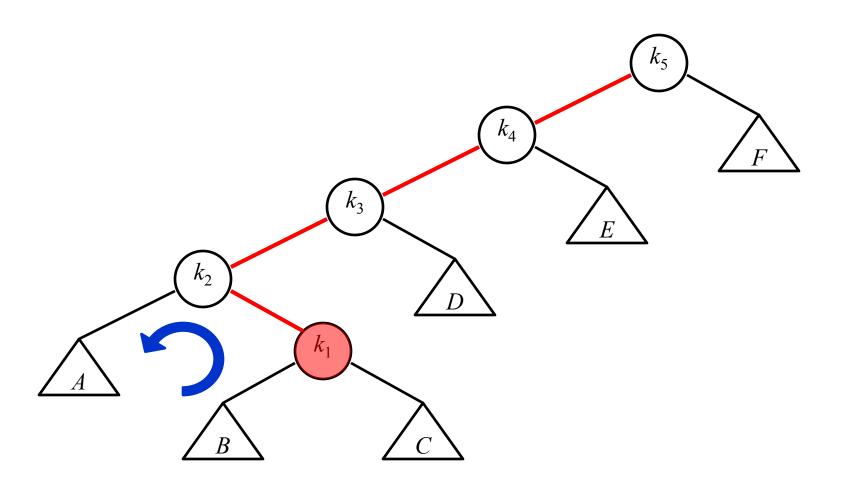
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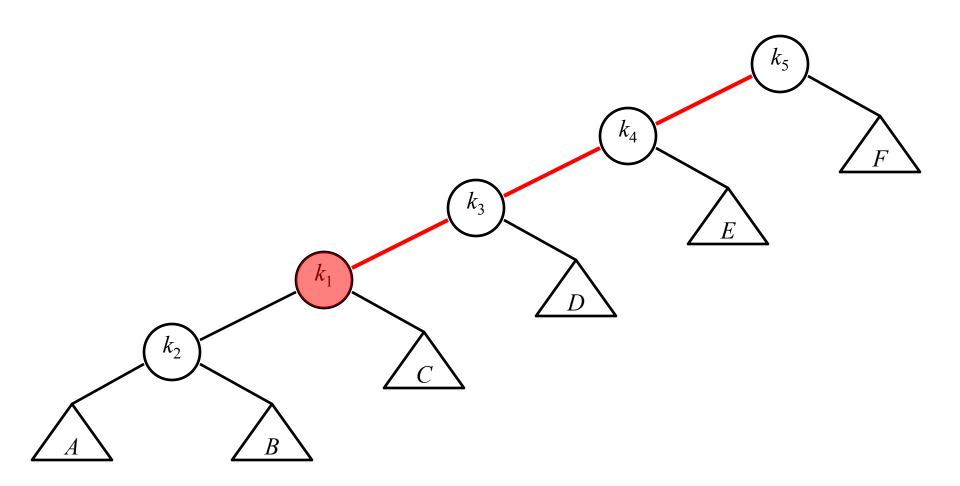


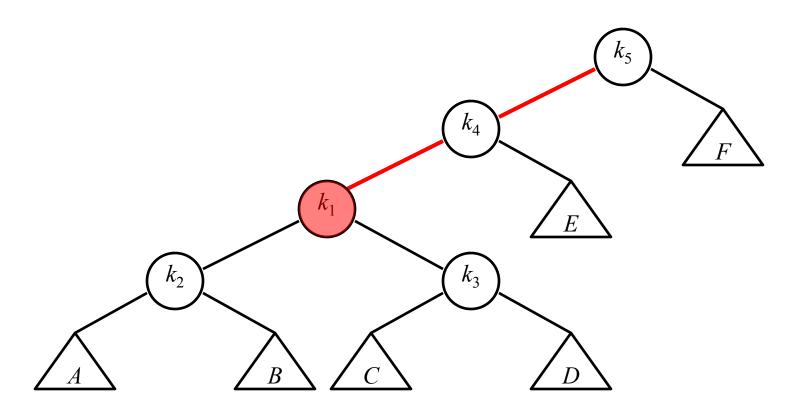
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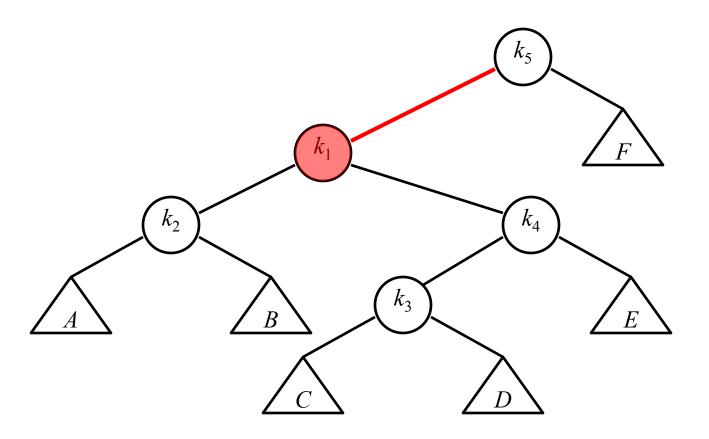


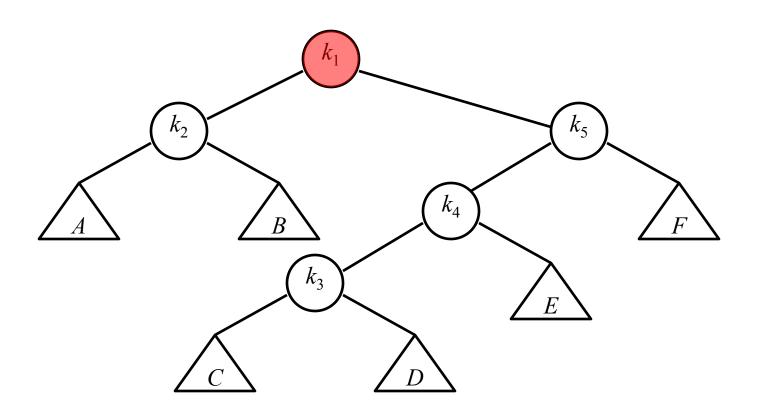


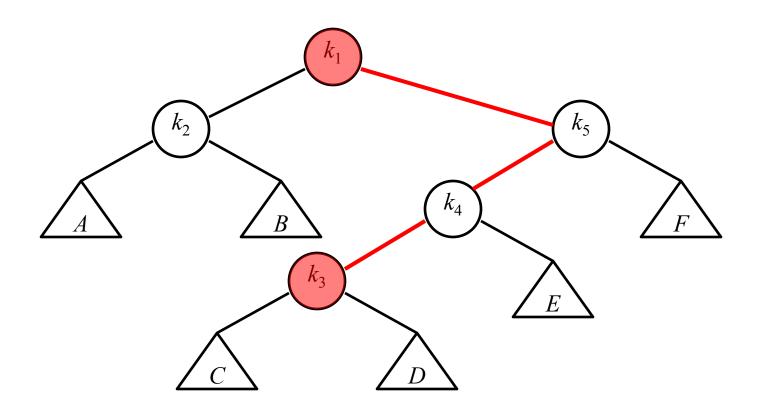


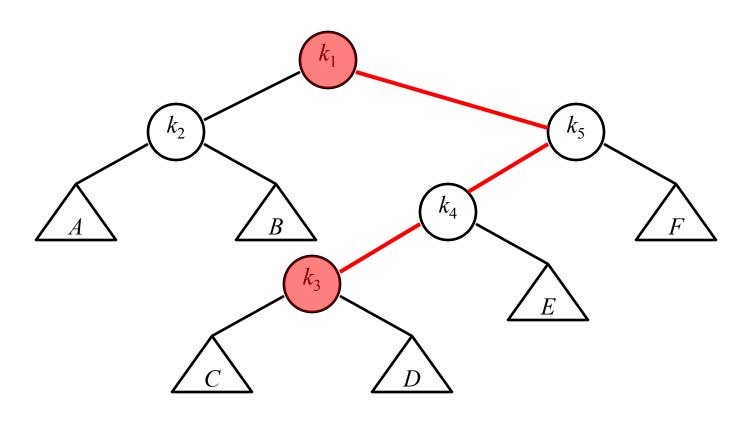










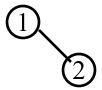


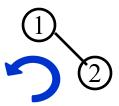


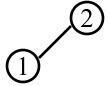
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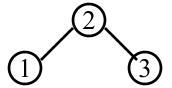
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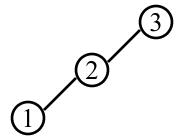




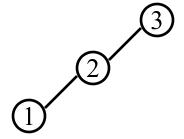


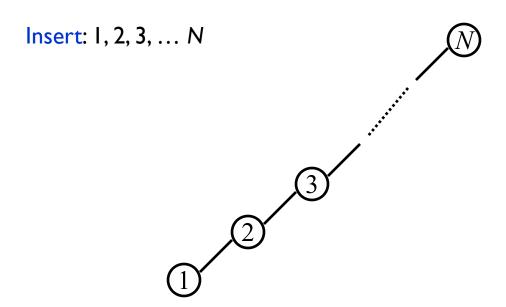


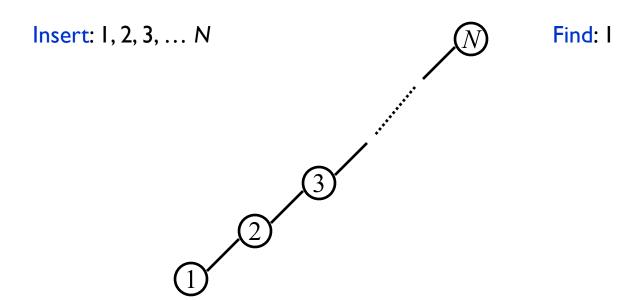


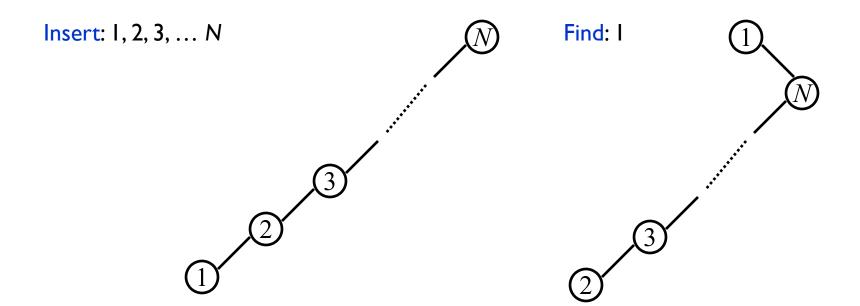


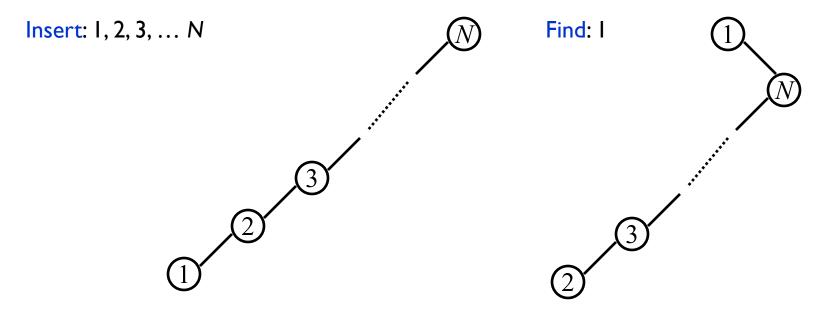
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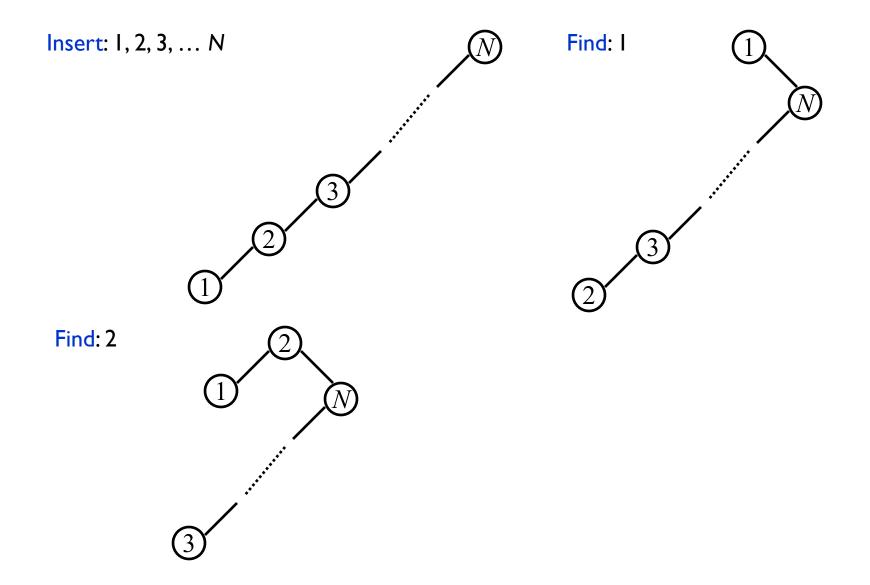


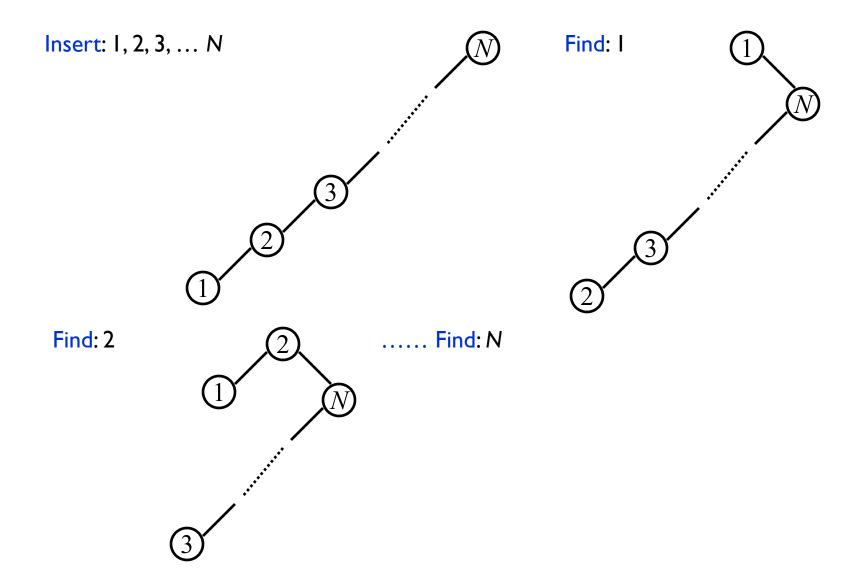


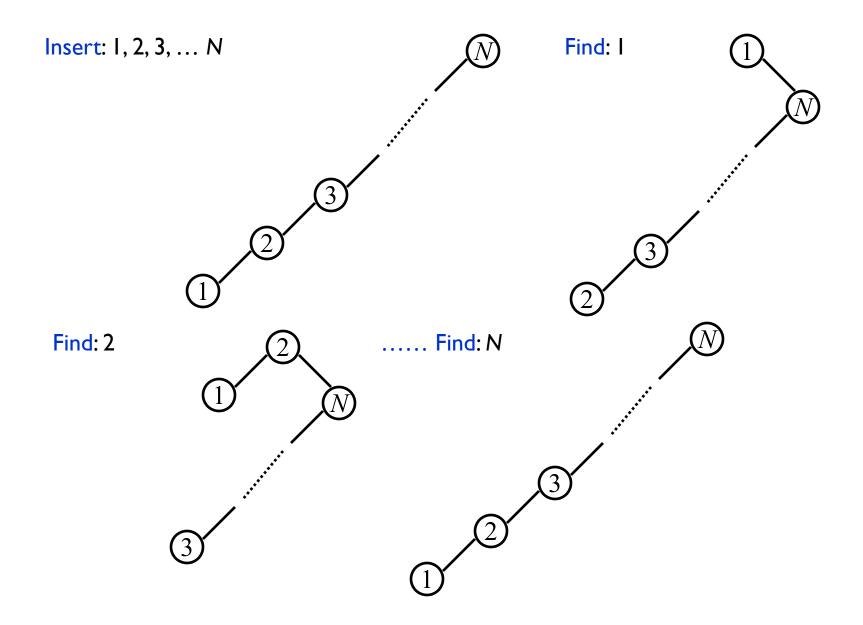


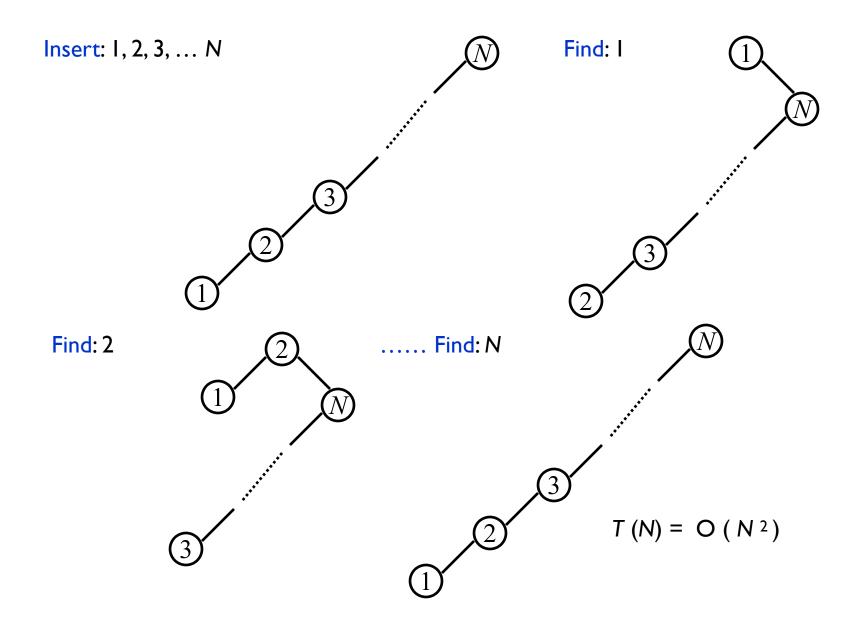










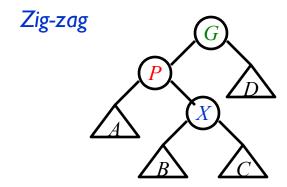


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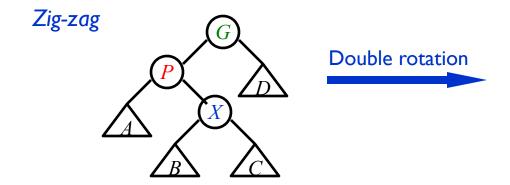
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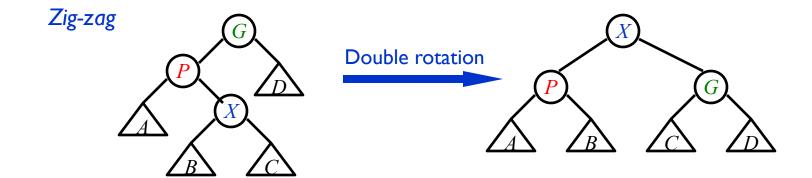
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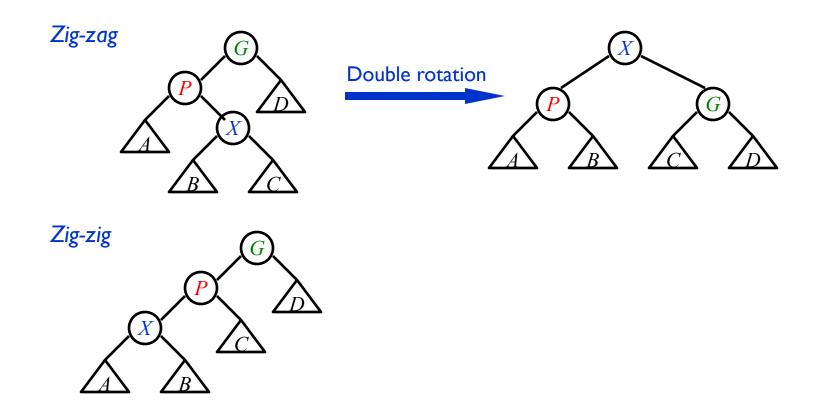


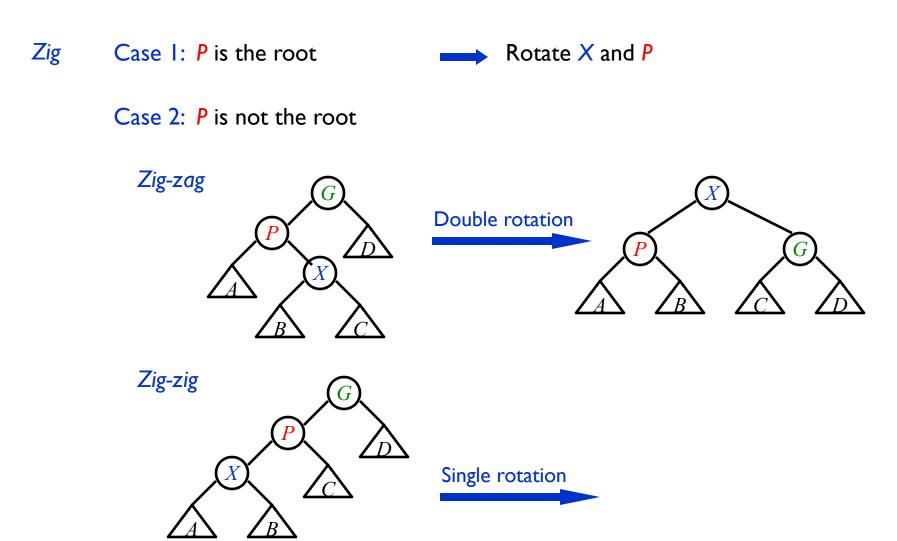
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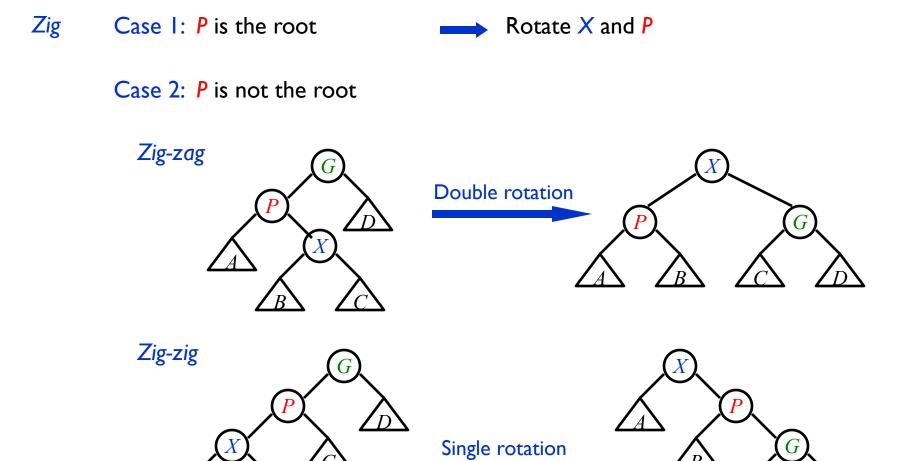




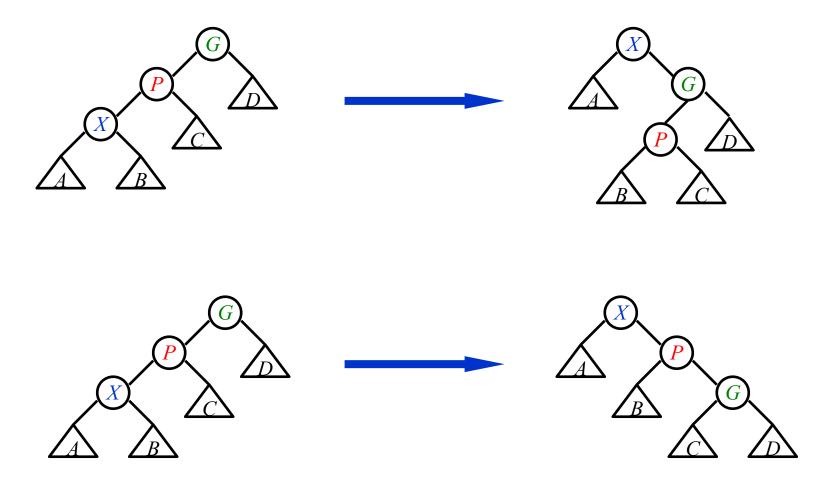
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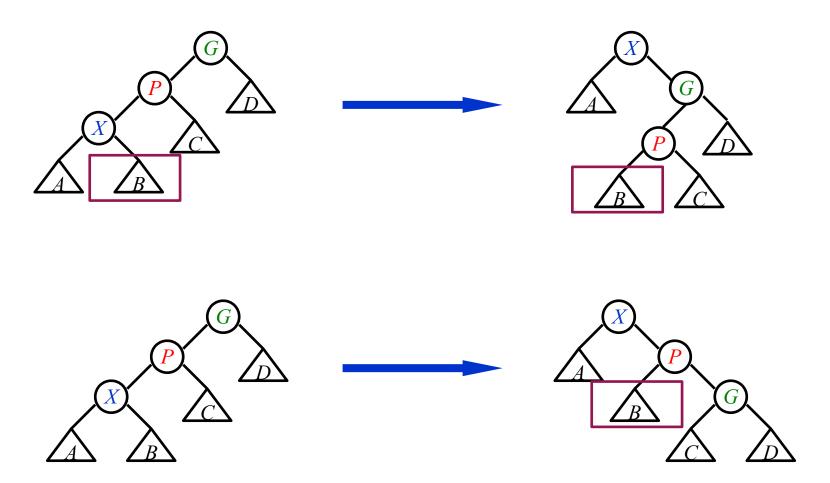




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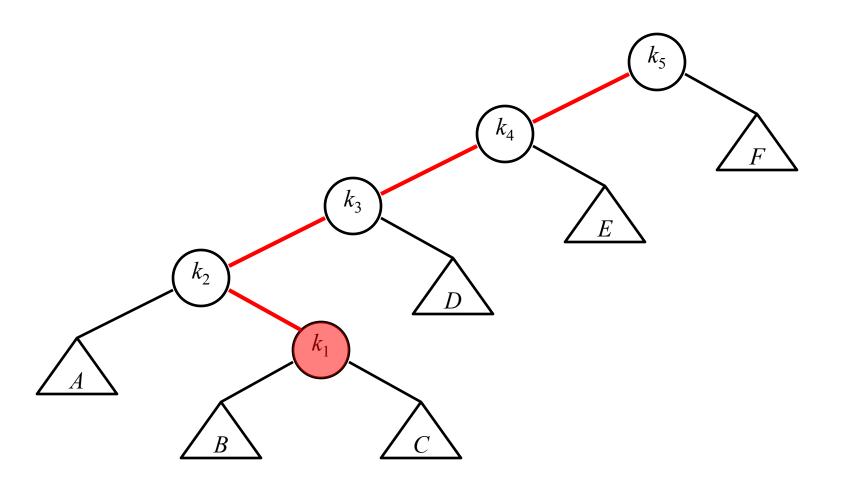


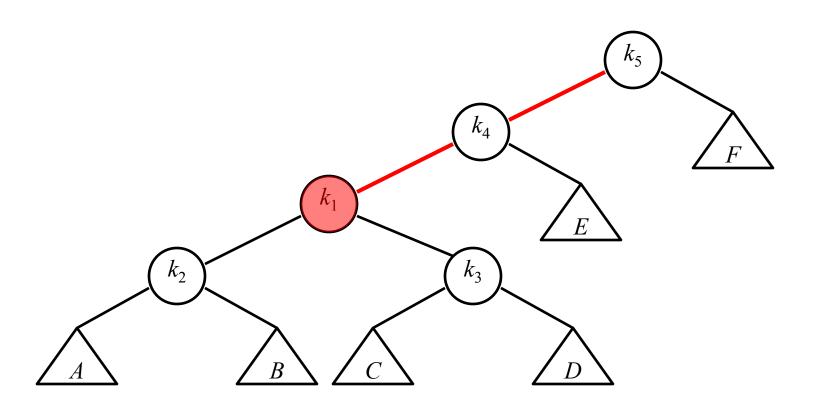
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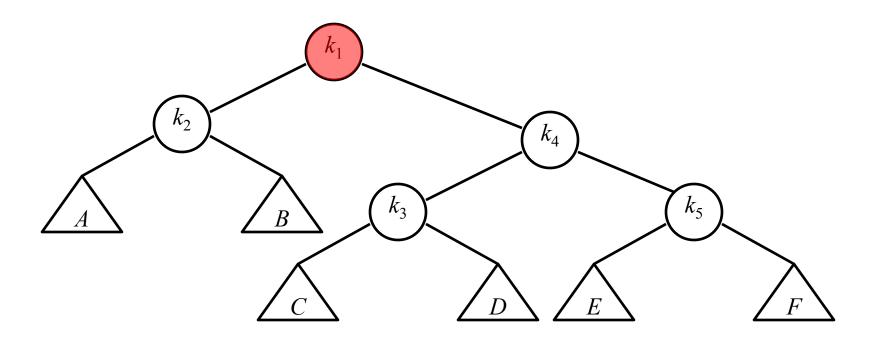


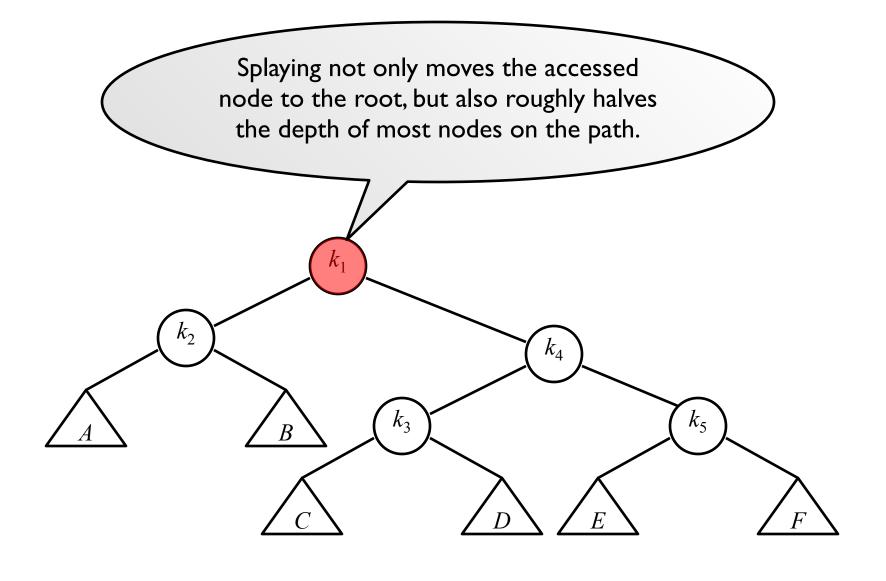
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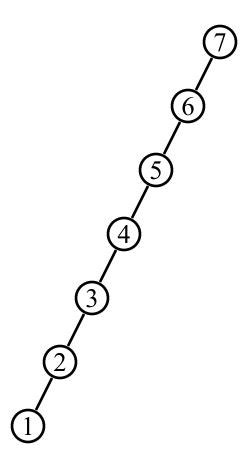






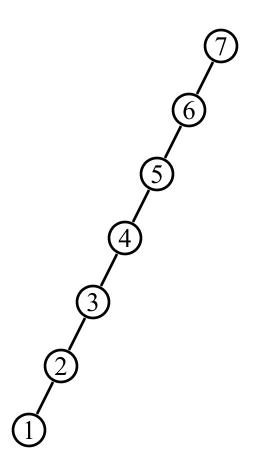
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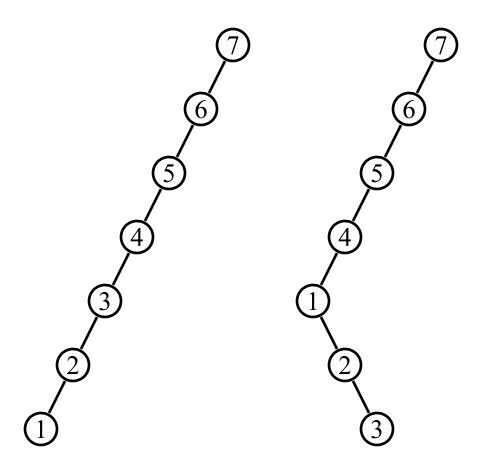
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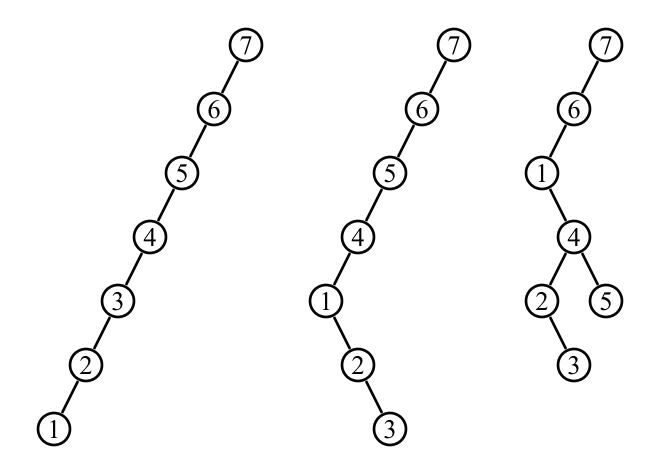
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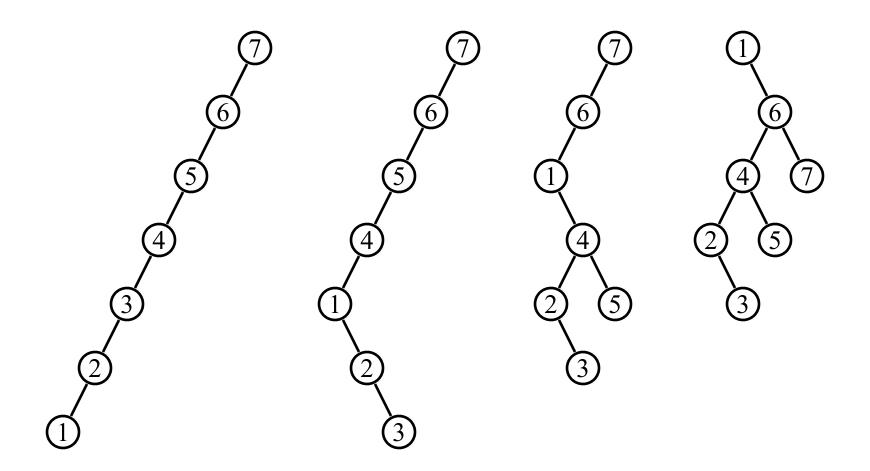
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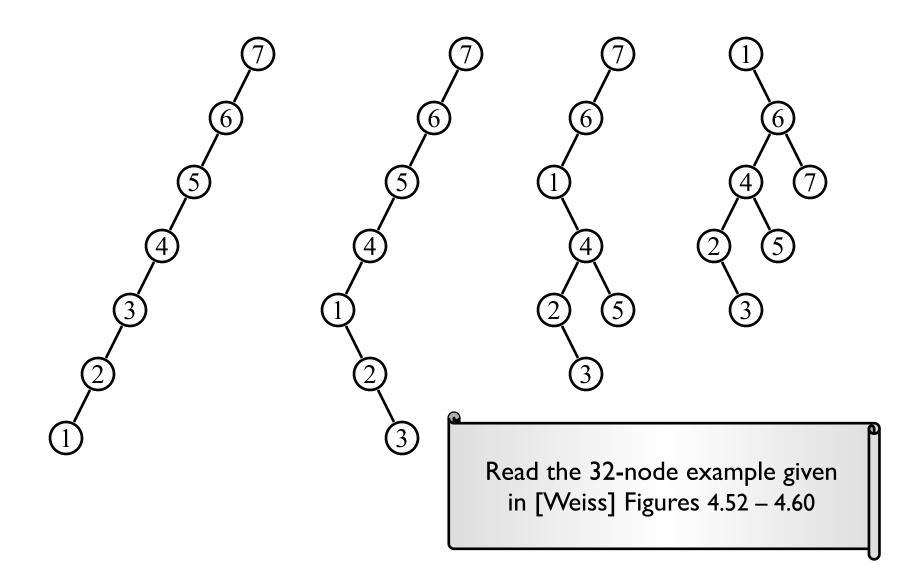
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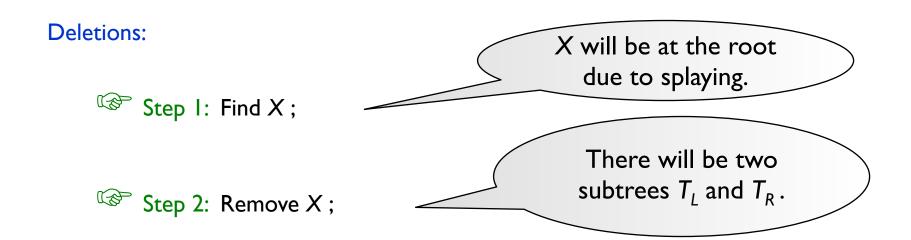
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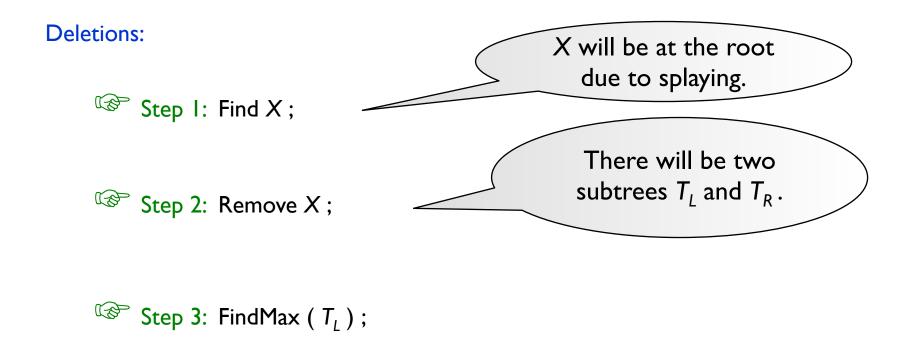
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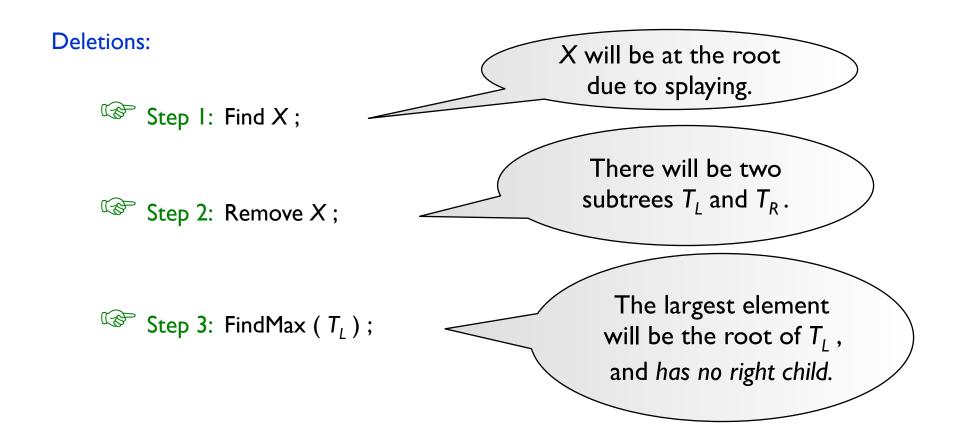
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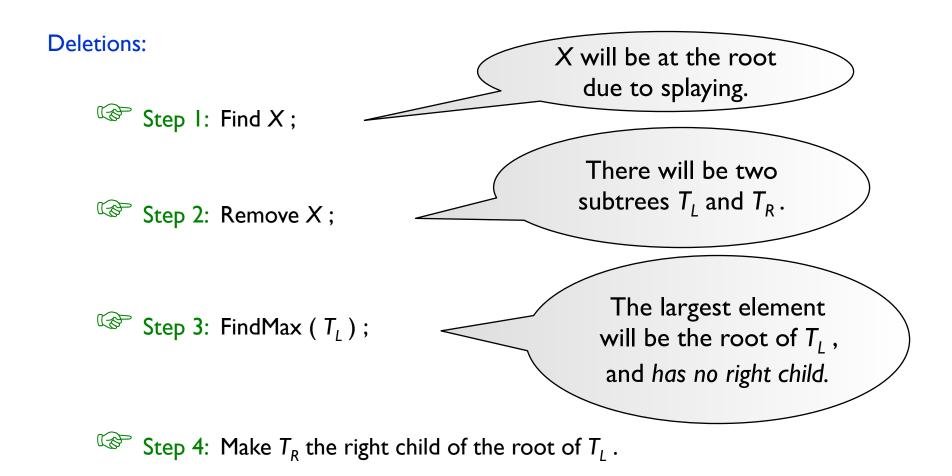
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Check the details in the "Self-adjusting binary search trees" paper.

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Stack S)

We can pop each object from the stack at most once for each time we have pushed it onto the stack

 $Total = O(n^2)?$

[Example] Stack with Pruntin opt in

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Algorithm {
    while ( !IsEmpty(S) && k>0 ) {
        Pop(S);
        k - -;
        } /* end while-loop */
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 $T = \min (sizeof(S), k)$

Consider a sequence of Push, Pop, and MultiPop operations on an initially empty stack.

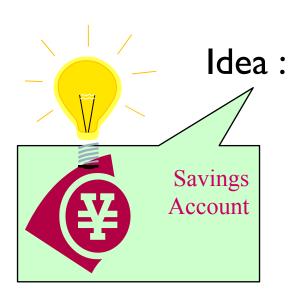
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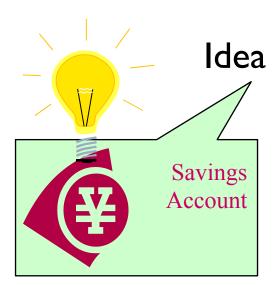
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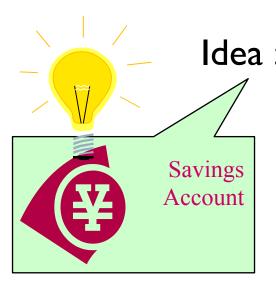
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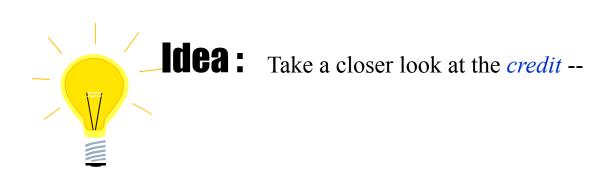
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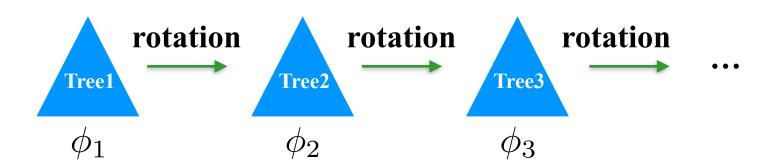
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Analysis of Splay Trees

- What we want to bound?
 - The amortized cost of a sequence of operations, e.g. search, delete, insert, split...
 - Each operation involves slaying: a subsequence of rotations.
- The potential function is built on a state of tree. Let's consider the amortized cost of sequence of rotations first.



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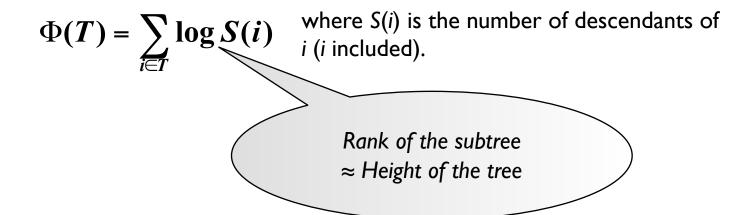
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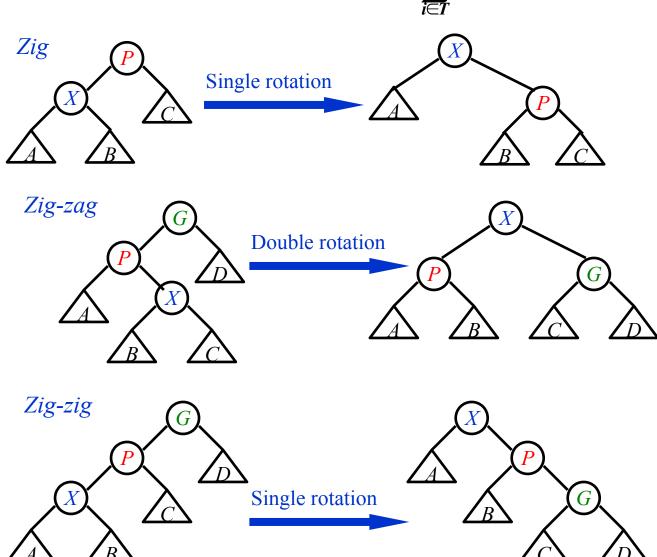
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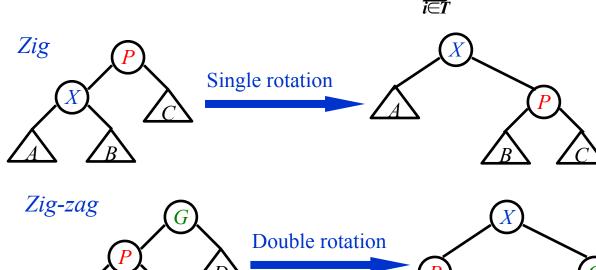
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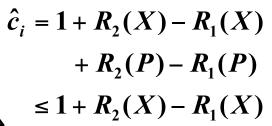
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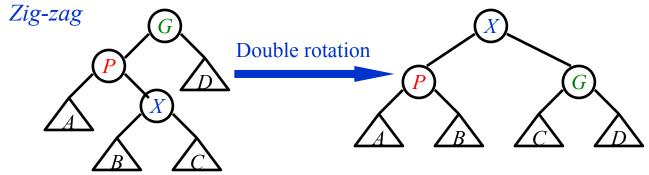
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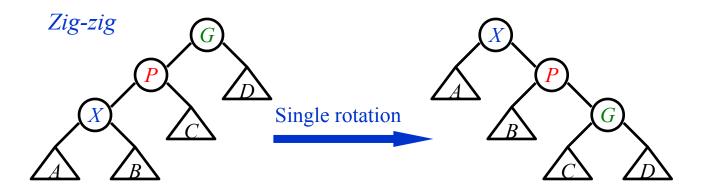


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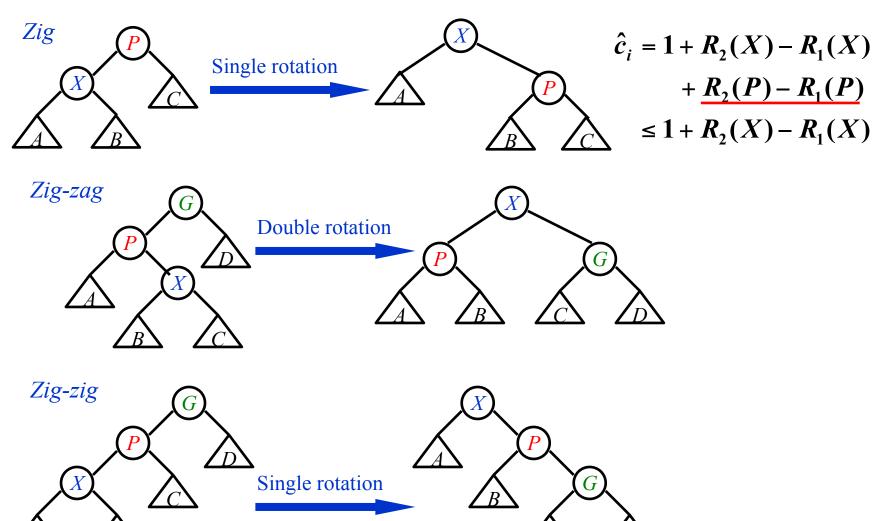




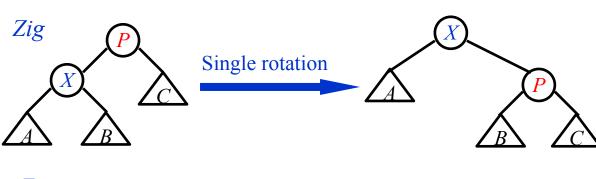


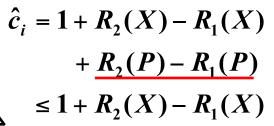


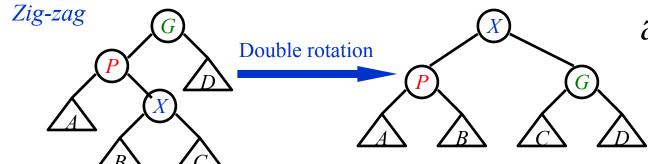
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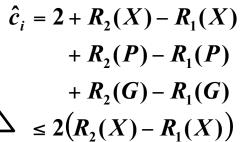


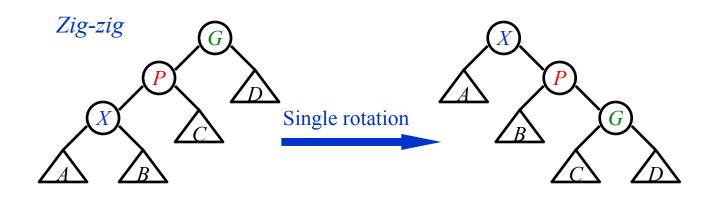
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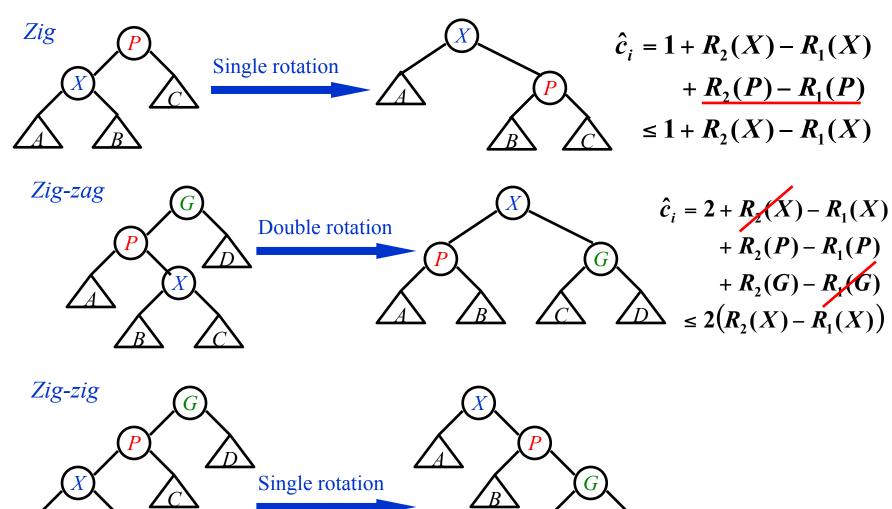




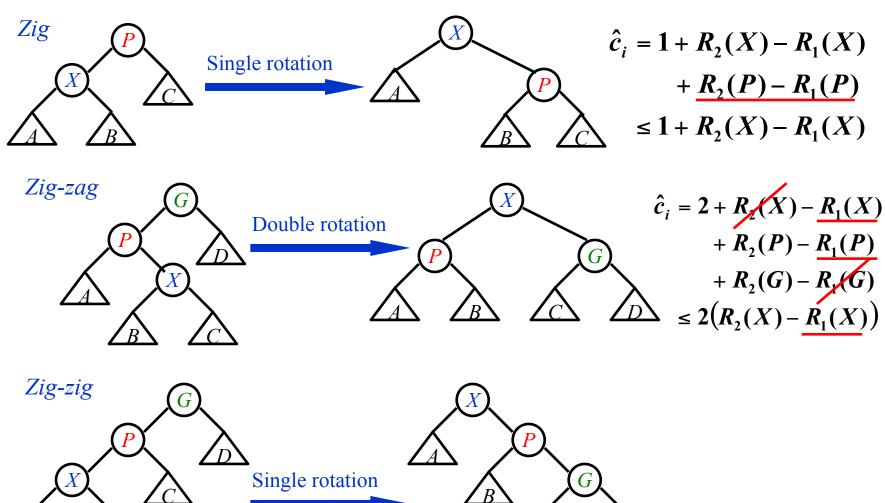




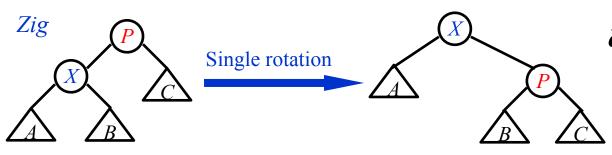
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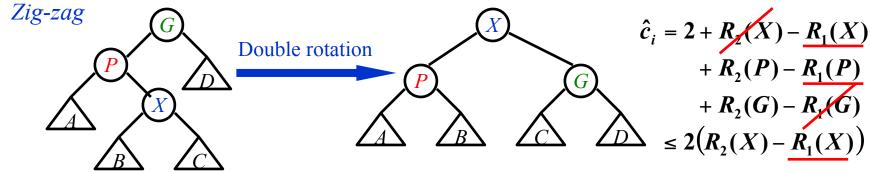


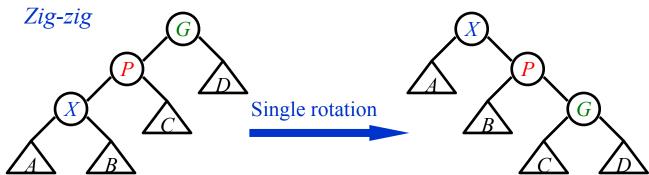




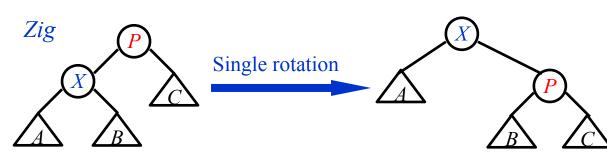
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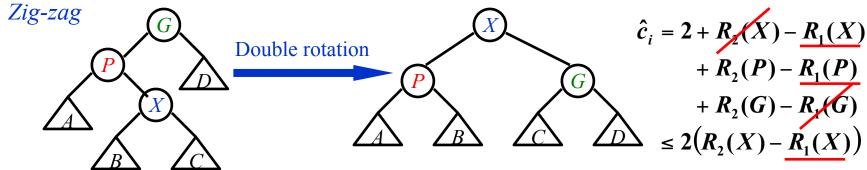


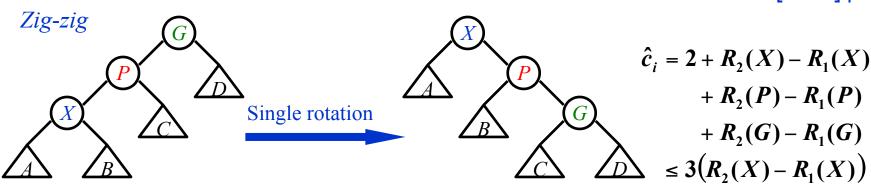
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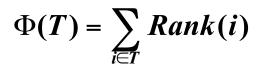


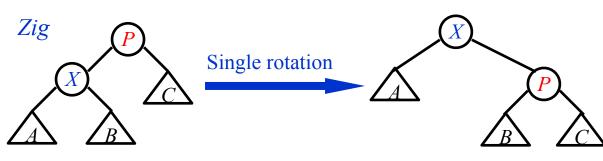
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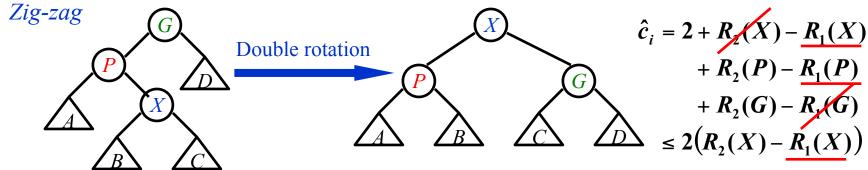


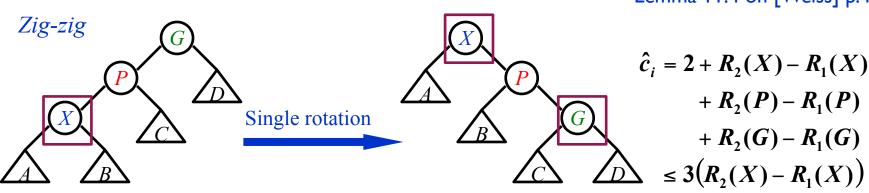




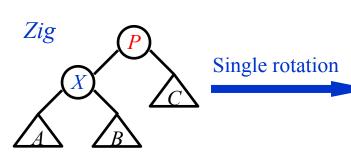
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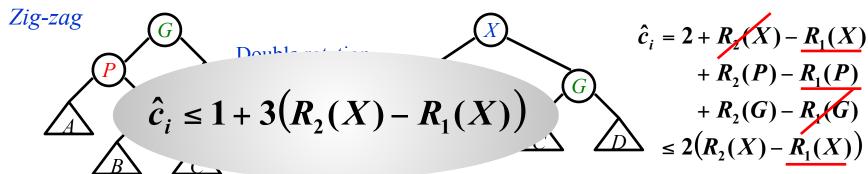


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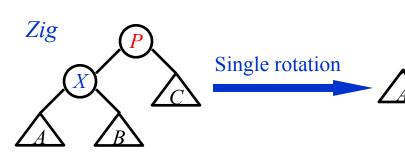
 $\leq 2(R_2(X) - \underline{R_1(X)})$ Lemma 11.4 on [Weiss] p.448

Zig-zig Single rotation

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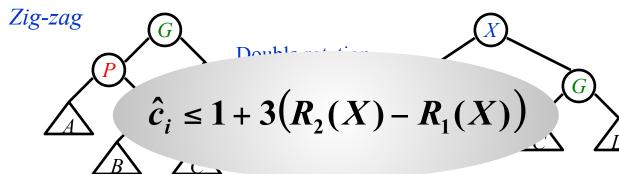
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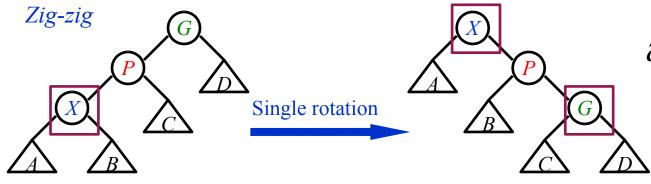
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Theorem:

The amortized cost of a series of operations started from an empty splay tree is of order O(log N), where N is the number of all nodes involved in the operations.

Read the original splay tree paper for details.

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 - Reduce depth to reduce cost of operations.
- AVL trees:
 - Satisfying height-balanced condition. Conduct rotations to achieve self-balancing once the condition is violated.
- Splay trees:
 - Achieving self-balancing by conducting splaying steps for any operations.
- Amortized analysis:
 - Averaging the total cost which is limited by the structure.

Thanks for your attention! Discussions?

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