# Red Black Trees 

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## Definition of Red Black Trees

- A Red Black tree is a BST with the following properties:

1. Every node is either colored red or black.
2. The root is black.
3. No two successive nodes are red.
4. Every path from the root to a null node has the same number of black nodes.

## Example



## Bottom-Up Insertion Strategy

- Insertion is always done as a leaf (as in ordinary BST insertion) and the new node is red.
- In Bottom-Up insertion, we first insert the node.
- On the recursive travel back up the tree, we balance the tree.
- Rotations preserve red-black tree properties.


## Bottom-Up Insertion Strategy

figure $\mathbf{1 9 . 3 5}$
If $S$ is black, a single rotation between parent and grandparent, with appropriate color changes, restores property 3 if $X$ is an outside grandchild.

(a) Before rotation
(b) After rotation

## Bottom-Up Insertion Strategy


figure 19.36
If $S$ is black, a double rotation involving $X$, the parent, and the grandparent, with grandparent, with appropriate color changes, restores property 3 if $X$ is an inside grandchild.

## Bottom-Up Insertion Strategy


figure 19.37
If $S$ is red, a single rotation between parent and grandparent, with appropriate color changes, restores
property 3 between $X$
and $P$.

## Top-Down Insertion Strategy

- Insertion is always done as a leaf (as in ordinary BST insertion) and the new node is red.
- In Top-Down insertion, the rotations are done while traversing down the tree to the insertion point.
- Top-Down insertion can be done iteratively.


Situation: A black node with two red children.
Action: - Recolor the node red and the children black.

- If the parent is red, perform rotations, otherwise continue down the tree


## Rotations

- If the color flip produced two successive red nodes, perform either a single or a double rotation.
- The 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.
- The only difference to AVL tree rotations are that we recolor nodes rather than adjust their heights.

- Again, the rotation is done on $G$, the grandparent of this.


## Double Rotation on Left Child (cont'd)



- Recolor this and G


## Testing

- Insert: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7
- Insert: 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1
- Insert: $10,85,15,70,20,60,30,50,65,80$, 90, 40, 5, 55

