

# Red-Black Trees

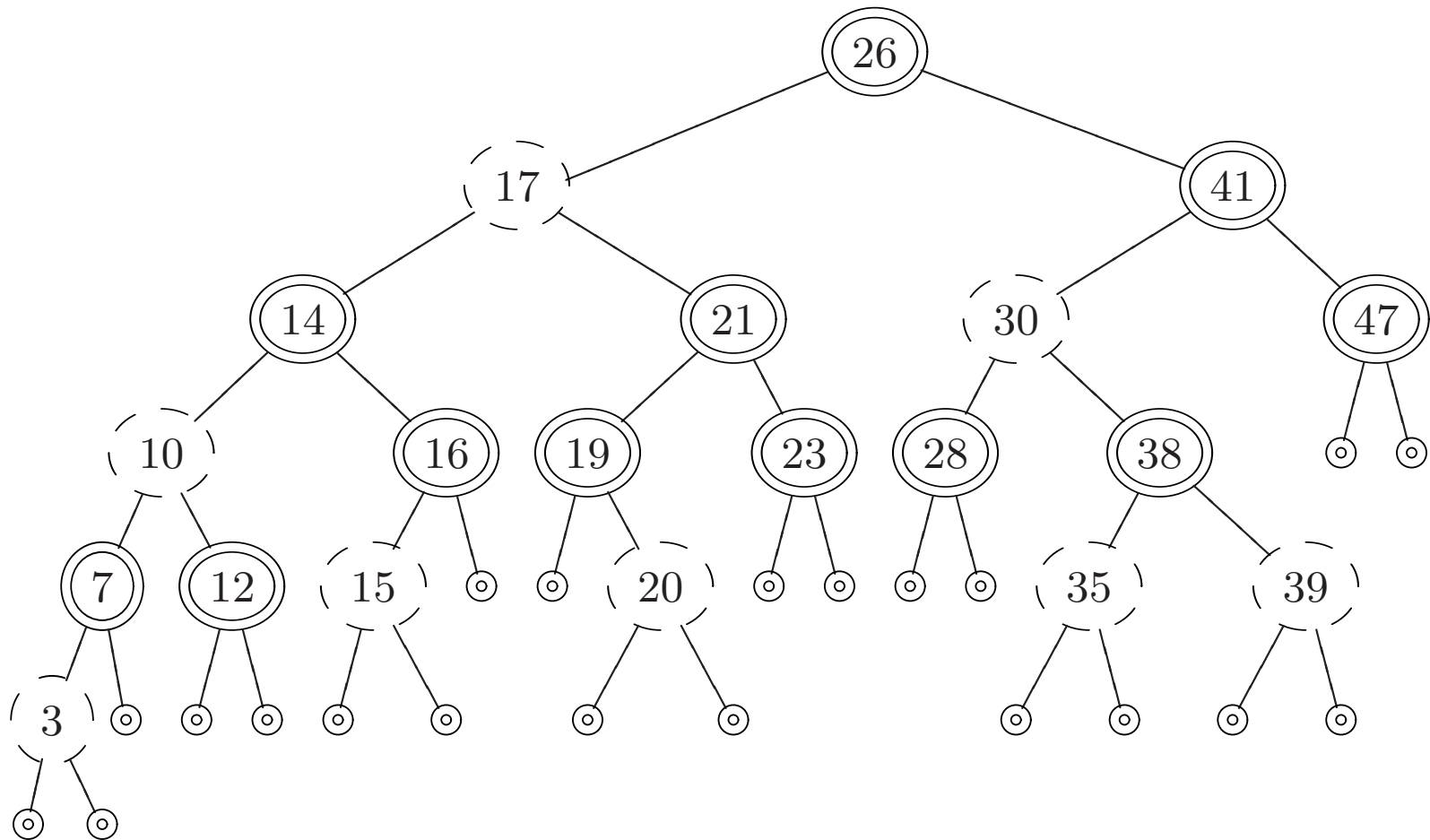
## Red-Black Trees

**Definition.** A **red-black tree** is a binary search tree with the following properties:

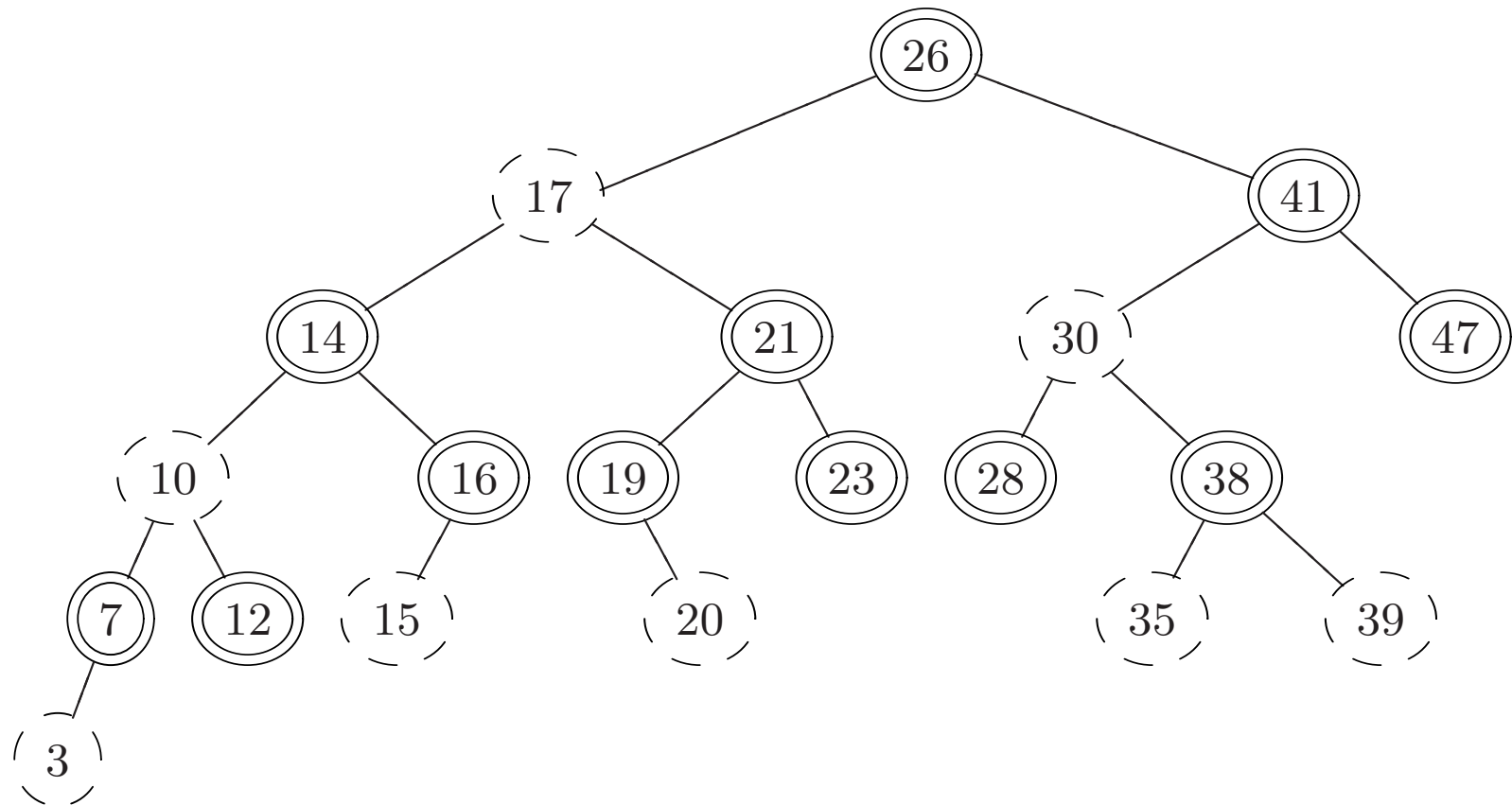
- Every node is either red or black;
- The root is black;
- Every leaf is **NIL** and is black;
- If a node is red, then both its children are black;
- For each node, all simple paths from the node to descendant leaves contain the same number of black nodes.

(Note: Every node in a binary tree is either a leaf or has **BOTH** a left **AND** right child.)

# Red-Black Tree: Example

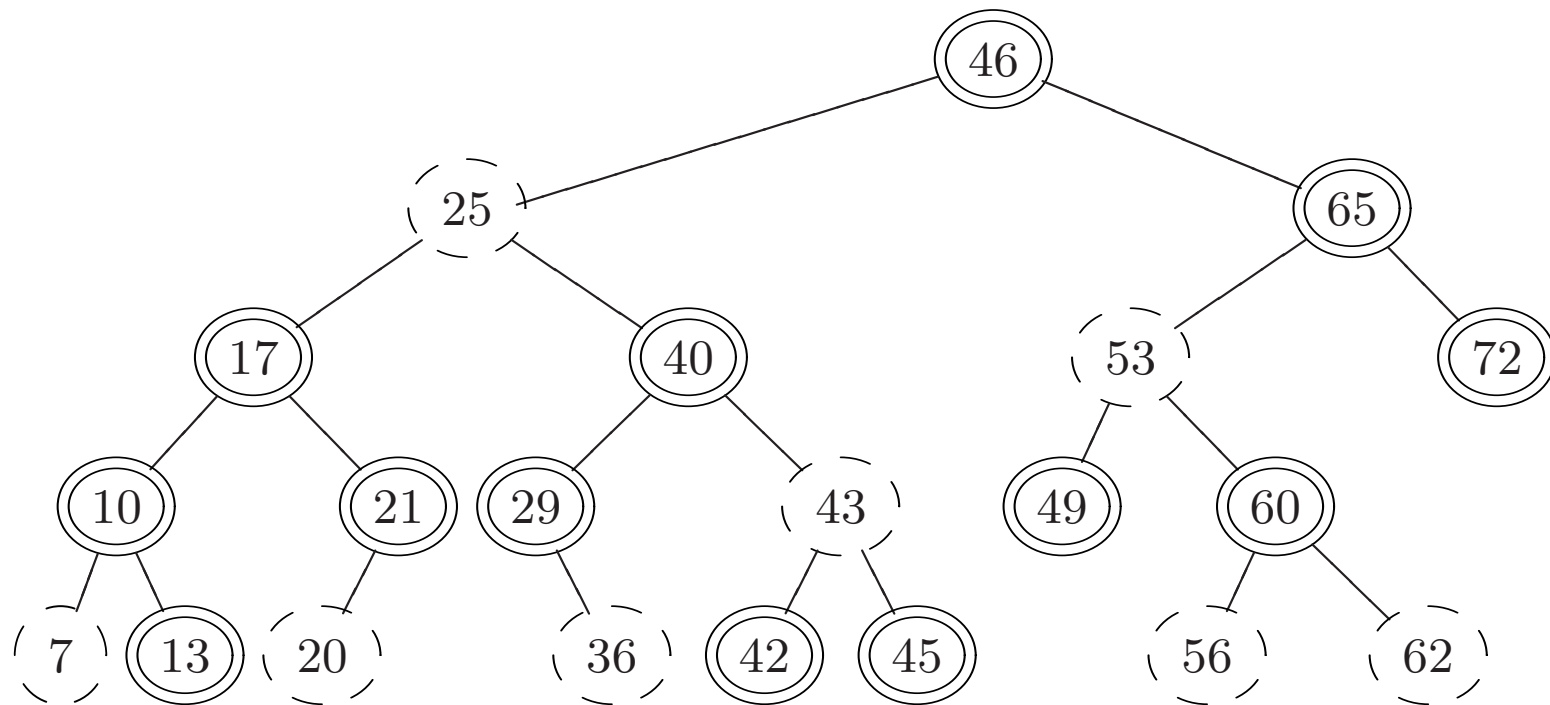


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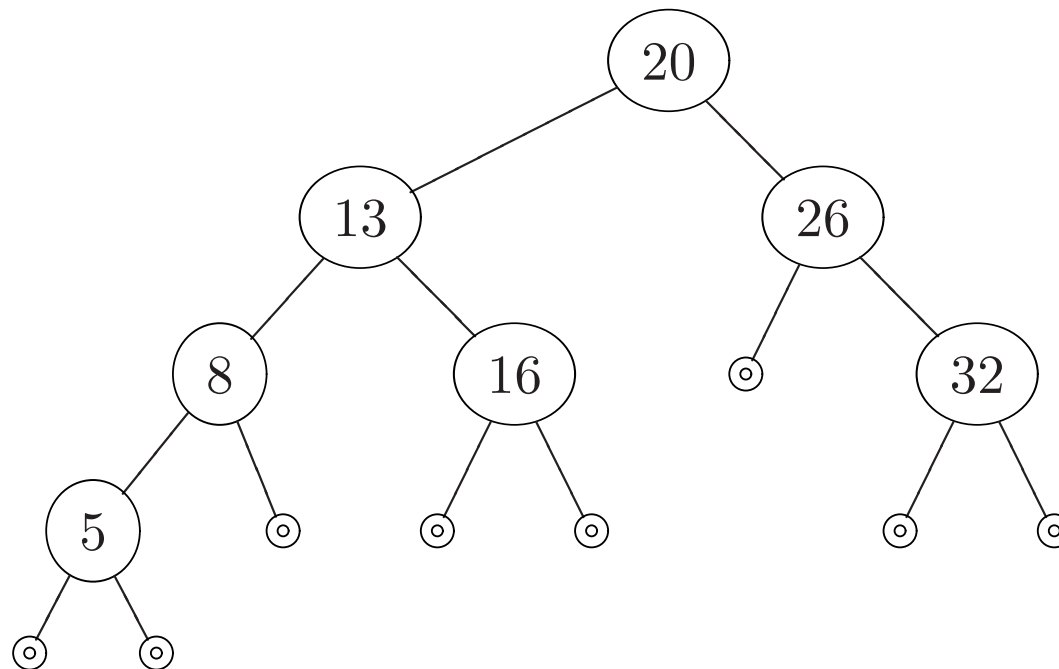
## NOT a Red-Black Tree

This tree is NOT a red-black tree. Why not?



## Red-Black Tree Exercise

Color the following tree so that it is a red-black tree:



## Red-Black Tree Height

**Definition.** A **red-black tree** satisfies the following properties:

- Every node is either red or black;
- The root is black;
- Every leaf is **NIL** and is black;
- If a node is red, then both its children are black;
- For each node, all simple paths from the node to descendant leaves contain the same number of black nodes.

**Theorem.** A red-black tree with  $n$  internal nodes has height at most  $2 \log_2(n + 1)$ .

## Complete Binary Tree Size

**Theorem 1.** A complete binary search tree of height  $h$  has  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes.

*Proof.* Level  $i$  has  $2^i$  nodes ( $i = 0, 1, \dots, h$ ).

$$1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^h = 2^{h+1} - 1.$$

□



## Red-Black Tree Size

**Theorem 2.** A red-black tree of height  $h$  has at least  $2^{\lceil h/2 \rceil} - 1$  internal nodes.

*Proof.* (By Dr. Y. Wang.)

Let  $T$  be a red-black tree of height  $h$ .

Remove the leaves of  $T$  forming a tree  $T'$  of height  $h - 1$ .

Let  $r$  be the root of  $T'$ .

Since no child of a red node is red and  $r$  is black, the longest path from  $r$  to a leaf has at least  $\lceil h/2 \rceil$  black nodes.

Since every path from  $r$  to a leaf has the same number of black nodes, every path from  $r$  to a leaf has at least  $\lceil h/2 \rceil$  black nodes.

Thus,  $T'$  contains a complete binary tree of height at least  $\lceil h/2 \rceil - 1$ .

(Note: height = Number of EDGES on longest path from root to leaf.)

By Theorem 1, tree  $T'$  has at least  $2^{\lceil h/2 \rceil - 1 + 1} - 1$  nodes so tree  $T$  has at least  $2^{\lceil h/2 \rceil} - 1$  internal nodes. □

## Red-Black Tree Height

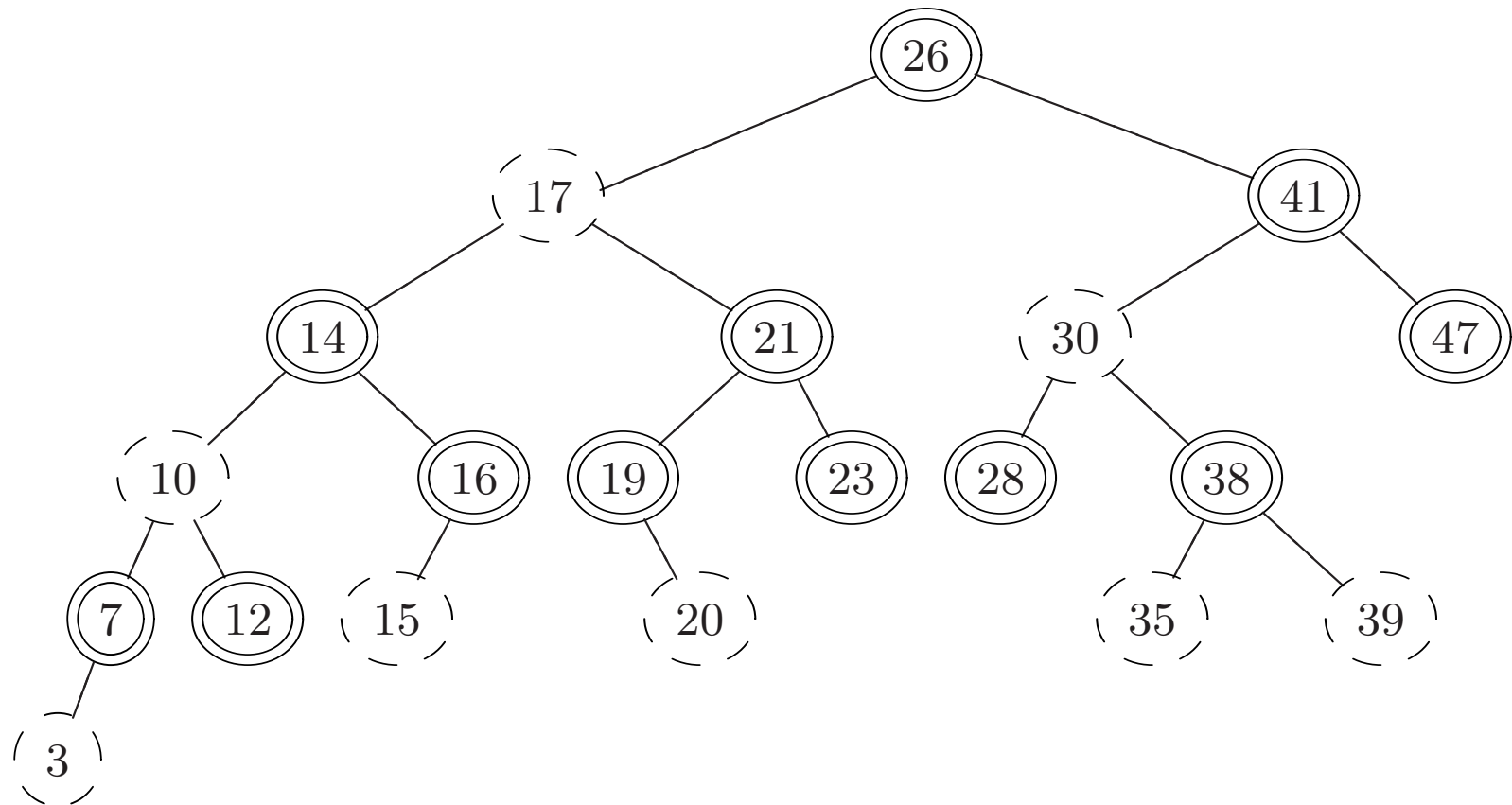
**Theorem.** A red-black tree with  $n$  internal nodes has height at most  $2 \log_2(n + 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $h$  be the height of a red-black tree with  $n$  nodes.

By Theorem 2,  $n \geq 2^{\lceil h/2 \rceil} - 1$ .

Thus,  $\log_2(n + 1) \geq \lceil h/2 \rceil \geq h/2$  so  $h \leq 2 \log_2(n + 1)$ . □

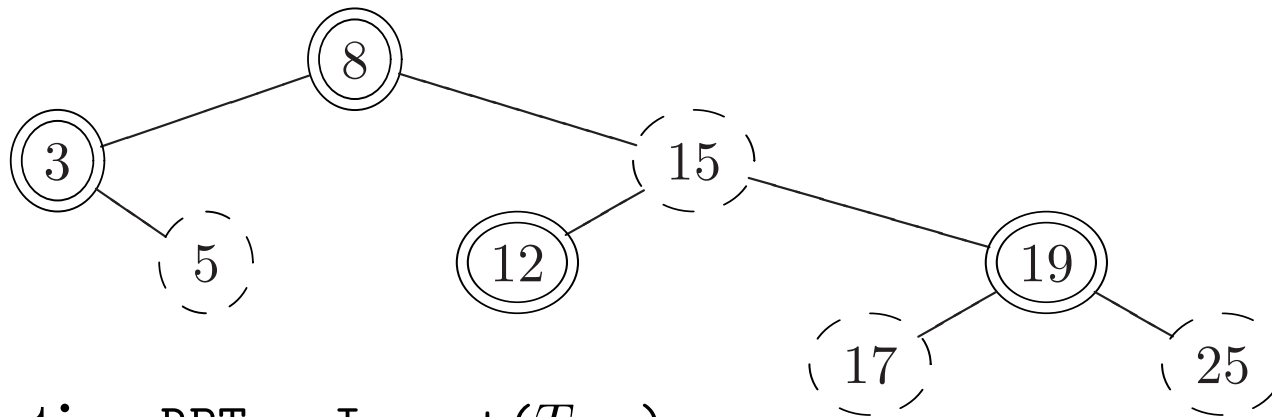
## Red-Black Tree: Insert



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```
function RBLocateParent( $T, z$ )  
  /* Return future parent of  $z$  in tree */  
1  $y \leftarrow \mathbf{NIL}$ ;  
2  $x \leftarrow T.\mathbf{root}$ ;  
3 while ( $x$  is not a leaf) do  
4    $y \leftarrow x$ ;  
5   if ( $z.\mathbf{key} < x.\mathbf{key}$ ) then  $x \leftarrow x.\mathbf{left}$ ;  
6   else  $x \leftarrow x.\mathbf{right}$ ;  
7 end  
8 return ( $y$ );
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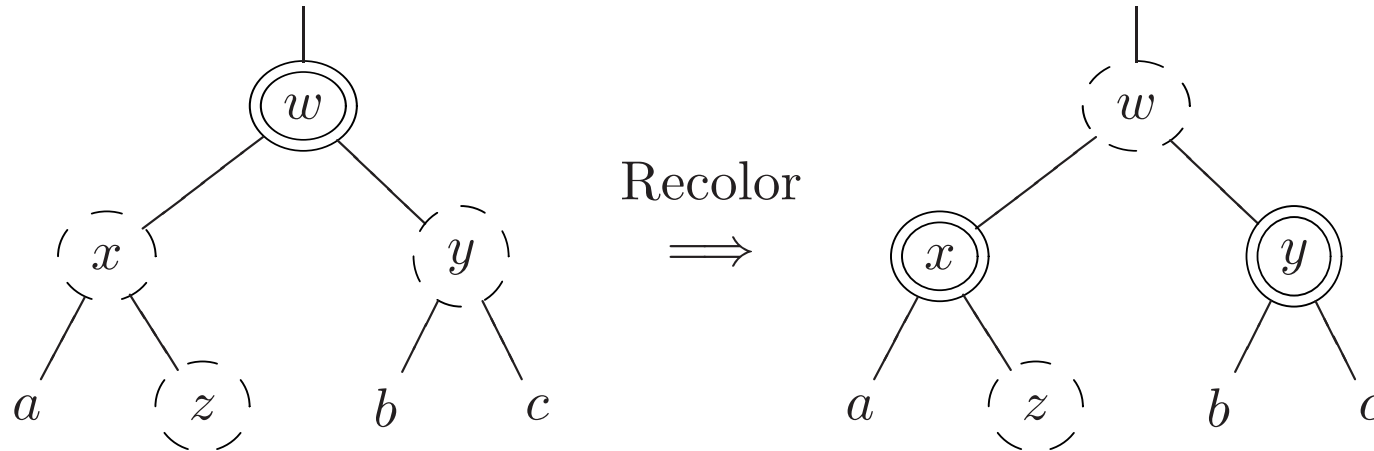
## Red-Black Tree Insert



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function RBTreeInsert( $T, z$ )
1  $y \leftarrow$  RBLocateParent( $T, z$ );
2  $z.parent \leftarrow y$ ;
3 if ( $y = \mathbf{NIL}$ ) then  $T.root \leftarrow z$ ;      /* tree  $T$  was empty */
4 else if ( $z.key < y.key$ ) then  $y.left \leftarrow z$ ;
5 else  $y.right \leftarrow z$ ;
6  $z.left \leftarrow$  leaf;
7  $z.right \leftarrow$  leaf;
8  $z.color \leftarrow$  Red;
9 RBInsertFixup( $T, z$ );
  
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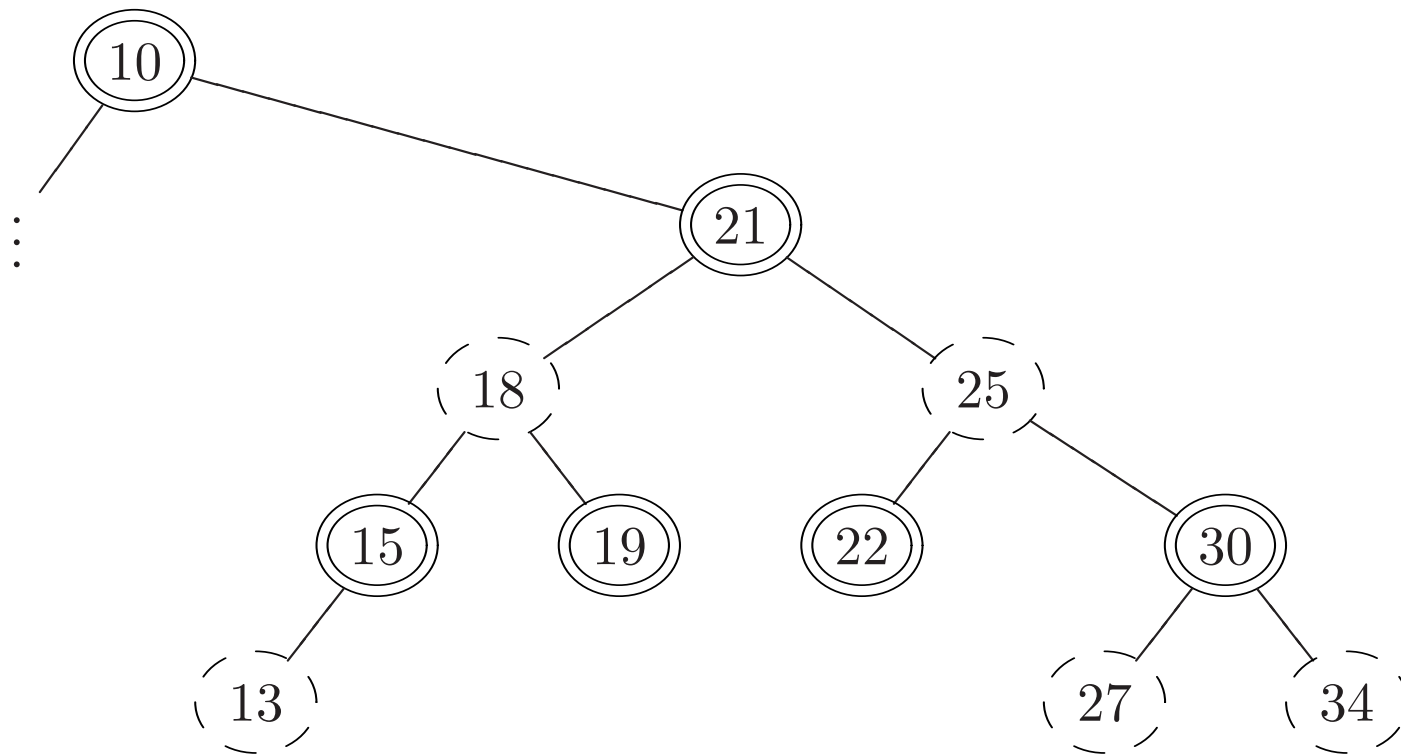
## Insert Fixup: Case I



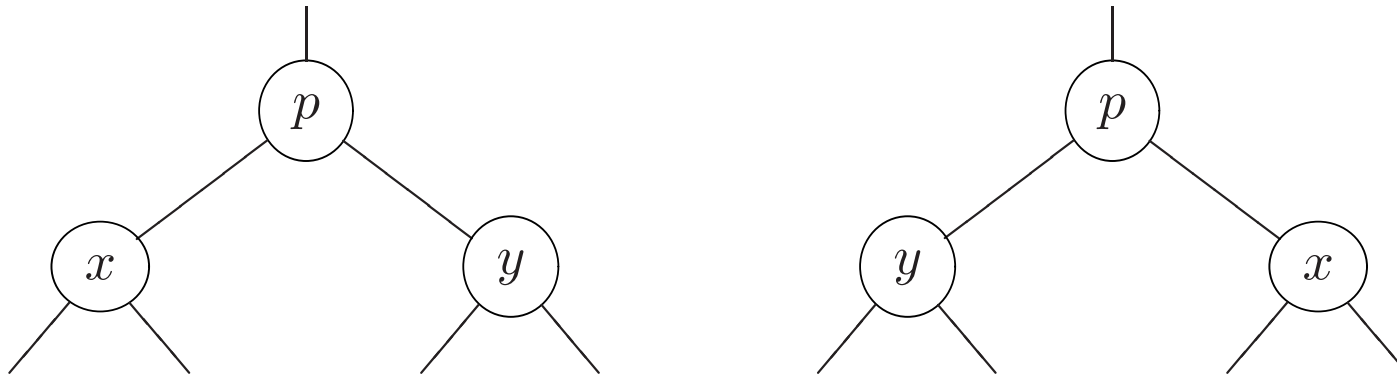
If the parent and “uncle” of  $z$  are Red:

- Color the parent of  $z$  Black;
- Color the uncle of  $z$  Black;
- Color the grandparent of  $z$  Red;
- Repeat on the grandparent of  $z$ .

## Red-Black Tree Insert Fixup: Case I



## Sibling



**function** Sibling( $x$ )

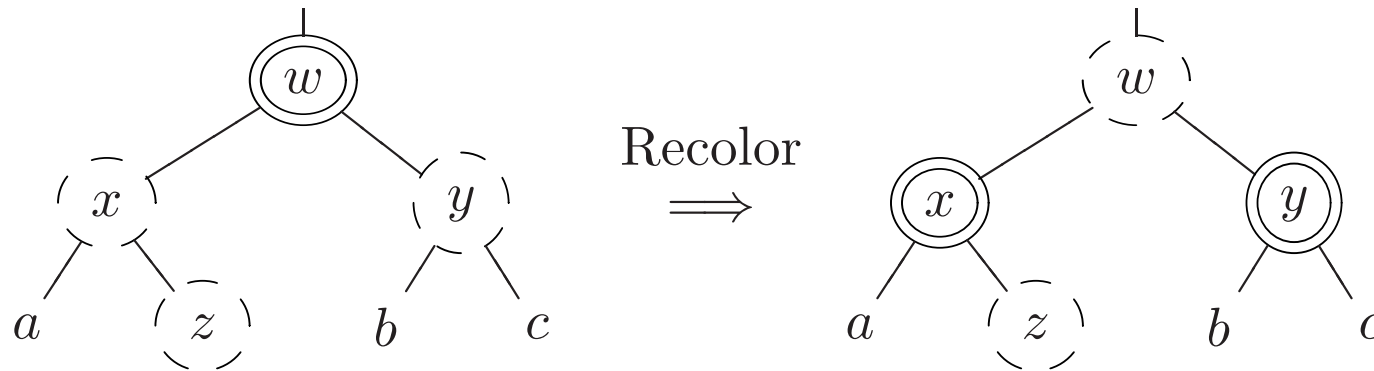
*/\* Return sibling of  $x$*

*\*/*

- 1 **if** ( $x.parent = \mathbf{NIL}$ ) **then** error “Root has no siblings.”;
- 2  $p \leftarrow x.parent$ ;
- 3 **if** ( $p.left = x$ ) **then** **return** ( $p.right$ );
- 4 **else** **return** ( $p.left$ );



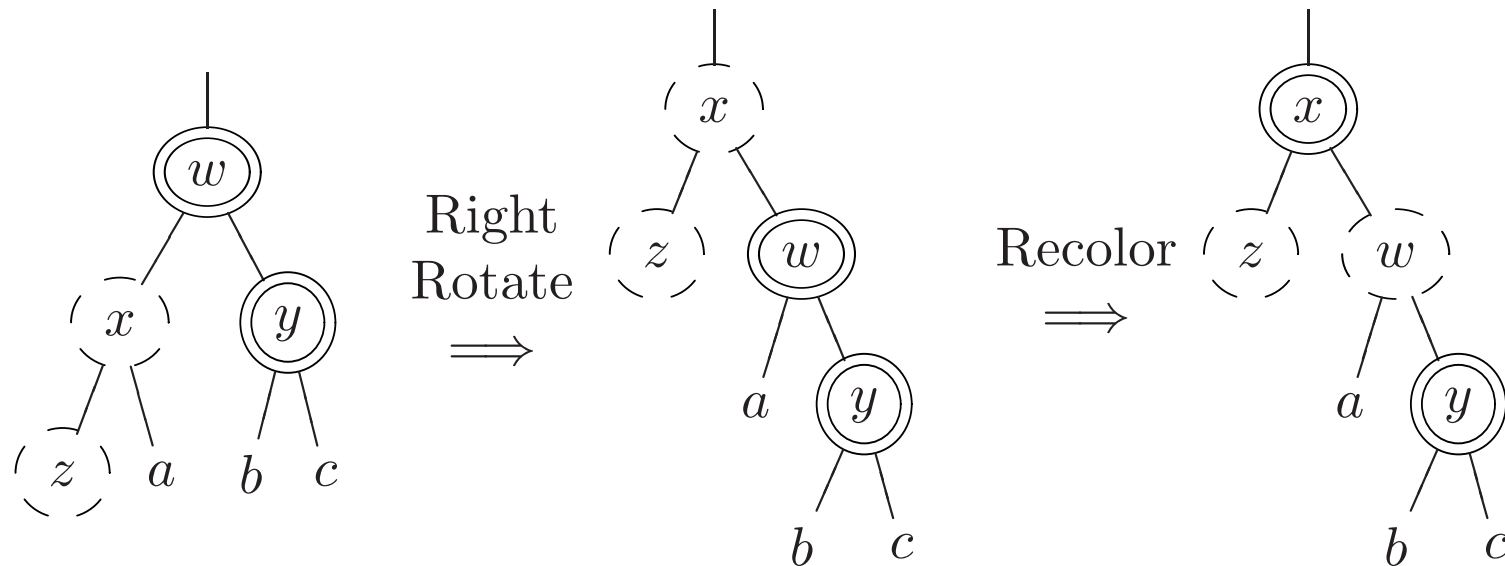
## Red-Black Tree Insert Fixup: Case I



```

function RBInsertFixupA(T, alters z)
1 while (z ≠ T.root) and (z.parent.color ≠ Black) do
2   | y ← Sibling(z.parent);
3   | if (y.color = Black) then return;
4   | z.parent.color ← Black;
5   | y.color ← Black;
6   | z ← z.parent.parent;
7   | z.color ← Red;
8 end
  
```

## Insert Fixup: Case III

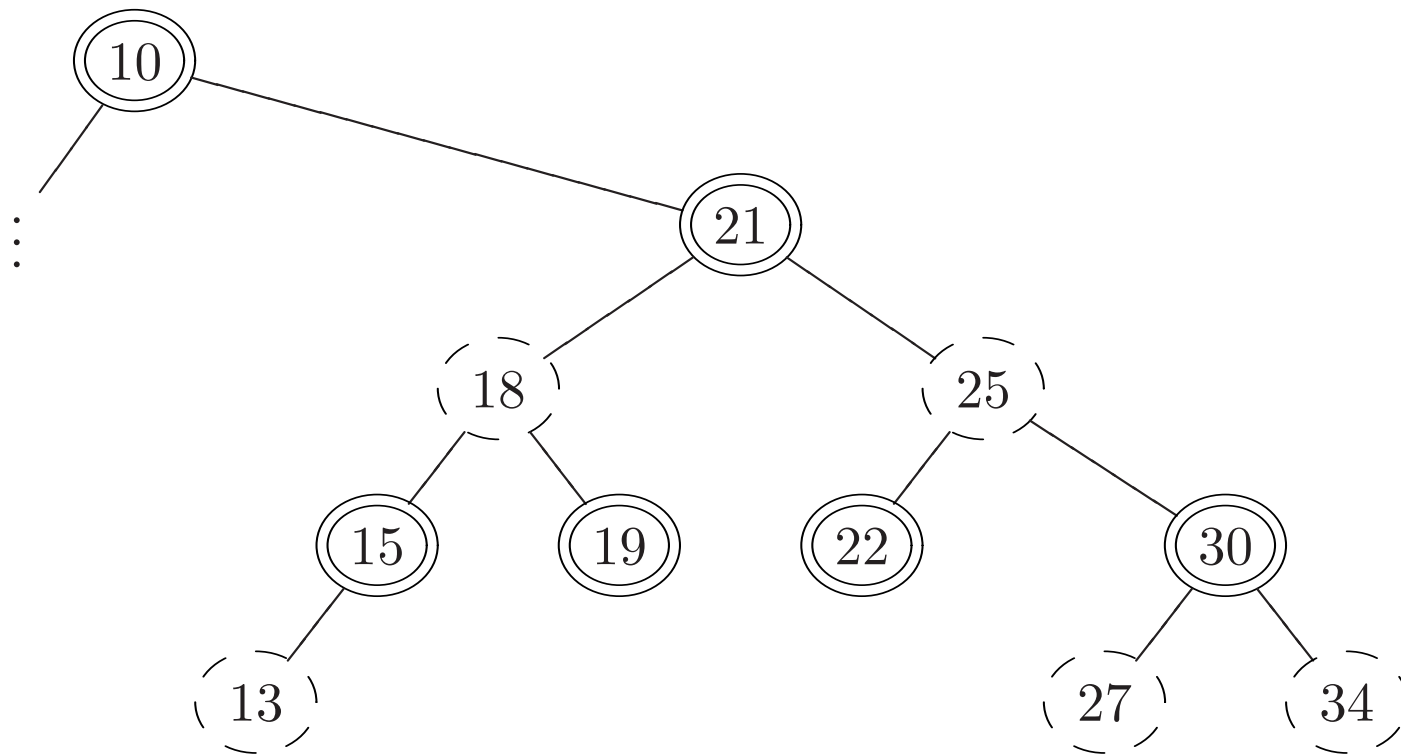


If the parent of  $z$  is red and its “uncle” is black:

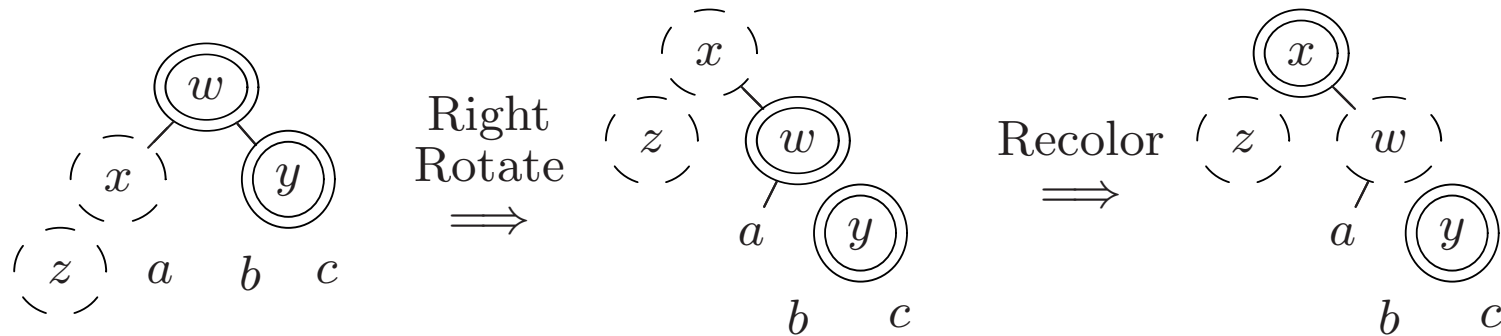
If  $z$  is a left child and its parent is a left child:

- Right Rotate on the grandparent of  $z$ ;
- Color the parent of  $z$  Black;
- Color the sibling of  $z$  red.

## Red-Black Tree Insert Fixup: Case III



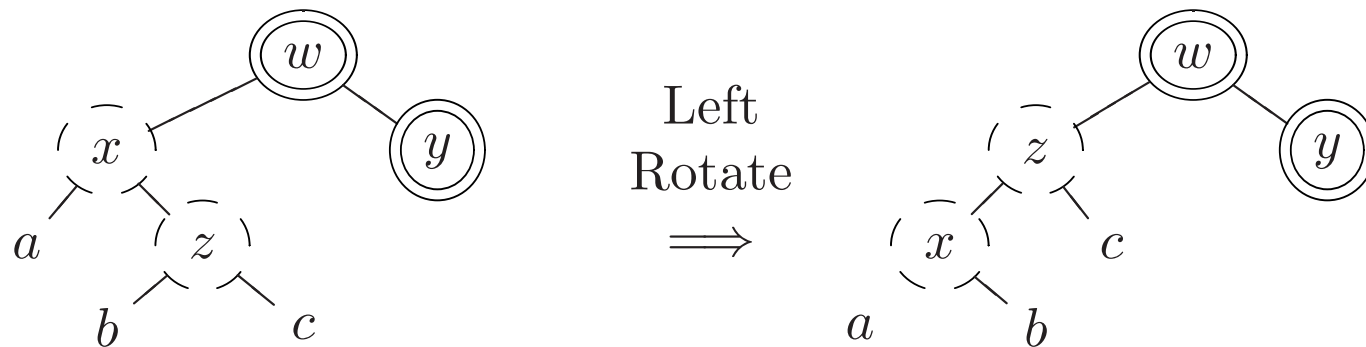
## Red-Black Tree Insert Fixup: Case III



**function** RBInsertFixupC( $T$ , alters  $z$ )

- 1 **if** ( $z = T.root$ ) **or** ( $z.parent.color = \text{Black}$ ) **then return;**
- 2  $x \leftarrow z.parent;$
- 3  $w \leftarrow x.parent;$
- 4 **if** ( $z = x.left$ ) **and** ( $x = w.left$ ) **then**
- 5      $\text{RightRotate}(T, w);$
- 6      $x.color \leftarrow \text{Black};$
- 7      $w.color \leftarrow \text{Red};$
- 8 **else if** ( $z = x.right$ ) **and** ( $x = w.right$ ) **then**
- 9     Handle same as above with “right” and “left” exchanged
- 10 ...

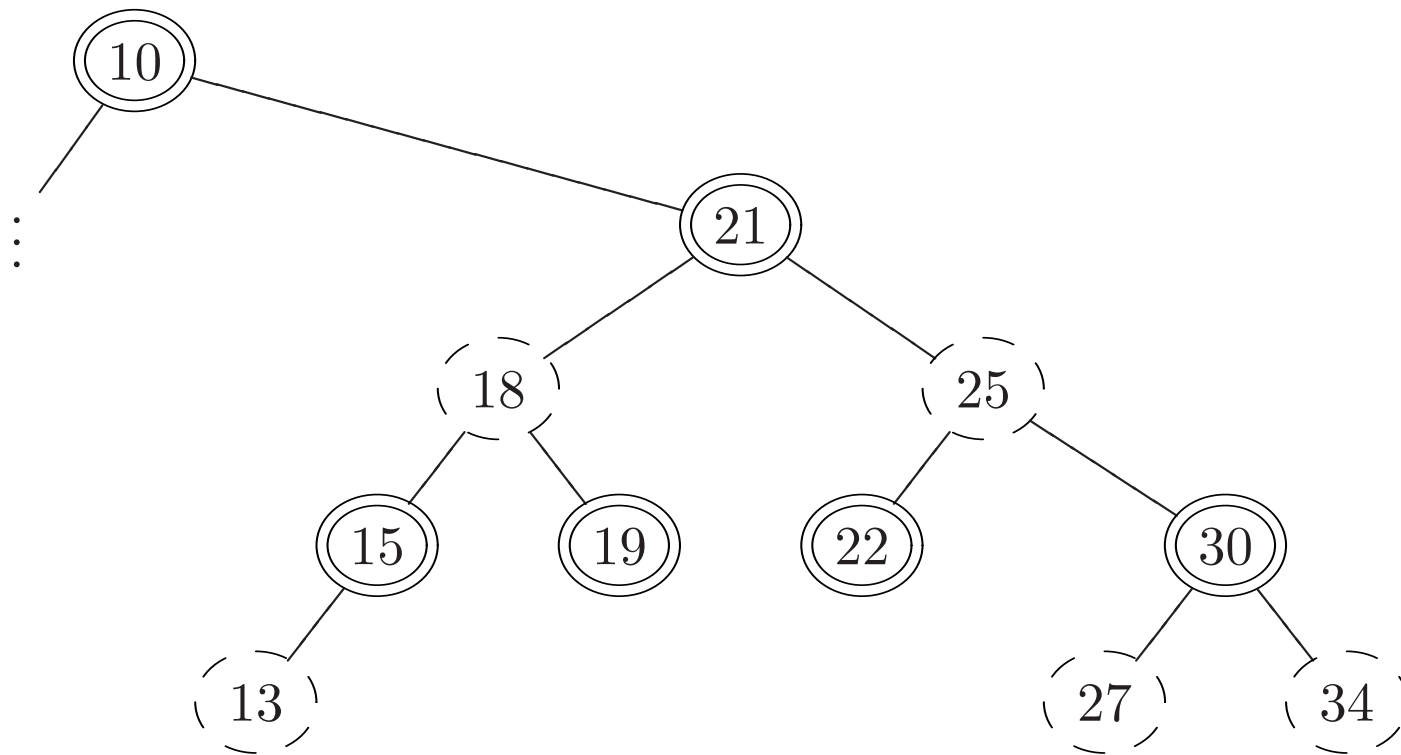
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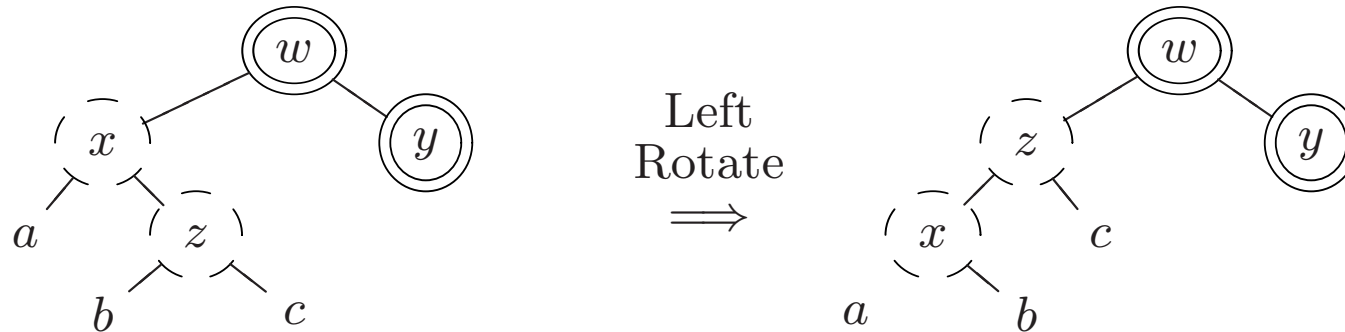
If the parent  $x$  of  $z$  is red and its “uncle” is black:  
 If  $z$  is a right child and its parent  $x$  is a left child:

- $z \leftarrow x$
- Left Rotate on  $x$ ;
- Apply algorithm for Case III.

## Red-Black Tree Insert Fixup: Case II



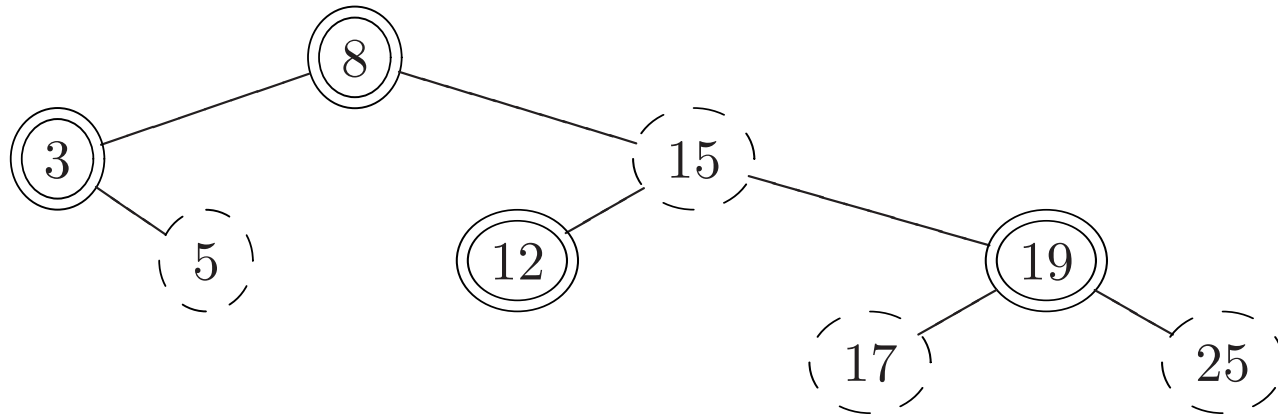
## Red-Black Tree Insert Fixup: Case II



**function** RBInsertFixupB( $T$ , alters  $z$ )

- 1 **if** ( $z = T.root$ ) **or** ( $z.parent.color = \text{Black}$ ) **then return;**
- 2  $x \leftarrow z.parent;$
- 3  $w \leftarrow x.parent;$
- 4 **if** ( $z = x.right$ ) **and** ( $x = w.left$ ) **then**
- 5      $z \leftarrow x;$
- 6     LeftRotate( $T, x$ );
- 7 **else if** ( $z = x.left$ ) **and** ( $x = w.right$ ) **then**
- 8     Handle same as above with “right” and “left” exchanged
- 9 ...

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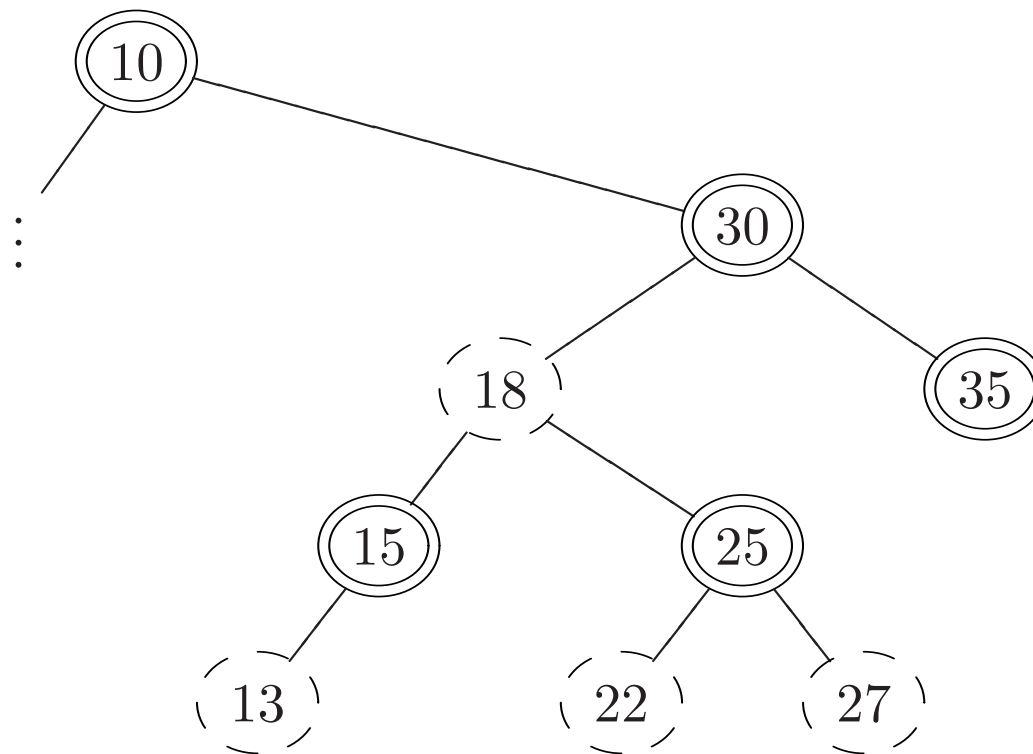


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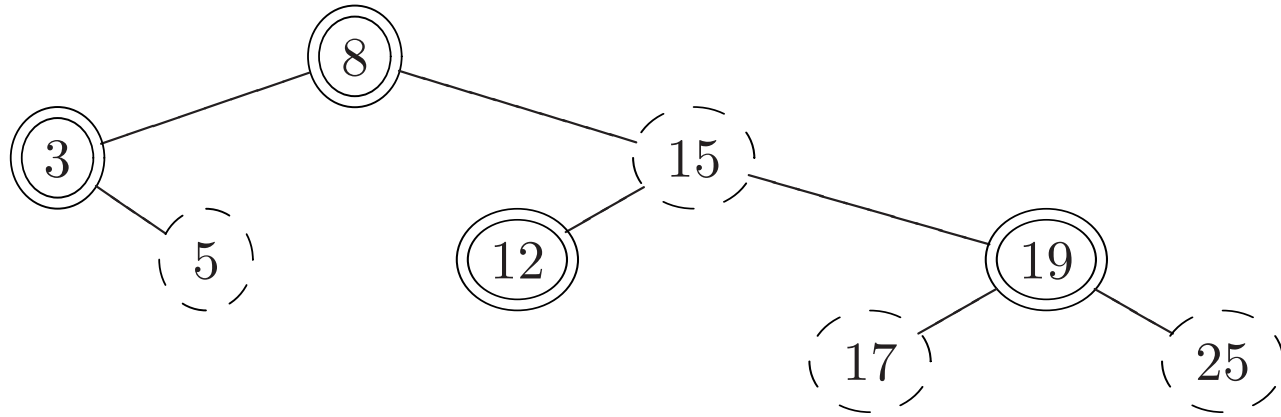
function RBInsertFixup( $T, z$ )
1 RBInsertFixupA ( $T, z$ );
2 RBInsertFixupB ( $T, z$ );
3 RBInsertFixupC ( $T, z$ );
4  $T.root.color \leftarrow$  Black;
  
```



## Red-Black Tree Insert Fixup



## Running Time Analysis: RBInsertFixup



```
function RBInsertFixup( $T, z$ )  
1 RBInsertFixupA ( $T, z$ );  
2 RBInsertFixupB ( $T, z$ );  
3 RBInsertFixupC ( $T, z$ );  
4  $T.root.color \leftarrow$  Black;
```