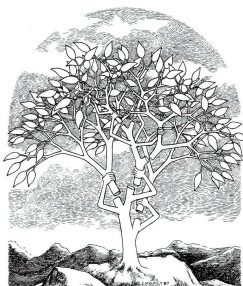


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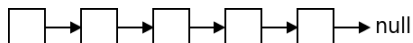
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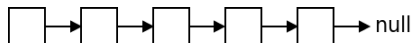
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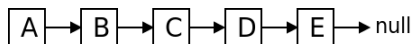
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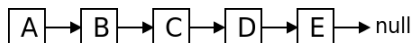
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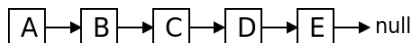


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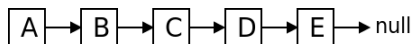
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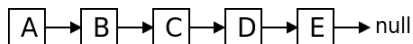


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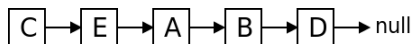
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- Three possible strategies (among others) after accessing an element:
 - ▶ **Move to Front (MTF):** move element to the head of the list
 - ▶ **Transpose (TR):** swap with previous element
 - ▶ **Frequency Count (FC):** count and store the number of accesses to each element. Order by this count.

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- A better option would be bringing both elements to front paying $n + n + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + \dots = n + n + 2(n-2) = 2n + 2n - 4 = 4n - 4$
- The ratio for m operations like these is $n^2 / (4n - 4)$ which is $\Theta(n)$

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- Consider an initial request sequence that sets up counts:
 $n - 1, n - 2, \dots, 2, 1, 0$
- Repeat indefinitely: ask n times for the element that was last

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- Each of these iterations will pay
 $n + (n - 1) + (n - 2) + \dots + 2 + 1 = n(n + 1)/2 = (n^2 + n)/2$
- Optimal in this case would bring the element to the front on the first request, paying $n + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + \dots = 2n - 1$
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 - ▶ A potential function Φ maps the state of a data structure to non-negative numbers
 - ▶ You can think of it as "potential energy" that you can use later (like a guarantee of the "money we have in the bank")
 - ▶ If the potential is non-negative and starts at 0, and at each step the actual cost of our algorithm plus the change in potential is at most c , then after n steps our total cost is at most cn .

Remembering Amortized Analysis

- Relationship between potential and actual cost

- ▶ State of data structure at time x : S_x
- ▶ Sequence of n operations: $O = o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n$
- ▶ Amortized cost per operation o :
$$T_{am}(o) = T_{real}(o) + (\Phi(S_{after}) - \Phi(S_{before}))$$
- ▶ Total amortized cost: $T_{am}(O) = \sum_i T_{am}(o_i)$
- ▶ Total actual (real) cost: $T_{real}(O) = \sum_i T_{real}(o_i)$

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$$T_{am}(O) = \sum_{i=1}^n T_{real}(o) + (\Phi(S_{i+1}) - \Phi(S_i)) =$$

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If $\Phi(S_{start}) = 0$ and $\Phi(S_{end}) \geq 0$, then $T_{real}(O) \leq T_{am}(O)$ and our amortized cost can be used to accurately predict the actual cost!

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- Let Φ be the number of **inversions** between MTF and OPT lists, i.e., $\#pairs(x, y)$ such that x is before y in MTF and after y in OPT list.
- Initially our Φ is zero and it will never be negative.
- We are going to show that amortized cost of MTF is smaller or equal than twice the real cost of OPT:

$$Cost_{MTF} + (\text{change in potential}) \leq 2 \times Cost_{OPT}$$

This means that after any sequence of requests:

$$cost_{MTF} + \Phi_{final} \leq 2 \times cost_{OPT}$$

Hence, it would mean that MTF is 2-competitive.

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- Consider request to x at position p in MTF list.
- Of the $p - 1$ items in front of x , say that k are also in front of x in the OPT list. The remaining $p - 1 - k$ are behind x
- $Cost_{MTF} = p$ and $Cost_{OPT} \geq k + 1$
- What happens to the potential?
 - ▶ When MTF moves x forward, x cuts in front of k elements (increase Φ by k)
 - ▶ At the same time, the $p - 1 - k$ there were in front of x aren't any more (decrease Φ by $p - 1 - k$)
 - ▶ When OPT moves x forward it can only reduce Φ .
 - ▶ In the end, change in potential is $\leq 2k - p + 1$
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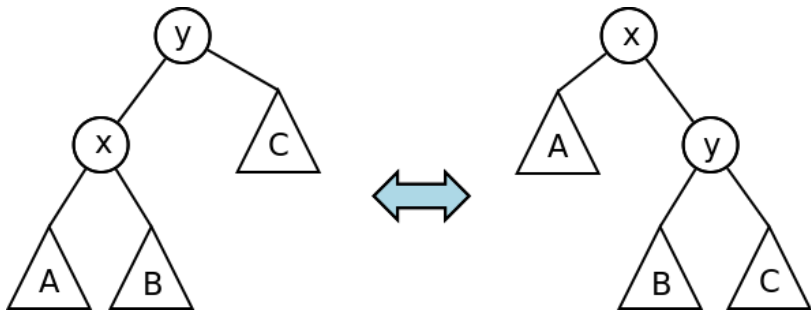
Splay Trees

- A **self-adjusting binary search tree**
- They were invented by **D. Sleator** and **R. Tarjan** in **1985**
- The **key ideas** are similar to self-organizing linked lists:
 - ▶ accessed items are moved to the root
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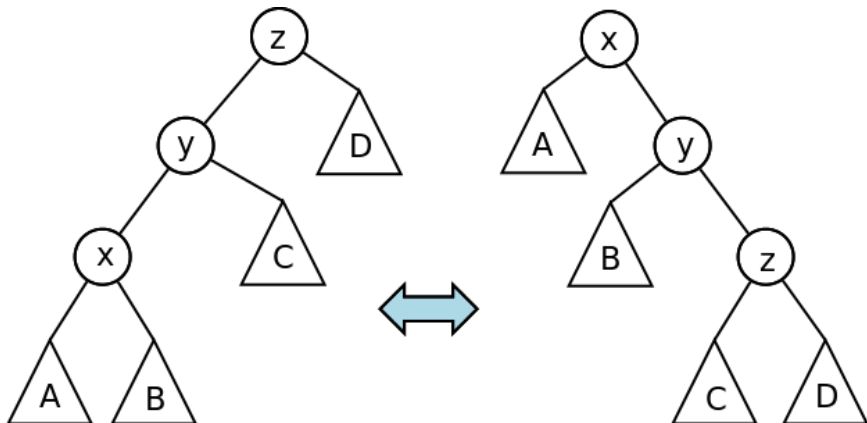
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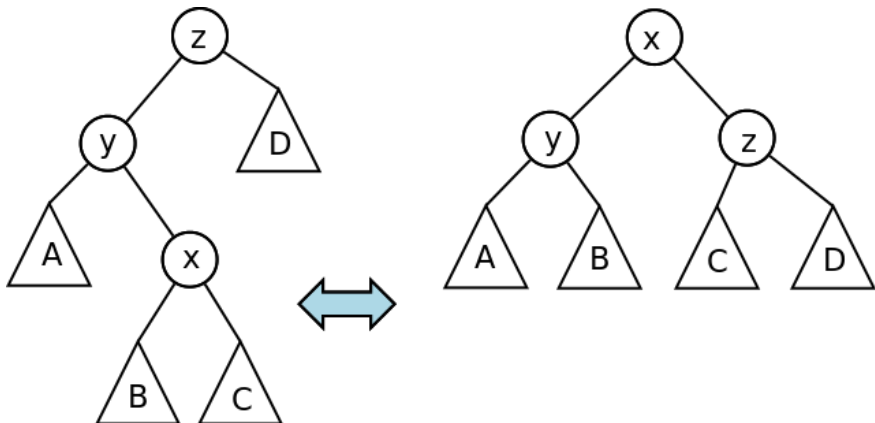
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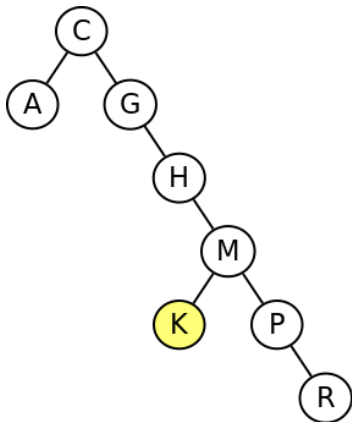
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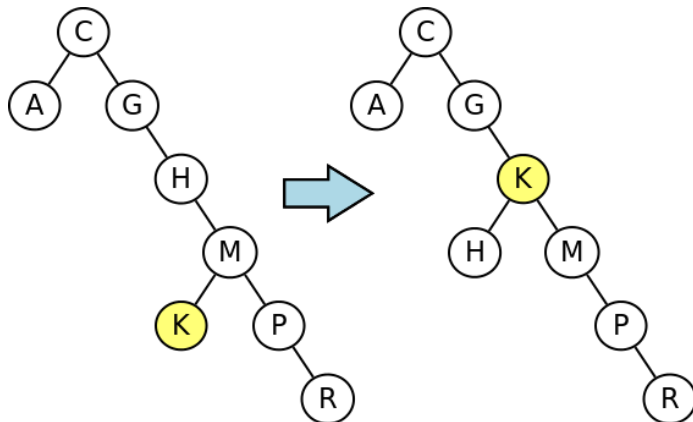
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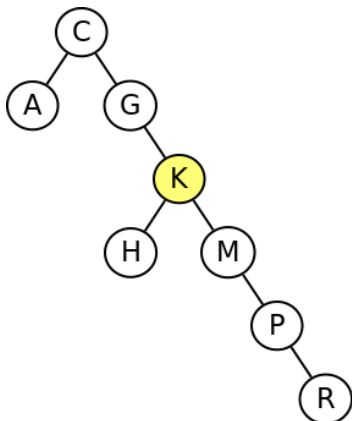
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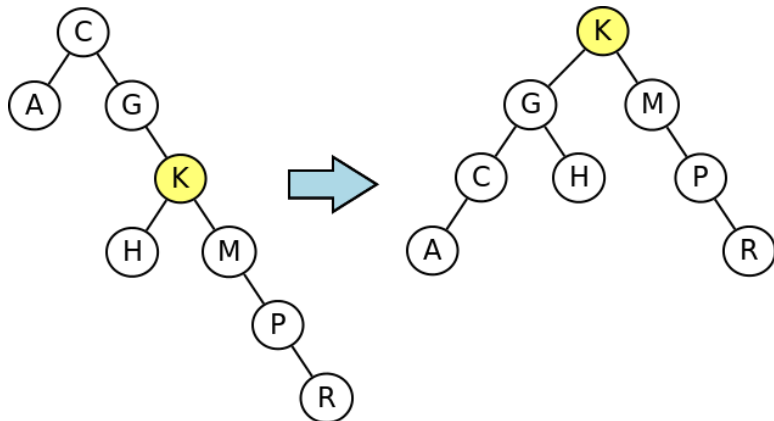
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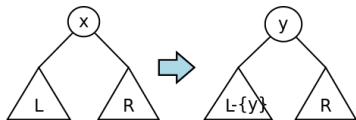
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Operations on a Splay Tree

- **Idea:** do as in a normal BST but in the end splay the node
 - ▶ **find(x):** do as in BST and then splay x
(if x is not present splay the last node accessed)
 - ▶ **insert(x):** do as in BST and then splay x
 - ▶ **remove(x):** find x , splay x , delete x (leaves its subtree R and L "detached"), find largest element y in L and make it the new root:



- Running time is **dominated** by the splay operation.

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- The rank of a single node is at most $\log n$ and therefore the above means the amortized time per operation is $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$

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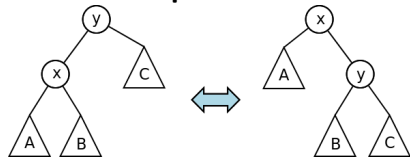
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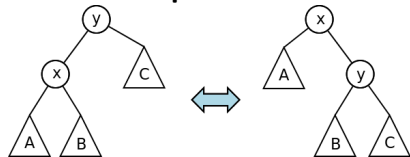
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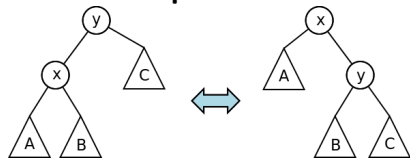
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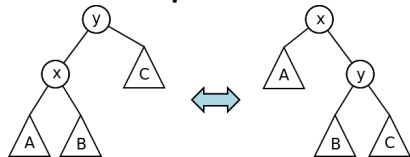
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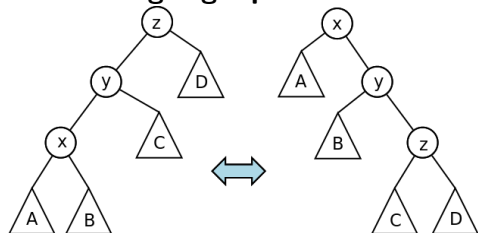
Case 1: Simple Rotation



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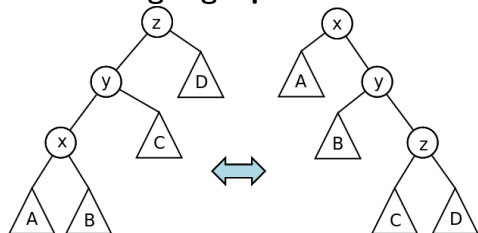
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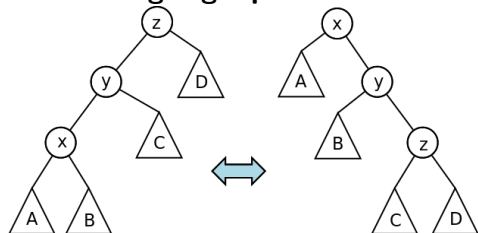
Case 2: Zig-Zig Operation



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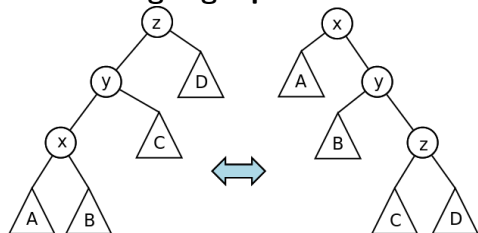
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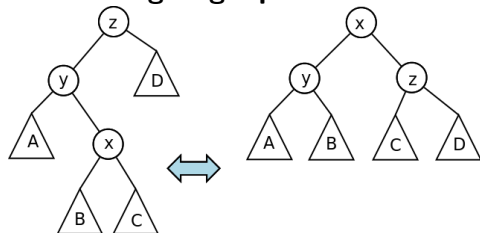
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- Given that \log is convex, the way to make the two logarithms as small as possible is to choose $s(x) = s'(z) = s'(x)/2$. In that case $\log_2 2 + \log_2 2 = 1 + 1 = 2$ and we have proved what we wanted!

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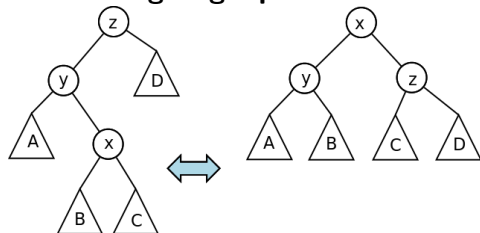
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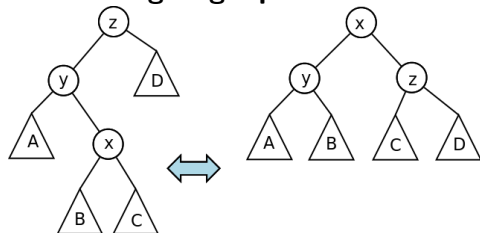
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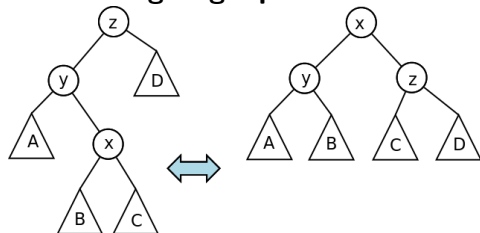
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