

# Splay Trees and B-Trees

CSE 373

Data Structures

Lecture 9

# Readings

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- Reading
  - › Sections 4.5-4.7

# Self adjusting Trees

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- Ordinary binary search trees have no balance conditions
  - › what you get from insertion order is it
- Balanced trees like AVL trees enforce a balance condition when nodes change
  - › tree is always balanced after an insert or delete
- Self-adjusting trees get reorganized over time as nodes are accessed
  - › Tree adjusts after insert, delete, or find

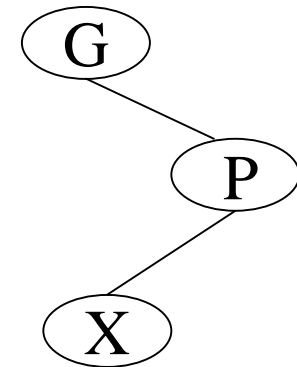
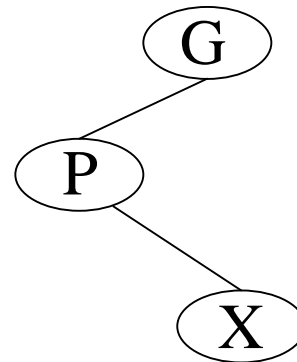
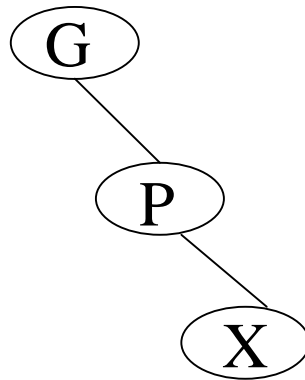
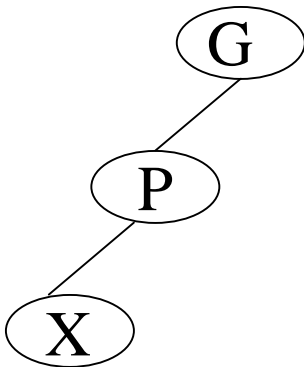
# Splay Trees

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- Splay trees are tree structures that:
  - › Are not perfectly balanced all the time
  - › Data most recently accessed is near the root. (principle of locality; 80-20 “rule”)
- The procedure:
  - › After node  $X$  is accessed, perform “splaying” operations to bring  $X$  to the root of the tree.
  - › Do this in a way that leaves the tree more balanced as a whole

# Splay Tree Terminology

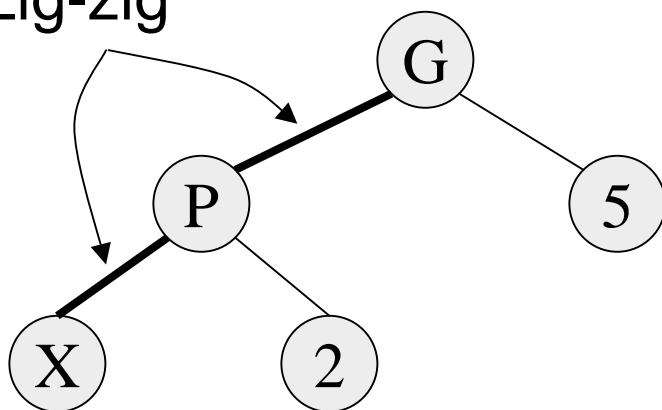
- Let  $X$  be a non-root node with  $\geq 2$  ancestors.
  - $P$  is its parent node.
  - $G$  is its grandparent node.



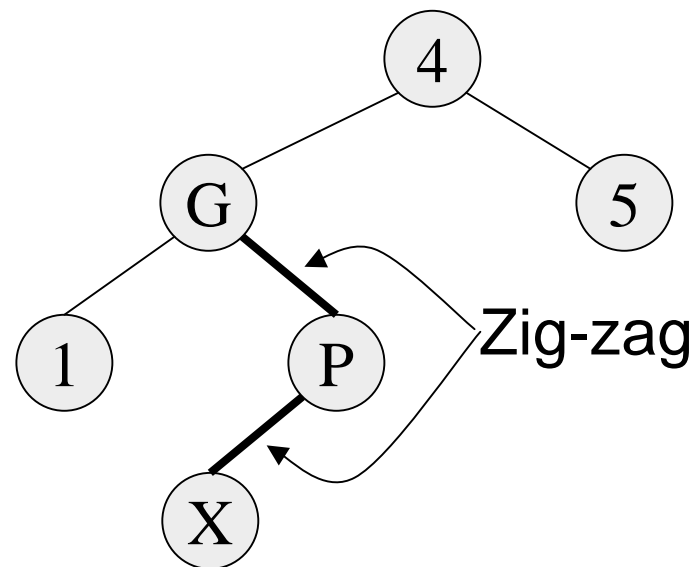
# Zig-Zig and Zig-Zag

Parent and grandparent  
in same direction.

Zig-zig



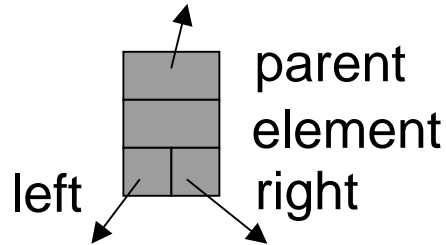
Parent and grandparent  
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# Splay Tree Operations

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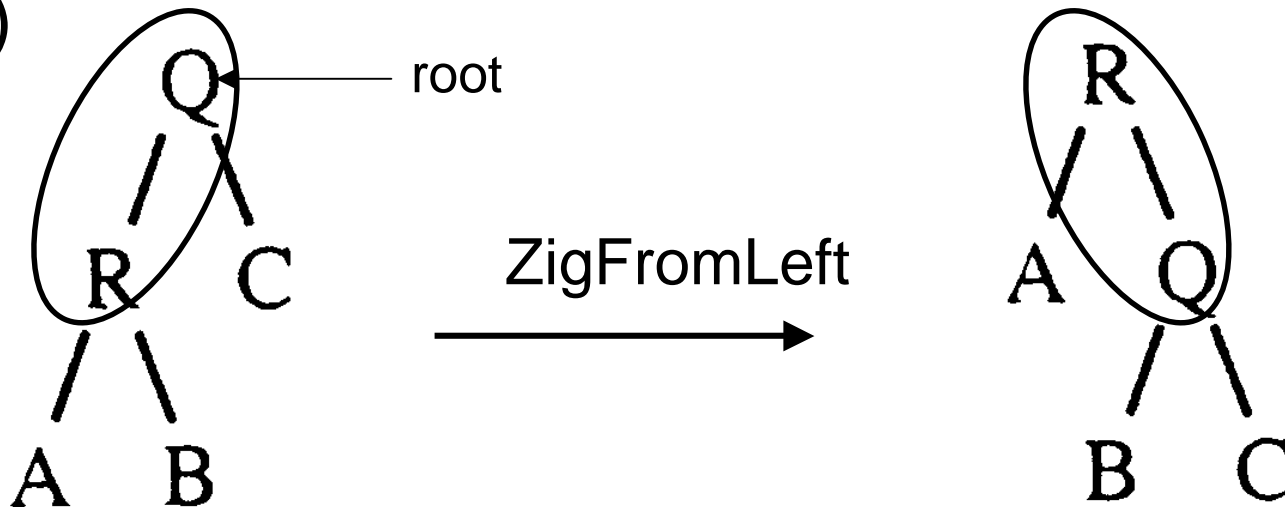


2. When  $X$  is accessed, apply one of six rotation routines.

- Single Rotations ( $X$  has a  $P$  (the root) but no  $G$ )  
ZigFromLeft, ZigFromRight
- Double Rotations ( $X$  has both a  $P$  and a  $G$ )  
ZigZigFromLeft, ZigZigFromRight  
ZigZagFromLeft, ZigZagFromRight

# Zig at depth 1 (root)

- “Zig” is just a single rotation, as in an AVL tree
- Let R be the node that was accessed (e.g. using Find)

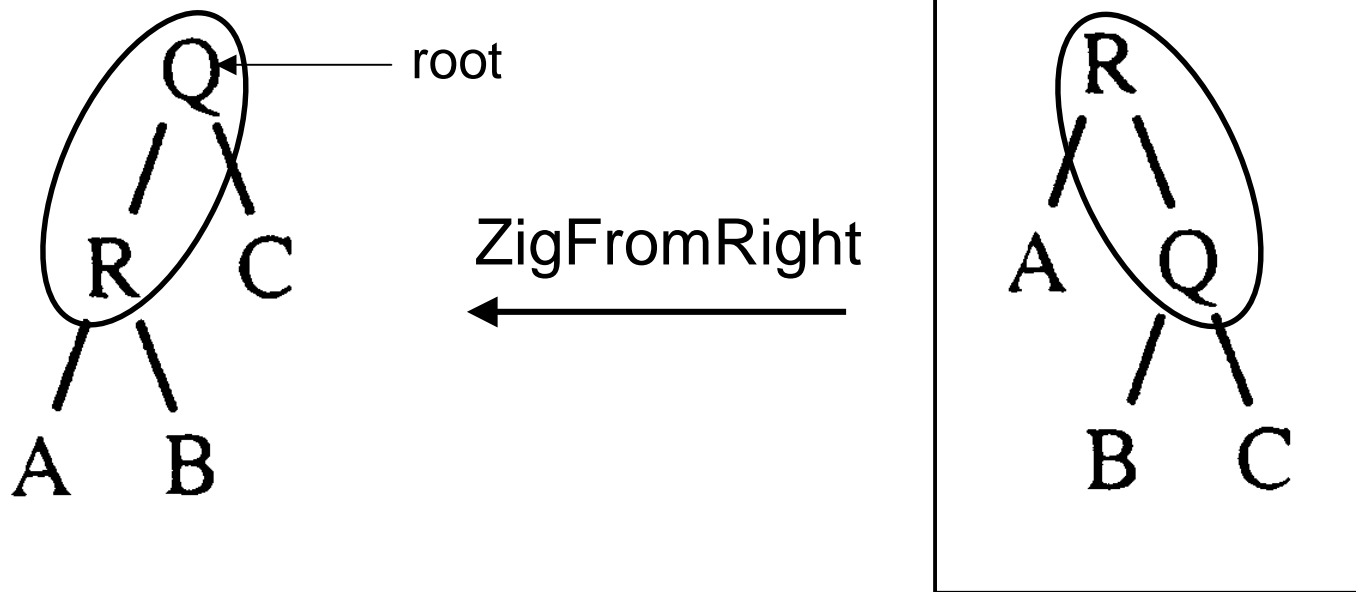


- ZigFromLeft moves R to the top →faster access next time



# Zig at depth 1

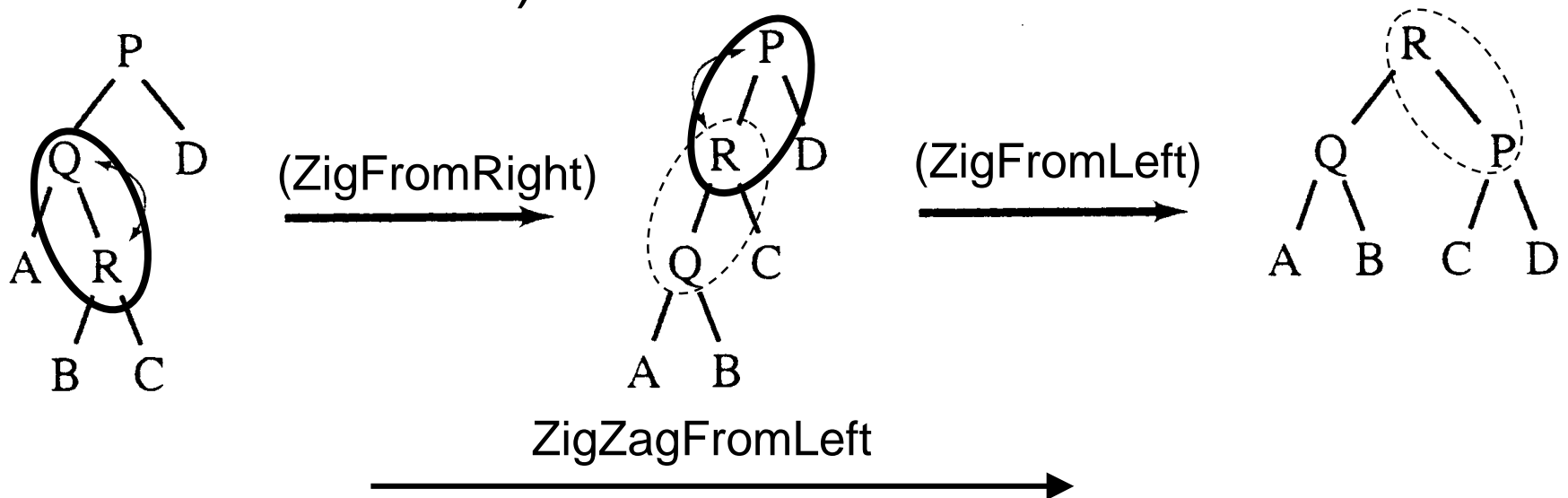
- Suppose Q is now accessed using Find



- ZigFromRight moves Q back to the top

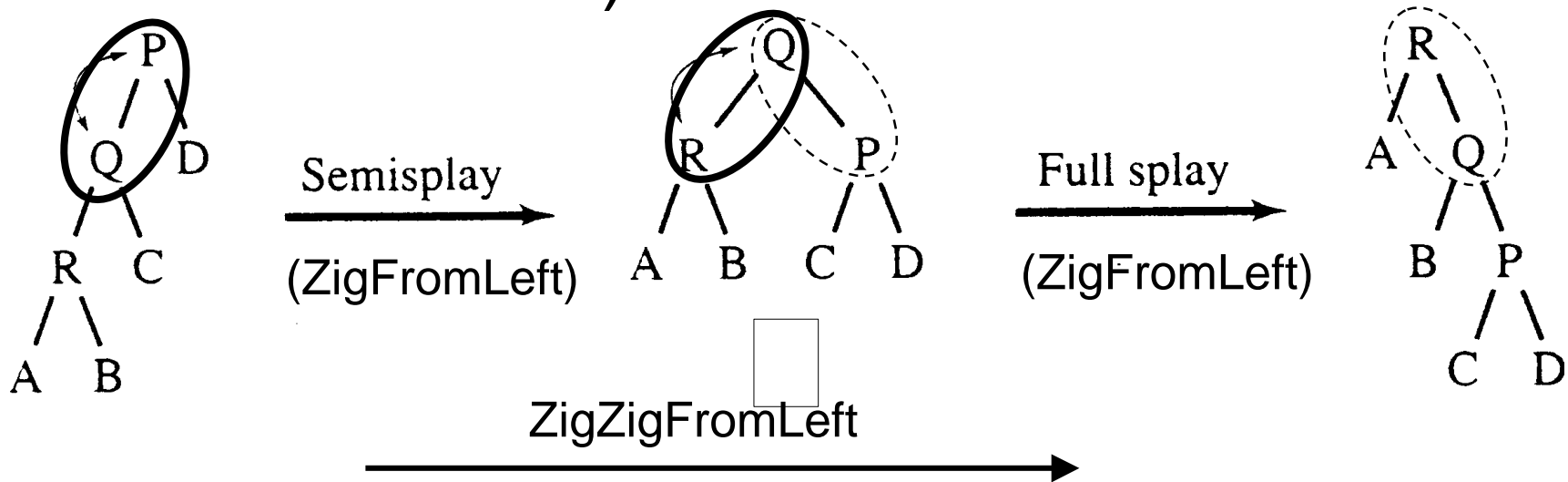
# Zig-Zag operation

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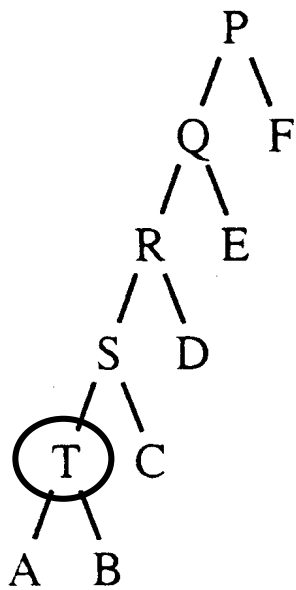
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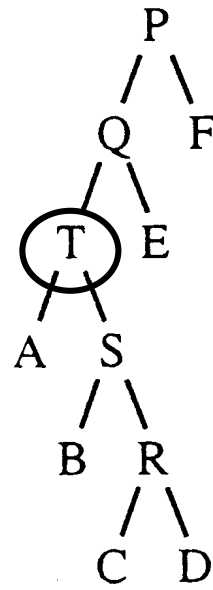


# Decreasing depth - "autobalance"

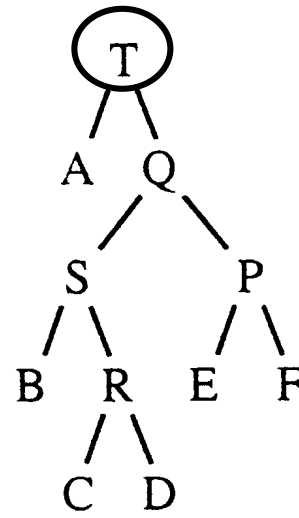
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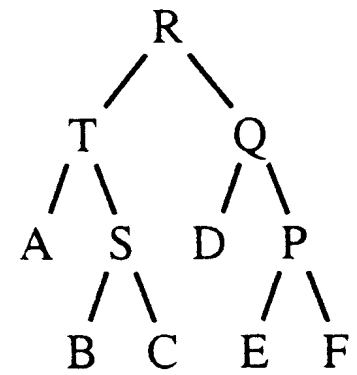
(a)



(b)



(c)



(d)

Find(T)



Find(R)



# Splay Tree Insert and Delete

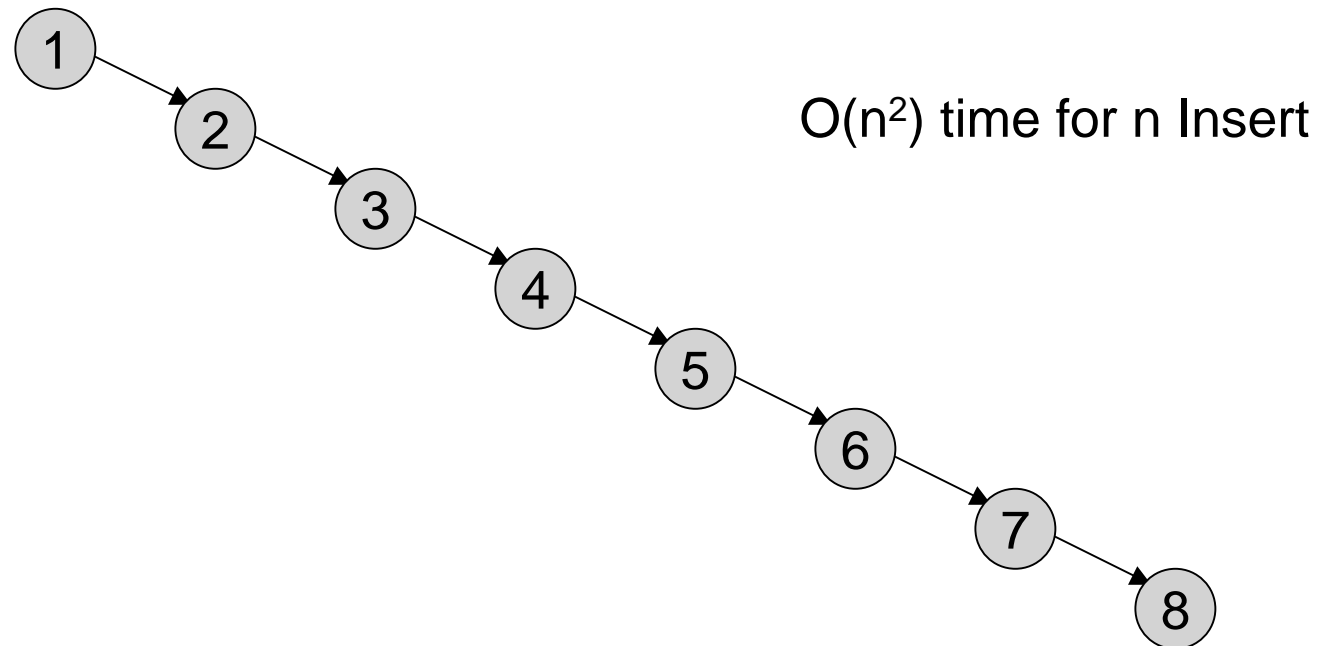
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- Insert  $x$ 
  - › Insert  $x$  as normal then splay  $x$  to root.
- Delete  $x$ 
  - › Splay  $x$  to root and remove it. (note: the node does not have to be a leaf or single child node like in BST delete.) Two trees remain, right subtree and left subtree.
  - › Splay the max in the left subtree to the root
  - › Attach the right subtree to the new root of the left subtree.

# Example Insert

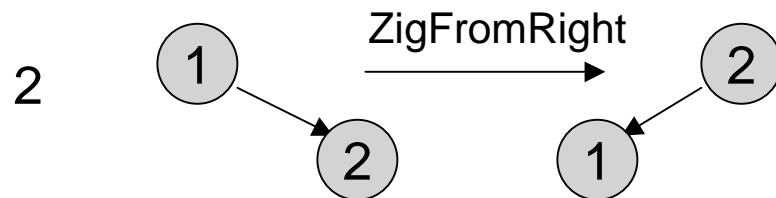
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- Inserting in order 1,2,3,...,8
- Without self-adjustment



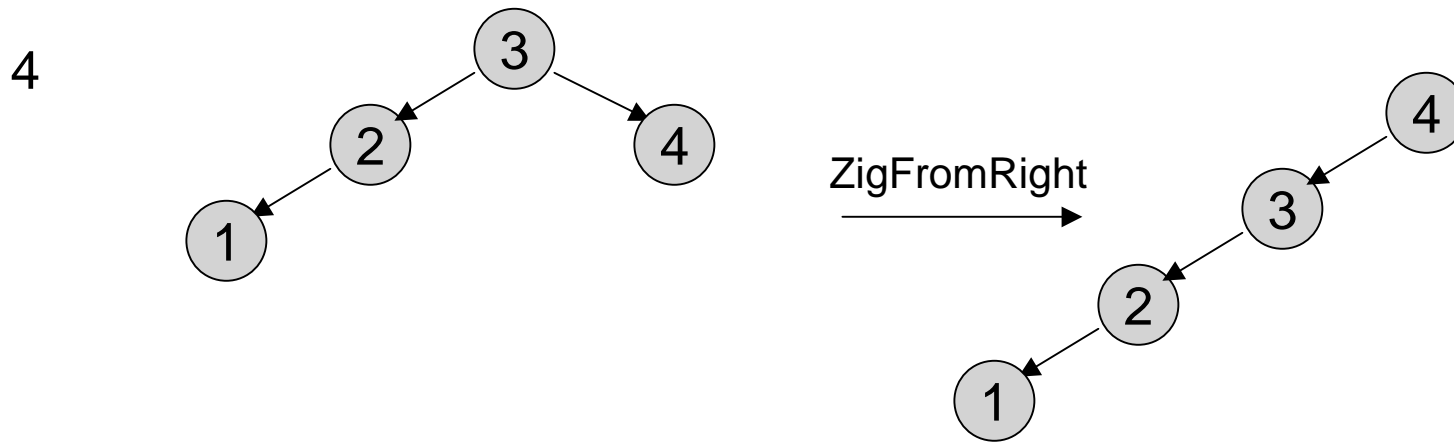
# With Self-Adjustment

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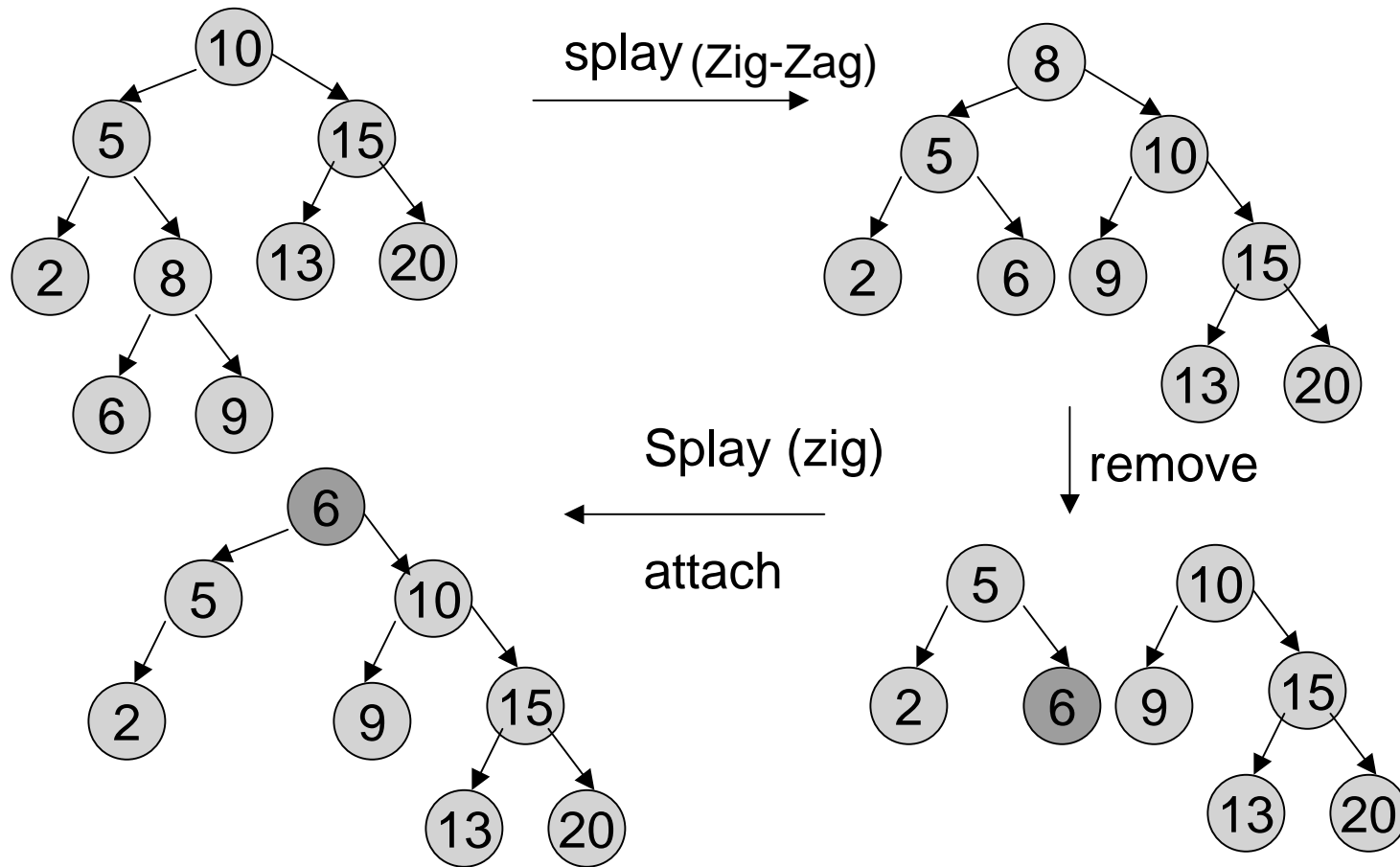
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Each Insert takes  $O(1)$  time therefore  $O(n)$  time for  $n$  Insert!!



# Example Deletion



# Analysis of Splay Trees

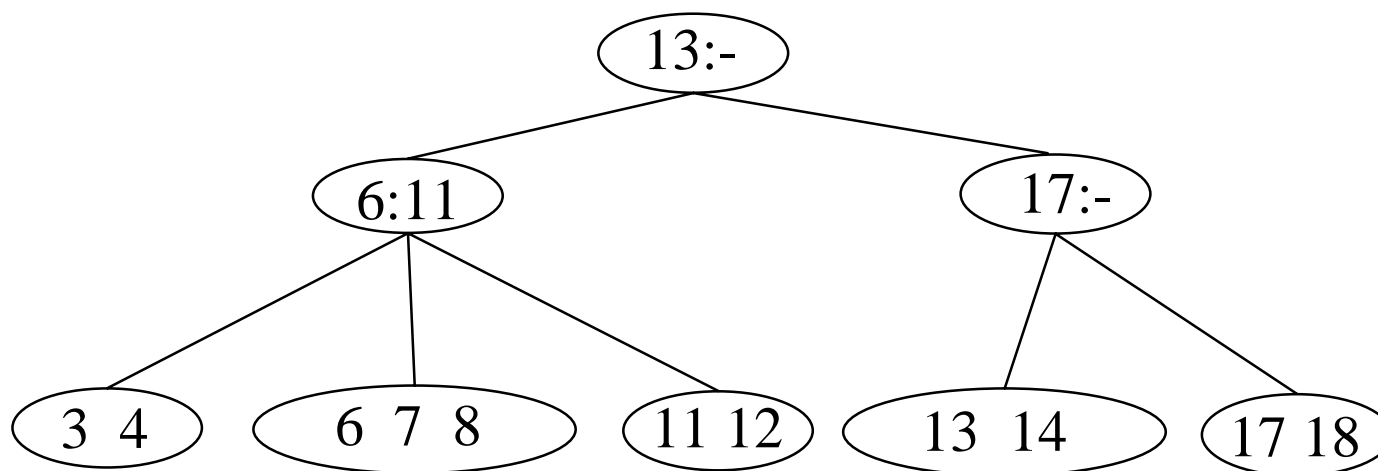
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- Splay trees tend to be balanced
  - › M operations takes time  $O(M \log N)$  for  $M \geq N$  operations on N items. (proof is difficult)
  - › Amortized  $O(\log n)$  time.
- Splay trees have good “locality” properties
  - › Recently accessed items are near the root of the tree.
  - › Items near an accessed one are pulled toward the root.

# Beyond Binary Search Trees: Multi-Way Trees

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- Example: B-tree of order 3 has 2 or 3 children per node



- Search for 8

# B-Trees

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B-Trees are multi-way search trees commonly used in database systems or other applications where data is stored externally on disks and keeping the tree shallow is important.

A B-Tree of order  $M$  has the following properties:

1. The root is either a leaf or has between 2 and  $M$  children.
2. All nonleaf nodes (except the root) have between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and  $M$  children.
3. All leaves are at the same depth.

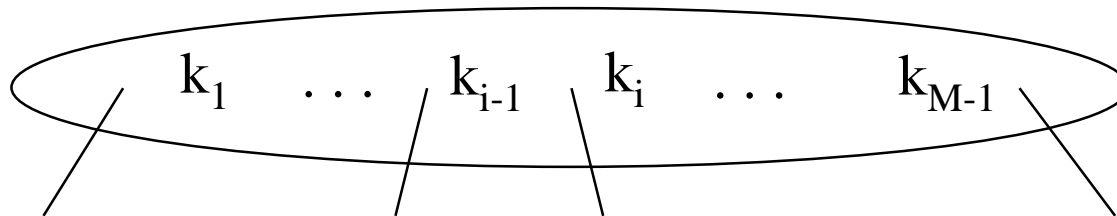
All data records are stored at the leaves.  
Internal nodes have “keys” guiding to the leaves.  
Leaves store between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and  $M$  data records.

# B-Tree Details

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Each (non-leaf) internal node of a B-tree has:

- › Between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and  $M$  children.
- › up to  $M-1$  keys  $k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{M-1}$

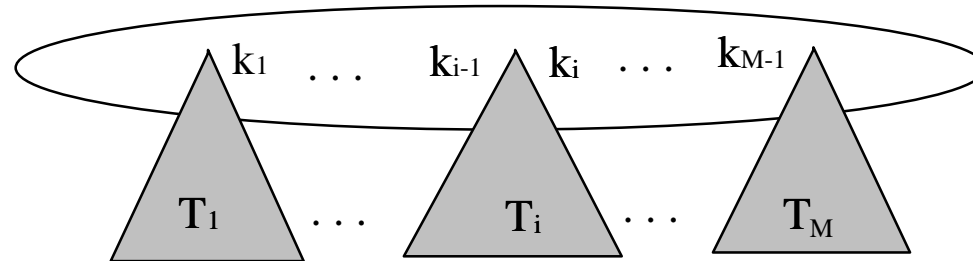


Keys are ordered so that:

$$k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_{M-1}$$

# Properties of B-Trees

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Children of each internal node are "between" the items in that node.  
Suppose subtree  $T_i$  is the  $i$ th child of the node:

all keys in  $T_i$  must be between keys  $k_{i-1}$  and  $k_i$

i.e.  $k_{i-1} \leq T_i < k_i$

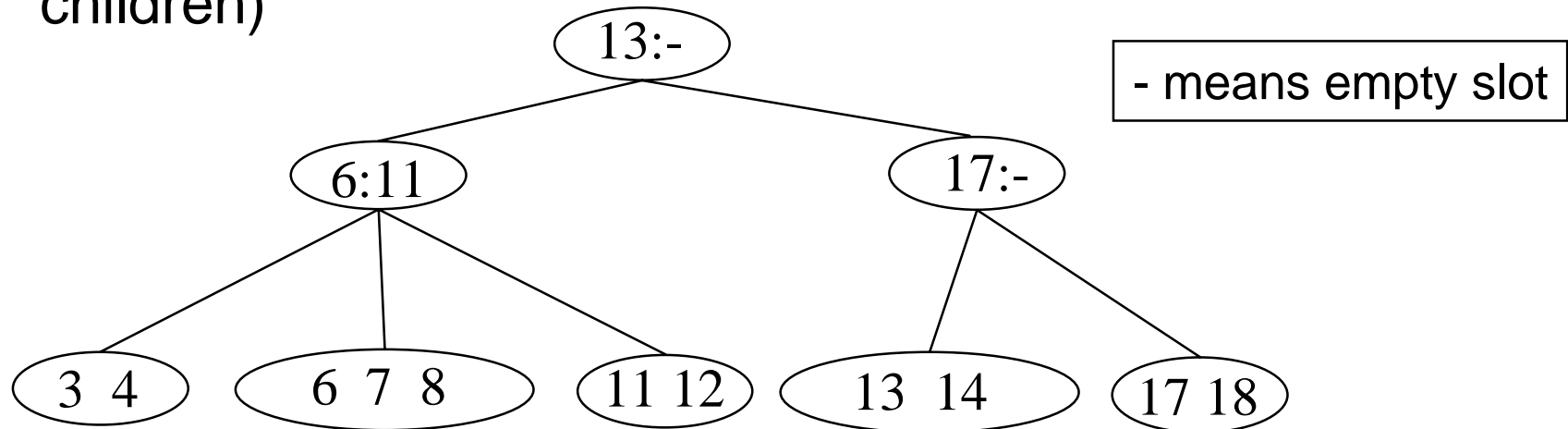
$k_{i-1}$  is the smallest key in  $T_i$

All keys in first subtree  $T_1 < k_1$

All keys in last subtree  $T_M \geq k_{M-1}$

# Example: Searching in B-trees

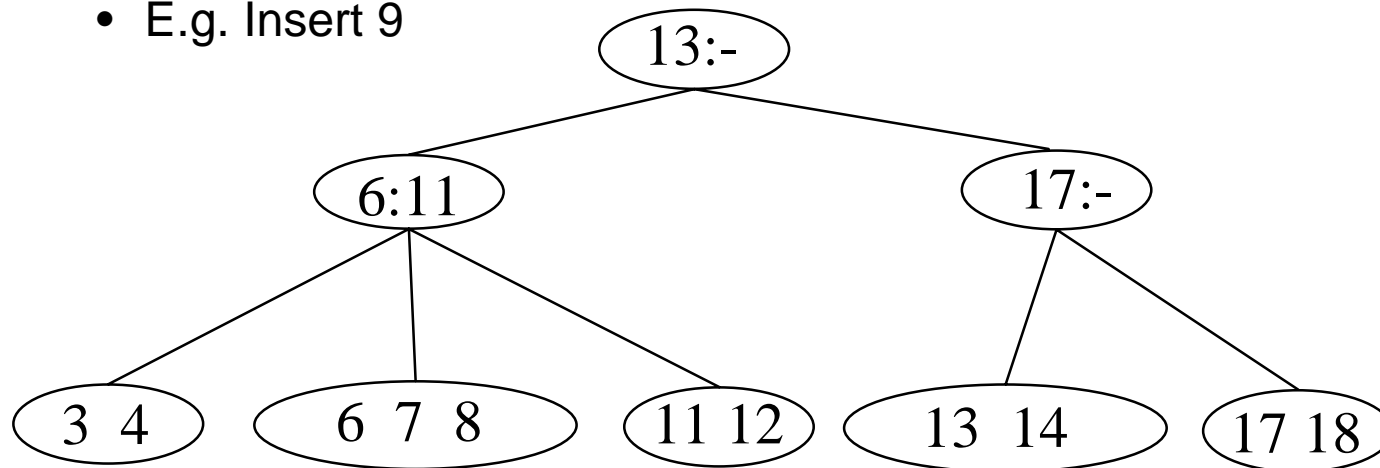
- B-tree of order 3: also known as 2-3 tree (2 to 3 children)



- Examples: Search for 9, 14, 12
- Note: If leaf nodes are connected as a Linked List, B-tree is called a B+ tree – Allows sorted list to be accessed easily

# Inserting into B-Trees

- Insert X: Do a Find on X and find appropriate leaf node
  - › If leaf node is not full, fill in empty slot with X
    - E.g. Insert 5
  - › If leaf node is full, split leaf node and adjust parents up to root node
    - E.g. Insert 9

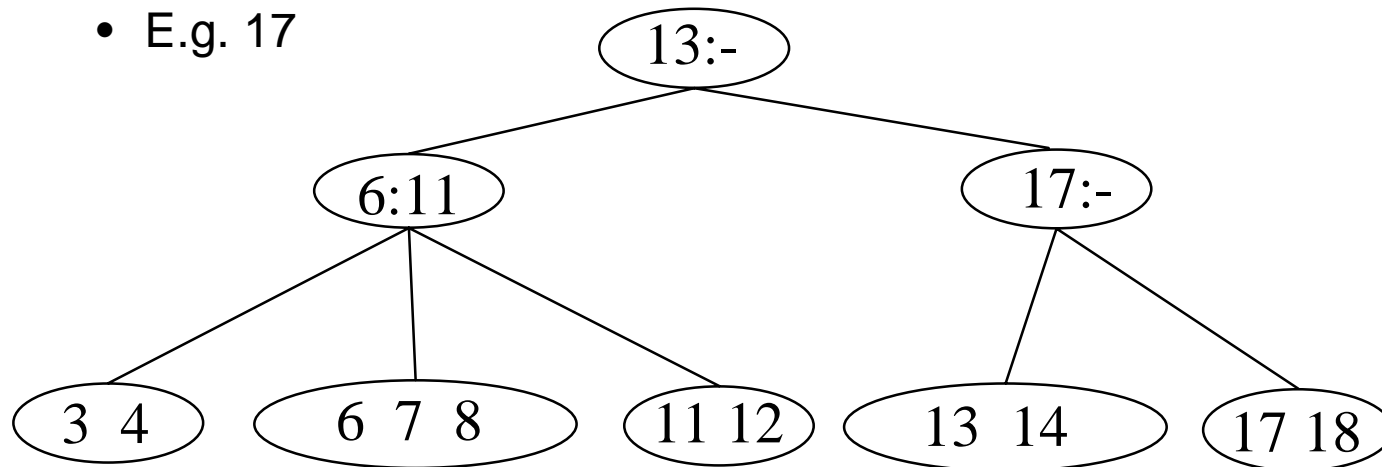




# Deleting From B-Trees

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- Delete X : Do a find and remove from leaf
  - › Leaf underflows – borrow from a neighbor
    - E.g. 11
  - › Leaf underflows and can't borrow – merge nodes, delete parent
    - E.g. 17



# Run Time Analysis of B-Tree Operations

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- For a B-Tree of order  $M$ 
  - › Each internal node has up to  $M-1$  keys to search
  - › Each internal node has between  $\lceil M/2 \rceil$  and  $M$  children
  - › Depth of B-Tree storing  $N$  items is  $O(\log_{\lceil M/2 \rceil} N)$
- Find: Run time is:
  - ›  $O(\log M)$  to binary search which branch to take at each node. But  $M$  is small compared to  $N$ .
  - › Total time to find an item is  $O(\text{depth} * \log M) = O(\log N)$

# Summary of Search Trees

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- Problem with Binary Search Trees: Must keep tree balanced to allow fast access to stored items
- AVL trees: Insert/Delete operations keep tree balanced
- Splay trees: Repeated Find operations produce balanced trees
- Multi-way search trees (e.g. B-Trees): More than two children
  - › per node allows shallow trees; all leaves are at the same depth
  - › keeping tree balanced at all times