



CSCI 241

A Very Brief Intro to Generics
AVL Trees I: Rotations, Balance Factor

Announcements

- Schedule adjustments:
 - A2 is due Friday 2/15 instead of 2/11
 - **Midterm exam is 2/22 instead of 2/15**
- A1 grading is underway
 - A lot of people submitted A1 late
 - Not a lot of people visited me in office hours
 - You may resubmit **once** for half of **unit test** credit back

Goals

- Know why Java has **generics**, and how to use and implement them.
- Be prepared to implement **rotations** in BSTs
- (probably next time) Be prepared to implement AVL **rebalancing**.

A Very Brief Intro to Generics

(because your lab depends on it)



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Before Generics

```
/** A collection that contains no duplicate elements. */  
interface Set {  
    /** Return true iff the collection contains ob */  
    boolean contains(Object ob);  
    /** Add ob to the collection; return true iff  
     * the collection is changed. */  
    boolean add(Object ob);  
    /** Remove ob from the collection; return true iff  
     * the collection is changed. */  
    boolean remove(Object ob);  
    ...  
}
```

Can contain anything that extends Object (any class at all)

- **But not primitive types:** int, double, float, boolean, ...

The Problem

```
Set c = ...
c.add("Hello")
c.add("World");
...
for (Object ob : c) {
    String s = (String) ob;
    // do things with s
}
```

Notice: Arrays don't have this problem!

```
String[] a = ...
a[0]= ("Hello")
a[1]= ("World");
...
for (String s : a) {
    System.out.println(s);
}
```

The Solution: Generics

```
Object[] oa= ...           // array of Objects
String[] sa= ...          // array of Strings
ArrayList<Object> oA= ... // ArrayList of Objects
ArrayList<String> oA= ... // ArrayList of Strings
```

Now the Set interface written like this:

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interface Set<T> {
    /** Return true iff the collection contains x */
    boolean contains(T x);

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```
Set<String> c= ...  
c.add("Hello")    /* Okay */  
c.add(1979);      /* Illegal: compile error! */
```

Generally speaking,

`Collection<String>`

behaves like the parameterized type

`Collection<T>`

where all occurrences of T have been replaced by `String`.

The Solution: Generics

The bummer: T must extend Object - no primitive types.

Can't do:

```
Collection<int> c = ...
```

Have to use:

```
Collection<Integer>
```

Java often seamlessly converts `int` to `Integer` and back.

```
Integer x = 5; // works
```

```
int x = new Integer(5); // works
```

“Autoboxing/unboxing”

ArraySet<T>

```
class ArraySet<T> implements Set<T> {
    T[] a;
    int size;
    /** Return true iff the collection contains x */
    boolean contains(T x) {
        for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {
            if a[i].equals(x)
                return true;
        }
        return false;
    }

    /** Add x to the collection; return true iff
     * the collection is changed. */
    boolean add(T x) {
        if (!contains(x)) {
            a[size] = x; // let's hope a is big enough...
            size++;
            return true;
        }
        return false;
    }
}
```

Questions to Ponder

- What's the runtime of each **ArraySet** operation?
- Sketch out the operations for a **LinkedListSet** and analyze their runtime.
- Sketch out the operations for a **BSTSet** and analyze their runtime.

Back to BSTs

Long ago, we built some trees:

```
t = new BST();
```

```
t.insert(10)
```

```
t.insert(15)
```

```
t.insert(16)
```

```
t.insert(8)
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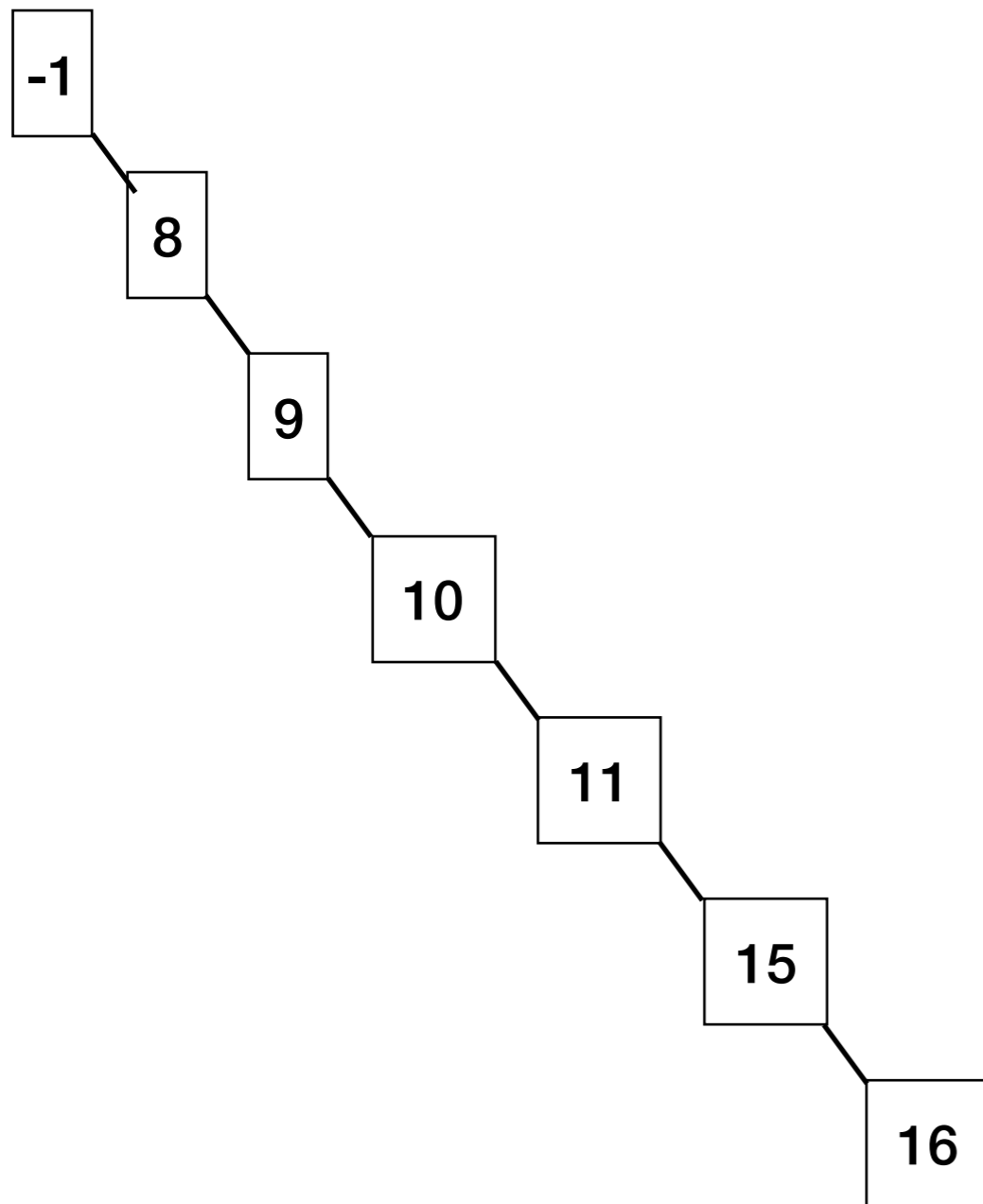
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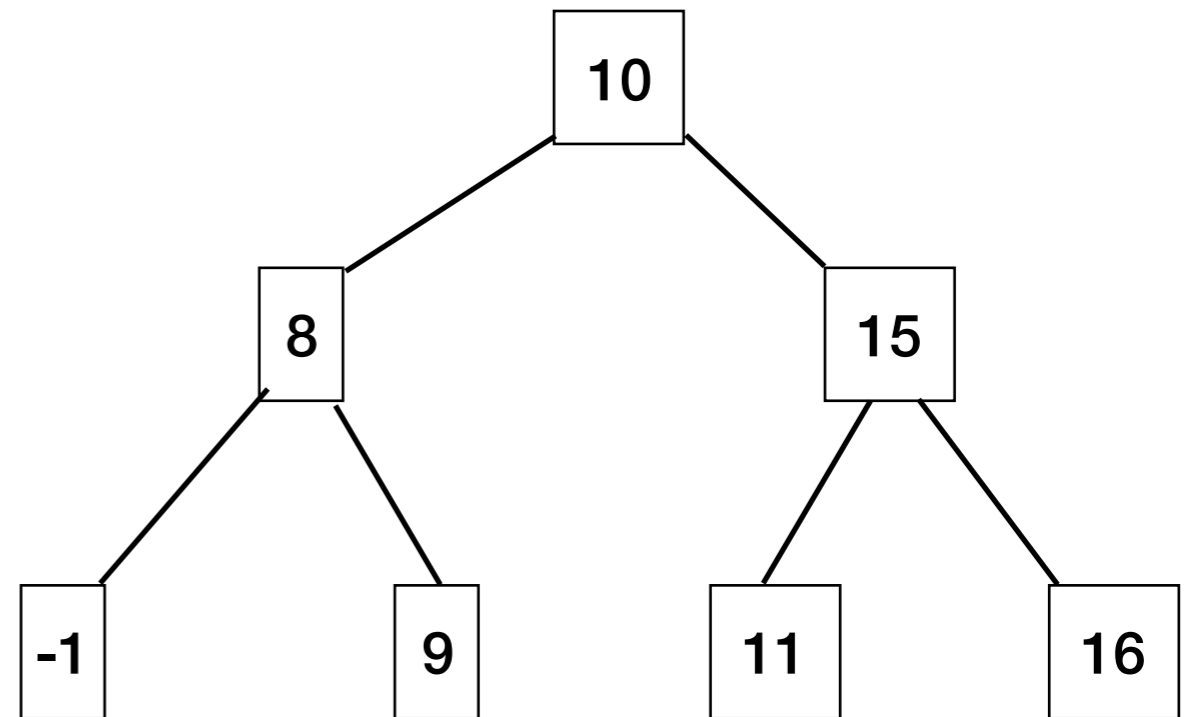
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Same values, different trees

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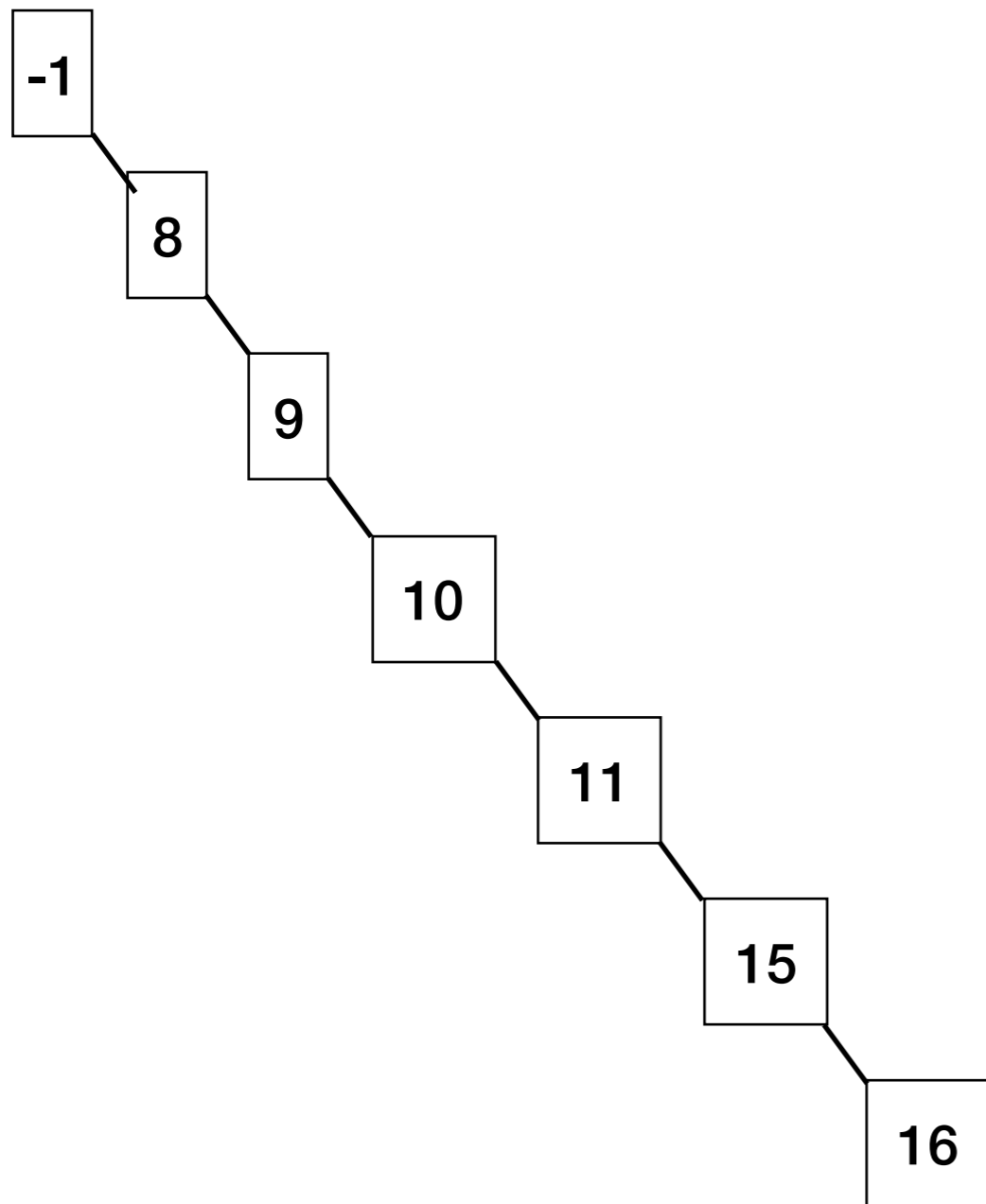


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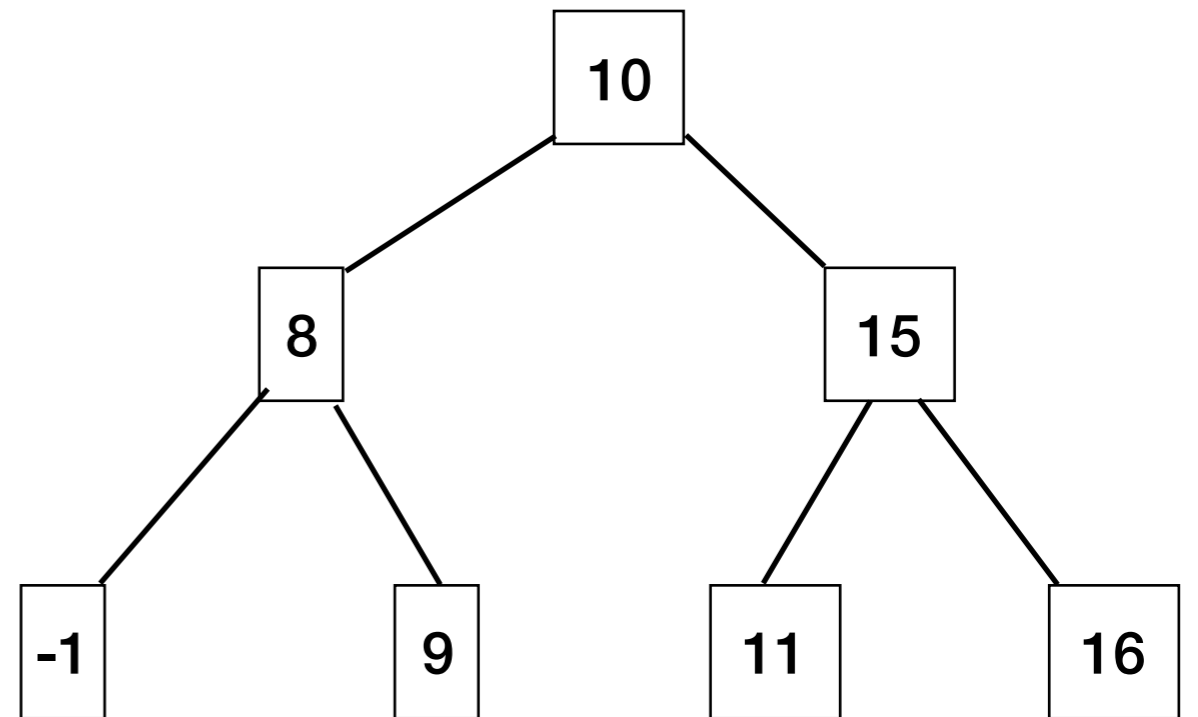


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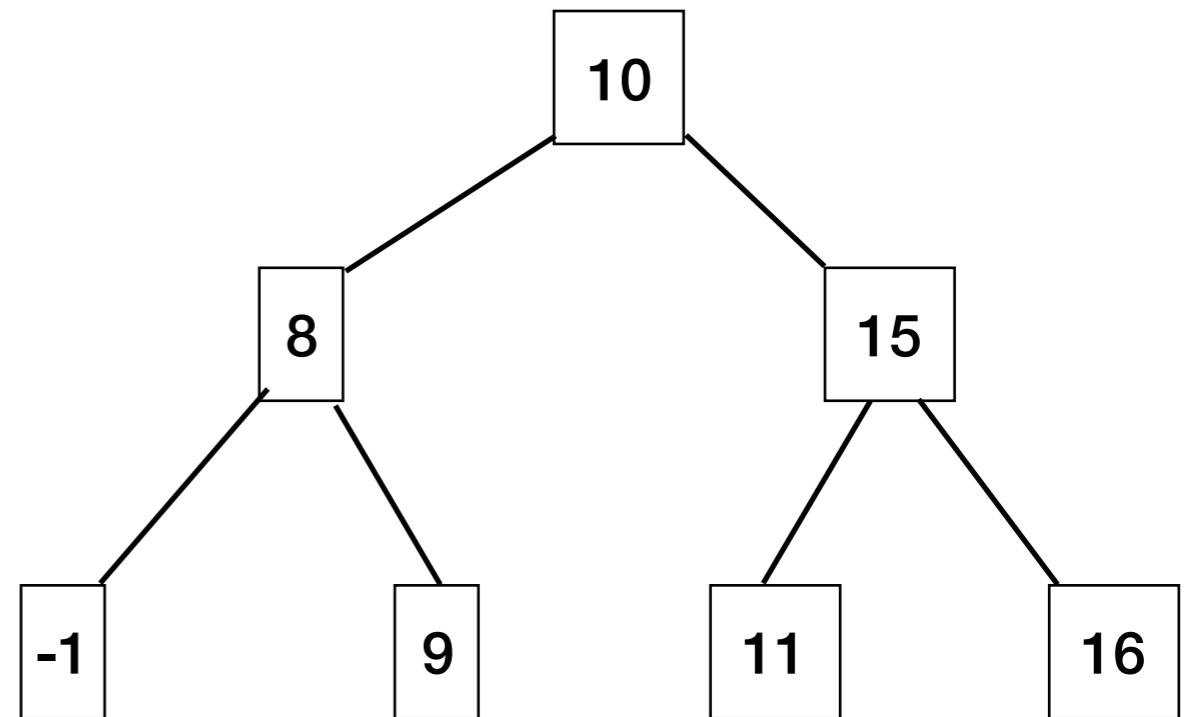
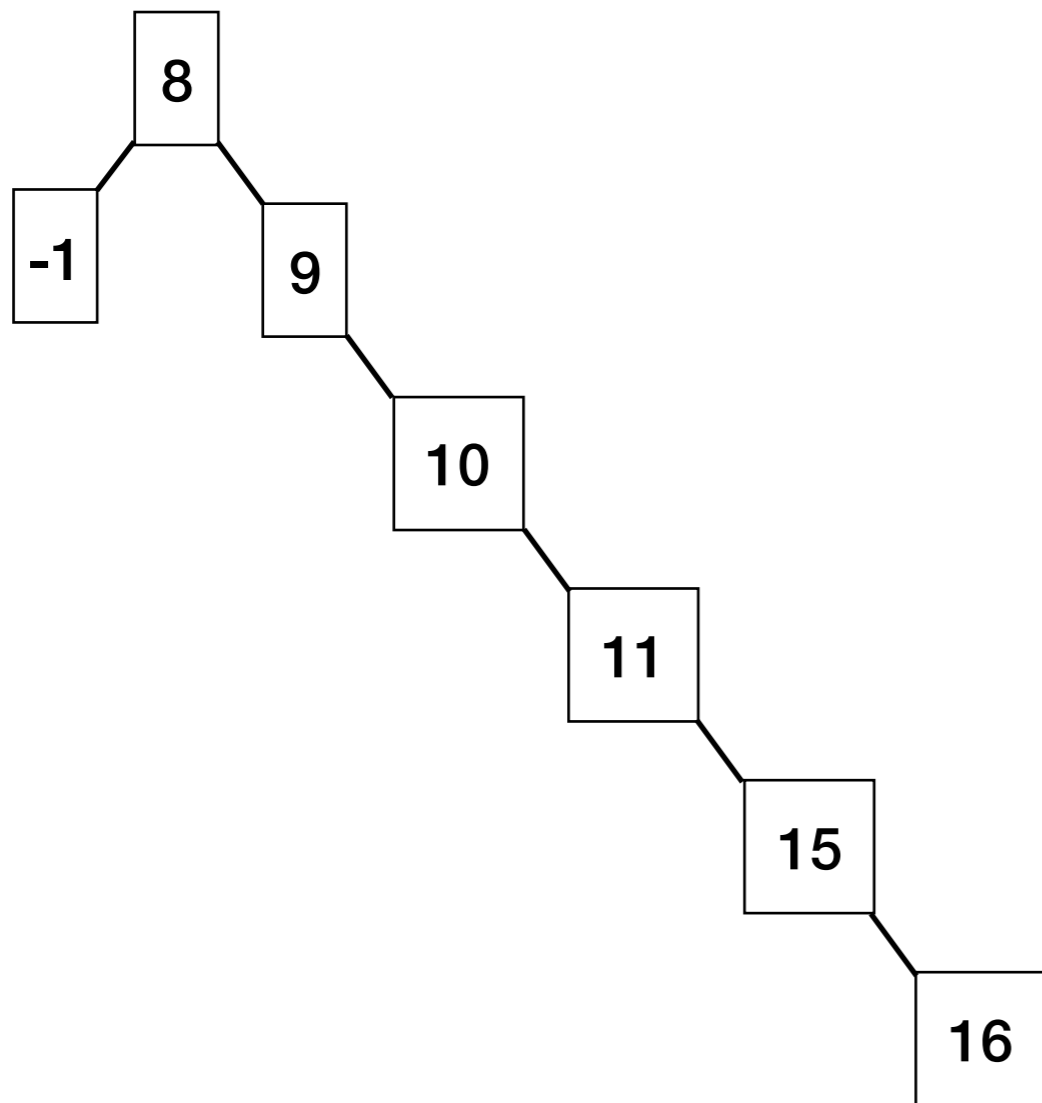
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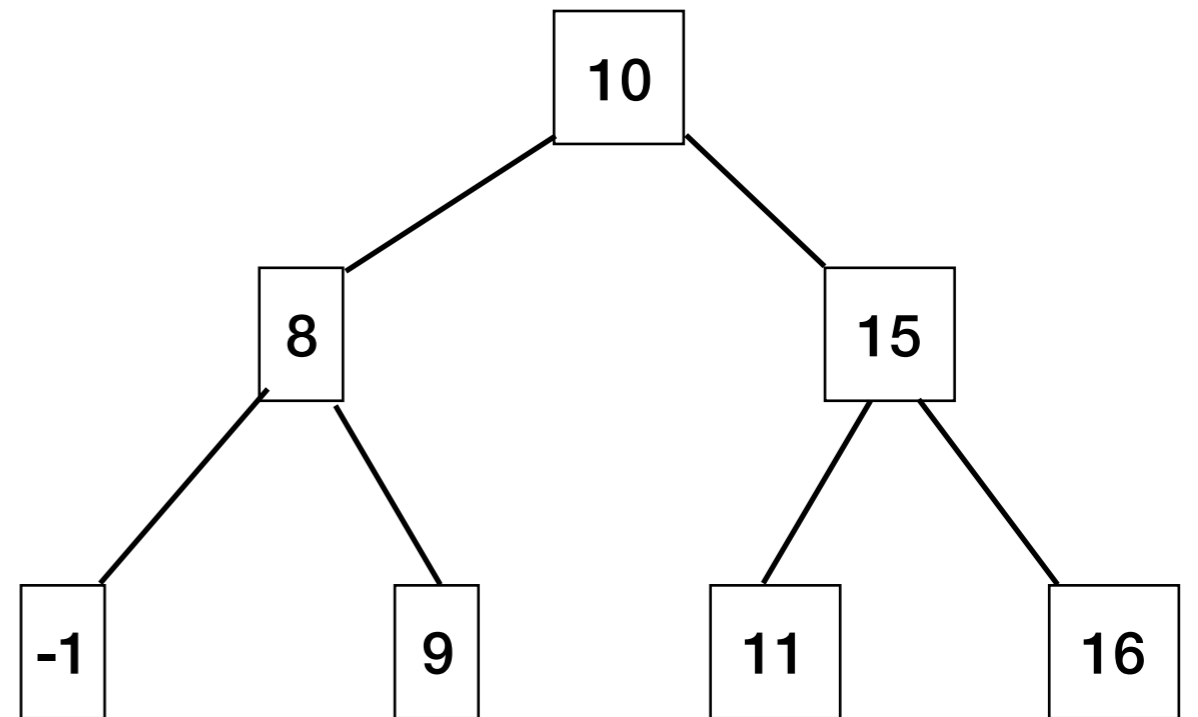
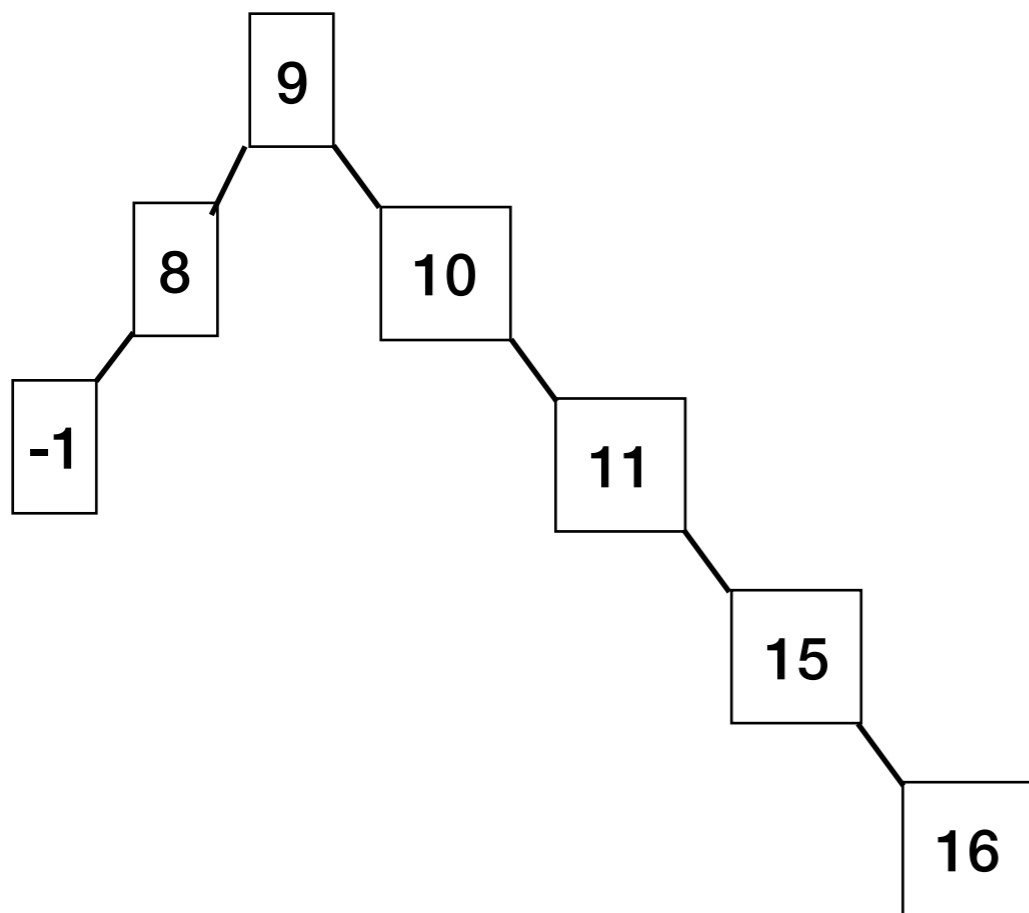
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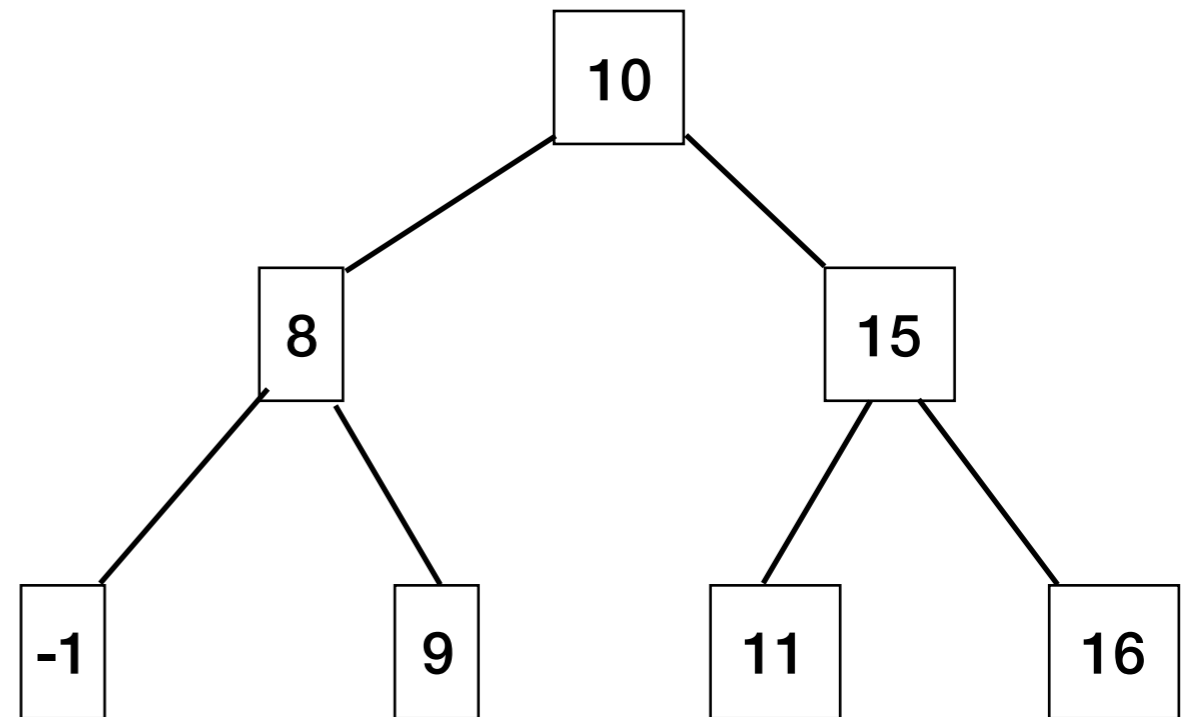
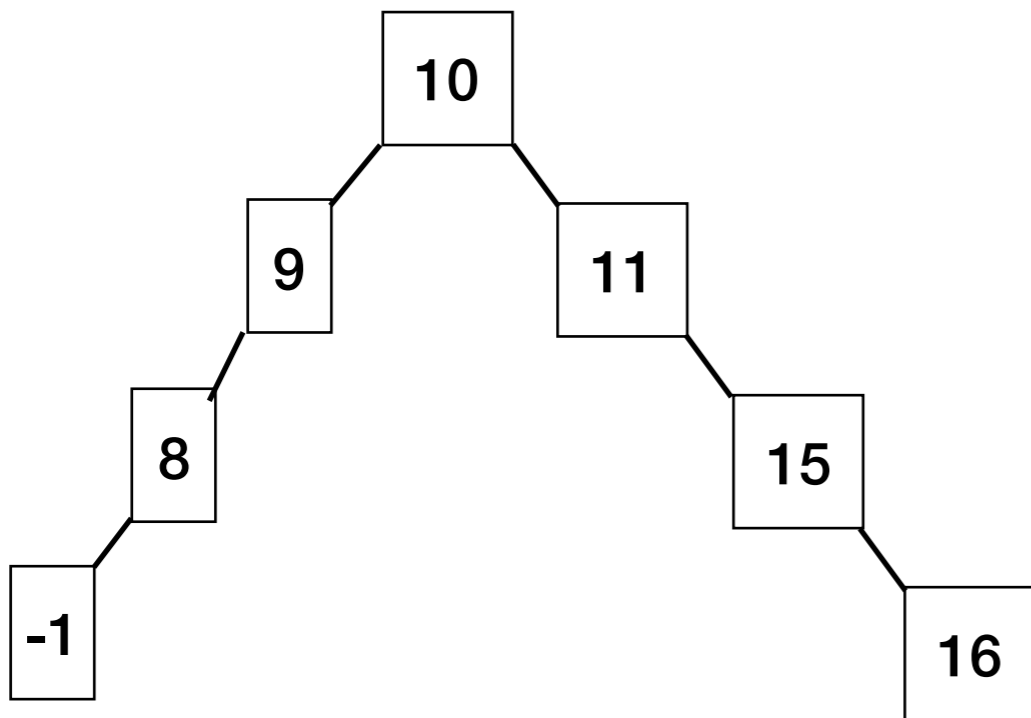
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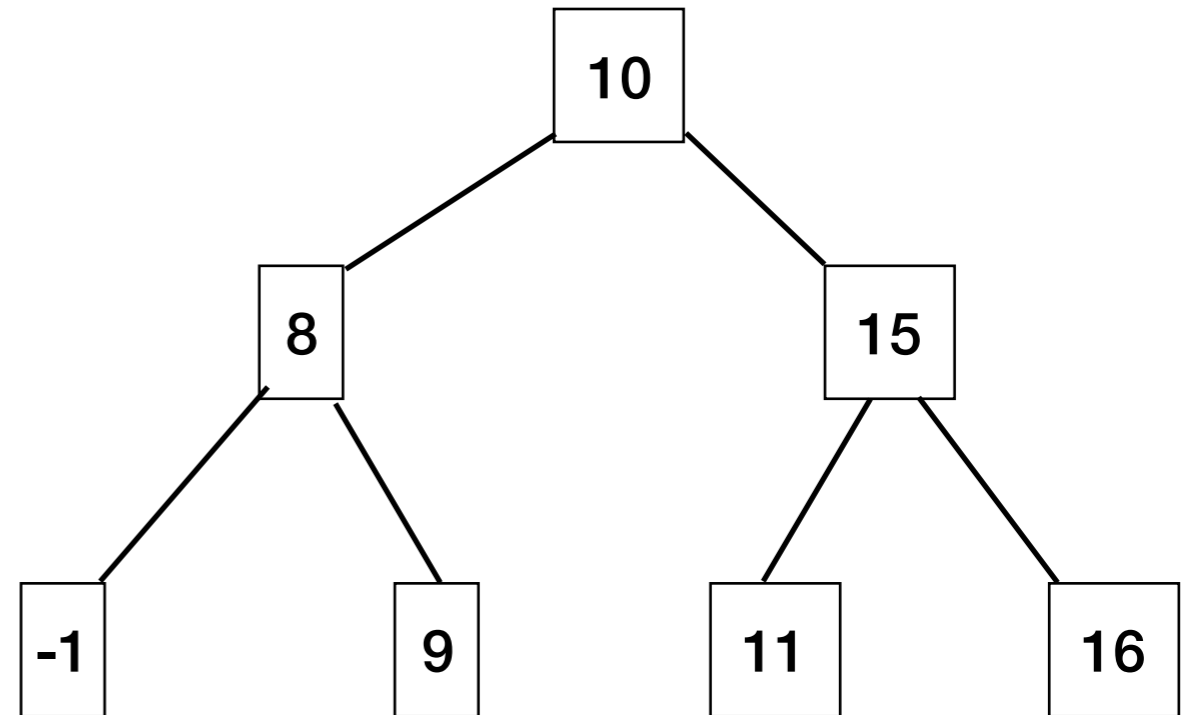
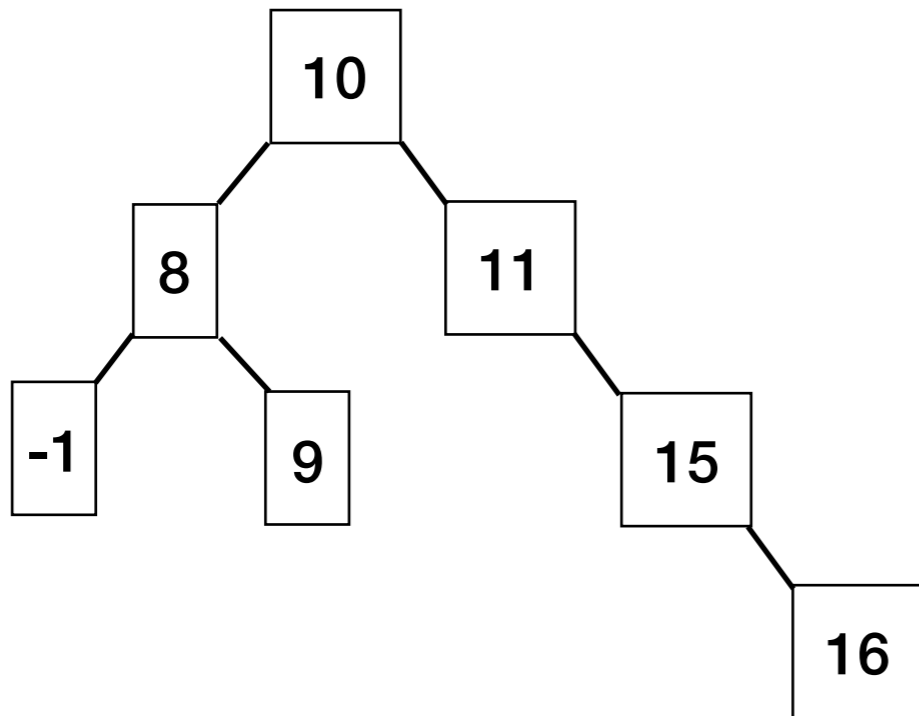
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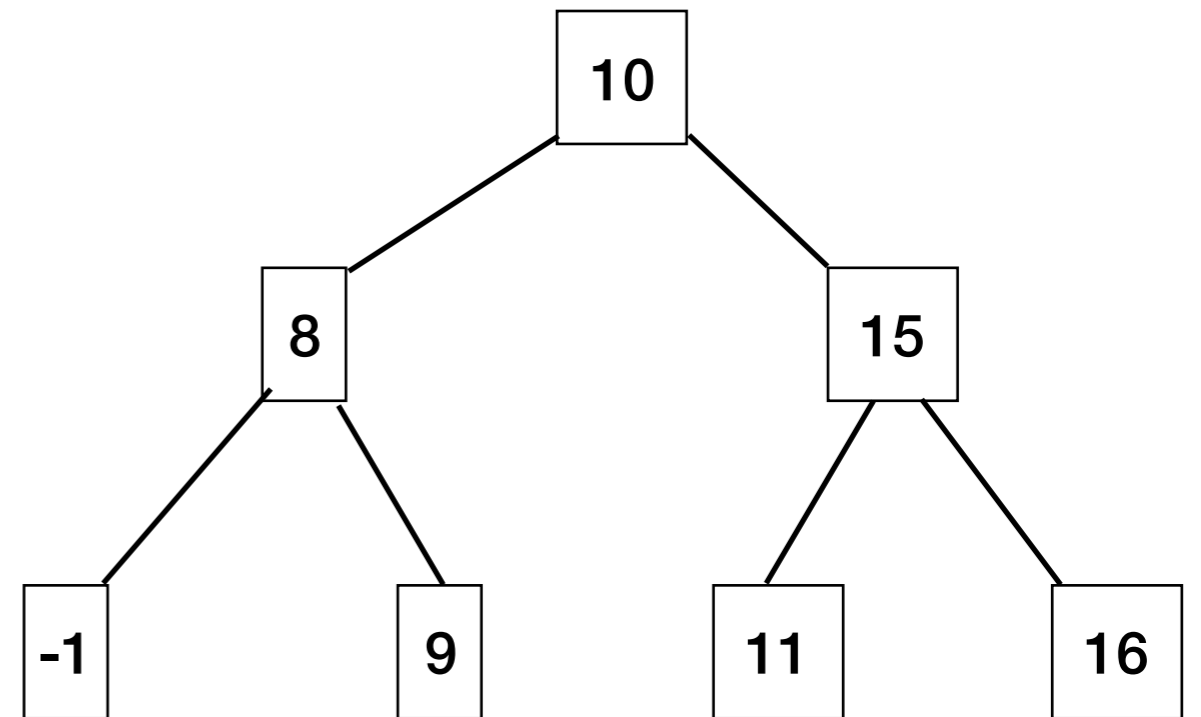
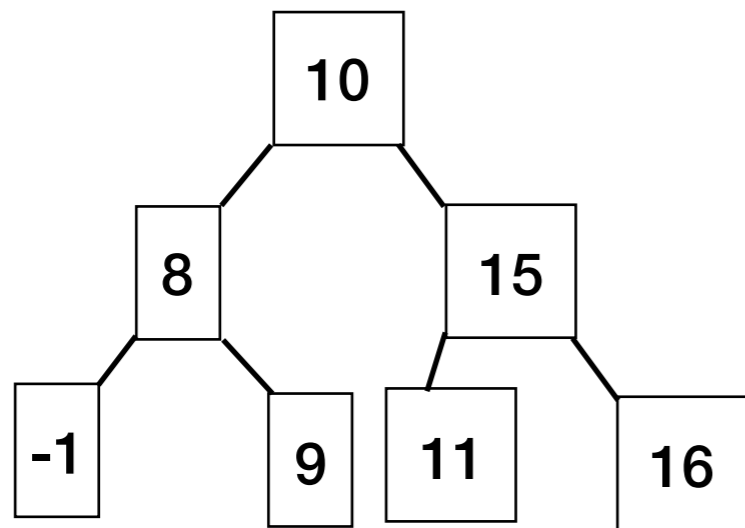
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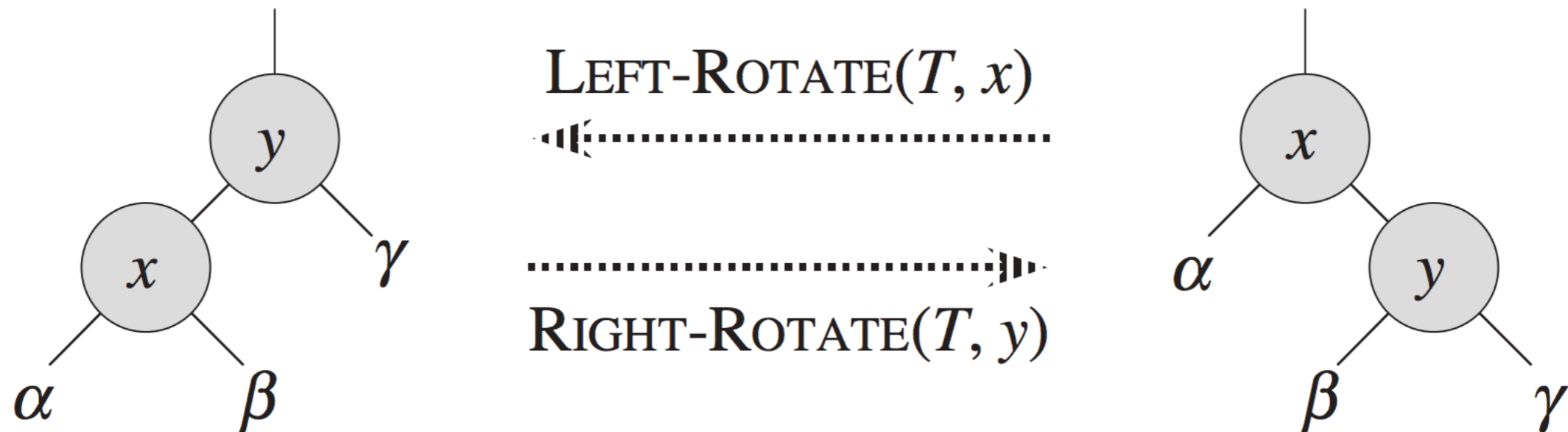


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modify the structure without violating the BST property.

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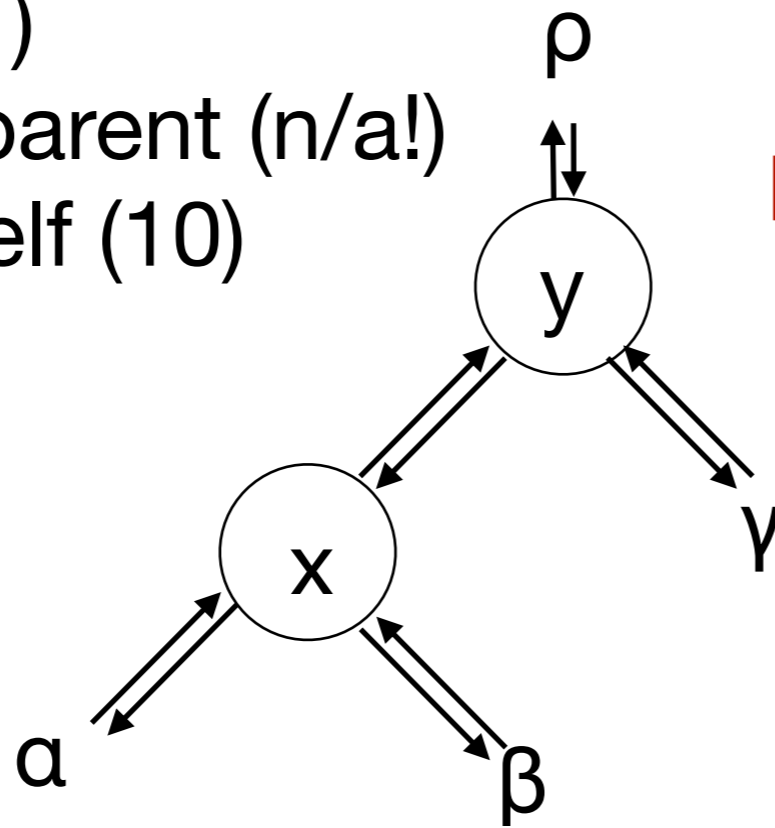
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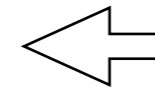
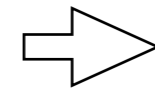
Tree rotations: DIY

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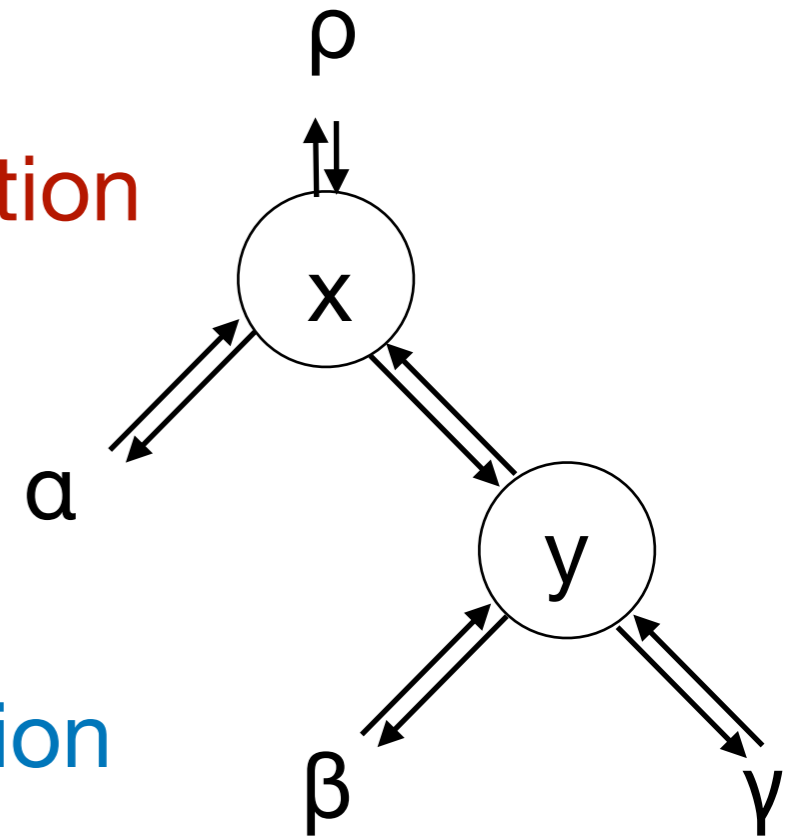
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2. Transfer the parent (n/a!)
3. Transfer x itself (10)



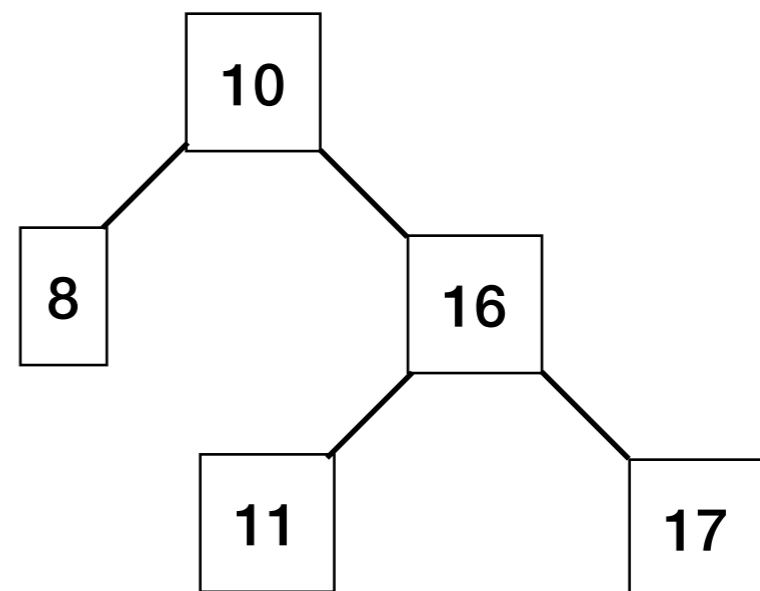
Right rotation



Left rotation



Perform a **left** rotation on the root of this tree:



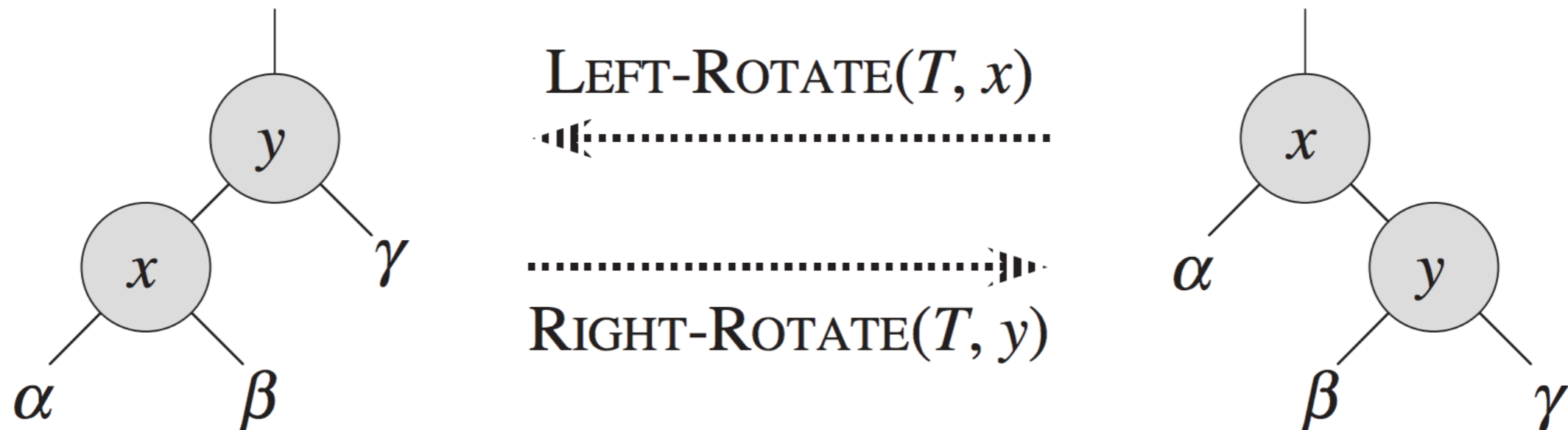
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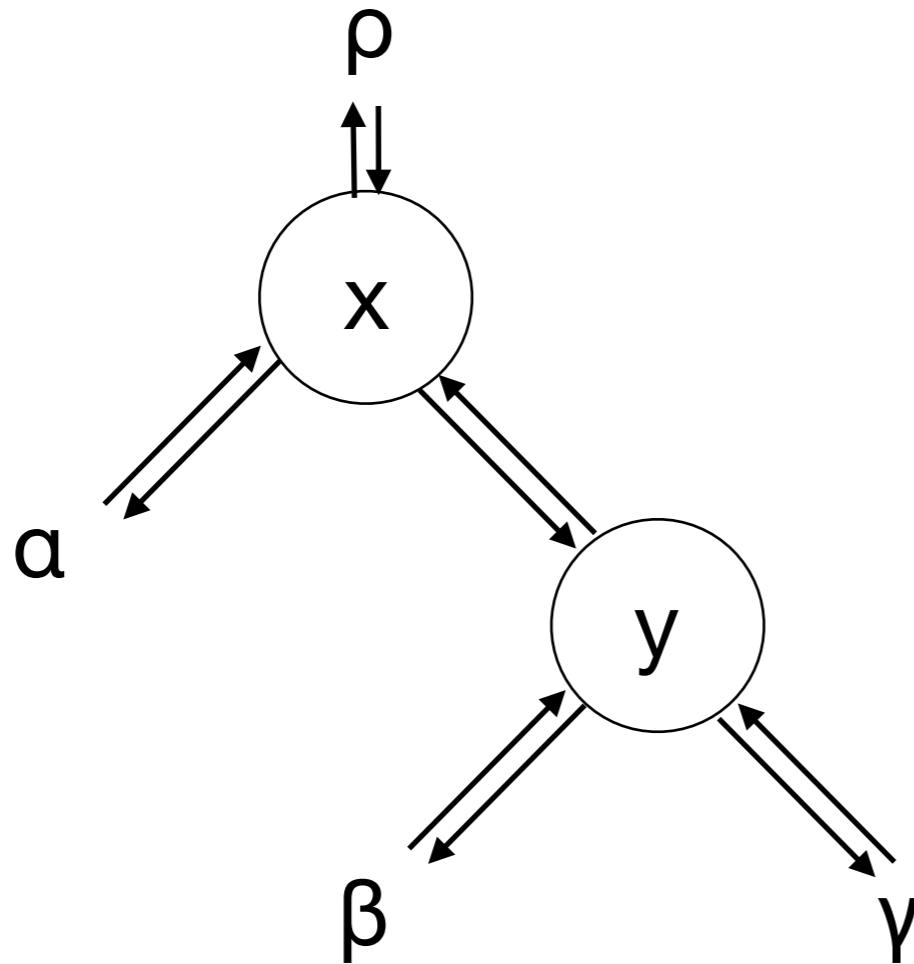
Details: need to update child, parent, and (possibly) root pointers.



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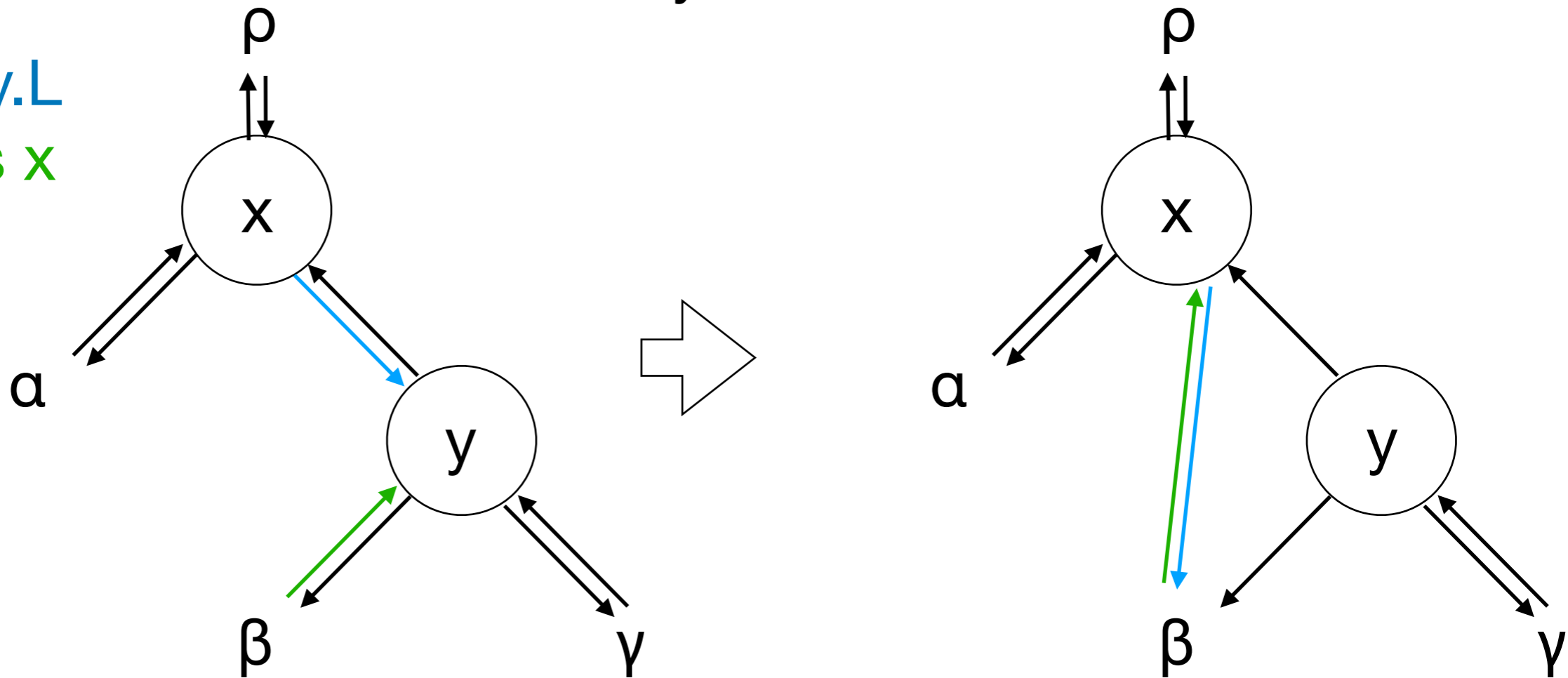


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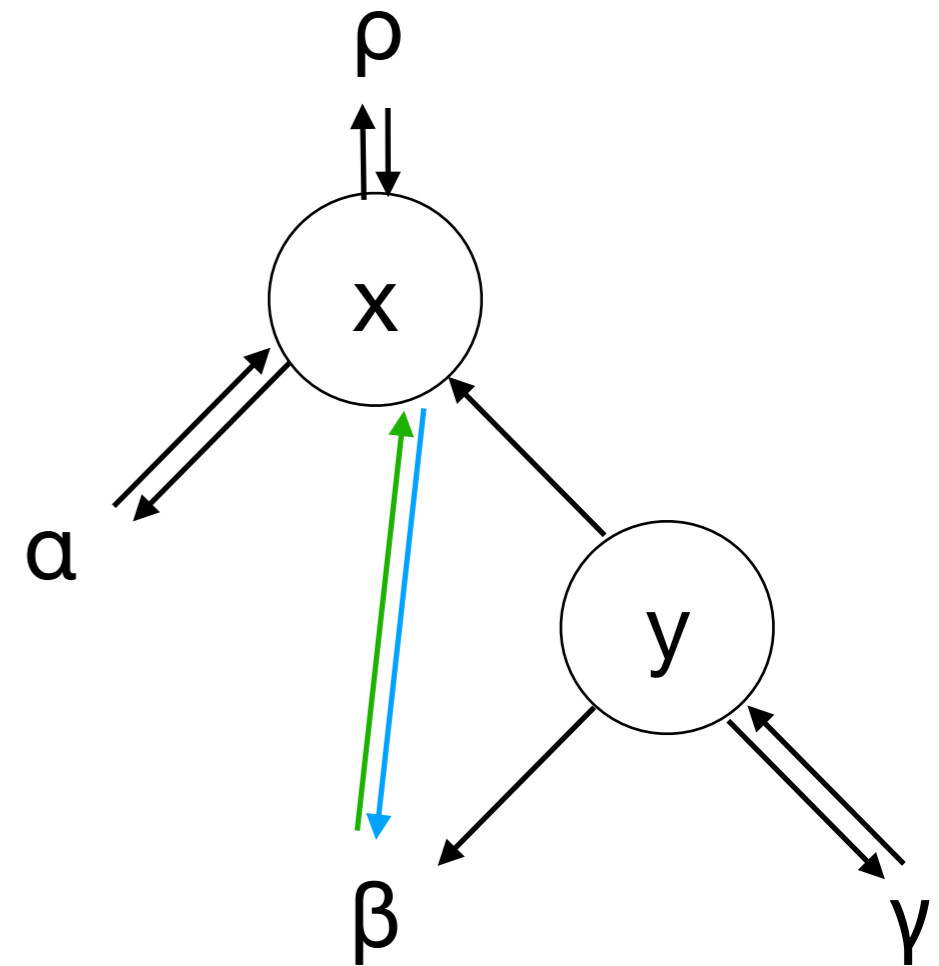


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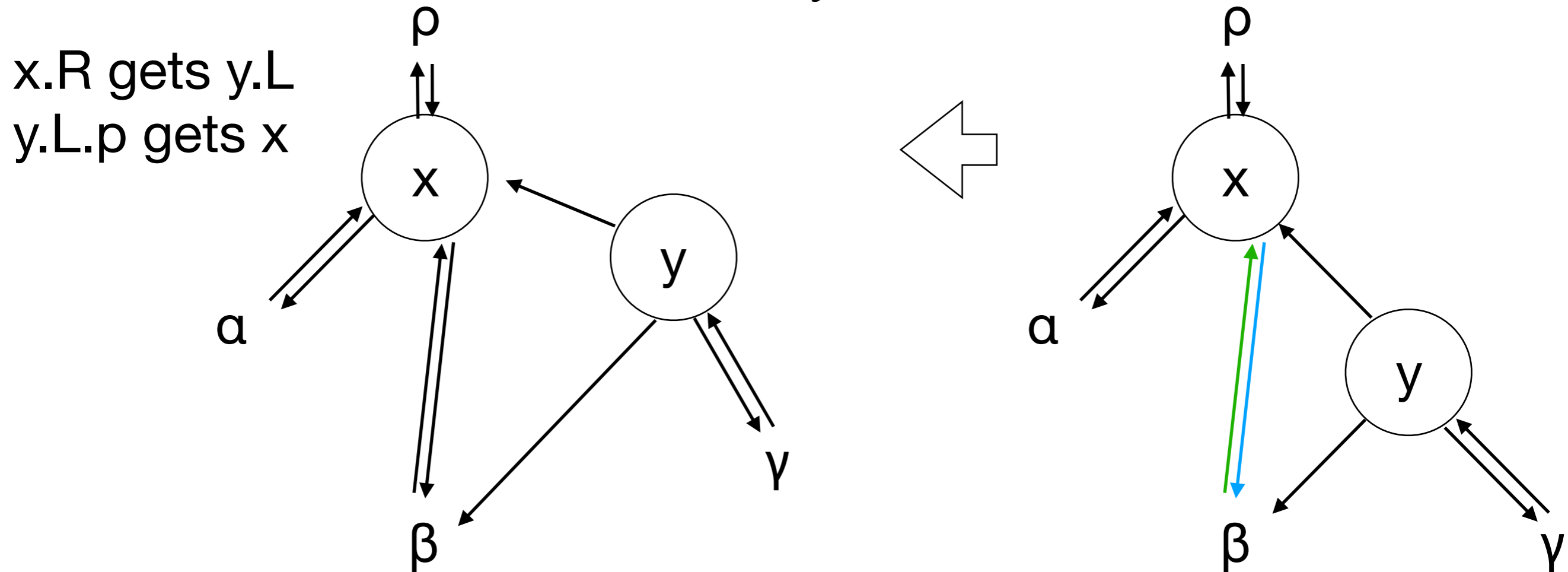
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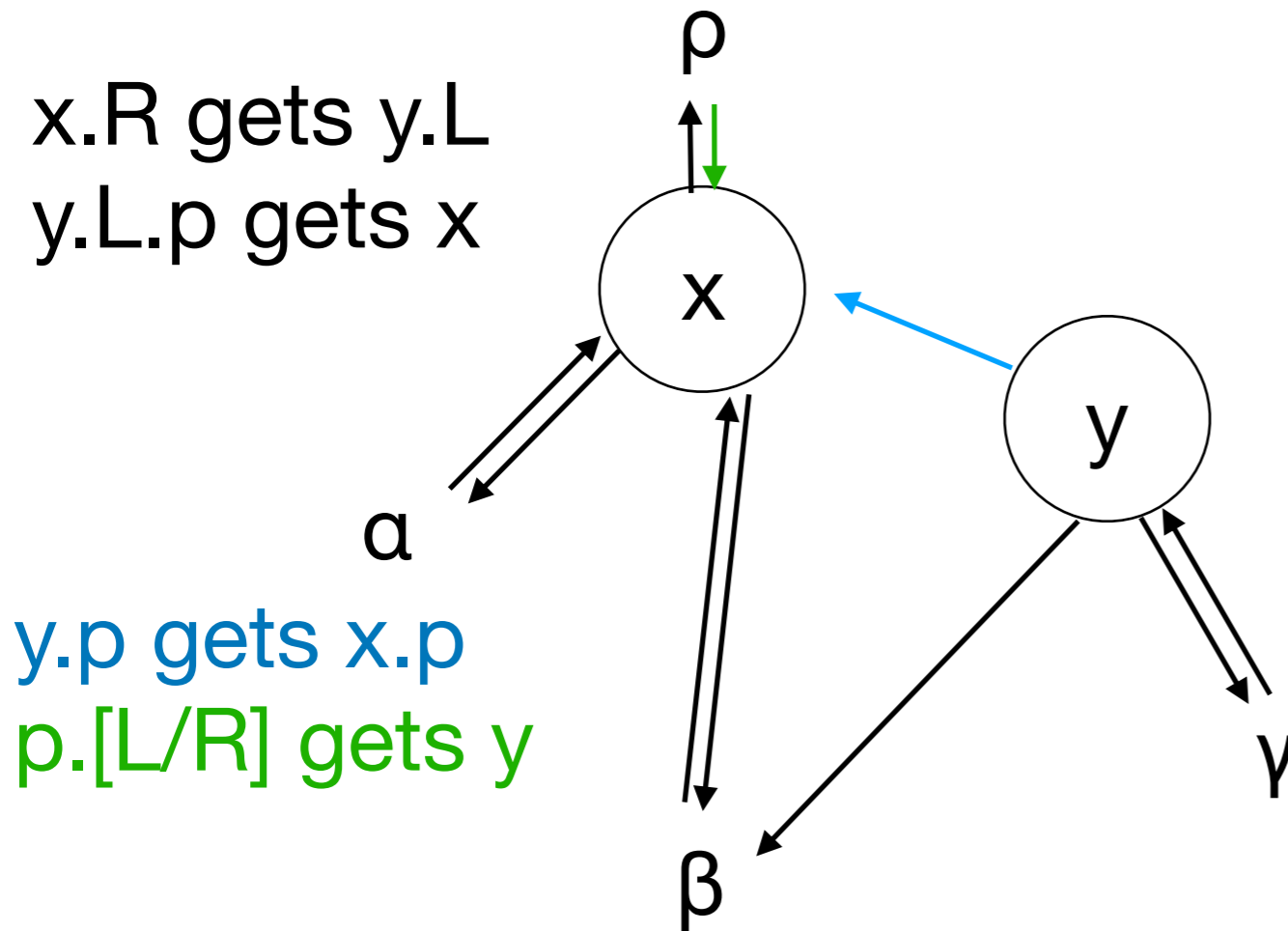


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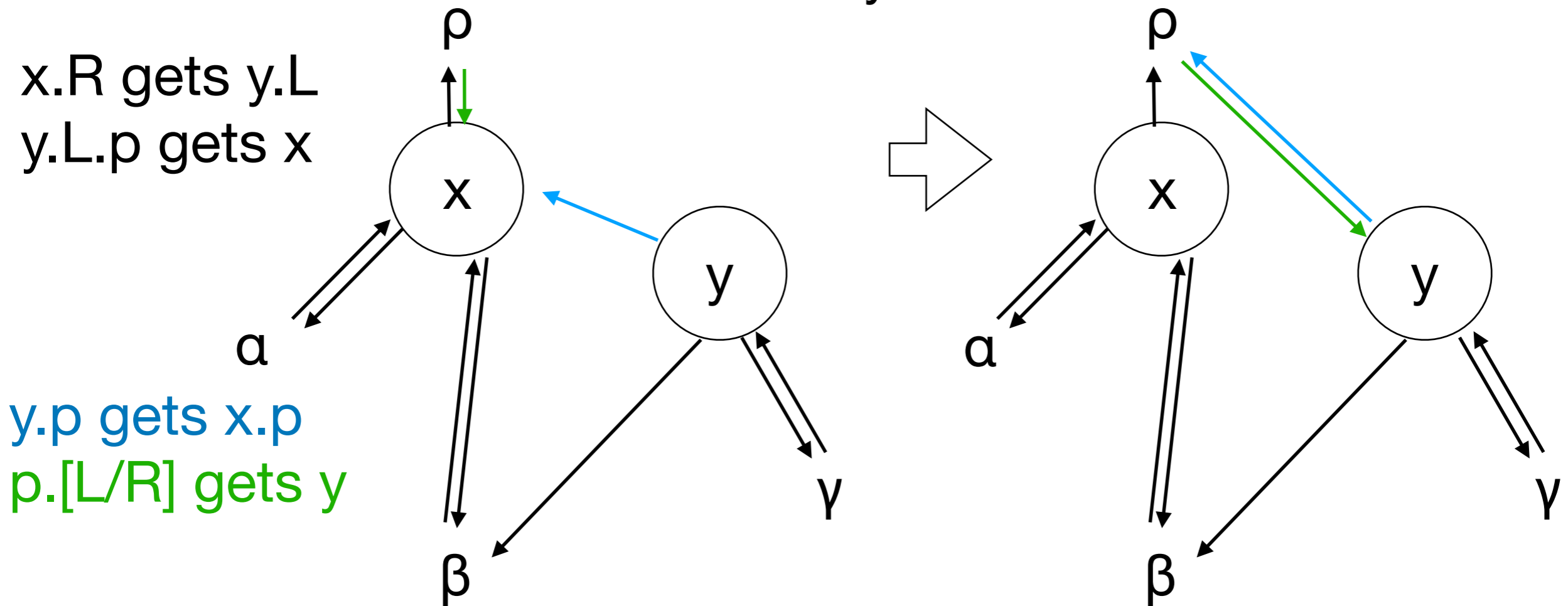
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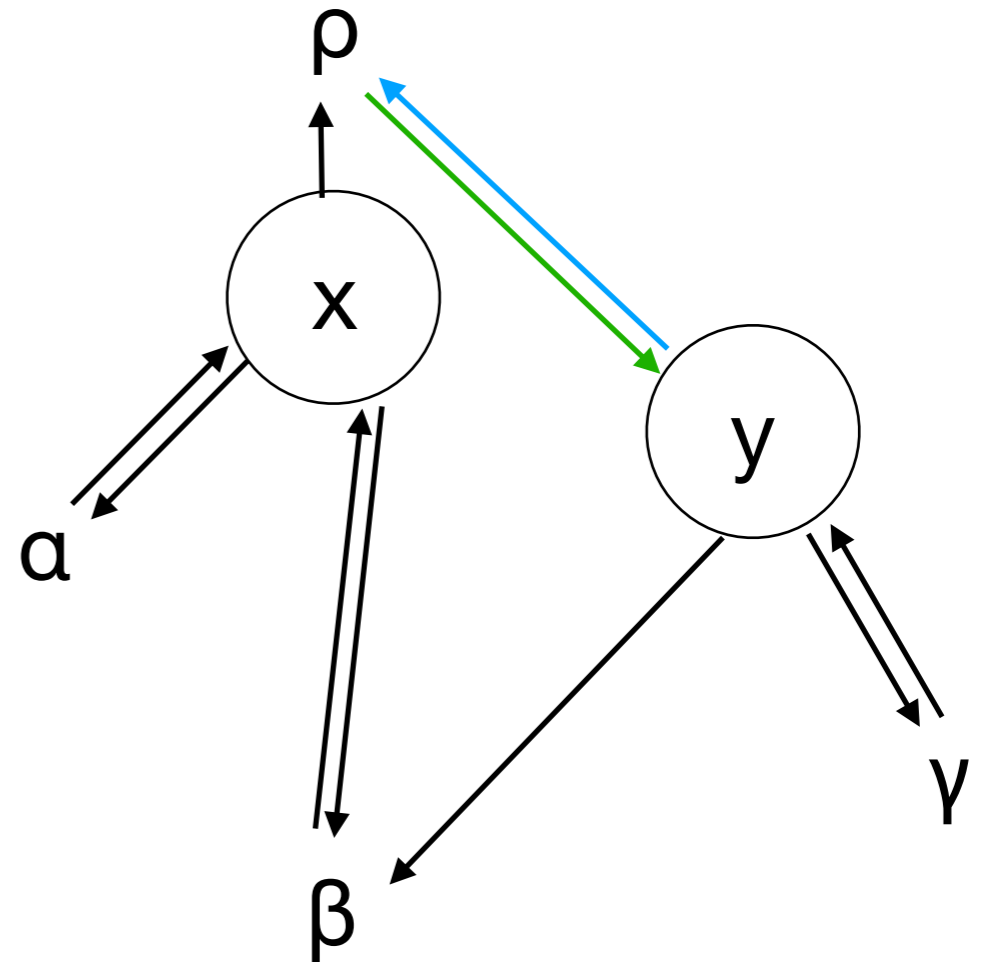
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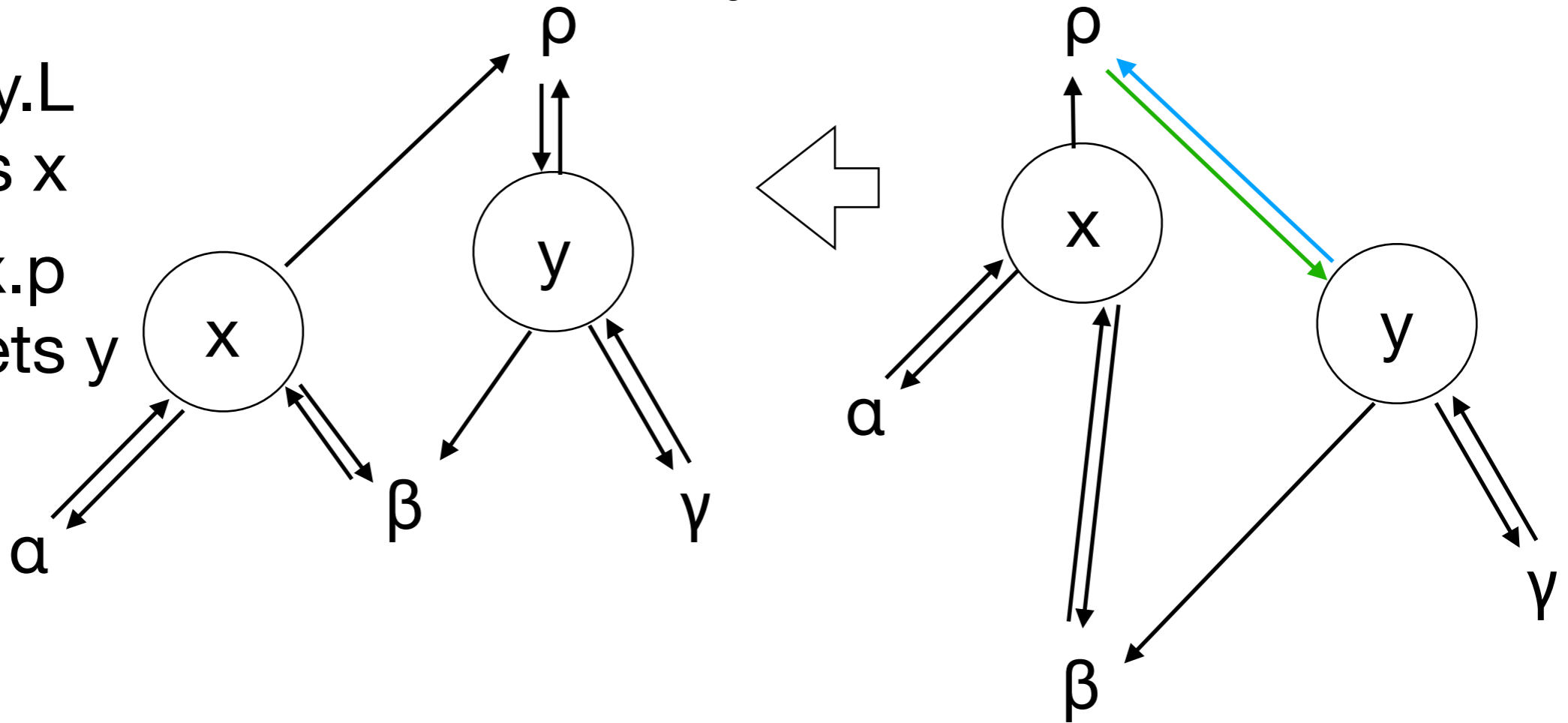
(what if ρ is null / x was root?)

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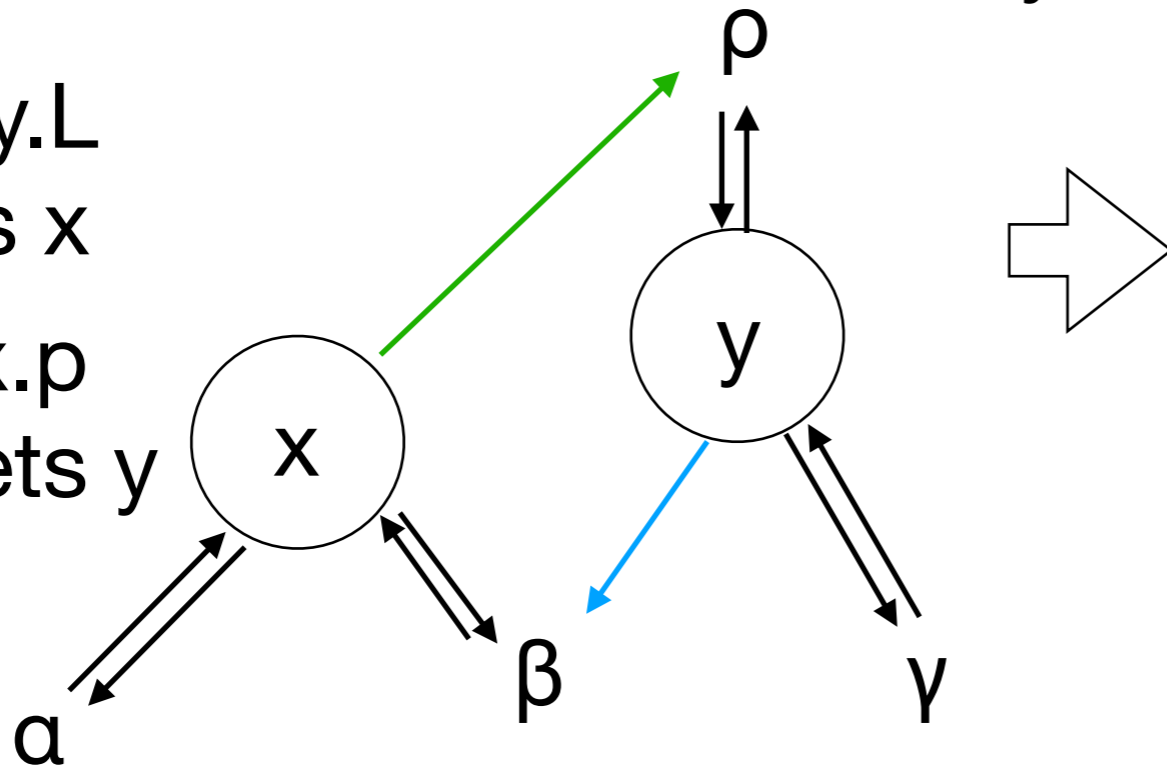
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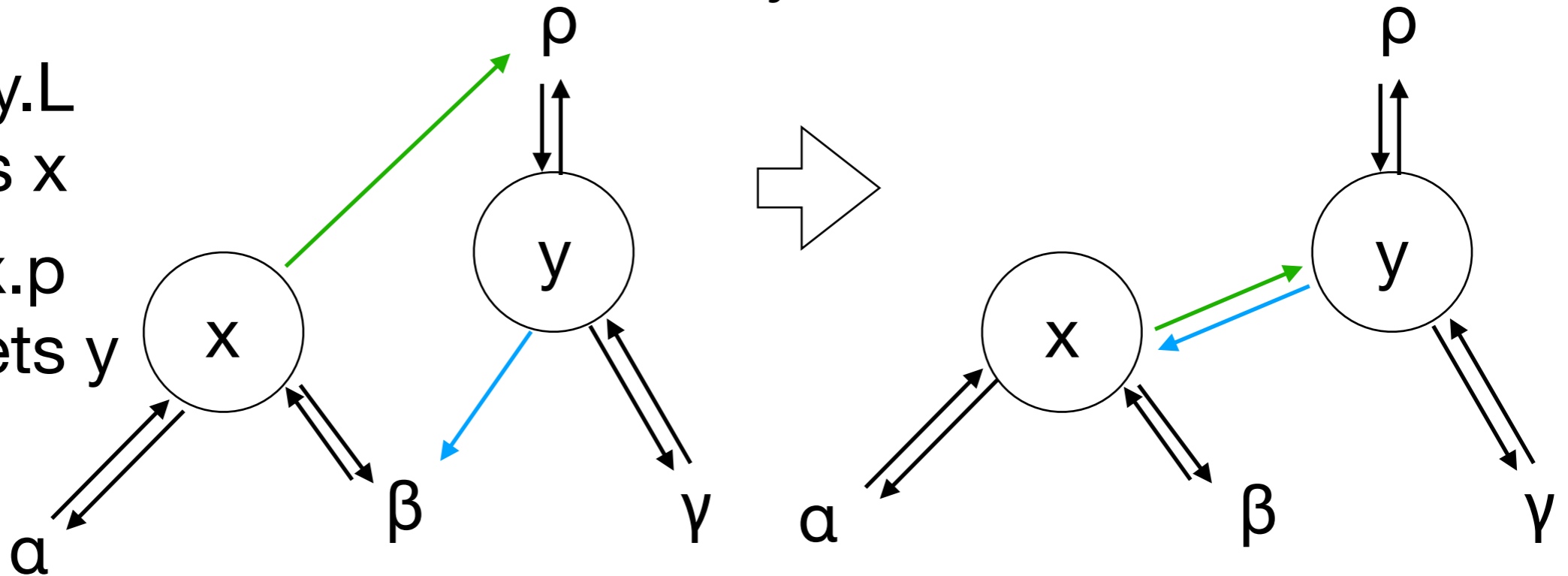
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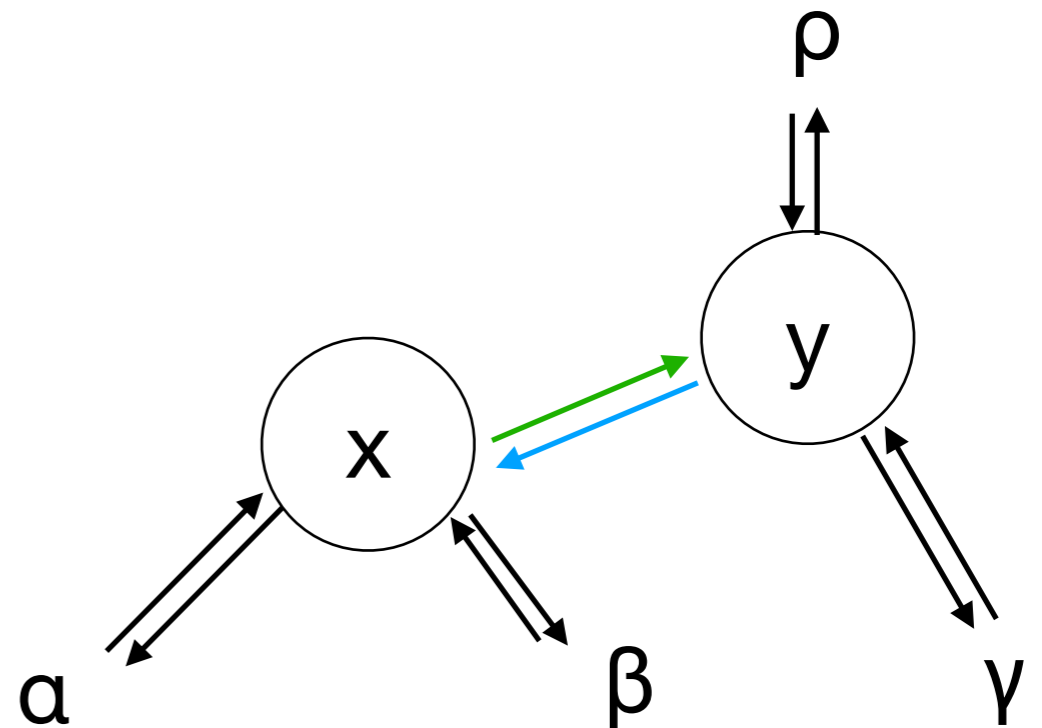
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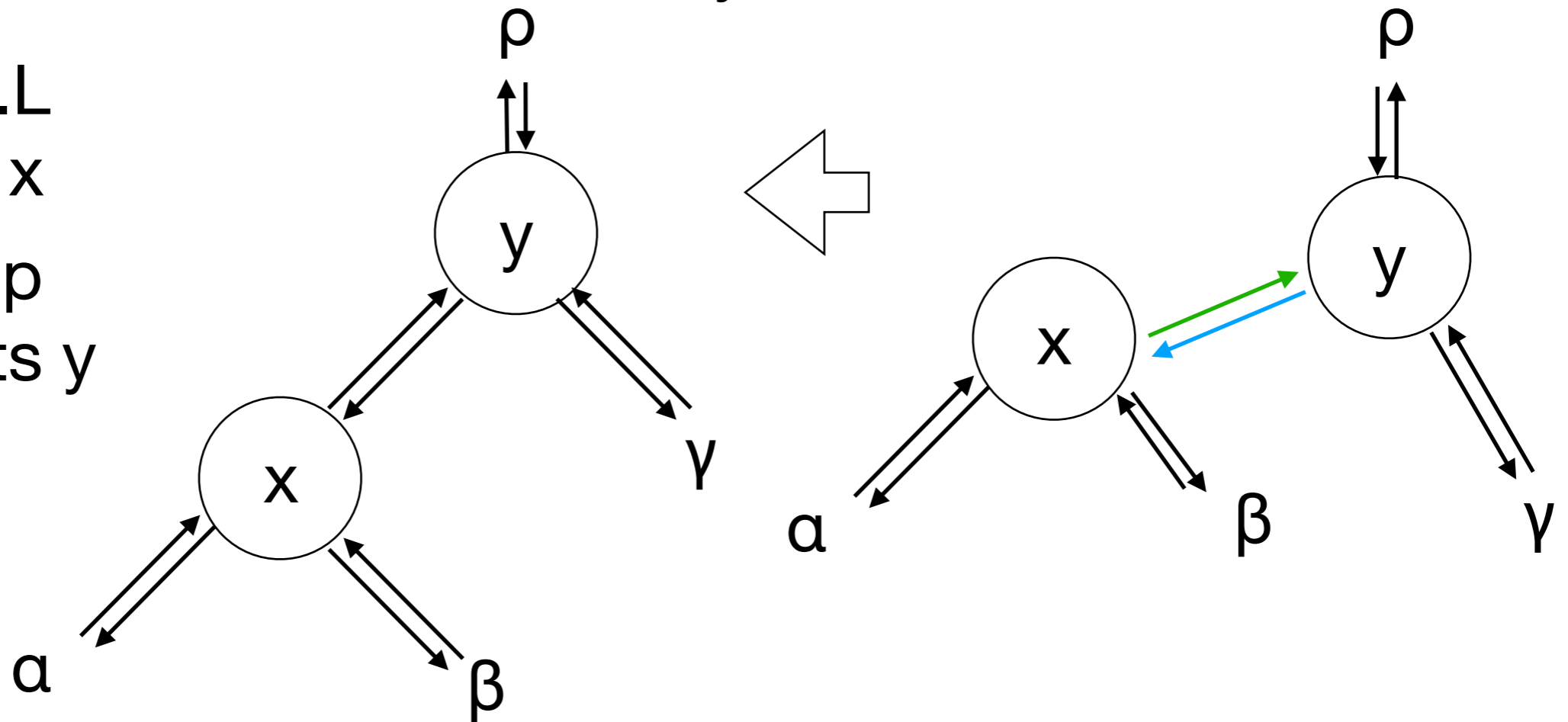
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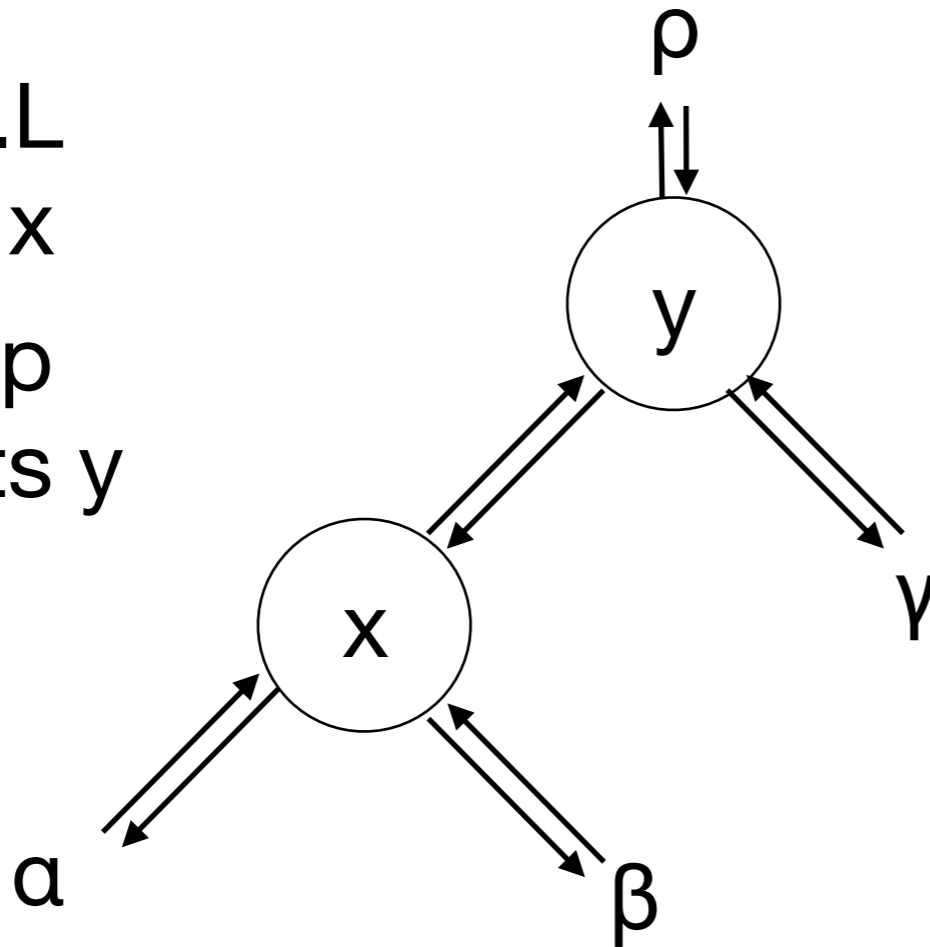
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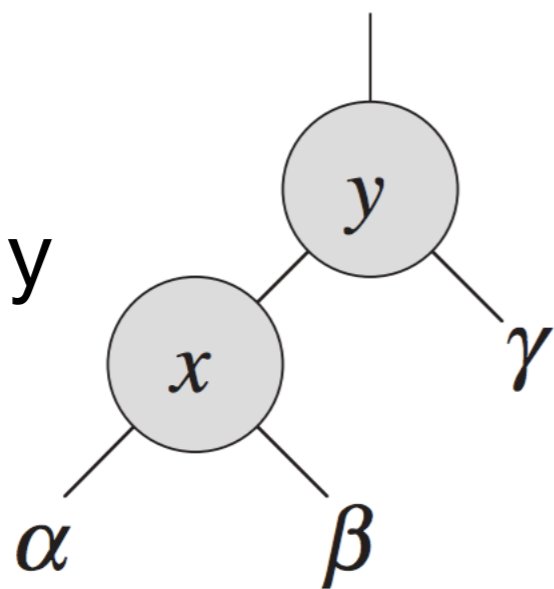
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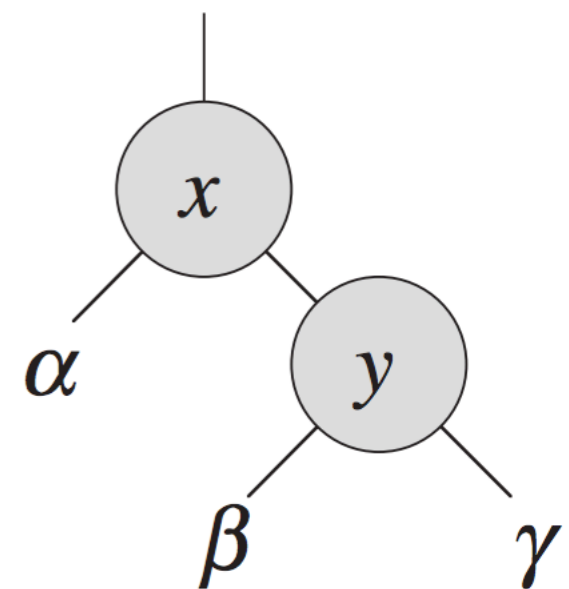
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LEFT-ROTATE(T, x)



RIGHT-ROTATE(T, y)



Overall Transformation

Pseudocode from CLRS

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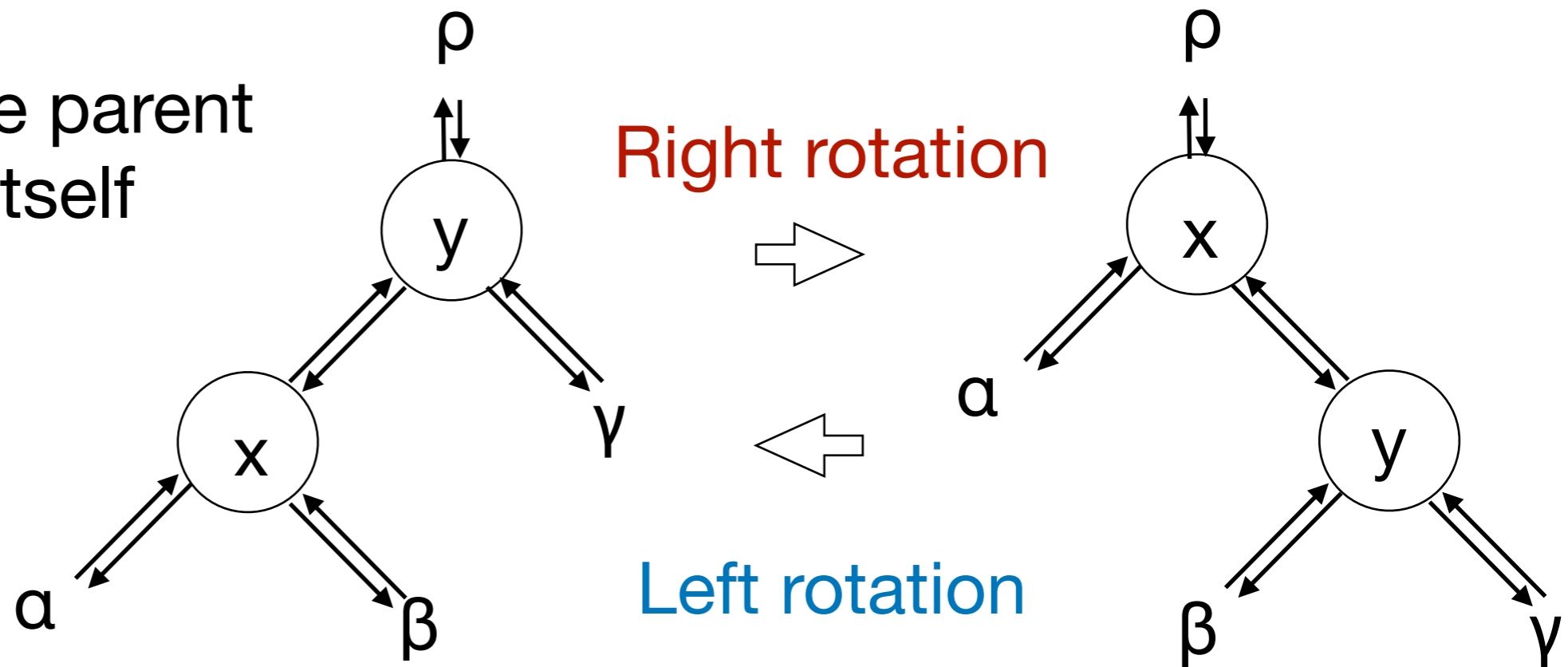
1. xfer β	1	$y = x.right$	// set y
	2	$x.right = y.left$	// turn y 's left subtree into x 's right subtree
	3	if $y.left \neq T.nil$	
	4	$y.left.p = x$	
	5	$y.p = x.p$	// link x 's parent to y
2. xfer parent	6	if $x.p == T.nil$	
	7	$T.root = y$	
	8	elseif $x == x.p.left$	
	9	$x.p.left = y$	
3. xfer x	10	else $x.p.right = y$	
	11	$y.left = x$	// put x on y 's left
	12	$x.p = y$	

Notational quirk: assume $T.nil$ means “null”

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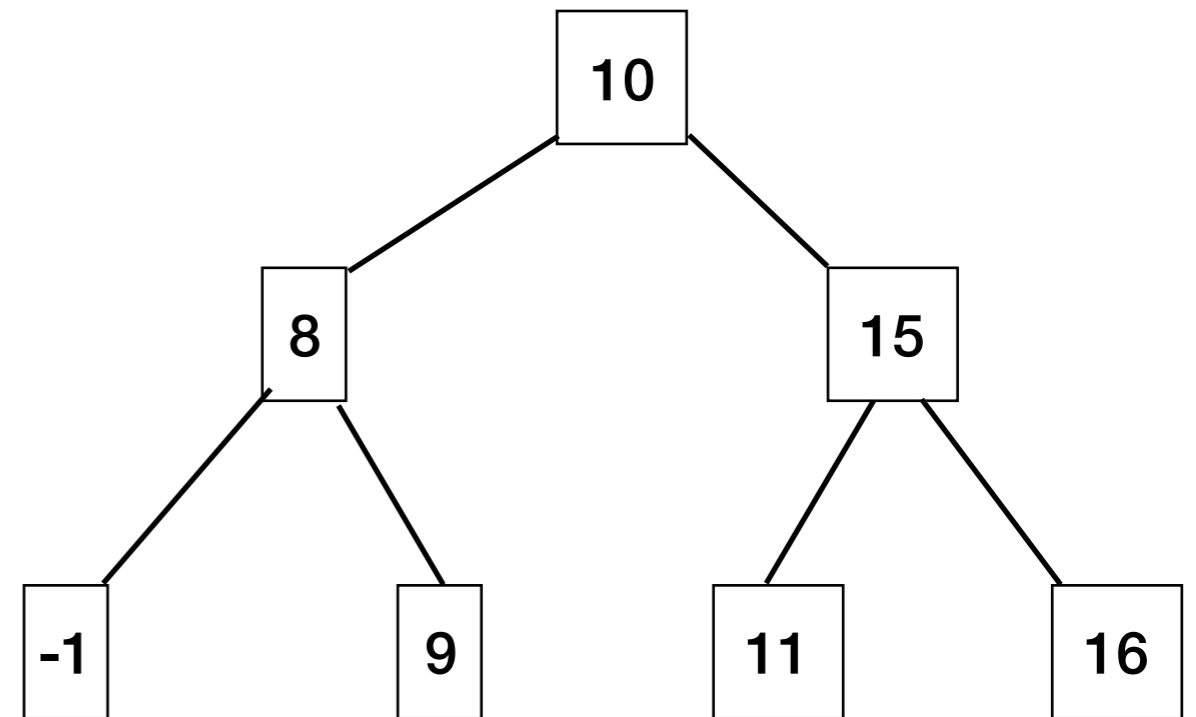
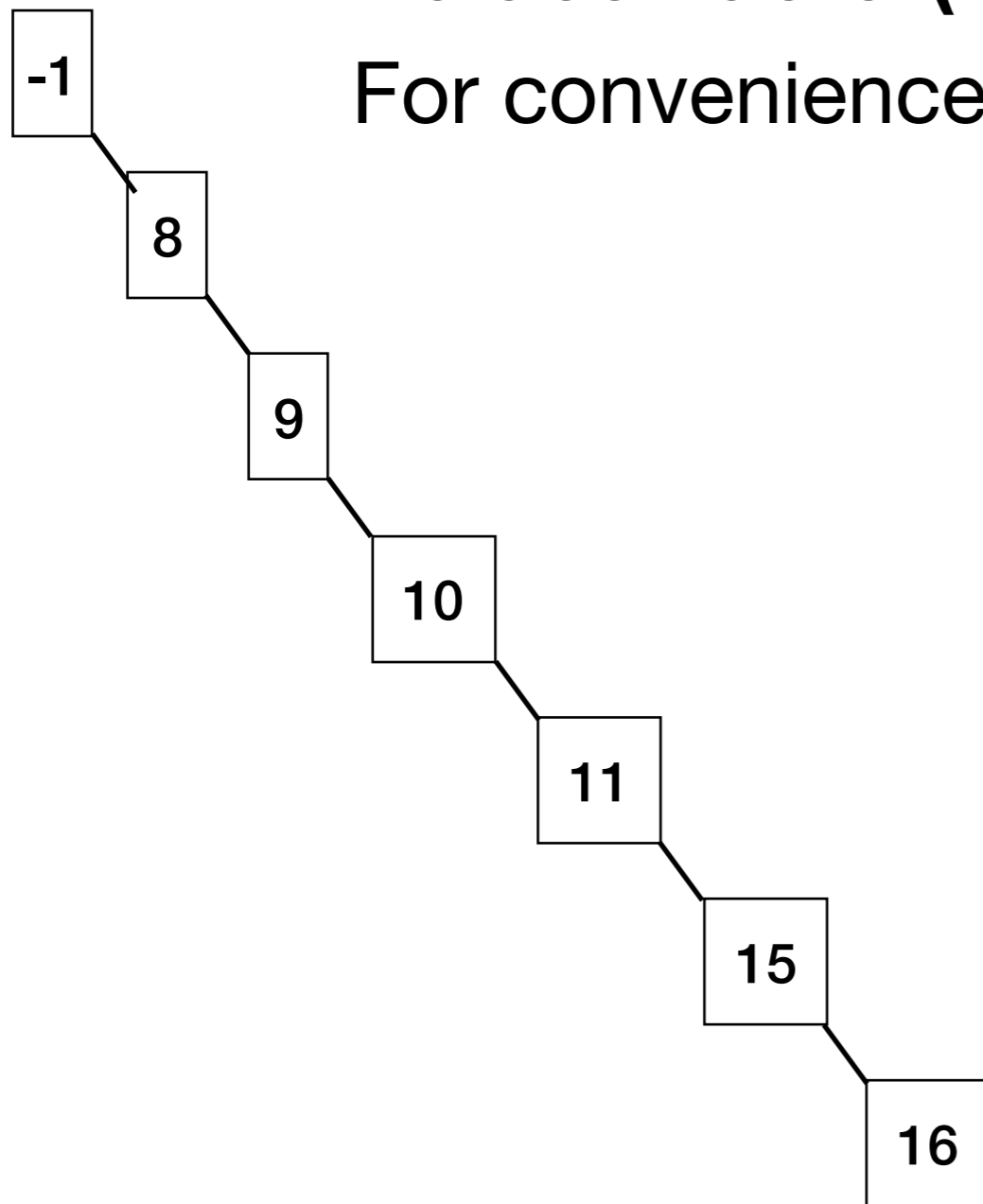
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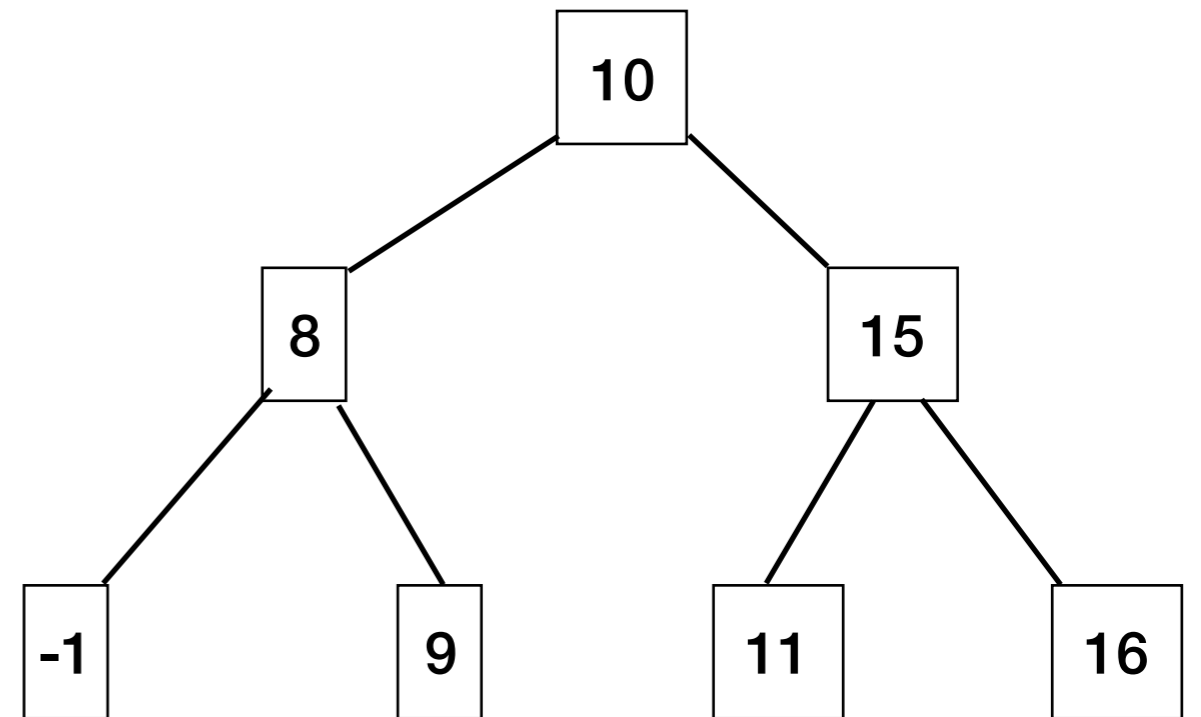
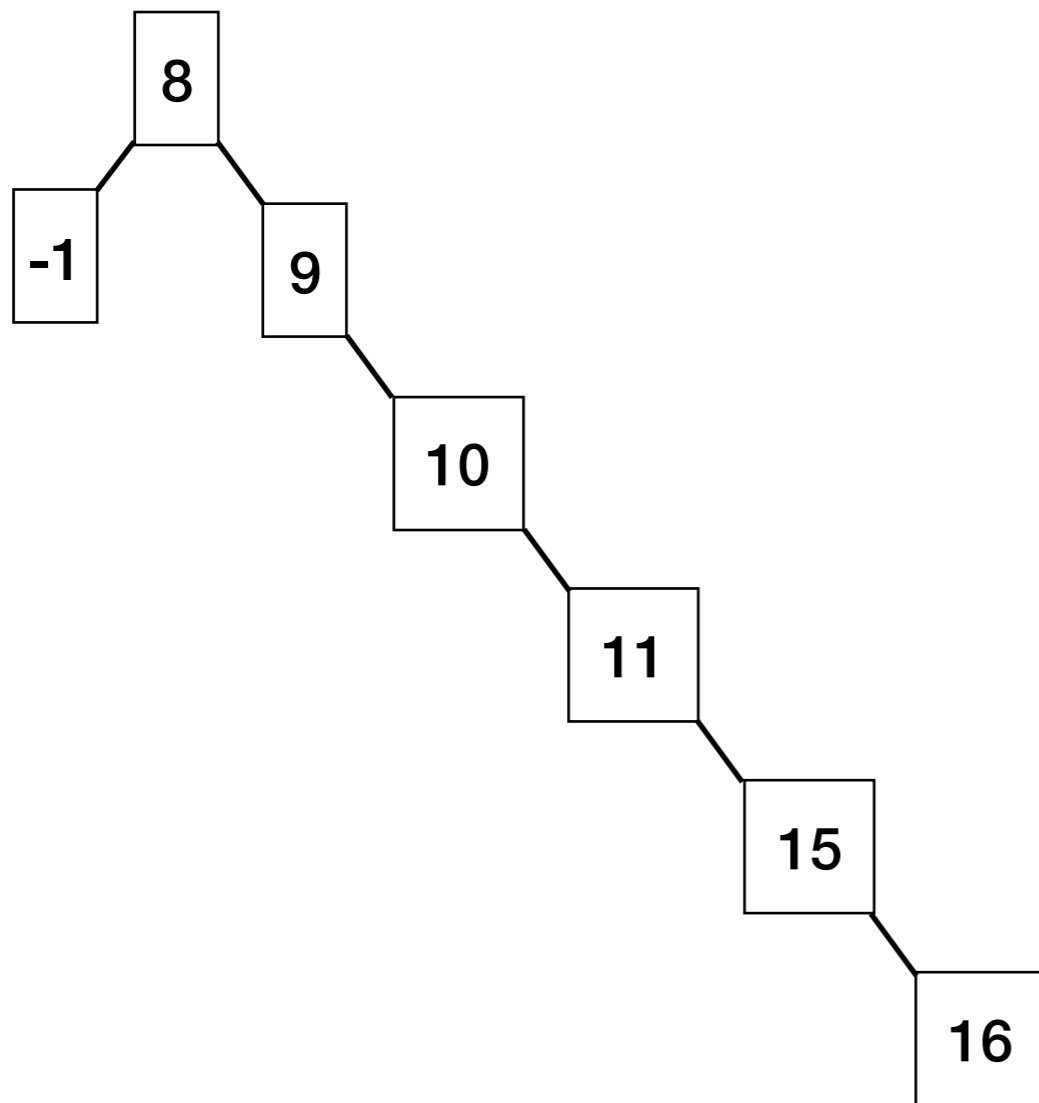
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For convenience: define **height(null)** = -1



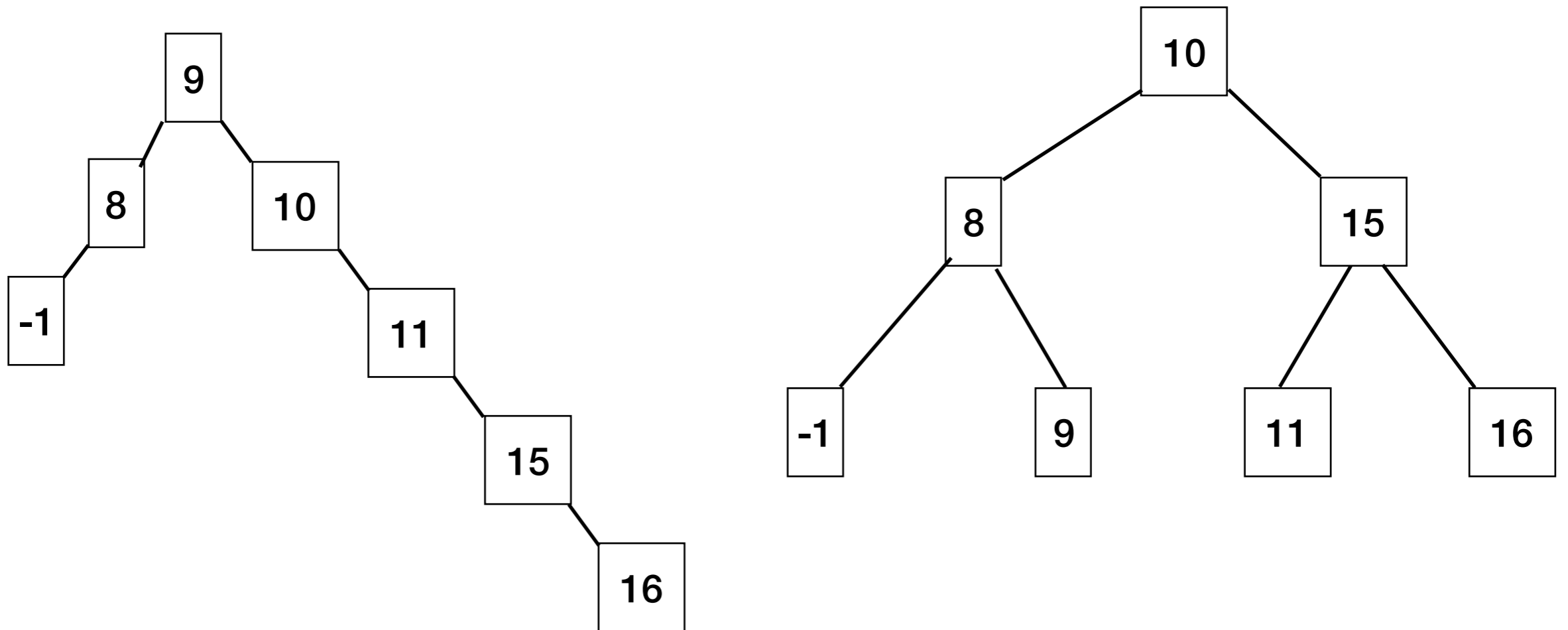
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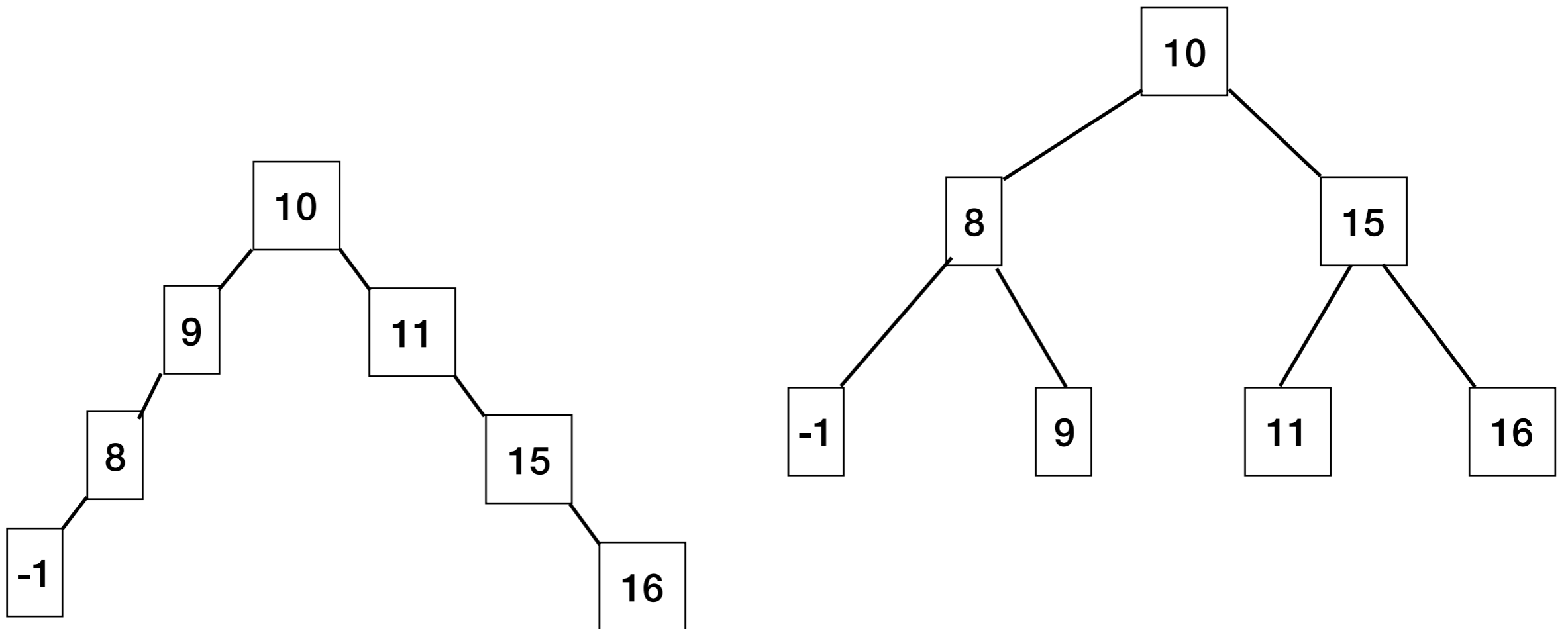
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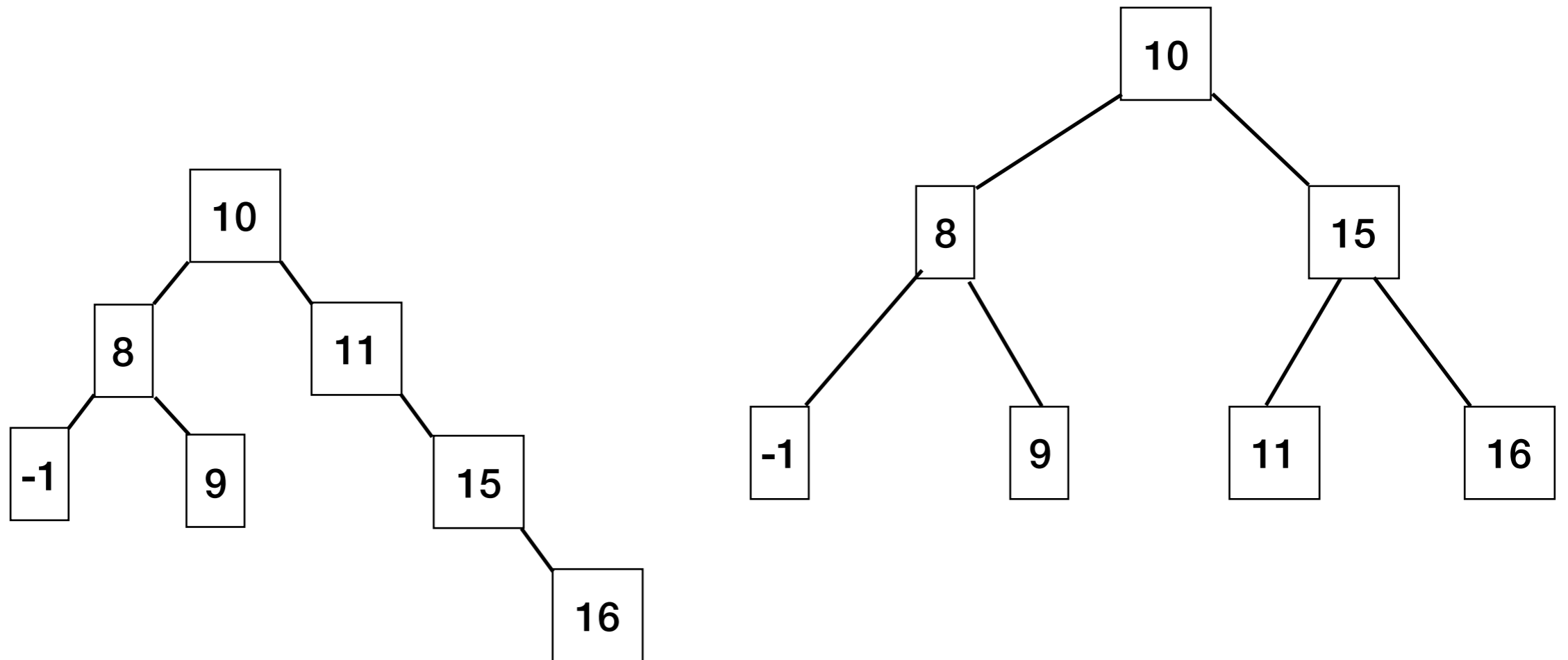
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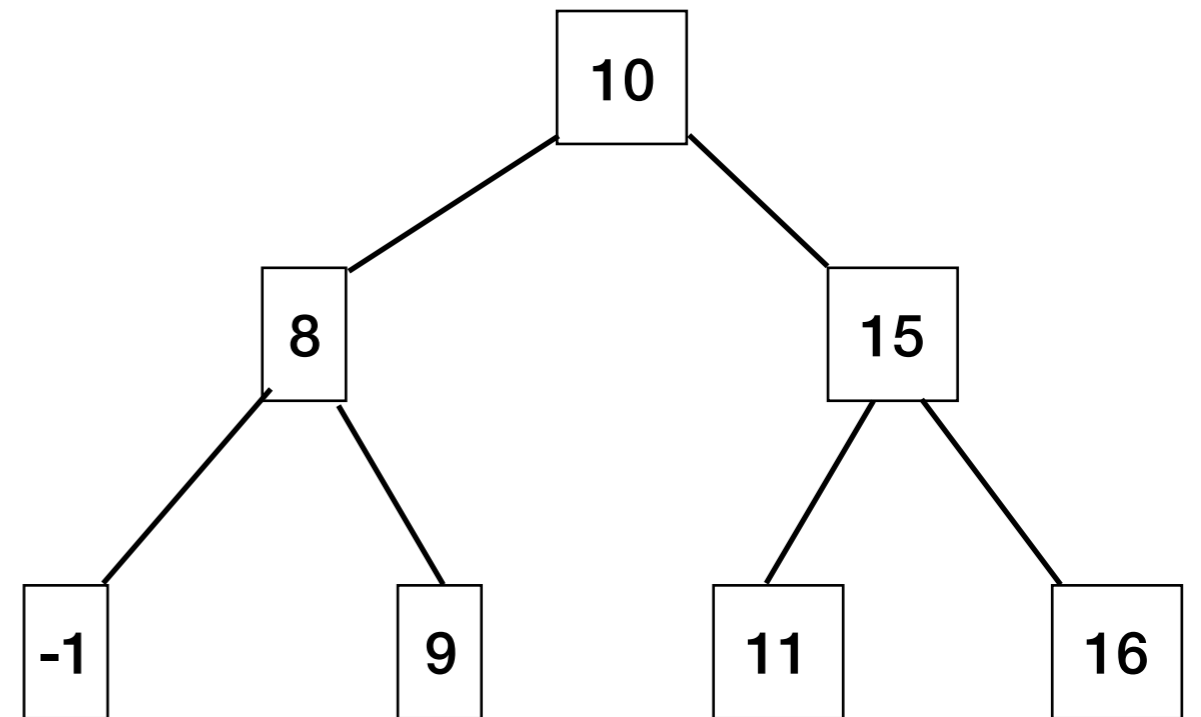
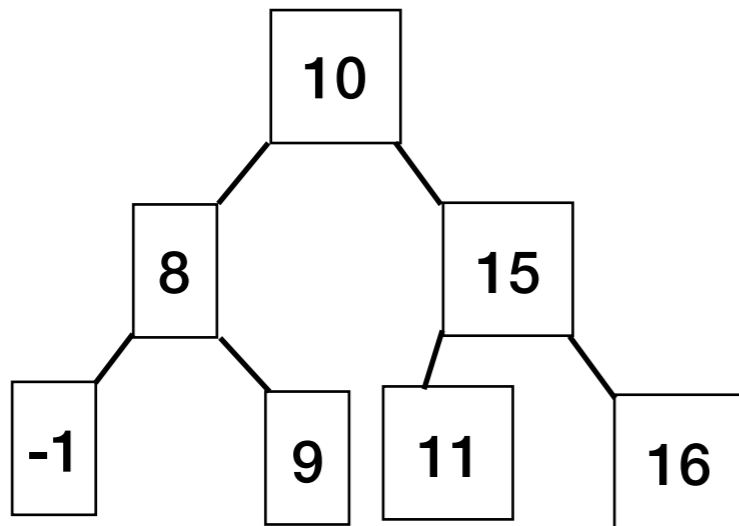
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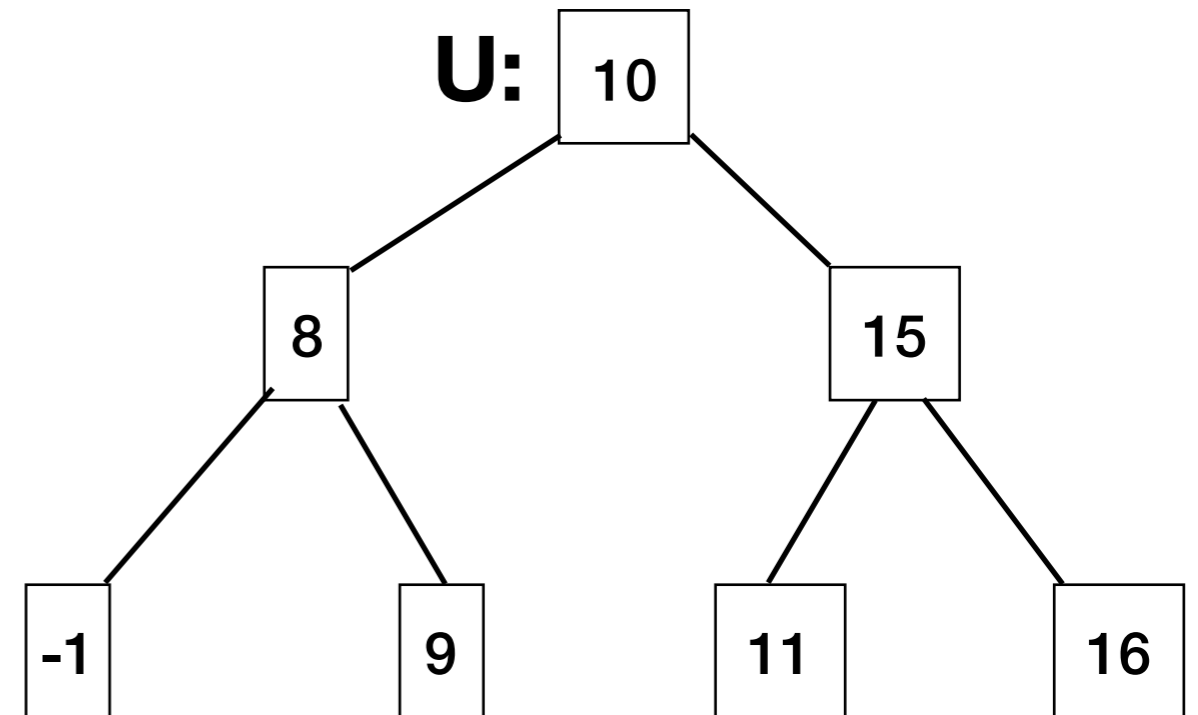
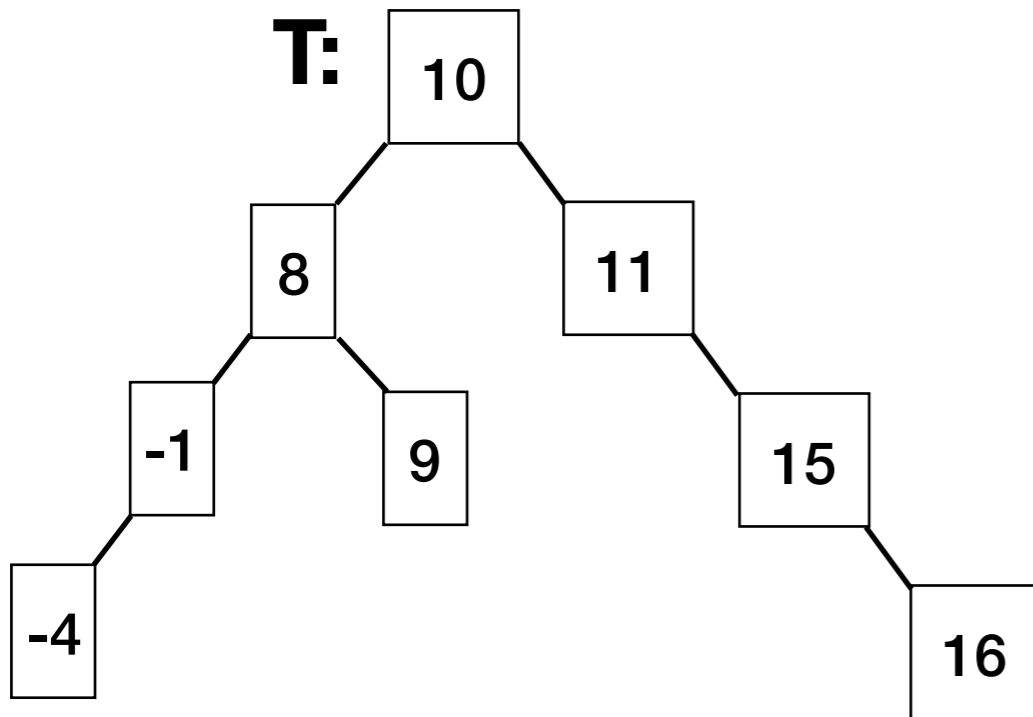
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ABCD: What's the largest *absolute* balance factor of any node in each tree?

	T	U
A	0	0
B	2	1
C	2	0
D	1	1

AVL Trees

Balance Factor $b(n)$ = height(n.right) - height(left)

- Devised by **Adelson-Velsky** and **Landis**
- An AVL tree is a Binary Search Tree in which the following property holds:

AVL property: $-1 \leq b(n) \leq 1$ for all nodes n .