

Binary Search Trees: Splay Trees: Introduction

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Data Structures Fundamentals
Algorithms and Data Structures

Learning Objectives

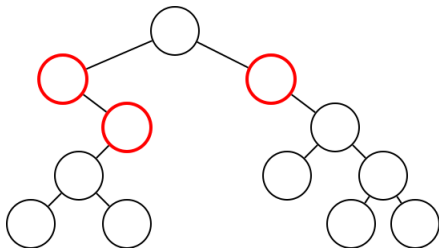
- Understand the motivation behind a splay tree.
- Implement the splay operation.

Non Uniform Inputs

- Search for random elements $O(\log(n))$
best possible.

Non Uniform Inputs

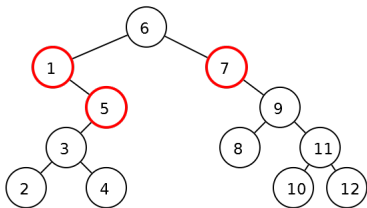
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- If some items more frequent than others, can do better putting frequent queries near root.



Comparison

Trees.

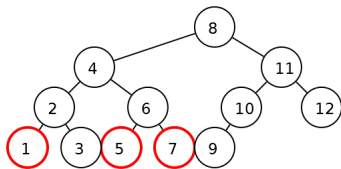
Unbalanced



Total

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Balanced



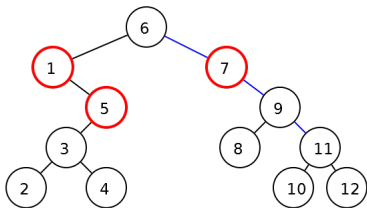
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Comparison

Find 11

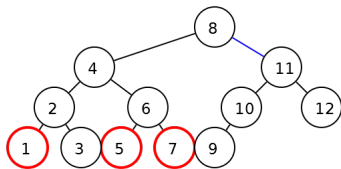
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Total

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Balanced



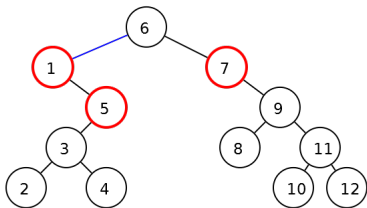
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Comparison

Find 1

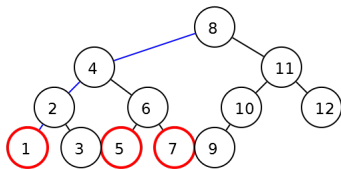
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Total

6

Balanced



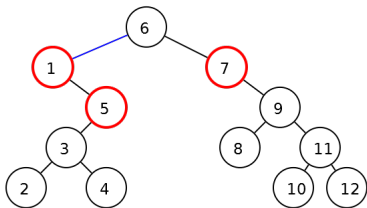
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Comparison

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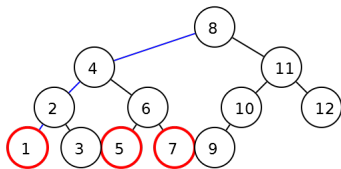
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Total

8

Balanced



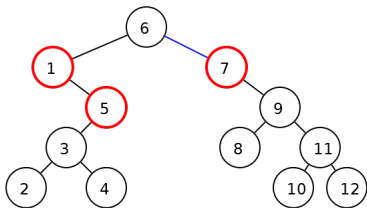
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Comparison

Find 7

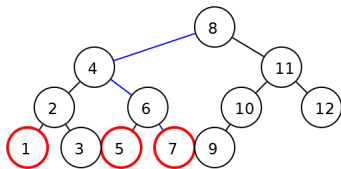
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Total

10

Balanced



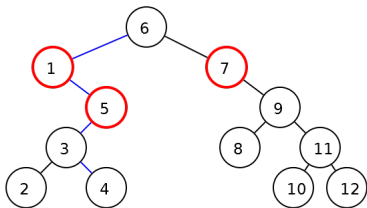
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Comparison

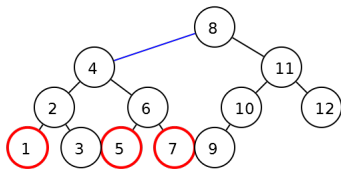
Find 4

Unbalanced



Total
15

Balanced

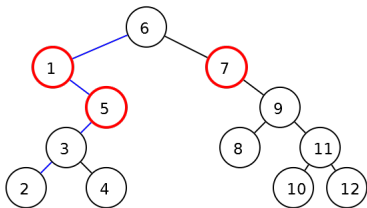


Total
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Comparison

Find 2

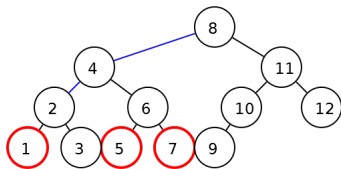
Unbalanced



Total

20

Balanced



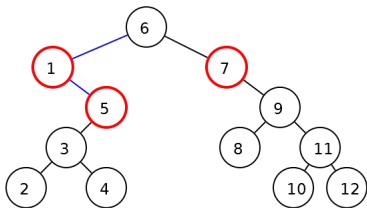
Total

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Comparison

Find 5

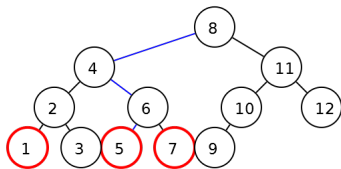
Unbalanced



Total

23

Balanced



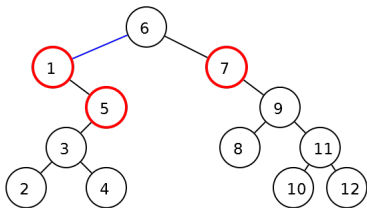
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Comparison

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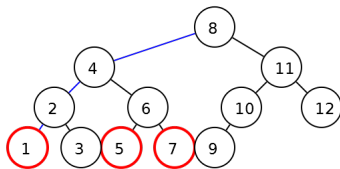
Unbalanced



Total

25

Balanced



Total

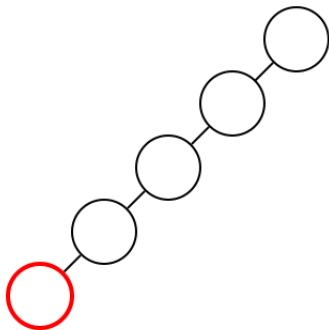
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Idea

- Want common nodes near root.
- Don't know which those nodes will be.
- Bring the queried node to the root.

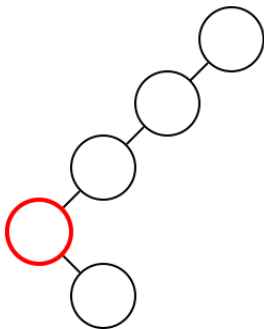
Simple Idea

Just rotate to top.



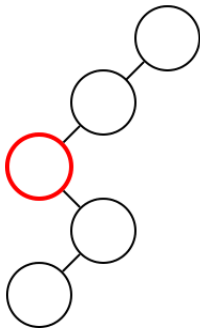
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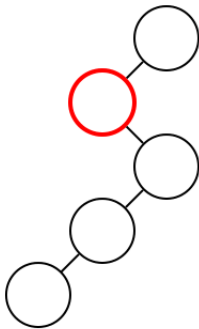
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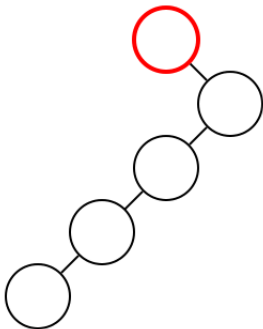
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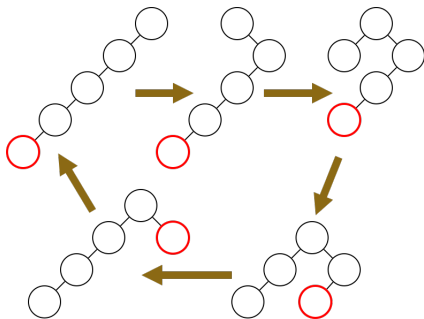
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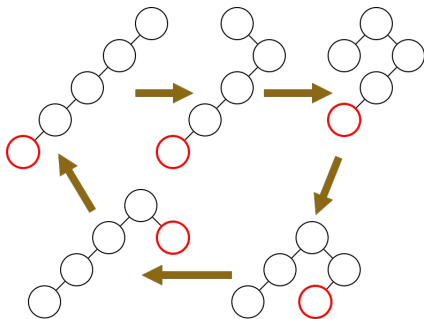
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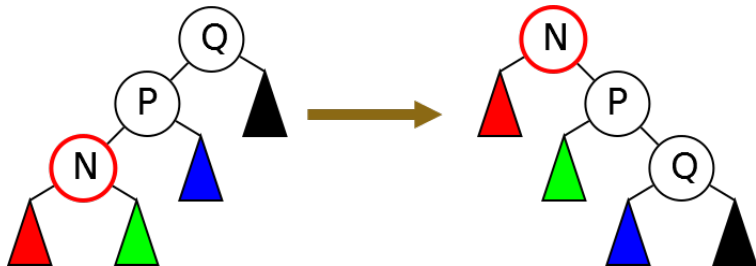
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$O(n^2)$ time for $O(n)$ operations. Need something better.

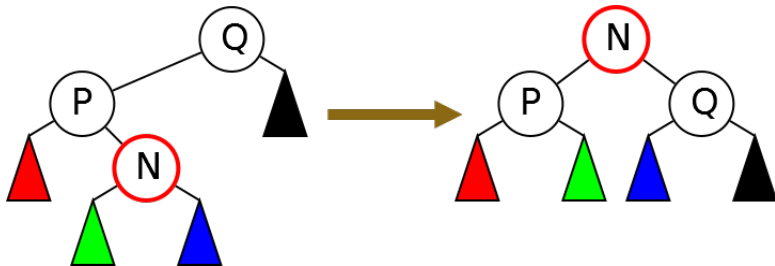
Modification

Zig-Zig



Modification

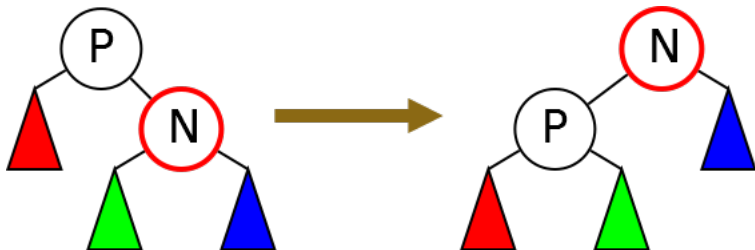
Zig-Zag



Modification

If just below root:

Zig



Splay

Splay(N)

Determine proper case

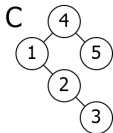
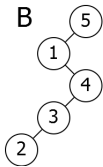
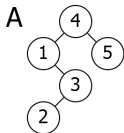
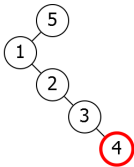
Apply Zig-Zig, Zig-Zag, or Zig as appropriate

if $N.\text{Parent} \neq \text{null}$:

 Splay(N)

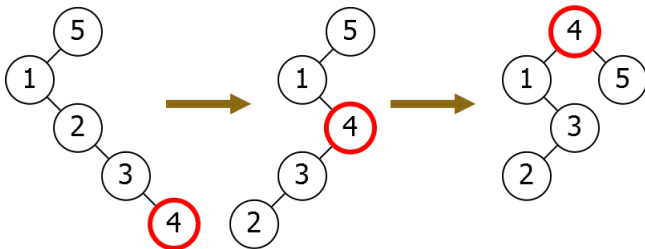
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Which of the following is the result of playing the highlighted node?



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Next Time

How to use the splay operation to rebalance your tree.