Red-Black Trees

Chapter 13 of Cormen's book

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Rotations

```
LEFT-ROTATE(T, x)
 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 ≠ T.nil
 4       y.left.p = x
 5   y.p = x.p                      // link x's parent to y
 6   if x.p == T.nil
 7       T.root = y
 8   elseif x == x.p.left
 9       x.p.left = y
10   else x.p.right = y
11   y.left = x                     // put x on y's left
12   x.p = y
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Exercises

Cormen Problem 12-1. Equal keys pose a problem for the implementation of binary search trees.

a. What is the asymptotic performance of TREE-INSERT when used to insert n items with identical keys into an initially empty binary search tree?

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Cormen Problem 12-1. We propose to improve TREE-INSERT by testing before line 5 to determine whether *z.key* = *x.key* and by testing before line 11 to determine whether *z.key* = *y.key*.

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 2   x = T.root
 3   while x ≠ NIL
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If equality holds, we implement one of the following strategies. For each strategy, find the asymptotic performance of inserting *n* items with identical keys into an initially empty binary search tree. (The strategies are described for line 5, in which we compare the keys of *z* and *x*. Substitute *y* for *x* to arrive at the strategies for line 11.)

b. Keep a boolean flag *x.b* at node *x*, and set *x* to either *x.left* or *x.right* based on the value of *x.b*, which alternates between FALSE and TRUE each time we visit *x* while inserting a node with the same key as *x*.

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c. Keep a list of nodes with equal keys at *x*, and insert *z* into the list.

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d. Randomly set x to either *x.left* or *x.right*. (Give the worst-case performance and informally derive the expected running time.)

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A preorder traversal of a tree is given by the following procedure:

- Visit (print) the root node
- Traverse the left sub-tree in pre-order
- Traverse the right sub-tree in pre-order

A postorder traversal of a tree is given by the following procedure:

- Traverse the left subtree by calling the postorder function recursively.
- Traverse the right subtree by calling the postorder function recursively.
- Visit (print) the current node.

EX. Given a BST in pre-order as {13,5,3,2,11,7,19,23}, draw this BST and determine if this BST is the same as one described in post-order as {2,3,5,7,11,23,19,13}.