

# Lecture 6: Balanced Search Trees

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## Definition

A *dictionary data structure* is a data structure supporting the following operations:

- ▶ **insert(key,object)**: insert the (key, object) pair.
- ▶ **lookup(key)**: return the associated object
- ▶ **delete(key)**: remove the key and its object from the data structure. We may or may not care about this operation.

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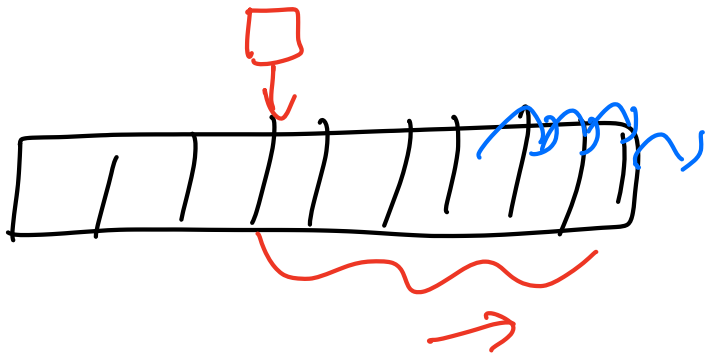
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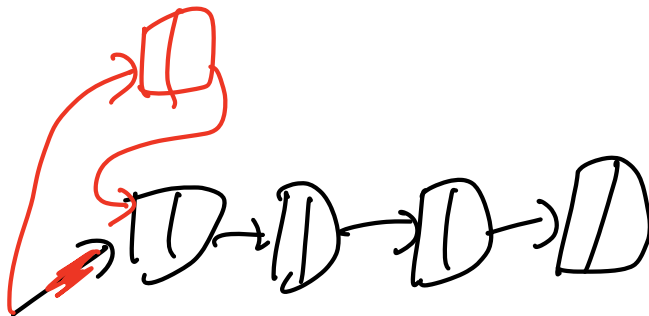
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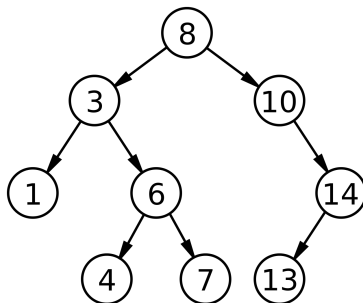
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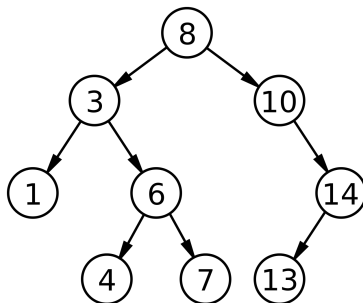
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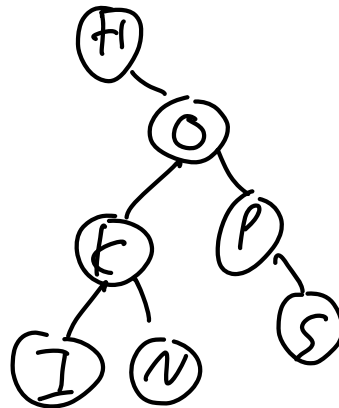
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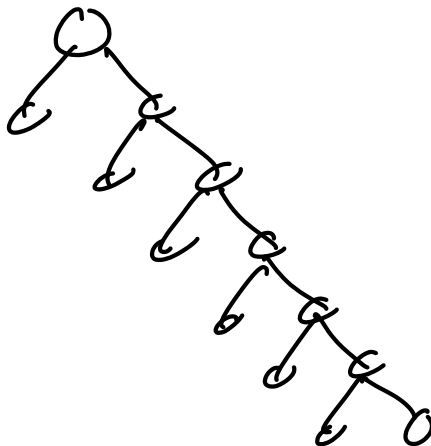


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Rest of today:

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- ▶ Red-black trees: approximate balance, binary
- ▶ Turn out to be related!

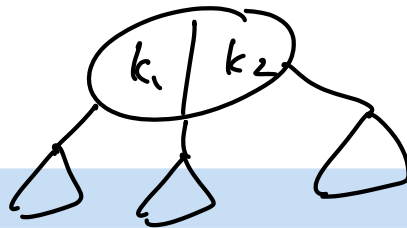
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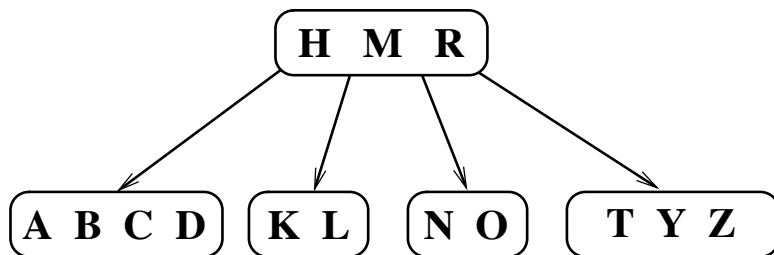
When  $t = 2$  known as a *2-3-4 tree*, since  $\#$  children either 2, 3, or 4

# B-tree: Example

**t = 3:**

- ▶ Root has between **1** and **5** keys, non-roots have between **2** and **5** keys
- ▶ Non-leaves have between **3** and **6** children (root can have fewer).

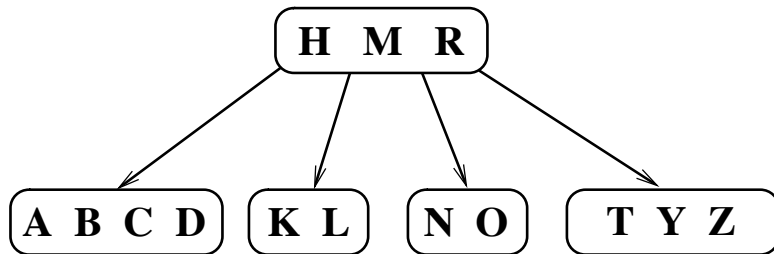
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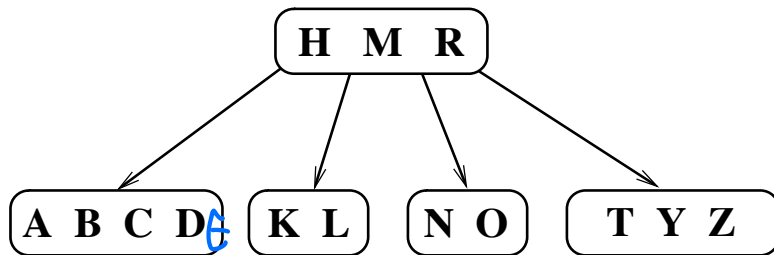


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Binary search in array at root. Finished if find item, else get pointer to appropriate child, recurse.



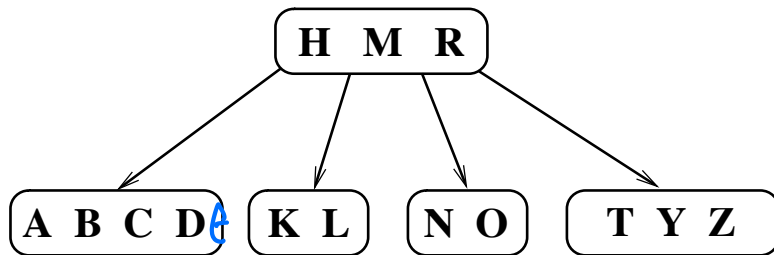
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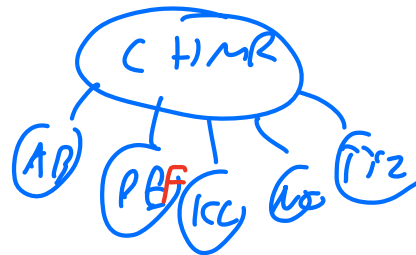
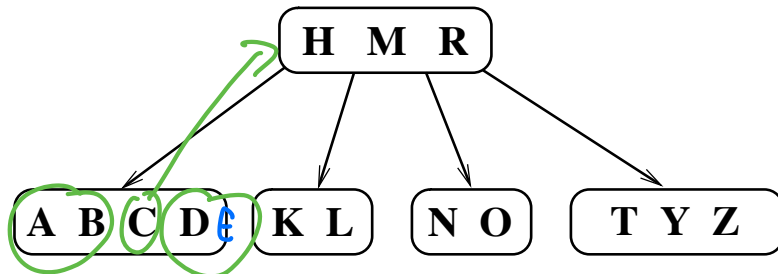


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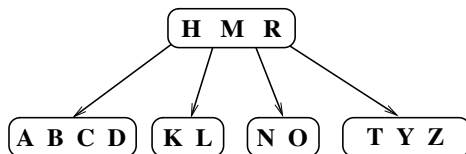
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- ▶ Split remaining  $2t - 2$  keys into two nodes of  $t - 1$  keys each. Reconnect appropriately.

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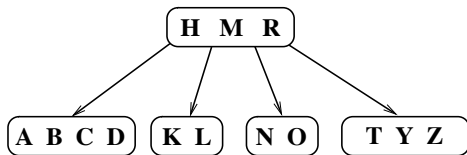
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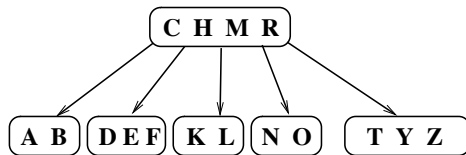
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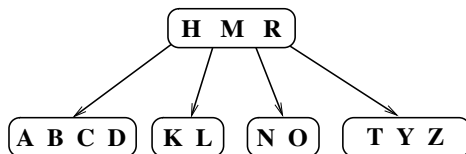


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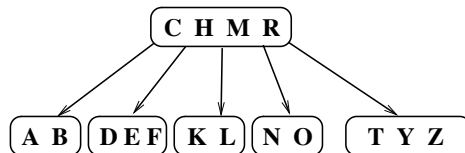


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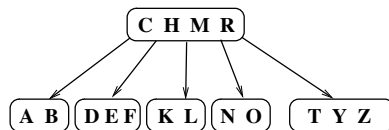
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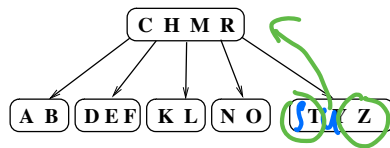
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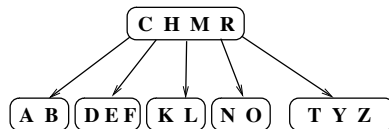


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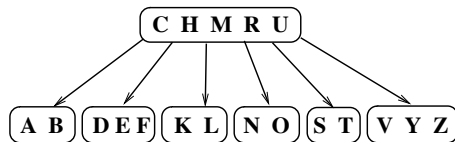


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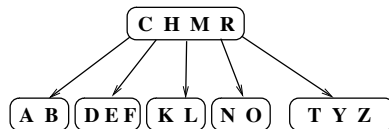
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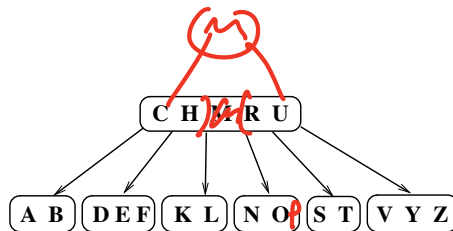
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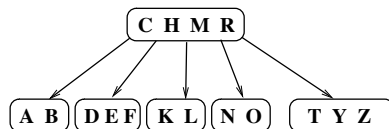


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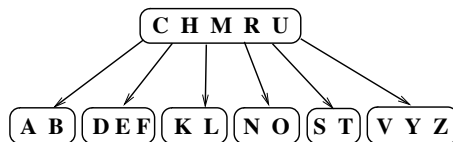


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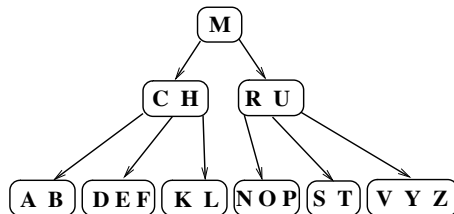
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- ▶ Default in Linux kernel, used to optimize Java HashMap, ...
- ▶ Today: Quick overview, connection to 2-3-4 trees.
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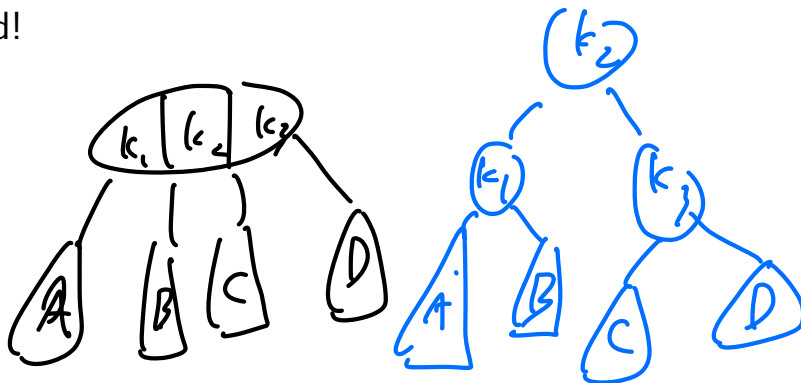
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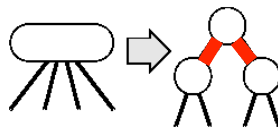
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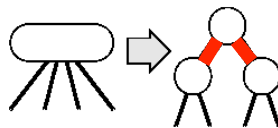
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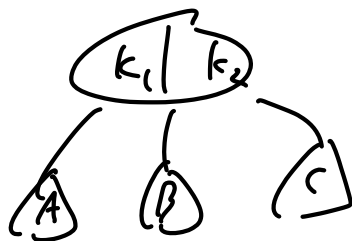
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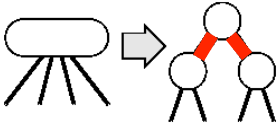
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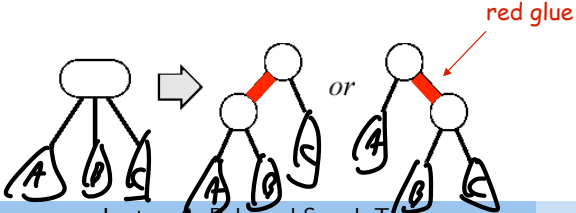
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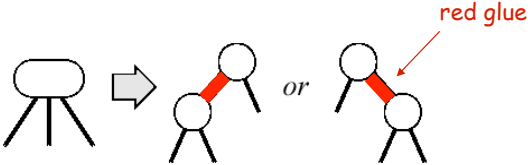
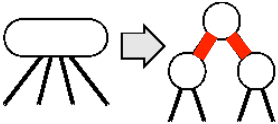
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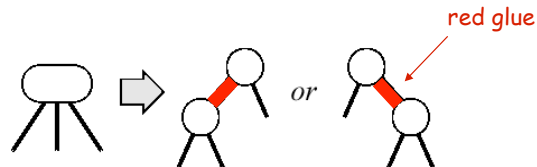
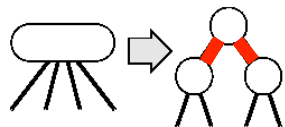
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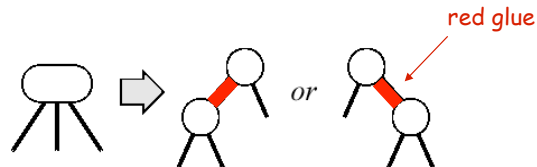
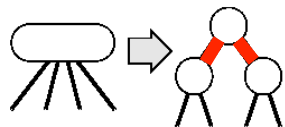
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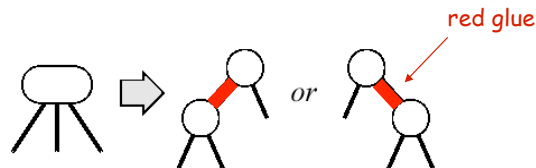
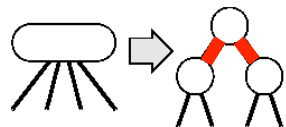
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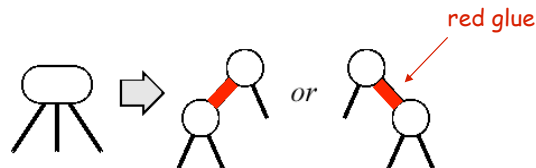
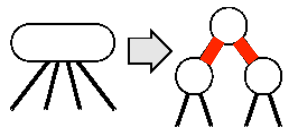


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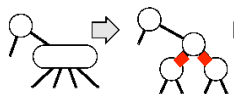
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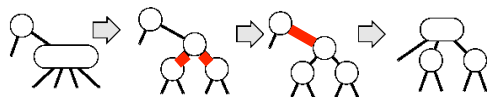


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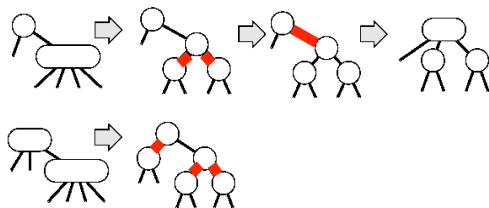


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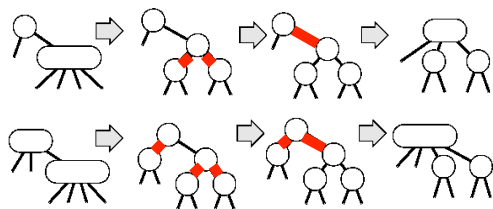


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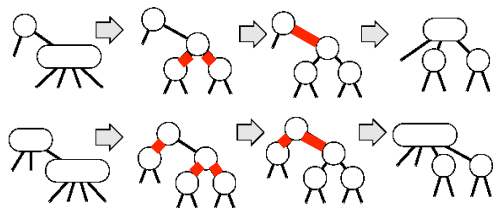


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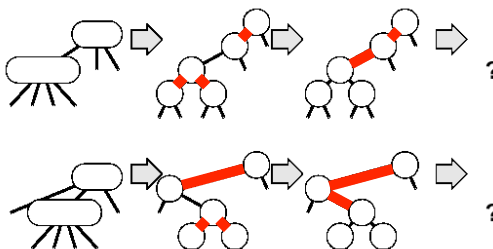
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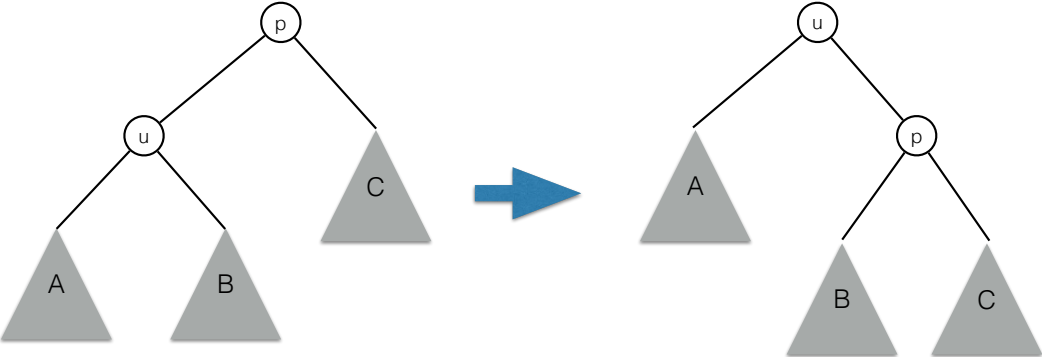


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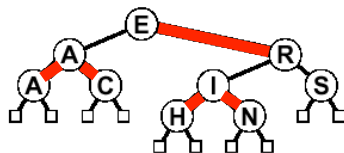
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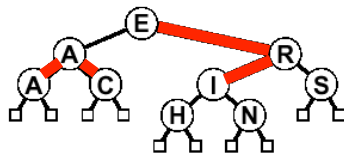
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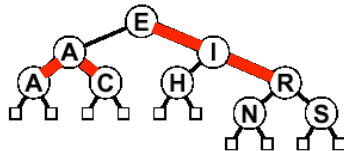


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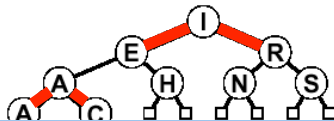
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- ▶ Insert time (basically) same as 2-3-4 tree, so also  **$O(\log n)$** .
- ▶ See book for direct approach (not through 2-3-4 trees).