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■ Problem

- worst-case scenario is unlikely but still possible
- simply bad cases are even more probable

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■ A red-black tree works as a binary search tree for search, etc.

■ So, the complexity of those operations is $T(n)=O(h)$, that is

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2. color $z$ red so as to preserve property 5
3. fix the tree to correct possible violations of property 4
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    while \(x \neq T\).nil
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        else \(x=x\).right
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