

2/3 Operations

remove: if element is root and root has no children, remove element
 if element is not a leaf, swap with the left most descendant of right sub tree, and remove element

if node has 2 elements, remove element

if node has 1 element, begin recursive fix procedure

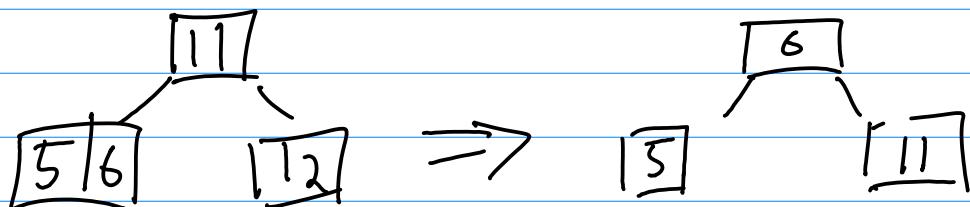
fix: if sibling has 2 elements

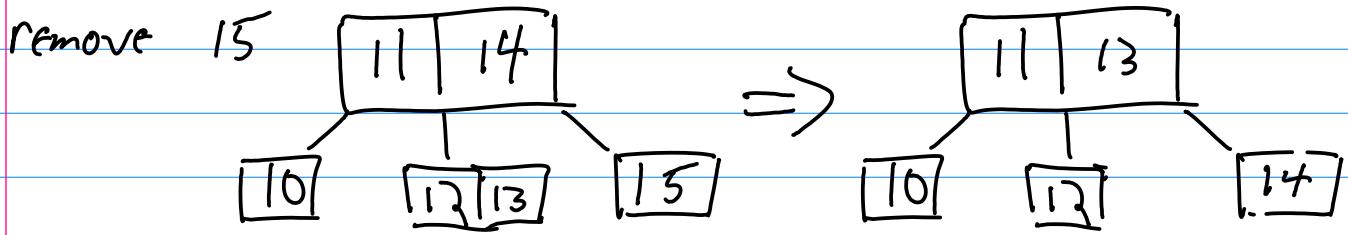
- add element in the parent that separates the siblings to the empty node (ie the node that the removed element was in)

- add closest element in sibling to the parent

- add orphaned child of sibling as child of formerly empty node

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if no siblings have 2 elements

- replace empty node and sibling node with one node that contains sibling element and element in parent separating empty node and sibling

if parent has one element

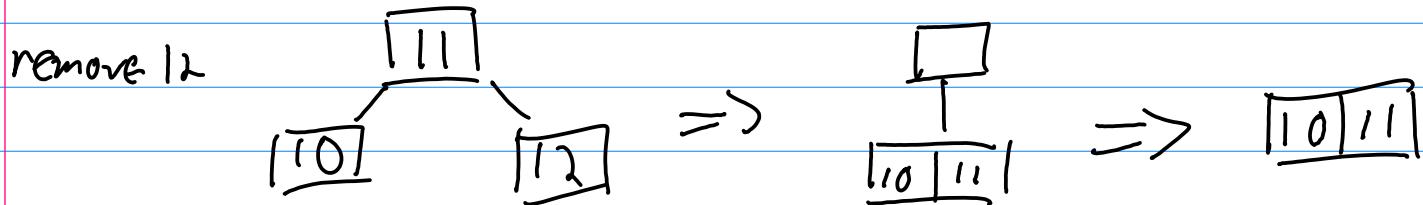
- done

if parent is root and is now empty

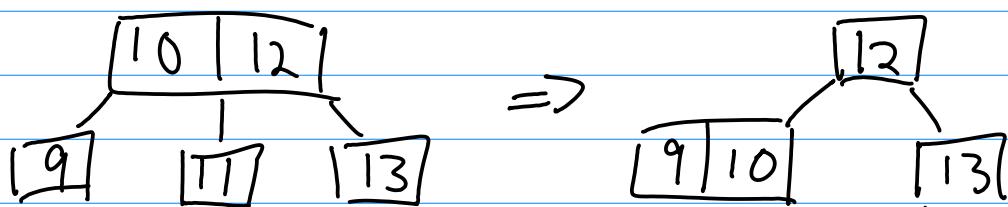
- remove parent

if parent is empty (and not root)

- recurse on parent



remove 11



remove 3

