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The properties will be maintained through rotations:

- LeftRotate($x$)
- RightRotate($z$)
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Red Black Trees: Delete

First do a standard delete.

If the spliced out node $x$ was red everything is fine.

If it was black there may be the following problems.

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