

trees

# are lists enough?

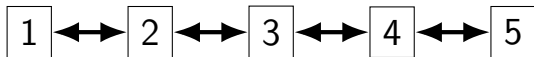
for correctness — sure

want to efficiently access items

**better than linear time** to find something

want to **represent relationships** more naturally

# inter-item relationships in lists



List: *nodes* related to predecessor/successor

# trees

trees: allow representing more relationships

(but not arbitrary relationships — see graphs later in semester)

restriction: single path from *root* to every node

implies single path from every node to every other node (possibly through root)

# natural trees: phylogenetic tree

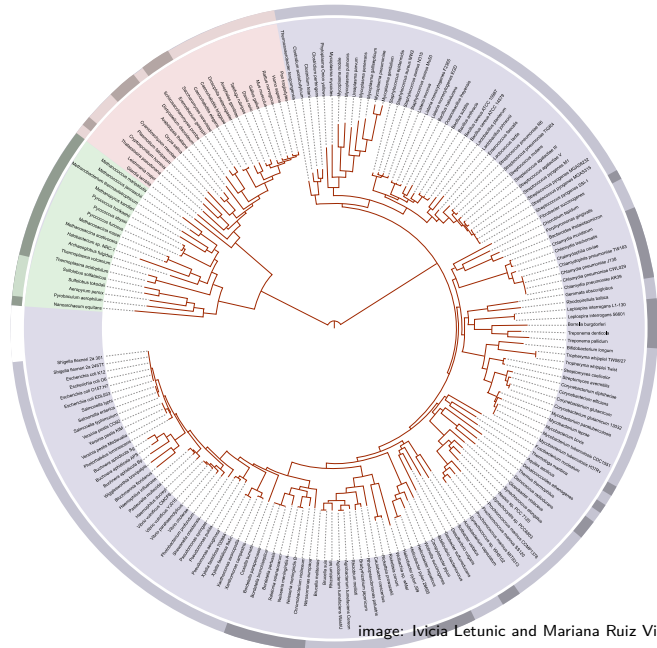
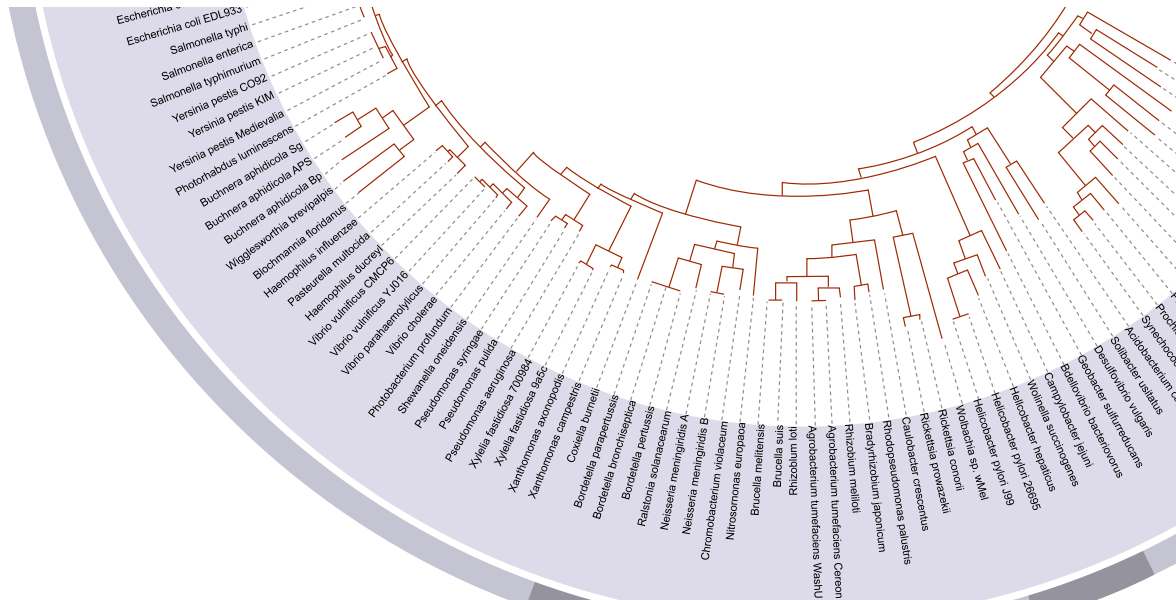


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# natural trees: phylogenetic tree (zoom)



## natural trees: Indo-European languages

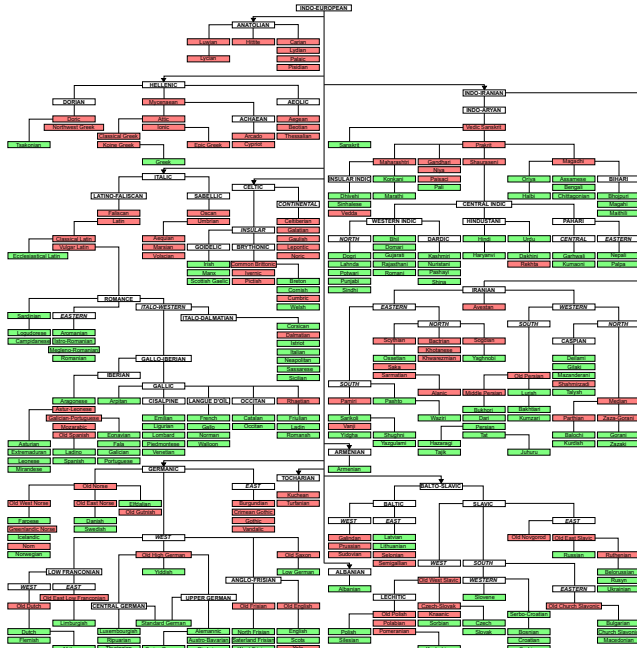
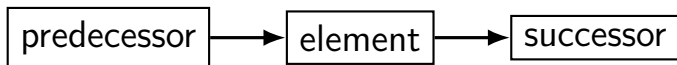


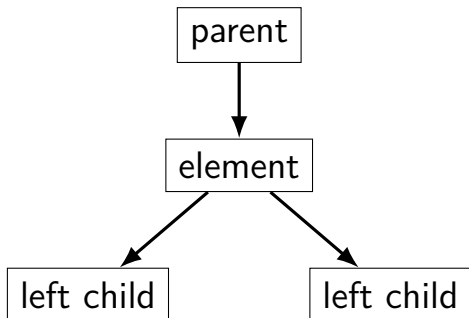
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# list to tree

*list* — up to 2 related nodes



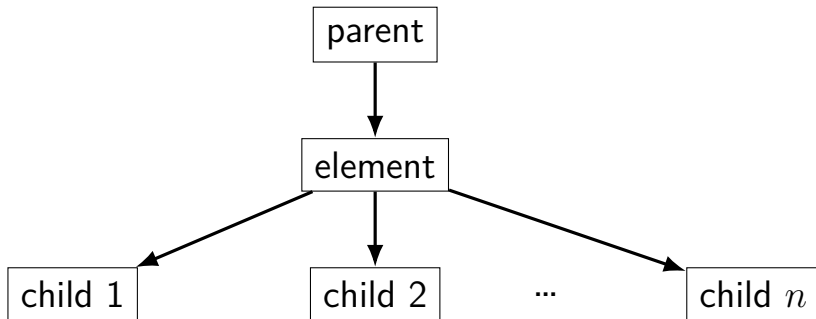
*binary tree* — up to 3 related nodes (list is special-case)



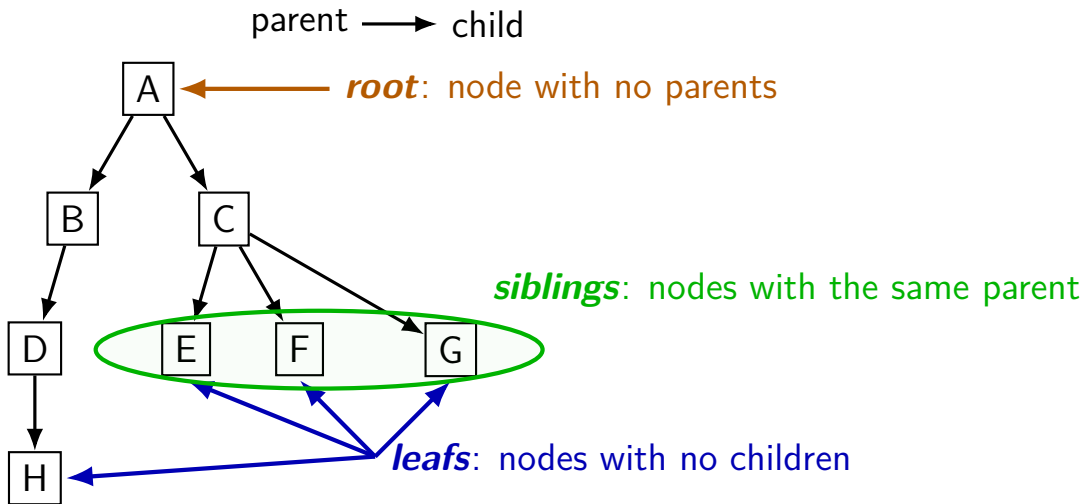


## more general trees

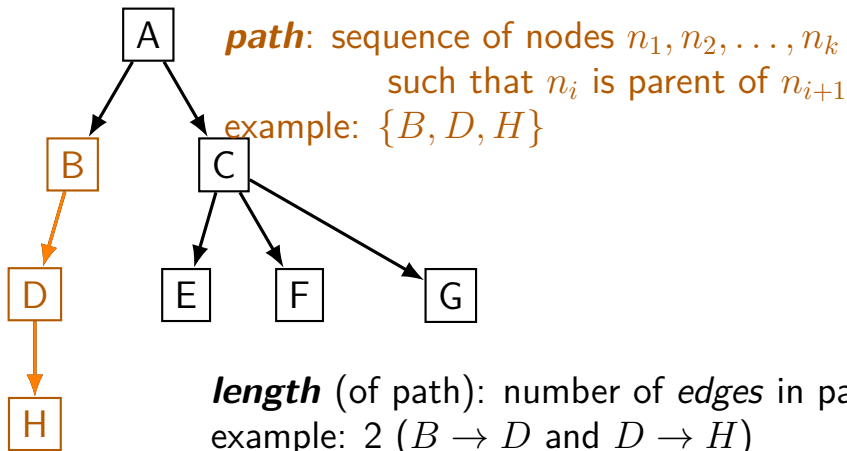
*tree* — any number of relationships (binary tree is special case)  
at most one parent



# tree terms (1)



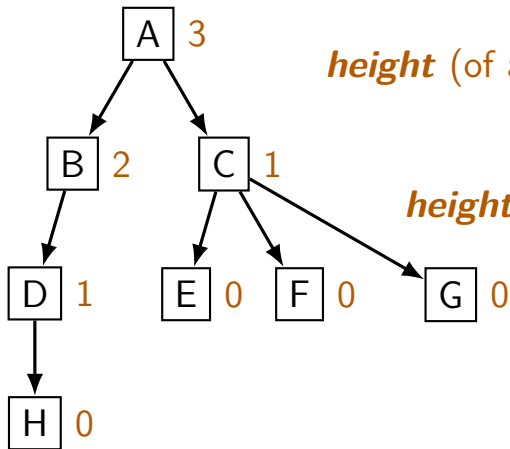
# paths and path lengths



**internal path length:** sum of depth of nodes  
example:  $6 = 1 + 2 + 3$

# tree/node height

parent  $\longrightarrow$  child

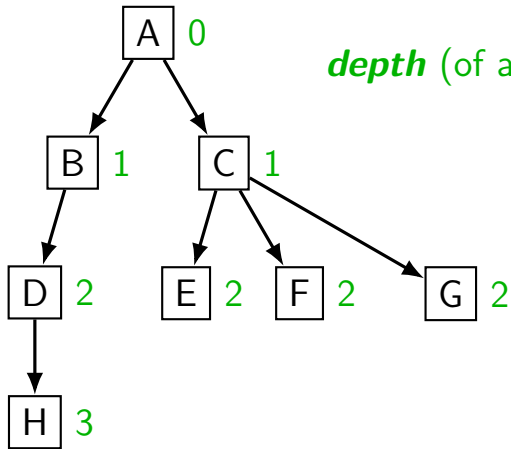


**height** (of a node): length of longest path to leaf

**height** (of a tree): height of tree's root  
(this example: 3)

# tree/node depth

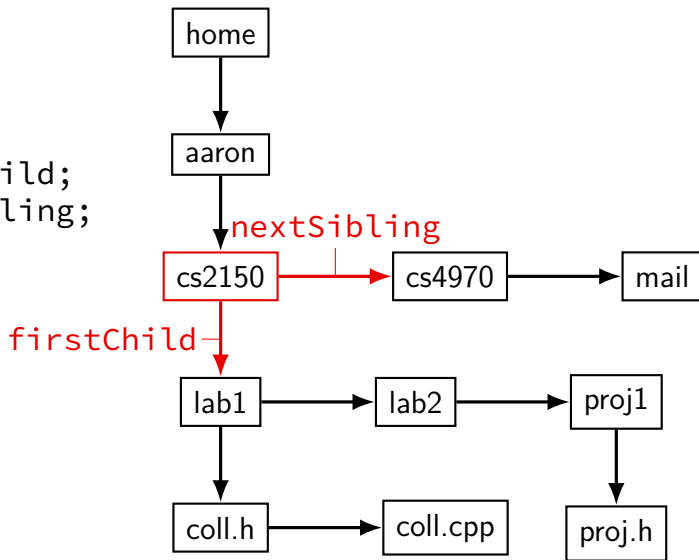
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**depth** (of a node): length of path to root

# first child/next sibling

```
class TreeNode {  
    private:  
        string element;  
        TreeNode *firstChild;  
        TreeNode *nextSibling;  
    public:  
        ...  
};
```

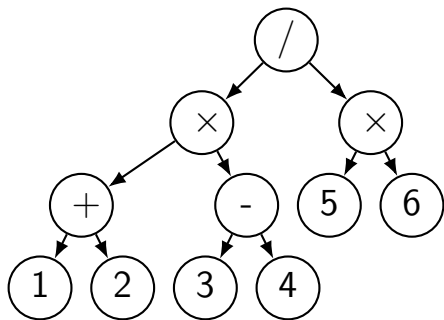


# another tree representations

```
class TreeNode {  
    private:  
        string element;  
        vector<TreeNode *> children;  
    public:  
        ...  
};
```

*// and more --- see when we talk about graphs*

# tree traversal



pre-order: / \* + 1 2 - 3 4 \* 5 6

in-order: (( (1+2) \* (3-4) ) / (5\*6) ) (parenthesis optional?)

post-order: 1 2 + 3 4 - \* 5 6 \* /



# pre/post-order traversal printing

(this is pseudocode)

```
TreeNode::printPreOrder() {  
    this->print();  
    for each child c of this:  
        c->printPreOrder()  
}
```

```
TreeNode::printPostOrder() {  
    for each child c of this:  
        c->printPostOrder()  
    this->print();  
}
```

# in-order traversal printing

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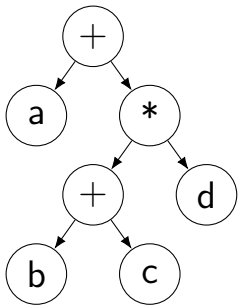
```
BinaryTreeNode::printInOrder() {  
    if (this->left)  
        this->left->printInOrder();  
    cout << this->element << "_";  
    if (this->right)  
        this->right->printInOrder();  
}
```

# post-order traversal counting

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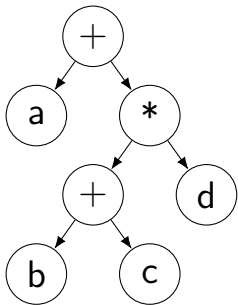
```
int numNodes(TreeNode *tnode) {  
    if ( tnode == NULL )  
        return 0;  
    else {  
        sum=0;  
        for each child c of tnode  
            sum += numNodes(c);  
        return 1 + sum;  
    }  
}
```

# expression tree and traversals



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postfix:  $a \ b \ c \ + \ d \ * \ +$

prefix:  $+ \ a \ * \ + \ b \ c \ d$

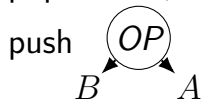
# postfix expression to tree

use a stack of trees

number  $n \rightarrow \text{push}(\textcircled{n})$

operator  $OP \rightarrow$

pop into  $A, B$ ; then

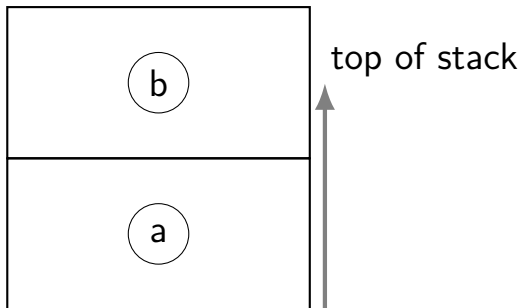


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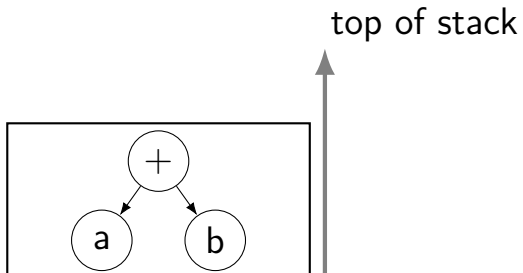
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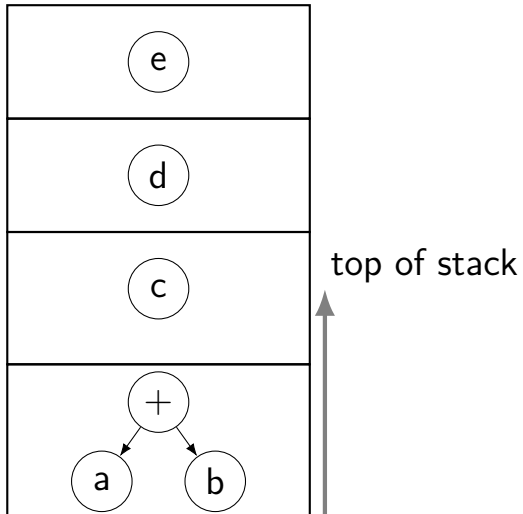
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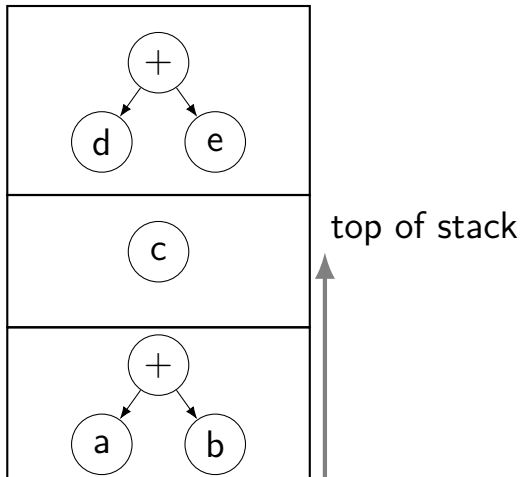
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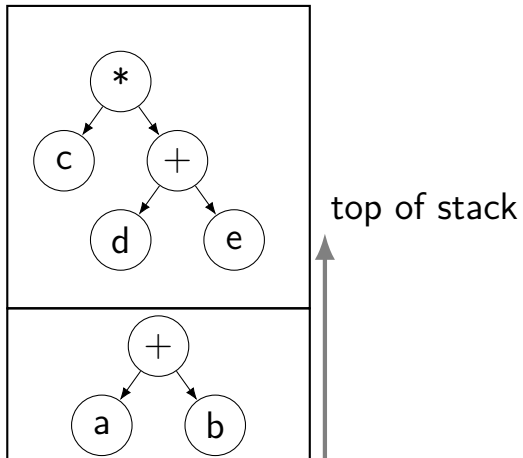
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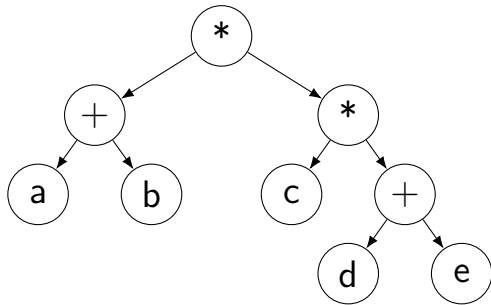
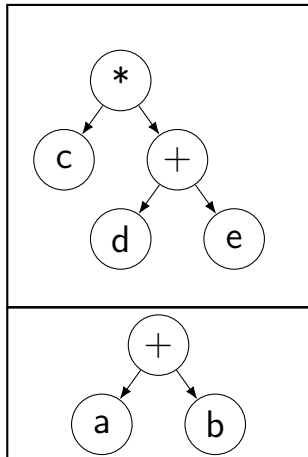
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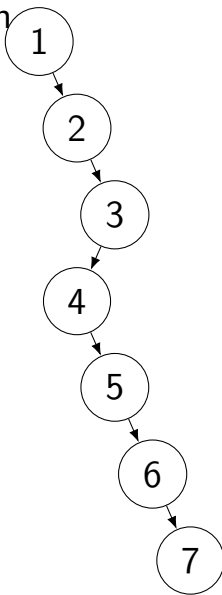
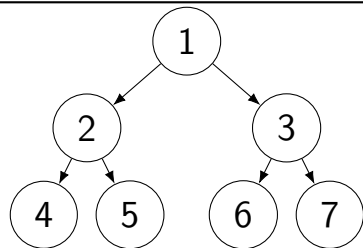
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# binary trees

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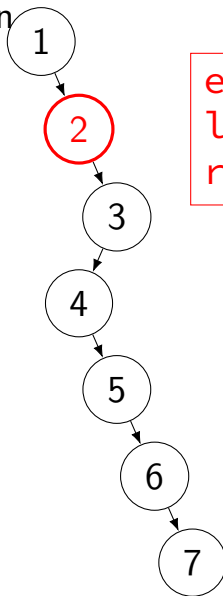
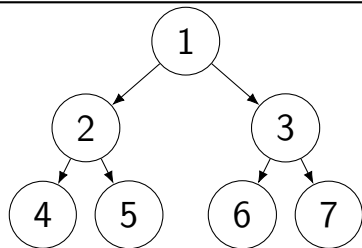
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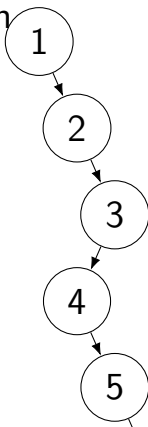
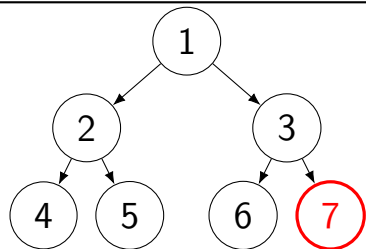


element = 2  
left = *NULL*  
right = *addr of node 3*

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```
class BinaryNode {  
    ...  
    int element;  
    BinaryNode *left;  
    BinaryNode *right;  
};
```



element = 7  
left = NULL  
right = NULL



# binary search trees

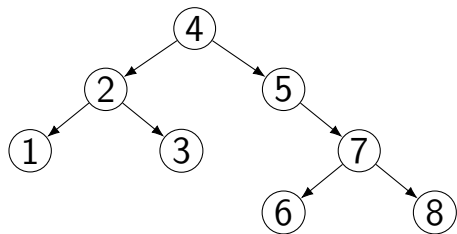
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for each node:

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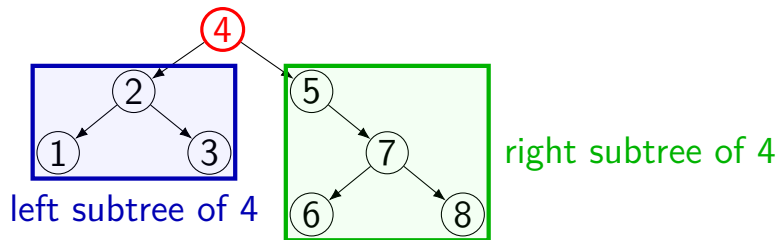
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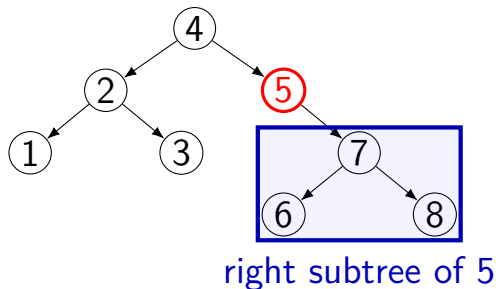
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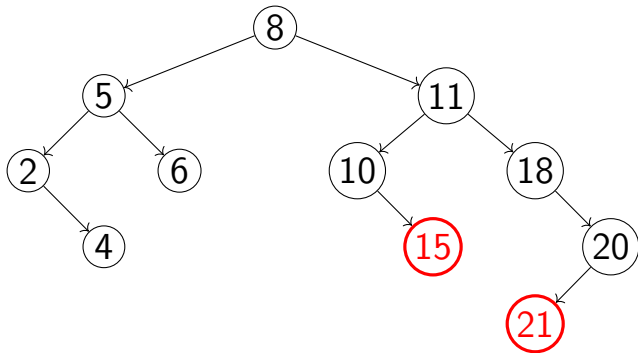
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# not a binary search tree



# binary search tree versus binary tree

binary search trees are a kind of binary tree

...but — often people say “binary tree” to mean “binary search tree”

# BST: find

(pseudocode)

```
find(node, key) {  
    if (node == NULL)  
        return NULL;  
    else if (key < node->key)  
        return find(node->left, key)  
    else if (key > node->key)  
        return find(node->right, key)  
    else // if (key == node->key)  
        return node;  
}
```

# BST: insert

(pseudocode)

```
insert(Node *&node, key) {  
    if (node == NULL)  
        node = new BinaryNode(key);  
    else if (key < node->key)  
        insert(node->left, key);  
    else if (key < root->key)  
        insert(node->right, key);  
    else // if (key > root->key)  
        ; // duplicate -- no new node needed  
}
```

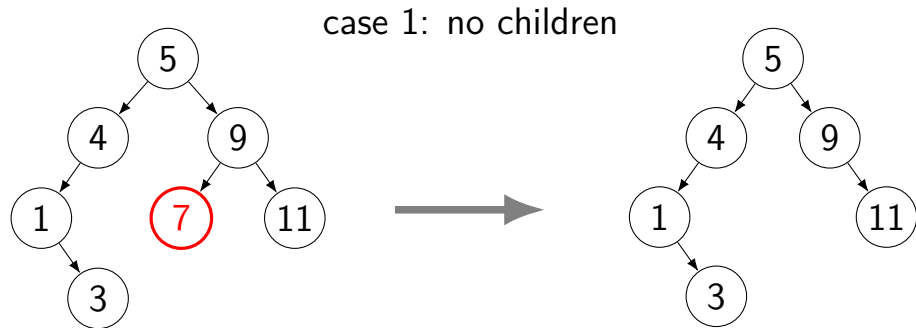
# BST: findMin

(pseudocode)

```
findMin(Node *node, key) {  
    if (node->left == NULL)  
        return node;  
    else  
        insert(node->left, key);  
}
```

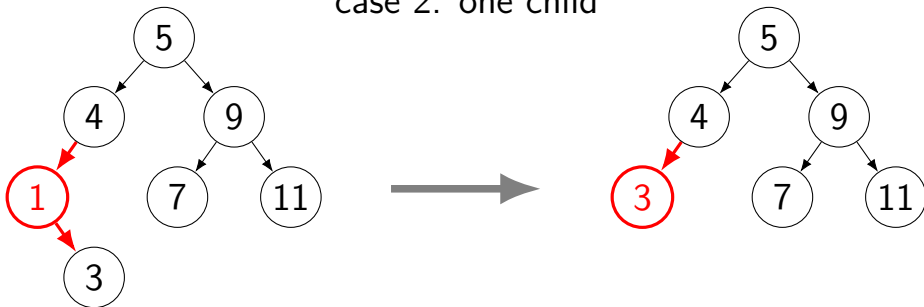


# BST: remove (1)

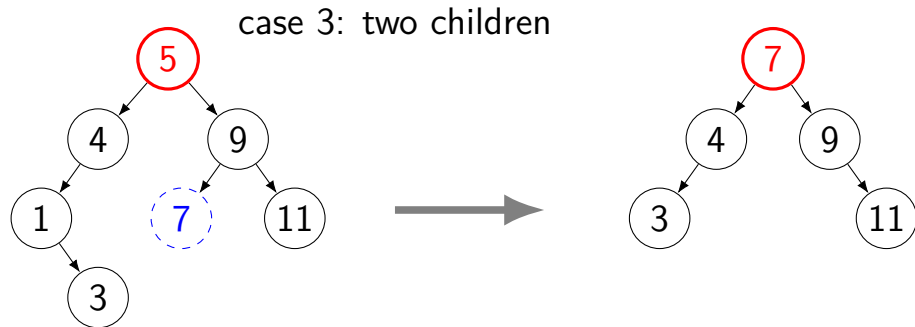


## BST: remove (2)

case 2: one child



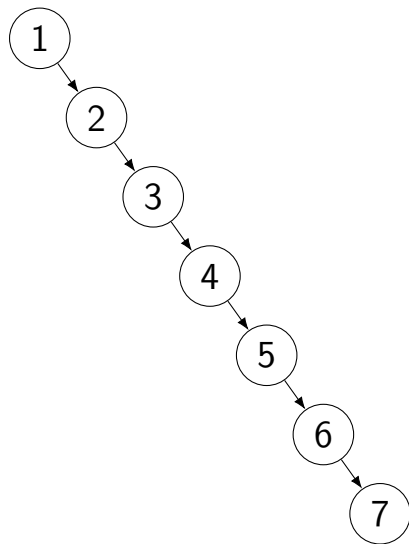
# BST: remove (3)



replace with minimum of right subtree  
(alternately: maximum of left subtree, ...)

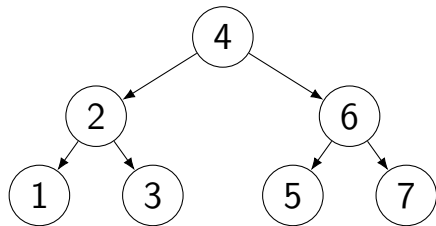
# binary tree: worst-case height

$n$ -node BST: worst-case height/depth  $n - 1$



# binary tree: best-case height

height  $h$ : at most  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes



# binary tree: proof best-case height is possible

proof **by induction**: can have  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes in  $h$ -height tree

**h = 0**:  $h = 0$ : exactly one node;  $2^{h+1} - 1 = 1$  nodes

**h = k  $\rightarrow$  h = k + 1**:

start with *two copies* of a maximum tree of height  $k$

create a new tree as follows:

- create a new root node

- add edges from the root node to the roots of the copies

the height of this new tree is  $k + 1$

- path of length  $k$  in old tree + either new edge

the number of nodes is

$$2^{(k+1)-1} + 1 = 2^{k+1+1} - 2^{k+1+1-1} = 2^{k+1+1} - 1$$

# binary tree: best-case height is best

(informally)

property of trees in root:

- except for the leaves, every node in tree has 2 children

no way to add nodes without increasing height

- add below leaf — longer path to root — longer height

- add above root — every old node has longer path to root

# binary tree height formula

$n$ : number of nodes

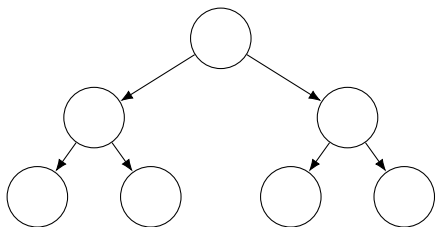
$h$ : height

$$\begin{aligned}n + 1 &\leq 2^{h+1} \\ \log_2(n + 1) &\leq \log_2(2^{h+1}) \\ \log(n + 1) &\leq h + 1 \\ h &\geq \log_2(n + 1) - 1\end{aligned}$$

shortest tree of  $n$  nodes:  $\sim \log_2(n)$  height



# perfect binary trees



a binary tree is **perfect** if

- all leaves have same depth

- all nodes have zero children (leaf) or two children

**exactly** the trees that achieve  $2^{h+1} - 1$  nodes

# AVL animation tool

[http://webdiis.unizar.es/asignaturas/EDA/  
AVLTree/avltree.html](http://webdiis.unizar.es/asignaturas/EDA/AVLTree/avltree.html)

# AVL tree idea

AVL trees: one of many **balanced trees** —  
search tree *balanced* to keep height  $\Theta(\log n)$   
avoid “tree is just a long linked list” scenarios

gaurentees  $\Theta(\log n)$  for find, insert, remove

AVL = Adelson-Velskii and Landis

# AVL gaurentee

the height of the left and right subtrees of *every node* differs by at most one

# AVL state

normal binary search tree stuff:

- data; and left, right, parent pointers

additional AVL stuff:

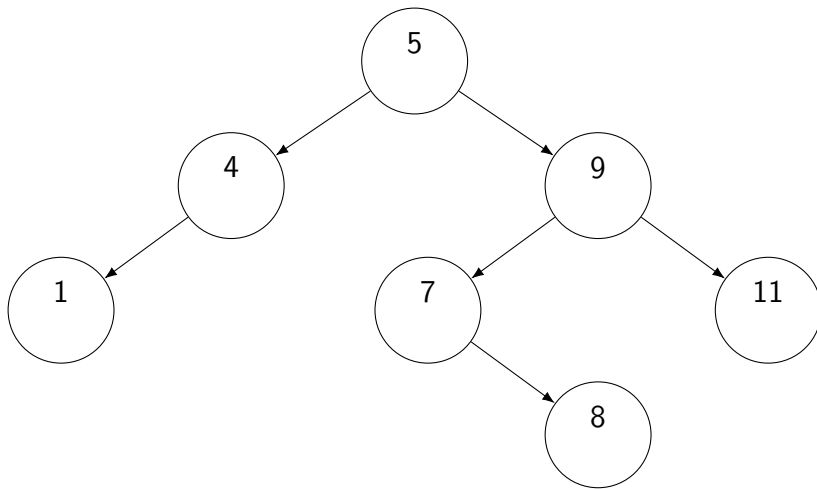
- height of right subtree minus height of left subtree

  - called “balanced factor”

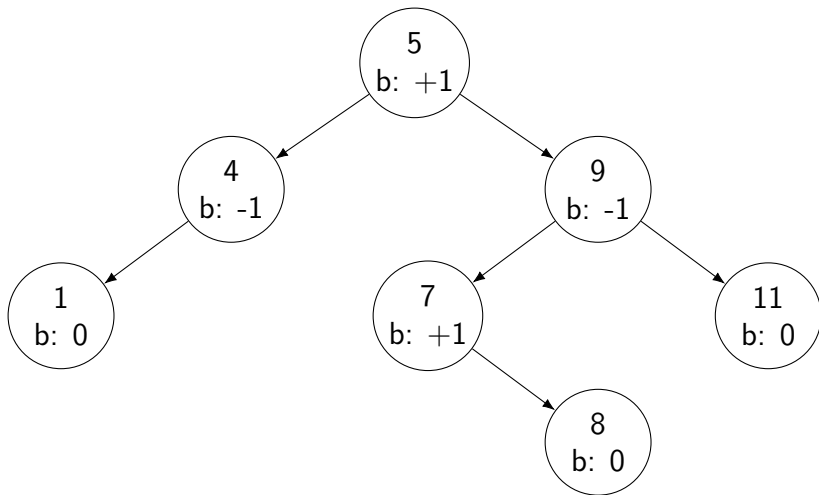
  - 1, 0, +1

- (kept up to date on insert/delete — computing on demand is too slow)

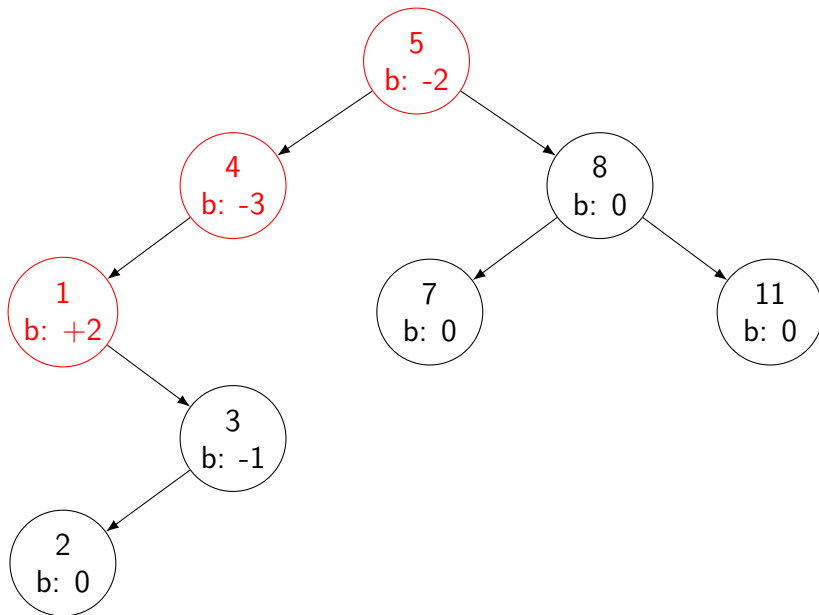
## example AVL tree



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## example non-AVL tree





# AVL tree algorithms

find — exactly the same as binary search tree  
just ignore balance factors

insert — two extra steps:  
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runtime for both  $\Theta(d)$  where  $d$  is depth of node found/inserted  
max balance factor  $\pm 1$  at root  
max depth of node is  $\Theta(\log_2 n + 1) = \Theta(\log n)$

# AVL insertion cases

simple case: tree remains balanced

otherwise:

let  $x$  be deepest imbalanced node ( $+2/-2$  balance factor)

- insert in left subtree of left child of  $x$ : single rotation right

- insert in right subtree of right child of  $x$ : single rotation left

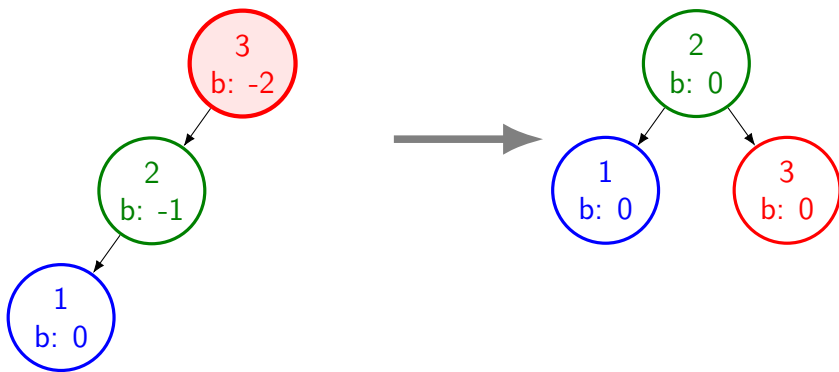
- insert in right subtree of left child of  $x$ : double left-right rotation

- insert in left subtree of right child of  $x$ : double right-left rotation

# AVL: simple right rotation

just inserted 0

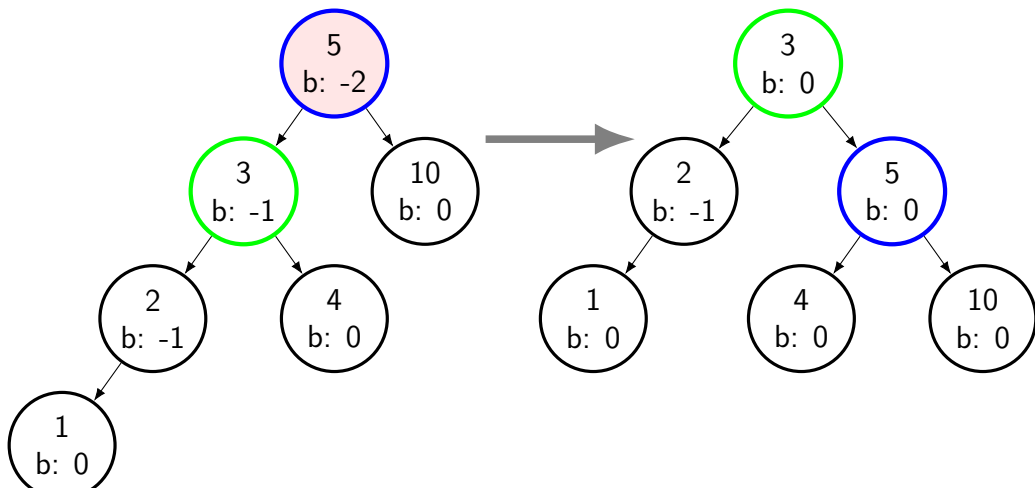
unbalanced root becomes new left child



# AVL: less simple right rotation (1)

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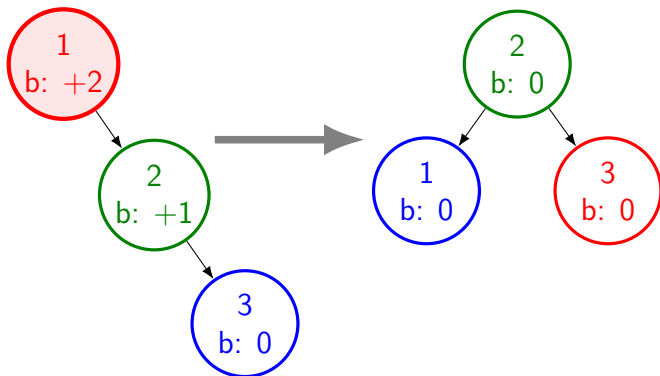
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# AVL: simple left rotation

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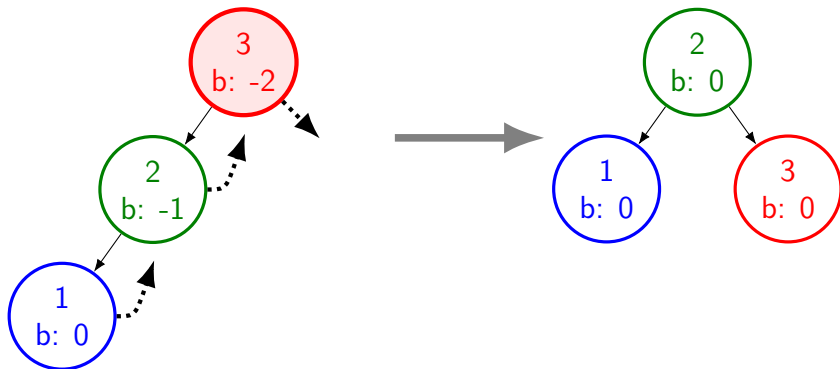
deepest unbalanced node is 3



# AVL rotation: up and down

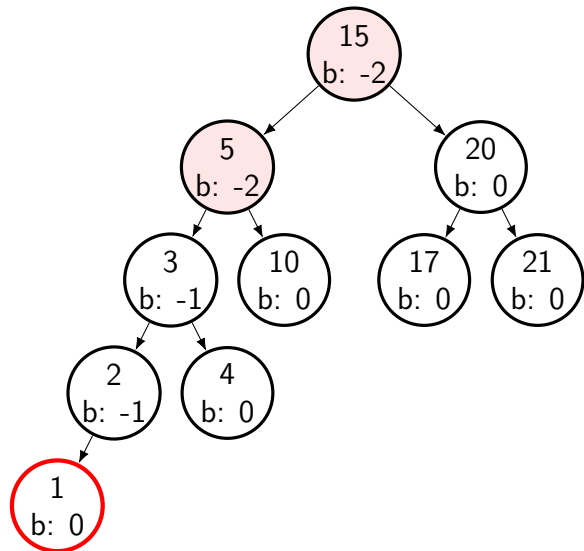
*at least one node moves up (this case: 1 and 2)*

*at least one node moves down (this case: 3)*



## AVL: less simple right rotation (2)

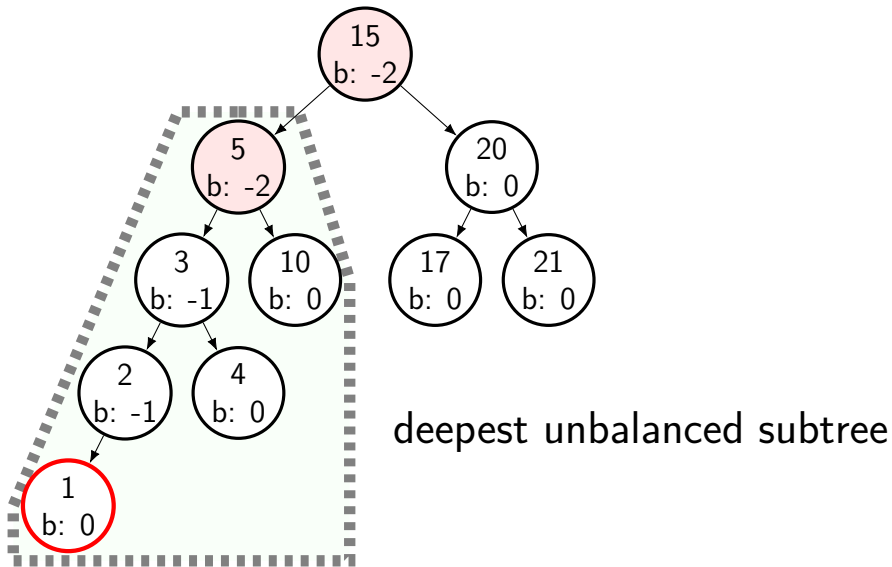
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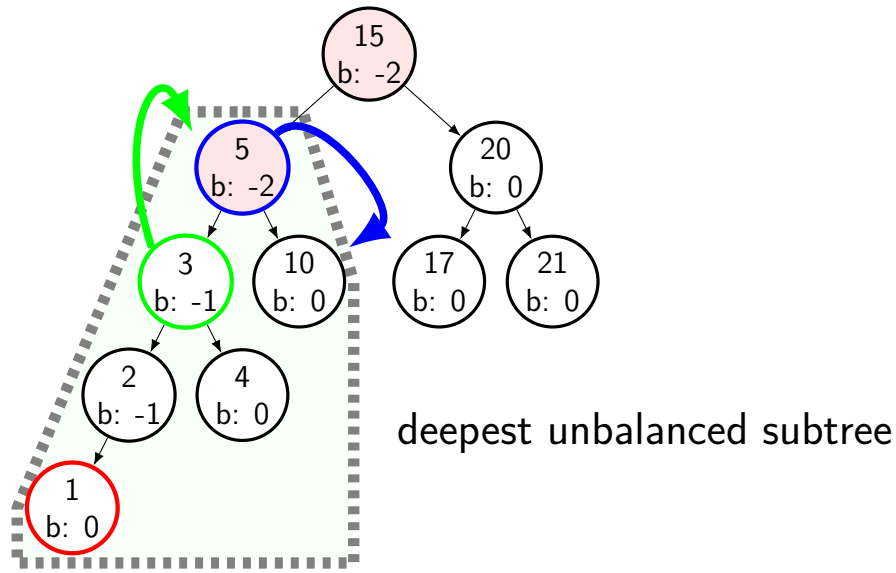
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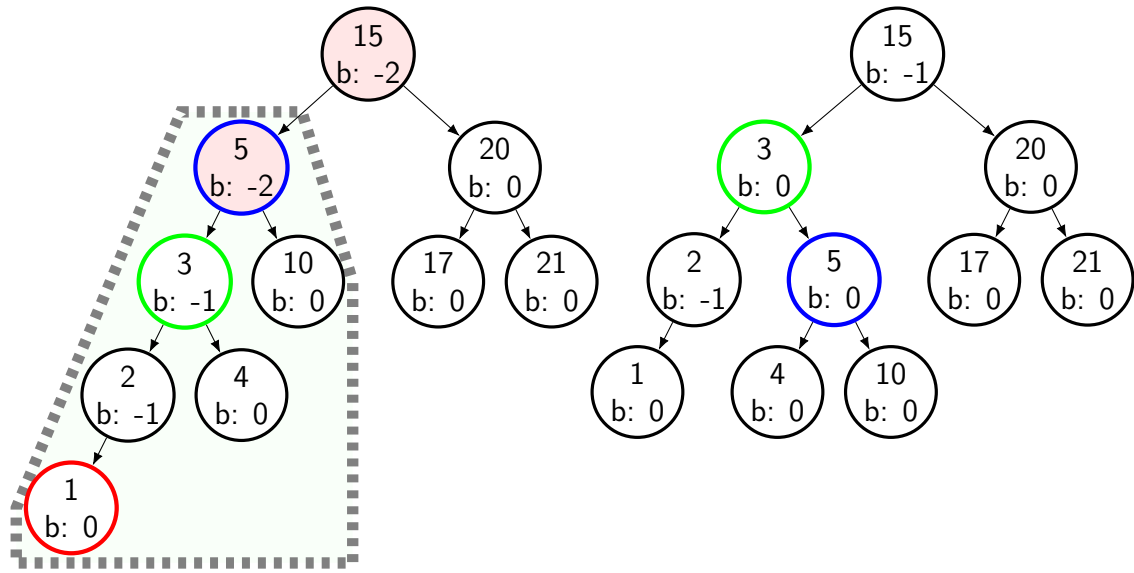
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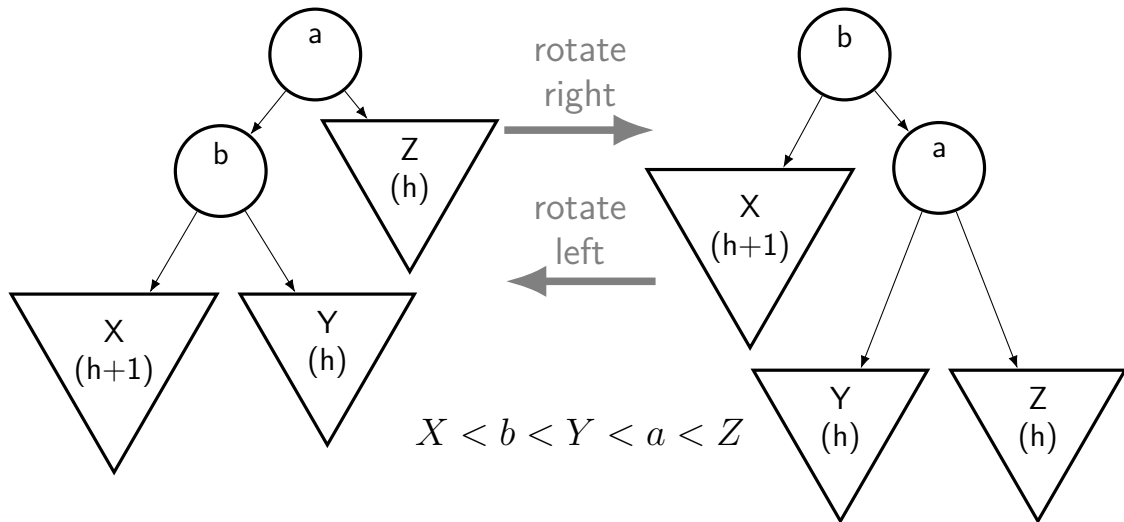


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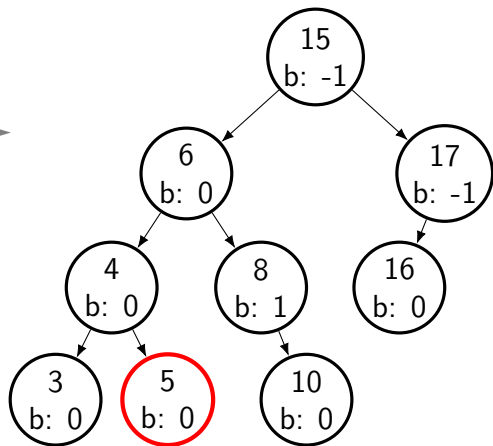
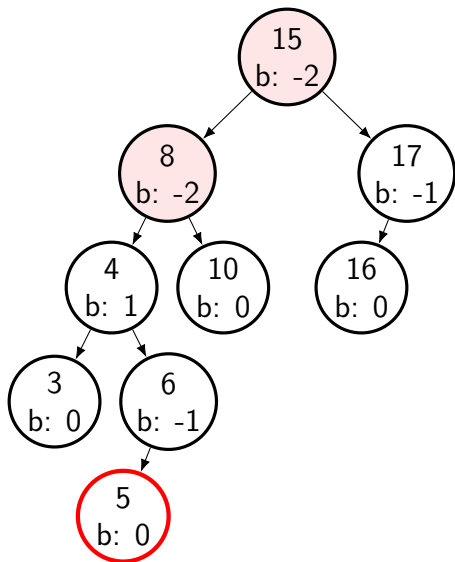
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# general single rotation

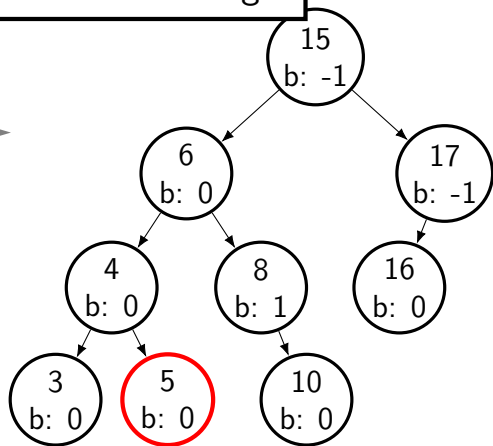
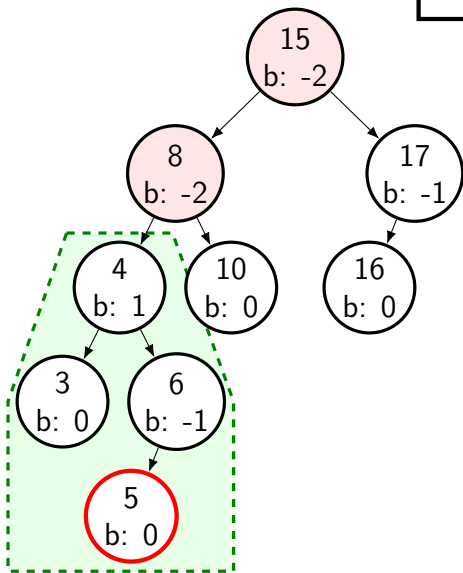


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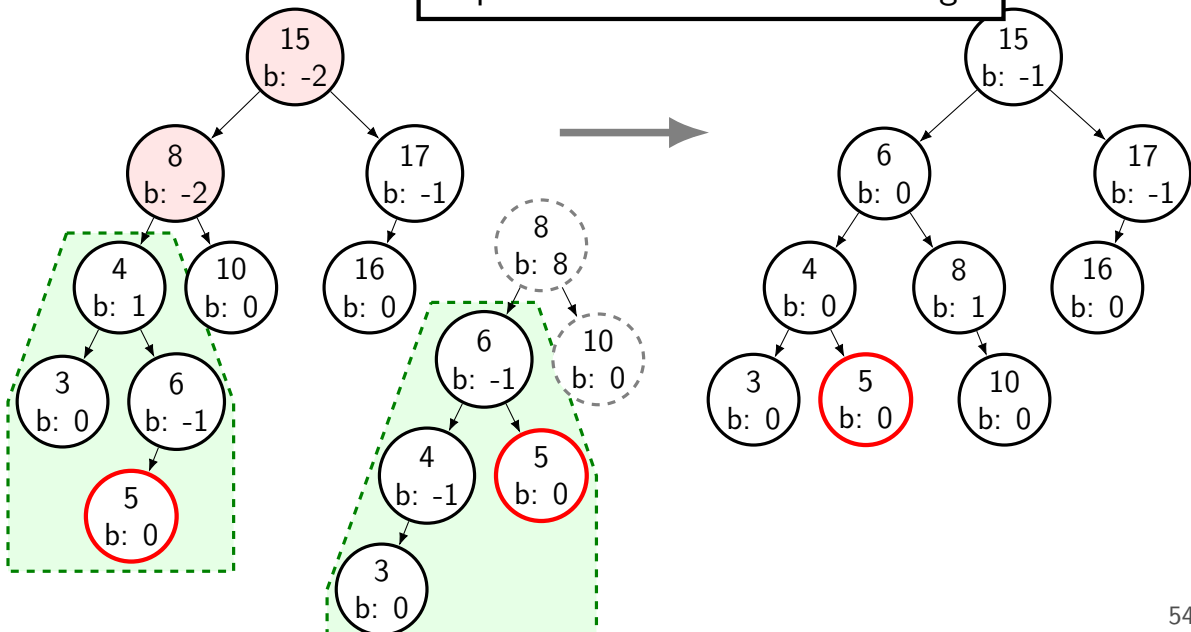
# double rotation

step 1: rotate subtree left  
step 2: rotate imbalanced tree right



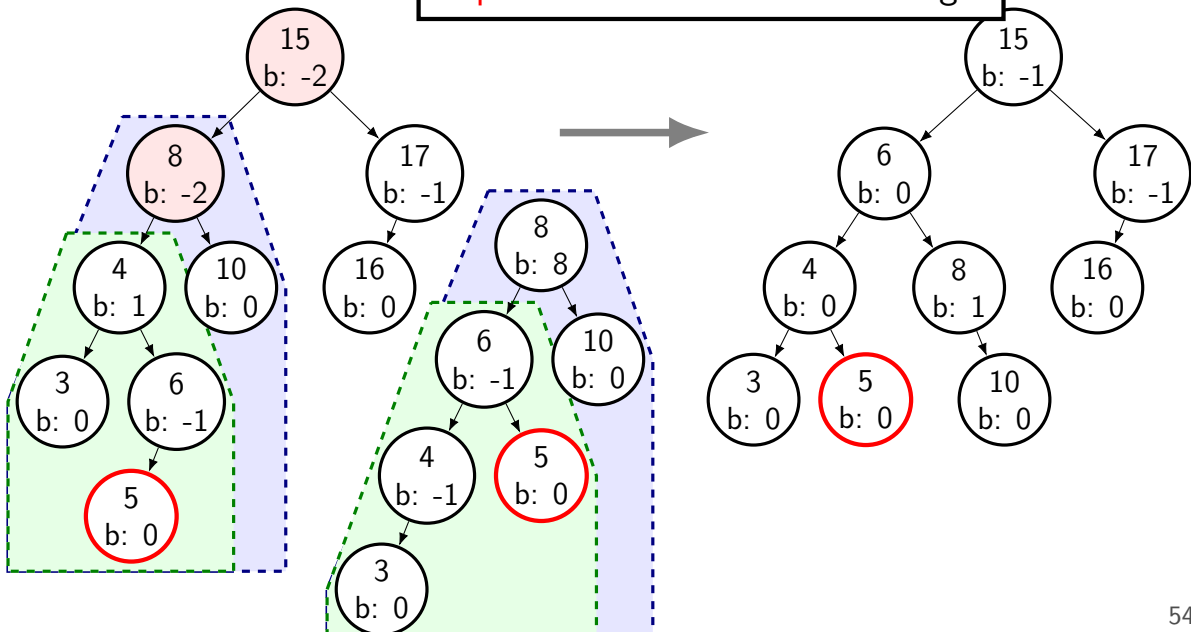
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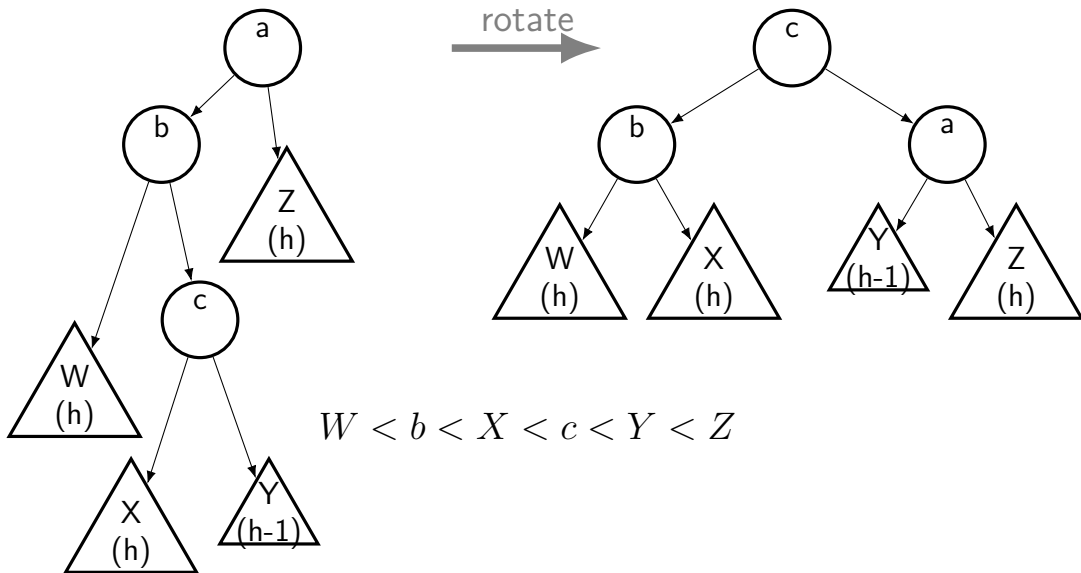
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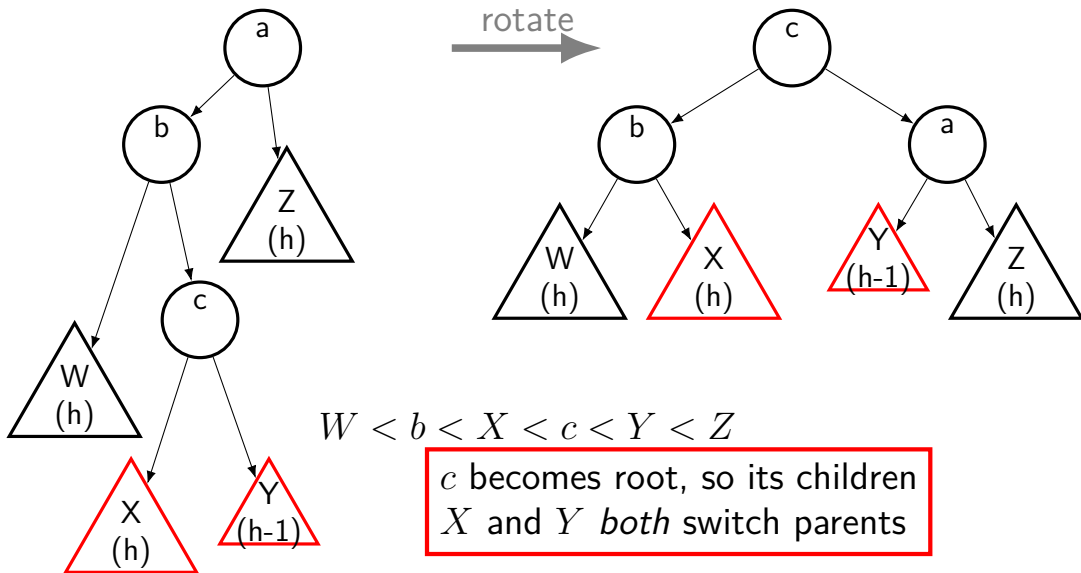




# general double rotation



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# double rotation names

sometimes “double left”

first rotation left, or second?

us: “double left-right”

rotate child tree left

rotate parent tree right

“double right-left”

rotate child tree right

rotate parent tree left

# AVL insertion cases

simple case: tree remains balanced

otherwise:

let  $x$  be deepest imbalanced node ( $+2/-2$  balance factor)

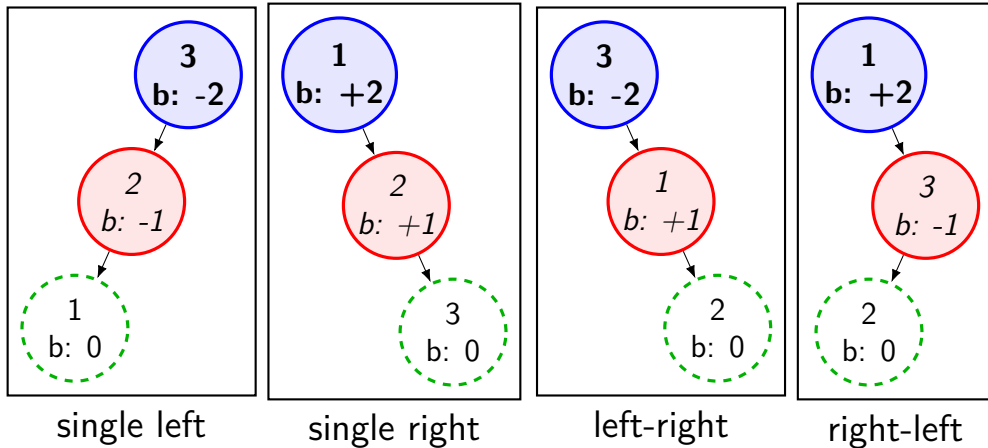
insert in left subtree of left child of  $x$ : single rotation right

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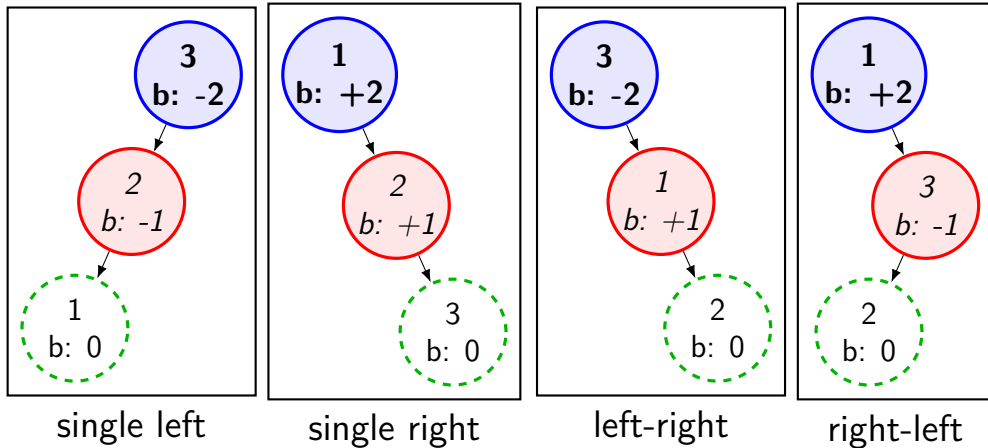
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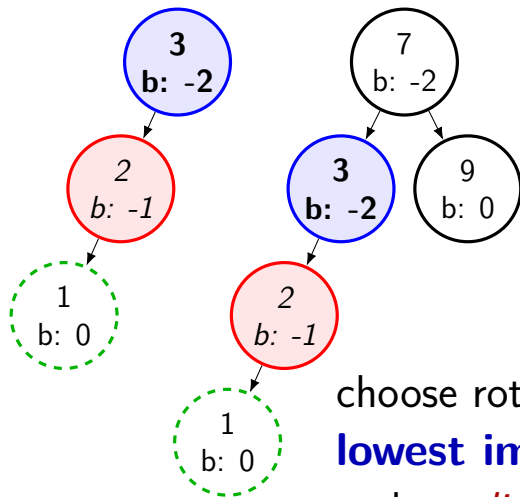


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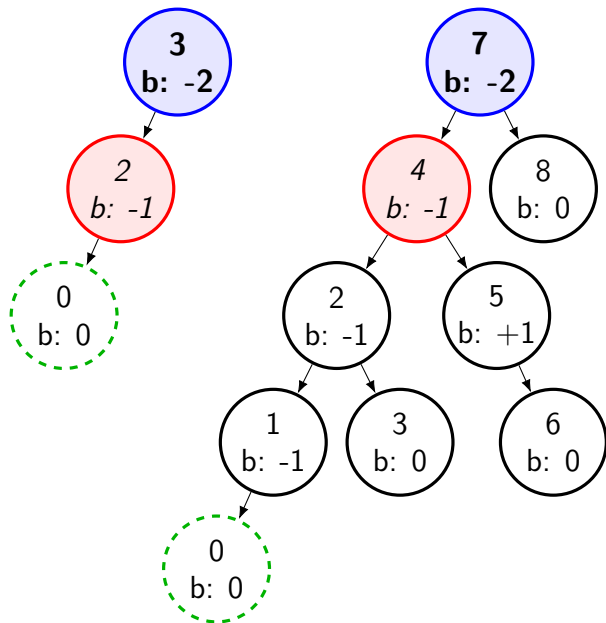
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# AVL insert case: detail (1)



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## AVL insert case: detail (2)



choose using  
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There are 4 cases in all, choosing which one is made by seeing the direction of the first 2 nodes from the unbalanced node to the newly inserted node and matching them to the top most row.

**Root** is the initial parent before a rotation and **Pivot** is the child to take the root's place.

<p><b>Left Left Case</b></p> <p>Right Rotation</p>	<p><b>Right Right Case</b></p> <p>Left Rotation</p>	<p><b>Left Right Case</b></p> <p>Left Rotation</p>	<p><b>Right Left Case</b></p> <p>Right Rotation</p>
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# AVL tree: runtime

worst depth of node:  $\Theta(\log_2 n + 2) = \Theta(\log n)$

find:  $\Theta(\log n)$

worst case: traverse from root to worst depth leaf

insert:  $\Theta(\log n)$

worst case: traverse from root to worst depth leaf

then back up (update balance factors)

then perform constant time rotation

remove:  $\Theta(\log n)$

left as exercise (similar to insert)

print:  $\Theta(n)$

visit each of  $n$  nodes

# other types of trees

many kinds of *balanced trees*

not all binary trees

different ways of tracking balance factors, etc.

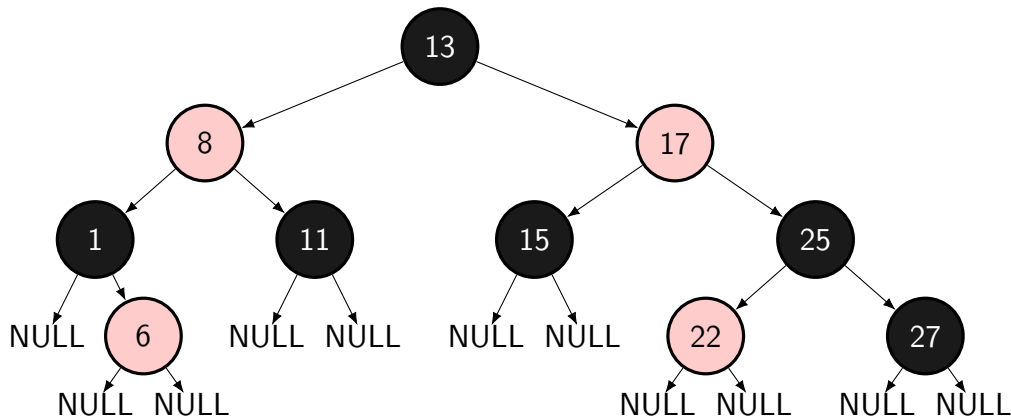
different ways of doing tree rotations or equivalent

# red-black trees

each node is **red** or **black**

null leafs considered nodes to aid analysis (still null pointers...)

rules about when nodes can be red/black guarantee maximum depth



# red-black tree rules

root is **black**

counting null pointers as nodes, leaves are **black**

a **red** node's children are **black**

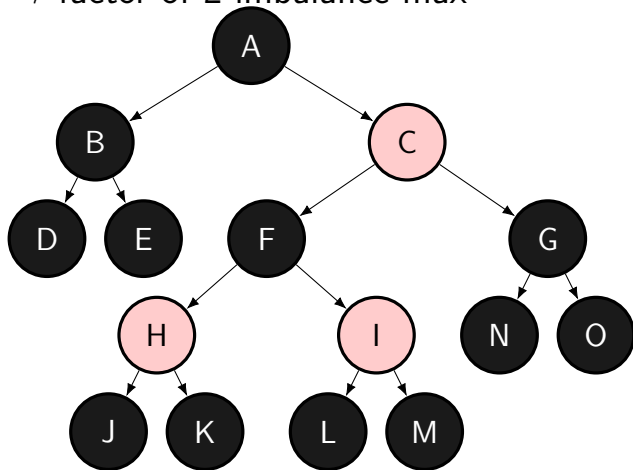
→ a **red** node's parents are **black**

every simple path from node to leaf under it contains same number of black nodes

(property holds regardless of whether null pointers are considered nodes)

# worst red-black tree imbalance

same number of black nodes on paths to leaves  
→ factor of 2 imbalance max



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perform a rotation, then go to case 4
- property: “children of **red** node are **black**”  
no change in # of **black** nodes on paths

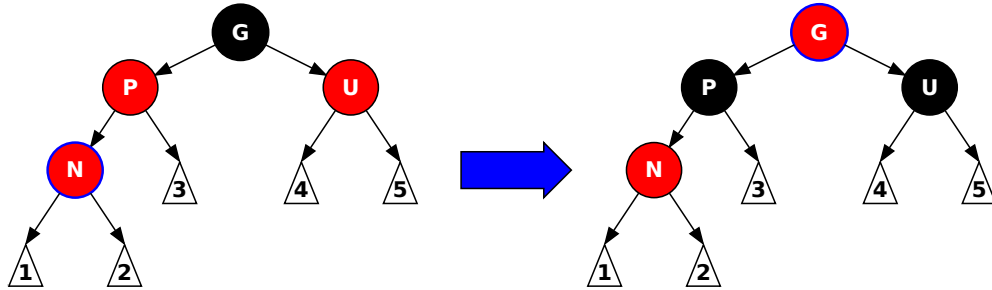


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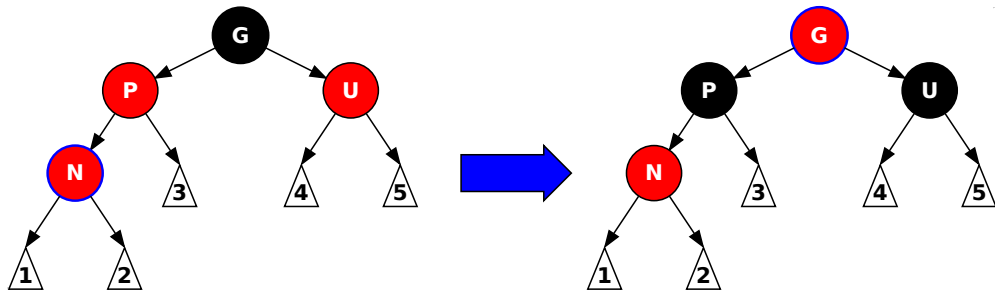


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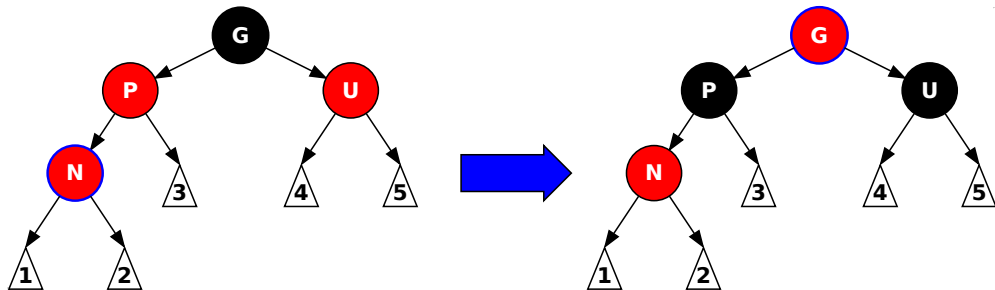
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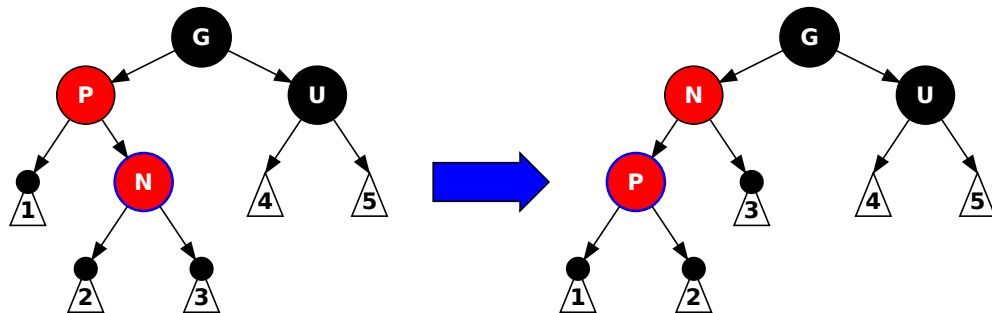
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## case 4: parent red, uncle black, right child



perform left rotation on parent subtree and new node

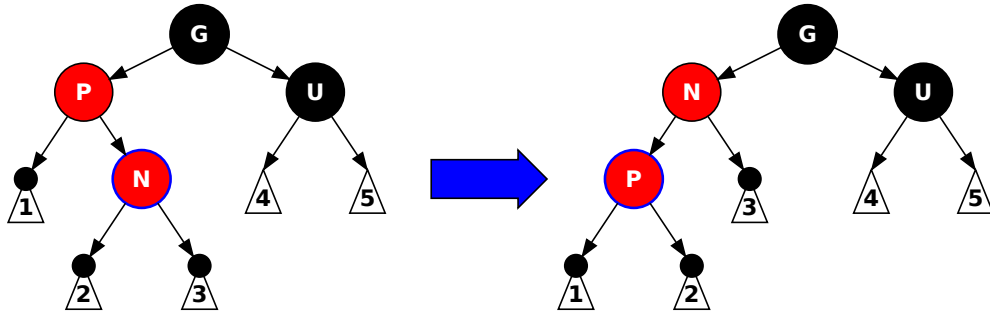
now case 5 (but new node is  $P$ , not  $N$ )

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perform right rotation of grandparent and parent

(property: red parent's children are black)

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# RB-tree: removal

start with normal BST remove of  $x$ , but...

instead find next highest/lowest node  $y$

can choose node *with at most one child*  
("bottom" of a left or right subtree)

swap  $x$  and  $y$ 's value, then replace  $y$  with its child

several cases for color maintenance/rotations

# RB tree: removal cases

N: node just replaced with child; S: its sibling; P: its parent

(1): N is new root

(2): S is **red**

(3): P, S, and S's children are **black**

(4): S and S's children are **black**

(5): S is **black**, S's left child is **red**, S's right child is **black**, N is left child of P

(6): S is **black**, S's right child is **red**, N is left child

# why red-black trees?

a lot more cases...but

a lot less rotations

...because tree is kept less rigidly balanced

red-black trees end up being faster in practice

# splay trees

tree that's fast for **recently used nodes**

self-balancing binary search tree

keeps recent nodes **near the top**

simpler to implement than AVL or RB trees

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worst-case height:  $\Theta(n)$  — linked-list case

# amortized complexity

splay tree insert/find/delete is **amortized  $O(\log n)$  time**

informally: **average** insert/find/delete:  $O(\log n)$

more formally:  $m$  operations:  $O(m \log n)$  time (where  $n$ : max size of tree)



# splay tree pro/con

can be *faster* than AVL, RB-trees in practice  
take advantage of frequently accessed items

simpler to implement

but worst case find/insert is  $\Theta(n)$  time

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doubling size — requires copying! —  $\Theta(n)$  time

$\Theta(n)$  worst case per insert

but average...?

# counting copies (1)

suppose initial capacity 100 + insert 1600 elements

100  $\rightarrow$  200: 100 copies

200  $\rightarrow$  400: 200 copies

400  $\rightarrow$  800: 400 copies

800  $\rightarrow$  1600: 800 copies

total: 1500 copies

total operations: 1500 copies + 1600 writes of new elements

about 2 operations per insert

## counting copies (2)

more generally: for  $N$  inserts

about  $N$  copies +  $N$  writes

why?  $K$  to  $2K$  elements:  $K$  copies

$N$  inserts:  $1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + N/4 + N/2$  copies

(and a bit better if initial capacity isn't 1)

$\Theta(n)$  worst case

but  $\Theta(n)$  time for  $n$  inserts

→  $O(1)$  amortized time per insert

# trees are not great for...

ordered, unsorted lists

list of TODO tasks

being easy/simple to implement

compare, e.g., stack/queue

$\Theta(1)$  time

compare vector

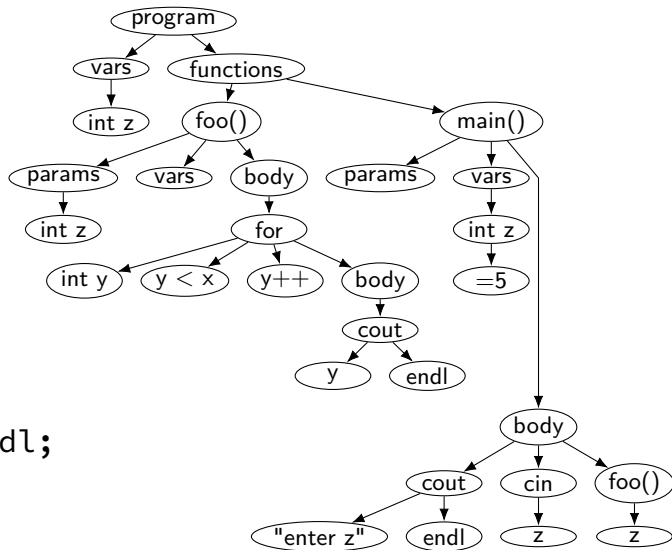
compare hashtables (almost)

# programs as trees

```
int z;
```

```
int foo (int x) {  
    for (int y = 0;  
        y < x;  
        y++)  
        cout << y << endl;  
}
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    cout << "enter x" << endl;  
    cin >> z;  
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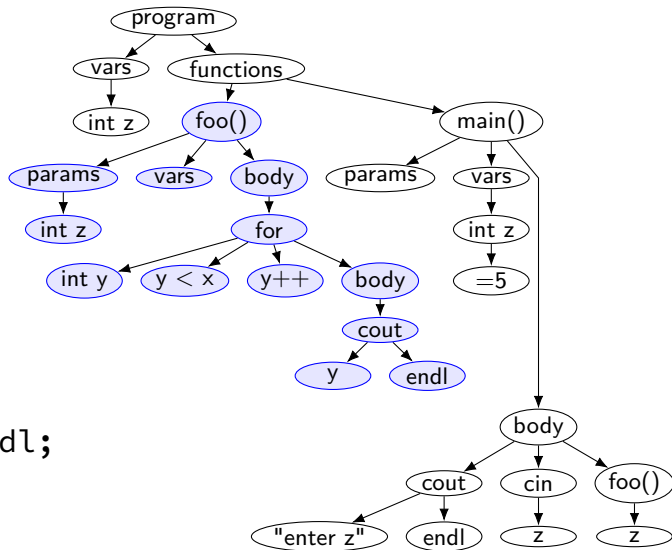


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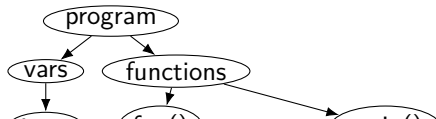
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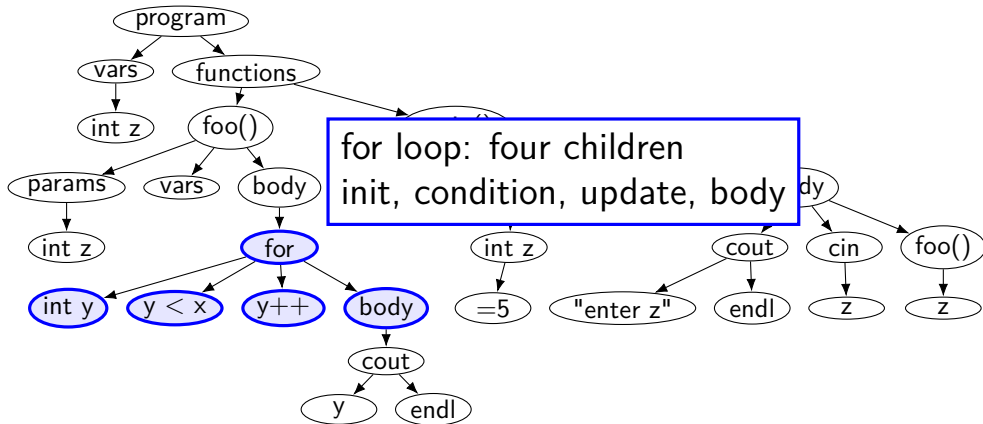




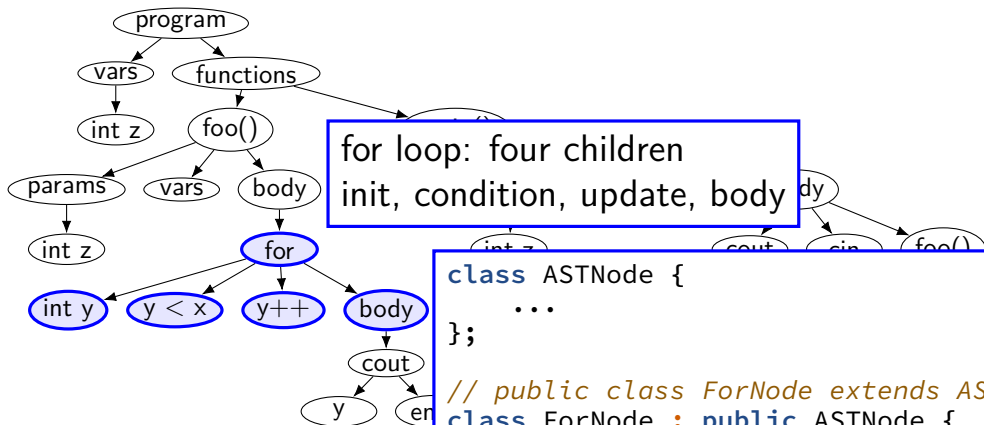
# abstract syntax tree



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for loop: four children  
init, condition, update, body

```
class ASTNode {
    ...
};

// public class ForNode extends ASTNode
class ForNode : public ASTNode {
    ...
private:
    ASTNode *init, *condition,
            *update, *body;
};
```

# AST applications

“abstract syntax tree” = “parse tree”

part of how compilers work

do some tree traversal to do...

- code generation — e.g. `ASTNode::outputCode()` method

- optimization

- type checking...

# using AST to compare programs

comparing trees is a good way to compare programs...

while ignoring:

- function/method order (e.g. sort function nodes by length)
- variable names (e.g. ignore variable names when comparing)
- comments
- ...

part of many software plagiarism/copy+paste detection tools