

SORTING IV: AVL Trees and AVL Sort

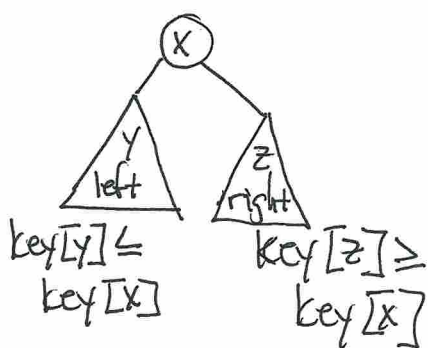
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Last Time: Binary Search Trees

BST Property



For any node  $x$

- all nodes  $y$  in left subtree  $\text{key}[y] \leq \text{key}[x]$
- all nodes  $z$  in right subtree  $\text{key}[z] \geq \text{key}[x]$

Operations

insert/delete, find-min/find-max, successor/predecessor,  
find all are  $O(h)$  for any particular case  
and  $\Theta(h)$  worst case

Inorder-Tree-Walk  $\Theta(n)$

BST Sort

Create-BST-from-input  
Inorder-Tree-Walk( $\text{root}[\text{Tree}]$ )

| last time       | today              |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| $\Theta(n^2)$   | $\Theta(n \log n)$ |
| $+$ $\Theta(n)$ | $+$ $\Theta(n)$    |
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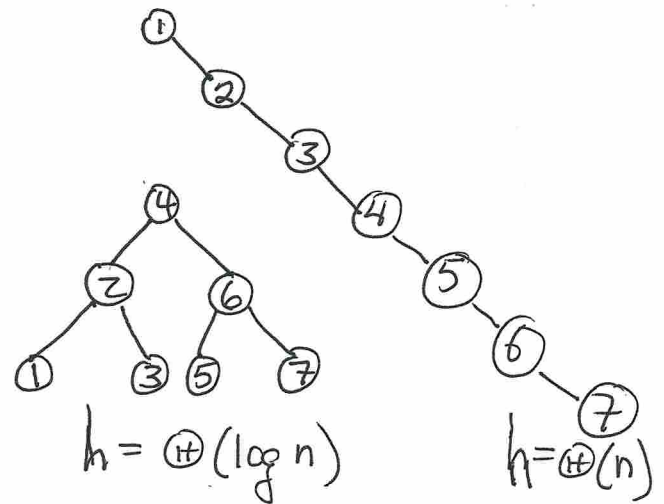
TODAY

The "problem" with BSTs is the relationship between  $h$  (height) and  $n$  (# of nodes).

Worst Case  $h \approx n$

Improvement:

Somehow balance trees so  $h = \Theta(\log n)$



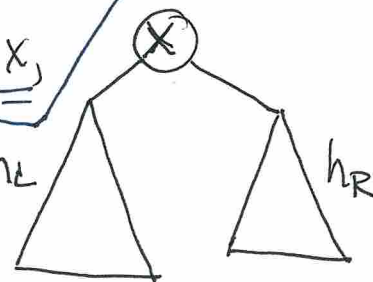
Need to do this in a way that balance can be maintained in  $\Theta(\log n)$  time.

→ Then operations become  $\Theta(\log n)$

Many possibilities — we will discuss AVL Trees as BSTs with extra condition

AVL Trees (Adelson-Velskii and Landis, 1962)

Invariant: For every node  $x$ , the heights of its left child and right child differ by at most 1.

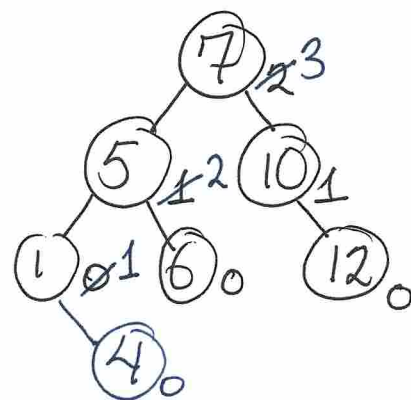


$$|h_L - h_R| \leq 1$$

How to keep track of heights?

Augment the data structure for every node with its height

- Null has height  $-1$
- Leaves have height  $0$
- Node has height equal to # of edges to "deepest descendant"

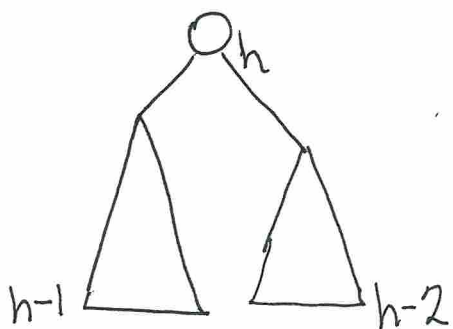


Prove: AVL trees have height  $\Theta(\log n)$

Is AVL-tree

"Most compact" tree: Complete binary tree of height  $h$  has  $n = 2^{h+1} - 1$ , so  $n \leq 2^{h+1} - 1$  and  $h \geq \log_2(n+1) - 1$ , so  $h = \Omega(\log n)$

"least compact" tree:  $n_h =$  minimum # nodes in AVL tree of height  $h$



$$n_h \geq 1 + n_{h-1} + n_{h-2} > 2n_{h-2}$$

$$n_h > 2^{h/2} \rightarrow h < 2 \log_2(n_h)$$

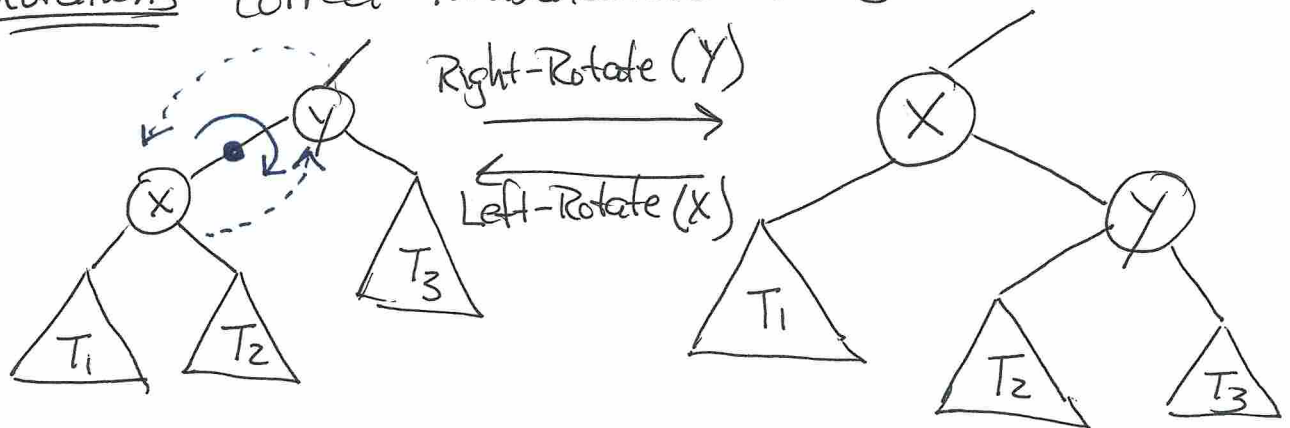
$$h = O(\log n)$$

$$\therefore h = \Theta(\log n)$$

But how can the invariant be maintained?  
(in  $\log n$  time)

First, note that changes to tree structure (insert/delete) only change heights of nodes on direct route between site of change and root.

Rotations correct imbalanced trees



Right-Rotate

- X rises and Y drops (reversing their parent-child relationship)
- X would have 3 children  $\Rightarrow \text{left}[Y] \leftarrow \text{Root}[T_2]$
- Y would have 2 parents  $\Rightarrow p[X] \leftarrow \text{Previous } p[Y]$

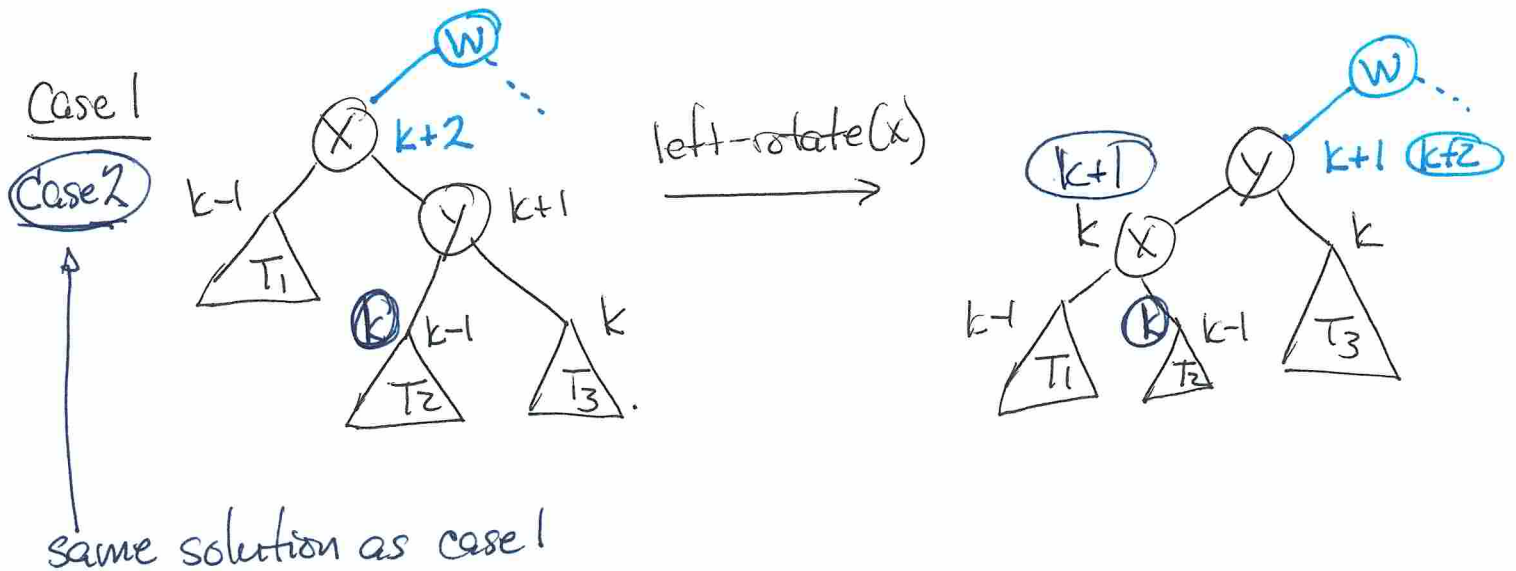
Proper Key Order Maintained

$$\text{keys}[T_1] \leq \text{key}[X] \leq \text{keys}[T_2] \leq \text{key}[Y] \leq \text{keys}[T_3]$$

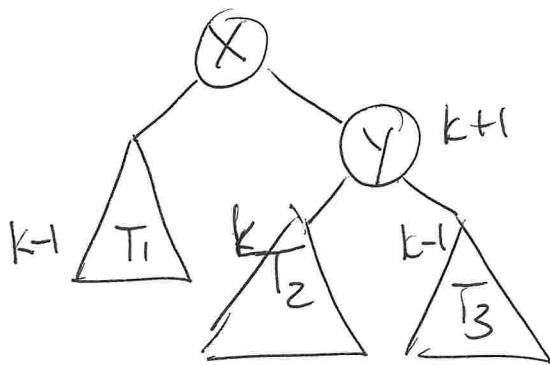


## Re-balancing

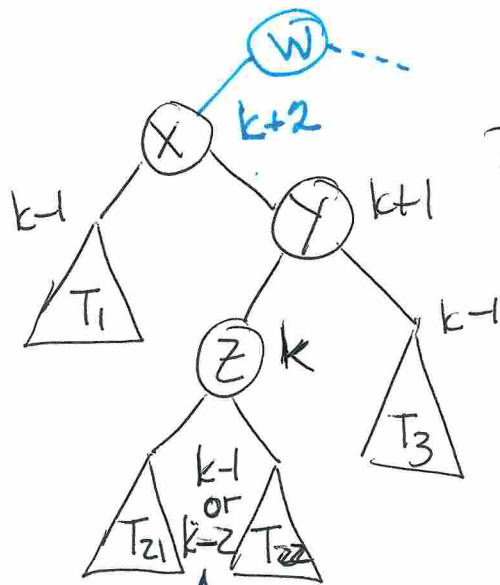
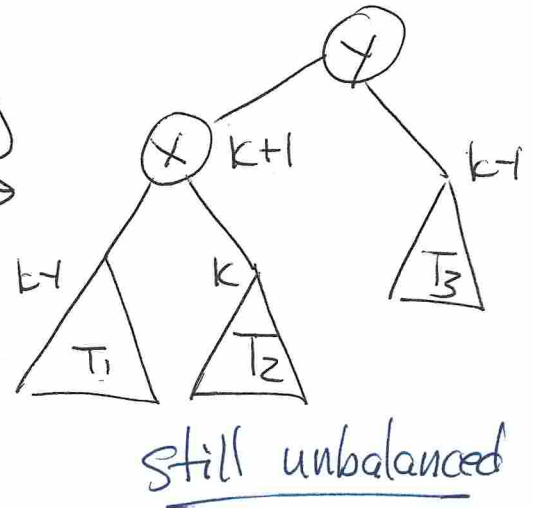
- Let  $x$  be lowest violating node — fix subtree and move up
- Assume  $x$  is "right heavy" ( $x$ 's right child is deeper than left)
- Exist 3 cases
  - 1)  $x$ 's right child  $y$  is right-heavy
  - 2)  $y$  is balanced
  - 3)  $y$  is left-heavy



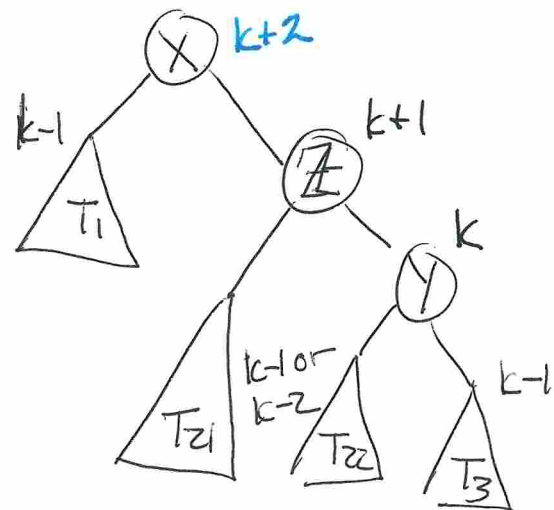
Case 3: y is left-heavy



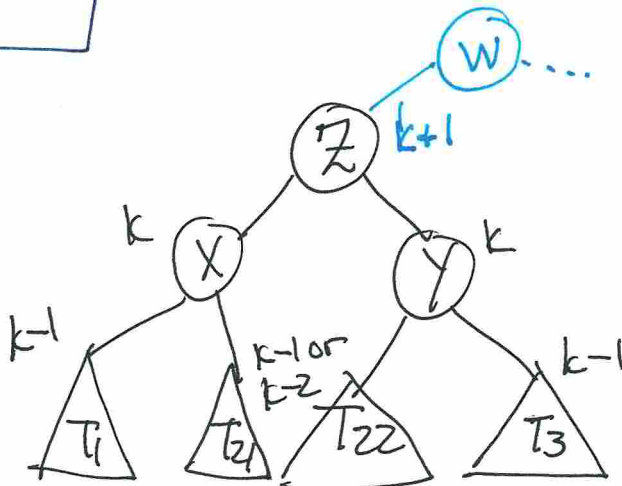
Left-rotate (X)



Right-rotate (Y)



one of each



Left-rotate (X)



Operations can be handled  $\Theta(\log n)$   
on AVL trees because balanced  
BSTs can be maintained  $\Theta(\log n)$

Insertion and Deletion can be  
carried out <sup>in the</sup> ordinary BST way,  
and imbalances created can  
then be corrected working up  
the tree toward the root