



# Data Structure and Algorithms [CO2003]

## Chapter 7 - AVL Tree

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1. AVL Tree Concepts
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- **L.O.3.1** - Depict the following concepts: binary tree, complete binary tree, balanced binary tree, AVL tree, multi-way tree, etc.
- **L.O.3.2** - Describe the storage structure for tree structures using pseudocode.
- **L.O.3.3** - List necessary methods supplied for tree structures, and describe them using pseudocode.
- **L.O.3.4** - Identify the importance of “balanced” feature in tree structures and give examples to demonstrate it.
- **L.O.3.5** - Identify cases in which AVL tree and B-tree are unbalanced, and demonstrate methods to resolve all the cases step-by-step using figures.

- **L.O.3.6** - Implement binary tree and AVL tree using C/C++.
- **L.O.3.7** - Use binary tree and AVL tree to solve problems in real-life, especially related to searching techniques.
- **L.O.3.8** - Analyze the complexity and develop experiment (program) to evaluate methods supplied for tree structures.
- **L.O.8.4** - Develop recursive implementations for methods supplied for the following structures: list, tree, heap, searching, and graphs.
- **L.O.1.2** - Analyze algorithms and use Big-O notation to characterize the computational complexity of algorithms composed by using the following control structures: sequence, branching, and iteration (not recursion).



# AVL Tree Concepts

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## Definition

AVL Tree is:

- A Binary Search Tree,
- in which the heights of the left and right subtrees of the root differ by at most 1, and
- the left and right subtrees are again AVL trees.

Discovered by G.M. Adel'son-Vel'skii and E.M. Landis in 1962.

AVL Tree is a Binary Search Tree that is balanced tree.

A binary tree is an **AVL Tree** if

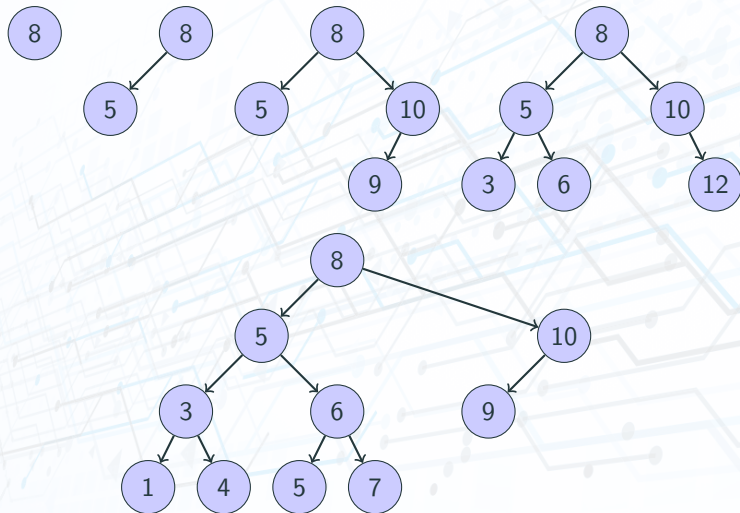
- **Each node satisfies BST property:** key of the node is greater than the key of each node in its left subtree and is smaller than or equals to the key of each node in its right subtree.
- **Each node satisfies balanced tree property:** the difference between the heights of the left subtree and right subtree of the node does not exceed one.

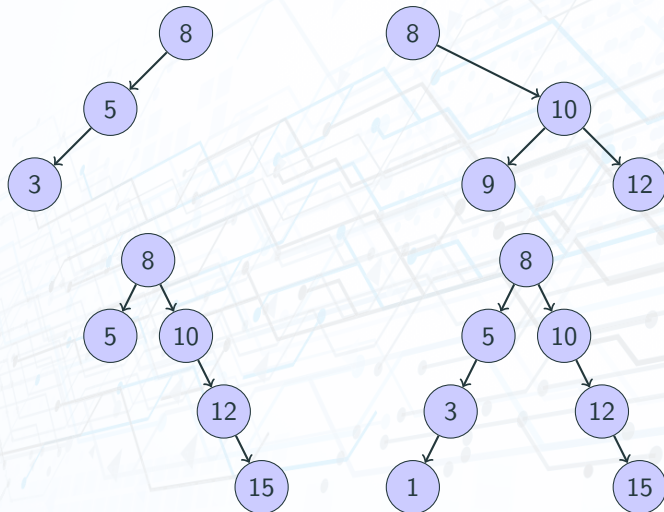
## Balance factor

- left\_higher (LH):  $H_L = H_R + 1$
- equal\_height (EH):  $H_L = H_R$
- right\_higher (RH):  $H_R = H_L + 1$

( $H_L, H_R$ : the heights of left and right subtrees)







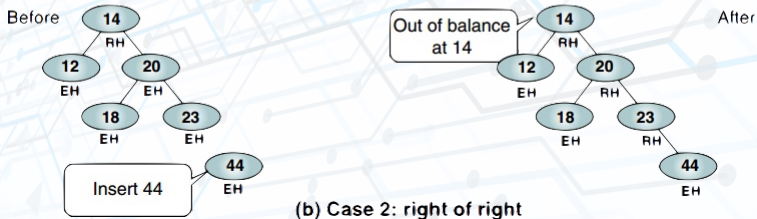
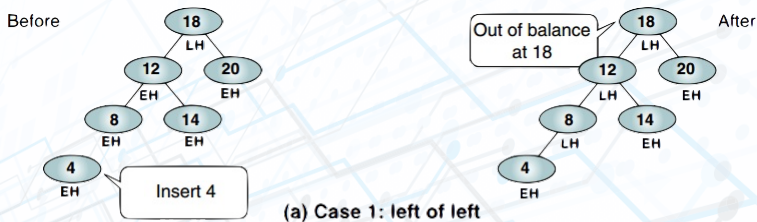
- When data elements are inserted in a BST in sorted order: 1, 2, 3, ...  
BST becomes a degenerate tree.  
Search operation takes  $O(n)$ , which is inefficient.
- It is possible that after a number of insert and delete operations, a binary tree may become unbalanced and increase in height.
- AVL trees ensure that the complexity of search is  $O(\log_2 n)$ .



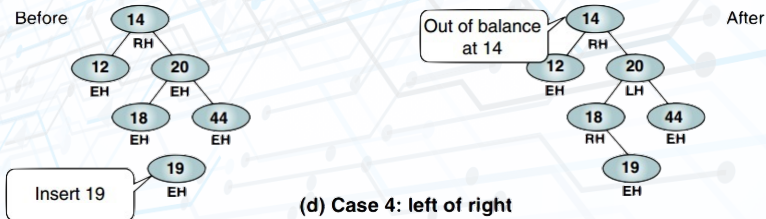
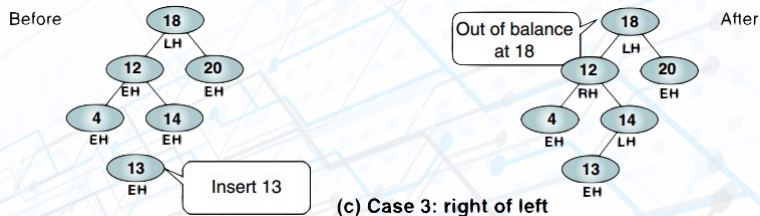
# AVL Balance

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- When we insert a node into a tree or delete a node from a tree, the resulting tree may be unbalanced.  
→ **rebalance the tree.**
- Four unbalanced tree cases:
  - **left of left:** a subtree of a tree that is left high has also become left high;
  - **right of right:** a subtree of a tree that is right high has also become right high;
  - **right of left:** a subtree of a tree that is left high has become right high;
  - **left of right:** a subtree of a tree that is right high has become left high;



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**Algorithm** rotateRight(ref root <pointer>)

Exchanges pointers to rotate the tree right.

**Pre:** root is pointer to tree to be rotated

**Post:** node rotated and root updated

tempPtr = root->left

root->left = tempPtr->right

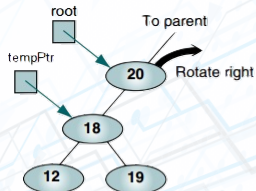
tempPtr->right = root

**Return** tempPtr

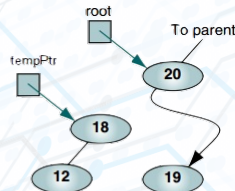
**End** rotateRight



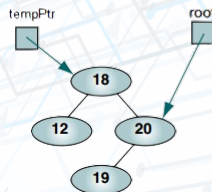
# Rotate Right



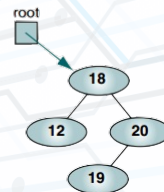
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(b) After Step 2



(c) After Step 3



(d) At end

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**Algorithm** rotateLeft(ref root <pointer>)

Exchanges pointers to rotate the tree left.

**Pre:** root is pointer to tree to be rotated

**Post:** node rotated and root updated

tempPtr = root->right

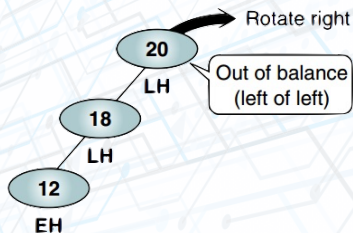
root->right = tempPtr->left

tempPtr->left = root

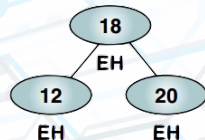
**Return** tempPtr

**End** rotateLeft

Out of balance condition created by a left high subtree of a left high tree  
→ **balance the tree by rotating the out of balance node to the right.**



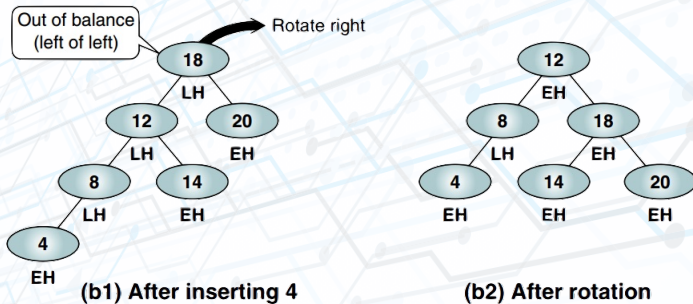
**(a1) After inserting 12**



**(a2) After rotation**

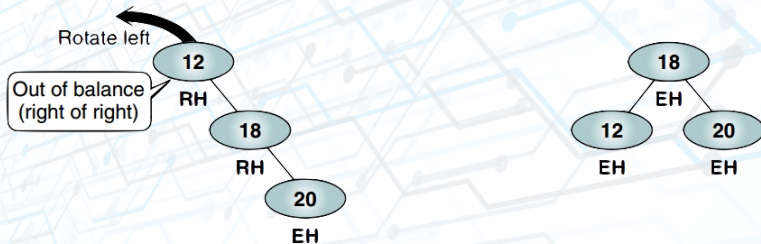
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# Balancing Trees - Case 1: Left of Left



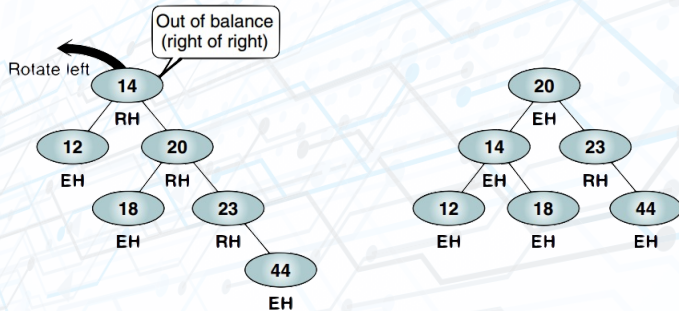
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Out of balance condition created by a right high subtree of a right high tree  
→ **balance the tree by rotating the out of balance node to the left.**



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# Balancing Trees - Case 2: Right of Right

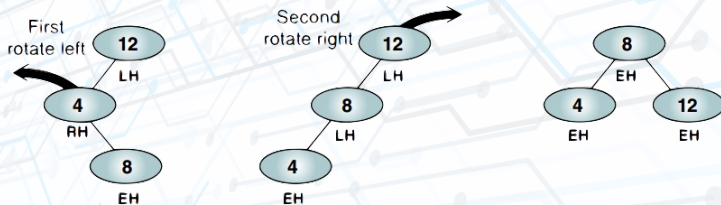


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Out of balance condition created by a right high subtree of a left high tree

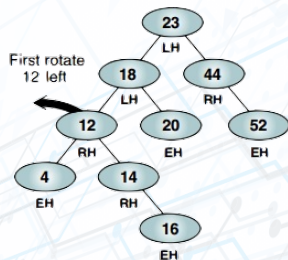
→ balance the tree by two steps:

1. rotating the left subtree to the left;
2. rotating the root to the right.

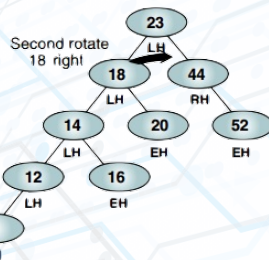


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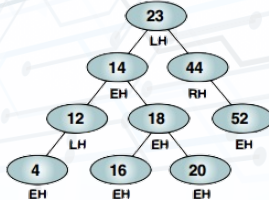
# Balancing Trees - Case 3: Right of Left



(b1) Original tree



(b2) After left rotation



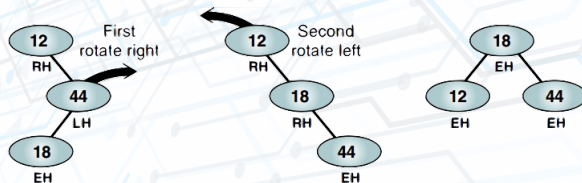
(b3) After right rotation



Out of balance condition created by a left high subtree of a right high tree

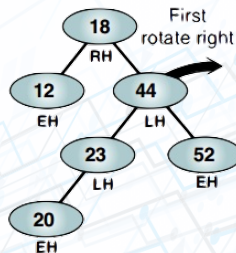
→ balance the tree by two steps:

1. rotating the right subtree to the right;
2. rotating the root to the left.

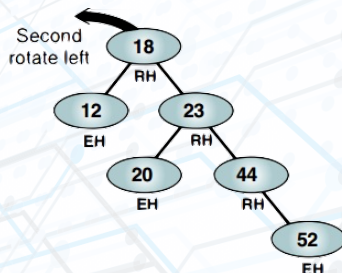


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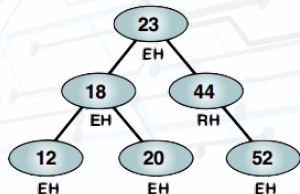
# Balancing Trees - Case 4: Left of Right



(b1) Original tree



(b2) After right rotation



(b3) After left rotation



# AVL Tree Operations

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```
node
  data <dataType>
  left <pointer>
  right <pointer>
  balance <balance_factor>
end node

avlTree
  root <pointer>
end avlTree
```

```
// General dataType:
dataType
  key <keyType>
  field1 <...>
  field2 <...>
  ...
  fieldn <...>
end dataType
```

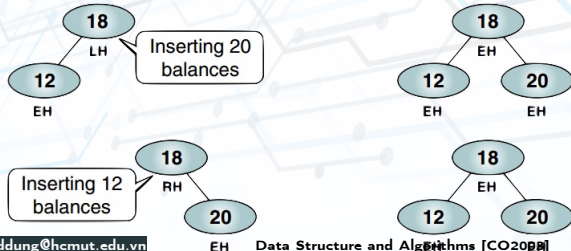
**Note:** Array is not suitable for AVL Tree.

- Search and retrieval are the same for any binary tree.
- AVL Insert
- AVL Delete

- Insert can make an out of balance condition.



- Otherwise, some inserts can make an automatic balancing.



**Algorithm** AVLInsert(ref root <pointer>, val newPtr <pointer>, ref taller <boolean>)

Using recursion, insert a node into an AVL tree.

**Pre:** root is a pointer to first node in AVL tree/subtree

newPtr is a pointer to new node to be inserted

**Post:** taller is a Boolean: true indicating the subtree height has increased, false indicating same height

**Return** root returned recursively up the tree

```
// Insert at root  
if root null then  
    root = newPtr  
    taller = true  
    return root  
end
```



```
if newPtr->data.key < root->data.key then
    root->left = AVLInsert(root->left, newPtr, taller)
    // Left subtree is taller
    if taller then
        if root is LH then
            | root = leftBalance(root, taller)
        else if root is EH then
            | root->balance = LH
        else
            | root->balance = EH
            | taller = false
        end
    end
end
```

```
else
  root->right = AVLInsert(root->right, newPtr, taller)
  // Right subtree is taller
  if taller then
    if root is LH then
      root->balance = EH
      taller = false
    else if root is EH then
      root->balance = RH
    else
      root = rightBalance(root, taller)
    end
  end
end
end
return root
```

**Algorithm** leftBalance(ref root <pointer>, ref taller <boolean>)

This algorithm is entered when the left subtree is higher than the right subtree.

**Pre:** root is a pointer to the root of the [sub]tree

taller is true

**Post:** root has been updated (if necessary)

taller has been updated

```
leftTree = root->left
```

```
// Case 1: Left of left. Single rotation right.
```

```
if leftTree is LH then
```

```
    root = rotateRight(root)
```

```
    root->balance = EH
```

```
    leftTree->balance = EH
```

```
    taller = false
```

```
else
    rightTree = leftTree->right
    if rightTree->balance = LH then
        root->balance = RH
        leftTree->balance = EH
    else if rightTree->balance = EH then
        leftTree->balance = EH
    else
        root->balance = EH
        leftTree->balance = LH
    end
    rightTree->balance = EH
    root->left = rotateLeft(leftTree)
    root = rotateRight(root), taller = false
end
return root
```

**Algorithm** rightBalance(ref root <pointer>, ref taller <boolean>)

This algorithm is entered when the right subtree is higher than the left subtree.

**Pre:** root is a pointer to the root of the [sub]tree

taller is true

**Post:** root has been updated (if necessary)

taller has been updated

```
rightTree = root->right
```

```
// Case 1: Right of right. Single rotation left.
```

```
if rightTree is RH then
```

```
    root = rotateLeft(root)
```

```
    root->balance = EH
```

```
    rightTree->balance = EH
```

```
    taller = false
```

```
else
    leftTree = rightTree->left
    if leftTree->balance = RH then
        root->balance = LH
        rightTree->balance = EH
    else if leftTree->balance = EH then
        rightTree->balance = EH
    else
        root->balance = EH
        rightTree->balance = RH
    end
    leftTree->balance = EH
    root->right = rotateRight(rightTree)
    root = rotateLeft(root), taller = false
end
```



The AVL delete follows the basic logic of the binary search tree delete with the addition of the logic to balance the tree. As with the insert logic, the balancing occurs as we back out of the tree.

**Algorithm** AVLDelete(ref root <pointer>, val deleteKey <key>, ref shorter <boolean>, ref success <boolean>)

This algorithm deletes a node from an AVL tree and rebalances if necessary.

**Pre:** root is a pointer to the root of the [sub]tree

deleteKey is the key of node to be deleted

**Post:** node deleted if found, tree unchanged if not found

shorter is true if subtree is shorter

success is true if deleted, false if not found

**Return** pointer to root of (potential) new subtree

```
if tree null then
    shorter = false
    success = false
    return null
end
if deleteKey < root->data.key then
    root->left = AVLDelete(root->left, deleteKey, shorter, success)
    if shorter then
        | root = deleteRightBalance(root, shorter)
    end
else if deleteKey > root->data.key then
    root->right = AVLDelete(root->right, deleteKey, shorter, success)
    if shorter then
        | root = deleteLeftBalance(root, shorter)
    end
end
```

*// Delete node found – test for leaf node*

**else**

deleteNode = root

**if** *no right subtree* **then**

newRoot = root->left

success = true

shorter = true

recycle(deleteNode)

return newRoot

**else if** *no left subtree* **then**

newRoot = root->right

success = true

shorter = true

recycle(deleteNode)

return newRoot

```
else
  // ... else
  exchPtr = root->left
  while exchPtr->right not null do
    | exchPtr = exchPtr->right
  end
  root->data = exchPtr->data
  root->left = AVLDelete(root->left, exchPtr->data.key, shorter, success)
  if shorter then
    | root = deleteRightBalance(root, shorter)
  end
end
end
Return root
End AVLDelete
```

**Algorithm** deleteRightBalance(ref root <pointer>, ref shorter <boolean>)

The (sub)tree is shorter after a deletion on the left branch. Adjust the balance factors and if necessary balance the tree by rotating left.

**Pre:** tree is shorter

**Post:** balance factors updated and balance restored

root updated

shorter updated

**if** *root LH* **then**

    | root->balance = EH

**else if** *root EH* **then**

    | root->balance = RH

    | shorter = false

else

rightTree = root->right

**if** *rightTree LH* **then**

leftTree = rightTree->left

**if** *leftTree LH* **then**

rightTree->balance = RH

root->balance = EH

**else if** *leftTree EH* **then**

root->balance = LH

rightTree->balance = EH

**else**

root->balance = LH

rightTree->balance = EH

**end**

leftTree->balance = EH

root->right = rotateRight(rightTree)

```
else
  // ...
else
  if rightTree not EH then
    root->balance = EH
    rightTree->balance = EH
  else
    root->balance = RH
    rightTree->balance = LH
    shorter = false
  end
  root = rotateLeft(root)
end
end
return root
```

**Algorithm** deleteLeftBalance(ref root <pointer>, ref shorter <boolean>)

The (sub)tree is shorter after a deletion on the right branch. Adjust the balance factors and if necessary balance the tree by rotating right.

**Pre:** tree is shorter

**Post:** balance factors updated and balance restored

root updated

shorter updated

**if** *root RH* **then**

| root->balance = EH

**else if** *root EH* **then**

| root->balance = LH

| shorter = false



**else**

leftTree = root->left

**if** leftTree RH **then**

rightTree = leftTree->right

**if** rightTree RH **then**

leftTree->balance = LH

root->balance = EH

**else if** rightTree EH **then**

root->balance = RH

leftTree->balance = EH

**else**

root->balance = RH

leftTree->balance = EH

**end**

rightTree->balance = EH

root->left = rotateLeft(leftTree)

```
else
  // ... else
  if leftTree not EH then
    root->balance = EH
    leftTree->balance = EH
  else
    root->balance = LH
    leftTree->balance = RH
    shorter = false
  end
  root = rotateRight(root)
end
end
return root
End deleteLeftBalance
```

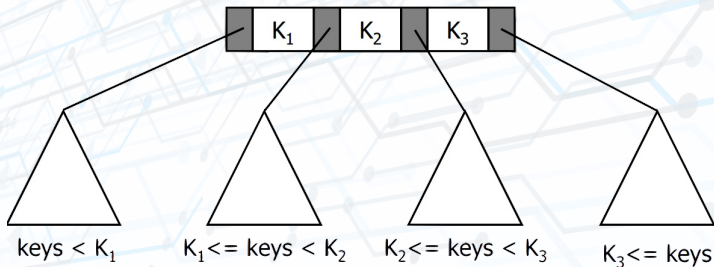


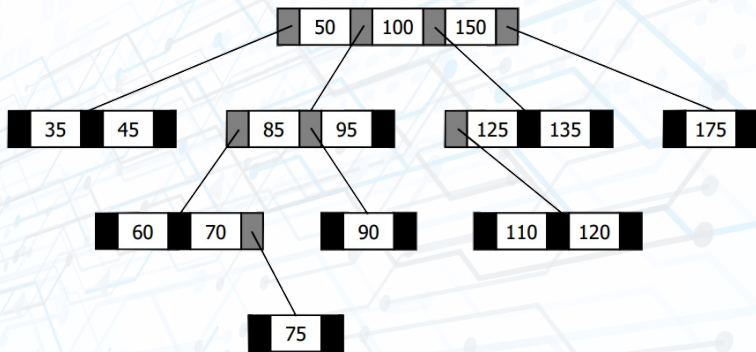
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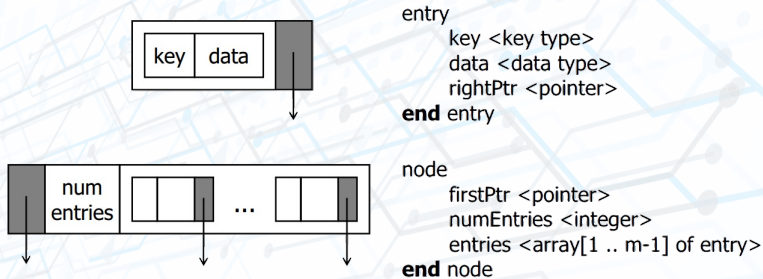
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Tree whose outdegree is **not restricted to 2** while retaining the general properties of **binary search trees**.

- Each node has  $m - 1$  data entries and  $m$  subtree pointers.
- The key values in a subtree such that:
  - $\geq$  the key of the left data entry
  - $<$  the key of the right data entry.









# B-Trees

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- M-way trees are unbalanced.
- Bayer, R. & McCreight, E. (1970) created B-Trees.

A B-tree is an  $m$ -way tree with the following additional properties ( $m \geq 3$ ):

- The root is either a leaf or has at least 2 subtrees.
- All other nodes have at least  $\lceil m/2 \rceil - 1$  entries.
- All leaf nodes are at the same level.

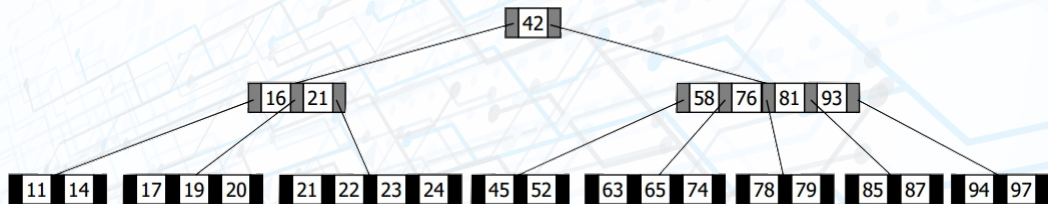


Figure 1:  $m = 5$

- Insert the new entry into a leaf node.
- If the leaf node is overflow, then split it and insert its median entry into its parent.

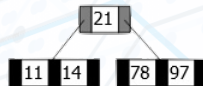
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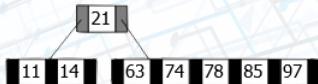
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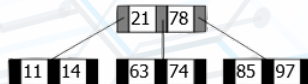
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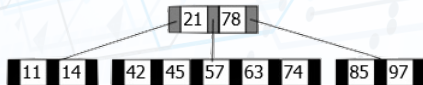
Insert 85, 74, 63



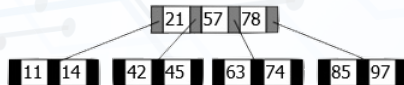
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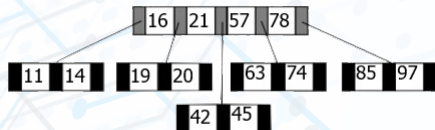
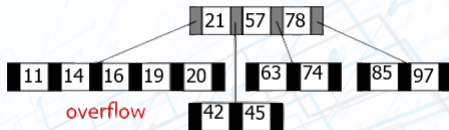
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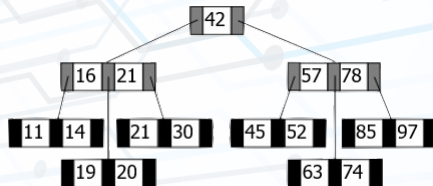
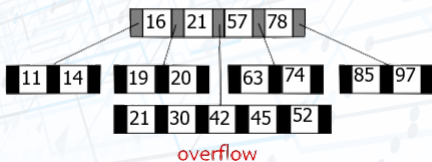
overflow



Insert 20, 16, 19



Insert 52, 30, 21



**Algorithm** BTreeInsert(ref root <pointer>, val data <record>)

Inserts data into B-tree. Equal keys placed on right branch.

**Pre:** root is a pointer to the B-tree. May be null.

**Post:** data inserted

**Return** pointer to B-tree root.

```
taller = insertNode(root, data, upEntry)
```

```
if taller then
```

```
    // Tree has grown. Create new root.
```

```
    allocate(newPtr)
```

```
    newPtr->entries[1] = upEntry
```

```
    newPtr->firstPtr = root
```

```
    newPtr->numEntries = 1
```

```
    root = newPtr
```

```
end
```

```
return root
```

**Algorithm** insertNode (ref root <pointer>, val data <record>, ref upEntry <entry>)

Recursively searches tree to locate leaf for data. If node overflow, inserts median key's data into parent.

**Pre:** root is a pointer to tree or subtree. May be null.

**Post:** data inserted

upEntry is overflow entry to be inserted into parent.

**Return** tree taller <boolean>.

```
if root null then
    upEntry.data = data
    upEntry.rightPtr = null
    taller = true
```



```
else
  entryNdx = searchNode(root, data.key)
  if entryNdx > 0 then
    | subTree = root->entries[entryNdx].rightPtr
  else
    | subTree = root->firstPtr
  end
  taller = insertNode(subTree, data, upEntry)
  if taller then
    | if node full then
    |   | splitNode(root, entryNdx, upEntry), taller = true
    | else
    |   | insertEntry(root, entryNdx, upEntry), taller = false
    |   | root->numEntries = root->numEntries + 1
    | end
  end
end
return taller
End insertNode
```

**Algorithm** searchNode(val nodePtr <pointer>, val target <key>)

Search B-tree node for data entry containing key  $\leq$  target.

**Pre:** nodePtr is pointer to non-null node.

target is key to be located.

**Return** index to entry with key  $\leq$  target.

0 if key  $<$  first entry in node

**if** *target*  $<$  *nodePtr*→*entry*[1].*data*.*key* **then**

    | walker = 0

**else**

    | walker = *nodePtr*→*numEntries*

**while** *target*  $<$  *nodePtr*→*entries*[*walker*].*data*.*key* **do**

        | walker = walker - 1

**end**

**end**

return walker

**Algorithm** splitNode(val node <pointer>, val entryNdx <index>, ref upEntry <entry>)

Node has overflowed. Split node. **No duplicate keys allowed.**

**Pre:** node is pointer to node that overflowed.

entryNdx contains index location of parent.

upEntry contains entry being inserted into split node.

**Post:** upEntry now contains entry to be inserted into parent.

minEntries = minimum number of entries

allocate (rightPtr)

*// Build right subtree node*

**if** entryNdx  $\leq$  minEntries **then**

    | fromNdx = minEntries + 1

**else**

```
else
| fromNdx = minEntries + 2
end
toNdx = 1
rightPtr->numEntries = node->numEntries - fromNdx + 1
while fromNdx <= node->numEntries do
| rightPtr->entries[toNdx] = node->entries[fromNdx]
| fromNdx = fromNdx + 1
| toNdx = toNdx + 1
end
node->numEntries = node->numEntries - rightPtr->numEntries
if entryNdx <= minEntries then
| insertEntry(node, entryNdx, upEntry)
else
```

```
else
    insertEntry(rightPtr, entryNdx-minEntries, upEntry)
    node->numEntries = node->numEntries - 1
    rightPtr->numEntries = rightPtr->numEntries + 1
end
// Build entry for parent
medianNdx = minEntries + 1
upEntry.data = node->entries[medianNdx].data
upEntry.rightPtr = rightPtr
rightPtr->firstPtr = node->entries[medianNdx].rightPtr
return
End splitNode
```

**Algorithm** insertEntry(val node <pointer>, val entryNdx <index>, val newEntry <entry>)

Inserts one entry into a node by shifting nodes to make room.

**Pre:** node is pointer to node to contain data.

entryNdx is index to location for new data.

newEntry contains data to be inserted.

**Post:** data has been inserted in sequence.

```
shifter = node->numEntries + 1
```

```
while shifter > entryNdx + 1 do
```

```
    node->entries[shifter] = node->entries[shifter - 1]
```

```
    shifter = shifter - 1
```

```
end
```

```
node->entries[shifter] = newEntry
```

```
node->numEntries = node->numEntries + 1
```

```
return
```

- It must take place at a leaf node.
- If the data to be deleted are not in a leaf node, then replace that entry by the largest entry on its left subtree.

Delete 78

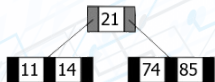


Delete 63





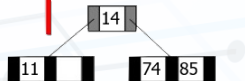
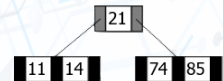
Delete 85



underflow

(node has fewer than the min num of entries)

Delete 21

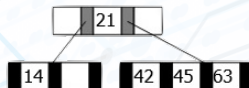


For each node to have sufficient number of entries:

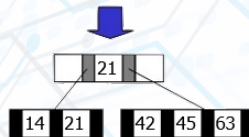
- **Balance**: shift data among nodes.
- **Combine**: join data from nodes.

## Borrow from right

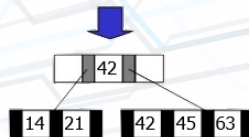
Original node



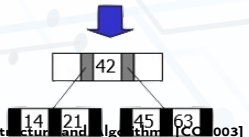
Rotate parent data down



Rotate data to parent

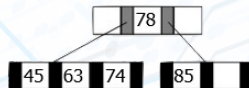


Shift entries left

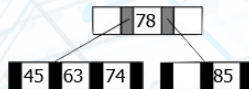


Borrow from left

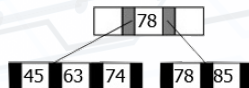
Original node



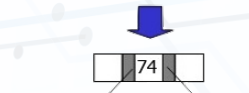
Shift entries right

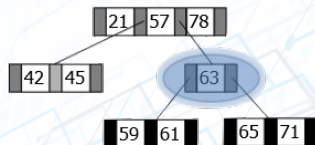


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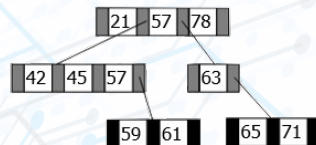


Rotate data

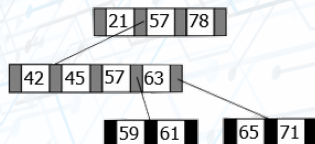




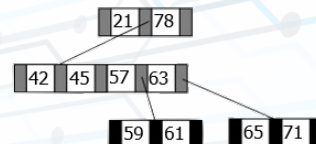
1. After underflow



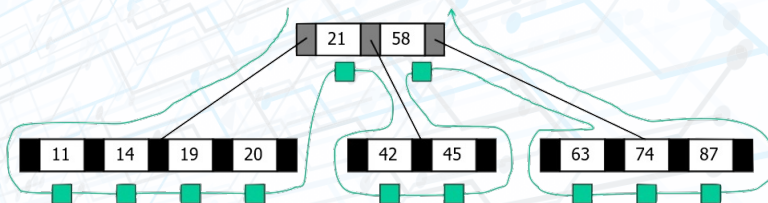
2. After moving root to subtree



3. After moving right entries



4. After shifting root



**Algorithm** BTreeTraversal (val root <pointer>)

Processes tree using inorder traversal.

**Pre:** root is pointer to B-Tree.

**Post:** Every entry has been processed in order.

scanCount = 0, ptr = root->firstPtr

**while** scanCount <= root->numEntries **do**

**if** ptr not null **then**

        | BTreeTraversal(ptr)

**end**

    scanCount = scanCount + 1

**if** scanCount <= root->numEntries **then**

        | process (root->entries[scanCount].data)

        | ptr = root->entries[scanCount].rightPtr

**end**

**end**

**Algorithm** BTreeSearch(val root <pointer>, val target <key>, ref node <pointer>, ref entryNo <index>)

Recursively searches a B-tree for the target key.

**Pre:** root is pointer to a tree or subtree

target is the data to be located

**Post:**

if found – –

node is pointer to located node

entryNo is entry within node

if not found – –

node is null and entryNo is zero

**Return** found <boolean>



```
if target < first entry then
| return BTreeSearch (root->firstPtr, target, node, entryNo)
else
| entryNo = root->numEntries
| while target < root->entries[entryNo].data.key do
| | entryNo = entryNo - 1
| end
| if target = root->entries[entryNo].data.key then
| | found = true
| | node = root
| else
| | return BTreeSearch (root->entries[entryNo].rightPtr, target, node, entryNo)
| end
end
return found
End BTreeSearch
```

- **B\*Tree**: the minimum number of (used) entries is two thirds.
- **B+Tree**:
  - Each data entry must be represented at the leaf level.
  - Each leaf node has one additional pointer to move to the next leaf node.