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# AVL Tree

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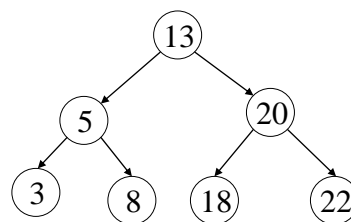
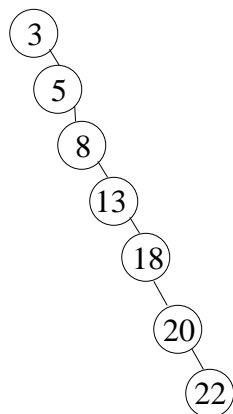
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## Motivation

When building a binary search tree, what type of trees would we like? Example: 3, 5, 8, 20, 18, 13, 22



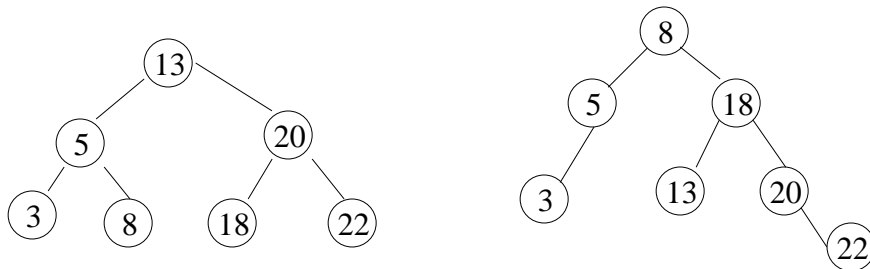
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## Motivation

- Complete binary tree is hard to build when we allow **dynamic insert and remove**.
  - We want a tree that has the following properties
    - **Tree height =  $O(\log(N))$**
    - allows dynamic **insert** and **remove** with  **$O(\log(N))$**  time complexity.
  - The AVL tree is one of this kind of trees.



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## AVL Tree

- Named after inventors **Adelson-Velsky** and **Landis**.
- Two Soviet inventors, **Georgy Adelson-Velsky** and **Evgenii Landis**, who published it in their **1962** paper "An algorithm for the organization of information".
- A self-balancing binary search tree.

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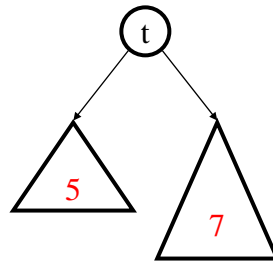
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## Balance

Balance == height(left subtree) - height(right subtree)

- zero everywhere  $\Rightarrow$  perfectly balanced
- small everywhere  $\Rightarrow$  balanced enough

Balance between -1 and 1 everywhere.



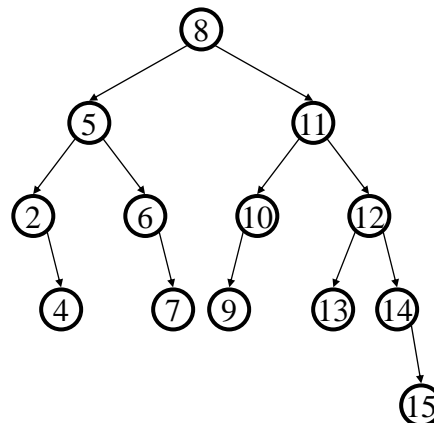
## AVL Tree

Binary search tree properties

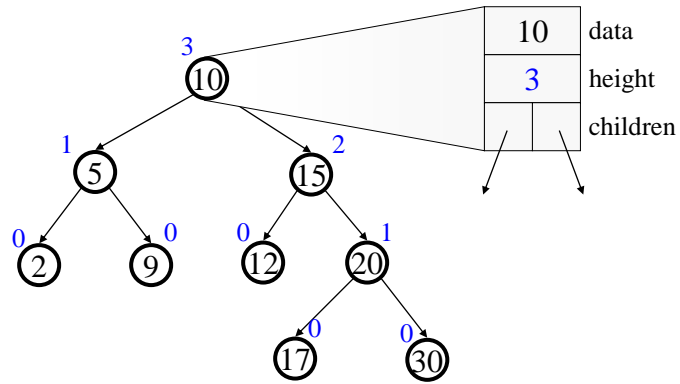
- binary tree property
- search tree property

Balance property

- balance of every node is:  
 $-1 \leq b \leq 1$
- result:
  - depth is  $\Theta(\log n)$



## An AVL Tree

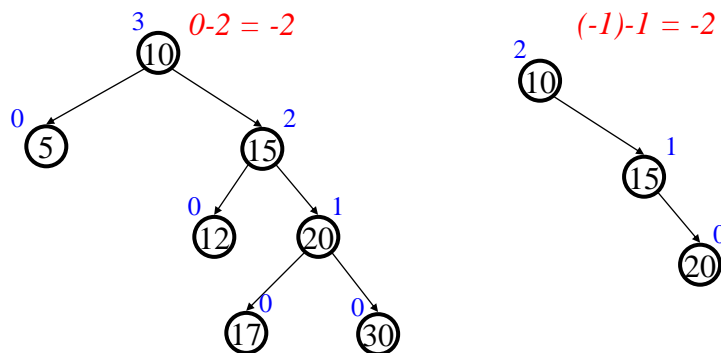


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## Not AVL Trees



Note: height(empty tree) == -1

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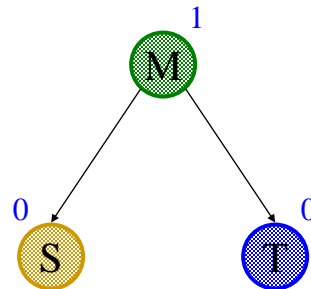
## Good Insert Case: Balance Preserved

Good case: insert **middle**, then **small**, then **tall**

Insert(**middle**)

Insert(**small**)

Insert(**tall**)



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## Bad Insert Case #1: Left-Left or Right-Right Imbalance

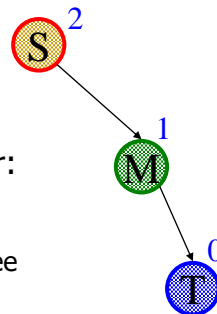
Insert(**small**)

Insert(**middle**)

Insert(**tall**)

BC#1 Imbalance caused by either:

- Insert into **left** child's **left** subtree
- Insert into **right** child's **right** subtree

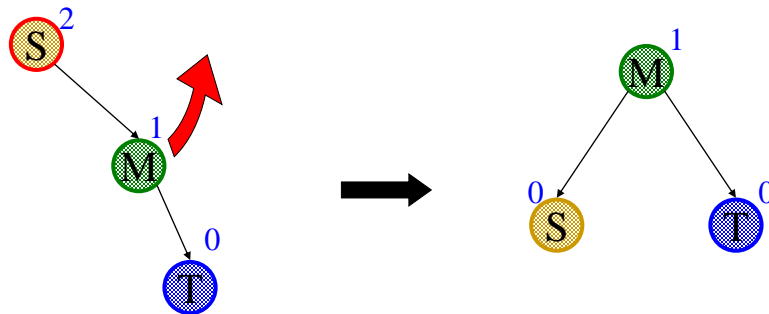


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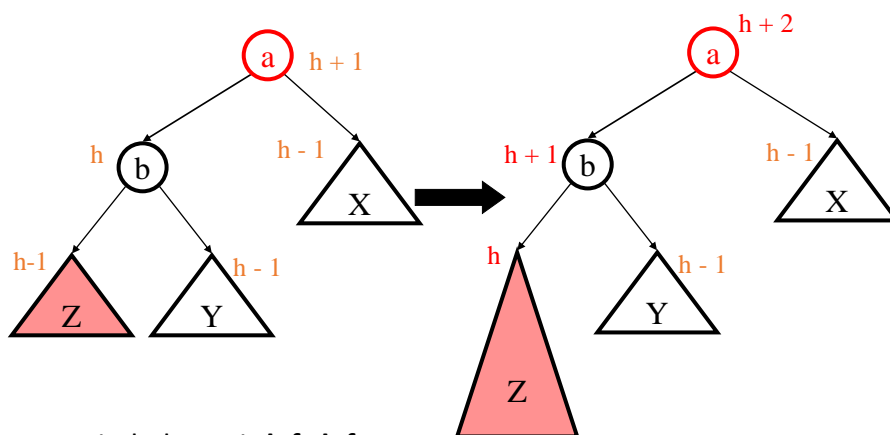
## Single Rotation



Basic operation used in AVL trees:

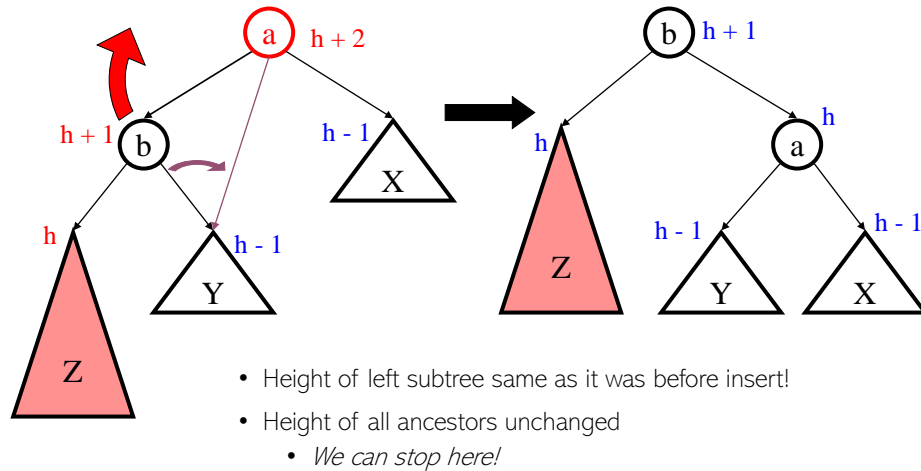
A **right child** could legally have its **parent** as its left child.

## General Bad Case #1



Note: imbalance is **left-left**

## Single Rotation Fixes Case #1 Imbalance



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## Bad Insert Case #2: Left-Right or Right-Left Imbalance

Insert(small)

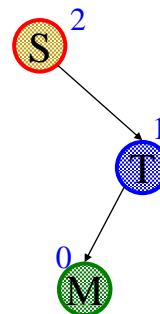
Insert(tall)

Insert(middle)

BC#2 Imbalance caused by either:

- Insert into **left** child's **right** subtree
- Insert into **right** child's **left** subtree

*Will a single rotation fix this?*

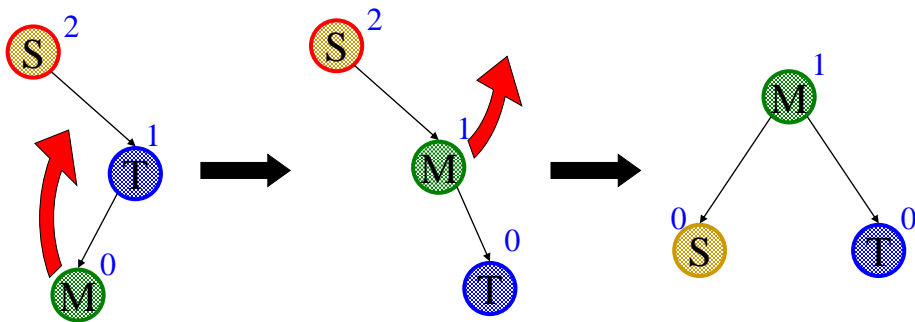


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## Double Rotation

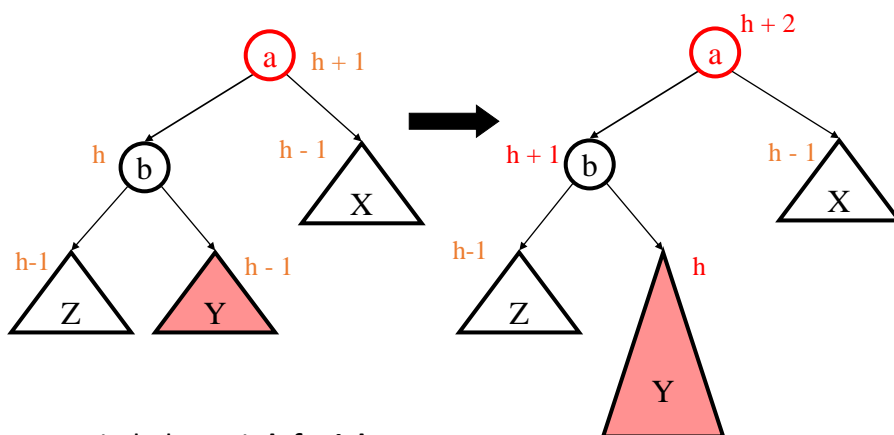


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## General Bad Case #2



Note: imbalance is **left-right**

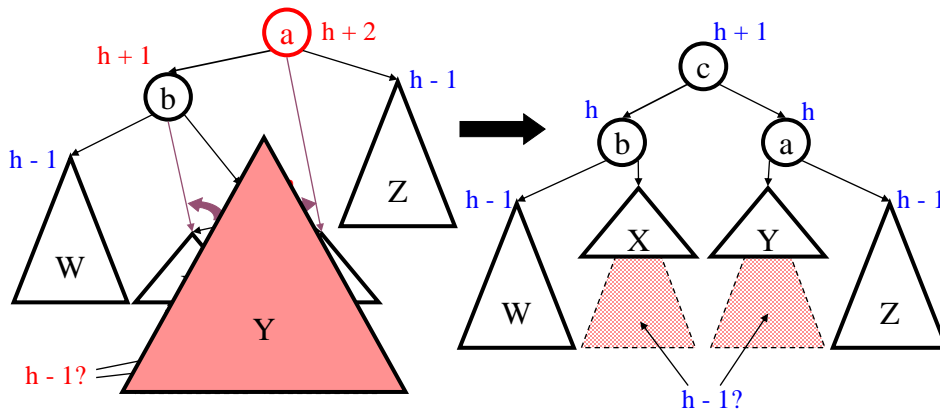
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## Double Rotation Fixes Case #2 Imbalance



Initially: insert into either X or Y unbalances tree (root balance goes to 2 or -2)  
 "Zig zag" to pull up c – restores root height to h+1, left subtree height to h

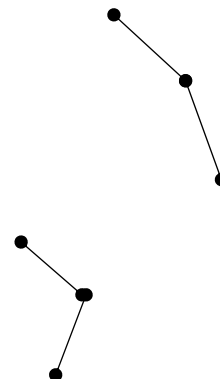
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## AVL Insert Algorithm

- Find spot for value
- Hang new node
- Search back up looking for imbalance
- If there is an imbalance:
  - case #1: Perform single rotation
  - case #2: Perform double rotation
- *Done!*  
 (There can only be one imbalance!)

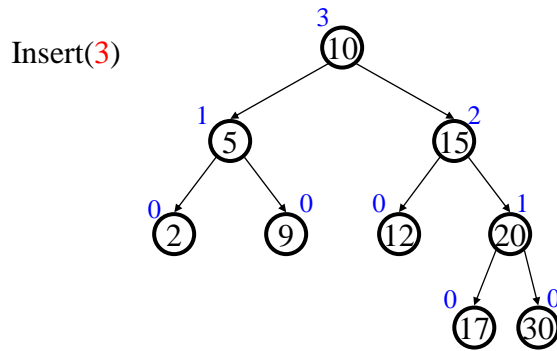


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## Easy Insert

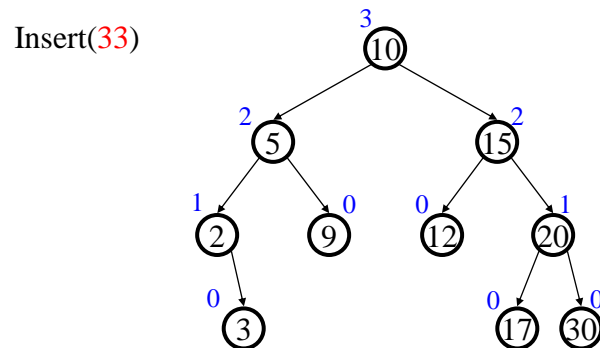


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## Hard Insert (Bad Case #1)

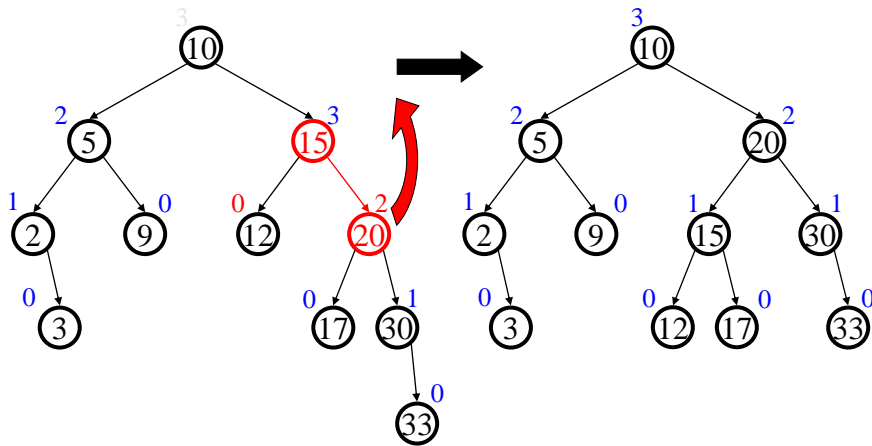


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## Single Rotation

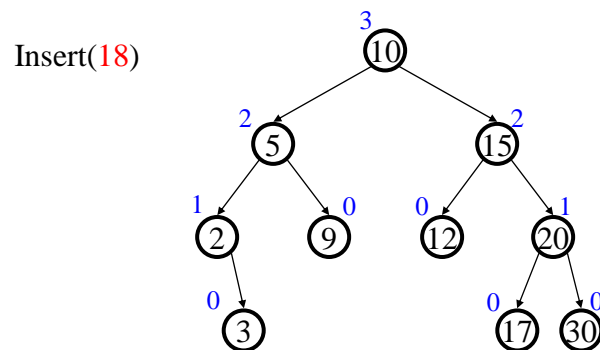


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## Hard Insert (Bad Case #2)

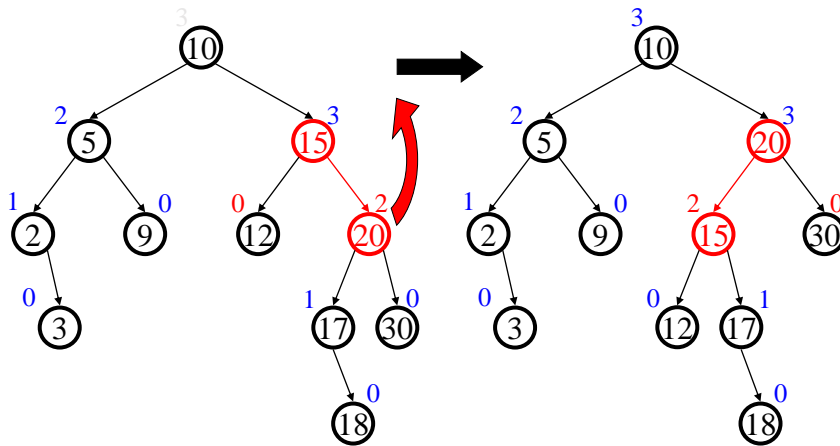


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## Single Rotation (oops!)

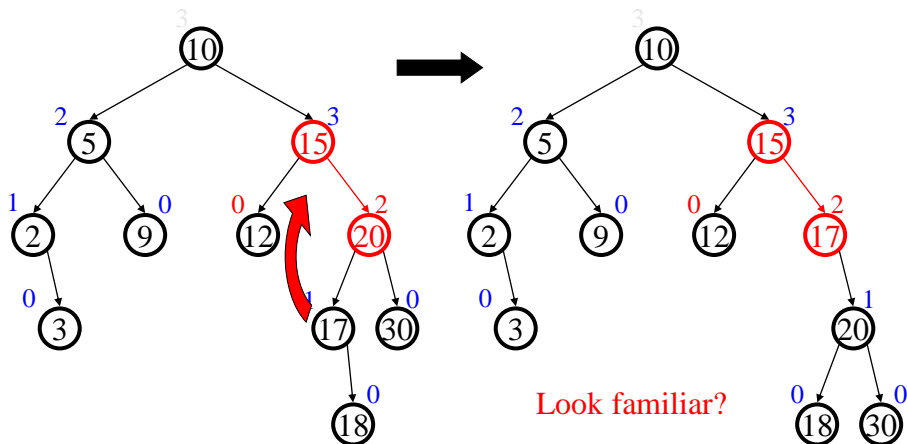


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## Double Rotation (Step #1)

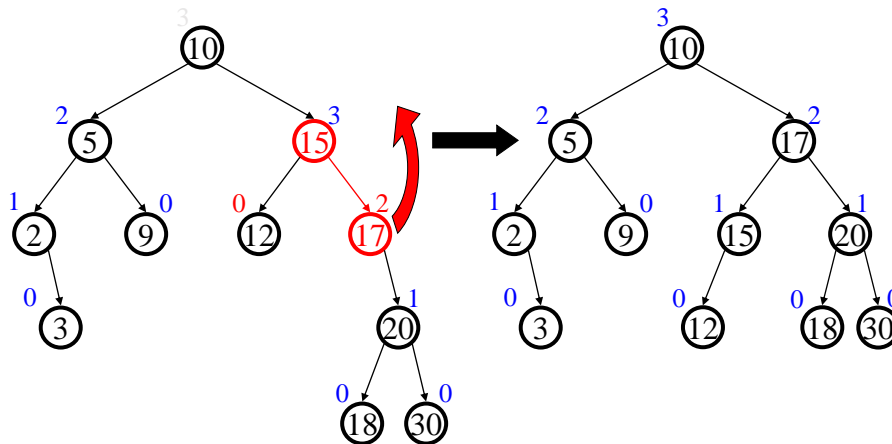


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## Double Rotation (Step #2)



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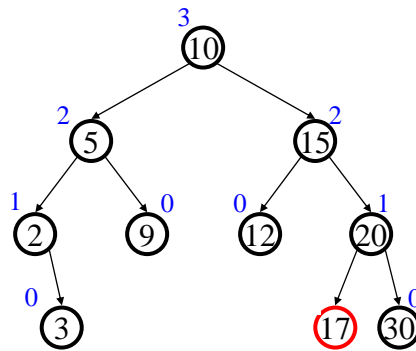
## AVL Insert Algorithm Revisited

- Recursive
  1. Search downward for spot
  2. Insert node
  3. Unwind stack, correcting heights
    - a. If imbalance #1, single rotate
    - b. If imbalance #2, double rotate
- Iterative
  1. Search downward for spot, **stacking parent nodes**
  2. Insert node
  3. Unwind stack, correcting heights
    - a. If imbalance #1, single rotate **and exit**
    - b. If imbalance #2, double rotate **and exit**

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## Deletion: Really Easy Case

Delete(17)



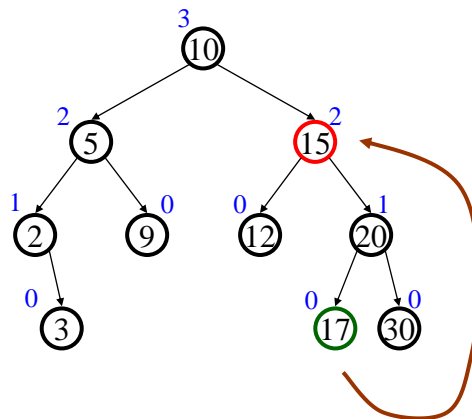
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## Deletion: Pretty Easy Case

Delete(15)



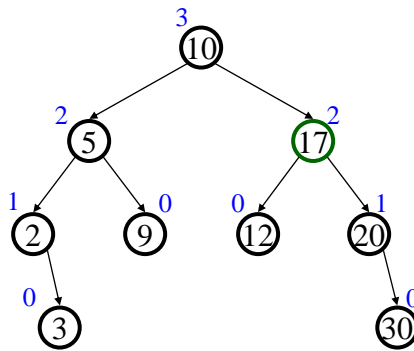
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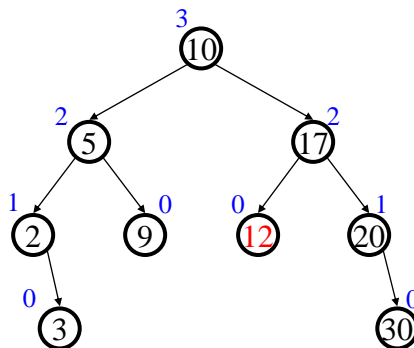
## Deletion: Pretty Easy Case (*cont.*)

Delete(15)

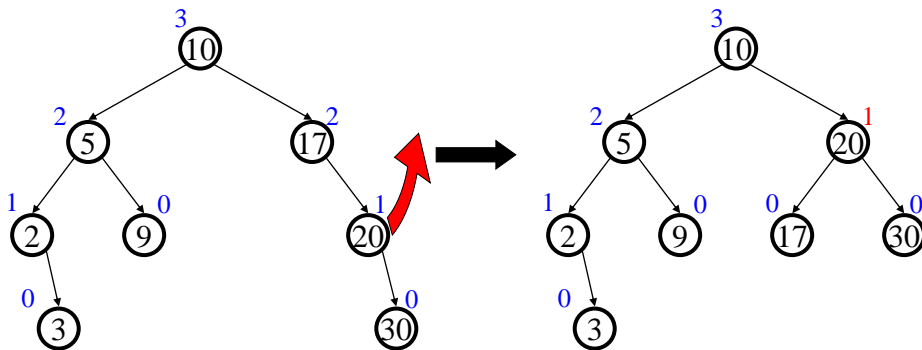


## Deletion (Hard Case #1)

Delete(12)



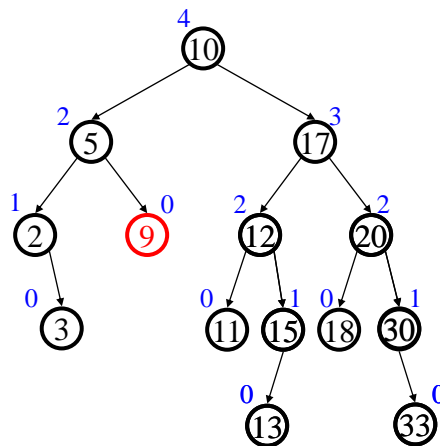
## Single Rotation on Deletion



Deletion can differ from insertion – *How?*

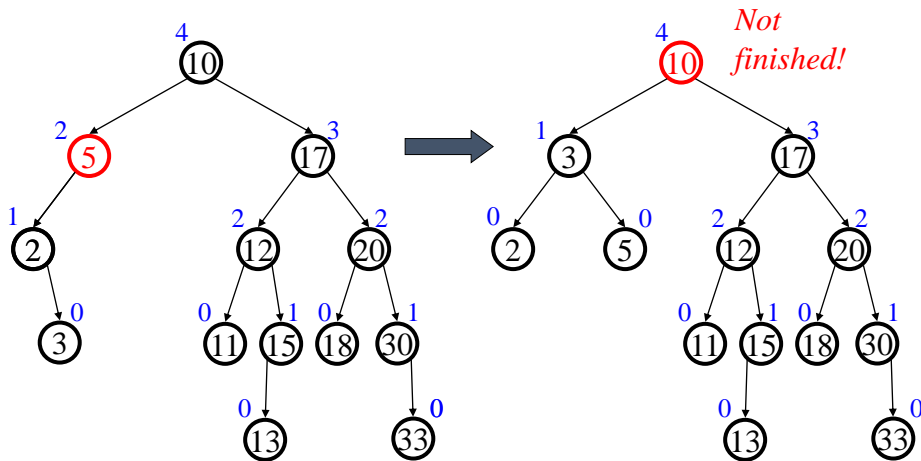
## Deletion (Hard Case)

Delete(9)





## Double Rotation on Deletion

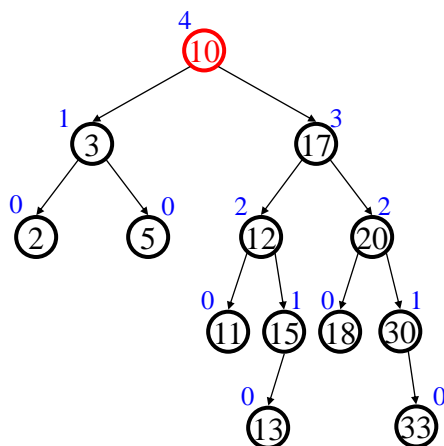


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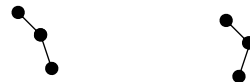
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## Deletion with Propagation



What different about this case?

We get to choose whether to single or double rotate!

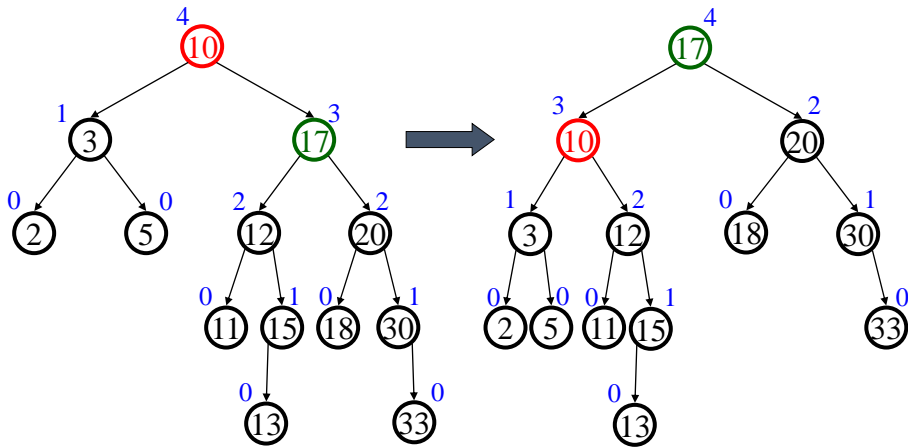


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## Propagated Single Rotation

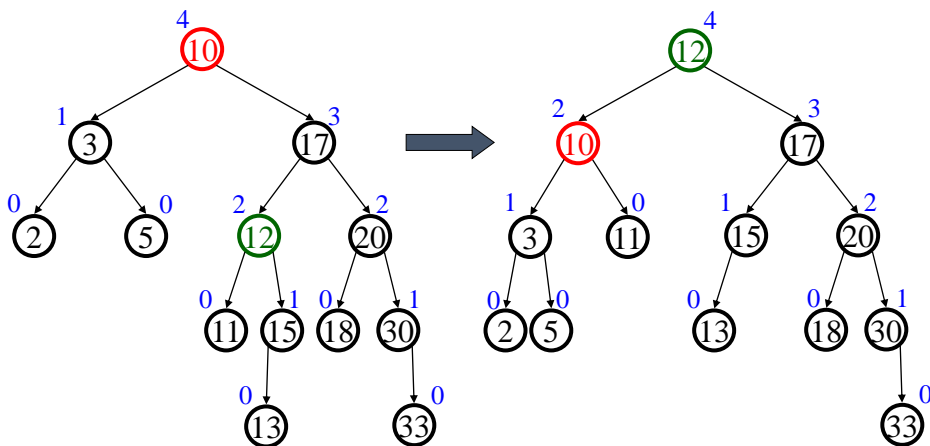


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## Propagated Double Rotation



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# AVL Deletion Algorithm

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recursive           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Search downward for node</li> <li>2. Delete node</li> <li>3. Unwind, correcting heights as we go               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If imbalance #1, single rotate</li> <li>b. If imbalance #2 (or don't care), double rotate</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iterative           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Search downward for node, <b>stacking parent nodes</b></li> <li>2. Delete node</li> <li>3. Unwind stack, correcting heights               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If imbalance #1, single rotate</li> <li>b. If imbalance #2 (or don't care), double rotate</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul> |
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## Building an AVL Tree

Input: sequence of  $n$  keys (unordered)

19 3 4 18 7

Insert each into initially empty AVL tree

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \log i \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \log n = O(n \log n)$$

But, suppose input is already sorted ...

3 4 7 18 19

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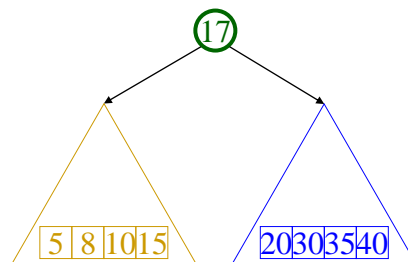
# AVL BuildTree

5	8	10	15	17	20	30	35	40
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## Divide & Conquer

- Divide the problem into parts
- Solve each part recursively
- Merge the parts into a general solution

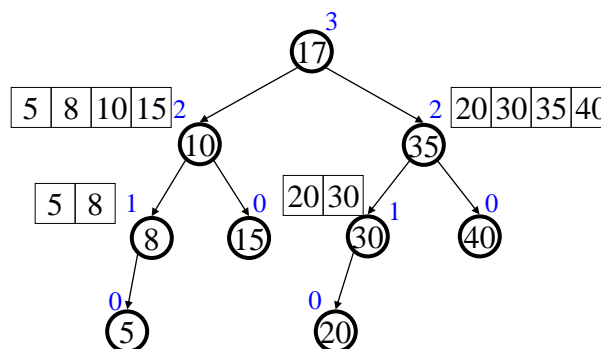
How long does  
divide & conquer take?



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## BuildTree Example

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## Thinking About AVL

### Observations

- + Worst case height of an AVL tree is about  $1.44 \log n$
- + Insert, Find, Delete in worst case  $O(\log n)$
- + Only one (single or double) rotation needed on insertion
- + Compatible with lazy deletion
- $O(\log n)$  rotations needed on deletion
- Height fields must be maintained (or 2-bit balance)

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