

# Weight-Balanced Trees

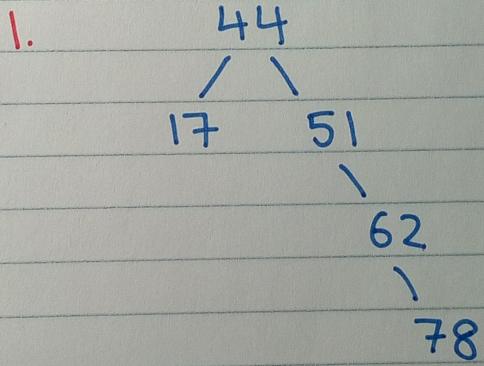
## I. Background

- A weight-balanced BST is another way to achieve  $O(\log n)$  tree height.
- All weight-balanced BSTs have this property:

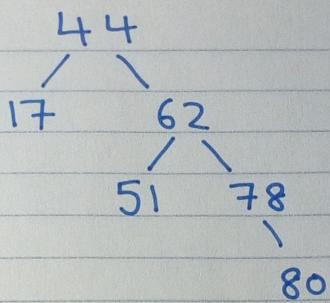
At every node  $v$ ,

1.  $\text{weight}(v.\text{left}) \leq \text{weight}(v.\text{right}) \times 3$
  2.  $\text{weight}(v.\text{right}) \leq \text{weight}(v.\text{left}) \times 3$
- where  $\text{weight}(v) = \text{size}(v) + 1$

- Examples:



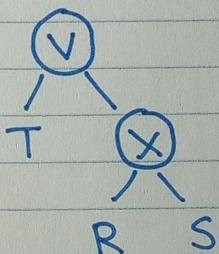
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## 2. Balancing and Rotation:

### 1. Single Rotation CCW:

Consider the diagram below.

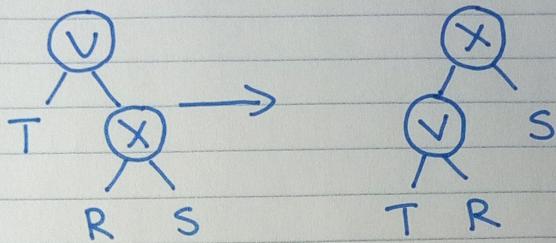


$V$  is right-heavy when  
 $\text{weight}(V.\text{left}) \times 3 < \text{weight}(V.\text{right})$ .

If we need a single rotation, then the tree rooted at  $V.\text{right}$  must not be left heavier.

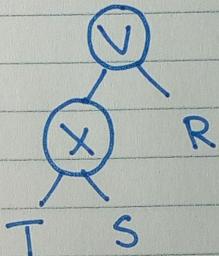
If  $\text{weight}(X.\text{left}) < 2 \times \text{weight}(X.\text{right})$  then we rotate around  $V$ .

The idea is that  $T+R$  should have a combined weight less than  $3 \times \text{weight}(S)$ .



## 2. Single Rotation CW:

Consider the diagram below.

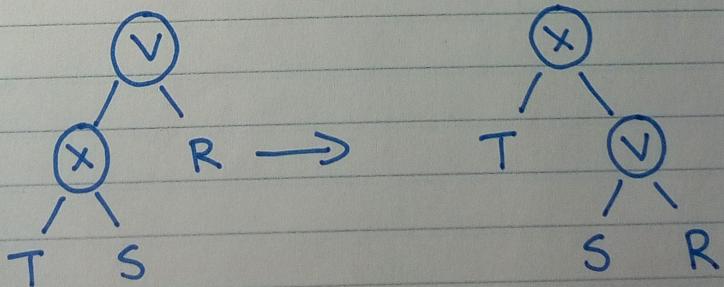


If  $\text{weight}(\text{v.left}) > 3 \times \text{weight}(\text{v.right})$ :

Let  $x = \text{v.left}$

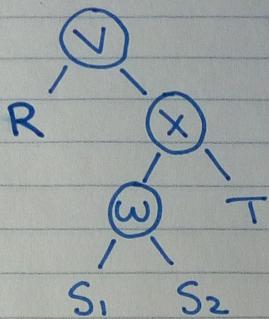
If  $w(x.\text{left}) \times 2 > \text{weight}(x.r)$ :

rotate CW about V



### 3. Double Rotation CW, CCW

Consider the diagram below.



Here, the idea is that  $w$  is too heavy.

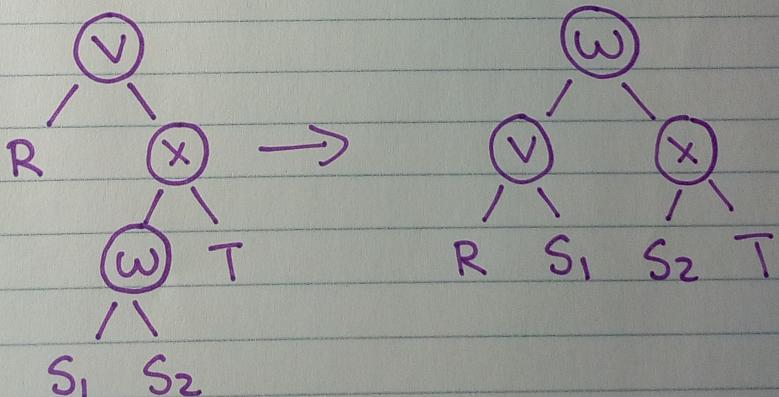
If  $w(v.l) \times 3 < w(v.r)$ :

Let  $x = v.\text{right}$

If  $w(x.l) \geq w(x.r) \times 2$ :

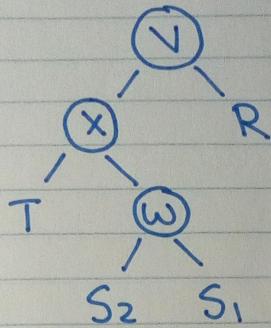
Let  $w = x.\text{left}$

Rotate CW about  $x$ , then CCW about  $v$ .



#### 4. Double Rotation CCW, CW

Consider the diagram below.



If  $w(v.l) > w(v.r) \times 3$ :

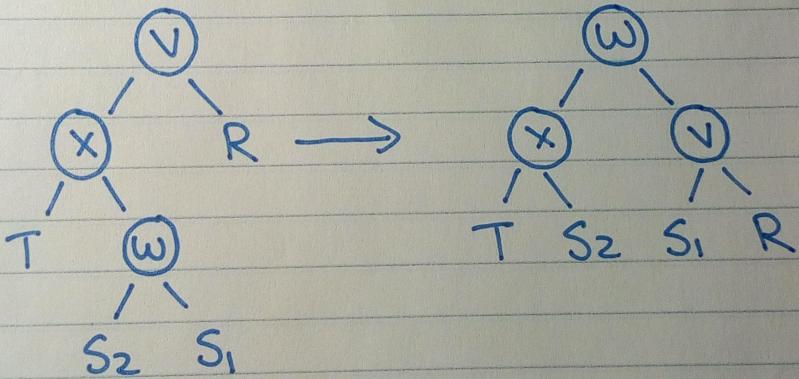
Let  $x = v.\text{left}$

If  $w(x.l) \times 2 \leq w(x.r)$ :

Let  $w = x.\text{right}$

Rotate CCW about x

Rotate CW about v



## 5. Summary of Rebalancing

For each node  $v$  on the path from the new/deleted node back to the root:

If  $w(v.l) \times 3 < w(v.r)$ :

let  $x = v.\text{right}$

if  $w(x.l) < w(x.r) \times 2$ :

Single rotation ccw

else

double rotation cw then ccw

else if  $w(v.l) > w(v.r) \times 3$ :

let  $x = v.\text{left}$

if  $w(x.l) \times 2 > w(x.r)$ :

Single rotation cw

else

double rotation ccw then cw

else

No rotation

### 3. Insertion:

1. Insert as an AVL Tree.
2. Check and fix balance.  $\Theta(\lg n)$  nodes  
Then, update the size from the parent of the new node to the root.  $\Theta(1)$  time per node

In total, it takes  $\Theta(\lg n)$  time.

### 4. Deletion:

1. Find the node that has the key.  
 $\Theta(\lg n)$  time
2. If the node is a leaf, remove and update the balance starting at the node's parent and up to the root.  
 $\Theta(1)$  time
3. Else:
  - a) Replace the key of the node with the successor key.  $\Theta(\lg n)$  time
  - b) Successor's parent adopts successor's right child.  $\Theta(1)$  time
  - c) From the adopter to root, check and fix balance and update size.  
 $\Theta(\lg n)$  time

## 5. WBT Height

Claim:  $h(T) \leq c \times \lg(\text{size}(T) + 1)$

$$\text{where } c = \frac{1}{\lg(4/3)}$$

$h(T)$  is the height of  $T$ .

Proof:

We can do a proof by induction.

Base Case:

$T$  is empty.

$$h(T) = h(\text{empty}) \\ = 0$$

$$c \times \lg(\text{size}(T) + 1) \\ = c \times \lg(\text{size}(0) + 1) \\ = c \times \lg(1) \\ = 0$$

$h(T) \leq c \times \lg(\text{size}(T) + 1)$ , as wanted

Induction Hypothesis:

Suppose for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $0 \leq k < n$ ,  
 the height of every weight-balanced  
 BST of size  $k$  is at most  
 $c \times \lg(k+1)$ .

## Induction Step:

Let  $n_{\text{e}} = \text{size}(T.\text{left})$

Let  $n_{\text{r}} = \text{size}(T.\text{right})$

$$n = n_{\text{e}} + n_{\text{r}} + 1$$

$$n+1 = n_{\text{e}} + n_{\text{r}} + 1 + 1$$

$$\geq \frac{(n_{\text{r}}+1)}{3} + n_{\text{r}} + 1 \quad T \text{ is balanced}$$

$$= \frac{4n_{\text{r}}+4}{3}$$

$$= \frac{4}{3}(n_{\text{r}}+1)$$

$$n_{\text{r}}+1 \leq \frac{3}{4}(n+1)$$

Without loss of generality, assume  $h(T.\text{left}) \leq h(T.\text{right})$ .

$$h(T) = 1 + h(T.\text{right})$$

$$\leq 1 + c \cdot \lg(n_{\text{r}}+1) \quad \text{By I.H.}$$

$$\leq 1 + c \cdot \lg\left(\frac{3}{4}(n+1)\right)$$

$$= 1 + c \cdot \lg\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) + c \cdot \lg(n+1)$$

$$= 1 + (-1) + c \cdot \lg(n+1)$$

$$= c \cdot \lg(n+1)$$

$$= c \cdot \lg(\text{size}(T)+1), \text{ as wanted}$$