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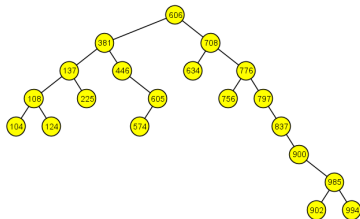


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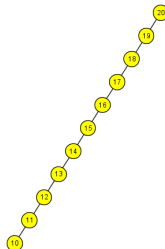


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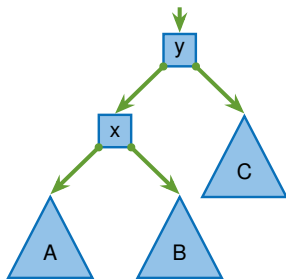


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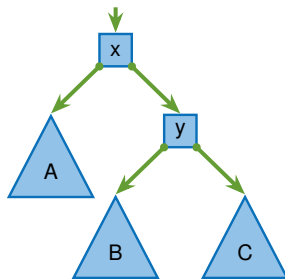


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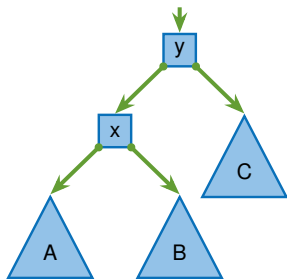


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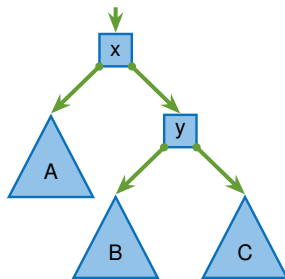


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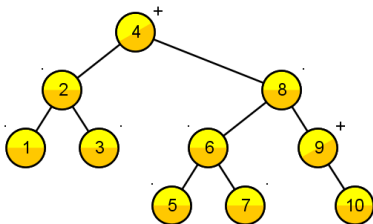


Figure: Inserting 1, ..., 10 into an AVL-tree [Gna]

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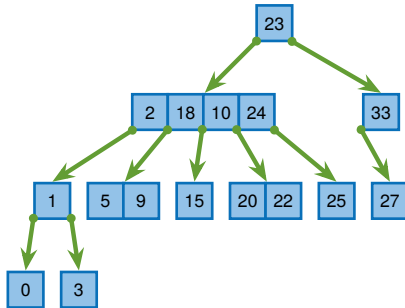


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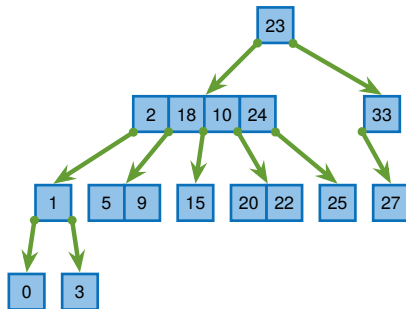


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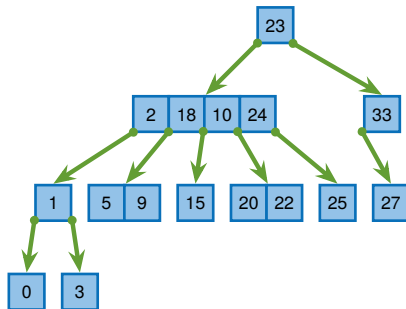


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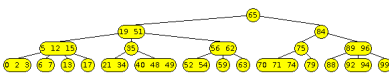
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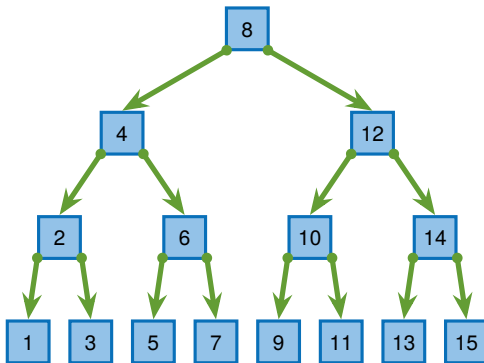


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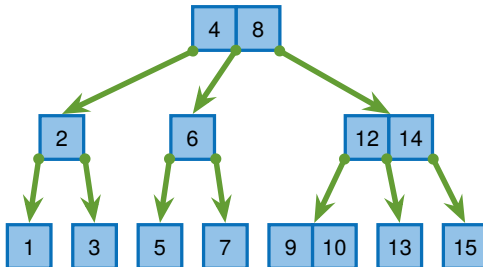


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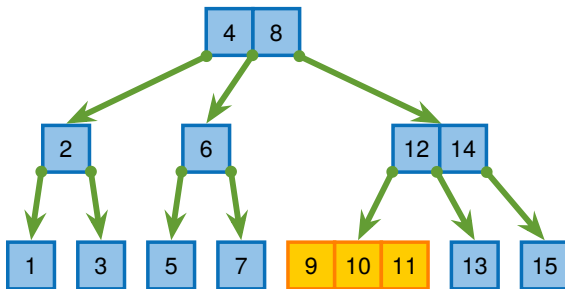


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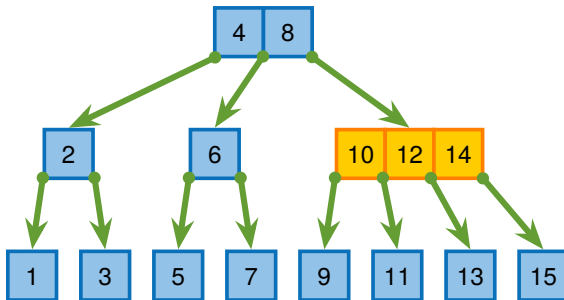


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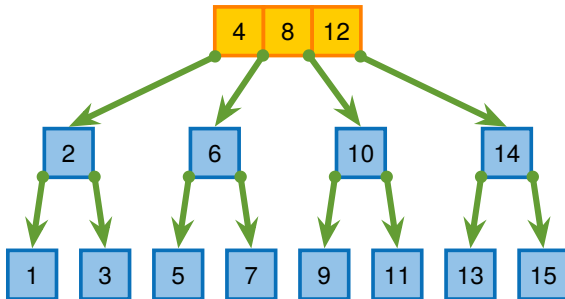


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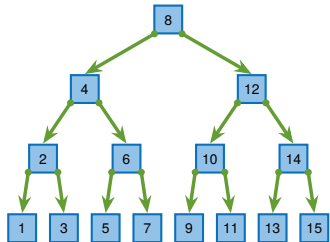


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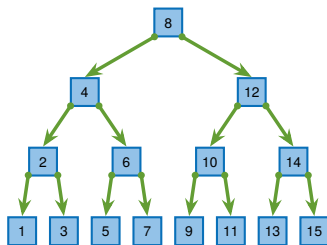


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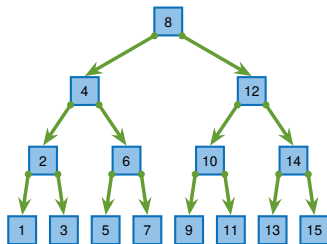


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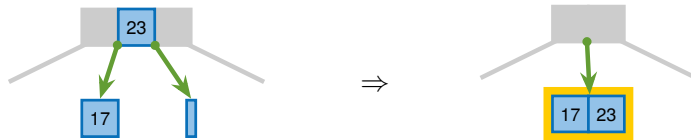


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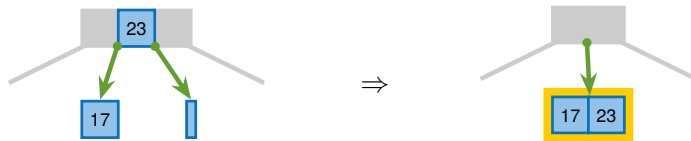


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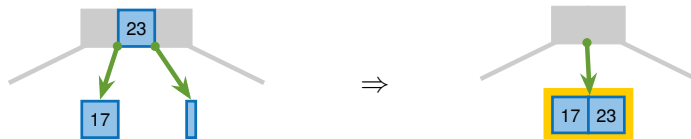


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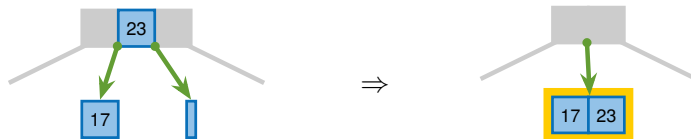


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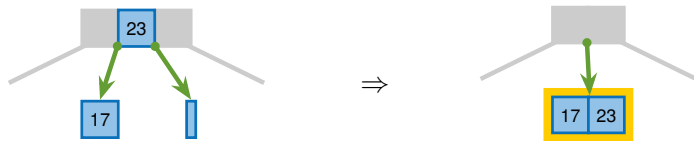


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