

# Data Structures and Algorithms

## Balancing Act

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# Outline

## Binary Search Tree (BST): A Quick Revision

### The Importance of a **Balanced** BST

- To keep  $h = O(\log n)$

### Adelson-Velskii Landis (AVL) Tree

- Principle of “Height-Balanced”
- Keeping AVL Tree balanced via rotations
- Code is shown but not given (try this during PS2)

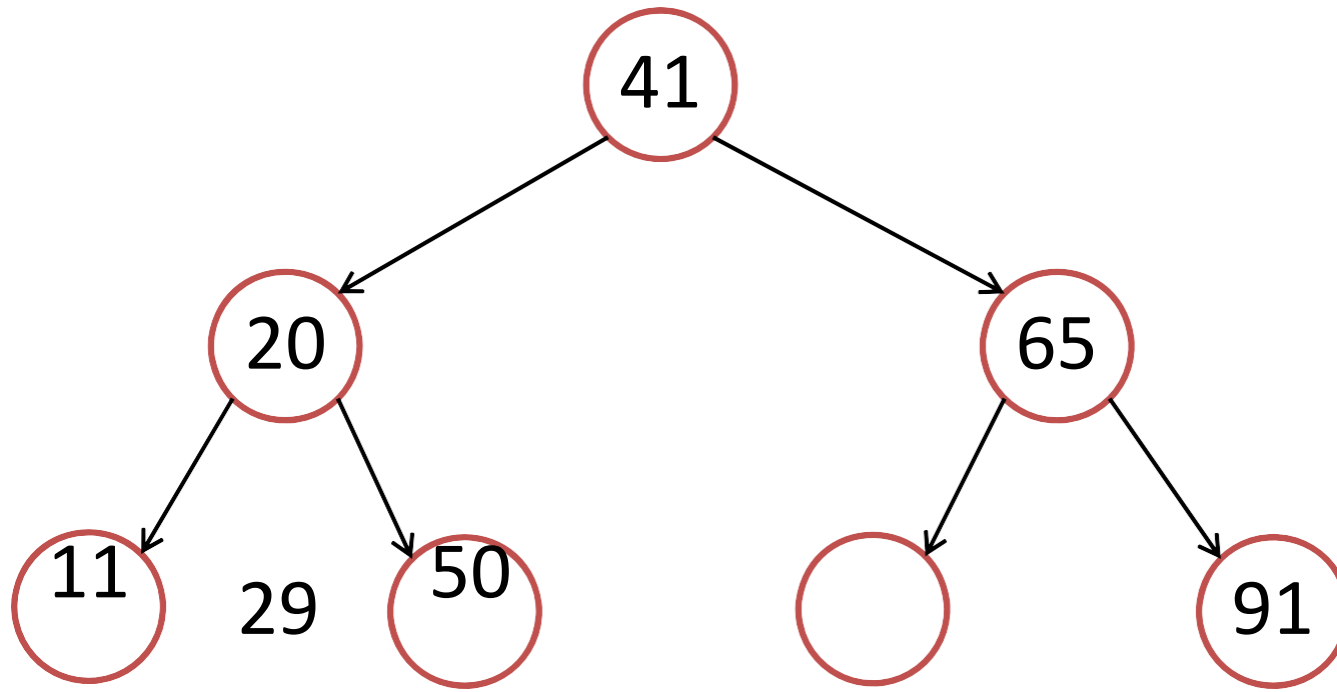
### Relation with CS2010 PS2: “The Baby Names Problem”

Reference in CP3 book: Page 43-47 + 380-382



# Binary Search Trees: Quick Review

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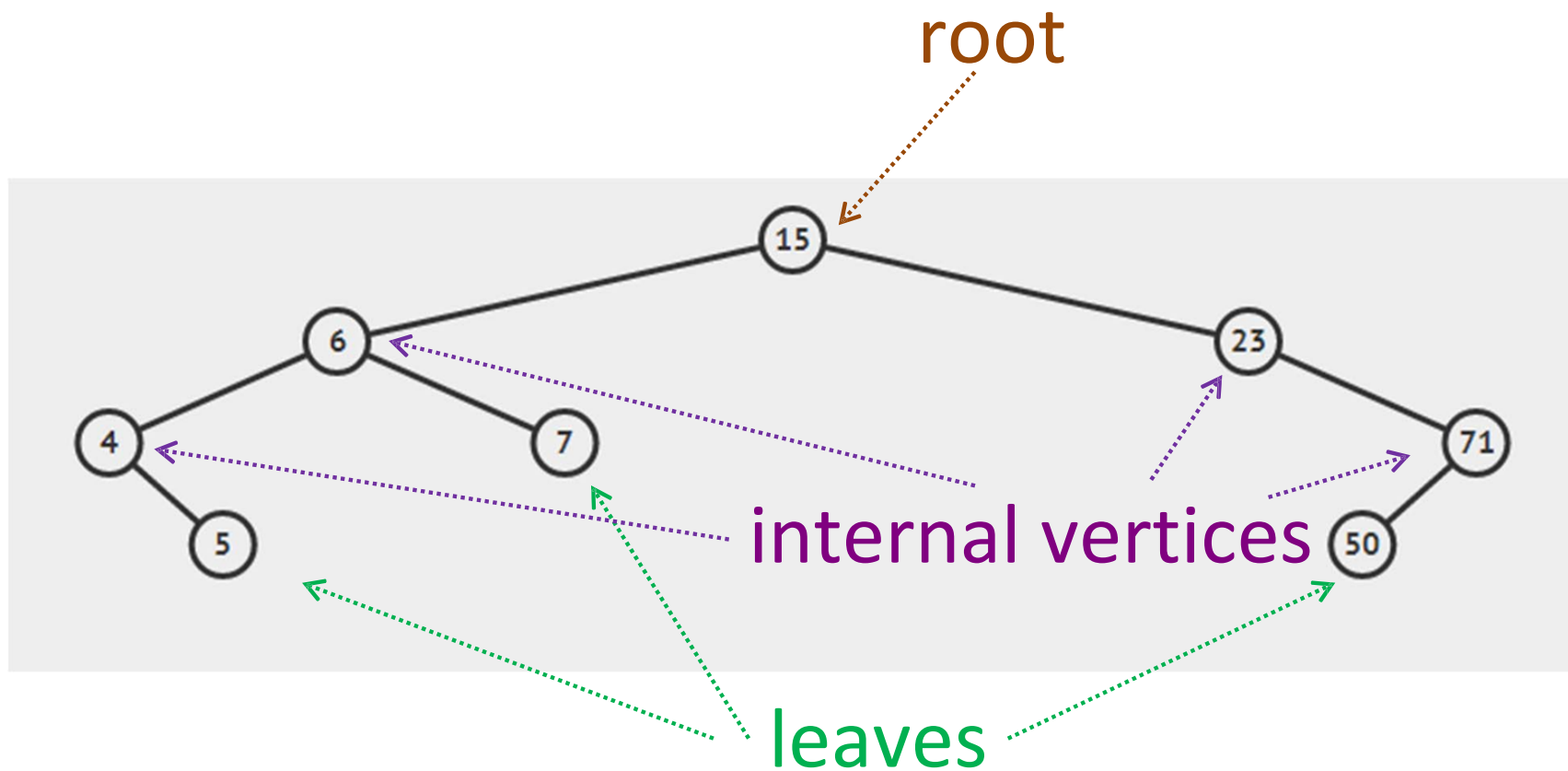


- Vertex  $x$  has two children:  **$x.left$** ,  **$x.right$**  and one parent:  **$x.parent$** 
  - $x.left/x.right/x.parent$  can be *null* for some vertices
- Vertex  $x$  has a key:  **$x.key$**
- **BST Property**: all keys in left sub-tree  $< x.key <$  all keys in right sub-tree

# BST Web-based Review

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<http://visualgo.net/bst.html>



# More BST Attributes: Height and Size

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Two more attributes at each BST vertex: Height and Size

Height: #edges on the path from this vertex to deepest leaf

Size: #vertices of the subtree rooted at this vertex

These values can be computed recursively:

$x.\text{height} = -1$  (if  $x$  is an empty tree)

$x.\text{height} = \max(x.\text{left}.\text{height}, x.\text{right}.\text{height}) + 1$  (all other cases)

$x.\text{size} = 0$  (if  $x$  is an empty tree)

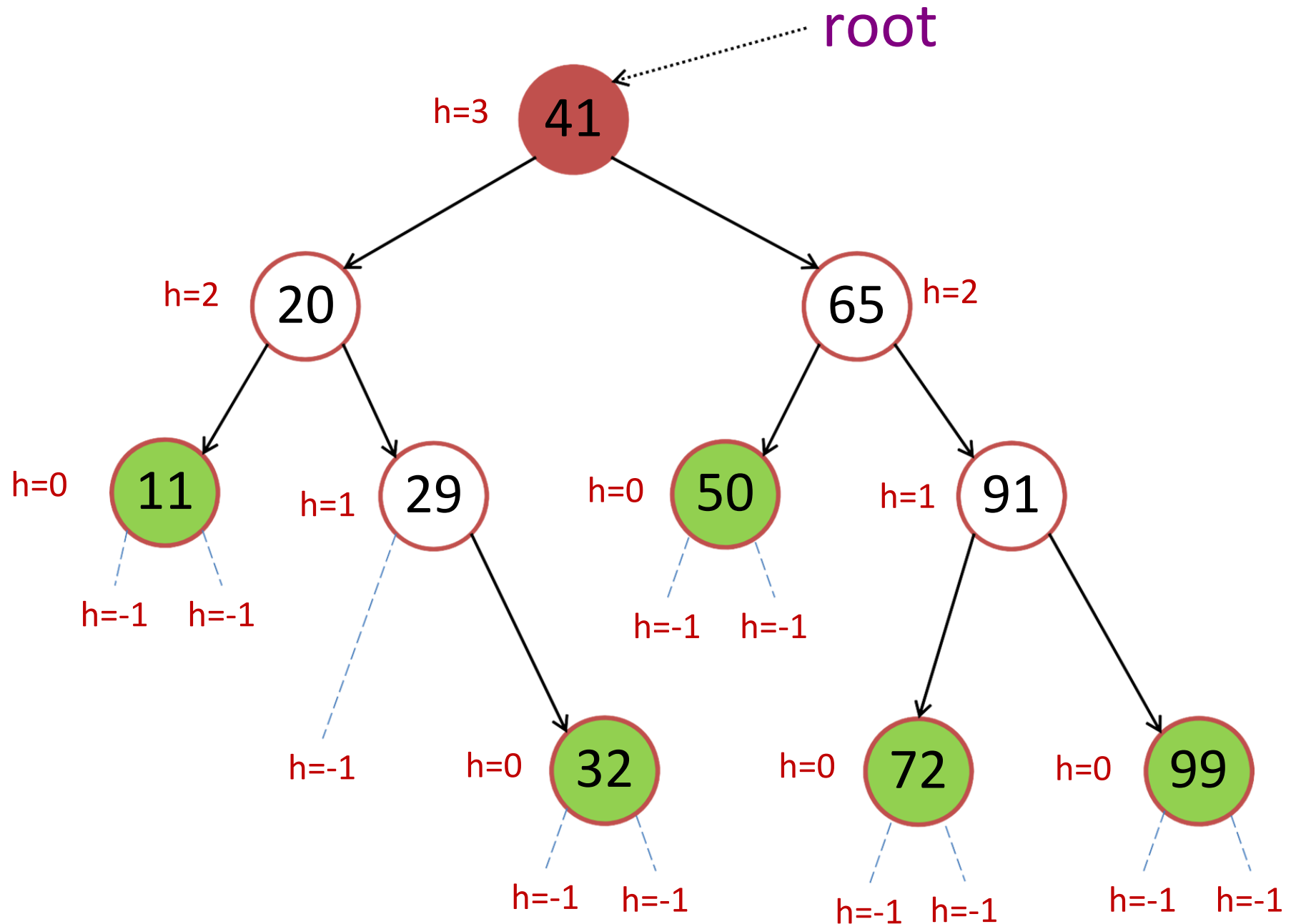
$x.\text{size} = x.\text{left}.\text{size} + x.\text{right}.\text{size} + 1$  (all other cases)

The height of the BST is thus:  $\text{root}.\text{height}$

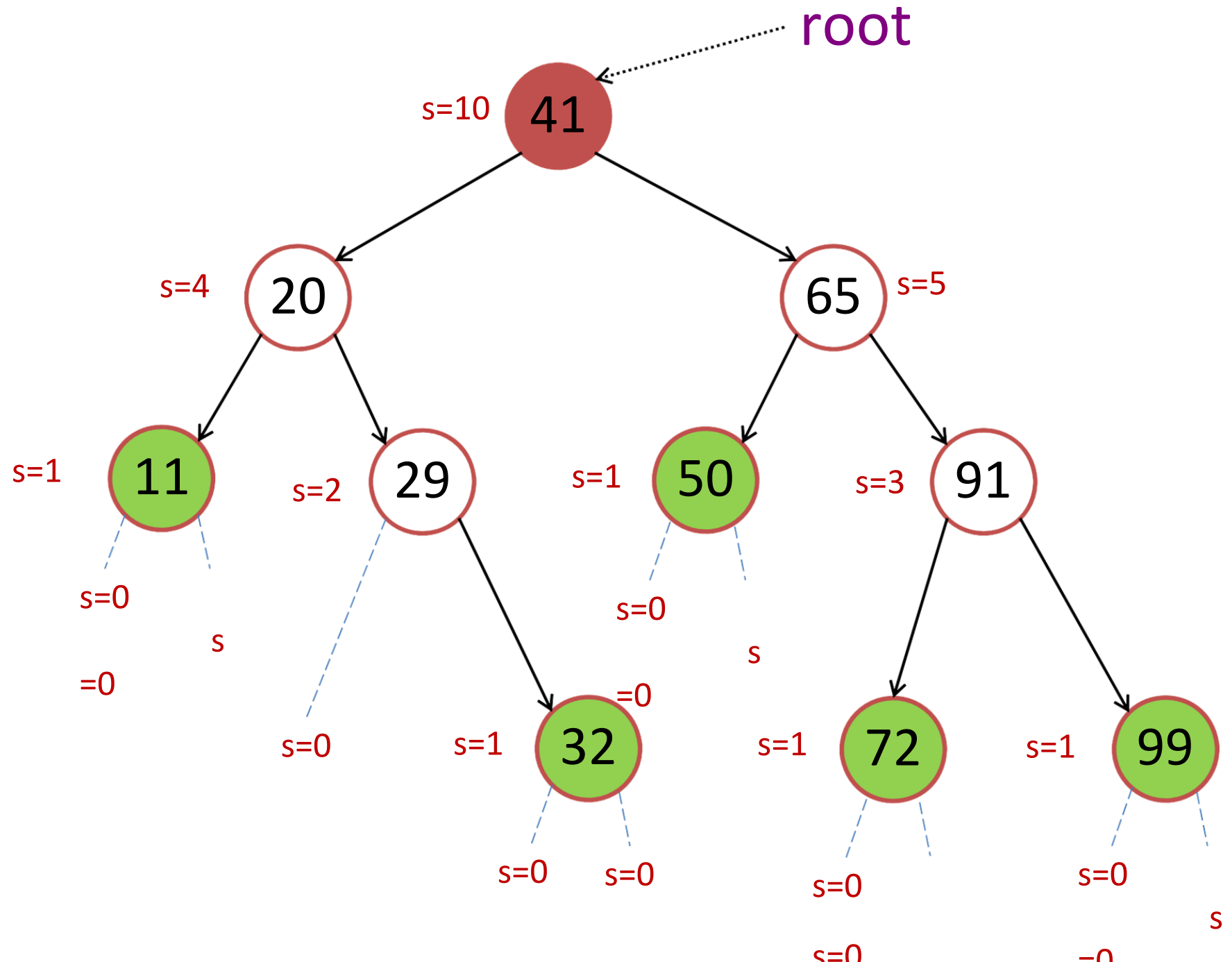
The size of the BST is thus:  $\text{root}.\text{size}$



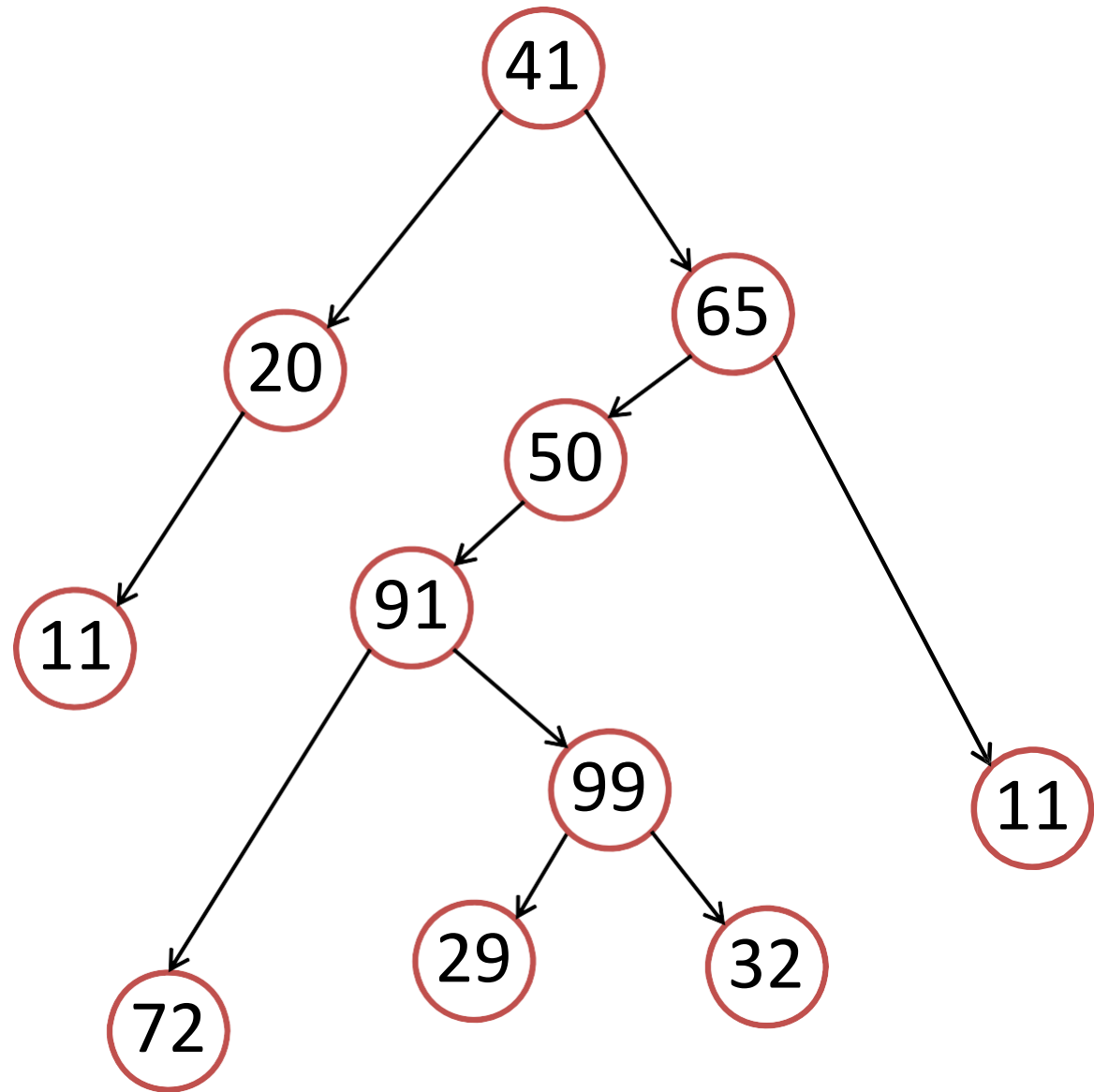
# Binary Search Trees: Height (h)



# Binary Search Trees: Size (s)



The height of this tree  
is?



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2.

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3.

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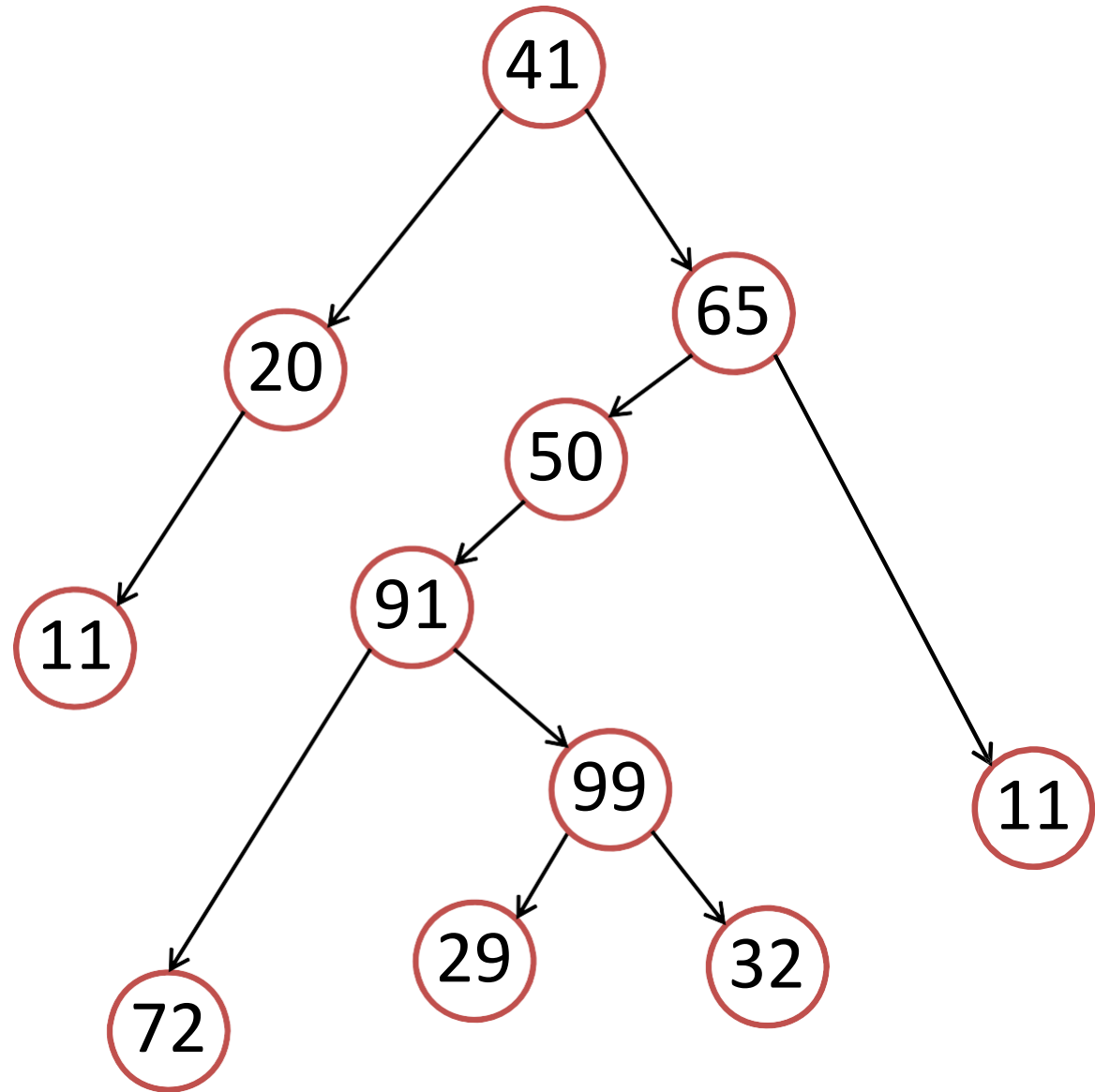
4.

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The size of this tree  
is?



1.

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2.

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3.

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4.

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5.

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# Binary Search Tree: Summary

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Operations that **modify** the BST (*dynamic* data structure):

- insert:  $O(h)$
- delete:  $O(h)$

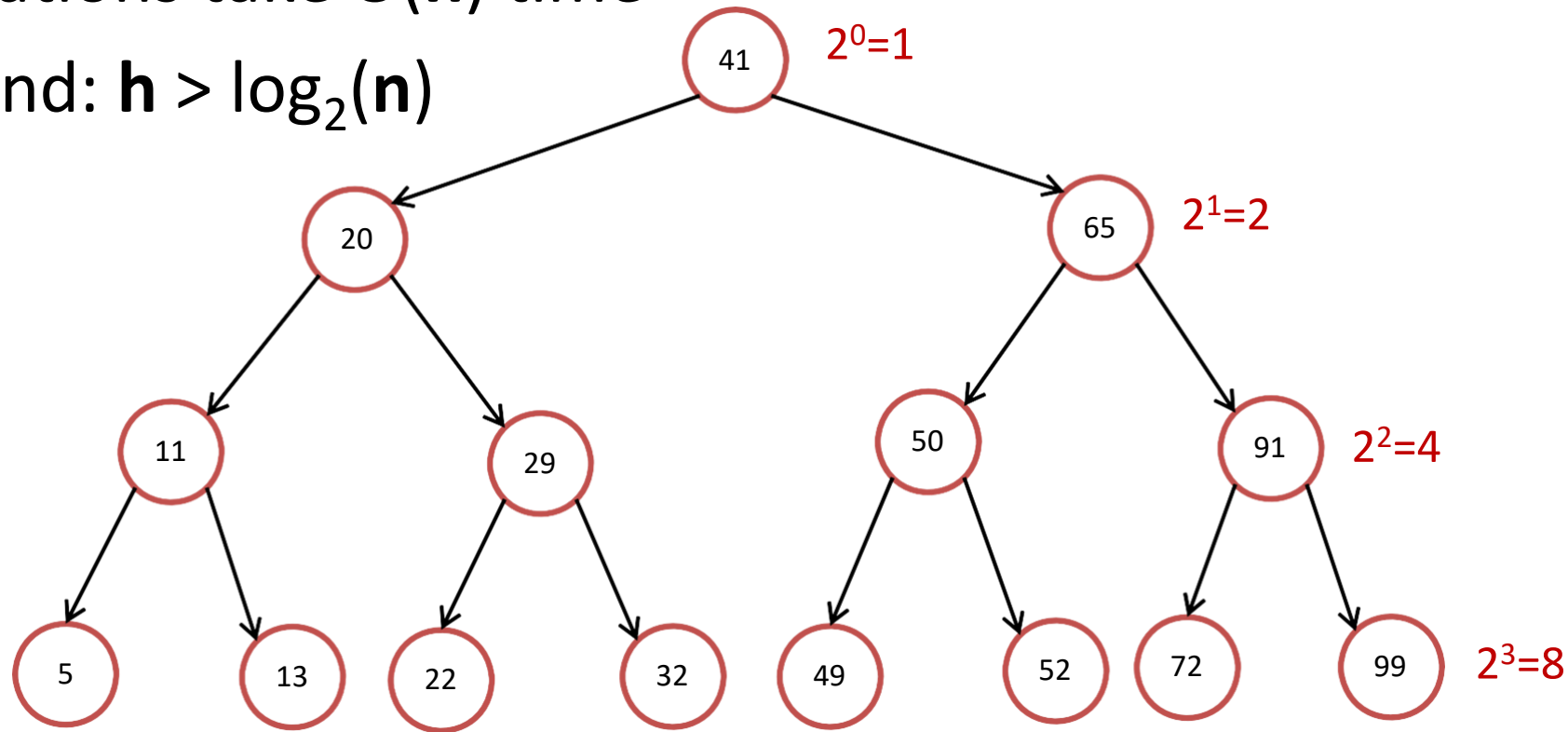
Query operations (the BST structure remains the same):

- search:  $O(h)$
- findMin, findMax:  $O(h)$
- predecessor, successor:  $O(h)$
- inorder traversal:  $O(n)$  – the only one that does not depend on  $h$ 
  - PS: We also have preorder and postorder traversals for tree structure (discussed in tutorial)
- select/rank: ? (we have not discuss this yet)

# The Importance of Being Balanced

Most operations take  $O(h)$  time

Lower bound:  $h > \log_2(n)$



$$n \leq 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^h$$

$$\leq 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^h < 2^{h+1} \text{ (sum of geometric progression)}$$

$$\log_2(n) < \log_2(2^{h+1}) \quad ? \quad \log_2(n) < (h+1) * \log_2(2) \quad ? \quad h > \log_2(n) - 1$$

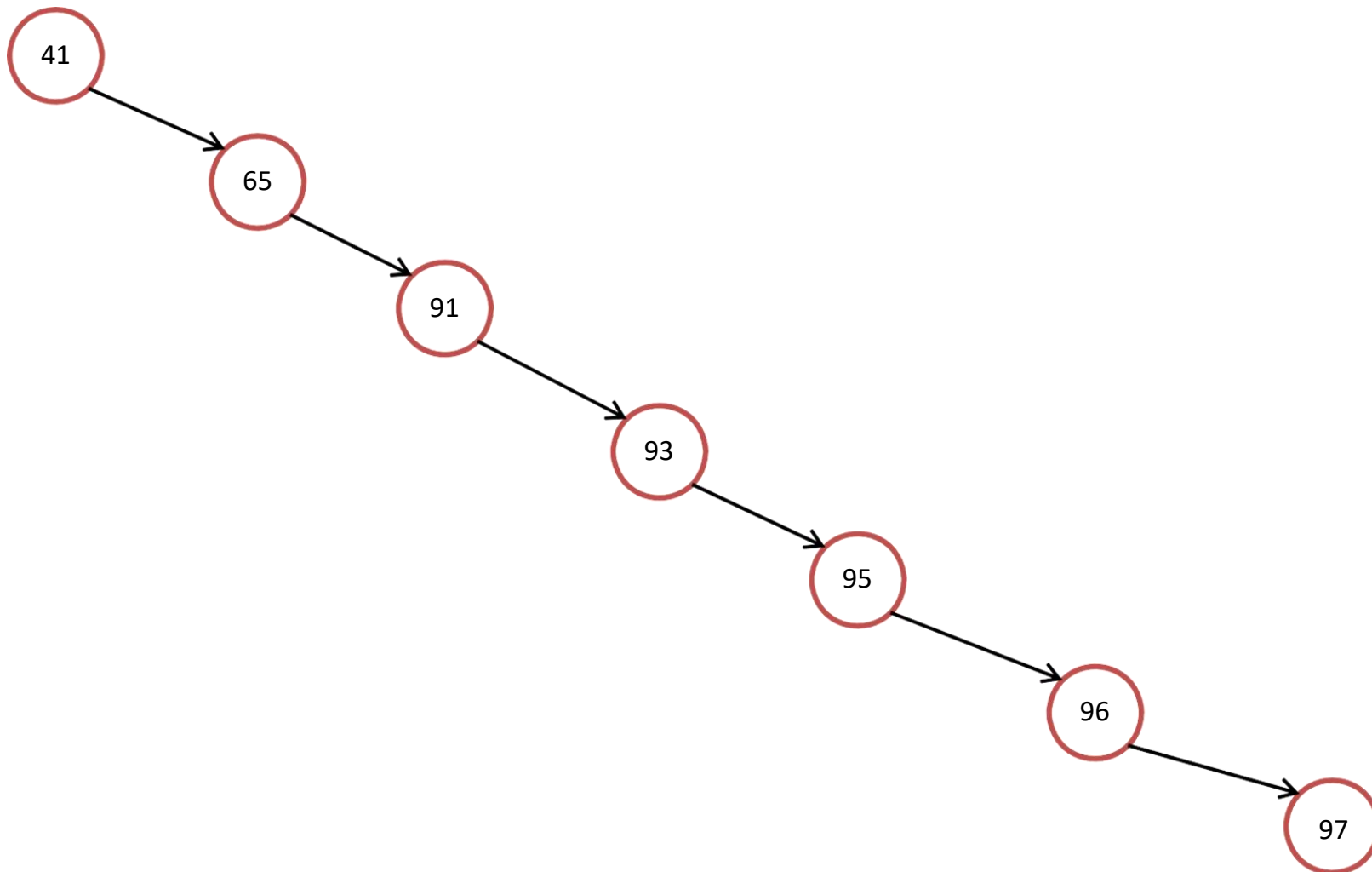
$$? \quad h > \log_2(n)$$

# The Importance of Being Balanced

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Most operations take  $O(h)$  time

Upper bound:  $h \leq n-1$  ?  $h < n$



# The Importance of Being Balanced

Most operations take  $O(h)$  time

Combined bound:  $\log_2(n) < h < n$

$\log_2(n)$  versus  $n$  in picture (revisited with larger numbers):

$n = 500$



If we just stop at CS1020

$\log_2(n) \sim 9$



After learning CS2010



If we just stop at CS1020

$n = 1000$



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$\log_2(n) \sim 10$

We say a BST is balanced if  $h = O(\log n)$ , i.e.  $O(\underline{c} * \log n)$

On a balanced BST, all operations run in  $O(\log n)$  time

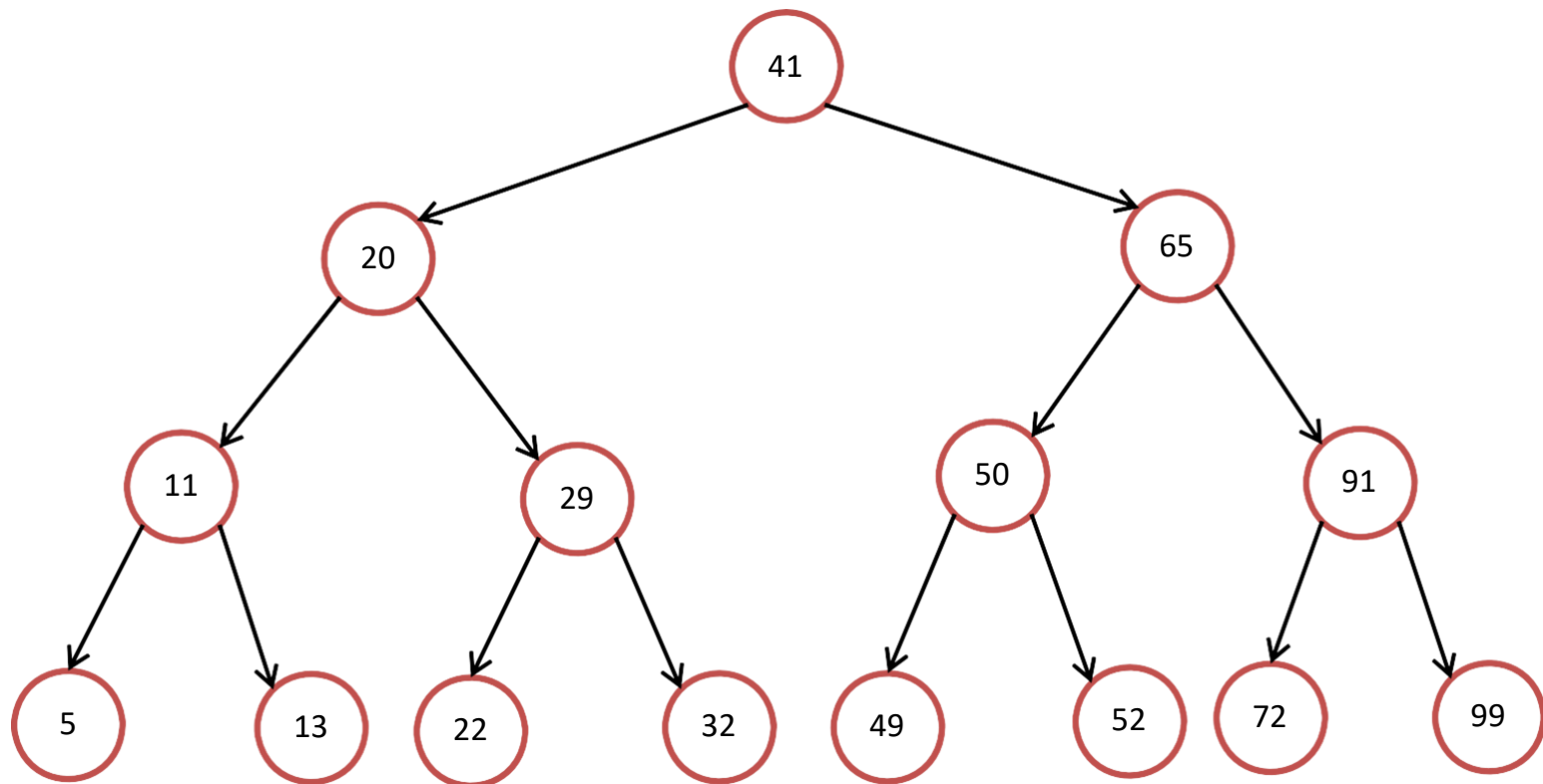


# The Importance of Being Balanced

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Example of a perfectly balanced BST:

This is hard to achieve though...



# The Importance of Being Balanced

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How to get a balanced tree:

- Define a good property of a tree
- Show that if the good property holds, then the tree is **balanced**
- After every insert/delete, make sure the good property still holds
  - If not, fix it!

Adelson-Velskii & Landis, 1962 (~53 years ago...  
:O)

Can be a little bit frustrating if you are not comfortable with  
recursion Hang on...

# **AVL TREES**

# AVL Trees [Adelson-Velskii & Landis 1962]

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## Step 1: Augment (i.e. add more information)

In every vertex  $x$ , we also store its height:  **$x.height$**

(Note that  $x$  already has:  **$x.left$** ,  **$x.right$** ,  **$x.parent$** , and  **$x.key$** )

During insertion and deletion, we *also* update  
**height:**

```
insert(x, y) same as before ...
```

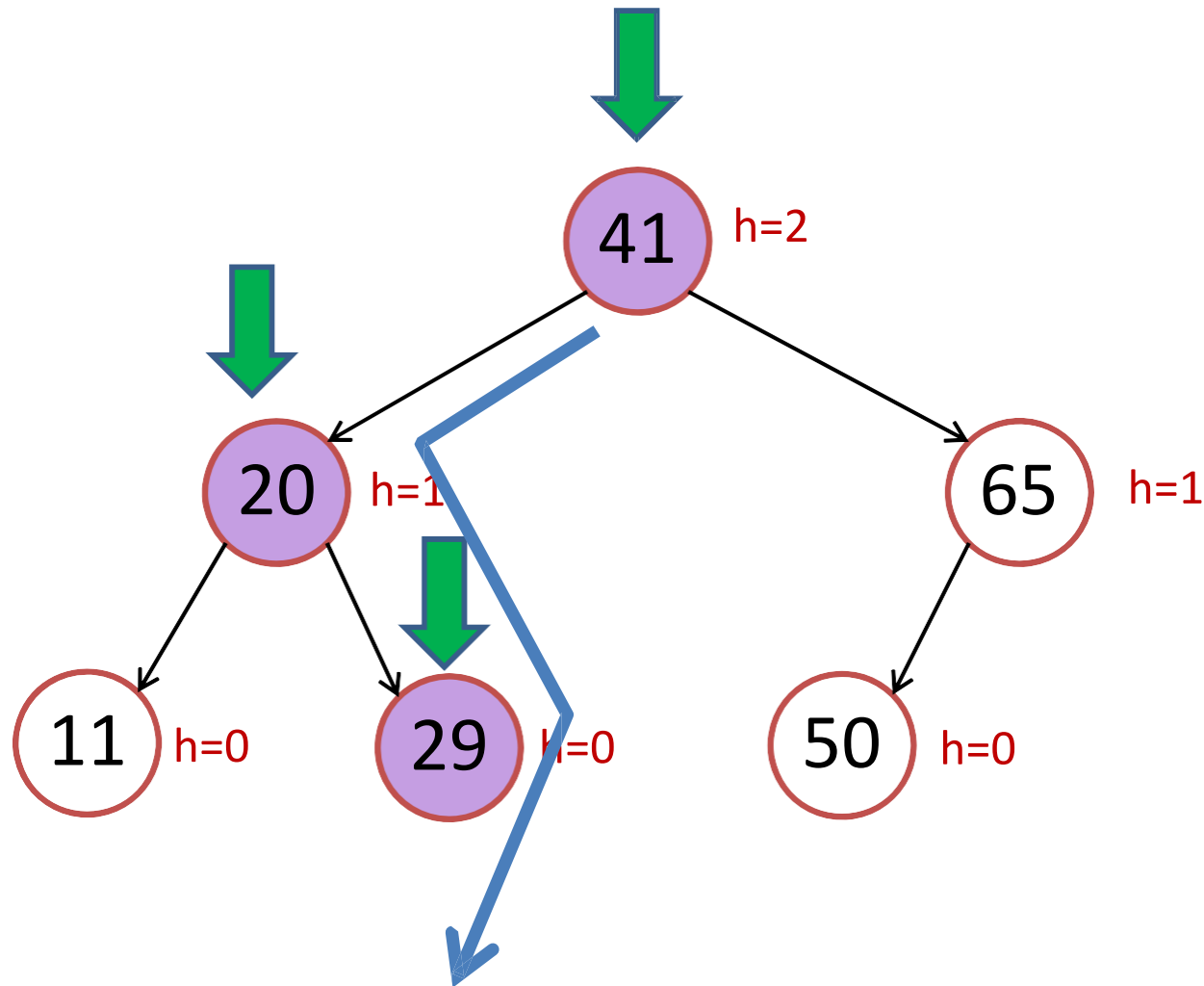
```
    x.height = max(x.left.height, x.right.height) + 1
```

```
// update height during deletion too (same as above)
```

# Binary Search Trees

Height of empty trees are ignored in this illustration (all -1)

insert(27)

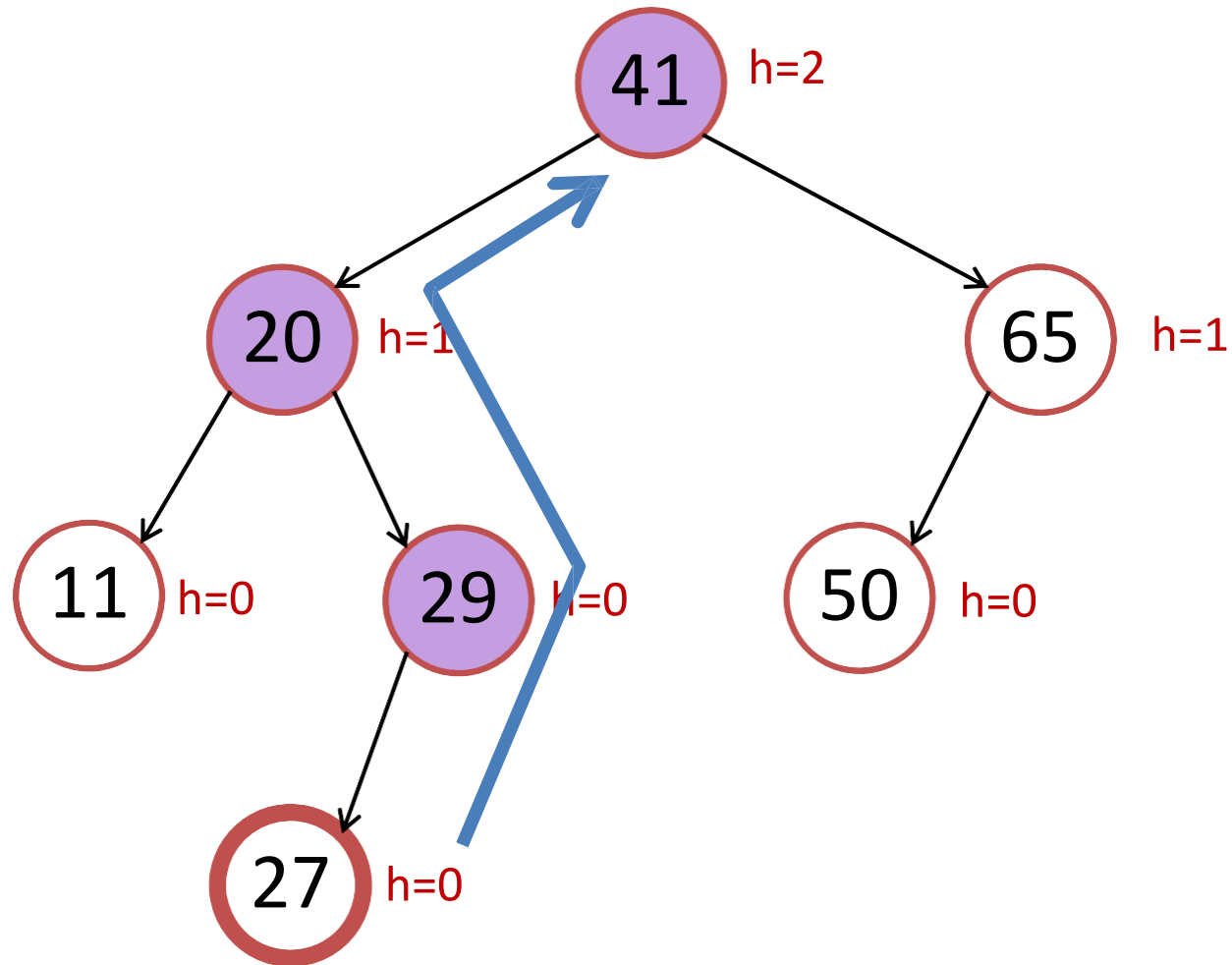


Height information during insertion/deletion is not shown in VisuAlgo (yet)

# Binary Search Trees

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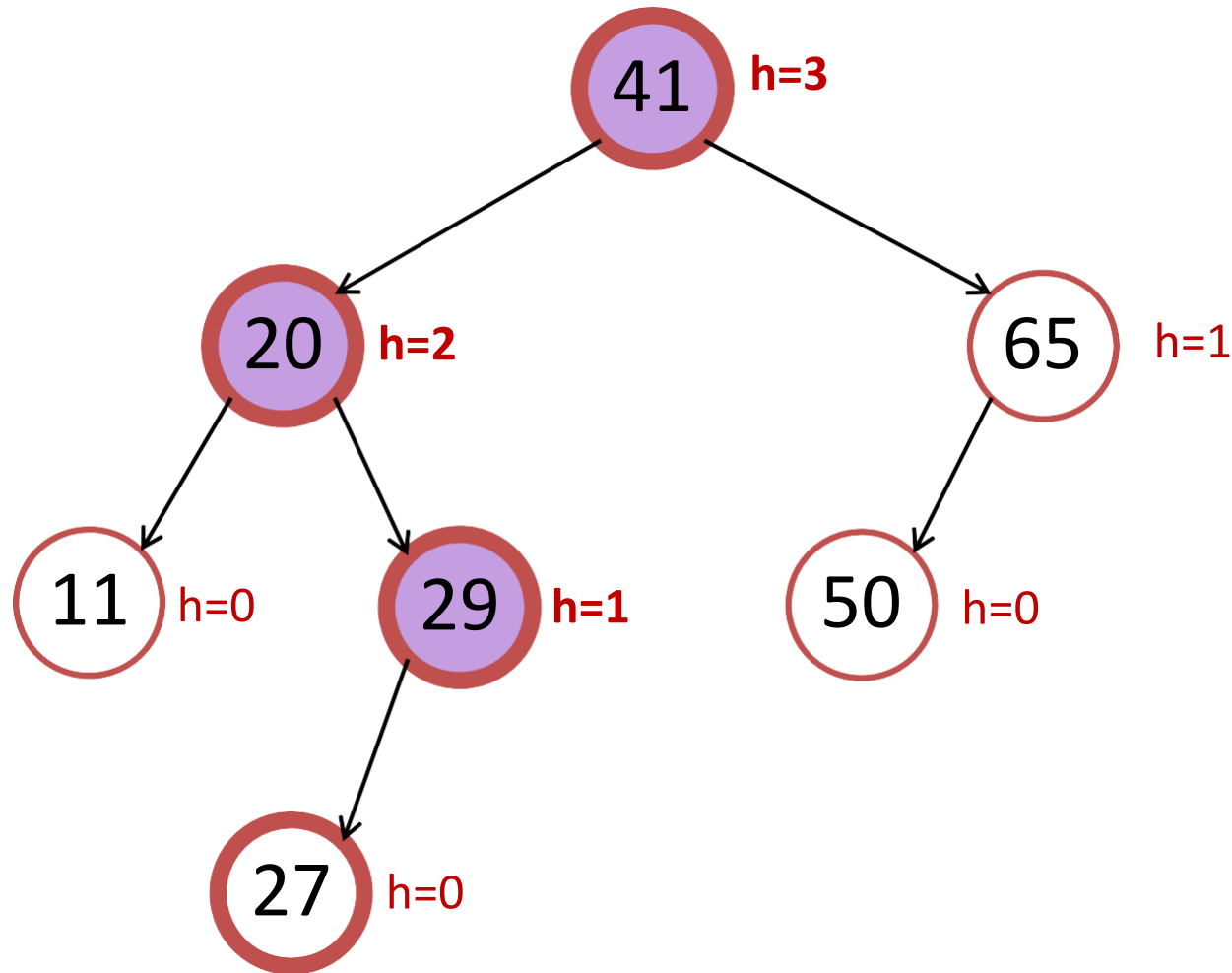
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# Binary Search Trees

insert(27)

Notice that only vertices along the insertion path may have their height attribute updated...



# AVL Trees [Adelson-Velskii & Landis 1962]

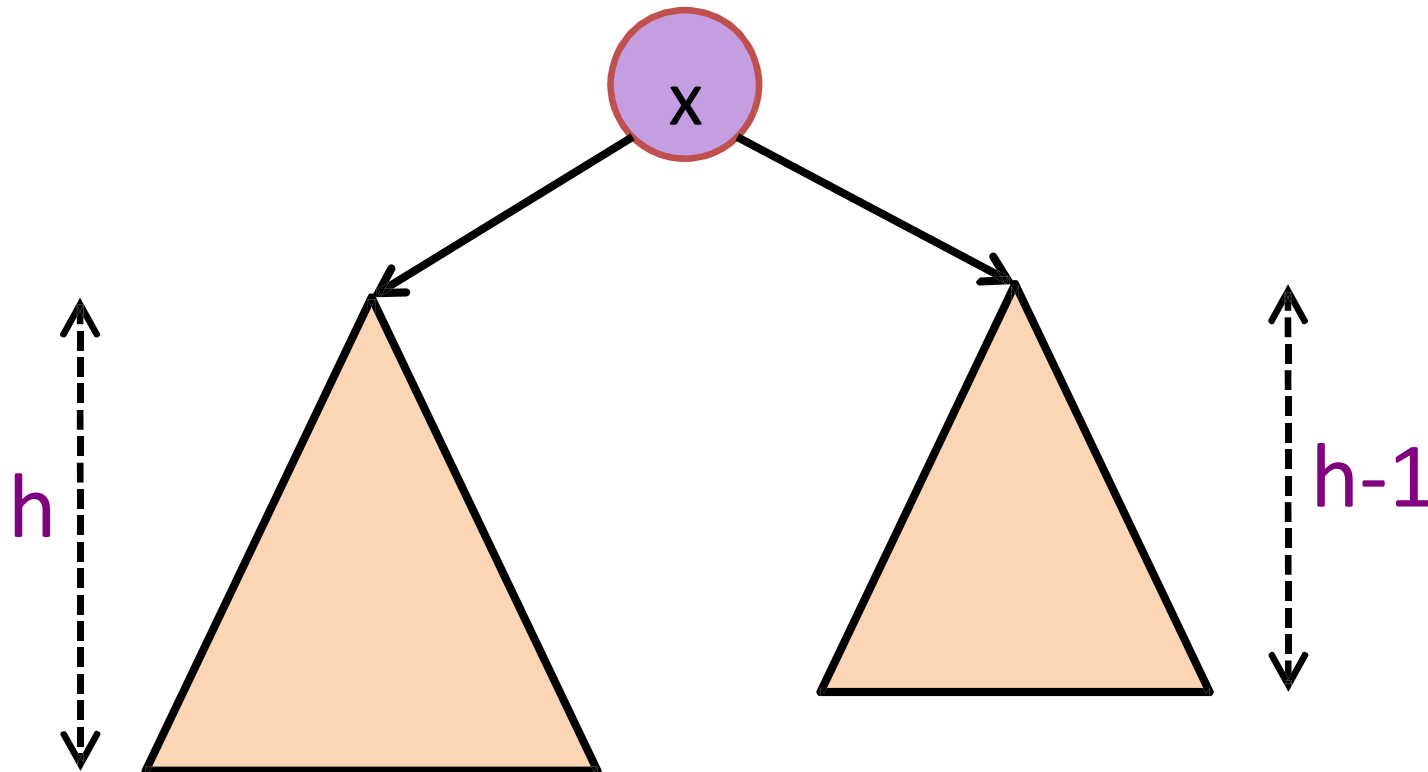
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Step 2: Define Invariant (something that will not change)

A vertex  $x$  is said to be height-balanced if:

$$|x.\text{left.height} - x.\text{right.height}| \leq 1$$

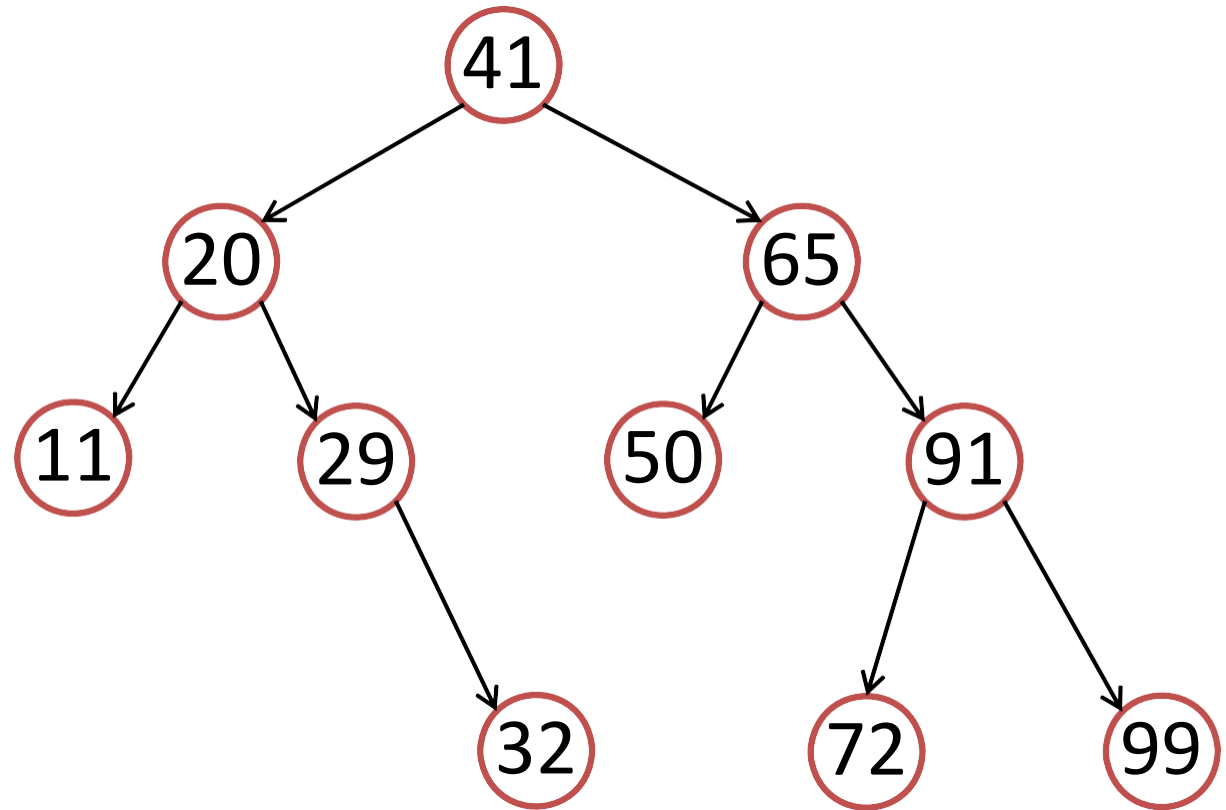
An binary search tree is said to be height balanced if:  
*every vertex* in the tree is height-balanced





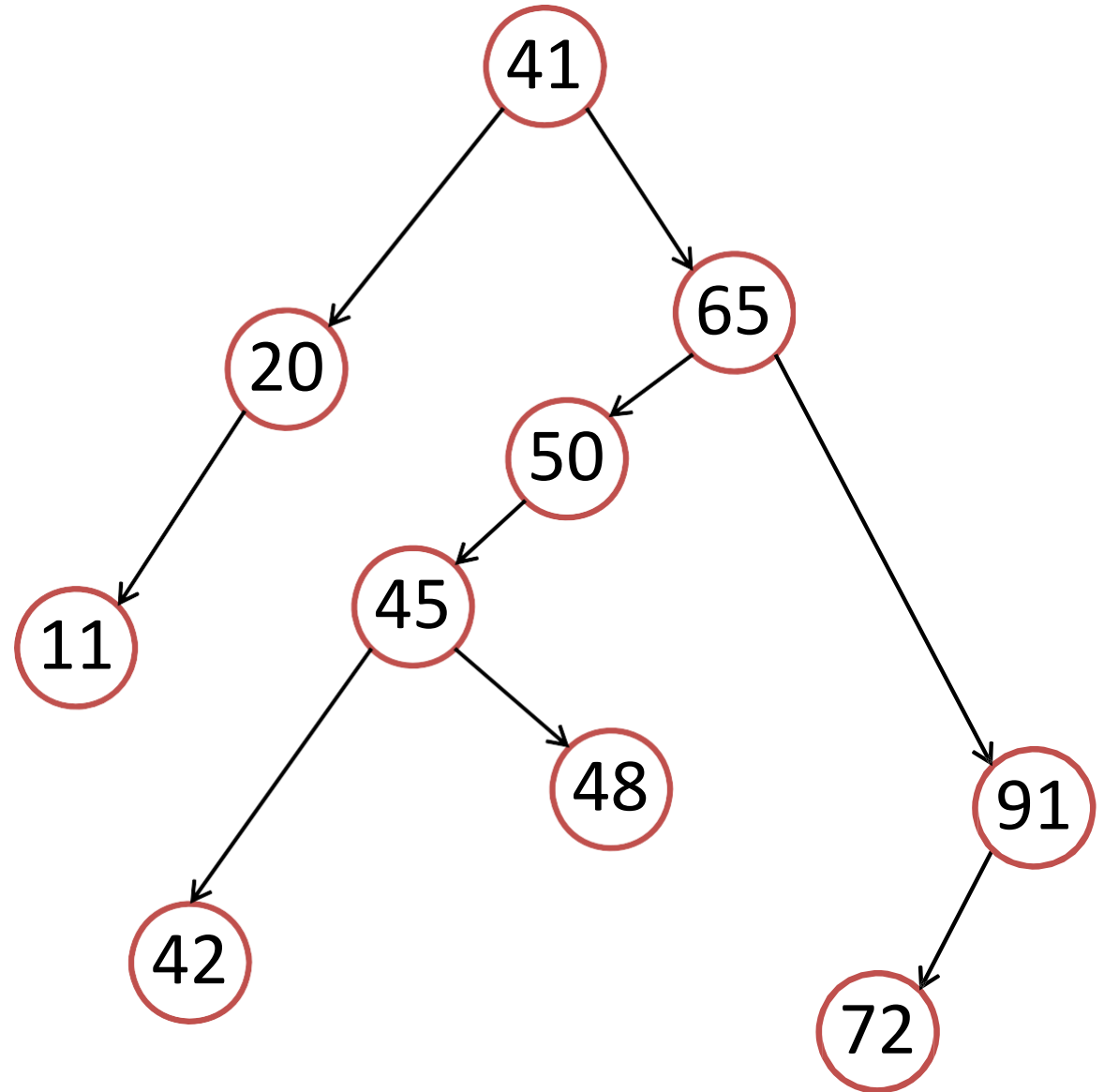
# Is this tree height-balanced according to AVL?

1. Yes
2. No
3. I am confused...  
☹️



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# Height-Balanced Trees

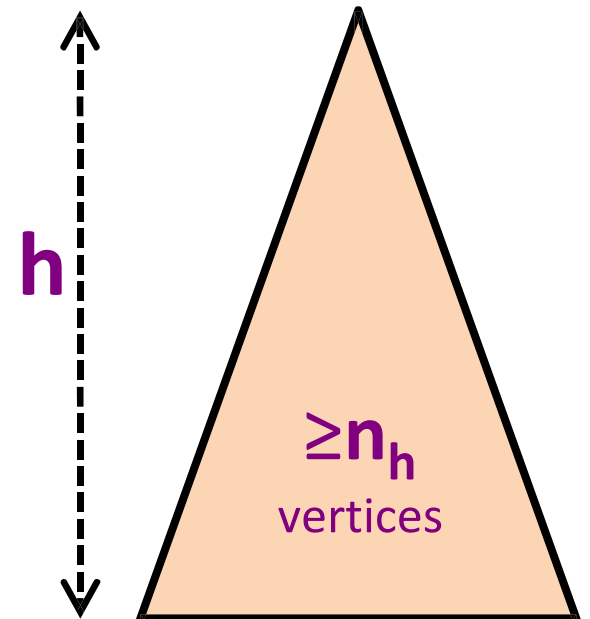
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Claim:

A height-balanced tree with  $n$  vertices  
has height  $h < 2 * \log_2(n)$

Proof (do not be scared):

Let  $n_h$  be the minimum number of vertices  
in a height-balanced tree of height  $h$



# Height-Balanced Trees

Proof:

Let  $n_h$  be the minimum number of vertices in a height-balanced tree of height  $h$

$$n_h = 1 + n_{h-1} + n_{h-2}$$

$$n_h > 1 + 2n_{h-2} \text{ (as } n_{h-1} > n_{h-2} \text{)}$$

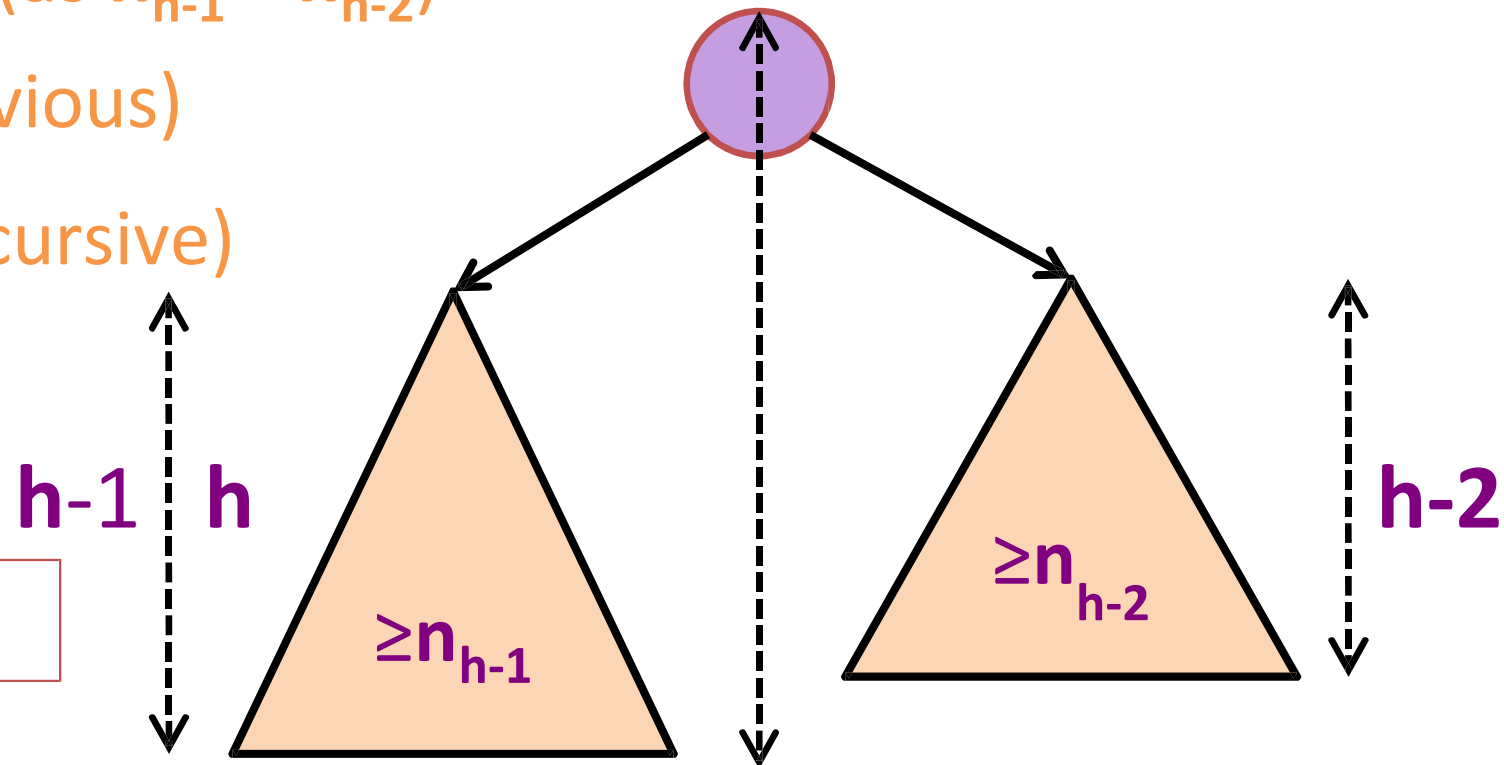
$$n_h > 2n_{h-2} \text{ (obvious)}$$

$$= 4n_{h-4} \text{ (recursive)}$$

$$= 8n_{h-6}$$

$$= \dots$$

Base case:  $n_0$   
 $= 1$



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$$= \dots$$

As each step we reduce  $h$  by 2,  
Then we need to do this step  $h/2$  times  
to reduce  $h$  (assume  $h$  is even) to 0

Base case:  $n_0$   
 $= 1$

$$n_h > 2^{h/2} n_0$$

$$n_h > 2^{h/2}$$

# Height-Balanced Trees

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Claim:

A height-balanced tree is balanced,  
i.e. has height  $h = O(\log(n))$

We have shown that:  $n_h > 2^{h/2}$  and  $n \geq n_h$

$$n \geq n_h > 2^{h/2}$$

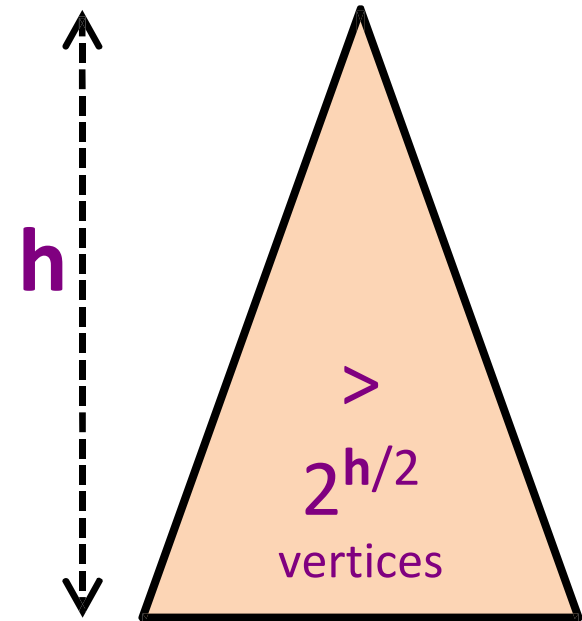
$$n > 2^{h/2}$$

$$\log_2(n) > \log_2(2^{h/2}) \text{ (}\log_2 \text{ on both side)}$$

$$\log_2(n) > h/2 \text{ (formula simplification)}$$

$$2 * \log_2(n) > h \text{ or } h < 2 * \log_2(n)$$

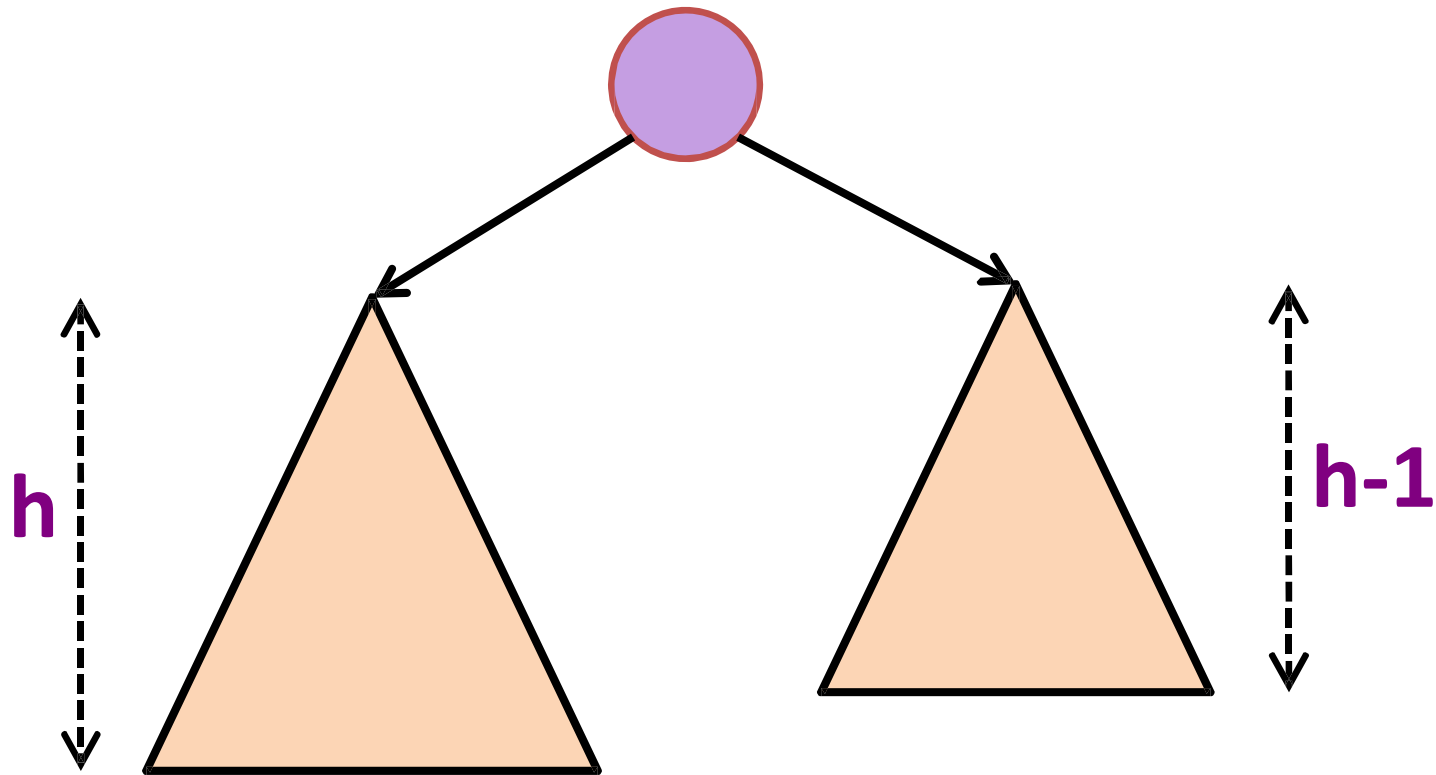
$$h = O(\log(n))$$



# AVL Trees [Adelson-Velskii & Landis 1962]

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Step 3: Show how to maintain height-balance



# Insertion to an AVL Tree

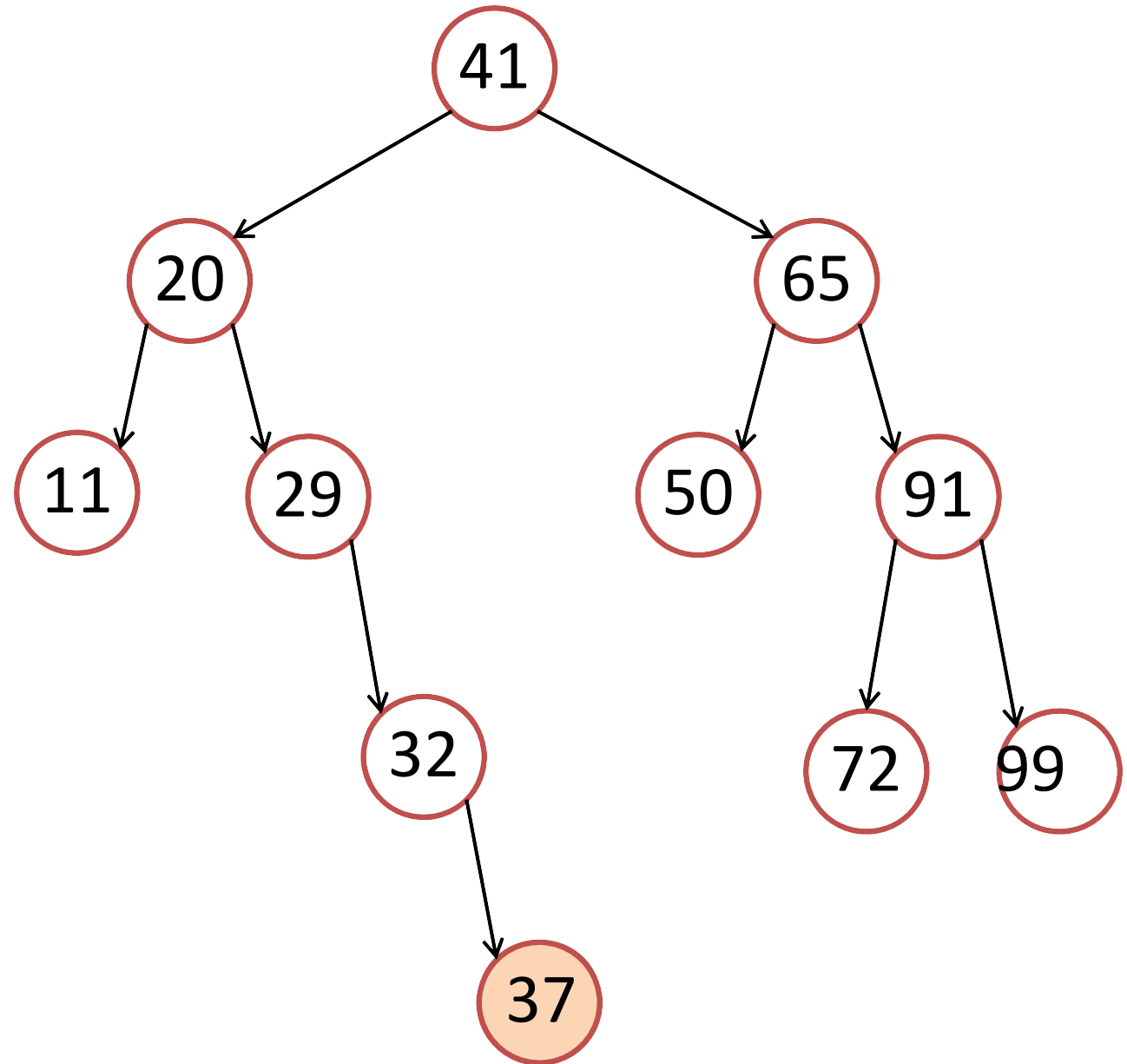
insert(37)

Initially  
balanced

But no longer  
balanced after  
Inserting 37

Need to rebalance!

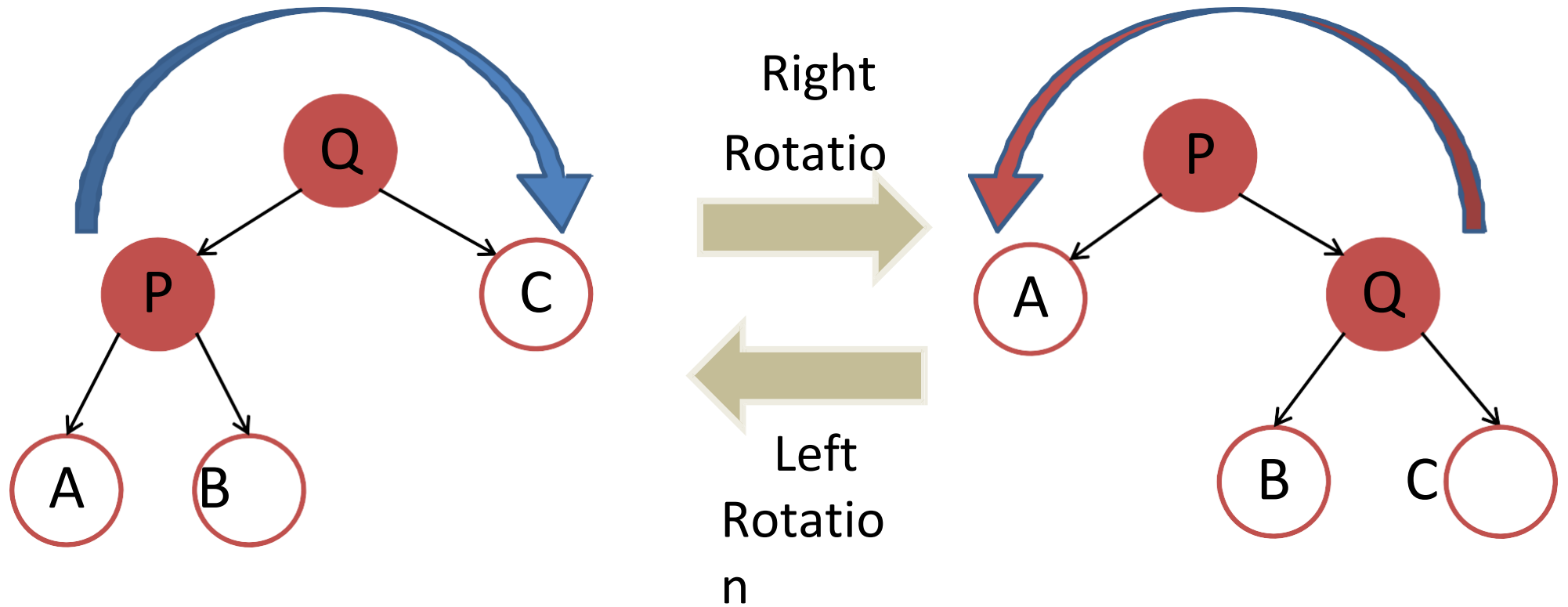
But how?



“Infinite more” examples in VisuAlgo...



# Tree Rotations



Rotations maintain ordering of keys

⇒ Maintains BST property (*see vertex B where  $P \leq B \leq Q$* )

**rotateRight** requires a left

child **rotateLeft** requires a

right child

# Tree Rotations Pseudo Code $\square$ $O(1)$

```
BSTVertex rotateLeft(BSTVertex T) // pre-req: T.right != null
```

```
    BSTVertex w = T.right
```

```
    w.parent = T.parent
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```
    T.parent = w
```

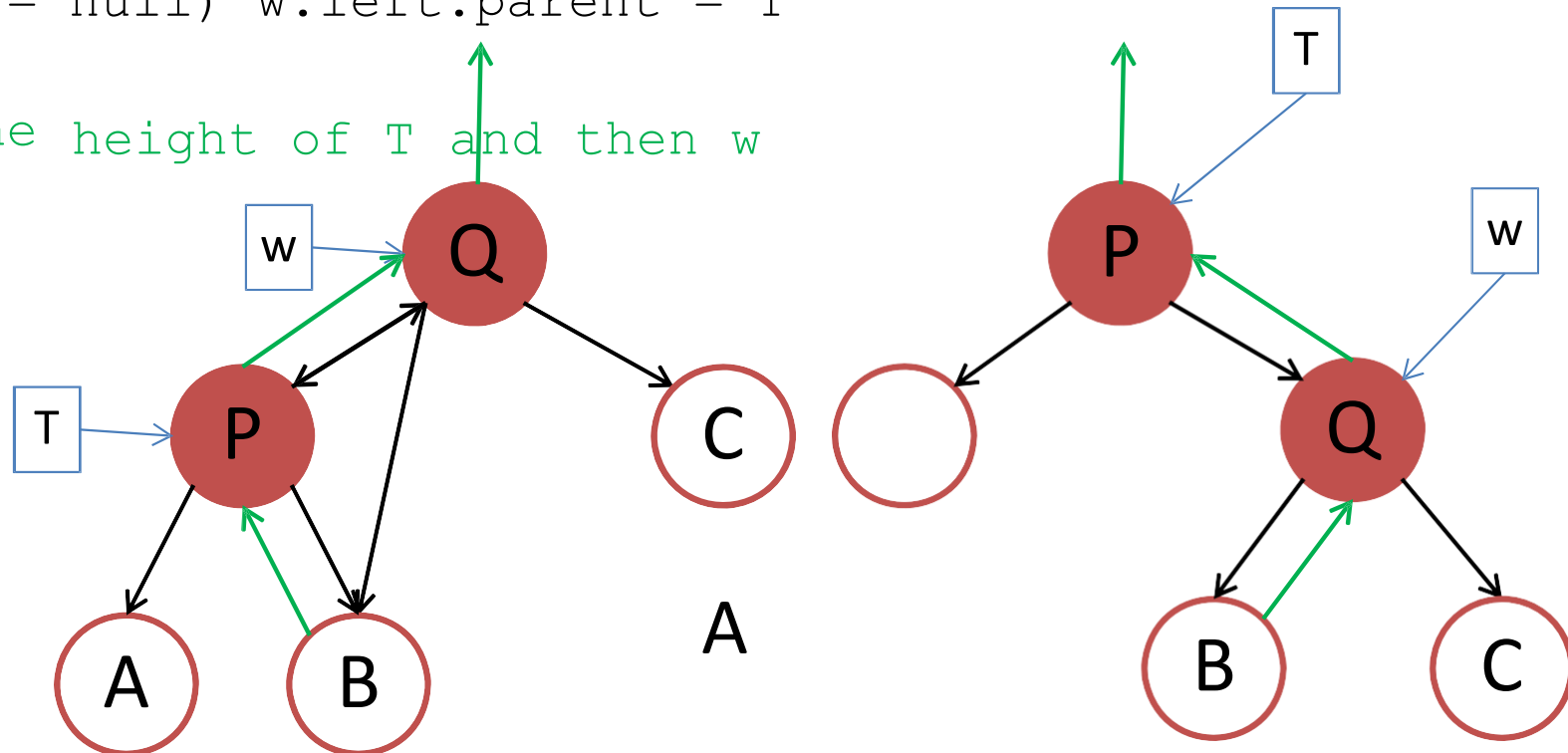
```
    T.right = w.left
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    if (w.left != null) w.left.parent = T
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```
    w.left = T  
    // Update the height of T and then w
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    return w
```

rotateRight is the  
mirrored version of this  
pseudocode



This slide is  
can be  
confusing  
without the  
animation

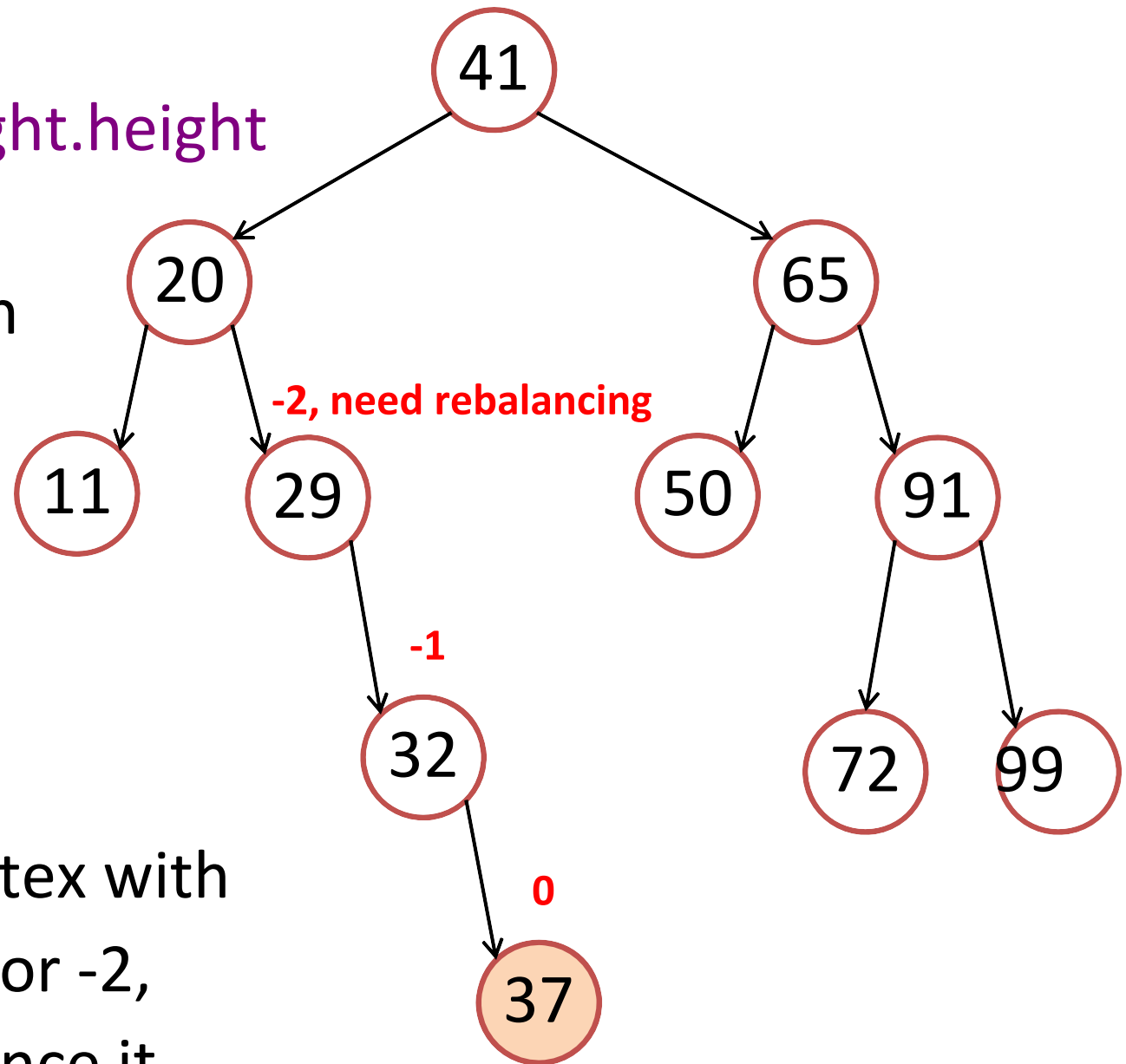
# Balance Factor (bf(x))

$bf(x) =$

$x.left.height - x.right.height$

From the insertion point, check the balance factor of each vertex up to the root

Once we have vertex with balance factor +2 or -2, we have to rebalance it



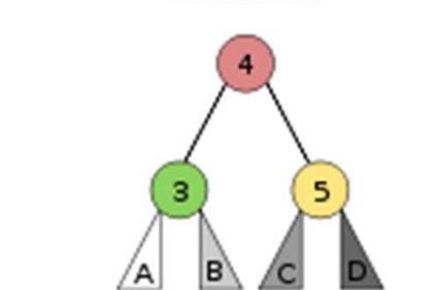
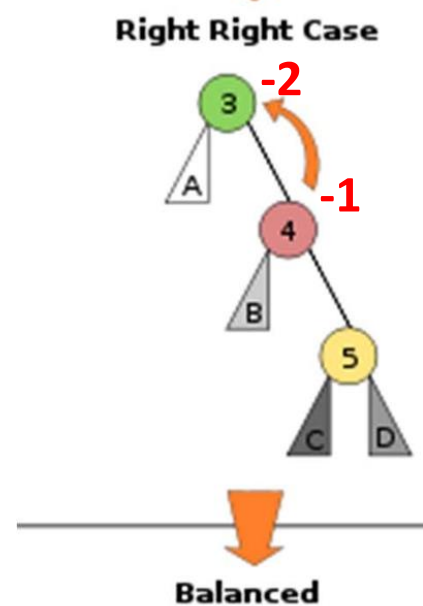
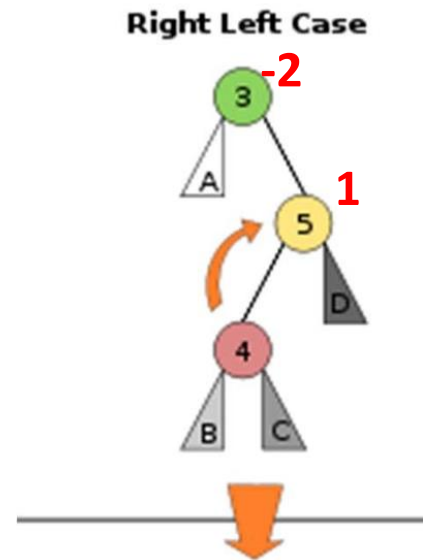
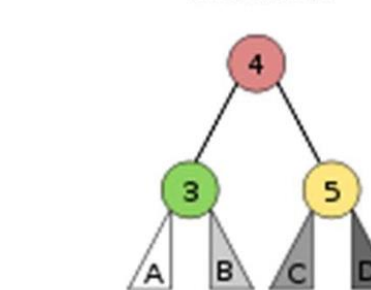
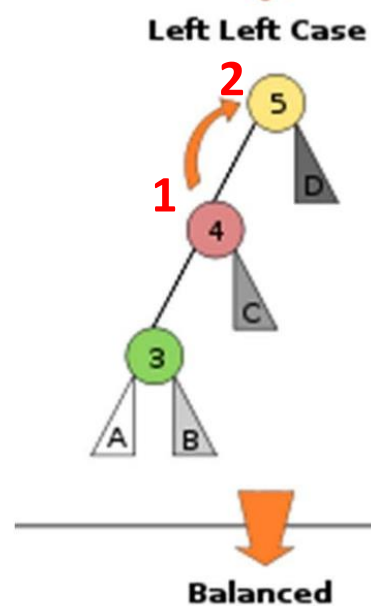
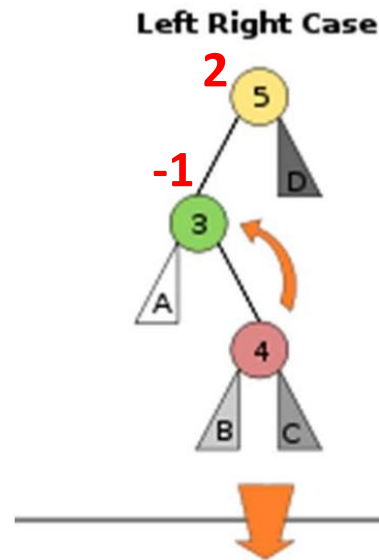
# Four Possible Cases

$bf(x) = +2$  and  $bf(x.left) = 1$   
 $rightRotate(x)$

$bf(x) = +2$  and  $bf(x.left) = -1$   
 $leftRotate(x.left)$   
 $rightRotate(x)$

$bf(x) = -2$  and  $bf(x.right) = -1$   
 $leftRotate(x)$

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 $rightRotate(x.right)$   
 $leftRotate(x)$

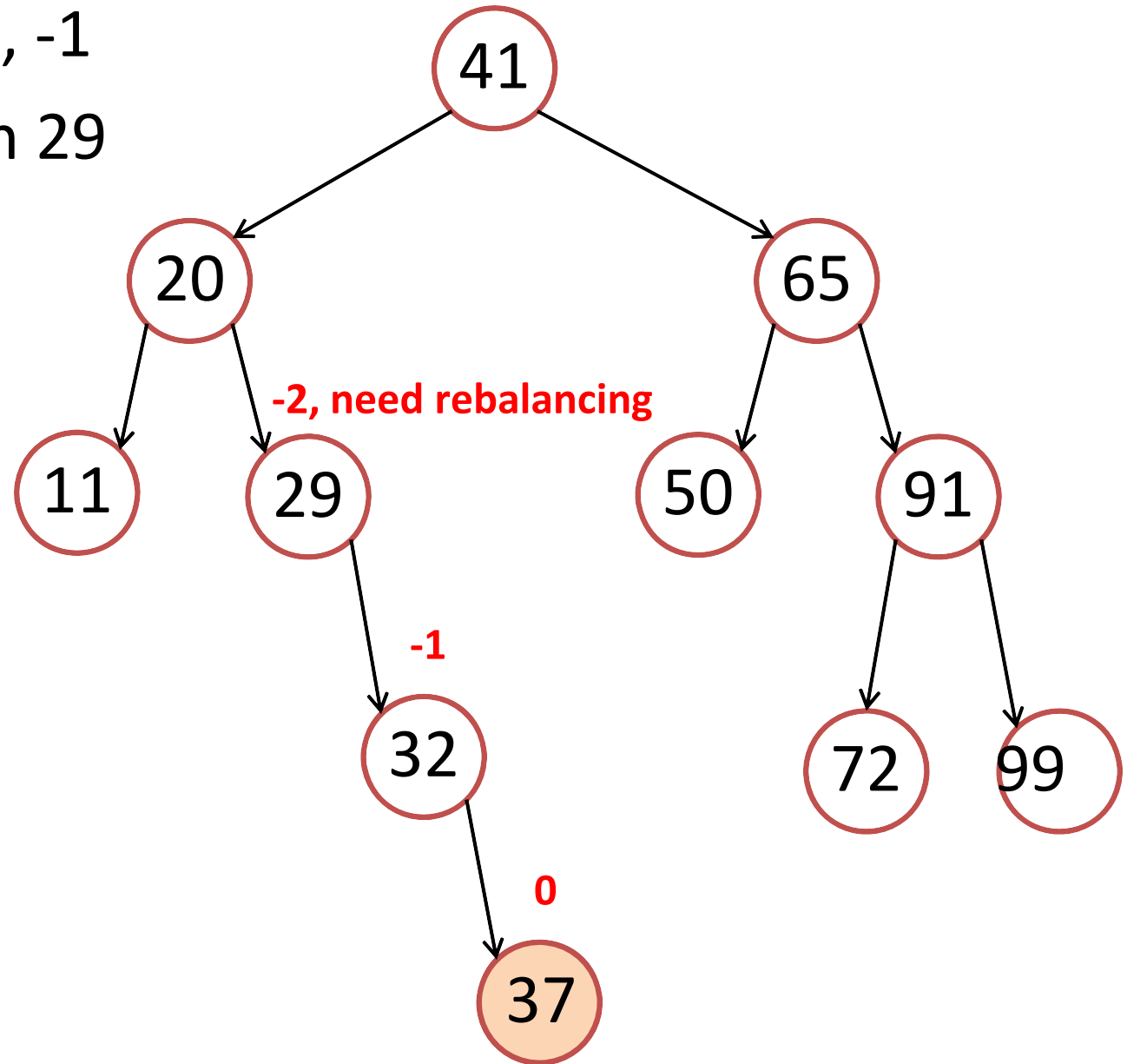


# Rebalancing (1)

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This is a case of -2, -1

Do left rotate on 29

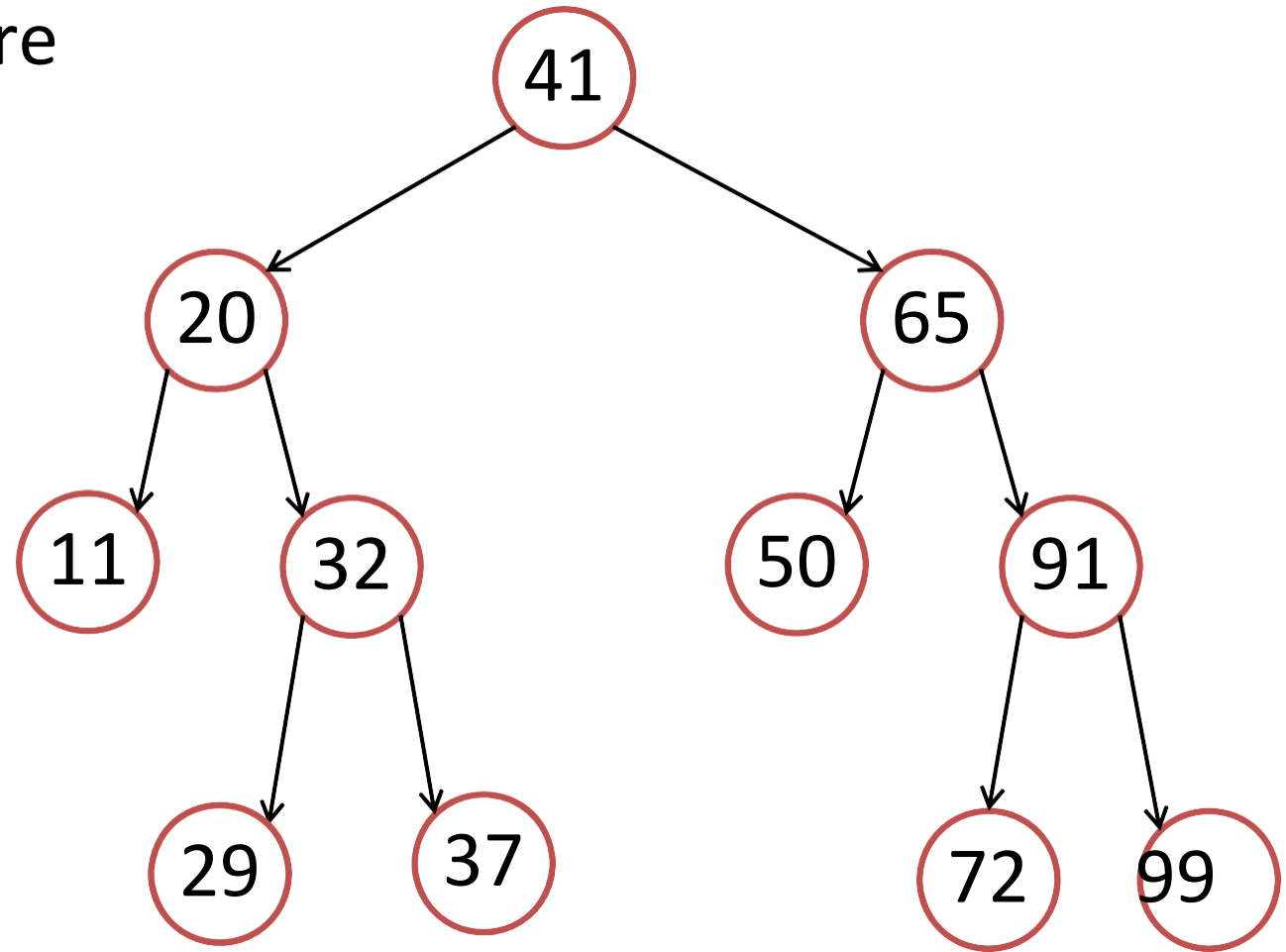


“Infinite more” examples in VisuAlgo...

# Rebalancing (2)

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Now all vertices are  
balanced again



“Infinite more” examples in [VisuAlgo AVL Tree Visualization](#)

# Insertion to an AVL Tree

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## Summary:

- Just insert the key as in normal BST
- Walk up the AVL tree from the insertion point to root:
  - At every step, update height & check balance factor
  - If a certain vertex is out-of-balance (+2 or -2), use rotations to rebalance
    - During insertion to an AVL tree, you can only trigger one of the four possible rebalancing cases as shown earlier

# Deletion from an AVL Tree

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Deletion is quite similar to Insertion:

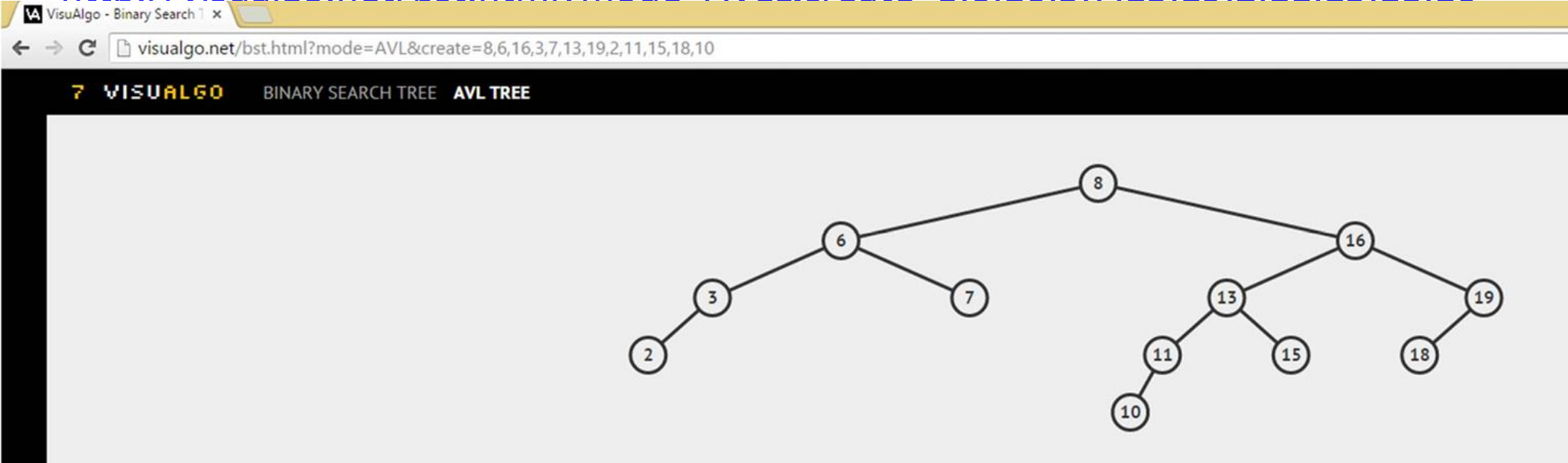
- Just delete the key as in normal BST
- Walk up the AVL tree from the deletion point to root:
  - At every step, update height & check balance factor
  - If a certain vertex is out-of-balance (+2 or -2), use rotations to rebalance
    - The main difference compared to insertion into AVL tree is that you may trigger one of the four possible rebalancing cases several times, up to  $h = \log n$  times :O, see this example (next slide)



# AVL Tree Web-based Review

Try:

<http://visualgo.net/bst.html?mode=AVL&create=8.6.16.3.7.13.19.2.11.15.18.10>



Try **Remove (Delete)** vertex 7, it triggers **two (more than one)** rebalancing actions

Then try various **Insert operations** and notice that at most it will only trigger one (out of the four cases) of rebalancing actions

# The Implementation

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Let's look *briefly* at AVLDemo.java

The code is **NOT** given, it is asked in PS2 😊

So, I will only flash them

Introducing **Java Inheritance and Polymorphism**

Q: Do we have to use such long code every time we need a balanced BST 😞?

A: Fortunately no 😊, we can use Java API

Details during your lab demo on Week 04

# Balanced Search Trees

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Many different flavors of balanced search trees

- AVL trees (Adelson-Velsii & Landis, 1962)
  - Discussed in this lecture...
- B-trees / 2-3-4 trees (Bayer & McCreight, 1972)
- BB[ $\alpha$ ] trees (Nievergelt & Reingold 1973)
- Red-black trees (see CLRS 13)
- Splay trees (Sleator and Tarjan 1985)
- Treaps (Seidel and Aragon 1996)
- Skip Lists (Pugh 1989)

# Balanced Search Trees

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## Red-Black Trees

- Every vertex is colored red or black
- All leaves are black
- A red vertex has only black children
- Every path from a vertex to any leaf contains the same number of black vertices.
- Rebalance using rotations on insert/delete

# Balanced Search Trees

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## Skip Lists and Treaps

- Randomized data structures
- Random insertions  $\Rightarrow$  balanced tree
- Use randomness on insertion to maintain balance

# Balanced Search Trees

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## Splay Trees

- On access (search or insert), move vertex to root (via rotations)
- Height can be linear!
- On average,  $O(\log n)$  per operation (amortized)

## Optimality?

- Cannot do better than  $O(\log n)$  worst-case
- What about for specific access patterns (e.g., 10 searches in a row for value  $x$ )?

# Now, after we learn balanced

| No | Operation        | Unsorted Array | Sorted Array | <u>b</u> BST |
|----|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1  | Search(age)      | $O(n)$         | $O(\log n)$  | $O(\log n)$  |
| 2  | Insert(age)      | $O(1)$         | $O(n)$       | $O(\log n)$  |
| 3  | FindOldest()     | $O(n)$         | $O(1)$       | $O(\log n)$  |
| 4  | ListSortedAges() | $O(n \log n)$  | $O(n)$       | $O(n)$       |
| 5  | NextOlder(age)   | $O(n)$         | $O(\log n)$  | $O(\log n)$  |
| 6  | Remove(age)      | $O(n)$         | $O(n)$       | $O(\log n)$  |
| 7  | GetMedian()      | $O(n \log n)$  | $O(1)$       | $O(\log n)$  |
| 8  | NumYounger(age)  | $O(n \log n)$  | $O(\log n)$  | ????         |

# NumYounger(age) = rank(age)-1

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Now, how to get rank(v) efficiently?

This has not been discussed before  
and will be revealed during the live lecture



# Balanced BST

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## Summary:


- The Importance of Being Balanced
- Height Balanced Trees
- Tree Rotations
- AVL trees

## Next Lecture:

- ADT Priority Queues
- Binary Heaps

# CS2010R first meeting

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- Tomorrow, Thu, 03 Sep 15, 6.00-6.30pm
- Note: **venue TBA**
- All R students must come
- Those who wants to get PS2E AC can also come  

- TA: Myself 