

# COMP20007 Workshop Week 9

## Preparation:

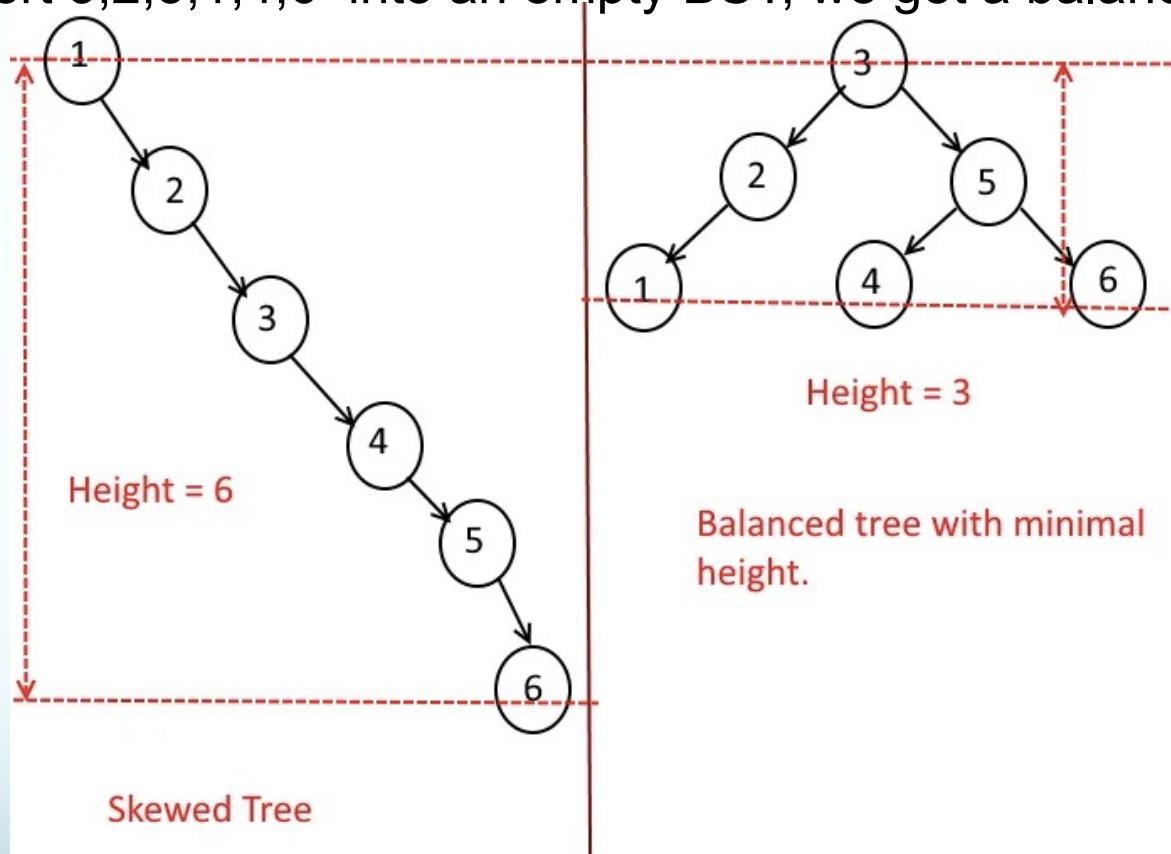
- have *draft papers and pen ready*
- open `wokshop9.pdf` (from LMS), and

- 1 Why BST, AVL, 2-3 Tree?
  - 2 BST: Rotation, Balance factor: Problems 1, 2
  - 3 AVL Tree: Concepts, Insertion (Problem 3)
  - 4 2-3 Tree: Concepts, Insertion (Problem 4)
  - 5 B-tree?
- LAB BST: insertion & level traversal (optional)  
2-3-4 Tree: insertion & level traversal (optional)  
Questions for previous week materials

# BST: skewed, unbalanced, balanced. Why AVL/2-3 Trees?

The efficiency of searching in a BST depends on how balance the tree is.

- If we insert 1,2,3,4,5,6 into an empty BST, we get a skewed tree.
- If we insert 3,2,5,1,4,6 into an empty BST, we get a balanced tree.



*We want to have balanced search trees, no matter what's the data input order*

# AVL Tree, 2-3 Tree

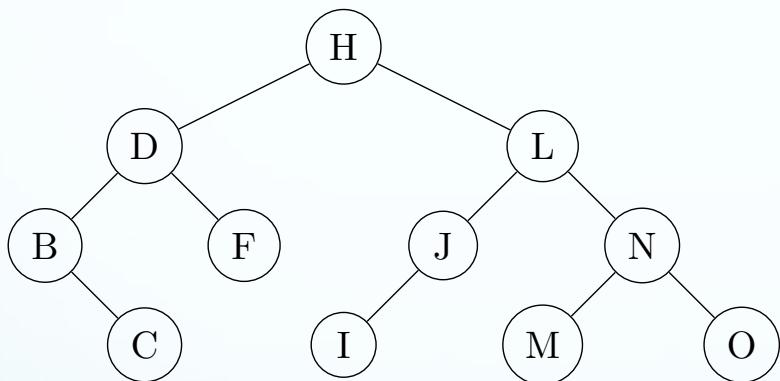
- AVL=? – just a balanced BST
- How: re-balance BST when it becomes unbalanced
- As opposed to 2-3 Trees:
  - 2-3 Tree is a search tree, but not a binary tree
  - 2-3 Tree is self-balancing tree [no re-balancing needed]

# Using Rotations to rebalance AVL

- *At the start:* an empty BST is an AVL
- *Problem:* After a insertion/deletion, the resulted tree might become unbalanced
- *Approach:* use Rotations to rebalance.
- It's important first to determine:
  - Which node to be rotated? How to Rotate?

# AVL: How to know if a BST is balanced? use *balance factor*

**Problem 2:** A node's '*balance factor*' is defined as the height of its right subtree minus the height of its left subtree. Calculate the balance factor of each node in the following binary search tree.



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absolute value of the height difference

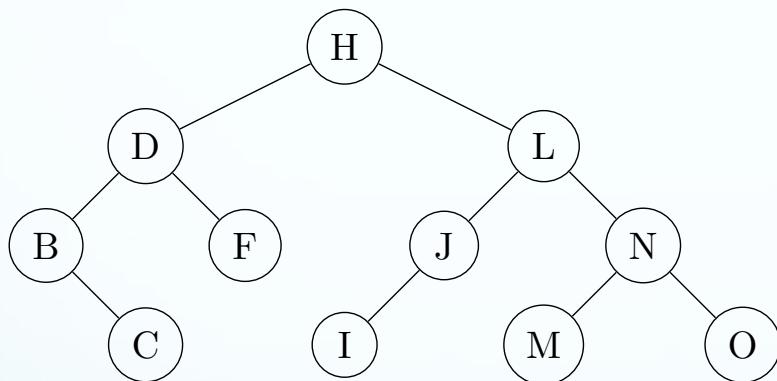
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# AVL: How to re-balance an un-balanced BST? use *rotation*

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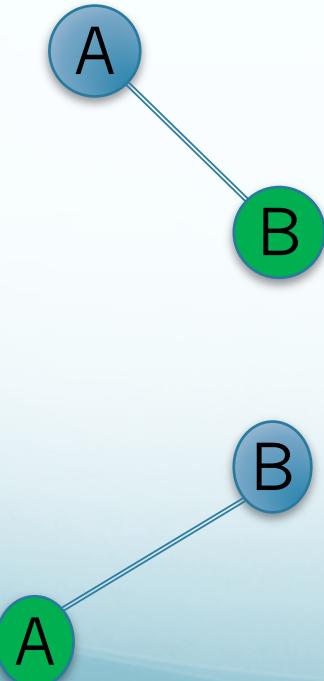
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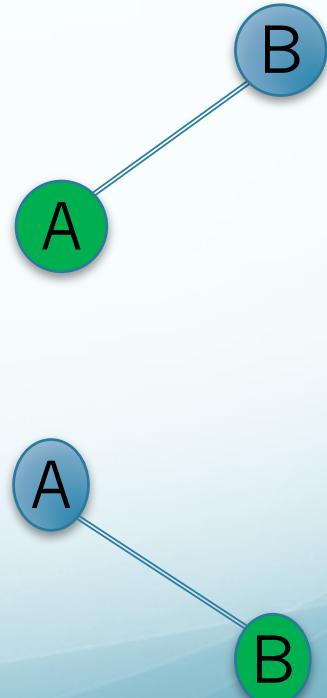
# BST: what's rotation

- For each simple tree A **rotation** reverses the parent-child relationship of 2 connected nodes
- left rotation**: rotate **parent** to the left (to become the **left child**)
- right rotation**: rotate **parent** to the right (to become the **right child**)



Rotate A to left

*can rotate(A, right)?  
why?*



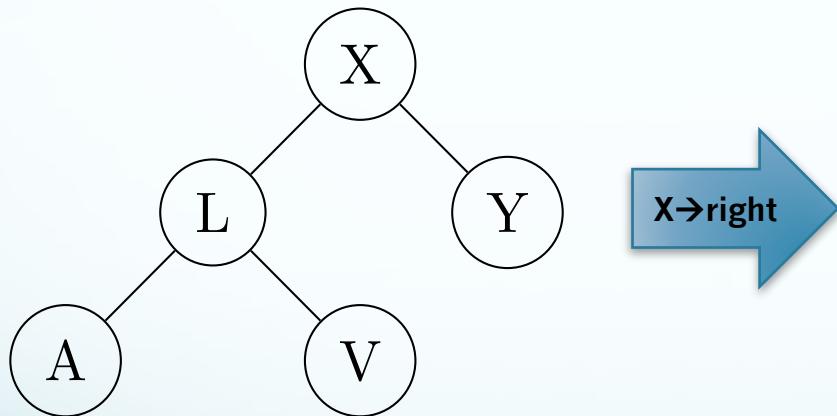
Rotate B to right

*can rotate(B, left)?  
why?*

# Problem 1 [class]: Rotation

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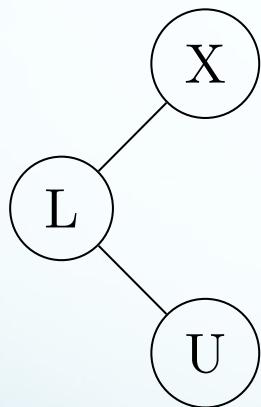
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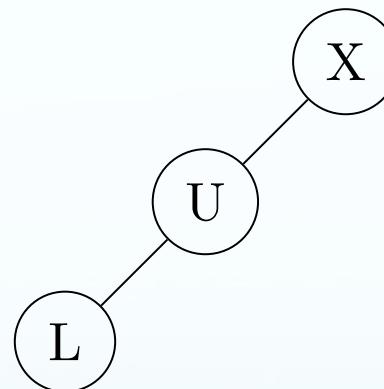
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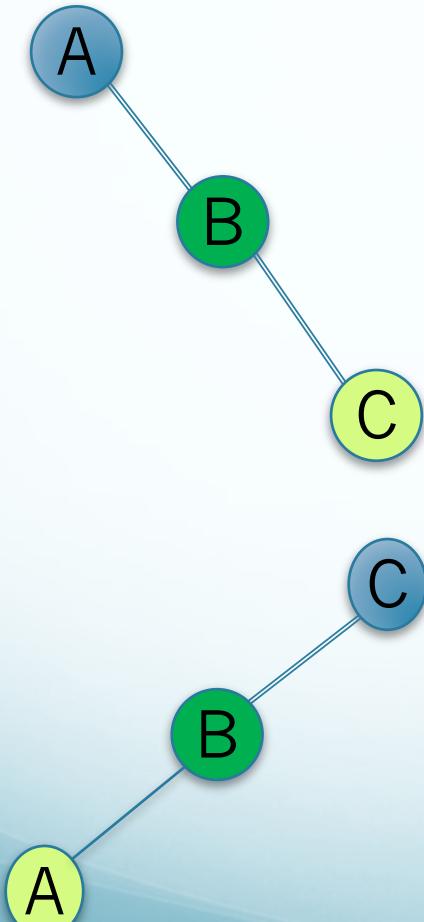
(c)



Remember: 2 types of rotations: *Right Rotation* (a node and its left child), and *Left Rotation* ( a node and its right child)

## AVL: Two Basic Rotations: 1) Single Rotation

Applied when an AVL (subtree) is a "stick":



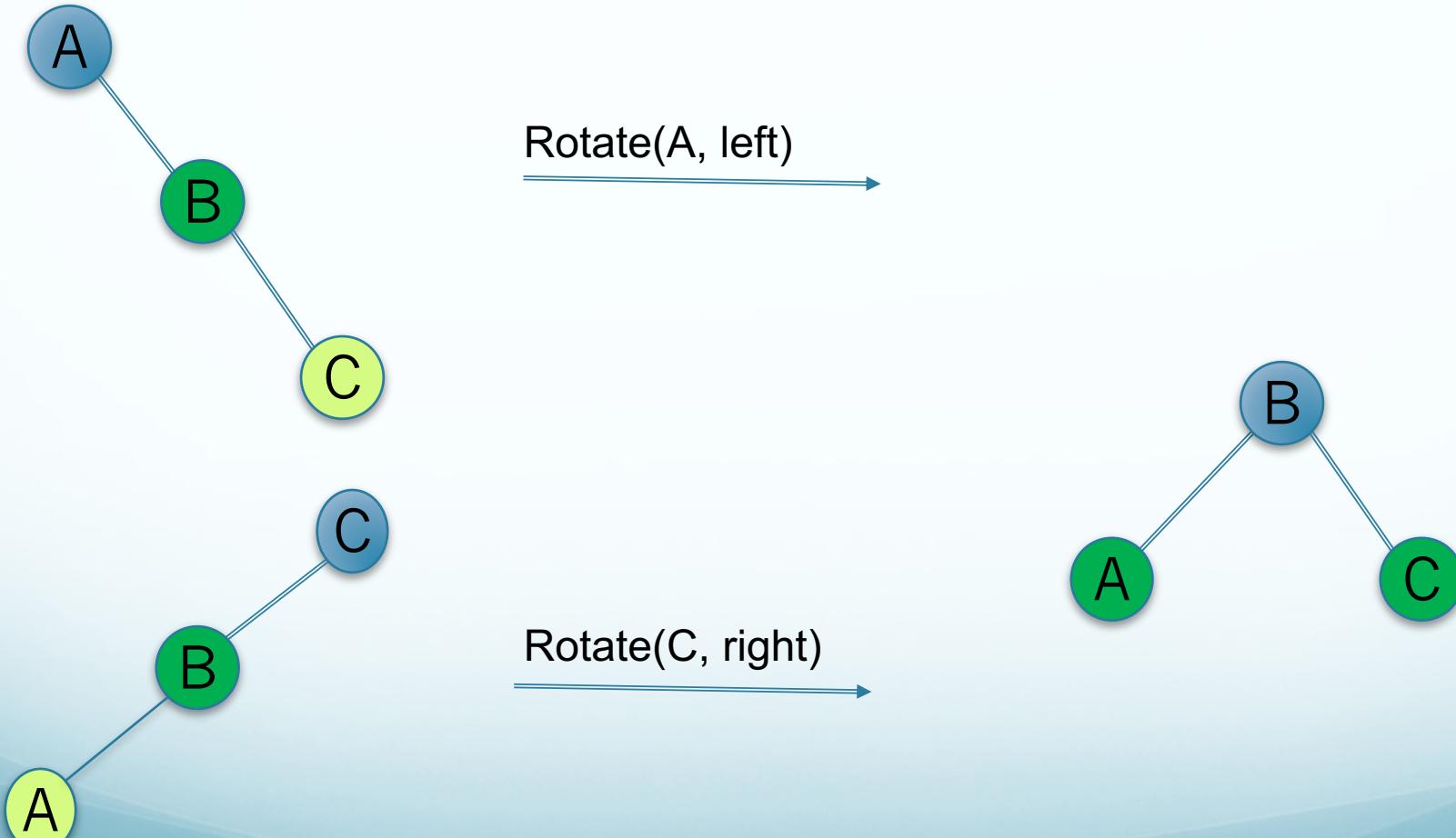
*Questions we  
should ask  
ourselves:*

- Which node (or subtree) is unbalanced?
- Which rotation can be done?

HERE:  
→ Rotate the root  
and hence  
balance the stick

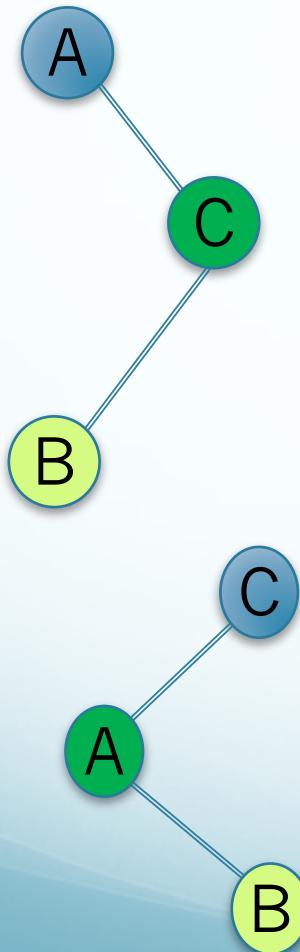
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Applied when an AVL (subtree) is a "stick":



## AVL: Two Basic Rotations: 2) Double Rotation

Applied when an AVL (subtree) is not a “stick”:



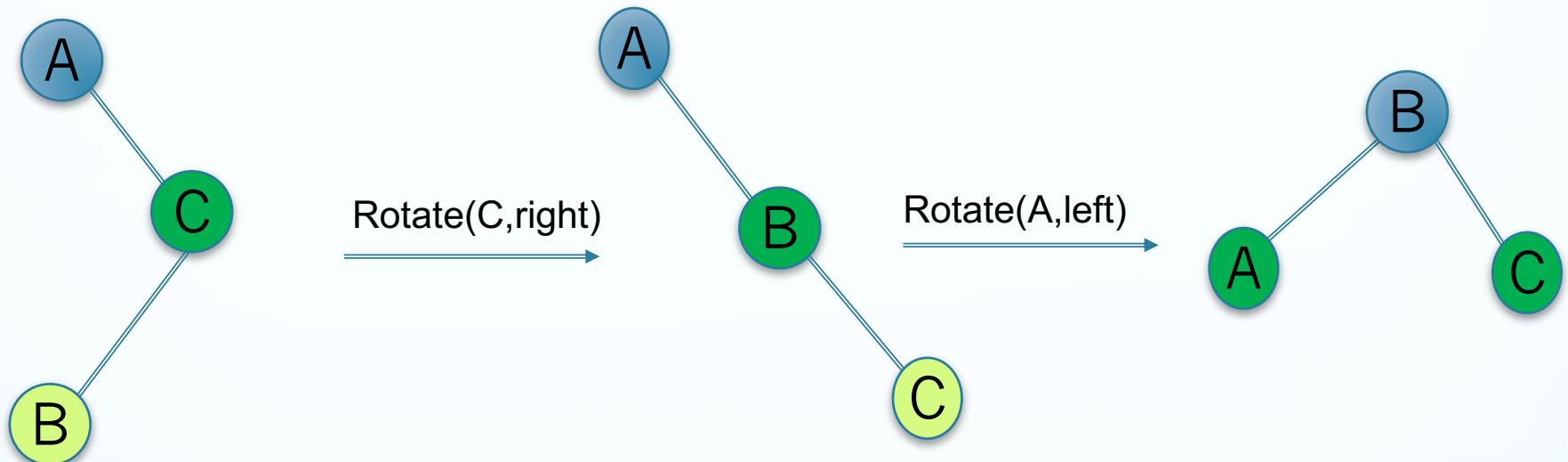
*Rotation1:*

- Rotate the child of the unbalanced root and turn the tree to a stick

*Rotation2:*

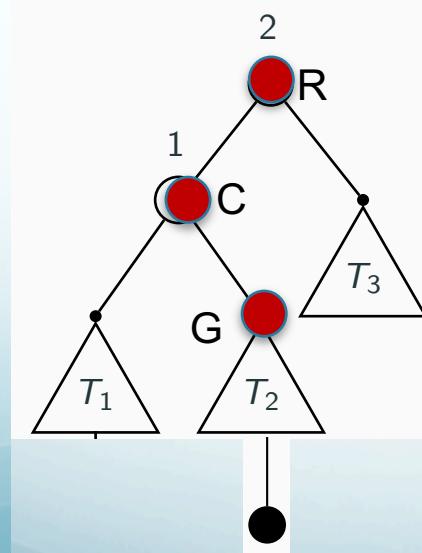
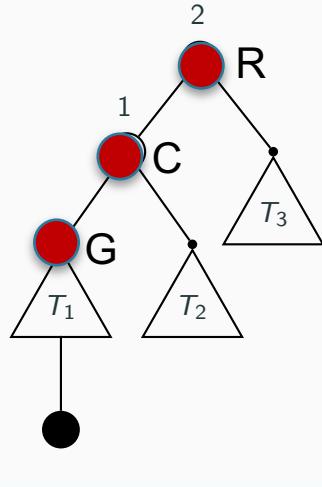
- Rotate the root of the stick.

## 2) Double Rotation Example: RL rotation



# AVL: Using Rotations to rebalance AVL

- Problem: When inserting/deleting node, AVL might become unbalanced
- Approach: Rotations (Rotate WHAT?, and HOW?)
- Rotate WHAT?
  - Walk up, find the *lowest* subtree R which is unbalanced
- HOW
  - Consider *the first 3 nodes* R→C→G in the path from root R to the just-inserted node
  - Apply a single rotations if that path is a stick, double rotation otherwise



# AVL Tree Insertion

Insert the following keys into an initially-empty AVL Tree.

*Class example:*

20 10 5 15 30 17 8 2 12 4

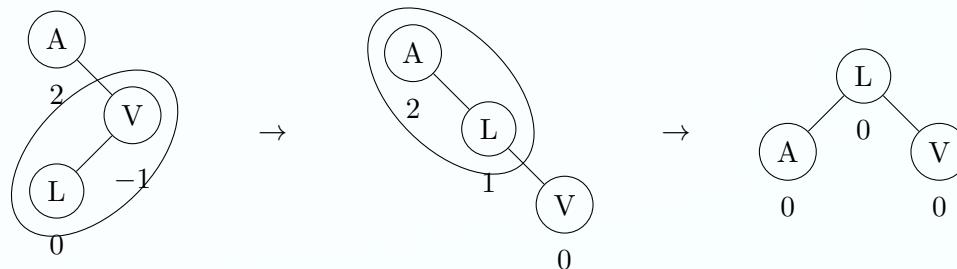
**Problem 3 [group/individual]:**

A V L T R E X M P

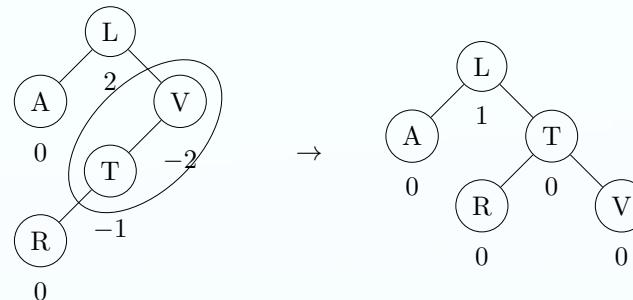
# Problem 3: Check your solution

Insert the following letters into an initially-empty AVL Tree: A V L T R E X M P

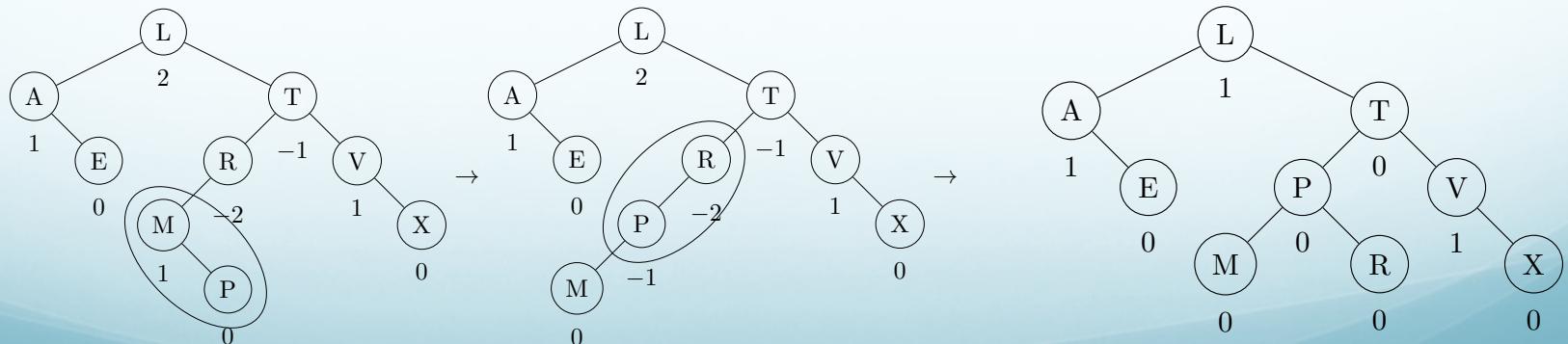
after A V L:



after T R:

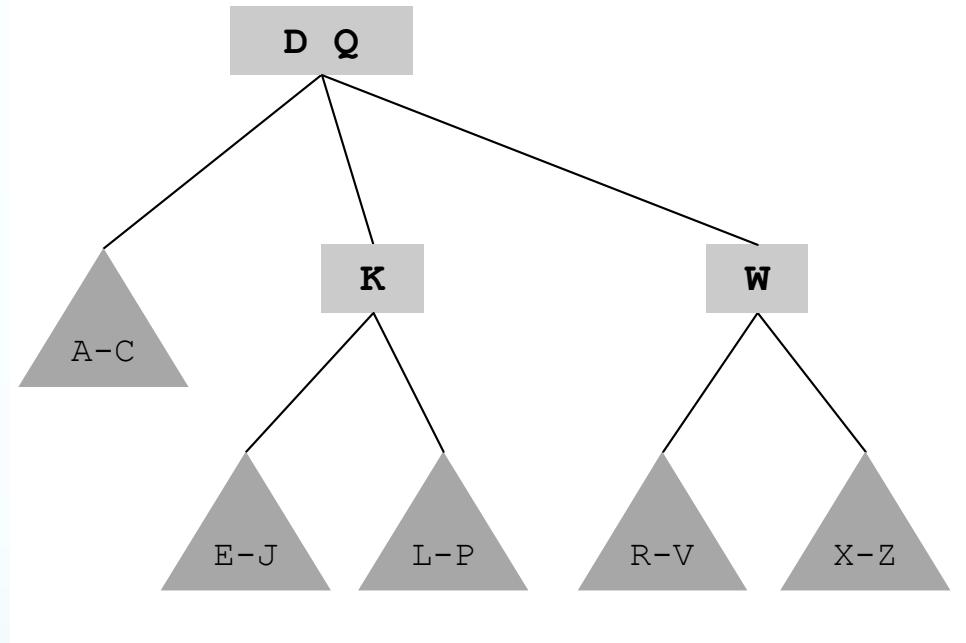


after R E X M P



# 2-3 Trees: What? What Special?

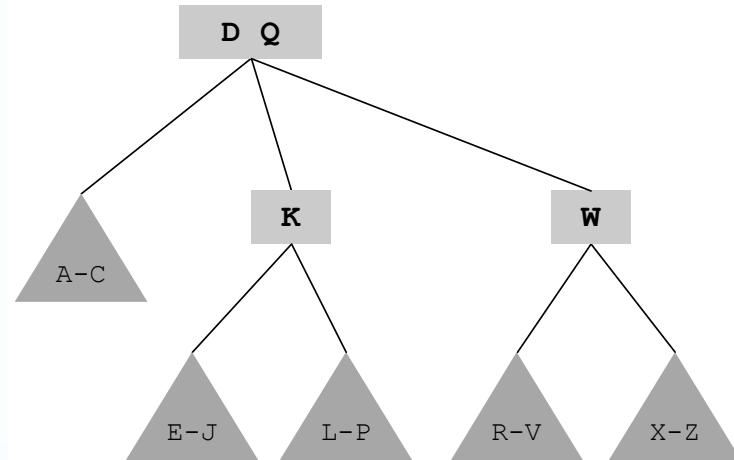
- *What?* It's a search tree, but not a binary! Each node might have 1 or 2 or 3 children.



- Always insert to a leaf node!

# 2-3 Trees

- *What?* It's a search tree, but not a binary! Each node might have 1 or 2 data, and hence 2 or 3 children.



- How to insert:
  - start from root, go down and **insert to a leaf**
  - if the new leaf has  $\leq 2$  data, it's ok
  - if the new leaf has 3 data: promote the median data to the parent (the promoting might continue upward)

## 2-3 Tree Insertion

Insert the following keys into an initially-empty 2-3 Tree.

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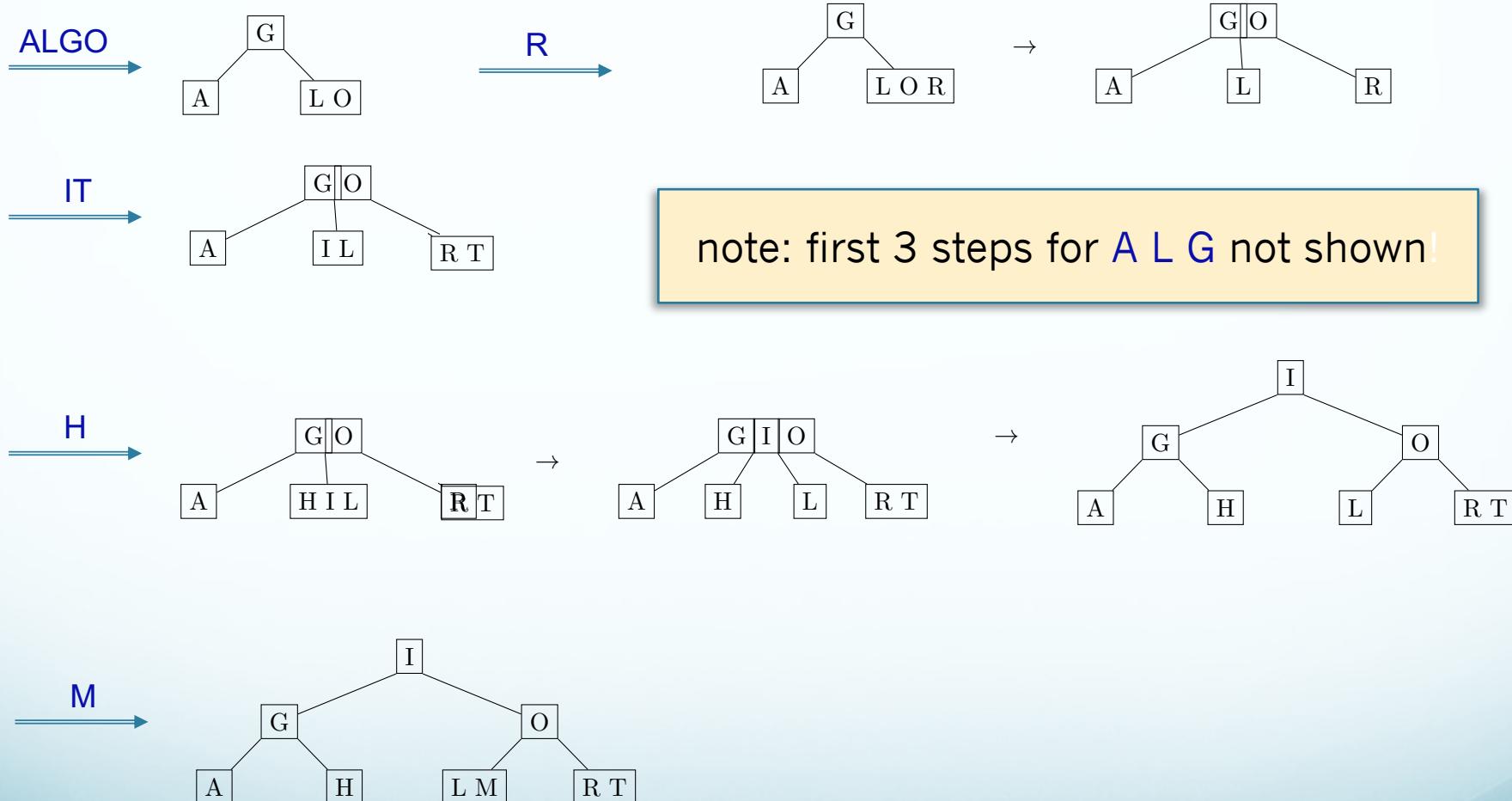
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**Problem 4:**

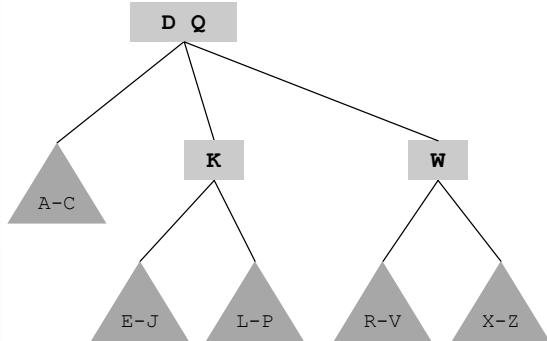
A L G O R I T H M

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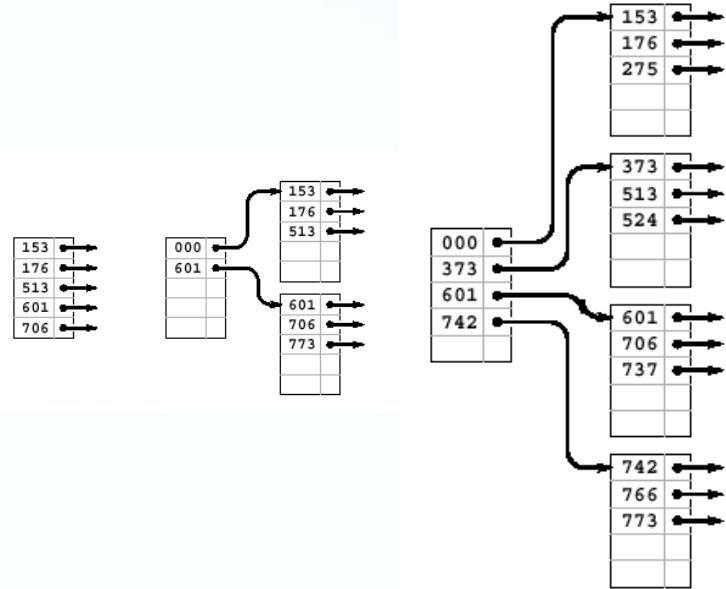
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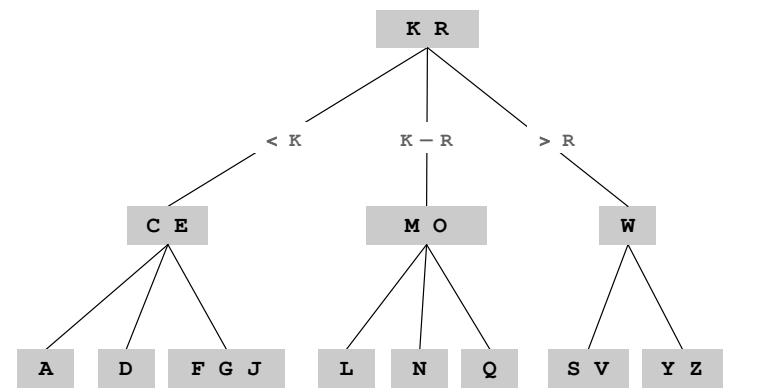
## 2-3 Trees, 2-3-4 Trees, B-Tree



2-3 trees= B-trees of order 3  
(order= max number of children)



a B-tree of order 6



2-3-4 trees= B-trees of order 4

### B-tree principles

- Always insert at leaves
- When a node full: promote the median data to the node's parent [and walk up further if needed]

# Lab

- Q&A on previous week materials, and/or
- Implement BST: insert, build tree from data, printing the tree. Note:
  - Build your program from scratch
  - But you can use last week list and queue modules
- And/or: Implement 2-3-4 Tree with the above operations

## Simple defs for binary trees

```
typedef struct treenode *tree_t;
struct treenode {
    int key;
    tree_t left, right;
} ;
tree_t insert(int key, tree_t t);
//OR
void insert(int key, tree_t *t);
```

## Example

```
tree_t t= NULL;
t= malloc(sizeof(*t));
assert(t);
t->left= NULL;
t= insert(t, 10); //OR
insert(&t, 10);
// depending on insert header
```