

What is an AVL Tree?

An **AVL Tree** is a **self-balancing binary search tree (BST)** where:

1. The difference in height between the **left** and **right** subtrees of any node is at most **1**.
2. If the height balance is ever violated after inserting or deleting a node, the tree performs **rotations** to restore balance.

This ensures that operations like **insertion, deletion, and search** all run in **$O(\log n)$** time complexity.

AVL Tree Rules

1. Binary Search Tree (BST) Property

- Each node has a value.
- The left subtree of a node contains **only nodes with values smaller** than the node's value.
- The right subtree contains **only nodes with values greater** than the node's value.
- This rule must always hold after inserting or deleting a node.

2. Balance Factor

- The **balance factor (BF)** of a node is calculated as: $BF = \text{height of left subtree} - \text{height of right subtree}$
- The balance factor can be **-1, 0, or 1** for a tree to remain balanced.
- If the balance factor is **less than -1 or greater than 1**, the tree is unbalanced and must be **rotated**.

3. Rotations (Rebalancing)

When inserting or deleting nodes causes an imbalance, we perform **rotations** to restore balance. There are **four types**:

Single Rotations

1. **Right Rotation (LL Rotation)**: When a node is inserted into the **left subtree of the left child** (LL Case).
 - Fix: Rotate **right** on the unbalanced node.
2. **Left Rotation (RR Rotation)**: When a node is inserted into the **right subtree of the right child** (RR Case).
 - Fix: Rotate **left** on the unbalanced node.

Double Rotations

3. **Left-Right Rotation (LR Rotation):** When a node is inserted into the **right subtree of the left child** (LR Case).
 - Fix: First, perform a **left rotation** on the left child, then a **right rotation** on the unbalanced node.
 4. **Right-Left Rotation (RL Rotation):** When a node is inserted into the **left subtree of the right child** (RL Case).
 - Fix: First, perform a **right rotation** on the right child, then a **left rotation** on the unbalanced node.
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Insertion Process in an AVL Tree

1. **Insert** the node following **BST rules**.
 2. **Update heights** of affected nodes.
 3. **Check balance factor** for each node from the inserted node up to the root.
 4. If the balance factor is **outside the range $[-1,1]$** , perform the necessary **rotation(s)**.
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Deletion Process in an AVL Tree

1. **Delete** the node following **BST rules**.
 2. **Update heights** of affected nodes.
 3. **Check balance factor** from the deleted node up to the root.
 4. If the balance factor is **outside the range $[-1,1]$** , perform the necessary **rotation(s)**.
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Example Walkthrough

Example 1: Inserting 10, 20, 30 (RR Rotation)



1. Insert **10** → Tree is balanced. ✓
2. Insert **20** → Still balanced. ✓

Insert **30** → **Unbalanced at 10** (BF = -2) → **Perform Left Rotation (RR Case)**.

10 \ 20 \ 30 → 10 / 20 \ 30

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Example 2: Inserting 30, 20, 10 (LL Rotation)

1. Insert **30** → Tree is balanced. 
2. Insert **20** → Still balanced. 

Insert **10** → **Unbalanced at 30** (BF = +2) → **Perform Right Rotation (LL Case)**.

10 / 20 / 30 → 10 / 20 \ 30

****Final Notes****

- ****AVL trees ensure $O(\log n)$ operations** by maintaining balance.**
- ****Rotations help restore balance** when needed.**
- ****Insertion and deletion both require checking the balance factor** and fixing violations.**