

Worst case number of Comparisons. To achieve this we build a tree with minimal Height. This can be achieved by filling all levels in the tree (except maybe the leaf level).

Perfectly Balanced Trees.

A perfectly balanced tree has minimal Height.

Defn.

A tree t is perfectly balanced if for each node the number of nodes in the left and right subtrees differ by at most one, i.e. for (sub)tree t ,

$$| \# t.\text{left} - \# t.\text{right} | \leq 1 \quad \text{where } \# t \text{ is the number of nodes in } t.$$

A perfectly balanced tree distributes n nodes as follows:

For tree t with n nodes,

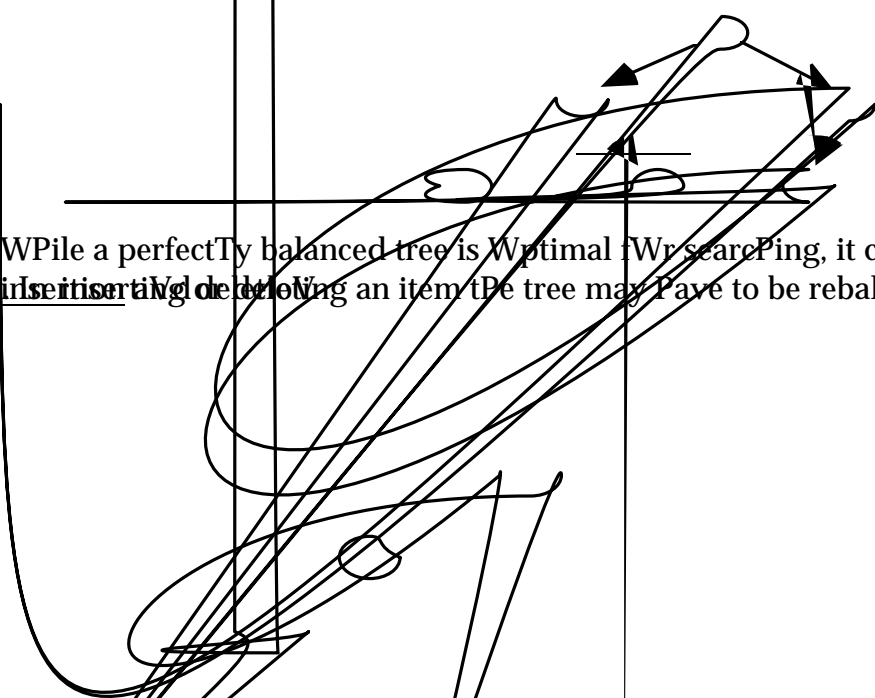
$$\# t.\text{left} = \lfloor \# t / 2 \rfloor$$

$$\# t.\text{right} = (\# t - \# t.\text{left} - 1)$$

$$\text{Height of perfectly balanced tree} = \lceil \log_2 (\# t + 1) \rceil$$

"Ceiling x ", the least integer $\geq x$

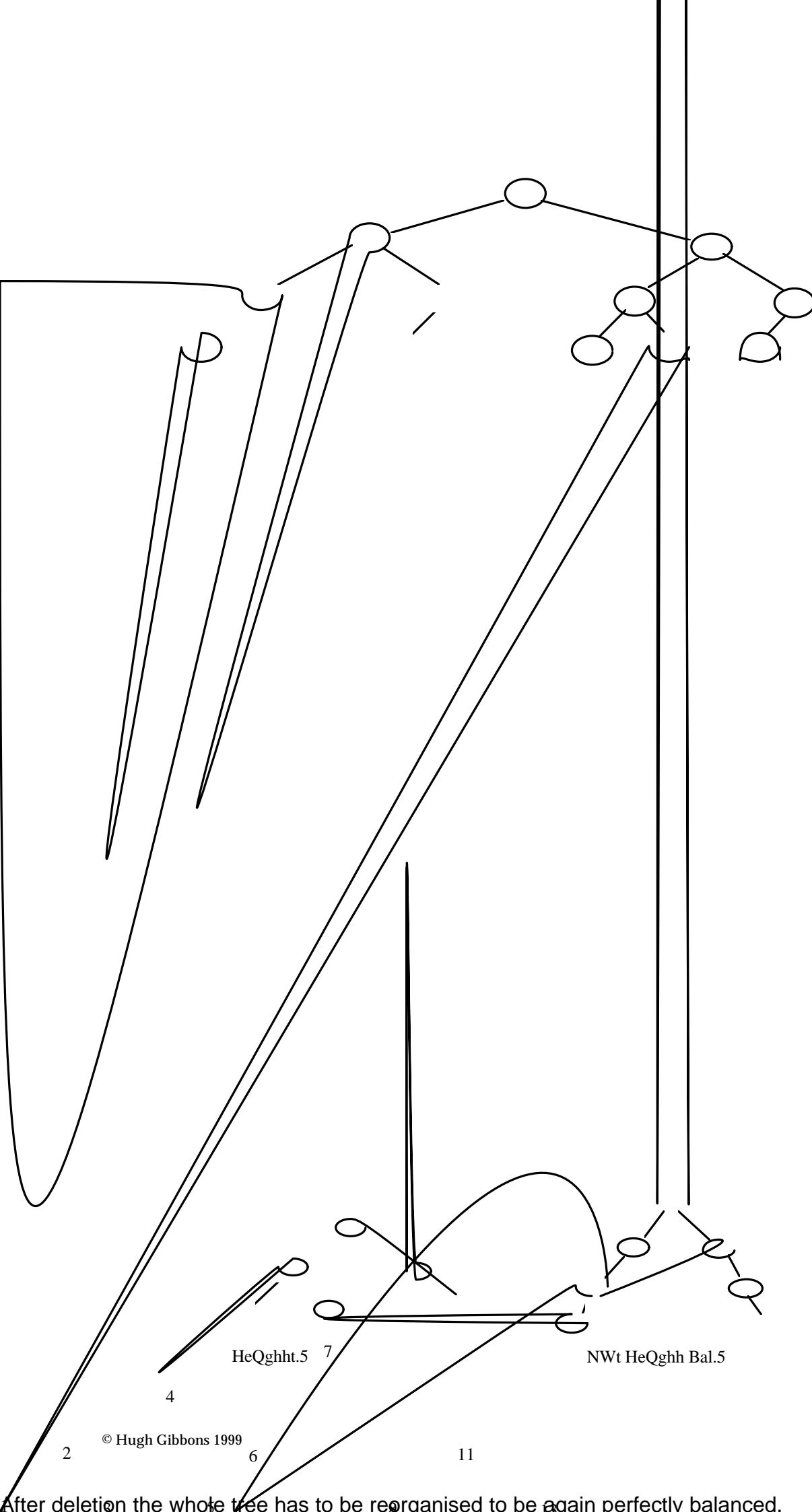
Balanced Tree of $\# t = 6$



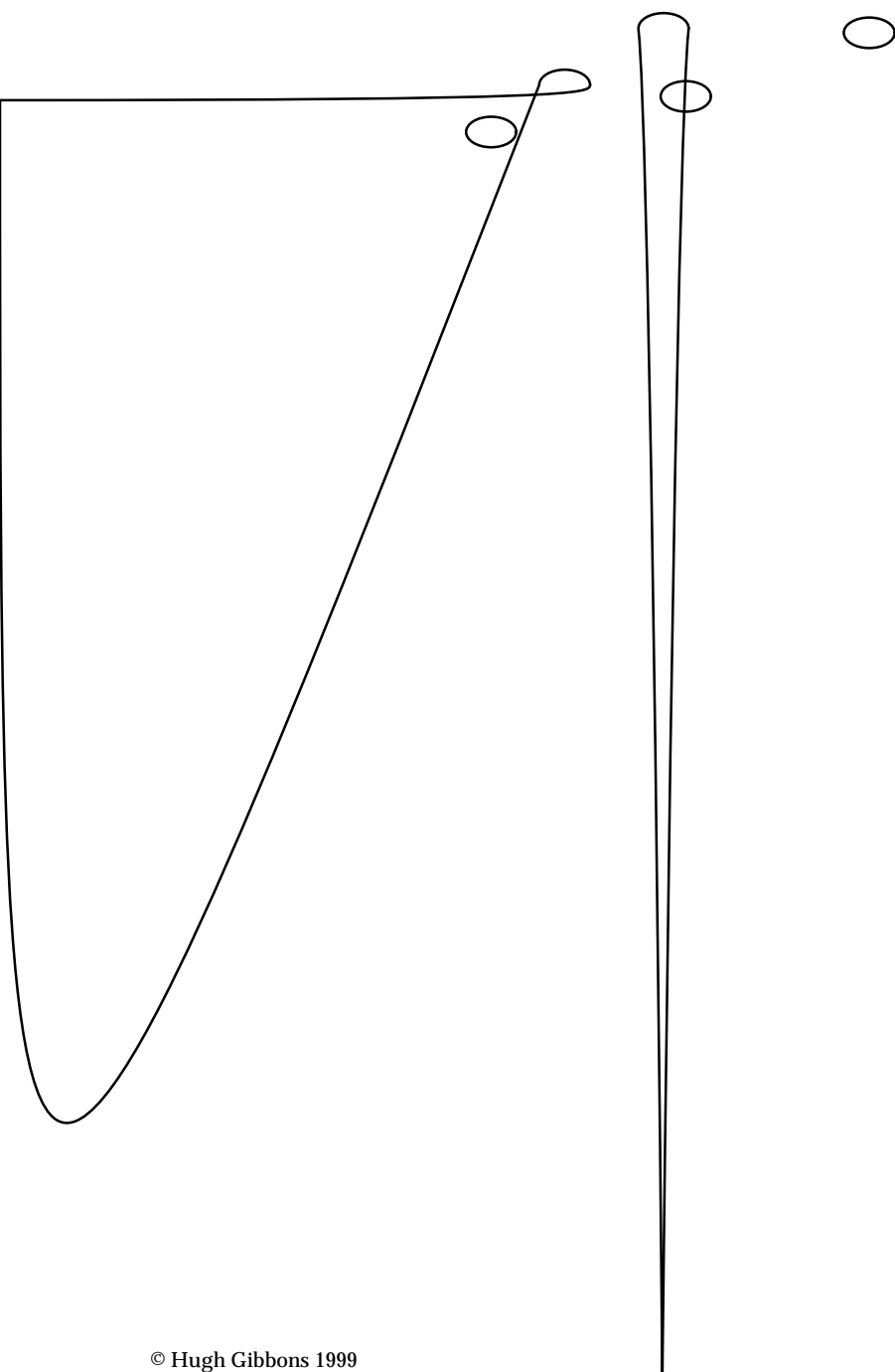
While a perfectly balanced tree is optimal for searching, it can have a poor worst case for inserting or deleting an item; the tree may have to be rebalanced.

Building Efficient Binary Search Trees

Searching for an item in a Binary Search Tree we want to reduce both Average and Worst case time. Consider deleting 14 in the following:



After deletion the whole tree has to be reorganised to be again perfectly balanced.



$$\frac{g^V - \gamma^V}{5}$$

where $g = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\gamma = \frac{1}{g}$

This can be shown by induction.

Note:

g and γ are solutions to the quadratic equation

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}; \text{ } g \text{ is the Golden Ratio}$$

Also, $\gamma = 1 - g$
as $g^2 - g - 1 = 0$
tf. $\frac{1}{g}$
 $\frac{1}{g} = 1 - g$
i.e. $\gamma = 1 - g$

g is an irrational number with approx. value 1.618..

and

Show $\text{fib}(n) =$

$$g^n - g^{-n} \approx 5$$

but $g^{-n} < 0.5$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $g^{-n} \approx -0.618$.. and

$$\left[\begin{matrix} g^n \\ 5 \end{matrix} \right]$$

end Pf.

Performance of Searching an AVL Tree

We get from above,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min}(h) &= \text{fib}(h+2) - 1 \\ &= \left[\begin{matrix} g^{h+2} \\ 5 \end{matrix} \right] - 1, \quad g \approx 1.618 \end{aligned}$$

The worst case AVL tree of height h can have a minimum of the $\text{Min}(h)$ nodes.

For any AVL of height h we have

$$\text{Min}(h) \leq \text{Max}(h) = 2^h - 1$$

Worst case

Best case

(fibonacci tree)

(Complete tree)

The height gives the measure of efficiency so we want the height in terms of #nodes

Let $n = \text{\#nodes}$

tf. $\log_2(n+1) \leq h$

$$n + 2 > \sqrt{2}$$

$$5)$$

$$\log(n+2) + \log(g)$$

$$(\log(g) = 0.694, \quad \frac{1}{\log(g)} = 1.44 \text{ aVd } \log($$